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## National Union of Townswomen's Guilds

### OBJECT

To encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution towards the common good.

### METHODS

1. To form in towns and urban areas Townswomen's Guilds that will serve as centres for women, irrespective of creed and party, for their wider education, including the study of—

social and civic problems ;  
the science and practice of home-making and house-craft ;  
handicrafts, arts, music and drama ; and  
all other matters calculated to further the object of the National Union as above stated.

2. To give such assistance as may be deemed necessary for the furtherance of the above studies by Townswomen's Guilds.

3. To form Area Federations of Townswomen's Guilds.

4. To further the attainment of the above object by the holding of conferences, meetings, and by other means, provided that no matter shall be brought forward at a conference or meeting for the purpose of sectarian or party-political propaganda.

5. To apply the funds of the National Union solely for the above object and not otherwise.

### CONSTITUTION

The National Union shall consist of:—

- (a) Townswomen's Guilds, which are associations of women formed in accordance with the form of Constitution and Rules laid down for the Townswomen's Guilds by the Council of the National Union.
- (b) Area Federations, which are associations of Townswomen's Guilds in an area approved by the National Union, and formed in accordance with the form of Constitution and Rules for Area Federations laid down by the Council of the National Union.

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The objects of the Townswomen's Guilds are :—

1. To encourage the education of women to enable them as citizens to make their best contribution towards the common good.
2. To serve as a common meeting ground for women irrespective of creed and party, for their wider education, including social intercourse.

Each year shows more clearly how much this common meeting ground is appreciated by the members, and how very urgently it is needed in all those districts in which Guilds are formed, especially in those built-up areas and housing estates that are becoming so pressing a problem in our social life.

A common meeting ground means far more than an open platform for the discussion of public questions. It does mean that, and great care is taken not to commit the Guilds to any statement of opinion on controversial questions that might make it difficult for others to join ; but it is also coming to mean introductions for newcomers, new friendships for the lonely, and in many places outings, excursions and parties for husbands and children are building up a social life in the new community.

'Education' is a word that frightens some, but once it is understood as the development of special aptitudes, tastes, and talents, the enthusiasm for it is remarkable, and classes for all kinds of music, drama, dancing, needlework, handicrafts and first-aid are becoming part of the normal Guild programme.

Since these are its objects, the success of the National Union must not be measured in its London office, but in 415 separate districts scattered from Wick and Thurso in the north to Sandown and Shanklin in the south. For this reason our report this year takes a different form. We give a number of extracts from Guild annual reports. We regret that space prohibits the printing of the whole 415.



These have been chosen to give a picture of typical events. In a few cases they show new developments, but most could have been repeated fifty or more times. There has not been any effort to compare one report with another, or to search for "the best." If imagination multiplies these doings many times over, in all parts of Great Britain, the reader will have a picture of the members' activities. With this in view, we would then present some facts as to how the National Union organises new Guilds and helps them in their work.

#### WHAT TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS ARE DOING.

The centre of the Guild life is the monthly meeting, with a talk on some subject chosen by the members. Here are some typical programmes:—

KNOWLE: 'The year's programme has included lectures and demonstrations on "Posture and Poise," "Milk Cookery," "Walks around Bristol," "Bristol and some Famous Women," "Women's Aid Society," "Quilting," "Washing Woollies," "Glove Making," and "The Public Library as a Factor in Education."'

KELVINDALE: 'A "Dietitian" gave a very helpful talk on dietetics, and a talk on "Child Welfare" was particularly enjoyed. A debate by two Guild members on "Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child" followed same. "First Aid in the Home" was a lecture given by a Sister of Oakbank Hospital, and proved very instructive. A Roll Call—eight articles for the medicine chest following. Members were encouraged to ask questions at all lectures.'

The annual council meeting of 1935 suggested Guilds should study the effects of modern science on the life of to-day; many Guilds had one lecture on this, but here is one that made it the line of thought for the year:—

RAYNES PARK: '*Educational Work-Citizenship*.—There have been lectures on "The Scientific Attitude towards Crime," "Women Police," "The Law Courts," "Housing and Town Planning," "Drainage and Sewage," "The League of Nations," "National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty." The talk on the Law Courts was followed up on October 12th by attendance at the Judge's Service in the Abbey and the Opening of the Law Courts. Memories of the Civics lectures were revived by our representative's reports on Merton and Morden Council Meetings. A visit to the Gas Works was a source of great interest. '*Modern Science and the Home*.—It will be realised that science plays a large part in some of the foregoing lectures, but two lectures were definitely scientific: "Electricity and the Home," and "Wireless and All That." Visits to modern factories, including Brand's Essence, Baird's Canning, Shredded Wheat,

Nestlé's, Green's Sponge Mixture, Line's Toys, R.A.C.S. Bakery and Dairy, and Cadby Hall have demonstrated how the home of to-day has benefited by modern science.

'*Wireless Discussion Group*.—In January a Listening Group was formed, and Mr. Gibson, of the B.B.C., came down to inaugurate the group, which took for study the Social Services. The group dispersed for the summer, but has now been restarted, and is led by a member who had instruction at the B.B.C. Summer School for Group Leaders at Oxford. The subject for study this autumn is "Sociology."

More details from programmes:—

DARLINGTON: 'The lectures and demonstrations have been thoroughly enjoyed by the members. At the last meeting over 200 suggestions were handed in for 1937 programme.'

EPSOM 1: 'Our next meeting was really wonderful, for we had visitors from 17 Guilds and several outside visitors who came to hear Mrs. Corbett Ashby speak on "Women of other Nations." Those of us who had the privilege of being present will never forget the wonderful atmosphere of the meeting. About 180 were present.'

TORRE & HELE. '*Civics*. In June we had an interesting talk on "The Town's Water Supply" by the Torquay Borough Water Engineer, and this was followed on October 21st by a visit of 32 of the members of the Guild to the Torquay Waterworks, where he kindly conducted them around.'

CUMBERLAND ROAD: 'Visitors from Holland, America, Australia and China have given us some very interesting accounts of their experiences in these far away lands.'

HEXHAM: 'Short talks have been given by members upon Queen Elizabeth, Mary Queen of Scots, Elizabeth Fry, Queen Victoria, Gertrude Bell, Josephine Butler and Dorothea Beal.'

SUNDERLAND 1: 'One of the happiest programmes was that provided by seven members who brought samples of their favourite dishes and demonstrated the method of preparation, and later presented the food for a lottery.'

GRIFFITHSTOWN AND SEBASTOPOL: 'A debate "That our grandmother was happier than Miss Modern" provided a jolly evening for the Guild.'

Competitions and exhibitions add variety to the afternoon:—

LEOMINSTER: 'The monthly competitions were as follows: Best slice of Christmas cake, apron costing not more than 1/6, best hyacinth, decorated Easter egg, chocolate sponge, bouquet of wild flowers, a garden in a soup plate, best piece of embroidery, and best knitted article.'

CHILDWALL AND WAVERTREE: 'During the past months the following competitions have been held: "Ten points a bride should look for when choosing her home," "Something made



from the rag bag," "Slogan for our Guild," "Schoolchild's packed lunch," "Best holiday packing hint," "The most attractive cold sweet," "Something made from 2 oz. of wool," and "The make-up of an ideal woman's paper."

KING'S PARK: 'Our outing to local museum was followed by a competition, "Impressions on Local Museum," which helped to bring out some hidden talent in our Guild.'

WALKER: 'An exhibition of antiques proved a huge success, and in the limited space many rare and beautiful articles were shown, ranging from 70 to 2,000 years old.'

BURNHAM: 'Competitions were more successful this year, the most popular being "Half a dozen things Grandma did without." This resulted in a show of really interesting and well-considered exhibits.'

ROGERSTONE: 'Our Homecraft sub-committee staged an interesting loan exhibition of "baby garments," ancient and modern. Some of us wished we had lived 20 or 30 years later.'

UPMINSTER I: 'The Social Chairman, together with her sub-committee, have organised some very enjoyable half-hours, the most outstanding being "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," our Choir which made its debut at the March meeting, "The Village Shop," the first performance of our Dramatic Section, amusing guessing competitions and lastly, but by no means least, a Harvest Home, which realised £1 8s. 9d.'

The active Guilds soon want to do more than can be accomplished in one afternoon, and groups and circles of all kinds are started:—

SOUTHALL: 'The Peace Group has recently held its first annual meeting. It is composed of Guild members and their families. Its members study peace from all points of view. Events arranged by this group during the year have been a talk on a "Tour round the World," a lecture on international affairs, and in June a garden meeting, where a debate took place, "League of Nations *versus* the Peace Pledge Movement," with speakers from the League and the Peace Pledge Movement. On October 31st, 1935, a party of Peace Group members attended a League of Nations meeting at the Albert Hall.'

NORTHWOOD: 'The Civics Study Circle continuing its successful career has held some interesting meetings, and members have shown great enthusiasm in taking part in the various discussions arranged. Their programme included talks on the "Position of Women at the Present Day," "Tree Planting in Northwood," "the Misfit Child"; discussion on "Children's Homework" by members; visiting speakers from two schools; talk on the "Ill-treated Child" by Miss Hilary, of the S.N.P.C.C.; discussion by members on the proposed Bill for Midwifery Services.'

LITTLEOVER: 'The Study Circle is a small but very enthusiastic section of our Guild. During the early months of the year "Religions" were studied, and at present this group is studying "The Wonders of the Universe." These subjects may sound somewhat ambitious to those who do not belong to this section, but no member would find the subject beyond her capacity, and everyone would find that she was able to join freely in the discussions which take place.'

NEWTON ABBOT: 'The newest development in the Guild has been the founding of the Housecraft Circle, which has met monthly since June, and has drawn up a memorandum about a model kitchen, visited several houses of model design, or in the course of construction, or which had been reconstructed, and has begun study on the written work for the county exhibition schedule.'

ASHTEAD: 'The Garden Circle continues to be very popular with a growing membership of 40. Meetings are held once a month, by the kindness of various members at their houses. Interesting talks have been given on a wide range of subjects, including "Garden Pools," "Annuals," etc., sometimes by members, at other times by visitors. Lively discussions have followed. Visits have been arranged to Kew Gardens and Churt. Members exhibited at the Ashtead Horticultural Show, gaining several prizes, and they also gave a prize for the best bunch of annuals. Contributions and presents have been made to the hospital and slum clearance schemes. Plants are exchanged among members.'

SANDOWN: 'A Rambling Club has been formed, and many happy rambles around the countryside have taken place.'

GOLDERS GREEN: 'The Theatre Club members attended *1066 and All That* as a Christmas treat; and also *Lady Precious Stream* and *The Streets of London* at the Tavistock Theatre, and the Federation Drama Festival.'

ASHFORD: 'During the summer months some 20 members attended a course of Public Speaking lessons.'

URMSTON: 'We had plays by the Drama Circle and a display of "Keep Fit" exercises, which resulted in a "Keep Fit" Circle being formed. In addition to this and the already flourishing Embroidery, Drama and First Aid Circles—Singing, Knitting and Arts and Crafts Circles have been formed. Also several members expressed their willingness to be "Unofficial Aunts"—promising to keep house when the necessity arises. The circles have proved very popular.'

Classes are held in many places:—

HIGHLANDS: 'Other activities include classes in Ballroom Dancing, Tap Dancing, "Keep Fit," and also a Guild Badminton Club. This club was formed this winter, and has 35 members, who play twice a week at Hadleigh Public Hall.'



FENHAM: "Classes have been arranged with the help of the Education Committee who have provided excellent teachers in the following subjects: Advanced Cookery, "Keep Fit," and Dramatic Art for three evenings in the week during the winter months.'

NORWOOD GREEN: 'The following classes have been held: Choir, Elocution, Dancing, Dressmaking and Handicrafts, the latter consisting of lampshades, decorative stitchery and baskets. A Swimming Club was run during the summer; a Debating Society and a Health and Beauty Class have just started.'

