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**EASTERN COUNTIES'
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EASTERN COUNTIES FEDERATION.

RULES.

1. NAME.—The name of the Federation shall be the EASTERN COUNTIES FEDERATION of the N.U.W.S.S.

2. AREA.—The area of the Federation shall include the counties of Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Essex (except the Parliamentary divisions of Romford and Walthamstow), Hertfordshire (except the Parliamentary division of W. Herts.), and the Spalding division of Lincolnshire, together with the borough of Boston.

3. OBJECT.—The object of the Federation is:—

- (a) To promote the formation of new Societies in its area.
- (b) To perfect existing organisation.
- (c) To arrange joint meetings, and generally to secure co-operation among Societies in its area.

4. COMMITTEE.—The Committee shall consist of members of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.S.S. and of representatives of all Women's Suffrage Societies contained within the Federation area and affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S.

- (a) Every member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.S.S. who belongs to any Society within the Federation shall be *ex officio* a member of the Federation Committee.
- (b) The representative members shall be chosen by the Societies within the Federation on the following basis:—
Societies with from 20—100 members shall be entitled to one representative.
Societies with from 100—200 members shall be entitled to two representatives.
Societies with over 200 members shall be entitled to three representatives.
- (c) Representative members shall be appointed for one year. If a representative is prevented from attending a meeting, the Committee of the Society she represents may choose a proxy to attend the meeting, the name of the proxy being sent to the Hon. Sec. of the Federation beforehand.
- (d) The Committee shall appoint Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer, and such other officers as may be required. All officers to be *ex officio* members of Committee.

5. MEETINGS.—The ordinary meetings of the Committee shall be held three times a year, in the October, January and April quarters. Unless special circumstances arise, these meetings shall be held in Cambridge.

Extraordinary meetings may be summoned at the discretion of the officers, or at the request of the representatives of any three Societies.

6. FINANCIAL.

- (a) Each Society shall pay to the funds of the Federation a sum equivalent to $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ of its annual subscriptions ($1/6$ in the £). Societies joining the Federation during the year shall pay a fee proportionate to the number of months still to run.
- (b) The financial year shall begin on January 1st. Treasurers shall be asked to pay the Federation fees of their Societies before the end of March.
- (c) The accounts of the Federation shall be audited annually by an auditor appointed by the Committee.

7. MEMBERS.—Any persons wishing to join the N.U.W.S.S. and not being within reach of a branch, may be enrolled as Federation members, with a minimum annual subscription of 1/-.

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January 1st, 1911—December 31st, 1911.

FORMATION AND GROWTH.

A conference to consider the formation of an Eastern Counties Federation took place in Cambridge on October 21st, 1910, and was attended by representatives from Suffrage Societies in Bedford, Cambridge, N. and E. Essex, Hockwold, N. Herts, Norwich, Saffron Walden, Wisbech and Woburn Sands. Seven of these Societies decided to co-operate; the financial year of the Federation thus formed began on January 1st, 1911; at the end of January the services of a National Union organiser were obtained, and on February 14th the first Federation Committee meeting was held. With the exception of Saffron Walden, which is not affiliated to the National Union, all the Societies represented at the preliminary conference now form part of the Federation, and to them have been added in the course of a single year, affiliated Societies at *Ipswich, *Southwold, *Chelmsford, Bury and Stowmarket, East Herts, Biggleswade, Hunts, Leighton Buzzard, Colchester, Dunmow, †Luton and †King's Lynn. The North Herts branch is now divided into two, Hitchin and Letchworth, both flourishing under able and vigorous Secretaries.

Thus the original seven Societies have been trebled in number; and, in addition, groups of members have been formed,

* In existence before January, 1911.

† These Societies, though formed by the Federation, have not yet joined.

whose size does not admit of their being recognised as branches. Federation members are suffragists who live out of reach of a local Society, and keep in touch with the movement by joining the Federation direct. These members can do much by carrying on steady propaganda work in their own districts, and gradually laying the foundations of Societies, and it is hoped that many more persons will join the Federation in this way.

ORGANISATION.

The satisfactory growth of the Federation is owing, in the first place, to voluntary workers, among whom special thanks are due to Mrs. Phillips of Colchester, Miss Staley of Hemingford Abbots (Hunts), and Miss Coyle of Dunmow, each of whom has been instrumental in forming a new branch in her own district; to Miss Dorothy Edwards, of the Surrey, Sussex and Hants Federation, who formed the Leighton Buzzard Society; and to Miss Annie Villiers, who re-organised the East Herts branch.

Secondly, a great part of the year's success has been due to the activities of the organisers lent from time to time by the National Union. But as the National Union, which paid their salaries, retained first claim on their services, these organisers were liable to be withdrawn at a critical moment from local work, when some more urgent necessity of general importance summoned them elsewhere. Thus, of the three organisers sent in succession to the Federation, Miss Geraldine Cooke was called away first to the Horncastle bye-election and later to organise the procession of June 17th, and Mrs. Lucan Davies was withdrawn to attend the Hull bye-election. Miss Eva Ward's work has been more continuous; but the effect of these interruptions has been such that we have had only thirty weeks' service from organisers in the course of the year. As so many of our branches are in their infancy, it is obvious that the most pressing need is that of an organiser entirely devoted to the Federation. Funds for this purpose will, it is earnestly hoped, be shortly found; for it is essential to recognise that travelling from place to place, which is one of the chief functions of an organiser, is practically impossible to the majority of voluntary workers. Thus, Miss G. Cooke, in the course of nine weeks, worked for the South-

wold, N. and E. Essex, and Norwich branches, formed the Society of Bury and Stowmarket, and visited Bedford, Biggleswade, and Yarmouth. Mrs. Davies followed this up by visiting and completing the formation of a branch at Biggleswade. Miss Eva Ward, who has worked for us since August, has formed branches at Luton and King's Lynn, and has visited Sudbury (Suffolk), Hockwold and district, Norwich, E. and S. Norfolk.

It will be seen from the above that a considerable portion of the area of the Federation is still untouched. In the following constituencies there is as yet no branch of the National Union:—Boston, Yarmouth, W. and E. Cambs., N., E., and S. E. Essex, the six county divisions of Norfolk, N.E., S., and S.E. Suffolk, Mid Herts., and the Spalding division of Lincolnshire. The Cambridgeshire divisions are worked from Cambridge, and E. Essex from Colchester; in some of the county divisions of Norfolk a good deal of work has been done in connection with the Norwich Society. But in most of the above eighteen constituencies it is of the utmost importance that societies should be organised as quickly as possible.

PARLIAMENTARY.

