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### SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

## THE SOCIETY

FOR PROMOTING THE

# EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN.

(EDUCATED WOMEN'S LOAN TRAINING FUND.)

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#### UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MRS. HAWEIS LOAN FUND.

Miss Hitchcock.
Mrs. MacDermot.
Miss Spencer, O.B.E.
Miss Passmore.
Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice.

#### Secretary-Miss Edith Hare.

Auditor-Miss Harris Smith, Chartered Accountant, F.C.A.

Bankers-Messrs. Courts and Co., Strand.

Donations and subscriptions are received by Messrs. Coutts and Co., or at the Office, 251, Brompton Road, S.W. 3. Post Office Orders payable to Edith Hare.

Telephone-Kensington 5934.

### MEMORIAL LOAN TRAINING FUNDS.

Through the help of the Memorial Loan Training Funds, under the administration of the Committee of the Society for Promoting the Employment of Women, 727 educated girls and women have been able to procure systematic professional or technical training during the last thirty years.

Fund	Number of Grantees	was entrusted	Amount
Pfeiffer Fund, in memory of Madame Ida Pfeiffer, for many years a Mem- ber of the Society	313	1894	The interest of £2,000 awarded by Charity Commissioners, yielding £50 annually.
Caroline Ashurst Biggs Fund	96	1900	£171 7 6
Helen Blackburn Fund	116	1904	£250 at first, but has received donations amounting to £315, and a legacy of £250 which is invested for the Fund.
Louisa Lady Goldsmid Fund	45	1910	£200
Clara Evelyn Mordan Fund	12	1915	£100
Mrs. Haweis Memorial Loan Fund (partly under management of Committee)	72	1902	£166 8
The Susan Elizabeth Fortescue and Educated Women Workers' Loan	73	1913	£433 17 11
Training Fund [In Memoriam — Lady Susan Fortescue]			£50
			£483 17 11

#### BY-LAWS OR RULES.

- 1. The Society is formed for promoting the Training of Women, and their employment in industrial pursuits.
- 2. Every person who pays an Annual Subscription of Ten Shillings, or a Donation of Five Pounds, is a Member of the Society. The Annual Subscription is due after the 31st of March in each year.
- 3. Subscriptions and Donations in aid of Special Objects undertaken by the Society are received.
- 4. The Society has a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and a Secretary.
- 5. The Society is governed by a General Committee, consisting of not less than fifteen nor more than thirty ladies and gentlemen, elected annually by the Members at the Ordinary General Meeting of the Society.
  - 6. The Committee meet bi-monthly.
- 7. The General Committee appoint from their Members such Sub-Committees as they think fit for the conduct of the business of the Society. No one can be elected a Member of a Sub-Committee who has not attended at least one Meeting of the General Committee.
- 8. The Funds of the Society are kept in the name of the Society at a bank, all sums are paid into the bank, and all cheques are drawn by order of the Committee, and are signed by the Treasurer and one Member of the Committee, or by two Members of the Committee, and in either case countersigned by the Secretary.
- 9. The accounts of the Society are made up to the 31st of March in each year, and, after being duly audited, are appended to the Annual Report of the General Committee.
- 10. At all meetings of the General Committee or Sub-Committee the Chairman has a vote, and if the votes be equal he has also a casting vote.
- 11. For Meetings of the General Committee five Members, and for Sub-Committees three Members, to form a quorum.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

Society's Society for Promoting the Employment of Women (Educated Women's Loan Training Fund) is a simple record of the work done by the Committee during the year; they have much pleasure in laying it before the Society's subscribers, and friends.

The Committee have met twenty-three Applications. times; thirty-nine applications for loans have been considered. Of these thirty-three were granted, four refused, and two applicants withdrew. Four "renewed" applications granted on results of reports, are not included in the following list.

The thirty-three applications granted are as follows:—

For	Art Training		·				1	
	Child Welfare work						1	
	Chiropody			•••			1	
	Completion of Univer	sity D	egree		•••		1	
	Cookery						4	
	Diploma in Music	•••					1	
	Dramatic Training						1	
	Expenses of Medical	Traini	ng				1	
As	Kennel Maid				•••		1	
For	Maternity Nursing			•••		•••	2	
	Purchase of Hospital			•••		•••	1	
	* Rhythmic Method	of Tea	ching M	Iusic			1	
	Secretarial work	•••	•••		•••		6	

<sup>\*</sup> Subsequently withdrawn.

