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**: EAST MIDLAND :
FEDERATION**



N. U. W. S. S.



**SECOND
Report & Balance Sheet
1912-13**

N.U.W.S.S.

EAST MIDLANDS FEDERATION.

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Executive Committee :

Chairman :

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Burton-on-Trent...	...	Miss M. Nicolls, 10 Frederick Street, Burton-on-Trent.
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Southwell...	...	Miss W. Gascoigne, St. Michael's Cottage, Hoveringham, Notts.
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Constitution and Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

One Representative for 20 to 50 members,

Two Representatives for 50 to 100 members,

and one Representative for each additional 50 members.

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUENCIES AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

East Midland Area.

CONSTITUENCY.	N.U.W.S.S. SOCIETY.	MEMBER.
NOTTINGHAM, East ...	Nottm. &	Sir J. D. Rees, M.P. ... Con.
South...	Notts.	Lord Henry Bentinck, M.P. ... Con
West ...	..	Sir J. H. Yoxall, M.P. ... Lib.
NOTTS., Bassetlaw ...	..	Hume-Williams, Esq., K.C., M.P. Con
Newark ...	Southwell	J. R. Starkey, Esq., M.P. ... Con.
Rushcliffe ...	Hucknall	Lief Jones, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
Mansfield ...	Mansfield	Sir A. Markham, M.P. ... Lib.
DERBY, 2 Boro.'s ...	Derby	Sir T. Roe, M.P. ... Lib.
DERBYSHIRE, South ...	..	J. H. Thomas, Esq., M.P. ... Lab.
N. East ...	Chesterfield	Sir H. Raphael, M.P. ... Lib.
Chesterfield ...	..	W. E. Harvey, Esq., M.P. ... Lab.
Ilkeston ...	Ilkeston	Barnet Kenyon, Esq., M.P. ... Lab.
Mid. ...	..	Right Hon. Col. Seely, M.P. ... Lib.
West ...	Matlock	J. G. Hancock, Esq., M.P. ... Lab.
		Lord Kerry, M.P. ... Con.
LEICESTER. 2 Boro.'s	Leicester	J. R. Macdonald, Esq., M.P. ... Lab.
LEICESTERSHIRE.		Gordon Stewart, K.C., M.P. ... Lib.
Harboro' ...	..	J. W. Logan, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
Bosworth ...	..	Hon. H. D. Maclaren, M.P. ... Lib.
Loughboro' ...	..	Sir M. Levy, M.P. ... Lib.
Melton ...	Melton	Col. C. E. Yate, M.P. ... Con.
	Mowbray	
BURTON-ON-TRENT...	Burton	Lieut.-Col. R. F. Ratcliffe, V.D., M.P. ... Con.
RUTLAND ...	—	Col. J. Gretton, V.D., M.P. ... Con.
NORTHAMPTON, 2 Boro.'s...	Northamptn	C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
		H. B. Lees-Smith, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
NORTHANTS, Mid ...	Crick	H. Manfield, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
East ...	Kettering	Chiozza-Money, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
	Wellingboro	
North ...	Oundle	H. L. Brassey, Esq., M.P. ... Con.
PETERBOROUGH ...	Peterboro'	G. Greenwood, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
LINCOLN... ...	Lincoln	C. H. Roberts, Esq., M.P. ... Lib.
LINCS., Gainsborough ...	Gainsboro'	Major G. J. Bentham, M.P. ... Lib.
Grantham ...	Grantham	Sir A. Priestley, M.P. ... Lib.
Horncastle ...	—	Captain Weigall, M.P. ... Con.
Sleaford ...	—	E. Royds, Esq., M.P. ... Con.
Stamford ...	—	Hon. C. Willoughby, M.P. ... Con.

VOTING IN PARLIAMENT.

On November 4th, 1912, on Mr. Snowden's Amendment to the
Home Rule Bill.

For the Amendment.	Against.
LIB. Sir A. Markham, Mansfield C. A. McCurdy, Northampton Hon. H. D. Maclaren, Leicestershire	LIB. G. J. Bentham, Gainsborough Crawshay Williams, Leicester G. Greenwood, Peterborough Sir M. Levy, Leicestershire H. Manfield, Mid Northants L. Chiozza-Money, E. Northants Sir A. Priestley, Grantham C. H. Roberts, Lincoln Sir T. Roe, Derby Col. Seely, Ilkeston H. B. Lees-Smith, Northampton
LAB. J. H. Thomas, Derby J. R. Macdonald, Leicester J. G. Hancock, Mid-Derbyshire	CON. H. Brassey, N. Northants Sir J. D. Rees, E. Nottingham Col. Yate, Melton, Leicestershire
CON. W. E. Hume-Williams, K.C., N. Notts.	LAB. W. E. Harvey, N.E. Derbyshire

VOTING ON MAY 6th, 1913.

Representation of the People (Women) Bill.