The most important work of the Federation, apart from the formation of branches, has been the pressure brought to bear upon M.P.s, first in urging them to support the Conciliation Bill, and latterly in exacting pledges by means of deputations, letters, and resolutions for the support of an amendment, at least on Conciliation Bill lines, to the Manhood Suffrage Bill. When the Conciliation Bill came before the House on May 5th letters were written to all M.P.s by the Federation officers as well as in many cases by the Secretaries of local branches, urging them to support the Bill through all its stages.

Eighteen M.P.s in the Federation area voted or paired for the Bill, 13 voted or paired against it, and 10 abstained from voting or were absent unpaired. [See Parliamentary List on page 28.] It remains for these 23 M.P.s to be converted—and ceaseless efforts are being made in this direction.

Three bye-elections have taken place within the Federation area during 1911: Cambridge University, S. Beds. and N. Herts. In the first case, the Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association and the Cambridge University Men's Society did their utmost to secure votes for Mr. Harold Cox, who alone of the three candidates promised support to the Suffrage cause. The election, however, resulted in the return of Sir Joseph Larmor, who had replied to questions at the time, that he "desired to keep an open mind on the problems connected with Women's Suffrage."

The National Union undertook the two bye-elections in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Mrs. Renton and Miss Dorothy Edwards opened Committee rooms in Luton and Leighton, and as a result of their work branches have since been formed in both towns, though the Luton Society is still too small to affiliate. Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, the successful candidate, may be looked upon as favourable to Women's Suffrage.

In N. Herts. both the candidates were in favour of Women's Suffrage, and the return of Lord Robert Cecil means the presence of a warm supporter in the House.

The Societies have already in many cases arranged deputations to their local M.P.s, and the Federation is gradually contriving to interview those Members who have no branch in their constituencies.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

One important way of showing to M.P.s the real interest taken in the Suffrage question is to hold large public meetings in their constituencies. The Federation has arranged and financed several of these in towns where there was no local suffrage organisation. Some of the most successful were at Colchester, Leighton, Brandon, and King's Lynn, where no suffrage meeting had been held before. Providing speakers for meetings has been an important part of the Federation's work, and most sincere thanks are due to the speakers on our list (p. 36), many of whom have had frequent and tiring calls upon their services.

COMMITTEE.

The Federation Committee has met three times during the year, but owing to the wide area over which the Federation extends, it has not been possible to secure full representation of all the societies at these meetings. It has also proved most difficult to find all the officers necessary to carry on the various departments of Federation work. Miss Vaughan kindly acted as *Common Cause* correspondent for the first part of the year, and was followed by Miss Coyle. It was not until October that a Press Secretary could be appointed, and Miss Fanny Johnson's report records only three months' work. We have now with great regret to record the resignation of Miss Crewdson from the office of Treasurer, and to thank her for having steered the Federation safely through an anxious financial year.

Though there were only ten Societies definitely in the Federation at the time of the great procession in London on June 17th, yet it was thought well to procure a Federation banner for the occasion, and about 200 persons walked in the Eastern Counties section of that impressive demonstration.

After the announcement by Mr. Asquith of the proposed Manhood Suffrage Bill, Mrs. Heitland kindly presented each Society in the Federation with one or two large posters, in the National Union colours, protesting against the exclusion of women from the Government scheme.

The National Union still believes that the wise and statesman-like course would have been for the Government themselves to initiate legislation on women's suffrage, but they are assured that a women's suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill will receive a very large measure of support, and there is therefore the strongest reason to anticipate that women will be enfranchised in 1912.

REPORT OF THE PRESS SECRETARY.

I undertook the work of Press Secretary in October, 1911, and began by sending a short account of the formation and progress of the Eastern Counties Federation to a number of newspapers. I also begged the Local Secretaries to send me cuttings from papers in their districts relating to any kind of Suffrage work, and to furnish themselves reports of their own meetings to the local papers. The response in both cases has been satisfactory. Naturally I have been able to get more closely in touch with papers at Cambridge itself, and the *Cambridge Daily News*, and the *Independent Press*, the *Cambridge Review* and the *Cambridge Chronicle* have printed paragraphs from me on the general situation, both before and after the announcement of the Manhood Suffrage Bill, besides short accounts of meetings and other articles.

The *Standard* accepted my account of a deputation of the Men's League to Mr. Rawlinson, M.P. The following provincial papers have also accepted paragraphs—in some cases even without reference to local affairs :

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| <i>Independent or Liberal.</i> | <i>Conservative or Unionist.</i> |
| Citizen (Letchworth). | North Herts Mail. |
| Bedford and County Record. | |
| Isle of Ely and Wisbech Advertiser. | |
| Woburn and District Reporter. | |
| Hunts County News. | |

Of newspaper cuttings not contributed by me, reports of meetings and so on, I note the following as containing a considerable amount of Suffrage material :

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| <i>Independent or Liberal.</i> | <i>Conservative or Unionist.</i> |
| Essex County Telegraph. | Herts Express. |
| East Anglian Daily Times. | District Times. |
| Ely and Wisbech Advertiser. | Lynn Advertiser. |
| Thetford and Walton Times. | |
| Leighton Buzzard Observer. | |
| Lynn News and County Press. | |

It would thus appear that the Liberal papers are, on the whole, inclined to be the more favourable. My work has, however, been so far of a rather tentative nature, and I suggest

that local secretaries could greatly assist by (1) furnishing me with the names of papers, other than those above-named, which are widely read in their locality ; (2) receiving from me, and handing over personally to the editors of local papers, paragraphs of a general character which do not require to be published post-haste.

I have sent paragraphs to several other papers besides those named, but have not ascertained whether they were published or not, except when I enclosed 1½d. for a copy of the paper in question. This adds to cost and cumbrousness of organisation, and I feel that a good deal of my effort has been barren, through not being sufficiently co-related with that of the local secretaries. It is therefore most important for local secretaries to keep closely in touch with the Press Secretary, so as to prevent overlapping or waste of effort.

Members who may not be acquainted with press-work should perhaps be reminded that local editors will not as a rule accept matter that is not of local interest. Neither will they accept notices of, or reference to, forthcoming meetings unless accompanied by an advertisement of the same ; whereas the minutest detail of personal connection with a locality will often secure the insertion of an article or paragraph.

If local secretaries could inform me, *e.g.*, of such a minute circumstance as that So and So (in their locality) had been present at Such and Such a meeting in London or elsewhere, I could weave it into a paragraph ripe for local publication.

On the other hand, local secretaries would save unnecessary labour to themselves and the Press Secretary by arranging for someone in the locality who already takes in a local paper to forward it *marked* to the Press Secretary whenever it contains any items of Suffrage Interest.

