

VOTES FOR WOMEN.

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# REPORT

OF THE

## *Women's Freedom League*

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AND OF THE

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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## CONSTITUTION.

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**OBJECTS.**—To secure full political, social and industrial equality of women with men and to organise women (voters and non-voters) to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

**MEMBERSHIP.**—To be open to Women and Men who approve the objects and policy of the League, and who pay a yearly subscription, the minimum subscription being One Shilling.

**COMMITTEE AND OFFICIALS.**—The National Executive Committee shall consist of an Honorary Treasurer and 12 members to be elected by the Annual Conference, the Committee to have power to appoint its General Secretary (who shall be paid, if necessary) and Heads of Departments.

The National Executive Committee to meet twelve times in the year for the transaction of business; and the final power of the League to be vested in the Annual Conference, to which branches shall send their delegates, one delegate representing from 12 to 50 members.

**METHODS.**—The objects of the League shall be promoted by:—

1. Action entirely independent of all political parties.
2. Education of public opinion in sex equality—women to have equal voting power with men, equal right to hold all high Offices of State, to be included in International Councils, to form one-half of all Reconstruction Committees, to have equal pay and equal opportunities in all professions and trades, and in all Government Offices. Women also to share equally in the administration of the law; the Bench and the Bar to be open to women; the Prison Commissioners to consist equally of women and men and women to form one-half of every Jury Panel.
3. Co-operation in forming Associations of Women Voters to discuss public questions and to watch the proceedings of persons elected to local bodies and to Parliament. Further, to investigate the proceedings in local Police Courts in the interests of women.
4. Support of women candidates who are in full agreement with the objects and policy of the Women's Freedom League, for local bodies and for Parliament.
5. Vigorous agitation to insist upon the recognition of equal morality for men and women, and to oppose any sex legislation which may operate unfairly between men and women.



**Report of the  
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE,  
February 23rd and 24th, 1918,**

AT

**The Teachers' Guild, Brunswick Square.**

Mrs. Despard (President) was in the Chair. Delegates from Bowes Park, Clapham, Croydon, Golders Green, Hackney, Hampstead, Herne Hill, Highbury, Kensington, Mid-London, Stamford Hill, Tufnell Park, Chester, Ipswich, Letchworth, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Rothesay, Scottish Scattered, Montgomery Boroughs, Swansea.

All the members of the retiring National Executive Committee were present. The following were elected to form the National Executive Committee: Miss Alix M. Clark, Mrs. Schofield Coates, Mrs. Despard, Miss Dorothy Evans, Miss Janet Gibson, Miss Hodge, Miss Munro, Mrs. Mustard, Miss Neal, Mrs. Sproson, Miss J. M. Tooke, Mrs. Whetton.

Dr. E. Knight was elected Honorary Treasurer.

To the very great regret of the Conference, Miss Boyle, Miss Eunice Murray, Mrs. Tippet and Mrs. Corner withdrew from nomination to the Committee, and we take this opportunity of expressing our warmest thanks and admiration for all their splendid services to the Women's Freedom League throughout the years in which we have been associated.

The Reports of the Honorary Treasurer, General Secretary, Honorary Organising Secretary, and the Honorary Heads of Literature and Vote Sales Departments were adopted; and of the Minerva Publishing Company.

In addition to re-affirming our object of sex equality and the removal of all disabilities and injustices to women the following resolutions were passed:

- (1) That the office of President lapse.
- (2) That the League maintain its independent position in all matters relating to War and Peace.
- (3) To demand that British born women should immediately be given full control of their own nationality
- (4) To demand that all Peace Councils include representative women.
- (5) If possible to run women candidates for local bodies and for Parliament and to work for the return of those women candidates who support the objects and policy of the Women's Freedom League.
- (6) Branches to form Electoral Committees to interview candidates and watch the speeches and voting of local bodies.
- (7) Membership of the League to be now extended to men on equal terms with women.

- (8) Officials and members of the National Executive Committee and League generally to be at liberty to speak on any platform on any subject as individuals but not as representatives of the League.
- (9) To protest vigorously against the special victimisation of women for sexual offences, to press for the publication of all names in every prosecution for immorality or indecency, and that no man or woman shall be convicted upon police evidence only.

**President's Address.**

I think you will agree with me when I say that this is almost the most important of all our conferences. Twelve years ago we held our first conference. Then we took as our basis, the democratic principle, and to that, I believe I am right in saying, we have been true throughout our history as a League. But for that I do not believe we should have been able to keep ourselves together. To-day we must recall our principle. In our deliberations and in our eventual decisions, I hope we shall remember (1) the bond that unites us, (2) the service that we owe to our own nation and to humanity, (3) the best way of fulfilling our obligations.

In one sense this is different from any Conference we have ever held. As regards the League it is, as you will remember, more than two years since we have met in Conference. In reviewing carefully the Reports before us, I am struck by, and I desire to call attention to, certain outstanding and I think satisfactory features. The first, and this may mean much for us in the future, is the drawing together in a common effort many of the Women's Societies. You will notice how Conferences, deputations, protests, demonstrations, have been carried through with marked success by Women's Societies working together. This augurs well for the future when, as I hope, women will be able to combine in the use of political power for the attainment of important and necessary reforms.

Another feature which gives me peculiar satisfaction is the ceaseless vigilance whereby attempts to degrade and further oppress women industrially and socially have been detected, exposed and fought. I hope not only our officials, but every member of our League, will continue to keep her eyes open, for there never was a time in all history when constant watchfulness and prompt action were, in this regard, more necessary than they are to-day. Our League, which has the finest, the most inclusive name of any of the Women's Societies, must, if it is to live worthily and usefully, not only place before itself definite aims, but be prepared for work, be ready for sacrifice. By its fearlessness, its originality, its energy, it must justify its title.

Speaking now as representative of the Committee to which you entrusted the carrying out of your business, I wish to express our keen appreciation of the Branches who have so loyally during these difficult times kept the flag flying. Before the young and the middle-aged women, a new world is opening out. They may and probably will have great opportunities of use and service in the future, but I feel sure they will always remember with satisfaction the part they have taken in the uphill and often toilsome climb that has led us to our first great victory.



## HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

This report covers 3 financial years.

In 1914 the Women's Freedom League was expanding and our income increasing, the War brought a sudden check so that in 1915 the money fell by one quarter, 1916 brought a further drop of £150, but 1917 only fell short of the previous year by £50.

Branch contributions had risen in 1914 over the previous years to nearly £400, in 1915 they dropped to £300 but rose again in 1916 in consequence of the special effort of the 50,000/- fund, initiated by the enthusiasm of our old colleague Mrs. Julia Wood, to drop in 1917 by one third. This drop in branch assistance is due to those branches which failed to keep together or expended their energies in other directions, those branches which continued to support their League have worked harder than ever.

The Green, White and Gold Fair is a regular source of income to the League, its financial success has steadily increased, the net profit of £130 in 1916 rising to £165 last year, branches support it well and have worked specially hard this year, many sending both goods and donations.

The President's Birthday Fund of the last 6 years is our other steady source of income, it has suffered in common with other funds but 1917 only fell short of the previous year by £20. Branches and friends look forward to this opportunity of helping with much pleasure and interest.

As for Expenditure, the extreme limit of economy has long been reached, the removal of Headquarters from Robert Street to High Holborn has among other improvements effected a saving of £150 a year but this is more than counterbalanced by the great increase in the price of stationery, printing, postage and railway fares.

The influence of the Women's Freedom League during the War, as a Society actively demanding Votes for Women, cannot be gauged by the small amount of its income. To the many factors which have brought about the Victory in which we all rejoice it is impossible to apportion degrees of credit, but the Women's Freedom League will always be proud that it did its duty in the Great War.

The stand we have taken has given us our present position in the eyes of the Public as an independent Society asking for equality of women and men in political, social, professional and moral matters, with good judgment, and fearless in attacking injustices and encroachments on the Freedom of Women.

An instance of this is the ease with which we were able to rally round us other Organisations of women in the protests which eventually killed the Criminal Law Amendment Bill. In this campaign we received considerable financial assistance from outside our own members. Now that our first Victory is obtained we have it in our power, if we will, by continuing to develop our original objects, by still Daring to Be Free, to become a centre for Women's Freedom and to provide a common working place for all progressive thinkers and workers who know that women and men must stand together on absolutely equal terms before their best work is possible.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The National Executive Committee has met twenty-four times since October 16th, 1915.

It will be remembered that at the time of the last Conference Mrs. Snow, one of the oldest members of our National Executive Committee was seriously ill, and both the Committee and the Women's Freedom League suffered an irreparable loss by her death in March, 1916.

In October, 1916, your Committee granted Miss Boyle leave of absence to go to Serbia and she was abroad until August, 1917. The work of the Political and Militant Department was at first carried out by Miss Sidley and from January to March, 1917, by Mrs. Corner.

Since our last Conference a large number of new members have been reported to Headquarters, and new Branches have been formed.

The work in the Branches during the last two and a half years has been carried on under great difficulty, and much of it has often seemed discouraging to those who carried it through. The War has overshadowed us all, and when we take into consideration the sorrow and changes it has made in the lives of so many of our members, together with our lack of organisers and the difficulties in sending speakers to Branches, we can only recognise all the more fully the steadiness and the value of the work of these members which has contributed so much to the splendid victory we have recently obtained for women's political enfranchisement.

The chief work of your Committee during the last two years has of course been in connection with securing Votes for Women. It has joined with other suffrage societies in conferences, in forming a Standing Joint Committee, in a Consultative Committee, and in debates—all with the object of agreeing on the best means of furthering our cause. Miss Boyle, Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Marion Holmes, Dr. Knight, Mrs. Mustard, Miss Neal, Miss Normanton, Mrs. Schofield Coates, Mrs. Tippett and Miss Underwood have all represented the Women's Freedom League in joint effort with other societies for this purpose. We ourselves organised a big Joint Suffrage Meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster, and have joined with other societies in joint meetings organised by them. When Mr. Lloyd George became Prime Minister we immediately urged that as Head of the Government he should bring in a Bill for the enfranchisement of women.

