National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies

Fifth Annual Report of the Manchester & District Federation

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ANNUAL MEETING

HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1915, AT THE Y.M.C.A., PETER STREET, MANCHESTER MISS MARGARET ASHTON IN THE CHAIR

1. The Hon. Secretary's and the Hon. Press Secretary's reports having been read, the following resolution, moved by Mrs. Haslam, and seconded by Mrs. Bridge, was carried unanimously:-

"That the Hon. Secretary's and the Hon. Press Secretary's reports be adopted."

2. The Hon. Treasurer's report and balance sheet having been read the following resolution, moved by Mrs. Ashwell Cooke, seconded by Miss Lucy Cox, was carried unanimously:-

"That the Hon. Treasurer's report and balance sheet be adopted."

3. The formal election of the Hon. Officers was moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Chapman, and carried unanimously:-

Chairman	 Miss
Hon. Secretary	 Mrs.
Hon. Treasurer	 Mrs.
Hon. Press Secretary	 Mr.

ester and District.

SIMPSON THODAY LAMB **NEVILLE SMITH** "That the thanks of the Federation be offered to the Hon. Auditors for their valuable and generous help during the past year."

5. A vote of thanks to Miss Ashton was moved by Miss Simpson, seconded by Miss Bridson, and carried unanimously.

6. A vote of thanks to the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Staff was moved by Mrs. Thoday, seconded by Mrs. Lamb, and carried unanimously.

6. The following resolution was moved by Miss Place, seconded by Miss Lucy Cox, and carried by a large majority:-

"That this meeting, conscious of this country's deep obligation to its Allies, and of the great and increasing need for help to the wounded and sick in the Balkans, resolves to raise the necessary funds to equip a Manchester and District Field Hospital for service abroad with the Scottish Women's Hospitals under the organisation of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President : LADY ROCHDALE, Beechwood, Rochdale. Chairman : Miss SIMPSON, Lynton, Whaley Bridge. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. THODAY, 6, Lyme Park, Chinley. Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. LAMB, 4, Norman Road, Heaton Moor. Hon. Press Secretary : E. NEVILLE SMITH, Esq., 11a, Albany Road, Victoria Park, Manchester.

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Representatives on Executive Committee:

Accrington			Mrs. HINDL
Altrincham			Mrs. HINDL Mrs. MCCAN
Ashton-under-			Miss Dyson
Bacup			Miss A. LOR
Blackburn			7
Bolton			Miss BRIDSC
			Mrs. HASLA
			Mrs. CARRU
			Miss HUNTH
Bramhall and	l Chea	dle	
Hulme			Miss GREEN
Bury			Miss L. ASI
Buxton			Mrs. VICKE
Cheadle			Mrs. WARD
Chinley			Mrs. THODA Mrs. ATKIN
Clitheroe			Mrs. ATKIN
Congleton			Mrs. HAROI
Crewe			Mrs. POWE
Darwen			Mrs. JEPSON
Eccles			Mrs. GOULI
			Mrs. BARLC
Farnworth			
Haslingden			Mrs. BERRY
Heywood			Miss HARV
Hyde			Mrs. WM. N
Leigh		•••	Miss L. Coo
Manchester &	Salfor	:d	Mrs. S. J. C.
			Mrs. CONW.
			Miss Cox
			Miss C. HEI
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			Miss MARSI
			Mrs. McDo
			Mrs. OATES
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			Miss PLACE Miss J. SHA
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			Dr. P. SHEA
			Miss E. H.
			Mrs. TOUT

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

Bankers:

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

NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

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MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT FEDERATION.

RULES.

I.-The title of the Federation shall be the MANCHESTER AND DIS-TRICT 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.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT FEDERATION.

Owing to the suspension of all political work during the past year and in accordance with the policy adopted by the National Union at the outbreak of the war, the services of our staff and our offices have been placed at the disposal of the municipal authorities for relief work in connection with the Prince of Wales' Fund since August, 1914.

Following the annual business meeting, Nov. 10th, Public 1914, a well attended public meeting was held in the Associa- Meetings tion Hall, Manchester, Miss Ashton in the chair. Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Harold Hills and Sir Victor Horsley spoke on problems of the war as they affect women.

On Dec. 5th, 1914, a Conference for Federation members only, was held in the Minor Hall, Peter Street. Miss Ashton, chairman. The resolutions under discussion were:

"That this meeting supports the Prime Minister's statement made in his speech at Dublin on September 26th, 1914, of principles which should govern the settlement after the war, and recommends the General Council of the Union to pass a resolution calling upon Societies and members of the Union to work for the building up of public opinion on these lines."