FANNY JOHNSON,
Hon. Press Secretary.

BEDFORD.

President: Mrs. ROWLAND PROTHERO.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. B. HALLILEY.

Hon. Secretaries:

Miss WALMSLEY, Shenstone Lodge, Ashburnham Road.

Miss STACY, 34, Kimbolton Road.

Hon. Literature Secretary:

Miss MASSEY, St. Andrew's School.

The Bedford Society for Women's Suffrage was started in September, 1909, as a result of a visit from Mrs. Heitland, of Cambridge, in December, 1908, and a public meeting in the Town Hall, in May, 1909.

The Society was at first unaffiliated to any central organization; it undertook to work for the removal of the sex disability, on constitutional and non-party lines only.

It was not until March, 1911 that the Society decided to affiliate to the N.U.W.S.S. and in April, 1911, it joined the Eastern Counties Federation.

Our first Meeting in 1911 was honoured by the presence of our leader, Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., and this meeting gave a great impetus to our small Society.

Seven of our members went up to the great procession in London, on June 17th, 1911, which was the first occasion on which our Bedford Banner was used.

The Bedford Town Council, unlike many other Town Councils, has been unable so far to make an official representation, urging on the Government the desirability of extending the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, as it deems it to be too political a matter for discussion. Bedfordshire is fortunate in having Parliamentary Representatives who are in favour, at any rate, of some form of Women's Suffrage. Mr. Black supported the Conciliation Bill, and though he is at present unable to give us his views as to the Reform Bill, we believe he will conscientiously support Women's Franchise.

Mr. Kellaway, M.P., though regrettably unable to support the Conciliation Bill, is whole heartedly in favour of the inclusion of Women in the Reform Bill.

BIGGLESWADE.

Hon. Secretary: F. NOEL PALMER, Esq., Biggleswade.

Membership, 23.

A good deal of permeating work has been done by this society. Letters and articles have been sent to local papers. Our member has been corresponded with most copiously, and voted for the Second Reading of the "Conciliation Bill" on receiving numbers of post cards from constituents. He had abstained from voting on previous occasions.

CAMBRIDGE.

President: Mrs. HEITLAND, Wordsworth Grove, Cambridge.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. WARD, 6, Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge.

Treasurer: Miss REINHERZ, Girton College.

The Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association was formed in the year 1883, and has belonged to the National Union since its establishment. The members number at present 490. During the present year a Suffrage Shop has been opened at 2, Bene't Street, for the sale of literature, and to serve as a central place of meeting for Committees, &c. There has also recently been established a system of Assistant Secretaries, that is of persons who undertake to work for the cause in one or other of the small districts into which the town has been roughly divided. They collect subscriptions from members in the district, distribute literature and notices of public meetings, and arrange, when possible, for small drawing-room meetings in the neighbourhood.

During the past year a large number of meetings, public, private, open-air and drawing-room, have been held in Cambridge and the neighbouring counties; notably, a public meeting in the Guildhall in conjunction with the University Men's League for Women's Suffrage, on May 5th, when Mrs.

Heitland took the chair and stirring speeches were made by Mrs. Nevinson, Professor E. C. Clark, the Rev. C. J. N. Child, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, and Mr. Clifford Allen; and five meetings in July and August in the Market Square, when large and attentive crowds of between 300 and 500 were addressed on different occasions by Mrs. Rackham, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Heitland, Mr. Vulliamy, Mr. Duncan Jones, Mr. Mirrlees, Miss C. Corbett and Mrs. Stanbury. Four meetings held in Huntingdonshire have helped towards the formation of a society in that county. Other successful meetings were held at Bishop Stortford, Ramsey, etc.

A large contingent was sent up to take part in the great demonstration in London on June 17th. On November 18th, in order to raise money for work in the Eastern Counties, a "White Elephant Fair" was held with great success, over £35 profit being realized.

During the year no opportunity has been lost for calling the attention of the local Members of Parliament to women's demand for the vote and bringing pressure to bear upon them to support Suffrage Measures in the House.

CHELMSFORD.

President: LADY RAYLEIGH.

Vice-Presidents:

Rev Canon LAKE. Rev. C. EDMUNDS.

Rev. T. McD. MUNDLE. Mr. AYLMER MAUDE.

Hon. Secretary: Miss R. CHRISTY, Orchards, Chelmsford.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. DROVER, Great Baddow.

On March 28th a public meeting was held in the Picture Room, Shire Hall, Alderman Thompson in the chair. Miss K. D. Courtney, Hon. Sec. of the National Union, spoke, and there was some discussion, in which Miss Bancroft, of the Girls' High School, took part. The resolution in favour of

Women's Suffrage was carried with one dissentient. Mrs. Hickley and Miss C. Hodgson attended as delegates the National Convention at the Portman Rooms on May 3rd, and on June 17th twelve of our members walked in the great procession to the Albert Hall. About six of us were with a Chelmsford banner in the colours in the Eastern Counties section—a most inspiring experience—after which we felt that the victory of our cause could not be long delayed. In May, Mrs. Drover, with the help of Mrs. Hickley and some others, undertook to canvass the members of the Town Council on the subject of the Conciliation Bill. As a result of their efforts, at a meeting of the Council in June, Mr. Alderman Thompson proposed and Mr. Cowell seconded the following resolution, which was carried: "This Council expresses its opinion that the Parliamentary Suffrage should be extended to women on the same lines as they now exercise it for local purposes, and asks the Prime Minister to afford facilities for such a Bill." That this most satisfactory achievement was carried through is a great tribute to Mrs. Drover's energy and tact. On Oct. 17th we held a Public Meeting, at which Canon Lake promised to preside. Unfortunately he was prevented at the last moment, and Mr. Aylmer Maude very kindly took his place. Mr. E. Sadd Brown and the Rev. Claude Hinscliffe, of the Church League, were the speakers. A very successful Drawing Room meeting was held on Nov. 29th, by Mrs. Hodgson, at which Miss Bancroft spoke. We had great pleasure in adding Miss Bancroft's name to the Committee in October, and the Rev. C. Edmunds also consented to become a Vice-President. Miss Bentall resigned from the Committee in June on leaving for Vancouver to be married. We are very sorry to lose her help. Miss Grace Christy has been appointed Literature Secretary. A number of leaflets about the Bill have been distributed by members of the Committee, and our thanks are again due to Mr. Hickley for the use of the room. We have now 57 members. During the past year the Suffrage cause has made wonderful progress, and we have good hopes that 1912 will see it victorious. Let us each one do our utmost in our small corner, so that we may be able unashamed to share in the final triumph.

COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

President: MRS. LEISTON-SMITH.

Hon. Treasurer: MISS BEATRICE IRWIN.

