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OF THE

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Patriotic League**

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## FOREWORD.

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With the signing of the Armistice much of the special work which had occupied the members of the League during more than four years of war necessarily drew to a close, especially that more directly connected with the care and entertainment of wounded soldiers, the collection of relief funds, war savings, and the utilization of waste products.

The activities of the League were, therefore, gradually directed into new channels suited to the needs of the difficult transition period which preceded the actual conclusion of peace—a period during which many problems of reconstruction occupied the minds of all members, and gave full scope to their patriotic enthusiasm.

Another notable feature of the year now under review was the effort made to widen and deepen the influence of the League in the Dominions overseas by strengthening and consolidating friendships formed in war time, and by fostering that sense of Empire citizenship which found such wonderful expression in the heroic services rendered by the men of our Dominions to the Empire in the crisis of its fate. These efforts, we trust, will be continued, and as the machinery of the League is well adapted to the objects in view, there is every reason to hope for gratifying results. It would be difficult to exaggerate the importance of keeping alive in time of peace that Imperial patriotism which the war did so much to create. The call which went out from the Motherland, and which was answered so loyally by the daughter States overseas, must not be allowed to die away in a hollow echo of indifference.

The aftermath of restlessness resulting from the war has created an atmosphere in which the claims of patriotism are too easily forgotten. The propaganda work of the League is therefore more necessary to-day than ever before. It is our duty to keep before our members the ideal of "Our Country First," and to offer them constructional work of a patriotic character for the promotion of the welfare of an Empire, with which the best hopes of the world and of human progress are bound up.

# TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

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**Members.**—Since presenting our last Annual Report over 200 new members and associates have enrolled, making the total membership about 1,500. There are ten new Vice-Presidents.

A List of Members is omitted owing to continued need for economy.

**Branches.**—The Paddington Branch was reorganized in January, 1919, by Mrs. Charles Dickie, who kindly became Hon. Secretary, to carry on Mrs. Empson's inspiring example. She secured Lady Harris as Chairman, called a Committee, and is doing splendid work, of which an account will be found under separate heading.

The Hampstead Branch regrets the necessity for the resignation of Mrs. Roper, the Hon. Secretary, owing to ill-health, and hopes to secure the services of some lady realizing the patriotic need of continuing this Branch. Both Hove and Woking are in the same position, and have been unfortunately obliged to accept the resignations of Miss Finch and Mrs. Muirhead respectively. The Committee is anxious to fill these vacancies, and would be glad if any lady would volunteer to become Hon. Secretary. The basis of the work is an enthusiastic belief in the cause of patriotism, and claims only a limited amount of time. Kindly write to the Central Office.

The Scottish Branch has been obliged to close down owing to the exigencies of the war. (See special report).

**Correspondence.**—The distribution of leaflets and information has been kept up to a high standard. Assistance has been given to the following:—The Government War Aims, the National Council of Women, the National Savings Committee, the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, National Baby Week Council, Serbian Relief Fund, Food Education Association, &c.

**Votes of Thanks.**—Many thanks are due to the Duchess of Somerset, the Lady Llangattock, Sir Richard and Lady Cooper, Lady Nathan, Mrs. George Macmillan, and all the generous hostesses who have given their delightful hospitality to the League and made it possible to hold the lectures in such pleasant surroundings.

The Committee also wish to thank the numerous speakers, lecturers, and chairmen who have responded so splendidly to the call for their assistance in disseminating patriotic propaganda. That they should give their time and sympathy is much valued.

A special debt of gratitude is due to Mrs. Massey Lyon for drawing up the list of books; to the Press for many notices, particularly to *The Queen* for regular insertions of all our current work and needs; to Miss Whitmore for acting Hon. Secretary during the holidays, also for taking charge of League literature; to the Women's Institute for help in the Office.

The regular and efficient help at the lectures given by Miss Innes, Miss McGavin, Mrs. Moxey, Miss Nahabedian, and Miss Pfeil has been greatly appreciated, and much routine work of the Office has been lightened by the unselfish help of Miss Innes, Miss Nahabedian, Miss Seligman, and others.

**Subscriptions.**—The Committee has considered it desirable in the interests of economy, by saving postage and stationery, to ask members kindly to send in subscriptions in January or July.

**Finance.**—The income and expenditure accounts have resulted in a deficit of £69 13s. 7d.

**Hon. Treasurer.**—Mr. Percival Griffiths, F.C.A. (of Deloitte, Plender, Griffiths & Co., chartered accountants), still gives his valued services as Hon. Treasurer of the League, and the Committee wish to express their gratitude and thanks.

**Chairman's Resignation.**—Lady Campbell was re-elected as Chairman, but owing to continued ill-health was compelled by doctor's orders to take a complete rest. The Executive Committee regretfully recognized this necessity, and they expressed a hope that her recovery would be speedy and her withdrawal only temporary. This hope, however, was not to be realized, for a few weeks later the Committee were very reluctantly obliged to accept Lady Campbell's resignation. A message was sent expressing the Committee's deep admiration for her work, and crediting her energy and enthusiasm with the success of the League. It was universally recognized that during her five years of office, the League attained a position much respected by other societies, and exerts a considerable influence upon public opinion. By her work Lady Campbell will always be remembered. The following letter from her, prior to her leaving for America, will, we feel sure, interest the members of the League :—

MY DEAR LADY COWAN,

I want to place on record my deep sense of the honour my Committee have done me in presenting me with the lovely little typewriter on Thursday last, and at the same time to say how warmly I thank them for their delightful and useful present. It will ever be to me a memento of five years of association with them and of the happy relations we had together. This would not have been possible unless I had been associated with women of unselfish and noble ideals, and I was indeed fortunate in having a Committee who ever placed duty and love of country before personal aims. I know you will receive the same loyalty as I did, and I shall watch with eagerness the expansion and widening of the League's activities under your able leadership. The Committee have been fortunate in having found a

woman like yourself, full of enthusiasm, energy, and love of country, to be their Chairman, and I know from experience how they will support and aid you and rise to any call you make upon them. Would it be too much to ask that this letter be read to the Committee and placed in the minutes? I would so like to leave a record of all I feel, and perhaps it would not be out of order. May I say to my dear Committee, may every blessing rest upon your efforts, and a thousand warm thanks again.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) F. G. CAMPBELL.

