letters were read from Mrs Selwyn respecting the W. S. Bill - proposed to be introduced as early as possible in the coming Session - The consideration of our action towards its promotion was postponed till next meeting to be held early in February -

M. S. Dockrell 24th February 1905

At a meeting of the Committee of the I. W. S. & L. G held at 2 Leinster Sqr. 24th Feby - 1905 -
Mrs M. Dockrell. vice DC in chair
Present - Mrs Dockrell, Mrs & Mrs Hallam
Miss Hillas, Mrs J. Haggs - Miss M. E. MacDonnell, Miss S. Smith
Mrs Swan - Miss Welply R.C.D. & Miss Porter & Miss Deane visitors
Minutes of last meeting were read & signed -
18 new members - Cash rec'd £11-10 - Paid £8-10-5 on hand £21-13-9 - The Hon Sec reported that several of the Women P. L. G's met at Mrs Cochrane's house - had an interesting discussion on their work & finally decided with the approbation of our Committee to form a sub committee to meet at each other's houses whenever occasion seems to call for it - The Committee thoroughly approved of the proposal - The meeting at the Neutral Institute, Lecture Sq. addressed by Mrs Cheffington, Miss Welply & Mrs Hallam had been held & was much satisfactory - about 90 - present. 5 subsequently joined the Association - The question of Durrants Dress Cutting's was re-considered - the matter was left with the Hon Sec - It was proposed & carried unanimously that Mr. M. Dockrell should be appointed to represent us on the London Local Govt. Association - The prospects of our W. Suff. & Bills were discussed in considerable detail - a number of letters were read also an explanatory statement from Mrs Hallam & it was decided not to take any public action regarding the Municipal enfranchisement Bill - to reserve all our energies for the promotion of the W. S. Bill May 12th & the Election of our Women P. L. G's - A public Meeting to be held in the Mansion House (if permitted) during Easter Week - the Committee to meet - if possible early in March -

M. S. Dockrell 16. March 1905

At a meeting of the Irish W. S. & L. G. A. held at 2 Leinster St. March 16th 1905 — Mr M. Dockrell V.C.U.D.C in chair — Present Miss Buchanan PLG. Miss Chick PLG. Mr M. Dockrell — Mr J. Duncan, Mr Farquharson Mr & Mrs Harlam. Miss Hilles, Mr J. Hoff, Miss M. E. Macdonnell, Mr S. Skeffington — Mr Swan, Mr Townshend, Miss H. Wallace — Miss Welply R.D.C, Miss Dufré Wilson — Miss L. Olpherts

The minutes of each meeting were read & signed.

Cash recd rec. 13 subscriptions £2-12-6 —
" Paid £15-10-9 — in hand £-15-5 "

The Hon Sec reported that 24 had been sent for 100 cuttings from Irish newspapers & W. Durant — Extracts were read from various newspapers giving reports of the great W.S. Demonstration on the 12th in Queens Hall, London — when 80 M.P's were expected to be present — the meeting appears to have been an enormous success. The following telegram was sent to the Chairman Rt Hon Leonard Courtney "Warm wishes for the success of your great Demonstration, may it convince the Govt of the absolute necessity for passing our Bill during the present Session" — The arrangements for promoting the 2nd Reading of Bamford Slack's W.S. Bill — May 12th were postponed until our next meeting — The Lord Mayor has consented to the use of the Mansion House for our proposed meeting on April 26th — It was decided to have 2 Resolutions — W.S. & P.L.G. — various speakers were appointed — Dr S. Bryant has consented to speak to the first Resolution — further arrangements left to the Hon Sec with the help of Mr Dockrell & Mr S. Skeffington —

Miss M. Donnell, having explained the injury which would be inflicted on the Nurses of the United Kingdom by the incorporation of the Board of Trade, of the proposed society for promoting the higher Education & training of Nurses. Mr Harlam proposed, Miss Welply seconded, & it was carried unanimously, that a Resolution embodying a strong protest against the proposed incorporation, should be signed by the Chairman & forwarded to the Board of Trade by the 21st inst — Committee to meet on April 13th to make final arrangements.