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. EUSTACE SMITH, Wormingford Grove,
near Colchester.

Literature Hon. Secretary: MISS BENHAM.

The Colchester Society has only very recently been formed, and has now a membership of 85.

A temporary Committee of ladies organised a large public meeting at the Moot Hall, Colchester, on Oct. 31st, 1911, at which the names of intending members were taken.

A drawing room meeting was subsequently held at Mrs. Creswell Rook's, Monk's Horton, on Nov. 15th, and on Nov. 24th a gathering of the members was held at the Masonic Hall. At this meeting the officers and Committee were elected.

In January, 1912, the Society affiliated to the National Union with a membership of 80.

DUNMOW AND DISTRICT.

(Comprising Great and Little Dunmow, Great and Little Easton, Great and Little Canfield, Takely, and Stebbing).

President: Miss EMILY SHUTT, Witham, Essex.

Chairman: Miss COYLE, Dunmow.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. DE VERE STACPOOLE, Stebbing.

Hon. Secretary: Miss OSBORNE, Dunmow.

This Society was affiliated to National Union January 5th, 1912.

Membership, 24.

MEETINGS.

- October 12th.* Meeting at Vicarage. Chairman, The Vicar, Rev. J. Evans. Speaker, Rev. C. Hinscliffe.
- November 21st.* Meeting, Town Hall. Chairman, Rev. J. Latimer-Jackson. Speakers, Lady Betty Balfour and Miss Mercer.
- December 11th.* Meeting, Parish Room. Chairman, Miss Coyle. Speaker, Mrs. Rackham.

NORTH AND EAST ESSEX.

President: LADY RAYLEIGH, Terling Place.

Hon. Secretary: Miss COURTAULD, Colne Engaine, Earl's Colne, Essex.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss GLADSTONE, Colne Engaine.

The Society was affiliated to the National Union in January, 1909.

Membership 80, as against 68 last year.

A number of meetings were held in March, when Miss Geraldine Cooke spent a week in the neighbourhood, and spoke at meetings in Halstead, Coggeshall, Colne Engaine, Maldon (2), and Tiptree. She also paid a number of visits in Maldon, Witham and Bures. In April a meeting was held at the Headquarters, Heybridge, at the request of Bentall's workmen.

EAST HERTS.

Hon. Secretary: Miss L. PULLER, Youngsbury, Ware, Herts.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs DUNN.

Membership, 38.

This Society was nominally formed in April, 1911. A meeting in the Corn Exchange, Hertford, was organised by Mrs. Nairne, of the National Union, in that month, and twelve residents signified their willingness to serve on the Committee. One of these, Mrs. Dunn, took the Secretaryship *pro tem*, but was unable to give the time needed to work up the Society.

Nothing was done till November, 1911, when the Eastern Counties Federation sent us Miss Villiers, of Stevenage, to organise the Society and find a Secretary.

A meeting of members was held in Hertford at the end of November, and two very small public meetings were held in Ware on December 7. At all of these meetings Miss Villiers spoke.

The Committee are now meeting regularly once a month, and three meetings have been arranged for the coming quarter.

HITCHIN AND DISTRICT.

President: THE EARL OF LYTTON.

Hon. Secretary: Miss VILLIERS, Stevenage, Herts.

Hon. Organising Secretary: Miss ANNIE VILLIERS.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WATHEN.

Number of Members, 136. Associates, 27.

Money received, £50 16s. 10d.

When this Society was formed in February, 1909, and affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S., it was incorporated with the North Hertfordshire Society, the area of which corresponded to the Parliamentary division. The difficulty of organising so large and unwieldy an area through one committee having become increasingly evident, at the annual meeting in March last the Society divided itself into a northern and a southern group of towns and villages, of which Letchworth and Hitchin respectively are the centres.

Meetings and other events during the year.

HITCHIN.—In April, when planning a public meeting, we learnt that the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association was arranging a similar one, with Miss Vida Goldstein and Lord Robert Cecil as speakers, and decided that our cause would best be served by joining forces with them to make the meeting a success. Both for this and for one held a few days before at Stevenage by the same association, members of our society did considerable work.

In October a drawing-room meeting, invited by Mr. and Mrs. Smithson, at 42, Tilehouse Street, was addressed by Miss Courtney, Hon. Secretary of the N.U.W.S.S.

During the autumn three lectures were given on the following subjects:—

“Education and its Administration,” by Miss Ruth Young.

“Women's Work on Public Bodies,” by Councillor Margaret Ashton.

“Women's Unequal Wages and Sweating,” by Miss Isabella Ford.

The bearing of Women's Suffrage on these was specially dwelt upon. The lectures were open to the public, were well attended, and good collections taken at each.

STEVENAGE.—Two social gatherings of members and friends were addressed by Miss Annie Villiers and Mrs. Nairne, and three, designed specially for associates, by Miss Annie Villiers.

In October the receipts from a Rummage Sale were £12 3s. 8d.

Mrs. Nairne gave an address to the Women's Liberal Association, which shortly after passed a resolution in favour of Women's Suffrage.

On April 24th, the Urban District Council passed a resolution urging Government to grant facilities for the Conciliation Bill.

At Weston village, in September, an open air meeting was addressed by Mrs. Wathen and Miss A. Villiers.

On September 29th, the Hitchin, together with the Letchworth Society, took part in a joint demonstration with the C.U.W.F.A. and the W.S.P.U., at the Pixmore Institute, Letchworth. Unfavourable weather prevented the use of three platforms out-of-doors, as originally planned.

A joint deputation from the above societies waited upon our late Member, Dr Hillier, at his London residence, on May 1st. He refused to pledge himself, but a few days afterwards Dr Hillier voted with the large majority in favour of the Conciliation Bill.

Members of our Committee attended the Convention at the Portman Rooms on May 3rd, and about 30 walked in the procession on June 17.

Bye-election, Hitchin Division, November 1—23.

A Committee room was taken in a central position, under the charge of two organisers from head-quarters, Miss M. Norma Smith and Miss Elphick, assisted by a good number of Hitchin and Letchworth members. Both candidates, Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Greg, not only gave perfectly satisfactory replies to questions addressed by the N.U., but stated their

adherence to Women's Suffrage in their Election Addresses. Consequently only propaganda work was done—we believe with excellent results—in making the Women's movement better understood and appreciated in the constituency. This applies especially to Hitchin and district, where the forces of reaction are strong, and our progress has hitherto been slow. The pecuniary cost of the campaign was very heavy, consuming far more than the proceeds of the Rummage Sale, notwithstanding a large subsidy from head-quarters.