For Women's Suffrage.	Against.
LIB. G. J. Bentham, Gainsboro', Lincs. Crawshay Williams, Leicester Lief Jones, Notts. Sir A. Markham, Mansfield L. Chiozza-Money, E. Northants C. A. McCurdy, Northampton H. B. Lees-Smith, Northampton C. H. Roberts, Lincoln Sir T. Roe, Derby Sir J. H. Yoxall, Nottingham	CON. H. Brassey, N. Northants Earl of Kerry, W. Derbyshire Sir J. D. Rees, Nottingham E. Royds, Lincolnshire J. R. Starkey, Notts. Capt. Weigall, Lincolnshire Major Willoughby, Lincolnshire Col. Yate, Leicestershire
CON. W. E. Hume-Williams, K.C., Notts. Lord H. Bentinck, Nottingham	LIB. H. Manfield, Mid Northants Sir A. Priestley, Grantham Sir H. Raphael, Derbyshire Col. Seely, Ilkeston
LAB. J. R. Macdonald, Leicester J. G. Hancock, Derbyshire J. H. Thomas, Derby	

Paired For.

W. E. Harvey, Labour J. W. Logan, Liberal

Absent.

G. Greenwood, Peterborough; Sir M. Levy, Leicestershire; Hon. H. D. Maclaren, Leicestershire; Col. R. F. Ratcliffe, Burton.

REPORT, 1912-13.

The second year's work of the East Midland Federation was entered upon on October 14th, 1912, when the first Annual Meeting was held in Nottingham, at which plans for the coming winter's work were discussed and arranged, and the usual business was transacted.

BAZAAR.

The immediate work in prospect for the Branches, was the organization of local work in connection with the joint Forest of Trees Bazaar which it was decided to hold in Nottingham in November, for the benefit of the Branches and of the Federation. The joint Bazaar Committee which was appointed under the secretaryship of Mrs. W. E. Dowson, of Nottingham, became a very active one. The result fully realized the hopes of those who had promoted the scheme. Mrs. Dowson's time was almost entirely devoted to the work during October and November, and those who worked with her know well how arduous and unceasing were her efforts to ensure success. The loyal co-operation of the Branches, and the enthusiasm of the local secretaries helped also in no small measure to this end.

The Bazaar was opened the first day by Her Highness, Princess Catherine Duleep Singh, with Sir F. Rolleston, M.P. in the chair; the second day by Lady Markham, wife of Sir A. Markham, M.P. The Hall was decorated by seven monster Christmas Trees lit up by red, green, and white electric lights. Each of the larger Branches in the Federation had a Tree, (the smaller ones joining in one), and the basis of the division of profits was settled by the Committee beforehand, under the able treasurer'ship of W. R. Hamilton, Esq., to whom the grateful thanks of the Committee are tendered. The gross profits amounted to close upon £300, and a grant of £50 out of this was made to the Federation Exchequer.

OCTOBER—DECEMBER.

Meantime many Branches were doing their share of actual Suffrage work in the several localities, while Mrs. Cowmeadow (organiser) was at work in the large labour constituencies of Derbyshire during all the Autumn.

Public meetings, as well as many small gatherings in these and other places, were held, during October and November, at Chesterfield, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Hucknall, Burton, Derby, Long Eaton, Kettering, Northampton and Matlock. Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Corbett Ashby spoke for us on several occasions. Two new Branches were formed during this time, viz., Ilkeston and Chesterfield, and both are now duly affiliated to the Federation.

Early in November a special Whip to M.P.'s was sent from the constituencies upon Mr. Snowden's Amendment to the Home Rule Bill. and both Colonel Ratcliffe, M.P. for the Burton Division, and Mr. J. G. Hancock, M.P. for Mid-Derbyshire received deputations in reference to it.

The work done during October and November by Miss Ballentine (Assistant Organizer) in Kettering, Peterborough, and Gainsborough, resulted in three very carefully prepared and influential memorials, signed by leading citizens and professional men of the respective constituencies. In each case these were personally presented to the member for the Division, together with an accurate analysis of names.—At Kettering the deputation was a very influential one, and was organized jointly with the Women's Liberal Federation, and composed of some of Mr. Chiozza Money's chief supporters.

JANUARY—APRIL.

The hopes of Suffrage workers ran high when 1913 came in, and it was felt that with the debate on the Franchise Bill at hand, and special time apportioned by the Government for the consideration of the Women's Amendments, we were at last to see some definite result to all the years of struggle. The work in the Federation had been going forward at high pressure in view of these hopes, and among many other activities in January a memorial from leading constituents had been prepared to Col. Yate, M.P. for the Melton Division—by Miss St. John and the Leicester Society, and forwarded to him, as he declined to receive a deputation. Large posters were got out for the occasion by the Notts. Branch, and sent round to several Societies in the area where special pressure was being applied. A number of wires to be sent during the debate from the constituencies to "doubtful" M.P.'s had been arranged for, etc. etc. But on January 23rd, on the eve of the Debate, the whole political situation was suddenly and completely altered by the Speaker's Ruling upon a question of procedure. As a result, the Bill was immediately dropped by the Government, and Women's Suffrage ceased to occupy a place among the foremost political questions of the moment.

Our work, however, was not allowed to suffer by this unexpected blow to our hopes—and in February Miss Norma Smith came to us and began work at Derby and Matlock. Meetings and special campaigns were also held during February in Mansfield and Sutton, when Miss I. O. Ford kindly spoke for us—also in Lincoln and Nottingham. Miss Norma Smith was recalled for the Kendal bye-election early in March, but Mrs. Cowmeadow continued her rather uphill struggle in the Derbyshire constituencies until Easter and held a public meeting in Belper during that time.

