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

FUNCTIONS

The National Union shall attain this object by :

- (1) forming Townswomen's Guilds and Federations of Townswomen's Guilds.
- (2) helping and encouraging Townswomen's Guilds to fulfil their functions of :
 - (a) serving as centres for arousing interest in any subject concerning the life and well-being :
 - (i) of the individual and the family in the home ;
 - (ii) of the community, local, national and international ;
 - (b) encouraging members to equip themselves, as individuals, for service to the community, by the study of any subject ; and so to develop their powers of discrimination and their ability to make decisions on questions affecting the common good ;
 - (c) encouraging members to develop their creative faculties and to cultivate an informed and critical sense of appreciation.

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INTRODUCTION

The coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth impresses this year particularly upon the minds of all, and it naturally has had its effect on the history of the National Union for 1937. Townswomen's Guilds throughout the country took part in one way or another in the celebrations to mark the event. Some as individual Guilds, some in co-operation with other bodies of citizens, contrived to make a permanent memorial of the occasion; others contributed to the endeavours of the civic authorities to make their township express the gaiety in the hearts of its citizens by suitable entertainments and attractive decorations.

It was a delight to all our members that our President, Lady Cynthia Colville, was presented by the King at this time with the rare honour of Dame Commander of the Victorian Order.

In our own smaller world of the National Union we, too, have an event of a spectacular nature to stamp 1937 on our minds. The culmination of more than three years' work resulted in the showing at four centres of our travelling exhibition of members' handicraft work.

Another outstanding event was the alteration in form of the annual council meeting and the association with it of what our members have learnt to call a rally. At one session, five aspects of the controversial subject of the population problem were dealt with from the same platform by first-class exponents of each point of view, a form of conference that all acclaimed most stimulating.

The autumn of 1937 saw the first school taken by the B.B.C. for leaders of T.G. listening-in groups; and its direct results have proved that this experiment was well worth while.

Although it will not take effect until 1938, it was during the year under review that the Carnegie Trustees responded to our application for a second grant for experimental work, this time in the field of arts. The value of the work carried out with the grant given for handicrafts undoubtedly impressed the Trustees, and encouraged them to entrust the National Union with this further exploration in interesting methods of education.

Less spectacular, and its magnitude at first not fully apparent to Guild members throughout the country, but requiring much work on the part of the Executive committee members, has been the task of drafting completely revised constitutions. It will be for the coming council to express its opinion on them, and for future years to prove the wisdom of what council adopts.

Yet another event that will be a landmark in the history of the National Union, but will not take place until 1938, will be the departure from 4 Great Smith Street. The business of trying to find and negotiate for a suitable house, that may be the home of the National Union for many years to come, has taken a great deal of time and thought on the part of the officers and executive members during the latter part of this year.

As valuable and worthy of noting for all time as any other T.G. event of 1937 is the continued generosity of the Guilds, who jointly have contributed as a voluntary gift over £2,000 for the work of the National Union.

ORGANISATION

NATIONAL UNION

At the end of 1937 there were 461 Townswomen's Guilds affiliated to the National Union. During the year 58 were formed; of these 49 were in England, 4 in Scotland and 5 in Wales; of the total formed 14 were in special areas, from grants made by the National Council of Social Service and the Scottish Council for Community Service during Unemployment. The others were three short of the number approved by council in March; but the coronation festivities naturally affected adversely the formation of Townswomen's Guilds. People were too occupied during several of the best organising months of the year to discuss the formation of a new society, so that our organisers could do little during that time.

The technique of formation evolved after several experimental years is continuing to prove satisfactory, and the guidance now given by organisers to Guilds preparing for their first annual meeting is found particularly helpful. There are still many blank spaces on the map where the movement could develop had we the funds. Of the numerous enquiries that come to the office it is to only a few that we can say we hope soon to be able to put them in touch with a Townswomen's Guild. In the meantime, growth is steady, and it is becoming more and more possible to work to a plan.

There is much that existing Guilds can and do contribute towards the work of extending the movement. Six conferences were held during the year, at Aberdeen, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Reading and two in London, which were attended by the chairmen of the Guilds within a wide area surrounding those centres. With their knowledge of local conditions they were able to advise, taking a long term view of about five years, where new Guilds should best be established, and to what general plan of Federation grouping they should be worked.

More and more are we finding Federations and Guilds and individual members able and willing to give suitable help in the actual establishment of new Guilds, and this co-operation is greatly welcomed. In a few quarters there still appears to be prevalent the idea that because a Guild exists, it is competent to form new ones in its neighbourhood. But this is no more reasonable than expecting every grown person to be a widow or a teacher without professional training because she herself has been born and gained experience by growing up!

Unfortunately, twelve Guilds have ceased to exist. Half of these had been formed in the early days of the movement and had not managed to develop satisfactorily. Five suffered mainly from lack of increase in membership from their beginning, or from being too near Guilds that flourished so well the comparison proved fatal. One Guild had to give up through inability to find a suitable meeting place.

FEDERATIONS

The Federations' year does not allow of their annual reports being ready in time for consideration in this report, but throughout the year there has been opportunity for watching their development through the accounts of their activities received regularly at the office. The executive committee has each month a report of any item of special interest—these may be only slight indications of a general trend, or may point to the sowing of seeds that promise healthy flowers.

When it has become known that a Federation is trying an experiment that another Federation has already attempted, the N.U.T.G. has tried to assist by putting the two Federations in touch with each other. The N.U.T.G. should act as a channel of information, and could do much more if Guilds and Federations would make a point of keeping the National Union informed of their experiments, both those that are successful and those that prove a failure.

Two Federations have re-grouped into several smaller Federations. The old North of Scotland Federation was 'geographically uncomfortable,' stretching from the coast of Caithness south to Montrose and along the north east coast of Aberdeenshire. It took some delegates 24 hours to reach the most central meeting place.

Following a conference attended by the N.U.T.G. honorary secretary, the North East of Scotland Federation, with Guilds accessible to Aberdeen was formed, and the 'centre of gravity' of the North of Scotland Federation is thus 'raised'—but each meeting still means several days from home for the Wick T.G. delegate.

The former Tyneside and Wearside Federation was geographically compact, but proved too large for efficient working as one Federation. At a meeting also attended by the N.U.T.G. honorary secretary, and presided over by the vice-chairman of the N.U.T.G. as the chairman of the former Federation, it was agreed to divide into three Federations, each having about 18 Guilds. Their names are now Mid-Tyne, North East Coast, and Wearside.

Towards the end of the year conferences were held at Bristol of the officers of the Guilds around that city, and at Canterbury of the Guild officers in Kent. Definite decisions to form Federations (there would be two in Kent) have not yet been made by the Guilds concerned.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS

There are now several informal groups of Townswomen's Guilds that exist in one town. Accounts of their activities show how successful this form of co-operation can be without in any way sacrificing the individuality of each Guild in the group. Important speakers on topical subjects are invited to mass meetings that are arranged independently of the Guild programmes. To quote from one report: "It is becoming increasingly evident that the joint committee, by its co-operative sharing of its ideas, plans and projects, is serving the purpose of consolidating a Townswomen's conscience, as well as stimulating the town's consciousness of the Townswomen's Guild movement." It is through the joint committee that the facilities offered by the local education authority have become known to the Guilds, and Guild members thus enabled easily to take part in the classes of their choice.

There have always been Guilds in the National Union anxious to give help to others that are in districts where it is not so easy to do all that one wishes. Here are two examples of mutual co-operation, from among many, that may well point the way to further efforts on similar lines. A Guild that had collected garments for necessitous cases, asked for the co-operation of the Guild in the particular district chosen for receiving the gifts. As this Guild was able to obtain the help of people who were known to have first-hand knowledge of the needs of families, the donor Guild had the satisfaction of sharing with another Guild the pleasure of giving, and of knowing that great care had been taken in selecting those to whom the gifts would be most welcome. One Guild was anxious, as a result of reading in *The Townswoman* about the school for rural conductors to send its choir leader to the school in October.

It could not, however, find the necessary money for fees and expenses, and there were no bursaries available. When a group of Guilds in another part of the country heard about it, they contributed towards the cost.

ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 1937

A full account was published in *The Townswoman* at the time describing the 'council cum rally' and the twelve 'rally activities.' Here it is sufficient to record that 747 delegates and about 800 visitors attended the meetings at the Friends' House, London, on 16th, 17th and 18th March. At the first session Mr. Lambert, Editor of *The Listener*, gave an address on "Investing our Leisure." We are particularly glad that the opportunity was given to members of council to hear the late Miss Elizabeth Haldane speak when she proposed the vote of thanks to Mr. Lambert. As a Carnegie Trustee she had always watched the development of the National Union with genuine interest.

A number of important resolutions affecting the management of the National Union were passed; in particular it should be noted that one vote only would in future be given to each Guild and Federation at council meetings, and to each Guild at Federation meetings; also that Federations should share in the pool for delegates' expenses to council. It was decided to try as an experiment joint conferences of representatives of the Federations and the Executive committee; and also to experiment in 1938 with a postal ballot for the election of President and Executive committee of the National Union.