**Chairman.**—Lady Cowan was elected temporary Chairman in June, and when Lady Campbell was obliged to retire in November, the Executive Committee unanimously voted Lady Cowan their Chairman. Since taking office Lady Cowan has shown herself full of enthusiasm for the League, and most energetic in carrying out its work.

**Vice-Chairman.**—Mrs. Parker, having found herself unable to act as Chairman, continues as Vice-Chairman. In that capacity she has done much extra work owing to Lady Campbell's enforced absence. The Committee wishes to record their appreciation of her ever ready help.

**Hon. Secretary.**—Mrs. Waymouth rendered most valuable services as Hon. Secretary, and has been entirely responsible for the difficult negotiations in connection with the Lady West Memorial Shield, which have been satisfactorily concluded. (See special note). She has been compelled to relinquish her services in that special capacity, but is fortunately still able to serve on the Executive.

**Secretary.**—The League continues to enjoy the capable services of Miss Pilley as Secretary. It is to her ability and capacity for taking infinite pains that the successful organization of the many meetings is largely due, while her knowledge and enthusiasm have proved of great value in the carrying out of the various schemes in which the League is interested.

**Assistant Secretary.**—The continued voluntary clerical work of Miss Nahabedian has been most useful. She has at times undertaken entire charge of the Office, and her reliability and loyalty cannot be sufficiently praised.

**New Office Premises.**—In April the League moved its Offices to a larger and better room on the first floor. Those previously occupied on the third floor being needed by the Women's Institute. This change was much appreciated by those who frequent the Office, and it is now possible to hold the fortnightly Committee meetings in the new premises. Friends were extremely generous in assisting with the furnishing. Lady Dawson presented a beautiful Queen Anne Mirror, Sir Frederick Nathan a cabinet of drawers for office papers, which proves invaluable, Lady Cowan a very practical table, Mrs. Dickie a big notice board, and Mrs.

Waymouth two, much needed, table cloths. These things have distinctly added to the comfort and appearance of the Office and have been greatly enjoyed.

#### REPRESENTED.

The League was represented by Miss Pilley at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women at Leicester.

By the Chairman acting on the Executive of the National Women Citizens' Association.

By Lady Nathan and Miss Pilley at the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the National Savings Committee.

By Lady Nathan and Mrs. Charles Dickie on the Baby Week Council.

By Mrs. A. Makgill Crichton on the Wyndham Day Nursery.

By Mrs. Charles Waymouth on the Food Education Association.

#### SPECIAL NOTES.

**Serbian Relief Fund.**—This Fund has been helped by donations from the League and also by co-operation support. Members knitted and made various garments which were presented at the Tea.

**Prisoners of War Fund.**—Up to the closing of the Prisoners of War Fund a ready response to its appeal was always given by the League. A small balance of £1 17s. 6d. remains, and is to be used for the benefit of a returned prisoner broken down in health and deserving of help.

**National Unity Movement.**—During the inauguration of this national movement towards neutralizing revolutionary forces, the League was able to give advice and assistance. Several members of the Committee took vital interest in the movement, and a sum of £20 was voted towards its running expenses.

**National Savings Campaign.**—Since the signing of the Armistice the National War Savings Committee has altered its name to National Committee, and proceeds with its urgent work of instilling habits of economy into the community. Members have done active work for the cause and lectures have been held dealing with the subject.

**American Head-quarters' Waste Collection.**—Both at the end of 1918 and during the first half of 1919 all waste paper was collected from the American Army Head-quarters, and, through their generosity, the money accruing from the sale of the material has been handed to the League to be devoted to relief occasioned by war distress. £55 6s. 6d. has been paid over in this way, and a letter expressing the deep thanks of the Committee was sent, when the sale of paper became unprofitable.

**Wyndham Day Nursery.**—Infant welfare has now been incorporated in the Ministry of Health, and everywhere, under the new Child Welfare and Maternity Act, new centres are springing up all over the country. This does not, however, relieve the League of the continued responsibility for supporting the Wyndham Day Nursery, one of the pioneer institutions and a model crèche.

Members anxious to identify themselves with this work of national necessity would be welcomed at 212 Camberwell New Road. Financial or other help is always gladly received, and £33 1s. 6d. has been collected for this object by the League during the current year.

**Pound Day** was held during Baby Week, on July 2nd. Unfortunately the weather was unsettled, so that those present had to remain indoors for the opening by Lady Florence Pelham Clinton. She afterwards graciously received a large quantity of gifts in kind from friends and members of the parish, and a purse of £29 presented on behalf of the League by Miss Pilley. A small sale took place, teas were served, and the afternoon was very successful.

**Inter-Britannic Council.**—The Committee has kept constantly before it the importance of binding the women in various parts of the Empire in a closer relationship, in order to widen and deepen their solidarity in the interests of a larger patriotism. With this object in view, an attempt was made in conjunction with the National Council of Women (to which the British Women's Patriotic League is affiliated). Their connection with the various other National Councils in the Dominions overseas seemed to offer a suitable basis on which to build up a new Imperial organization. A Joint Committee with the National Council of Women was formed, and a draft scheme was ultimately drawn up in considerable detail, setting forth the constitution, articles of association, membership rules, &c. After much discussion and many meetings involving several months' work, the League Committee decided that it was not a practical scheme. A letter was subsequently sent to the President of the National Council of Women informing her of the B.W.P.L. Committee's decision, and a vote of thanks was sent to Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, who had presided over the Joint Committee.

The League, however, reserved for itself the right to take the matter up at any future time, and confidently hopes to do so.

