

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
OF GREAT BRITAIN.

44th ANNUAL REPORT, 1939.

REVIEWING a year of unrelieved tension for the whole nation it is noteworthy that almost all reports from Branches indicate a high level of achievement ; it is clear that the vastly wider opportunities for service have been met with eagerness and with energy.

The gravity of the times has been reflected at Headquarters in exhaustive discussion of the pressing problems of the day. The Executive Committee has been represented by one of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Patrick Ness, on the Executive of Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence, as well as by the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme on the Advisory Council ; their comprehensive reports have kept the N.C.W. in close touch with women's share in the organisation of the nation for civil defence.

It is impossible to give an adequate account of the Council's contribution to the nation's need, for it would include a catalogue of work in almost all the Branches. Frequently it has been the N.C.W. which has taken the lead in forming committees to undertake the responsibilities of local emergency services. In some areas members have trained for service in their own units, either in First Aid, Nursing or Hospital Work, or general W.V.S. service. Several Branches have taken a large part in staffing the local W.V.S. office, and many N.C.W. members hold responsible posts.

The vast difficulties of the refugee problem have been constantly before the committees, and an Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees was set up to clarify the Council's policy. Mrs. Arthur Watts, Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, has represented the N.C.W. on the Refugee Public Opinion Council. The general sympathy of the Council has been translated into practical help for refugees in very many of the Branches. The full Branch reports make most heartening reading, and one would like to be able to quote many of the instances where a Branch has equipped a hostel, undertaken to educate children, organised local meetings and committees, offered hospitality, or raised substantial sums for various funds.

In Memoriam.

The year has been greatly saddened by the loss of outstanding women whose names had long been inseparable from the N.C.W. Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair was a figure known and beloved in many countries. The May number of "Women in Council" published a sympathetic appreciation by Miss Christitch

of her long and inspiring life. Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon was another remarkable personality also known and respected far beyond the limits of this Council, for her scientific achievements and her work for the welfare of women and children. Dame Maria was President of the N.C.W. during the difficult years of the war of 1914-1918, and until her death maintained a keen interest in many activities of the Council.

The Lady Laura Ridding and Miss Bertha Mason were both Hon. Vice-Presidents who will be greatly missed; Lady Laura was President in 1910-11 and Miss Mason's wide knowledge of matters of local government was of very special value to the Council during many years. The Council has shared with the I.C.W. the loss of one of its Hon. Vice-Presidents, Madame Avril de Sainte-Croix. The deaths have also occurred of Dr. Jane Walker, the well-known pioneer woman doctor, Miss Brodie-Hall, who had been a member of the Executive for many years, and the following who had all been Branch Presidents: Mrs. Fraser Annand, Miss Chudleigh, Mrs. Dan Kerr, Mrs. John Harris, Mrs. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Maynard Page and Lady Salves.n.

Officers and Executive Committee. The President, Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson, has given freely of her time and energies; she has made widespread tours of the Branches and Regional Committees, and has spoken on the Council's work to a large number of members, as well as representing the Council on the League of Nations Union (Women's Advisory Council) and at many public meetings. The other Hon. Officers have also been indefatigable in attendance at Committees and in visiting Branches in different parts of the country.

Congratulations are offered to Miss Florence Horsbrugh, M.P., on her appointment as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, and to Miss Elsie Zimmern on her appointment as Vice-President of the Associated Country Women of the World, and to the following who have been awarded New Year or Birthday Honours:—

Mrs. Gordon Carter.
Mis. Lucie Savill.
Lady Mather Jackson.

The Executive Committee has met ten times to date (end of July) and the average attendance has been 71.

Visitors welcomed to the Committee included:—

Mrs. Cameron Smith, N.C.W.—New Zealand.
Mrs. Humphrey Clegg, N.C.W.—Victoria, Australia.

Mrs. Ernestine von Fürth.

Miss Rienits, N.C.W.—New South Wales.

Dr. Summers, N.C.W.—West Australia.

Representative Council Meeting, London. The experiment of a week-end conference was tried in London from 14th to 16th October, 1938, under the Chairmanship of the Lady Ruth Balfour. Owing, however, to the political crisis and to the I.C.W. Golden Jubilee Conference held in Edinburgh so shortly before, this conference could hardly be regarded as a normal one. It was attended by 475 representatives and visitors. The usual social activities were, however, much curtailed. The London Branch assisted Headquarters with the organisation of hospitality, and a profit of £86 was contributed to headquarters funds. There was one extremely interesting public meeting on foreign affairs, addressed by Mr. Harold Nicolson, C.M.G., M.P., and Mr. Maxwell Fyfe, K.C., M.P. Delegates attended a service in Westminster Abbey.

Of the resolutions passed several arose from the international situation and occasioned keen discussion. The question of relief for refugees and stateless persons was still being discussed almost a year later. The resolution concerning the adoption abroad of British children has since been incorporated in the National Children Adoption Act. The question of therapeutic abortion aroused controversy, and following the publication of the official report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion, the question is on the Agenda to be discussed at the Annual (Cheltenham) Conference.

Relations with Other Bodies. Through the appointment of delegates, observers or representatives the Council has co-operated with the following organisations:—

British Commonwealth League, Conference—Representative.
British Medical Association, Conference—Representative.
Cinema Christian Council, Conference.
League of National Life, Conference—Observer.
League of Nations Union, Women's Advisory Council—Representative.
Missionary Settlement for University Women (Bombay), Luncheon—Representative.
National Council of Social Service—Representative.
National Council for Mental Hygiene, Conference—Representative.
National Peace Council, Conference—Representative.
Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee, Conference—Representatives.

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National Safety First Association—Representatives.
 Open Door Council, Conference—Representatives.
 People's League of Health—Representative.
 Refugee Public Opinion Council—Representative.
 St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance—Representatives.
 Society for the Oversea Settlement of British Women—
 Representative.
 Women's Advisory Housing Council—Representative.
 W.V.S. for Civil Defence—Representatives on Advisory
 Council and Executive.

Associated Country Women of the World. During the A.C.W.W. Conference in London the N.C.W. had the pleasure of entertaining, at a luncheon, about 50 delegates from overseas. Hospitality was offered to others, and more than one of the Branches entertained parties of delegates.

Deputations. Dr. Genevieve Rewcastle represented the N.C.W. on a deputation from the People's League of Health to the Ministry of Health on the question of clean milk.

The President, Mrs. Johnson, represented the Council on a deputation to the Lord Privy Seal on 1st August on rates of pay and compensation in Civil Defence work.

OFFICE.

After the I.C.W. Conference in Edinburgh last July, the assistant engaged for the extra work in connection with the Conference was dispensed with, and the ordinary staff was also reduced at the end of November. This year there have been 279 visitors to the office (not including trade representatives), and well over 2,000 press cuttings have been received.

		Letters in	
September	1938	756	as against 590 in 1937
October	"	941	" " 570 "
November	"	944	" " 646 "
December	"	567	" " 435 "
January	1939	742	" " 530 in 1938
February	"	720	" " 508 "
March	"	686	" " 775 "
April	"	598	" " 573 "
May	"	788	" " 877 "
June	"	852	" " 1,062 "
July	"	1,165	" " 658 "
August	"	422	" " 387 "

Letters out.

September	1938	515	as against 550 in 1937.
October	"	1,014	" " 525 "
November	"	862	" " 634 "
December	"	506	" " 392 "
January	1939	635	" " 470 in 1938
February	"	545	" " 467 "
March	"	550	" " 541 "
April	"	552	" " 619 "
May	"	603	" " 690 "
June	"	737	" " 1,024 "
July	"	691	" " 813 "
August	"	490	" " 270 "

These figures do not include the duplication of minutes, agenda, reports, circular letters, etc. The staff has as usual undertaken the secretarial work of Sectional Committees which have been without Hon. Secretaries.

Mrs. Watts left the office at the end of December, her place as General Secretary being taken by Mrs. Cowan. Miss Bailey resigned early in the year and was replaced by Miss Cook.

Affiliated Societies. We warmly welcome two newly affiliated societies, the Abortion Law Reform Association and also the Women's Farm and Garden Association, which is doing most useful work in connection with land training for National Service.

It has been a matter for real regret that the Mothers' Union has withdrawn from affiliation, after many years of valued co-operation. The Teachers' Training and Registration Society has ceased to exist, as has the Federation of Girls' Clubs, owing to its amalgamation with other Girls' Club Unions in London to form the London Union of Girls' Clubs. It is regretted that the Coulsdon and District Women Citizens' Association has withdrawn from affiliation.

The Council has been in close touch during the year with most of its affiliated societies, which now number 138, and it is hoped to strengthen these friendly relations still further by a wider representation from the societies both on the Executive Committee and the sectional committees.

Branches. Despite the claims of an increasing number of women's organisations it is most encouraging that the Branch membership continues to be satisfactory, and we are glad to welcome two new Branches. Uxbridge was inaugurated in March, thanks to the efforts of the Home Counties Regional Committee. Under the auspices of the North Eastern Regional Committee Todmorden made a promising start slightly later, bringing the number of Branches up to 85. The formation of new Branches is under con-

sideration in several districts, and some most useful preparatory work will be followed up at a more opportune time.

Publications.

The Handbook 1938-39 was published in October. "Women in Council" has appeared nine times.

A Summary of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion was printed in July, and is obtainable price 2d. per copy, or 1/6d. a dozen, post free.

Commemoration of Women's Suffrage.

To commemorate the 21st anniversary of suffrage for women, a luncheon was arranged in London, at which Lady Astor, as the first woman M.P., Miss Philippa Fawcett and Mrs. Oliver Strachey were the speakers.

WORK OF COMMITTEES.

Publicity and Broadcasting Committee.

Chairman : The PRESIDENT.

Joint Secretaries : The GENERAL SECRETARY and the PRESS SECRETARY.

From the London Conference onwards the number of press cuttings received has greatly increased, pointing to the fact that the Council's activities receive wider recognition in the national and provincial press. These cuttings have been filed and analysed, showing the Council's main pre-occupations during the year, and the success of material released by the Press Secretary. At the same time contact has been made and established with prominent public bodies.

A message suggested by the Manchester Branch was broadcast on the Eve of Armistice Day, and owing to the inspiration of the Bedford Branch a Christmas message of goodwill from the N.C.W. was broadcast on Christmas night.

The circulation of "Women in Council" continues to improve slowly, but three branches still fail to give it support. In this connection it has been found helpful for branches to appoint magazine secretaries. In March Messrs. Radclyffe's contract was cancelled, and it was decided to produce the journal in a more modern form. Under the new arrangement the Press Secretary is responsible for obtaining the necessary advertisements.

The Council's leaflets were reviewed and a revised leaflet for the information of Branches was drafted.

This year, through the Publicity and Broadcasting Committee, efforts have been made to link the branches more closely with headquarters, and also to interest them in the journal and the Council's

publicity generally. The Press Secretary, therefore, visited six branches and spoke on the Council's publicity programme. This side of the work is growing, and affords considerable scope for development. Many branches report the friendly and helpful co-operation of the local press.

Two new members have been co-opted, Miss Sprott, of the Public Relations Division of the British Broadcasting Corporation, and Miss Rickard, Hon. Secretary of the Regional Committees. The Committee has met three times and, its value having been proved in the last two years, will in future meet regularly once in two months during Committee week.

Ad Hoc Committee on Broadcasting. This Committee met in December to discuss with the representatives of other women's organisations women's point of view in regard to broadcasting programmes. Mr. Aubrey Herbert, B.B.C. Education Officer for the Home Counties, spoke on group listening.

Sub-Committee on Abortion. Consisting of the Hon. Officers and representatives of the Moral Welfare, Public Health and Public Service Committees, this Sub-Committee was appointed to consider the Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion, and to draw up a resolution for submission to the Executive Committee, for consideration at the Conference. After two meetings the resolution was forwarded and a summary of the Report was drafted and printed for the information of members of the Council.

Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees. This small committee was formed in April to deal with the refugee problem, as it affected the Council, and to consider the policy of the Refugee Public Opinion Council.

I.C.W. Joint Sub-Committee. The final meeting of this Sub-Committee was held in December in order to complete the accounts of the Edinburgh Conference.

Ad Hoc Committee on the Status of Women. This Committee met in October 1938 and May 1939 under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Hartree. A statement was prepared in answer to a questionnaire from the I.C.W. asking for information as to discrepancies between the written law and its application in this country. Exhaustive enquiry resulted in the expression of the Committee's opinion that the administration of the law in England was according to the law, except in certain practice relating to prostitutes. Further information is being collected. A resolution was formulated urging the Government to urge at Geneva the appointment of a further committee of experts competent to deal with the question of the status of women of primitive races.

Relations with Affiliated Societies Sub-Committee.

This small committee met twice, considering questions affecting the representation of affiliated societies on the Executive Committee and on the Representative Council. A scheme was drawn up for a different method of representation on the N.C.W. Executive, and it was recommended that twenty-four members should be drawn from the societies instead of sixteen. Two societies were granted increased representation on the Council.