**Propaganda Work.**—Since the last Conference the Women's Freedom League has held 62 Wednesday afternoon indoor meetings, 24 Sunday meetings, and 8 Wednesday afternoon meetings in Hyde Park, 10 Political Meetings, several Rallies, two Birthday Parties, and Return Parties, four debates, three special lectures, two Sunday evening discussion meetings, seven Recitals at the Bijou Theatre, one Russia in England Day at Caxton Hall, a John Stuart Mill meeting, two Tax Resistance meetings to support Dr. Patch, five Criminal Law Amendment Bill meetings, two meetings of welcome to Miss Boyle combined with a tea and dinner to her on her return from Serbia, and three Green, White and Gold Fairs. It is impossible to give here the list of speakers, chairmen and helpers, but while specially mentioning Miss Ada Mitchell who as Hon. Secretary of the Socials Committee did so much of the work for the Fairs, and Mrs. Corner for her work in regard to the Recitals and the Russia in England Day, we record our warmest thanks to them and all those others who have helped so much in our propaganda work. On May 21st of this year, the Women's Freedom League held a John Stuart Mill Commemoration Meeting,



May 20th being Mill's birthday and also the day on which, fifty years previously, the first woman suffrage amendment to a Reform Bill had been lost.

**Special Campaigns.** Very successful campaigns were held in Montgomery Boroughs, at the National Union of Teachers Conference at Buxton, on the Welsh Coast, Letchworth, Chester and Oswestry, South Coast (Southampton, Portsmouth and Bournemouth) and at Manchester during the Labour Conference 1917—all organised by Miss A. M. Clark with Miss Munro as speaker; also on the North East Coast and at Nottingham during the recent Labour Conference—organised by Miss Clark; speaker: Miss Dorothy Evans.

The Scottish Council organised a successful Clyde Coast Campaign during the summer of 1917, with Miss McLelland as organiser.

Mrs. Despard, Miss Eunice Murray and Mrs. Whetton visited Southampton, Portsmouth and Bournemouth where good meetings were held. Middlesbrough, Manchester, Chester, Reading, Letchworth, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee have also had special meetings to which speakers from Headquarters have been sent, and Miss Nina Boyle recently visited our Scottish Branches.

In February, 1916, Miss Boyle accepted an invitation from the Belfast Suffrage Society for a suffrage campaign, and in May of the same year Miss Margaret Hodge lectured to some of our Scottish Branches.

**Tax Resistance Protests.**—The Women's Freedom League has supported the tax resistance of Dr. Patch (to whom a luncheon was given in the Minerva Café) of Miss McMunn in Oxford, of Miss Raleigh at Uxbridge and of Miss Evelyn Sharp.

Your Committee sanctioned the formation of a sub-committee with the help of Miss Normanton and Mrs. E. M. N. Clark, to protest against *Economies in Education*. Later with the help of Miss Mitchell and at the instance of Miss Phipps and Miss Mardon, your Committee protested strongly against the differentiation in the salaries of equally qualified men and women teachers, both in the Press and in correspondence with Government Departments. Mrs. E. M. N. Clark also represented the Women's Freedom League at a Conference on Education called by the Workers' Educational Association.

**National Union of Women Workers.**—Mrs. Tanner represented the Women's Freedom League at the Special Meetings and Council Meetings of this Society (to which our League is affiliated). She is also representing us on its Legislation Committee. On two occasions we have co-operated with the National Union of Women Workers in urging the passing of the Solicitors (Women's Qualification) Bill in the House of Commons. Miss Underwood attended several meetings of the National Union of Women Workers' Organisation Committee at which work was planned for getting into touch with women voters up and down the Country.

We have approached Heads of Government Departments on the Food Question and on the necessity of seeing that the children in our schools get properly fed; we have sent representatives to Conferences called by the *Women's Labour League* and the *National Industrial Council of Women* to consider the position of women in Industry after the War and the position of women clerks after the War—in all cases urging that equal opportunities and equal pay should be granted to women and men in all Branches of Industry.

We made common cause with the *Women's Municipal Party* in urging in the interests of Public Health that the St. Pancras Borough Council rescind its resolution not to keep the streets watered during

the hot weather. We pointed out that women could be employed in this work, and the resolution was rescinded to our great satisfaction.

We sent representatives to a Joint Protest Committee to contest the arbitrary ruling of the London County Council that no literature was to be sold in the Parks and Open Spaces round London under the control of the Council. In defiance of this ruling, Miss Boyle, Miss Clark, Miss Spriggs and Miss Underwood sold "The Vote" at open-air meetings held on Clapham Common and in Brockwell Park. Miss Spriggs was summonsed in Lambeth Police Court for this offence but judgment was deferred until an application for a "Mandamus" had been decided in another Court. After months of protest, correspondence with members of the London County Council, and meetings of the Joint Protest Committee, the London County Council lost their case in the High Court, and the Council's general resolution forbidding the sale of literature had to be rescinded. This was an outstanding victory for the cause at any rate of one of the People's liberties during the War.

**Criminal Law Amendment Bill.**—In September, 1916, your Committee urged the representation of women and of women suffragists on the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases. In November, the Women's Freedom League called a Conference of Women's Societies on the question of compulsory notification and treatment of Venereal Diseases and a deputation was received by Mr. Herbert Samuel, the Home Secretary, on December 4th. Later a Joint Deputation organised by the Women's Freedom League was received by Lord Rhondda on this subject, and the Home Secretary, Sir George Cave, was notified of the opposition of organised women's societies to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill. Members of the Women's Freedom League attended at the House of Commons' Committee Room while the clauses of this Bill were being discussed by Standing Committee A. Each member of this Committee was regularly circularised with the views of the Women's Freedom League and kindred societies on these clauses, and in March, 1917, we began to organise public opposition to this Bill. We held three crowded public meetings in the Central Hall, Westminster, against this Bill, also in Kingston-on-Thames and St. Pancras, the constituencies of Sir George Cave and Sir Willoughby Dickinson, the latter of whom was working hard for the Bill in Parliament. Since those meetings we have sent speakers to other meetings on the subject and have been urging the Home Secretary to receive our deputation of organised women to state our views in regard to the Bill. This deputation has been postponed by the Home Secretary four times but on each occasion we secured a half-promise and later a promise that he would not proceed with the Bill until he had received the Joint Deputation we had organised, and this in spite of the fact that he made a definite promise to the Archbishop of Canterbury, to several Bishops, and other prominent people belonging to philanthropic organisations that the Bill would be proceeded with without delay.

In connection with this subject your Committee has sanctioned representation of the Women's Freedom League on the Police Court Rota Committee, organised by the Association of Social and Moral Hygiene, members of which Committee attend a London Police Court regularly each week and report on cases affecting girls and women, and make any apparent injustices to girls and women public through "The Vote," "The Shield" and other press organs.

**Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps.**—This Corps continued its work for some time. In May, however, the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. W. Thomson, removed to Glasgow, and in June, 1916, it was agreed by the Committee that the Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps be in



abeyance, the idea being that it should be called together again if necessary.

*The Women's Freedom League Settlement* is being carried on most successfully by Miss Kathleen Holmes, Miss Cole and Mrs. Delbanco. A separate report of the Settlement work has been sent in by Miss Holmes and forwarded to the Branches.

*The Minerva Café.* This venture has proved a marked success ever since its inception in June, 1916. The work of Mrs. Fisher and her staff in the Café is beyond praise. Substantial donations have been made to "The Vote" and to the funds of the Women's Freedom League from the profits made in the Café. In addition to the Café, Mrs. Fisher is also responsible for a Dressmaking Department on the premises, and together with Mrs. Mockford for an Exchange Department, both of which are doing well. The warmest thanks of the League are due to Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Mockford for these enterprises.

*Congratulations* have been sent to the Women of Manitoba, to New York women and to Russian women on their political victories, and four representatives of the Women's Freedom League attended the Luncheon given to Miss MacAdams by the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union on her election by the Canadian forces.

Representatives of the Women's Freedom League attended the Memorial Services to Dr. Elsie Inglis and Dr. Elizabeth Garrett Anderson.

Birthday Greetings were sent by your Committee to Mrs. Fawcett on her 70th birthday and a letter of great charm and friendliness was received from her in reply.

## POLITICAL AND MILITANT REPORT.

Presented by MISS NINA BOYLE.

This report covers two years and a quarter.

Miss Sidley's resignation for health reasons has been a great loss to the Department.

The League has had a difficult time to go through. The Department was undoubtedly somewhat cramped in its efficiency, protests against various forms of injustice having to be limited to correspondence, to public meetings, or to requests for deputations to be received. We were thus debarred from some of the most effective methods of action; nevertheless, after a period of the most profound depression, it became apparent that, as women were more and more needed to fill up gaps in public life, the views of organised women were being treated with more and more consideration. The great explosion of feeling which took place over the proposed Criminal Law enactments gave clear evidence of this; for, as the result of the concerted action, and protests, of suffrage societies, evinced by huge public meetings and deputations to various members of the Government in which the Women's Freedom League played a leading part, an important Government measure was first altered, then postponed, and finally has been definitely abandoned, in spite of the support and the clamour of a number of individual women and of Bishops and Archbishops and other important persons.

In connection with this campaign was a determined resistance to suggestions for compulsory notification of venereal disease, a joint

deputation, introduced by Mrs. Despard, and representative of many suffrage societies, was received by Mr. Samuel; and another joint deputation organised by us was later on received by Lord Rhondda, President of the Local Government Board. It was made plain to these gentlemen that women preferred to wait for enfranchisement before allowing these matters to be further dealt with. Sir George Cave gave a promise that he would not proceed with the Criminal Law Amendment Bill without first receiving our joint deputation, but in the end the Bill was abandoned.

### Suffrage Victory.

The strength of our position does not appear to have been admitted to consideration until Mr. Asquith, who greatly disliked the anti-Liberal idea of an extension of votes for naval and military service, endeavoured to stay this movement by a counter movement in favour of votes for women. In the early part of 1916, a "Registration" Bill was spoken of which was apparently to be used to jerrymander some alteration of the franchise. The Suffrage Societies, supposed to be dormant or dead, leaped into activity, the Women's Freedom League being the first to sound the alarm. Lord Grey of Falloden and Lord Robert Cecil, in the Government, pressed the claims of women, and Lord Robert assured Mrs. Fawcett that he would not consent to any alteration unless the claims of women were considered. The press, for some unknown reason, swung round in favour of the women, and on August 15th, when Mr. Asquith was being pressed to come to some decision about an extension of the franchise to men of the Forces, he came out most unexpectedly with the statement that if the franchise question were brought up, he could not deny the claims of the women. So our first premise was conceded—"no alteration of the franchise unless and until the claims of women are considered."