The third session at Friends' House was devoted to a discussion on a number of questions concerning the three constitutions, and was intended to give Guilds, Federations and the Executive committee the opportunity to sound opinion on selected subjects that it was known needed revising. The draft constitutions later prepared by the Executive committee showed how useful such a conference could be.

Reference has already been made to the novel form of the fourth session, when five eminent speakers addressed members on different aspects of the population problem. Reports of the speeches were given in *The Townswoman*, but here we desire to record our thanks and appreciation to Dr. Kuczynski, Lady Denman, Dr. Rewcastle, Mrs. Hubback and Dr. McCleary for so splendidly entering into the spirit of our experiment and making such a success of it that a similar conference is being planned for 1938.

The ballot was kindly conducted for us by the Electrical Association for Women, under the able leadership of Mrs. Edwards.

A short conference of Federation delegates was held immediately after the first session of council; and that evening an informal reception took place at the Portman Rooms.

Rally activities in London proved a difficult problem, but the generosity of a number of organisations made it possible for a varied selection to be offered to members. The numbers attending any one activity were of necessity limited, which meant disappointment to many who could not get to the particular activity of their choice. But all the events were greatly enjoyed by those privileged to take part in them, and we would like to express our thanks to Miss Elizabeth Denby, housing consultant, for her lecture on housing problems and generous help with the planning of visits to the Peckham Health Centre and to Kensal House; to Miss Mona Swann and Miss Imogen Holst for inspiring demonstrations of verse-speaking and percussion bands; to the authorities of the British Broadcasting Corporation, London County Council, King's College of Household and Social Science, and the Institute of Medical Psychology for the privilege of special tours round their buildings; to the officials of the National Portrait Gallery and of the Victoria and Albert Museum; and to the Women's Gas Council and the Electric Lamp Manufacturers' Association for interest combined with entertainment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the early months of the year the committee was deprived of the guidance of Mrs. Corbett, and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Wolferstan shared the duties of chairing committee meetings. After the annual council meeting the Executive elected Miss Loring as chairman, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Potts as vice-chairmen, Mrs. Wolferstan as honorary treasurer, and Miss Franklin as honorary secretary. On the nomination of the Board of Education, Miss Horniblow was co-opted and, later in the year, Miss Alden, nominated by the Ministry of Health. This personal liaison with the two Government Departments most closely connected with the work of Townswomen's Guilds is continually proving of the greatest value. During the year the Dowager Lady Reading resigned, through inability to give the time for the meetings.

The Executive committee has given very careful consideration to the question of how best to plan its work, and, since the council meeting has reduced the time of its regular meetings to two sessions (each of two and a half hours' duration) on one day, instead of three sessions spread over two days. The work on the revision of the constitution, however, necessitated three additional special meetings (five sessions in all). In order that this reduction in hours should in no way prevent members from having all necessary information, the practice was instituted of circulating, with the agenda for each meeting, reports and memoranda on various items to be discussed.

The growth of work at 4 Great Smith Street made it essential to convert the committee room into a general office, and since April all committee meetings have had to be held elsewhere.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Conveners were again appointed to be responsible for the development of the four sections into which the general educational work of the National Union is, perhaps arbitrarily, divided. Lady Daniel was again Handicrafts convener, and Mrs. Mitchell Civics convener. Miss Hamilton Smith was Homecraft convener until she resigned in July, and in September Mrs. Keith Robinson was elected in her place. Arts was undertaken by Mrs. Van Gruisen. The honorary advisers associated with each of these four sections are good enough to allow the National Union to turn to them for advice from time to time on special points, and we take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to them.

The General Purposes committee was re-appointed to advise the officers on any questions they wished considered between meetings of the Executive, to supervise *The Townswoman* and other publications, and to deal with any matters referred to it by the Executive. It consisted of the five honorary officers and the four conveners. Much detailed work, such as plans for council meetings, is referred to it, and it affords a valuable means of liaison between the four conveners.

CIVICS

At the beginning of the year the preparation for the session on the population problem necessitated many interviews with people working on the subject. After council a civic education sub-committee was set up consisting of the officers and Mrs. Gamble, Miss Gifford, Dr. Levick, Mrs. Monro, Mrs. Tudor-Price, and Mrs. Mitchell, who was elected chairman. Its work is primarily to discover methods of interesting Guild members in civic subjects; and it set about trying to find a suitable definition of civics. Helpful consultations were held with Mr. Williams, of the British Institute of Adult Education, Mr. and Mrs. Farquharson of the Institute of Sociology, and Mrs. Hubback of the Association for Education in Citizenship. Although a clear-cut definition has not yet been evolved, the general idea accepted by the committee is that the term civics covers any question affecting the lives of individuals as citizens, that is, as parts of communities, local, national and international. There is, of course, continual overlapping of 'civics' questions with 'homecraft,' and the General Purposes committee affords the necessary liaison between these two sections of our educational work.

The offer of the B.B.C. to conduct a school for leaders of T.G. listening-in groups afforded an excellent opportunity of presenting new methods to Guild members. Twenty-six students from nearly as many Guilds, scattered throughout the country, attended for three days at the end of September at Digswell Park, near Welwyn.

Mrs. Mitchell was in charge for the N.U.T.G., and the B.B.C. 'cast' included Mr. Gibson, of the Central Committee for Group Listening, Mr. Francis (Education officer for the Midlands), and Mr. Herbert (London and Home Counties Education officer), each of whom conducted the training of a group, while Mr. Anthony Bertram spoke on his series on design in everyday things, broadcast this autumn. Other members of the B.B.C. staff came down to address the school, and to them all, as well as to the engineers who manipulated the apparatus, we owe many thanks. The success of the school made it certain that it would be the forerunner of many. Mrs. Mitchell is keeping in touch with the 'students,' so that the practical results of the school may be followed.

Yet another method of following up civics subjects is being explored with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Farquharson, of Le Play House—the Institute of Sociology; and a school for leaders of surveys of all the exciting by-ways of a T.G.'s own locality is being planned.

The session on the population problem at council served the double purpose of demonstrating that the examination of controversial subjects can usefully be encouraged, and that an opportunity to hear a variety of points of view is welcomed. The N.U.T.G. Civic Education sub-committee is trying to stimulate Guilds to be bold and has gone so far as to persuade one Guild civics group to delve into the history of political parties.

The possibility of providing for *The Townswoman* up-to-date information on topical questions has exercised the minds of the committee considerably. The limitations set by a monthly publication are severe, particularly as articles need to be ready for press a month before they appear, and it may be two months before they are read. In a limited space information or 'news' must be unbiased—the alternative being to give accounts from various stand-points. A very real endeavour has been made to meet these difficulties; the co-operation of the Royal Institute of International Affairs and of Political and Economic Planning has been sought, but a solution to the problem has not yet been found.

However, the sub-committee is concentrating on the alternative method of dealing with it. It has selected two or three subjects of national importance that are to the fore, and likely to be so for a little while. The first of these was the series begun in October on the national health campaign; and two other series have been prepared, one on milk—its production and marketing from a variety of viewpoints, and another on the 'arm of the law' and the accused. This latter will be particularly opportune with the Government's proposed bill on the reform of prisons coming before Parliament.

HOMECRAFT

In the belief that the aim of Townswomen's Guilds, in the all-pervading subject of homecraft, should be to stimulate a spirit of enquiry among members, the National Union has been exploring various avenues to this end. It may be some little time before anything definite matures, but what Townswomen's Guilds, and in particular Federations, are doing is being watched with the keenest interest.

HANDICRAFT

The spectacular event of the year was the travelling handicraft exhibition, shown at London for two days in June, and then at Blackpool, Edinburgh and Darlington for one day in each place. In all about 4,000 members saw it. It consisted of 500 pieces of Guild members' work. These were chosen by a panel of judges in London from about 700 pieces selected, in the first instance, by N.U.T.G. selectors who had visited, during 1936 and the early part of 1937, thirty-one handicraft exhibitions organised by area Federations and other groups of Townswomen's Guilds in different parts of Great Britain. Few can realise the amount of time and energy expended by Lady Daniel and Mrs. Roper in this arduous task with which, on occasion, Mrs. Dallow, Miss Hamilton Smith, Miss Nora MacSwinney, and Mrs. Wolferstan assisted.

The chief aim of the exhibition was to make it a representative collection, so as to be able to take stock of the work, to note its promise, its achievement and its mistakes, and from these to plan future developments. It aimed also at showing good examples of as many crafts as possible (there were about thirty main groups represented) to as many members as possible.

The exhibits were selected more for their positive good qualities than for the negative virtue of having no obvious faults. The judges looked in each case for the worker's intelligent appreciation of the purpose of the object, for technique competent enough to adapt itself to serve that purpose, and for deliberate attempts to face problems of colour and arrangement of form. Their comments on each exhibit, made during their discussion on the work, were recorded in the catalogue. They did not attempt to sum up the whole value of each exhibit, but directed attention to one or more points of special interest.

