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CONSTITUTION.

OBJECTS.—To secure for women the Parliamentary Vote as it is or may be granted to men; to use the power thus obtained to establish equality of rights and opportunities between the sexes, and to promote the social and industrial well-being of the community.

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

1. Action entirely independent of all political parties.
2. Opposition to whatever Government is in power until such time as the franchise is granted.
3. Participation in Parliamentary elections; at Bye-elections in opposition to the Government candidate and independently of all other candidates.
4. Vigorous agitation upon lines justified by the position of outlawry to which women are at present condemned.
5. The organising of women all over the country to enable them to give adequate expression to their desire for political freedom.
6. Education of public opinion by all the usual methods, such as public meetings, demonstrations, debates, distribution of literature, newspaper correspondence, and deputations to public representatives and other bodies and their members.

MEMBERSHIP.—Women of all shades of political opinion who approve the objects and methods of the League, and who are prepared to act independently of party, are eligible for membership. All members must approve though they need not actually participate in militant action.

ORGANISATION—(Abridged).

I. Committee and Officials.—(1). That the National Executive Committee be composed of a President, Hon. Treasurer, General Secretary and Organising Secretary, who shall be ex-officio Members, and twelve Members, to be nominated by the branches and appointed by the Conference.

(2). That the National Executive Committee shall not initiate any new policy between one Conference and the next.

(3). That members of other militant Suffrage Societies, or of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, are not eligible to serve on National or Branch Committees of the Women's Freedom League.

II. Branches.—(1). That Branches having paid their capitation fees shall be entitled to representation at the Conference.

(2). That a capitation fee of 6d. per member be sent to headquarters annually.

(3). That no Branch shall be represented at the Conference which has not been in existence for three months prior to such Conference. That no Branch having less than twelve members shall be recognised or entitled to representation at the Conference.

III. Conference.—(1). That the ultimate power of the League be the Annual Conference.

(2). That the Annual Conference be held in January, the exact date to be fixed by the National Executive Committee, and that the place of Meeting be London.

(3). That all general resolutions submitted to the Annual Conference shall be drafted from the Suffragist standpoint, emphasising the evil result of the exclusion of Women from Citizenship and the urgency of their demand for the Vote.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

REPORT FOR 1910.

The Sixth Annual Conference was held on January 28th, 1911, at Caxton Hall. Mrs. Despard was in the Chair.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Friends and Fellow-Members,—Before going further it is my duty, honour and pleasure heartily to welcome in my own name and in the names of my colleagues of the National Executive Committee the Delegates from our Branches in London, Scotland, Wales and the Provinces, who have come together here on the occasion of this our Sixth Annual Conference.

Reports will be placed before you of our activities, of our financial position, of our progress generally during the past year. It will be for you to examine these with careful attention, and to judge whether those to whom, last year, you gave the conduct of our common business have proved themselves worthy of your confidence.

As you will see presently, we have many things to consider, and I would express an earnest hope that every member at this Conference will realise her responsibility towards the League, and towards the cause, so that the result of our meeting together will be a strengthening and harmonising of our life as a society. In the meantime—as is our custom on these occasions—it is well that I should put before you, as far as I can, our present position with regard to our first object—the political emancipation of women. And this is particularly necessary now, for it seems to me that some, in their passion for detail, run serious risk of losing sight of the great thing we are out for—namely, to conquer our independence, to achieve democracy for ourselves, and through us, the women of the nation, for the nation at large.

It is needless for me to enter into the bewildering political history of the past year. Those of you who are wise have been studying it for yourselves. My business is to put before you how the strange events of the past year have affected our movement, and what we may hope for in the immediate future.

That which marks out last year as epoch-making in the history of our movement is that through the labours of the

Cconciliation Committee—to the members of which we owe a debt of gratitude—the question of Woman's Emancipation has, for the first time, entered the sphere of practical politics.

We all know what happened. It was thought by many that Mr. Asquith would yield, that facilities would be given for a Third Reading of the Bill which had triumphantly passed its Second Reading. These hopes were dashed to the ground by the sudden dissolution of Parliament.

And here came one of those crucial moments—tests, as I cannot but think, of generalship—when it became necessary for your Executive to act on its own initiative. At our former Conference a resolution had been passed that the death of the Conciliation Bill should be the signal for a militant protest. But neither the Executive nor those who passed that resolution could have forecasted this particular situation—namely, the death of the Parliament before it could again have our Bill before it. In view of this unexpected crisis the Executive had to come to a decision.

Parliament and Cabinet were passing. The objective we had immediately to reckon with was the Electorate. It was our opinion that our wisdom lay not in crippling and shutting up our most vigorous workers; not in knocking at doors that in a few hours would be necessarily closed to us; not even in dramatically expressing our disapproval of the Government; but in throwing our whole force upon the electors. I believe the result has shown our policy to have been a sound one. But of this you will hear more in the Reports. My business now is with the situation.

Mr. Asquith has returned to power with a coalition majority, upon which he must depend for his continuance in power. But the coalition is not so much united as that of last year. Then all were agreed upon the Budget. Now, although the Parliament Bill is bound to be the leading issue, there is abundant evidence of the fact that the composite majority are deeply divided as to its nature.

Another point is clear to all those who took a part in the recent elections: the question of Woman's Franchise is no longer an indifferent issue. In several cases, we know, it has had a serious effect upon election results.

Putting this and that together, it seems almost reasonable to suppose that the Government will see the wisdom, if not the necessity, of clearing the woman's question out of the way as soon as possible. This, at least, is my own belief. Should it not be so, should the Government persistently deny to women their citizenship, our business will be to obstruct their business in every possible way; and I hope—indeed, I am confident—that we shall proceed with determination, wisdom, and that

dispassion in action without which no great deliverance has ever been wrought out.

As regards the political situation, then, I look forward with hope. It may be that we have still a waiting time before us. It may be that more sacrifices will be called for. I believe—nay, I am certain, knowing my fellow-members—that, holding together as a League—one in many, many in one—we shall be able to meet disappointment, if it is yet to be our portion, with the calmness of those who are certain of the issue.

One word about the woman's movement throughout the world. Those who are watching may, I think, record that everywhere there is progress. For instance, in Norway women have been granted the municipal franchise on an adult basis. In Washington, by an overwhelming majority, a Bill for the political emancipation of women was passed last year. There also a first convention of women-voters has been held.

In Australia, a resolution concerning the advantages to the country of women voting was passed by the Parliament and Cabinet and sent to Mr. Asquith. Lastly, a great International Woman's Congress is to be held at Stockholm in June of this year, and public money has been granted for the entertainment of the Delegates.

Everywhere we see signs of hopeful advance. Only two days ago I met some American women at a large meeting of the women's section of the shop assistants. They said to me: "The cause is moving forward; and you Englishwomen have led the way." All this may give us hope and courage.

I wish I could end here. Unfortunately, there is more that I, as your President, am bound to say. I think no one who takes into consideration the peculiar difficulties of the past year, and our own losses through illness, as in the case of Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Amy Sanderson, whose temporary absence from our councils we deeply deplore, as in the case of others, through causes which will presently be touched upon, no one, I say, will deny that we have gone through a time of unprecedented trial.

I tell you plainly (and some of my colleagues will agree with me) that there have been moments during the past year of almost intolerable strain and tension. Unfortunately, some of this has come from within as well as from without.

You will note, many of you I am sure with keen regret, that Mrs. Billington-Greig has left us. You will have read her reasons in *THE VOTE*. I feel, naturally, that she has been mistaken. I maintain that we have been true to our ideals, and that our work has told throughout the country.

My dear friend and trusted colleague, Mrs. How Martyn, has resigned the post of Hon. Secretary, which she has held

with so much courage and efficiency since the League began. To me that would be one of the greatest calamities that could have happened to us if I thought or feared that we were to lose her. But I am sure that will not be the case. She is nominated by the National Executive Committee, and I hope she will take the exceedingly important office of Head of the Political and Militant Department.

I cannot let her name pass without expressing my own deep feeling of gratitude for all she has done and been since I have worked with her. And I am sure the great majority of you will feel with me. One other colleague I must mention with gratitude and admiration, Mrs. Borrmann Wells. All who have watched the course of events since she became responsible for the Propaganda Department will feel, as I do, that with her enthusiasm, her initiative, and her tireless energy she has given our work a great impetus. But few of you know as I, who have been constantly in the office, how invaluable her services have been.

I know none of my colleagues need thanks, which are, after all, a poor meed of service.

One word about another colleague. When the Treasury Department was at its lowest, and I was trying with the help of one or two colleagues to get things straight, Miss Tite came gallantly to my help. Practically, she has been Treasurer during the last four months, and I can only say that the result of her efforts has surprised and delighted me. This you will have already heard if you have examined the financial reports in THE VOTE.

Of other colleagues I would speak, but there is no time for it. Splendid service has been rendered to the cause in the Provinces, in Scotland and Wales, and I should like to express my hope that the English Provinces, Scotland and Wales will all be represented in our new National Committee.

I have nothing further to say, friends. May we do good work to-day. May calmness, good feeling and wisdom be present with us, and may each one of us bear in mind throughout the day our deep responsibility not only to our own beloved League, but to the great cause of womanhood which through our League we are called to serve.

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The National Executive Committee met twelve times during the past year. In March the meeting was in Sunderland, and in October in Swansea. On both occasions the local branches gave an enthusiastic welcome to the Committee and took advantage of its presence to hold several large demonstrations. In the North a branch at South Shields was one of the results.

In the Swansea Albert Hall, 2,500 people assembled to hear our speakers.

Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett and Mrs. Hicks resigned from the Committee in May, and their places were taken by Mrs. Borrmann Wells and Mrs. Schofield Coates, as provided for at the Conference in January. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Sanderson were reluctantly obliged to resign, both being medically advised to take a complete rest for at least a year. Mrs. Wood had also to resign on her departure for America in November. Miss Matters left for Australia in April, and on her return in October gave up her official position in the League. Mrs. Manson for personal reasons, and Miss Benett left the Committee in October.

Mrs. Billington-Greig was unfortunately obliged to take three months' rest in consequence of meeting with a railway accident in Ireland, where she had gone to speak for the League in the early spring.