Mr. Walter Long suggested, Sir John Simon and Mr. Wardle supported, and the Prime Minister agreed to, a conference to consider the whole question. At first it appeared as if representatives of suffrage societies would be present, but eventually it resolved itself into a Parliamentary gathering under the Chairmanship of the Speaker. It met on October 10th, 1916, and the Women's Freedom League inaugurated a picketing and poster campaign in Westminster in which several other societies joined. A Parliamentary Committee was formed by Sir John Simon; and a Consultative Committee of representatives of Suffrage Societies kept in close touch with it. Your League's representatives on this Consultative Committee were Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Corner (who attended nearly every meeting of this Committee), your political organiser and others. Its deliberations were useful and conducive to the greatest harmony that has ever prevailed between the different societies.

On March 29th, 1917, Mr. Lloyd George, the new Prime Minister, received a joint deputation from suffrage societies, including the Women's Freedom League.

The Speaker's Conference secured that the women's enfranchisement clause had a six to one majority on second reading and a third reading without a division. The House of Lords gave an overwhelming majority in favour of the women's clause and rejected the suggestion of a referendum. The Bill received the King's Assent on February 6th, and became Law.

The first objective of the Women's Freedom League, has, therefore, been partially achieved. It will be the task of the Conference to say how the further objects of the League may be accomplished.

The gains in Women's Suffrage during this period have been



greatly in excess of anything heretofore experienced. The women of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba have won their enfranchisement, two women have been returned to the Legislature, and the Prime Minister of Canada is about to bring in a Bill granting the franchise to the women of Canada on the same terms as men. The women of New York State have won enfranchisement, after a fight signalised by unexampled energy and resourcefulness.

President Wilson has declared himself a convert and allowed the Federal Amendment on which such hopes are based. Denmark has enfranchised its women, Hungary is on the verge of doing so; Sweden and Holland both have similar legislation in preparation. Russian women are said to have been universally enfranchised. 1918 in every way bids fair to be the Women's Year.

During the whole of this period the Department has pressed the question of women's suffrage unceasingly on the Government. The non-party Government was approached for a non-party measure; each administration in turn and almost each member of them, has been made the subject of attentions from the League. The King and the Prime Ministers have been bombarded with requests, reminders, and protests on the subject of the Honours List; and towards the end of Mr. Asquith's administration, a sympathetic response was at last wrung from him. The Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, and the President of the Local Government Board, have all been approached—and reproached—with the shameful injustice and the hardships inflicted on British-born women married to aliens; in some cases the conditions under which they lived were improved. This is a matter which should engage our earliest attention. A constant watch has been kept on the Bench; and few sentences of manifest injustice, relating to women that have been mentioned in the Press, have been allowed to pass without comment. Statements by Bishops and Clergy, by Chairmen of Boards, by prominent persons all over the country, have been immediately taken up and made the subject of direct correspondence; and there are few quarters to-day into which our point of view has not penetrated.

The Department has kept up a constant protest in regard to the perpetual attacks on "soldiers' wives" and the special restrictions on them in the matter of drinking. The latest protest was at Hartlepool, where Miss Dorothy Evans put up a fine campaign—without, however, securing the removal of the totally improper and illegal decision of the local licensed houses not to serve women. A deputation waited on the Education Department in regard to the dangerous economies effected at the expense of schools and children; and Sir Francis Lloyd was interviewed in regard to the shameful conduct of troops on the occasion of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst's meeting in Trafalgar Square.

The question of the supply of nurses and the presence of nurses or their representatives on the Committee appointed by the War Office to enquire into the matter, was taken up by the League—eventually the Committee was made representative.

We put in a strong protest against the importation of male Danish labour for the land; for work that women could well do; and have protested against the improper constitution of the departmental committee to consider the salaries in the Education Department, and the decisions to enact that women shall be paid less than men, and we also corresponded with both Houses of Parliament with a view to securing a woman press representative in the press galleries.

## HON. ORGANISING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Presented by MISS EUNICE G. MURRAY.

In 1917 we were fortunate in securing Miss Dorothy Evans as organiser to work principally in the North Eastern Counties. She did valuable work for the League first at Middlesbrough and then at Newcastle, consolidating old branches and forming new ones.

In the two and a half years that have elapsed since our last Conference your Hon. Organising Secretary has had the opportunity of visiting once, if not more, all our Branches both in England, Scotland and Wales except Letchworth and Swansea. The League if it is to live, must have many new organisers. They are necessary to keep the branches together, to undertake new work and to keep a vigilant and watchful eye upon all local happenings in such districts as we have a branch. Many opportunities to protect the interests of women or to safeguard liberties are lost because no one is free to attend to these matters. The local secretary is busy and cannot see to everything.

Now that the Vote is won it will be more than ever necessary to allow no opportunity to slide which we as voting women can use to influence legislation and to safeguard the interests of women.

We are no longer outside the pale of politics, we are the law makers and we must see to it that each of our members knows how best to use the new power that is theirs. For this end we must organise, and to do so we must have organisers.

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## LITERATURE REPORT.

Presented by MISS MARGARET HODGE.

In spite of the War which has to some extent hindered our sales and prevented us from publishing many new pamphlets, we have now a better balance at our Bank than in the two previous years. The Annual turnover for 1916 was £161 5s. 7d. and for 1917 £173 8s. 1d.

Although the price of publications was very much higher last year, we brought out three pamphlets, "Woman, The New Discovery" "Woman and the Church," "Woman's Value in War Time" by Miss Eunice Murray.

We have reprinted two leaflets stating the objects of the Women's Freedom League, and we have issued a reprint of "Josephine Butler's" Cameo Sketch, by Marion Holmes. We have reproduced a recent photograph of Miss Nina Boyle. We had several reprints of her photograph in Police uniform which are in great demand. We have a new stock of brooches enamelled "Votes for Women" and "Women's Freedom League."

In 1916 we published a calendar, similar to that of the previous year, with quotations for each week from authors of different periods, concerning woman's suffrage. In 1917 the Calendar was a less ambitious one owing to the great increase in price of paper and printing.

The Literature Department especially wishes to record its deep sense of gratitude to Miss Eunice Murray for her indefatigable energy in writing pamphlets of topical interest and for her generous support of our work and wide extension of our sales both by her influence with her private friends and her frequent purchases for the Troops in France.



We had large selections of books for adults and children at the "Green, White and Gold Fair" in 1916 and 1917, and we secured a good sale on both occasions. The Branches have supported us more effectually this year than they did last year, but we must urgently appeal for even closer co-operation as it is impossible for Headquarters to do really adequate work without the active assistance of the Local Literature Secretaries.

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### **"THE VOTE" REPORT.**

Our paper, by the strenuous efforts of those concerned in its production, has continued to appear each week. "The Vote" is vital to the Women's Freedom League, as its official organ it is the sole means of keeping many members in touch with the aims and the work of their League. Except for their weekly paper most branches would be isolated and left without the support of the general body of the League. It is, too, our easiest and most effective means of propaganda. So it is just as necessary for every member to take her paper every week as to pay her annual subscription to the Women's Freedom League.

The Branch Sales have been steadily kept up in the main, some branches have decreased their orders and others have increased them, but taking into consideration the extra number sold on special occasions the net sale is practically the same.

Regular subscribers have increased.

The Printing Department has gained very considerably by our having secured the printing and publishing of the monthly journal, "A Voice from India," through which we have several new customers. We have also printed the very artistic "Leighton Souvenir," which is much admired and is bringing us fresh orders.

The Minerva Café run by Mrs. Fisher with such splendid devotion in the interests of the "Vote" and the League, now yields a handsome profit, and there is hope of further development in this direction; the Minerva Dressmaking Department started only a few months ago also already yields a profit to the League and "The Vote," and by various agencies we gain a little.

We have constant evidence of the influence of "The Vote," and the Directors appeal to the Branches and the members of the League to support it and to increase its circulation.

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### **REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE SETTLEMENT FOR 1917.**

(Presented by MISS KATHLEEN HOLMES).

The Women's Freedom League Settlement records a third year of successful work for the children in Nine Elms. The move into larger premises last Easter enables from 150 to 200 children to dine at the Settlement each day. A halfpenny provides a bowl of thick vegetarian soup and slice of bread, and another halfpenny a helping of nourishing milk, suet, or bread pudding; food at the same rates may be taken home. The high cost of living has driven many mothers out to work, and with home and school closed to them in the dinner-hour, the

children greatly appreciate the shelter, hot food, society, and comfort of our dining room from twelve to one daily. Twenty-two children stayed in the Guest House during their mothers' confinement or absence in hospital, another found a home here pending the prosecution of her father by the N.S.P.C.C. for ill-treating her, and two deserted babies were housed till permanent arrangements could be made for them. The activities of the Scout Troop during the year have included drill, signalling, and carpentry; the boys have given useful help at Settlement functions. Thanks to a kind gift from Mrs. Delbanco, they had a day's picnicking at Riddlesdown in September.

A Sale of Work arranged by Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller at their Kensington Studio covered all removal expenses; warm thanks are due to them and the stallholders, to Sir William Treloar for the handsome linoleum floor-covering for the dining room, and to Mr. Delbanco for making the tables and benches and other practical fittings. A striking signboard was specially designed, painted and presented to the Settlement by Mrs. Sargent Florence. Contributions to our funds and gifts in kind have almost kept pace with the growing demand on us; the gift of our whole supply of bread from the National Food Fund has been invaluable; Mrs. Walpole, of Tasmania, has given and collected over £28; and Mr. T. Clive Davies £25 for the Guest House, the successful concerts held by our Clapham Branch and Miss R. T. Wells, and Mrs. Tippett's Jumble Sale, were a most welcome help.



**Report of the  
TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE,  
April 5th, 1919.**

THE TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Women's Freedom League was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Saturday, April 5th. Mrs. Schofield Coates was in the Chair, and there were present delegates from the following Branches:—

London.—Clapham, Golders Green, Hackney, Hampstead, Herne Hill and Norwood, Mid-London.

England.—Bournemouth, Ipswich, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Nottingham, Portsmouth, Westcliff-on-Sea.

Scotland.—Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow.

Wales.—Mongomery Boroughs.

All members of the retiring National Executive Committee were present except Miss Munro and Miss Tooke. The following were elected to form the National Executive Committee: Miss Alix M. Clark, Mrs. Schofield Coates, Miss Dorothy Evans, Miss Gibson, Miss Hodge, Mrs. Metge, Miss Munro, Mrs. Mustard, Miss Neal, Miss Normanton, Mrs. Pierotti and Mrs. Whetton.

Dr. E. Knight was elected Honorary Treasurer.