WELLINGTON (SALOP): 'The Handicrafts Committee has had a very busy year. To begin with, they had to arouse interest in Handicrafts, and then in the proposed Handicrafts Exhibition. They arranged classes in Embroidery and Rugmaking, and afterwards organised weekly sewing meetings. In September they organised a very successful Inter-Guild Handicrafts Exhibition, Ludlow and Oakengates taking part with us.'

Music and drama are very popular sections of Guild work, starting with sketches at the Guild meeting, drama groups soon attempt more ambitious productions, and play readings are also held:—

MALDEN: 'Choral work has included Folk Songs and Madrigals, Part Songs and an Operetta, which was performed six times for different charities. Study is made of breath control and voice production. The Dramatic Section has read *Candida*, by Shaw; *The Farmer's Wife*, by Eden Philpotts; *Twelfth Night*, and has performed two scenes from *The Winter's Tale*, also some Mime. For the Operetta the two sections amalgamated, and by this joint effort and wonderful team-work have made marked progress.'

YORK CENTRAL: 'The Drama Section, formed last year, has been most enthusiastically maintained and entered a choir of ten for Choric Speaking at the English Speaking Festival which obtained third place.'

RUNCORN I: 'The Arts side has been developed in the direction of a monthly meeting of a play-reading and discussion group. This meets in the houses of its members, and has studied the plays of Bernard Shaw, Sir John Galsworthy and Sir James Barrie. Plays and excerpts from plays have been read, and then members have given a paper on the life and work of the three playwrights. This group has given a play-reading to the Guild, and supplied a social half-hour in the form of sketches, etc.'

RICKMANSWORTH: 'From October until December the Drama Group rehearsed *The Sad Case of the Wives*, written by one of their members, and played it before the Guild in December.'

SOUTHAMPTON: 'The Choir has had a very busy year, having competed in the Bournemouth Federation May Festival, the Southampton Musical Festival, where they secured a first-class

certificate, and the Bournemouth Musical Festival. They have given a Concert at the Home of Recovery, and to the blind at Kell Hall, and will sing at the Southampton Federation October Rally.'

FORRES: 'In July the Forres Townswomen's Guild was represented in the local Gala Week celebrations in a tableau depicting "The Meeting of Macbeth and the Witches on the Blasted Heath."'

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA: 'The orchestral section is steadily growing, and is now a self-supporting branch of the Guild. It has played at most of the Guild meetings, four outside concerts, and during the Festival.'

Large numbers of outings are organised to factories and to places of interest, and also to the seaside; Windsor, Stratford-on-Avon, London, Edinburgh are some of the most popular trips.

HANWELL, EALING AND GREENFORD: '*Outings*.—Visits to the Chiswick Empire, Philco Wireless Factory, Smith's Crisp Factory at Brentford; the summer outing, which was originally fixed for Southend was changed, by the wish of the members, to Eastbourne; a mystery outing which revealed itself as a trip by coach and steamer to Hampton Court; a trip to Windsor Castle by coach; a visit to the Gas Light and Coke Co., Chiswick.'

BENTON AND FOREST HALL I: '"Old Newcastle" has been visited and proved a most interesting tour. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Paul Brown as guide, and although several ladies had visited these spots before, they all agreed that Mr. Brown had been able to tell them far more about their own town than ever they had known before. "New Newcastle" was illustrated to us by a visit to the new Municipal Air Port at Woolington. This proved a most thrilling visit, several ladies enjoying flights in a "Puss Moth."'

BRYNMAWR: 'Our Guild outing was spent at Windsor, where we visited the State apartments, saw wonderful paintings, lacquered furniture and treasures from all parts of the world; later, tea and a cruise on the river completed a day never to be forgotten.'

FAULHOUSE: 'We decided to have a mystery tour on June 24th, tickets 3/6, including tea. We had four buses. Members and friends left 5 p.m., arriving back at midnight after touring 120 miles of Scotland, *via* Callander, Aberfoyle, and home by Glasgow.'

Every Guild expects to include some social function in the year's activities. These are often parties for husbands or children:—

LARBERT AND STENHOUSEMUIR: 'Our social activities took the form of a Hallowe'en Party, a Christmas party of members' children, and a Burn's Supper.'



GOSFORTH : ' The Christmas party was a very jolly affair ; a good number of " Guilders' Husbands " joined the party. Dancing and musical items were organised. The Guild committee and members provided a sumptuous supper : this was organised as a buffet. The helpers again lived up to their reputation of service, and, above all, *hot* tea and coffee.'

DOVECOT AND KNOTTY ASH : ' Our supreme effort for the year was a Garden Party in August ; for once the weather was kind, and the day a great success. This was our first effort of this kind, and everyone worked hard and well ; also it was the means of enrolling quite a number of new members. Our " Tea Nippies " were dressed in aprons and caps in the Guild colours, and photographs and reports were printed in the local papers.'

It would be impossible to mention all the charities that receive help. Here are some typical examples :—

HAWICK : ' As a result of efforts made by the Guild we were able to hand out to the Hospital Fund the sum of £50.'

HORNSEA : ' The public activities of the Guild during the year were : Concert in aid of the Hull Brave Poor Things (£7 17s. 9d.), Fireside Chair to the Withernsea Nursing Mothers' Home, provided teas for the Blind Institute Sale of Work, Cancer Research Campaign Flag Day (£18 15s. 5d.), Chrysanthemum Show in aid of the fund to provide electricity for the Children's Convalescent Home.'

MATLOCK : ' In our Guild movement charitable efforts are not compulsory, but we find a section of our members to be tireless in their efforts. The Empire Cancer Campaign Flag Day was £10 in advance of the previous year ; 63 eggs, some with painted faces, were sent to various hospitals in the locality ; £15 15s. was realised by a collection of pennies at the Carnival ; a large parcel of painted fabrics made by disabled soldiers was sold at Christmas, and sweets and magazines were collected and taken to the Public Assistance Institution at Bakewell.'

HENDON : ' Members arranged to visit twelve lonely old ladies, at the Redhill Institution. A Garden Party was given to old ladies, July 1st, in the garden of a member. Christmas parcel for each inmate of Redhill Institution, in whom members are interested.'

RUNCORN I : ' Flowers have been sent to a sick member, and a Social Service Fund started. From this fund the young mother of triplets born in the neighbourhood has been helped for seven weeks by a weekly parcel of food and daily gifts of bread and milk, and some clothes. We did this through the Child Welfare centre.'

Guilds are doing useful civic work in many directions :—

HOXTON : ' At the suggestion of the London Gardens Guild, Hoxton T.G. undertook to keep in order a piece of waste ground adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Shepherdess Walk. The work of the first gardening party resulted in a fine show of daffodils, and later more plants—some of them gifts from New Southgate Guild were put in to replace the bulbs. We cannot claim that this enterprise has been an unqualified success owing to the difficulty of access to the ground, and the heedless destruction of the plants by children playing in the street.'

PRESTWICH : ' Guild, with the help of the Lancashire County Council, Whitefield Local Council, and Higher Education Authority, the Guild has established a Girls' Club in the district. Membership on October 14th was 47. Members worked for this in various ways, supported efforts, gave furnishings, helped with cleaning and arrangements for opening night, subscribed to crockery, etc.'

MELROSE : ' We also supplied helpers, who gave their services for the Y.M.C.A. Hut for herdsmen during the week that the Highland Show was in Melrose.'

BURNT OAK : ' We were successful in the early part of the year in getting the Post Office to install a stamp machine on the Estate.'

SOUTHALL : ' The Guild acceded to a request received from the Town Council during August to organise an Historical Pageant as part of the celebrations for the coming Charter of Incorporation. Numbers of members worked tremendously hard rehearsing and preparing costumes and scenery in the very short time available. The Pageant took place in Southall Park on September 26th, by floodlighting. Southall Guild presented " Tudor Southall " (Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn), " Southall in William III's reign " (Granting of Southall's Market Charter in 1698), and " Victorian Southall " (the Martin Brothers of Southall). Norwood Green gave a Georgian Scene (Dick Turpin at Norwood Green). The choirs of both Southall and Norwood Green Guilds rendered suitable songs and madrigals. The Finale saw all the performers massed on the platform while the Town Clerk, at the request of the Charter Mayor, read appropriate excerpts from the Borough Charter, amid the cheers of the performers—" Southall Edward VIII." Reports from every side lead us to believe that the Pageant was a great success.'

HEXHAM : ' To help to beautify our ancient town, the members of the Guild have collected money to purchase bulbs, which they are planting (by permission of the Council) in the Abbey grounds, and by the sides of the main road entrance to the town from the south, which, all are agreed, will make a glorious show in the early months of next year.'



## MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

Five hundred and eighty delegates were present at the annual council meeting in March, representing 317 Guilds and 27 Area Federations. There were also 986 visitors. A loyal message of condolence on the death of H.M. King George V was sent to H.M. Queen Mary. Dr. Rees, Director of the Institute of Medical Psychology, gave an address on "Psychology and Modern View-points."

There was no national rally this year, but a number of meetings of various kinds in different towns has enabled a much larger proportion of members to come in contact with the work of the National Union. Some of these were "N.U.T.G. schools" of the type already familiar, where programme planning and problems of Guild management are dealt with, others were meetings or rallies organised by the Area Federation with officers of the National Union responsible for part of the programme.

Two interesting new ventures were the schools organised at Cardiff and Exeter. The Welsh school was held at the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire; Dr. Olive Wheeler, Professor of Education, spoke on "Education for Citizenship," and over 200 members of Welsh Guilds were present. The Devon rally-school took two days, and many of its members were in residence in a hostel of the University College. Mr. Thomas, of the University of the South West Rural Extension Department, took several sessions, and Miss Barbara Watts spoke on Drama.

In addition to these schools, officers of the National Union have spoken at Birmingham, Newcastle, Darlington, Folkestone, Manchester, Derby, Dagenham, Hounslow, Edinburgh, Stonehaven, Peterhead, Banff, Elgin, Nairn, Thurso, Glasgow and Bethnal Green.

A residential school was held in July at Danehill, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Corbett, and Lady Woodward gave hospitality to additional members. This was for members with experience of Guild work who would have time to help in the work of the National Union. Three days were spent in discussion of Guild and National Union matters. Some of the students of the school have since been taking part in the formation of new Guilds in their own neighbourhoods.

## EDUCATION

The educational work of the N.U.T.G. is divided for convenience into the four sections of Civics, Homecraft, Handicrafts and Arts, but the aim is the same in each case: to help members to learn what possibilities there are and to encourage them to use their own powers of choice as to what is most suited to their own taste and circumstances. An example of this is the Handicraft Handbook, which was written by Mrs. Roper, our handicraft adviser, which does not prescribe any fixed course, but gives outlines of sixty crafts with advice on materials, tools, and lists of books.

Handicraft has taken a prominent place in 1936, owing to the preparation for the national exhibition in 1937, an experiment made possible by the generosity of the Carnegie Trustees. The work for this is being selected from the local exhibitions to represent the craft work of the National Union. It includes pieces chosen for many different reasons, and work which has merit for originality or design as well as straightforward examples of technical excellence. Many Federations have held exhibitions, and Mrs. Roper and Lady Daniel, or some other member of the committee, have visited these at Manchester, Hounslow, Watford, Darlington, Bournemouth, Finchley, Edinburgh, Stourport, Hull, Southend, South Shields, Birmingham, Melrose and Hendon. Mrs. Roper has also been to several Federations to give help in the planning for exhibitions, and has spoken at various Guild and Federation meetings.

Four boxes for handicraft specimens for loan to the Guilds were completed, and have aroused much interest when they were shown, but they have proved bulky and expensive in transport. Further experiments are now being made in the arrangement of some photographs of embroidery.

Interest in crafts is growing among Guild members, and when a Federation has held a previous exhibition there is a striking improvement at the second one. Work sent in shows a lively interest in production and no longer consists only of copies of traditional work. Very little is trivial, valueless, or merely ornamental. Needlework, rug-making and knitting are the most popular crafts, but some members attempt weaving, pottery, leatherwork or woodwork.

It is clear that the Handicraft work has profited considerably by having the services of its professional adviser, and it is probable that the other sides of our educational work would gain if similar appointments could be made.