We would like all members to know how generously the commentators, especially Sir Augustus Daniel, Mr. A. F. Kendrick and Miss Jean Alexander, entered into the spirit of the experiment, and devoted long hours to the work. To them and to Mrs. Williams, Mr. Robert Baker and to Miss Alice Mendel we take this opportunity of recording our indebtedness.

The method of staging the exhibits and the choice of materials employed were the result of much thought and experiment on the part of Mrs. Roper. They had to meet the special conditions of transport and quick dismantling and re-erection. All who visited the exhibition were particularly impressed with the staging.

In the autumn our Handicraft Adviser submitted a memorandum to the Executive committee, summarising the conclusions drawn as a result of her work during the period of the Carnegie grant and outlining methods for future development. Briefly these involve the carrying out of schemes in many crafts, these schemes to be such that they can be developed in many districts. The Executive committee approved these proposals and confirmed the continuation of Mrs. Roper's appointment.

The first schemes are being carried out experimentally in London, and began with one-day schools in patchwork, quilting and Christmas presents. An outline of the plan was published in the November, 1937, issue of *The Townswoman*.

The handicraft courses and portfolios, begun last year, have been extended, and about eighty members have used them. It will be possible to give more time to them, now that the exhibition is over, and these schemes will bring forward workers in particular crafts who can assist in their preparation. Also the allocation of a work-room at the new offices will greatly facilitate their preparation and care.

ARTS

In the autumn an application was submitted to the Carnegie Trustees for a grant to enable the National Union to experiment in methods of developing the arts among Townswomen's Guild members. We feel it is a matter of congratulation that the Trustees readily responded to this request, and that we are to receive £500 a year over a period of three years.

With this grant it is proposed to appoint a part-time adviser who, once she has learned the needs and problems of Townswomen's Guilds, will be able to evolve a scheme whereby Guilds may make the most of the arts; the interests of all Guild members, whether they take an active part in drama or music, or whether they are on the other side of the footlights, will be watched; indeed, it is hoped that much may be done that will interest those who visit the cinemas and listen to wireless plays, as well as those who frequent the theatre. The Executive committee is anxious to find the best possible person for the post, and the help and advice of a large number of people in the musical and dramatic world are being sought.

Anticipating that such professional advice would shortly be available, the National Union has not attempted a great deal this year in this field of work. Through *The Townswoman*, however, we have been able to provide an almost continuous supply of first-

class practical articles. We were particularly fortunate in having a series especially written for us by the well-known producer, Mr. Martin Browne (whose wife also is known personally to many Guilds, for she has judged at several Federation festivals). This series has been reprinted in book form by Messrs. Deane, and should be in the possession of every Guild drama group.

Several Federations have organised festivals; perhaps the most ambitious was that of the former Tyneside and Wearside Federation. In that case groups of Guilds within the Federation each organised a meeting of their members which was addressed by Mrs. Marshall, who gave practical advice and an outline of the plays from which selection could be made. The outlay was met by the Federation from the unexpectedly large funds in hand from their handicraft exhibition of the previous year. Preliminary 'rounds' were held in each group before the 'finals.'

The Executive committee was especially interested in the 'school' organised by the Chester Federation on the lines of the experimental school held by the National Union in the autumn of 1936, when it had been hoped to discover how best to use the 'arts' for the better development of what is known as 'the social half-hour' at a Guild meeting.

The choir leaders of several Guilds attended the School for Rural Conductors organised by the Joint Committee for Music and Drama in Rural Districts, and it is hoped that in future more will take advantage of the first-class programme that is offered at these schools. Although intended primarily for rural conductors, the teaching is eminently suited to T.G. choir leaders.

Several Townswomen's Guild teams took part in a special section of the Silver Jubilee Festival of the English Folk Dance and Song Society held at the Albert Hall in January.

An increasing number of Guilds include in their programmes lectures on musical and dramatic subjects, showing that the interest of the general member is being aroused in these subjects.

Miss Loring has been the representative of the National Union on the Central Council for Recreative Physical Training, and with the help of our honorary adviser, Mrs. Chitts, we have watched closely the large national developments of the subject. Guilds throughout the country have continued to show a keen interest in the 'Keep Fit' movement, and have organised classes or taken part in those provided by local education authorities.

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS

The largest piece of work undertaken by the Executive during the year was the revision of all three constitutions. For this a small *ad hoc* committee consisting of Mrs. Keith Robinson, Mrs. Morehouse, Mrs. Pope and the officers was appointed. It went thoroughly into the principles underlying every point in the constitutions and

submitted memoranda to the Executive committee for its views on major points as these arose. It was not until the whole ground had been covered that actual drafts were prepared, and these were examined word for word by the sub-committee, and then in revised form, considered in detail by the Executive committee.

Note was made of certain points on which the Executive felt it would be particularly helpful to have the views of Federation members, and these were discussed with the Joint Conference of Federation representatives and the Executive committee at Birmingham in October. The Executive met the following day, and, in the light of the discussions at the Joint Conference, passed the draft that appeared in the December issue of *The Townswoman*. It will thus be realised that the constitutions submitted to the 1938 council indeed contain the 'considered opinion' of the Executive.

After consultation with the Joint Conference, an offer was made to every Federation to provide a speaker well versed in the draft constitutions to attend a conference of Guild members in each area. The majority of these were planned, and a few took place, before the end of the year. Guild members have also been able to know something of the reasons behind certain of the more important proposals through the series of articles that have been appearing in *The Townswoman* since July under the title, "We examine our constitution."

JOINT CONFERENCES

The first joint conference was held at Birmingham on the 26th October, when a representative attended from all but three Federations. One session was devoted to a discussion on certain questions in the draft constitution. How valuable this proved has already been indicated. At the second session each convener outlined the way in which Guilds might be helped to develop their particular subjects, and opinions were taken on plans for the forthcoming council cum rally, and on the place for the 1939 council.

The Birmingham District Federation kindly organised a social evening, which gave many delegates an opportunity of meeting one another and members of nearby Guilds in a friendly, informal manner.

"THE TOWNSWOMAN"

Our paper is a means of communication once a month between the National Union and the individual members of Guilds, and is a channel of information between Guilds and Federations in different parts of the country. What some have tried and found successful others may read about and be encouraged to try also. It is indeed an 'exchange and mart' to which Federations, Guilds and members contribute accounts of their experiences for their mutual benefit.

The Townswoman is rather like a Guild meeting, planned to meet a variety of interests. First there is 'business'—in "News from the N.U.T.G."—where all members will find something of concern to themselves; and frequently there are articles, serious or 'light' on problems of Guild management. The Publications committee arranges as far as possible for civics, homecraft, handicrafts and arts, each to be represented by an authoritative article on some particular subject falling within these groups. Here we desire to record our sincere thanks to those who have so generously contributed articles in response to our requests.

From time to time space is found for general articles that are not directly associated either with Guild organisation in particular or with these aspects of their educational work. But the Executive committee believes that *The Townswoman* should first and foremost be the Guild member's own paper, of concern to her because she is a member of a Townswomen's Guild, and that no attempt should be made to compete with the many other publications in general circulation.

"Pages from my diary," from all accounts, 'gets home' well and truly. A series begun this year, which it is hoped is being found helpful, is that on "My Guild Job," where someone describes just how she carries out the duties that have been allotted to her in her Guild.

PUBLICATIONS

One of the new publications this year has been the membership book, in which all Guild members are expected to sign once as evidence of their appreciating the objects of the Townswomen's Guild which they have joined. This takes the place of the declaration on the original membership card which is now replaced by a simpler folding green card on which there is space for the Guild Treasurer to enter subscriptions paid over a period of 5 years.

Analysis account books are now stocked for Guild Treasurers, and three types of special receipt books also have been produced for their use.

A further supply of the T.G. Handbook was required, but it was not revised because it was known that it would need to be re-written after the 1938 annual council meeting in the light of the amended constitutions. The opportunity, however, was taken of incorporating as an appendix, a statement on T.G. policy written by the chairman, Mrs. Corbett.

The first 2,000 copies of *The Townswoman's Book of Food*, by Miss Hamilton Smith, having sold out, a further 2,000 were printed. Professor Mottram, who wrote the foreword for the first issue, kindly read it through again before it was re-printed, and he confirmed his opinion that it was absolutely up-to-date in its matter.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

As far as is practicable, co-operation is maintained both nationally and through the area organisations with societies whose work bears on that of Townswomen's Guilds. The Federations and Guilds are making increasing use of facilities offered by local education authorities and by specialist educational activities such as musical festivals. The complete list of organisations with which we have been in communication during the year is too long for publication, but we would like to mention the National Federation of Women's Institutes and its County Federations, several of which have discussed with us the complex problems arising from the rapid urbanisation of rural districts, and the Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.

The possibility of Townswomen's Guild members taking some share in the Scottish Empire Exhibition has been explored, and Dr. Frances Melville represented the National Union on the Women's Committee of the Exhibition.

The League of Nations Union published in its journal, *Headway*, a statement drawing attention to the object of a Townswomen's Guild in forming 'a common meeting ground,' and pointing out that Townswomen's Guilds therefore should not be asked to join the local branches of the League.