A number of resolutions dealing with objects and policy of the Women's Freedom League were carried, among which were the following:—

(1) That the Women's Freedom League continue as a non-party organisation with its first object to secure equal voting rights for men and women, pressing for equal opportunities, awards and responsibilities throughout all branches of our national life; promoting trade unionism among women workers and urging women to enter men's trades unions on equal terms. It was also decided to follow up cases of injustice and hardship to women at the hands of the law.

(2) That it would be desirable for the Women's Freedom League to run a woman parliamentary candidate at the next General Election, and if possible to support all women candidates whose ideals and principles are in accordance with the policy of the League, and to urge upon men and women of all Parties to nominate and support women candidates for all elected bodies.

(3) In the interest of national purity and in view of the disastrous effects upon the Nation of prostitution and venereal disease, the Women's Freedom League calls upon the Government to issue a public official statement that immorality is unnecessary and wrong, and to carry out this principle in all its actions; and calls for more active propaganda to combat the prostitution of women by rousing public opinion to the knowledge that chastity in both sexes is not only possible, but conducive to health, and demands a minimum living wage in all women's industries.

(4) That in view of the urgent need for homes for the people, local authorities should be empowered and urged to acquire undeveloped or unused land, and unoccupied premises within or near the boundaries of towns so as to have under their control an abundance

of cheap land for housing and town planning purposes, all land so acquired to be bought at agricultural value.

(5) That we continue to press for a woman Minister of Health and for the appointment of an equal number of women with men in the control of all the departments of the Ministry.

(6) The Conference also decided to work with other societies in pressing for local option, to urge the Society of Architects to admit women, and to demand that Members of Parliament should meet their constituents at least once every six months for discussion.

Urgency resolutions were passed strongly supporting the Barristers and Solicitors (Qualification of Women) Bill, demanding the separate assessment of the incomes of husband and wife for Income Tax purposes, protesting against the inclusion of only one woman on the Income Tax Commission; and uncompromisingly opposing all efforts national or international, to limit the opportunities of women in industry under the name of protection.

### HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

The total receipts during 1918 show an increase of £110 over 1917, and our expenditure a rise of £170.

Subscriptions and donations increase by £180, a satisfactory result seeing that many generous members resigned after the last Conference because it declared definite official work for war or peace outside our scope. We have to thank Miss Alix M. Clark for collecting a large amount for the expenses of the splendid campaigns organised by her, at the Nottingham Labour Conference, the Cambridge National Union of Teachers Conference and the Clyde Campaign.

Our two steady sources of income, the Birthday Fund and the Green, White and Gold Fair, which both show an increase, are now joined by a third and constantly growing supply, for which we cannot be too grateful to Mrs. Fisher and her Colleagues of the Minerva Café. The Victory of votes for women gave occasion for the Victory Fund, and the League shared in the Celebration Fund organised by the National Union of Women Suffrage Societies. The campaign resulting in the death of the abominable Regulation 40 D., and the General Election Fund, each brought in a good sum.

Our increased expenditure was unfortunately not due to increased work done but to advances in cost in all directions. Though the position of the Women's Freedom League is financially sound, I consider it to be thoroughly unsatisfactory. Much of the value of our laboriously built up organisation both at Headquarters and in the country is wasted unless our income is greatly and quickly increased. Now is our chance to obtain our objects.

Many of the ideals and demands of the Women's Freedom League are now floating in the air, there is much new interest in public affairs and social reform, and the new women voters are anxious to discharge their responsibility to the State. What is wanted and what we can supply is an independent body of trained women, educated in political methods, and hardened by years of difficult work against prejudice and interests to an invincible determination. This body can gather up the general mass of rather indefinite public goodwill and focus it into an effective public demand that women shall take their equal place in all departments of the national life. All that is needed is to introduce the Women's Freedom League to this wider circle, and make



it plain that in our League these newly awakened citizens have the instrument they are wanting for carrying out their duty to their country.

In a few months we should double and treble our membership and the power of our influence. But for this we must have not only the enthusiastic help of every member in her own circle but additional full time organisers. Our income must be doubled; we cannot do this from Headquarters, it rests with every member and every branch to decide whether we shall rise to our great opportunity or fail now to gather the fruit of the past. There are many Societies but some are bound by Party or sectional ties, others are too large for rapid action, no one can take our place and if we refuse the work, we prevent it from being done and we are keeping back every reform for which we founded our Organisation.

## SECRETARIAL AND PROPAGANDA REPORT.

During the year the Committee has met 11 times.

At the first meeting of your National Executive Committee, the following appointments were made:

General Secretary	Miss Underwood
Hon. Organising Secretary	Miss Anna Munro.
Hon. Head Literature Dept.	Miss Hodge.
Hon. Head "Vote" Sales Dept.	Miss Alix M. Clark.

Many new members and five new Branches—Bath, Westcliff, Ashford, Bexhill and Hastings—were reported.

The work of the Women's Freedom League has met with many difficulties during the year. Valuable members left us at the last Conference, and for several months we were in the midst of a devastating war. Then, too, women had secured the parliamentary vote for six millions of their sex, and many of them felt that the principal work of the Women's Freedom League had been accomplished. We at Headquarters, however, felt that our most important work had only begun when we had acquired some political power. Our aim was to see women everywhere wielding equal power with men, to secure equality of status, equality of opportunity, equality of rewards for women and men throughout all branches of our national life, and we have worked solely with that end in view from the last to the present Conference.

*Equal Pay for Equal Work for Men and Women Teachers:* From early in March, 1918, the Women's Freedom League has given all the support it could to women teachers in this demand, sending speakers to Public Meetings held by the National Federation of Women Teachers in Albert Hall and Queen's Hall, resolutions to the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, and many letters to Members of Parliament, urging them to press that an equal pay for equal work clause be included in the Education Bill. Members of the Women's Freedom League did a good deal of lobbying on this question, and Mr. Whitehouse, at the request of the Women's Freedom League, moved this clause (kindly drafted for us by Dr. G. B. Clark) in the House of Commons. Last Easter Miss A. M. Clark ran a most successful campaign at Cambridge during the National Union of Teachers Conference on Equal Pay for Equal Work, Miss Munro, Mrs. Mustard and Mrs. Nevinson being the Women's Freedom League speakers during that campaign.

*Equal Opportunities.*—Our resolution: "That this Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland press for equal opportunities and equal remuneration for equal work of women with men, and the recognition of their equal status throughout all branches of professional, business and industrial life," was one of the six selected by the National Union of Women Workers for their Annual Council Meeting in October. Mrs. Tanner, our delegate to that meeting, proposed it, and it was carried with acclamation.

*Conferences and Meetings with other Societies.*—In March, 1918, the Secretary attended a Conference called by the Association for Social and Moral Hygiene, held in the House of Commons, on the question of Maisons tolérées, and another House of Commons Conference in July, called by the Penal Reform League, to hear the evidence given by Miss Joan Beauchamp and Miss Lindsey in regard to the case of Mary Lester who was reported to have been rendered insane from her treatment in Holloway Prison.

On October 15th and 16th, Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Despard, Dr. White and the Secretary attended a National Conference of Women at Caxton Hall, called by the Labour Party.

Last February Miss Spriggs and Miss Evans attended a Conference called by the Women's Section of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants to discuss "Woman's Share in the New World," and Dr. Knight and Mrs. Mustard attended a Conference called by the Women's International League, the object of which was to frame a feminist programme for the future.

Mrs. Nevinson and Mrs. Mustard have attended meetings of an Equal Pay for Equal Work Council in London.

Dr. Knight and Dr. White have attended a series of meetings of the Committee of Enquiry into Sexual Morality, called by the Association for Social and Moral Hygiene.

The Secretary and Mrs. Metge have attended meetings of the Police Court Rota Sub-Committee, taking their share in visiting the London Police Courts to report on what transpired to the Rota Committee meetings.

Dr. Knight and the Secretary have attended the meetings of the Consultative Committee, held about once a month, to discuss matters of interest to women's organisations, as well as a Conference called by this Committee to consider the question of Regulation 40 D. Mrs. Despard also attended this Conference.

The Women's Freedom League called a private Conference early this year to discuss what organised women can do to prevent the spread of Venereal Disease during demobilisation, and a Conference (which was organised by Miss Dorothy Evans) to discuss the Endowment of Motherhood.

Our Nottingham Branch has formed a successful Watch the Courts Committee and an Equal Pay for Equal Work Council.

*Propaganda Work.*—Since the last Conference we have held 38 Wednesday afternoon meetings; a big Public Meeting at Central Hall, Westminster, against Regulation 40 D; a Discussion Meeting on the Land Question; a John Stewart Mill meeting in Temple Gardens; five political meetings in the Minerva Café, and have sent speakers to 28 meetings organised by outside societies. Miss A. M. Clark organised two successful Protest Meetings against Regulation 40 D. at Clapham and Hampstead.

*Campaigns.*—Miss A. M. Clark organised a very successful Campaign on the Clyde Coast in August, Mrs. Mustard, Miss Phyllis Mus-



tard, Miss Bunten, Miss Whitton and Miss Eunice Murray being among the speakers and helpers, and in February another successful Campaign in Montgomery Boroughs with Mrs. Nevinson as principal speaker, and in March another important local campaign on behalf of the women candidates for the local Urban District Council, Mrs. How Martyn being the chief speaker.

The Party held at Caxton Hall last July to celebrate Mrs. Despard's Birthday was very successful, and the Green, White and Gold Fair held at Caxton Hall last November was a great success.

The Women's Freedom League gave a dinner in December to the Women Parliamentary Candidates whom we supported in London—Mrs. Despard, Mrs. How Martyn, and Miss Phipps; and in March a dinner to women County Councillors.

*Branches Visited.*—At the request of the Committee Miss A. M. Clark has visited Croydon, Edinburgh and Manchester Branches, and Miss Neal our Chester and Sheffield Branches. Mrs. Nevinson has spoken at meetings arranged by our Bexhill and Hastings Branches; Mrs. Mustard at meetings at Ashford, Miss Munro at Westcliff as well as at other meetings mentioned in her report, and Miss Underwood has visited Nottingham, Bournemouth, Ashford, Bexhill, Hastings, Wilnesborough, Middlesbrough, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Reading and Westcliff-on-Sea.

## HON. ORGANISING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(Presented by MISS ANNA MUNRO).

The year has been one of special difficulty. The uncertainty of the International situation, the disbanding of so many Societies at home, the lack of adequate finance and consequently full-time organisers, has put many obstacles in our path.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Miss Dorothy Evans for the splendid work she did as organiser and deeply regret her relinquishing the work. Darlington, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Nottingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, London and many other places all bear testimony to her help and inspiration.