The Arts committee circulated a questionnaire to the Guilds at the beginning of the year. 171 answers were received, of which 69 said that nothing was done, often owing to the difficulty of finding suitable halls; 75 Guilds had drama groups, 45 choirs, 42 have had folk-dancing, and 36 'Keep Fit' classes.

There was a conference with the expert advisers to consider how Arts can best be introduced in the social half-hour, and in the autumn the N.U.T.G. held an experimental school for leaders of the social half-hour. Miss Holst, Miss Croasdell and Mrs. Kennedy gave demonstrations of how to lead an untrained crowd in singing, verse speaking and country dancing. Twenty-eight leaders from eight Area Federations attended, and Southall and neighbouring Guilds provided 'the crowd.'

The Arts convener has attended several music and drama festivals in different parts of the country. There is great keenness shown, and the Area Federations are reaching a higher standard and learning to appreciate the value of good judges and critics.



In Homecraft, the leaflet *The Home of To-morrow* was written for the annual council meeting. This shows how the lectures, classes and demonstrations in the Guilds can be brought into line with the modern international movement for making the best use of the available time, money and energy to raise the standard of life in the home.

Mrs. Van Gruisen kindly gave a tea party to the head demonstrators of those firms which visit Guilds most frequently, at which there was an informal discussion of the new homecraft. A series of articles has been published in *The Townswoman*, and in connection with these West Middlesex Area Federation held several discussion meetings on modern housework. The Homecraft convener has also spoken at the Exeter school-rally and various Federation and Guild meetings.

A conference with the civics advisers was held to discuss new ways of interesting members in this subject. A small group of those who have had experience of civic work in Guilds has been meeting regularly and planning articles for *The Townswoman*, with suggestions for the Guild programme. A new idea is the "commission" at which witnesses are examined before the Guild and the results summed up by the chairman. Mr. Thomas conducted one of these at the Exeter School, and it has since been successfully repeated.

*The Townswoman* continues to be closely linked with the educational work of the Guilds. The editing, book-keeping, and correspondence are all carried on at the office and take up a large part of the time of the staff and the honorary officers. It is the channel by which new ideas reach the Guild member, and its production is an integral part of the work of the National Union, since it would be quite impossible for the Guilds to keep continuous contact with the National Union by conferences or visits.

It has articles on Guild management, and on new ventures on the part of Guilds or Federations, and is full of new ideas for the T.G. programme. Recently games and competitions for the T.G. meeting have been given each month. There have been a series of handicraft notes by Mrs. Roper, and in addition to the articles on our new homecraft policy and municipal government by the Homecraft and Civics conveners, the Arts convener has obtained a series of articles on play production by Mr. Martin Browne. Among other contributors we have to thank Dame Janet Campbell, Mr. Shewell Cooper, Mr. Kendrick, Miss Maughan, and the Women's Gas Council. The circulation has increased again, and has now turned 11,000 a month.

The diary for 1937 was issued in the autumn, and the first impression was sold out by November; altogether 3,500 copies were sold. The 1935 T.G. Handbook was not revised again, but a new edition had to be printed. The publications continue to find a steady sale.

## ORGANISATION

Sixty-one new Guilds have been formed in 1936; twenty-one of these were formed in the special areas, and their cost met out of the grant from the National Council of Social Service and the Scottish Council for Community Service during Unemployment. There are now 415 Townswomen's Guilds, 323 in England, 66 in Scotland, and 26 in Wales.

We still endeavour to concentrate the work in certain areas for the sake of economy, and neighbouring Guilds have been formed in north-east Scotland, in Cumberland, in Kent, and on the borders of Hertfordshire. The demand for Guilds, however, grows steadily greater, and the waiting list longer and longer. When every county is clamouring for more Guilds, it is impossible to keep them all waiting while we work as much as we should wish in any one area. For this reason the new Guilds this year will be found to be widely scattered throughout Great Britain.

The average cost this year is substantially less than in previous years. This is because we are now beginning to reap the fruits of work which has been done in the last seven years. There are many towns now where Townswomen's Guilds are familiar features of the life of the neighbourhood, and much less general publicity and explanation is needed to gather a meeting of interested people. Neighbouring Guilds can send members to help in the organisation or steward at the meetings. In one or two cases new Guilds have been formed by the division of large ones, or from a long waiting list of women who were unable to join an existing Guild. It is probable that in future we shall have an increasing number of these easy Guilds, but it would be a mistake to imagine that the old spadework will never be required again. If the list of Guilds is compared with a map it is clear that there are many large areas, especially the whole central part of England, which are practically untouched, and if the Townswomen's Guilds are to be really national it will be necessary to start groups of Guilds in such counties as Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton.

A new experiment this year was a series of meetings for the officers of the Guilds formed last year to show them how to hold their first annual meeting and elect their new committees according to the constitution and methods outlined in the Handbook. These meetings were held at Newcastle, Carlisle, Chester and Brighton. A number of Guilds were represented at them, and have expressed their appreciation of the help given to them.

Five Guilds have ceased to exist during the year; they were small Guilds which had failed for one reason or another to obtain a hold and could not keep sufficient members together. In several other cases representatives of the National Union have visited Guilds in difficulties and found the members determined to continue,



and with suitable help and encouragement the Guild has been successfully reorganised. The growth of the Area Federations is a great help to the individual Guild, and often the exchange of one or two visits with neighbouring Guilds proves a sufficient tonic to save a weakling.

As soon as it became known that the amount of money available for organization would be considerably less than that spent in 1935, the committee warned all the organizers, and at the beginning of the year Mrs. Grey, who had worked practically full time since the beginning of the movement, Miss Brink and Mrs. Mackay "came off the strength."

Miss Derry gave up her appointment on her marriage in September, and Mrs. Wyatt left us to undertake whole-time research work. With these exceptions the staff of part-time organisers remain the same, and we would once again recall the debt that the National Union owes to them. Their untiring zeal, their enthusiasm, their wide experience are always at the service of the Guilds, and it is from them that the new Guilds learn their ideals of education, service and friendship.

#### 4, GREAT SMITH STREET

In the view of many Guild members, the above is the work of "the London office," but for the purpose of this report we should perhaps give more detail as to how it is done. It is the result of collaboration between the Executive, the staff and the experts.

The Executive, who submit this Report, are elected by the annual council meeting voting as a whole. They do not represent this or that area, but are chosen to carry on the business of the National Union. They elect the chairman, two vice-chairmen, treasurer and secretary, and the four conveners who are responsible for Civics, Homecraft, Handicraft and Arts. These are all honorary positions, and they receive no payment.

The whole of the correspondence, book-keeping and accounts, editing *The Townswoman* and publications, and other office work is done by the staff. These are whole-time professional workers, employed by the National Union. Some of the work was reduced this year by the smaller amount of organisation and the dropping of the national rally, but the increase in the total number of Guilds has brought the usual increase in all the routine work of letters and circulars to Guilds, and in the number of places that want special advice.

We still retain our staff of eight, Mrs. Horton, Miss Fisher, two assistants, two clerks, and two office girls, and once again we have to acknowledge their excellent work, always in small space and cramped conditions, and often working against time or overtime.

The interests of the N.U.T.G. members are always spreading in wider circles, and it would be quite impossible for either executive or staff to have up-to-date knowledge in all directions. That Guilds are always able to obtain this is due to the great kindness of the many expert and specialist societies with whom we are in touch, and the Executive wishes to thank them for help of all kinds, including speakers for meetings, articles for *The Townswoman*, copies of their magazines, technical information, advice as to judges, teachers, or books, and invitations to meetings and conferences.

This year the experiment was made of converting our "expert sub-committees" into a "panel of advisers." Their names will be found on page 3. This meant that less of their time was wasted on details of committee work, but we feel that we lost something by meeting them less often; probably the ideal solution would be a panel of advisers who met for frequent conferences. Two new additions this year are the Royal Institute of British Architects and Leplay House. Miss Nora MacSwinney has been co-opted to the handicraft exhibition sub-committee.

We record here our grateful thanks to Lord Plender, Honorary Treasurer of our Appeal Fund from 1930 until council this year, for so generously acting as our financial adviser during these early years of the movement.

In addition to the advisers we have had interviews with officials of the Board of Education, and Miss Horniblow, one of their inspectors, has been co-opted on to the Executive Committee at their nomination. We have also been in touch with the Scottish Department of Education, the British Institute of Adult Education, the Association of Education Committees, and an article on the N.U.T.G. was written for the paper of the World Institute of Adult Education.

We have received invitations to the meetings of the National Federation of Women's Institutes, the Electrical Women's Association, and to a voyage on the Thames organised by the Women's Gas Council. We are represented on the Central Council of Recreative Physical Training, and Hounslow T.G. has taken part in a film they are making. The joint committee on Music and Drama in villages has arranged that Guilds may attend schools organised by them. N.U.T.G. representatives were also present at the school for conductors and accompanists organised by the N.C.S.S., and at an exhibition of children's films given by the Columbia Pictures Corporation.

Permission was given to Guilds by the Executive to affiliate to the National Gardens Guild.

Advice on special points has been given us by the Eugenics Society, the Howard League for Penal Reform, the N.S.P.C.C., and the Midwives Institute. In Homecraft we have had the



benefit of consultations with the National Council of Women Household Section, the Kitchen Planning Centre, the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association, the Electrical Development Association, the Coal Development Association, the Nederlandsche Vereeniging van Huisvrouwen, and the Vrouwen Electriciteits Vereeniging. A representative has been appointed to the British Industrial Standards Domestic committee.

Several members of the Executive attended the B.B.C. conference on broadcasting for women, and several members were at the B.B.C. summer school at Oxford. The B.B.C. have also sent speakers to Federation meetings, and Guilds in different parts of the country are experimenting with wireless listening groups.

### FINANCE

Economy was the decision of the council meeting, and in July, when it appeared likely the full budget receipts would not come in, and it was by no means easy to estimate what the reduction would be, the executive determined on further economies.

Economy is, therefore, the standard by which this year's accounts should be judged, and by that standard we can claim notable success. The executive would, however, urge all Guild members to consider seriously whether this constant emphasis on the reduction of costs is the right attitude to adopt in view of the rapid growth of the National Union, the incessant demand for new Guilds, and the increasing use which the existing Guilds make of all the services which the National Union can supply.

The total cost of the National Union has been reduced from 3/3 per member to 2/1 per member; the cost, apart from organisation, from 1/11 to 1/5½ per member. This, of course, is largely due to the increased membership, but there has even been a reduction in the cash spent.

Although there were 97 more Guilds at the beginning of the year than in January, 1935, the total expenditure, excluding organisation and executive members' expenses, was actually £20 less than in the previous year. The cost of heating, telephone, postage, printing, repairs and bank charges all show reductions.

The full accounts will be found on pages 22-29; but the figures do not give a complete picture. In connection with our financial position it should always be remembered that the office staff constantly give more than their full time to the work, and many organisers charge less than they are entitled to, for work and expenses. The honorary officers and conveners give much professional work and so enable us to economise in the numbers of our staff. Also, expenses are much reduced by the very generous hospitality given to the officers and organisers as they travel on

N.U.T.G. business. The executive committee wish to thank those hostesses who entertained the honorary treasurer for over a month in the north, and those who housed organisers; also all who have met N.U.T.G. speakers at stations or lent cars for their use.

Although they are less than the budget estimate, receipts increased since last year. Affiliation fees grow with the Guilds, and were nearly £200 more than in 1935.

The Guilds' contribution was £1,968 2s. 9d., which, divided among the 330 Guilds that undertook to raise it, is equivalent to an average of £5 19s. 3d. per Guild. £62 of this sum was contributed by Area Federations.

The executive applied to the Carnegie Trustees for a further grant of £700 to cover our handicraft expenses over the period of the national exhibition. This sum was generously granted; but the first instalment was not required until 1937 as it was found possible to meet expenses until the end of the year out of the original grant of £800, which had been estimated to cover two years until July, 1936.

