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### EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the Eighth Annual Report to the Council of the Federation the Executive Committee has to record an exceptionally difficult year.

This report will not attempt to discuss decisions which have been made by other bodies, decisions which have reacted on the Party not only at headquarters but in every constituency. Our Committee and Hon. Officers, with a restraint which has sometimes achieved the miraculous, has continued the work of the Federation without division and without the resignation of any one of its members. None of the work of organisation has been neglected, and all have co-operated in a sincere attempt to help the effort of the loyal Liberal women who in every constituency are striving with devotion and self-sacrifice to convince their fellow voters of the need for Liberal ideas in the legislation of the country.

#### LORD OXFORD'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Lord Oxford from the leadership of the Party is the chief event of the past year. That he has retired from the position of active party leader only and not from general political work is some compensation for our loss. His judgment is still at our service, his great and generous mind now as ever ready to welcome all that is truly Liberal in present day political thought. We share with Europe our gratitude for his statesmanship, and as Liberals are proud of his place in history.

On the occasion of his resignation the following resolution was sent to Lord Oxford:

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation, deeply regretting the resignation of Lord Oxford, thanks him for his devoted and courageous leadership of the Liberal Party both in prosperity and adversity, and for the political steadfastness and high standards which he has always brought to politics and public life.

The Committee wishes to assure Lord Oxford that Liberal women will endeavour to build on the foundations of liberty and progress which he has laid with such wise judgment and loyal and consistent devotion to Liberal ideas."

#### MRS. WINTRINGHAM'S PRESIDENCY.

At the end of two years of office as President Mrs. Wintringham leaves the Federation stronger in numbers, wider in outlook and more active in service.

Following the tradition of Lady Violet Bonham Carter, who, as former President, had brought the W.N.L.F. into the



inner councils of the Party, Mrs. Wintringham has worked towards closer co-operation between Liberal men and women in every town and village in the constituencies. At the sacrifice of every moment of leisure Mrs. Wintringham has taken W.N.L.F. headquarters into the country; at conference after conference and meeting after meeting, week in and week out she has toured the country-side, coming to know and understand the difficulties of the work of the individual Liberal. This contact with reality has given force to her leadership and increased the influence of Liberal women in the Party.

Nor has our President's work been limited to this one aspect. Through her wide interests in other movements for women's welfare, the co-operation of the W.N.L.F. has been sought by other bodies, and gradually we have found ourselves in a wider field of enterprise, working with other organisations for the achievement of the Liberal ideals of peace, education, equality and temperance.

Through Mrs. Wintringham's unique experience in parliamentary business our Committee has taken a markedly active part in political affairs, keeping in touch with the Party Whips and expressing opinions on the leading questions of the day.

Now that her two years of invaluable service to the Federation are over, the Committee unites its gratitude to the sincere wish that good fortune may speed along a propitious by-election to carry back to the House of Commons the President of whom Liberal women are so justly proud.

#### **NEW OFFICES AT 1, GREAT GEORGE STREET.**

The removal of Headquarters' Offices from 72, Victoria Street, to No. 1, Great George Street is our most interesting adventure. Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Honorary Secretary of the Liberal and Radical Candidates Association, with true generosity has given to the Federation a lease of a delightful set of offices on the second floor of a beautiful Georgian house overlooking St. James' Park, in the same building as the Candidates' Association. No better fortune could have come our way. Within sight of the Houses of Parliament, a minute's walk from Whitehall and other Liberal headquarter offices, our work is now carried on at the very hub of the political universe. The offices themselves are a great improvement on the old rooms at Victoria Street. Light, bright and conveniently arranged, the new quarters are helping the staff to accomplish the maximum amount of work with all good temper. In addition to the accommodation for the actual office staff, we are allowed to hold the Executive and Sub-Committee meetings in the two dignified Committee rooms belonging to the Candidates Association. We wish that all members of our affiliated branches could see our quarters at 1, Great George Street, and realise how fortunate we are to have rent free offices which are among the most attractive in London.

#### **FAMILY ENDOWMENT ENQUIRY.**

The Family Endowment Enquiry Committee has carried on its investigations for a second year. No praise is too high for the work of this small Committee of women, who have placed their knowledge of economics at the service of the Federation in exploring a scheme which so closely concerns women and the welfare of the family. Carrying on the enquiry from last year, further evidence has been collected from numerous witnesses, including the principal of a college for working women, the head of a large manufacturing business, and others with a knowledge of conditions in the homes in industrial and mining areas. Early in the spring the final Report of the Enquiry Committee was issued under the title "Children's Allowances." The Report has had a wide circulation and an encouraging welcome from the Press. It is acknowledged by political experts and economists to be a valuable contribution to research, and foreign Societies, the I.L.O. office at Geneva and organisations of every type have ordered copies. It is encouraging to know that the hard and devoted work of our Committee has placed Liberal women in the van in investigating an economic problem which, though in the experimental stage at present, may become an everyday principle of wage payments in the future. To the Chairman of the Enquiry, Mrs. W. T. Layton, our special thanks are due, her knowledge and her enthusiasm inspired all her colleagues, and the excellently arranged form of the Committee's final report owed everything to her draftsmanship. Thanks are also due to the Honorary Secretary, Miss Lucy Mair, and to the following members of the Committee who gave time and concentrated study to the subject:—Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Lady Violet Bonham Carter, Mrs. Neville Dixey, The Lady Emmott, Mrs. Basil Herbert and Mrs. Wintringham.

#### **TEMPERANCE ENQUIRY.**

Liberal women have watched with considerable interest the work of the Liberal and Radical Candidates' Association in undertaking a thorough investigation of Temperance. The candidates Enquiry has been at work for a year and is examining the temperance problem from all angles, legislative, scientific, political, educational, moral and international. When invited to co-operate in this Enquiry the W.N.L.F. willingly responded, and decided to concentrate chiefly on the health and economic aspect of the subject. The three lines of approach followed by our Committee are as follows. The effect of Temperance on: I. The Home (thrift, the family budget, dietry, housing); II. The Woman (health, maternity, women's bars); III. The Child (infantile mortality, child delinquency, the defective child, consumption of milk).

The members working on this Enquiry include Mrs. Wintringham (Chairman), Miss Bliss, Mrs. Brampton, Mrs. Ernest Brown, Mrs. Randolph Clarkson, Lady Horsley, Lady



Maclean, Mrs. Macnamara, Mrs. Walter Runciman, and Miss Agnes Slack.

Evidence has already been given by Mr. George Wilson (Sec. U.K.A.), Dr. Salter, M.P., and meetings are being arranged with witnesses from America, Carlisle and representatives of the medical profession and social workers.

Miss Barbara Bliss has agreed to act as Hon. Sec. of the W.N.L.F. Enquiry.