Teaching, Elementary	7					5
Secondary		1.13				3
Kindergarte	en					1
Training as a Teacher	of Da	ancing				1
Maintenance expense	s whil	st train	ing as	Teach	er of	
Dancing						1
					-	
						33

The following applications the Committee were obliged to refuse—training for physical culture, involving an outlay of between £500 and £600; journalistic training—the applicant being unsuitable; studying for Diploma of Social Studies, which was refused on account of the Committee's uncertainty at that date of the future of such a career; and for the purchase of a piano.

Loans and gifts from the War Fund have amounted this year to £1,511 3s. 2d., whilst the repayments of the loans from that Fund have amounted to £414 13s. 6d. From the Loan Training Funds £800 1s. 4d. have been granted for loans, and the Grantees' repayments during the year have been £485 17s. 2d.

There are now 125 Grantees on the books. Of those who completed their training during the year, twelve have found work:—

As Cook in Country	Hosp	ital		 	1
Maternity Nurse				 	1
Resident Mistress	B.A	) in so	chool	 	1
Nursery Nurse				 	1
House Decorator				 Mes.	1
In Secretarial Work				 	7
					_
					12

Twenty-two Grantees completed the repayment of their loans during the year, and in nearly every instance expressed their most grateful thanks for the help the Society had given them; some, as on previous occasions, have shown their appreciation by sending donations to the Society's funds. The Committee think the following letters may interest their readers:—

- (a) Loan granted for training in Elementary School Teaching, "I think the £2 this month completes the repayment of the loan. Will you please thank your Committee very much for all they have done for me, and accept the other £2 towards the funds of the Society, as a small token of my gratitude."
- (b) Loan granted for secretarial training. "I am very glad to send you the enclosed in payment of the balance of my debt to the Society. . . In doing this I would like to thank both you and the Society for all the kindness and forbearance you have shown in the matter. It has made things a great deal easier than they would have been to know you were so sympathetic. I shall never forget that, but for the generosity of the Society, I should have been unable to undertake my present work, and I shall always feel tremendously grateful. My one regret is that I have been so slow in paying back what I borrowed."
- (c) Loan granted for secretarial training. "I have pleasure now in sending a cheque which completes the amount so very kindly lent by your Society. . . . The loan was invaluable to me, and I would like to express my best thanks to your Committee for their kindness. I shall always be interested in your Society . . . and am hoping I may sometime be of some service if in the future you are needing funds."
- (d) Loan granted for training for Civil Service. "I

am enclosing herewith £1 as a donation to your funds.

... I am sending this with my very best thanks to your Society for your kind help. Had it not been for the loan which you made me three years ago, I am certain I should not have been able to follow up the course which I hoped for."

- (e) Loan granted for Secondary School Teaching. "I enclose herewith cheque . . . with very grateful thanks for all the Society did for me at a critical time."
- (f) Loan granted towards expenses of medical training. "I enclose a cheque which I believe is the amount of the balance still due. Please thank your Committee very much indeed for all the help they have given me. I am grateful both to you and to them for the courtesy I have received."
- (g) Loan granted for secretarial training. "I enclose a cheque which I trust your Society will accept as a small return for the great kindness shown to me which enabled me to get such an excellent training to start on."

The finances of the Society still cause Society's the Committee anxiety, especially in regard Financial Position. to the Loan Training Funds. A strong appeal was made in the autumn by the Chairman of Committee, and the Hon. Treasurer to the most important of the City Companies, but unfortunately, in nearly every case the Companies' Funds had been already allocated for the year. The Committee were very grateful for a donation of £20 from the Goldsmiths' Company; this they decided to give to the Helen Blackburn Fund, which needed assistance, and they entertain great hopes for a generous response another year from other City Companies. A donation of £20 from an anonymous

friend of the Chairman of Committee, was awarded to the Pfeiffer Student Fund, which was showing a rather serious deficit.