Miss Gaynor Roberts undertook organising for a short time at Hendon and Glasgow, but found it beyond her strength.

The praiseworthy and persevering work of our organiser, Miss White, in the South-East District, is bearing fruit. At Ashford a Women's Freedom League Club has been started and is supplying a much felt want in the district. Bexhill, Hastings and Ashford have started Speakers' Classes with Mrs. Pertwee as an able guide and director. Large and small public meetings have been held in various places at which Mrs. Despard, Miss Underwood, Mrs. Nevinson, Mrs. Mustard and others have spoken. Locally Lady Henniker Heaton, Mrs. Darent Harrison, Mrs. Strickland and many others have contributed greatly towards the success of the work.

During the year I visited Bath, Southampton, Reading, Liverpool, Nottingham, Dundee, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Rothesay, Newcastle, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Sheffield, Letchworth, Cambridge, Westcliff on Sea, and assisted at the general and local Elections, etc.

## POLITICAL REPORT.

*Regulation 40D.* The first great fight into which the Women's Freedom League plunged after the last Conference was the fight against the infamous Regulation 40D., issued by Order in Council during the Easter recess. Dr. Knight first saw the announcement of this Regulation in a paragraph in a daily paper, and at once issued a protest through the Press. From that day until its withdrawal during the General Election (because every Parliamentary candidate through the country was being persistently questioned about it) the Women's Freedom League did not cease to stir up opposition against it. The League was responsible for getting nearly 150 resolutions passed against this Regulation by Trades Unions, Religious Societies, at Public Meetings, etc. Miss Tooke secured many very influential protests against it in the north of England; Mrs. Despard, Dr. Knight, Miss Evans, Miss Clark, Mrs. Nevinson and Miss Underwood speaking at various meetings in and around London, in Scotland, Wales and the provinces against it. Dr. Knight was untiring in supplying speakers with the latest facts and figures on this subject.

The Women's Freedom League was first in the field in regard to this protest, and throughout the whole time the Regulation was in force the League was its most uncompromising, unceasing opponent, regularly demanding from the Prime Minister and every Member of the War Cabinet its immediate withdrawal. Both in this agitation and in our opposition to the Criminal Law Amendment Bill we received the most valuable and continual help in the House of Commons from Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Joseph King, Mr. Lees Smith and Commander Wedgwood.

*Special Cases taken up with the Home Office:* In March last year there were two pitiable cases of girls who had killed their babies under very sad circumstances. Both were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment. One of the girls lived in Ireland. The Women's Freedom League urged the Home Office and the Irish Office to make immediate enquiries into these cases; we pointed out that the men should have been in the dock with these girls, and demanded that these girls should be properly cared for. We communicated with 44 women's societies on this matter, asking them to take up the cases with the Secretaries of State, wrote to friendly English and Irish M.P.'s, and eventually learned that these girls were being looked after by friends.

In February of this year we saw in the Press that a girl, Ellen Sullivan, aged 16, had been remanded to Holloway Goal for using bad language. While there she had given birth to a child, and an inquest had subsequently been held on both. We immediately wrote to the Home Secretary, asking for a thorough investigation into the two deaths, and, further, that he should receive a deputation from the Women's Freedom League to discuss the whole question of prisoners on remand. Later, we demanded a public enquiry into this matter, suggested that the magistrate should be charged with manslaughter because it was probably his ignorant blunder in committing her to Holloway that caused the girl's death, and pressed for our deputation to be received. The Women's Freedom League took part in a deputation to the Home Secretary, organised by the Penal Reform League, chiefly on the question of Remand Homes, on March 28th, Dr. Knight and Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck being our delegates.

*Ministry of Health:* In March last year the Women's Freedom League was invited to send a delegate to a Conference called by the



Women's Industrial Council and the Fabian Women's Group to discuss a Ministry of Health. The Committee decided that the League should press for a woman Minister of Health and an equal number of women with men in control of all departments formed under this Ministry. We have urged this consistently throughout the year whenever we had the chance of discussing the subject in public or in the Press; and Mrs. Mustard strongly urged this point of view at the National Conference of Women convened by the Labour Party.

*Qualifications for Parliamentary and Local Government Voting.* Dr. Knight and Miss Tooke compiled a valuable leaflet on this subject, and for several months Dr. Knight answered innumerable queries from women resident in England, Scotland and Wales about their qualifications, and the result was that hundreds of women were put upon the register who would otherwise have been voteless.

*Penny Postage for women serving overseas.* Last May we urged the Postmaster General to grant the same concession as to penny postage to women overseas as it was proposed to grant to men. We circularised many Members of Parliament on this subject and had questions asked in the House of Commons. The concession was granted.

*Rights of British-born wives of Aliens.* When the question of the treatment of Aliens was before Parliament, we urged the Home Secretary and members of both Houses to restore to British women their inalienable right to their own nationality, irrespective of the nationality of the men whom they married. Sir Willoughby Dickinson strongly supported this contention, and we secured good support for it in the House of Lords.

*Women on Juries:* When it was proposed that the Lord Chancellor should introduce a Juries Bill, extending the age of men serving on Juries from 60 to 65, and in some cases doing away with the right to have a jury, we urged on the Lord Chancellor, and on many members of both Houses of Parliament the advisability of securing the eligibility of women to serve on Juries. We gained a good deal of support for this proposal in both Houses, but the Lord Chancellor refused to consider the matter, on the ground that the Juries Bill was only a war-time measure. Throughout the year we have urged on every possible occasion that there should be women on every Magistrates' Bench.

*Joint Committee.* In May a Joint Committee was appointed consisting of members of both Houses of Parliament to obtain evidence and consider the drafting of a new Criminal Law Amendment Bill. The Women's Freedom League urged that its members should be allowed to give evidence to this Committee. Our application, after much correspondence, met with a vague promise to be considered; but Parliament and the Joint Committee dissolved without framing any Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

*Solicitors (Qualification of Women) Bill.* In September, acting on the advice of Mr. Holford Knight, the Women's Freedom League wrote to the Prime Minister and to a number of M.P.'s urging them to secure that facilities should be given to this Bill through the House of Commons.

*Eligibility of Women as Members of Parliament.* As soon as the Law Officers of the Crown gave their opinion against women's eligibility, we circularised the Press on this matter, and wrote to the Prime Minister and friendly members of Parliament, urging them to pass legislation to secure to right of women to a seat and a vote in the House of Commons. This, as everyone knows, was accomplished by a huge majority in Parliament.

Acting on a resolution passed at our last Conference, the Women's Freedom League decided to support suitable women candidates for Parliament;—women who were prepared to advocate the Women's Freedom League's demand for equality with men in all matters, and were supported by our local members or Local Branch. In the London district, three members of the Women's Freedom League ran as Parliamentary candidates, Mrs. Despard for Battersea, Miss Phipps for Chelsea, and Mrs. How Martyn for the Hendon Division of Middlesex, the League supporting all of them. Miss A. M. Clark with a splendid band of workers was in charge of the campaign in Battersea where we had our own Committee Rooms; Miss Raleigh and Miss Gaynor Roberts were sent to take charge of our Committee Rooms in Child's Hill in support of Mrs. How Martyn, where our Golders Green Branch worked hard for her return, and Miss White and other members of the Women's Freedom League were sent to help Miss Phipps in Chelsea.

With regard to other Parliamentary candidates, we urged on Branch Secretaries to write to all candidates, when possible interviewing them, and secure their replies to the demands of the Women's Freedom League. We asked them to go to all candidates' meetings, and heckle them on questions of special interest to women. We ourselves at Headquarters followed this plan.

*Women and the Peace Conference.* Throughout the year, we have urged upon the Government the necessity of including women in the Peace Conference. In December we wrote to the Prime Minister, President Wilson, Colonel House, Signor Orlando, M. Clemenceau and Lord Robert Cecil, putting forward our reasons why women of all countries should be represented by women at that Conference. We have also pressed that women should be in the counsels and on any Council that is formed of the League of Nations.

*Women and Income Tax.* We have urged the Government to do away with the anomaly of lumping together the incomes of husband and wife and charging the Income Tax on their joint income, maintaining that each income should be taxed separately. We have also pressed that women should be on the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into Income Tax Law. One woman has been appointed, but we are naturally not satisfied with that concession, and we are still urging our views on members of Parliament, members of the Commission, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. 650 members of Parliament were circularised.

*Nurses Registration Bill.* As soon as we were advised of the luck of the Ballot for this Bill, we circularised our friends in the House of Commons, urging them to be in their places at its Second Reading and to vote for the Bill. We were delighted with the triumph of the Nurses in this Second Reading Debate and we urged the Government to give full facilities for the passage of this Bill into Law during the Session.

*County Council and other Local Government Elections.* Headquarters supported the candidature of Mrs. Lamartine Yates for the London County Council Election, and of Mrs. How Martyn for the Middlesex County Council, and we were more than pleased at the success of both these candidates. Mrs. Nevinson has been returned unopposed for the Hampstead Board of Guardians and Mrs. Smith (an old Brighton member of the League) for the Brighton Board of Guardians. Miss Tooke was again successful for the Gateshead Board of Guardians. Miss Margaret Hodge was returned for the Hampstead Garden Suburb Urban District Council. Miss Anna Munro was elected upon the Parish Council at Thatcham.



Throughout the year, in the Press, through members of Parliament, and through members of the Government we have brought women's interests and women's claims to equality with men to the forefront; and have immediately protested when any Government officials or any body of men have attempted to impose restrictions on women's work which were not to be imposed on men's work, or to limit in any way the sphere of women's activities.

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## LITERATURE REPORT.

(Presented by MISS MARGARET HODGE).

Our bank balance this year is unfortunately reduced. One of the reasons being that we have so few new and up-to-date pamphlets for sale, whilst our financial position hardly justifies us in issuing new publications, so long as the price of paper and printing is so high.

Our sale at the Green, White and Gold Fair was very satisfactory, indeed it showed an improvement upon last year, the actual amount realised being £15 2s. 1d. We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the gift of books from members of the League which was the cause of our increased profit.

Both at the Fair and throughout the year Miss Bergman has been most indefatigable; attending all our Wednesday "At Homes" as the voluntary guardian of the book stall and showing unfailing interest in work that requires great tact and patience.

It is most creditable that the sales at our meetings have very slightly diminished, though there have been so many counter attractions during the past year. The public meetings to combat the social evil were among the most largely attended and therefore the most profitable to the Literature department. The reprinting of Mrs. Holmes' "Life of Josephine Butler" was fully justified by the increased sale of that pamphlet. The cartoon "At Last" reprinted from "Punch" had a very large sale, and several group photographs of the Conference and the different dinners celebrating our victories, have contributed to increase our funds.