On March 13th, an At Home was held by the Notts. Branch, to which Federation representatives were invited to meet Miss Courtney, who kindly gave a most admirable and interesting address on the "New Policy" (anti-Liberal). This opportunity of hearing the new departure fully explained by our Hon. Secretary, was much appreciated, but many of the Branches have felt unable, so far, to heartily welcome and endorse the Policy, feeling as they do, that their difficulties in gaining new members and influence locally, are increased tenfold now that Liberal M.P.'s and Politicians have, many of them, naturally felt bound to withdraw from the National Union.

MAY—JUNE.

After the Easter holidays Miss Norma Smith worked at Southwell, Lincoln and Gainsborough, and a Branch was formed at Gainsborough under most hopeful auspices. In April, too, Mrs. Rackham kindly spoke at Uppingham and elsewhere in the Rutland Division, and laid the foundations for a possible Branch in the future.

After May all our efforts were concentrated upon the great Pilgrimage to be held in June and July, and Miss Smith's time was entirely given to visiting the various localities through which it was to pass, and arranging for hospitality and advertisement.

PILGRIMAGE.

The Pilgrims from Newcastle who were marching down the Great North Road, to London, entered the Federation area at Chesterfield on July 7th, when the marchers were cheered and encouraged by the presence of our beloved President, Mrs. Fawcett, who walked into Chesterfield at the head of the contingent and under the Federation Banner. She remained with the North Road Pilgrims for three days, and spoke at Chesterfield, Mansfield and Southwell. At Chesterfield and Mansfield, also at Newark and Grantham magnificent meetings were held in the market squares, and thousands were addressed in each place from several platforms. In spite of some rowdiness in one or two places a large number of friends' cards (roughly 500) were signed and collections taken, averaging £2 to £3 a night. A very large amount of free literature was distributed en route, and many village meetings held during the day. The Pilgrims from the East Midlands feel that the march was an unqualified success through their area, although with a longer time for preliminary work probably far wider results could have been achieved. It was a great strain upon the resources of the Federation, both physical and financial, but all agree that it proved itself more than worth while. Many of our members might be congratulated upon the help and encouragement they gave, but especially we would like to thank our President, Mrs. Manners, for her sacrifice of time and strength, and for her unflinching courage and determination. Her presence and her speeches were an inspiration to many during that time. Mrs. W. E. Dowson also should receive our thanks for all her untiring work in speaking continually, and as chauffeur to the tired ones to whom she gave frequent lifts in her car, in which she accompanied the marchers the whole way through the Federation area. A good contingent formed up behind Mrs. Stanbury and our banner to march through the London streets and partake in the final triumph of the Pilgrimage in Hyde Park on July 26th. Those who were there will never forget the scene or cease to be thankful that they were sharers in that wonderful culminating demonstration.

Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Stanbury for representing us upon the East Midland Federation Platform at Hyde Park, and also for the kind interest shown by her at all times in our work. We feel ourselves peculiarly happy in our link with Headquarters.

Quite at the end of the summer came the good news of a Branch formed upon its own initiative at Wellingborough, Northants. It was accompanied by a cheque for £5 to the Federation Pilgrimage Fund, a result of a Garden Sale held immediately after its formation. This prompt sense of loyalty to the Suffrage work within the area, and not only their own actual locality is a happy augury for the future usefulness of the Branch. The contributions from the Branches to the Pilgrimage Fund, most of which were earmarked to be returned to the Federation, will be found elsewhere.

I.L.P. WORK.

It is hoped that in the coming year this Branch of the work will be considerably developed and increased. In the past year arrangements have been made whereby almost every I.L.P. Branch in the Federation receives a regular copy of "Common Cause," one or two Branches supplying as many as seven and eight weekly, for this purpose.

Special canvasses have taken place in more than one constituency, arranged and carried out by members of the I.L.P. themselves. In Ilkeston during the Christmas holidays a memorial was signed by over 100 members of the Ilkeston I.L.P., and this was taken to London by their own members and personally presented to the Rt. Hon. Col. Seely, M.P.

In Chesterfield a canvass of 976 houses resulted in a petition of 619 signatures of householders to the local M.P. for Women's Suffrage. This too was carried out entirely by I.L.P. members.

The Peterborough Branch also passed in October the following strong resolution:—"The Peterborough Branch of the I.L.P. being determined that the political enfranchisement of women shall be granted without delay, condemns the Government for introducing a Franchise Bill for men only—repudiates the sham pledges by which the Government are trying to trick the advocates of votes for women—protests against the Government which is guilty of such a policy being kept in power by the aid of labour votes, and finally calls upon the Labour Members of Parliament to vote constantly and relentlessly against the Government from now onwards, until they have either driven them from office or compelled them to introduce and carry a proposal giving votes to women on equal terms with men."

BYE-ELECTIONS.

LEICESTER BOROUGH DIVISION—On the resignation of Mr. Crawshay-Williams (Liberal) in April, Gordon Hewart, Esq., K.C. (Liberal), was elected. He is prepared to support Suffrage up to the point of causing serious embarrassment to the Liberal Government.

CHESTERFIELD DIVISION, DERBYSHIRE—On the death of Mr. J. Haslam (Labour) in August, Mr. Barnet-Kenyon (Labour) was elected with the help of Liberal and Labour votes, and is prepared to support the Woman's Suffrage programme in its entirety.

In conclusion it is earnestly hoped that with the growing activity and sphere of usefulness of the Federation, an equally growing enthusiasm and loyal support from the Branches will be forthcoming to meet it. It is only by their support and encouragement that the work can go forward, and to this we confidently look forward.