Proposed by Miss K. D. Courtney, seconded by Mr. G. G. Armstrong.

"Since the Woman's Movement is based on the principle that the final determining factor in social, national and international affairs is moral force, this meeting of the Manchester and District Federation of Women's Suffrage Societies urges the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies at its forthcoming Annual

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(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.

Rathbone, met Lord Shuttleworth and the Chief Constable of Lancashire with regard to the inclusion of women on Invasion Committees. The Chief Constable explained that no such Committee had as yet been formed in Lancashire, but should any scheme be drafted, he would be glad to secure the co-operation of women.

On Sept. 15th, Miss Ashton reported that a Women's Home Service Corps had been organised in Lancashire coast towns, to render assistance to the authorities in case of invasion, by the removal of women and children inland and any other essential services. Miss Lovell, the Liverpool organiser, attended the Manchester Federation Committee meeting to explain the objects and work of the Women's Home Service Corps, and asked for the help of Federation Societies in forming local corps in the towns specified by the Chief Constable of Lancashire.

During last autumn Societies were asked to visit all Friends of Friends of Women's Suffrage and secure relief for Friends Women's who were in distress.

Miss Bellhouse resigned from the position of Hon. Sec. owing to pressure of other work. Mrs. Ransom thereupon kindly consented to become Hon. Sec. but will not stand for re-election.

ELECTION FIGHTING FUND POLICY.

There is now a prospective Labour Candidate in the Accringfield for this Division, Mr. James Bell, of the Weavers' ton Association, Oldham. Mr. Bell is a good suffragist and the Labour forces are well organised for his support. Mrs. Tozer resumed work in Accrington in June, but relinquished her position in July, owing to ill-health. Mrs. Cooper, of Nelson, is now in charge of N. U. interests in Accrington.

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Council Meeting to demand that in the future settlement of international disputes, arbitration and not military force shall be employed."

Proposed by Miss Catherine Marshall, seconded by Mr. Charles Renold.

These resolutions were carried. Several amendments were moved but were rejected.

In February-March, the Federation and the Manchester Society arranged a successful series of meetings on "Women's Interests in Time of War." The speakers and titles were:

> Mrs. Pember Reeves, "Working Women and War."

Dr. Saleeby, "The Longest Price of War."

Miss Mary Sheepshanks, "The International Position."

Miss Ashton, "After the War."

Mrs. Rackham and Mrs. Annot Robinson, "Industrial and Professional Women and the War."

During May, Heaton Moor, Wilmslow, Buxton and Whalley Range (Manchester) Societies held public meetings on "Women and War," with Miss Illingworth as speaker.

Scottish

Special efforts on behalf of the Scottish Hospital Hospital have been made by Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Chinley, Congleton, Farnworth, Hyde, Heaton Moor, Marple, Oldham, Stockport, Whaley Bridge, and many donations have been sent direct to headquarters from members in all parts of the Federation.

> Alderman Mrs. Lees, LL.D. (Oldham), has sent a fully equipped motor ambulance to France.

Invasion Committees

In May, a deputation from the West Lancashire Federation and the Manchester and District Federation, headed by Miss Margaret Ashton and Miss Eleanor Suffrage

Manchester Constituencies Mrs. Annot Robinson has acted as Chairman of the Voluntary Workers' Relief Committee for Ancoats (Mr. Clynes' Division) and has from time to time visited the Federation E.F.F. constituencies and kept in touch with the local Labour parties. Mrs. Robinson has also done a considerable amount of speaking for the Labour Party in the Federation area.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson's services were lent to the Stockport Suffrage Society for relief work last autumn. Upon the withdrawal of the Society from relief work, Miss Wilkinson continued to act as Hon. Sec. to the Stockport Queen Mary's Work for Women Fund Committee at the special request of the Stockport Committee. Miss Ellen Wilkinson resigned her position as E.F.F. organiser upon appointment to the secretaryship of the Women's Emergency Corps.

During the autumn and winter, Mrs. Tozer was employed in the organisation of maternity centres in Heywood and Manchester.

WOMEN'S WAR INTERESTS COMMITTEE.

This Committee was formed in April as a sub-Committee of the N.U. Women's Interests Committee. The co-operation of other women's organisations and women interested in industrial questions was solicited and enquiries were set on foot as to local wartime conditions of women in industry. Owing to the difficulty of determining the scope of the Committee under the auspices of the National Union, and in view of the controversial nature of the questions involved, the Committee was re-constituted as an independent body, entitled the "Women's War Interests Committee." Six women's organisations including the N.U. and nine men and women's Trades Unions are represented on the Committee. The following proposals have been agreed upon by the Committee for the employment of women in munition works:

WAGES.—That a guaranteed minimum of £1 per week of 48 hours should be paid to every adult woman worker employed on munitions.