Mrs. Mitchell represents the National Union on the Library committee of the London and National Society for Women's Service, which undertakes the care of the Cavendish Bentinck and Edward Wright Libraries, of which the National Union is part owner; and Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Wolferstan are the N.U.T.G. members of the committee appointed under the Trust Deed of the libraries.

FINANCE

An examination of the income and expenditure account shows little for special comment. Normal growth has meant increases, but these are within the budgeted expenditure sanctioned by council. The cost of the annual council meeting was lower than usual due to the saving as a result of combining with the rally. The fares and expenses of Executive members for the first time cover a full year (last year's figure was for nine months only) and also include the expenses incurred by the meetings of the constitution *ad hoc* committee. Other expenses incurred in connection with the revision of the constitutions, including printing in *The Townswoman*, give an unbudgeted item of over £60. It is sincerely hoped that this is a non-recurring expenditure.

Tribute has already been made to the great generosity of the Townswomen's Guilds (and some Federations) in voluntarily contributing £2,094 6s. 11d. The sums received from the N.C.S.S. and the S.C.C.S. are proportionate to the number of Guilds formed

in special areas during the year; the actual grants allocated are greater, and in the case of the N.C.S.S. covers the period ending 31st March, 1938. The S.C.C.S. made a total grant of £304, but this was not confirmed until September, so that only a small portion of it has as yet been claimed.

The receipts from sales of *The Townswoman* and publications continue to increase, but it should be noted that, while the National Union is 'charged' for space in the paper and for literature distributed free, the accounts for *The Townswoman* and for publications are debited so far only for a portion of their 'overhead charges.' To attempt to apportion a fair charge now would be only 'to rob Peter to pay Paul'! For those who care to examine closely this year's with last year's figures, we would point out that 13 issues of *The Townswoman* came into the 1936 accounts through the change of date of publication to the 20th of the month.

From the handicraft account it will be seen that our estimate of the net cost of the travelling exhibition was surprisingly close, so that the additional grant that the Carnegie Trustees gave us for this year's work, including the exhibition, covered the whole cost, and a small balance remained. The travelling exhibition would have been far too big a venture for the National Union to afford out of its normal income, and once again we would record our appreciation to the Trustees for their generosity and for showing in so practical a manner their faith in the capability of the National Union to carry through a costly experiment successfully.

STAFF

The handicraft exhibition and the re-drafting of the constitutions have thrown an extra strain on the members of the office staff during the year; but they rose to the occasion and we are indebted to them for maintaining their high standard of work and giving a considerable amount of voluntary time over and above their normal hours.

We are also grateful to our seven organisers, who give much thought and help in developing the methods by which Guilds are formed. We had to ask them to stand by and cease work during the summer months owing to the coronation, and as they are paid on a part-time basis only (on the number of hours they work), this meant financial sacrifice on their part.

In closing this report we would again comment on the year 1937 as one of marked achievement, with varied experiments tried that promise interesting developments in the future.

NATIONAL UNION OF
GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Office :—						
Rent, including hire of Committee Rooms	212	15	0			
Lighting, Heating, Water and Cleaning ...	104	19	6			
				317	14	6
Salaries	1,205	0	2			
Government Insurance	40	6	3			
				1,245	6	5
Telephone and Telegrams	52	0	7			
Postage	201	0	3			
				253	0	10
Printing and Stationery				197	14	4
Repairs				9	16	11
Press Cuttings				10	7	6
Insurance				46	18	9
Miscellaneous... ..				23	8	3
„ Annual Report				29	4	0
„ Annual Council Meeting	52	15	3			
„ Transfer from <i>Townswoman</i> for space therein	25	0	0			
				77	15	3
„ Schools				13	12	1
„ Joint Conference at Birmingham				12	16	10
„ Fares and Expenses of Executive Committee...				340	17	1
„ Transfer from Publications Account, for Literature, Badges, etc. (see Account I) ...				14	19	4
„ Transfer from <i>Townswoman</i> for cost of free copies of <i>Townswoman</i> (see Account II) ...	48	7	8			
„ Postage on free copies of <i>Townswoman</i> (see Account II)	22	18	0			
				71	5	8
„ Revision of Constitution	30	12	8			
„ Transfer from <i>Townswoman</i> for space therein (see Account II)	30	0	0			
				60	12	8
„ Bank Charges				5	10	4
„ Legal Charges				2	2	0
„ Audit Fee				21	0	0
„ Depreciation : Furniture and Fittings ...				9	18	7
„ Organisation :—						
Salaries	876	13	1			
Expenses	416	3	7			
				*1,292	16	8
„ Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, carried to Capital Account				93	6	11
				£4,150	4	11

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Affiliation Fees				938	14	11
„ Guild Contributions				2,094	6	11
„ Subscriptions	125	1	0			
„ Income Tax recoverable on covenanted subscriptions for 1936/37	14	0	7			
				139	1	7
„ Donations				50	9	2
„ Transfer from N.C.S.S. Grant Account (see Account IV)				*305	10	0
„ Transfer from S.C.C.S. Grant Account (see Account V)				*34	12	8
„ Interest on Investment				11	4	0
„ Balance transferred from Publications Profit and Loss Account (see Account I)... ..				265	3	6
„ Balance transferred from <i>Townswoman</i> Profit and Loss Account (see Account II) ...				304	9	6
„ Sundry Receipts				6	12	8

* 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 special areas not included in the Budget.

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NATIONAL UNION OF
I.—PUBLICATIONS
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock: 1st January, 1937:—						
Handbooks	4	4	10			
Literature	84	14	3			
Stationery	57	13	7			
Badges	25	4	6			
Diaries	19	3				
				172	16	5
„ Purchases				502	13	0
„ Salary and Insurance				68	16	8
„ Balance transferred to General Income and Expenditure Account				265	3	6
				£1,009	9	7

II.—“ THE
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Publishing Expenses				829	14	7
„ Distribution Expenses		25	12	1		
„ Postage	£181	8	7			
Less Chargeable to N.U. for free copies		22	18	0		
				158	10	7
				184	2	8
„ Salary and Insurance		137	13	4		
„ Printing and Stationery		6	16	9		
„ Commission		2	14	4		
				147	4	5
„ Balance transferred to General Income and Expenditure Account				304	9	6
				£1,465	11	2

III.—HANDICRAFTS ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Handicraft Adviser:—						
Salary (part time)	200	0	0			
Expenses	67	12	3			
				267	12	3
„ Pages in <i>Townswoman</i>				38	17	6
„ Advertising Handbooks				15	0	
„ National Travelling Handicraft Exhibition Expenses (including pages in <i>Townswoman</i>) less receipts				375	19	6
„ Balance carried down, being amount of grant unexhausted				62	1	4
				£745	5	7

* On 31st December, 1937, the stock of Handbooks was valued at £92 13s. 6d.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales				740	17	4
„ Free Distribution to new Guilds for Propaganda, charged to National Union (see General Income & Expenditure Account)				14	19	4
„ Stock, 31st December, 1937:—						
Handbooks	30	12	6			
Literature	66	5	7			
Stationery	121	17	7			
Badges	34	17	3			
				253	12	11
				£1,009	9	7

TOWNSWOMAN ”
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Sales, less Returns				1,106	0	1
„ Charged to National Union for:—						
Free Copies to Guilds and Federation Secretaries and to New Guilds (see General Income & Expenditure Account)		48	7	8		
Pages in connection with Annual Council Meeting (see General Income & Expenditure Account)		25	0	0		
Revision of Constitution (see General Income & Expenditure Account)		30	0	0		
„ Charged to Handicrafts Account for pages:				103	7	8
General (see Account III)		38	17	6		
Exhibition (see Account III)		20	0	0		
				58	17	6
„ Advertisement Revenue				197	1	11
„ Donations				0	4	0
				£1,465	11	2

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.
By Balance of grant unexhausted, 31st December, 1936	37	1	9
„ Grant for 1937 Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	700	0	0
„ Sale of Handbooks*	8	3	10
	£745	5	7
By Balance brought down	£62	1	4

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

	£	s.	d.
To Amount transferred to General Income and Expenditure			
Account for forming 13 Guilds during 1937	305	10	0
	£305	10	0

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

	£	s.	d.
To Balance due from S.C.C.S., 31st December, 1936			9
,, Amount transferred to General Income and Expenditure Account for work in special areas	34	12	8
,, Balance carried down, being amount of Grant unexhausted	45	6	7
	£80	0	0

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.
By Grant for England and Wales	305	10	0
	£305	10	0

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
1937

	£	s.	d.
By Grant for Scotland	80	0	0
	£80	0	0
By Balance brought down	45	6	7

NATIONAL UNION OF
BALANCE SHEET

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT :—						
As on 31st December, 1936	1,049	1	1			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1937 ...	93	6	11			
				1,142	8	0
RESERVE FUND :—						
As on 31st December, 1936				300	9	5
ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND RESERVE :—						
As on 31st December, 1936	11	2	8			
Interest received and invested		7	4			
				11	10	0
HANDICRAFTS ACCOUNT :—						
Amount of grant unexhausted				62	1	4
S.C.C.S. GRANT ACCOUNT :—						
Amount of Grant Unexhausted				45	6	7
POOLING OF DELEGATES' FARES RESERVE				69	7	9
SUNDRY CREDITORS				711	6	4
				£2,342	9	5

