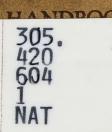


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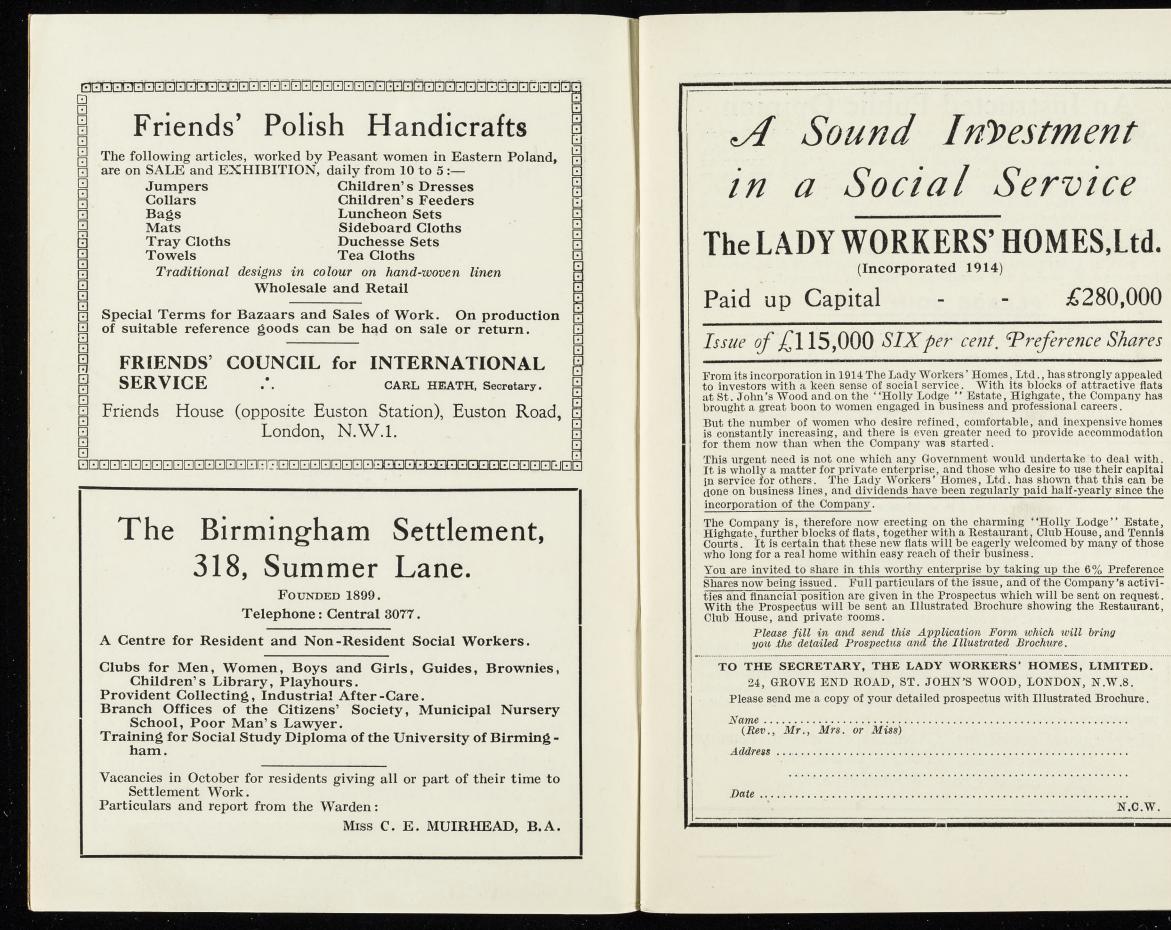
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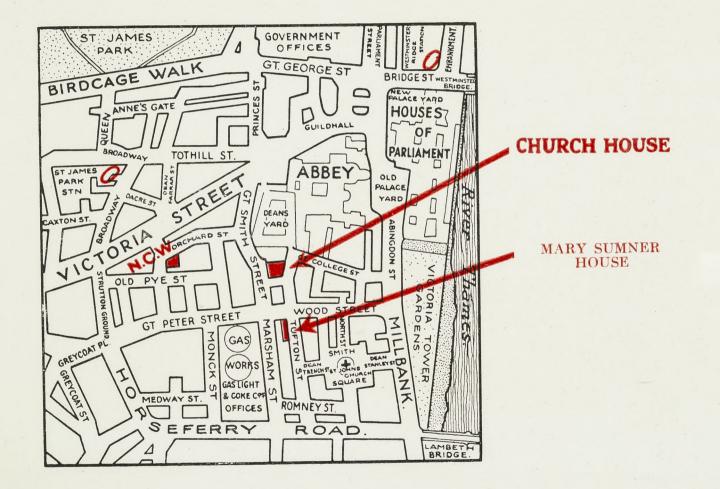
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Massage and Medical Gymnastics, Chartered Society of, 157, Great Portland Street, W.1.