Conference Sub-Committee. This committee carried out the preliminary arrangements for the Representative Council Meeting, Cheltenham.

SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

Owing to her work as Chairman of the Scottish Committee of W.V.S., the Lady Ruth Balfour was obliged to resign the Chairmanship of the Public Health and Child Welfare Committee and Dr. Rewcastle kindly acted as Chairman until the appointment of Dr. Stella Churchill, who presided for the first time at the June meeting.

In December 1938 a meeting of officers of Sectional Committees discussed the possible amalgamation of certain committees, and schemes for making them financially self-supporting. After consideration by all the committees in question it was decided that the Public Health and Child Welfare Committee should be amalgamated with the Housing Committee, the subject of Child Welfare being dealt with in its different aspects by the Committees most closely concerned. The new Committee, to be called Public Health and Housing, will meet under the chairmanship of Dr. Stella Churchill, with two Vice-Chairmen, Miss Galton, representing Housing, and Dr. Rewcastle representing Public Health matters, with Miss A. M. S. Wilson and Dr. Clements as Hon. Secretaries.

A scheme was prepared for discussion at the Cheltenham Conference, suggesting that the Headquarters Office should be responsible for duplicating Agenda and Minutes of the Sectional Committees and that a membership fee of 2/6., inclusive of minutes, should be compulsory for each member.

The Education Committee has lost the valued services of Miss Anthony and Miss Kitchin owing to retirement, and welcomes Miss M. G. Cowan, O.B.E., M.A., as the new chairman, and Mrs. C. A. Ramsden, Ph.D., as Hon. Secretary.

Brief notes indicating practical work of special interest done by the Branches will be found at the end of the Sectional Committee reports.

Arts and Letters Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. ST. LOE STRACHEY, O.B.E., J.P.

Consultant Vice-Chairman : MRS. LOVAT FRASER.

Hon. Secretary : MISS MARY SHAW.

The Committee met three times during the year with an average attendance of 26.

In November reports were given, by Mrs. Gordon and Miss Helen Ward, of the work of the Letters Committee and the Arts Committee at the I.C.W. Conference. There Miss Ward had proposed that a series of lantern slides of the work of women artists should be made, which could be shown in any country. It was finally agreed that British women artists, sculptors, architects, etc., should be asked by Miss Lewthwaite Dewar (I.C.W. representative) to send photographs of their work—which would be kept in a portfolio, and could be borrowed by any Branch or Society to use with an epidiascope, to illustrate a lecture on contemporary art in Great Britain. Later it might be lent to foreign countries.

In February the suggestion of amalgamation with the Education Committee was discussed; nearly all members present spoke in favour of retaining their own committee and it was agreed that it should continue unaltered.

It had been found impossible to send pictures by British women artists to the International Exhibition in New York, owing to lack of funds, but a list of names of 20 distinguished British women authors, with their recent publications, was sent to the U.S.A. Chairman of Letters—for the Bibliotheque Femina.

In November a paper on "The English Ballet" by Mrs. Lovat Fraser was read, and in June a delightful address on "The New Publicity" was given by Miss Helen Simpson.

Book Lists and Music criticisms have been much appreciated at each meeting.

BRANCH NOTES :

The Literary Circle at **Mortlake** continues to flourish.

British Empire and Migration Sectional Committee.

Chairman : LADY BOWRING, C.B.E.

Hon. Secretary : MISS ELSIE M. ZIMMERN.

The British Empire and Migration Sectional Committee has held four meetings in the course of the year, with an average attendance of 33 members and visitors. The terms of reference of the Committee were revised and are printed on page 12 of the Handbook.

The Committee gave consideration to the resolutions passed by the International Council of Women at Edinburgh dealing with girls visiting foreign countries to study the language on mutual

terms, with the position of refugees and stateless persons and with the conditions under which migration is organised either by the state or by voluntary organisations. The Committee has kept in close touch with the work of the *Au Pair* Association and with the National Union of Students, both of which organisations are doing the practical work of placing "*au pair* students" in families, where in return for board, lodging and practice in speaking English they help with the children and give instruction in their own language.

Since its inception the Committee has interested itself in the fate of the Mui Tsai in Hong Kong and Malay and now it is following closely the working out of the registration of adopted daughters under the new ordinances in both places. Lady Assistant Protectors of Chinese have been appointed, who are doing very good work. Homes are needed for young girls, mostly under fifteen years of age, who have been rescued from undesirable surroundings.

The Parliamentary Secretary's report has been a feature at each meeting of the Committee and the members have much appreciated having the various answers in Parliament on Colonial questions brought to their notice; these have been circulated with the minutes for the benefit of those members who had not been able to attend the meetings.

During the year addresses have been given on the Migration policy for refugees, by Mrs. Ormerod of the Co-ordinating Committee, on Impressions of the West Indies, by the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme, and on the work of Canadian Women's Institutes by Mrs. McGregor, President of the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada, who was on a visit to this country as a delegate to the Fourth International Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

The Committee was represented at a meeting called by St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance to discuss the question of Forced Marriages of African girls and also at the Annual Meeting and Conference of the British Commonwealth League, when the "Changing Status of Women" was considered from many points of view.

Miss Picton-Turberville's fund for Mui Tsai has received support in several of the Branches.

Cinema Sectional Committee.

Chairman : Miss E. M. Fox.

Vice-Chairman : Mrs. W. A. Potts.

Hon. Secretary : Miss A. P. Duncan.

The membership of this Committee is 126. At four meetings the average attendance has been 42, 49 members taking the minutes.

At the November meeting Mrs. William Fyfe, as the British Representative on the I.C.W. Cinema Committee, reported that

after ten hours' discussion at the meetings of that committee in Edinburgh in July 1938, it was agreed that the main points which concerned all countries were :—

(a) The raising of the moral standard.

(b) Education of public opinion.

(c) Use of sub-standard films.

(d) Films for children.

The "Plan of Action" adopted for the next triennial period includes the recommendation that "The development of the use in sub-standard films be specially considered."

At each meeting a special subject, introduced by an expert, was considered and discussed :—

November : *Problems affecting Films in the British Dominions.*

Speaker : Mr. G. T. Hankins, formerly H.M.I.

February : *Sub-Standard Films.* *Speaker* : Mr. F. A. Hoare, Chairman of the Sub-Standard Cinematograph Association.

As a result of the discussion, the Committee recommended to the Executive that the following resolution should be sent to the Home Office :—

"That this organisation deploras any control of the production or exhibition of sub-standard cinematograph films and urges the Government to leave the industry to develop without any hampering restrictions."

April : *Methods of Judging Films.* *Speaker* : Mr. Howard Tyrer, Secretary of the Public Morality Council, who considered that "The general tendency should be the ultimate factor in arriving at a judgment, rather than the incident or detail."

June : *The Adolescent and the Cinema.* *Speaker* : Mr. William Farr, representing the British Film Institute, who mentioned that a special questionnaire was being issued for adolescents of the 14-18 age group, and was being distributed through schools, factories, youth organisations, and unemployment centres in order to get information from all types.

The Committee has sustained a great loss by the death of Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon, who was the first Chairman.

Education Sectional Committee.

Chairman : Miss S. G. Anthony, B.A.

Vice-Chairman : Miss Morant.

Hon. Secretary : Miss Christine Kitchin.

The Education Committee met four times during the year, with an average attendance of 30 members.

On 14th December, 1938 there was a very interesting talk on the "Cambridgeshire Village College Scheme" by Mr. Morris, Education Secretary for the County of Cambridge.

At the meeting on 15th March, 1939 the Spens Report was considered, and Mr. Simpson, a member of the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education, spoke on "Certain Aspects of the Spens Report," referring especially to Grammar School Education up to the age of 16.

At both the May and July meetings the urgent question of the education of refugee children was discussed, and Mr. MacColl, Member of the L.C.C. Education Committee, and Educational Adviser of the Movement for the Care of Refugee Children, spoke of the work under Local Education Authorities, while Mrs. Franklin Kohn spoke of "Six years experience in placing refugee children in public and private boarding schools."

All branches and affiliated societies who had representatives on the N.C.W. Education Committee were asked to send in papers giving their views on the I.C.W. Recommendations for Study for 1938-41. There was a good response and an *Ad Hoc* Committee was set up to consider the papers, and during the next Session a report would be drawn up to send to the I.C.W.

The Committee regretfully accepted the resignation of both Miss Anthony and Miss Kitchin, but were glad to welcome Miss Cowan, O.B.E., M.A., and Mrs. C. A. Ramsden, Ph.D., as the new Chairman and Hon. Secretary respectively. Miss Morant kindly agreed to carry on her work as Vice-Chairman for another year.

BRANCH NOTES :

Bristol Branch has recently formed an Education Section to study the working of the educational system with special reference to local conditions and problems. The members are visiting schools including those on new housing estates.

Bedford has been largely occupied in educating local opinion in the scope and value of Child Guidance, and has a Child Guidance Sub-Committee, aiming at the formation of a clinic.

Household Service Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MISS B. M. RANDLE.

Vice-Chairman : MISS ETTY POTTER.

Hon. Secretary : MISS BORTON BROWN.

The Committee has met five times with an average attendance of 39.

A Household Service League Luncheon was held in the Green Hall of the Y.W.C.A., Great Russell Street, at the conclusion of the Annual Representative Council Meeting in London, and was attended by nearly 200 delegates. The speaker was Miss Beatrice Bezzant, newly appointed organiser of the National Union of Domestic Workers.

The work of the Committee during the past year has included the preparation of a draft leaflet compiled from extracts from the National Council of Women Leaflets on Law and Custom and National Health Insurance and from the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Household Employment. This has been translated into German for the benefit of refugees entering this country with little knowledge of its language or customs, to take up employment in domestic service. The draft leaflet was handed to the Domestic Bureau of the Central Office for refugees for incorporation in their pamphlet "Some suggestions for employers and employees."

The Ealing Group of the Household Service League has closed down after five years of useful work and has sent the balance of its funds to Headquarters.

Speakers who have given addresses to the Committee during the past year are :—

Miss Janet Bond, Principal Canned Foods Advisory Bureau, on the work of the Bureau.

Miss E. Willans, M.B.E., on the 7th International Congress at Washington in September, 1938, Home Section papers and discussions, and the tours in connection with the Congress.

Miss E. Kolmer, Secretary, Committee of Austrians in England, on refugees in domestic work.

Miss Constantine, Aliens Branch, Ministry of Labour, on the regulations for the admission of foreign nationals for domestic employment in this country. (See June number of "Women in Council").

Miss Cullen, Child Guidance Council, on Boarding out, and the training of house and foster mothers in Homes for destitute children.

Mrs. Charles Wintour, Hon. Organiser of the Service Fellowship Association, on the Training of unemployed men for work in all branches of domestic service.

It is proposed to organise in the autumn a conference on "The Domestic Problem in the Home," when the Societies represented on the Household Service Committee will act in co-operation with the British Commonwealth League.

BRANCH NOTES :

Birmingham has a Household Service Committee.

Hastings and St. Leonards also has a sub-Committee to deal with household service problems, and has taken action locally.

Edinburgh (Joint Committee of E.W.C.A. and N.C.W.) arranged a nutrition week at the Craigentenny Community Centre, lectures and demonstrations twice daily by experts arousing a great deal of interest.

Housing Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MISS M. C. GALTON.

Vice-Chairman : COUNCILLOR MRS. STEVENSON, J.P.

Hon. Secretary : MISS A. M. S. WILSON.

The membership of this Committee is 109, and there has been an average attendance of 38 at the four meetings held this session.

A report was given to members of the meetings held at Edinburgh of the Housing Committee of the I.C.W., when all members of the N.C.W. were asked to press for the inclusion of Nursery Schools and Play Centres for all young children, and recreation centres for older children in all large housing schemes.

Members were also urged to work for the election of more women to Housing Authorities, and the appointment of more women as managers of housing estates.

There have been discussions on "Furnishing Schemes," when the speaker, Miss Enfield, advocated some alternative to the usual hire purchase method of obtaining furniture by the people who were being moved from slum clearance areas to new estates; and on air raid shelters, when the speaker described the shelters provided by the Government, through Local Authorities, for the tenants of cottages, and the proposed strengthening of tenement houses.

Interesting addresses have been given by:—

Miss Florence Barrow and Mr. C. B. Taylor, on Housing in Birmingham, with special reference to the Birmingham Copec House Improvement Society. This talk was followed by some very interesting lantern slides.

Miss Thompson, Manager of the Southall Borough Council Houses, who spoke of the future of women in Municipal Housing, and emphasised the need for trained women to act as managers, and not merely as welfare workers.

Mr. Leslie, on the Kensal House Estate. He described the attractive flats and also spoke of the social work being done amongst the tenants.

Mr. Banwell, Town Clerk of Lincoln, who spoke on Housing as a Social Service, and the many advantages to the Tenants where Community Organisations are encouraged.

Mr. F. Milton Harvey, on Housing from an Architect's point of view.

The Housing Sectional Committee unanimously agreed to the recommendation of the Executive that it should be amalgamated with the Public Health Committee next year, feeling that both Committees were working for the same object, namely the better health and the improvement of conditions under which so many of the nation were called to live.

