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ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th, 1913, AT THE
Y.M.C.A., PETER STREET, MANCHESTER,
MISS MARGARET ASHTON
IN THE CHAIR.

1. An apology was read from the President, Lady Rochdale, regretting that she was unable to be present.

2. The Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Press Secretary having given their reports, the following resolution, moved by Miss Thirza Potts and seconded by Mr. A. Fenner Brockway, was carried unanimously:—

“That the Hon. Secretary’s and the Hon. Press Secretary’s reports be adopted.”

3. The Hon. Treasurer’s report and balance sheet having been read, the following resolution, moved by Mrs. Hiller and seconded by Mrs. Norbury, was carried unanimously.

“That the Hon. Treasurer’s report and balance sheet be adopted.”

4. The officers were elected for the ensuing year

Chairman	...	...	Miss MARGARET ASHTON
Hon. Secretary	...	...	Mrs. J. R. TOMLINSON
Hon. Assistant Secretary	...	...	Miss BRIDSON.
Hon. Treasurer	...	...	Mr. F. STANTON BARNES
Hon. Press Secretary...	...	...	Mr. E. NEVILLE SMITH

and the following resolution, moved by Mr. G. G. Armstrong and seconded by Miss M. M. Arnold, was carried unanimously:—

“This Federation heartily thanks its Officers, Honorary and Staff for their services during the past year, and re-appoints them, with the addition of Miss Bridson, for the ensuing year.”

5. It was proposed by Mr. F. Stanton Barnes, seconded by Miss M. G. Taylor, and carried unanimously:—

“That the thanks of the Federation be offered to the Hon. Auditors for their generosity in auditing the accounts, and in giving valuable help throughout the year.”

6. Resolution *re* alteration of Rule V.

V.—“Each Society shall guarantee annually to the Federation a minimum sum equivalent to not less than 25% of each individual society's gross takings, with the exception of funds which have been raised for special purposes, namely Demonstrations, By-elections, etc., when only the balance over expenditure will be taken into account.”

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Mills on behalf of the Accrington Society, and seconded by Mr. Cecil Brooke:—

“That this meeting considers the affiliation fee of the Manchester & District Federation, as now levied, namely 25% of the gross takings of each individual society is excessive, and considers that the fee should not exceed 25% of the members' subscriptions.”

After some discussion, the resolution was put to the meeting and lost by a large majority.

7. A most interesting address was given by Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, M.A., on “The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies' Deputation to Mr. Asquith and its bearing on the Political Situation.”

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President: LADY ROCHDALE, Beechwood, Rochdale.

Chairman: Councillor MARGARET ASHTON, M.A., 8 Kinnaird Road, Withington.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. R. TOMLINSON, Ryefield, Knutsford,

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Miss BRIDSON, Bridge House, Bolton.

Hon. Treasurer: F. STANTON BARNES, Esq., 18 Deyne Avenue, Prestwich.

Hon. Press Secretary: E. NEVILLE SMITH, Esq., 11a, Albany Road, Victoria Park, Manchester.

Representatives on Executive Committee:

Accrington	...	...	Mrs. MILLS
Altrincham	...	...	Mrs. F. C. COLLMANN
Ashton-under-Lyne	...	...	Miss DYSON
Bacup	...	...	Miss A. LORD
Blackburn	...	...	Miss HAULKER
Bolton	...	...	Miss BRIDSON
Bramhall and Cheadle			
Hulme	...	...	Miss GREENWOOD
Burnley	...	...	Miss LEE
Buxton	...	...	Mrs. VICKERY
Cheadle	...	...	Miss K. GODSON
Clitheroe	...	...	Mrs. DEWHURST
Congleton	...	...	Mrs. HAROLD BEHRENS
Crewe	...	...	Mrs. POWELL
Darwen	...	...	Mrs. JEPSON
Eccles	...	...	Mrs. NORBURY
Farnworth	...	...	Mrs. AFFLECK
Haslingden	...	...	Mrs. BERRY
Heywood	...	...	Mrs. COLLINGE
Hyde	...	...	Mrs. WM. MIDDLETON
Knutsford	...	...	Miss D. HOFFMANN
Leigh	...	...	Miss L. COOK
Macclesfield	...	...	Miss A. R. WRIGHT
Manchester & Salford	...	...	Mrs. ARMSTRONG
			Mrs. d'AUQUIER
			Mrs. S. J. CHAPMAN
			Mrs. HILLER
			Mrs. RANSOME
			Miss ROTHWELL
			Miss GRACE TAYLOR
			Mrs. MÜTER WILSON

Marple	Mrs. SINCLAIR
Marple Bridge	Mrs. LEONARD
Middleton	Mrs. JONES BROWN
Northwich	Miss E. BROCK
Oldham	Mrs. BRIDGE
	Mrs. SIDDALL
Radcliffe	Mrs. F. STANTON BARNES
Rawtenstall and Water-	
foot	Miss WHITEHEAD
Rishton	Miss FISH
Rochdale	Mrs. NUTTALL
Romiley... ..	Mrs. MCKELLAN
Sale	Mrs. RHYS DAVIDS
Stockport	Miss J. ANDREW
Whaley Bridge... ..	Miss C. D. SIMPSON
Wigan	Mrs. FAIRHURST
Wilmslow	Mrs. FORREST HEWIT
Winsford	Miss WALSH

Hon. Auditors : Messrs. APPLEBY & WOOD, Deansgate Arcade, Manchester.

Organising Secretary : Miss D. DARLINGTON.

Assistant Organiser : Mrs. RUSSELL.

Office Secretary : Miss G. COOPER.

Bankers :

THE LONDON, CITY AND MIDLAND BANK, DEANSGATE, MANCHESTER.

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT FEDERATION.

RULES.

I.—The title of the Federation shall be the MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT FEDERATION.

II.—The objects of the Federation shall be—

- (a) To promote the formation of new Societies in its area.
- (b) To perfect existing organisation.
- (c) To arrange joint meetings and generally to secure co-operation amongst Societies in its area.

III.—The area of the Federation shall be the group of 40 constituencies in East Lancashire, Cheshire, and Derbyshire enumerated in the accompanying sheet.

IV.—Any Society within the area which is affiliated to the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies is eligible to join the Federation.

V.—Each Society shall guarantee annually to the Federation a minimum sum equivalent to not less than 25 per cent. of each individual Society's gross takings, with the exception of funds which have been raised for special purposes, namely, Demonstrations, By-Elections, etc., when only the balance over expenditure will be taken into account.

VI.—Annual guarantee to be paid in quarterly instalments.

VII.—The affairs of the Federation shall be managed by the Executive Committee, to consist of a Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, and a representative or representatives from each Society in the Federation, and a member of the Executive Committee of the N.U.W.S.S. to be co-opted annually by the Federation Committee immediately after its election, unless already included in the membership of the Committee.

2.—Each Society shall be entitled to have one representative on the Committee, and an additional representative for every completed 100 members after the first 100, exclusive of the officers.

VIII.—ANNUAL MEETING.—

I.—The Financial Year shall end on September 30th in each year, and the Annual Meeting of the Federation shall be held in the month of October in Manchester, unless the Committee shall otherwise determine.

- (a) To receive and adopt, if approved, the balance sheet for the year.

- (b) To elect by ballot the officers of the Federation.
- (c) To appoint two delegates, of whom the Secretary of the Federation shall *ex officio* be one, to attend the Provincial Councils of the National Union.
- (d) To transact other business of which 28 days' notice has been given to the Secretary of the Federation and 14 days' notice by her to the Secretaries of the Societies. Business for which urgency is voted may also be considered.

2.—Six weeks' notice of the date of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to the Secretaries of Societies.

3.—The Annual Meeting shall be attended by :

VOTERS :

- (a) The officers and the Executive Committee for the time being.
- (b) One delegate from each Society in the Federation and an additional delegate for every completed 50 members after the first 50. Each delegate shall have one vote.

NON-VOTERS :

- (a) Members of any Society in the Federation, provided that these do not vote or speak and sit in places allotted to them.

4.—Special Meetings of the Federation may be called by the Executive Committee and shall be called at any time at the request of five Societies in the Federation.

5.—Such request must reach the Secretary of the Federation 14 days before the meeting, and 7 days' notice of the meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each Society within the Federation, and such request and notice shall indicate the business for which the Special Meeting is desired and called respectively. No other business shall be taken at a Special Meeting, unless urgency is voted.

6.—No alteration shall be made in the Rules except at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting of the Federation of which due notice has been given.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT FEDERATION.

DESPITE the fact that our hope of securing a measure of Women's Suffrage has been destroyed for the duration of the present Parliament, your Committee is glad to state that the record of work done by the Manchester and District Federation exceeds all our previous efforts. This is the best evidence that we go forward undaunted.

Up to the time of the Reform Bill last January all our resources were strained to secure support for the Women's Suffrage Amendments.

In December, 1912, a joint demonstration was **Demon-**strated by the Manchester Society and the Federation. This was held in Manchester, the headquarters of the Federation, as it was thought unwise to dissipate our energies by endeavouring to cover the large area worked by our Committee. Shops were taken in each of the nine Manchester constituencies where meetings were held twice daily; some 80,000 Suffrage pamphlets were distributed, the neighbourhood canvassed for supporters, and over 3,500 postcards were signed asking the local M.P's. to support the Women's Suffrage Amendments to the Reform Bill. Eighty-three speakers from all parties came forward to help us. Our meetings were excellently attended and well reported in the local press. The whole effort secured much publicity for our cause and met with widespread public sympathy.

Pilgrimage

As a send-off to the Manchester Pilgrims, a procession of over 600 men and women, representing all Suffrage Societies in the Federation and other bodies,—a contingent from the N.W. Federation, Church League for Women's Suffrage, Free Church League for Women's Suffrage, Men's League for Women's Suffrage, I.L.P., Manchester University,—and headed by Lady Rochdale and Miss Ashton, marched from Albert Square, Manchester, to Stockport on the afternoon of Saturday, July 5th. In the evening a great open-air meeting was held in Mersey Square, Stockport, where Lady Rochdale, Lady Barlow, Miss Ashton, Mr. G. G. Armstrong, Mr. Fenner Brockway and others explained the object of the Pilgrimage to a huge audience.

The arrangements for the Pilgrimage in this Federation also included a meeting at Nantwich for the W. Lancashire and Cheshire Federation as they passed through our area. The generosity of Mrs. Lees enabled the Oldham Society to send two caravans for the accommodation of its Pilgrims on their journey to London. Our own Pilgrims, 25 in number, held meetings in Poynton, Macclesfield, Congleton,—where a Society was formed and a Secretary appointed—before they entered the district worked by the W. Midland Federation at Stoke. From thence the Pilgrims of four Federations (N.W. Federation, W. Lancashire and Cheshire Federation, Manchester and District Federation, and W. Midland) went forward to London in one body along the so-called Watling Street route and were joined at Banbury by the Oxford, Bucks. and Berks. Federation. The whole effort culminated in a most impressive meeting in Hyde Park on July 26th, attended by between 60,000 and 70,000 people.

Eighteen platforms were arranged, all parts of the British Isles sending their representatives; on the

Manchester and District platform the speakers were Miss Ashton, Mrs. Chew and Mr. G. G. Armstrong.

The Pilgrimage was not merely an occasion for propaganda throughout the country, it represented also a big financial effort. The sum of £8,776 17s. 2d. was raised by the N.U., and towards this total £185 16s. 0d. was contributed from the office of our Federation, while several large amounts were sent up direct to the N.U. headquarters by our members.

During the last four months our Societies and **Trades Unions** organisers have undertaken the special task of approaching the numerous local branches of Trades Unions. It is impossible to detail the amount of patient spade work that this has necessitated, but it has resulted in the passage of 127 Suffrage resolutions by Trades Union Branches. Nine Trades and Labour Councils have also passed Suffrage resolutions. This valuable educational work is to be continued amongst the Textile Trades, the Weavers, the Spinners and the Card Room Women Operatives. A special Sub-Committee of the Federation will be responsible for the carrying out of this scheme.

ELECTION FIGHTING FUND COMMITTEE.

Work in connection with the Election Fighting Fund constituencies has proved especially exacting. The funds and the main direction of this policy are under the control of the Election Fighting Fund Committee in London, but our local Sub-Committee is entrusted with the elaboration and execution of all plans for campaign in constituencies of anti-Suffrage Ministers, and much arduous work has been done in Accrington, Rossendale and Crewe. In addition to this we have to bring the Suffrage movement well to the fore in the following constituencies

represented by Labour M.P.'s: Gorton, Blackburn, E. Manchester, N.E. Manchester and Stockport, and our capable staff of organisers, Mrs. Chew, Mrs. Annot Robinson, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Tozer, Miss Brearley, and Miss Ellen Wilkinson are continually holding open-air and indoor meetings, forming special Suffrage Committees and Suffrage Clubs (where working men and women meet weekly) and generally preparing the ground, so that the Suffrage movement in these constituencies may be in a strong and effective position at the next general election. This work is not showy, but it is essential to the success of our Election Fighting Fund policy.

**Rossen-
dale
Report**

At the time when the Election Fighting Fund Committee started work in Rossendale the Suffrage and labour movements were dormant. Mrs. Chew, our organiser and her assistant, Miss Brearley, have worked to such good effect that in place of one feeble branch of the National Union there are now three vigorous Suffrage Societies: Bacup, Haslingden and Rawtenstall. A branch of the I.L.P. has been formed and the local labour movement stimulated.