#### DEPUTATIONS AND CONFERENCES.

There has been constant co-operation throughout the year between the W.N.L.F. and other societies. Mrs. Neville Dixey has represented the W.N.L.F. on the Women's Advisory Committee of the League of Nations Union and the Peace Pilgrimage Council; Mrs. Arthur Johnson on the Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations. Among many interesting conferences and deputations in which the W.N.L.F. has taken part are the following:

*Deputation to the Prime Minister on Equal Franchise.* (Equal Political Rights Committee) March 8th: represented by Mrs. Wintringham.

*Deputation to Sir Austen Chamberlain on Disarmament and Arbitration,* July 6th: leader of the deputation, Lady Acland, J.P.

*Conference on the Protection of the Woman Worker* (N.U.S.E.C.), Nov. 26th: Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Miss Ursula Williams.

*Conference on the Solicitation Laws* (Association for Moral and Social Hygiene) Nov. 30th: Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

*Conference on the Training of Women Police* (N.U.S.E.C.), March 7th: Councillor Mrs. Alderton, J.P., and Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

*Conference on Milk and Public Health* (National Milk Publicity Council), Nov. 16th: Lady Baring, J.P.

*Free Trade Conference* (North Western Free Trade Union), Manchester, Sept. 29th: Lady Haworth, J.P.

*British Commonwealth League* conference on international questions. September: Mrs. Neville Dixey.

*Constituency deputations on Equal Franchise,* arranged by Women's Freedom League. Miss Reeves, Miss Margaret Harvey, Miss Ida Samuel.

#### PARLIAMENTARY.

Whips to Liberal members have been sent on the following Bills: Smoke Abatement, Legitimacy Bill, Bastardy Bill, Public Places (Order) Bill, Married Women's Employment Bill,

Drafts of Mental Deficiency Bill, Liquor Popular Control (No. 2) Bill and Women Jurors Bill were considered, and amendments to the Factories Bill drawn up for the consideration of the Chief Whip and Liberal members.

The following experts met the Parliamentary Sub-Committee for discussion: Miss Constance Smith (ex-Deputy Chief Inspector of Factories) on the Factories Bill; Mrs. White on the Liquor Popular Control (No. 2) Bill; and Mr. John Harris and Mr. Grimshaw (I.L.O., Geneva) on the Convention on Forced and Contract Labour.

#### THE COAL CRISIS.

Arising out of the discussions on the Coal deadlock at the Council meetings, a deputation was appointed to meet representatives of the Liberal Party in the House of Commons on June 23rd. The deputation was received by Mr. Lloyd George and a number of Liberal members including the Whips, the members of the deputation stated that Liberal women stood by the whole Report of the Samuel Commission, and asked Liberal members to pledge themselves as a united Party to oppose the Government Bill which did not embody the recommendations of the Samuel Report. The deputation, led by Mrs. Wintringham and Miss Alison Garland, included representative Liberal women from the chief mining areas. In July a summary of the Samuel Report was sent to every W.L.A. Secretary, and Associations were asked to approach their members of Parliament urging them to press for legislation on the lines of the Samuel Report.

For weary months the deadlock continued, and with it unemployment and chaos not only in the coal trade, but in the vast majority of other industries. This is one of the saddest and most stupid Government failures, the failure of a Government which set up a Commission, received a report on re-organisation, and then proceeded to legislate on lines opposed to the recommendations of its own Committee.

#### EQUAL FRANCHISE.

There are signs that the determination of women to achieve the full rights and responsibilities of citizenship may have effect on the Government. Liberal women have been working the year through, they have spoken on innumerable Equal Franchise platforms, interviewed M.Ps. and asked awkward questions, they have marched to Hyde Park in demonstrations, and our President, Mrs. Wintringham, has taken part in a deputation to Mr. Baldwin on the subject. At every monthly meeting of our Executive action has been considered and resolutions passed demanding the fulfilment of the Government's pledge to enable women to vote on equal terms with men at the next General Election.

This Executive will continue to work with unabated energy until all responsible women in this country possess the franchise and the full privileges of citizenship.



### **EQUAL FRANCHISE DEMONSTRATION.**

For the second time during the summer Liberal women joined a great procession to Hyde Park on the occasion of the Equal Franchise Demonstration. A Liberal women's contingent was organised, and a W.N.L.F. platform arranged with able Liberal speakers, who drew a big crowd obviously in sympathy with the demand for "votes for women on the same terms as men and admission to the House of Lords of Peeresses in their own right."

### **THE PEACE PILGRIMAGE.**

Hundreds of W.L.A. members from almost every county in England and Wales took part in the great Peace demonstration which brought thousands of women to Hyde Park on the memorable Saturday of June 19th. One of our own members, Lady (then Mrs. Francis) Acland acted as Chairman of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Council and in every area our organisers were asked to help with preparations for the Pilgrimage. After delay caused by the General Strike the demonstration took place in Hyde Park the Saturday before our Council Meetings. Liberal women led by the beautiful W.N.L.F. banners, joined in the great march from the Embankment. On practically every one of the numerous platforms in Hyde Park a Liberal woman speaker was heard, and great enthusiasm was shown at the passing of the resolution demanding arbitration in international affairs.

In July, as an outcome of the Pilgrimage, Sir Austen Chamberlain gave an interview to representatives of the Pilgrimage Committee, when Lady Acland introduced the deputation. Sir Austen, while emphasising the difficulties of disarmament and arbitration, implied that arbitration would probably be discussed at the Imperial Conference in October. The work of the Pilgrimage Committee is being carried on, and support given to the work by the W.N.L.F. representatives Lady Acland and Mrs. Neville Dixey.

### **RESOLUTIONS.**

Among numerous resolutions passed by our Committee during the year the following stand out as of special interest:

### **THE IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.**

#### **NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.**

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation believes that women should be allowed a free choice in retaining or changing their nationality on marriage."

#### **NATIVE RACES.**

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation deeply deplores the retrograde steps taken by the Government of His Majesty's Dominion of

South Africa regarding the treatment and status of native races, believing that such action runs counter to the British traditional spirit of trusteeship of native peoples as set forth by Mr. Winston Churchill on the occasion of the Imperial Conference, June 20th, 1921, when he said:—

"There is only one ideal that the British Empire can set before itself, and that is that there should be no barrier of race, colour or creed which should prevent any man of merit from reaching any station if he is fitted for it."

### **TRUSTEESHIP IN MANDATED TERRITORIES.**

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation urges upon the Dominion Governments the vital importance of preserving in the Mandated territories both the letter and spirit of trusteeship for the native inhabitants and the necessity for providing adequate facilities for hearing petitions from the people themselves for redress of substantial grievances."