A. M. DOWSON, Hon. Secretary.

Press Secretary's Report.

This report must begin, as the Treasurer's ends, with an apology. Reports of the year's work should have been obtained this month from the local press secretaries for summary and comment in the Federation Press Secretary's report. Unfortunately this has not been possible, and the following remarks must necessarily appear scrappy and unsatisfactory.

Out of the 82 papers in the Federation 56 are nominally being worked through the local Press Secretaries. It is necessary to say nominally because there is not evidence that all the papers covered have received attention, though there is evidence that most of them have done so. Of the 16 papers not even nominally worked by local secretaries, few if any have been entirely neglected by the F.P.S., but the amount of attention available for them has necessarily been slight, and the difficulty for an outsider to get a hearing in local papers is very great. If any member of the Federation knows of a suffragist who would work the papers in Belper, Lenton, Radford, Loughborough, Market Harborough, Retford or Rushden. she would be doing a useful piece of work in putting her in touch with the F.P.S.

Of the papers covered by the local secretaries, the more important dailies have now been removed from the scope of the F.P.S. and are dealt with from headquarters. This is as it should be; under the old arrangement news had filtered too far and become too flat to be appreciated when it reached the offices of such papers as the *Nottingham Guardian* or the *Leicester Mail*.

The local secretaries working the Weeklies have been supplied with copies of "Weekly Notes" dealing briefly with fresh developments of the movement. A charge of 1/- per annum is made to each society receiving these notes in order to cover the cost of obtaining them from headquarters. Five societies have responded to the F.P.S.'s offer of skeleton notes to be worked up into articles by local secretaries. Six papers printed Mrs. Swanwick's Review of the N.U.'s work of last year. Nearly all the reports of the pilgrimage were very full and favourable.

The F.P.S. feels no anxiety as to the press work in Derby, Grantham, Leicester, Lincoln, Nottingham or Mansfield. The Lincoln secretary has done specially useful work. The Northampton papers are very favourable, but it is extremely difficult to get into touch with the local secretary in that town; much might be done there by an energetic worker. The Peterborough secretary appears to have despaired of her papers; this is a great pity, as

even the most hostile editors have been known to yield to tactful persistence, and the Peterborough editors are neutral rather than hostile. The Wellingborough secretary has made a very good beginning.

The secretaries who are unmentioned in this report have either been unable—very likely for quite sound reasons—to accomplish much, or else they have omitted to keep the F.P.S. informed of their progress.

Hardly any of the papers worked refuse to insert reports of local meetings or letters from local residents. In short the press boycott, always less determined in the provinces than in London, is steadily decreasing.

URSULA ROBERTS, Hon. Press Secretary.

Treasurer's Report, 1912-13.

Our balance-sheet for the year 1912-13 is, on the whole, a satisfactory one. It shows a balance on the right side of £62 16s. 9d. It is to be hoped, however, that no one will be led by this fact to cut down her contributions to the Federation. The sixty pounds will soon disappear; it would have disappeared by now but for the fact that we received it so very recently. There is still a large amount of unbroken ground in the Federation, and there is plenty of scope for profitable work in existing branches. It is to be hoped that our subscriptions in the coming year will show an increase on those of the past year, in which they have been regrettably low. Donations are excellent in their way; but subscriptions are obviously of even greater value. Our existence is necessarily precarious if we are to depend entirely upon special funds, special grants, special efforts of one sort or another.

It will be noticed that the item "Expenses *re* Meetings" appears twice on the expenditure side. This is in order to keep the organisers' expenses distinct from those of branches or individuals receiving from the Federation grants towards expenses of meetings. No speakers' fees are included in organisers' expenses.

It is satisfactory to observe that the item "Grants from N.U.W.S.S." is lower by half than in the preceding year.

It has not been possible to have the balance-sheet signed by an auditor this year owing to the absence from the Treasurer's papers of any statement as to the proceeds from the Nottingham Bazaar. The necessity for such a statement was carelessly overlooked by the Treasurer until it was too late to procure one from the treasurer of the Bazaar Accounts. A reference to the latter will, however, reassure inquirers as to the accuracy of the item as shown on the Balance Sheet.

URSULA ROBERTS,
Hon. Treasurer.

Subscriptions and Donations,

1912-1913.

AFFILIATION FEES.

	£	s.	d.
Burton W.S.S. (1913-14)	6	0	0
Crick W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Derby W.S.S. ...	18	1	0
Grantham W.S.S. ...	9	0	0
Hucknall W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Ilkeston W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Kettering W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Leicester W.S.S. ...	1	0	0
Lincoln W.S.S. ...	8	0	0
Mansfield W.S.S. ...	7	0	0
Matlock W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Melton Mowbray W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Northampton W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Nottingham W.S.S. ...	2	13	9
Oundle W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Peterborough W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Southwell W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
	£8	11	10

DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Burton W.S.S. ...	3	3	0
Cowmeadow, Mrs. (per)	2	0	0
Evans, Miss ...	2	0	0
Grantham W.S.S. ...	10	0	0
Manners, Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Mellor, Mrs. ...	18	10	½
Nesbitt, Mrs. ...	2	6	0
Worthington, Mrs. ...	18	10	½
Wright, Mrs. Kentish ...	3	0	0
	£13	14	3