In addition the executive raised £125, £113 of this sum in donations and grants, and £12 in new annual subscriptions. The income received from this latter source remains at a very small sum, and several of our old annual subscribers have died. We would again urge Guild members to find additional subscribers to the N.U.T.G. To the National Council of Social Service, the Scottish Council for Community Service during Unemployment, and to the Worshipful Companies of Armourers, Drapers, Fishmongers, and Sadlers, we extend our thanks for the grants again generously made.

The receipts from *The Townswoman* still increase, and we have been able to publish a larger paper with more illustrations and yet carry over £299 to the general expenses account. *The Townswoman* business is not separated from the general office work, and although this account carries certain items for postage and stationery and part of the salary of one assistant, it must be remembered that no separate payments are made for rent, lighting, heating, telephone, auditing; nor for the time which other members of the staff spend on its work, including all the accounts with Guilds. The £299 should not be looked on as profit, but as a contribution towards these expenses. We still pay no contributors, and owe much to their kindness in giving articles without the usual fees.

Although our hand to mouth methods and lack of working capital still cause constant anxiety, we have come through the whole year without a bank overdraft, thanks, largely, to the many Guilds that sent at least part of their contributions early in the year. We were able to carry a balance of £654 back to the capital account, which will replace the £182 taken from it last year, and will increase



the capital so urgently required, not only to carry our publications, but also to build up a sufficient reserve to have a year's income in advance, and thus to avoid much uncertainty in planning our work.

We still have one more year of our lease in Great Smith Street, and we can continue on the familiar lines for that time. Indeed, lack of space makes it difficult to do anything else. In 1938, however, we must move to larger and better premises, and an increase of staff will be long overdue. We must face the fact that our total expenses will be larger, but this does not mean that the burden on the individual Guild need increase. There will be more Guilds by then to take their share.

This is the last year of the grant for general expenses from the Carnegie Trustees, who have sponsored our movement for five years. It must be a source of gratification to them as well as to ourselves that the experiment in which they had faith has proved to our own members to be of such value that the Guilds themselves have shouldered their responsibilities and contributed splendidly to the cost of its development. Ultimately affiliation fees and the sales of publications should enable the movement to become self-supporting. It is within the power of Guilds themselves to hasten that day, not only by contributing to the cost of forming new Guilds, but also by seeing that the smaller Guilds bring up their membership to normal strength, and that all members take *The Townswoman* and read the N.U.T.G. publications. Thus, while building up the finances of the National Union, each Guild will gain more active members.

From the list of Guilds given at the end of this report it will be seen that there are vast areas not yet touched by our movement. We know that Guilds appeal to women in every section of the community, and it is only lack of funds that prevents our responding to the demands that come from all directions. But we hope that the day may not be far distant when we shall have brought to the millions of women living in urban areas throughout Great Britain the opportunity and privilege of membership of a Townswomen's Guild, and that our movement will be national in fact as well as in name.

## ACCOUNTS



NATIONAL UNION OF  
GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Office :—						
Rent ... ..	200	0	0			
Lighting, Heating, Water and Cleaning ...	98	2	11			
				298	2	11
Salaries ... ..	1,112	7	7			
Government Insurance ... ..	36	5	1			
				1,158	12	8
Telephone and Telegrams ... ..	43	13	4			
Postage ... ..	148	7	6			
				192	0	10
Printing and Stationery ... ..				87	19	2
Renewals and Repairs ... ..				4	19	6
Press Cuttings ... ..				10	0	0
Insurance ... ..				37	12	9
Miscellaneous... ..				18	0	7
„ Annual Report ... ..				29	8	5
„ Annual Council Meeting, 1935 ... ..	108	3	0			
Transfer from <i>Townswoman</i> for space therein ... ..	35	0	0			
				143	3	0
„ Schools for Guild Members ... ..				34	9	4
„ Schools for Guild Helpers ... ..				5	16	2
„ Fares and Expenses of Executive Committee...				208	6	3
„ Transfer from Publications Account for cost of free distribution (see a/c I)... ..				22	7	7
„ Transfer from <i>Townswoman</i> for cost of free copies (see a/c II) ... ..	49	5	5			
„ Postage on free copies of <i>Townswoman</i> (see a/c II) ... ..	22	8	6			
				71	13	11
„ Bank Charges ... ..				5	10	2
„ Legal Charges ... ..				5	10	6
„ Audit Fee ... ..				21	0	0
„ Depreciation : Furniture and Fittings ...				7	14	9
„ Organisation Salaries ... ..	796	14	9			
„ Organisation Expenses ... ..	458	6	3			
				*1,255	1	0
„ Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, transferred to Capital Account ... ..				654	14	10
	£4,272	4	4			

FAWCETT COLLECTION

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Affiliation Fees ... ..				740	1	6
„ Guild Contributions ... ..				1,968	2	9
„ Amount raised by Executive Committee :—						
Donations ... ..	51	16	7			
Grants from City Companies ... ..	61	15	0			
				113	11	7
„ Grant from Carnegie United Kingdom Trust				250	0	0
„ Subscriptions ... ..	134	12	0			
„ Income Tax recovered on covenanted subscriptions for 1935/36 ... ..	14	7	1			
				148	19	1
„ Transfer from N.C.S.S. Grant Account (see a/c IV) ... ..				*399	10	0
„ Transfer from S.C.C.S. Grant Account (see a/c V)... ..				*80	0	9
„ Interest on Investment ... ..				11	4	0
„ Balance transferred from Publications Profit and Loss Account (see a/c I) ... ..				256	7	10
„ Balance transferred from <i>Townswoman</i> Profit and Loss Account (see a/c II) ... ..				299	1	10
„ Sundry Receipts ... ..				5	5	0
				£4,272	4	4

\* These figures include the grants from the N.C.S.S. and S.C.C.S. and expenses connected with the formation of Guilds in scheduled areas not included in Budget.



NATIONAL UNION OF  
I.—PUBLICATIONS  
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Stock: 1st January, 1935:—							
Handbooks ... ..		37	10	0			
Literature ... ..		126	8	8			
Stationery ... ..		30	9	6			
Badges ... ..		23	10	0			
				217	18	2	
„ Purchases ... ..				334	2	3	
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ... ..				256	7	10	
				£808	8	3	

II.—“THE  
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Publishing Expenses ... ..				815	7	0	
„ Distribution Expenses ... ..		26	18	11			
„ Postage ... ..	£174	16	0				
Less Chargeable to N.U. for free copies ... ..		22	8	6			
				152	7	6	
				179	6	5	
„ Salary and Insurance ... ..		101	16	1			
„ Printing and Stationery ... ..		5	11	2			
„ Commission ... ..		2	15	7			
				110	2	10	
„ Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account of National Union of Townswomen's Guilds ... ..				299	1	10	
				£1,403	18	1	

*Note.*—The above account is in respect of thirteen issues of the *Townswoman*, due to change of date of publication.

III.—HANDICRAFTS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Handicraft Adviser:—							
Salary (part time) ... ..		200	0	0			
Expenses ... ..		38	5	10			
				238	5	10	
„ Pages in <i>Townswoman</i> ... ..				63	2	6	
„ Cost of Printing Handbooks ... ..	*115	4	8				
„ Advertising ... ..		0	9	6			
				115	14	2	
„ Balance carried down, being amount of grant unexhausted ... ..				37	1	9	
				£454	4	3	

\* On 31st December, 1936, the stock of Handbooks was valued at £99 4s. 8d.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS  
ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
By Sales ... ..				613	4	3	
„ Free Distribution to new Guilds and for propaganda, charged to National Union... ..				22	7	7	
„ Stock, 31st December, 1935:—							
Handbooks ... ..		4	4	10			
Literature ... ..		84	14	3			
Stationery ... ..		57	13	7			
Badges ... ..		25	4	6			
Diaries ... ..		0	19	3			
				172	16	5	
				£808	8	3	

TOWNSWOMAN”  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
By Sales, less Returns ... ..				1,037	12	1	
„ Charged to National Union for:—							
Free copies to Guilds and Federation Secretaries and to New Guilds... ..		49	5	5			
Pages in connection with Annual Council Meeting (see General Account) ... ..		35	0	0			
				84	5	5	
„ Charged to Handicraft Account for pages ... ..				63	2	6	
„ Advertisement Revenue ... ..				216	8	1	
„ Donations ... ..				2	10	0	
				£1,403	18	1	

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance of grant unexhausted, 31st December, 1935 ... ..				428	7	11
„ Sale of Handbooks ... ..				25	16	4
				£454	4	3
By Balance brought down ... ..				£37	1	9



NATIONAL UNION OF  
IV.—NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT

	£	s.	d.
To Balance due from N.C.S.S., 31st December, 1935 ... ..	70	10	0
„ Amount transferred to Income and Expenditure Account for forming 17 Guilds during 1936... ..	399	10	0
	£470	0	0

NATIONAL UNION OF  
V.—SCOTTISH COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DURING  
31st DECEMBER,

	£	s.	d.
To Amount transferred to Income and Expenditure Account for forming 4 Guilds in Scotland during 1936 ... ..	80	0	9
	£80	0	9

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS  
ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.
By Balance of 1935 Grant ... ..	70	10	0
„ Grant for England and Wales ... ..	399	10	0
	£470	0	0

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS  
UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
1936

	£	s.	d.
By Grant for Scotland ... ..	80	0	0
„ Balance due from S.C.C.S. ... ..	0	0	9
	£80	0	9



NATIONAL UNION OF  
BALANCE SHEET

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT :—</b>						
As on 31st December, 1935 ... ..	394	6	3			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to 31st December, 1936 ... ..	654	14	10			
			1,049	1	1	
<b>RESERVE FUND :—</b>						
As on 31st December, 1935 ... ..				300	9	5
<b>ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND RESERVE :—</b>						
As on 31st December, 1935 ... ..	10	16	2			
Interest received and invested ... ..	0	6	6			
			11	2	8	
<b>HANDICRAFTS ACCOUNT :—</b>						
Amount of grant unexhausted ... ..				37	1	9
POOLING OF DELEGATES' FARES RESERVE ... ..				34	15	1
SUNDRY CREDITORS ... ..				308	7	1
				1,740	17	1
				1,740	17	1

We have examined the above Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

SPENCER HOUSE, SOUTH PLACE, E.C.2.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS  
31st DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>OFFICE FURNITURE AND FITTINGS :—</b>						
As on 31st December, 1935 ... ..	114	11	9			
Add Purchased during year ... ..	10	2	6			
			154	14	3	
Less Depreciation ... ..			7	14	9	
			146	19	6	
<b>RESERVE FUND INVESTMENT—</b>						
£320 3½% War Loan Registered Stock ... ..				300	9	5
<b>ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND INVESTMENT :—</b>						
£10 9s. 3d. 3½% Conversion Stock ... ..					11	2
					8	
STOCK OF PUBLICATIONS, ETC. ... ..	172	16	5			
OFFICE STATIONERY ... ..	86	13	1			
			259	9	6	
SUNDRY DEBTORS ... ..				458	18	4
CASH AT BANK ... ..				534	3	2
CASH IN HAND ... ..					29	14
					6	
				1,740	17	1
				1,740	17	1

(Signed) KNOX CROPPER & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.



## DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Anonymous ... ..	11 2 6	Saddlers, Worshipful Company of ...	5 5 0
" ... ..	18 3	Duff Dunbar, Mrs. ...	2 0 0
" ... ..	21 10 5	Executive Committee, Halfpenny Fund ...	2 0 4
" ... ..	1 3 10	Golding, Mrs. ...	2 6
" ... ..	14 6	Gregory, Esq., H. M. ...	10 0
" ... ..	2 10 9	Hornby, Mrs. ...	1 0 0
Blacker, Lady Doris ...	2 0 0	Loring, Miss ...	2 5 0
Bryson, Miss H. I. ...	4 0	Macdougall, Mrs. ...	5 0
City Companies—		Sundry ... ..	7 6
Armourers & Brasiers, Worshipful Company of ...	5 5 0	Tamworth Electricity Company ...	2 2 0
Drapers, Worshipful Company of ...	25 0 0	Tapp, Miss S. ...	1 0 0
Fishmongers, Worshipful Company of ...	26 5 0		<u>£113 11 7</u>

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS and AREA FEDERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Abercarn ... ..	10 0	Bethnal Green ...	1 1 0
Abingdon ... ..	7 0 0	Bishopmill ... ..	7 3 0
Acocks Green (Birmingham) ...	4 0 0	Bitterne Park and St. Denys ... ..	4 0 0
Addlestone Afternoon ...	3 3 0	Bo'ness ... ..	3 0 0
Addlestone Evening ...	4 4 0	Bournemouth East ...	2 2 0
Airdrie ... ..	3 10 0	Bournemouth (West Cliff) ...	5 0 0
Allestree ... ..	7 7 0	Branksome Park ...	4 0 0
Alloa ... ..	5 0 0	Bridge of Allan ...	2 0 0
Alvaston ... ..	7 10 0	Brierley Hill ... ..	1 1 0
Armadale ... ..	2 2 0	Brixham ... ..	5 0 0
Ashford (Kent) ... ..	5 5 0	Brynmawr ... ..	2 2 0
Ashford (Middlesex) ...	10 0 0	Buckie ... ..	12 0 0
Ashington ... ..	11 15 3	Buckton Vale ... ..	2 0 0
Ashstead ... ..	11 7 6	Bullington (Oxford) ...	4 0 0
Banbury ... ..	6 6 0	Burnham ... ..	5 10 0
Banff ... ..	9 15 0	Burnside ... ..	6 10 0
Barnes ... ..	6 10 0	Burnt Oak ... ..	9 0 0
Barnet ... ..	16 5 0	Bushey ... ..	8 10 0
Barrow-in-Furness ...	5 0 0	Caerphilly ... ..	1 1 0
Bathgate ... ..	7 0 0	Cambuslang ... ..	2 15 0
Beaconsfield ... ..	14 6 0	Central Brighton ...	6 0
Bedlington ... ..	6 10 0	Central Cowley (Oxford) ...	4 0 0
Belper ... ..	7 12 3	Central Plymouth ...	10 0 0
Benton & Forest Hall I ...	8 10 0	Chapel-en-le Frith ...	4 10 0
Benton & Forest Hall II ...	6 10 0	Chesham Bois ... ..	6 10 0
Bermondsey II ... ..	1 0 0	Chester I ... ..	6 10 0

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Chichester ... ..	8 0 0	Hall Green (Birmingham) ...	4 10 0
Chiswick ... ..	5 0 0	Halling ... ..	1 0 0
Christchurch ... ..	3 3 0	Hampstead ... ..	10 0 0
Cippenham (Slough) ...	6 6 0	Hanwell, Ealing and Greenford ...	9 15 0
Clevedon ... ..	13 0 0	Harborne (Birmingham)	8 12 0
Coatbridge ... ..	2 2 0	Harrow ... ..	14 0 0
Colindale ... ..	6 10 0	Hassocks ... ..	6 10 0
Corstorphine (Edinburgh) ...	7 7 0	Hawick I ... ..	14 10 0
Crieff ... ..	7 3 8	Hayes (Middlesex) ...	3 0 0
Crouch End ... ..	2 2 0	Haywards Heath (1935 and 1936) ...	11 13 0
Cullen ... ..	6 0 0	Hebburn ... ..	2 0 0
Dagenham ... ..	1 0 0	Helensburgh ... ..	5 0
Dalkeith ... ..	7 2 0	Hendon ... ..	14 14 0
Darley Dale ... ..	3 5 0	Hendon Federation of T.G.'s ...	25 0 0
Darlington ... ..	10 13 6	Henley-on-Thames ...	7 10 0
" Dodmire ... ..	6 10 0	Heston ... ..	8 8 0
" North End ... ..	5 5 0	Hexham ... ..	13 0 0
" West End ... ..	10 10 0	High Cross (1935 and 1936) ...	1 11 6
" Yarm Road ... ..	3 3 0	Highgate Afternoon ...	2 2 0
Dawlish ... ..	10 10 0	Highlands ... ..	54 0 0
Derby Suburban ... ..	10 10 0	High Wycombe ... ..	10 0 0
Devon Federation of T.G.'s ...	2 0 0	Hollingbury (Brighton)	5 0 0
Dorking ... ..	7 0 0	Hoole and Newton (Chester) ...	6 10 0
Dovecot and Knotty Ash (Liverpool) ...	3 3 0	Hornsea ... ..	8 4 0
Downham ... ..	10 0	Horsham ... ..	7 0 0
Drumchapel ... ..	8 0 0	Horwich ... ..	10 0 0
Dudley ... ..	7 10 0	Hounslow ... ..	16 0 0
Dunblane ... ..	8 10 0	Hove ... ..	6 10 0
Durham ... ..	5 0 0	Hoxton ... ..	3 0 0
East Barking ... ..	7 0 0	Hull North ... ..	5 0 0
East Barnet Valley ...	13 10 0	Hull South-West ...	1 10 0
Eastleigh ... ..	12 0 0	Hyde ... ..	3 5 0
East Grinstead ... ..	6 10 0	Hythe ... ..	6 10 0
East Yorkshire Federation of T.G.'s ...	7 0 0	Ilford and Barkingside (1935 and 1936) ...	4 14 0
Eccles ... ..	3 10 0	Inverbervie ... ..	2 10 0
Edgware ... ..	9 2 0	Isca (Exeter) ... ..	7 0 0
Epsom I ... ..	5 0 0	Island, Old Ford (London) ... ..	5 0
Erdington (Birmingham)	3 5 0	Jedburgh ... ..	2 2 0
Ewell ... ..	4 4 0	Kelso ... ..	5 0 0
Eyemouth ... ..	3 0 0	Kelvindale (Glasgow) ...	8 0 0
Fauldhouse ... ..	5 0 0	Kemp Town ... ..	9 10 0
Fazakerley (Liverpool)	1 0 0	Kenilworth ... ..	7 0 0
Finchley ... ..	12 12 0	Kenton (Newcastle) ...	6 10 0
Folkestone Afternoon ...	10 0 0	King's Heath (Birmingham) ...	6 10 0
Folkestone Evening ...	2 2 0	King's Park (Glasgow)	15 10 0
Fraserburgh ... ..	6 2 0	Knightswood (Glasgow)	2 11 0
Friern Barnet ... ..	6 10 0	Knowle (Bristol) ...	7 10 0
Galashiels ... ..	9 10 0	Larbert and Stenhouse-muir ... ..	2 2 0
Gatley ... ..	7 0 0	Laurencekirk ... ..	2 2 0
Golders Green ... ..	3 5 0		
Gosforth (Newcastle) ...	6 10 0		
Grangemouth ... ..	3 10 0		
Guildford ... ..	10 0 0		
Hale ... ..	7 0 0		
Halesowen ... ..	6 0 0		



	£	s.	d.
Leatherhead ...	13	0	0
Leeds ...	6	10	0
Leominster ...	2	2	0
Linlithgow ...	5	2	6
Littleover (Derby) ...	20	0	0
Llanhilleth and Aberbeeg ...	10	6	
Long Eaton ...	5	0	0
Low Hill and Bushbury ...	1	10	0
Ludlow ...	6	10	0
Lye and Wollescote ...	4	0	0
Macduff ...	5	0	0
Manor Road (Canning Town) ...	1	0	0
Matlock ...	6	10	0
Melrose ...	5	0	0
Middlesbrough I and II ...	15	0	0
Middlewich ...	10	0	
Mill Hill ...	18	0	0
Milngavie ...	4	8	0
Monkwearmouth (Sunderland) ...	12	2	0
Montrose (1935 and 1936) ...	25	15	6
Moseley ...	9	0	0
Moulsecombe ...	7	0	0
Mudford ...	6	0	0
Muswell Hill ...	2	10	0
Nantyglo ...	3	0	0
Newbridge ...	1	0	0
Newhaven ...	6	10	0
New Malden ...	8	0	0
Newport Maindee ...	2	2	0
New Mills ...	6	10	0
Newton Abbot ...	9	0	0
Normanton (Derby) ...	13	0	0
Norris Green (Liverpool) ...	10	6	
North Berwick ...	4	4	0
North Kensington ...	5	0	0
North Watford ...	2	2	0
Northwich II ...	3	0	0
Northwood ...	6	10	0
Norton-on-Tees ...	6	10	0
Norwood Green (Southall) ...	6	10	0
Nuneaton ...	5	0	0
Oakengates ...	1	10	0
Old Thornaby ...	3	3	0
Ormskirk ...	2	0	0
Peebles ...	7	0	0
Pensnett ...	2	2	0
Peterhead ...	6	10	0
Pinner ...	6	10	0
Plean ...	1	0	0
Plympton ...	3	3	0
Pontypool ...	8	0	0
Portishead ...	6	10	0
Portsoy ...	6	10	0
Preston (Brighton) ...	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Preston (Paignton) ...	3	3	0
Prestwich ...	6	10	0
Quinton (Birmingham) ...	8	0	0
Radcliffe ...	1	14	9
Raynes Park ...	10	0	0
Reading ...	16	5	0
Rhiwbina ...	5	0	0
Rhymney ...	10	0	
Richmond ...	4	4	0
Richings Park ...	6	10	0
Rickmansworth ...	7	0	0
Ringwood ...	4	10	0
Risca and Pontymister ...	3	3	0
Roker and Fulwell (Sunderland) ...	5	0	0
Romford ...	7	0	0
Romsey ...	5	0	0
Rosyth ...	2	2	0
Rugby ...	3	10	0
Runcorn I ...	1	1	0
Runcorn II ...	10	0	
St. Loyes (Exeter) ...	2	0	0
St. Marychurch and Babbacombe (Torquay) ...	1	1	0
St. Pancras ...	5	0	
St. Thomas (Exeter) ...	8	8	0
Sale ...	11	11	0
Saltburn ...	8	10	0
Sandown ...	8	12	0
Sandwich ...	10	0	0
Seaham and Dawdon ...	5	4	0
Shanklin ...	10	10	0
Shirley and Millbrook (Southampton) ...	5	0	0
Shoeburyness ...	5	0	0
Southall ...	19	10	0
Southampton Central ...	6	10	0
Southchurch ...	10	0	
Southcoates (Hull) ...	6	10	0
Southend-on-Sea ...	8	8	0
Southgate ...	13	0	0
South Oxford ...	3	3	0
South Shields, Central ...	1	10	0
"    Harton ...	3	0	0
"    Tyne Dock ...	1	1	0
"    Westoe ...	4	4	0
Spring Grove ...	10	0	0
Springwood ...	10	0	
Stalybridge ...	6	10	0
Stepney ...	4	0	0
Stockton-on-Tees ...	10	0	0
Stonehaven ...	11	0	0
Stourbridge ...	10	10	0
Stourport ...	10	0	0
Sunderland I ...	5	0	0
"    II ...	5	0	0
"    III ...	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Swaythling (Southampton) ...	2	0	0
Tamworth ...	6	10	0
Tavistock ...	10	0	0
Thornaby Central ...	3	12	0
Thurso ...	5	0	0
Timperley ...	10	0	0
Tolworth (Surbiton) ...	8	12	0
Torre and Helle (Torquay) ...	3	10	11
Totton (Southampton) ...	3	5	0
Totnes ...	7	0	0
Turriff ...	7	10	0
Tyneside and Wearside Fedn. of T.G's ...	25	0	0
Upminster, Afternoon (1935 and 1936) ...	13	0	0
Upminster, Evening ...	4	0	0
Urmston ...	14	0	0
Wallasey ...	2	0	0
Walton-on-Thames ...	11	0	0
Wanstead ...	7	5	
Watford Central ...	6	10	0
Wellington ...	10	10	0
Westbury - on - Trym (Bristol) ...	7	5	0
Westcliff, Leigh-on-Sea ...	6	10	0
West Hartlepool ...	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
West Midland Federation of T.G's ...	3	3	0
Weybridge ...	21	1	0
Whepton (Exeter) (1935 and 1936) ...	6	0	0
Whitley Bay and Monkseaton ...	3	5	0
Whitton ...	6	6	0
Wick ...	5	0	0
Widnes ...	3	3	0
Wigan ...	6	10	0
Willaston & Wistaston I ...	1	1	0
Winsford ...	4	0	0
Winton and Moordown (Bournemouth) ...	5	10	0
Withernsea ...	10	0	0
Woking ...	5	0	0
Woolston (Southampton) ...	5	5	0
Worthing ...	7	10	0
Yoker ...	1	7	0
York Central ...	8	10	0
York City ...	3	0	0
Ystrad Mynach and Hengoed and District ...	1	1	0
	£1,968	2	9