- Portland Street, W.1. Mental After-Care Association of the Recovered Insane Chief House IIC: Dean's Yard, S.W.1.
- Metropolitan Public Gardens' Association, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.
- Midwives' Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of, Dacre House, Dean Farrar Street, S.W.1.
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- National Adult School Union, 30, Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1.
- National Health Society, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.
- National Vigilance Association, 2, Grosvenor Mansions, 76, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
- Newport Women Citizens' Association, Hilltop, Fields Park Road, Newport, Mon.
- Norland Institute, 10, Pembridge Square, W.2.
- Notting Dale Ladies' Association, 13, Montpelier Square, S.W.7.
- "Oxford" Liquor (Popular Control) Bill, Committee for, Underhills, Reigate.
- Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, N. Middlesex Hospital, Upper Edmonton, N.18.
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- Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, 58, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
- Ranyard Mission, Ranyard House, 25, Russell Square, W.C.1.
- Representative Managers of London Elementary Schools, 13, Carlton Terrace, Child's Hill, N.W.2.
- Rochester and Southwark Diocesan Deaconesses, 113, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.
- St. Hugh's College, Oxford.
- St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance, 55, Berners Street, W.1.
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Save the Children Fund, 26, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.1.

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- Sutton Coldfield Women Citizens' Association, Church House, Sutton Coldfield.
- Temperance Legislation League (Women's Section), Parliament Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
- Trained Nurses, Professional Union of, 17, Evelyn House, 62, Oxford Street, W.1.

Travellers' Aid Society, 6, Baker Street, W.1.

- University Women's Camps for School Girls, Federation of, 170, Victoria Street, S.W.1.
- Unmarried Mother and Her Child, National Council for the, 117. Piccadilly, W.1.
- Wage Earning Children, Committee on, 76, Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.
- Westfield College, Finchley Road, N.W.3.
- West London Mission, Kingsway Hall, W.C.2.
- Winchester Diocesan Deaconesses, St. Andrews Home, Portsmouth.
- Winchester Women Citizens' Association, Barton Segrave, Bereweeke Road, Winchester.
- Women Pharmacists, National Association of, 5, The Park, Forest Hill, S.E.23.
- Women Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors' Association, 92. Victoria Street, S.W.1.
- Women's Farm and Garden Association, 23, Park Road, Upper Baker Street, N.W.1.
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- Women House Property Managers, Association of, 3, Bedford Square, W.C.1.
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- Women's Service, London Society for, 35, Marsham Street, S.W.1.
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PUBLIC LUNCHEON. A public luncheon has been arranged at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, on Wednesday, 20th October at 1 p.m., for which Miss Kate Eaton reports that all the tickets are already sold. Short speeches have been promised by the Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs. Philip Snowden and the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Paul's.

LUNCHEON TO BRANCH PRESIDENTS. The President of the National Council of Women has invited the Presidents of the Branches to luncheon at her house on Friday, 23rd October.

I.C.W. LUNCHEON. The International Council of Women is arranging a Luncheon at the Lyceum Club, on Friday, 22nd October, at 1 p.m., in honour of the ladies accompanying the delegations from the Overseas Dominions to the Imperial Conference. The names of those wishing to be present should be sent to the Secretary, Lyceum Club, 138, Piccadilly, W.1. Luncheon price 3s. 6d., to be paid at the time. No tickets required.