BRANCH NOTES :

The **Cambridge Branch** has continued its interest in the Housing Association and its flats for professional women.

Ealing W.C.A. and N.C.W. has started a scheme to provide one-roomed flatlets for elderly working women, and a house has been bought with the aid of a loan from the Borough Council and reconditioned to make 12 flats. So many applications have been received that it is hoped to start a second house.

Edinburgh (Joint E.W.C.A. and N.C.W.) made arrangements for showing the Octavia Hill Centenary Exhibition which was touring the country.

Humane Treatment of Animals Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. R. F. RATTRAY, B.A., J.P.

Vice-Chairman : MISS C. MATHESON.

Hon. Secretary : MISS CHALLEN, B.A.

The Committee has held four meetings during the year, and has considered a large and varied number of problems. It has continued its work of investigation into the conditions of private zoos run for profit; this work was the outcome of a resolution proposed by Hastings Branch calling for the suppression of such zoos, which was carried unanimously at the Representative Council Meeting at Bournemouth in 1937. The R.S.P.C.A. has also completed a very thorough investigation into the same matter.

Mr. D. Young of the Department of Zoology, University College, attended the November meeting of the Committee and gave an illuminating address on the deplorable conditions under which tortoises are imported. At the request of the Committee, therefore, the Executive Committee sent a resolution to the Chamber of Shipping calling for more humane conditions of transport. Further negotiations have been left in the hands of U.F.A.W. in conjunction with the R.S.P.C.A.

The Committee has been fully alive to the dangers to which animals would be exposed in time of war; the R.S.P.C.A. leaflet entitled "Animal Protection in Air Raids" has been circulated to the Branches.

Various matters referred to in the press and elsewhere have been discussed by the Committee and information has been sought and received from the appropriate quarters; e.g., the over-stocking of cows (from the Ministry of Agriculture); the Hunting of the Giant Panda (from the Society for the Preservation of the Fauna of the Empire); and organised dog fights (from the National Canine Defence League). On the whole the reports of the several bodies on these matters have been re-assuring.

The Wild Birds (Ducks and Geese) Protection Bill has passed into law and two other Bills have made considerable progress. One is the Riding Establishments Registration and Inspection Bill promoted by the International League for the Protection of Horses. The other is the Prevention of Damage by Rabbits Bill, which is promoted by U.F.A.W. with the co-operation of the Ministry of Agriculture. Other Bills which have been before Parliament this session are—The Performing Animals (Regulation) Act (Amendment) Bill (now withdrawn); The Importation of Plumage (Prohibition) Act (Amendment) Bill; and the Docking and Nicking of Horses (Prohibition) Bill.

Mrs. K. Ramsbottom has been elected Vice-Chairman for 1939-40.

BRANCH NOTES :

Hastings and St. Leonards Branch organised a successful campaign against a proposed pier zoo.

Industrial and Insurance Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. HARTREE.

Hon. Secretary : MISS NANSI LLOYD-DAVIES.

In September the Provisions of the Young Persons (Employment) Bill were reviewed.

Mrs. Abbott reported on the meeting of the I.C.W. Trades and Professions Committee at the I.C.W. Golden Jubilee Conference in July, and gave the text of the two resolutions passed, one dealing with extension of social legislation and inspection to cover agricultural employment, and the other with protection of domestic workers. Mrs. Abbott also made a statement as to the need for a new enquiry into "the position of women as wage earners, and their conditions as workers, in comparison with the wages and conditions of men workers." There was also a precis by the Chairman on the Amulree Report on Holidays with Pay.

At a joint meeting with the Public Health and Child Welfare Committee in December 1938 an address was given by Mr. Bishop Harman, L.I.D., F.R.C.S. on a scheme put forward by the B.M.A. on a General Medical Service for the nation, by which it was hoped to fill many of the existing gaps and remove many anomalies in our health services.

The Report of the Unemployment Statutory Committee as to holidays and suspensions in relation to Unemployment Insurance was summarised by the Chairman.

In March Miss Cowan addressed the meeting on Employment of Young Persons in Coal Mines, with particular reference to those under the age of 16, and a resolution with regard to the pro-

hibition of employment of boys under 16 below ground, safety regulations, and medical supervision, was sent forward to the Executive Committee. A letter was sent to the Mines Dept. as a result. A reply later received stated that consideration was now being given to the steps necessary to implement the detailed recommendation of the Royal Commission on Safety in Coal Mines, including those relating to the employment of boys below ground, medical inspection, training in the principles of safety and adequate supervision while at work.

The unequal rates of payments for women in A.R.P. services were discussed, as were also the problem of Unemployed Young Persons, the Unemployment Insurance Bill, and the Report of the Unemployment Statutory Committee.

The May meeting of the Committee was mainly taken up with a comprehensive report of the Chairman on the Report of the Committee on Pensions for Married Women. This Report dealt in detail with the claim put forward by the Spinsters Pensions Association for Pensions for spinsters at 55.

BRANCH NOTES :

Burton-on-Trent has approached the Borough and County Education Committees with regard to employment of boys in mines.

Wolverhampton has studied industrial conditions and visited the Wedgewood China Factory.

Sectional Committee on International Affairs and for the Promotion of Peace.

Chairman : DAME ELIZABETH CADBURY, M.A., J.P.

Vice-Chairmen : THE HON. MRS. FRANKLIN, THE HON. MRS. HOME PEEL.

Hon. Secretary : MRS. IAN MCMASTER, M.A.

The Committee continues to be a centre of vital interest, reflecting the general pre-occupation with foreign affairs, and sharing the new resolution to find some permanent solution. This year has seen the beginning of Great Britain's determination, in close alliance with France, to build up a Peace Front which, if rightly directed, may lead to a new world order. But it is a gigantic task, and the main work lies before us, as was apparent from the subjects studied by the Committee.

At the first meeting, in November, Mrs. Ormerod, Hon. Secretary for the Co-ordinating Committee for Refugees, spoke on the present position of refugees, which, since September, has become a problem of world importance. Inevitably it is a subject that has formed part of every subsequent meeting. Almost every member, and many Branches have been working in their individual capacities.

In April a long and interesting account of life in Prague was given by a refugee who had lived there until after 15th March. Miss Freda Whyte analysed the German demand for Colonies. An expert on the colonial question, she made the subject singularly clear. In February two German pastors, members of the Confessional Church spoke on "The Religious Conflict in Germany." "Women in Council" later printed the summary of their speech and wide interest has been aroused.

The Committee is grateful to Mrs. Dorothy Roden Buxton, who not only suggested the lecturers, but has since kept us informed of new developments.

In April, Mr. Ian McMaster spoke on the history of Poland; a little known historical background was vividly employed to clear up many difficulties. In June, Sir John Pratt, K.B.E., C.M.G., one of our greatest experts in the Far East gave a clear and authoritative account of the situation there. Lady Hosie spoke especially of women's part in the new China. With almost uncanny precision the subjects chosen have coincided with the centres of crisis.

Correspondence has been very large and close touch kept with other Societies, and the year has seen marked unity in aims. The Committee, as part of the whole N.C.W. and through the Executive, helped in the work of the National Petition organised by the National Peace Council asking for a new International Peace Conference, on the lines suggested by President Roosevelt. It followed the text of the urgency resolution passed by an overwhelming majority at the October Conference in London.

Mr. D. G. Kimber came to describe to the Committee the aims of the newly formed "Federal Union." Many members have shared in the work of attending and reporting conferences and meetings as representatives, the President Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson and Mrs. Hartree those of the L.N.U., and of the I.C.W. Peace Committee, Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, Miss Stone, Mrs. Churchill Virgine those of the National Peace Council, the Hon. Secretary the Women's Peace Crusade. Miss Huntsman keeps the Committee in touch with the work of the International Arbitration League, and there are many more.

Mrs. Watts, Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, has contributed summaries of discussions in the House relevant to the Committee's work, an exceedingly difficult task.

In the deaths of Lady Aberdeen and of Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon the Committee has lost two distinguished and keenly interested members.

Happily Dame Elizabeth, in spite of her serious accident in January, with a courage to which we are accustomed and admire, has presided at all the meetings save one.

BRANCH NOTE :

Birmingham has a most energetic International Section which takes a special subject for a year's study and has lectures on many aspects of international affairs, reporting very free discussion. It raised £130 for Chinese medical relief.

Bristol also has an international section which has studied India this year.

International Council of Women Sectional Committee.

Chairman : The PRESIDENT, MRS. A. F. W. JOHNSON.

Hon. Secretary : MISS INES BLANCH.

The Committee has met five times during the past year.

The resolutions passed at the I.C.W. Conference at Edinburgh were carefully considered and recommendations were made to the Executive on appropriate action to be taken by the sectional committees and branches.

Two very full discussions have been held on the I.C.W. President's Memorandum, and the proposed re-organisation and grouping of Standing Committees.

Hospitality Committee. It was recommended that a central panel of five or six members be appointed, who would be willing to entertain I.C.W. members visiting London; and also that one representative from each branch should be responsible for any arrangements which had to be made in her district.

Reports of I.C.W. Standing Committees. In order to increase the value and interest of the committee, it was decided to include at each meeting at least one report of a Standing Committee. Reports have been given as follows :—

Press	Mrs. Arthur Watts.
Peace and Arbitration ..	Mrs. W. A. Cadbury, J.P.
Fine and Applied Arts..	Miss de C. Lewthwaite Dewar.
Cinema	Mrs. William Fyfe, J.P.

An interesting account was also given at one of the meetings by Miss Matheson of I.C.W. Headquarters activities.

Young People and the I.C.W. There have been several discussions on the question of interesting young people in the work of the I.C.W. It was suggested that nationally organised youth movements with international connections should be approached with a view to asking them if they would be willing to co-operate in a conference. The British Representatives on the I.C.W. Standing Committees met to consider whether these proposals could be carried out, and recommended that an opportunity should be made at the Cheltenham Conference to interest young people in the I.C.W., with the possibility of holding a conference later.

Tea for Triennial Contributors to the I.C.W. A most successful tea for Triennial Contributors was held at the Women's Sports and Automobile Club, when the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme gave an inspiring address on the work of the I.C.W. It is hoped to have such meetings regularly.

Associated Country Women of the World Luncheon. On the recommendation of the Committee a luncheon was given by the N.C.W. to about 50 delegates to the Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World.

The Committee has sustained a very great loss by the death of Dame Maria Ogilvie Gordon, who acted as joint convener with the President until this year, and always took the keenest interest in the work of the I.C.W., of which she had been a leading officer for so many years.

BRANCH NOTES :

Donations were sent to I.C.W. funds by several branches.

Moral Welfare Sectional Committee.

Chairman : THE DOWAGER LADY NUNBURNHOLME, J.P.

Vice-Chairman : MISS ALISON NEILANS.

Hon. Secretary : MISS D. M. RETCHFORD.

The Moral Welfare Committee met four times during the year, with an average attendance of 40 members.

The Committee gave careful consideration to the following subjects :—

(1) *Informatory Liaison with Scotland Yard.* After considerable correspondence, Sir Norman Kendal (then Assistant Commissioner, now Deputy Commissioner of Metropolitan Police), finally intimated that Scotland Yard felt that any such form of liaison was undesirable and impracticable. This decision caused keen disappointment to the Committee, which feels that such refusal is most regrettable. In the meantime, Mr. S. W. Harris, of the Home Office, kindly promised to meet two or three members of the Committee at any time on questions concerning the Social Questions Committee of the League of Nations.

(2) *Forced Marriages of African Girls.* St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance asked for support in connection with a meeting on this subject. The main points of the resolution to be submitted had already been included in a memorandum sent to the Chairman of the Mandates Commission of the League of Nations in 1934 by the Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations, and the Moral Welfare Committee therefore recommended that the National Council of Women should support the meeting and resolution.

(3) *Abortion Laws.* At the November meeting, the Committee expressed its opinion that the resolution passed at the Annual Council Meeting in October 1938 required clearer definition. In the view of a large majority of the members, the words "The need for the legalisation of abortion under adequate safeguards" could be interpreted in different ways, making it hard to understand the precise policy to which the Council was committed. Eventually a resolution was passed stating that the Committee intended to take the earliest opportunity, after receiving the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion, to bring forward an amendment expressing in more lucid terms the precise meaning of the resolution. After further consideration at the April meeting, it was agreed that a special resolution should be put forward by the Executive for the Council meeting in October, after the issue of the Inter-Departmental Report.

International Council of Women. Information with regard to League of Nations Conventions was given by the British representative (Miss Retchford) on the Equal Moral Standard Committee in reply to a request from the Convener. Special stress was laid on the excellent work accomplished by various societies in this country in the education of young people in good morals and good citizenship.

Addresses : The Committee was addressed by—

Dr. Letitia Fairfield, C.B.E. on social, medical and moral problems in emergency and war conditions ;

Miss Dorothy Manchee (Lady Almoner, St. Mary's Hospital) on Social Service in the Venereal Disease Clinics ;

Sir Thomas Drummond Shiels on Recreation for our Larger Army ; and

At the April meeting, representatives of eight societies spoke on the education of young people in good citizenship.