Mrs. Billington-Greig sent in her resignation to the Committee in June, but an arrangement was made by which the responsibility of the propaganda work in the League was entrusted to Mrs. Borrmann Wells, and at the earnest request of the Committee, Mrs. Billington-Greig kindly consented to remain responsible for the political and militant work. Mrs. Billington-Greig again sent in her resignation in November to take effect at the end of December. She found it impossible to alter her decision, though unanimously requested by the Committee to do so. Her reasons will be found in No. 65 of THE VOTE. At a meeting held on January 27 the Committee passed the following resolution:—

This National Executive Committee of the Women's Freedom League records its deep appreciation of the unique services rendered to the Women's Suffrage Movement by Mrs. Billington-Greig, thanks her especially for her work in the Women's Freedom League, and desires to offer her its good wishes for the future, and at the same time to record its conviction that at present it can best serve the cause for the full emancipation of women by continuing the work of the Women's Freedom League.

As the list from last Conference was exhausted the vacancies on the Committee were filled at the Special Conference, when Miss Munro, Miss Neilans and Miss Tite were elected. Later Mrs. Francis, the next on the list, filled the vacancy caused by Miss Matters' resignation.

Miss Tite has been acting as Hon. Assistant Treasurer since September, and has been untiring in her efforts in the necessary but thankless work of this department.

Miss Hicks, who had most efficiently carried on the work of the Literature Department since 1908, gave it up in August,

much to the regret of the Committee. In October Mrs. Eileen Mitchell, who had been Hon. Literature Secretary, in 1907, kindly consented to fill the gap until this Conference.

The Committee continued the development of the departmental system which had been initiated by the Committee in 1909.

The work for which the Committee is responsible is divided into the departments of Finance; Political and Militant; Propaganda, with the sub-departments, Stewarding and Decorations; Literature; VOTE Sales.

Monthly reports are presented to the Committee by the Head of each department, and the Committee is of opinion that this systematising of the work has led to greater efficiency. The Heads of the departments meet weekly at a Consultation Committee. A Finance Sub-Committee was appointed by the National Committee in January and has met regularly.

The Committee regrets to announce that the Hon. Secretary is resigning office at this Conference.

A Special Conference was called by the Committee on October 29 to discuss General Election policy; Militant Policy; and Internal Organisation.

It was decided to modify the policy of the General Election of January in the following particulars:—No Conservative candidates to be opposed; Liberal candidates who voted for the Second Reading and Grand Committee stage of the Conciliation Bill, or who gave effective help to the Conciliation Committee not to be opposed; Liberal candidates to be opposed in constituencies where the majority is small or there is a three-cornered fight; overlapping to be prevented by agreement with other societies, if possible.

As regards militancy, the Conference was of opinion there should be a protest if the Conciliation Bill did not become law that Session, and on general lines that no violence should be resorted to nor damage done to persons or private property.

With regard to internal organisation no alteration in the Constitution was made.

The departmental system was confirmed.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

In many ways the year, from the financial point of view, has been one of peculiar difficulties. On one side the truce observed in the interests of the women's cause in order not to prejudice the new Government seemed to the general public an effacement of militant suffrage work; on the other, the continued expenses of organisation, the largely increased activity of propaganda necessitated to keep the public abreast of the

political situation, and the unavoidable disaster of two General Elections in one year have been a severe strain on our funds. In these circumstances it may be considered a most gratifying sign of the stability of our income that we are able to show such a satisfactory financial record for the year. The increase in the number of donors is worthy of note, and is a proof that we have widened the basis of our work.

POLITICAL AND MILITANT DEPARTMENT.

During 1910 the Women's Freedom League has taken part in two General Election Campaigns.

In January special opposition campaigns were carried on in eighteen constituencies, and campaigns of general protest in ten others. A letter and a form of questions to which replies were asked were sent to every Parliamentary candidate.

Mrs. Billington-Greig drafted, and the League published, seven special leaflets, and typed copies of special instructions were sent to branches, speakers and other workers.

At the contest in East Fife, in addition to the strain of the work—extremely strenuous as always at elections—our workers had to bear rough handling, chiefly on the part of the police. Our thanks are due to Miss Munro, Miss Sidley, Miss Benett, Miss Bremner, and Mrs. Gordon for the protest made for the cause on this occasion.

In December twelve opposition campaigns, besides several general campaigns, were carried on, and five new leaflets issued. Again, the Parliamentary candidates were written to individually, and all the successful ones received a further letter, asking them to ballot for a Bill in the forthcoming Session.

Out of the nine contested Bye-elections during the year campaigns at three of them—St. George's-in-the-East, The Hartlepoons and Walthamstow—were instituted from headquarters, while branches took part in two others—South Edinburgh and South Shields. The Bye-elections resulted in no change in the representation of parties.

Suggestions for work in connection with the Irish and Labour Parties were drawn up at a special meeting of Conference Delegates held in January and sent to the Branches for consideration. Each of these Parties was asked to receive a deputation from the League. The Chairman of the Irish Party did not reply; the Labour Party received a deputation, but refused to give any pledge to support our cause. This special work was continued by sending two organisers to Ireland.

The Branches of the Labour Party were written to, asking that a representative from our Society should attend one of their meetings, to move a resolution asking the Labour Party

to take our question up in the House. Many accepted the offer, and in nearly every case the resolution was carried.

Our Ballot Box protesters, Mrs. Chapin and Miss Neilans, were released, the latter on February 1, after serving three months' imprisonment and undergoing a hunger strike, and two days later Mrs. Chapin, whose sentence was thus practically reduced by a month. At the receptions held in their honour those present showed the enthusiastic appreciation felt for Mrs. Chapin and Miss Neilans by the League.

Early in the year the Committee decided not to make a militant protest but to await the attitude of the new Government, a letter being taken to the Prime Minister at the re-assembling of Parliament and a peaceful rally taking place in Parliament Square. This practically was the beginning of a truce which lasted throughout the year.

In consequence of the truce a Conciliation Committee was formed by Mr. Brailsford with Lord Lytton as Chairman. A Bill was drafted which has since been known as the Conciliation Bill. This Bill passed its First Reading on June 14, and your Committee decided not oppose it, though it did not embody the principle of sex equality. At its Second Reading, on July 11 and 12, our question was for the first time fully and seriously debated, and in spite of the unexpected opposition of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill, carried by a majority greater than that obtained for any Government measure during the year. For the next four months the meetings of the League, as of all other Suffrage Societies, centred round this Bill, resolutions pressing for further facilities being carried at a record number of meetings.

An account of this work was sent through the Conciliation Committee to the Prime Minister at the opening of the Autumn Session. Contrary to all expectation a dissolution was announced, and after careful consideration your Committee decided that the circumstances being entirely changed from those considered at the special Conference, and in view of an immediate General Election it would be a very grave mistake to make a militant protest, and a letter announcing our policy was sent to the Press.

No imprisonments have taken place during the year, though Mrs. Despard was threatened by the Government in June in connection with tax resistance. Mrs. Despard received the following letter:—

Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C.,
June 22, 1910.

Madam,—With reference to the proceedings commenced against you for recovery of the arrears of taxes outstanding for the year 1908-9, I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to state that judgment has been signed against you in the High Court of Justice for the duty

£5 13s. 3d., and £4 18s. 6d. the costs, and that the next step in the matter will lead to your arrest and committal to prison.

The Board are unwilling, however, to resort at once to these extreme measures, and they will hold the matter over for one week from this date to give you a final opportunity of satisfying the Crown's claim. They will, moreover, accept in lieu of the full costs the amount actually spent out of pocket—£2.

The amount payable under this arrangement is £7 13s. 3d., viz., duty, £5 13s. 3d.; reduced costs, £2; total, £7 13s. 3d.

I enclose an envelope in which the remittance may be sent to the Accountant-General at this office.

If you neglect to avail yourself of this consideration there will be no alternative but to place the writ in the hands of the Sheriff's officer, with instructions to put it into execution.—I am, Madam, your obedient servant,

F. W. BARRETT, for Secretary.

Mrs. C. Despard.

Mrs. Despard sent the following reply:—

Sir,—In answer to your demand of June 22, I beg to state that my determination is not shaken. I absolutely refuse to pay my share of the Imperial taxes until the right to citizenship—which is really and logically mine—is recognised by those who impose these taxes.

C. DESPARD.

Expecting the Government to fulfil its threat, plans were laid for a protest to be made at the Treasury, which Mrs. Sproson had volunteered to lead and six other members to support. The Government apparently repented of its rash threat, as no attempt was made to arrest Mrs. Despard, and later her goods were distrained in the usual way. At Mrs. Despard's sale the Tax Resistance League was well represented, and a successful meeting of protest was held. During the year Tax Resistance protests were also made in connection with the sale of goods belonging to Mrs. Cleaves in Swansea, Dr. Patch and others in London.

Our thanks are due to Dr. Earengy and to Mr. Lewin, both of whom have freely given us valuable legal advice and help.

PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Billington-Greig, as Hon. Organising Secretary, was the Head of this Department for the first five months of the year, and Mrs. Borrmann Wells had charge of the London work until March, when Mrs. Manson undertook the "At Homes" and indoor meetings, while Miss Seruya took over the outdoor work; the stewarding of meetings being in charge of Miss Edith Craig, Miss Hetty Cowen, and Miss Seruya.

At the Committee meeting in June Mrs. Billington-Greig consented to continue in charge of the Political and Militant work; and Mrs. Borrmann Wells was appointed Hon. Head of the Propaganda Department. During the first six months of the year a large number of public meetings in London was

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2nd Reading July 11 & 12
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Mrs. Desp. threatened - tax
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arranged from headquarters, besides many public "At Homes" and drawing-room meetings.

A reception at Caxton Hall was given in honour of each of "the heroines of the ballot-box" on her release from prison, and at Mrs. Chapin's, her play, *At the Gates*, was produced, both Mrs. and Miss Chapin taking parts themselves.

There were three demonstrations in Trafalgar Square, and the League took part in both of the Great Women's Processions. Following the first there was a public meeting in Kensington Town Hall, and the second march was to Hyde Park, where the Women's Freedom League had three platforms.