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FORUM CLUB. The Executive Committee of the Forum Club offer the hospitality of the Club to Delegates visiting London for the Annual Meetings of the N.C.W. Cards of temporary membership can be obtained at the Enquiry Office in the Conference Hall, and must be returned to the Secretary of the Forum Club at the end of the period for which they are given.

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2. During the sitting of the Council a member speaking shall address the Chair from the platform. Short questions may be asked, or points of order raised from the body of the meeting.

3. The ruling of the Chair, on a point of order, on the advisability of a personal explanation, or on the time limit, shall be final and shall not be open to discussion.

4. Amendments to resolutions may be moved at the meeting.

5. Every amendment shall be in writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Chair.

6. No member shall, without permission from the Chair, address the Council more than once on any motion or amendment; the mover of an original motion may, however, reply, but she shall confine herself to answering previous speakers, and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate. After the reply, the question shall be put forthwith. The right of reply shall not extend to the mover of an amendment which, having been carried, has become the substantive motion.

7. Any member, whether she has spoken on the matter or not, may rise to a point of order, to ask a question, or in explanation; such explanation shall be confined to some material part of her former speech, which may have been misunderstood. A member so rising shall be entitled to be heard forthwith.

8. A motion or amendment may be withdrawn by the mover with the consent of the meeting, which shall be signified without debate; and it shall not be competent for any member to speak upon it after the mover has asked permission for its withdrawal, unless such permission shall have been refused.

9. A member who has formally seconded an amendment can speak to it at a later stage.

10. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of. If an amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall become the substantive resolution, upon which any further amendment shall be moved.

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PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

9-30-9-45:

Devotional Meeting in the Chapel, Mary Sumner House, Tufton Street (by kind permission of the Mothers' Union). Conducted by MRS. GEORGE CADBURY, J.P.

10-1:

Representative Council Meeting in the Church House. Chairman : THE PRESIDENT. THE HON. MRS. FRANKLIN.

Address of Welcome Presidential Address Annual Report	••	THE MAYOR OF WESTMINSTER. HON. MRS. FRANKLIN. MISS NORAH GREEN, General Secretary
		Secretary.

Appointment of Returning Officers for election of the Executive Committee.

(Members are asked to record their votes in the Ballot Room on Wednesday, 20th October, between 9-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m.)

Hon. Treasurer's Report and

Annual Statement of Accounts LADY TRUSTRAM EVE, L.C.C., Hon. Treasurer.

(See Amendments to the Constitution, p. 32.) Hon. Editor's Report... MISS E.M. EATON, Hon. Editor. Consideration of Resolutions. (See Agenda).

2-30-4-30:

Public Meeting on Some aspects of the Council's Work.

Chairman : THE LADY EMMOTT, J.P., Acting Vice-President.

"Women under English Law." MRS. CROFTS, LL.B. (Cantab.) A Solicitor of the Supreme Court.

"Should Married Women take COUNCILLOR MRS.E.D. SIMON. paid Work." "The Causes and Prevention of DR. T. WATTS EDEN, Consulting Obstetric Physician Maternal Mortality." to Charing Cross Hospital.

8-0:

Public Meeting.

- Chairman: THE COUNTESS OF SELBORNE, J.P., Vice-President. "Electricity in the Home from
- the Housewife's Point of View'' COUNCILLOR MRS. PRICE WHITE, Hon. Secretary, Bangor Branch.

"The Housing Problem and the MRS. GEORGE MORGAN, Vice-N.C.W.'' President.

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9-30-1:

Representative Council Meeting.

Chairman: THE PRESIDENT. Consideration of Resolutions (continued). "Openings for Women in the Legal MISS SYBIL CAMPBELL, Profession." Hon. Secretary, British Federation of University Women.

3-0:

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5-0:

Meeting for Girls.

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8-30:

Reception to delegates by the London members of the Executive Committee, in the Wharnecliffe Rooms, Marylebone.

THURSDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

9-30-9-45:

Devotional Meeting in the Chapel, Mary Sumner House (by kind permission of the Mothers' Union). Conducted by MRS. RANDALL DAVIDSON.

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Chairman: THE PRESIDENT. Consideration of Resolutions (continued).