**Memorial Hostel.**—At the close of 1918 £2,000 was collected by the League, and presented to Lady Dimsdale on her appeal "To build a Sailors' Rest and Boys' Hostel in the Port of London, as a memorial from the women of the Empire to those splendid men of both sea services who have lost their lives in the service of their country."



Members who generously contributed to this memorial in gratitude to the sacrifices of these gallant men, will be glad to know that a site has been obtained. It is situated from 741 Commercial Road, to 145 Salmon's Lane, S.E. Plans have been accepted, but £100,000 must be in hand before the building is commenced. It is hoped that this sum will have been raised by next year, and the League wishes the scheme all possible success.

**Lady West Memorial Shield.**—The memorial to Lady West, which it was agreed should take the form of a shield, has been completed. It is of very handsome design, and the work has been beautifully carried out by Messrs. Garrard. Unfortunately, the National Rifle Association, after accepting the shield to be competed for at Bisley, found that their programme was already too long to admit of another competition and consequently reluctantly refused it. However, the Committee communicated with the War Office, who eagerly accepted the shield on behalf of the Territorial Army Association, to be competed for by Cadet units as a prize for the encouragement of physical training exercises and games. The trophy will be known as the Lady West Memorial Shield, and will be held by the War Office, the final competition to take place at the Royal Tournament.

This is considered to be a much better destination for the shield, than the original one, as it will reach a larger number of Cadet units. It is the first trophy given for this object, and gives an added impetus to physical training, which will greatly benefit the boyhood of the nation.

**Ball.**—Although the financial results of the Ball, given on January 19th, 1920, at the Hyde Park Hotel, do not appear in the accounts accompanying this Report, which are for the year ending December 31st, 1919, the Committee think it right to take this opportunity of recording that this very successful function resulted in a contribution of £450 to the funds. We are thus starting our present financial year under circumstances which, subject to the continued support of our members, should enable us to further extend the patriotic activities of our organization.

#### MEETINGS.

**March 18th, Annual Meeting.**—The Annual Meeting took place at 35 Grosvenor Square, by kind permission of the Duchess of Somerset. About 200 were present. Proceedings commenced with the Business Meeting, conducted by Lady Campbell, at which it was unanimously agreed that the League had made most favourable progress in its various branches of work during the past year.

The Duchess of Somerset presided over the General Meeting, at which Lord Sydenham gave an address on "Patriotism," with his usual high sense of idealism; and Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon,

President of the National Council of Women, then spoke on "Reconstruction," laying particular stress on how it affects women.

**March 25th, Serbian Tea.**—A reception in aid of the Serbians was held by Lady Nathan on March 25th. Princess Marie Louise came and graciously received the great quantity of useful articles presented for the Serbian women and children reduced in circumstances through the devastation of their country. There were some hundreds of garments, rolls of material, and many other gifts in kind. Lady Nathan announced, too, that the American Expeditionary Force had most generously offered some of their returned uniforms if they would be of use.

Mrs. Carrington Wilde, the inaugurator of the Serbian Relief Fund, spoke feelingly of the terrible state in which the Serbian population found itself. She urged the League to relax in no way their efforts, and recorded her gratitude for what had been done during recent years by the League, mentioning especially the "Hot Water Bottle Tea" given by Lady Nathan with such success.

The Countess of Bective added her appeal for Serbians, and £13 2s. was donated to the cause beyond the gifts already received. This most satisfactory result was largely due to the zeal and enthusiasm of Lady Nathan, who organized and gave the "At Home."

**May 12th.**—At 27 Queen's Gate Gardens, by kind permission of Mrs. George Macmillan, a most interesting meeting was held on the question of "The Economic Problems of Peace Time."

Lady Campbell made some illuminating remarks on the subject in taking the chair. Sir Robert Kindersley was unfortunately unable to be present, but Mr. Hughes took his place most ably, and made a subject, which might have been dull, enthrallingly interesting. He pointed out the urgent and continued need for economy for many years if we were really to win the war in the fullest sense.

**Lady Nathan's "At Home."**—Lady Nathan gave expression to the feelings and desires of the Committee to meet Lady Campbell before she left for America. She kindly invited them and several personal friends of Lady Campbell's to a farewell gathering at her house. The occasion was made the opportunity of presenting to Lady Campbell a typewriter as a memento from the Committee in grateful recognition of her notable five years' service to the League as its Chairman and her devotion to its cause. Lady Nathan made a charming speech on handing over the gift.

#### LECTURES.

A series of four lectures on "Our Empire: its Wealth and Natural Resources," in continuation of four held in the autumn

of 1918, were given at South Lodge, Rutland Gate, by kind permission of Lady Llangattock, and under the immediate patronage of Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll.

**Burma.**—On February 4th Lady Cowan took the chair, and Sir Herbert Thirkell White, K.C.I.E., spoke on the various aspects of this country with the authority of one who has spent most of his life there.

**The West Indies and British Guiana.**—On February 11th Lady Sydenham was in the chair. Sir Sydney Olivier, K.C.M.G., described the difficulties of administering the vast area covered by these islands, and the justice and sympathy he considered necessary in dealing with the natives.

**Egypt and the Sudan.**—On February 18th Mr. Basil Worsfold took the chair. Miss M. Brodrick, Ph.D., F.R.G.S., gave an account of the country, its beauty and mystery; she also showed profound knowledge of the people. Her final message was that "The stability of Egypt is to us an Imperial necessity."

**Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States.**—On February 28th Mrs. Parker took the chair. Sir John Bromhead Matthews, K.C., sketched the life in these States with a vivid touch and a wealth of humour.

During May a series of four lectures was held on "The British Empire: its History and Constitution," at the Women's Institute.

May 13th.—"**Britain's Heritage.**" Lady Nathan took the chair for Mrs. Massey Lyon, who spoke with feeling of the great heritage Britain has in her vast Empire. She emphasized the duty of all to the glorious Motherland.

