

National Union -

(Joint meetings)

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Dear Miss Strachey

In reply to your letter of 27th ult. my Committee have instructed me to ask you to lay before your Committee the following further information as to the proposal they made for a Joint Committee and the reasons why they think such an arrangement would be desirable.

They feel in the first place that meetings in London have a National as well as a Local aspect, and that it would be well for the movement throughout England that the National Union as a National organisation should be known in London more than it now is. It has often been suggested that the National Union should hold "At Homes" and meetings but the Executive feel that they can accomplish much more in co-operation with the London Society than by organising meetings wholly by themselves.

It is thought that what is needed for London is some large meetings at which the national aspect of the work is shown and that this can best be done by having some of our

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organisers to speak here and describe the work that they are doing as well as by having their assistance in arranging the meetings.

Of course to have successful large meetings the ground must be prepared by a number of small ones and the Executive favour a quick campaign all round London leading up to large meetings in the centre of London.

However, they do not think that any exact plan can or should be laid down until it has been thoroughly discussed by representatives of the London Society and themselves. They think the Joint Committee should draw up a scheme and this should be submitted to the Executives of the Union and of the London Society and power given by them for carrying it out, modifications, if necessary, suggested, and financial responsibility assigned.

The representatives appointed by the Committee to serve on a Joint Committee are Dr. Bentham, Miss Bertha Mason and Miss Rendel. Miss Mason and Miss Rendel could be present at your Public Meetings Sub-Committee on Monday if the hour were altered to 11.30 and all three could be present in the afternoon. Could you let me know by telephone if either of

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these times could be arranged.

I enclose a card which I think you can deal with better than I can. I hope you do not mind being sent these communications.

Yours truly,

Marion Phillips

I hear now from Miss Maron that  
she has already arranged for 11.40.