For the scheme of decoration on these two occasions the League is specially indebted to Miss Edith Craig, the result of whose work, in which she was ably helped by Miss Tucker, was referred to in eulogistic terms by the Press. *The Times* said:—

The part of the procession organised by the Women's Freedom League outshone the other in the number and effectiveness of their standards and bannerettes. The purple, white and green of the Union now gave way to the yellow, green and white of the League. At the head walked Mrs. Despard, bare-headed and carrying a sheaf of white lilies. Among the groups was one headed by a banner inscribed "Picketers," and consisting of women who kept watch and ward at the gates of the House of Commons last Session with a petition for presentation to the Prime Minister, who somehow was never seen. The Women's Freedom League also had its contingent of prisoners, though it was not so imposing as the contingent of the Women's Social and Political Union. It was headed by a pleasant-faced young woman in a tight-fitting yellow costume, who had a little girl with her carrying a bannerette with the inscription, "The first woman suffragist imprisoned in London." Each of the other "martyrs" who followed had a similar bannerette bearing her name. Indeed the association of the prison with the movement was very marked.

In the midst of the enormous amount of work for the first Procession Mrs. Manson was suddenly obliged to go to Finland, and Miss Seruya very kindly took over the direction of the indoor meetings in addition to her other work.

A John Stuart Mill Celebration, to which Miss Seruya had given much thought and care, was successfully carried out on May 21, and we are especially indebted to Mr. Herbert Jacobs and Mr. Walter Crane for help on this occasion. A full account of this appears in No. 31 of THE VOTE.

Special propaganda campaigns took place in the North-Eastern District under Miss Munro, in Yorkshire under Miss Munro and Mrs. Gordon, and in Portsmouth under Miss Bremner, where with Mrs. Whetton's help a branch was formed.

It has been one of the aims of the Committee to develop and extend the district organising scheme initiated in November, 1908, by Mrs. Billington-Greig. By this scheme

our work will be decentralised, and the branches be linked together for more efficient work. At present there are the following districts:—Scotland, principal centres, Glasgow and Edinburgh; branches federated into Scottish Council; Wales; North-Eastern District; Lancashire and Cheshire; East Anglia; Portsmouth; London: London Branches Council.

Edinburgh, the Glasgow Council, Wales, and the London Branches Council have each had the services of an organiser for varying periods, and have borne the salary and all other expenses.

For the second half of the year since Mrs. Borrmann Wells has been in charge the Propaganda Department has been very actively employed in supporting, as far as its resources have permitted, the branches throughout the country, devoting particular attention to encouraging mutual help on the part of neighbouring branches, and general co-operation among scattered units. In this connection, the work of the principal Staff Organisers of the League—Miss Munro, Miss Sidley and Miss Turner—has been most effective and useful. We have also carried through successful arrangements for several lecture tours, on behalf of Mrs. Despard, Miss Neilans, and others.

The Conciliation Bill having been set down for Second Reading in the House of Commons on July 12, a series of "Right to Vote" Demonstrations was organised and held in several of the principal centres on July 10. In London the meeting was held in Trafalgar Square, and was very largely attended.

On July 23 we took part in the great Suffrage Procession organised by the National W.S.P.U., culminating in an imposing demonstration in Hyde Park; and on the following day we held a special demonstration in Trafalgar Square, which was thoroughly successful financially and otherwise, despite the unfavourable weather.

On August 3, after shelving the Conciliation Bill, Parliament rose for the recess, on which occasion we arranged a "Lest You Forget" Demonstration at Westminster, in which a number of our members headed by Mrs. Despard, participated. This received a great deal of favourable notice in the Press, and was the subject of a striking cartoon by David Wilson.

During August holiday campaigns were carried on by branches locally, by members of the Committee, and by the organisers. A number of the principal seaside resorts was visited, holiday centres being established in Eastbourne, Felixstowe, and elsewhere. We also conducted a Caravan Campaign, under the direction of Miss Sidley, visiting Edgware, Watford, St. Albans, Redbourne, Dunstable, Woburn, Hitchin,

Letchworth, Bedford, and many other towns and villages *en route*. There is no doubt but that this form of propaganda work is most useful. Among other work of the Holiday Centres, the Mary Wollstonecraft Commemoration at Bournemouth on September 10 deserves special notice. This included an indoor meeting and the visit of a deputation to the grave of the author of "A Vindication of the Rights of Women." Addresses were given by Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Nevinson, and Miss Underwood, and in carrying out the arrangements we received the co-operation of the other societies, in particular of the Men's League for Women's Suffrage.

On the close of the holiday campaigns and the resumption of London activities, a campaign to bring pressure to bear on the Government was inaugurated at a joint demonstration in Trafalgar Square on October 8. On this occasion we had seven platforms, representing the Women's Freedom League, Art and Literature, the Church, Industry, Professions, Reform, and Universities, and the speakers included: Mrs. Despard, Dr. F. A. Bather, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Surgeon-General Evatt, Miss E. Gore Booth, Dr. L. Haden Guest, Father Healey, Rev. Claude Hinscliff, Mr. Laurence Housman, Miss Lawson, Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Margaret Macmillan, Mrs. Ayres Purdie, Mrs. H. W. Nevinson, Mr. G. E. O'Dell, Dr. Marion Phillips, Mr. E. H. Pickersgill, M.P., Mr. Walter J. Read, and Mr. A. Fenner Brockway.

As a result of efforts made to secure co-operation between the various Suffrage societies, a Suffrage Week was held from November 7 to 12, immediately before the reassembling of Parliament. Fourteen of the Suffrage societies participated, and the inaugural meeting was that of the W.F.L. at Caxton Hall, when the speakers were: Mrs. Despard, Mr. Granville Barker, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Miss Muriel Matters, and Major-General Sir Alfred Turner. The week culminated in a combined demonstration at the Albert Hall on November 12. Similar meetings and demonstrations were held in the provinces, notably in Manchester, Swansea, and Southsea.

The General Election and Bye-election work in London was taken over by the Propaganda Department, and this included the Walthamstow contest in October, as well as the general campaign following the dissolution of Parliament on November 28. It may be reported that the League, for the available funds and workers, obtained excellent results, special Committee-rooms being opened in Walthamstow, Battersea, Hoxton, and Stoke Newington, most of the other London constituencies being worked in one way or another. Moreover, the special election contributions secured proved more than sufficient to cover the expenses of this work.

During the autumn and winter, meetings, etc., have been held, either for the League members or to reach special sections of the public. Among these functions may be mentioned Mrs. Harvey's garden-party at Bromley, also the Pageant of Great Women held at Beckenham at the instance of and with the generous help of Mrs. Harvey, and with the co-operation of Miss Craig, Miss Cicely Hamilton, and Miss Tucker; Mrs. Chapin's *matinée* on July 8; the W.F.L. Day Celebrations in London and elsewhere on October 28; the Florence Nightingale Commemoration meeting at the residence of Mrs. Denibas on November 2; and the New Year's Eve party at 1, Robert Street. A particularly important event and one which excited much interest and enthusiasm, was Mrs. Despard's lecture on Shelley's "Prometheus Unbound," given at the Small Queen's Hall on November 6 in aid of the funds, and which resulted in a substantial profit. We have also been able to assist many of the local branches throughout the country, not only with advice and suggestions based on experience in London, but we have supplied speakers, and by our new canvassing system have turned over to the local organisation many sympathisers and workers.

The year has seen a good deal of branch activity, and among the new branches formed, Stamford Hill (under the direction of Mrs. Cunningham), Hadleigh (under that of Miss Andrews), and Acton (under that of Miss Henwood and Mrs. Arney), have worked extremely well; so, indeed, has Brighton and Hove, under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Francis and Miss Hare. At Wellingborough a new branch resulted from the Caravan Tour, and in consequence of the Postcard Campaign in Wales, organised and directed by our enthusiastic and energetic Hon. District Organiser, Mrs. Cleaves, a new branch came into life at Aberdare. In North Kensington, West Hampstead, Anerley, and several other places new local organisations are being called into existence. Suffrage shops have been started as propaganda centres, one being situated in Battersea, as a South-West London centre, and one in Hackney. They are expected to prove self-supporting, and in this connection it is proposed to open a shop in Croydon, which, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Harvey, will work rent free.

Realising the need of keeping the League and the cause it represents prominently before the public, we have, apart from the regular meetings and special demonstrations, organised and carried on during the last few months a number of special advertising and publicity schemes, among which in passing, the following may be noticed, viz.: THE VOTE picketing, by a concourse of VOTE sellers at strategical points, usually outside the House of Commons; "Umbrella Parades," and Lantern Processions, being processions of members

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displaying placards or lanterns with posters announcing meetings.

Surveying the past months, we have to record an encouraging maintenance of enthusiasm among the members of the League in the face of the uncertainties and disappointments of the political situation, and despite the absence of stirring and exciting events, and on the whole the branches have grown in strength and solidarity. It is exceedingly desirable that their needs and wishes should be closely studied, as it is only in this way that the general public opinion throughout the country can be effectively organised and directed.

The stewarding under the control of Mrs. Fisher has not only proved highly efficient, but it has even served propaganda purposes by encouraging fellowship among many of our devoted fellow-members. For the decoration work we are greatly indebted to Miss Craig and Miss Tucker. Most valuable services have been given to this department by many friends and associates, and in particular Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Snow, Miss Le Mesurier, Miss Barlow, Miss Underwood, and Miss Dora Connell.

The difficulty to work the Press has increased, but some members have done splendid service in this direction; especially may be mentioned Mrs. H. W. Nevinson, Miss Underwood, Miss Baker, Miss Barbara Spencer, Mrs. Thomson Price, and Miss Baenziger.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

The sales of this department in 1910 have not been so good as those of the previous year. We may partly account for this by the General Elections, the value of which from the point of view of sales was surprisingly small, and practically deadened all business for some time, and also possibly by the growth of Suffrage Societies and shops publishing their own literature. To Branches who are finding the sale of literature increasingly difficult we would suggest the occasional giving of public lectures on some definite aspect of the Woman's Movement or on a Woman Pioneer, which should be correlated to the present-day movement, and the sale of literature apposite to the lecture. If it is possible, we are willing to provide this, if we have sufficient time given us to do so, and desire to impress on our Branches, and members in general, the need for them to buy *everything* through us.

We have published seven new penny pamphlets: "The ABC of Votes for Women," by Mrs. Holmes; "The Commons on the Woman's Bill"; "Women's Franchise and Industry" and "Women in the Nation," by Mrs. Despard, "Working Women and the Vote," by J. Cameron Grant;

"Women's Vote and Men," by H. W. Nevinson; and "The Lords and the Ladies," by I. Zangwill, the last two being in the press at the time when the last Annual Report was printed.