### **DISARMAMENT.**

"Realising that armaments depend on policy, and that support for the principle of disarmament is meaningless except as part of a determined and consistent policy of peace, the Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation hopes that at the coming Disarmament Conference the Imperial Governments will co-operate in drastic measures for a general limitation and reduction of armaments and further urges that they should agree to settle all international dispute by arbitration or conciliation."

### **FREE TRADE.**

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation welcomes the fullest discussion of all means likely to promote the strength and unity of the British Commonwealth and cordially approves of increased facilities for constant consultation and development of transport and communication, the interchange of teachers and students and assisted emigration within the Empire, but is of opinion that any scheme of Imperial Preference will increase the cost of living to the people of this country, will accentuate the conflicting needs of interests of the several Dominions, will antagonise foreign countries and increase those tariff wars which jeopardise international peace. The Women's National Liberal Federation therefore urges the Dominions to increase the economic resources of the Empire by scientific production and marketing and the increase of land settlement and development and by lowering these high tariffs improve the demand of our vast populations for their commodities."



**IMMIGRATION.**

"The Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation urges the Imperial Conference to ensure that all facilities as regards agricultural training, assisted passages and grants of land or other assistance to settlers be made available for women, since they have proved their ability in various branches of agricultural work."

**CHINA.**

"That this Executive Committee of the W.N.L.F. welcomes the liberal and conciliatory tone of the letters addressed by Sir Austen Chamberlain to the secretariat of the League explaining British policy in China. It warmly approves his statement that His Majesty's Government will gladly avail themselves of any opportunity that may arise of invoking the good offices of the League, and urges His Majesty's Government actively to promote the development of such an opportunity."

**REFERENCE LIBRARY.**

The Reference Library has been increasingly used by speakers, study circles and students of speakers' classes. Books are constantly borrowed, and many letters are received saying how useful the library is to the W.L.A. members who cannot afford to buy more expensive books and who live in country districts far from public libraries. Copies of Parliamentary Bills, especially those of interest to women, are also borrowed.

A considerable number of books on economic subjects have recently been given to the library by Miss Ida Swinburne.

**WOMEN CANDIDATES.**

The number of women candidates is disappointing, only three have been adopted in the past year, namely, Mrs. Corbett Ashby for Hendon and Miss Elizabeth Edwardes for South East St. Pancras, and Mrs. Bayfield for Gorton (Manchester). No Liberal woman has contested a by-election since Mrs. Wintringham won Louth in 1921. We remind Liberal Associations that there are able women politicians in the field and urge women to face the polls. Finance is the chief difficulty. Women who are willing to work up constituencies often lack the money to meet election expenses. If divisional Associations can raise an election fund there are many women who will put up an excellent fight. Both the Labour and Conservative parties have adopted more women candidates than ourselves. If women vote on the same terms as men at the next election the majority of the electors will be women. This W.N.L.F. Executive therefore urges on Liberal Associations and agents to consider the adoption of women candidates, and especially to persuade Liberal women to stand who are well known in the district by reason of their work in local government or other branches of public life.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

The Committee has given much time and thought to the problem of local elections. Since the war, Liberal Associations in many parts of the country have had to face apathy among their members in regard to municipal affairs. If the Party is to regain the confidence of the country in national as well as local government it must build on a firm basis of local work. *Pacts with other Parties must be avoided*, and the party machine must test its strength and perfect its organisation by fighting every local election. This Executive urges all Liberal women to play an active part in local government, and advises young women who are hoping eventually to stand as Parliamentary candidates to serve an apprenticeship on local government bodies.

**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS AND P.R.**

Following the November elections the Executive Committee passed the following resolution which was submitted to all affiliated Associations for action:

"That this Executive Committee of the Women's National Liberal Federation deplores the results of the recent Municipal Elections, and believes that the present lamentably insufficient representation of Liberal opinion on local government bodies throughout the country can only be remedied by a sufficient number of Liberal candidates standing as Liberals unallied to any other Party, and by the introduction of the system of proportional representation in municipal elections."

A memorandum from the Proportional Representation Society was also circulated to W.L.As. in Municipal Boroughs urging them to send evidence to the Royal Commission on Local Government.

**PARTY ORGANISATION COMMITTEE.**

Our Executive Committee has co-operated with both of the Party Organisation Committees which have functioned during the year. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Vivian Phillipps, our Hon. Officers held a consultation with the Organisation Committee to discuss the condition of the women's organisation in the constituencies as shewn by information collected at the various area conferences held during the spring of 1926. At the invitation of Sir Herbert Samuel, Chairman of the new Organisation Committee, a conference was held between his Committee and our Hon. Officers and a scheme has been submitted for the extension and improvement of women's organisation. We send Sir Herbert Samuel all good wishes for the work he has undertaken for Liberalism.

While we regret that Lady Violet Bonham Carter no longer serves on the Organisation Committee, we know that all women's interests will be well guarded on the new committee by Mrs.



Wintringham and Mrs. Corbett Ashby, who are both experts on women's organisation through practical experience as candidates and constant service to the Party in all parts of the country.

#### **CO-OPERATION WITH THE N.L.F.**

There is growing contact between N.L.F. and W.N.L.F. We welcome the election of two women on the N.L.F. Executive as a result of the District Federation ballots, Mrs. Wintringham being returned top of the poll in the Eastern Counties and Mrs. Corbett Ashby receiving a place for the Home Counties. There is unfortunately no woman among the six co-opted members.

Lady Currie has acted as W.N.L.F. representative for the year on the Administrative Committee of the Million Fund; Mrs. Spring Rice, Lady Currie and Mrs. Walter Runciman have also served on the Raising Committee. Mrs. Neville Dixey has attended the Committees of the Liberal Publication Department as W.N.L.F. representative.

Our secretary, Miss Margaret Harvey, has been invited to be present at the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee of the N.L.F., and reciprocally Mr. Oldham is invited to the meetings of our Executive. Miss Harvey has also been co-opted a member of a special committee set up by the N.L.F. to frame a scheme for the training of Agents in readiness for the next General Election.

#### **BY-ELECTIONS.**

By-elections have been numerous. Unfortunately through illness Miss Holland, the by-election specialist on our staff, has been able to take part in only a few campaigns. At all by-elections, however, we have been able to whip up numerous volunteers and the members of our W.L.As. have done valiant service. We are pleased to record a growing tendency to give women a place on the platforms at evening election meetings. Members of our Executive have spoken in numerous campaigns, and in more than one case our President herself has gone direct to the constituency to help start the women's organisation. The W.N.L.F. during the year has helped to secure women workers for the following contests: Darlington, Wallsend, Buckrose, North Cumberland, Chelmsford, Howdenshire, Central Hull, Smethwick, Stourbridge and North Southwark. The recent victories at Leith and Southwark have marked a turn of the tide which we are confident will be shewn at its full at the next General Election.