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.
February 11th, 1938.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS
31st DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
OFFICE FURNITURE AND FITTINGS :—						
As on 31st December, 1936	146	19	6			
Add Purchased during year	51	12	6			
				198	12	0
Less Depreciation		9	18	7		
					188	13
						5
RESERVE FUND INVESTMENT—						
£320 3½% War Loan Registered Stock ...					300	9
						5
ENDOWMENT AND BUILDING FUND INVESTMENT :—						
£11 3s. 1d. 3½% Conversion Stock						11
						10
						0
STOCK OF PUBLICATIONS, ETC.	253	12	11			
OFFICE STATIONERY		87	15	3		
					341	8
						2
SUNDRY DEBTORS					462	1
						3
CASH AT BANK	999	17	5			
CASH IN HAND		38	9	9		
					1,038	7
						2
				£2,342	9	5

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

DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Anonymous	2	15	0				
"		4	4				
"	28	3	2				
"	2	10	6				
"	4	4	9				
"	3	4	1				
Cropper, Mrs. Marion	1	0	0				
Electrical Association for Women	5	5	0				
Executive Committee							
Halfpenny Fund ...	1	1	4				
Myers, Mrs.	1	1	0				
Tapp, Miss S.	1	0	0				
					£50	9	2

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS AND FEDERATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Abingdon	7	0	0				
Acocks Green	5	5	0				
Addlestone Afternoon...	5	0	0				
Addlestone Evening ...	4	0	0				
Airdrie	3	0	0				
Allestree	7	7	0				
Alloa	5	10	0				
Alvaston	7	7	0				
Ashford, Kent	5	5	0				
Ashford, Middlesex ...	10	0	0				
Ashington	5	0	0				
Ashtead	13	19	2				
Banbury	6	9	0				
Banff	9	0	0				
Barnes	6	0	0				
Barnet	15	18	6				
Bathgate	7	0	0				
Beaconsfield	14	7	3				
Bedlington	6	0	0				
Bedminster	1	10	0				
Belper	6	0	0				
Benton and Forest Hall Afternoon ...	6	0	0				
Benton and Forest Hall Evening ...	6	10	0				
Berks. and Oxon. Federa- tion of T.G.'s ...	3	3	0				
Bermondsey	1	1	0				
Bethnal Green	1	1	0				
Birchgrove	3	5	0				
Birtley	10	6	0				
Bishopmill	8	8	0				
Bitterne Park and St. Denys	2	0	0				
Blackhall	9	0	0				
Blyth	1	1	0				
Bo'ness	6	0	0				
Bournemouth East ...	5	0	0				
Bournemouth Westcliff	6	10	0				
Branksome and Park- stone	4	0	0				
Bridge of Allan	2	0	0				
Brierley Hill	3	3	0				
Brixham	4	0	0				
Brynmawr	2	2	0				
Bristol and District Handwork Exhibition Committee	1	10	0				
Buckie	12	0	0				
Buckton Vale	2	2	0				
Bullington	3	0	0				
Burnham	5	10	0				
Burnside	9	0	0				
Burnt Oak	6	0	0				
Bushey	6	10	0				
Canning Town Settle- ment	15	0	0				
Carlisle I	6	0	0				
Carshalton	1	8	3				
Central Brighton ...	5	0	0				
Central Cowley	7	0	0				
Central London Federa- tion of T.G.'s ...	2	2	0				
Central Plymouth ...	10	0	0				
Chapel-en-le-Frith ...	4	0	0				
Chesham Bois	10	0	0				
Chester I	6	0	0				
Chester II	2	2	0				
Chester-le-Street ...	2	10	0				
Chichester	10	0	0				
Childwall and Wavertree	5	0	0				
Chiswick	5	0	0				

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Christchurch	3	3	0				
Cippenham	6	0	0				
Clevedon	11	0	0				
Coatbridge	5	5	0				
Cockermouth	3	0	0				
Cockfosters	5	0	0				
Cockington with Chels- ton	2	0	0				
Colindale	6	10	0				
Consett	6	6	0				
Corstorphine	2	0	0				
Cranford	5	2	0				
Crieff	3	0	0				
Crouch End	2	2	0				
Croydon I	10	6	0				
Cullen	6	0	0				
Dagenham	1	0	0				
Dalkeith	7	2	0				
Darley Dale	3	5	0				
Darlington	10	16	6				
Darlington Dodmire ...	6	0	0				
Darlington North End	5	5	0				
Darlington West End	9	0	0				
Darlington Yarm Road	3	0	0				
Dawlish	10	10	0				
Denton	1	0	0				
Derby Suburban	10	10	0				
Dorking	7	10	0				
Dovecot	3	3	0				
Downham	10	0	0				
Drumchapel	4	0	0				
Dudley	6	0	0				
Dunblane	3	0	0				
Dunston-on-Tyne	1	0	0				
Durham	10	0	0				
East Barnet Valley ...	12	0	0				
East Brighton	1	15	0				
Eastleigh	6	10	0				
East of Scotland Federa- tion of T.G.'s ...	10	0	0				
Eccles	3	10	0				
Edgware	7	10	0				
Epsom I	6	0	0				
Epsom II (1936/37) ...	2	0	0				
Erdington	3	0	0				
Ewell	10	6	0				
Eyemouth	15	0	0				
Fauldhouse	4	0	0				
Fenham	5	5	0				
Finchley	12	0	0				
Folkestone Afternoon	6	0	0				
Forres	6	0	0				
Fraserburgh	8	0	0				
Friern Barnet	7	7	0				
Gallashiels	8	10	0				
Gateshead Central ...	3	3	0				
Gateshead Low Fell ...	3	3	0				
Gateshead Saltwell ...	6	0	0				
Gateshead Sheriff Hill	2	0	0				
Gatley	7	0	0				
Golders Green	3	10	0				
Gosforth	6	0	0				
Grangemouth	3	10	0				
Griffithstown and Sebas- tapol	5	9	0				
Guildford	8	0	0				
The Hale, Mill Hill ...	1	1	0				
Hale	8	0	0				
Halesowen	6	0	0				
Hall Green	3	15	0				
Halling	1	0	0				
Hampden Park	3	0	0				
Hampstead	9	2	6				
Hanwell, Ealing and Greenford	9	15	0				
Harborne	9	0	0				
Harrow	20	0	0				
Hassocks and District ...	6	10	0				

	£	s.	d.
Kenton, Newcastle ...	5	17	0
Kenilworth ...	6	10	0
Killingworth ...	4	10	0
King's Heath ...	6	0	0
King's Park ...	9	0	0
Knightswood ...	2	2	0
Knowle ...	10	0	0
Lache-cum-Saltney ...	5	0	0
Larbert and Stenhouse- muir ...	6	0	0
Laurencekirk ...	2	2	0
Leatherhead ...	13	0	0
Leeds ...	6	10	0
Lemington ...	2	0	0
Leominster ...	3	0	0
Linlithgow ...	5	0	0
Littlehampton ...	4	4	0
Littleover ...	20	0	0
Llanhilleth and Aber- beeg ...	1	1	0
Long Eaton ...	5	0	0
Lossiemouth ...	5	10	0
Low Hill and Bushbury ...	1	10	0
Ludlow ...	6	10	0
Lye and Wollescote ...	4	10	0
Manor Road, Canning Town ...	1	0	0
Matlock ...	6	0	0
Melrose ...	5	0	0
Middlesbrough I ...	6	10	0
Middlesbrough II ...	6	10	0
Middlewich ...	2	2	0
Mill Hill ...	17	7	6
Milngavie ...	6	0	6
Monkton and Primrose ...	2	0	0
Monkwearmouth ...	10	0	0
Montrose ...	10	0	0
Morehall and Cheriton ...	2	0	0
Moseley ...	12	0	0
Moulsecocomb ...	10	0	0
Mudford ...	5	0	0
Muswell Hill ...	3	0	0
Nairn ...	6	0	0
Nantwich ...	5	0	0
Nantyglo ...	3	0	0
Newbridge ...	2	2	0
Newburn ...	3	0	0
Newhaven ...	8	0	0
New Malden ...	8	0	0
New Mills ...	6	0	0
Newport Maindee ...	2	2	0
Newton Abbott ...	6	10	0
Normanton ...	12	0	0
Norris Green ...	10	0	0
Northam St. Mary's ...	12	6	
North Berwick ...	3	3	0
North Kensington ...	3	0	0
North London Federation of T.G's ...	3	3	0