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1936

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous ...	10	0	
Auerbach, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Badger, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Bennett, Mrs. W. E. ...	2	6	
Bertram, Mrs. ...	3	0	
Blamires, J. P., Mrs. ...	3	0	0
Briscoe, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Bryson, Miss H. I. ...	1	1	0
Buchanan, Miss M. J. ...	10	0	
Bulmer, Mrs. Fred ...	1	0	0
Corbett, Mrs. ...	5	5	0
Cowburn, Mrs. ...	10	6	
Cropper, Mrs. Marion ...	1	0	0
Daniel, Lady ...	1	1	0
Darbishire, Mrs. Harold ...	2	0	0
Dawkins, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Dawson, Miss Emily A. ...	15	0	
Denman, The Lady ...	20	0	0
Elgood, Miss J. O. S. ...	2	6	
Evans, Miss A. G. ...	1	1	0
Favell, Miss ...	2	6	
Fawcett, Miss P. G. ...	6	6	0
Flugel, Mrs. ...	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Fontes, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Francis-Jones, Mrs. ...	10	6	
Franklin, Miss A. C. ...	1	1	0
Fry, Miss S. Margery ...	1	0	0
Fulford, Miss ...	1	1	0
Gardner, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Gibb, Miss E. D. ...	2	6	
Goodman, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Gossage, Mrs. ...	2	12	6
Graeme, Lady Hamond ...	1	1	0
Hadfield, Mrs. N. M. ...	10	6	
Hamer, Dr. Frances M. ...	10	0	
Hanson, Miss ...	2	6	
Hardy, Miss S. J. ...	5	0	
Harmer, Miss L. M. ...	2	2	0
Hoc, Miss Mary ...	1	0	0
Holyoake, Mrs. ...	3	0	0
Horton, Esq., H. V. ...	1	1	0
Horsley, Lady ...	1	1	0
Hoster, Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Inge, Miss ...	1	1	0
Irving, Mrs. ...	10	6	
Isaac, Miss E. A. ...	2	6	



	£	s.	d.
Jones, Miss H. M. ...	1	1	0
Joseph, Mrs. Ernest ...	10	6	
King, Miss E. J. ...	5	0	
Kinnear, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Lever, Miss Emily ...	2	2	0
Lloyd George, M.P., Miss Megan ...	10	6	
Lupton, Miss M. W. ...	10	0	
Macadam, Miss Eliza- beth ...	10	0	
MacSwinney, Miss ...	1	1	0
McKay, Miss ...	1	0	0
MacIver, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Malek, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Monro, J.P., Mrs. ...	10	6	
Moon, Mrs. M. ...	5	0	
Plender, G. B. E., Rt. Hon. Lord ...	3	3	0
Rathbone, M.P., Miss Eleanor F. ...	3	3	0
Rea, Mrs. Alec L. ...	1	1	0
Reekie, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Reincke, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Robinson, Miss C. J. ...	1	0	0
Rumbold, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Salter, Mrs. Emma Gurney ...	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Samuel, J.P., Miss Ida		8	0
Schuster, Mrs. Ernest	3	3	0
Senior, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Sloane, Miss E. J. ...	1	1	0
Snodgrass, J.P., Miss Mary A. ...	10	6	
Snowdon, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Stafford, Mrs. ...	1	0	0
Stebbing, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Stoney, Miss E. A. ...	10	0	
Taylor, Miss M. A. ...	10	6	
Taylor, Mrs. Claude ...	10	0	
Teacher, Miss A. McD.	1	0	0
Thomas, Miss Isabel ...	1	0	0
Toller, Mrs. Wallis ...	1	1	0
Van Gruisen, Mrs. ...	20	0	0
Van Gruisen, Esq., A. H. (1935 and 1936) ...	4	4	0
Wade, Miss S. L. ...	10	6	
Watson, Miss Janet ...	5	0	
Wilson, Dr. Helen ...	5	0	
Wolferstan, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Wolferstan, The late Col. E. S. V. ...	1	1	0
	<u>£134</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>

## APPENDIX IA

## RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting, 1937

## Area Federations

Section  
IV, 1 The voting at the Area Federation meetings shall be restricted to one vote for each Guild.

Pending the alteration of constitution, the new delegates of Area Federations shall take office in 1938 at the first meeting after all the delegates have been elected by the Guilds concerned, leaving sufficient time for the nominations of officers to be carried out, this meeting to be the annual meeting of the Area Federation.

(see also VI, 6 under N.U.T.G. below).

## National Union of Townswomen's Guilds

VI, 1 (a) The voting at the annual council meeting shall be  
& (b) restricted to one vote for each Area Federation and Townswomen's Guild.

VI, 4 (a), In view of council being held in May in 1938, the following  
(b) & dates be substituted for the preparation of that council,  
(c) in place of those in the N.U.T.G. constitution, VI, 4;  
For and that the Executive be instructed to incorporate a  
1938 scheme for the preparation of future annual council  
council meetings in the revised constitution to be considered  
by council in 1938:—

1937

Formal notice of annual  
council meeting ... September in *The Townswoman*

Resolutions to reach  
N.U.T.G. ... ... October 18th

Preliminary agenda ... December in *The Townswoman*

Amendments and  
nominations to reach 1938  
N.U.T.G. ... ... February 17th

Final agenda sent to  
Townswomen's Guilds April 1st and appear in April  
*The Townswoman*



Section

IX, 2 for 1938 council The Executive committee be instructed to include a postal ballot in the draft revised constitution, and that the experiment be tried of holding a postal ballot in 1938, and that the following arrangements be carried out :—

1937

Nominations asked for December in *The Townswoman*

Nominations to reach the N.U.T.G. ... .. 1938  
February 17th

List of candidates printed ... .. April in *The Townswoman*

Ballot papers posted to Guilds ... .. April 1st

Ballot papers returned One week before council

Result announced ... At council

VI, 6 That from 1938 onwards, one delegate from each Area Federation shall be included in the scheme for the pooling of fares for the annual council meeting, and that section VI, 6, of the N.U.T.G. constitution be amended accordingly.

VII, 8 That in and after 1938 travelling expenses and allowances be paid to members of the Executive committee for attending meetings of council, on the basis set out in section VII, 8, of the N.U.T.G. constitution, and that this section be amended accordingly.

## APPENDIX IB

### RESOLUTIONS

*Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting, 1937*

1—PROGRAMME AND BUDGET, 1937

That the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds agree the programme of work for 1937 shall be the formation of approximately forty-seven Guilds (over and above any that may be formed from special grants), and of new Area Federations where advisable and the division of other Area Federations, if necessary, into more convenient areas; the development of the educational work; and the production of *The Townswoman* and other publications; and approve the budget for 1937, namely, the expenditure of £3,940 towards which the Townswomen's Guilds undertake to raise £2,280 as a co-operative effort, on the lines of the resolution passed by council in March, 1934.

2—BUDGET YEAR

That at council in May, 1938, the programme and budget shall be submitted for the two years, January 1st, 1938, to December 31st, 1939; and that in subsequent years the programme and budget shall be for the calendar year following each annual council meeting.

3—JOINT CONFERENCES

That an experiment be tried in 1937-8 of holding joint conferences to meet at least twice before the annual council meeting in 1938, and to consist of members of the Executive committee and one delegate appointed by each Area Federation; the functions of the joint conferences to be consultative. That the conferences shall meet in different parts of Great Britain, the fares of the Executive to be paid out of the funds of the National Union, and those of Area Federations paid by the Federations on a pooling scheme. Further, that at council in 1938, a decision shall be made as to whether such joint conferences shall be incorporated in the constitution.

4—PLACE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

That the resolution passed at the annual council meeting, 1936, regarding the combined meeting and rally always being held in London, should be rescinded, and the gathering take place at regular intervals in London and other towns and cities in Great Britain; and that each year council shall consider proposals put forward by the Executive committee as to the place of meeting for the subsequent year.



5—POOLING OF FARES FOR DELEGATES TO COUNCIL, 1937

That for this annual council meeting and rally, section VI, 6, of the N.U.T.G. constitution shall apply to the third and fourth sessions as well as to the first and second sessions.

6—FIRST MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That, as Easter in 1937 is so soon after the annual council meeting, the Executive committee be given authority to postpone its first meeting until April 6th (see N.U.T.G. constitution VII, 1).

7—NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF DRAMA

That the National Union be asked to explore the possibility of organising a National Festival of Drama for Townswomen's Guilds, to be run on the lines of the Drama League Festival, *i.e.*, in Federation groups, Divisional groups and finals. The finals to be, if possible, arranged to take place in London in the same week as the National Council Meeting.

*Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting, March, 1934.*

8—THE FUNDS OF THE NATIONAL UNION

That, while recognising with gratitude the magnificent response of many Townswomen's Guilds to the special appeals made by the President in 1932 and 1933, the Townswomen's Guilds in annual council assembled, having full confidence in the value and growing success of the Townswomen's Guild movement, undertake to raise the money necessary for its support.

That with this end in view, the National Union at each annual council meeting will approve a budget of income and expenditure for the year, which shall include a statement of the sum needed, over and above the amount due by affiliation fees and any grants available from public bodies, to make ends meet. The share of this sum for which each Townswomen's Guild is responsible shall then be calculated according to its circumstances, within two months of the annual council meeting, and shall be raised by the members of that Guild as a joint effort before the end of the financial year (December 31st).

No Guild to be included in the scheme until it has been formed one year.

*Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting, March, 1935.*

9—"THE TOWNSWOMAN"

The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds in annual council assembled resolves that *The Townswoman* be the channel of information between the National Union, the Guilds, and the Guild members; that it be governed by the policy of the National Union as laid down by council and as interpreted by the Executive and that, therefore, all Townswomen's Guilds be called upon to co-operate in this work.

## APPENDIX II

### BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MOVEMENT

Townswomen's Guilds are the natural development of the women's movement begun in the 19th century. For they aim at giving women opportunities for self-education so that they may the better equip themselves to discharge their duties as responsible citizens. It is fitting, therefore, that the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds should be the direct outcome of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the oldest and largest national organisation guiding the constitutional movement for obtaining the rights of citizenship for women, which after the granting of the partial franchise to women in 1918, became the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

It was as a result of a meeting of the Ladies' Discussion Society in 1865 in Kensington, at which the question of the enfranchisement of women was debated, that the first committee for women's suffrage was formed in 1866. Its purpose was to collect signatures for the petition which John Stewart Mill later presented to Parliament and on which the names of many famous women appeared, such as Florence Nightingale, Josephine Butler, Emily Davis, Francis Mary Buss, and Dorothea Beale.

Through many vicissitudes a national organisation grew up which in 1897 took the title of National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, with Millicent Garrett Fawcett, who had been in the movement from its inception, as president. This linked the constitutional suffrage societies throughout Great Britain which were endeavouring to educate public opinion to recognise the justice of women being granted the responsibilities of citizenship. The struggle to redress such wrongs as a married woman not having the right to share with her husband the guardianship of their own children, or to retain wages which she herself had earned, was inevitably long drawn out, while women were classed legally with lunatics and infants. Politicians do not pay very much attention to people who have not a direct share in their return to power. Women sought the vote in order that they might obtain freedom from the disabilities laid upon them because of their sex by law and custom. Until they received the status of citizens, women could not serve the community as they wished to by taking a share of the responsibility of citizenship.

Immediately the Great War broke out active propaganda for the vote ceased, and the N.U.W.S.S. and a large number of its affiliated Societies offered the experience of their organisation to the country in its emergency. Thus the Scottish Women's Hospitals under Dr. Elsie Inglis, were organised by the Scottish Suffrage



Societies, and the London Suffrage Society helped the Government to deal with the flood of women, mainly inexperienced and unskilled, who volunteered their services.

