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OBJECT & PROGRAMME.

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OBJECT.

To obtain all such reforms as are necessary to secure a real equality of liberties, status and opportunities between men and women.

IMMEDIATE PROGRAMME FOR 1919.

1—Equal Guardianship.

To promote legislation to provide that parents shall be equal joint guardians of their children, each with the power to name a guardian to act jointly with the survivor.

To promote legislation making more effective the obtaining and enforcing of wives' maintenance orders on neglectful, cruel, or dissolute husbands, with the possibility of making such orders a charge on wages when the man neglects to pay.

2—Widows' Pensions.

To promote legislation to provide **State maintainance allowance**, not administered by the Poor Law authorities, for **widows with dependent children** or widows incapacitated by age or infirmity. This allowance to be granted as a right and not withdrawn without proof of a definite charge in a court of law or competent tribunal set up by the Administrative Authority that the widow is unfit to have charge of the children, and not to be accompanied by any form of regular inspection unless there is evidence of misuse of the money.

3—Solicitors, Barristers and Judges.

To enable women to become Solicitors, Barristers and Judges.

4—Equal Moral Standard.

To work for the repeal of the Solicitation Laws, to promote equality in the divorce laws between men and women (England and Wales), and to carry on propaganda in favour of an Equal Moral Standard.

5—Candidature of Women for Parliament and P.R.

To promote the candidature of women for Parliament and the adoption of Proportional Representation.

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6—Equal Pay for Equal Work.

To watch any action or legislation undertaken by the Government for the purpose of restoring pre-war conditions, with a view to safeguarding the interests of women in respect of equal opportunities and equal pay.

OTHER REFORMS ON THE GENERAL PROGRAMME.

I.—Political and Civil Status.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

1.—To promote the extension of the **Parliamentary Suffrage** to women on the same terms as to age and qualifications as those on which men have it.

CIVIL, JUDICIAL, etc., OFFICES.

2.—To promote the eligibility of women to any **civil or judicial office or place of profit under the Crown** or any other body.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

3.—To enable **women** to sit in and vote as members of the **House of Lords** on the same terms as men.

EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.

4.—To promote **equal pay for equal work**.

EQUAL PAY AND OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

5.—To promote legislation making it legally compulsory to give to women in all branches of **State or Local Government Service** equal pay for equal work and equal opportunities for promotion.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

6.—To promote by legislation the principle that institutions supported by public funds shall be required to admit women to all courses of **technical training**.

PRE-WAR PRACTICE.

7.—To promote women's right to work by opposing the imposition of **new legal conditions of inequality** on the women worker in any legislation purporting to restore pre-war practices.

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO WORK.

8.—To ensure that national and international **regulations** concerning wages, hours of labour, night work, etc., should be **based on the type of work and not on the sex of the worker**, and that there should be free competition and equal opportunities between men and women.

ELIGIBILITY TO PROFESSIONAL AND TRADE UNIONS.

9.—To promote the opening of **Professional Organisations and Trade Unions** to women.

II.—Public Positions and Professions.

JURORS, POLICE, JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

10.—To obtain for women the right to serve on **Juries** and to secure the immediate appointment of an adequate number of women as **Police**, sworn in with full power of arrest, and as **Justices of the Peace**.

III.—Equal Moral Standard.

UNMARRIED PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

11.—To promote legislation respecting **unmarried parents and their children** to provide—

- (a) That a father or mother shall have to pay for the support of his or her child according to his or her financial position.
- (b) That a public authority shall be required to collect such money by the same machinery as is used in the collection of a State debt.
- (c) That the machinery of affiliation orders be simplified.
- (d) That the subsequent marriage of parents shall legitimate a child.
- (e) That where there is no will an illegitimate child shall inherit from either parent as if it were legitimate and that the mother shall inherit all where the child dies unmarried and without children.

ABOLITION OF SOLICITATION LAWS.

12.—To work for the abolition of the whole law dealing with solicitation and common prostitutes and its replacement by legislation based on an equal moral standard between men and women, not only verbally but in its effect.

NOTE.—For the purpose of preserving order in the streets it is sufficient that obstruction or molestation should be an offence, and that to prove a charge of molestation police evidence alone should not be enough, but the evidence of the person molested should also be required.

IV.—Status of Married Women.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS.

13.—To work for the endowment of maternity and childhood by the State.

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

14.—To promote legislation to give British women the right to retain their **British nationality on marriage** with an alien, a right enjoyed by them until 1870, and to give them the same right to choose their nationality as a man has, including the right to naturalise independently of their husbands.

INCOME TAX OF MARRIED WOMEN.

15.—To promote legislation enabling the income of a married woman to be reckoned as separate from that of her husband for the purpose of the rate of Income Tax levied.

MARRIED WOMEN'S PROPERTY (SCOTLAND) ACTS.

16.—To promote legislation amending the Married Women's Property (Scotland) Acts to bring Scots law into line with the law of England by abolishing the present right of the husband to veto the freedom of action of his wife in dealing with her own property.

V.—International.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY.

17.—To support the establishment of a League of Nations on really democratic lines, in which women shall be represented on all bodies, and in connection with which women's suffrage should be adopted in all countries.

AFFILIATION RULES.

The following Associations are eligible for affiliation to the N.U.S.E.C. :—

- (a) Societies of not less than 10 persons.
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