#### **LAND CAMPAIGN.**

The Liberal Land policy adopted by both the N.L.F. and W.N.L.F. in the spring of last year has gone well ahead in rural and urban constituencies. The Land Vans visiting remote villages and penetrating into all parts of the country have proved one of the most successful experiments in present day political

propaganda. "The Land News," the interesting monthly paper of the Land and Nation League, has achieved a large circulation both among men and women.

Women speakers on the Land Policy have been available for W.L.As. throughout the year. It was decided by our Executive that it was more satisfactory for the women Land speakers to be booked through the Area Federation Secretaries than through an additional W.N.L.F. Committee. The Land speakers have given interesting addresses to numerous W.L.As., and women have formed a good proportion of the listeners at all Land meetings.

Our Executive has been represented by the following of its members on the Council of the Land and Nation League: Lady Acland, Mrs. Corbett Ashby, Miss Alison Garland, Mrs. C. F. G. Masterman. Lady Rathcreedan and Mrs. Spring Rice are also members of the Land and Nation League Executive Committee.

#### **CANDIDATES ASSOCIATION MASS ATTACKS.**

Whenever possible the Executive Committee has co-operated with the Liberal and Radical Candidates' Association in the "mass attacks" in given constituencies. Often our area organiser is able to help beforehand to prepare for the attack and afterwards to consolidate the good effects of the campaign by forming new Associations and W.L.As. Conspicuous among the women speakers in these candidates' mass attacks are the following members of the W.N.L.F.: Mrs. Wintringham, Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Miss Ursula Williams.

#### **STAFF ORGANISERS.**

As an Executive we wish to thank the members of our Organising Staff who this year as in other years have faced their difficult work with courage and true Liberal optimism. Confident that the British public are Liberal at heart the organisers have gone ahead, speaking, canvassing, working, persuading and encouraging, never losing their tempers, even though sadly handicapped by the inactivity of some of the constituency Associations, and the lack of candidates.

The following organisers have served on the staff during the year:—Mrs. Darch (Devon and Cornwall), Miss King (Midlands), Mrs. Richardson (Lancs. and Cheshire), Miss Briant (Northern Counties), Miss Samuel and Mrs. MacMillan (Yorkshire), Miss Fowkes (Eastern Counties), Miss Madden (London), Miss Holland (by-elections and Home Counties). Although not actually members of our staff, the Executive has worked in the closest co-operation with the following area organisers:—Miss Powell William (North Wales), Miss Lilian Richards (South Wales), Mrs. Mauchlen (Home Counties) and Miss Willis (Western Counties).

In the summer we received the resignation of Miss Ida Samuel who left the Yorkshire area after two years of vigorous work



on our staff. We welcome her successor, Mrs. Macmillan, who as Miss Mabel Corrie was well known to the Liberals of the Northern Federation.

The Eastern Counties sees a change of organiser through the resignation of Miss Fowkes, on her marriage to Mr. Ridley, a prominent Liberal of Bury St. Edmunds. We take this opportunity of wishing Miss Fowkes every happiness.

Periodic conferences between members of the Executive and staff organisers prove of the greatest value.

New Associations have been affiliated as follows:—

#### DEVON AND CORNWALL FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MRS. DARCH.

Devon. *Barnstaple Div.* Barnstaple, Monkleigh, Morthoe and District. *Honiton Div.* Axminster. *Tavistock Div.* Cornwood and District, Lee Moor.  
Cornwall. *Camborne Div.* Helston. *St. Ives Div.* Newlyn, St. Ives.

#### EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.

Area Organiser—MRS. BROOKS (*pro. tem.*)

Cambridgeshire. Willingham and District.  
Lincolnshire & Rutland. *Grantham Div.* Sleaford. *Louth Div.* Louth, Claxby and District, Little Coates, Tealby and Walesby District, Theddlethorpe, S. Somercoates.  
Norfolk. *East Div.* Thorpe, Thurlton and District.  
Suffolk. *Sudbury Div.* Hadleigh and District. *Woodbridge Div.* Woodbridge.

#### HOME COUNTIES FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MISS HOLLAND (*pro. tem.*)

Home Counties Union of W.L.A.s.  
Buckinghamshire. *Aylesbury Div.* Prestwood, Waddesdon. *Mid. Div.* Mid-Bucks. Women's Central Council.  
Essex. *Malden Div.* Witham. *Saffron Walden Div.* Dunmow.  
Hampshire. *New Forest & Christchurch Div.* Christchurch.  
Hertfordshire. *Hertford Div.* Stanstead Abbots and District, Cheshunt. *St. Albans Div.* New Barnet.  
Kent. *Chislehurst Div.* Orpington and Cray. *Folkestone & Hythe Boro' Div.* Folkestone.  
Middlesex. *Enfield Div.* Eastern Enfield.  
Oxfordshire. *Banbury Div.* Deddington, Fritwell and Souldern, Thame.  
Surrey. *Chertsey Div.* Claygate and Esher. *Kingston Div.* Kingston and Surbiton.  
Sussex. *West Sussex.* Worthing.

#### LANCS. CHESHIRE & NORTH WESTERN COUNTIES FED.

Area Organiser—MRS. RICHARDSON.

Cheshire. *Chester Boro' Div.* St. John's and Mary's Ward, Broughton Ward. *Knutsford Div.* Knutsford, Stockton Heath, Mobberley, Styal.  
Derbyshire. *High Peak Div.* Dove Holes, Ashopton and Bamford, Sparrowpit.

Lancashire. *Bootle Boro' Div.* Bootle. *Fylde Div.* Thornton. *Southport Boro'.* Ainsdale.  
Liverpool Boroughs. *Walton Div.* Walton. *Fairfield Div.* Fairfield. *West Derby Div.* Annfield. *Lonsdale Div.* Lonsdale. Portobello (awaiting further details).  
Manchester Boroughs. *Gorton Div.* Gorton. *Rochdale Boro' Div.* Smallbridge, Wardsworth & District. *Rossendale Div.* Helmshore. *Royton Div.* Wardle.

#### LONDON FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MISS K. M. MADDEN.

Hammersmith Boro'. *North Div.* N. Hammersmith L. & R. Assoc. *Hendon Div.* Hampstead Garden Suburb.  
Islington Boro'. *North Div.* North Islington.