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Public Meeting on Some aspects of the Council's Work. Chairman: MRS. OGILVIE GORDON, D.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S., J.P.

"The Oxford Liquor (Popular Control) Bill.' "The People's Games."

THE LADY FRANCES BALFOUR, LL.D., D.Litt. MRS. S. C. ELIOTT LYNN, A.R.C.Sc.I., Women's Amateur Athletic Association. "Women and Internationalism." MRS. FORBES-ROBERTSON HALE.

8-0:

3.

Public Meeting.

Chairman : THE HON. MRS. FRANKLIN, President.

"The Political Duty of Women." THE RIGHT HON. SIR ARTHUR STEEL-MAITLAND, Bt., M.P. Minister of Labour.

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MADAME DREYFUS BARNEY, Chevalier de la Légion d' Honneur.

FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

Visits and Excursions to places of interest in and around London. (See p. 38).

Final Agenda

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

(To follow Hon. Treasurer's Report).

"That those Branches of the National Council of Women 1. which have not paid their annual fee of £5 for two years shall have their representation on the Representative Council reduced, notice of this to be given at the close of the first year."

Proposed by Lady Trustram Eve. Seconded by Miss Brodie Hall.

"That Branches shall pay an annual subscription to headquarters of 1s. for each of their first hundred members, 9d. for each of their second hundred members, and 3d. for each member over 200 members, in lieu of the £5 fee plus the percentage."

Proposed by Lady Hort, Andover Branch. Seconded by Miss Rosamond Smith.

"That the Branches, Societies, and individual members of the National Council of Women shall make a special effort to raise not less than £5,000, this sum to form a capital fund, the interest on which shall be available to cover the rent of larger headquarters offices, including an adequate committee room and waiting room."

Proposed by Mrs. Edwin Gray. Seconded by the Lady Emmott.



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URGENCY RESOLUTIONS.

1. Factories Bill.

"That the National Council of Women, while welcoming the new Factories Bill, and especially the measures introduced for protecting workers against ill-health, accidents and fire, begs the Government so to amend the Bill as to make the provision of washing facilities and some accommodation for drying and keeping outdoor clothing compulsory in all work places, and to extend the provision of a weekly rest day and protection against overstrain from heavy weights to all workers, male and female.

Further, the National Council of Women most earnestly deprecates any lessening of the present restrictions on overtime for young persons."

> Proposed by Miss Cecile Matheson, Industrial Committee. Seconded by Miss Mary Phillips.

2. Solicitation Laws.

"This Council, noting that on March 25th, 1926, the Home Secretary stated in reply to a question by Sir Robert Newman, that he was considering the terms of reference and the personnel of a Committee of Enquiry into the Solicitation Laws, urges the Government to make a public announcement as soon as possible of the appointment of such a Committee of Enquiry, including the terms of reference, and if possible, the personnel."

Proposed by Miss Alison Neilans, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

Seconded by Miss Picton Turbervill, O.B.E.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Mental Defectives.

"That the National Council of Women is of opinion that an organised attempt should be made to reduce the numbers of the mentally unfit. This Council urges as a practical step immediately possible, that Poor Law Guardians should make use of the powers they have, to ensure that every woman in receipt of poor relief at the time of the birth of her second illegitimate child, and prior to her discharge, be examined by an expert under Part 1 Section II. b. VI. of the Mental Deficiency Act."

Proposed by Mrs. W. A. Potts, Birmingham Branch. Seconded by the Lady Maud Rolleston, C.B.E., J.P.

2. Royal Commission on Lunacy.

"That in view of the large proportion of women patients and women staff in our Public Mental Hospitals the National Council of Women urges that, in any legislation which may follow the publication of the Report of the Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder, the inclusion of a suitable number of women on the Committees directly responsible for the administration of all Public Mental Hospitals should be made compulsory, the number in no case to be less than two."

Proposed by Miss Pugh Jones, Llangollen Branch. Seconded by Miss Darbyshire, R.R.C., the College of Nursing.

Amendment:

"That the last clause, viz., the number in no case to be less than two, be omitted."

Proposed by the Standing Committee of Scottish Branches. 3. Sexual Offences.