The Rossendale Labour Council has helped at meetings, has passed Suffrage resolutions on three separate occasions, endorsing the attitude of the Labour Party, and in January last sent a deputation, representative of all the organised workers in the division, to discuss Women's Suffrage with Mr. Harcourt.

Suffrage resolutions have been passed by the Haslingden, Bacup and Rawtenstall Trades Councils, and by nearly all the Trades Unions in the division. Thus for several consecutive weeks a continuous record of Women's Suffrage resolutions appeared in the local press and were forwarded to Mr. Harcourt. Mrs. Chew contributes a weekly column to the local papers. Their friendliness ensures good reports of our meetings and activities.

Mrs. Tozer, our organiser, has formed a local Election Fighting Fund Committee, on which are the vice-president and secretary of the Accrington Trades Council, the secretaries of the Accrington and Oswaldtwistle I.L.P.'s, and of the Accrington Weavers' Union and delegates from the Suffrage societies. This committee meets regularly to arrange the details of local organisation. Many open-air and public meetings have been held, special registration work has been undertaken by local volunteers, who distributed some 1,800 pamphlets while canvassing their districts with the result that a number of new claims were entered on the register. A deputation of men from the I.L.P. and Trades and Labour Councils in the division interviewed Mr. Harold Baker at the House of Commons in January on the subject of Women's Suffrage.

A special meeting of the Trades and Labour Council was called to discuss the possibility of forming an L.R.C. preliminary to adopting a Labour candidate. This discussion was adjourned for three months, as it was considered essential to know the result of the ballot *re* using Trade Union Funds for Labour Representation before taking this final step. Suffrage resolutions have been passed by the Accrington Trades Council, representing 30 affiliated trade unions, and by the many branches of ten important unions in the division.

Here organisation made good headway under the direction of Mrs. Powell. The local Women's Suffrage Club commenced registration work, large meetings were held in Crewe, Alsager and Sandbach, but Mr. Holmes' offer to compromise with the Liberal party placed his candidature outside the scope of the Election Fighting Fund Committee, which consequently withdrew from special work in the division.

ORGANISATION.

Suffrage organisation has been undertaken in Blackburn, Clitheroe and Ince by Mrs. Annot Robinson. A joint campaign was held by the National Union and the Independent Labour Party early in February in Blackburn. A Suffrage shop was taken as headquarters, six indoor meetings and several open-air meetings were held despite the inclement weather. Among the principal speakers were Miss Ashton, Miss I. O. Ford, Miss E. Deakin, Mrs. Chew, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Aldersley, Mr. Fenner Brockway and Mr. R. Wallhead. Thus both the Labour and Suffrage movements were represented. On September 27th, 29th and 30th very successful Suffrage "At Homes" were held and 79 new members were enrolled. Mrs. P. Snowden spoke for us.

On September 14th, the Blackburn District Trades and Labour Council passed a Suffrage resolution with only 14 dissentients, 70 voting in favour.

Ince

A public meeting organised by the Labour Party, at which Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., spoke in support of Women's Suffrage, did much to win the sympathy of the Miners' Unions, the chief voting power of the division. Many branches have been addressed by Mrs. Annot Robinson and have passed Suffrage resolutions.

Clitheroe

The I.L.P. Federation has organised 11 successful meetings to further our cause, and Suffrage resolutions have been passed by 11 Trade Unions.

Mrs. Cooper has been organising in Todmorden, Middleton and District. Sale Society has been reconstructed by Mrs. Darlington with help of the Altrincham Society.

BY-ELECTIONS.

By-elections have taken place in:

Liberal, Mr. T. Taylor; Conservative, Mr. A. **Bolton** Brookes. The Conservative candidate mentioned Women's Suffrage in his election address, but as both candidates were in favour propaganda work only was undertaken. The Bolton Society, assisted by the Federation organiser, Mrs. Annot Robinson, engaged a shop and held successful open-air meetings every dinner hour, the final event being a big meeting in the Spinners' Hall, with Miss Ashton, Mrs. Annot Robinson and Mrs. Chew as speakers. Forty-two members were made at this meeting and 90 during the campaign. The Liberal, Mr. T. Taylor, was returned.

Here a vacancy occurred through the retirement of Mr. Keby Fletcher (Conservative). We **Altrincham** regret that in spite of the protest of the Altrincham Women's Liberal Association and their subsequent withdrawal from active work, the Liberal Committee adopted an anti-Suffrage candidate, Mr. Lawrence Kay-Shuttleworth. His opponent, Mr. G. C. Hamilton, is Chairman of the Manchester Anti-Suffrage Society. The National Union therefore did propaganda work only. Mrs. Russell was placed in charge of the Suffrage Shop and, with the help of the Altrincham Society and of organisers and speakers from the Federation, the usual educational work was done by means of meetings, canvass of districts and distribution of literature. Mr. G. C. Hamilton was the successful candidate.

The following M.P.'s have received deputations from the local Societies and Federation officials during the past year. Mr. C. T. Needham, Sir John Randles, Mr. Gill (Bolton), Mr. Wardle (Stockport), Col. A. J. Sykes

(Knutsford), Mr. F. W. Neilson (Hyde), Mr. Barton (Oldham), Sir F. Cawley (Prestwich), Mr. Stephen Walsh (Ince), Sir Ryland Adkins (Middleton), Mr. Sutton (N. Manchester), Mr. A. G. Harvey (Rochdale), Col. Brocklehurst (Macclesfield), Mr. E. Craig (Crewe). Mr. S. L. Hughes of Stockport was approached, but declined to meet our representative.

FRIENDS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

This scheme has been worked by Bolton, Buxton, Eccles, Knutsford, Leigh, Manchester, Oldham, Whaley Bridge. Other Societies are now taking it up, and the result obtained by our Federation, 2,435 friends, is the largest recorded outside London.

President Your Committee is pleased to record that Lady Rochdale has consented to become President of the Manchester and District Federation, and has shown her active interest in our work by speaking for us at many meetings and heading our contingent of Pilgrims on their walk to London.

"Common Cause" Correspondent The resignation of Mrs. T. M. Young was received with much regret. Miss Simpson, of Whaley Bridge Society, acted in succession to Mrs. Young, but as the resolutions of the Exeter Council Meeting in May determined that notices of meetings were to be abridged and a general survey of the Federation work substituted for detailed reports, it was decided that henceforward the Hon. Secretary for the Federation must act as C.C. Correspondent.

Staff A slight alteration has been made in the staff arrangements. Miss Darlington is now Joint Organising Secretary to the Federation and Manchester Society; Miss Cooper continues as Office Secretary, and a clerk

is shared with Manchester Society. During the year Mrs. Russell has been appointed Organiser to the Federation and Manchester Society jointly.

In conclusion we regret that it is impossible to chronicle fully the manifold activities of our members and staff or to mention individually the many self-sacrificing efforts that have helped to bring our organisation into its present efficient condition.

POLITICAL REPORT.

As will be well known to all Suffragists, in November, 1911, Mr. Asquith pledged himself to draft the Reform Bill in such a form that a Woman's Suffrage Amendment could be incorporated therein. This pledge was rendered useless by the ruling of the Speaker of the House of Commons on occasion of the third reading of this Bill in January, 1913. The Speaker held that the Woman's Suffrage Amendments were not admissible, the Reform Bill was therefore withdrawn and Mr. Asquith offered special facilities for a Private Member's Bill in the following session as an equivalent for his original promise, which was to incorporate Woman's Suffrage Amendments (if passed) in the Government Reform Bill and to adopt them as an integral part of the Bill—

"We shall not only acquiesce in that proposal (to confer the franchise on women) but we shall treat it as the considered judgment of Parliament and make ourselves responsible for carrying it out."

Mr. Asquith, Nov. 17th, 1911.

In the case of the Private Member's Bill, the only special advantage offered was all the necessary time for its discussion. In none of its stages would it secure Government support, Mr. Asquith would strenuously oppose it, and previous experience had shown us that fear of embarrassing the Prime Minister caused the Irish Party

to vote against Women's Suffrage and induced many Liberal supporters to abandon their pledges. The National Union therefore declined to accept a Private Member's Bill in any form as a redemption of Mr. Asquith's previous promises, and asked the Prime Minister to receive a deputation to explain their reasons for this rejection, but their demands and protests were ignored.

All ranks of Suffragists are now compelled to realise that a straight vote on this question cannot be secured for a Private Member's Bill, the only road to success lies in demanding and obtaining a Government measure. To this end our Election Fighting Fund policy was strengthened and extended at the National Union Council meeting in February, by resolutions deciding

"To adopt such a policy as will be most likely to bring into power an undivided Cabinet in favour of Women's Suffrage."

This result we hope to attain

"By shortening the term of office of the present Cabinet as at present constituted, especially by opposing anti-Suffragist Ministers. To strengthen any party in the House of Commons which adopts Women's Suffrage as part of its official programme."

The only party which includes Women's Suffrage in its official programme is the Labour Party.

In accordance with these resolutions no Government candidate can be supported, but no "tried friend" of Women's Suffrage will be opposed, except where a Labour candidate is first in the field. Should the party Whips then put forward a "tried friend," the Labour candidate may still retain our support. Seats of anti-Suffragists (especially Cabinet Ministers) are to be attacked and seats held by Labour men who have taken a strong line on Women's Suffrage are to be defended.

The rejection of the Dickenson Bill (municipal women voters and married women) in May, 1913, by a majority of 48 proved the correctness of the National Union forecast as to the fate of a Private Member's Bill. The Labour Party was the only party which came out of the division with credit, as practically its whole force was mustered in support. It is noteworthy, however, that the Liberal record is 154 votes in favour of the Bill, 78 against and 33 abstentions, so notwithstanding some broken pledges and desertions, we can claim a two-thirds majority of Liberal M.P.'s in favour of Women's Suffrage.

When protesting against the fiasco of the Reform Bill last January, the National Union also protested against the substitution of the Plural Voting Bill for the larger measure of electoral reform. The National Union declaration reads :

"We are opposed to :

- (a) Proceeding with the Franchise Bill without women ;
- (b) The substitution of Mr. Harold Baker's Bill abolishing plural voting. Such a course would undoubtedly suggest the complicity of the Government in bringing about the present situation. It has always been prophesied by those who refused to accept the Government pledges."

The abolition of plural voting is the most important measure of electoral reform in the opinion of the Liberal Party, as they believe it will to some extent compensate them for the loss of about 40 Nationalist supporters after the passing of the Home Rule Bill. Mr. Asquith realised the unwisdom and unfairness of substituting the Plural Voting Bill for the Reform Bill when the latter was withdrawn, but some two months later, in the next session the Plural Voting Bill was again brought forward.

Mr. Philip Snowden thus comments on this manoeuvre:—

“They (the Liberals) will have got what they want in the way of electoral reform and they will have defeated in this Parliament the hopes of the Women’s Suffragists. But the loss of honour is a big price to pay for party advantage.”

At the Annual Conference of the Labour Party in January, 1913, resolutions were passed calling upon the party in Parliament to oppose any Franchise Bill which did not include women. This opposition to an alteration of the Franchise laws without the inclusion of women was carried a step further at the I.L.P. Conference in Manchester, March, 1913, when the Government’s action with regard to the Reform Bill was condemned, and it was resolved to urge the Labour Party

“In particular, vigorously to oppose and defeat all proposals for amending the Franchise or registration laws unless women were included.”

The staunch support given to us by the Labour Party is further evidenced by the passing of a strong Suffrage resolution at the Trades Union Congress in Manchester, September, 1913.

“That this Congress expresses its deep dissatisfaction with the Government’s treatment of the Franchise question, considering that the Plural Voting Bill is no substitute for the promised Reform Bill, and further this Congress protests against the Prime Minister’s failure to redeem his repeated pledges to women, and calls upon the Parliamentary Committee to press for the immediate enactment of a Government Reform Bill which must include the enfranchisement of women.”

This was passed with only 5 dissentients. We regard this as a significant expression of working men’s opinion, so significant that it was practically ignored by the Liberal Party press.

The Miners’ Federation at their Scarborough Conference in October, 1913, further showed their sympathy by instructing their delegates officially to attend and support the National Union Suffrage Demonstration in the Londesborough Theatre, Scarborough, to demand a Government Bill.

The passing of the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, the Amendment of the Maternity Benefit Clause of the Insurance Bill are tributes to the increasing power of the Woman’s Movement.

In Ireland, Sir Ed. Carson’s declaration that women municipal voters should be included in the register under the Ulster Provisional Council is an interesting incident.

In Scotland at the Autumn Meeting of the Scottish Liberal Association General Council at Kilmarnock, the following resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority:—

“That in view of (1) the large and rapidly increasing number of women who have attained economic independence as wage earners and as members of the professions, (2) the gain to the State of having the entire co-operation of women as full citizens, and (3) the unprofitable disharmony and mischievous unrest which is being caused by delay in effecting a re-adjustment in the political position of women in accordance with the changes in social conditions, it is recommended that such measures be at the earliest opportunity proceeded with as shall meet the needs of the case and be consistent with the principles of Liberalism.”

Let us therefore hope that when a Scottish Home Rule Bill (down for second reading on May 30th, 1913) is re-introduced, it will contain a measure of Women’s Suffrage.

Mention must be made of an impressive deputation from the National Union which waited on Mr. Asquith

on August 8th, to lay before him the results of the Suffrage Pilgrimage and to represent the special difficulties which prevent the passage of a Women's Suffrage Bill without Government support. Mr. Asquith admitted that our position was one of great hardship and also that the opportunity of inclusion in the Reform Bill was superior to any chance afforded by a Private Member's Bill.