#### MIDLAND FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MISS J. KING.

Derbyshire. *Dest Div.* Bradwell, Bonsall, Rowsley and Darley Dale, Birchover and Stanton.  
Bedfordshire. *Hereford Div.* Ledbury.  
Leicestershire. *Bosworth Div.* Barlestone, Market Bosworth, Earl Shilton, Whitwick. *Leicester Boro's West Div.* West Div. W.L.A. *Melton Div.* Syston and District, Anstey. *Harborough Div.* South Wigston and Glen Parva.  
Northamptonshire. *Wellingborough Div.* Higham Ferrers.  
Shropshire. *Shrewsbury Div.* Ditherington.  
Staffordshire. *Smethwick Boro' Div.* Smethwick. *Wednesbury Boro' Div.* Wednesbury, *Wolverhampton Boro' East Div.* Heath Town. Willenhall.  
Warwickshire. *Nuneaton Div.* Atherstone, Bedworth, Bulkington. *Rugby Div.* Priors Marston. *Tamworth Div.* Dordon. *Warwick & Leamington Div.* Leamington.  
Worcestershire. *Stourbridge Div.* Cradley.

#### NORTHERN FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MISS BEATRIX BRIANT.

Northumberland. *Hexham Div.* Stocksfield-on-Tyne.

#### WESTERN COUNTIES LIBERAL FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MRS. DARCH.

Gloucestershire. *Cirencester Div.* Cirencester. *Thornbury Div.* Staple Hill.  
Somerset. *Weston-super-Mare Div.* Pill and District, Nailsea, Clevedon.  
Wiltshire. *Chippenham Div.* Derry Hill, Kingston St. Michael.

#### WELSH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION.

W.W.N.L.F. Organisers—MISS MARION POWELL WILLIAMS,  
(N. WALES),

MISS LILIAN RICHARDS (S. WALES).

Anglesey. Llanfair P.G., Menai Bridge, Beaumaris, Llangoed.  
Brecon and Radnor. *Brecon and Radnor Div.* Rhayader, Brecon Llanwrtyd Wells, Builth Wells.  
Caernarvon Boroughs. Nevin, Llanfairfechan.  
Carmarthen. *Llanelly Div.* Ammanford.  
Flintshire. Rhyl, Shotton, Hawarden.



**Glamorgan.** *Aberavon Div.* Porthcawl. *Llandaff and Barry Div.* Gabalfa. *Neath Div.* Pontardawe, Skewen. *Ogmore and Garw Div.* Bridgend, Maesteg. *Pontypridd Div.* Llantwit Vardre. *Aberdare Div.* Aberdare, Hirwain, Penrhiwceiber, Cwmaman, Cwmdare, Abercwmboi, Aberaman. *Cardiff East Div.* Women's Constituency Council. *Rhondda West Div.* Women's Constituency Council, Treorchy. *Rhondda East Div.* Porth, Ferndale. *Swansea West Div.* Swansea West W.L.A.  
**Merionethshire.** Towyn, Barmouth.  
**Monmouth.** *Abertillery Div.* Abercarn. *Bedwellty Div.* Risca. *Pontypool Div.* Blaenavon, Cwmbran, Griffithstown.  
**Pembrokeshire.** *Pembrokeshire Div.* Moylegrove, Narberth, Mathry, Goodwick, Saundersfoot, St. Dogmells.  
**West Denbigh.** Abergele.

#### YORKSHIRE LIBERAL FEDERATION.

Area Organiser—MRS. MACMILLAN.

*Buckrose Div.* Flamborough, Hulton, Cranswick, Norton. *Colne Valley Div.* Linthwaite. *Holderness Div.* Brandesburton, Beverley. *Howdenshire Div.* Swanland, Hessle. *Huddersfield Boro' Div.* Fartown Ward, Lockwood, Birkby, Marsh, Almondbury. *Pudsey & Otley Div.* Burley-in-Wharfedale. *Ripon Div.* Knaresborough, Burton Leonard. *Shipley Div.* Shipley. *Skipton Div.* Cross-hills. *Spennithorne Div.* Gildersome.

#### WOMEN'S AREA COMMITTEES.

Only one of the District Federation areas, the Western Counties, now lacks a women's area committee. The Yorkshire Women's Federation, the oldest established of the area committees, continues its excellent work under the chairmanship of Lady Fisher Smith, and the London Women's Work Committee tackles a difficult task with the result shewn recently as Southwark. The various area committees, the majority of which have only been in existence one or two years, are making remarkable headway and achieving the de-centralisation of women's organisation which is so much needed. The Home Counties Union is specially to be congratulated. Through the organising ability of its Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, a series of most useful county conferences have been held in practically all parts of the wide Home Counties area, speakers are daily found for meetings through the Union and the W.N.L.F. thereby relieved of a considerable amount of work. The Northern Women's Federation flourishes with the help of our W.N.L.F. organiser Miss Briant. The Eastern Counties Advisory Committee has recently subdivided into a northern and southern section. Both Devon and Cornwall now boast of successful Women's Unions, while the Midland Women's Advisory Council and the Lancashire and Cheshire Union have held numerous well attended conferences, stimulating local interest and helping Liberal women throughout their areas.

The Home Counties Union and the Northern Women's Federation are the only two area organisations which have

taken advantage of the new W.N.L.F. Rule, allowing a composite affiliation fee to be paid to cover membership of both the W.N.L.F. and the district women's organisation.

#### THE WELSH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION.

This year the W.N.L.F. Executive welcomes a new organisation, the Welsh W.N.L.F. Launched at a most successful meeting at Shrewsbury in October when Dame Margaret Lloyd George took the chair and Mrs. Wintringham spoke as representative of the W.N.L.F., the Welsh Women's Federation has framed its constitution and gone valiantly ahead.

The new organisation is logically planned on a constituency basis. Through the able work of the two Welsh organisers, Miss Powell Williams and Miss Lilian Richards, the new Federation is still adding new constituency councils to its membership. The W.N.L.F. now publishes a special Welsh edition of the LIBERAL WOMAN'S NEWS and the Welsh W.N.L.F. is affiliated to our Federation as a corporate body. Through the assistance of Mrs. Cemlyn Jones (Hon. Treasurer of the Welsh W.N.L.F. and member of the Executive of the W.N.L.F.) our Committee is kept in touch with the Welsh organisation.

#### RECRUITING.

To stimulate an increase of membership in the W.L.A.s our President, Mrs. Wintringham, thought out a novel scheme and offered a silver cup for annual competition among the Associations, the cup to be held each year by the Association making the largest proportionate increase in its membership. April was chosen as the recruiting period for 1926, and in spite of clashing with spring-cleaning, Easter and a General Strike the result was amazingly good; five thousand new paying members were enrolled as the result of the month's campaign and the cup awarded to Sunderland W.L.A., which had added 288 new members to its books in April alone—runners up being Headstone (Hendon division), West Derbyshire (370 new members in 6 villages), Louth division (105 new members), and Llangeferni (Wales.)

A longer period has been chosen for the 1927 Recruiting period, i.e., from January 1st to April 25th. Mrs. Wintringham will present the Cup to the winner at the Council Meetings at Blackpool.