"The National Council of Women, having considered the recommendations contained in the Report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young Persons, approves generally of its provisions and urges His Majesty's Government to introduce legislation at the earliest possible date on the lines suggested. The Council asks further that instructions should be issued forthwith by the Home Department, dealing with such recommendations as can be carried into effect by administrative action."

> Proposed by Miss Kelly, C.B.E., J.P. Portsmouth Branch. Seconded by Miss K. J. Stephenson, C.C., J.P., Salisbury Branch.

Amendment:

"That the National Council of Women, having considered the recommendations contained in the Reports of the Departmental Committees on Sexual Offences against Young Persons approves generally of *their* provisions lines suggested. The Council asks further that instructions should be issued forthwith by the Home Department *and by the Scottish Office* dealing with such recommendations."

Proposed by the Standing Committee of Scottish Branches.

4. Housing-Slum Clearance.

"That the National Council of Women deplores the evil effects of bad housing conditions on the community throughout the kingdom, and calls for more vigorous action on the part of the Government and of public authorities to remedy these injurious conditions by accelerating their housing schemes and slum clearance."

> Proposed by Mrs. Oldfield, London Branch. Seconded by Miss Helen Ward.

5. Housing-Reconditioning.

"That the National Council of Women is of opinion that the reconditioning of such of the older houses, both in town and country, as are suitable for this treatment, should receive more attention from Local Authorities and private owners than has hitherto been the case."

> Proposed by Miss Churton, Association of Women House Property Managers.

Seconded by the Lady Emmott, J.P.

6. Equal Franchise.

"That the National Council of Women calls upon the Government to introduce and carry into law without delay a simple franchise measure to enfranchise women at the same age and on the same terms as men."

Proposed by Miss Anna Munro, Women's Freedom League. Seconded by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

Amendment:

"That the National Council of Women calls upon the Government to introduce and carry into law without delay a simple franchise measure to enfranchise women at the same age, and on the same terms as men, provided that the voting age of both sexes be 25 years."

Proposed by the Aberdeen Branch.

7. Open Spaces.

"That this Council, recognising that an adequate supply of open spaces for the exercise, rest and recreation both of adults and young people is essential for the physical and moral welfare of the nation, strongly urges upon all public authorities concerned the necessity for making proper provision in this respect whilst land is still available

for the purpose, whether in connection with housing and town-planning schemes or otherwise."

- Proposed by Mrs. Basil Holmes, Metropolitan Public Gardens Association.
- Seconded by Miss Baumann, All England Women's Hockey Association.

Rider:

That the following words be added: "and in particular to allocate land definitely for Elementary School playing grounds for schools in congested areas."

Proposed by the Birmingham Branch.

8. Equal Pay for Equal Work.

"That the National Council of Women reaffirms its adherence to the principle of equal pay for equal work, accepted by the nation in the payment of Members of Parliament, and calls upon the Government to establish equal rates of payment as between men and women performing similar duties in the Civil Service and in the teaching profession."

> Proposed by Miss E. E. Froud, National Union of Women Teachers.

> Seconded by Miss Anna Munro, Women's Freedom League.

N.B.—The following resolutions are only printed in case time should allow of the discussion of more than eight. Amendments to them may be moved in the Hall.

9. Animals for Sale in Shops.

"That the National Council of Women considers that there is urgent need for reform of the conditions under which live animals, such as monkeys, dogs, cats, rabbits, birds, etc., are kept and offered for sale in shops. The Council therefore demands that such shops be open for better inspection, both by the police and by accredited inspectors of animal protection societies, and would further urge the adoption of a regular system of Government inspection of all premises where animals are kept for sale.

> Proposed by Miss Constance Warner, London Branch. Seconded by the Bristol Granch.

10. Family Allowances.

"That this Council approves of the general principle of Family Allowances, and, whilst not committing itself to any of the various methods proposed for giving effect to that principle, recommends Societies represented on the Council to make a special study of the subject, with a view to determining how the principle may best be applied so as to suit the economic and social conditions of the country."

> Proposed by Miss Eleanor Rathbone, National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

11. Treatment of Venereal Disease.

"Whilst fully appreciating the great progress made in the efforts to reduce Venereal Disease, the National Council of Women asks the Ministry of Health, the Local Authorities and the Hospitals concerned to increase the facilities for diagnosis and treatment for expectant mothers and for married women and children, under conditions not entailing attendance at a Venereal Disease centre.