As no opportunity can be secured during this Parliament for dealing effectively with our claims, we must concentrate on energetic spade work in preparation for the next general election, which at latest must come in 1915.

During this autumn we should take care that M.P.'s and party men are educated as to the feeling in their constituencies by deputations, the passing of Suffrage resolutions by Trades Unions and Local Government bodies and party organisations. Questions pointing out the relation of Women's Suffrage to the leading topics of the day should be asked at all public meetings addressed by local candidates and M.P.'s in order that on their return to Parliamentary work next session the members shall report that our cause is alive in the constituencies.

The urgency of keeping Women's Suffrage before the electorate is best explained by Mr. Asquith's admission that—

"If you can convince—you say you have, and you may be right—the judgment and conscience of the people, that it is a beneficent change, there is no combination in the world which can prevent your success, and no political party will attempt to do it."

PRESS REPORT.

The marked improvement in the attitude of the district press towards our cause which was detailed in last

year's report, has on the whole been more than maintained during the past twelve months. Over the country generally, newspaper sympathy and support steadily grows, and it is noteworthy, for example, that on the Reform Bill muddle and the subsequent defeat of the Liberal Private Member's Bill the chief Liberal organs were strikingly outspoken. In this district we have lost none of our good friends, and at Burnley we have a new one, *The Burnley News*, an enterprising Liberal paper recently started. A very gratifying thing has been the publication of weekly Suffrage articles by Mrs. Chew almost throughout the year in that influential paper, *The Accrington Observer*, and *The Bacup Times* (Rosendale). A series of articles by well-known men and women, arranged by the National Union, has been subscribed to by the Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Burnley, Clitheroe (Nelson), Macclesfield, Oldham, and Wilmslow Societies, and is appearing in their local press. The efforts of these and of the Rochdale, Buxton, and other societies show that enterprise and tact will do much, even in face of ill-informed indifference, to secure from the press a just recognition of the living interest and importance of the constitutional Suffrage movement.

ACCRINGTON.

President: Mrs. HAWORTH, Moorside House, Altham.

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. BELSEY, Netherby, Accrington.

Mrs. NUTTER, Rough Lea, Accrington.

Mrs. R. D. MILLS, 222, Avenue Parade, Accrington.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WOOLER, 31 Marlborough Street, Accrington.

Hon Secretary: Miss C. G. BURY, 14, Devonshire Street, Accrington.

Membership: 156.

The first event of the current year was the welcoming to Accrington of an Election Fighting Fund organiser

to organise a Women's Suffrage campaign in Accrington. Mrs. Tozer came to Accrington in November and has done very valuable work in the town.

The society proposed to hold two large public meetings, one in Oswaldtwistle and one in Accrington in the latter end of 1912, but on the advice of the Federation it was decided to leave the organisation of public meetings to the Election Fighting Fund Committee. Both of these meetings took place early in 1913.

The committee made an attempt to canvass the largest ward in the town, but owing to lack of helpers did not cover much of the ground. Two or three hundred cards were dispatched to the member for Accrington in support of the Reform Bill. The Election Fighting Fund organiser did a considerable part of this work.

It was later decided to prepare a memorial in support of the Reform Bill, and this was also largely the work of the Election Fighting Fund organiser.

A Jumble Sale was held in February which augmented the local funds by the sum of £2 0s. 0d.

On March 10th a Drawing-Room Meeting was held at Norwood by the kindness of Mrs. Williamson Lee. Mrs. Tomlinson was the speaker on that occasion, and addressed the meeting on the subject of the new policy of the National Union. The meeting though small was very enjoyable.

A Garden Meeting was held on June 14th also by the kindness of Mrs. Lee, in the garden of Norwood. It was held for members, and a collection was taken in support of the Pilgrimage.

ALTRINCHAM.

Chairman: Mrs. SIDNEY O'HANLON, P.L.G., Oak Dell, Hale.

Hon. Treasurer: C. W. PIDDUCK, Esq., Glebelands, Bowdon.

Hon. Secretary: Miss M. M. ARNOLD, Highbury, Hale.

Organising Secretary: Mrs. HAWKINS, 23a, Stamford New Road, Altrincham.

Membership: 140.

The fourth annual meeting of this society was held in October when Miss Darlington spoke on Federation work for the ensuing year.

In November a committee room was taken in Altrincham for a month, and during that time Mrs. Darlington organised a memorial to Mr. J. R. Keby-Fletcher. Seventy-five signatures of clergy, magistrates and councillors were obtained, and the memorial was sent up to Mr. Keby-Fletcher in the House of Commons.

During this month a meeting was held at Broadheath with Miss Alison Garland as speaker and Miss Darlington in the chair.

In March, through the hospitality of Mrs. Drummond Fraser, a very successful White Elephant tea was held, realising £12.

In May the resignation of Mr. J. R. Keby-Fletcher involved the society in the work of a by-election. The Federation sent Mrs. Russell and others to organise, a shop and committee room were opened for three weeks and 35 open-air meetings were held. The Liberal candidate, Mr. L. Kay-Shuttleworth received a deputation, but as both he and the Conservative candidate, Mr. Hamilton, were anti-Suffragists, only propaganda work could be done. Nine hundred signed postcards in favour of Women's Suffrage were sent to the elected member, Mr. Hamilton.

In June, owing to the kindness of Mrs. O'Hanlon, an evening Garden Fête was held to raise funds towards the expenses of the by-election, speeches were made by Miss Darlington and Mr. Macnamara and a very pleasant social evening was spent.

Members of the society walked with the Pilgrims from Manchester to Stockport.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss A. HARDING, 6, Belper Street,
Ashton-under-Lyne.

Hon. Secretary: Miss R. DYSON, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Membership: 79.

During the year a number of committee meetings have been held, also two for members and friends. At a meeting held in March, Mrs. Muter Wilson was the speaker, everyone present being delighted by her very interesting address.

In June, a Drawing-Room Meeting was held at Mrs. G. Hamilton's. Miss Lawton addressed the meeting and at the close a number of people promised their help in getting "Friends" cards signed.

In November, Miss Darlington spoke at a meeting of the U.M. literary society.

Members of the committee have addressed meetings in connection with other societies—Mrs. G. Hamilton at a monthly meeting of the W.L.A., also the Unitarian School at Stalybridge, and Dr. Nellie Hendrie at the School for Mothers, Ashton.

During the coming winter monthly meetings are to be held.

BACUP.

Hon. Secretary: Miss A. LORD, 19, Industrial Street, Bacup.

Membership: 25.

The Bacup Society of the N.U.W.S.S. was inaugurated in January of the present year at a meeting held in the Town Hall, Bacup, at which Mr. Philip Snowden and Mrs. Swanwick were the speakers. The society was not firmly established, however, until June. Since then two rambles have taken place, and two open-air meetings have been held.

During the winter we intend holding a weekly class which has been formed to study one of Mrs. Perkins Gilman's books. The committee hope that this class will prove very helpful and useful to the members.

BLACKBURN.

President: Councillor WRIGHT ROBINSON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. BEARDSWORTH.

Hon. Secretary: Miss BELL.

Assistant Secretary: Miss GARBUTT.

Membership: 100.

Blackburn is fortunate politically in having both its M.P.'s in favour of Women's Suffrage, but from the point of view of organisation this is not quite an unmixed blessing. Lacking the stimulus of opposition, local Suffragists do not feel the need as strongly for a distinctive organisation, and tend to forget that there is still a public opinion to educate.

The desire for increased activity and emphasis on the special work of the society found expression in June when some changes were made in the official positions and committee. On September 27th a central meeting and re-union was held, and on September 29th and 30th two meetings were held to get in touch with women voters in different parts of the town. All three meetings were

eminently successful in their object. The arrangements in every detail were admirable, and Mrs. Snowden, who addressed all three meetings, adapted herself magnificently to the end in view. The immediate results were shown in 68 new members, but the spirit and promise behind and beyond these tangible results were still more significant.

Each member will be personally visited and invited to the annual meeting to be held in November, when the future activity of the society will be discussed. On its present footing Blackburn promises to build up a strong active Suffrage Society.

BOLTON.

President: Mrs. WM. HASLAM, White Bank, Deane, Bolton.

Chairman of Committee:

Mrs. C. V. THOMPSON, Hetlands, Heaton, Bolton.

Hon. Treasurer:

Miss WINSTANLEY, Hills Meadow, Astley Bridge, Bolton.

Hon. Secretary: Miss BRIDSON, Bridge House, Bolton.

Membership: 320.

The large increase in membership during the year was partly due to the special work done during the by-election in November, 1912, when a shop was taken for a month, meetings were held constantly, and much help was given by the Federation.

In January, memorials to the three local M.P.'s were organised in connection with the Reform Bill, and were signed by many influential persons. The members were interviewed on the same subject by representative deputations. The three members are nominally friendly to Women's Suffrage; Mr. Gill and Mr. Wilson, however, are primarily Manhood Suffragists, while Mr. Thomas Taylor is a Liberal first. Several local organisations such as the local Labour Party, the I.L.P., the Co-operative Debate, and the Free Debate, have received

Suffrage speakers during the year, and in January Miss Margaret Ashton, on the invitation of the Rev. H. Crook, spoke at the King's Hall. In March a large public meeting was held, addressed by Mr. J. Parker, M.P., and by Mrs. Muter Wilson.

Nearly 30 members of the Bolton Society, marched with the Pilgrims from Manchester to Stockport; two continued the pilgrimage as far as Birmingham, while two completed the whole distance between Manchester and London.

A certain amount of work has been accomplished among the Trades Unions. Ten of the local branches have passed resolutions in favour of Women's Suffrage and others intend to discuss it.

The Friends of Women's Suffrage have increased during the year and now number about 350 with nearly 40 visitors.

Owing to the generosity of a member the society has been enabled to engage an organiser and to take a permanent shop; it is hoped that this will greatly increase the effectiveness of the society's work.

BRAMHALL AND CHEADLE HULME.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. PILKINGTON TURNER, Nidis, Bramhall.

Hon. Secretary: Miss G. M. GREENWOOD, Oak Croft, Cheadle Hulme.

Membership: 36

On November 11th a public meeting was held in the Council Schools, Bramhall. Mr. Pilkington Turner was in the chair, and Mrs. Swanwick gave an interesting address. The meeting was well attended and some new members were enrolled.

In February the hon. secretary, Miss Alice Bell, sent in her resignation and at a committee meeting held on March 3rd Miss Greenwood was appointed secretary

pro. tem., and several members were added to the committee. An endeavour was made to re-organise the society.

On May 29th the first annual meeting was held. Mrs. Phythian was in the chair. Mr. J. H. Reynolds and Mr. Pilkington Turner gave interesting addresses. Miss Reynolds read a suggestive paper on the formation of reading circles. The name of the society was changed from the Bramhall to Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme Society for Women's Suffrage. The committee are arranging for the reading circle to meet regularly during the winter. A public meeting will be held on October 28th. Speaker, Miss Geraldine Cooke.

Four members of the society joined in the Pilgrimage walk from Manchester to Stockport, and three members attended the demonstration in London.

BURNLEY.

President: Lady OTTOLINE MORELL.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. HOUGH, Mrs. SPENCER.

Chairman of Committee: Mrs. BIRTWISTLE.

Vice-Chairman of Committee: Miss WOOD, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. PEREGRINE THOMAS.

Hon. Secretary: Miss LEE, Thorn Hill, Burnley.

Assistant Secretary: Miss HITCHIN, 3, Ormerod Street, Burnley.

Membership: 120.

A series of six monthly meetings were held last winter which took the form of informal discussions on the following subjects:—"Militancy," "Our new Election Policy," "The Universal Awakening of Woman," "The Political Situation," "Should Married women have the Vote?" The members attended well and entered with spirit into the debate.

In April we had the good fortune to be able to arrange a meeting for Mrs. Despard, who happened to be

speaking in the district. Although militancy was rife at the time, and she was somewhat suspect among the "un-instructed," her speech on the "Political Situation of the Moment and in General," was listened to by a rapt audience, which filled every available corner of the room.

Although nobody in Burnley had the leisure to join the "Pilgrimage," we sent a contribution to the Special Fund. Our new Liberal paper, *The Burnley News*, is definitely in favour of the Suffrage, and always accepts any contribution we send. The editor has accepted, and paid for, the new series of articles by prominent Suffragists.

BUXTON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. VICKERY, Filleigh, Temple Road, Buxton.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ASHWELL COOKE, Brackendale, Lightwood Road, Buxton.

Membership: 60.

This branch has been worked actively through the present year in the face of much difficulty. Eight meetings have been held and all were well attended. Five of these took place at Buxton, and the remaining three at Chapel-en-le-Frith, where interest in the movement is growing. The thanks of the branch are due to the Rev. W. E. Ireland, Mr. Seddon, Miss Lucy Cox, Miss Abadam, Mrs. Muter Wilson, Miss Lilian Winstanley, M.A., Miss Wilkinson, B.A., Miss Wallhead, G. G. Armstrong, Esq., Miss Louisa Wright, and Councillor Jane Redford, whose valuable help as speakers has been much appreciated. The membership of the society has grown from 53 to 60. Progress in a watering place often tends to be a case of making haste slowly. The percentage of loss in membership is high, since people live for a time in the place and then go elsewhere. The Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme has been taken up and worked by the

members with good results. In the autumn of last year signatures were obtained for a memorial to S. Hill Wood, Esq., M.P., which was representatively signed. Arrangements are being made to hold a series of afternoon meetings for educational purposes during the winter months.