	£	s.	d.
North Shields ...	2	12	6
North Watford ...	2	2	0
Northwich I (Evening) ...	2	2	0
Northwich Central ...	4	0	0
Norton-on-Tees ...	6	0	0
Norwood Green ...	6	0	0
Nuneaton ...	5	0	0
Oakengates ...	1	10	0
Oban ...	2	0	0
Old Ford (The Island) ...	5	0	0
Ormskirk ...	2	0	0
Old Thornaby ...	4	4	0
Paignton ...	4	0	0
Paisley ...	6	0	0
Peebles ...	3	0	0
Penarth ...	1	0	0
Pensnett ...	2	2	0
Peterhead ...	7	0	0
Pinner ...	10	0	0
Plean ...	10	0	0
Plympton ...	6	0	0
Pontnewydd ...	4	0	0
Pontypool ...	7	0	0
Portishead ...	8	0	0
Portsoy ...	4	0	0
Preston ...	10	0	0
Prestwich ...	6	0	0
Quintons ...	8	0	0
Radcliffe ...	3	0	0
Raynes Park ...	10	0	0
Reading ...	15	0	0
Rhiwbina ...	5	0	0
Rhymney ...	10	0	0
Richings Park ...	10	0	0
Richmond ...	5	5	0
Rickmansworth ...	7	0	0
Ringwood ...	3	0	0
Risca and Pontymister ...	6	6	0
Rochester ...	3	0	0
Rogerstone ...	10	0	0
Roker and Fulwell ...	6	0	0
Romford ...	7	0	0
Romsey ...	3	5	0
Rosehill, Willington-on- Tyne ...	1	0	0
Rosyth ...	2	2	0
Rugby ...	3	10	0
Runcorn I ...	1	11	6
Runcorn II ...	1	0	0
St. Helier ...	6	0	0
St. Loyes ...	5	0	0
St. Marychurch and Babbacombe ...	2	2	0
St. Pancras ...	10	0	0
St. Thomas ...	8	8	0
Sale ...	3	0	0
Saltburn ...	8	10	0
Sandown ...	12	3	0
Sandwich ...	10	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Seaham and Dawdon ...	3	2	6
Sea Mills ...	6	10	0
Selkirk ...	3	0	0
Shanklin ...	14	0	0
Shirley and Millbrook ...	5	0	0
Shoeburyness ...	5	0	0
Slough ...	3	0	0
Southall ...	18	0	0
Southampton Central ...	7	0	0
Southchurch ...	15	0	0
Southcotes ...	6	10	0
Southend-on-Sea ...	10	0	0
Southgate ...	13	0	0
South Oxford ...	2	2	0
South Shields Central ...	2	0	0
South Shields, Harton ...	3	3	0
South Shields, Tyne Dock ...	1	1	0
South Shields, Westoe ...	5	7	0
Southwick ...	6	0	0
Spring Grove ...	13	0	0
Springwood ...	1	0	0
Stalybridge ...	2	2	0
Stanley ...	13	0	0
Stepney ...	4	0	0
Stockton-on-Tees ...	5	0	0
Stonehaven ...	10	10	0
Stourbridge ...	10	0	0
Stourport-on-Severn ...	7	10	0
Sunderland I ...	3	3	0
Sunderland II ...	3	0	0
Sunderland, Barnes Pk. ...	6	0	0
Swaythling ...	4	4	0
Tamworth ...	7	7	0
Tavistock ...	6	0	0
Teignmouth ...	1	1	0
Thornaby Central ...	8	0	0
Thurso ...	5	0	0
Timperley ...	10	0	0
Tolworth ...	12	0	0
Torre and Hele ...	5	0	0
Totnes ...	7	0	0
Totton ...	3	5	0
Treharris ...	1	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Turriff ...	3	0	6
Tynemouth ...	7	0	0
Upminster Afternoon ...	10	0	0
Upminster Evening ...	5	0	0
Urmston ...	9	10	0
Walker ...	1	2	0
Wallasey ...	3	10	0
Wallsend ...	5	0	0
Walton-on-Thames ...	12	0	0
Walton-Clubmoor ...	1	0	0
Wanstead ...	3	3	0
Watford Central ...	6	10	0
Wellington, Salop ...	11	0	0
Westbury-on-Trym ...	5	0	0
West Calder ...	1	1	0
Westcliff (Leigh-on-Sea) ...	6	10	0
West Derby and Larkhill ...	7	10	0
West Hartlepool ...	5	0	0
Weybridge ...	20	0	0
Whepton ...	2	0	0
Whitley Bay ...	6	0	0
Whitton ...	6	6	0
Wick ...	5	0	0
Widnes ...	3	13	6
Wigan ...	5	10	0
Wigton ...	19	0	0
Willaston & Wistaston ...	5	0	0
Winsford ...	2	2	0
Winton and Moordown ...	5	0	0
Withernsea ...	7	0	0
Woking ...	2	10	0
Wolverhampton ...	2	6	9
Woolston ...	7	7	0
Workington ...	6	0	0
Worthing ...	7	10	0
Wyken ...	1	1	0
Yoker ...	2	0	0
York Central ...	6	10	0
York City ...	3	0	0
Ystrad Mynach ...	1	1	0

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1937

	£	s.	d.
Anonymous	3	10	0
Auerbach, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Badger, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Bertram, Mrs. ...	3	0	
Blackwood, Lady Hermione ...	2	6	
Blamires, J.P., Mrs. ...	3	0	0
Briscoe, Mrs. ...	2	6	

	£	s.	d.
Bryson, Miss H. I. ...	1	1	0
Buchanan, Miss M. J. ...	1	10	0
Bulmer, Mrs. Fred ...	1	0	0
Caton, Miss A. R. ...	10	6	
Corbett, Mrs. Adrian ...	5	5	0
Cowburn, Mrs. ...	10	6	
Daniel, Lady ...	1	1	0
Daniel, Sir Augustus M. ...	1	0	0

Adopted at the Annual Council Meeting, March, 1934.

5—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.

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 May, 1938

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.

ENGLAND

BERKSHIRE

ABINGDON (1)
MAIDENHEAD (21)
READING (1)
*WINDSOR

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

BEACONSFIELD (21)
BURNHAM (21)
CHESHAM BOIS AND AMERSHAM (21)
HIGH WYCOMBE (21)
RICHINGS PARK (21)
SLOUGH :—
CIPPENHAM (21)
SLOUGH I (21)

CHESHIRE

BRAMHALL (13)
BROMBOROUGH (12)
BUCKTON VALE (13)
CHEADLE HULME (13)
CHESTER :—
CHESTER I (5)
CHESTER II (5)
HOOLE AND NEWTON (5)
LACHE-CUM-SALTNEY (5)
CREWE :—
*CREWE AFTERNOON
*CREWE EVENING
EASTHAM (12)
GATLEY (13)
HALE (13)
HYDE (13)
LEASOWE (12)
MIDDLEWICH (5)
NANTWICH (5)
NORTHWICH :—
NORTHWICH I (5)
NORTHWICH II (CENTRAL) (5)
RUNCORN :—
RUNCORN I (5)
RUNCORN II (5)
SALE (13)
STALYBRIDGE (13)
TIMPERLEY AND DISTRICT (13)

CHESHIRE (continued)

WALLASEY (12)
WILLASTON & WISTASTON I (5)
WINSFORD (5)

CUMBERLAND

CARLISLE .—
CARLISLE I
CARLISLE II
COCKERMOUTH
EGREMONT
WHITEHAVEN
WIGTON
WORKINGTON

DERBYSHIRE

ALFRETON (6)
ALLESTREE (6)
ALVASTON (6)
BELPER (6)
CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH (13)
DARLEY DALE (6)
DERBY SUBURBAN (6)
FRECHEVILLE (SHEFFIELD)
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)

DEVONSHIRE (continued)**TORQUAY :—**

COCKINGTON WITH CHELSTON (7)
 ST. MARYCHURCH AND BABBA-
 COMBE (7)
 TORRE AND HELE (7)
 TOTNES (7)

DORSET

BRANKSOME & PARKSTONE (10)

DURHAM

BIRTLEY (28)
 BISHOP AUCKLAND (26)
 CHESTER-LE-STREET (28)
 CONSETT (28)
DARLINGTON :—
 COCKERTON (26)
 DARLINGTON (26)
 DODMIRE (26)
 NORTH END (26)
 PIERREMONT (26)
 WEST END (26)
 YARM ROAD (26)
 DUNSTON-ON-TYNE (15)
 DURHAM CITY (28)
GATESHEAD :—
 CENTRAL (15)
 LOW FELL (15)
 SALTWELL (15)
 SHERIFF HILL (15)
 HEBBURN (17)
 HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING (28)
JARROW :—
 JARROW (17)
 MONKTON AND PRIMROSE (17)
 NORTON-ON-TEES (26)
 SEAHAM AND DAWDON (28)
SOUTH SHIELDS :—
 CENTRAL (17)
 CLEADON PARK (17)
 HARTON (17)
 LAYGATE (17)
 TYNE DOCK (17)
 WESTOE (17)
 STANLEY (28)
STOCKTON-ON-TEES :—
 GRANGE ESTATE (26)
 STOCKTON-ON-TEES (26)
SUNDERLAND :—
 GRANGE PARK (28)
 GRANGETOWN (28)
 HAVELOCK (28)
 MONKWEARMOUTH (28)
 PALLION (28)
 ROKER AND FULWELL (28)
 SOUTHWICK (28)

DURHAM (continued)