M. S. Dockrell 13. April 1905

At a meeting of the Committee of the Irish N.S. & L.G.A. held at 2 Leinster St April 13th
Mrs M. Dockrell v.c.k. D.C. in the Chair
Present – Miss Barrett, Mrs Dockrell, Mrs & Miss Hallam, Miss Hilles, Mrs M. Keating P.L.G. Mrs S. Skeffington M.A. Miss Smithson, Mrs Swan, Mrs E.H. Tickell, Mrs Townshend, Miss E Webb, Mrs Wyse Power P.L.G. –
The minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.
Cash recd. (18 subscriptions) £2 19 0 –
" spent 5/3 on land £18 " 4 –
The Hon Sec reported that she had forwarded the Resolution protesting against the proposed incorporation of the Board of Trade of the proposed society for promoting the higher education & training of nurses – of which a formal acknowledgement had been recd & the Resolution had been textually published in the Nursing Record – The Hon Sec also reported that Dr. Shipman's Bill to enable women in England to be elected members of the County & Borough Councils had passed its 2nd Reading on March 31st by the triumphant majority of 150 – only 25 voting against it, & that of our Irish Representatives more than 30 voted in its favor & only 7 against – as Mr B. Slack's Women's Enfranchisement Bill stands for 2nd Reading May 12th it was decided that a letter should be sent to all our subscribers, urging them to write to their members, to give their strenuous support – a draft of proposed letter was read & approved, as well as – letter from our Committee to each of our Irish M.P.s – The arrangements for meeting in the Mansion House 26th ult were completed, several ladies agreeing to act as stewards –
Committee to meet next on 18th May in time to promote the Election of Women Guardians.
18 May 1915 C Welply

At a meeting of the Committee of the W.S & L.G. Ass held at 2 Lincoln St May 18th 1905.
Miss Welply R.D.C. in chair
Present – Miss Clinch P.L.G. Mrs Tanqueray, Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hilles, Miss Dutton, Mr. J. W. Power P.L.G. Mrs S. Skeffington N.C. Miss Jennette Mrs Curran. Mrs E.H. McDell, Miss E. Webb.
Miss Welply – visitors Mrs Symes. Miss Curran B.C.
The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed
Cash recd. 115 subscriptions since last mtg. £17-2 "
" Spent £9-14-6 – in hand £27-17-2
The Mansion House meeting had been much successful. The only drawback being that the Reports in Dublin papers were meagre. The Hon Sec reported that 500 copies of letter to our Subscribers – had been printed & nearly all forwarded as directed – Letters to all our Irish M.P's had also been forwarded prior to the Debate. Owing to wanton obstruction in the House of Mr. La Touche & others – the 2nd Reading of Mr. B. Black Bill did not come to a Division & so the Bill has been lost for the present year. Letters from Mr. Erlery & others were read – the former who is well informed takes a very hopeful view for next year. Mr. Hallam's short address in the Mansion House, was approved of by Mrs L. Browne & Miss Kilfoyle M.C. that they ordered 2000 copies be printed, at their expense –
A Draft of letter to all the leading Irish Newspapers, was read & approved intended to promote the election of Women P.L.Gs in as many unions as possible –
& Mr. Hon Sec was directed to send cards of enquiry to the Clerks of the 159 unions after the Elections same as 3 years ago.
A good deal of help was promised in furthering the election of our Dublin P.L.G. Committee adjourned for the Summer.