We have increased our stock of other people's literature, and have now on sale, amongst others: "Rebel Women," by Evelyn Sharp; "The White Slave Traffic"; "The Pageant Book of Great Women," by Cicely Hamilton; "America and Women's Suffrage," by Mrs. B. Borrmann Wells; "Articles of Faith in the Freedom of Women," by Laurence Housman; "The Conciliation Bill," by H. N. Brailsford; and "Woman in the New Era," by Mrs. Despard. We have recently issued two new postcards of Mrs. Despard.

We have received the very handsome gift of "The Awakening," by its talented composers, Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Teresa del Riego, through the medium of our good friend, Mrs. Cope, on condition that we make this the National Suffrage Song. We hope that our Branches will do their best to popularise it, and to have it sung at all their meetings.

"THE VOTE" SALES DEPARTMENT.

The Committee wishes to remind the members of the League that the responsibility for THE VOTE rests with the Directors, a majority of whom are National Executive Committee members, not with this Committee. The Women's Freedom League is a large shareholder in the Minerva Publishing Co., and in March, 1910, definitely agreed to take 2,000 copies a week and £400 worth of shares during the year. The selling of the copies from Headquarters weekly is chiefly due to the efforts of Mrs. Powell, the Misses Fennings, Miss Anderson, Miss Lillie Elderton, and a few other enthusiasts.

Mrs. Hinscliff was the Organiser from January to March, Miss Jenkins from May till November, and now we have the services of Miss E. Fennings, who had already done admirable work in this department in an honorary capacity, as Women's Freedom League Vote Organiser, while Miss Jenkins attends to the office sales and keeps the books.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

There were present 50 delegates representing 46 branches.

The delegates supported by an overwhelming majority the decision of the Committee to refrain from militant action just before the General Election of 1910. Further decisions regarding militant action were left to the Committee. The proposal to develop resistance to "Government without consent" along the lines of Passive Resistance was enthusiastically approved.

Mrs. How Martyn was asked by a large majority to reconsider

her decision to resign the honorary secretaryship. As she could not see her way to do this, the Conference decided to have a paid General Secretary, and to leave her appointment to the National Executive Committee. [The Committee has since appointed Miss Underwood.]

The post of Organising Secretary was not filled, and the Conference approved of the continuation of the Departmental scheme by which the work of the Organising Secretary is divided.

In order to give a firmer financial basis to the League it was passed that a capitation fee of sixpence per member should be paid yearly to headquarters by the Branches.

The following resolutions were carried:—

That in clause 13, section 1, of the Constitution, the following be inserted between League and that: "or in any way contrary to the policy of the League, as published in the Press, declared at meetings or in letters to the Branches."

That elected members of the National Executive Committee should, except in cases of ill-health, regard their offices as binding for the year.

Committee and Officials.—Mrs. Despard was unanimously re-elected President, and Miss Tite elected Hon. Treasurer, also unanimously. The following members were elected to the Committee: Miss Husband, Miss Jack, Miss Murray—Scottish members, to serve four months each; Mrs. How Martyn, A.R.C.S., B.Sc., Miss Munro, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Francis, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Cleeves, Miss Manning, B.A., Mrs. Vulliamy, Miss Sidley, Miss Neilans, Mrs. Coates Hansen.

The Branches represented at the Conference were: Brighton, Cheltenham, Chester, Eastbourne, Eccles, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Liverpool, Manchester, Norwich, Portsmouth, Potteries, Sale, Sheffield, South Shields, Sunderland, West Hartlepool, West Sussex, Wolverhampton; Dundee, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Scattered Members; Aberdare, Barry, Caldicot, Swansea, Cardiff; Battersea, Central London, Clapham, Croydon, Dulwich, Finchley, Hackney, Hampstead, Harrow, Herne Hill, Highbury, Northern Heights, Southall and Hayes, Stamford Hill, Tottenham, and Willesden.

BRANCHES.

Reports have been received from 41 branches. In accordance with the wish of the Conference extracts from these reports are given below:—

Brighton. On the last day of Suffrage Week the Branch united with other Suffrage societies in a demonstration on the Level, at which Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Munro and Mr. and

Mrs. Francis spoke. Mrs. Fenwick Miller has very kindly addressed a meeting at Hove, and Miss E. M. White, as Press Secretary, has kept our doings before the public through the local Press.

Eastbourne, with a membership of thirty, held a total of fifty-seven meetings. Jointly with other Suffrage societies, the Branch arranged for the production of "The Pageant of Great Women."

Portsmouth, with a membership of twenty-eight, held forty-three meetings during the six months since the Branch was formed.

Sheffield. In addition to sixteen indoor meetings, the following show the activities of the Branch:—

A Jumble Sale. Several Work Parties.

Performance of "How the Vote was Won."

Demonstration in conjunction with the Local W.S.P.U.

Contingents sent to W.F.L. Section in the two great London Processions.

Outdoor Meetings. Two "At Homes."

Presentation of the "Pageant of Great Women."

Visits to Election Meetings.

By these means a total of £145 6s. 6d. was raised.

The West Sussex Branch has held thirty-three meetings and a Jumble Sale, the profits of which, amounting to £16 6s. 9d., were sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the League. It has a VOTE Organiser, who sells the paper to members, in the streets and at meetings.

EAST ANGLIA.

Ipswich. The headquarters of the Branch are at a well-equipped Club House, where, besides the usual weekly Branch and Committee meetings, there have been Whist Drives, Social Evenings and meetings open to friends and sympathisers, when various aspects of the Suffrage Movement were discussed. Amongst those who have addressed indoor meetings mention may be made of our President Mrs. Despard, Mr. Baillie-Weaver, Mrs. Vulliamy, Miss Bennett, Mrs. How Martyn, Miss Neilans, Mrs. Sproson and Miss Munro. Good reports of these meetings were given in the Press.

In January a vigorous Election Campaign was carried on, and leaflets addressed to the Ipswich electors. In December, with the support of Headquarters, Sir Daniel Goddard, who had voted against our Bill, was again opposed. The Branch arranged a deputation representing five Ipswich Societies and waited on Mr. Silvester Horne, who answered our questions in a satisfactory manner.

In August a seaside campaign was carried on at Felixstowe and meetings held at Dovercourt. Very successful garden meetings have been held during the year. Meetings have also been held at Bury, Stowmarket and Felixstowe. A Branch of the League has been formed at Hadleigh, and is being very successfully carried on.

On June 18th members of the Branch walked in the Great Procession from the Embankment to Kensington Town Hall, and on October 20th the Pageant of Great Women was produced in Ipswich Public Hall.

During the year Miss Andrews, the Hon. Secretary, has had the opportunity of getting many letters inserted in the "East Anglian Daily Times." A barrow was presented to the Branch by Mrs. Tippett; it has been painted in the League colours, and we are looking to it as a source of income for our organising fund.

NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

(Four Branches.)

Hartlepool. Two Town Hall meetings have been held. The Secretary writes: "It cannot be denied that the Suffrage Movement is, although very slowly indeed, taking a hold upon the people of Hartlepool. No doubt the Bye-election Campaign which was held in June was a very great attribute. It was and proved to be a most opportune time for making Suffrage demands known in this constituency. The accepted opinion at the time was that the Suffragette platform was the best."

Middlesbrough.—A large mass meeting was addressed by Miss Matters and Miss Munro, and Mrs. Schofield Coates very kindly arranged for the "Pageant of Great Women" and "Press Cuttings" to be presented in the Grand Opera House. Both were greatly appreciated, and did much to arouse sympathy and interest in the movement amongst the people of Middlesbrough. At the General Election in January the Branch carried on a campaign in Cleveland under the direction of Mrs Schofield Coates.

South Shields Branch also took part in the above-mentioned procession and demonstration, when the chief W.F.L. speakers were Miss Clark, Mrs. Snowball, Mrs. Schofield Coates and Mr. Thompson. The members gave great help in bye-election work in the autumn.

Sunderland.—Several very successful public meetings have been held by this Branch, the membership of which has reached over seventy. The members took part in the joint Suffrage procession through Newcastle and the demonstration on the Town Moor in July, and in October produced the "Pageant of Great Women."

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE DISTRICT

(Six Branches).

Two new Branches have been formed during the year, Urmston and Sale, and Swinton reconstituted so as to include the whole of the north of the Eccles Division. The district has been extended and strengthened by the federation of the Chester and Waterloo Branches, which have provided funds and speakers for the district work.

The Organisation Committee of Manchester Branches, formed in January, has met monthly to arrange the work of the Manchester area.

Apart from Branch activities, 203 meetings have been held, and the following campaigns organised:—

- (1) General Election Campaign in January against Mr. Hilaire Belloc; eighty-one meetings were held in a fortnight.
- (2) Campaign in support of the Conciliation Bill (July to October). Three thousand postcards were sent to Mr. Asquith and sixty-two meetings held. Three of these were large demonstrations. In Alexandra Park, Manchester, on October 8th, we had six platforms and twenty speakers. There were 4,000 people present, who passed the resolution almost unanimously.
- (3) Saturday holiday excursions during August and September to the Cheshire and North Wales watering-places. These were most successful. Usually five meetings were held a day. On one occasion 30s. was collected and 200 copies of THE VOTE sold.
- (4) Campaign with Miss Eunice Murray as speaker in September. Excellent work was done.

The district also helped with two campaigns in Stockport, arranged by the Manchester Branch, with the Eccles Division Campaign arranged by the Swinton Branch and with the Sale shop. The money raised and sent to Headquarters, apart from Branch funds, was £92 4s. 1d.

Chester has doubled its membership and held nine public meetings in the last three months, including a large and enthusiastic one addressed by Mrs. Despard in October. During the last General Election five members were roughly ejected from a Liberal meeting because they were wearing badges. They immediately protested, and by threatening an election campaign elicited a full apology from the Liberal agent.

Waterloo (Liverpool).—In a very difficult district this Branch has increased its membership, and has a good balance in hand.

Sale, formed in August with twenty-seven members, has doubled its numbers since. A shop was opened for the month

of November, and proved a great success financially and otherwise. Thirty meetings have been held, and £23 13s. 6½d. raised. At the General Election both candidates were interviewed and a questioning campaign organised.

Eccles, with a membership of forty-three, has held fifty meetings. It has brought steady pressure to bear on its Member of Parliament, Sir George Pollard, who has changed during the year from an Adult Suffragist to a definite supporter of the Conciliation Bill.