HOURS.—That a three shift system of 8 hours is preferable to continuous overtime for women. No woman should be employed on night work for more than two weeks out of six.

CONDITIONS.—That ample canteen provision be provided, this to be obligatory where night work is in operation.

Miss Margaret Ashton was elected President of the Committee, Mrs. J. R. Tomlinson, Chairman, and Miss E. Wilkinson and Mr. G. Grierson, Joint Hon. Secs.

The present address of the Committee is Room 25, No. 1, Princess Street, and Miss Ellen Wilkinson's place as Hon. Sec. has been taken by Mrs. Annot Robinson. The invaluable services of Mrs. Robinson have been lent to the Committee by the National Union E.F.F. Committee.

Deputations have interviewed the Trades Union and Employers' Sections of the local Armaments Output Committee, the local Munitions Ministry, and Miss Ashton and Mrs. Robinson, at the request of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, formed part of a deputation arranged by that Trade Union to meet Dr. Addison of the Munitions Ministry in London in September.

The hearty support given to the work of this Committee by the men's Trades Unions brings hope of a brighter future for industrial women.

Macclesfield Society has withdrawn from the N.U. Societies and the Manchester and District Federation. Owing to the resignation of its officers the Knutsford Society has ceased to exist.

The resignation of Miss Bridson (Assistant Hon. Officers

RELIEF WORK.

During the past year the offices of the Manchester and District Federation undertook, with the Manchester Society, to do the work of the Women's Employment Sub-Committee of the Manchester Relief Committee, of which Sub-Committee Miss Margaret Ashton was Chairman, and Mrs. H. L. Smith, Hon. Secretary.

During the year this Sub-Committee organised the following workrooms which were for the relief of women who had lost their employment as a consequence of the war. They received 10s. per week of 40 hours and the employment given was the making of new garments, and the re-making of second-hand garments for distribution to the poor of Manchester.

The workrooms were as follows:

- (1) Heyrod Street Mission Hall Workroom, Ancoats
- (2) Bridgewater Hall Workroom, Hulme
- (3) Byrom Street Workroom, Deansgate, Manchester

These halls were lent to the cost.

Throughout their efforts to give work to unemployed Training women, the Sub-Committee have striven to train the women Schemes in some trade in which permanent work could be assured. With this in view, the Committee provided schemes from time to time for training in the following trades: (1) Doll Dressing; (2) Toy Stuffing; and (3) Power Machining, and details of these various enterprises are now furnished.

A Doll Dressing Workroom was opened on October Police St. 19th, 1914, at No. 1, Police Street, Deansgate, in rooms Doll kindly lent by Messrs. Kendal Milne & Co., and continued Workfor 13 weeks, namely, until January 15th, 1915. The women

Sec.) owing to indisposition, was received with much regret. As at the moment there is no stress of work, a fresh appointment has not been made.

Resignation of Chairman. Upon her resignation from the N.U. Executive, Miss Ashton explained her position to the Federation Executive and offered to resign the Chairmanship. A vote of confidence in Miss Ashton, proposed by Mr. Neville Smith, seconded by Mrs. Hiller, was carried unanimously and Miss Ashton was asked to remain Chairman of the Federation Committee.

Miss Ashton (Chairman), Mrs. J. R. Tomlinson (Hon. Sec.), and Mr. F. Stanton Barnes (Hon. Treas.), will not seek re-election.

Staff

The Committee has received the resignations of Mrs. H. L. Smith (Secretary) and Miss Cooper (Office Secretary). Miss Griffith has secured a fresh appointment. Mrs. Russell (Organiser) has undertaken the organisation of Women Patrols for the N.U.W.W.

Office Arrangements

As explained in the Treasurer's Report, it has become necessary to effect a considerable reduction in the expenses of the Federation. An arrangement has been made with the Manchester Society, whereby the Federation will be released from half share in room 20, but will be responsible for rent and rates of room 21, 16, Deansgate, until March, 1916, when the continuance of the office will be re-considered.

Press Report

With regard to press work we are glad to record that this autumn the Bolton, Congleton, Manchester, Oldham, Stockport, Marple, and Whaley Bridge Societies have begun to take the Weekly Notes issued by the National Union and are supplying interesting matter in this way to their district papers.