M. S. Dockrell 14. Sept. 1905

Particulars of Banner:—
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cream lettering

At a meeting of the Committee of the W. S. & L. G. Association, held at 2 Leinster Street - September 14th 1905 -
Mrs M. Dockrell V.C. & D.C. in Chair - Present - Miss Barrett - Mr & Mrs Hallam Mrs N. Keatinge & Miss Outlow, Mr O. Skeffington & Miss L. Smithson - Mr & Hill Lickell -
Minutes of last meeting were read & signed -
Cash rec'd 45/- Subscriptions £14-19-6 -
Paid £7-5-3 - in hand £35-16-1 -
The Hon Sec reported that she had sent the Circular letter & P. Card to the Clerks of the Unions as instructed. The result being that 4 Women U. D. Cs - 87 P. L. Gs. had been returned 35 of the latter being R. D. Cs as well -
Much grief & disappointment was expressed that owing to various most regrettable causes several of the most devoted women P. L. Gs in Ireland - including Mrs McDowel Cosgrave & Miss Welply had not been re-elected, also that a large number of our leading towns, including Galway, Waterford, Kilkenny, Sligo & more particularly Cork, are still without the services of a Woman Guardian. The following resolution of sympathy with Mrs Cosgrave was moved by Miss Barrett 2nd by Mrs Hill Lickell, "carried unanimously" "That this Association at their 1st meeting since the P. L. G. elections - desire to record their sense of the exceeding loss sustained by the cause in the non election of Mrs McC. & to express their deep sympathy with her in her present illness." It was decided to print 1,500 copies of the list of P. L. Gs - Miss L. Brown having ordered 500 for the L. G. A. The Hon Sec reported that Mrs Hallam & herself - had addressed a very successful meeting at Hackney in June - & had been very cordially welcomed, by Miss Craig & friends. It was decided that the Sub committee of the Women P. L. G. should be invited to hold their meetings at 2 Leinster St - at the expense of the Association. The following Resolution - was proposed by Miss Barrett 2nd by Mrs Keatinge, & carried unanimously - "That Mrs Hallam should attend the W. S. Conference at Hull & the N. U. W. W. at Birmingham (Oct 19 & 26) as delegate from this association & at our expense."

M. S. Dockrell 2 Nov. 1905

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Central Society for Women's Suffrage.

(NORTH HACKNEY DIVISION.)

26, Manor Road,
Stoke Newington, N.

Dear Madam,

We are most anxious to secure a good representative audience on June 22nd, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Haslam. Mr Haslam is one of the earliest champions of the cause of Women's Suffrage, and his chivalrous efforts on our behalf have not ceased for 53 years. His wife was one of the 1,499 ladies who, under John Stuart Mill's guidance, signed the famous petition to Parliament, for the extension of the Franchise to women, in 1866.

It is an exceptional honour to receive pioneers with such a magnificent record of unselfish work behind them, and the younger women among us will cherish the remembrance of that honour, long after the recognition of the principles for which they have stood, has been granted.

Will you do your utmost to make the meeting worthy of the occasion, by your attendance, and by inducing others to attend.

Yours sincerely,
ANNIE CRAIG,
Hon. Sec.

June, 1905.

Mrs Walters
20 Endsleigh St
Tavistock Sq
W.C.

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S. & L.E. Association Nov 2nd 1905.
Mrs M. Dockrell V.C. & D.C. in the chair
Present - Miss R. Barrett. Miss J. W. Harper - Mrs & Mrs Haslam, Mrs J. Stoller, Mrs S. Heffington & Mrs E. Hill Dickell, Miss H. Wanan, Miss E. Webb Miss Welpley - visitor Miss Littledale —
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
Subscriptions from 45 Subscribers and £6.4.6 -
Expenses £8-10. " Cash on hand - £32.3.7 -
The Hon Sec reported that 12 of the Poor Law Guardians had met here as arranged on Oct 12th & decided to meet quarterly —
The Hon Sec reported that at the urgent request of the Local Govt Association for Mid Leigh Mrs she had signed a memorial to the Prime Minister requesting that an adequate number of capable women should be included in the Royal Commission on the Poor Law - It was decided that 12/6 should be forwarded to London, as payment for the Girl flag - which is to be displayed at future meetings of the W.S. association in England &c —