CHEADLE.

Chairman of Committee: Mrs. PARRY, 277, Stockport Road, Cheadle Heath.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss ROPER, Sunnyside, Charlotte Street, Cheadle.

Hon. Secretary: Miss K. GODSON, Cheadle House, Cheadle.

Membership: 31.

This society has been in existence for about five years and was previously affiliated to the Industrial and Professional Society, but at its annual general meeting in May it was resolved to ask if it might be affiliated to the Manchester and District Federation of Women's Suffrage Societies as it was thought that it would be more helpful. As the society had already held two public meetings this session it has not attempted any gathering during the summer months.

One of the members walked in the Pilgrimage procession from Manchester to Stockport, several attended the meeting in Mersey Square, Stockport, and donations amounting to 10s. were sent towards the expenses.

We have adopted the Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme and have obtained about 30 signatures.

Six members take in the *Common Cause*.

We are fortunate in having our proceedings well reported in the local paper.

CLITHEROE.

President: Mrs. MYERS.

Vice-President: Miss MURGATROYD.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. COOPER, 59, St. Mary's Street, Nelson.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. ROBERT COOPER, 59, St. Mary's Street, Nelson.

Membership: 35.

During the past year the members of the above society have held monthly meetings which have been fairly well attended. A few new members have been enrolled, but some have removed from the district, and therefore the membership remains about the same as last year.

A good deal of propoganda work in the constituency has been done by Mrs. Annot Robinson in conjunction with the Independent Labour Party, which is the only political party within the division that may be regarded as sound for the cause of Women's Suffrage.

Miss Murgatroyd took an active part in representing our society in the Pilgrimage to London, and while she was on the journey the local newspapers gave us a good advertisement. As she is a weaver by trade the factory lasses and lads were much interested in the march to London, and when Miss Murgatroyd's photo appeared in the newspaper it became the talk of the town.

Mrs. Cooper gave two lectures during the year. The first lecture was given at the Barrowford Debating Society on "The Political Aspect of Women's Suffrage." The Independent Methodists Women's Guild on "Women's Suffrage."

On the 4th of October our society is having a Grand Social and Dance with the object of raising money for the "Federation Special Effort Fund."

CONGLETON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. LAWTON, Jesscot, Moody Street, Congleton.

Hon. Secretary: Miss L. BENNETT, Marsh House, Astbury, Congleton.

Membership: 34.

The Congleton Society was organised by Miss Dorothy Darlington on the 23rd July.

A number of people had given their names as willing to join at the meeting held by the Pilgrims on the Fair Ground. Of these about ten or eleven have since withdrawn, and as the holiday season in this district was just commencing when the association was formed but little has been done in the way of enlisting new members.

Two committee meetings have been held, and a very successful open-air meeting, addressed by Mrs. Müter Wilson, Councillor Barclay, and the Rev. W. E. Ireland.

CREWE.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. POWELL, 117, Walthall Street, Crewe.

Membership: 20.

Owing to several changes having taken place in the officers during the past year, it is a little difficult to write a very satisfactory report. On January 8th, 1913, a new committee was formed and since then we have held eight public and two social meetings, and the committee has met thirteen times. In December of last year, Miss Margaret Robertson and Mr. Stanton Barnes spoke at a public meeting which was arranged, and the Federation has sent many speakers to help with our meetings. Organising work has been done in the outside districts during the year, and the society in Crewe hopes to be able to keep in touch with sympathisers and members by holding meetings in these districts.

DARWEN.

Chairman of Committee: Mrs. HUNT, 71, London Terrace, Darwen.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss F. S. WALKDEN, 5, Pearson Street, Darwen.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. E. JEPSON, 15, Cleveland Terrace, Darwen.

Membership: 80.

During the earlier part of the year this society became somewhat disorganised, several of our workers had left the town, and the secretary felt obliged to resign owing to the press of other duties. The membership had dwindled to half its original number, and consequently there is little to record for the first three months.

However, in January a start was made, a meeting being held in the Industrial Hall, when Miss M. Robertson and Mrs. Young were the principal speakers. Several new members were enrolled.

In February, Mrs. Annot Robinson, who was organising in the immediate neighbourhood, paid us a visit and addressed a meeting of members in the Adult School. With a view to rousing more interest in the Suffrage movement, two other meetings were held, their object being to train women in the use of the vote. At the first meeting Miss Isherwood read a paper on the "Cause of Purity and Women's Suffrage," which was followed by discussion, and at the second Mrs. J. W. Bury lectured on the "Insurance Act as it affects women." It is with sincere regret that we record the death of our president, Mrs. J. W. Bury. Ever since the formation of the society Mrs. Bury had shown a deep interest in the Suffrage cause, and although she had only been president of the society five months, her loss will be keenly felt for some time.

With regard to the great Pilgrimage in July, the fact of our members belonging chiefly to the working

class prevented their going any great distance, but on the walk from Manchester to Stockport, our society was represented in the Manchester Federation contingent.

The Trades Council have passed a resolution in favour of Women's Suffrage, and copies were sent to the Prime Minister, Mr. Rutherford, M.P., and Mr. Ramsay Macdonald.

We are now preparing for a large demonstration in November, to be addressed by Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Ashton, and we hope before the winter is over to have our membership back at the original strength.

ECCLES.

President: Councillor MARGARET ASHTON, M.A.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. GOULDEN, 62, Eccles Old Road, Eccles.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. NORBURY, West Leigh, Broad Oak Park, Worsley.

Membership: 76.

On November 12th a meeting was held in the Primitive Methodist schoolroom. The chair was taken by the Rev. B. O. F. Heywood, M.A., and the speaker was Miss Thirza Potts, M.A.

During the week of January 18-25, a Suffrage Shop was taken in Liverpool Road, Eccles. Meetings were held there twice a day and the following speakers gave their services:—

Miss Thirza Potts, M.A., Miss Janet Heyes, Miss Jenny Theopold, Mrs. Norbury, the Rev. Neander Anderton, B.A., James H. Hudson, M.A. (the prospective Labour candidate for the division), Mr. George Benson, and Mr. B. D. Taylor.

The campaign was concluded by a public meeting which was held in the Congregational Schoolroom, Patricroft. The speakers were Mrs. Earp and Forrest Hewit, Esq. Councillor Thomas Grindle, J.P., took the

chair. During the week the postcards, with the resolution, were freely signed and were forwarded to Sir G. Pollard, M.P.

On July 16th Mrs. Scowby kindly lent her garden for tea and a cake competition. Brown and Polson's instructions were carried out and Mr. Bentley, of the Co-operative Society, was the judge.

Two jumble sales have been held, one on September 16th, 1912, and the other on May 2nd, 1913.

The local branches of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, the I.L.P. and the Workers' Union have passed our Suffrage resolutions.

A copy of the *Common Cause* has been sent weekly to the Eccles Carnegie Library. Messrs. Tillotson, editors of the local paper, always report our meetings fully, but do not insert much Suffrage news unless pressed.

FARNWORTH.

President: Mrs. H. BARNES, Bolton Road, Moses Gate.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. AFFLECK, Melbourne House, Kearsley.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. G. WALLACE, Stancliffe Street, Gt. Lever.

Membership: 85.

The work of the society has been carried on satisfactorily during the year. In October, 1912, we opened a Suffrage Shop and much interest was shown in our movement.

Several well-known men helped by speaking at our meetings each evening.

A social was held in April and was a great success. Two Suffrage plays were given by local friends.

An open-air meeting was held on Farnworth Market Ground on June 22nd. Mrs. Muter Wilson gave an excellent address and Mr. Carruthers (Bolton) was the chairman.

Miss Darlington kindly paid a visit to explain about the Pilgrimage, and much interest was taken in consequence. We purchased a new banner which was carried in the procession from Manchester to Stockport when 16 of our members walked all the way.

Three members took part in the Hyde Park Demonstration on July 26th.

On September 23rd, Miss Ashton spoke at a meeting at Kearsley, the Rev. F. Taylor (Wesleyan minister) being the chairman.

The two local papers are friendly and give good accounts of our meetings. Two committees of Trades Councils have passed Suffrage resolutions, also the District Councils of Farnworth and Kearsley. We have gained eight new members.

HASLINGDEN.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BERRY, 55, Carrs, Haslingden.

Membership: 30.

This branch was without a secretary from its formation in 1911 till November, 1912, when Mrs. Chew began Election Fighting Fund organising in the division and acted as secretary *pro tem.* till April, 1913. Mrs. Berry, a new member, was appointed.

Mrs. Chew began in a very small way to try to re-awaken the interest of members by social evenings, which were continued during the winter and were increasingly successful, though not financially profitable. Counting the original members and the new ones who have paid subscriptions, and the new ones who have not paid, the branch now numbers about 70 members. It is true, however, that most of the old members have failed to pay subscriptions, and that the branch really consists of thirty members who are almost all new ones. Mrs. Berry

is an extremely capable secretary and the future of the branch is quite safe in her hands.

The summer propaganda has been conducted through the Election Fighting Fund and a series of successful open-air meetings have been held, addressed by Mrs. Mütter Wilson, Councillor Margaret Ashton, Mr. J. T. Standring, Councillor Fogarty, the Rev. T. M. Tozer, Mr. W. H. Thomas and Mrs. Chew. An open-air meeting, at which Haslingden members helped, was also held at Helmshore, addressed by Mr. Greenwood, a local Liberal, Mr. Clement Bundock and Mrs. Chew. Much literature has been distributed, and a great deal of house-to-house canvassing has been done in Haslingden by Miss Brearley, and Mrs. Chew has addressed a majority of the local trade unions, who have passed strong Suffrage resolutions, as also did the Haslingden Trades Council. A weekly article by Mrs. Chew has appeared in the *Haslingden Observer* since December last.

This society consists entirely of working-class members—the middle-class Liberal members have left it on account of the Labour policy—which makes it financially very poor, and also is a drawback on account of lack of spare time on the part of its members. But it contains real grit, and Mrs. Berry as secretary and Mrs. Isherwood as treasurer are a host in themselves. A large number of "Friends" cards have been signed largely through Mrs. Berry's efforts.

HEYWOOD.

President: Mrs. WILSON, St. Luke's Rectory, Heywood.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss HOWARTH, 5, Barley Hall, Heywood.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. COLLINGE, Haven House, Rochdale Road, Heywood.

Membership: 50

In November, 1912, a Suffrage meeting was held in the Trades Hall. There was a large and appreciative

gathering. The chair was taken by the Mayor of Heywood (Dr. Jeffery), who gave a very sympathetic address. Miss Margaret Ashton, M.A., carried the audience with her in a most convincing speech, which was enthusiastically applauded. Mr. Stanton Barnes gave an admirable account of the origin and work of the National Union. The meeting was afterwards addressed by Dr. Taylor and Mrs. Wilson. Altogether it was a very encouraging meeting.

In June, 1913, an "At Home" was held in the Trades Hall, when Mrs. Hiller gave a full account of the purport of the Pilgrimage.

We believe that the question of Women's Suffrage is becoming better known in the locality. The Press is favourable.

HYDE.

President: Mrs. ENFIELD DOWSON, Gee Cross, Hyde.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. MIDDLETON, 7, South View, Higher Woodley.

Membership: 30.

It is with much regret that we have very little work to report for the past year. During the summer Mrs. Russell came over to Hyde to explain about the Pilgrimage, and a collection was made towards the funds. Miss Quayle has, unfortunately, been obliged to resign the hon. secretaryship owing to pressure of outside work. This autumn Mrs. Enfield Dowson has very kindly promised to give an "At Home" at her house, at which Miss Ashton is speaking for us; and later we hope to arouse enthusiasm among our members by holding a public meeting.

KNUTSFORD.

President: Mrs. F. T. SWANWICK, M.A.

Chairman: Mrs. J. R. TOMLINSON, Ryefield, Knutsford.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss D. HOFFMANN, Cranford Avenue, Knutsford.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. HOWARD CHEETHAM, Hazelhurst, Chelford Road, Knutsford.

Membership: 33.

Since the last Annual Meeting of our society the committee has met nine times in committee, and twice informally. It has sent helpers, representatives, and contingents to all demonstrations held by the Federation in Manchester and London during the year.

As the Wilmslow Society has decided to withdraw from work in Alderley Edge, that district is again being worked by Knutsford, and we propose to alter the title of this society to the Knutsford and Alderley Edge W.S.S.

A number of postcards were signed and sent to Colonel Sykes, M.P., asking him not to oppose the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill, and he was also interviewed by Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Simpson last autumn at the House of Commons with reference to the inclusion of women in the Home Rule Bill, but he declined to support this amendment.

Since October last public meetings have been held in Knutsford, Mobberley and Alderley Edge.

LEIGH.

Hon. Treasurer: R. D. STEPHEN, ESQ., Thornycroft, Leigh.

Hon. Secretary: Miss COOK, 13, Railway Road, Leigh.

Membership: 63.

During the past year there has been no change of officers. Mrs. Pigott, a member of the committee, resigned, as she did not agree with the present policy of the National Union.

We have 63 members and 34 Friends, a considerable increase on last year.

A public meeting was held on the 8th October, 1912, the speakers being Miss Margaret Robertson and Mr. G. G. Armstrong, with Mr. J. H. Stephen as chairman.