BRANCH NOTES :

Birmingham has a Social and Moral Welfare Committee doing useful work.

Parliamentary and Legislation Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. A. F. W. JOHNSON.

Vice-Chairman : MISS PHILIPPA STRACHEY.

Hon. Secretary : MISS DONALD.

During the year 1938-39, the Parliamentary and Legislation Committee met six times, in addition to a joint meeting, in December, with the Public Service and Magistrates Committee, to hear Mr. Harold Scott's address on the *Criminal Justice Bill*. The average attendance was 34 members.

On 8th February, the Standing Committee met to consider two Bills, the *Bastardy Blood Tests Bill* and the *Child Adoption Bill*. It was agreed not to support the former Bill, research not yet having gone far enough, and there was interesting correspondence with the Scandinavian countries where blood tests are taken in dealing with affiliation cases.

Amendments to the *Child Adoption Bill*, which had been sent to Miss Horsbrugh, M.P., by the National Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child, were endorsed by this Committee, and she was promised support on these lines. This Bill has now passed into law.

In April, there was an interesting debate on *Corporal Punishment*, Miss C. Craven, J.P., of the Howard League for Penal Reform, speaking in favour of the abolition of flogging, and Mrs. Tate, M.P., taking the opposite side. Keen interest was shown in the subject, as was evident by the number of pertinent questions asked at the close. The President pointed out that the Council had formulated no policy with regard to this subject.

At the July meeting, Mr. T. C. Foley, Secretary of the Pedestrians' Association, gave a helpful address on the Causes and Prevention of *Road Accidents*, giving a resumé of the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Lords.

Among other questions that have occupied the attention of the Committee during the year are—the exclusion of women from membership of any British Stock Exchange; plans for evacuation in case of emergency; and rates of pay for A.R.P. volunteers.

With so many questions of vital interest before Parliament, the Parliamentary Report has continued to grow in importance and size, and the discussions on points raised showed how much the arduous work of the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary was appreciated.

Members voted against the suggestion that the Parliamentary Committee should be abolished and work carried on by the Standing Committee.

BRANCH NOTES :

Lincoln has a parliamentary sub-committee, **Manchester** a parliamentary group. Several Branches have approached their local M.P.'s asking for support of various Bills including the Public Places (Order and Decency) Bill, the Criminal Justice Bill, the Adoption of Children Bill, and the Nationality of Married Women Bill.

Public Health and Child Welfare Sectional Committee.

Chairman : THE LADY RUTH BALFOUR, M.B., B.S.
DR. STELLA CHURCHILL (from June 1939).

Vice-Chairman : DR. GENEVIEVE REWCASTLE.

Hon. Secretary : DR. MEREDITH CLEMENTS.

Five meetings of the Committee have been held during the year, one being a joint meeting with the Industrial and Insurance Sectional Committee in December 1938.

At the November meeting Lady Ruth Balfour gave an exhaustive report of the findings of the questionnaire on Nutrition. Nutrition also engaged the attention of the members at the February meeting, when Dame Janet Campbell spoke on that subject in its relation to the work of the International Council of Women.

Following a resolution by Colwyn Bay regarding the price of milk, Branches were approached for evidence and as the result of a questionnaire useful information was obtained.

At the meeting in April, Dr. Rewcastle reported on the Conference held by the People's League of Health, when a resolution urging the Government to give practical effect to the enforcement of the pasteurisation of milk as a safeguard against the incidence of tuberculosis, was passed. Dr. Rewcastle represented the N.C.W. on a deputation on this subject from the People's League of Health which was received by the Ministry of Health.

Councillor Mrs. Hilyer gave an interesting demonstration by means of lantern slides of Hydroponics. The Ministry of Agriculture are now recommending her booklet and Kew Gardens authorities have been asked to take up the question.

A resolution sent in by the Surrey Women Citizens' Association in Conference, on the training of midwives in the administration of anaesthetics during child birth, was supported by the Committee on condition that the nature of the anaesthetic, i.e., "gas and air," were named.

The result of the enquiry on non-therapeutic abortion, sent out by the Research Committee of the Joint Committee of Midwifery, was brought to the notice of the Public Health Committee by Lady Rhys Williams, the Hon. Secretary of the above Council. A summary was read to the Committee, and it was proposed that an *Ad Hoc* Committee be formed to consider the policy of the N.C.W. in relation to the recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion and to formulate a resolution for the Annual Conference.

The questionnaire to the Branches, reported last year, regarding the effect on the health of the public of patent medicines and appliances, brought in 27 replies. Of these 12 gave definite evidence that patent medicines were often injurious and delayed skilled treatment. Two affiliated societies, the National Society for Day Nurseries and the National Women Citizens' Associations were prepared to support legislation to regulate the control of proprietary medicines. A summary was sent to Mr. Charles Hecht, Secretary of the Parliamentary Committee on Food and Health, who, with the Vice-Chairman, Captain Elliston, M.P., expressed great interest in the replies sent. The Committee was addressed

by both Mr. Hecht and Captain Elliston, who urgently appealed for the support of the N.C.W. in efforts to secure legislation against the indiscriminate sale of proprietary medicines and appliances.

BRANCH NOTES :

Burton-on-Trent has approached the Medical Officer of Health on matters of social hygiene.

Bristol has inaugurated a Public Health section which young women are particularly encouraged to join. Its aim is to do practical social work especially in regard to malnutrition.

Several branches co-operated with headquarters in making enquiries about the number of epileptic children of school age.

St. Albans Branch visited the Pioneer Health Centre at Peckham. **Ealing, Gloucester** and **King's Lynn** have organised the distribution of milk to needy schoolchildren during the holidays.

Hull Branch provided voluntary workers at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

Harrogate collected money for a campaign against rheumatism, and gave substantial help towards the building of the new maternity block at the local hospital. **Carlisle** helped with a week's exhibition organised for the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association.

Manchester held a Conference on Milk in co-operation with the local Women Citizens' Association.

Cheltenham helped the local Tuberculosis Care Committee and Child Guidance Clinic.

Public Service and Magistrates Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MISS E. H. KELLY, C.B.E., J.P.

Vice-Chairman : MRS. J. M. PHILLIPS, J.P., C.C., and MRS. H. HOLMAN, J.P.

Secretary : MISS FORSTER.

The Committee held six meetings including a joint meeting with the Parliamentary and Legislation Committee, and there was a very good attendance at all the meetings. Four new members joined the Committee during the year.

Addresses were given by :—

The Dowager Lady Ampthill, C.I., G.B.E., J.P. on the Report of the Departmental Committee on Corporal Punishment.
Mr. Harold Scott, Chairman of the Prison Commission, on the Criminal Justice Bill.

Dr. G. Roche Lynch, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., F.I.C., Senior Official Analyst to the Home Office and Director

of the Department of Criminal Pathology, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, on the Bastardy Blood Tests Bill.

Miss Cicely Craven, J.P., Secretary of the Howard League for Penal Reform, and Mrs. Tate, M.P., spoke respectively for and against the abolition of corporal punishment.

Mr. G. A. N. Lowndes, M.C., B.Litt., of the Evacuation Department of the Ministry of Health, on vacation, reception and billeting. Mr. Lowndes gave a very comprehensive outline of the Government plans and was able to clear up many points regarding the detailed working out of the evacuation scheme as it affected those helping in the local organisation.

Mr. John Watson, J.P., Chairman of the Southwark Juvenile Court and author of "Meet the Prisoner," on Juvenile Offenders and After Care, describing how he dealt with these offenders in his own court.

Among other subjects which the Committee considered were sexual offences against young girls, the report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Abortion, legal aid for poor persons. On the recommendation of the Committee, a resolution was forwarded to the Government urging that free legal aid granted to poor persons in criminal cases should be extended to include both parties in applications under the Separation and Maintenance Acts and under the Bastardy Acts.

BRANCH NOTES :

Birmingham Citizenship Section has organised very successful luncheons with the idea of keeping members in touch with the work of local government.

Hull provided workers for voluntary probation visiting. **Liverpool** was one of the chief promoters of the newly formed Women's Local Government Association, the object of which is to educate women in local politics and to work for the election of more women councillors.

Maidstone, after a long struggle, now sees women on the Town Council for the first time.

Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee.

Chairman : THE PRESIDENT, MRS. A. F. W. JOHNSON.

Hon. Secretary for the Regional Committees : MISS N. I. RICKARD.

Secretary : THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

In addition to the usual meetings for Regional and Branch reports and other business held in November, February and June, a special meeting during the London Conference in October dis-

cussed the possibility of appointing an organising secretary to help with the formation of new Branches and the re-organisation when necessary of old ones—but the idea of a paid organiser was dropped for the present. Miss Rickard, the Hon. Secretary for the Regional Committees, has given invaluable help in a number of districts, and is always ready to visit Regional Committees or Branches to advise on matters of organisation.

Following the suggestions from the North Eastern Regional Committee a Sub-Committee was formed to consider the possibility of enlarging the powers of the Regional Committees, and recommended that Regional Committees should have the right to nominate candidates for election as Officers and members of the Executive, and also to send in a resolution for the Preliminary List for the Representative Council Meeting, and amendments to the ten selected resolutions. These recommendations will be considered at the Conference at Cheltenham.

There have also been useful discussions on such topics as Branch annual meetings, women special constables, recruiting for Women Police, "Women in Council."

Representatives of the Committee met in April at Leeds, the organisation of a very successful meeting being in the hands of the North Eastern Regional Committee and the Leeds Branch. The Committee in the morning, attended by a number of visitors from neighbouring Branches, was followed by a luncheon, and a larger meeting in the afternoon was addressed by the President, after which Mrs. W. A. Cadbury, J.P., talked on refugee work in Birmingham.

At the last meeting of the year, in June, the vexed question of the financial contributions made by Branches to Headquarters was again under discussion. It is hoped that a more equitable scheme may be evolved after further consideration.

The average attendance has been 41.

Temperance Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MISS CECILE MATHESON.

Vice-Chairman : MRS. GOODYEAR.

Hon. Secretary : MISS NOEL NYE.

The Committee met three times during the year. In November a presentation was made to Mrs. Goodyear from the members, on the occasion of her retirement from the office of Chairman.

Two resolutions connected with temperance were adopted at the Conference in London. In proposing the Executive resolution dealing with clubs, Mrs. Goodyear said she had an easy task, as she had merely to ask the Conference to re-affirm the policy expressed in 1935 at Leicester. The resolution on Child Fitness sent up by the National Free Church Women's Council was also passed unanimously.

Mr. F. C. Linfield, Hon. Secretary of the Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee, addressed the committee on the subject of "The Native Races and the Liquor Traffic."

In February, Mrs. Goodyear reported that the Home Secretary had received a deputation from the Christian Churches on the matter of Club Legislation. Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, Under-Secretary, said he would report to Sir Samuel Hoare.

Miss Hilda Dillon addressed the Committee on "The Temperance Collegiate Association" giving a sketch of the history of the association and some traceable results. In June the Rev. T. G. Dunning, M.A., Secretary of the Baptist Union Temperance Committee, gave an interesting address on "Youth's Aversion to Pledged Abstinence."

A resolution on alcohol and road accidents was chosen for discussion at the Cheltenham conference.

BRANCH NOTES :

Members of the Eastbourne Branch attended the Brewster Sessions to protest against the extension of licences.

Women Police and Patrols Sectional Committee.

Chairman : MISS E. TANCRED.

Hon. Secretary : MISS M. COWLIN, J.P.

The report of the Women Police Committee for the past year is, as usual, a record of renewed, if apparently unavailing, efforts on the part of the N.C.W. to secure the appointment of Women Police to work in all County and Borough Forces in England and Wales.

The Report of H.M. Inspectors of Constabulary for England and Wales for 1938 shows that there are four more women police working in the Provinces than in the previous year ; but that there are still 52 out of 60 County Forces and 83 out of 121 Borough Forces with *no* policewomen.

Scotland has now 36 policewomen, 4 more having been appointed last year. While no comment on their work is contained in the Report for England and Wales, H.M. Inspector for Scotland pays a high tribute to their value, which tribute was broadcast in full on the Scottish National.

The establishment of camps and munition works in country areas has shown the need for supervision and patrol work in these districts. The need for this and for preparedness for all kinds of emergency work in public places in case of air raids necessitated a consideration of the policy of the National Council with regard to the re-organisation or otherwise of voluntary patrols for whom the Council was responsible in the late war. Since 1914, the fact that

women doing any form of Police Service in public should work directly under the Police Authorities has been accepted as a principle by the National Council. In view of this, the Home Secretary was approached by the President and asked that the enlistment of Women Special Constables in connection with the National Register might be considered. The Home Secretary replied that Police Authorities had been authorised to use volunteers for motor driving, clerical and canteen duties. A similar reply had been received from the Secretary of State for Scotland. It was felt that this recognition was most inadequate and did not give women the status or duties of Special Constables.