SUNDERLAND I (28)
 SUNDERLAND II (28)
 SUNDERLAND BARNES PARK (28)
WEST HARTLEPOOL :—
 WEST HARTLEPOOL I (28)
 WEST HARTLEPOOL II (26)
 WHICKHAM (15)

ESSEX

***CHINGFORD**
CANNING TOWN :—
 CANNING TOWN SETTLEMENT (4)
 CUMBERLAND ROAD (4)
 MANOR ROAD (4)
 OLD CANNING TOWN (4)
 DAGENHAM (29)
 EAST BARKING (29)
 HIGHLANDS (LEIGH-ON-SEA) (22)
 ILFORD AND BARKINGSIDE (29)
ROMFORD :—
 ROMFORD (29)
 SHOEBURYNNESS (22)
 SOUTHCHURCH (22)
 SOUTHEND-ON-SEA (22)
UPMINSTER :—
 UPMINSTER AFTERNOON (22)
 UPMINSTER EVENING (22)
 WANSTEAD (29)
 WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA (22)

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)
 TOTTEN (10)
 SWAYTHLING (10)
 WOOLSTON (10)

HEREFORDSHIRE

HEREFORD
 LEOMINSTER (31)
 ROSS-ON-WYE

HERTFORDSHIRE

BARNET (18)
 BUSHEY (27)
 COCKFOSTERS (18)
 EAST BARNET VALLEY (18)
 FRIERN BARNET AND WHETSTONE
 (18)
RICKMANSWORTH :—
 *CROXLEY GREEN
 *MILL END
 RICKMANSWORTH (27)
WATFORD :—
 CENTRAL (27)
 NORTH (27)

ISLE OF WIGHT

COWES & DISTRICT (10)
 NEWPORT (10)
 RYDE (10)
 SANDOWN (10)
 SHANKLIN (10)
 VENTNOR (10)

KENT

ASHFORD
 DOWNHAM (4)
FOLKESTONE :—
 FOLKESTONE AFTERNOON
 MOREHALL AND CHERITON
 HALLING
 HYPHE
 RAINHAM
 ROCHESTER
 SANDWICH
 SNODLAND
 WHITSTABLE AND TANKERTON

LANCASHIRE

BARROW-IN-FURNESS (12)
 ECCLES (13)
 HORWICH (13)
LIVERPOOL :—
 CHILDWALL AND WAVERTREE (12)
 DOVECOT (12)
 FAZAKERLEY (12)
 GREAT CROSBY I (12)
 GREAT CROSBY II (12)
 MOSSLEY HILL (12)
 NORRIS GREEN (12)
 SPRINGWOOD (12)
 WALTON-CLUBMOOR (12)
 WATERLOO (12)
 WEST DERBY AND LARKHILL (12)

LANCASHIRE (continued)

ORMSKIRK (12)
 PRESTWICH AND DISTRICT (13)
 RADCLIFFE (13)
 SOUTHPORT (12)
 URMSTON (13)
 WIDNES (12)
 WIGAN (13)
 WYTHENSHAW (MANCHESTER) (13)

LONDON

BERMONDSEY (4)
 BETHNAL GREEN (4)
 HAMPSTEAD (11)
 HOXTON (4)
 LAMBETH (4)
 MARYLEBONE (4)
 ST. PANCRAS (4)
 SHEPHERD'S BUSH (NORLANDS) (4)
 STEPNEY (4)
 WESTMINSTER I (4)

MIDDLESEX

ASHFORD :—
 ASHFORD (30)
 *ASHFORD EVENING
 BELMONT (11)
 BURNT OAK (11)
 CHISWICK (30)
 COLINDALE (11)
 CRANFORD (30)
 CROUCH END (18)
 EDGWARE & LITTLE STANMORE (11)
 FINCHLEY (18)
 GOLDERS GREEN (11)
 HANWELL, EALING & GREENFORD (30)
HARROW :—
 HARROW (11)
 SOUTH HARROW AND ROXETH (11)
 HAYES (30)
 HENDON (11)
 HESTON (30)
 HIGHGATE AFTERNOON (18)
 HOUNSLOW (30)
 KENTON (11)
MILL HILL :—
 BROADWAY
 THE HALE (11)
 MILL HILL (11)
 MUSWELL HILL (18)
 NEW PERIVALE (30)
 NORTHWOOD (27)
 NORWOOD GREEN (30)
 PINNER (27)
 SOUTHALL (30)
SOUTHGATE :—
 SOUTHGATE (18)
 SOUTHGATE VILLAGE (18)
 WINCHMORE HILL (18)

MIDDLESEX (continued)

SPRING GROVE (30)
STAINES :—
 STAINES AFTERNOON (30)
 STAINES EVENING (30)
 TEDDINGTON (30)
 TWICKENHAM (30)
 WHITTON (30)

NORTHUMBERLAND

ASHINGTON (17)
 BEDLINGTON (17)
BENTON AND FOREST HALL :—
 BENTON AND FOREST HALL
 AFTERNOON (17)
 BENTON AND FOREST HALL
 EVENING (17)
 BLYTH (17)
 HEXHAM (15)
 KILLINGWORTH (LONGBENTON) (17)
 LEMINGTON (15)
 MORPETH (17)
 NEWBURN (15)
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE :—
 DENTON (15)
 FENHAM (15)
 GOSFORTH (15)
 HEATON (15)
 HEATON AFTERNOON (15)
 JESMOND I (15)
 JESMOND II (15)
 KENTON (15)
 WALKER (15)
 WALKERGATE (15)
 NORTH SHIELDS (17)
 TYNEMOUTH I (17)
 WALLSEND CENTRAL (17)
 WHITLEY BAY & MONKSEATON (17)
WILLINGTON-ON-TYNE :—
 ROSEHILL (17)

OXFORDSHIRE

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

SHROPSHIRE

LUDLOW (31)
 OAKENGATES (2)
 SHREWSBURY
 WELLINGTON (2)

SOMERSET

CLEVEDON
 PORSTISHEAD

STAFFORDSHIRE

BRIERLEY HILL (31)
 TAMWORTH (2)
WOLVERHAMPTON :—
 LOW HILL AND BUSHBURY (31)
 WOLVERHAMPTON I (2)

SURREY

ADDLESTONE :—
 ADDLESTONE AFTERNOON (24)
 ADDLESTONE EVENING (24)
 ASHTEAD (24)
 BARNES CENTRAL (30)
 CARSHALTON (16)
CHERTSEY :—
 CHERTSEY AFTERNOON (24)
 CHERTSEY EVENING (24)
 CROYDON I
 DORKING (24)
EPSOM :—
 EPSOM I (24)
 EPSOM II (24)
 EWELL (24)
GODALMING :—
 GODALMING AFTERNOON (24)
 GODALMING EVENING (24)
 GUILDFORD (24)
HORLEY :—
 HORLEY AFTERNOON (25)
 HORLEY EVENING (25)
 KINGSTON (16)
 LEATHERHEAD (24)
MALDEN :—
 NEW MALDEN (16)
 OLD MALDEN (16)
 *MERTON PARK
 *NORTH CHEAM
 RAYNES PARK (16)
 RICHMOND (30)
 ST. HELIER (MORDEN) (16)
 TOLWORTH (16)
 WALTON-ON-THAMES (24)
 WEYBRIDGE (24)
 WOKING (24)

SUSSEX

BRIGHTON :—
 CENTRAL (25)
 EAST BRIGHTON (25)
 HOLLINGBURY (25)
 KEMP TOWN (25)
 MOULSECOOMB (25)
 PRESTON (25)
 CHICHESTER (25)

SUSSEX (continued)

EASTBOURNE :—
 HAMPDEN PARK (25)
 HASSOCKS (25)
 HAYWARDS HEATH (25)
 HORSHAM (25)
 HOVE (25)
 LITTLEHAMPTON (25)
 NEWHAVEN (25)
 WORTHING (25)

WARWICKSHIRE

BIRMINGHAM :—
 ACOCKS GREEN (2)
 ERDINGTON (2)
 HALL GREEN (2)
 HARBORNE (2)
 KINGS HEATH (2)
 MOSELEY (2)
 QUINTONS (31)
 KENILWORTH (2)
 NUNEATON (2)
 RUGBY (2)
 WYKEN (COVENTRY) (2)

WORCESTERSHIRE

DUDLEY :—
 DUDLEY (31)
 THE PRIORY (31)
 HALESOWEN (31)
 LYE AND WOLLESCOTE (31)
 PENSNETT (31)
 STOURBRIDGE (31)
 STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN (31)

SCOTLAND**ABERDEENSHIRE**

FRASERBURGH (20)
 PETERHEAD (20)
 TURRIFF (20)

ANGUS

MONTROSE (20)

AYRSHIRE

AYR (32)

ARGYLLSHIRE

OBAN (14)

BANFFSHIRE

BANFF (20)
 BUCKIE (19)
 CULLEN (19)
 KEITH (19)
 MACDUFF (20)
 PORTSOY (19)

YORKSHIRE

BEVERLEY :—
 BEVERLEY I (9)
 BEVERLEY II (9)
 HALIFAX
 HORNSEA (9)
HULL :—
 NORTH HULL (9)
 SOUTHCOATES (9)
 SOUTH WEST HULL (9)
 SUTTON (9)