Miss Neal, Miss Hordern, Miss Heyes, Miss Geiler, Miss Woodall and Mrs. Evans have been indefatigable in their labours both for branch and district organisation.

WALES.

(Five Branches.)

Swansea The great events of the year have been the "Pageant of Great Women," two performances of which were arranged by the Branch, and the visit of the National Executive Committee in October.

Forty-five other meetings have been held, and THE VOTE is sent weekly to the Railway Station, the Free Library and the Royal Institution.

In addition, Mrs. Cleeves was in charge of the General Election Campaign in Mid-Glamorgan in January and the Bye-election in the same constituency in March. At the General Election in December Mrs. Cleeves, with the help of Miss Sidley and Miss Clark, conducted campaigns in Carnarvon and Montgomery Boroughs.

An Autumn Campaign was undertaken by Mrs. Cleeves and Miss Sidley in order to get electors to write to Mr. Lloyd George requesting him to withdraw his opposition to the Conciliation Bill and to use his influence to obtain facilities in the Autumn Session. In this campaign thirty-eight meetings were held, and our speakers were given in many cases enthusiastic receptions. Mr. J. M. Mitchell, Hon. Secretary of the Men's League, and Miss Clark spoke for the League, and a Branch was formed at Aberdare, with Miss Jenny Phillips as Hon. Secretary.

One of the most picturesque contingents of the June Procession was the Welsh one, which numbered over seventy and included representatives from all the Welsh Branches, with its beautifully embroidered banner which was carried by two little Welsh girls in national dress.

Caldicot though a small Branch, raised £19 4s. 3d., of which £10 2s. was sent to Headquarters.

Cardiff. During the year public meetings have been arranged for Mrs. Despard and Miss Neilans, and also a most successful mass meeting, at which Mrs. D. A. Thomas, the wife of the Member for Cardiff, was in the chair, Mrs. Billington-Greig and Mrs. How Martyn being the speakers. During the December Election Mrs. Stansfield addressed some open-air meetings, and the efforts of the Branch, directed by Mrs. Woolf, were richly rewarded by the defeat of the Anti-Suffragist Liberal candidate.

SCOTLAND.

(Eight Branches.)

At the beginning of 1910 there were seven branches in **Glasgow**, and the Suffrage Centre controlled by a "Shop Committee" composed of interested members of all branches. Five of the branches were able to contribute to the upkeep of the shop; two were new and small branches, requiring help. At the January Election each of the branches carried on the campaign in its own district with great success on the whole. Partick Branch opened a shop in that constituency, and made it a centre for work there. Open-air meetings were held all over the city in the evenings. As we had no organiser and most of the speakers are business women, day meetings were impossible. In all cases candidates were at least forced to give their views regarding "Votes for Women"—something the majority would have preferred not to do.

To raise money for the rent of the shop (£250, with taxes, light, and cleaning), Partick and Central Branches held "jumble" sales, and Dennistoun and Central "cake and candy" sales, all of which were very successful.

In June a growing feeling that the money contributed by the members could be spent to better advantage than in paying for halls in the different districts for branch and business meetings was expressed in a scheme drawn up by Miss E. Scrymgeour. This scheme was practically accepted by the branches at a mass meeting held in the Suffrage Centre on June 16. After a few months' working some modifications were found to be required, and now the work in Glasgow is organised as follows:—

There is one Glasgow branch which meets on the first Thursday of each month for branch and business purposes, the propaganda work of the former branches being done by District Committees.

The business of the branch is under the control of the Glasgow Council, which is elected at the annual meeting in March. It is composed of president, secretary, treasurer, and districts' secretary—all honorary, and twenty members. Sub-

Committees as follows:—"Public Meetings," "At Homes," "Literature," "Finance and Shop," "Press," "Consultative," and seven "District" Committees.

As a result of this reorganisation more effective work is being done, and no one member is overburdened.

The Public Meetings Committee has arranged two large public meetings, besides sixteen debates, addresses, etc., at other literary societies. At all of the debates the voting resulted in favour of votes for women. In this way the energetic convener has found out for us quite a number of speakers among our own members. The monthly "At Homes" have been most successful—sources of both propaganda and profit.

The Finance and Shop Committee has had three Whist Drives, and has arranged and carried through the yearly successful Exhibition of Work.

Our tea-room is becoming a place where committees of women interested in other matters meet to discuss their business, and our hall has been let for several evenings, helping our finances and making our cause known.

The newspapers still partially boycott our movement, and so, in spite of an energetic Press Committee and Convener, only very seldom is their work fruitful; but they still persevere. The District Committees have taken a share in all these activities. Each member has been visited in nearly every district, and the attendance at most of the functions has been very gratifying. A "jumble" sale on which there was £20 profit was managed by the "Queen's Park" District Committee, and a "cake and candy" sale held in the centre handed to the Treasurer over £12 after all expenses were paid. Other "cake and candy" sales, "jumble" sales, *cafés chantants*, concerts, and educational meetings have been arranged by the other districts.

Miss Madge Turner was with us for July and August in charge of the coast campaign—one month at Gourock and one at Ayr. Owing to the unsettled state of the branch just then, and the want of sufficient arrangement for helpers for Miss Turner, this campaign was not as successful financially as it might have been. In other respects—as a method of propaganda, etc.—it was all that could be desired. Individual members of the branch gave great aid to Miss Turner during these two months, to each of whom the grateful thanks of the branch are offered.

At the December Election we were fortunate enough, through the generosity of Miss Bunten, to have the services of Mrs. Gordon as organiser. She was able to get into closer touch with members than had been possible before with the separate

branches, and a successful campaign was carried out. Day and evening meetings, organised by Mrs. Gordon and the District Conveners, were held all over the city whenever the weather permitted, and all Party meetings were visited and candidates questioned regarding their attitude to the Conciliation Bill. In looking back we can see the year has been one of good work. We hope during the next year to spend our money to still greater advantage by having a permanent organiser who will carry our question into those surrounding country districts still untouched.

Edinburgh raised £297, of which £5 10s. was sent to Headquarters. Besides the Members' Meetings necessary for the transaction of business, this Branch has held in 1910:—

- (1) Thirty-four afternoon "At Homes," at many of which individual members undertook all expenses.
- (2) Eight evening "At Homes," two being specially for students.
- (3) Sixteen Public Meetings.
- (4) Two Sales of Work and a Jumble Sale.
- (5) Hard-up Social, with an original programme (including a Women's Parliament) composed by members.
- (6) A very large number of Open-air Meetings both in the town and in villages near. A hall meeting was held in Pumpherston.
- (7) Jointly with the N.U.W.S.S. and the W.S.P.U.:—
Public Meeting for Mr. Brailsford.
Demonstration on Calton Hill in support of the Conciliation Bill.
Simultaneous Open-air Meetings for same purpose.
Devotional Service in St. Giles' Cathedral.
- (8) Joint Debates and Addresses to other Societies.

The Branch took part in General Election work in East Fife, besides questioning candidates, holding meetings and getting postcards signed at both Elections; protested, by deputation to the Town Council, letters to the Town Clerk and to the Press, and a demonstration, against the granting of the Freedom of the City to Mr. Asquith; was represented in the great Procession of June 18th; and has had Lantern, Poster and Umbrella Parades. Interest has been taken in the Printing Trade Dispute, and the Branch has been represented by Miss A. B. Jack on the Joint Committee formed to advise the girls in the formation of their Union.

The main achievement of the Branch, however, has been the opening of the Suffrage shop. For three months invaluable assistance was rendered by Miss Madge Turner, Organiser; but since the end of June the shop has been run entirely by voluntary work.

Dundee.—During the year the first meeting each month has taken the form of an "At Home." Open-air meetings were begun in May and held weekly during the summer. The Town Council and the Trades' Council passed resolutions calling upon the Government to grant during the Autumn Session facilities that the Conciliation Bill might pass into law.

Two Branch members, Miss Husband and Miss A. P. Grant, were returned as Parish Councillors in November, and now there are five women on Dundee Parish Council. In December Mr. Churchill received a deputation from the Branch, and informed it that he "would not vote for any Bill that would disturb the balance as between Parties by giving undue preponderance to the property vote." In answer to a question, he said that if in the next Parliament the choice of the House fell upon a Bill similar to the Conciliation Bill full facilities would be given it.

Perth.—At the end of last session's meetings, etc., we found ourselves in debt, and our task for this year has been to reinstate ourselves financially.

This we have done by two dramatic entertainments and concerts by which we were enabled after meeting expenses to clear off our debt and leave a surplus.

Scattered Members' Branch raised £34, all of which was paid into the general funds for Scottish work. Miss Murray, the Hon. Secretary, has addressed a large number of meetings.

LONDON AND SUBURBS.

Acton.—The Acton Branch was formed chiefly by the efforts of Miss Henwood, who started weekly open-air meetings in the Market Place, Acton, in August last. Mrs. Borrmann Wells formally inaugurated the Branch in September, with Miss Henwood as Secretary and Miss Wood as Treasurer.

Outdoor meetings were held in the Market Place weekly until the end of October, and fortnightly Branch meetings have been held regularly at Mrs. Ashton's house.

On October 11th the Branch held a Social Evening at Churchill Hall, when Miss Neilans, Miss Annie Parkerson and Mr. Cyril Yaldwyn came to assist.

On November 29th a most successful meeting was held at the Central Hall, about 700 people being present. Mrs. Despard, Mrs. H. W. Nevinson and Mr. Joseph Clayton obtained a good hearing, and the meeting was well reported in the local papers.

Central London Branch held thirty open-air meetings on Sundays in Regent's Park between March 27th and October 30th (two others arranged for did not take place on account of the late King's death). **SPEAKERS:** Miss Bennett, Mrs. Beith,

Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Cunningham (of Hayes), Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Duval, Mrs. Louis Fagan, Mrs. Hicks, Miss Amy Hicks, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Manson, Miss Anna Munro, Mme. Mirovitch, Mrs. Nevinson, Mrs. Kineton Parkes, Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, Mrs. Sproson, Mrs. Amy Sanderson, Mrs. Tanner, Mr. Duval, Mr. Theodor Gugenheim, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. P. A. Hawkins, Dr. Macpherson, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Bowden Smith, Mr. Cyril Yaldwyn, the chair being taken on many occasions by Mrs. de Vismes and Mrs. Hyde; also by Miss Cressy, Miss O'Brien and Miss Maclellan. Miss Amy Hicks also took part in a most interesting debate with Miss Keogh, of the Social Democratic Party, in Regent's Park.