At the annual meeting, which was held on the 21st Nov. 1912, Mr. D. R. Stephen, M.A., lectured on "Thought Force, or how Women should help the Movement."

On the 19th December, 1912, Miss Darlington came down to explain the Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme and Miss Lucy Stephen, M.A. was appointed secretary of the scheme.

On February 6th of this year a very successful "At Home" was held, the speaker being the Lady Rochdale.

At a public meeting the same evening Lady Rochdale and Mr. Fenner Brockway spoke for us, with Mr. John Burrows, of Atherton, as chairman.

On March 12th Mrs. Mütter Wilson addressed a very small gathering in the Parish Institute.

On the 2nd April the dramatic section produced the play "Man and Woman," by Mrs. James Ward. It was very well received, and reported in the local papers.

MACCLESFIELD.

President: Mrs. WALTER GREG, Lee Hall, Prestbury.

Hon. Secretary: Miss A. R. WRIGHT, Upton Mount, Macclesfield.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WM. WHITE, The Limes, Sutton.

Hon. Press Secretary: Miss A. L. WHITE, Holly Bank, Sutton.

Membership: 70.

It was a matter of fortune rather than arrangement that the week in which the Reform Bill was introduced into the House of Commons a public meeting was held by this society. The Town Hall was filled to hear Mrs. Swanwick, M.A., and Councillor H. G. Barclay moved and

seconded a resolution calling on Parliament to enfranchise women this year. Mrs. Swanwick is one of the most intellectual leaders of the National Union: her speeches are always full of thought and the audience, with only one dissentient, readily supported the resolution.

The Labour Party have twice arranged meetings, where large audiences have listened most sympathetically to speeches by Mr. George Lansbury and Mrs. Despard. The women's movement had lion-like advocates in each. Our society happily secured Mrs. Despard for an afternoon meeting. The Town Hall ante-room was filled, and it was an inspiration to see an old lady, full of energy still, with the will to give herself and all she possesses to gain freedom for her fellow-women. Mr. Keir Hardie came as lately as last week, and to a magnificent Drill Hall audience, called together by the I.L.P., announced that no social reform could be a success until women were enfranchised and put on an equal footing with men.

When the intimation came that a portion of the Women's Pilgrimage would come through Macclesfield the local society lent itself to do the Manchester and District Federation's bidding. It went further, and offered hospitality to about thirty guests. Several of our members joined the Federation at its start and marched from Manchester to Stockport. Mrs. Knowles, the Bollington hon. secretary, very kindly entertained the Pilgrims at her home to afternoon tea and a rest in her garden. A meeting was held there. In regard to the meeting in Macclesfield, we have an old Liberal worker's word for it, that never for any object was a better meeting held in the Town Hall, and the overflow meeting in the Market Place doubled the numbers within. Councillor Margaret Ashton, M.A., spoke very forcibly; so did Mr. Fenner Brockway, and our President, Mrs. Walter Greg,

gave them weighty support. All the speeches were so earnest, the gathering suggested a service rather than a meeting. Again a resolution calling on Parliament to enfranchise women was passed unanimously. Some of our people marched with the Pilgrims as far as Congleton and helped with a meeting at Buglawton. The President and Miss Greg went as far as Stafford, and one representative joined the Pilgrims for their entry into London. When the scene was shown at our local Picture House the audience cheered enthusiastically.

There are meetings ahead arranged. Miss Nina Boyle, Councillor Margaret Ashton, M.A., Miss I. O. Ford, Canon Green, and perchance Miss Lena Ashwell, are going to speak for us this autumn.

Last year we announced the resignation of Councillor H. G. Barclay from the Liberal Association, this year he has gone one step further and given up the chairmanship of the Young Liberal Association. William White, Esq., the President, has resigned too, on account of the suppression of free speech by the chairman of the Liberal Association, Mr. Harold Whiston. One fails utterly to understand how the Member, Colonel Brocklehurst, or the members can allow it. There have been more resignations for a similar reason from the Women's Liberal Association, but we realise they do not entail as much sacrifice, nor do they as yet carry as much weight.

The Rev. W. E. Ireland, M.A., gave a lecture on "The New Movement in Irish Poetry and Drama." Mr. Forrest Hewit, of Wilmslow, who presided, said it was the finest lecture he had ever heard.

We have an excellent Press Secretary. Each month an article appears in our local paper, and because one of her letters written to the *Manchester Guardian* was

consigned to a corner rather than put with the correspondence, we gather her expression was too much to the point. We are not asleep in Macclesfield.

MANCHESTER.

Chairman : Miss MARGARET ASHTON, 8, Kinnaird Road, Withington.

Hon. Treasurer : Miss G. TAYLOR, Stanford, Rusholme.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. HILLER, Oakholme, Alexandra Park, S.

Hon. Press Secretary : Mrs. S. J. CHAPMAN, Burnage Lodge, Levenshulme.

"Common Cause" Secretary : Miss K. RADCLIFFE, 10, Alexandra Road S., Manchester.

Organising Secretary : Miss DOROTHY DARLINGTON, Grosvenor Chambers, 16, Deansgate, Manchester.

Membership : 967

During the past year the work of the society has been considerably extended, especially in regard to its political activities. A large number of meetings have been held throughout Manchester and Salford, too many to mention separately. Perhaps the most interesting were the two held in connection with important conferences in Manchester.

The first, in connection with the National Union of W.S.S. Council Meeting, was held in the Albert Hall, Manchester, on October 10th, the speakers being Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Miss Margaret Ashton, Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., Mr. Laurence Housman, Professor Chapman, and Mr. William Royle.

The second big demonstration was organised during the week the Independent Labour Party held its Annual Conference in Manchester. This demonstration was held in Platt Fields, Rusholme, on Easter Sunday. There were two platforms, and the audience was particularly large and attentive. Among the speakers

were :—Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., Councillor Egerton Wake, Miss I. O. Ford, Miss Ashton, Miss Margaret Robertson, Mr. Fenner Brockway, and Councillor Tom Fox.

During the winter three joint meetings were organised in the Coal Exchange, Manchester, on Sunday evenings by the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage and the Manchester Central Branch of the I.L.P. The speakers were : Miss Ashton, Mrs. F. T. Swanwick, and Mrs. Annot Robinson. The meetings were well attended and resulted in a number of new members joining both societies.

A special feature of the meetings organised by the society are the weekly "At Homes," held at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square, Manchester, every Monday afternoon from 4 to 5-30 o'clock. Here members and friends have the opportunity of meeting and discussing the work of the local society and the National Union of W.S.S.

A series of lectures for Suffrage workers, and a speakers' class, were held in the offices during the winter, and proved very helpful to the members who attended them. The speakers' class was arranged by Mrs. J. R. Tomlinson and Miss Nellie Horne.

During the summer months a very successful campaign of open-air meetings was organised in different parts of the city. The meetings were held twice a week. A large number of Friends of Women's Suffrage cards were signed, and a quantity of literature distributed.

The local organisation committees have worked most energetically, and have been invaluable in organising meetings, making new members, and doing propaganda. They have also given considerable assistance to the Hon. Treasurer by the special efforts they have made for the funds of the society by sales of work, whist

drives, garden parties, etc. There are now eight committees working in Manchester and Salford, three having been formed during the past year :—

The South Manchester Committee :
Hon. Sec., Miss G. M. Taylor.

Withington and Didsbury Committee :
Hon. Sec., Mrs. Alfred Simon.

S.-W. Manchester Committee :
Hon. Secs., Mrs. Brooks and Mr. J. Boyd.

Old Trafford and Stretford Committee :
Hon. Sec., Mrs. Ransome.

Whalley Range and Chorlton Committee :
Hon. Sec., Mrs. Oppenheimer.

North Manchester Committee :
Hon. Sec., Miss Blyton.

North Salford Committee :
Hon. Sec., Miss P. Forrester.

South Salford Committee :
Hon. Secs., Miss Rothwell and Mr. Winterbottom.

The Working Men and Women's Suffrage Clubs, in connection with the Manchester Society, are in a very flourishing condition and continue to do excellent propaganda in the working-class districts of the city. There are now three clubs which meet weekly. The South Salford Club, the Hulme Club, and the Ancoats Club which has just been organised. Another successful Suffrage Club, which is run on rather different lines, has been organised in Didsbury by the Withington and Didsbury Committee. The meetings of this Club are held monthly.

The political work of the society has been exceptionally heavy during the past year. Much work was done locally to bring pressure to bear on the Members of Parliament in the Manchester Society's area for the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill. Deputations were received by Mr. Harry Nuttall, M.P., Mr. C. M. Barlow, M.P., Mr. P. K. Glazebrook, M.P., Sir John Randles, M.P., Mr. J. E. Sutton, M.P., and Mr. John Hodge, M.P.

An extensively signed memorial from his constituents, was presented to Mr. Harry Nuttall, asking him to vote for all the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill. A very large number of postcards signed by electors of S.W. Manchester were sent to Mr. C. T. Needham with the same request.

A great campaign in support of the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill was organised in Manchester and Salford by the Manchester Federation and the Manchester Society. Shops were opened in the nine Manchester and Salford constituencies from December 9th to 14th. Nearly 100 meetings were held and a large number of postcards were signed by electors and sent to the local M.P.'s.

So successful was this campaign, that another Suffrage Shop was opened in St. Ann's Square, Manchester, from January 20th to 29th, when the Reform Bill was before the House of Commons. Well attended meetings—mostly of business men—were held daily in the shop at which Miss Ashton, Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Muter Wilson, Mrs. Tattersall, Miss Lucy Cox, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Annot Robinson, Mr. Richard Robinson, Mr. Martindale, Mr. J. R. Tomlinson, Mr. Percy Redfern, Professor Chapman, Mr. J. H. Hudson, Professor Alexander, Mr. Jordan and others spoke.

The Executive Committee have undertaken with the National Union Election Fighting Fund Committee and the Manchester Federation to do special work in the constituencies of those Labour Members who have given special assistance to the Women's Suffrage cause in the House of Commons, to help them to retain their seats at the next election. The Labour M.P.'s in the Manchester area, in whose constituencies special organising is being done, are Mr. J. R. Clynes, Mr. J. E. Sutton and Mr. J. Hodge. Mrs. Annot Robinson and Miss Ellen Wilkinson

have organised special meetings in these constituencies, at which Mrs. Philip Snowden and Mr. John Hodge, M.P., spoke. The Suffrage Club which has just been started by Miss Dita Hoffmann and Miss Wilkinson in Ancoats, is in Mr. J. R. Clynes' division.

The Manchester Society co-operated with the Manchester Federation in the Pilgrimage during July, the Manchester Society making the arrangements for the great procession from Manchester to Stockport on July 5th. A number of the Manchester Society's members accompanied the Pilgrimage all the way to London, and a large number went up to London for the final Demonstration in Hyde Park on July 26.

The society has sent the full representation of delegates to the National Union Council Meetings during the year. Thirty members of the society went to the Albert Hall Demonstration in London on November 5th.

The Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme is being successfully worked by the Local Organisation Committees, who are arranging quarterly meetings for the Friends of Women's Suffrage.

The society is now organising a Suffrage Market which will be held next February in Manchester, to raise funds for the General Election campaign.

MARPLE.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. ECKERSLEY, Croftside, Ley Hey Park, Marple.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. SINCLAIR, Green Bank, Marple.

Membership: 120

The work of the Marple Women's Suffrage Society for the past year, though not eventful, has been steady and interesting. There has been no big bazaar or garden fête to arouse fresh enthusiasm in the members, but the attendance at the winter meetings has been satisfactory

on the whole, and the number of workers has increased. The Annual Meeting was held in July, 1912, and after the necessary business was finished, Mrs. Sarah Dickenson gave an address on "Women and the Insurance Act."

A large public meeting was held in November, the speakers being Mrs. Annot Robinson and Miss Alison Garland. A resolution urging the Government to introduce no Reform Bill that did not include some measure of enfranchisement for women was carried, and copies, signed by the chairman, were sent to the Prime Minister and to F. Neilson, Esq., the member for the division.

A second series of monthly meetings, chiefly of an educational character, was arranged for the winter months, as the committee felt that those of the previous year had been helpful in drawing members together, and in preparing them for the use of the vote when won.

The dates of these meetings, which were alternate afternoon and evening, and the speakers who addressed them, were as follows:—

1912	
Dec. 10	..... "The Social Evil." Mrs. MÜTER WILSON.
" "	..... "Friends of Women's Suffrage Scheme." Mrs. T. M. YOUNG.
1913	
Jan. 6	..... Social Evening and Members' Debate. Helpers: Mrs. Clement, Mrs. Eckersley, Mrs. Simister, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Douglas Simon & Mrs. Sinclair.
Feb. 19	..... "The Work of Women's Trade Unions." Mrs. O. M. ALDRIDGE.
Mar. 10	..... "The Poor Law from a Woman's Point of View." Miss OLGA HERTZ.
Mar. 11	Drawing Room Meeting..... "Women's Suffrage." Lady ROCHDALE. (Well attended by anti-suffragists.)
April 16	..... "Woman as Citizen." Miss LISA M. KER.

In view of the Franchise Reform Bill, a deputation of Marple, Romiley and Hyde suffragists interviewed the member, Mr. Neilson, at Gee Cross, by kind invitation of Mrs. Enfield Dowson. In reply to questions, Mr. Neilson promised to vote for the Reform Bill amendment, but said he could not support Mr. Snowden's or vote against the third reading of the Reform Bill, etc.

