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CROSBY HALL, INTERNATIONAL CLUBHOUSE OF  
THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

## THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN LTD.

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### AIMS.

1. To create an organisation which shall represent University women in all professions, and enable them to take concerted action.
2. To stimulate friendship amongst University women throughout the world.
3. To encourage independent research by University women.
4. To stimulate the interest of University women in municipal and public life.

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### THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN.

The British Federation of University Women was founded in 1907 to provide a means whereby women who have shared in a common educational experience and have common ideals may express their views. It also links women of all professions with those occupied in running their homes and bringing up children.

The Federation has a membership of over 5,000, grouped in 39 Local Associations. The business of the Federation is carried on by a central Executive Committee, on which each Local Association has a representative, and through her the members are kept informed of the activities of the Federation.

The Local Associations bring members into touch, at business and social meetings, with other graduates resident in their neighbourhood, and this enables them to take action on matters of local importance.

Through its Parliamentary and Public Relations Committee, the B.F.U.W. keeps in close touch with current affairs, and co-operates in every effort to secure the appointment of qualified women on all bodies responsible for deciding matters of public policy. The Federation supports the principle of equal pay and is a member of the Equal Pay Campaign Committee.

Realising the financial difficulties facing women qualified and wishing to undertake research, the Federation awards annually a Junior British postgraduate scholarship, and is building up an Endowment Fund for British and International Fellowships. A City of London Scholarship and a New Zealand Scholarship have already been endowed. All members of the British Federation are eligible to compete for a number of international fellowships offered annually by the International Federation.

### CROSBY HALL.

Between 1924 and 1927 the British Federation raised over £40,000 from University women and friends all over the world to establish Crosby Hall as a residential and non-residential club for women graduates of all nations. This clubhouse now provides British members with valuable opportunities of meeting members of other national federations visiting this country.

The club is on Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, overlooking the river ; it consists of a fifteenth century dining hall, which is a beautiful and unique example of domestic architecture of the period, and a modern residential wing with library and clubrooms. The site originally formed part of Sir Thomas More's garden. Plans are now being carried out to provide a suitable endowment for the Hall. A second residential wing is to be added, with a library and large common room looking on to the river, and there are to be many more residential scholarships and bursaries so that Crosby Hall may fulfil its purpose as a centre for scholars from this and other countries. The Federation is much gratified by the response that is being made, both at home and overseas, to the Appeal for £400,000.

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### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

In 1920 the British Federation played a part in founding the International Federation of University Women which now comprises 32 national federations in the five continents, and has a membership of 136,000.

Membership of the British Federation automatically carries with it membership of the I.F.U.W. Members travelling abroad are provided with introductions to other national federations and given the privileges of their club-houses. International conferences, which are attended by members of all national federations, are held triennially for the discussion of subjects of common interest.



Interior of the Great Hall

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The relations of the I.F.U.W. with other international bodies give growing opportunity for the Federation to voice the views of University Women in many fields of international work. The Federation makes its contributions on economic and social questions, particularly those affecting the status of women, through the mechanism of consultative status granted to the Federation by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and on university problems through similar consultative status with UNESCO. It contributes its modest share to the problem of displaced persons through liaison maintained with the International Refugee Organisation.

Special assistance has been given to University women refugees and to war victims of many countries. Much has been done since the war to assist the work of national federations in the liberated countries of Europe. The British Federation collected and distributed the sum of £12,000 for the refreshment and rehabilitation of individual University women in these countries.



## HOW TO JOIN. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Full membership is open to women who hold a University degree, and to registered medical women and registered women dentists. Women who have had two years' regular study at a University or a University College are, in certain cases, admitted to associate membership, and students in their last year before graduation may become temporary associates.

## ADVANTAGES OF MEMBERSHIP.

- (A) Opportunities to meet other University women living in the same area.
- (B) The use of Crosby Hall, London, as a club and for residence. Details from the Warden, Crosby Hall, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.3. Telephone : FLAxman 9663.
- (C) Introductions to other national federations when travelling, and the privileges of their clubhouses. International conferences every three years.
- (D) Eligibility for research Fellowships and Scholarships tenable at home and abroad.
- (E) Special arrangements for insurance and reduced subscriptions to certain Libraries, Journals, the R.A.C., etc.

## SUBSCRIPTION.

Annual subscription one guinea.

Annual subscription at half rate for temporary associates and for graduates of less than two years' standing.

Compounded life membership of 5 guineas for members over 60 years of age.

Subscriptions run from January 1st, but a first subscription paid after October 1st covers the succeeding calendar year.

The Local Associations offer the privileges of their membership to members of other Local Associations or national federations for a small affiliation fee.

The application form should be sent, with fee, to the nearest Local Association, at the address given on the back of the form. Members can be transferred to the nearest Association on removal to another district. **Where no Local Association is near at hand, any group of eligible persons being not less than 20 in number may apply to the Executive Committee for recognition as a new Local Association.**

National Membership is open to those living far from a Local Association, or to recent graduates whose place of residence is not yet fixed.