Election Meetings as follows :

HITCHIN.—Drawing room meeting, specially for Liberal women, invited by Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Rowanhurst. Speaker Miss Norma Smith. Drawing room meeting, invited by Mrs. Jones, the Vicarage. Speaker, Miss Norma Smith.

Public Meeting, Town Hall. Chair, the Countess of Selborne. Speakers, Mrs. Rackham and Miss Norma Smith.

STEVENAGE.—Men's Adult School, addressed by Miss Norma Smith.

Public Meeting, at which Mrs. Wathen, Miss Norma Smith, and Mr. Reginald Pott spoke.

WELWYN.—Public Meeting. Chair, Miss Helen Ward. Speakers, Miss Norma Smith and Mr. Hogg.

The meetings at Stevenage and Welwyn were crowded and enthusiastic, and at all, the resolutions were carried by large majorities.

From the point of view of a non-party society, we cannot but regard it as a piece of good fortune for this constituency to be represented in Parliament by an advocate of Women's Suffrage so strenuous and so consistent as Lord Robert Cecil.

HOCKWOLD AND BRANDON.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. TENNANT, Hockwold Rectory, Brandon.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. HUTT.

On July 12th, 1910, a meeting was held in the Rectory Garden at Hockwold. The speakers were Mrs. Heitland, Mrs.

Kellett, and Miss M. Corbett. A small society, consisting of 35 members, was then formed. On October 30th, 1911, a very successful meeting was held in the Paget Hall, Brandon, when Lady F. Balfour, Mrs. Rackham, and Miss Eva Ward made excellent speeches to a large audience, and we gained an encouraging increase of membership, which rose to a total of 63.

The name of our society was changed to the Hockwold and Brandon District Suffrage Society, and was affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S. in November, 1911.

We hope to make clearer the strength of our cause by having debates on the subject occasionally.

We have already had one, which was much enjoyed by the village women.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

Hon. Secretary: Miss B. C. STALEY, M.A., Rose Cottage, Hemingford Abbots, St. Ives.

Number of members, 34. Affiliated, 1911.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Hunts Women's Suffrage Society was held on November 6th, 1911, in the Town Hall, Huntingdon; the Rev. W. R. Gardner in the chair. Mr. W. Mirrlees and Mrs. Rackham were the speakers. After the meeting a Committee was formed with Miss Staley as secretary, but as she is away for three months, Mrs. Theakston was appointed secretary *pro tem.*; neither president nor treasurer are as yet elected.

IPSWICH AND COUNTY.

President: Miss GALE.

Hon. Treasurers: A. GIBB, Esq.
Miss CLAYDEN.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. DE CANDOLE, Glenlyn, Constable Road, Ipswich.
Membership, 110. Money received, £21 16s. 10d.

At the annual meeting of the Ipswich and County Women's Suffrage Society, held on March 29th, 1911, Miss Gale moved

the resolution that it should become affiliated to the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies. Mrs. Rackham explained the policy of the National Union, and the resolution was passed. Mrs. Rackham afterwards gave an address which was much appreciated.

Since then four Meetings have been held.

On May 20th, Mrs. Fawcett spoke at a very successful meeting, and on Nov. 13th Miss Byett, L.L.A., President of the Birmingham National Union of Teachers, addressed an evening meeting for teachers.

On Nov. 20th, Miss Margaret Ashton came and spoke at a very good gathering at the Art Gallery, and in December there was a meeting and tea for Members only, in order that they should get to know each other and share in the discussion of future work.

Five of our Members went up to the procession of June 17th, and 20 are hoping to go to the Albert Hall meeting on Feb. 23rd.

Arrangements are now being made for a joint meeting on March 22nd in the Public Hall, when Miss Royden is coming to represent the N.U.W.S.S., Mrs. Despard, the Women's Freedom League, and Mr. Philip Snowden, the Independent Labour Party.

KING'S LYNN.

This Branch was started by the Federation Organiser, Miss Eva Ward, in December, 1911.

President: Mrs. HOLCOMBE INGLEBY.

Vice Presidents:

Rev. A. H. HAYES.

RICHARD GREEN, ESQ.

J. H. PAGE, ESQ. (Hunstanton).

Treasurer: Mrs. RICHARD GREEN, 3, Tower Place, King's Lynn.

Secretary: Miss LEAKE, West Winch, King's Lynn.

Assistant Secretary: Mrs. NÖEL LEAKE, Portland Street, King's Lynn.

[This Society has not joined the Federation.]

LEIGHTON BUZZARD AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.): Miss NORA ACHESON, The Wainholm,
Toddington, Beds.
Membership, 32.

The Leighton Buzzard and District W.S.S. was formed as the result of three meetings held in the neighbourhood and financed by the Eastern Counties Federation.

One meeting was given by Mrs. Mercer, of Toddington Park, and addressed by Lady Frances Balfour on September 28th.

The second, on October 26th, at Leighton Town Hall, was addressed by Miss M. Ashton and Lord Lytton. Both these meetings were organised by Miss D. Edwards.

The third meeting was held on October 31st, in Toddington Town Hall, at which Miss D. Edwards spoke. As a result, the branch affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S., and is known as the Leighton Buzzard and District W.S.S.

LETCHWORTH AND DISTRICT.

President: The Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF LYTTON.

Hon. Sec.: Miss E. WILKINSON, Brightcot, Meadow Way, Letchworth.

Hon. Treasurer: R. W. TABOR, Esq., 2, Norton Way, Letchworth.

Hon. Organising Sec.: Miss MARIE SUGDEN, Fir Croft, Field Lane,
Letchworth.

Chairman of Committee: The Hon. Mrs. FORDHAM.
Membership, 337.

Since last March, the commencement of the financial year, eight public meetings, two meetings for associates, and one meeting in conjunction with the Letchworth Literary and Debating Society, have been held. On September 30th we had a joint Demonstration with the Hitchin and District Society, W.S.P.U. and Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association, in the Pixmore Institute, Letchworth.

In August we opened a small office in one of the main shopping streets of Letchworth, and this has proved a useful centre of work. A small library, consisting of books dealing

with the Woman's Movement in all its aspects has been started, and is very much appreciated by members and others.

At the Parliamentary bye-election in North Herts in November, propaganda work only was done, as both candidates gave satisfactory answers to our questions. The *Common Cause* was sold and literature distributed at all the chief meetings in Letchworth and other places.

In order to raise money, an "American Fair," a "White Elephant Fair," and a Jumble Sale were held in the autumn, a Sale of Christmas Cards and Gifts, Calendars, etc., in December, at our Suffrage Office.

Our Society was affiliated to the National Union in 1909.

LUTON.