> Proposed by Dr. Margaret Rorke, British Social Hygiene Council.

Seconded by Dr. Mary Douie.

12. "Oxford" Liquor Bill.

"That the National Council of Women, believing that the drink problem constitutes a grave menace to the welfare of the nation, urges His Majesty's Government to introduce a democratic measure of temperance legislation on the lines of the "Oxford" Liquor (Popular Control) Bill, giving the three options: no change, reorganisation and no licence."

> Proposed by the Committee for the Oxford Liquor (Popular Control) Bill.

Excursions and Visits

to

Places of Interest in and around London.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

It is an old saying that the nearer the church the further from grace, and on something the same principle inhabitants of Great Britain, even Londoners themselves, know less of their wonderful capital eity than their fellow citizens from the ends of the earth. The Executive of the N.C.W., aided by the kindness of different hosts and hostesses, has arranged for the last day of the Conference— Friday, Oct. 22nd—a number of visits to historic places in and near London, when delegates may have an opportunity of seeing them under most favourable auspices as guests rather than tourists.

Excursions to Welwyn Garden City, Hampstead Garden Suburb and the Children's Home will appeal to others whose interests are more keenly roused by the practical matters of the present day.

The following notes on the History and Buildings of London, on Museums and picture galleries, may be useful to those who prefer exploring on their own account.

The story of London begins in the days of primitive man and excavations give us glimpses of its earliest history, of times indeed before history, when savage tribes used flint instruments and sailed their coracles on the Thames. For some 400 years after the beginning of the Christian era the Romans dwelt and traded in a busy city, and fragments are still to be seen of the encircling Roman Wall. In a passage off the Strand are the remains of a Roman Bath, and quite recently the old foundation of the Roman forum has been discovered. When invading Saxons took possession of the abandoned Roman province they built up a city of their own, but a great fire in 1135 destroyed Saxon London, and perhaps the only remains of it are to be found in the Cloisters of Westminster Abbey (the remains of Edward the Confessor's building) and in the names of Saxon Saints to whom churches, later rebuilt on the same precincts, were dedicated : e.g., St. Botolph, St. Dunstan, St. Osyth. The Normans have left their mark in many buildings: The Tower, St. Bartholomew the Great, the Temple Church, and other places. Parts of Southwark Cathedral and of Westminster Abbey belong to the 13th century, and St. Ethelburg's to the 14th, Lambeth Palace and part of the Guildhall, most of the Abbey, St. Helen's, Bishopsgate; Crosby Hall, represent the 15th century; and the Middle Temple Hall was built in the "spacious days of Great Elizabeth" herself.

The great fire of London in 1666 destroyed the old city with its wooden buildings, of which Staple Inn in Holborn is a specimen still remaining. Many of the City churches (including St. Paul's Cathedral) the work of Sir Christopher Wren, belong to the rebuilding of the City after the great disaster. St. Olaves, Hart St., is noteworthy as the place where the fire was stayed, and also as the parish church of Samuel Pepys. The different styles of architecture which have followed each other in the succeeding centuries may be traced: (a) in the old Banqueting House of Whitehall (now the United Services Museum) and the York House Water Gate, both the work of Inigo Jones in the 17th Century; (b) the Foundling Hospital, the long river Terrace of Somerset House, the Mansion House and the Bank of England of the 18th century. To the nineteenth century we owe, among other buildings, Buckingham Palace, the Royal Exchange, the Law Courts, the Albert Hall, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the general mass of buildings about South Kensington, as opposed to Kensington proper, the old Court Suburb, much of which goes back to the 17th century, as far or farther than Kensington Palace itself.

Of 20th century buildings Westminster Cathedral is amongst the finest and the great blocks for Commercial purposes—Australia House, Bush House, Adelaide House and others—are also noteworthy.