Mrs. Haslam reported that she had attended as delegate the annual Convention of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, held at Hull from the 19th to the 21st ult., and also the annual meeting of the National Union of Women Workers, held at Birmingham from the 23rd to the 26th ult. At Hull the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. Sixty new committees have been formed in the United Kingdom; an unprecedented number of meetings and demonstrations have been held throughout the year; and especially in the North of England the working women, now loyally supported by the Independent Labour party, are throwing themselves into the movement with intense earnestness and zeal. At the public meeting held in the Royal Institution, under the presidency of Mr. Luke White, M.P., Sir John Rolleston, M.P., assisting, the following resolution was moved by Mr. Leaf Jones, M.P., seconded by Miss Balgarnie, supported by Lady Dorothy Howard, and several other speakers, and carried by acclamation:—"That this meeting is strongly of opinion that no scheme of redistribution can be satisfactory to the country which is not accompanied by such electoral reform as shall admit women to the register as Parliamentary voters, and calls upon His Majesty's Government to carry out this urgent and long-delayed reform." At Birmingham the subjects dealt with covered a much wider field, and valuable papers were read upon "The Coroon Lodging House," "Vacation Schools," "Play Centres," "Parental Responsibility," "The Treatment of Criminal Children," "Children's Courts of Justice," "The Probation System," "Emigration under its various aspects of Families, Elder Girls for Service, and Children to Canada"; "The Destitute, and various ways of helping them"; "The Colony System," "Free Food for School Children," and "The teaching of the simpler rules of Health and Temperance in Elementary and Secondary Schools." The reception given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress included about one thousand guests, and the Conference ended with an appropriate sermon in the Cathedral from the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, and a most interesting visit to Bournville.

Mrs Haslam read extracts from the Labor Leader &c - respecting the arrest & imprisonment of Miss Pankhurst & Miss Kenny, in Manchester for interrupting the meeting assaulting the police &c in consequence of the refusal of Sir Edward Grey to answer letters & a question respecting the attitude of the future Liberal Govt towards Women Suffrage.

Mrs S. Dockrell 14 December 1905.

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S. & L. Ly. Association Dec 14 - 1905 -

Lady M. Dockrell in the Chair - Present - Miss Clinch Ld Ly - Mrs Larguaher Ld Ly Miss J.W. Harper - Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Heller, Mrs Keating R.A., Miss M. E. Macdonnell, Mrs S. S Keffington M.A. Mr Edith Lickell, Miss Wolfe.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed -

30 Subscriptions recd (6 new) £ 3-12-0 -

Cash spent - £ 2-17 - on hand. £ 35-10 -

Rent for Committee meetings £2-2-0 - directed the paid

Much pleasure was expressed at the Honour conferred on Lady Dockrell since the last Mtg:

Much regret was felt at the lamented decease of Mr Brooks Ly. Mrs Browne & Miss Cleaver Ly & a vote of condolence with Mrs Brooks was moved by Mrs Hallam, seconded by Mrs Hile Lickell & carried unanimously —

The 4000 copies of Mr Hallam's address being nearly exhausted, & the demand for it continuing in England especially - it was decided to print 3000 more —

The Hon Sec reported that Mrs Bosanquet - Mrs Sidney Webb & Miss Octavia Hill, have been appointed on the Poor Law Commission - She was instructed to write to Mrs Johnston, Miss Harrison & Miss Hayden M.A. inviting them to allow their names to be added to our Committee for 1906 - General very interesting letters were read - including one from Mrs Ellmy - giving rather a gloomy forecast of our prospects under the new Government. The draft report for 1905 was read & approved - & Mrs Edith Lickell consented to audit the accounts for year -