#### SPEAKERS.

Probably no political party is as fortunate as our own in having the free service of members on its platforms. The W.N.L.F. daily finds women speakers for all kinds of meetings, public meetings, W.L.A. meetings, street-corner meetings, conferences, by-elections, debates, etc. A passionate belief in Liberal ideas is the reason why these women are willing to face long and uncomfortable journeys, often at their own expense, to address remote



and sometimes small audiences, to be away from their homes for two or three days, in fact to suffer all manner of inconveniences in order to explain to fellow men and women the country's need for Liberal Policy.

To all members of the Speakers' Panel our Executive Committee gives grateful thanks. If it is not invidious to mention one name when all deserve so well, it is that of the able and stimulating speaker Miss Ellinor Fell who throughout the year has put her full time at the disposal of the W.N.L.F.

#### **POLITICAL TEAS AT THE NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB.**

The Political Teas at the National Liberal Club continued to be popular during the summer. Mrs. Philip Guedalla, Hon. Sec. of the special committee for 1926 very ably carried out all arrangements. Speakers in June and July were as follows: June 15—Trade Unionism: Mr. Hubert Phillips; July 15th—Land: Mr. W. McG. Eagar. In the absence of Mrs. Guedalla abroad, Lady Stewart agreed to act as Hon. Secretary for the Teas arranged for the spring and summer of 1927, and the Liberal Social Committee has accepted responsibility for organisation. Helped by the Hon. Sybil Borthwick (Social Committee) and Miss Madden (W.N.L.F. organiser) a programme has been arranged as follows: March 15th—'The attitude of the American people to Industry'; Speaker, Miss Ellinor Fell. May 19th—'The work of a City Councillor'; Speaker, Councillor Mrs. Alderton, J.P. June 14th—'The Colour problem within the Empire'; Speaker, Mr. John Harris.

#### **THE LIBERAL WOMAN'S NEWS.**

During the past year in spite of the severe competition of the cheaper Liberal papers, THE LIBERAL PIONEER and the free LAND NEWS, the LIBERAL WOMAN'S NEWS has maintained and slightly increased its circulation.

When the paper was enlarged in March last year, more space was devoted to advertisements, a departure which proved entirely justifiable, as it brought in a revenue for the year of £105. The addition of this sum brought the NEWS nearer than ever it has been in the past to the position of paying for itself. There is still a deficit on the production which the Literature Committee has every hope of reducing during 1927. With the object of further increasing the income from advertisements during the current year the Literature Committee has placed the advertising of the News in the hands of an agent, British Periodicals Limited, a firm which handles the advertising of a number of political and other periodicals.

In circulation there are two interesting developments. The first is the launching of a Welsh Edition containing an article on a subject of special interest to Welsh readers and one page of Welsh News from Associations. This was started as an experiment for three months in February of this year, and has met with

so good a response that it is hoped that it may be found possible to continue it permanently.

The other departure has been the supplying of the NEWS in the form of an inset for the local Liberal Magazine circulating the Clitheroe Division. A thousand copies of the NEWS in this form are supplied to Clitheroe monthly.

With regard to circulation the Literature Committee still feels that the circulation of the NEWS is even now far below what it should be. Of the 1,065 Associations affiliated to the W.N.L.F. only 38 per cent. subscribe to the NEWS. A special appeal is made this year to the 600 W.L.A's who do not take the paper urging some of their members to subscribe. The NEWS has now reached the position when an increase of some two to three thousand readers, which could easily be gained with the co-operation of the Honorary Secretaries of W.L.A's, would make it no longer a loss to the W.N.L.F.

#### **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE OF VICTORIA STREET OFFICES.**

In 1909 with wise providence the late Mrs. Eva Maclaren, and Mrs. Broadley Reid, Hon. Treasurers of the Women's Liberal Federation, secured a twenty-five years' lease of the flat of offices occupied in 72, Victoria Street. The popularity of Victoria Street has increased, and—since the Liberal Land Policy is not yet law—we are pleased to report that our Hon. Treasurers were able to sell the remaining four years of our lease at a satisfactory profit.

#### **HONORARY SOLICITOR.**

The Committee wishes to express gratitude to Sir Donald Maclean, who has acted as Honorary Solicitor for the agreement for the new offices at Gt. George Street, and also throughout the negotiations connected with the assignment of the lease of 72, Victoria Street. Sir Donald's firm, Messrs. Church, Rackham and Company, have most generously given time and advice to the Federation in all the business and legal transactions connected with the removal of headquarters.

#### **LIBERAL SOCIAL COMMITTEE.**

In the light of experience gained since its revival two years ago the Liberal Social Council decided that work could be carried on with greater economy if it ceased to exist as a separate organisation and became part of the W.N.L.F. An Extraordinary General Meeting of members was called in July, when the Council dissolved its existing organisation and emerged again as the Social Committee of the W.N.L.F. The L.S.C. Secretary, Miss Enid Laphorn, having resigned in July, the social work has been carried out by the W.N.L.F. staff.

The Social Committee now consists of 5 elected members of the W.N.L.F. Executive together with 15 other members.



co-opted annually. The L.S.C. funds have been transferred to a special account to be administered by the Social Committee. Subscriptions will be asked for as before. The Committee will continue to find bazaar openers, to help with Liberal fetes, garden parties, etc., to make grants towards the organisation of social functions, and in general to help all social activities which are so essentially a part of normal and human Liberal activities.

The following members form the Executive Committee of the Social Committee: Chairman, The Lady Emmott; Hon. Treas., Lady Baring; Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.), Hon. Sybil Borthwick; Committee members: Lady Currie, Lady Rathcreedan, Mrs. Walter Rea, The Viscountess Allendale, Hon. Mrs. Clive Bingham, Lady Charnwood, Lady Dickinson, Mrs. Elias, Mrs. Philip Guedalla, Mrs. Jowitt, Lady Robson, Mrs. John Roskill, Lady Roxburgh, Lady Sinclair, Lady Stewart, Lady Wimborne and Mrs. A. B. Williamson. Secretary: Miss Margaret Harvey.

#### BAZAAR OPENERS

It would be interesting to know how much of the money essential for Party Organisation has been raised during the past year by bazaars. Money is always needed, and women seem ever ready to show their devotion by working for Liberal bazaars. Thousands of pounds have been raised every month and the financial success of many of these undertakings is amazing, showing a wealth of business ability latent in the W.L.As. The W.N.L.F. is constantly called on to find openers for these bazaars through the Social Committee; although it is not always possible to book *the* special famous name asked for the Committee never fails to send a distinguished Liberal. In most cases long journeys are taken by the openers to perform what may prove to be a very short opening ceremony, but we believe that this is an important work and that praise is due not only to the openers but also to all the Liberals who ungrudgingly give so much time, skill and money to raise funds for the Party by these means.