Whatever subject, whatever age interests the student of English life, he or she will find enlightenment in London. The place names show its history. In its graves lie the most famous English dead. Along its streets have passed the great men of every age of our era, from Agricola to Marshal Foch, but never, since William the Norman ousted his Saxon rival, the foot of a conqueror. Every corner of London has its memory of the writers who have given us our English literature; the old Inns of the Borough whence Chaucer's Pilgrims went on their way to Canterbury; Blackfriars, where stood Shakespeare's Globe Theatre; Fleet Street, down which Dr. Johnson 'took his walks''; Bunhill Row where Milton lived at No. 17, the streets about Holborn where dwelt the immortal Sairy Gamp and Mrs. Prig —and possibly Mrs. Harris also, and the Charterhouse, where Thackeray's Col. Newcome answered ''Adsum'' to his Master's call.

MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES.

British Museum, Great Russell Street, W.C.1. London Museum, Lancaster House, St. James. Wallace Collection, Manchester Square, W.1. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square. National Portrait Gallery—at the back of the National Gallery. Tate Collection (Modern Art), Millbank, S.W.1. Victoria and Albert Museum, Brompton Road, S.W.1 Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, S.W.7.

If visitors are in London for a Sunday, the list of preachers and hours of services at the different churches will be found in all the daily papers on the Saturday morning.

- Buses which pass close to Church House, Westminster: 11, 24, 29, 88, 32. Buses 153, 53, 59, 3, 112 go as near as the Houses of Parliament.
- Nearest Underground Stations: St. James Park, Westminster and Victoria.

PROGRAMME.

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FRIDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

The excursions are arranged for the afternoon. The London sight-seeing with the following tea-party will occupy about 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, from say 2-30 to 5-30 p.m. In the case of the longer expeditions, Eton, Welwyn, etc., visitors may either provide themselves with sandwiches to be eaten en route, or take an early lunch before starting.

Exact details as to time of starting and place of meeting (where not already given) will be found at the **Excursions Bureau** on the first or second day of the Conference.

EXCURSIONS: OUTER LONDON.

- 1. Welwyn Garden City. Train from King's Cross to Welwyn. Return Fare 2/8; meet at King's Cross. Visit Garden City under guidance of the Directors. Tea by kind invitation of the Chairman, Sir Theodore Chambers, K.B.E. Limited to 50.
- 2. Hampton Court Gardens. Train from Waterloo or by char-a-banc, according to the general preference of those who choose the excursion. Fare by char-a-banc 6/6; by train 3/-. Reach Mrs. Creighton's apartments at the Palace about 3 p.m. Visit the Gardens. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. Creighton. Limited to 18.
- Eton and Windsor. By char-a-banc in about 1¹/₂ hours. Fare 6/6. Leave London 12-45 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. Cyril Butterwick at Eton College. Limited to 25.
- 4. Greenwich Observatory. By motor omnibus. Return fare, including tea, 4/3. Leave London 2 p.m. The Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, will personally conduct the party over the Observatory. Tea will be provided at the Ranger's Lodge. Limited to 44.
- 5. Doughty House with its famous private collection (by kind permission of Sir H. Cook), Old Richmond Palace. By char-abanc. Return fare 6/6. Leave London 1-45. Tea at Richmond Palace by kind invitation of Lady Cave. Limited to 18.
- 6. De Havilland Aerodrome and Factory. With trial flights to be ballotted for on Mrs. Eliott Lynn's machine. The Factory is seven minutes' walk from Burnt Oak Tube Station (Hampstead-Edgware extension). By kind invitation of the De Havilland Aircraft Co. and Mrs. Eliott Lynn. Place of meeting and hour to be arranged. Limited to 15.

LONDON AND THE CITY OF LONDON.

7. Lambeth Palace. Visitors meet at the entrance at 3 p.m. Any bus or tram over Westminster Bridge passes near it. Mrs. Randall Davidson will kindly provide a guide. Afterwards the guests visit the Writers' Club, Hastings House, Norfolk Street, Strand. Tea by kind invitation of Miss Ireland Blackburne and Miss Mitchell. Limited to 30.