Committee to meet as early in January as feasible —

M. S. Dockrell 11 January 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S & L.G. Association held at 2 Lincoln St –
January 11th 1906 – Lady M. Dockrell in chair.
Present – 23 Miss Clinch RLG. Mrs Duncan Mrs Farquharson RLG. Miss J. Harper, Mrs & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hayden M.A. – Miss Hilles, Mrs Hogg, Miss Hopkins, Mrs J. C. Johnston Mrs Mason, Miss Oulton, Mrs Wyse Power RLG Mrs J. J. Shaw, Mrs S. Steffington M.A. – Miss Smithson, Mrs Ettie Tickell, Mrs Swan, Miss E. Weth – Miss Welply Miss Dupré Wilson
Minutes of last meeting were read & signed – accounts had been audited by Mrs Ettie Tickell. Cash on hand – £23.1.6 – subscriptions recd. for 1906 – £3.14.6 –
The Hon Sec. was instructed to send the usual subscriptions to the various London Societies – viz N.U.W.W. £1.1.0 – N.U.W.S. £1.1.0 Local Govt. 10/ – Stansfield Trust £1.1.0 –
Greetings from Lady Aberdeen & New S. Wales were read – also programme of New Householders League & W.S. Propaganda – The Hon Sec's reply to Mrs Crawford's application, refusing to interfere in any way, in our Irish Elections, was approved –
The Proof of Report for 1905. was read by Mrs Hallam & the following Resolution was proposed by Mrs J. J. Shaw & seconded by Miss Welply – "That the Annual Report passed at last meeting be passed again now as read." Mrs S. Steffington M.A. moved the following Amendment – "For our own enterprising Cabinet (p.10) substitute the British Colonies. For both of our possible Cabinets (p.12) substitute both of the possible Cabinets – For United Kingdom (p.12). substitute the British Parliaments; omit the words amongst all the greater nations." This was seconded by Mrs Wyse Power R.L.G. & supported by Miss Hayden M.A. & Mrs J. Hogg – But the Resolution was carried by a large majority – The Committee however subsequently adopted the substitution of "the" for "our" before possible Cabinets, as not involving any sacrifice of principle. The Committee, with the exception of Mrs Steffington & Mrs Wyse Power who resigned, were then appointed.
M. S. Dockrell 22 May 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S & L.F. & held at 2 Lincoln St Feb 22nd 1906 —
Lady M. Dockrell C.A.D.C. in the chair —
Present — Miss Barrett, Miss Buchanan P.L.F. — Mrs R. Dockrell, Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hayden M.A. — Miss Hilles, Mrs Hagg, Mrs E. Johnston, Mrs R. Keating, Miss E. Macdonell, Mr Oulton, Mrs Susan, Miss H. — Warren, Miss E. Webb, Miss Weldrick & Mrs Wheatley Secretary —
The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
52 subscriptions rec'd since we last met. £7-16 "
Cash paid London &c. £7-5-10 in hand £29-7-8.
Mrs Hallam reported — that the Women P.L.F.'s Committee met here Feb 1st & decided that a Deputation of influential ladies to the Guardians of the S & N Dks ~~would be desirable~~ recommending the further training of the workhouse girls for domestic service &c would be desirable. The Committee fully approved of the action taken by the Hon Sec in promoting the Deputation. — 1000 copies of the Report have been printed & about 500 already circulated — The Result of the Elections is very encouraging as regards Women's Suffrage — a clear majority of the Members elected being favorable — so far as we have been able to ascertain we have not been successful in the Ballot. It was moved by Miss Women 2nd by Mrs J. Hagg & carried unanimously that 20/- be sent to Edinburgh — to help the Women Graduates in their efforts to secure their right to vote in the election of their Municipal Members —
Several Members being Local Gov. Electors having written to Mr Long requesting his support for W.S. — his answer courteous but unfavourable was read — Several letters from London & elsewhere were also read.
The subject of our usual public meeting in the Mansion House was discussed — Mrs Hagg & the Hon Sec were requested to ascertain whether Mr Hein Hardie would be an advisable speaker, if the enquiries were favorable — Mrs Hallam was authorized to write to him on the subject of a meeting at Easter — M. S. Dockrell
22. March 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the I. W. S. & L. G. A. held at 2 Lancaster St March 22nd 1906
Lady M. Dockrell C. & C. in Chair
President – Miss Clinch V.P. – Mrs J. Duncan – Mrs Egan P.L.G. – Mrs Farquharson P.L.G. – Miss J. Harper – Miss Hanahan Mr. & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hayden – Miss Hilles, Mrs J. Huff. Mr. H. Keatinge, Miss Kelly, Miss Kirkham, Miss L. Linkhorn, Mr. E. N. Lickell, Mrs C. L. Longland, Miss Warren, Miss E. Walsh, Miss Welply P.L.G. & Mrs Wheatley – Secretary — The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed —
44 Subscriptions recd. since Feby. £4-8-0
Cash paid £15-15-2 in hand £18-2-6 –