During the summer Mrs. de Vismes (Central Branch Organiser for Open-air Meetings), in addition to the above Sunday meetings, arranged a series of six meetings in Hyde Park, at which Mrs. Manson spoke on the Woman Movement from various points of view, such as Woman and the Law, Woman and War, Woman and Imperialism, Women as Rebels, etc., the chair being taken on each occasion by one of the following ladies: Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. de Vismes, Miss O'Brien, Miss Cressy.

In addition, other meetings were held in Hyde Park, Hampstead, Clerkenwell, making a total of fifty open-air meetings organised by Mrs. de Vismes for this Branch during seven months.

Indoor Meetings.—The Central London Branch has held Members' Meetings at least fortnightly, excepting during the months of July and August, when there was only one in each month. Addresses were given as follows, when the meetings were open to outsiders:

Dr. Marian Thornett on "Physical Deterioration."

Mr. George Lansbury on "The Break-up of the Poor Law."

Mrs. Cope on "Ireland and Irish Women."

Mr. John Russell on "Co-education."

Mrs. Vulliamy on "The Suffrage Movement in connection with the Welfare of the Nation."

Mrs. Nevinson on "Women in Municipal Work."

Mr. Robert Young on "The Essentials of Citizenship."

A very large number of Central London Branch members took part in the procession of June 18th, a good proportion of them as ex-prisoners and picketers.

Mrs. Chapin (a member of the Branch) commenced on March 30th a series of Speakers' Classes, primarily for Branch members, but which other members of the League were encouraged to attend. These classes were held weekly until July.

Clapham Branch has within a year taken part in two Elections in Battersea, and has held eight public meetings in

the Lecture Room, Battersea Library, and a bigger meeting in the small Town Hall. Our speakers have been Mrs. and Miss Hicks, Miss Neilans, Miss Spencer, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Manson, Mr. Manson, Mr. Joseph Clayton, Miss Benett, Mrs. Arncliffe Sennett, and, by the kind arrangement of Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Despard addressed a very successful drawing-room meeting.

Croydon.—In Croydon open-air weekly meetings were begun early in April and continued until August, and from August until November two weekly meetings were regularly held, with extra ones on special occasions.

Drawing-room meetings have been held at various members' houses, and one public meeting at Pembroke Hall—addressed by Mrs. Billington-Greig and Miss Manning.

Finchley Branch has held twenty-one outdoor meetings and nine other meetings, including one big public meeting. With Northern Heights the Branch sent a deputation to Mr. Dummett, prospective candidate for Hornsey Division.

Hayes and Southall.—A vigorous campaign was started in April by Mrs. Cunningham. Eighteen meetings have been held from then to October in Hayes, Uxbridge, Southall, Hanwell, Brentford, etc. Of these eight were taken by Mrs. Cunningham alone. Good collections resulted from Uxbridge meetings.

A grand Concert was organised for Southall. "The Pot and Kettle" was well acted, and Miss Bryn contributed some fine piano solos. Miss Cunningham sang, Mrs. Cunningham recited, and Mrs. Fielden accompanied the solos.

Six new members joined the Branch in October. The District Urban Council passed the resolution.

Among the speakers who have kindly helped this Branch are Miss K. Raleigh, Miss Weir, Miss Lee, Mrs. Chapin, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Hugh Franklin, Mr. H. Witte.

Herne Hill and Norwood Branch has held thirty meetings during the last year. At the General Election in January, 1910, a number of local and other candidates were written to, and the local Liberal candidate was interviewed by a deputation from the Branch then and at the General Election in December.

The Branch was represented at the J. S. Mill Celebration in May, also in the Processions in June and July. About fifty reports of Branch meetings, Caxton Hall "At Homes" and other Women's Freedom League meetings have been inserted in local papers, and a good quantity of literature, picture post-cards, badges, etc., and copies of THE VOTE have been sold, and a number of specimen copies of THE VOTE, handbills and pamphlets have been distributed in the neighbourhood.

Hackney.—At the General Election in January a rousing three weeks' campaign was organised by the Branch Committee, the shop at 4, Clarence Road, being used as a centre. Mr.

Mark Wilks, of the Men's League, gave valiant help as a speaker as well as in other ways, and Mrs. Holmes secured the loan of a motor-car on polling day, when the polling booths were staffed from 8 a.m. till the end by members, who gave out leaflets and asked the voters not to forget the women's cause. A local paper stated that in South Hackney alone more than forty voting papers had the words "Votes for Women" written across them. The shop was again taken at the middle of March, since when it has been kept open by some energetic members of the Branch, chief among whom may be mentioned Mrs. Catmur and Mrs. Pierotti.

A contingent of about 200, including sixteen women graduates in academic dress, was sent to the Great Procession on June 18, after parading the main streets of the borough of Hackney, and thus awakening much local interest.

As Sir Albert Spicer was a member of the Conciliation Committee, the Branch members left this constituency at the December General Election and helped to oppose Dr. Addison in Hoxton.

Our special thanks are due to Dr. Elizabeth Wilks, who acted for the greater part of the year as Hon. Organiser.

Hampstead Branch held meetings once a month during the winter and open-air meetings weekly during the summer. The latter were very successful and good collections taken as a rule.

Harrow Branch.—In February last Mrs. Despard, accompanied by Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and Miss Hicks, M.A., held a public meeting at the Town Hall, and a new Branch of the League was inaugurated. We have now twenty-seven members. Five indoor and four outdoor meetings have been held. In July Miss Chapin most kindly arranged for a company of actors and actresses and the plays, "Press Cuttings," "At the Gates" and "How the Vote was Won," were performed at the Public Hall with great success; three new members joined after the performance. The seed has thus been sown in 1910, and we confidently hope and trust that the members will make it their business to see that it brings forth fruit a hundredfold in 1911. Two dozen copies of THE VOTE are now sold each week, and a poster is displayed regularly at the principal newsagents.

Northern Heights Branch and **Tottenham Branch** arranged meetings on Sunday mornings in Finsbury Park from May to October. These were successful, and were addressed by well-known speakers of the League. Mr. Simpson gave most valuable help.

Stamford Hill Branch in its two months' existence has held regular outdoor and Branch meetings, took a shop during the Election in December and has arranged a successful Social Meeting.

WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

BALANCE SHEET—December 31st, 1910.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors:—		Presentation Plate (Mrs. Despard's Silver seized and sold for Income-Tax, presented to the League by the purchaser, Victor Luxembourg, Esq.)	10 0 0
Trade Accounts	37 13 1	Holloway Cell	8 0 0
Balance, being the Excess of Assets over Liabilities	923 7 3	Less depreciation at 10 per cent.	0 16 0
		Banners, Decorations, etc.	16 0 0
		Less depreciation at 25 per cent.	4 0 0
		Add additions in 1910	12 0 0
			44 6 0
		Two Caravans	75 0 0
		Less depreciation at 33 per cent.	25 0 0
		Office Furniture and Fittings	96 5 7
		Less depreciation at 5 per cent.	4 16 3
		Add addition in 1910	91 9 4
			23 13 8
		Loan to Literature Department	115 3 0
		1,600 fully paid 5s. Shares in the Minerva Publishing Co., Ltd.:	74 6 0
		Paid up at Dec. 31, 1909	50 0 0
		Paid up in 1910	350 0 0
		Purchase of four ditto, presented to the League by an unknown friend	400 0 0
		Cash at Bank	232 17 11
		Cash in Hand	14 3 5
			247 1 4
			£961 0 4

I have compared the above accounts with the books and vouchers of the League, and certify that they are correct; and that the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the League at December 31st, 1910.

January 13th, 1911.

ETHEL AYRES PURDIE, A.L.A.A., Auditor.
Certified Accountant, Craven House, Kingsway, W.C.

CASH STATEMENT (January 1st to December 31st, 1910).

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Cash in Hand, January 1st	1,232 17 7	By Rent, Fire, Light, Office Expenses, etc.	369 17 10
" Cash at Bank, January 1st	2,749 9 6	" Hire of Halls	357 6 11
" Subscriptions, Donations, and Lecture Fees	172 13 5	" Stationery	90 2 0
" Branch Donations and Affiliation Fees	534 14 1	" Printing and Advertising	470 18 9
" Collections and Sales	229 4 9	" Postage, Telegrams, Telephone, etc.	269 17 3
" Sale of Tickets	173 17 7	" Salaries	972 5 0
" Advertisements in Programmes, Goods Sold, London Branches Council and Sundries		" Travelling	331 0 5
		" Voluntary Workers' Expenses	295 8 0
		" General Elections and Bye-elections Expenses	785 7 8
		" Legal Expenses	218 7 8
		" Furniture and Fittings	15 7 8
		" Votes and Editorial Expenses	319 16 5
		" Purchase of Shares in the Minerva Publishing Co., Ltd.	350 0 0
			£ s. d.
		" Cash in Office and in Organisers' Hands	14 3 5
		" Cash at L. and S.W. Bank (Strand Branch), December 31st	232 17 11
			247 1 4
			£5,092 16 11

Below are given the receipts and expenditure of Branches and Districts so far as they have been sent in:—

BRANCHES.	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brighton	18	11	9	11	10	0
Cheltenham	29	0	0	24	12	8
Chester	9	15	0	10	0	0
Eastbourne	34	9	2	30	10	10
Eccles	16	3	5	18	4	0
Hadleigh	1	9	11	0	14	11
Hartlepool	11	12	9	9	0	3
Ipswich	33	7	5	31	15	6
Liverpool	11	2	9	7	15	8
Manchester	11	6	1	6	10	3
Marlow	4	12	2	2	10	1
Portsmouth	7	18	5	6	16	1
Sale	23	13	6	21	14	10
Sheffield	145	6	6	133	3	0
South Shields	12	10	3	10	4	5
Sunderland	92	3	8	93	0	2
Urmston	4	0	6	3	16	2
Wellingborough	3	19	0	1	13	5
West Sussex	25	16	4	27	13	0
East Anglia District	19	5	8	18	3	6
Lancashire and Cheshire District	92	4	1	92	4	1
North-Eastern District	140	0	0	140	0	0
Dundee	93	8	5	56	1	8
Dunfermline	3	16	9	1	13	7
Edinburgh	297	2	9	218	6	10
Glasgow	862	19	5	795	13	6
Kirkintilloch	5	0	0	4	17	6
Perth	9	0	0	2	0	0
Scattered Members	34	0	0	34	0	0
Scottish Council	293	4	1	288	3	1
Barry	12	0	8	10	18	4
Caldicott	19	4	3	16	11	1
Cardiff	21	2	10	21	7	3
Swansea	100	0	0	100	0	0
Acton	8	17	9	7	3	5
Central London	21	5	4	20	14	11
Clapham	10	14	2	9	15	8
Croydon	23	19	11	21	19	11
Finchley	7	13	9	2	6	9
Hackney	113	19	9	107	5	3
Hampstead	33	7	0	30	3	8
Herne Hill	12	15	6	11	0	9
Harrow	12	6	0	12	0	0
Northern Heights	30	8	9	29	5	2
Stamford Hill	6	8	10	11	19	6
Tottenham	11	14	0	8	9	5
Willesden	14	10	6	12	4	6
London Branches Council	62	13	4	47	11	0
	2,870	2	1	2,583	5	7