LEFDS :—
 ALLWOODLEY
 BURLEY
 LEEDS CENTRAL
 MIDDLETON

MIDDLESBROUGH :—
 MIDDLESBROUGH I (26)
 MIDDLESBROUGH II (26)
 NORMANTON

REDCAR (26)
 SALT BURN-BY-THE-SEA (26)
 SCARBOROUGH (9)

THORNABY :—
 OLD THORNABY (26)
 THORNABY CENTRAL (26)

WAKEFIELD
 WITHERNSEA (9)
YORK :—
 YORK CENTRAL (9)
 YORK CITY (9)

BERWICKSHIRE

EYEMOUTH (8)

CAITHNESS

THURSO (20)
 WICK (19)

CLACKMANNANSHIRE

ALLOA (14)

DUMBARTONSHIRE

HELENSBURGH (32)
 MILNGAVIE (32)
 YOKER (32)

EDINBURGH

BLACKHALL (8)
 CORSTORPHINE (8)
 KINGSKNOWE (8)

ELGIN

BISHOPMILL (19)
 FORRES (19)
 LOSSIEMOUTH (19)

FIFE

ROSYTH (8)

INVERNESS-SHIRE

INVERNESS (19)

KINCARDINESHIRE

INVERBERVIE (20)
 LAURENCEKIRK (20)
 STONEHAVEN (20)

LANARKSHIRE

AIRDRIE (32)
 CALDERCRUIX (32)
 COATBRIDGE (32)
 GLASGOW AND ENVIRONS :—
 BURNSIDE (32)
 DRUMCHAPEL (32)
 KING'S PARK (32)
 KNIGHTSWOOD (32)
 LANARK (32)
 WISHAW (32)

EAST LoTHIAN

NORTH BERWICK (3)

MIDLoTHIAN

DALKEITH (8)
 WEST CALDER (8)

WEST LoTHIAN

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

WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE**BRECKNOCKSHIRE**

BRYNMAWR (23)

DENBIGHSHIRE

DENBIGH

GLAMORGANSHIRE

BRIDGEND
 CAERPHILLY (23)

NAIRNSHIRE

NAIRN (19)

PEEBLES-SHIRE

PEEBLES (3)

PERTHSHIRE

CRIEFF (14)
 DUNBLANE (14)
 PERTH (14)

RENFREWSHIRE

EASTWOOD (32)
 PAISLEY (32)
 PORT GLASGOW (32)

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)

GLAMORGANSHIRE (cont.)

CARDIFF :—
 BIRCHGROVE (23)
 RHIWBINA (23)
 PENARTH
 PORT TALBOT
 MERTHYR TYDFIL :—
 TREHARRIS (MERTHYR TYDFIL) (23)
 YSTRAD MYNACH, HENGOED AND
 DISTRICT (23)

MONMOUTHSHIRE

ABERCARN (23)
 ABERSYCHAN (23)
 ABERTILLERY
 BASSALEG (23)
 BEDWAS
 BLAENAVALON (23)
 CROSSKEYS (23)
 CWM (23)
 CWMBRAN (23)
 GRIFFITHSTOWN & SEBASTOPOL (23)
 LLANHILLETH AND ABERBEEG (23)
 NANTYGLO (23)

MONMOUTHSHIRE (cont.)

NEWBRIDGE (23)
 NEWPORT :—
 HIGH CROSS (23)
 MAINDEE (23)
 ST. JULIANS (23)
 PONTNEWYDD (23)
 PONTYPOOL (23)
 RHYMNEY (23)
 RISCA AND PONTYMISTER (23)
 ROGERSTONE (23)
 TREDEGAR (23)

APPENDIX IV**FEDERATIONS OF TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILDS**

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| (1) BERKSHIRE AND OXFORDSHIRE | (17) NORTH-EAST COAST |
| (2) BIRMINGHAM | (18) NORTH LONDON |
| (3) BORDERS | (19) NORTH OF SCOTLAND |
| (4) CENTRAL LONDON | (20) NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND |
| (5) CHESTER | (21) SOUTH RUCKS AND DISTRICT |
| (6) DERBYSHIRE | (22) SOUTH ESSEX |
| (7) DEVONSHIRE | (23) SOUTH WALES AND GWENT |
| (8) EAST OF SCOTLAND | (24) SURREY |
| (9) EAST YORKSHIRE | (25) SUSSEX |
| (10) HAMPSHIRE | (26) TEES-SIDE |
| (11) HENDON AND DISTRICT | (27) WATFORD AND DISTRICT |
| (12) LIVERPOOL | (28) WEARSIDE |
| (13) MANCHESTER | (29) WEST ESSEX |
| (14) MID-SCOTLAND | (30) WEST MIDDLESEX |
| (15) MID-TYNE | (31) WEST MIDLAND |
| (16) NEW MALDEN | (32) WEST 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

APPENDIX VI

PUBLICATIONS AND STATIONERY FOR SALE

N.U.T.G. PUBLICATIONS :—		* Discount Rates
<i>The Townswoman</i>	2d. monthly, 12 or more copies post free, or yearly subscription 3/-	
Annual Report	3d.	
T.G. Handbook	<i>In process of revision July, 1938</i>	
Handicraft Handbook of Reference	1/-	
Townswoman's Book of Gardening	6d.	
Townswoman's Book of Food ...	6d.	
Townswoman's Book of Pattern Design	6d.	
<i>Constitution and Rules :—</i>		
N.U.T.G. Federations and T.G.	2d.	
Membership Book	No charge	
Membership Cards	No charge	
T.G. Pocket Diary	1/-	11/- per dozen
History of the N.U.T.G.	½d.	4d. per dozen
How to plan the T.G. Programme	1d.	9d. per dozen
Programme Planning (reprint from <i>The Townswoman</i>)	1d.	
Of Embroidery	2d.	1/8 per dozen
Dont's for Embroidery	1d.	9d. per dozen

LEAFLETS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION

N.U.T.G. Publicity—

- Objects and Methods of Townswomen's Guilds
- Five reasons why you should join a Townswomen's Guild
- Townswomen's Guild Movement (descriptive leaflet)

Handicraft Leaflets—

- No. 1. Rugs, Knotted on Canvas (school)
- No. 2. What Colour can do to Handicraft (lecture)
- No. 3. Patchwork Inlay (school)
- No. 4. Candlewick Tufting (school)
- No. 5. Afghan Crochet (school)
- No. 6. Woven Rugs (school)
- No. 7. Template Making and Design for Wadded Quilting (school)
- No. 8. Embroidery Cross Stitch Samplers (school)

STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT

Headed T.G. notepaper, Pad of 100 sheets	1/3
Ditto, interleaved with two carbons	2/-

STATIONERY AND EQUIPMENT—*continued*

Plain notepaper to match above		
Pad of 100 sheets	9d.	
Correspondence Cards (with badge) per 100	1/6	6/6 per 500
Postcards for calling meetings—per 100	1/3	5/3 per 500
Postcards for calling committee meetings, with agenda—per 100	1/3	5/3 per 500
Posters with badge only, large size—per dozen	10d.	5/- per 100
Posters ditto, small size—per doz.	8d.	4/3 per 100
Programme Blanks (with badge in colour) 5½ ins. by 7 ins., creased for folding		2/- per 100
Programme Blanks (with badge in colour) 5½ ins. by 10½ ins. ...		2/6 per 100
Analysed Account Book	4/6.	
Subscription Receipt Book, R.1.	5d.	
Duplicate Receipt Book, R.2. ...	5d.	
Receipt Book, R.3.	4d.	
T.G. Badge	1/-	10/- per dozen
"Tea" Badges	3d.	2/6 per dozen
Plain Badges	2d.	1/10 per dozen
Covers for <i>The Townswoman</i> ...	1/6	17/- per dozen
Chairman's Hammer	4/6	
Printed Pencils	2d.	1/10 per dozen

* These rates are given for quantities of one or more complete dozens or hundreds. Postage will be charged according to quantities ordered.

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 17s. 8d. Three subscribers of £1 under the scheme would be giving an amount slightly exceeding 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, 2 Cromwell Place, S. Kensington, S.W.7.

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National Union of Townswomen's Guilds

CONSTITUTION

The National Union is a non-party, non-sectarian association consisting of :

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

METHODS

For the purpose of carrying out the above object the National Union :

- (1) shall form Townswomen's Guilds in towns and urban areas.
- (2) shall form Federations of Townswomen's Guilds.
- (3) shall hold an annual council meeting.
- (4) shall arrange joint conferences of Federation representatives and the National Union Executive.
- (5) shall publish *The Townswomen* and other publications for the use of Townswomen's Guilds.
- (6) shall arrange conferences, meetings, exhibitions and festivals.
- (7) shall take such action as may be deemed desirable for the furtherance of the object.
- (8) shall apply the funds of the National Union solely for the above object and not otherwise.
- (9) shall not carry out any policy that is in any way contrary to the objects of Townswomen's Guilds and Federations.

For Object and Functions see page ii of cover.

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