#### BALL IN AID OF W.N.L.F. FUNDS.

The Liberal Social Committee generously undertook entire responsibility for organising the Ball in aid of W.N.L.F. funds which was held at the Hyde Park Hotel on December 14th. Lady Emmott (Chairman of the Ball Committee), Lady Baring (Hon. Treasurer), and the able ball organiser the Hon. Sybil Borthwick (Hon. Secretary), worked with such success that in spite of the difficult time at which the Ball was held over 400 tickets were sold and a profit of £269 7s. 4d. made for our funds. The Ball itself was a cheerful gathering—crowded with young people. Our thanks are due to Miss Ida Swinburne who voluntarily worked in the office for a number of weeks in connection with the Ball, and to all members of the Social Committee and others who sold tickets.

#### AT HOMES IN AID OF W.N.L.F. FUNDS.

The Committee is indebted to its Honorary Secretary, Lady Maclean, for the organisation of the autumn "At Homes" held in the autumn in private houses in London. By sales of Christmas present, toys, flowers, etc., a profit of nearly £200 was made for the W.N.L.F. The hostesses all combined to make the "At Homes" friendly meeting grounds for Liberals as well as a financial success. The sums realised were as follows:—October—Miss Amy Huntington's at 25, Lennox Gardens, £47; November—Mrs. Walter Runciman's at 8, Barton Street, £76 5s. 7d.; December—Lady Violet Bonham Carter's at 24, Hyde Park Gardens, £51 11s. 3d.

#### LIBERAL WOMEN AS MONEY MAKERS. THE A.A.A. APPEAL.

There are signs that all over the country Liberal agents and others have awakened to the money raising capacity of Liberal women. Perhaps the £2,000 raised for the Million Fund by the W.N.L.F. Thermometer Appeal in 1925-26 opened the eyes of the men. It is evident everywhere that to a greater degree than ever before the women are taking their full share of responsibility in raising the money necessary for the maintenance of the constituency organisations, rent of local Liberal Association offices, the provision of election funds, etc. We welcome this as a proof that women are working with men for the common aim of improving Liberal organisation and increasing the number of Liberal members sent to the House of Commons. It follows, nevertheless, that if women are shouldering a heavier financial burden in the constituencies they cannot at the same time increase their donations to W.N.L.F. funds. We hear of cases where men officials put up a fight against even the payment of the affiliation fee to the W.N.L.F., and the cry is raised "Not a penny out of the constituency." In face of this attitude, which we believe may change, the response to the Autumn Area Appeal was not unsatisfactory. The following totals were subscribed by the various areas, the results of numerous self-sacrificing efforts made alike by small and large W.L.As.:

Devon and Cornwall £10 19s. 0d, Eastern Counties, £34 18s. 6d.; London and Home Counties, £60 2s. 6d.; Lancs. Ches. and North Western, £82, 10s. 7d.; Midland Area, £43 1s. 0d.; Northern Area, £8 8s. 0d., Western Counties, £7 18s. 6d.; Yorkshire Area, £36 3s. 0d.; Wales, £36 1s. 0d.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Our Balance Sheet is on the whole satisfactory this year—but at what cost of effort and continued appeals only a very careful study can shew. Our Expenditure has steadily risen, and it will be seen that we have actually disbursed over £1000 more this year than in 1925. £200 of this, namely our payment to the WOMAN'S NEWS for the free copies which we send to all W.L.A.



secretaries, vice-presidents, etc., is really only a book-keeping item, because the NEWS having become this year a separate Department for Finance purposes, the General Fund agreed to pay that department for these 1500 copies a month. This must be taken into account in considering the apparent rise in the circulation of the NEWS. Other items which contribute to the increase in our general expenditure are the cost of the Council meetings, which in 1926 were born entirely by the Federation, in 1925 chiefly by the generous Southport Committee; organisers' expenses have gone up considerably due to greater general activity throughout the country. But although this increased expenditure is healthy and encouraging, it is still more satisfactory to note that we have been able to raise the extra funds needed. The Central Headquarters responded to an S.O.S. in the summer and sent £500 in addition to the year's grant of £1000. The expenses of the Council meetings and Reception were covered by the result of an appeal to those subscribers who in former years had generously contributed to our hospitality fund (which this year we abolished). This appeal raised £250; Lady Simon made us a magnificent gift of £250 and the Liberal Social Committee contributed £100 towards the cost of our Council Reception.

In the autumn we planned the Autumn Area Appeal, hoping that the generous efforts made on behalf of the Million Fighting Fund in the previous year would be renewed for the W.N.L.F. We realize the W.L.A.s have been pestered from all quarters month after month with fresh requests for money, and therefore we could not expect the same magnificent response as was made to our Million Fund Thermometer. Adding the money raised by the Executive "At Homes" to the amounts contributed by the W.L.A.s, our A.A.A. reached a total of nearly £550.

The Associations cannot be too often reminded of the necessity of making our Finances as democratic as possible. Year after year, individual members of the Executive come to the rescue either by large personal donations, or by some special effort to raise money, which should on the whole be forthcoming from a wider public realising the value of our work. We appeal earnestly to W.L.A.s not to relax their efforts on behalf of the W.N.L.F., and to realize that our help to them can only continue and extend if they will meet us half way.

#### RESIGNATION OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

We offer congratulations to our Assistant Secretary, Miss Betty Arne, who has been appointed Secretary of the National League of Young Liberals. For two and a half years Miss Arne has worked for the W.N.L.F. with an enthusiasm and vigour which we are proud to say is characteristic of every member of our office staff. We wish all good fortune both to the Young Liberals organisation and to Miss Arne.

#### OBITUARY.

We deeply regret the death of a former member of this Committee, Mrs. H. C. Derwent, of Bradford, an untiring political and social worker. Mrs. Derwent was President of the North Divisional Council of the Bradford Liberal Women's Association, member of the Executive of the Yorkshire Women's Liberal Federation, and the loved and sympathetic friend of all Liberal causes in the West Riding.

During the year the W.N.L.F. has lost the following Vice-Presidents and workers for the Federation: Cornelia Lady Wimborne, Mrs. Coombe (Hammersmith), Mrs. John Hollis (Holderness).

Memories of the battles for political equality and educational freedom recall the name of Sir Arthur Dyke Acland, who died in October. Liberal women are proud that the present generation of the Acland family are still carrying on the fight for equality.

During the winter the Liberal Party lost a loved leader through the death of Lord Emmott. Not only in Lancashire but in all parts of England Liberals mourn one who so worthily upheld the great political traditions. In her sad loss Lady Emmott receives the sympathy of her fellow members of the Committee.