President: Mrs. GARRETT, Helios, Dunstable.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. LEWIS, Ivy House, Luton

[This Society is not yet large enough to become affiliated.]

NORWICH.

President: Mrs. STUART.

Vice-Presidents:

Rev. G. S. BARRETT, D.D., Dr. BEVERLEY, Miss COLMAN.

Miss HELEN C. COLMAN, Rev. G. N. HERBERT, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer:

Miss L. EDITH SEWELL, 42, North Walsham Road, Norwich.

Hon. Secretary:

Miss EDITH L. WILLIS, Southwell Lodge, Ipswich Road, Norwich.

Chairman of Committee: Dr. MARY BELL.

The Norwich Women's Suffrage Society was started in March, 1909, and the steadily increasing membership now stands at 200.

The money raised during the year amounts to £61 os. od. Of this sum £29 12s. 6d. has been handed over to the Eastern Counties Federation for propaganda work.

The past year has been a very busy one. The Norwich Society has tried to extend its energies beyond its own district, and has organised or otherwise assisted with public meetings in Yarmouth, Acle, King's Lynn, Happisburgh, Coltishall, Buxton, Brundall, Diss and North Walsham.

A Garden Meeting for members was given in July by the invitation of the secretary, in order to stir up interest in the work of the Federation, and a special fund was started for a Suffrage campaign in Norfolk, which has since been carried on under the direction of Miss Eva Ward.

A good many meetings have been held in Norwich itself.

At the annual meeting Mr A. M. Langdon, K.C., came and addressed the members.

In the Autumn a special meeting for Women Municipal Voters was held, the speaker being Miss Abadam. In connection with this meeting a good deal of canvassing was done beforehand among the women voters. A resolution urging the Norwich Town Council to come into line with other large towns in passing a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill was passed unanimously. The candidates standing for election to the Council were approached as to their views, and many who had always been looked upon as opponents now declared themselves as strong supporters.

A most successful At Home was given by the Committee to a specially selected audience of anti-suffragists, when theatricals and suffrage songs occupied the greater part of the evening.

Two debates have been held. One in connection with the W.L.A., at which Mrs. Rackham was instrumental in getting a resolution carried in favour of Women's Suffrage, and the other in connection with a Young Women's and Men's Guild, where the resolution in favour was also carried.

Two women's Adult Schools have invited the Society to send them speakers on Women's Suffrage. There have also been two meetings held especially for teachers, one for nurses, and six drawing-room meetings. In nearly all cases these meetings have been addressed by members of the Society, Dr. Mary Bell especially having given invaluable help in this way.

For the benefit of speakers and others the Society has started a library of Suffrage literature.

Apart from meetings, a protest was sent from the Norwich Society against the payment of M.P.s out of public funds while women remained unrepresented. Norwich also sent representatives to the National Convention of May 3rd, in favour of the Conciliation Bill, and to the great procession of June 17th, and also sent a loyal address to Their Majesties on the occasion of their Coronation.

The work of the year culminated towards the end of January in a great public meeting arranged in conjunction with the Eastern Counties Federation, and attended by delegates from the affiliated societies. Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Rackham and Mr. H. N. Brailsford were the speakers, the meeting being presided over by Mrs. Stuart.

SOUTHWOLD.

President: Miss SILCOX, St. Felix School.

Hon. Secretary: Miss HESS, Field Stile Road, Southwold.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. CHARLES FOSTER, Southwold.

Affiliated to N.U., 1909. Number of members, 41.

The first Public Meeting in 1911 was held in the Assembly Rooms, Southwold, on Feb. 7th. Miss Geraldine Cooke was the chief speaker, and the chair was taken by P. C. Loftus, Esq. There was a large attendance, many new names were enrolled, and a quantity of literature was sold. Miss G. Cooke had been organising in Southwold for a few days before this meeting, and had addressed a Drawing-room Meeting at Mrs. Charles Foster's house, and much interest was shown. These were followed by a small Drawing-room Meeting at St. Felix School, when a discussion was held. Owing to the departure from Southwold of our indefatigable Secretary, Miss Marshall, no other meetings were held during the year, but it is greatly hoped that we may enroll many new members in place of those who have either left Southwold or have withdrawn from the Branch, and we believe that there is a satisfactory interest in the cause, which ought to be worked up.

WISBECH AND DISTRICT.

President: Mrs. HUGH SMITH, Denver Hall, Norfolk.

Treasurer: Mrs. BATEMAN, Wisbech.

Secretaries:

Miss A. G. WOODGATE and Miss KING, Tydd St. Giles Rectory, Wisbech.

This Society has suffered the loss of a good many members during the year, owing to the separation of the March section. The members at March have formed a society of their own, and unfortunately have not seen their way to affiliating to the National Union. Nevertheless, good meetings have been held, at one of which Lord Lytton spoke.

At the annual meeting Mrs. Kellett gave an address on the Federation.

WOBURN SANDS, ASPLEY GUISE, AND WOBURN.

President: Miss PAIN.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss C. E. SWAINE.

Hon. Secretary: Miss E. WOODS, Firdale, Woburn Sands, R.S.O., Beds.

Membership, 54; money received, £3 7s. 6d. (by Subscriptions).

Society first organised, November, 1907.

Affiliated to the N.U.W.S.S., September, 1908.

„ „ E.C. Federation, 1910.

In this space of time there have been nine Public Meetings, four Open Air Meetings, two Garden Parties, seven Members' Meetings, twelve Committee Meetings.

Delegates have been sent to three London Processions, and representatives to the Convention in London, May, 1911. Six organisers have been entertained from time to time while canvassing in the district. The Actresses' Franchise League gave two Plays. A Cinematograph Exhibition has been given, and a White Elephant Sale held.

The membership has unfortunately fallen off rather than increased, owing chiefly to deaths and departures from the neighbourhood.

PARLIAMENTARY LIST.