In reply to a question from Miss Rathbone on 22nd June re the appointment of women as Special Constables the Home Secretary replied that the possibility of employing women on emergency work would not necessitate the possession of police powers and the appointment of women as special constables was not contemplated.

The need for the supervision of camps is urgent. The National Federation of Women's Institutes has expressed willingness to co-operate and County Federations have been asked to take up the matter.

The Criminal Justice Bill was published in November, 1938. Clause 40(7) provided that every woman or girl detained in custody must be supervised by "a woman." Clause 72 stated further that detention and supervision to constitute legal custody must be undertaken by a constable. Sir Thomas Moore, at the request of the N.C.W., agreed to move an amendment to Clause 40(7), adding the word "constable" after "supervision by a woman." He further agreed to propose the insertion of a new clause asking that where a woman or girl was in the custody of the police she should be in the custody of a woman. Unfortunately, the amendment had to be withdrawn.

A new and very attractive booklet on the conditions of service, etc., in the Metropolitan Police Force has been published.

The Hon. Secretary of the Women Police Committee is anxious to have names of women wishing to take up police work to add, if candidates prove suitable, to the N.C.W. Register. One of the candidates on this Register has just been appointed to the Oldham Police Force, and is to receive a preliminary training with the Birmingham Police Force.

In February the British National Committee on the Suppression of Traffic in Women and Children accepted for circulation abroad a statement by Miss Tancred giving particulars of Women Police in Great Britain. (See "Women in Council," June 1939.)

In March the President and Miss Tancred interviewed the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and promised that the National Council would assist in the recruiting of suitable women. The Commissioner stated that any recruits trained in the

Metropolitan Force could be transferred to their own Forces, should appointments be made in those for which they wished to apply.

Public opinion in favour of women police is undoubtedly growing. The opposition to their appointment comes almost entirely from Chief Constables who have never employed them. We hope that, in the interests of a true democracy, our own Branches and all affiliated societies will continue undeterred by this opposition, and leave no stone unturned until a trained policewoman is available for the work connected with women and children which occurs in every force.

BRANCH NOTES :

Bradford sent a deputation to the Watch Committee to urge the appointment of additional women police and a public meeting was held. **Carlisle** petitioned the local Watch Committee, but women police have so far been refused.

Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire, Middlesbrough, Oldham and North Staffs have all been busy urging the appointment of women police.

Glasgow Branch successfully agitated for additional women police at the Empire Exhibition in 1938. Several Branches have been trying to secure the appointment of women special constables for work in the vicinity of camps.

REPORT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES AND OF THE WORK OF THE BRANCHES, 1938-39.

This report covers twelve months ending 31st July, 1939.

During the year the Southern Regional Committee ceased to exist, as there had been two Branches only in that region. Farnham and Portsmouth are therefore now included in the South Eastern Regional Committee. The value of the other Regional Committees has been shown in a record of steady work and in the circulation of much useful information in the conferences arranged. Considerable interest has been aroused by suggested alterations in the Constitution which would enlarge the powers of Regional Committees.

Eastern Counties Regional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. HARPER SMITH.

Secretary : MRS. HARTREE.

The Committee has met twice during the year ; in November at Cambridge and in June at King's Lynn. At each meeting reports of the work of the Branches are given, which produce valuable discussion and are of help to the representatives of the other Branches

present. In November the resolutions passed at the London Conference were considered and suggestions made for taking action thereon. The meeting in June coincided with the receipt of the preliminary list of resolutions for the Cheltenham Conference, and members were therefore able to discuss them before their consideration in the Branches.

Miss Rickard, Hon. Secretary for the Regional Committees, attended the meeting at King's Lynn, and gave a short review of the work of the Regional Committees.

At the meeting in Cambridge a Branch meeting was held and Dr. Walker, Hon. Medical Secretary of the newly formed Cambridge Public Medical Service, gave an account of the provisions of the Service, which follow the lines of the scheme laid down by the British Medical Association.

At the luncheon at King's Lynn, Mrs. Donzé, Hon. Secretary of the Nationality of Married Women Committee, spoke on "British Wives of Aliens ; their Disabilities," and laid stress on the great importance, particularly at the present time, of the Bill for which a campaign was being organised both in the country and in Parliament.

Home Counties Regional Committee.

Chairman : MISS CECILE MATHESON.

Hon. Secretary : MISS INES BLANCH.

Three meetings of the Committee have been held, in November at 21, Gower Street, in February at Porchester Terrace by kind invitation of the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, and in May at Berkhamsted when the Berkhamsted Branch kindly organised a most interesting visit to Ashridge, the Bonar Law Memorial College.

In addition, a special meeting of branch representatives was held in March at 19, Elsworthy Road by kind invitation of Miss Matheson, to discuss questions of finance, powers of regional committees, etc.

Branch reports were given at most of the meetings. It has been a year of great activity, as besides their usual social service, most branches have co-operated in the work for refugees and are assisting in the plans for national defence.

East Midland Regional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. R. F. PERCY.

Secretary : MRS. W. S. ROTHERA.

The East Midland Regional Committee has had four meetings during the year. A meeting at the house of the Chairman to discuss the preliminary resolutions was well attended.

Newark and Southwell entertained the Committee at a one-day conference in November. The usual procedure was followed, a business meeting in the morning when each branch gave its report, and many interesting matters were discussed, lunch with the branch, and then a speaker in the afternoon. Chesterfield was the hostess branch in February. This was well attended and very successful, and opened the door to fuller discussion of the status of the part-time daily worker. This subject was dealt with in detail at the day conference at Derby in June, when Miss Storey of the Ministry of Labour (Nottingham) dealt with all the facts that were wanted. The annual meeting took place that day, and it gave great pleasure to all the branches that the National President, Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson, was present. Lunch with the branch followed at which Mrs. Johnson gave an inspiring talk. A delightful afternoon was spent at Suffield, and during tea Miss Rickard, Hon. Secretary for the Regional Committees, spoke quite informally about Regional work in general.

The year has certainly been one of useful work, and the co-operation and willingness of each branch to help the other is very real and a great asset to the work in general.

West Midland Regional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. J. G. EMANUEL.

Secretary : MRS. W. E. HICKS.

The West Midland Regional Committee has followed the usual procedure of holding two business meetings in Birmingham and a One-Day Conference at one of the Branches. All meetings have been well attended.

Following reports given by Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Barnes on the "Marriage Council" which had been formed in Birmingham, members were invited to make enquiries in their own districts as to—

- (1) The number of separation orders granted to young married couples and
- (2) If anything (or what) was being done to give advice to young couples about to marry.

There have been interesting discussions on the subject. A copy of the pamphlet issued by the Marriage Council has been sent to every member of the Committee. Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Cardinal Taylor were appointed to the special Regional Committee.

The One-Day Conference was held in Coventry and the subject was "Community Centres and Associations." This Conference, which was fully reported in "Women in Council" proved extremely interesting and the attendance most gratifying.

Northern Regional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. ALDERSON, M.A., J.P.

Secretary : MISS TRUTTMAN.

The Northern Regional Committee consists of four Branches, with little possibility of expansion. It can report no great achievement in the last year, but has met three times. These committees have been invaluable in consolidating and clarifying opinion, and lines of action on various problems.

The Region concentrates on the question of Women Police, but has made little progress in the face of great conservatism.

There has been co-operation in the matter of speakers, to the mutual advantage of the Branches concerned.

For the next three years, Carlisle has agreed to convene the Committee, with Mrs. Wakefield as Chairman.

North Eastern Regional Committee.

Chairman : LADY LAWSON TANCRED, J.P.

Secretary : MRS. ANGELO RAINE.

This Committee has met four times during the year, and in addition two special meetings have been held.

The first committee discussed the preliminary list of Conference resolutions and for the first time formed two special sub-committees—(1) Women Police, and (2) Pooling of Speakers.

The Committee met again at York in October to receive reports from sub-committees. Two lecture tours had been arranged—Miss Robinson on Child Guidance, and Miss Cowan on the I.C.W. Conference at Edinburgh.

The Committee sent a resolution to Headquarters, dealing with amendments to the Constitution regarding the powers of Regional Committees.

At Huddersfield in January a morning meeting for business and Branch Reports was followed by a lunch and a meeting in the afternoon addressed by Lady Lawson Tancred on the National Register, as well as by the Medical Officer for Huddersfield, Dr. Gibson, on Maternity and Child Welfare.

The last meeting held in Bradford for election of officers, Branch reports and conference business, was followed by a luncheon and in the afternoon the Bradford Branch had arranged a delightful outing by bus to Bolling Hall and Bolling Hall High School for Girls, where the party was entertained to tea by the Headmistress.

The Regional and Branch Representatives Sectional Committee met in Leeds on 27th April at 11.30 a.m. Luncheon was followed by a meeting addressed by the President, Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson. These meetings organised by a small sub-committee formed of Leeds Branch and N.E. Regional representatives were most helpful and enjoyable.

At a meeting held in Todmorden, presided over by the Mayor of Todmorden, the speakers were Lady Lawson-Tancred and Mrs. Hartree, an Hon. Vice-President of the N.C.W. to whom the committee owe very special thanks for coming from such a distance. At this meeting a new Branch of the N.C.W. was formed with 40 members, a President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

All the Committees have been well attended by representatives from the Branches in this region and the exchange of ideas and information given proves the great use of Regional Committees.

Most Branches work in some way to help the unemployed.

North Western Regional Committee.

Chairman : THE LADY CAWLEY.

Secretary : MRS. CLAYDON.

This Committee has met three times during the last year, in November at Manchester, in May at Southport and in June at Llangollen, by invitation of those branches.

At Southport the Regional Committee was helped and inspired by a visit from the President, Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson. The question of the time given to Headquarters business at Branch meetings and the circulation of the N.C.W. magazine, "Women in Council" were emphasised and discussed.

The North Western Regional Committee much regrets that the Lady Cawley has felt obliged to resign from the committee of which she has been Chairman since 1931. The Regional Committee has been greatly indebted to her for her leadership and generosity, and wish to record their deep appreciation of her services. At Llangollen, Miss Allington Hughes, J.P., was elected Chairman in her stead.

South Eastern Regional Committee.

Chairman : MISS MILMAN.

Secretary : MISS NORAH E. GREEN.

This Committee now consists of representatives from ten Branches, Farnham and Portsmouth Branches having recently joined it, while Mortlake with East Sheen Branch has resigned.

Miss Milman has been re-elected as Chairman, while Miss Norah Green on her resignation as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, has been appointed as Vice-Chairman. Councillor Miss Huxtable of Tunbridge Wells has been elected as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Committee has met three times during the year. The June meeting was held in Eastbourne by invitation of the Branch, which entertained the Committee to luncheon, when the President gave a most informative speech on the recent work of the N.C.W.

The members were afterwards driven out to see the Open Air School on the South Downs. The other meetings continue to be held at 63, Catherine Place, Buckingham Gate, by kind permission of Mrs. Wilson Potter, her entertainment of the members at tea giving a much appreciated opportunity for social intercourse. The Committee is also indebted to Mrs. Wilson Potter for effecting a saving to the funds by getting the necessary typing done.

The Committee is a Triennial Contributor to the I.C.W.

South Western Regional Committee.

Chairman : MRS. J. L. LOVIBOND, J.P.

Secretary : MRS. MEECH.

The Committee has met four times, representatives from Branches attending each meeting and giving a report of activities.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the President, Mrs. A. F. W. Johnson, to the Branches. This visit was very much appreciated and it was felt that it greatly increased the interest of the members. The Committee has learned with satisfaction that this year more members of the Branches have been able to attend the Sectional Committees in London.

A resolution was sent from the April meeting to the Dorset Standing Joint Committee urging that women special constables should be appointed for patrol duty near camps.

Western Regional Committee.

Chairman : MISS E. H. SMITH, J.P.

Secretary : MISS C. L. MORANT.

The Western Regional Committee has had four meetings during the year when the various Branches have told of their activities. Lady Ruth Balfour came to Bristol in February to speak on the Empire Crusade against rheumatism. All Branches in the Region were visited, and a large open meeting was held in the University Hall. Lady Ruth also spoke to some of the Branches on the arrangements made at the Edinburgh Conference.

In July Miss Rickard spoke most helpfully to the Committee on the work of Regional Committees. It has been arranged that at each Committee meeting two or three different members should be invited from each Branch in turn, in order to make the work of the Branches more widely known. All Branches are helping in A.R.P. work, and doing valuable work for refugees.

Scottish Standing Committee.

Chairman : MISS H. M. BLAIR.

Secretary : MRS. DAVID PATERSON.

The Committee met in **Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth** and

Aberdeen. The Sub-Committees on Cinema, Health, Finance, Marriage and Divorce, and Police have also met as required. Mrs. Shaw Dunn, M.D., D.Sc., Chairman of the Health Committee, undertook to obtain the views of several leading experts on the Bastardy (Blood Tests) Bill and the result of her enquiry was sent to the appropriate Committee. The Police Committee keeps in close touch with the Sectional Committee and Branches have been asked to stimulate recruiting for Women Police. The Scottish Standing Committee has been active in pressing for the formation of a Branch of women special constables for use in a national emergency. The Scottish Office has drawn the Chief Constables' attention to the value of these services should the need arise.