The Hon Sec reported that the Deputations of ladies headed by the Lady Mayoresses had been recd by the Guardians of the S. & K. D. unions with the greatest courtesy & that it is the opinion of the Women P.L.G.s that much good may be expected to result — Letters were read from Edinburgh in acknowledgment of our Donation to the Women Graduate battle – from Manchester, London – Mrs Edwy Ses relative to our Parliamentary prospects, which appear the worst this Session, unless the Deputation to the Prime Minister, which he has conducted to receive after Easter, should have some practical result — Draft of letter to all our Irish M.Ps in support of Mr Lecky's Bill was approved for April 5th —
The Hon Sec stated that she had received letters impugning the action of the Committee in adopting the Report in Jany – the Chairman ruled that it would be out of order to re-open a discussion which had been settled by a Resolution of the Comm in Jany — The Hon Sec was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to Miss M. A. on the lamented death of her sister Susan B. Anthony, whose life long labors in the cause of women, are well known all over the world. It was decided to postpone the proposed Public meeting, until something more is known respecting the probable intentions of the Govt. Mr Hallam read his prepared address on the Rightful claims of women – which met with general approval —
M. E. Dockrell 19th April 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the
I. W. S. & L. G. Co. held at 2 Lancaster St.
April 19th 1906. Lady Ne Docker presiding
President. Miss Clinch D.L.G. Miss J. W. Harper,
Mr & Mrs Haslam, Miss Hilles, Mrs R. Heatrige
Miss L. Milhson, Mr A. Hill Tickell. Miss Emily
Webb, Miss Welfly D.L.G. Mr Wheatley —
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed —
12 subscriptions recd since March £3-12-6
Cash paid 10/6 - on hand - £21-12-6 —
The Hon Sec reported, that she had sent letters
to the Irish M.P's respecting Mr Silcock's Bill
which however was not reached on April 6th
It was decided to continue subscription for 60
copies of the W. S. Record £1-2-6.
Several letters were read from London &
Mr Elmy relative to the intended Deputation
to the Prime Minister on May 19th Lady Dock
well kindly consented to attend as delegate
from our Society: both at Downing Street
& Exeter Hall — The Justices of
the Peace Bill - brought in by the Solicitor
General of England - coming on for 2nd reading
on the 24th a letter requesting the inclusion
of Women in its scope, so as to render them
eligible for the office of Magistrate, was
approved, & directed to be forwarded - a copy
also sent to Mr Cherry, M.P. the Irish Solicitor Gen.
Mr Wheatley was proposed & unanimously elected
on the Committee —
It was decided to hold the proposed meeting
in the Mansion House on May 31st the Lord
Mayor having consented to preside —
Further arrangements were left in the hands
of the Hon Sec —
M. S. Dockrell 13 September 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S.&L.G.U., held at 2 Leicester Street Sept 13 - 1906 - Lady M. Dockrell in the Chair. Present Miss Clinch Pres. Lady Dockrell, Mr & Mrs Harlam, Miss Hiller, Mr J. Stagg, Miss M. L. Macdonnell, Miss Boulton, Miss L. Smithson Mr. Swan, Mr A. Hill Dickell, Miss E. Welch - Miss Welply Pres.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed 118 subscriptions £19-19-6 rec'd. Cash paid £11-10 " Cash in hand £31-15-. The meeting in the Mansion House was very successful - & was fairly well reported in the papers; especially in the Daily Express - Lady Dockrell & Mr Stagg reported that they had attended on the Deputation to the Prime Minister also at the meeting in Exeter Hall - they were specially impressed by the zeal & enthusiasm of the working women speakers - Letters were read from Mrs Pankhurst & others expressing the extraordinary impetus, which the action of the imprisoned women has given to the movement in the North of England, meetings being held at which thousands of women have attended, in one case the No. being estimated at 20.000 - The International W.S. Conference held at Copenhagen in August was attended by delegates from 11 Nationalities - & was a pronounced & most encouraging success - Mr Lancett reports that the International Union now represents 10 Millions supporters in the various Countries - The Hon Sec reported, that Mr Harlam herself, had addressed the Drawing room & meetings in London & many persons having expressed the desire that her last address should be printed - it was proposed by Miss Welply seconded by Miss Clinch & carried unanimously that 2000 copies should be printed - It was proposed by Mr Harlam seconded by Mr Hill Dickell & carried unanimously that Lady Dockrell & Miss Welply be requested to attend the N.U.W.W. Conference at Tunbridge Wells in Oct. as our Delegates - The Committee were much pleased to hear that 2 women have been appointed at Relieving offices in Skibbereen & Clifden - It was decided to continue the subscription for the Municipal Yearbook 2/6 - M. S. Dockrell.