When peace came, a limited number of women possessing special qualifications were granted the vote. The National Union, while continuing to work for the complete enfranchisement of women on the same terms as of men, turned its attention, under the leadership of Miss Eleanor Rathbone, to the reforms for which women had sought the vote. During the ten years that followed much was achieved, including reforms of such peculiar concern to women as equal rights of parents in the guardianship of their children, the grounds for divorce of either spouse being made the same, the legitimisation of children on the subsequent marriage of their parents, the safeguarding of all interests concerned with the adoption of children, the raising of the age of marriage from 12 for girls and 14 for boys, to 16 years. The National Union, under the title of National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, took an active share in the promotion of these and many other enactments, and these years saw women appointed as magistrates and jurors, and their entry into the legal and many other professions.

At last, in 1928, women were granted the vote on exactly the same terms as men, and at the Annual Council Meeting that year Dame Millicent Fawcett urged the National Union to go forward with the education of the new citizens. With this object in view the Townswomen's Guild movement was formally launched in March, 1929, five experimental Guilds having been successfully formed at the beginning of that year. By 1932 the movement had grown to such an extent that the National Union was reconstituted as the National Union of Guilds for Citizenship, all political activities being given up, and the education of women as citizens becoming its sole work. At the Annual Council Meeting, 1933, when there were over 150 Townswomen's Guilds within the Union, the title of National Union of Townswomen's Guilds was adopted.

### APPENDIX III

#### LIST OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS as at 16th March, 1937

The figure in brackets indicates the Area Federation, as shown in Appendix IV, to which the Guild is affiliated.

\* Guilds marked with an asterisk have only recently been formed and have not yet joined an Area Federation.

#### BERKSHIRE

ABINGDON (1)  
MAIDENHEAD (18)  
READING (1)

#### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

BEACONSFIELD (18)  
BURNHAM (18)  
CHESHAM BOIS AND AMERSHAM (18)  
HIGH WYCOMBE (18)  
RICHINGS PARK (18)  
SLOUGH :—  
CHIPPENHAM (18)  
SLOUGH TRADING ESTATE AND  
MANOR PARK (18)

#### CHESHIRE

\*BROMBOROUGH  
BUCKTON VALE (14)  
CHESTER :—  
CHESTER I (5)  
CHESTER II (5)  
HOOLE AND NEWTON (5)  
LACHE-CUM-SALTNEY (5)  
\*EASTHAM  
GATLEY (14)  
HALE (14)  
HYDE (14)  
\*LEASOWE  
MIDDLEWICH (5)  
NANTWICH (5)  
NORTHWICH :—  
NORTHWICH I (5)  
NORTHWICH II (CENTRAL) (5)  
RUNCORN :—  
RUNCORN I (5)  
RUNCORN II (5)  
SALE (14)  
STALYBRIDGE (14)  
TIMPERLEY AND DISTRICT (14)  
WALLASEY (12)  
WILLASTON :—  
WILLASTON & WISTASTON I (5)  
WILLASTON & WISTASTON II (5)  
WINSFORD (14)

#### CUMBERLAND

CARLISLE I AND II  
COCKERMOUTH  
WHITEHAVEN  
WIGTON  
WORKINGTON

#### DERBYSHIRE

\*ALFRETON  
ALLESTREE (6)  
ALVASTON (6)  
BELPER (6)  
CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH (13)  
DARLEY DALE (6)  
DERBY SUBURBAN (6)  
LITTLEOVER (6)  
LONG EATON (6)  
MATLOCK (6)  
NEW MILLS (13)  
NORMANTON (6)

#### DEVONSHIRE

BRIXHAM (7)  
CENTRAL PLYMOUTH (7)  
DAWLISH (7)  
EXETER :—  
ISCA (7)  
ST. LOYES (7)  
ST. THOMAS (7)  
WHIPTON (7)  
NEWTON ABBOT (7)  
PAIGNTON (7)  
PLYMPTON (7)  
TAVISTOCK (7)  
TEIGNMOUTH (7)  
TORQUAY :—  
COCKINGTON WITH CHELSTON (7)  
ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBA-  
COMBE (7)  
TORRE AND HELE (7)  
TOTNES (7)

#### DORSET

BRANKSOME PARK (10)



## DURHAM

BIRTLEY (24)  
CHESTER-LE-STREET (24)  
CONSETT (24)  
DARLINGTON :—  
DARLINGTON (23)  
DODMIRE (23)  
NORTH END (23)  
WEST END (23)  
YARM ROAD (23)  
DUNSTON (24)  
DURHAM CITY (24)  
GATESHEAD :—  
CENTRAL (24)  
LOW FELL (24)  
SALTWELL (24)  
SHERIFF HILL (24)  
HEBBURN (24)  
HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING (24)  
JARROW :—  
JARROW (24)  
MONKTON AND PRIMROSE (24)  
NORTON-ON-TEES (23)  
SEAHAM AND DAWDON (24)  
SOUTH SHIELDS :—  
CENTRAL (24)  
HARTON (24)  
TYNE DOCK (24)  
WESTOE (24)  
STANLEY (24)  
STOCKTON-ON-TEES (23)  
SUNDERLAND :—  
MONKWEARMOUTH (24)  
ROKER AND FULWELL (24)  
SOUTHWICK (24)  
SUNDERLAND I (24)  
SUNDERLAND II (24)  
SUNDERLAND III (24)  
WEST HARTLEPOOL (24)  
\*WHICKHAM

## ESSEX

CANNING TOWN :—  
CANNING TOWN SETTLEMENT (4)  
CUMBERLAND ROAD (4)  
MANOR ROAD (4)  
OLD CANNING TOWN (4)  
DAGENHAM (26)  
EAST BARKING (26)  
HIGHLANDS (19)  
ILFORD AND BARKINGSIDE (26)  
ROMFORD :—  
ELM PARK (26)  
ROMFORD (26)  
SHOEBURYNESSE (19)  
SOUTHCHURCH (26)  
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA (19)  
UPMINSTER :—  
UPMINSTER I (19)

## ESSEX (continued)

UPMINSTER EVENING (19)  
WANSTEAD (26)  
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA (19)

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

BRISTOL :—  
BEDMINSTER  
FISHPONDS  
KNOWLE  
SEA MILLS  
WESTBURY-ON-TRYM

## HAMPSHIRE

BOURNEMOUTH :—  
BOURNEMOUTH EAST (10)  
WESTCLIFF (10)  
WINTON AND MOORDOWN (10)  
CHRISTCHURCH (10)  
EASTLEIGH (10)  
MUDEFORD (10)  
RINGWOOD (10)  
ROMSEY (10)  
SOUTHAMPTON :—  
BITTERNE PARK AND ST. DENYS (10)  
NORTHAM AND ST. MARY'S (10)  
SHIRLEY AND MILLBROOK (10)  
SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL (10)  
TOTTON (10)  
SWAYTHLING (10)  
WOOLSTON (10)

## HEREFORDSHIRE

LEOMINSTER (28)

## HERTFORDSHIRE

BARNET (16)  
BUSHEY (25)  
COCKFOSTERS (16)  
EAST BARNET VALLEY (16)  
FRIERN BARNET AND WHETSTONE (16)  
RICKMANSWORTH (25)  
WATFORD :—  
CENTRAL (25)  
NORTH (25)

## ISLE OF WIGHT

NEWPORT (10)  
RYDE (10)  
SANDOWN (10)  
SHANKLIN (10)

## KENT

ASHFORD  
CHATHAM  
DOWNHAM (4)

## KENT (continued)

FOLKESTONE :—  
FOLKESTONE AFTERNOON  
FOLKESTONE EVENING  
MOREHALL AND CHERITON  
HALLING  
HYTHE  
RAINHAM  
ROCHESTER  
SANDWICH  
SNODLAND

## LANCASHIRE

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (12)  
ECCLES (13)  
HORWICH (13)  
LIVERPOOL :—  
CHILDWALL AND WAVERTREE (12)  
DOVECOT (12)  
FAZAKERLEY (12)  
\*GREAT CROSBY I  
\*GREAT CROSBY II  
NORRIS GREEN (12)  
SPRINGWOOD (12)  
WALTON-CLUBMOOR (12)  
WEST DERBY AND LARKHILL (12)  
ORMSKIRK (12)  
PRESTWICH AND DISTRICT (13)  
RADCLIFFE (13)  
ST. HELENS (12)  
SOUTHPORT (12)  
URMSTON (13)  
WARRINGTON (13)  
WIDNES (12)  
WIGAN (13)  
WYTHENSHAW (MANCHESTER) (13)

## LONDON

BERMONDSEY :—  
BERMONDSEY I (4)  
BERMONDSEY II (4)  
BETHNAL GREEN (4)  
HAMPSTEAD (11)  
HOXTON (4)  
LAMBETH (4)  
NORTH KENSINGTON (4)  
OLD FORD (4)  
ST. PANCRAS (4)  
STEPNEY (4)

## MIDDLESEX

ASHFORD (27)  
BELMONT (11)  
BURNT OAK (11)  
CHISWICK (27)  
COLINDALE (11)  
CRANFORD (27)  
CROUCH END (16)  
EDGWARE & LITTLE STANMORE (11)

## MIDDLESEX (continued)

FINCHLEY (16)  
GOLDERS GREEN (11)  
HANWELL, EALING & GREENFORD (27)  
HARROW :—  
HARROW (11)  
SOUTH HARROW AND ROXETH (11)  
HAYES (27)  
HENDON (11)  
HESTON (27)  
HIGHGATE AFTERNOON (16)  
HOUNSLOW (27)  
KENTON (11)  
MILL HILL :—  
THE HALE (11)  
MILL HILL (11)  
MUSWELL HILL (16)  
NORTHWOOD (25)  
NORWOOD GREEN (27)  
PINNAR (25)  
SOUTHALL (27)  
SOUTHGATE (16)  
SPRING GROVE (27)  
WHITTON (27)

## NORTHUMBERLAND

ASHINGTON (24)  
BEDLINGTON (24)  
BENTON AND FOREST HALL I (24)  
BENTON AND FOREST HALL II (24)  
BLYTH (24)  
HEXHAM (24)  
KILLINGWORTH (LONGBENTON) (24)  
LEMINGTON (24)  
NEWBURN (24)  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE :—  
DENTON (24)  
FENHAM (24)  
GOSFORTH (24)  
HEATON (24)  
JESMOND I (24)  
JESMOND II (24)  
KENTON (24)  
WALKER (24)  
WALKERGATE (24)  
TYNEMOUTH :—  
TYNEMOUTH I (24)  
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WALLSEND CENTRAL (24)  
WHITLEY BAY & MONKSEATON (24)  
WILLINGTON-ON-TYNE :—  
ROSEHILL (24)

## OXFORDSHIRE

BANBURY (1)  
HENLEY-ON-THAMES (1)  
OXFORD :—  
BULLINGDON (1)  
CENTRAL COWLEY (1)  
SOUTH OXFORD (1)



**SHROPSHIRE**

LUDLOW (28)  
OAKENGATES (2)  
WELLINGTON (2)

**SOMERSET**

CLEVEDON  
PORSTISHEAD

**STAFFORDSHIRE**

BRIERLEY HILL (28)  
TAMWORTH (2)  
WOLVERHAMPTON :—  
LOW HILL AND BUSHBURY (28)  
WOLVERHAMPTON I (2)

**SURREY**

ADDESTONE :—  
ADDESTONE AFTERNOON (21)  
ADDESTONE EVENING (21)  
ASHTREAD (21)  
BARNES CENTRAL (27)  
CARSHALTON (15)  
CHERTSEY :—  
CHERTSEY AFTERNOON (21)  
CHERTSEY EVENING (21)  
CROYDON I  
DORKING (21)  
EPSOM :—  
EPSOM I (21)  
EPSOM II (21)  
EWELL (21)  
GUILDFORD (21)  
HORLEY (22)  
LEATHERHEAD (21)  
NEW MALDEN (15)  
RAYNES PARK (15)  
RICHMOND (27)  
ST. HELIER I (15)  
TOLWORTH (15)  
WALTON-ON-THAMES (21)  
WEYBRIDGE (21)  
WOKING (21)