All Branches have been taking part in A.R.P. work in their localities and the Scottish Standing Committee has been represented on Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence.

The decorative Panel by Miss Sadie McLellan, lent to the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow by the N.C.W. has been given to the Hall of the women students of St. Andrew's University.

The Scottish Standing Committee has to record its deep sorrow at the losses sustained during the year in the deaths of its President, Ishbel, Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair, G.B.E., LL.D., J.P., and also of Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Mudie and Miss Christine Turnbull.

BRANCH WORK.

General.

Lack of space unfortunately prevents any account of the lecture and discussion meetings which play such an important part in the activities of the Branches. As elsewhere indicated the Branches have undertaken a formidable amount of work as their share in national defence organisation, and in work for refugees, but obviously there has been no neglect of the normal claims of peace time social service.

It is satisfactory to report friendly co-operation with other societies, and the following are a few examples :—

Bedford annually organises a United Women's religious service ; **Bristol** held a joint meeting with the Soroptimists and the Federation of University Women, the subject being "Residential Flats for Girls." **Birmingham** co-operated with the Clergy Wives Club in a meeting about conditions in the nursing profession. **Maidstone** opened their session with a church service to which other women's organisations were invited.

Headquarters Office is indebted to many Branches for loyal co-operation in collecting information on nutrition, conditions in nursing and domestic service, public mortuaries, hours of employment for young people, housecraft in schools, after-care of epileptics, etc. Most Branches have responded promptly when asked to

approach their local M.P's on various questions, and, with very few exceptions, returns and reports have been sent punctually. This is very much appreciated in the office.

One feature of growing popularity has been the development of luncheon and tea clubs. More than one Branch finds it convenient to have alternate afternoon and evening meetings in order to suit women of widely varying occupations.

Numbers have notably increased in the following Branches—Cheltenham, Greenock, Leeds, Northumberland and Newcastle, Spenborough, Wrexham. The growing number of printed Branch reports, carefully compiled and pleasing in appearance, is very noticeable this year.

EXAMPLES OF GENERAL SOCIAL WORK.

Aberdeen Branch was instrumental in keeping open several of the local church halls for young people to meet socially after every service.

Andover collected money and clothing for a Women's Club in a Distressed Area, and **Bath** helped unemployed miners in Durham.

Berkhamsted. The Girls' Club continues to fill a great need and pays its way. A Working Party meets weekly and sends regular parcels to the Rhondda Valley.

Bilston has contributed generously to the Bilston Children's Holiday Camp, Spanish Refugees, S. Staffs and Cannock Close Council of Social Women's Holiday Fund.

Bromley and District from its annual sale of goods made by Blind Workers, sent £142 to the National Society for the Blind.

Burton-on-Trent has a member elected on the Public Assistance Committee and the Militia Objections Board.

Colwyn Bay co-operated with school teachers in investigating cases of needy schoolchildren and raised a fund for providing boots and shoes.

At **Ealing** a very busy needlework guild meets monthly.

Eastbourne helped to organise a clothes depot which assisted 300 of the unemployed.

Edinburgh continued to take part in the work of teaching invalid children in their homes. The Branch is helping to raise a fund to provide flags for H.M.S. Edinburgh for special occasions. Edinburgh joint W.C.A. and N.C.W. has agreed to be responsible for the future management of the Social Service Library.

Farnham invited senior girls from the Farnham Girls'

Grammar School to tea and to hear a speaker on the nursing profession.

Gerrards Cross and Chalfont St. Peter held a stall at the local hospital fete and, through the League of Flower Givers, sends flowers to town once a week to be distributed by the Church Army.

Harrogate has continued to help the Girls' Club it was largely instrumental in forming.

Harrow has a record of much practical social work, completely re-equipping the Nursery School with overalls and helping their funds, working for old people and other necessitous cases and organising various charitable collections.

Hastings and St. Leonards co-operated with other societies against the granting of a Betting Licence to a proposed Greyhound Racing track in St. Leonards and subsequently the Watch Committee refused to grant the licence.

Leeds reports successful efforts to further safety on the roads.

Leicester gave help at a Leprosy Exhibition.

Lincoln contributed to Miss Picton-Turbervill's Fund for rescued Child Slaves in China.

Mortlake and East Sheen members give practical examples of social work, such as reading to hospital patients, visiting lonely old people, and at mental institutions, from which parties of patients have also been entertained.

North Staffs largely supports the Y.W.C.A. Hostel.

A **Nottingham** member has been leader of a community centre.

Oldham reports a useful year's work done by their Women's Hostel.

Perth co-operated with the Soroptimists to raise funds for a Nursery School, and contributed to Miss Picton-Turbervill's Fund.

Ruislip sent garments once again to the Over-Thirty Association and other organisations.

Southport and Birkdale were responsible for a successful session at the Disabled Soldiers and Sailors Exhibition.

Spenborough again made a collection for an infirmary.

Stirling continued to take active practical interest in three societies founded by it, Thistle Property Trust Ltd., After-Care of Invalid Children and the Goodwill Club.

York gave support to the Community Council of York.

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BALANCE SHEET as at JULY 31st, 1939.

LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Offices Fund :						
Balance as per separate Account	1,844	12	7			
Loan from Lady Steel-Maitland	84	0	0	1,928	12	7
International Council of Women :						
Balance per separate Account ..				30	10	11
Special Organisation Fund : ..						
As per Balance Sheet	41	18	8			
Less Expenses (Miss Richard and Press Secretary)	2	2	2			
				39	16	6
Staff Emergency Fund :						
As per last Balance Sheet ..	83	2	0			
Add interest for year		8	1			
				83	10	1
Household Service League :						
As per separate Account ..				85	5	1
Staff Pension Fund :						
As per last Balance Sheet ..	307	10	3			
Add Interest for year		7	13	6		
				300	0	0
Less amount paid to Miss Green	15	3	9	300	0	0
General Fund :						
As per last Balance Sheet ..				90	0	0
Bank Balance Overdrawn ..				359	15	7
				£2,917	10	9

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Offices Fund :						
INVESTMENTS :						
War Loan 3½% £2,297 16. 11.						
Stock at cost (Market value at 31-7-39, £1,755. 10. 2) ..	2,335	2	7			
Less £400 stock at cost ..	406	10	0			
				1,928	12	7
International Council of Women :						
Cash on Current Account ..				30	10	11
Special Organisation Fund :						
Cash on Deposit				39	16	6
Household Service League :						
Cash on Current Account ..	32	14	9			
Cash on Deposit Account ..	52	10	4			
				85	5	1
Staff Emergency Fund :						
Cash on Deposit				83	10	1
Staff Pension Fund :						
Cash at P.O. Savings Bank ..				300	0	0
General Fund :						
INVESTMENT :						
War Loan 3½% £84. 12. 3 Stock at cost				90	0	0
Petty Cash in Hand				10	18	4
Income Account :						
Debit balance at 1st Aug., 1938..	466	3	8			
Add Debit Balance for year ..		29	12	1		
				495	15	9
Deduct Travelling Pool—excess of receipts over payments transferred	146	18	6			
				348	17	3
				£2,917	10	9

We have examined the foregoing Accounts for the year ended 31st August, 1939, with the books and vouchers produced to us. We have verified the Investments and Bank Balances as stated in the Balance Sheet. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out correctly the state of the Council's affairs, according to the information given to us and as shewn by the books.

11th September, 1939.

PRIDEAUX, FRERE BROWN & Co., Chartered Accountants.
12, Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC.2.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

1937/8.		RECEIPTS.						
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Subscriptions :								
237	10	6	Members	232	6	6		
286	4	3	Branches	315	16	6		
375	0	0	£5 fees	400	0	0		
128	9	6	Societies	132	10	0		
3 0 6 Household Service League (Capitation Fee)				1,080	13	0		
„ Donations :				3	16	3		
125	18	3	London Conference	86	2	8		
59	5	0	General	81	0	2		
				167	2	10		
„ Dividends and Interest :								
2	19	2	3½% War Stock	2	19	2		
4	2		Bank Deposit	4	4			
				3	3	6		
„ Sale of Literature :								
59	0	9	Conference Reports	75	17	2		
12	8	5	Conference Agenda	13	15	6		
68	6	8	Handbook (Sales and Adverts.)	57	2	0		
54	0	1	Pamphlets	37	15	11		
				184	10	7		
27	16	3	„ Public Service Minutes	25	16	3		
219	5	3	„ “Women in Council” Sales	230	1	0		
28	0	1	„ I.C.W. Bulletin Sales	28	5	7		
„ Miscellaneous Receipts								
Sundries				11	10			
10	13	0	Sale of Badges	7	1	0		
2	15	6	Duplicating	2	18	9		
				10	11	7		
„ New Offices Fund—Contribution towards :								
277	13	2	Salaries	249	14	10		
70	0	0	Rent	187	4	0		
				436	18	10		
78 4 0 „ Deficit, carried to Balance Sheet				29	12	1		

£2,125 14 6

£2,220 11 6

WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN.

for the year ended 31st July, 1939.

1937/38.		PAYMENTS.									
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
929	10	5	By Salaries and National Insurance	978	12	0					
197	12	6	„ Rent	197	7	6					
				1,175	19	6					
14	7	0	„ Insurance : Life Policy	14	7	0					
3	7	11	Fire and Burglary	3	16	11					
				18	3	11					
„ Heating & Lighting :											
2	13	11	Coal	4	1	3					
20	12	0	Gas	21	9	9					
6	5	10	Electricity	5	7	9					
				30	18	9					
36	8	10	„ Office Cleaning	39	13	0					
19	7	8	„ Renewals and Repairs :	9	5	0					
				48	18	0					
62	19	1	„ Stationery	76	2	1					
100	6	0	„ Postage	89	12	7					
41	0	3	„ Telephone	38	14	3					
				204	8	11					
4	8	2	„ Newspapers & Reports	9	2	11					
10	10	0	„ Press Cuttings	10	10	0					
1	16	4	„ Petty Expenses	-	-	-					
				19	12	11					
6	14	8	„ Bank Charges	14	19	6					
6	6	0	„ Audit Fee	6	6	0					
-	-	-	„ Legal Expenses (new lease).. .. .	22	17	0					
				44	2	6					
8	3	8	„ Travelling Expenses				366	5	0		
30	0	0	„ Committee Grants				7	10	1		
123	12	0	„ Printing : General				47	10	6		
104	7	5	Conference Reports	96	13	6			124	16	0
22	18	6	Conference Agenda	22	9	0					
57	4	0	Handbook	56	7	0					
66	16	8	Pamphlets	39	17	3					
				215	6	9					
19	4	6	„ Public Service Minutes				9	2	6		
„ “Women in Council”											
93	10	6	Printing	116	6	7					
100	0	0	Salary of Editor	100	0	0					
				216	6	7					
24	2	8	„ I.C.W. Bulletin				22	1	6		
2	17	0	„ Subscriptions to other Societies				1	1	0		
6	10	0	„ I.C.W. Affiliation Fee				6	10	0		
-	-	-	„ Panel Fund Balance				8	2	7		
2	1	0	„ Edinburgh Tour				-	-	-		

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1st SEPTEMBER, 1938, TO 31st JULY, 1939:

MEMBERS.	Subscriptions.		Subscriptions.
	£	s. d.	
Aberdeen and Temair, the late			
Ishbel, Marchioness of	2	2 0	
Absolom, Miss		5 0	
Acland, The Hon. Lady	1	1 0	
Adams, Mrs. Leonard		5 0	
Adeane, Mrs.	1	0 0	
Ailsa, Marchioness of		10 0	
Albright, Miss M. C.		5 0 0	
Allan, Miss	1	1 0	
Allen, Miss R.		5 0	
Allington Hughes, Miss	2	2 0	
Anderson, Mrs. J.		5 0	
Anderson, Miss E.	1	1 0	
Anstruther, Mrs.	1	0 0	
Anthony, Miss S. G.	1	1 0	
Anton, Mrs.		5 0	
Ashton, The Lady	5	0 0	
Astor, Viscountess, M.P.	1	1 0	
Auerbach, Mrs.		5 0	
Austin, Miss S.		5 0	
Ayers, Miss		7 0	
Bacon, Miss		5 0	
Baker, Mrs. Croft, J.P.		5 0	
Barlow, Miss A. E. F.		10 6	
Barrow, Mrs. Walter		5 0	
Bartelot, Mrs.		5 0	
Barton, Mrs.		5 0	
Bather, Mrs. (1937-38)		10 0	
Baxendale, Mrs. (1938-39)	1	6 0	
Baxter, Mrs. Dudley		5 0	
Beardoe-Grundy, Miss		5 0	
Beeby, Mrs. J. H.		10 0	
Behrens, The Hon. Mrs. Clive		5 0	
Bell, Mrs.	1	1 0	
Binns, Mrs. J. B.		5 0	
Bigland, Mrs. (1938-39)	2	2 0	
Bishop, Dr. M. F.		5 0	
Blackburne, Miss G. M. Ireland	2	2 0	
Blackie, Miss		10 0	
Blackie, Miss C. (1938-39)		10 0	
Blake, Mrs. R., M.B.E., J.P.		5 0	
Bliss, Miss B.		5 0	
Blundell, Mrs. H. E., J.P.		5 0	
Bolus, Mrs. Gillham		5 0	
Boydell, Miss E. M.		7 6	
Bradshaw, Miss G. M.		5 0	
Braithwaite, Miss		5 0	
Braithwaite, Mrs. M.		5 0	
Bright, Miss M. I.		5 0	
Broadbent, Miss M. E.	1	1 0	
Brodie-Hall, the late Miss		5 0	
Bronner, Miss		10 0	
Brown, Miss C.		5 0	
Browne, Mrs. Walter		5 0	
Buckland, Mrs.		5 0	
Buller, Dame Georgiana, J.P.		5 0	
Burke, Miss S. E.		10 0	
Burrows, Miss C. M. E.		10 0	
Buxton, Lady Noel		10 0	
Cadbury, Mrs. Barrow		1 1 0	
Cadbury, Mrs. Edward		1 1 0	
Cadbury, Dame Elizabeth	10	0 0	
Cadbury, Mrs. W. A.		5 0 0	
Campbell of Inverneill, Miss, J.P.		5 0	
Canziani, Miss E.		5 0	
Carden, Miss		5 0	
Carnegie, Mrs. H. T.		5 0	
Cartwright, Mrs. B.		5 0	
Cartwright, Miss M.		5 0	
Cawthra, Miss (1938-39)		10 0	
Chapman, Mrs. Chas.		5 0	
Chapple, Mrs. H. Annesley		10 0	
Clarendon, Countess of	2	2 0	
Clark, Miss D. I.		5 0	
Clark, Mrs. C. W.		5 0	
Clark, Mrs. S. B.		5 0	
Clay, Hon. Mrs. Spender	2	0 0	
Clements, Dr. E. Meredith		5 0	
Clough, Miss B. A.		10 0	
Coates, The Lady Celia		5 0	
Coates, Miss		5 0	
Collinge, Mrs.		5 0	
Collis, Dr. Mary		5 0	
Colman, Miss Jessie		5 0	
Comben, Councillor Mrs.		5 0	
Cowen, Miss H.		5 0	
Cowlin, Miss Mabel		10 0	
Crawshay, Mrs. C. E.		5 0	
Crewdson, Mrs.		5 0	
Crombie, Mrs. K. F.		5 0	
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Daly, Mrs.		10 6	
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Darwin, Lady		5 0	
Davidson, Viscountess		10 0	
Davies, Mrs., J.P.		5 0	
Davies, Lady		5 0	
Davies, Miss Cox		5 0	
Davies, Miss, J.P.		5 0	
Dewar, Mrs.		10 6	
Dodd, Mrs. Tattershall		5 0	
Donald, Miss	1	0 0	
Dow, Mrs. A.		5 0	
Durand, Mrs. Ralph		10 6	
Eaton, Miss K. E.		5 0	
Eccles, Mrs. Harold		5 0	
Eden, Mrs.		5 0	
Edmonds, Miss S. G.		10 6	
Emmott, The Lady	1	1 0	
Estcourt-Oswald, Dr. A.		5 0	
Evans, Mrs. Richardson	1	1 0	
Fawcett, Miss Phillippa Garrett	4	0 0	
Field, Mrs.		10 0	
Field, Miss		5 0	
Finch, Mrs.	1	1 0	
Fitzhugh, Mrs.	1	0 0	
Fleming Hamilton, Mrs.		5 0	

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	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Forteviot, Margaret, Lady		5 0	Kemp-Johnston, Miss M.		5 0
Fox, Miss E. M.	1	1 0	Kempthorne, Mrs.		10 6
Franklin, Hon. Mrs.	1	1 0	Kerly, Miss M.		5 0
Fry, Miss S. Margery		5 0	Kerr, Ex-Bailie Isabelle	1	1 0
Fulford, Miss		10 0	Keynes, Mrs., J.P.		1 1 0
Fuller, Mrs.		5 0	Kingsbury, Mrs., J.P.		5 0
Gardiner, Lady		5 0	Lambert, Mrs. Davies	2	2 0
Gardiner, Mrs.		5 0	Langton, Mrs.		10 6
Garrett, Mrs.		5 0	Lawrie, Councillor Miss M. E.	1	1 0
Gaskell, Miss W. C.		10 0	Leacroft, Mrs.		5 0
Gavigan, Mrs. C., J.P.		5 0	Leathes, Mrs. M. de, J.P.		5 0
Gibson, Mrs.		5 0	Lees, Councillor Miss M.	1	1 0
Gladwell, Mrs. S. W.	1	1 0	Leete, Mrs. Joseph		5 0
Glover, Mrs. Howard	1	0 0	Legge, Mrs.		5 0
Gluckstein, Mrs. Francesca, M.B.E., J.P.		17 0	Lehman, Mrs. R. C.		10 0
Goode, Miss P. S.		5 0	Lenwood, Mrs. Frank	1	0 0
Goodyear, Mrs.	1	0 0	Lewis, Mrs. E. F.		5 0
Gordon, the late Dame Maria Ogilvie, D.B.E., LL.D., D.Sc., J.P.		1 1 0	Ley, Lady	2	2 0
Gordon-Holmes, Miss	1	1 0	Ley, Miss A. W.		5 0
Goudie, Dr. M.		5 0	Liberty, Miss Octavia		10 0
Gow, Mrs. James	1	0 0	Lilley, Miss E. L.		10 0
Gowers, Miss Evelyn		5 0	Lloyd, Miss M. J.	1	0 0
Graham, Mrs. Patrick		5 0	Lockyer, Lady		5 0
Gray, Mrs. Alan	1	1 0	Locock, Miss		5 0
Gray, Mrs. Edwin	1	1 0	Loney, Miss	1	1 0
Gray-Buchanan, Miss		5 0	Lowe, Mrs. F. M.	1	1 0
Gulland, Mrs.		5 0	Lovibond, Mrs., J.P.	1	0 0
Hale, Mrs. B. Forbes-Robertson	1	1 0	Ludlow, Lady	2	2 0
Hale, Mrs. E. L.		5 0	Macadam, Miss		5 0
Halpin, Miss		5 0	Macdonald, Miss L.	1	1 0
Harper, Miss Isabel		5 0	Macdonald, Miss M. A.		10 6
Hartley, Miss E.	1	1 0	Macdougall, Miss		5 0
Havelaar, Miss M. G.		5 0	Magregor-McGrigor, Mrs.		10 0
Heath, Lady (1938-39)	2	0 0	Mackenzie, Mrs. Fraser		5 0
Henry, Miss A. L., M.B.E.		5 0	Maclagan, Miss D.		12 6
Henry, Miss E. S.		5 0	Macmillan, the late Miss Chrystal, B.Sc., M.A.		5 0
Hertz, Miss		10 6	Madan, Miss E.		5 0
Hertz, Miss A. T.		10 6	Marshall, Miss M. E.		5 0
Hertz, Miss Olga		10 6	Martin, Miss C. M.		5 0
Hett, Mrs. H. H.		10 0	Mason, the late Miss Bertha	1	1 0
Hignett, Mrs. Geoffrey	1	0 0	Matheson, Miss		10 0
Hill, Miss M.		10 0	Mathew, Miss C. J.		5 0
Hilyer, Councillor Mrs.	1	1 0	Maughan, Miss		5 0
Hind, Mrs. Wheelton, O.B.E.	1	1 0	Maxwell, Mrs. Commissioner		5 0
Hoare, Miss		5 0	Midwood, Mrs. D. M.		5 0
Hobbs, Mrs. Hewlett		5 0	Mitchell, Mrs. C. T.		5 0
Hodge, Miss Marie		5 0	Mitchell, Miss Lynette	2	2 0
Holland, Miss, J.P.		5 0	Montagu, The Hon. Lily	1	1 0
Hope, Lady		5 0	Montagu, The Hon. Marian	2	2 0
Hort, Lady, J.P.	1	1 0	Montagu-Pollock, Miss E.		10 0
Hoster, Mrs.		10 0	Montague, Mrs., J.P.		5 0
Hovey, Alderman Miss, J.P.	1	1 0	Montgomery, Mrs. J.	1	1 0
Hubback, Mrs.		10 6	Moro, Mrs.	1	1 0
Hudson, Mrs. Donaldson		5 0	Morris, Mrs. C. H.		5 0
Huntsman, Miss		5 0	Moseley, Mrs. R. S.		5 0
Hurle, Mrs. Cook		5 0	Moss, Mrs. H. W.		5 0
Hutchinson, Miss L. A.		5 0	Mount, the Dowager Lady		5 0
Ingle, Miss W. A.		5 0	Muir, Mrs.		5 0
Jackson, Lady Mather		5 0	Neilans, Miss A.		5 0
Jackson, Mrs.		10 0	Ness, Mrs. Patrick	1	1 0
Jebb, Mrs.		5 0	Nevile, Miss M. E.		5 0
Johnson, Mrs. A. F. W.	1	1 0	Norwood, Lady		5 0
Johnson, Mrs. W. H.	1	1 0	Nunburnholme, The Dowager Lady	1	1 0
Johnston, Mrs. T.	10	0 0	Nuttall, Mrs. E.		5 0
Johnston, Miss H. M.		10 0	O'Leary, Miss		7 6
Keeble, Mrs. (1938-39)		10 0	Orman, Miss		5 0
Keighley, Miss N., J.P.		5 0	Orr, Mrs. Stewart		5 0
Kellsall, Mrs.		5 0	Orred, Miss		10 0

		Subscriptions.		
		£	s.	d.
Packman, Mrs. E. C., J.P. ..	..	1	1	0
Paget, Dame Rosalind ..	..	5	0	0
Paice, Mrs. C. B. ..	..	10	0	0
Parkinson, Miss, J.P. ..	..	5	0	0
Patterson, Mrs. O. E. ..	..	5	0	0
Paxton, Mrs., J.P. ..	..	5	0	0
Peckover, The Hon. Alexandrina ..	..	10	0	0
Peel, Honble. Mrs. Home ..	..	10	0	0
Penrhyn, Lady ..	..	1	1	0
Pernull, Mrs. ..	..	10	0	0
Phillips, Miss M. E. ..	..	5	0	0
Playne, Miss C. E. ..	..	5	0	0
Pontifex, Miss C. E. ..	..	5	0	0
Potter, Mrs. J. Wilson ..	..	2	2	0
Powell, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Powell, Mrs. Edward ..	..	5	0	0
Powell, Miss B., J.P. ..	..	5	0	0
Quibell, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Rabagliate, Mrs. ..	..	1	1	0
Radford, Miss L. ..	..	1	1	0
Ramsden-Jodrell, Mrs., C.B.E., J.P. ..	..	5	0	0
Ransom, Mrs. ..	..	1	1	0
Rayner, Miss I. ..	..	10	6	0
Reed, Councillor Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Retchford, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Reyes, Miss Inez de ..	..	5	0	0
Rhondda, Viscountess ..	..	1	1	0
Riddell, Miss M. S. ..	..	10	0	0
Riley, Miss R. A. ..	..	11	0	0
Roberts, Mrs. Hugh ..	..	5	0	0
Roberts, Mrs. Rymer ..	..	1	1	0
Robinson, Miss C. L. ..	..	5	0	0
Robinson, Mrs. C. W. ..	..	1	1	0
Robinson, Mrs. P. M. ..	..	1	1	0
Rocke, Mrs. George ..	..	10	0	0
Rootham, Mrs. R. M. ..	..	1	1	0
Rogers, Rev. C. (1938-39) ..	..	1	0	0
Rose, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Rothera, Mrs. ..	..	10	6	0
Royden, Miss M. C. ..	..	10	0	0
Runciman, Hon. Mrs. Walter ..	..	1	1	0
Russell, Hon. Mrs. Hamilton ..	..	5	0	0
Sant Elia, Contessa di (1938-39) ..	..	1	0	0
Scarth, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Schuster, Mrs. Ernest ..	..	5	0	0
Selborne, The Countess of ..	..	1	0	0
Shann, Miss Laura ..	..	5	0	0
Shann, Miss Lucy H. ..	..	5	0	0
Shaw, Mrs. Edward, J.P. ..	..	5	0	0
Skinner, Mrs. J. H. ..	..	1	1	0
Smieton, Mrs. M. J. ..	..	1	1	0
Smith, Lady Mabel ..	..	5	0	0
Smith, Miss E. H. ..	..	5	0	0