Cigarettes are a great source of profit and continue to have a steady sale. The poem "Victory," republished from the "Vote," brought in a small profit. We feel a special appeal to the branches is necessary if the work of the Literature Department is to be as useful and far reaching as it ought to be.

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## "VOTE" REPORT.

During the past year the Directors have continued to bring out the Organ of the Women's Freedom League week by week—in spite of all difficulties and the constantly increasing cost of printing. This cost we hope will soon begin to diminish.

The weekly sales are now beginning to show a slight improvement. The rescinding of the "No returns" Order has already produced an increase in the Trade Orders, and it will now be easier for the public to obtain our paper. We are still disappointed with the Branch Sales, though Nottingham and Letchworth have increased their weekly order, and Westcliff and some other branches have extra copies when possible. We should like to express our appreciation of

those Branches who do have "Votes" regularly. Street sales show a considerable improvement, but the paper cannot take its place before the public unless every member will make a serious business of distributing it.

Every Branch should determine that no public meeting of any kind, or any Branch Meeting should be held at which the "Vote" is not sold.

We appeal for volunteers who will buy and dispose of 12 copies each week.

During the years when every other paper doubled its price the "Vote" was kept at one penny, and in view of the responsibility which the Directors have gladly accepted in supplying the public with important, unbiassed and independent information, which is never available in the Daily Press, they call upon the Branches and Members of the League to work with them; to shoulder their own responsibility and by doubling and trebling the circulation of the paper to extend its influence and give an adequate return to the efforts of all concerned.

Most grateful thanks are given to all who have sent donations to *The Vote* and especially to Mr. Snow who so generously supplied *The Vote* Stall at the Green, White and Gold Fair, and to Mrs. Fisher and the Minerva Café for their most welcome regular contributions.

In November Miss H. Holman was replaced as Secretary to the Minerva Publishing Company by Miss G. M. Stewart.

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## BRANCHES.

### London Branches.

#### BOWES PARK.

Members' and drawing-room meetings have been held and we have continued to send parcels to our Prisoner of War in Germany. Our members made articles for the Green, White and Gold Fair.

#### CROYDON.

The usual Branch and Committee meetings have been held, and fortnightly public meetings at the office and occasional meetings at the Town Hall. These meetings have been well attended.

In 1916 a sewing party was started, useful articles were made and sold or sent to the Green, Gold and White Fair.

In the early Spring (1917) a series of public and drawing-room meetings were successfully held to discuss and study the Criminal Law Amendment Bill.

Several socials, whist drives and jumble sales have been held and helped to increase funds and bring new members.

In 1916 the Branch nominated suitable women for the War Pensions Committee.

Weekly socials were continued for the wives of soldiers and sailors. New members have joined the Branch

#### GOLDERS GREEN.

This report deals with two years' work. Nine Branch meetings and two drawing room meetings have been held; also discussion meetings on the subject of Housing and Child Labour.



Resolutions have been sent to the Prime Minister and others on the subject of Ministry of Health, 40 D and self-government for India.

Mrs. van Raalte represented the branch at the Workers and Soldiers' Council in July, 1917, and Mrs. Pierotti has acted as our representative on the Hendon Women Citizens' Council.

The Branch supported Mrs. How Martyn's candidature for Parliament in December, 1918.

In January a Social sub-Committee was formed and a dance arranged which was very successful and yielded a profit of over £8.

In the Middlesex County Council Election the Branch took an active part in support of Mrs. How Martyn, distributing her election address and canvassing in the Child's Hill Ward.

#### HACKNEY.

The Hackney Branch continued its activities in the form of drawing room meetings kindly given by Mrs. Mustard and Mrs. Holmes, speakers at these meetings including Mrs. Corner, Miss Le Croisette and Miss Dorothy Evans.

A Garden Party was held at which Mrs. Despard and Miss Hodge spoke.

The resolution concerning the Criminal Law Amendment Bill was sent to members of the Government and M.P's. for Hackney. Donations were sent to the Birthday Fund.

#### HERNE HILL.

We have kept the Branch together and been able to do something for the Cause. In 1916 our members responded very well to the special appeal sent out from Headquarters, and by means of collecting cards and a drawing room meeting arranged by Mrs. Mockford, at which Mrs. Despard very kindly gave us her lecture on Shelley, we succeeded in raising a good sum for the 50,000 Shilling Fund. Three open air meetings were held in Brockwell Park during the summer and the audiences were very sympathetic and appreciative. A whist drive for our own funds was held in November and our members also supported the Green, White and Gold Fair.

In 1917 we held two drawing room meetings addressed by Miss Abadam and Miss Boyle. Our members also sent a number of gifts for the Green, White and Gold Fair.

#### KENSINGTON.

The Branch has held together during the year. Branch meetings and drawing room meetings have been held, some organised by the branch and others in conjunction with the London Branches Council, at most of which new members have been obtained for the League.

#### MID LONDON.

Members have been kept together by means of members' meetings. Contributions have been sent from the Branch to the various funds raised by Headquarters.

New members have been enrolled.

### Provincial Branches.

#### BATH.

The Branch started in May, 1918, with a meeting at Grosvenor College, speakers Miss Munro and Mrs. Whetton.

#### CHESTER.

Our Branch held a public meeting, when Miss Munro came to speak, a Jumble Sale and a debate which we won, at the Chester Debating Society. Miss Neal came from Manchester to address the Society.

We have made new members, and kept our Shop as a centre, where war work is being carried on besides the selling of literature, etc. Our War Savings Association has raised more money than most of the other Societies in the town, with great credit to our President, Mrs. H. Brown, its Secretary, and to her Committee.

We are now delighted that 1918 has brought us Votes for some Women, though we shall still work for equality of the sexes.

#### IPSWICH.

Meetings were held in the Club Room every Thursday at which hospital work was done. A large parcel of swabs and other surgical articles have been sent to Serbia and other parts of the world and books and magazines to the Military Hospital.

Two Jumble Sales have been held during the year.

Last autumn working parties were held and a good number of articles were sent to the Green, White and Gold Fair. Our usual contribution was also sent to the Birthday Fund.

At our recent meetings each member is taking it in turn to contribute a subject for discussion, opening it herself. We have had "British War Aims," "Conscription of Wealth," "Prohibition" and "Theosophy."

We joined with the Church League for Women's Suffrage in a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication on the passing of the Representation of the People Act.

At the end of May, Miss Underwood spoke at a Public Meeting on "The Use of the Vote" and we were glad to see several people present who do not usually come to suffrage meetings.

We have had new members during the year.

#### LETCHWORTH.

A successful campaign was run in May, 1916, by Miss Munro and Miss Alix Clark, Miss Napier and Mrs. Shackleton kindly giving their drawing room and Mrs. Despard coming for the meeting in the Howard Hall. The profits were sent to Headquarters.

A working party was held fortnightly. Garments were sent to Nine Elms Settlement and the balance of money to the Green, White and Gold Fair.

#### MANCHESTER.

In spite of limitations and the restraint of war conditions the Women's Freedom League in Manchester has found scope in 1918 for most useful and interesting work.

In June we revised our membership. We accepted the invitation of the Manchester Suffrage Society to join forces with them with a seat on the Executive, filled by Miss Neal, while still retaining our own constitution and rules.

To educate the new women voters in readiness for the December Election, Miss Neal organised in November a series of four meetings to be held in Milton Hall, each to be addressed by a leader of the various political parties: Miss Bawden, of the Conservative Party,



Miss Illingworth, of the Liberal Party, Mrs. Annot Robinson, of the Labour Party, and Miss Neal gave the view of the independent non-party woman.

During the election campaign we were very active in interviewing candidates and writing letters to forty Lancashire and Cheshire candidates, and all this had a very decided influence on election addresses.

Some members assisted the woman candidate—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

In February, Miss Clark visited Manchester from the National Executive Committee with a view to ascertaining local possibilities. Several former members welcomed her, an organiser, Miss Sackur, was subsequently sent to Manchester, and we hope that the next election will see a Women's Freedom League independent candidate standing for Manchester Central Division.

#### MIDDLESBROUGH.

In December, 1915, the Branch was reconstituted.

A letter was sent from a meeting held in May, 1916, to the Town Clerk asking for representation on the Soldiers' and Sailors' Pensions Committee, for which Mrs. Thirtle was nominated.

The following resolution was sent from a meeting in June to the Prime Minister and the local press: "That in view of the very important part that women have taken in the past, are taking now, and must continue to take in the reconstruction of the life of the Nation, we demand that in any further alteration of the franchise laws, the sex barrier be removed and women admitted on the same terms as men." Reports were read at this meeting from delegates to:—the Tipperary Committee, Middlesbrough and District Women's Council and the Maternity Centre. The Branch decided to send £2 out of the £5 3s. 9d. realised by the Jumble Sale to the Birthday Fund. Mrs. Schofield Coates and Miss W. Jones were nominated at this meeting for the Middlesbrough Town Council.

The first week in July a very successful Garden Party was given by Mrs. Schofield Coates at Wilstrop House, Linthorpe.

In July Mrs. Larmour was elected Secretary in place of Miss Goddard.

In September a regular Tuesday meeting was arranged to help the Green, Gold and White Fair. A Resolution was sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Penry Williams and the Speaker of the House of Commons asking that women should be granted the vote on the same terms as men.

Six members promised to obtain signatures of voters to letters addressed to the Electoral Reform Conference.

In October a successful "At Home" was held when Miss Lee took over the charge of the Suffrage Shop, Miss Jones in the Chair, Mrs. Schofield Coates giving an address. A letter was sent to a Trade Union Conference being held in the town asking for their support in urging the local authorities to take control of the supply and price of milk; a public meeting was also held on "Compulsory Service for Women." The meeting decided that it would be tyranny for a Government not elected by women to attempt to impose conscription on them. A resolution was sent to the Prime Minister and the local press asking for equal pay for men and women for equal work.

In November Miss Margaret Hodge spoke at a public meeting on "Lands Where British Women Vote," and Mrs. Olive Aldridge spoke on Serbia, Miss Purvis in the Chair.

The following meetings were held in December: Annual Business Meeting, Middlesbrough and District Women's Council Meeting in the Wesley Hall, Miss Margaret Ashton speaking on "Why women should be on Town Councils," Fair and Sale of Christmas presents, cakes, candy, etc. Children's Party in Suffrage Club and a Whist Drive.

