

# National Union

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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.  
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25, Victoria Street,  
London, S.W.  
August 2nd., 1907.

To *Miss Strachey*  
Hon. Sec. of the Central W.S.S.

Dear Madam,

In consequence of the resolution passed at the Cambridge Council Meeting, empowering the Executive Committee to take what action seemed right to them with reference to the issue of a Women's Suffrage Paper, an agreement has been drawn up and signed by Mr. Francis of the Athenaeum Press and by Mrs. Fawcett and Mr. McLaren on behalf of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the principal clauses of which are as follows:

(1) Mr. Francis shall not sell "Women's Franchise" or alter the present manner of editing without the consent of the National Union.

(2) The National Union, the W.S. & P.U. and the Men's League are to be allowed at least one page in each eight page issue, or two pages in each 16 page issue for the purpose of publishing their respective contributions under their own heading.

(3) If Mr. Francis at any time ceases the publication of "Women's Franchise", its copyright, free from all liabilities, will be the property of the National Union.

(4) Any profits made by Mr. Francis on "Women's Franchise" will be devoted to the cause.

(5) The National Union will endeavour to increase the circulation of "Women's Franchise" and so long as Mr. Francis holds the copyright, they will not publish any paper devoted to the cause of Women's Suffrage.

(6) The National Union pay Mr. Francis £50 as a contribution towards the current expenses of "Women's Franchise" and agree to pay a further contribution of £100 for future expenses should Mr. Francis continue the publication of "Women's Franchise" after October 1st., 1907.

May I therefore urge upon you the extreme importance of doing everything in your power to interest the members of your Branch in this paper, and to obtain new subscribers?

News and articles of general interest bearing on Women's Suffrage are much needed and should be sent to this Office, to arrive not later than the first post Monday mornings.

All subscriptions in future should be sent direct to Mr. E. J. Francis, 13, Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, E.C.

Yours truly,  
FRANCES HARDCASTLE.