		Subscriptions.		
		£	s.	d.
Spicer, Lady Handley ..	..	10	0	0
Steel-Maitland, Mary, Lady ..	..	1	1	0
Stevenson, Miss E. ..	..	10	0	0
Stewart-Brown, Mrs. E. ..	..	1	0	0
Stiebel, Mrs. Arthur ..	..	10	0	0
Stirling, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Storrs, Mrs. Francis ..	..	7	6	0
Stott, Mrs. A. C. ..	..	1	1	0
Strachey, Mrs. St. Loe, O.B.E. ..	..	5	0	0
Strachey, Miss P. ..	..	5	0	0
Sturge, Miss Elizabeth ..	..	5	0	0
Swaffield, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Swaisland, Miss V. D. ..	..	1	0	0
Swanborough, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Thomas, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Todd, Miss H. C. ..	..	5	0	0
Tomlins, Mrs. ..	..	1	1	0
Towers, Miss C. ..	..	5	0	0
Tozer, Miss F. L. ..	..	10	0	0
Thornton, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Trent, Lady ..	..	1	0	0
Turner, Mrs. ..	..	10	0	0
Turner, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Turrill, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Unknown ..	..	5	0	0
Valpy, Mrs. (1938-39) ..	..	3	3	0
Vicary, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Villiers, Miss S. A. ..	..	5	0	0
Waters, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Watkin, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Watts, Mrs. Arthur ..	..	5	0	0
Weber, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Wheeler, Mrs. Bourne ..	..	1	1	0
White, Mrs., J.P. (1938-39) ..	..	10	0	0
White, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Whitwell, Miss, J.P. ..	..	1	1	0
Willis, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Wilson, Dr. Helen ..	..	10	0	0
Wilson, the late Miss T. F. ..	..	5	0	0
Woodgate, Mrs. ..	..	5	0	0
Wolseley-Lewis, Miss ..	..	5	0	0
Worsley, Miss M. T. ..	..	10	0	0
Wragg, Mrs. Leonard ..	..	1	1	0
Yate-Lee, Miss ..	..	1	0	0
Yates, Miss E. M. ..	..	10	6	0
Young, Mrs. R. F. ..	..	1	0	0
Young, Mrs. T. M. ..	..	5	0	0
Zimmern, Miss E. M. ..	..	2	2	0
		£	232	6 6

DONATIONS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LONDON CONFERENCE	86	2	8
MRS. ANGELO RAINE'S IMAGINARY STALL	19	17	0
GENERAL:							
Anonymous	2	6	0
Barrow Branch—Balance of funds	1	0	0
Manchester Branch	5	5	0
Lady Cawley	10	0	0
Mrs. Emley	10	0	0
Mrs. Hartree	5	0	0
Miss Holinman	3	0	0
Mrs. Karslake	1	0	0
Mary, Lady Steel-Maitland	5	0	0
Mrs. Newsum	1	0	0
Mrs. Wilson Potter	10	0	0
Mrs. Arthur Watts	10	0	0
Mrs. Leonard Wragg	12	1	8
Miss M. L. Wilson	1	0	0

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BRANCHES.

		Subscriptions.		£5 Fees.				Subscriptions.		£5 Fees.										
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.							
ENGLAND.																				
Andover	10	0	5	0	0	Malvern	1	10	0	5	0	0						
Aylesbury	2	7	6	5	0	0	Manchester ..	..	3	6	6	5	0	0				
Bath (1938-39)	2	15	9	10	0	0	Mansfield ..	..	5	9	5	0	0					
Bedford (£5—1938-39)	..	3	9	5	10	0	0	Middlesbrough ..	..	2	1	3	5	0	0				
Berkhamsted	—	—	—	5	0	0	Mortlake ..	..	2	0	0	5	0	0				
Bilston (1938-39)	3	1	6	10	0	0	Newark ..	..	2	16	11	5	0	0				
Birmingham	7	15	6	5	0	0	Norfolk and Norwich	..	12	14	0	5	0	0					
Bournemouth	6	6	11	5	0	0	North Staffs. ..	..	1	8	6	5	0	0				
Bradford	5	17	6	5	0	0	Northumberland ..	..	7	11	3	5	0	0				
Bridlington	4	5	0	5	0	0	Nottingham ..	..	22	6	6	5	0	0				
Brighton	2	13	9	—	—	—	Oldham ..	..	2	10	0	5	0	0				
Bristol	6	6	0	5	0	0	Peterborough ..	..	2	15	0	5	0	0				
Bromley	2	10	0	5	0	0	Portsmouth ..	..	2	0	6	5	0	0				
Burton	1	7	6	5	0	0	Richmond ..	..	5	19	0	5	0	0				
Cambridge	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ruislip ..	..	1	10	0	5	0	0				
Carlisle	2	19	0	5	0	0	St. Albans ..	..	12	4	2	5	0	0				
Cheltenham	3	0	0	5	0	0	Salisbury ..	..	2	18	0	5	0	0				
Chesterfield	3	5	8	5	0	0	Sheffield ..	..	11	16	3	5	0	0				
Chorley Wood	2	18	0	5	0	0	South Dorset ..	..	—	—	—	5	0	0				
Coventry	14	6	5	5	0	0	Southport and Birk-	..	3	13	6	5	0	0					
Croydon	—	—	—	—	—	—	Spenborough ..	..	2	0	0	5	0	0				
Derbyshire	2	1	6	5	0	0	Stockton ..	..	3	10	0	5	0	0				
Ealing	4	7	6	5	0	0	Torquay	..	—	—	—	—	—						
Eastbourne	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	(£5—1938-39) ..	..	1	14	9	10	0	0				
(1938-39 subs.)	..	12	5	0	5	0	0	Tunbridge Wells ..	..	5	2	9	5	0	0				
Farnham	1	2	0	5	0	0	Watford ..	..	—	—	—	—	—					
Gerrards Cross	1	5	6	5	0	0	Wolverhampton ..	..	4	0	0	5	0	0				
Gloucester	2	3	0	5	0	0	Worthing ..	..	1	0	0	5	0	0				
Halifax	—	—	—	—	—	—	York ..	..	3	4	4	5	0	0				
Hampstead	—	—	—	—	—	—	SCOTLAND.												
Harpenden	3	2	6	5	0	0	Aberdeen ..	..	6	6	3	5	0	0				
Haslemere (balance	..	1	9	4	—	—	—	Dundee ..	..	2	10	0	5	0	0				
of funds)	..	1	12	6	5	0	0	Edinburgh ..	..	11	15	7	5	0	0				
Harrogate	2	0	0	5	0	0	Glasgow ..	..	5	0	0	5	0	0				
Harrow	4	1	0	5	0	0	Greenock ..	..	4	2	9	5	0	0				
Hastings	5	12	2	5	0	0	North Ayrshire ..	..	9	0	5	0	0					
Hornsey	1	5	0	5	0	0	Perth ..	..	2	10	0	5	0	0				
Huddersfield	8	1	3	5	0	0	Stirling ..	..	2	0	0	5	0	0				
Hull	1	5	0	5	0	0	WALES.												
King's Lynn	2	10	0	5	0	0	Bangor ..	..	1	12	11	5	0	0				
Leeds	8	0	0	5	0	0	Colwyn Bay ..	..	1	5	6	5	0	0				
Leicester	7	0	0	5	0	0	Llangollen ..	..	2	10	0	5	0	0				
Lincoln	3	12	6	5	0	0	Wrexham	1	10	0	—	—						
Liverpool	12	2	4	5	0	0	£315 16 6 £400 0 0												
London	5	4	0	5	0	0													
Maidstone (1938-39	..	—	—	—	—	—	—													
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I.—AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

	Subscriptions.	£	s.	d.
Abortion Law Reform Association	1	1	0
Alexandra College Guild (1935-38)	6	0	0
Alexandra College, Dublin	10	0	0
Alliance of Honour	1	1	0
Anglican Group for the Ordination of Women	1	1	0
Animal Welfare, National Council for	1	1	0
Assistant Mistresses in Public Schools, Incorp. Association of	1	1	0
Association for Moral and Social Hygiene	1	1	0
Beckenham Women Citizens' Association	10	6	—
Bedford College for Women	1	1	0
British College of Nurses	1	1	0
British Dental Association	1	1	0
British Social Hygiene Council	1	1	0
Brotherhood Movement Incorporated (Sisterhood Section)	1	1	0
Canning Town Women's Settlement	1	1	0
Charity Organisation Society	1	1	0
Child Guidance Council	1	1	0
Chiropodists, Incorporated Society of	1	1	0
Church Army	1	1	0
Church of England Advisory Board for Moral Welfare Work	1	1	0
Church of England Temperance Society (Women's Union)	1	1	0
Church of Scotland Women's Guild	1	1	0
College Hall	10	0	—
College of Nursing, Incorp.	1	1	0
Colonial and Continental Church Society (Ladies' Association)	10	0	—
Conservative and Unionist Associations, National Union of	1	1	0
Conservative Women's Reform Association	1	1	0
Coulsdon and Purley W.C.A.	1	1	0
County and County Borough Hospital Matrons' Association	1	1	0
Day Nurseries, National Society of	1	1	0
Electrical Association for Women (1938-39)	2	2	0
Epileptics, National Society for	1	1	0
Equal Citizenship, National Council for	1	1	0
Eugenics Society (1939-40)	2	2	0
Exeter Diocesan Deaconesses	10	0	—
Factory Girls' Country Holiday Fund	1	1	0
Food Education Society	1	1	0
Girls' Clubs, National Council of	1	1	0
Girls' Friendly Society (Central Council)	1	1	0
Girls' Friendly Society (Scotland)	10	0	—
Girls' Guides Association	1	1	0
Girls' Guildry	1	1	0
Greyladies' College of Women Church Workers	1	1	0
Head Mistresses, Association of	1	1	0
Home and School Council of Great Britain	1	1	0
House of Education, Teachers and Old Students' Association	1	1	0
Howard League for Penal Reform	1	1	0
Independent Schools Association, Inc.	1	1	0
Industrial Psychology, National Institute of (Women's Com.)	1	1	0
International League for Protection of Horses	1	1	0
Invalid Children's Aid Association	1	1	0
Jewish Association for the Protection of Girls, Women and Children	1	1	0
Jewish Women, Union of	15	0	—
Liberal National Council (Women's Division)	1	1	0
Mabys Association for the Care of Young Girls	1	1	0
Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Chartered Society of	1	1	0
Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland	1	1	0
Maternity & Child Welfare, National Council for	1	1	0
Mental After Care Association	10	0	—
Mental Hygiene, National Council for	1	1	0
Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses' Club	1	1	0
Ministry of Women, Society for the	1	1	0
Mothercraft Training Society	1	1	0
National Adult School Union (Women's Dept.)	1	1	0
National British Women's Total Abstinence Union	1	1	0
National Children Adoption Society	1	1	0
National Free Church Women's Council	1	1	0
National Smoke Abatement Society	1	1	0
National Sunday School Union	10	6	—
National Vigilance Association	1	1	0
National Spinsters' Pensions Association	1	1	0
National Women Citizens' Association (1938-39)	2	2	0
Newport W.C.A.	10	0	—
Nurses, National Council of	1	1	0
Open Door Council	1	1	0
Our Dumb Friends' League	1	1	0

AFFILIATED SOCIETIES—continued.

	Subscrip- tions.
	£ s. d.
Over Thirty Association	1 1 0
Oxford Diocesan Council	10 0
Parents' National Educational Union	1 1 0
Pedestrians' Association	1 1 0
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Royal Society for	1 1 0
Prevention of Cruelty to Children, National Society for (1939-40)	2 2 0
Public Morality Council	1 1 0
Ranyard Mission	1 1 0
Reigate and Redhill W.C.A.	10 6
Representative School Managers of London Elementary Schools	10 0
Salisbury Diocesan Association for Moral and Spiritual Welfare	10 0
Salvation Army (Women's International Department)	1 1 0
Save the Children Fund	1 1 0
Scottish Council of Women Citizens' Associations (1938-39)	2 2 0
Scottish Matrons' Association	1 1 0
Southwark Diocesan Association for Moral Welfare	10 6
Streatham Women's Local Government and Citizens' Association	1 1 0
Student Christian Movement	1 1 0
Sutton Coldfield Women Citizens' Association	10 6
Teachers, National Union of (1938-39)	4 4 0
Teachers of Domestic Subjects, Association of	1 1 0
Teddington and The Hamptons W.C.A.	1 1 0
Temperance Legislation League	1 1 0
Training of Women, Society for Promoting the	1 1 0
University Women, British Federation of	1 1 0
University Women's Camps for Schoolgirls, Federation of (1938-40)	3 3 0
Universities' Federation for Animal Welfare	1 1 0
Unmarried Mother and Her Child, National Council for	1 1 0
Wage Earning Children, Committee on	1 1 0
Westfield College	1 1 0
West London Mission	10 6
Winchester Women Citizens' Association	10 6
Wives' Fellowship	1 1 0
Women Housing Estate Managers, Society of	1 1 0
Women Pharmacists, National Association of	1 1 0
Women Public Health Officers' Association	1 1 0
Women's Employment Federation	1 1 0
Women's Farm and Garden Association	1 1 0
Women's Gas Council (1938-39)	2 2 0
Women's Liberal Federation	1 1 0
Women's Service, London and National Society, for	1 1 0
Yorkshire Ladies' Council of Education	1 1 0
Young Women's Christian Association (British National Council)	1 1 0
Young Women's Christian Association of Scotland	10 6

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