#### NOTTINGHAM.

The Nottingham Branch of the Women's Freedom League was formed in January, 1918. We have organised an "Equal Pay Council" representing all the bodies dealing with the labour of men and women, and a "Women's Police Court Association," its Committee being composed of members of our own and other Societies, this Committee is in no way bound to the Women's Freedom League nor is the Equal Pay Council.

Miss Gunston kindly took over the Secretary's duties in April.

In November Miss Watkins was made "Vote" Secretary and she has proved herself a splendid choice, both efficient and zealous.

At the time of the Election Miss Watkins, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Petty did excellent work in attending the meetings of candidates and questioning them, they received courtesy and thanks from the candidates.

Invaluable help has been given by Mrs. Bulleid and Miss Armitage, the Treasurers, and Mrs. Bunny our President of Committee.

Branch Meetings were held in February and March. Miss Evans spoke on "The New Policy of the League" and on "Equal Pay for Equal Work."

In November Miss Evans spoke on "The Demobilisation Peril" and Miss Munro addressed another meeting.

#### PORTSMOUTH.

In spite of the disturbing and stirring times of the past twelve months, not only have we succeeded in keeping our members together, but we have added to our numbers.

Monthly Members' Meetings followed by discussion have been held and well attended.

Fortnightly sewing meetings were held, the garments which were not sold, were sent to the Christmas Fair in London.

A large Public Meeting was held on March 16th, at which Mrs. Despard and Miss Murray were the speakers. Three public afternoon meetings were held at the Suffrage Rooms, the speakers being Mrs. Mustard, Mrs. Keeble and Mrs. Tanner respectively.

Four public meetings, 11 members' meetings, 12 sewing meetings, 5 whist drives and 1 Jumble Sale have been held during the year.

A delegate was sent to the Special Conference (London) called to consider the financial affairs of the League in February, 1916.

During 1916 we have increased our regular order for "Votes" which are sold locally.

During 1917 the following meetings have been held: 11 members' meetings, 5 public meetings, 1 drawing room meeting and fortnightly work parties, also several whist drives and a jumble sale.

#### READING.

One large public meeting was held in May at which Mrs. Despard, Miss Nina Boyle and Miss Anna Munro were the speakers. This meeting had excellent reports in three of the local papers, and was



splendid propaganda. We have also had five branch meetings, one garden meeting, and one drawing room meeting, all of which were open to friends. These were addressed by Miss Anna Munro (Branch President), Miss Eunice Murray, Miss Nina Boyle, Miss F. A. Underwood and Mrs. Sacret. There have been two Whist Drives, one Jumble Sale and six Committee Meetings.

This year we have been glad to be able to respond more fully to the 50,000 Shilling Fund, the Green, White and Gold Fair and other activities.

New members have joined during the year. We are now in a better position than at the outbreak of the war, thanks largely to the invaluable efforts of Miss Anna Munro.

We began the year with zeal and looked forward to great things from our energetic and enthusiastic secretary then serving, Mrs. Penrose, but, to our great sorrow, she was suddenly called to the higher life. We have all tried our best to continue the work she had in hand and we have been able to accomplish some real definite constructive work in initiating a most successful Women's Council in Reading.

We have forwarded several resolutions to the Women's Council, *re* rules and suggestions, the Housing Question (on which our members are very keen) and the great importance of more women being elected on Committees.

The Parliamentary Election was also taken in hand and a list of questions drawn up and sent in to the four candidates, contesting the seat, and replies were received.

The Press Correspondent has sent notices to the local press which have all appeared.

Nine well attended meetings have been held.

We have to close upon a sad note, the very serious illness of one of our oldest and keenest members, our press correspondent—Mrs. Whitehouse.

#### SHEFFIELD.

We have held fourteen branch meetings at members' houses during the year. In March, 1917, we took part in the successful joint suffrage demonstration with the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. In the early part of the year members distributed leaflets *re* compulsory service for women.

In March, copies of resolutions *re* Solicitors (Qualification of Women) Bill were sent to local M.P's. and the Prime Minister, and in June, resolutions were sent to them urging them to support the women's enfranchisement clause in the Representation of the People Bill. In October the members discussed and passed a resolution *re* extending the municipal vote as well as parliamentary to the wives of municipal voters. Copies of this resolution were sent to Sir George Cave and the local M.P's.

In November the Branch took part in a Joint Conference with the N.U.W.S.S. on the New Responsibilities of women, and copies of "The Vote" were sold.

Mrs. Whitehouse gave a Whist Drive at her house which realised a good sum for the Branch funds.

#### WEST HARTLEPOOL.

Mrs. Beckett, our President, stood for our Local Council on the death of one of our Councillors, but was not successful. The Councillor was elected by the Council, not by the public.

## Scottish Branches.

### DUNDEE.

During the winter, monthly meetings have been held. A work party was formed and met in the summer and autumn of 1917; as a result a good sum was sent to Headquarters in aid of the Green, White and Gold Fair.

Before the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Bill, a resolution urging members to do their utmost to further the passing of the Bill, and to secure by their votes the inclusion of Clause IV. was sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith and the local M.P's.

In June, Miss McLelland, the Scottish Organiser, held a three days' campaign. Much interest in the Bill was excited and there was a good sale of literature and "Votes." In October Mrs. Despard addressed a successful public meeting.

A Bye-election took place in July; letters were sent to both candidates asking them to "secure the passing of the Representation of the People Bill before the adjournment of the House."

### DUNFERMLINE.

Monthly Branch Meetings have been held. Open-air work during the summer and autumn months has been very successful. One social and three public meetings addressed by Miss Murray, Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Richardson, Miss McLelland and Mr. Andrew Young (of Edinburgh) have resulted in a gain of new members to our Branch.

### EDINBURGH.

During the winter monthly "At Homes" were held on Saturday afternoons in addition to monthly evening meetings. These were addressed by experts on matters of interest to women. In May, the Branch removed to new premises at 13, South Charlotte Street. Two Sales of Work and a Jumble Sale were held. A Joint Open Air Demonstration in favour of the Women's Clause in the Suffrage Bill was arranged by the Branch.

Great practical interest was shown in the successful strike carried out by the dressmakers in the town. Miss McLelland, Organiser, helped in much of this work.

In February, 1918, Miss Nina Boyle spoke at a meeting organised for the Serbian Relief Fund and as a result £7 was handed over to that fund. In October, £5 5s. 0d. was given to Mr. Ed. Parrott for the Serbian Boys supported by Edinburgh, £5 5s. 0d. to the Glasgow Belgian Fund, and £3 3s. 0d. to the Red Cross. These sums were the balance from the workroom fund.

In the autumn Miss Alix M. Clark visited Edinburgh and met members of the Branch. Shortly after, Miss Dorothy Evans spent a few weeks in organisation, speaking to various Trade Unions and visiting members of the Branch. On October 2nd, the officials resigned because of the independent position maintained by the Women's Freedom League in all questions of the War and the Peace, new officials were elected.

During November a joint meeting of women's societies was held to protest against 40 D at which Mrs. Swanwick was the chief speaker, with a deputation of women's societies to the Town Council to ask it to send to Parliament a protest against 40 D and such legislation. This the Council did. The General Election came on soon after and the Branch



sent a set of questions to each candidate. These were, on the whole, satisfactorily answered. A leaflet was drawn up, the expense being met by a donation from a member, and distributed all over the town by members, chiefly at meetings of candidates. Heckling at meetings was also carried out. Weekly discussion meetings serve at a rallying centre for regular members; we have had several branch meetings, and have explained the objects of the League and great interest has been shown.

#### ROTHESAY.

During the months of July and August the Suffrage Campaign of Miss McLelland, from Glasgow, was the means of adding nine new members to this Branch. One public meeting was held in the winter. We have done all in our power by private influence and writing to the local papers to keep our movement before the public.

### Welsh Branch.

#### SWANSEA.

Several Branch meetings have been called, at which speeches have been given on the work of the Women's Freedom League throughout the country and on matters dealing with women generally. An Entertainment was arranged by the Branch in March, 1916, the proceeds being voted to the local Prisoners of War Fund. In the same month a Jumble Sale was held, the proceeds of which were sent to Headquarters.

One Committee and six Branch Meetings have been held during 1917

In April a Jumble Sale was held in aid of the Girls' National Club and Hostel, which had been opened a month or so previously. In July the combined suffrage societies in the town were responsible for a stall at a Fete held in aid of the same club.

In June, when the Representation of the People Bill had passed its second reading the Swansea Branch sent resolutions to the local members of Parliament and to the Prime Minister, urging them to do all in their power to ensure the passing of the clause enfranchising women.

In October a branch was formed in Swansea of the National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, and, as at first the Committees formed in connection with it were not equally representative of men and women the Women's Freedom League passed a resolution which resulted in representatives being invited from all women's organisations in the town to serve on the Committees. Women representatives were also invited to serve on the Committee in connection with the Food Economy campaign.

As in previous years the Branch worked hard for the Green, White and Gold Fair and sent a good-sized parcel to Headquarters.

In conjunction with other women's associations in the town a Victory Meeting was held to celebrate the enfranchisement of women.

Early in 1918 the Branch inaugurated and took part in a large Mass Meeting of Women, when the chief speakers were Miss Nina Boyle and Miss Abadam.

## THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE SETTLEMENT, NINE ELMS.

(Presented by MISS K. HOLMES.)

The end of the war has made little difference to the work of the Women's Freedom League Settlement. Mothers are still driven by the high price of provisions and other necessaries to find work outside the home. A halfpenny or penny left with a child gives it a nourishing hot meal of soup and bread or soup and pudding in the mother's absence, and from 150 to 200 children find food, shelter and comfort daily at the Soup Kitchen in the school dinner-hour.

The Milk Depot supplies an average of 18 nursing mothers and babies each day with "Glaxo" at 2d. a pint, all cases being recommended by a doctor, nurse, or health visitor.

The Guest House this year took in 22 children for the period of their mothers' illness or confinement; 8 who were crowded out were placed in other homes. The Devonport-Tasmania Cot, supported from overseas by Mrs. Walpole and her friends, was occupied for nearly the whole year by a war orphan who came with rickets, but turned into a splendid child with proper care and feeding and is now finishing her cure in the country before going back to her mother.