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Allen, Mrs. W. ...	10	0	0
Boden, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Dowson, Sr. Mrs. ...	5	0	0
I'Anson, Mrs. ...	2	6	0
Manners, Mrs. ...	2	10	0
Nesbitt, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Onslow, Lady ...	10	0	0
Sloane, Miss ...	1	1	0
Worthington, Mrs. ...	10	6	0
	£11	9	0

DONATIONS TO PILGRIMAGE FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Buckley, Miss ...	12	6	0
Burton, W.S.S. ...	3	3	0
Crick W.S.S. ...	2	0	0
Derby W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Dowson, Miss A. M. ...	2	10	0
Gilstrap, Miss ...	10	0	0
Gittens, Miss ...	1	1	0
Harrison, Miss ...	5	0	0
Harrison, Miss M. R. ...	10	0	0
Hucknall W.S.S. ...	1	0	0
Kettering W.S.S. ...	1	0	0
Lincoln W.S.S. ...	4	7	0
Mansfield W.S.S. ...	20	0	0
Moxon, Mrs. ...	2	0	0
Newsom, Miss ...	2	6	0
Nottingham W.S.S. ...	9	3	3
Onslow, Lady ...	1	0	0
Oundle Members ...	2	13	6
Richardson, Mrs. ...	15	0	0
Ronalds, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Southwell W.S.S. ...	1	0	0
Stanbury, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Wellingborough W.S.S. ...	5	0	0
Wright, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
	£77	10	9

COLLECTIONS ON PILGRIMAGE.

	£	s.	d.
At Chesterfield ...	3	17	0
Grantham ...	1	5	6
Mansfield ...	2	5	0
Newark ...	10	0	0
Oundle ...	19	0	0
Southwell ...	2	0	0
Stamford ...	13	6	0
Thrapston ...	1	10	0
	£13	0	0

EAST MIDLAND FEDERATION.

Balance Sheet for Year ended September 30th, 1913.

	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.			
To Cash in hand on October 1st, 1912	18	7	9
" Affiliation Fees (as per list) ...	8	11	10
" Donations (ditto) ...	13	14	3
" Subscriptions (ditto) ...	11	9	0
" Donations to Pilgrimage Fund (ditto) ...	77	10	9
" Sale of Haversacks, etc. ...	7	6	0
" Collections on Pilgrimage (as per list) ...	13	0	0
" Grants from N.U.W.S.S. ...	30	0	0
" Grant from N.U.W.S.S. for Expenses re Summer School ...	5	0	0
" Proceeds from Nottingham Bazaar ...	50	0	0
" Proceeds of Meetings—			
Sale of Tickets ...	£2	0	6
Collections... ..	6	5	2
Sale of Literature ...	1	10	0
	8	7	6
	£236	8	7
	£236	8	7
EXPENDITURE.			
By Organisers' Expenses—	£22	8	11
Travelling ...	37	0	11
Board ...	13	12	9
Stamps & Telegrams ...	24	1	8
Meetings ...	1	18	6
Tips ...	99	2	9
Literature ...	13	7	10
Expenses re Meetings ...	14	10	10
Postage and Petty Cash ...	12	16	8
Printing and Stationery ...	11	0	8
Expenses re Summer School ...	5	0	0
Expenses re Deputation ...	1	5	0
Collections forwarded to Pilgrimage Fund ...	13	0	0
Special Expenses re Pilgrimage (haversacks, etc.) ...	3	5	7
Cheque Book ...	2	6	0
Balance in hand ...	62	16	9
	£236	8	7

URSULA ROBERTS,

Hon. Treasurer, East Midland Federation.

BURTON BRANCH

President—Mrs. BUBB

Hon. Secretary—Miss M. NICOLLS, 10 Frederick Street, Burton-on-Trent

Number of Members, 70

Three deputations to Members of Parliament were organised. Three public meetings were held during the year—speakers: Lord Lytton, Miss Cicely Corbett, Rev. Claud Hinscliff, Rev. C. D. Rosenthal and Mrs. W. E. Dowson. Also a successful Whist Drive was held by the members.

A week's open-air campaign was held in Swadlincote district, and later a successful garden Party and sale.

An open-air meeting was also held at Walton, and an "At Home" in November.

Burton joined with Derby in a Stall at the Nottingham Suffrage Bazaar in November, 1912.

Receipts for year, Jan. 1912—Jan. 1913	£23 16 5½
Expenses	17 10 10½
Balance	6 5 7

CHESTERFIELD BRANCH.

President—Mrs. WEBB-PEPLOE, The Vicarage, Bolsover, near Chesterfield.

Hon. Secretary—Miss JESSIE SMITH, Walton Rise, Chesterfield.

Number of Members, 29

After the formation of the Chesterfield Society in November, 1912, two meetings were held, the first a conference with Constitutional, Militant and Anti-suffrage speakers, the second a lecture by Mrs. Cowmeadow on "The Political attitude of the National Union."

Steady work has been going on among the Trades Unions, and the attitude of the public generally has become much more favourable to our cause.

In September Miss E. Pearson, the honorary Secretary, resigned for unavoidable reasons. The Committee feel they cannot record too strongly their appreciation of her devotion and unsparing efforts given to the cause of Women's Suffrage, and are glad that she is organizing the Cottage Meetings in Chesterfield.