May 20th.—"**How We Gained Our Rights and Liberties as Citizens.**" This was the subject of a most historically interesting address by Miss Helena Normanton, B.A., who is an authority on the subject. The chair was ably taken by Miss Broadhurst, M.A.

May 27th.—"**From Island to Empire.**" Sir William Grey-Wilson, K.C.M.G., presided over a lecture on this thesis. Sir John Bromhead Matthews, K.C., spoke with great vivacity on the marvellous growth of the British Empire and the influence it exerts on the opinion of the world.

June 3rd.—"**The Fateful Moment**" was the cryptic title of Mr. Bigland's address. He showed with perfect sincerity the dangers and responsibilities of the present in our history, emphasizing the urgency of inculcating the truest spirit of patriotism in order to save the nations from the destructive forces of unrest.

In the autumn the year closed with a series of three lectures on "The Larger Patriotism."

November 3rd.—“**Professions for Our Daughters.**” This lecture was given, by kind permission of Lady Llangattock, at South Lodge. Sir William Grey-Wilson presided. Mrs. Oliver Strachey advocated the opportunity of special training for every girl, so that she might be capable of being economically independent. A short account of various professions and their possibilities was given.

November 17th.—“**Women and Emigration.**” Mrs. George Macmillan kindly lent her house for this lecture, presided over by Sir Richard Cooper, Bart., M.P. Mrs. Allan Bright spoke with extreme eloquence of the healthy and invigorating new life of the Dominions for those women fitted by strength and efficiency to undertake it.

December 1st.—“**Aviation and World Transport.**” Lady Cooper generously lent her house in Carlton Gardens, and Lord Sydenham presided on this occasion. A large gathering attended to hear Lord Montagu of Beaulieu’s illuminating discourse on the invention, development, and practical use in peace and war of aviation.

The lectures throughout the year have been much enjoyed. It is hoped than an even wider circle will avail itself of the opportunity of hearing such eminent authorities on subjects of importance where knowledge is power.

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## BRANCHES.

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### CORNISH BRANCH.

*President:* Mrs. BEHRENS.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Mrs. CHOWN, Townshend, Hayle, Cornwall.

Again this year the Cornish Branch have been active with their knitting. Various garments have been sent up during the year for the Serbian Red Cross.

### FROME VALLEY BRANCH.

*President:* Miss ROBINSON.

*Chairman:* Mrs. ELLIOTT.

*Committee:* Mrs. ALSTON, Mrs. TANNER, Mrs. ROBERTSON, Mrs. PHILIP YOUNG, Mrs. H. G. VASSALL, Miss CASTLE, LADY OWEN.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Miss A. FRANCKLYN, Quarry House, Hambrook, Bristol.

The members of the Frome Valley Branch have remained loyal to the League, and hope to be able to reorganize their Branch now that their important war activities are over. It is proposed to hold meetings in the district with this object in view.

### FULHAM AND HAMMERSMITH BRANCH.

*Vice-Presidents:* LADY BULL, LADY DOWNHAM, LADY NORRIS, LADY PEIRSE, LADY ROBERTSON, LADY WYLLIE, Hon. AGNES LEIGH, Mrs. MOUNT BATTEN, Mrs. FOREMAN, Mrs. FOWLER, Mrs. TOWNSEND GREEN, Mrs. HILLARD, Mrs. HOLLAND, Mrs. PENN-GASKELL, Mrs. RANSFORD, Mrs. SALMON, Miss SPALDING, Mrs. ERNEST WILBERFORCE, Mrs. WHITBREAD, Mrs. MALING WYNCH.

*Chairman:* Mrs. WALTER TOOMER.

*Committee:* LADY HUTCHINSON, LADY ROBERTSON, Madame DE KROGH, Miss BARNICOT, Mrs. BOOTH, Miss CLEMOW, Mrs. COTMAN, Mrs. TOWNSEND GREEN, Mrs. PENN-GASKELL.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Mrs. R. CULLING CARR, 5 Fitzjames Avenue, W. 14.

**Meetings.**—In February a very successful meeting was held at Mornington Lodge, by kind permission of Mrs. Mount Batten. Mrs. F. D. Fowler presided, and the two speakers, Mrs. Massey Lyon and Mrs. Pember Reeves, dealt with some of the causes of industrial unrest. About 100 people were present, and ten new members were enrolled.

On Nelson Day, October 21st, Mrs. Mount Batten again very kindly entertained members for the Annual Meeting. In celebration of the day a collection was made in aid of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society's Hostel for Sailors' Fund. The Dowager Lady Dimsdale kindly presided, and received the

presentation of £6 3s. 9d. for the fund. Miss Everett Green (Navy League) spoke on the work of the Navy, and Mr. Hamilton Fyfe gave a very interesting address on Russia.

**Work.**—Our Sub-Committee in charge of entertainments for the wounded carried on their good work. Miss Bovet, the Hon. Secretary, sent in an excellent report of the two concert teas held in January and February, when over 150 men were entertained. Again during September twenty-five men were driven to Wootton Hatch Hotel, near Dorking, for tea. Nearly all were crutch cases from the Hammersmith Surgical Hospital. The chaplain wrote next day: "The trip was the talk of the hospital. The beautiful drive and tea have made the others jealous."

**Waste.**—We were able to carry on our collection of waste paper through the winter owing to Mrs. Mount Batten's kindness in allowing the use of her stables as a depôt. The proceeds enabled us to help several local charities.

**Flag Days.**—Members came forward nobly to help, and collections were made on "Women's Day," Y.W.C.A. Nurses' Day, Y.M.C.A. Alexandra Day, and Veterans' Day.

**Good Fellowship Club, Fulham.**—In January, Mrs. Toomer kindly organized a Christmas treat for the children. Forty-eight were invited to the Bishop Creighton House, and in the same month a concert tea was given by our Committee to the members at the Club. In April Miss Johnson organized a successful sale of work in aid of the Club. In July the Club Executive decided to close the Club in Dawes Road, and to carry on weekly work classes for the children, and a monthly "Social" for the women at the Bishop Creighton House, in Lillie Road, Fulham.