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.
BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors:—		Cash at Bank, December 31st, 1910	29 3 3
Trade	14 14 3	Cash in Hand, December 31st, 1910	1 1 11
Customer's Credit Balances	0 11 3	Postages in December 31st, 1910 ...	0 6 7
N.E.C. Loan		Sundry Debtors:—	30 11 9
Rent due	15 5 6	Branches	60 2 11
Profit and Loss Account:—	74 6 0	General	23 8 1
Balance brought forward	3 15 0	Stock in Hand, December 31st, 1910	83 11 0
Deduct Net Loss	204 7 1		174 14 10
	8 16 0		£288 17 7
	195 11 1		
	£288 17 7		

CASH STATEMENT.

To Rent	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries	15	0	0	148	3	10
Postage, Carriage, and Sundry Office Expenses	79	8	0	2	5	0
Printing and Stationery	30	17	8	8	16	0
Advertising	2	8	9			
Discount Allowed	8	17	4			
Bad Debts	19	14	11			
	2	18	2			
				£159	4	10

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£ s. d.	Brought forward	£ s. d.
Aaron, Esq., D. ...	2 6	Brought forward	214 12 3
Aaron, Mrs. N. G. ...	2 8 0	Arklay, Mrs. ...	6 7 0
Abney, Mrs. ...	1 0	Armitage, Miss S. ...	1 0
Abraham, Miss Edith ...	1 0	Armstrong, Mme. Marie ...	15 6
Adam, Miss ...	1 0	Armstrong, Miss ...	2 0
Adam, Miss A. H. ...	1 0	Armstrong, Miss M. M. ...	2 6
Adam, Mrs. J. ...	3 0	Armstrong, Mrs. ...	2 6
Ager, Mrs. ...	2 0	Arncliffe Sennett, Mrs. ...	28 1 8
Ainsley, Miss ...	2 0	Arnold, Miss E. J. ...	1 0
Alder, Miss ...	3 3	Arnold, Miss F. ...	1 0
Allan, Esq., James ...	10 0 0	Ashby, Miss ...	1 6
Allan, Esq., James ...	1 0 0	Ashby, Miss ...	1 0
Allan, Miss D. ...	7 6	Ashby, Mrs. ...	1 0
Allan, Miss Janie ...	20 0 0	Ashby, Nurse ...	1 0
Allan, Mrs. M. J. ...	7 6	Ashman, Esq., S. J. ...	1 0
Allen, Miss A. ...	1 0	Ashman, Miss Ada E. ...	1 0
Allwork, Miss D. ...	19 0	Ashman, Miss Mabel E. ...	1 0
Allwork, Mrs. C. ...	5 0	Atkinson, Miss N. L. ...	13 6
Alvery, Mr. ...	3 0	Bache, Miss M. E. ...	1 0 0
Alves, Miss ...	1 0	Bacon, Miss F. ...	1 0
Anderson, Miss Daisy ...	2 6	Bacon, Miss N. G. ...	2 6
Anderson, Miss M. ...	9 3 0	Badley, Mrs. A. Garrett ...	2 0 0
Anderson, Mrs. W. ...	10 0	Baenziger, Miss ...	2 0
Anderson, Nurse ...	1 0	Baenziger, Miss Y. ...	2 6
"Anglo Argentine" ...	10 10 0	Baird, Miss ...	2 6
"Anglo Indian" ...	3 0 0	Baker, Esq., A. ...	1 1 0
Angus, Miss ...	3 0 0	Baker, Esq., C. ...	1 1 0
Anonymous (Sundry) ...	0 12 7	Baker, Miss E. M. ...	6 0
Anonymous ...	70 0 0	Baker, Miss E. N. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	25 0 0	Baker, Miss M. ...	8 0
Anonymous ...	10 0 0	Bale, Lady ...	2 0
Anonymous ...	10 0 0	Balfour, Mrs. ...	10 0 0
Anonymous ...	10 0 0	Ball, Miss J. R. ...	1 12 2
Anonymous ...	9 0 0	Ballam, Miss G. ...	9 6
Anonymous ...	5 0 0	Ballam, Mrs. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	2 18 0	Ballantyne, Mrs. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	1 0 0	Banner, Mrs. and Miss ...	5 0
Anonymous ...	1 0 0	Barber, Miss F. ...	10 0
Anonymous ...	10 0 0	Barber, Miss H. ...	1 3 6
Anonymous ...	10 0 0	Barger, B.A., Mrs. F. ...	1 0 0
Anonymous ...	7 6	Barham, Miss M. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	5 0	Barker, Mrs. ...	2 6
Anonymous ...	5 0	Barlow, Miss ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	4 6	Barnet, Miss ...	10 0
Anonymous ...	3 6	Barron, Mrs. W. Holdom ...	7 6
Anonymous ...	2 10	Bartram, Mrs. A. ...	10 0
Anonymous ...	2 6	Bastian, Mrs. ...	11 5 0
Anonymous ...	2 0	Battersby, Miss E. ...	5 0
Anonymous ...	2 0	Baulke, Miss I. E. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	2 0	Baxter, Master L. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	1 2	Beaumont, Cr. A. ...	4 0
Anonymous ...	1 0	Beaven, Mrs. R. ...	1 0
Anonymous ...	1 0	Becht, Miss C. ...	2 0
Anonymous ...	1 0	Beck, Mrs. ...	1 6
Anonymous ...	8	Beith, Mrs. F. ...	4 2 6
Anonymous ...	1 0	Bell, Mrs. F. ...	10 0
Archer, Mrs. ...	1 0	Bellingham, Miss M. K. ...	1 0
Arklay, Miss ...	4 3 9	Benett, Miss S. ...	59 3 11
Carried forward	£214 12 3	Carried forward	£350 9 0

	£ s. d.	Brought forward	£ s. d.
Bennett, Mrs. ...	2 6	Brought forward	350 9 0
Bentley, Mrs. ...	1 0	Hadleigh ...	2 0
Berkeley Smith, Miss K. ...	2 0	Hampstead ...	19 1 8
Berkeley Smith, Miss ...	1 0	Hartlepool ...	3 3
Berry, Esq., S. J. ...	2 6	Harrow ...	6 0
Berry, Miss ...	1 0	Herne Hill ...	0 8
Berry, Miss A. ...	1 0	Highbury ...	6 14 5
Bertram, Miss E. D. ...	5 0	Holloway ...	1 17 10
Betham, Mrs. E. ...	9 0	Ipswich ...	2 7 5
Bevan, Mrs. ...	12 2 0	Manchester Central ...	5 10 3
Beveridge, Miss L. G. ...	1 0	Marlow ...	3 5
Bexfield, Mrs. ...	1 7 3	Middlesbrough ...	15 6
Bigg, Miss L. ...	2 2 0	Northern Heights ...	7 8 0
Binks, Mrs. ...	3 4 4	Norwich ...	6 6 8
Bird, Miss F. ...	2 0	Sale ...	6 0 7
Bird, Mrs. M. A. ...	3 0	Sheffield ...	14 7
Birnstingl, Miss E. ...	2 6	Southall and Hayes ...	5 0
Birnstingl, Miss K. S. ...	15 0	South Shields ...	5 0
Birrell, Mrs. ...	0 6	Swansea ...	7 10 0
Bisdee, Miss M. ...	1 2 6	Swinton ...	1 0 0
Bisset Smith, Miss J. ...	10 0	Tottenham ...	2 1 0
Black, Dr. Annie ...	1 1 0	Urmston ...	2 6
Black, Miss ...	0 6	Waterloo, Liverpool ...	1 12 9
Blashki, Mr. ...	1 0 0	West Sussex ...	19 8 9
Bobby, Miss A. ...	8 0	Willesden and Maida Vale ...	1 5 0
Bobby, Mrs. Ethel ...	7 6	Woking ...	5 0
Boileau, Miss L. M. ...	5 2 6	York ...	3 0
Boorman, Miss J. M. ...	8 1	Brandreth, Mrs. ...	1 0
Booth Scott, Miss M. ...	5 0	Branfill, Esq., —... ...	2 6
Borrmann Wells, Mrs. B. ...	38 11 10	Bransome, Esq., W. ...	1 0
Bosley, Miss ...	15 0	Bremner, Miss E. ...	7 6
Boston, Miss A. E. ...	1 0	Bremner, Mrs. ...	2 5 0
Boston, Miss E. ...	1 0	Brend, Mrs. M. ...	1 11 0
Boukouris, Mrs. ...	1 0	Briant, Miss ...	3 0
Boucher, Mrs. ...	2 6	Briant, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Boxall, Mr. ...	3 0 0	Briant, Mrs. Edith ...	10 0
Bradley, Esq., W. T. H. ...	1 1 0	Bridgers, Miss F. ...	1 0
Branch, Miss E. ...	1 0 0	Bright, Miss ...	2 6
BRANCHES—		Brock, Miss ...	1 0 0
Affiliation Fees ...	14 0 0	Brodzky, Miss B. ...	1 0
Delegates' Expenses ...	23 14 3	Brooke Alder, Miss F. M. ...	2 6
Aberdeen ...	2 2 6	Brooks, Esq., S. ...	1 0
Acton ...	1 5 0	Brook, Mrs. ...	2 2 0
Bangor ...	5 0	Brown, Esq., Francis ...	2 0
Barry ...	1 0 0	Brown, Miss ...	2 0
Caldicot ...	4 17 0	Brown, Miss ...	1 0
Central London ...	3 15 0	Brown, Miss M. ...	5 0
Chelmsford ...	1 8 2	Brown, Mrs. J. S. ...	1 1 0
Cheltenham ...	5 0 0	Brown, Mrs. K. K. ...	1 0 0
Chester ...	9 8	Browne, Mrs. ...	1 0
Clapham ...	1 18 0	Bruce, Miss Maggie ...	2 0
Croydon ...	2 6	Bryan, Mrs. ...	1 0
Dundee ...	10 2 0	Bryant, Mrs. ...	2 6
Eastbourne ...	4 19 6	Bryen, Mrs. ...	2 6
Eccles Northern Divi- sion ...	3 11	Buchanan, Miss E. ...	10 2
Edinburgh ...	13 12 0	Budd, Mr. and Mrs. ...	10 0
Glasgow Central ...	2 0 0	Budd, Mrs. V. ...	8 6
Glasgow, Western ...	3 0 0	Buist, Mrs. ...	2 6
Hackney ...	2 0 0	Bunnell, Miss K. ...	5 0
Carried forward	£522 6 6	Bunten, Miss Janet L. ...	10 0 0
Carried forward	£638 3 11		