Opened Sept. closed July	14th,	mployed weekly 100
Opened Nov. closed April	9th, 9th	100
Opened Jan. closed June	18th, 19th.	120
e Sub-Comm	ittee f	ree of

23rd, 1914, to June 12th, 1915, and during this time 54 women passed through and after training found situations in the city with various firms engaged on shirt making.

So convinced were the Women's Employment Sub- (2) Committee of the value of the Sackville Street workroom Heyrod that they took the first opportunity of obtaining accommodation at the Heyrod Street Mission Hall for 20 further machines (kindly lent by Messrs. Singer & Co.) and so a second power machine training scheme of the Committee came into operation. This was opened on the 5th of April last, and is still running.

A very large number of garments were made in the Number workrooms and gratuitiously distributed to certain relief of Garagencies in the city. The number of garments made at the different rooms are as follows:

> At the Heyrod Street Workro At the Bridgewater Hall W At the Byrom Street Worksl

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Total number..... 17,069

Crêches were also opened in connection with the three Creches general workrooms, and proved a boon to many of the women. The Crêche at the Heyrod Street workroom was managed, and paid for during the first six months by the University Settlement, Ancoats, after which time the cost was met out of the City Funds. The crêches at the Bridgewater Hall workroom and the Byrom Street workrooms were directly under the control of the Women's Employment Sub-Committee, the expenses being met by the Local Relief Fund.

Appended is a statement prepared by the Manchester Finance City Treasurer, who kindly undertook all the responsibility for the financial side of the work, of the amounts expended during the period to August 31st, 1915, in connection with the various workrooms enumerated in this report. The total amounts expended and receipts have been as follows:

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were mostly drawn from the ranks of the better class dressmakers, workers in hand sewing, shop assistants, whose trades were crippled. The wages paid were 10s. per week of 40 hours. On Tuesday, December 8th, 1914, a show of dolls made at the workroom was held by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. C. O'Neill) in the Town Hall, Manchester, at which by sales and orders a total of £129 8s. 9d. was realised. Upon the closing of the workroom some of the girls found situations elsewhere, and others were given employment in the Toy Workroom, which the Committee started for the making of stuffed toys for sale to the trade. The hours of labour were increased to 48 per week, the employees' wages ranging from 6s. to 14s. per week according to age and skill. Canon Johnson kindly accommodated this work at St. Matthew's Schools, Tonman Street, Deansgate, and the manufacture of toys was carried on for a period of 28 weeks (from January 18th, 1915, to July 31st, 1915).

Toy Workroom (St. Matthew's Schools)

Shirt Machining by Power

Of the training schemes organised by the Committee, shirt machining undoubtedly proved to be the most successful.

The Committee found that whilst local firms were prepared to train young girls for themselves, they would not take elder women who took longer to train. Several firms however promised, if such women (aged 25 to 40) were properly trained in electric power machining they would be prepared to give them employment. This was particularly so in the case of firms doing Government work. The Committee, therefore, decided to undertake this training scheme.

(I) Sackville St. Workroom

The first room was opened on November 23rd, 1914. in premises lent by Messrs. Thomas Clapham, of Manchester, Ltd., Shirt Manufacturers, 63, Sackville Street, Manchester, twelve power machines being kindly lent by Messrs. Jones & Co.

This workroom was open for 29 weeks, from Nov.

St. Work-

ments made in Workrooms

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orkroom	3,013
nop	5,626

Amounts expended:

Workrooms:	£	s.	d.
Wages of Workwomen	4636	1	2
Wages of Forewomen, etc.	416	10	8
Materials, Rent and Sundries	889	17	10
address of residence and real real real real real real real real	£5942	0	8
Deduct receipts from Toy	20944	9	0
Workroom, Doll Show,			
making up of Shirts, and			
meals supplied to Work-			
women	524	8	4
Net Payments	£5418	1	4
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General Administrative Expenses:			
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Total	£5518	6	4
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The amount of £5,518 6s. 4d. was met as follows:

From Manchester Local Re-	£	s.	d.,	
lief Fund	2965	14	2	
Grants received from the				
National Relief Fund	1957	7	1	
Distress Committee's Funds	595	5	1	
Total	£5518	6	4	

It will be seen from these figures that the cost of administration is extremely small, the reason being that the Manchester Society and the Manchester and District Federation lent their offices and staff to the Women's Employment Sub-Committee entirely free of all cost to the Sub-Committee. The cost to the Manchester Society and the Federation was about £600, which is the equivalent of a donation of this amount to the National Relief Fund.