The area of the Federation includes 28 County Divisions, 9 Boroughs, and one University, returning in all 41 Members to Parliament.

| Constituency. | Member. | Party. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|--|
| BEDFORDSHIRE. | | | |
| Bedford ... | F. Kellaway ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| N. or Biggleswade ... | A. W. Black ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| S. or Luton ... | C. Harmsworth ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| CAMBRIDGESHIRE. | | | |
| Cambridge ... | A. Paget ... | U. ... | Voted for Conciliation Bill, May 5th, 1911 |
| Cambridge University... | Sir J. Larmor ... | U. ... | Neutral |
| " | J. F. P. Rawlinson ... | U. ... | Against |
| N. or Wisbech ... | Hon. Neil Primrose ... | L. ... | Against |
| W. or Chesterton ... | Hon. E. S. Montagu ... | L. ... | For |
| E. or Newmarket ... | Sir Charles Rose ... | L. ... | For |
| ESSEX. | | | |
| Colchester ... | L. W. Evans ... | U. ... | For |
| N. or Saffron Walden... | A. Cecil Beck ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| E. or Maldon ... | Sir F. Flannery ... | U. ... | Neutral |
| Mid (Chelmsford) ... | Capt. E. G. Pretyman ... | U. ... | Against |
| W. (Epping) ... | Rt. Hon. Lt.-Col. M. Lockwood | U. ... | Against |
| N.E. (Harwich) ... | H. K. Newton... | U. ... | For |
| S.E. (Tilbury) ... | J. H. M. Kirkwood ... | U. ... | Against |
| HERTFORDSHIRE. | | | |
| N. (Hitchin) ... | Lord Robert Cecil ... | U. ... | For |
| E. (Hertford) ... | Sir John Rolleston ... | U. ... | For |
| Mid. (St. Albans) ... | Col. E. H. Carlile ... | U. ... | For |
| HUNTINGDONSHIRE. | | | |
| N. (Ramsey) ... | O. Locker-Lampson ... | U. ... | Against |
| S. (Huntingdon) ... | J. Cator ... | U. ... | Against |
| LINCOLNSHIRE. | | | |
| Boston ... | C. H. Dixon ... | U. ... | Against |
| Spalding... .. | F. W. McLaren ... | L. ... | For |
| NORFOLK. | | | |
| Norwich ... | Sir F. Low, K.C. ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| | G. Roberts ... | Lab... | Adultist |
| Great Yarmouth ... | A. Fell ... | U. ... | For |
| King's Lynn ... | H. Ingleby ... | U. ... | For |
| N. (Aylsham) ... | Noel Buxton ... | L. ... | For |

| Constituency. | Member. | Party. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----------|
| NORFOLK—continued. | | | |
| N.W. ... | Sir G. White ... | L. ... | |
| E. (N. Walsham) ... | Sir R. J. Price ... | L. ... | Against |
| Mid (Dereham) ... | W. L. Boyle ... | U. ... | For |
| S.W. (Thetford) ... | R. Winfrey ... | L. ... | Adultist |
| S. (Diss) ... | A. W. Soames ... | L. ... | Against |
| SUFFOLK. | | | |
| Ipswich ... | Sir D. F. Goddard ... | L. ... | Against |
| | Rev. C. Silvester Horne | L. ... | For |
| Bury St Edmunds ... | Hon. W. Guinness ... | U. ... | Against |
| N. (Lowestoft) ... | Sir E. Beauchamp ... | L. ... | For |
| N.E. (Eye) ... | Harold Pearson ... | L. ... | |
| N.W. (Stowmarket) ... | F. Goldsmith ... | U. ... | |
| S.E. (Woodbridge) ... | Capt. R. F. Peel ... | U. ... | For |
| S. (Sudbury) ... | W. E. C. Quilter ... | U. ... | Against |

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1911.

Our income from all sources for 1911 amounted to £178 19s. 2d. Of this sum only £14 10s. 8d. was regular income from Federated Societies, federated members, and one subscriber to the Appeal Fund.

£108 9s. 6d. was spent in organisation work and £17 7s. 11d. in printing, postage, etc., leaving a balance of £53 1s. 9d. No money was put on deposit, as it seemed impossible to tell when the small balance in hand would be largely drawn upon.

The Federation is to be congratulated on having accomplished as much as it has, considering the frequently low condition of the balance in hand. Had it not been for the great efforts made by the Societies at Cambridge, Norwich, N. and E. Essex, N. Herts. and Woburn Sands, and by many individual members, as well as the collections sent in by the organisers, our work must have been greatly crippled. It is, however, evident that in the present condition of our finances we cannot support an organiser for the whole time.

The results of the "Appeals" have been most disappointing, except from already known friends in the Federation.

GWENDOLEN CREWDSON,
Hon. Treasurer.

FINANCIAL LISTS.

List 1.

FEDERATED SOCIETIES.*

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| Southwold Society | 0 | 5 | 3 |
| N. and E. Essex Society | 0 | 12 | 9 |
| N. Herts. Society | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| Woburn Sands, &c., Society | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Cambridge Association... .. | 2 | 16 | 3 |
| Norwich Society (three instalments)... .. | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Wisbech and District Society... .. | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Ipswich and County Society | 0 | 13 | 9 |
| Stowmarket and Bury St. Edmunds Society | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Biggleswade Society | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hockwold „ | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Chelmsford „ | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Bedford „ | 0 | 4 | 8 |
| Hunts. „ | 0 | 2 | 6 |

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| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| Leighton Buzzard and District Society | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| East Herts. Society | 0 | 6 | 4 |

 Paid in 1911 for 1912... .. £0 9 4

* Only those Societies which paid Federation Fees in 1911 are included here.

List 2.

SUBSCRIPTION AND DONATIONS TO APPEAL FUND

(OTHER THAN FROM SALES, &C.).

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Appleton, Mrs. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Bury, Mrs. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| *Cambridge Association... .. | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Colman, Miss E. M. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Colman, Miss H. C. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Crewdson, Miss | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Duff, Miss | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Heitland, Mrs. | 16 | 1 | 0 |
| Hentsch, Miss | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Jones, Miss E. E. C. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kellett, Mrs. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Kennedy, Mrs. | 2 | 12 | 0 |
| Letchmore, Mrs... .. | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Laws, Mrs. | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| *N. and E. Essex Society | 4 | 15 | 7 |
| *Hitchin Society | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Norwich Society | 22 | 12 | 6 |
| Pain, Miss H. | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Rackham, Mrs. | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Ransford, Mrs. | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Renton, Mrs. (sub.) | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Smithson, Mrs. | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Tuke, Miss M. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Willis, Miss E. L. | 1 | 0 | 0 |

 £89 6 7

* See also List 3.

List 3.

DONATIONS FROM SALES, &c., TO APPEAL FUND.

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Letchworth Society—Half proceeds of "American Fair" | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| N. and E. Essex Society—Rummage Sale | 13 | 14 | 5 |
| Cambridge Association—From proceeds of "White Elephant" Sale | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Cambridge—Proceeds from Mrs. Ward's Play | 8 | 3 | 0 |
| Woburn Sands, &c., Society—Proceeds of Cinematograph Entertainment | 1 | 15 | 6 |
| Woburn Sands, &c., Society—Proceeds of "White Elephant" Sale | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>£52</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>11</u> |

List 4.

COLLECTIONS AT MEETINGS AND SALE OF LITERATURE.