**Garden Party.**—In June a very successful Garden Fête was organized by Mrs. Townsend Green and Mrs. Toomer and a strong sub-committee. The sum of £64 10s. was cleared, and was allocated for the benefit of fourteen professional artistes and workers who had gratuitously served the League through the war. For the third time Mrs. Townsend Green most generously opened her doors to the League, and worked hard for the success of the undertaking.

**Grants.**—The Committee allocated two guineas to each of the following institutions:—Wyndham Day Nursery. In Hammersmith—Girl Guides' Camp, League of Mercy, District Nursing Association, St. Cyprian's Cripples' Home. In Fulham—Infant Welfare Centre, Nursing Association. One guinea was given to the K.K. Association, and £2 3s. to the R.U.K. Beneficent Association (Work Party).

**Changes on Committee.**—In May we received, with much regret, the resignation of Mrs. Hillard, as Chairman, and Mrs. Toomer, our Vice-Chair, was elected to the Chair. Mrs. Penn Gaskell and Miss Barnicot joined the Committee.

**Membership.**—At the close of the year we numbered 1 life member, 20 vice-presidents, 127 members, and 21 associates. During the year 2 vice-presidents, 20 members, and 3 associates joined.

### HAMPSTEAD BRANCH.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Mrs. HAROLD ROPER, 82 Alexandra Road, N.W. 8.

Although no meetings of local importance have been held by the Hampstead Branch during the past year, much good and efficient work has been done by many members, including Mrs. Harold Roper. Help has been given to the After War Aids, the Red Cross, and other societies. Substantial sums have also been raised in support of funds for the Nurses' Appeal, the Church Army, Y.W.C.A., and Y.M.C.A.

It is satisfactory to note that the Branch has gained strength, both numerically and financially, during the past year. Mrs. Crawford—now Mrs. Noble—a member of some years' standing, has kindly consented to become a Vice-President. She has shown very practical sympathy with the work of the League.

Mrs. Harold Roper takes this opportunity of thanking most cordially all those who have co-operated with her in the work of this Branch, and regrets that owing to the many calls on her time she will not be able to continue to act in this capacity.

### HARLOW BRANCH.

*President:* Mrs. CALVERLEY. *Chairman:* Mrs. B. E. TODHUNTER.

*Committee:* Mrs. CRUMP, Mrs. FRANK JONES.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Miss BARNARD, Marigolds, Harlow, Essex.

The Committee of the Harlow Branch and the members felt that, with the cessation of war activities, they would be able to concentrate on the urgent calls of peace. With the idea of gaining new inspiration, a drawing-room meeting was arranged by kind permission of Miss Barnard at her house. Lady Cowan came down and spoke enthusiastically on the need of closer patriotic co-operation and of the necessity for greater production. She suggested the desirability of herb growing and drying, of writing Braille for the blind, and other practical patriotic work. The members were much interested, and thirteen new members were enrolled.

### HOVE BRANCH.

*President:* The MAYORESS OF HOVE.

*Chairman:* Mrs. J. GORDON DILL.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mrs. STOLLERY.

*Committee:* Miss ETHEL GRIMWOOD, Mrs. F. R. RICHARDSON, Mrs. WIGHT, Mrs. EDWARDS, Mrs. W. S. MARCHANT, Mrs. ROGERS.

*Hon. Secretary:* Miss FINCH, 20 Salisbury Road, Hove, Sussex.

Owing to the many other women's Associations already existing in Hove, it was difficult to keep the Branch of the League

active without much time being given to the work. As Miss Finch, the Hon. Secretary, was obliged to resign, the Committee found, with regret, that it was necessary to close the Branch. It is hoped that a new Hon. Secretary will come forward and keep alive this lapsing Branch, where good work might well be done.

### KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA BRANCH.

*Hon. Vice-President:* The MAYORESS OF KENSINGTON.

*Vice-Presidents:* The BARONESS GREY, LADY FITZROY, LADY HEWITT,  
Mrs. HENRY LUBBOCK.

*Chairman:* LADY DAVISON (the Mayoress of Kensington).

*Vice-Chairman and Hon. Treasurer:* Miss WHITMORE.

*Committee:* Miss LINDSAY CAMPBELL, LADY CUNLIFFE, Mrs. BRUCE DICK, Miss MARGARET JONES, Mrs. LUCAS, Mrs. MCGAVIN, Mrs. PERCIVAL, Mrs. FITZROY ROUSE, Mrs. SALMON, Miss JULIA SMITH, Mrs. PERCY THOMAS.

*Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. BRUCE DICK, 30 Elm Park Gardens, S.W. 10.

Since the last report we have had the good fortune to get Lady Davison to be the Chairman of our Branch Committee, and we may hope that under her guidance the Kensington and Chelsea Branch may go on and flourish.

The Branch was asked by the Kensington Branch of the **Women's Citizens' Association** to become affiliated, and to send a representative to sit on their Committee. This was agreed to, and Miss MacGavin kindly undertook this office.

**A Meeting** of our members was held in May at Bina Gardens, by kind permission of Miss MacGavin. Lady Cunliffe took the chair. Mrs. Kilroy Kenyon spoke on Women's Institutes in the Country and Mrs. Clarke on Voluntary Service.

**The Annual Meeting** was held on December 3rd, by kind permission of Lady Cunliffe, at her house. The meeting was crowded. Lady Davison presided. The Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills spoke on "Infant Welfare," Mrs. Carnegie on "Women's Citizen Association," and Lady Cunliffe on a Local Crèche. The Annual Report was read and approved.

**The Winter Work Party** has carried on; 143 garments were sent in the spring to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, and cordial thanks returned to the workers by the Secretary. This winter the working party is again assembled, the garments to go, some to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society and others to a crèche in Fulham Road, in which Lady Cunliffe, a member of our Committee, is much interested.