Miss Stevens, who has been an active member of the Society during the past year, is now acting as honorary Treasurer in place of Mrs. Liddlelow, who has taken up other suffrage work.

Receipts for year 1912-13	£2 1 9½
Expenses	2 6 7
To overdrawn account	4 9½

CRICK BRANCH.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. ROBERTS, Crick Rectory, Rugby

Number of Members, 20

The Society has held five public meetings in the village, and one in Long Buckby. A few "Friends" have been found in both villages.

Receipts for year 1912-13	£5 18 6
Expenses	5 9 1
Balance	9 5

DERBY BRANCH.

President—LADY ONSLOW, Chevin Bank, Duffield, nr. Derby.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. G. S. SOWTER, Field House Duffield

Number of Members, 250

Seven meetings have been held in this Branch (1912-13), two of which were open-air. One particularly successful one was held on February 27th, 1913, at the Albert Hall, Derby. Seven hundred people were present, and listened with great attention to our speaker, Miss Norma Smith.

Several of our Committee took part in the great Pilgrimage, one member walking all the way from Mansfield to Hyde Park.

We are glad to say that the "Antis" have at last accepted our challenge, and we are jointly getting up a Debate, which is to take place at the Albert Hall, Derby, on November 5th. Mrs. F. T. Swanwick is to be our speaker, Miss Gladys Pott is speaking for our opponents.

Receipts for year 1912-13	£62 12 8
Expenses	49 14 6½
Balance	12 18 1½

GAINSBOROUGH BRANCH.President—Mrs. HEWITSON (*pro tem.*)

Hon. Secretary—Miss D. L. RAYNER, Oakville, Morton Road, Gainsborough

Number of Members, 49

As the Society was only formed at the end of last winter, we have not been able to have a large meeting so far. We had a White Elephant Tea in June, with an address by Mrs. W. Enfield Dowson. Thirteen members have joined since June.

Receipts, April 14—October 13, 1913	£1 10 9½
Expenses	16 0
Balance	14 9½

GRANTHAM BRANCH.

President—LADY MARY TURNOR

Chairman—Mrs. ARTHUR HUTCHINSON, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham.

Hon. Secretary—Miss A. MEDLOCK, Church Street, Grantham

Number of Members, 118

The Grantham Society has lost some members during the year owing to militancy, and difficulty has been experienced in collecting the subscriptions of other members owing to the same cause. The anti-militant spirit is rife in Grantham. Although interest was aroused during the Pilgrimage, it has been found impossible to enlarge the membership or to hold meetings.

The "Friends of Women's Suffrage" scheme has been worked to some extent. A Stall was contributed to the Notts. Bazaar, for which the members under Mrs. Hutchinson worked well.

A very large and orderly audience gathered in the Market Place in July to hear the Pilgrims speak.

Receipts for year 1912-13	... £23 10 5
Expenses ... ..	... 26 9 6
Balance ... ..	... 11

HUCKNALL BRANCH.

Chairman—Mrs. HARPUR
 Hon. Secretary—Mrs. RAYNOR, 204 Beardall Street, Hucknall, Notts.
 Number of Members, 45

The members worked well for the Bazaar in Nottingham, November, 1912, and held weekly sewing meetings in preparation for this, under the management of Mrs. Merrick, the late secretary.

To give a true account of the state of the society since the Bazaar one would be bound to deplore a sad falling-off in enthusiasm. Few meetings have been held, and little work done. An effort is now being made to re-galvanise the Branch, however, and it is to be hoped that something like the former activity of the members may be aroused.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£13 7 5
Expenses	...	8 14 3

Balance	...	4 13 2
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ILKESTON BRANCH.

President—Mrs. WALTERS
 Treasurer—Miss OLIVER
 Hon. Secretary—Miss HAGUE, Church Farm, Cossall, Notts.
 Number of members, 23

In spite of the fact that the Hon. Secretary and other workers of the Branch have only the evenings to give to the work, much good propaganda work has been attempted. One public meeting and 8 private meetings have been held. During the Christmas Holidays an I.L.P. canvass was organised by the I.L.P. members, which resulted in a good petition. This was taken up to London and personally presented to the Right Hon. Colonel Seely, M.P.

A sectional Pilgrimage as far as Hucknall was arranged for one of the days the "Pilgrims" were in the Federation area. The Ilkeston members willingly gave up their half-holiday to this undertaking, as none of them could leave their work to join the Pilgrimage itself. Two successful meetings were held during the day's march.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£1 5 8½
Expenses	...	1 12 7½

Overdrawn account	...	6 10
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KETTERING BRANCH.

Chairman—Mrs. ARTHUR WALLIS
 Hon. Secretary—Miss E. PLUMBRIDGE, 53 St. Peter's Avenue
 Number of Members, 56

During the year two meetings have been held, one being a united meeting with various Women's Societies of the town. Mrs. Donaldson, of Leicester, spoke upon "The Religious Aspect of the Women's Movement."

In June we were fortunate in securing Fru Anker to speak at a Garden Meeting, her subject being "The Enfranchisement of Women in Norway."

A few members of our society were able to join the Pilgrims at Thrapston, and to take part in the procession to Huntingdon.

"Common Causes" are being supplied to our M.P., and also to three secretaries of the I.L.P.

A very influential memorial was prepared and presented to Mr. Chiozza-Money by a joint deputation with the Liberal Federation, and satisfactory pledges were obtained from him.