**SUSSEX**

BRIGHTON :—  
CENTRAL (22)  
EAST BRIGHTON (22)  
HOLLINGBURY (22)  
KEMP TOWN (22)  
MOULSECOOMB (22)  
PRESTON (22)  
CHICHESTER (22)

**SUSSEX (continued)**

EASTBOURNE :—  
HAMPDEN PARK (22)  
HASSECKS (22)  
HAYWARDS HEATH (22)  
HORSHAM (22)  
HOVE (22)  
LITTLEHAMPTON (22)  
NEWHAVEN (22)  
WORTHING (22)

**WARWICKSHIRE**

BIRMINGHAM :—  
ACOCKS GREEN (2)  
ERDINGTON (2)  
HALL GREEN (2)  
HARBORNE (2)  
KINGS HEATH (2)  
MOSELEY (2)  
QUINTONS (28)  
KENILWORTH (2)  
NUNEATON (2)  
RUGBY (2)  
WYKEN (2)

**WORCESTERSHIRE**

DUDLEY :—  
DUDLEY (28)  
THE PRIORY (28)  
HALESOWEN (28)  
LYE AND WOLLESCOTE (28)  
PENSNETT (28)  
STOURBRIDGE (28)  
STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN (28)

**YORKSHIRE**

HORNSEA (9)  
HULL :—  
NORTH HULL (9)  
SOUTHCOATES (9)  
SOUTH WEST HULL (9)  
LEEDS CENTRAL  
MIDDLESBROUGH :—  
MIDDLESBROUGH I (23)  
MIDDLESBROUGH II (23)  
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA (23)  
THORNABY :—  
OLD THORNABY (23)  
THORNABY CENTRAL (23)  
WITHERNSEA (9)  
YORK :—  
YORK CENTRAL (9)  
YORK CITY (9)

**GUILDS IN SCOTLAND****ABERDEENSHIRE**

FRASERBURGH (30)  
PETERHEAD (30)  
TURRIFF (30)

**ANGUS**

MONTROSE (30)

**ARGYLLSHIRE**

OBAN (14)

**BANFFSHIRE**

BANFF (30)  
BUCKIE (17)  
CULLEN (17)  
KEITH (17)  
MACDUFF (30)  
PORTSOY (17)

**BERWICKSHIRE**

EYEMOUTH (8)

**CAITHNESS**

THURSO (30)  
WICK (17)

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE**

ALLOA (14)

**DUMBARTONSHIRE**

HELENSBURGH (29)  
KIRKINTILLOCH (29)  
MILNGAVIE (29)  
YOKER (29)

**EDINBURGH**

BLACKHALL (8)  
CORSTORPHINE (8)

**ELGIN**

BISHOPMILL (17)  
FORRES (17)  
LOSSIEMOUTH (17)

**FIFE**

ROSYTH (8)

**INVERNESS-SHIRE**

INVERNESS (17)

**KINCARDINESHIRE**

INVERBERVIE (30)  
LAURENCEKIRK (30)  
STONEHAVEN (30)

**LANARKSHIRE**

AIRDRIE (29)  
CALDERCRUIX (29)  
COATBRIDGE (29)  
GLASGOW AND ENVIRONS :—  
BURNSIDE (29)  
CAMBUSLANG (29)  
DRUMCHAPEL (29)  
KELVINDALE (29)  
KING'S PARK (29)  
KNIGHTSWOOD (29)  
LANARK (29)  
\*WISHAW

**EAST LoTHIAN**

NORTH BERWICK (3)

**MIDLoTHIAN**

DALKEITH (8)  
WEST CALDER (8)

**WEST LoTHIAN**

ARMADALE (8)  
BATHGATE (8)  
BO'NESS (8)  
FAULDHOUSE (8)  
LINLITHGOW (8)

**NAIRNSHIRE**

NAIRN (17)

**PEEBLES-SHIRE**

PEEBLES (3)

**PERTHSHIRE**

CRIEFF (14)  
DUNBLANE (14)  
\*PERTH

**RENFREWSHIRE**

PAISLEY (29)

**ROXBURGHSHIRE**

HAWICK :—  
HAWICK I (3)  
HAWICK II (3)  
JEDBURGH (3)  
KELSO (3)  
MELROSE (3)

**SELKIRKSHIRE**

GALASHIELS (3)  
SELKIRK (3)

**STIRLINGSHIRE**

BRIDGE OF ALLAN (14)  
GRANGEMOUTH (8)  
LARBERT AND STENHOUSEMUIR (14)  
PLEAN (14)  
POLMONT (8)  
STIRLING (14)



## GUILDS IN WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE

### BRECKNOCKSHIRE

BRYNMAWR (20)

### GLAMORGANSHIRE

CAERPHILLY (20)

CARDIFF :—

BIRCHGROVE

RHIWBINA (20)

MERTHYR TYDFIL :—

TREHARRIS (20)

PENARTH

YSTRAD MYNACH (20)

### MONMOUTHSHIRE

ABERCARN (20)

\*ABERSYCHAN

\*BASSALEG

\*BEDWAS

BLAENAVON (20)

CROSSKEYS

### MONMOUTHSHIRE (cont.)

CWM (20)

CWMBRAN (20)

GRIFFITHSTOWN & SEBASTOPOL (20)

LLANHILLETH AND ABERBEEG (20)

NANTYGLO (20)

NEWBRIDGE (20)

NEWPORT :—

HIGH CROSS (20)

MAINDEE (20)

ST. JULIANS (20)

\*PONTNEWYDD

PONTYPOOL (20)

RHYMNEY (20)

RISCA (20)

ROGERSTONE (20)

TREDEGAR (20)

### ASSOCIATED SOCIETY

CHINGFORD W.C.A.

## APPENDIX IV

### AREA FEDERATIONS OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

(1) BERKSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE	(16) NORTH LONDON
(2) BIRMINGHAM	(17) NORTH OF SCOTLAND
(3) BORDERS	(18) SOUTH BUCKS
(4) CENTRAL LONDON	(19) SOUTH ESSEX
(5) CHESTER	(20) SOUTH WALES AND GWENT
(6) DERBYSHIRE	(21) SURREY
(7) DEVONSHIRE	(22) SUSSEX
(8) EAST OF SCOTLAND	(23) TEES-SIDE
(9) EAST YORKSHIRE	(24) TYNESIDE AND WEARSIDE
(10) HAMPSHIRE	(25) WATFORD AND AREA
(11) HENDON	(26) WEST ESSEX
(12) LIVERPOOL	(27) WEST MIDDLESEX
(13) MANCHESTER	(28) WEST MIDLAND
(14) MID-SCOTLAND	(29) WEST OF SCOTLAND
(15) NEW MALDEN	(30) NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND

## APPENDIX V

### STAFF ORGANISERS

Miss L. ALLEN ... ..	resident in Liverpool
Mrs. BARCLAY ... ..	„ Edinburgh
Mrs. FITZ-RANDOLPH ... ..	„ Oxford
Miss A. E. MCKOWAN ... ..	„ York
Mrs. PRESLAND ... ..	„ Middlesex
Miss N. WARD-PEARSON ... ..	„ Cardiff
Miss M. M. WILLIAMS ... ..	„ Worcester

### HANDICRAFT ADVISER

Mrs. ROPER ... ..	resident in London
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## APPENDIX VI

### PUBLICATIONS AND STATIONERY FOR SALE

	* Discount Rates per dozen
N.U.T.G. PUBLICATIONS, ETC. :—	
<i>The Townswoman</i> ... ..	2d. monthly, 12 or more copies post free, or yearly subscription 3/-
Annual Report ... ..	4d.
T.G. Handbook ... ..	6d. 5/-, postage 6d.
Handicraft Handbook of Reference	1/-
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Townswoman's Book of Arts ...	6d.
Townswoman's Book of Food ...	6d.
Townswoman's Book of Pattern Design ... ..	6d.
<i>Constitution and Rules</i> :—	
N.U.T.G., T.G. and Federations	1½d.
Townswomen's Guilds singly ...	1d.
T.G. Badge ... ..	1/- 10/-, postage 2d.
Membership Book ... ..	No charge
Membership Cards ... ..	No charge
T.G. Pocket Diary ... ..	1/- 11/-, postage 6d.
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Programme Planning (reprint from <i>The Townswoman</i> ) ... ..	1d.
The Home of To-morrow ... ..	1d.
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Dont's for Embroidery ... ..	1d. 9d., postage 1d.
<i>Leaflets for free Distribution</i> :—	
Objects and Methods of Townswomen's Guilds	
Five reasons why you should join a Townswomen's Guild	
Townswomen's Guild Movement (descriptive leaflet)	
STATIONERY	
Headed T.G. notepaper, Pad of 100 sheets ... ..	1/3
Ditto, interleaved with two carbons	2/-
Plain notepaper to match above Pad of 100 sheets ... ..	9d.
Correspondence Cards (with badge) per 100 ... ..	1/6 6/6 per 500, postage 7d.
Postcards for calling meetings— per 100 ... ..	1/3 5/3 per 500, postage 7d.



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Postcards for calling committee meetings, with agenda—per 100	1/3	5/3 per 500, postage 7d.
Posters with badge only, large size—per dozen	... .. 10d.	5/- per 100 postage 6d.
Posters ditto, small size—per doz.	8d.	4/3 per 100, postage 6d.
Programme Blanks (with badge in colour) 5½ ins. by 7 ins.	...	1/9 per 100, postage 6d.
Programme Blanks (with badge in colour) 5½ ins. by 10½ ins.	...	2/6 per 100, postage 6d.
Analysed Account Book	... .. 4/6.	
Subscription Receipt Book, R.1.	5d.	
Duplicate Receipt Book, R.2.	... .. 5d.	
Receipt Book, R.3.	... .. 4d.	

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APPENDIX VII

RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX  
ON ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds is recognised as a charitable body under the Elizabethan Acts, as its object is educational.

Charitable bodies are granted the privilege of recovery from the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of the income tax paid by subscribers on their subscriptions or donations, provided they have undertaken to continue such payments to the society annually for seven years.

With income tax at its present high level, this would be a very great concession to the National Union. A subscriber of £5 would, in effect, be giving the sum of £6 13s. 4d. Three subscribers of £1 under the scheme would be giving an amount equal to that given by four subscribers of £1 who are not under the scheme.

Any change in the rate of income tax will make no difference to the amount the subscriber has to pay. The death of the guarantor before the expiration of the seven years cancels the contract.

A Form of Agreement which the subscriber has to sign promising to pay a certain sum annually for seven years is attached. All that the subscriber has to do is to sign this agreement in the presence of a witness, post it to the Treasurer of the National Union and sign a form which will be sent by the Treasurer each year to certify that income tax has been or will be paid on the subscription. Cheques dated prior to the date of signing the agreement do not count as falling within the agreement; they must be of the same date or of a later date than the agreement.

Exemption of surtax on the gross amount paid under this scheme can be claimed by subscribers. A receipt for the amount paid must accompany the claim.

The Executive Committee very much hope that all subscribers, whether of small or large sums, will consider helping us in this way, for the benefit to the National Union would be great, whilst it would incur no further expense or liability upon the subscriber.



AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL UNION OF  
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

I, .....

of .....

HEREBY COVENANT with the Committee of the National Union of  
Townswomen's Guilds, that for a period of seven years from the 6th April, 19 ..  
or during my life, whichever period shall be the shorter, I will pay annually to  
the said N.U.T.G. such a sum as will, after the deduction of Income Tax, leave  
in the hands of the National Union a net sum of £.....

(.....)

WORDS

such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive  
no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum or  
any part thereof.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this.....

day of.....19 ..

USUAL SIGNATURE

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said

In the presence of

Signature .....

Address.....

Occupation .....

When filled in this form should be sent to the Treasurer, National Union of  
Townswomen's Guilds, 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

National Union of Townswomen's Guilds

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