The above figures do not include the value of materials given to the Committee, nor the amount of materials sent gratis

to the various Queen's Fund Workrooms by the Central Committee on Women's Employment and valued by them at £288 9s. 7d. They also do not include any values for the garments made at the Heyrod Street, Bridgewater Hall and Byrom Street Workrooms.

The total number of persons for whom the Sub-Committee provided work was 590 and these were mainly cases of civil relief. In several instances, however, after special permission had been received from the Government Committee, the Women's Employment Sub-Committee gave work to soldiers' mothers who had lost their employment through the war and whose Government allowances were inadequate for their needs.

The total wages paid to this number of persons was £4,636 1s. 2d., or an average amount of relief of £7 17s. 2d. per person.

In addition to the work of the Women's Employment Committee the Federation Staff helped in the arrangement for the free dinners for mothers and children (under school age) which were organised by the Medical Officer of Health for Manchester during the past winter.

ACCRINGTON.

President: Mrs. WHITTAKER. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. HINDLE, 10, Barnfield Street, Accrington.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. CHILDS, 2, Willows Lane, Accrington.

Number of Members, 100.

Number of Meetings held: Members', 2; Social, 1; Drawing Room, 2.

> Amount of cash received... £6 9 0 ... £6 1 0 ", ", spent … …

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Harold Baker, M.P., Liberal, strongly opposed.

ALTRINCHAM.

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. G. H. Hamilton M.P., Cons., Anti; Mr. Edward Powell, Prospective Liberal, Suffragist.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

President: Mr. H. WHITELEY.

Hon. Secretary: Miss R. Dyson, Waterloo, Ashton-under-Lyne. Hon. Treasurer: Miss A. HARDING, Moss Bank, Richmond St., Ashton-under-Lyne.

Number of Members, 75. Number of F.W.S., 105.

BACUP.

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

Attitude of M.P.: Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P., Liberal, antisuffragist.

BLACKBURN.

President and Chairman: Mr. J. T. ABBOTT.

Hon. Secretary: Miss BELL, 21, Oozebooth Terrace, Blackburn.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. HOULKER, 7, Bromley Street, Blackburn.

Number of Members, 78.

Number of F.W.S., 320.

Amount	of	cash	received		£0	12	0	
,,		,,	spent	•••	£0	3	9	

Attitude of M.P.'s: Sir Henry Norman, M.P., Liberal, in favour; Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., Labour, in favour.

BOLTON.

President: Mrs. HASLAM.

Chairman: Mrs. C. V. THOMPSON.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Miss WINSTANLEY, Hills Meadow, Astley Bridge.

Oganiser: Mrs. BLINCOE.

Office: King's Hall Buildings, Bradshawgate, Bolton. Number of Members, 400.

Meetings held: Annual Meeting; Sales in support of Society's Relief Work and Scottish Hospital. Chief Relief Work Kitchens for nursing mothers.

> Amount of cash received... ,, spent received for Two Kitchens for Mothers " spent ... "

Attitude of M.P.'s: Mr. T. Taylor, Liberal, lukewarm, puts party first; Mr. R. Tootil, Labour, suffragist; Mr. W. T. Wilson, Labour, Westhoughton, adult suffragist.

BRAMHALL AND CHEADLE HULME.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Miss CLEAFFERS, Rose Bank, Grove Lane,

Number of Members, 58.

Number of F.W.S., 20.

Number of Meetings held: Public, 2; Members', 3.

Amount of cash received ... ,, spent ... ,,

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. G. H. Hamilton, M.P. Cons., unfavourable; Liberal candidate, favourable.

BURY.

Hon. Secretary: Miss L. ASHWORTH, Hazeldene, Walmersley Road, Bury.

Attitude of M.P.: Sir George Toulmin, M.P., Liberal, in favour.

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CONGLETON AND DISTRICT.

President and Chairman: Mrs. HAROLD BEHRENS. Hon. Secretary: Miss L. BENNETT, Marsh House. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. LAWTON, 2, Moody Street. Number of Members, 112. Number of F.W.S., 23. Number of Meetings held: Public, 2. Amount of cash received... ... £8 12 8 £6 15 9 ,, spent Attitude of M.P.: Col. W. B. Brocklehurst, M.P., Liberal, opposed.

CREWE.

President and Chairman: Rev. L. PEGLER. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. POWELL, 117 Walthall Street. Hon. Treasurer: Miss LILLIAN, 260, Walthall Street. Number of Members, 40. Attitude of M.P.: Mr. E. Craig, M.P., Cons., in favour.