To bring further pressure to bear on the member, the committee sent out one thousand circulars to the electors of Marple, each enclosing a letter to Mr. Neilson which contained a statement of the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill and Home Rule Bill, asking him to support all these amendments and also to vote for the widening of the Women's Municipal Franchise. Each elector was asked to sign his name and address to the letter and post at once to his member, crossing out any amendments to which he had a conscientious objection. It is gratifying to know that many of these letters were signed and posted and were acknowledged by Mr. Neilson in the local Press.

The Marple Society has tried to help the Cause outside its own area.

In June, in response to an appeal from the Federation for help at the Holmfirth election, a member went for two days to canvass and assist at outdoor meetings.

Two members went as delegates to the National Union Council in October, and two also attended the National meeting of the delegates of the Women's Suffrage Joint Committee's Campaign, held in London in December.

Five members helped, two of them for a week each, in the Suffrage Shops and had varied and interesting meetings.

One member attended the Annual Council Meeting of the National Union in February.

Donations of money have been sent to the Albert Hall collection, Nov., 1912, the Election Fighting Fund, the Manchester and District Federation, the Holmfirth election (for car), and to the Romiley Society for expenses incurred in propaganda work at the Mottram Show.

The society has sustained a heavy loss by the removal of its late secretary, Mrs. Nicolson, who, during her term of office from 1909-12, has never slackened in her duty or failed to be a source of inspiration of others.

APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 30th, 1913.

In accordance with a new rule passed at the Annual Meeting in May, 1913, the year now ends on Sept. 30th. The report of the half-year will be included in the next report of the Marple Society to the Manchester and District Federation.

MARPLE BRIDGE.

President: Miss L. M. KER, Barone, Mellor, Marple Bridge.

Hon Treasurer: Miss JOWETT, Trentham, Marple Bridge.

Hon. Secretaries:

Mrs. T. A. LEONARD, Walden, Townscliffe Lane, Marple Bridge.

Mrs. PRITCHARD, Brierdale, Townscliffe Lane, Marple Bridge.

Membership: 55.

During the past year two members' meetings have been held—one on November 28th, when Mrs. Muter Wilson, of Manchester, gave an address; the second being the Annual Meeting on March 31st.

A public meeting took place on April 14th in the Scouts' Hall, Mellor. Miss Ker was in the chair, and the speakers were Mrs. Annot Robinson, of Manchester, and Mr. Fenner Brockway, of Mellor. This was the first public Suffrage meeting held in this part of our district, owing to the want of a hall. It was a most interesting

meeting and was well attended. During March and April we added 15 to our membership, which now stands at 55.

In June, Miss Darlington came to tell us about the Suffrage Pilgrimage. Many of us joined in the procession from Manchester to Stockport and Congleton. One of our members walked from Birmingham to London, another from Oxford to London.

MIDDLETON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. JONES BROWN, Hollinfield, Middleton.

Hon Secretary (pro tem.): Miss PARKIN, 2, Mallalieu Street, Middleton.

Membership: —

We are sorry to have to report that at the present time the Middleton Society is without permanent officials. During the winter two social meetings were arranged, which were well attended, and on April 29th, a public meeting was held at which Mrs. Swanwick and Councillor Tom Fox were the speakers. The meeting was well organised, and the attendance was most satisfactory. During the early part of the year Mrs. Cooper, of Nelson, was appointed as organiser for the Todmorden and Middleton districts. She did excellent work and laid the foundations for a society in Todmorden. Over 600 Friends of Women's Suffrage cards were signed.

NORTHWICH.

President: The LADY FRANCES BALFOUR.

Chairman: Mrs. FRANKENBURG, Hefferston Grange, Weaverham.

Hon. Secretary: Miss E. BROCK, Mossfield, Winnington, Northwich.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. ALLEN, Wilburg, Hartford.

Membership: 51.

This society grows very slowly and not very much work has been done during the last year.

A social evening was held on February 4th in the Cocoa House, when Mrs. Frankenburg kindly entertained all the members.

We had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Mütter Wilson on that occasion and the evening was very successful.

The Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme has been taken up by this society.

OLDHAM.

President: Miss M. LEES, Werneth Park, Oldham.

Treasurer: Miss A. MITTON, 13 Newport Street, Oldham.

Hon. Secretaries:

Mrs. BRIDGE, 82 Greengate Street, Oldham.

Mrs. SIDDALL, 53 Greengate Street, Oldham.

Membership: 300.

At our last annual meeting three new vice-presidents were elected, viz., the Rev. G. S. Osborn, the Rev. A. J. Viner, and G. R. Whittaker, Esq. After the business meeting, Dr. Lucy Pinniger gave a delightful address on "Votes for Men and Women."

On December 3rd we supplied a speaker (Miss Helen Fraser) to debate at a largely attended meeting organised by the Industrial Co-operative Society. In December also many of our members assisted in the week's campaign in Manchester, and two of our members (Mrs. Councillor Lees and Mrs. Fletcher) gave help as speakers. The president has lectured on "Lands where Women have the Vote," and Mrs. Councillor Lees has addressed meeting in many parts of the country. Dr. Olive Claydon lectured many times during the winter on "The New Woman," "The Awakening of Women," and "By whom is Women's Suffrage wanted, and Why?" In April Miss Lucy Cox gave an address to members, and in May a public meeting was convened by several well-known local gentlemen inter-

ested in Women's Suffrage. Lord Emmott was the speaker and Mrs. Councillor Lees was in the chair. The King Street Co-operative Hall was well filled. The address given by Lord Emmott was afterwards printed in booklet form and over 400 copies were circulated, the expense being borne by Mrs. Lees.

In June, the president, Mrs. Councillor Lees and Miss Sharples attended the Conference at Buda Pesth.

Eight members took part in the Pilgrimage and Miss Lees (president) and Mrs. Fletcher did good service as speakers all along the route. Miss Field was a zealous collector, heading the list. Our president gave a donation of £500 to the Pilgrimage Funds and Mrs. Lees one of £200. In addition, they supplied two caravans, in which our contingent slept, and many tired Pilgrims appreciated "the lift on the way." The kindness shown by these two ladies during the Pilgrimage will not soon be forgotten. At the Demonstration in Hyde Park, where the Pilgrimage ended, we were joined by six other members. We are glad to be able to record that the Oldham Society did so well.

The Friends of Women's Suffrage scheme is successfully worked by the secretary, Miss Fox, and a good staff of visitors.

Our literature campaign has not been forgotten: prominent members of all the political parties have been well supplied with leaflets, and one week we posted 144 copies of a very good number of *The Common Cause*.

In order to raise funds for the Federation, we are having an Indoor Fête in the Music Room, Werneth Park, on October 11th, when it is expected Mrs. Fawcett will be present. On November 14th, Mrs. Swanwick, M.A., will address the members at the annual meeting.

RADCLIFFE.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. STANTON BARNES, 18 Deyne Avenue,
Prestwich.

Assistant Hon. Secretary: Mrs. ALLEN OPENSHAW.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss STONEX, The Broxups, Besses-o'-th'-Barn.

Membership: 80.

There is, unfortunately, very little work to report for the Radcliffe Society for the past year, owing to the serious illness of one of the officers and our being unable to find a substitute for the time being.

In November last a public meeting was held at which Miss Ashton, Miss Alison Garland and Professor Weiss were the speakers.

This winter, however, we hope to do good work. A Suffrage Club is being organised, the first three meetings for which have been arranged. Our annual meeting will be held early in December, when it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members, so that arrangements may be made for a series of meetings for the new year.

RAWTENSTALL.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. HOLDEN.

Hon. Secretary:

Miss F. WHITEHEAD, Ashday Lea, Holly Mount, Rawtenstall.

Membership: 32.

The Rawtenstall Society, at one time a joint society with Haslingden, has during the last twelve months been a separate branch of the N.U.W.S.S. A public meeting was held in the Co-operative Hall in April, and open-air meetings were arranged and held in June and September. Early in the year, a branch was formed at Waterfoot, but as the membership is small and the society is having some difficulty in replacing its hon. treasurer, who has been obliged to resign owing to his

leaving the district, a suggestion has been made to the effect that Rawtenstall and Waterfoot should amalgamate and form one strong society. This will probably be done immediately, and we shall hope to be able to report some good work next year.

RISHTON.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WADDINGTON, 16, Spring Street, Rishton.

Hon. Secretary: Miss ALICE FISH, 73 Spring Street, Rishton.

Membership: 30.

This society was formed through the strenuous efforts of Mrs. Tozer, who arranged a social and dance at the Spiritualists' Hall, 20 members being enrolled.

On the 9th April, Mrs. Aldersley gave a bright, thrilling address to an appreciative and attentive audience of about 200 persons, the rest of the evening being spent in dancing.

A similar meeting was held on the 19th May, when Miss Pemberton gave an address, Mrs. Tozer being in the chair. Six members were enrolled.

As the society was founded in the early spring, it has been difficult to do much definite work during the summer months, but now that the holiday season is past we are hoping that our branch will not merely exist, but live.

The campaign to be held in the Accrington Division will, we hope, strengthen our forces, and cause us to enter the work with vigour and enthusiasm.

ROCHDALE.

President: Miss LYDIA KEMP.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. TOYNE, 51 Deeplish Road, Rochdale.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. NUTTALL, 12 Fenton Street, Rochdale.

Membership: 147.

In January and March social evenings and meetings were arranged by this society. At the former we had

Miss Lydia Kemp in the chair and Councillor Margaret Ashton as the speaker, and at the latter Lady Rochdale in the chair and Mr. G. G. Armstrong (Manchester) as speaker. Our fifth annual meeting was held on May 7th, at which the speakers were Miss I. O. Ford, Mrs. Chew and Mrs. Elliott. On August 1st, by the kind permission of Lord and Lady Rochdale, a garden party was held at Beechwood to raise funds towards the promised grant to the Federation. A very successful open-air meeting was held on June 28th.

A deputation was arranged to Mr. A. G. C. Harvey in January, when Mrs. Chew and the Hon. Secretary represented the Rochdale Society.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. A. Bright has made arrangements with Messrs. W. H. Smith & Sons, whereby we have a bill of contents of *The Common Cause* shown on the station platform at Rochdale each week.

Resolutions were sent to 53 Trade Unions in Rochdale, many of the Unions passing both resolutions.

ROMILEY.

President: Miss J. D. FALLOWS, Urwick Road, Romiley.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. H. S. HOPE, Dalegarth, Romiley.

Hon. Secretary: Miss G. M. POWICKE, Hatherlow, Romiley.

Membership: 78.

Work this year has been somewhat impeded by the difficulty of finding a secretary to replace Mrs. Wild, who resigned office at the annual business meeting held last November. The work was kindly carried on by Mrs. Wild and Mrs. Hope till May when a new secretary was appointed.

Four meetings have been held during the year—the annual business meeting, at which Mrs. Annot Robinson spoke; a drawing-room meeting held in March, when

Miss Ashton spoke and fourteen new members were obtained; and two open-air meetings, one in May and one in June.

Early in November letters were sent to 1500 electors of Bredbury and Romiley, asking them to write to Mr. Neilson, M.P., requesting his support of the Women's Suffrage amendments to the Reform Bill. A deputation from the Marple, Hyde and Romiley Societies also waited on Mr. Neilson to this effect. During the Demonstration in November eight of our members helped in the shops.

About ten of our members walked from Manchester to Stockport on Saturday, July 5th, and five from Stockport to Macclesfield on the following Monday. We all enjoyed giving the Pilgrims a send-off, although none of us could go ourselves.

The last social event has been a garden party, held on September 27th with great success, and about sixty were present. The main object was to raise money and in this we succeeded.

Trade Union resolutions have been passed by two local societies—The Bleachers and Dyers', and the Engineers'—and their reception has been most encouraging.

SALE SOCIETY.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. RHYS DAVIDS, Harboro' Grange, Ashton-on-Mersey.

Hon. Secretary (pro tem.): Miss ELSIE NIXON, 7, Oak Road, Sale.

Membership: 87.

The Sale Society has now been a branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies for about twelve months, but owing to their having a great difficulty in obtaining an hon. secretary, very little work has been done. Mrs. Rhys Davids very kindly did as

much of the work as was possible. Early in the year a very successful public meeting was held, at which Councillor Margaret Ashton and Mrs. Annot Robinson were the speakers.

We are glad to be able to report that Miss Elsie Nixon has kindly undertaken the secretarial work *pro tem.*, and we hope that a strong society will soon be formed in this district.

STOCKPORT.

President: Mrs. RAYNER, Tiviot Dale, Stockport.

Hon. Treasurer: H. A. JOHNSTONE, Esq., Kennerley Rd., Stockport.

Hon. Secretary: Miss ANDREW, 2, Victoria Grove, Heaton Chapel, Stockport.

Membership: 45.

The activities of the (reconstituted) Stockport Society, which has now been in existence for nearly a year, have been somewhat limited hitherto for lack of funds, but the new year on which we are entering promises, financially at least, to be a more prosperous one, and we hope to do more and better work than has been possible in the past year.

So far we have been without a treasurer, but we have now been fortunate enough to secure the help of Mr. H. A. Johnstone in this capacity, and he enters on his duties at the beginning of October.

We have now 45 members, but the attendance at members' meetings is not all one could desire.

A public meeting in January last, at which Mrs. Aldersley and Mr. J. R. Tomlinson were the speakers, an "At Home" for members in April, and an "American Tea" in August are all one has to report as to the work of the year.