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|----|----|----|
| By Miss Geraldine Cooke—Norfolk | 0 | 17 | 5 | | | |
| Suffolk | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| „ Miss E. Ward—Norfolk | 0 | 19 | 0 | | | |
| „ | 5 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| „ | 5 | 8 | 5 | | | |
| Suffolk | 2 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| „ | 3 | 1 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | 17 | 13 | 7 |
| „ Miss D. Edwards—S. Beds. | | | | 1 | 18 | 0 |
| | <u>£22</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>0</u> | | | |

List 5.

ORGANIZERS' EXPENSES.

(INCLUDING COST OF MEETINGS, ETC., ETC.)

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|------------|-----------|----------|
| Miss Cooke | 18 | 17 | 10 | | | |
| Mrs. Davies | 9 | 2 | 4 | | | |
| Miss E. Ward | 64 | 10 | 2 | | | |
| Miss D. Edwards... .. | 11 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| Miss Villiers | 1 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| Mrs. Kellett | 2 | 5 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | 108 | 9 | 6 |
| Less by collections and sale of literature (for details see List 4) | | | | 22 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | | <u>£85</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>6</u> |

List 6.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE.

1911.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-----|----|-----|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Organizers' Expenses (see above) | 108 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| Stationery and Office Requisites | 3 | 6 | 10½ | | | |
| Printing and Typing | 6 | 5 | 11½ | | | |
| Postages | 6 | 6 | 7 | | | |
| Secretarial Assistance | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| Literature... .. | 0 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| Sundries (Banner 8s. 6d., Loyal Address 2s. 4d.) | 0 | 10 | 10 | | | |
| | | | | £125 | 17 | 5 |
| | | | | | | |
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Paid in 1911 | 119 | 1 | 11 | | | |
| Less 4s. returned | 0 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 118 | 17 | 11 |
| Outstanding bills paid 1912 | | | | 6 | 19 | 6 |
| | | | | <u>£125</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>5</u> |

EASTERN COUNTIES FEDERATION BALANCE SHEET, 1911.

| <i>Receipts.</i> | | <i>Expenditure.</i> | |
|--|------|---------------------|-------|
| To | from | £ | s. d. |
| Subscriptions from <i>Federated Societies</i> (see List 1) ... | ... | 11 | 16 8 |
| Subscriptions from <i>Federated Members</i> ... | ... | 2 | 9 0 |
| Subscription to <i>Appeal Fund</i> (List 2) ... | ... | 0 | 5 0 |
| Donations to <i>Appeal Fund</i> (List 2) ... | ... | 89 | 1 7 |
| Donations from Sales, etc. (List 3) ... | ... | 52 | 12 11 |
| Collections at Meetings and Sale of Literature (List 4) ... | ... | 22 | 14 0 |
| | | 164 | 13 6 |
| | | £178 | 19 2 |
| | | | 34 |
| | | £178 | 19 2 |

Audited with the Cash Book, Pass Book, and Vouchers of the Society, and found correct.

H. REINHERZ.

GWENDOLEN CREWDSON, Hon. Treasurer E.C.F.

27th January, 1912.

FEDERATION MEMBERS.

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Miss ARNOLD | ... | ... | ... | Sudbury. |
| „ BOGGIS | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ CREMER | ... | ... | ... | Cromer. |
| Mrs. CRUM | .. | ... | ... | Aldeburgh. |
| Miss DAW | ... | ... | ... | Sudbury. |
| Mrs. DEANE | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ GRIMWOOD | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ ROBERTSON KEMP | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ MCGULLAE | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| Miss ABERIGH MACKAY | ... | ... | ... | Long Melford |
| Mrs. MASTERMAN | ... | ... | ... | Sudbury. |
| Miss MITCHELL | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ MAY | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ E. M. OLIVER... | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ M. OLIVER | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| Mrs. ORBELL | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| „ PLANT | ... | ... | ... | „ |
| Mrs. ROPER | ... | ... | ... | Lavenham. |
| Miss SMITH | ... | ... | ... | Sudbury. |
| „ STOWEL | ... | ... | ... | „ |

LIST OF SPEAKERS.

| NAME. | ADDRESS. | PARTICULARS. |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Mrs. Adam, M.A. | 21, Barton Road, Cambridge | Drawing-room meetings. |
| Mrs. Barratt | The Poplars, Kelvedon, Essex | Cannot go long distances. |
| Miss Clarke | Sunny Cot, Field Lane, Letchworth | |
| Miss Clough | Newnham College, Cambridge | Cannot stay over night. |
| Miss Courtauld | Colne Engaine, Earl's Colne, Essex | Cannot go long distances. |
| Hon. Mrs. Fordham | Steeple Morden, nr. Royston, Herts. | Requires long notice |
| Miss Grier | 4, Newnham Terrace, Cambridge | N. U. Executive Committee. |
| Mrs. Heitland | Carmefield, Wordsworth Grove, Cambridge | |
| Mrs. W. H. Hazard | Caltots, Harleston, Norfolk | |
| Miss Fanny Johnson | Ramsey House, Barton Road, Cambridge | |
| W. H. Jewson, Esq. | Tower House, Bracondale, Norwich | |
| Mrs. E. E. Kellett, M.A. | 4, Belvoir Terrace, Cambridge | Drawing-room meetings. |
| Mrs. Kennedy | St. Andrew's, Chesterton Lane, Cambridge | Drawing-room meetings. |
| Mrs. Leach | Stradbroke, Gorleston-on-Sea | |
| Miss McArthur, Litt.D. | 61a, St. Andrew's Street, Cambridge | N. U. Executive Committee. |
| W. J. Mirrlees, Esq. | 11, Cranmer Road, Cambridge | Cannot stay over night. |
| Mrs. Millicent Price | 201, Icknield Way, Letchworth | |
| Mrs. Rackham | 18, Hobson Street, Cambridge | Cannot go long distances. |
| Mrs. Ramsey | Buckingham Road, Cambridge | Cannot go long distances. |
| Miss Reinherz, M.A. | Girton College, Cambridge | Indoor meetings. |
| Miss M. E. Tabor, M.A. | Fennes, Braintree, Essex | Small meetings. |
| Miss E. Vaughan | Rayne, Braintree, Essex | May to Oct. only. Drawing-room or |
| Miss A. Villiers | Stevenage, Herts. | small public meetings. |
| Mrs. J. Ward | 6, Selwyn Gardens, Cambridge | Cannot go long distances. |
| Mrs. Wathen | Welwyn Rectory, Herts. | |
| Mrs. R. R. Young | Acle Vicarage, Acle, Norfolk | |

NOTE.—It is understood that out of pocket expenses are paid by the Society visited,

As long notice as possible should be given in each case.