Receipts for year 1912 to Oct., 1913	...	£20 12 2
Expenses	...	15 6 1

Balance	...	5 6 1
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LEICESTER BRANCH.

Chairman—Miss GITTINS
 Hon. Secretary—Miss E. J. SLOANE, M.A., 13 Welford Road, Leicester
 Number of members, 210

Since October, 1912, we have held five public meetings and co-operated with the Women's Labour League in a Demonstration. In May and June Mrs. Cowmeadow addressed 25 Drawing-room Meetings, Adult Schools, etc. During the bye-election propaganda work was done, Mrs. Cowmeadow and Miss Garlick addressing about 20 out-door meetings. On June 19th a Garden Fête was held, the total receipts being about £25. Since March we have gained 40 new members. We have also about 250 "Friends," who are being visited in districts.

Receipts for year 1912 to Sept., 1913	...	£51 12 7
Expenses	...	65 3 1½

Overdrawn account	...	13 10 6½
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LINCOLN BRANCH.

President—Miss M. HARRISON, 30 Newland, Lincoln
 Hon. Secretary—Miss K. C. HUDDLESTON, 185 Monks Road, Lincoln
 Number of members, 145

Public meeting, July 16, 1912, Miss M. Royden, speaker. Friends of Women's Suffrage inaugurated.

Working parties during the Autumn months for East Midland Federation Bazaar.

Meeting of members March 4th, 1913. Speaker, Miss Norma Smith. A week's campaign from April 28 to May 2 conducted by Miss Norma Smith. During this week there were held two drawing-room meetings and four evening meetings.

Annual meeting held on June 16th, in Mrs. Giles's garden. Collection for Pilgrimage Fund.

A few members of Lincoln Society marched some part of the way to London. Unfortunately, other members who would much like to have joined the Pilgrims were unable to do so on account of their work.

The Secretary of the Friends of Women's Suffrage has worked very hard, and has had considerable success, as there are now more than 400 Friends on the list.

Receipts for year 1912 to June, 1913	...	£36 15 4
Expenses	...	16 9 1

Balance	...	20 6 3
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MANSFIELD BRANCH.

President—Miss WRIGHT, West Hill Drive, Mansfield
 Hon. Secretary—Mrs. MANNERS, Edenbank, Mansfield
 Number of members, 91

Social meeting were held during the winter months, and two large meetings were organised in March, Lady Markham presiding at Sutton-in-Ashfield, with Miss I. O. Ford as speaker. At a drawing-room meeting held at Crow Hill, by kind invitation of Mrs. Wallis, the same ladies gave us most valuable help. Our members were very active in helping at the time of the Pilgrimage, and a huge meeting was held in the Market Place, Mansfield. The Suffrage resolution was passed at the second platform with about 15 dissentients. At the meeting in the Town Hall, where Mrs. Fawcett was the

speaker, the resolution was carried unanimously. Twenty pounds was raised for the Pilgrimage Fund, which has been earmarked for use in the East Midland Federation.

Receipts for year 1912	...	£38 15 1
Expenses	...	9 0 6½
Balance	...	29 14 6½

MATLOCK BRANCH.

President—Mrs. F. BROOME

Hon. Secretary (*pro tem.*)—Miss BROWN, Fern Bank, Matlock

Number of members, 26

The Matlock Branch has been formed nearly a year. So far we have had two public meetings, and hope to have another in November.

MELTON MOWBRAY BRANCH.

Hon. Treasurer—Mrs. ATTER, Windy Brow, Melton Mowbray

Hon. Secretary—Miss L. WRIGHT, The Rectory, Frisby-on-the-Wreak, Leicestershire

Number of Members, 35

It has not been possible to hold any meetings since the beginning of 1913, as no local lady was able, until October, to become hon. secretary. It is hoped that under Miss Lilian Wright's supervision the Branch will shortly become a more active one.

In the early part of January an influential memorial asking Col. Yate, M.P., to do all in his power to support Women's Suffrage, or at least to abstain from voting against it, was prepared and signed by numbers of his electors, chiefly in Leicester. This was forwarded to Col. Yate. The new Liberal candidate, Mr. Richardson, has also been approached on various occasions by his supporters, and has publicly declared himself in favour of the movement.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£2 10 0
Expenses	...	7 5½
Balance	...	2 2 6½

NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.

(Late) President—[The late] LADY KNIGHTLEY, of Fawsley

Hon. Secretary—Miss E. HADLEY, 13 Abington Grove Northampton

Number of members 38

We have not been able to undertake any public meetings, but have done a good deal of steady work by means of drawing-room meetings and addresses at the various Adult Schools. Besides general Suffrage addresses, such questions as the Report of the Divorce Commission, and Women's Position under the Law, have been spoken of, and have aroused much interest.

We are gradually making headway with the Friends of Suffrage scheme, but the work altogether is very difficult here, and we are much hampered by lack of funds.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£5 16 7
Expenses	...	4 5 4
Balance	...	1 11 3

NOTTS. BRANCH.

Vice-Presidents—LADY HENRY BENTINCK, Mrs. HOSKYNs, LADY MAUD ROLLESTON, The Hon. Mrs. HANDFORD, ARTHUR RICHARDSON, Esq., J.P., Sir J. H. YOXALL, M.P.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. GERARD DOWSON.

Offices: 54 Long Row, Market Place, Nottingham.