- 8. The Temple. Meet 2-45 p.m. at entrance to Temple Church when the Master, Dr. Draper, will conduct visitors over the Church and Cloister. Tea by kind invitation of Dame Millicent Fawcett, G.B.E., and Miss Garrett. Buses 11, 6, 15 (Temple Station underground). Limited to 18.
- 9. Westminster Abbey and School. Meet at the Headmaster's house, 19, Dean's Yard at 2-45 p.m. Visit the School and the Abbey under guidance of Dr. and Mrs. Costley White and the Precentor. Tea at the Headmaster's house by kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Costley White. Limited to 30.
- 10. St. Bartholomew's the Great and the Charterhouse. Meet 2-30 p.m. entrance to St. Bartholomew in Smithfield Square. Buses along Holborn 7, 8, 23, 123, alighting close to Bart's Hospital. After the church visit the Charterhouse in Charterhouse Square, over which Mrs. Ramsbotham will conduct the party. Tea by kind invitation of Mrs. Ramsbotham. Limited to 20.
- St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, and St. Ethelburga's. Meet 2-45 p.m. outside Great St. Helens. Buses 6a, 8e, 22, 35, 47, 60, 64, 69, 78a, pass down Bishopsgate and will stop by request at St. Helen's Place. Visit first St. Helen's, then St. Ethelburga's. Tea by kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Geikie Cobb. Miss Tyer will kindly conduct the party. Limited to 18.
- 12. The Guildhall, St. Lawrence Jewry, the Grocer's Hall and the Mansion House. This excursion to the heart of the City will be specially conducted by Mr. Allen Walker, the well-known London University Lecturer. Members meet at the Guildhall at 2-30 p.m. Buses 23, 123, 7, 8, along Cheapside, or Bank underground station. Tickets 3/- (including tea). Limited to 50.
- 13. Houses of Parliament and Westminster Hall. Meet 3 p.m. in the Courtyard of the House of Commons, when an M.P. will conduct the party round. Tea later at 72, Cadogan Square by kind invitation of Lady Steel-Maitland. (Bus 11 to Sloane Square from Westminster). Limited to 30.
- 14. Kensington Palace. Meet at the entrance at 3 p.m. Visit the State Apartments. Tea at the Palace by kind invitation of the Lady Bertha Dawkins. Limited to 20.
- 15. Crosby Hall and Old Chelsea Church. Meet Crosby Hall, 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Dr. Smedley Maclean at Elm Park Gardens. Limited to 15.
- 16. British Museum. Great Russell Street, W.C.1. Meet 2-45 p.m. Entrance Hall of Museum. Mrs. Delbanco will show the party round. Walk afterwards through the Bloomsbury Squares (suggested site for the London University), to the College Hall, Byng Place. Tea by kind invitation of the Principal and Bursar, Limited to 20.

- 17. The Tower. Meet at Mark Lane Underground Station, at 2-15 p.m. Small charge for admission to the Tower. Guides kindly provided by the Governor, Colonel Burgess, V.C. Afterwards take Underground to Baker Street. Tea at Bedford College, Regent's Park, by kind invitation of the Principal, Miss Tuke. Limited to 20.
- The Zoo. Meet at entrance gate at 2-45 p.m. Bus 74 from Baker Street. 1/- charge for admission. Tea at Bedford College, Regent's Park, by kind invitation of the Principal, Miss Tuke. Limited to 20.
- 19. Hampstead Garden Suburb. Meet Golders Green Station yard 2-30 p.m. (buses 13, 2, 28, 48, also tube trains every few minutes. Walk to Dame Henrietta Barnett's House, 1, South Square, three-quarters of a mile (or cab 1/-). Maps will be shown and separate parties spend an hour with expert guide seeing the parts of the estate they choose. Tea by kind invitation of Dame Henrietta Barnett. Limited to 50.
- 20. The Children's Home, Bow Road. Meet at Children's Home, 2-45 p.m. (Close to buses 25, 96, 10, and Bow Road Station, direct through trains from S. Kensington and all stations east of that). Children's play hour 4-30 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of Miss Doris Lester. Limited to 20.
- 21. Girls' Village Home, Barkingside, Essex. Liverpool Street Station, East Suburban platform. Trains to Ilford frequently, 1/2 return. Bus from Ilford to Gates of the Home 2d. Lunch or tea can be arranged for at a fixed sum for any who care to come. By kind invitation of Miss Beatrice Picton Turbervill.

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