In December Lady Frances Gordon-Duff gave a donation of £50 to the Society in memory of her sister, the late Lady Susan Fortescue, the Society's Hon. Treasurer until her death in 1919. This £50 has been combined with the "Educated Workers' Loan Training Fund," and has been of the greatest help. The Fund is now called the "Susan Elizabeth Fortescue" and Educated Workers' Loan Training Fund. The Committee feel they cannot be too grateful to Lady Frances Gordon-Duff for her generous recognition of the Society. It would be an immense help if other kind friends would follow suit.

The Society's Annual Meeting was held Society's on November 13, at 190, Queen's Gate, by the Annual Meeting. kind invitation of Mrs. George Mosenthal, who has been a supporter of the Society for many years. The Chair was most efficiently taken by Major John Hills, in the unavoidable absence of the President, Lord Leigh. The Meeting was well attended by an interested audience, and Mrs. Mosenthal's kind hospitality most thoroughly appreciated. At the conclusion of the business proceedings a very enjoyable recital was given by Mr. Hayden Coffin and Miss Isabel Hirstfield. The Committee feel greatly indebted to these artistes, whose performance added so delightfully to the success of the Meeting.

There have been changes in the Committee during the year. Miss Lidderdale was obliged to leave town on account of her mother's death, and her resignation was accepted with much regret. She had been a member of

the Society for several years, and was always interested and very helpful. The Committee are very glad to welcome Mrs. Horace Dawkins and Mrs. MacDermot. Miss Plumptre has resigned from the Mrs. Haweis Loan Fund Committee, on account of increasing age and the distance from her home, but still wishes to serve on the Society's General Committee. Mrs. Overy has also been obliged to resign owing to ill-health. Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice and Mrs. MacDermot have taken the places of Miss Lidderdale and Miss Plumptre on the Mrs. Haweis Loan Fund Committee, as representatives of the Society. Mrs. E. H. Thruston now represents the Society on the Professional Classes Aid Council in place of Miss Lidderdale.

The Committee would like to record their grateful thanks to their Auditor, Miss M. Harris Smith, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, for her continued careful supervision of, and attention to, the Society's accounts.

## GENERAL FUND—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

April 1, 1923, to March 31, 1924.

						£ s.	d.
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN			1			5 0	0
The Lady Ampthill						2 0	0
The Lady Grace Baring						1 1	0
Mrs. J. H. Bere						10	6
Miss Biggs						2 2	0.
The Hon. Mrs. Trevor Bigham						1 1	0
Mrs. Birch-Reynardson						1 0	0
Mrs. Charles Booth						1 11	6
The Lady Mary Bridgeman						5 5	0
W. Bristow, Esq						2 2	0
Mus C Dures						1 1	0
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Mr O		• •				10	6
The Lady Bertha Dawkins	••	•				1 0	0
Mrs. Dunkels			7	• •		2 2	0
Dlorence Lade Phone	••			•		10	6
	•					5	0
Miss Guiseppi Miss Hamilton-Gordon				•		3 0	0
				•••	•	1 1	0
Mrs. Alan Gray	4:	•••			••		0
Mrs. Greenwood	• •					10	
Mrs. Hoster		••	••			3 3	0
Miss Lidderdale			••	• •		1 1	0
Mrs. F. W. Lund		••				1 0	0
Mrs. MacDermot						1 0	0
Mrs. Meinertzhagen						10	6
Mrs. George Mosenthal						3 3	0
Mrs. W. Mosenthal						3 3	0
Lady Peto						1 0	0
Miss Plumptre						10	0
Mrs. Rintoul						1 0	0
Miss S. Rintoul						10	0
Lady Roberts						5 0	0
Mrs. J. W. F. Rowe						2 0	0
The Viscountess St. Cyres						10 10	0
Miss Scott						10	0
Miss Agnes Spring-Rice						1 0	0
Miss Georgina Spring-Rice						1 0	0
Mrs. Stephen Spring-Rice						2 0	0
Miss Philippa Strachey						2	6
Miss Tattersall						10	0
Mrs. E. H. Thruston						10	6
Mrs. C. Waugh						10	6
Lady Wright						5	0
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DONATIONS-LOAN TRAINING FUNDS.	
To Pfeiffer Student Fund— Anonymous, per Mrs. Spring-Rice	£ s. d. 20 0 0 3 3 0 3 3 0 £26 6 0 £20 0 0
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SUBSCRIPTIONS.	
"Susan Elizabeth Fortescue" and Educated Women V Loan Training Fund.	VORKERS'  £ s. d.
Mrs. George Mosenthal	5 5 0 1 0 0
	£6 5 0
DONATION.  The Lady Frances Duff-Gordon (In Memoriam, Susan Elizabeth Fortescue)	£50 0 0

## THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN.

#### GENERAL FUND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended March 31, 1924.

Expenditure.	£ s. d.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
To Rent , Salary, Pension and Audit Fee , Cleaning and Attendance , Printing, Stationery and Postage , Insurance , Telephone , Subscriptions to Various Societies , Pfeiffer Fund—Temporary Loan for Traince	21 7 0 201 0 0 14 15 7 24 0 0 16 8 4 13 0 1 6 0 12 0 8	By Subscriptions	 72 17 5 191 92	1 3 14	0 6 0 10 7
,, Balance carried forward—being Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the years 1922-23-24	£279 18 11 389 15 4 £669 14 3	,, Balance brought forward, April 1, 1923	£378 291 £669	1	4

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and found it to be correct.

20, Bucklersbury, Mansion House, London, E.C.4. June 21, 1924. M. HARRIS SMITH, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

(Chartered Accountant.)

#### WAR TRAINING FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended March 31, 1924.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward April 1, 1922 £218 18	5	By Loans and Gifts to Grantees	1,511 3 2
Denosit Account 100 0	0	", Bankers' Fee for Trusteeship	3 4 4
,, ,, ,, ,, Deposit recount	3!8 18 5	,, Office Expenses	173 12 8
"Repayments by Grantees	. 414 13 6		
"Dividends	. 17 6 5		
"Interest on Deposit Account	. 11 11		
	8.8 8 6	And the second s	
	£1,599 18 9		
,, To Balance due to General Funds-carried	d		
forward	66 1 0		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
	£1,687 19 9		£1,687 19 9

\* £1,277 5s. 3d. of 3½ % Conversion Loan is now standing to the credit of this Fund.

I hereby certify that I have examined and compared the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and found it to be correct. I have also verified the amount of Securities.

20, BUCKLERSBURY, MANSION HOUSE, LONDON, E.C.4. June 21, 1924. M. HARRIS SMITH, F.C.A.,

Auditor.

(Chartered Accountant,)

### SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN.

SUMMARY OF LOAN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1924.

RECEIPTS. £ s. d.  To Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923 26 18 10  ,, Grant from Board of Education	PAYMENTS.  Preiffer Students' Loan Training Fund.  By Loans granted ,, Balance at Bank	£ s. d. £ s. d.
,, Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923	LOAN TRAINING FUND. ,, Balance at Bank	30 0 0 8 5 0
,, Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923 61 6 10 ,, Donations – Goldsmiths' Company 20 0 0 ,, Dividends 10 17 0 ,, Repayments of Grantees 129 7 0	Helen Blackburn Loan Training Fund. £350 Funding Loan, 4%  Helen Blackburn ,, Loans granted ,, Balance at Bank	204 8 6
,, Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923 70 9 8 ,, Subscriptions	"Susan Elizabeth For- TESCUE" AND EDUCATED WOMEN WORKERS' LOAN TRAINING FUND.	238 15 10 31 2 10
,, Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923 11 8 8 ,, Repayments of Grantees	Louisa, Lady Goldsmid, Loans granted, Balance at Bank, St. 18	269 18 8 29 17 0 25 4 8
,, Balance at Bank, April 1, 1923 18 5 0 ,, Repayments of Grantees 11 15 0	CLARA EVELYN MORDAN ,, Loans granted ,, Balance at Bank	55 I 8
,, Balance at Banki	Mrs. Haweis Loan Training Fund.  51 3 11  Mrs. Haweis ,, Loans granted, ,, Balance at Bank	40 0 · 0 II 3 II
	903 O I	£903 0 1

I hereby certify that I have examined the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and found it to be correct. I have also verified the amount of Cash at Bankers and the Securities standing in the name of the Helen Blackburn Fund.

20, Bucklersbury, Mansion House, London, E.C.4. June 21, 1924.

M. HARRIS SMITH, F.C.A., Auditor. (Chartered Accountant.)

FORM OF BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN, FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY.

I bequeath to the Society for Promoting the Employment of Women, the sum of £, free of Legacy Duty, for which sum the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of such Society shall be a sufficient discharge.

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