As a result of the meeting held by the "Pilgrims" in Stockport on July 5th, 133 people signed Friends of Women's Suffrage cards, and from these we hope to be able to increase our membership.

WATERFOOT.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J. C. TICKLE.

Hon. Secretary: Miss HETTY PICKUP, 9 Fearn's, Stacksteads, Bacup.

Membership: 14.

During the last year several societies have been formed in the Rossendale Valley. Waterfoot, one of the smallest of these, was inaugurated last April, when a very capable secretary was found in Miss Hetty Pickup. We regret to hear that the hon. treasurer has been obliged to resign, as he is leaving the district. As the society is still in its infancy and the membership is small, it has been suggested that the Waterfoot and Rawtenstall branches amalgamate and make one strong society.

WHALEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

President: Mrs. EDWARD HALL.

Vice-Presidents: C. A. JOHNSTONE, Esq., J. CORBETT, Esq., G. W. LITTLE, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss LITTLE, Glen Albyn, Whaley Bridge.

Hon. Secretary: Miss SIMPSON, Lynton, Whaley Bridge.

Correspondents: Mrs. MONKHOUSE, Disley, Miss DUTTON, The Manse, New Mills.

Membership: 82. Friends of W.S.: 54.

Three meetings for members only have been held during the year, and a very successful Sale of Work was held in December to dispose of goods left from the Federation Bazaar.

A special stall was also provided to raise money for the Election Fighting Fund. Deputations have been received by Mr. Hill-Wood and Colonel A. J. Sykes, and a number of signatures were obtained for a petition to

the former, organised by the Buxton Society. Resolutions were sent to both members *re* the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, and favourable replies were received.

Letters, post cards and telegrams from influential voters were sent to them at the time of the Reform Bill. The National Union Council meetings have been attended by various members of the committee, and Lady Cotton-Jodrell represented us at the Joint Campaign Conference.

Members helped at the Suffrage Week in Manchester and at other efforts. They also joined in the procession from Manchester to Stockport during the Pilgrimage.

WIGAN AND DISTRICT.

President: Mrs. LAMB.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. FAIRHURST, Knowles Villa, Warrington Road, Pemberton, Wigan.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss SMITH, 7, Baron Street, Wigan.

Largely owing to the devotion of Mrs. Ainscow, this society did active work in the autumn of 1912. It kept in close touch with the various political organisations of the town. An enthusiastic meeting, addressed by Mrs. Mütter Wilson, was held in the rooms of the Junior Conservatives, many of whom are staunch and eloquent Suffragists. A joint meeting with the I.L.P. was addressed by Mrs. Swanwick, and at the end of her speech great sympathy with the Suffrage cause was evinced by many of the audience. At the beginning of 1913 a joint meeting was held with the Liberal women, in their rooms. This meeting was of a very exciting nature. Many of the Liberal women accounted for their lukewarm attitude towards the Suffrage by their distaste for militant methods. The Suffragists, as far as was courteous in their capacity as guests, pointed out the anomalous position of voteless women in party camps.

Owing to illness and the heavy pressure of home duties, Mrs. Ainscow found it impossible to go on with the secretarial work to which she had devoted so much time and energy. Her resignation was accepted with very great regret at a members' meeting held in July, and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to her for her untiring and valuable services.

A very successful open-air meeting was held in the Market Square on August 31st, under the auspices of the I.L.P. It was addressed by Miss Pemberton.

It is hoped that the society will get in touch with the non-political organisations of the town during the coming year. A beginning has been made by arranging a joint meeting with the B.W.T.A., to be addressed by Mrs. Fairhurst. The society has received permission from the local Trades Council to send a deputation to their meeting.

This society possesses a great many sympathisers who are willing to go and hear attractive speakers and express great interest. These sympathisers, however, do not turn up at business meetings or pay their subscriptions, unless somebody worries them to do so. Owing to the loss of Mrs. Ainscow's services and a difficulty in finding anyone to take her place, the discrepancy between sympathisers and paying members is very great. However, the paying members are all very keen, and it is hoped that next year the requisite "worrying" will take place, making paying members and sympathisers synonymous terms.

At the meeting held in July it was decided that the members should try and raise money, required by the Federation and the National Union, by some form of self-denial, rather than by a sale of work. It was decided as far as possible to hold monthly members' meetings throughout the winter months.

WILMSLOW AND STYAL.

Chairman: Miss E. M. GREG, Lode Hill, Styal.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. FORREST HEWIT, Overhill, Wilmslow.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. BYERS, Bramshott, Wilmslow.

Membership: 54.

Owing to the Knutsford Society having again taken over Alderley Edge, the work of the society is now confined to Wilmslow and Styal. In May a distribution of literature from house to house was carried out. In connection with this, a postcard canvass was undertaken. Postcards urging the Member to vote for a Suffrage amendment to the Reform Bill were collected, and throughout the autumn a constant stream of postcards was sent to Colonel Sykes at the House of Commons. On October 30th Colonel Sykes received a deputation. The society has sent delegates to the Council Meetings of the National Union in May, October and February, and the meeting in the Albert Hall, London, on Nov. 5th. On November 12th a public meeting was held in the Drill Hall, Wilmslow. Miss Alison Garland and the Rev. W. E. Ireland, M.A. of Macclesfield, were the speakers, and Mr. Forrest Hewit was in the chair.

Throughout the winter fortnightly sewing meetings were held to provide work for a sale to take place in the early summer. In connection with these a most successful meeting was held on January 28th in the British Workman Institute, when Miss Sibylle Ford gave an address. On 8th May the society held its annual meeting in the British Workman Hall. Mr. G. G. Armstrong was the speaker. On June 11th a Sale of Work at Overhill, Wilmslow, was well supported and £28 were made.

Several members took part in the Pilgrimage to London, fourteen starting from Albert Square on July 5th,

others joining at different parts of the route, and some going up to London, where the banner figured in the procession to Hyde Park.

On August 12th an open-air meeting was held in Water Lane, Wilmslow, when several hundreds attended. The speaker was Miss Muriel Wallhead. Mr. Shewell was in the chair and Mr. J. B. Martindale also spoke.

On October 8th the first of the winter monthly meetings was held in the British Workman Hall. An address was given by Mrs. Mütter Wilson.

WINSFORD.

Hon. Sec.: Miss WALSH, The Hollies, Winsford.

No large meetings have been held by this society during the year. In November Miss Darlington came down to a members' meeting, when she suggested that the Northwich Division should have an organiser for a month and that a series of meetings should be held. Owing, however, to pressure of work at headquarters in connection with the Reform Bill, the project was not carried out.

In December we held a rather successful Rummage Sale, when £6 odd was taken.

The Common Cause has been placed each week in the Public Library for over a year.

Miss Crew had to resign the Treasurership owing to leaving the district, and Miss Annie Hulse was appointed in her place.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The balance sheet for 1912-13 shows receipts to the amount of £401 8s. 11½d., and expenditure of £934 16s. 3d., or a deficit of income over expenditure of £533 7s. 3½d. This, however, is covered by the £615 16s. 3d. brought forward from last year, leaving us £82 8s. 11½d. to carry forward. Included in our receipts, however, is £24 6s., instalments of the special grants which two societies have already sent in, although not really due until after September 30th. Our large carry over last year was, of course, due to the Bazaar held in February, while this year, although our expenditure has nearly doubled, we have made no money-making effort on such a large scale. This shows the urgent necessity of the societies raising every penny of the Special Grants which they have been requested to raise, if we are to carry on the work effectively in the coming year.

Our subscription list, I am glad to say, shows an increase of £25 19s. 5½d. over last year, the donations to general funds, however, show a decrease of £141 14s., but against this must be set the handsome total of £233 11s. donations to the Pilgrimage and Demonstration funds, or a real increase of £84 11s. 8d.

A point to which I would like to draw your attention is that the total received from the assessments levied on societies is only £183 17s. 9d., or less than half of our receipts and only, roughly, one-fifth of our expenditure this year, and as this, with our subscriptions, is the only income on which we have to depend, I do not think that any society has cause to think itself unduly taxed.

In acknowledging donations in this report the same practice has been followed this year as last year, and will be followed in future.

With regard to the expenditure side of the account, there is an increase of £90 11s. 1d. in salaries, mainly due to an increase in the staff, which of course means more work done. The next largest item is an expenditure of £119 15s. 11d. on the Demonstration held in Manchester last December, the expense of which your Committee decided to share with the Manchester Society. The organising expenses, meetings, printing, stationery, all show increases due to the increase in the staff and in the work done. There is a small decrease on office expenses, travelling, and on postage, but the rent, rates, and taxes have gone up, as was foreseen, principally owing to the fact that this year we have paid our full share for the whole year.

The item, Election Fighting Fund organising expenses £89 16s. 4d. is somewhat heavy, but in accordance with arrangements made with the London E.F.F. Committee, the expenditure on this item has for some months past, and will in future, be borne by the E.F.F. funds.

During the past year the Federation has had to take part in two by-elections, as against three last year, but they have cost £19 13s. 8d. more, as last year almost the whole cost of one (Crewe) was borne by the E.F.F., while another (Holmfirth) was outside our area and we were only concerned financially in a special grant of £17.

In conclusion, I should like to say that the year's working shows a considerable increase in work done, and I hope that the societies will, by readily responding to the appeal for special donations, enable us to extend our field of operations still further during 1913-1914.

MANCHESTER & DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.
CASH ACCOUNT, YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1913.

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RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Societies' Assessments	183 17 9	By Salaries	283 4 6
" " Affiliation Fees	0 15 5	" " Demonstration Account	445 9 5
" " Pilgrimage Account	536 16 0	" " Less receipts	325 13 6
" " Less Payments	444 0 9½	" " Organising Fund	151 8 10½
" " Subscriptions	3 11 5	" " Less receipts	55 6 11
" " Special Grants (Societies)	1 11 4½	" " E.F.F. Organising Expenses	96 1 11½
" " Collections	3 12 9	" " Meetings	89 16 4
" " Donations (to General Funds)	3 2 4	" " Less receipts	31 15 7
" " Literature	3 11 5	" " Rent, Rates and Taxes	72 10 8
" " Less payments	1 11 4½	" " Printing and Stationery	66 17 2
" " Bank Interest	3 12 9	" " Office Expenses	64 16 10½
" " Less charges	3 2 4	" " Postages and Telegrams	40 2 11
		" " Bolton By-Election	33 1 8
		" " Altrincham Election	27 18 0
		" " Less receipts	44 15 5
		" " Travelling Expenses	23 5 0
		" " Speakers' Class	9 7 6
		" " Less receipts	7 17 6
		" " Insurance (General)	4 14 6
		" " (National Health)	1 11 11
		" " Total Receipts	934 16 3
Balance, Sept. 30th, 1912, Bank	401 8 11½	" " Total payments	78 15 6
" " Cash	609 7 11	Balance, Sept. 30th, 1913, Bank	3 13 5½
		" " Cash	3 13 5½
	615 16 3		
	£1017 5 2½		£1017 5 2½

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	ASSETS.	£ s. d.
Balance	82 8 11½	Cash in Bank	78 15 6
		Cash in Hand	3 13 5½
	£82 8 11½		82 8 11½
			£82 8 11½

We have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Manchester and District Federation of Women's Suffrage Societies for the year ended 30th September, 1913, and hereby certify that the above Statement of Accounts exhibits a true and correct view of its affairs according to the same.

40, Deansgate Arcade,
Manchester, 18th October, 1913.

APPLEBY & WOOD,
Chartered Accountants.