Number of Members, 400

The great event in the Autumn for our branch was the Forest of Xmas Trees Bazaar. Almost every member of the branch must have helped in some way to make it the success it was locally. Not only were £250 worth of things given, but the hall was filled with a succession of people both days. Weekly "At Homes" were held to work for the Bazaar, and the monthly ones rather lapsed. After Xmas the monthly "At Homes" were re-organised, and were a distinct success. Tea was given by numerous friends, and a collection taken that often more than covered expenses.

In March the Annual Meeting was addressed by Miss Courtney on the new policy, and as no conclusion could be arrived at, the discussion was postponed. In April Miss I. O. Ford came to explain it, and the meeting sent a resolution by a large majority disagreeing with it. June and July were devoted to the Pilgrimage. £27 6s. 4d. was collected by the Branch by means of collecting cards, members' teas and "at homes," etc., and sent up towards the Pilgrimage Fund. Many members joined the Pilgrims in different parts of the area. One or two only being able to go the whole way. A contingent also took part in the great and never-to-be-forgotten meeting in Hyde Park. Surely the inspiration and enthusiasm of the vast crowd will remain with them always.

SOAP MONEY.

In the nine months up to Xmas, 1912, £24 profit was made by the sale of soap. In September £19 1s. 6d. was sent up to the Pilgrimage Fund, the profit on soap for July and August only.

In future, after the first £25 profit (which will go to pay for the Notts. Offices) all further profits will be divided between the N.U.W.S.S. central fund and the Branch. So all members of the N.U. are asked to help (see circular enclosed) by sending orders. If any Branch cares to sell soap to its members half profits on its own sales goes to that Branch.

Receipts for the 9 months Jan. to Oct. 1913—	
Subscriptions, donations, etc.	£39 2 4
Profits on Soap, about	25 0 0
	64 2 4
Expenses	64 16 11
Overdrawn account	14 7

OUNDLE BRANCH.

Hon. Secretary—Miss HELEN SMITH, The Rectory, Oundle, Northants

Number of members, 26

Five new members have joined. Several have left the district. Two numbers of "The Common Cause" are taken, and handed on from member to member, being paid for out of the funds; three others are taken privately by members.

A public meeting was held in July at the time of the Pilgrimage, and very well attended.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£6 0 3
Expenses	...	2 2 7
Balance	...	3 17 6

PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.

President—Mrs. PAGE, The Deanery
 Hon. Secretary—Miss P. ENGLISH, Orton Longueville, Peterborough
 Number of members, 38

In October Miss Ballantine came to work up a memorial, which was presented to Mr. Greenwood. There were about 160 signatures.

Meetings have been held of the Women's Railway Guild and of the Women's Guild of the Co-operative Society, at both of which addresses on Women's Suffrage were given by Mrs. Page and Mrs. Clayton.

Receipts for year, Oct. 1912 to Oct. 1913...	£2	12	0
Expenses	...	...	... 1 3 10½
Balance	...	...	... 1 8 1½

SOUTHWELL BRANCH.

President—Mrs. HOSKYNs, Bishop's Manor, Southwell
 Chairman—The Hon. Mrs. HANDFORD
 Hon. Secretary—Miss WINIFRED GASCOIGNE, St. Michael's Cottage,
 Hoveringham, Notts.
 Number of members, 70

An Entertainment and Sale of Work was held in Southwell on December 12th, and was followed by a public meeting at night; speaker, Mrs. Manners. The proceeds amounted to £14 6s. 8d., of which £7 was sent to the East Midland Federation Bazaar.

Two delegates went to the Annual General Council, February 27th. Drawing-room meetings were held at Bleasby and Fiskerton in April, when Miss Norma Smith spoke.

A public meeting in Southwell on April 3rd and a pioneer meeting in Farnsfield on were addressed by Miss Norma Smith.

The great Pilgrimage came through Southwell on July 9th. Mrs. Fawcett spoke at a public meeting in the evening.

A garden meeting was held in July, when Miss Pratt gave a dramatic entertainment.

Receipts for year 1912-15	...	£21	14	8
Expenses	...	...	12	18 9½
Balance	...	...	8	15 10½

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

President—Mrs. H. HOLLIS
 Hon. Treasurer—Miss DE REYES
 Hon. Secretary—Miss L. JAMES, The Laurels
 Number of members, 35

The year's work includes a deputation to Mr. Chiozza-Money, M.P., to present memorial of supporters of Women's Amendment to Franchise Bill.

A debate in Local Parliament. For N.U.W.S.S., Mr. Malcolm Mitchell; for Anti-Suffragists, Mr. A. Maconochie. Suffrage resolution defeated by 4 votes.

Secretary's letter to Editor of local paper upon Mr. Dickinson's Bill.

A Garden Party in conjunction with local C.L.W.S. Speakers: Miss Abadam and Mr. C. Hinscliff. Performance of "The Englishwoman's Home," Tennis and Croquet Tournaments, Sale of Goods, £11 13s. profit; £5 sent to N.U. Pilgrimage Fund earmarked for East Midland Federation.

Letter to local papers. Secretary's impressions of women's march from Bloomsbury, and of the great Demonstration in Hyde Park.

Meeting of members and address by Miss Blackstone, N.U. organiser.

Receipts for year 1912-13	...	£21	12	8
Expenses	18	19 10
Balance	2	12 10

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