DARWEN.

Chairman: Mrs. HUNT. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. E. JEPSON, 15, Cleveland Terrace. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. F. WALKDEN, 5, Pearson Street. Number of Members, 15. Amount of cash received... ... £1 3 0 £0 19 1 " " spent … … Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Colonel Rutherford, M.P., Cons., anti-suffragist; Mr. F. G. Hindle, Liberal candidate, suffragist. ECCLES.

President: Councillor MARGARET ASHTON, M.A. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BARLOW, Sannox, Victoria Road, Ellesmere Park. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. GOULDEN, 162, Eccles Old Road,

Pendleton.

Number of Members, 89. Number of F.W.S., 92.

Number of Meetings: Open-air, 1.

Amount of cash received... ... £24 19 3

£9 1 1 spent Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Sir George Pollard, M.P., Liberal, in favour; Mr. Campbell, Conservative candidate, favourable; Mr. J. H. Hudson, Labour, favourable.

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BUXTON.

Chairman: Mrs. ASHWELL COOKE.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. VICKERY, Filleigh, Temple Road. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WHITWORTH, Corbar Mount.

Number of Members, 62.

Number of F.W.S., 129.

Number of Meetings held: Public, 1; Club for Women and Girls, two evenings a week.

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Hill Wood, M.P., Cons., has voted for all Women Suffrage Bills except the last one.

CHEADLE.

Chairman: Mrs. HUGH PARRY.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. WERTHEIM, Westford, Cheadle.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss ROPER, Sunnyside, Cheadle.

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. G. H. Hamilton, M.P., Conservative, unfavourable; Mr. Edward Powell, Liberal candidate, favourable.

CHINLEY AND CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH.

President and Chairman: Mrs. PRESTON.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. M. G. THODAY, 5, Lyme Park, Chinley. Hon. Treasurer: Miss WILKIE, Daisy Bank, Chinley.

Number of Members, 85.

Number of F.W.S., 120.

Number of Meetings held: Public, 1; Members', 4; Study Circle Meetings, 7.

Amount of	cash	received		£18			
		spent in Scottish	•••	£16	4	1	
" Chinley "	Bed	in Scottish					

... £43 0 0 Hospital ...

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. Hill Wood, M.P. Cons., fairly favourable.

CLITHEROE.

President: Mrs. ATKINSON.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. DEWHURST, 169, Gisburne Road, Barrowford, Nelson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. S. COOPER, 59, St. Mary's Street, Nelson. Number of Members, 37.

Number of Meetings: Study Circle Meetings, 24; Two Deputations to Mayor of Nelson re Women's Workrooms.

Cash	received	 	 £3	6	4	
The second s	spent		 £3	5	1	

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Albert Smith, M.P., Labour, in favour.

FARNWORTH.

President: Mrs. H. A. BARNES, Bolton Road, Moses Gate. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. AFFLECK, Melbourne House, Kearsley, Farnworth.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. H. PARTINGTON, Union Bank House, Farnworth.

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. T. C. Taylor, M.P. for Radcliffe-cum-Farnworth, in favour; the prospective Conservative candidate, Mr. Ashton E. Bagley, views on Women's Suffrage not known.

HASLINGDEN.

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

Attitude of M.P.: Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P., Liberal, antisuffragist.

HEATON MOOR.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. H. C. LAMB, 4, Norman Road, Heaton Moor.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. EDGAR DAVIS, Milton House, Heaton Moor Road, Heaton Moor.

Number of Members, 55.

Number of F.W.S., 5.

Joined in Relief Work with Stockport Society.

Amount	of	cash	received	 £8	0	8	
			spent	 £8	0	8	

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Harry Nuttall, M.P., Liberal, in favour.

HEYWOOD.

President: Mrs. WILSON, St. Luke's Rectory. Hon. Secretary: Miss J. B. HARVEY, 93, William Street. Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. GRUNDY, "Leabank," Manchester Rd. Number of Members, 60. Number of F.W.S., 76. Number of Meetings held: Public, 1; Drawing-room, 2. Amount of cash received... $\pounds 9 \ 19 \ 4\frac{1}{2}$

,, spent £8 4 0 "

HYDE.

President: Mrs. H. ENFIELD DOWSON. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. MIDDLETON, B.A., South View, Woodley. Hon. Treasurer: Miss DAVIDSON, B.A., 5, Arnold Avenue, Gee Cross, Hyde. Number of Members, 111. Number of Meetings held: Public, 2. Amount of cash received... ... £15 4 1 ,, spent £13 18 11 Attitude of M.P.: Mr. F. Neilson, M.P., Liberal, in favour.