SOCIETIES' FINANCIAL RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Accrington	15	15	3
Altrincham	73	17	11
Ashton-under-Lyne	7	18	6
Bacup	1	9	0
Blackburn	6	18	4
Bolton	56	6	10
Bramhall	6	5	1
Burnley	15	19	2
Buxton (from February)	13	9	2
Cheadle	6	4	9
Clitheroe	2	2	7
Congleton (from July)	1	17	6
Crewe	5	14	2
Darwen	5	18	6
Eccles	41	5	4
Farnworth	15	10	9
Heywood	18	12	4
Hyde	16	19	10
Haslingden	2	19	6
Knutsford (ending 28th May, 1913, Bazaar Receipts)	52	15	11
Leigh	41	11	4
Macclesfield	41	12	1
Manchester	931	7	6
Marple (ending April, 1913)	41	1	3
Marple Bridge	12	19	7
Middleton	0	0	0
Northwich	4	2	5
Oldham	48	0	4
Radcliffe	42	0	0
Rawtenstall	1	9	7
Rishton	1	1	6
Rochdale (ending May, 1913, Bazaar Receipts)	42	16	1
Romiley	24	16	10
Sale	10	15	10
Stockport	0	0	0
Whaley Bridge (ending April, 1913, Bazaar Receipts)	39	19	5
Wigan	4	0	0
Waterfoot	0	16	0
Wilmslow (ending 30th April)	62	16	7
Winsford	6	0	0

ASSESSMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
ACCRINGTON—							
Assessment	4	0	8				
Subscriptions:							
Miss Hallam	1	1	0				
Mrs. Haworth	1	1	0				
					6	2	8
ALTRINCHAM—							
Assessment	7	7	0				
Subscriptions:							
Miss L. Clibran	0	10	6				
Mr. C. W. Pidduck	1	1	0				
					8	18	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE—							
Assessment	3	4	8				
Subscriptions:							
Mrs. John Summers	1	1	0				
					4	5	8
BOLTON—							
Assessment	14	6	0				
Subscriptions:							
Miss A. E. Barlow	4	4	0				
Mrs. Haslam (final instalment for 1912)	1	5	0				
Miss Dymond	0	5	0				
					20	0	0
BURNLEY—							
Assessment	3	14	0				
Affiliation Fee for 1912	0	5	5				
					3	19	5
BUXTON—							
Donations:							
Mrs. Vickery	0	10	0				
					0	10	0
CLITHEROE—							
Assessment	0	5	0				
					0	5	0
DARWEN—							
Assessment	0	16	0				
					0	16	0
ECCLES—							
Assessment	3	1	4				
					3	1	4
FARNWORTH—							
Assessment	2	6	0				
					2	6	0
HEYWOOD—							
Assessment	1	16	4				
					1	16	4
HYDE—							
Assessment	1	2	8				
Subscriptions:							
Mrs. Enfield Dowson	5	5	0				
					6	7	8
Carried forward					£58	8	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>				58	8	7
KNUTSFORD—						
Assessment	4	12	0			
Subscriptions:						
Miss Caldwell	0	2	6			
Mrs. H. Cheetham	0	10	0			
Miss Hoffmann	0	10	0			
Mrs. Mollatt	0	2	6			
Mrs. Tomlinson	1	0	0			
Donations:						
Miss Hoffmann	1	1	0			
Mrs. J. R. Tomlinson	4	0	0			
LEIGH—				11	18	0
Assessment	3	8	8			
MACCLESFIELD—				3	8	8
Assessment	3	4	6			
Subscriptions:						
Mrs. Harold Behrens	1	1	0			
Miss M. Horsfall	0	5	0			
MANCHESTER—				4	10	6
Assessment	75	9	0			
Subscriptions:						
Ashton, Miss M.	50	0	0			
Scott, Mr. C. P.	5	0	0			
Smith, Mr. Neville	0	10	0			
Townsend, Mrs.	1	1	0			
Donations:						
Anonymous	0	10	10			
Mrs. Mütter Wilson	0	10	6			
MARPLE—				133	1	4
Assessment	10	0	0			
MARPLE BRIDGE—				10	0	0
Assessment	3	7	8			
MIDDLETON—				3	7	8
Assessment	1	10	0			
Subscription:						
Middleton Society (1912)	1	2	6			
Affiliation Fee, 1912	0	10	0			
NORTHWICH—				3	2	6
Assessment	0	15	4			
OLDHAM—				0	15	4
Assessment	14	17	4			
Subscription:						
Miss Dornan	0	2	6			
RADCLIFFE—				14	19	10
Assessment	2	6	0			
				2	6	0
<i>Carried forward</i>				£245	18	5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>				245	18	5
ROCHDALE—						
Assessment	6	6	8			
ROMLEY—				6	6	8
Assessment	2	5	4			
SALE—				2	5	4
Assessment	4	4	0			
STOCKPORT—				4	4	0
Subscription:						
Gilliebrand, Mrs. and Miss	0	2	0			
TODMORDEN—				0	2	0
Subscription	0	1	0			
WHALEY BRIDGE—				0	1	0
Assessment	2	1	8			
WIGAN—				2	1	8
Assessment	1	16	3			
WILMSLOW—				1	16	3
Assessment	4	18	8			
Subscriptions:						
Brooks, The Misses	1	1	0			
Greg, Miss E. M.	5	0	0			
WINSFORD—				10	19	8
Assessment	0	15	0			
				0	15	0
				£274	10	0
Assessments and Affiliation Fees	£184	13	2			
Subscriptions	83	4	6			
Donations	6	12	4			
	£274	10	0			

DEMONSTRATION DONATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Ashton-under-Lyne Society	2	2	0
Barnes, Mr. F. Stanton	0	5	0
Behrens, Mrs. Harold	5	0	0
Bellhouse, Mrs. E.	0	2	0
Booth, Mrs.	0	2	6
Bridson Mrs.	1	0	0
Bridson, Miss	0	5	0
Brown, Mrs. (Marple)	0	10	0
Cheetham, Mrs. Howard	1	0	0
Ciibran, Miss L.	0	10	0
Clibran, Miss A.	0	10	0
Cook, Miss L.	0	2	6
Cooke, Miss Ashwell	0	10	0
Craig, Miss Ella	0	2	6
Crosland, Mrs.	0	2	6
Dearden, Mrs.	0	2	0
Dowson, Mrs. Enfield	2	2	0
Dugdale, Mrs. Norman	5	0	0
Fallows, Miss	0	10	0
Farnworth Society	1	0	0
Franklyn, Mrs.	0	2	6
Gerrard, Miss M.	0	1	0
Greg, Miss E. M.	1	1	0
Hamilton, Mrs. Graeme	0	5	0
O'Hanlon, Mrs.	2	0	0
Haslam, Mrs.	10	0	0
Haworth, Miss	0	1	0
Hewit, Mrs. Forrest	0	5	0
Hill, Mrs.	0	10	6
Hinners, Mrs.	0	7	6
Hoffman, Miss	0	10	0
Hope, Mrs.	0	2	6
Hough, Mrs.	1	0	0
Jowett, Miss	0	2	6
Ker, Miss	1	0	0
Leigh Society	0	10	6
Leonard, Mrs. T. A.	0	5	0
Middleton Society	1	1	0
Miller, Mrs.	0	10	0
Powell, Miss	0	1	6
Rochdale Society	1	1	0
Scott, Miss Sarah	0	3	0
Smith, Mrs. (Heywood)	0	10	0
<i>Carried forward</i>	£42	8	6

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	42	8	6
Stockport Society	2	0	0
Stokoe, Mrs.	0	2	6
Tomlinson, Mrs. J. R.	1	0	0
Tozer, Mrs.	1	1	0
Watkins, Mrs.	0	5	0
Wild, Mrs.	0	10	6
Wilson, Mrs. (Heywood)	0	7	6
	£47	15	0

PILGRIMAGE DONATIONS

(Received through Manchester Federation Office).

	£	s.	d.
Alexander, Professor	0	10	6
Altrincham, Collection Box	0	3	0
Ashcroft, Miss F.	0	2	0
Atack, Mrs.	0	1	0
d'Auquier Mrs.	0	10	0
Barclay, Mrs.	0	10	0
Barlow, Mrs W.	0	2	6
Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. F. S.	1	1	0
Baster, Miss	0	1	0
Beard, Mrs.	0	1	0
Belsby, Mrs.	0	1	6
Behrens, Mrs. Harold	5	0	0
Bolton Society, Collection	0	10	0
Bond, Mrs.	0	1	0
Booth, Mr. Amos	0	10	0
Booth, Mr. A	0	2	0
Bramwell, Miss	0	2	6
Brayshaw, Miss E.	0	2	0
Bridson, Mrs.	1	1	0
Bridson, Miss	5	5	0
Brierley, Mrs. and Miss A.	0	2	0
Brodmeir, Mrs.	0	10	6
Brown, Mrs J. R.	1	1	0
Brown, Mrs. Vipont	0	10	0
Bullock, Mrs.	0	2	6
Burns, Miss	0	2	6
Burnley Members	0	8	6
Anon. (per Miss Burns)	0	2	6
Camplin, Mr. and Mrs.	0	1	0
Carson, Miss	0	10	0
Chadwick, Miss	1	0	0
Chapman, Professor and Mrs.	2	2	0
Cheadle Society	0	10	0
Cheetham, Mrs. Howard	1	0	0
Clibran, Miss Lucy	1	0	0
<i>Carried forward</i>	£24	19	6

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	£24	19	6
Coignou, Miss	0	1	0
Colles, Mrs. T. O.	0	10	0
Corbett, Mrs. (Manchester)	0	2	0
Corbett, Mr. (Whaley Bridge)	0	6	0
Cox, Miss Alleyne	0	1	0
Craig, Miss	0	5	0
Davidson, Miss	0	5	0
Dean, Mrs.	0	1	0
Deish, Mr. and Mrs.	0	2	6
Dickens, The Misses E. and J. B.	0	5	0
Dowson, Mrs. Enfield	10	0	0
Drinkwater, Miss	0	2	6
Dunbabin, Miss M.	0	1	0
Eccles Society	1	1	0
Eckhard, G., Esq.	25	0	0
Eckhard, Miss E. V.	2	2	0
Edgar, Mrs.	0	3	0
Edmondson, Miss	0	10	0
Egerton, Lady Alix	2	0	0
Evans, Miss Helen	0	5	0
Fallows, Miss	0	5	0
Farnworth Society	1	1	0
Fuchs, Mrs. Carl	0	2	6
Gibbon, Mrs.	0	5	0
Gilson, Miss	0	1	0
Goulden, Mrs.	1	1	0
Greg, Miss E. M.	2	2	0
Greg, Miss E. M.	5	0	0
Grundy, Mrs.	1	1	0
Hale, Miss	0	5	0
Hall, Mrs. E.	0	10	6
Hall, Major	0	2	6
Hankinson, The Misses	0	5	0
O'Hanlon, Mrs.	2	0	0
Hardcastle, Miss C.	0	10	0
Haslam, Mrs.	25	0	0
Hatton, Miss	0	2	6
Haycock, Mrs.	0	1	0
Herford, Rev. and Mrs.	0	10	0
Herford, Mrs.	1	1	0
Herford, Mrs. P.	0	1	0
Hertz, Miss A.	5	0	0
Hewit, Miss V.	0	5	0
Hibbert, Mrs. J. C.	0	5	0
Hiller, Mrs.	3	3	0
Hirst, Miss	0	2	0
Hope, Mrs.	0	5	0
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	£118	9	6

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	£118	9	6
Huxley, Miss F. M.	2	0	0
Jodrell, Lady Cotton	0	10	0
Jowett, Miss	0	3	0
Kemp, Miss Lydia	5	0	0
Ker, Miss	2	10	0
Kirk, Mrs.	0	2	0
Knott, Mrs.	0	2	6
Knowles, Mrs. Ernest	1	0	0
Kolthammer, Mrs.	0	3	0
Leech, Mrs.	0	3	0
Lejunne, Mrs.	1	0	0
Little, Miss	0	5	0
Little, Miss G. W.	0	10	0
Marple Society	5	0	0
McCullagh, Miss M.	0	2	6
Middleton, Mrs.	0	2	6
Miller, Mrs.	1	0	0
Miller, Miss E. M.	2	0	0
Mills, Mrs. John	1	0	0
Moss, Mrs.	0	5	0
Mosscrop, Miss	0	2	6
Nickson, The Misses	2	2	0
Orr, Mrs.	1	0	0
Orr, The Misses	0	10	0
Plant, Mrs.	0	1	0
Platt, Mrs.	0	1	0
Pilkington, Miss M. L.	0	2	6
Prince, Miss	0	7	6
Quayle, Miss A.	0	2	6
Ramage, Mrs.	0	2	6
Redfern, Mrs.	0	3	0
Risegari, Mrs.	0	3	0
Robinson, Mrs. (Manchester)	0	5	0
Robinson, Mrs. E. H.	0	2	0
Robinson, Mrs. (Manchester)	0	10	0
Robinson, Miss Ethel	0	10	0
Robinson, Miss Muriel	0	5	0
Schofield, Miss	0	1	6
Schofield, Mrs.	0	0	6
Schuster, Mrs.	5	0	0
Shaw, Mrs.	0	0	6
Simpson, Mrs.	0	10	0
Simpson, Miss	1	10	0
Sinclair, Mrs.	1	0	0
Slinger, Mrs.	0	5	0
Smith, Miss M. Wyndham	0	12	0
Stonex, Miss	0	2	6
<i>Carried forward</i> ...	£156	19	6

	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i> ...	£156	19	6
Swallow, Miss C. ...	0	1	
Taylor, Miss E. ...	0	5	0
Templeton, Mrs. ...	0	1	0
Thoday, Dr. and Mrs. ...	1	5	0
Thompson, Mrs. ...	0	10	0
Tolson, Mrs. ...	1	10	0
Tomlinson, Mrs. J. R. ...	1	0	0
Tout, Mrs. ...	0	5	0
Townley Miller, Miss ...	0	5	0
Townsend, Mrs. ...	5	0	0
Anon. (per Miss Townley Miller) ...	1	0	0
Wainwright, Miss... ...	0	5	0
Waterfoot and Rawtenstall Members ...	0	9	6
Waterhouse, Mrs. T. C. ...	2	0	0
Webb, Mrs.... ...	0	1	0
Weiss, Mrs.... ...	1	1	0
Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. ...	3	0	0
Wilson, Mrs. Müter ...	0	10	6
Woodcock, Miss M. ...	0	5	0
Woolley, Miss ...	10	0	0
Wrigley, Mrs. ...	0	2	6
	£185	16	0

ALTRINCHAM BY-ELECTION.

	£	s.	d.
Grant from Altrincham Society ...	20	0	0
"A Friend" ...	1	0	0
Miss Hankinson ...	0	5	0
Miss A. E. Paterson ...	0	2	6
Mrs. Anson ...	0	1	0
Refund ...	0	1	11
	£21	10	5

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Bacup, Meeting at ...	0	19	6
Blackburn „ ...	2	2	4
Stockport „ ...	4	7	6
	£7	9	4

SPECIAL GRANTS.

Instalments received.

	£	s.	d.
Rochdale Society ...	10	0	0
Stockport Society ...	14	6	0
	£24	6	0