The *Warspite* boys are flourishing. We have one aboard. At present the ship is an hotel in Tilbury and is full up. The Government have promised a new hulk early in the summer when the boys will be put afloat. The usual £20 was given to the Marine Society for the *Warspite*.

We contributed both in money and kind to the Wyndham Day Nursery, at Camberwell; Lads in Blue, Bermondsey; Training Brig "Stork," at Hammersmith; Girl Guides, in North Kensington.



We, with all Branches of the League, regret the enforced resignation of Lady Campbell owing to ill-health. Though no longer the Chairman we feel sure her interest will be maintained. From various reasons several of our members have resigned, and, alas! others have not paid their subscription. As Treasurer, may I remind members who have failed in this way, that it would greatly help the Branch in its work, and save time, printing, and postage, if they would send their subscriptions early in the year. The Committee would then know what funds they had at their disposal, and could possibly take up some fresh line of patriotic activity. It is proposed to form a Women Workers' Branch, to be run by the Kensington and Chelsea Branch Committee and members.

### **PADDINGTON BRANCH.**

*Vice-Presidents:* Mrs. H. G. HANDOVER (Mayoress of Paddington), LADY HARRIS, Mrs. MONEY,

*Chairman:* LADY HARRIS.

*Committee:* Miss E. BLACK, Mrs. MAKGILL CRICHTON, Mrs. LEOPOLD FRANK, Mrs. H. G. HANDOVER, Miss HAWKSLEY, Mrs. KENNEDY, Mrs. H. A. MORRAH, Mrs. MONEY, Miss MURRAY MURRAY.

*Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:* Mrs. C. S. DICKIE.

All communications to be sent to 44 Westbourne Terrace North, W. 2.

Lady Harris has kindly consented to serve as Chairman in succession to Mrs. Arthur Brown, and the Committee has been increased by the addition of the following ladies:—Mrs. Makgill Crichton, Mrs. Leopold Frank, Mrs. H. G. Handover, and Mrs. H. A. Morrah. Mrs. C. S. Dickie acts as Hon. Secretary.

The Branch continues to prosper, and an effort is being made to increase still further the influence of the League in Paddington by a well-defined policy.

Work is proceeding in connection with the Infant Welfare Scheme, which provides for the care of children in well-appointed crèches situated in convenient parts of the borough, and for more prolonged attention in deserving cases where, through sickness or other causes, mothers are prevented from ministering to the wants of their children, the Paddington Children's Hotel is available. Experienced advice is given on the upbringing of children wherever such advice is likely to bear fruit, and generally the members of the Branch are striving to uphold the objects and traditions of the League as a constructive force in the social life of the country.

Another leading feature in the programme of the Branch is the Paddington Company of the 1st Cadet Battalion—"The Queen's." A determined effort is about to be made to increase the strength of the Company, which has recently moved into new Club quarters at 44 Westbourne Terrace, North, W. 2, and the Committee charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Company will welcome any assistance in this direction from the residents of Paddington. Many of the boys formerly associated

with the Company served with distinction in His Majesty's Forces during the late war, and their record will remain a proud memory in the annals of the Company.

National thrift is of especial importance at the present time, and any well directed effort to awaken all classes of the people to a sense of its importance will be warmly supported.

The Paddington Branch has been well represented at the periodical lectures instituted by the League, and there is ample evidence that these lectures are regarded as one of the valuable advantages attaching to membership of the League.

There is a general consensus of opinion that larger numbers are required to make the League the power it should be in post war development, and any measure designed to increase the membership of the League as a whole will be received sympathetically by members of the Paddington Branch.

### SCOTTISH BRANCH.

*Vice-President*: Mrs. PARKER.

*Hon. Treasurer*: Mrs. HART, Mains of Cowie, Stonehaven.

*Committee*: Miss BAIRD, Mrs. BRUCE, Mrs. RIDDOCH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. ROBERTSON, Miss CAMERON, Miss RAMSEY, Miss INNES.

*Hon. Secretary*: Miss INNES, 4 Greycoat Gardens, S.W. 1.

1919 has been a difficult year for the Scottish Branch. It was established under the war conditions of 1914 to do work connected with the war, and when the country gradually returned to peace conditions it was found that the Branch must either look for work in a new sphere or close down. Added to that, we sustained an irreparable loss at the death of Miss Baird. She who was the mainspring of the Branch, as she was in many other undertakings, lost her life by illness while working at Amaria, Egypt, early in August, just as she was on the point of coming home.

It has been found that nothing could be done about starting new work in the county without a resident secretary, and as no suitable person could be found we had unwillingly to submit to circumstances and wind up the Scottish Branch after transferring any member who wished to continue in the League to the books of the Central.

A letter of condolence in the name of the Scottish Branch, and signed by the heads of the different districts, is being sent to Sir Alexander Baird of Urie on the occasion of the death of his daughter, Miss Nina Baird.

#### MISS NINA BAIRD.

With the deepest regret in our hearts, we, the Scottish Branch of the British Women's Patriotic League, mourn the loss of our true friend and most able leader, Miss Baird, who

died at the Deaconess Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, August 10th, of typhoid, contracted while doing her duty at Amaria, the Western Desert Province.

In September, 1914, Miss Baird organized the Scottish Branch as a war-time activity, to gather together any threads of usefulness and patriotism which would help to the winning of the Great War, and to strengthen the bonds of human sympathy between all classes and callings.

She succeeded well, and the Branch prospered under her leadership, and numbered over 200 members.

Going from one district to another in the county in all weathers, Miss Baird organized meetings and lectures with lantern slides to rouse and interest the people, and to make them realize the peril our country was in. But her activities were not confined to the Patriotic League, and to her we owe the sound source of the supply of V.A.D.'s, which sprang up on all sides in the county when the call came.