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LEIGH.

President: Mr. J. H. STEPHEN. Hon. Secretary: Miss L. COOK, 13, Railway Road, Leigh. Hon. Treasurer: Miss M. NAYLOR, Sunnyside, Buck St., Leigh. Number of Members, 50. Number of F.W.S., 47. Amount of cash received £6 1 6 ", ", spent … £10 4 2 ... Attitude of M.P.: Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., Liberal, adult suffrage, but will accept and vote for any measure.

MANCHESTER.

President: Mrs. HENRY FAWCETT, LL.D. Chairman: Miss L. Cox. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. CONWAY, Draethen, Didsbury. Hon. Treasurer: Miss HERTZ, 49, Palatine Rd., Withington. Organising Secretary: Miss EDITH PLACE. Offices: 16, Deansgate, Manchester. Number of Members, 1500 (about). Number of F.W.S., 1300. Number of Meetings held: Drawing room, 5; Open-air, 5; Club Meetings, 30. Amount of cash received: £651 for 10 months.

Relief Work: Manchester lent its staff and office to the Manchester Relief Committee who opened 6 workrooms. Help was given with maternity centres and feeding stations.

MANCHESTER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

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ONSTITUENCY	Member	CANDIDATURE	For or Against
N.W	Sir John Randles (C)	Sir John Simon (L)	For
N.E	Mr. J. R. Clynes (Lab.)	Mr. J. R. Clynes (Lab.)	For
E	Mr. J. E. Sutton (Lab.)	Mr. A. Taylor (Cons.) Mr. J. E. Sutton (Lab.)	For For
S	Capt. P. K. Glazebrook	mi.s. L. Sutton (Lab.)	1.01
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S.W	Mr. C. T. Needham (L)	C. C. D. C. M. H.	For
N	Sir C. E. Swann (Lib.)	Sir C. E. Swann (Lib.)	For
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ONSTITUENCY	MEMBER	CANDIDATURE	For or Against
N	Sir W. P. Byles (Lib.)		For
W	Sir G. W. Agnew (Lib.)		Against
S	Mr. C. A. M. Barlow		_
	(Cons.)	Mr. F. Norris (1)	For
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CONSTITUENCY	MEMBER
N W S	Sir W. P. Byles (Lib.) Sir G. W. Agnew (Lib.) Mr. C. A. M. Barlow (Cons.)

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Mr. F. Norris (L.) ... Against

MARPLE.

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Chairman and Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. ECKERSLEY, Croftside Marple.

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

Number of Members, 106. Number of Meetings held: Public, 1; Annual Meeting; Club and Sewing Meetings (continued), 20.

> Amount of cash received £39 14 8 " spent £30 12 9 .,

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Francis Neilson.M.P. Liberal. in favour.

MARPLE BRIDGE AND MELLOR.

Hon. Secretary: Miss SHANKS, Ingleside, Marple Bridge. Hon. Treasurer: Miss JOWETT, "Walden," Marple Bridge.

Number of Members, 57. Number of F.W.S., 17. Number of Meetings held: Drawing Room, 2; Open-air, 1.

Amount of ca	sh received	£17 16 $10\frac{1}{2}$
»» »»	spent	£16 15 10
" Marple " Be	ed in Scot. Hospital	

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Hill Wood, M.P., Cons., doubtful.

OLDHAM.

President: Miss M. LEES. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. BRIDGE, 82, Greengate Street. Hon. Treasurer: Miss MITTON, 13, Newport Street.

> Number of Members, 400. Number of F.W.S., 800. Number of Meetings held: Public, 2.

> > Milk Centre for Mothers.

Amount	of	cash	received	 £25	0	0	
,,		,,	spent	 £49	12	0	

Attitude of M.P. and local candidates: Mr. Barton, M.P., Liberal, in favour; Mr. Bartley Dennis, M.P., Conservative, in favour; Mr. Robinson, Labour candidate, in favour; Mr. Somerville, Liberal candidate, in favour.

RADCLIFFE.

President: Hon. Mrs. SPENCER GRAVES. Chairman: Mrs. HAMER. Hon. Secretaries Besses-o'th'-Barn.

Mrs. F. S. BARNES, 18, Deyne Avenue, Prestwich. Mrs. ALAN OPENSHAW, Three Arrows, Ainsworth Road, Radcliffe. Hon. Treasurer: Miss N. STONEX, The Broxups,

Number of Members, 96. Number of F.W.S., 40.