Expenses have been partly met by the mothers' payments, covering half the total outlay, and partly by sales held by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Tippett and the Stallholders at the Green, White and Gold Fair; Miss R. T. Wells' Concert; a collection made at the Women's Freedom League Conference; donations from members and branches of the Women's Freedom League and the British Overseas Dominions Women's Suffrage Society and other friends. The gifts in kind include a valuable weekly grant of bread from the National Food Fund. Regular help has been given by Miss E. M. Baker, Miss Burrige, Miss Choisy, Miss Clavering, Mrs. Delbanco, Mrs. Despard, Miss Greenville, Mrs. Macintosh, Miss Riggall, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Triplett, Miss K. Triplett, Mrs. Whitlock.

Continued effort on the same lines is needed to help the children through the difficult time of reconstruction. Support of all kinds including food, clothing and personal service is required. A third resident worker would enable Play Clubs, Troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, etc., to be started and the Settlement made more of a social centre for a responsive and intelligent set of children.



**WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.**

**January 1st to December 31st, 1917.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Subscriptions, Donations etc., as per list	794 11 8	By Rent, Fire, Light & Office Expenses, etc.	253 7 4
" Branch Donations, Capitation	221 1 7	" Hire of Halls and Decorations	96 16 0
" Fees, etc., as per list	1015 13 3	" Stationery	64 6 5
" Collections	147 17 1	" Printing and Advertising	99 9 0
" Tickets	54 11 3	" Postage, Telegrams, etc.	93 8 7
" Green, White and Gold Fair	160 5 11	" Salaries	630 9 6
" Sundry Receipts	64 16 1	" Travelling Workers' Expenses	65 10 4
" Interest	6 14 0	" Subscription to National Union of Women Workers	115 0 4
	1449 17 7		1419 8 6
Cash at Bank, Deposit Account, Jan. 1st, 1917	150 0 0	Cash at Bank, Dec. 31st, 1917, on Deposit Account	150 0 0
Cash at Bank, Current Account	205 3 11	Cash at Bank, Current Account	232 11 2
Cash in Hand	2 5 6	Cash in Office & in Organisers' Hands	5 7 4
	357 9 5		387 18 6
	<u>£1807 7 0</u>		<u>£1807 7 0</u>

**ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31st, 1917.**

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rent, Christmas Quarter	22 10 0	Presentation Plate (seized and sold, etc.)	10 0 0
Balance, being excess of assets over liabilities	1065 11 4	Office Furniture and Fittings	55 14 9
		Less Depreciation, 10 per cent.	5 11 6
		Literature Dept. Balance	148 19 7
		1964 Shares (Minerva Publ. Co.)	491 0 0
		Cash at Bank on Deposit Account	150 0 0
		Cash at Bank, Current Account	232 11 4
		Cash in Hand, December 31st, 1917	5 7 4
			387 18 6
	<u>£1088 1 4</u>		<u>£1088 1 4</u>

I have compared the foregoing accounts with the books and vouchers of the League, and find them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

E. KNIGHT, Honorary Treasurer,  
February 20th, 1918.

ETHEL AYRES PURDIE, Certified Accountant,  
5, 6, & 7 Hampden House, Kingsway, W.C.2.

**WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.**

**January 1st to December 31st, 1918.**

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Subscriptions, Donations, etc., as per list	976 17 8	By Rent, Fire, Light and Office Expenses	294 9 9
" Branch Donations, Capitation	178 9 5	" Hire of Halls and Decorations	80 19 6
" Fees, etc., as per list	1155 7 1	" Stationery	96 17 11
" Tickets	49 19 0	" Printing and Advertising	85 15 4
" Collections	78 16 0	" Postage	70 1 9
" Green, White and Gold Fair	192 18 10	" Salaries	636 18 6
" Sundries	75 5 8	" Travelling	132 10 2
" Interest	7 1 0	" Voluntary Workers Expenses	85 11 7
	1559 7 7	" Clyde Campaign	51 11 6
		" General Election	50 7 0
		" Subscription to National Union of Women Workers	1 1 0
Cash at Bank, Deposit Account, Jan. 1st, 1918	150 0 0	Cash at Bank, Deposit Account, Dec. 31st, 1918	1586 4 0
Cash at Bank, Current Account, Jan. 1st, 1918	232 11 2	Cash at Bank, Current Account, Dec. 31st, 1918	210 10 1
Cash in Hand	5 7 4	Cash in Hand	12 0
	387 18 6		361 2 1
	<u>£1947 6 1</u>		<u>£1947 6 1</u>

**ANNUAL BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31st, 1918.**

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rent, Christmas Quarter	22 10 0	Presentation Plate (seized and sold, etc.)	10 0 0
Balance, being excess of Assets over Liabilities	1011 18 1	Office Furniture and Fittings	50 3 3
		Less Depreciation 5 per cent.	2 10 4
		Literature Department Balance	47 12 14
		1964 Shares (Minerva Publishing Co.)	124 13 1
		Cash at Bank, Deposit Account	491 0 0
		Cash at Bank, Current Account	150 0 0
		Cash in Hand	210 10 1
			0 12 0
	<u>£1034 8 1</u>		<u>£1034 8 1</u>

I have compared the foregoing accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the League and find them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

E. KNIGHT, Honorary Treasurer,  
April 2nd, 1919.

ETHEL AYRES PURDIE, Certified Accountant,  
5, 6 and 7, Hampden House, Kingsway, W.C.2.



## WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

### Branch and District Funds, 1917-1918.

	£	s.	d.
London Banches Council ... ..	24	8	9
Bowes Park Branch ... ..	1	4	10
Clapham Branch ... ..	15	18	6
Croydon Branch ... ..	46	5	2
Golder's Green Branch ... ..	4	15	1
Hackney Branch ... ..	10	13	5
Hampstead Branch ... ..	10	2	2
Herne Hill and Norwood Branch ... ..	3	11	8
Kensington Branch ... ..	1	11	7
Letchworth Branch ... ..	13	2	10
Mid-London Branch ... ..	13	12	3
Stamford Hill and Tottenham Branch ... ..	6	11	5
Tufnell Park Branch ... ..	3	8	7
Bath Branch ... ..	1	4	6
Brighton Branch ... ..	4	6	6
Newcastle Branch ... ..	12	14	7
Nottingham Branch ... ..	33	11	0
Portsmouth Branch ... ..	25	8	3
Reading Branch ... ..	9	7	5
Sheffield Branch ... ..	17	18	3
Sheffield W.F.L. National Aid Corps ... ..	33	5	8
Southampton Branch ... ..	1	8	10
West Hartlepool Branch ... ..	1	13	0
Dundee Branch ... ..	2	18	3
Dunfermline Branch ... ..	2	13	3
Edinburgh Branch ... ..	202	13	7
Glasgow Branch ... ..	389	7	4
Rothesay Branch ... ..	1	2	8
Swansea Branch ... ..	22	5	7
<b>£913</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	

### TOTAL FUNDS, 1917 AND 1918.

	£	s.	d.
Branches and Councils ... ..	913	3	11
Headquarters ... ..	3754	13	1
<b>£4667</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	

### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

#### Profit and Loss Account for Twelve Months ended December 31st, 1917.

To Rent ... ..	£	8	0	0	d.
To Salary ... ..	27	15	0	0	0
To Audit Fee (1915 and 1916) ... ..	4	4	0	0	0
To Office Expenses, Carriage and Travelling ... ..	1	6	3	0	0
To Postage and Stationery ... ..	4	16	4	0	0
To Bad Debts ... ..	6	10	7	0	0
<b>£52</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>			
By Gross Profit ... ..	3	5	8	6	6
By Net Loss ... ..	49	6	6	6	6
<b>£52</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>			

#### Balance Sheet at December 31st, 1917.

Trade Accounts outstanding ... ..	£	8	18	0	d.
Rent ... ..	2	0	0	0	0
Auditor ... ..	4	4	0	0	0
<b>£15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>			
Profit and Loss Account:—					
Amount brought forward ... ..	198	6	1	0	0
Less Net Loss ... ..	148	19	7	0	0
<b>£164</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>			
Stock in Hand ... ..	£	10	0	9	d.
Sundry Debtors:—					
General Branches ... ..	18	1	8	0	0
Other Societies ... ..	1	9	10	0	0
<b>£29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>			
Cash at Bank ... ..	43	8	11	0	0
Petty cash in hand ... ..	4	6	11	0	0
<b>£164</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>			

I have prepared the above from the Department's Books and Vouchers and in my opinion it is correct and in accordance therewith.

MARGARET HODGE,  
February 20th, 1918.

ETHEL AYRES PURDIE, *Certified Accountant*,  
5, 6 and 7, Hampden House, Kingsway, W.C.



### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

#### Profit and Loss Account for Twelve Months ended December 31st, 1918.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rent ... ..	8	0	0	By Gross Profit ... ..	22	9	0
Salary ... ..	30	15	0	Nett Loss ... ..	24	6	6
Office Expenses, Postage, Carriage, Traveling, etc. ... ..	3	18	2				
Audit Fee ... ..	2	2	0				
Bad Debts ... ..	2	0	4				
	£46	15	6		£46	15	6

#### Balance Sheet at December 31st, 1918.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>				<b>ASSETS.</b>			
<i>Sundry Creditors</i> :—				Stock in Hand ... ..	80	7	6 <sup>00</sup>
Trade ... ..	12	3	3	Cash at Bank ... ..	30	11	8
Rent ... ..	4	0	0	Petty Cash in Hand ... ..	2	9	
Auditor ... ..	2	2	0	<i>Sundry Debtors</i> :—			
	18	5	3	General ... ..	13	15	0
<i>Profit and Loss Account</i> :—				Branches ... ..	18	1	5
Amount brought forward ... ..	148	19	7				
Less Nett Loss ... ..	24	6	6				
	124	13	1				
	£142	18	4				

I have compared the foregoing Accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the Women's Freedom League Literature Department, and in my opinion they are correct and in accordance therewith.

MARGARET HODGE,

April 2nd, 1919.

ETHEL AYRES PURDIE, *Certified Accountant.*

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### SUBSCRIBERS LIST.

#### 1917 and 1918.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aaron, Miss Margaret	13	6		Bisdee, Miss ... ..	5	14	0
Aaron, Mrs. ... ..	2	6		Birch, Miss M. E. ... ..	1	6	
Abrahall, Miss ... ..	1	0		Birch, Miss S. ... ..	1	0	0
A Friend ... ..	5	0		Blanche, Mrs. ... ..	2	6	
Aldridge, Mrs. A. M. ... ..	5	0		Bland, Miss V. A. ... ..	10	0	
Aldridge, Mrs. O. M. ... ..	5	6		Blizard, Mrs. E. A. ... ..	2	0	
Alexander, W. H. F., Esq. ... ..	10	0		Blower, Mrs. ... ..	4	0	
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