We, the members of the Scottish Branch, were bound together by Miss Baird's charm and personality, almost every member knew her, most of us from her childhood. We knew her courage and endurance, her great brain, her high organizing power and her untiring energy, but above all we prized her as a personal friend, staunch and true, cheery and humorous, a strong champion and protector of all weak things, man or beast. The keynote of her character was love of her country and work for the common good, unsparingly and unflinchingly. If there were difficulties so much the better. Miss Baird mistrusted too smooth a road, and now that she has left us the world is greyer and the road rougher than before, but we can cherish her memory, and try to live up to her ideals.

The following letter was published in *The Times* of August 13th, from Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Allenby:—

“Apart from the deep sympathy I personally feel for you in the grievous loss you have sustained, I wish to express, on behalf of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, our most sincere appreciation and respect for the courageous, untiring, and invaluable work which Miss Baird carried out during the troublous times of last spring. Her intimate and sympathetic knowledge of the people was of the greatest assistance. Her work will never be forgotten; and every officer and man who had the honour of working with her will deeply regret the untimely death of your gallant daughter. Of her work to improve the lot and condition of the Bedouin women one cannot speak too highly.”

## WOKING BRANCH.

*Chairman:* Mrs. MUIRHEAD. *Vice-Chairman:* Mrs. HOLT.

*Committee:* Mrs. HERBERT, Mrs. HEMSLEY, Mrs. GREIG, Mrs. THOMAS,  
Mrs. KELLER, Mrs. MARCEL, Miss KNOWLES.

It is very much regretted that this active Branch has been obliged to close, owing to the resignation of Mrs. Muirhead. Any Woking lady who would reorganize the Branch would find the work useful and interesting.

## WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC CLUBS.

*President:* Mrs. F. E. J. PARKER.

*Hon. Treasurer:* The Hon. SYBIL BORTHWICK, c/o B.W.P.L., 92 Victoria Street, S.W. 1.

*Home Secretary:* Miss PFEIL, 2 Sussex Place, N.W. 1.

The Women's Patriotic Clubs filled a great need, giving women shelter and cheer when they needed it most. As that need is now over all the Clubs have closed during the past year, except that at Southwark, which is expected to do so in a couple of months. During the years of activity valuable help has been given by many friends, help which was much appreciated and will be remembered. Every Club closed with a balance, which was allocated sometimes to the widows of the Club, in other instances to a final treat; and where a larger balance remained it was handed over to some deserving and needy charity.

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**THE BRITISH WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.**  
**BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31ST, 1919.**

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>							
To National Rifle Association—							
Fund for Annual Prize of £5, Balance as per last					140	18	10
Balance Sheet ... ..							
Bisley Prize Fund—							
Balance as per last Account ... ..	15	2	0				
Add Interest received during Year ... ..	0	10	0				
Girl Guides' Scholarship Fund—					13	12	0
Balance as per last Account ... ..					5	0	0
Serbian Relief Fund—							
Balance as per last Account ... ..	3	0	0				
Receipts during Year ... ..	12	12	0				
Less Amount Paid Over ... ..	15	12	0				
Prisoners of War Fund—	14	2	0				
Balance as per last Account ... ..					1	10	0
Organization Fund—					1	17	6
Balance as per last Account ... ..							
Receipts during Year ... ..	54	0	0				
Kensington Waste Collection Account—	3	3	0		57	3	0
Balance as per last Account ... ..							
Receipts during Year ... ..	35	10	4				
Wyndham Day Nursery—	13	12	6		49	2	10
Receipts during Year ... ..							
Less Balance as per last Account ... ..	£1	4	0				
Amounts Paid Over ... ..	31	17	6				
Mercantile Marine Appeal—	33	1	6				
Balance as per last Account ... ..	59	0	6				
Receipts during Year ... ..	33	13	0				
Less Paid to British and Foreign Sailors' Society ...					2	13	6
Ball Account—							
Subscriptions received in Advance, Less Expenses ...					217	18	6
Outstanding Liability ... ..					16	3	11
Income and Expenditure Account—							
Balance as per last Account ... ..	832	4	1				
Less Deficiency for Year to date, per Income and							
Expenditure Account ... ..	69	13	7		762	10	6
					£1,268	10	7

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<b>ASSETS.</b>							
By Furniture and Fittings ... ..							
League's Investments at Cost—							
£169 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, Canadian Pacific							
Railway ... ..	191	8	5				
£151 6s. 4d. 5 per cent. War Stock at Cost ... ..					143	13	4
£270 5 per cent. National War Bonds at Cost ... ..					270	0	0
£300 4 per cent. Funding Loan at Cost ... ..					240	0	0
National Rifle Association Prize Fund Investments at							
Cost—							
£131 4 per cent. Debenture Stock, Canadian Pacific							
Railway ... ..					140	18	10
Branch Contributions Outstanding—							
Hampstead ... ..					9	11	0
Fulham and Hammersmith ... ..					0	10	0
Harlow ... ..					2	12	6
Brighton and Hove ... ..					6	1	3
Cash at Bank and in Hand ... ..							
					18	14	9
					250	16	8
					£1,268	10	7

We have audited the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers of the League and the Branch Statements, with the exception of those from Woking and Brighton and Hove, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Bank Balances and Investments.

W. B. KEEN & Co.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

23 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.4.  
*March 8th, 1920.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST, 1919.

		INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Subscriptions—Annual	...	107	2 6	...	...
Life Member	...	3	3 0	...	...
			<u>110 5 6</u>		
Branches (Net)—					
Paddington	...	13	18 9	...	...
Kensington	...	13	2 0	...	...
Fulham and Hammersmith	...	10	10 0	...	...
Woking	...	1	13 6	...	...
Hampstead	...	5	11 0	...	...
Scottish	...	2	12 5	...	...
Harlow	...	2	12 6	...	...
Frome Valley	...	0	16 0	...	...
Brighton and Hove	...	6	1 3	...	...
			<u>56 17 5</u>		
Donations	...	15	8 0	...	...
Interest and Dividends on League's Investments	...	25	12 3	...	...
Interest on Deposit	...	4	12 6	...	...
Net Receipts of Lectures	...	11	1 4	...	...
Balance—Being excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet	...	69	13 7	...	...
			<u>£293 10 7</u>		
By Special Donations—					
National Unity Movement—Amount Paid	...	20	0 0	...	...
Less Amount Received	...	10	10 0	...	...
Beatrice Chamberlain Memorial—					
Receipts during the Year	...	2	2 0	...	...
Less Amount Paid Over	...	2	2 0	...	...
			<u>9 10 0</u>		
Ordinary Donations and Subscriptions—					
National Council of Women	...	1	1 0	...	...
Women's Institute	...	0	5 3	...	...
			<u>1 6 3</u>		
Administration Expenses—					
Secretary's Salary	...	142	10 0	...	...
Office Expenses	...	92	18 2	...	...
Printing	...	21	18 6	...	...
Stationery	...	1	3 4	...	...
Postages	...	15	13 7	...	...
Meetings	...	5	19 9	...	...
			<u>280 3 4</u>		
The Lady West Memorial Fund—Purchase of Shield	...	80	0 0	...	...
Less Balance of Credit of Fund	...	77	9 0	...	...
			<u>2 11 0</u>		
			<u>£293 10 7</u>		

## BRITISH WOMEN'S PATRIOTIC LEAGUE.

### RULES.

1.—That the League be called the "British Women's Patriotic League," and that its motto be "Our Country First."

2.—That the League consists of a President, Vice-Presidents, Life Members, Members, Associates, and Hon. Officers.

3.—(a) That the Executive Committee shall consist of twenty-four Members, each elected for a period of three years; twelve of these shall be Central Representatives elected at the Annual Meeting, and six shall be Branch Representatives elected by the Branches. One-third of each class of Representatives shall retire annually in rotation and shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt Members in case of vacancies during the year.

(b) The Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

(c) Five Members shall form a quorum.

(d) The Executive Committee shall appoint the Paid Officers and may appoint Sub-Committees.

(e) If an Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee is considered necessary, it shall be called either by the Chairman and Secretary, or by any seven Members of the Executive Committee and the Secretary.

(f) No Member is eligible to serve on the Executive Committee unless of British parentage, although any citizen of the Empire is eligible for membership of the League.

(g) No Members who have resigned from the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election or can be co-opted on to the Executive Committee until twelve months have elapsed.

(h) Members of Committee must be present at half the meetings or resign, unless due notice of ill-health or other reasons considered valid by the Committee be given to the Secretary.

4.—At the first meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Hon. Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year. The decision of the Chairman on all points of order shall be final. In case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

5.—(a) The subscriptions of the League shall be—Life Members £3 3s., Vice-Presidents from 10s. 6d., Members from 3s. (6d. super-tax for the Central), Associates 1s.; but Branches shall have power to enrol Special Members from 1d. upwards if they consider good work can be done by taking such a course.

(b) Members paying less than 2s. 6d. have no voting power in the affairs of the League.

(c) All subscriptions and donations shall be handed over by the Secretary to the Hon. Treasurer at least once a month, and a separate list of donations kept.

(d) The balance of such subscriptions and donations, after defraying the expenses of the League, shall be applied in some practical manner to the cause of strengthening national defence, supporting British trade and industries, and inculcating a spirit of true patriotism by means of public meetings, lectures, and suitable literature.

6.—Neither the constitution of the League nor its rules can be altered without two-thirds majority of those Members voting personally or by proxy at the Annual General Meeting. Members may record their votes in writing if unable to attend in person, when they must send a duly signed letter to the Central Secretary six days before the date of meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration to be sent to all Members of the League twenty-one days before the date of meeting.

#### RULES FOR BRANCHES.

1.—The Branch Secretaries shall send a report of their work and a financial statement annually to the Central Secretary before January 15th.

2.—Notices of their fixtures as to meetings, entertainments, &c., should be sent in to the Central Committee before the date of such fixtures.

3.—The Branches shall pay in to the Central Committee before January 15th one-half of the balance of the subscriptions received during the previous year, after deducting working expenses, and shall reserve the other half, to be expended as the Branch Committee think best, together with any donations received for special purposes.

4.—Any new literature to be issued shall be submitted first to the Central Committee, and no alteration in the wording of leaflets shall be made without the consent of the Central Committee.

5.—The Branch Executive Committees shall endeavour to induce working women to represent their special needs by becoming Members of their Executives.

#### THE OBJECT OF THE LEAGUE.

The object of the League is to promote patriotic feeling among women of all classes, and to bring home to them the absolute necessity for each one to take an active interest in all questions relating to the welfare of the Empire, such as the training of boys and girls in patriotism. It is strictly non-political, non-sectarian, and apart from all questions of suffrage or any other political movement.

The League enjoins patriotism as regards British manufactures, and urges the buying of British made goods and the employment of British labour, especially as regards personal attendants and purveyors of food, and it also aims at concentrating and combining patriotic endeavour throughout the country.

Members will greatly assist by instilling the principles of duty, self-sacrifice, and love of country into all children with whom they come into contact, and by arranging school and public meetings, lectures, debates, &c.

The funds of the League, after defraying the general cost of propaganda, are devoted to practical purposes, such as sea training for boys, the encouragement of rifle shooting and of Naval and Military Cadet Corps, prizes to Girl Guides, and many other patriotic objects.

Members are earnestly begged to do their utmost by personal endeavour to arouse general interest in this movement, the urgency of which has been brought home to us by the oft-repeated warnings of the late Lord Roberts, emphasized by the outbreak of the World War.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS.

- (1) Life Members from £3 3s.
- (2) Vice-Presidents from 10s. 6d. per annum.
- (3) Members from 3s. per annum.
- (4) Associates from 1s. per annum.