Amount of cash received... ... £8 0 0 Attitude of M.P.: Mr. T. C. Taylor, M.P., Liberal, favourable.

RAWTENSTALL AND WATERFOOT.

Hon. Secretary: Miss FLORENCE WHITEHEAD, Ashday Lea. Holly Mount, Rawtenstall. Number of Members, 44. Amount of cash received... \therefore £0 19 $3\frac{1}{2}$ " " spent ... £0 19 3 Attitude of M.P.: Hon. Lewis Harcourt, M.P., Liberal, antisuffragist.

RISHTON.

Hon. Secretary: Miss FISH, Spring Street, Rishton. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. WADDINGTON, 16, Spring Street, Rishton. Attitude of M.P.: Mr. Harold Baker, M.P., Liberal, antisuffragist.

ROCHDALE.

President: Miss Lydia KEMP. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. TOYNE, M.A., 51, Deeplish Road, Rochdale.

Number of Members, 139.

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. Gordon Harvey, M.P., Liberal, in favour of limited measure; Mr. Law, Conservative candidate, also in favour.

ROMILEY.

President: Miss J. D. FALLOWS. Rosegarth, Lane Ends, Romiley. Number of Members, 85. Number of F.W.S., 6.

Hon. Treasurer and Secretary (pro tem.): Miss OLIVE POWELL, Amount of cash received... ... £11 19 0

", ", spent £6 3 10 Attitude of M.P.: Mr. F. Neilson, M.P., Liberal, favourable.

STOCKPORT.

President: Mrs. RAYNER.

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

Hon. Treasurer: H. A. JOHNSTONE, Esq., J.P., 57, Kennerley Road, Stockport.

Number of Members, 80.

Number of F.W.S., about 400.

Number of Meetings held: Public, 1; Social Evening, 1. Relief Work.

Amount	of	cash	received	 £12	0	4	
,,		,,	spent	 £9	18	10	

Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. G. J. Wardle, M.P., Labour, in favour; Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes, M.P., Liberal, very doubtful; Conservative candidates give no definite reply.

WHALEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT.

President and Chairman: Mrs. EDWARD HALL.

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

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

Correspondent: Miss A. N. MONKHOUSE, Disley.

Number of Members, 101. Number of F.W.S., 202.

Number of Meetings held: Annual Meeting of Members.

Amount of cash received... ... £13 9 7 " spent ... £10 15 5 ,, Special Effort for Scottish Hos-

pital raised £40 0 0

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. S. Hill Wood, M.P., Conservative, suffragist; Mr. Alan Sykes, M.P., Conservative, anti-suffragist.

WIGAN.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Miss SMITH, 7, Baron Street, Wigan. Soldiers' and Sailors' Club.

Attitude of M.P.: Mr. R. J. Neville, M.P., Liberal, antisuffragist.

WILMSLOW AND STYAL.

Chairman: Miss E. M. GREG. Hon. Secretary: Miss S. SCOTT, Macclesfield Road, Wilmslow. Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. CLARKE, Croft Cottage, Lindow Common. Wilmslow. Number of Members, 79. Number of F.W.S., 28. Number of Meetings held: Weekly Sewing Meetings. Amount of cash received... $\pounds 52$ 2 $0\frac{1}{2}$,, spent ... $\pounds 23 \ 17 \ 4\frac{1}{2}$,, Attitude of M.P. and local candidate: Mr. A. J. Sykes, M.P., Cons., anti-suffragist; Mr. Philip M. Oliver, Liberal candidate,

in favour.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

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The Balance Sheet for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1915, shows, as was expected, a considerable decrease in income over previous years, and through the exercise of strict economy, a corresponding heavy decrease in expenditure.

It is noteworthy that the annual assessments have decreased by nearly two thirds, while subscriptions and donations remain almost at the same figure.

On the expenditure side there are decreases in practically everything except, of course, rent and rates.

At the end of last year I appealed to those societies which had money on deposit to allow it to be used to keep the Federation going, and I wish to sincerely thank those societies who did so.

As a result of their generosity I am able to hand over a small balance to my successor to carry on with into the new year.

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MANCHESTER & DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1915.

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£490 13 8	BALANCE SHEET.	LIABILITIES. £ s. d. Societies' Moneys on Deposit 64 9 2 Balance	£74 9 2	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, 1915, and hereby certify that the above Statement of Accounts exhibits a true and correct view of its affairs according to the same. <i>(Signed)</i> APPLEBY & WOOD, <i>Chartered Accountants.</i> 40, Deansgate Arcade, Manchester, 5th October, 1915.