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
Brought forward		2608	11	6	Brought forward		2630	10	9
Whitehead, Miss ...	...		4	0	Women's Labour League				
Whitley, Mrs. ...	...		5	0	(Mrs. Butler) ...	1	12	9	
Whyte, Miss M. ...	...		6	9	Wood, Miss ...		4	3	
Whyte, Mrs. G. M. ...	...		2	6	Wood, Miss A. ...		6	0	
Wildman, Miss V. ...	...		5	0	Wood, Miss E. ...		5	0	
Wilkie, Miss ...	...		1	0	Wood, Miss E. G. ...		12	0	
Wilkinson, Miss D. ...	...		2	0	Wood, Miss M. A. ...	1	0	0	
Wilks, Dr. ...	...	11	9	0	Wood, Mrs. ...		10	0	
Wilks, Mrs. ...	...		1	0	Wood, Mrs. and Miss				
Williams, Miss ...	...		15	0	E. G. ...		7	6	
Williams, Miss ...	...		2	6	Wood, Mrs. J. ...	265	0	0	
Williams, Miss H. ...	...		10	6	Woods, Miss ...		1	0	
Williams, Miss L. ...	...		2	0	Woodward, Miss ...		5	0	
Williams, Miss M. ...	...		1	0	Woolf, Miss ...		10	0	
Williams, Miss M. E. ...	...		1	0	Woolf, Miss J. ...		2	6	
Williams, Mrs. ...	...		1	0	Woolf, Mrs. ...		10	6	
Williamson, Mrs. C. N. ...	...		2	6	Woolf, Mrs. ...		1	0	
Williamson, Mrs. M. M.					Wray, Miss ...		2	0	
E. ...	...	2	1	0	Wray, Mrs. ...		2	6	
Wills, Mrs. L. ...	...	11	0		Wrenford, Miss E. M. ...		1	0	
Wilson, Miss A. A. ...	...		1	0	Wrenford, Miss I. ...	1	11	0	
Wilson, Miss E. ...	...	1	0	0	Wright, Miss A. C. G. ...	1	1	0	
Wilson, Miss ...	...		2	0	Wright, Miss C. ...		4	0	
Wilson, Miss ...	...		1	0	Wright, Miss F. M. ...	2	2	0	
Wilson, Miss J. ...	...		2	0	Wrightson, Miss M. A. ...		2	0	
Wilson, Mrs. E. ...	...		6	0	Wyse, Mrs. H. ...		10	0	
Winlie, Miss J. ...	...		1	0	Yaldwyn, Mrs. ...		1	6	8
Winterne, Mrs. A. E. ...	...	2	16	0	Yeoman, Miss I. ...		7	0	0
Witcomb, Miss A. ...	...		1	6	Zangwill, Mrs. E. ...		6	0	0
Witte, Esq., S. H. ...	...		5	0	Zimmern, Miss A. ...		2	6	
Carried forward		£2630	10	9			£2,922	2	11

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I GIVE and BEQUEATH to the Treasurer for the time being of the Women's Freedom League, 1, Robert Street, Adelphi, London, W.C., the sum of.....free of legacy duty, and I direct that the receipt of such Treasurer of the said Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the said legacy.

CHRONICLE OF EVENTS.

1910.

- JANUARY.—General Election Campaigns.
 JAN. 14.—Appeal case (Mrs. Despard and seven others) dismissed by the Lord Chief Justice.
 „ 30.—Reception to Conference Delegates at Small Queen's Hall.
 FEB. 1.—Release of Miss Neilans. Reception at Caxton Hall.
 „ 3.—Release of Mrs. Chapin; three weeks before the expiration of her four months' sentence.
 „ 10.—Miss Boileau and Mrs. Hyde taken to Holloway Prison and detained ninety minutes instead of seven days. The fines of the other members sentenced had been paid anonymously and without their consent.
 „ 15.—Opening of Parliament.
 „ 21 to 28.—Special Effort Week.
 „ 27.—Trafalgar Square Mass Meeting.
 MAR. 1.—Reception to Mrs. Chapin at Caxton Hall.—Mrs. Chapin's play, "At the Gates," produced.
 „ 5 to 8.—National Executive Committee at Sunderland.
 APR. 3.—Trafalgar Square Mass Meeting.
 „ 12.—Deputation to Labour Party at House of Commons.
 MAY 8.—Trafalgar Square demonstration.
 „ 14.—Universal municipal suffrage extended to the women of Norway. Edinburgh Suffrage Shop opened.
 „ 21.—John Stuart Mill Celebration.
 JUNE 14.—Conciliation Bill introduced by Mr. Shackleton, and passed without a division.
 „ 18.—Great Women's Procession from the Embankment to Kensington Town Hall.
 „ 21.—Mr. Asquith received deputations from: National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies; Liberal Women; Men's League for Opposing Women's Suffrage; Women's National Anti-Suffrage League.
 JULY 10.—"Right to Vote" Demonstration in Trafalgar Square.
 „ 11-12.—Second Reading of Conciliation Bill. Passed with a majority of 109.
 „ 14.—Caravan started from Edgware—Mrs. Despard and Mrs. How Martyn spoke at first meeting.
 „ 23.—Great Women's Procession from the Embankment to Hyde Park.
 „ 24.—Trafalgar Square Mass Meeting.
 „ 25.—Sale of Dr. Patch's goods for non-payment of taxes.
 AUG. 3.—Parliament rose for recess. W.F.L. "Lest You Forget" Demonstration at House of Commons.
 „ 18.—Glasgow City Council unanimously resolved to petition Parliament in favour of the Conciliation Bill.
 SEPT. 10.—Mary Wollstonecraft Commemoration at Bournemouth.
 „ 29 to OCT. 4.—National Executive Committee at Swansea.
 OCT. 8.—Joint Demonstration in Trafalgar Square.
 „ 27.—Sale of Mrs. Cleaves' dog-cart, distrained for non-payment of carriage licence.
 „ 28.—"W.F.L. Day." Meeting at small Queen's Hall. Anniversary of Grille Protest, first issue of "The Vote," end of sixteen weeks' picketing of House of Commons, and Ballot-box Protest.
 „ 29.—Special Conference of Branches.
 NOV. 6.—Mrs. Despard lectured on Shelley's "Prometheus Unbound" at small Queen's Hall.
 „ 7 to 12.—Suffrage Week.
 „ 7.—W.F.L. Inaugural Meeting at Caxton Hall.
 „ 12.—United Mass Meeting in Albert Hall.
 „ 15.—Parliament reassembled.
 „ 22.—Sale of Mrs. Despard's piano—protest meeting held by Mrs. How Martyn.
 DECEMBER.—General Election Campaigns.

IMPRISONMENTS.

Details are given below of the imprisonments which have resulted from protests made at the House of Commons and at other places:—

YEAR.	NO. OF WOMEN IMPRISONED.	TOTAL SENTENCES.	DIVISION.
1905	2	10 days.	Third.
1906	39	3 yrs. 1 mo.	First, Second, and Third.
1907	123	5 yrs. 2 mos 5 wks	First.
(In this year Mr. Simmons and Mr. Croft were also imprisoned.)			
1908	27	2 yrs. 2 mos.	Second and Third.
1909	39	3 yrs. 1 mo.	Second and Third.
1910	No further arrests. Mrs. Chapin and Miss Neilans released at the beginning of February, after three months' imprisonment.		

The appeal of seven members against a sentence of a week's imprisonment in August, 1909, was dismissed in February. Miss Boileau and Mrs. Hyde were taken to Holloway Prison, but detained only an hour and a-half; Miss Bunten, of Glasgow, has heard nothing further of the matter, while the fines of Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Cranstoun, Mrs. Hicks, and Miss I. Tillard were paid anonymously and without their knowledge.

BRANCHES OF THE WOMEN'S FREEDOM LEAGUE.

SCOTLAND.

GLASGOW	...	...	Suffrage Centre: 302, Sauchiehall Street. (Telegrams: Tactics, Glasgow. Nat. Telephone: 495 Douglas.) Hon. Secretary: Miss Mina Steven. Hon. Treasurer: Miss Janet Bunten.
EDINBURGH	...	...	Suffrage Shop: 33, Forrest Road. Hon. Secretary: Miss A. B. Jack. Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. A. Wood.
DUNDEE	...	...	Miss L. Clunas, 1, Blackness Crescent.
DUNFERMLINE	...	...	Miss McCallum, 72, Brucefield Avenue.
KILMARNOCK	...	...	Mrs. Cowan, 39, Boyd Street.
KIRKINTILLOCH	...	...	Miss McIntyre, Woodhead Avenue.
PERTH	...	...	Mrs. Macpherson, 3, Charlotte Street.
SCATTERED MEMBERS	...	...	Miss E. Murray, Moore Park, Cardross, Dumbarton.

WALES.

(Hon. Organiser: Mrs. Cleaves, "Chez Nous," Sketty, Glamorgan.)			
ABERDARE	...	...	Miss J. Phillips, B.A., 6, Canon Street.
BARRY	...	...	Miss C. Morris, 27, Broad Street.
CALDICOT, MON.	Miss L. Corben, Ivy Lodge.
CARDIFF	Miss Watt, 36, Wellington Street, Canton
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