#### CONCLUSION.

The Committee presents the foregoing report conscious that the year ahead will make demands on the continued devotion and courage of all our workers, but believing that the attitude of mind of the general public is, and will be, increasingly Liberal. We are further convinced that given a full quota of candidates in the field and a body of men and women working together with confidence and loyalty we may count with optimism on the results of the next General Election.

GWENDOLEN MACLEAN	} <i>Honorary</i>
URSULA WILLIAMS	



**GENERAL FUND.**

*REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.*

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Subscriptions .. .. .	530	16 0	Rent of Office .. .. .	201	0 0	
Organisation Grant from Headquarters .. .. .	1500	0 0	Less: Rent received from L.S.C. and W.N.L.F. News .. .. .	68	3 0	132 17 0
Donations .. .. .	1223	3 3	Add: Cleaning, Lighting & Heating .. .. .	87	14 6	220 11 6
Affiliation Fees .. .. .	815	16 10	Salaries .. .. .	804	5 8	
Sale of Literature .. .. .	26	2 8	Professional Charges .. .. .	20	3 0	
Refund of Expenses .. .. .	597	17 0	Office Expenses .. .. .	27	10 4½	
Delegates' and Visitors' Tickets (Council Meetings) .. .. .	62	9 0	Insurance: Fire and Employers' Liability .. .. .	7	4 6	
Interest on Investments .. .. .	12	0 0	Bank Charges .. .. .	1	17 0	
Deficit carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	175	6 6½				861 0 6½
			Less: Grants from Million Fighting Fund and League of Nations Fund .. .. .	65	0 0	796 0 6½
			Stationery and Office Books .. .. .	48	14 4½	
			Postage and Carriage .. .. .	129	9 4½	
			Telephones and Telegrams .. .. .	29	10 5	207 14 2
			Free Copies of News for Hon. Sec. W.L.A. .. .. .	159	18 11	
			Annual Report .. .. .	82	10 0	
			Printing and Duplicating .. .. .	26	1 9	
			Literature .. .. .	38	5 11½	306 16 7½
			Hospitality .. .. .			3 4 0
			Alterations and Decorations of New Offices .. .. .			113 16 6
			Expenses of Removal, Lino, etc... .. .			30 16 6
			Income Tax .. .. .			2 3 11
			COUNCIL MEETINGS—			
			Reception .. .. .	225	0 0	
			Hire of Hall .. .. .	104	10 6	
			Less: Donation .. .. .	23	14 0	
						80 16 6
			Printing .. .. .	97	11 9	
			Reporting .. .. .	4	4 0	
			Expenses .. .. .	31	1 7½	
			Sundries .. .. .	16	10 0	
			Less: Donation .. .. .	15	0 0	
						1 10 0
			Area Conferences .. .. .			443 3 10½
			ORGANISATION—			126 14 7
			Salaries of Organisers .. .. .	1220	3 11	
			Board, Travelling, etc. .. .. .	1468	3 2	
			Affiliation Fees to other Societies .. .. .			2688 7 1
						4 2 0
						<u>£4943 11 3½</u>
						<u>£4943 11 3½</u>

**BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1926.**

SUNDY CREDITORS—			INVESTMENTS at Cost		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
General Fund .. .. .	260	10 10	£300 4% War Loan 1929/42		
News Account .. .. .	167	0 0	Bearer Bonds .. .. .	305	11 0
League of Nations .. .. .	15	5 7	TEMPERANCE BUILDING SOCIETY DEPOSIT	60	0 5
			WESTMINSTER BANK—		
			On Current Account—		
LEAGUE OF NATIONS FUND—			League of Nations Fund .. .. .	1	17 8
As at 31st December, 1925 .. .. .	84	0 3	General Fund .. .. .	7	16 11
Less: Deficit for 1926 per Attached Account .. .. .	37	7 9	Fighting Fund .. .. .	4	9
			News Account .. .. .	38	19 11
					48 19 3
FIGHTING FUND—			CASH IN HAND—		
As at 31st December, 1925 .. .. .	55	15 9	Petty Cash .. .. .	13	7 8
Add: Donations and Interest per Attached Account .. .. .	141	2 7	Organisers .. .. .	10	0 0
			News Petty Cash .. .. .	4	1 9
Less: Donation to Million Fighting Fund .. .. .	196	18 4			27 9 5
			SUNDY DEBTORS—		
			General Fund .. .. .	76	18 0
GENERAL FUND—			News Account .. .. .	39	13 9
As at 31st December, 1925 .. .. .	320	15 4½			116 11 9
Add: Proceeds of Sale of Furniture .. .. .	26	0 0	FURNITURE ACCOUNT:		
			Typewriter purchased during year .. .. .		18 6 1
Less: Deficit for year to date .. .. .	346	15 4½	NEWS DEPARTMENT:		
			Balance being Deficit for year .. .. .		84 4 7
					<u>£661 2 6</u>
					<u>£661 2 6</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the Federation and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Federation's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Federation.

77, Chandos House,  
Palmer Street, Victoria Street, S.W.1.  
March 12th, 1927.

E. WATTS & Co., (Signed)  
Chartered Accountants.  
Auditors.



**SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS for the Year ended December 31st, 1926.**

**LEAGUE OF NATIONS FUND.**

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.								
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Interest on Deposit .. .. .	..	..	..	2	17	10	Grant to W.N.L.F. for Office Expenses .. .. .	..	..	25	0	0
Balance carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	..	..	..	37	7	9	Peace Pilgrimage Expenses .. .. .	..	..	15	5	7
				<u>£40 5 7</u>								
							<u>£40 5 7</u>					

**MILLION FIGHTING FUND.**

				£	s.	d.						
Received for Fund during year .. .. .	..	..	..	137	15	8	Balance carried to Balance Sheet .. .. .	..	..	141	2	7
Interest on Deposit .. .. .	..	..	..	3	6	11						
				<u>£141 2 7</u>								
							<u>£141 2 7</u>					

**"LIBERAL WOMAN'S NEWS" ACCOUNT.**

				£	s.	d.						
Sales .. .. .	..	..	..	841	1	9	Rent, Gas, Telephone and Lighting .. .. .	..	..	46	14	2
Advertising .. .. .	..	..	..	103	17	11	Salaries .. .. .	..	..	289	1	3
Balance being deficit for year .. .. .	..	..	..	84	4	7	Printing .. .. .	..	..	464	7	2
				<u>£1029 4 3</u>			Despatching and Postage .. .. .	..	..	183	12	8
							Illustrations .. .. .	..	..	5	7	0
							Stationery .. .. .	..	..	29	2	0
							Office Expenses .. .. .	..	..	6	11	2
							Prizes .. .. .	..	..	0	12	0
							Insurance .. .. .	..	..	2	17	2
							Bank Charges .. .. .	..	..	0	19	8
				<u>£1029 4 3</u>								
							<u>£1029 4 3</u>					



**PAMPHLET**