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NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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April 18th 1910

Dear Madam,

The Executive Committee are anxious to carry out as thoroughly and as rapidly as possible, the instructions of the Council contained in the series of resolutions passed at the Annual Meeting on March 19th.

These resolutions fall into two classes -

- (a) Election work
- (b) Organisation of Federations.

The Executive cannot however give effect to the wishes of the Council with regard to either (a) or (b) until they are in possession of certain preliminary information.

I have been instructed therefore to ask the Committee of every affiliated society within the Union to help the Executive by answering the enclosed list of questions. It would also be of great service to the Committee if in addition to supplying us with the definite knowledge that we ask for, you would keep the office regularly informed of any new local conditions that may arise either with regard to Election work or with regard to the Federation Scheme.

A joint responsibility has been laid on the Central Authority and on the societies of the Union and my Committee feel that this dual work can only be carried out effectively by these two Agents (that is the Executive Committee and the individual society) working in close harmony and in constant communication with each other.

I shall be most grateful to you if you will let me have the information asked for as soon as possible. It will also be a great help to us if instead of waiting to reply until you can answer all the questions, you will send your reply to each separate question as soon as you have answered it.

I am enclosing ten copies of the "Constitution of the N.U.W.S.S." These include the rules and policy of the Union as amended at the Annual Council Meeting.

As it is of the utmost importance that the methods and policy of the Union should be known and understood we intend to have a sufficient number of the Constitution printed to enable every member to have a copy. These we will supply at 1/6 per hundred or 3d per dozen.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

EDITH DIMOCK

Hon. Sec.

Q U E S T I O N S :

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A. C A N D I D A T E S

1. Have you asked, or do you intend to ask, anyone to stand as a W.S. Candidate subject to approval of the Executive Committee ?
2. Have you already made any enquiries as to possible W.S. Candidates ?
3. Can you give us the names of any local men whom you think might be approached by us directly ?
4. Have you any advice to give or suggestions to make as to steps that ought to be taken to find W.S. Candidates ?
5. Can you recommend a Suffrage worker who would make a good election agent ?

B. C O N S T I T U E N C I E S

1. Can you recommend any Constituency in your area as a suitable one in which to run W.S. Candidates ?
If you can do so please give your reasons in full.
2. Do you know whether the sitting-members in the constituencies worked by your society are going to stand again ?
3. Can you find out the names of the candidates who are likely to contest the constituencies at the next election?
4. If the N.U. were to decide to run a given number of candidates, what probable contribution in money and personal service could we depend on you to obtain ?
5. Can you give us some idea of the local feeling with regard to W.S. as tested by the petition work at the last General Election ?

F E D E R A T I O N S

Will you let us know as soon as possible what is being done in your part of the country with regard to federating and choosing "defined areas" (see Resolution VIII under Federations.)

NOTICE: Please answer each question separately and number each answer according to the number of the corresponding question.

Your answers will be treated as confidential