8. Nov. 1906

At a meeting of the Committee of the J. W. S. held at 2 Leinster St. Nov 8th 1906. Lady M. Dockrell presiding
Present. Lady Dockrell, Miss W. Harper, Mr. & Mrs Haslam, Miss Hilles, Mrs Mahon, Mrs C. Lowther, Miss H. Wanen, Miss E Welsh – Miss Carlon visitor.
The Minutes of previous meeting were read & signed.
Hon Sec reported that 80 subscriptions £5-4-0 had been received since last meeting. Expenses £8-2-0 – Cash in hand £30-11-8 –
The Hon Sec also stated that 2000 of Mrs Haslam's address had been printed & sent to all our old & present subscribers, & the Societies in England & abroad – £1-6-0 had been rec'd for copies sold – & 20/- more promised by Lady Wright for 400 copies. About 600 in hand – it was decided not to have any more printed at present – Mrs Haslam reported that she had attended at some of the Registration Courts – & was much impressed by the necessity of women Lodgers, & that carefully looking after their claims.
Lady Dockrell gave a most graphic account of the interesting proceedings at the Annual Conference of the N.U.W.W. at Tunbridge Wells.
& more especially of the Women's Suffrage meeting, which had been of a most impressive character – she was greatly struck by the enormous advance which our movement has made during the present year – largely thro' the action of the working women of the North of England; & Miss Welsh M.P. & Miss Barrett wrote strongly to the same effect. General discussions on W.S. have taken place – the Law Students Debating Society – the juvenile societies at the Friend Institute, Christ Church Rathgar – Harolds X. &c. literature has been freely sent to the various speakers –
The following Resolution was proposed by Mrs Haslam 2nd by Lady Dockrell & carried unanimously – all standing
That the Com. of the W.S. &c. desire to express their deep sympathy with the family of the late Mr P. Bright McLaren in the irreparable loss, which they & the Women of the United Kingdom have sustained in her lamented decease. Her life long labors in every righteous cause, are known all over the world. Her pen, her purse, her untiring energies, were always at the service of those needing help – Her memory will ever be tenderly cherished by all those who had the privilege of knowing her.
The holding of some Drawing Room meetings was discussed & left over for consideration to next meeting –

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S. held at 2 Leinster St Dec 13th 1906 — Mr Ed Hill McBell in the chair — Present. Miss Clinch P.L.G. Mrs G. Coppey — Mrs Farquharson P.L.G. Miss I. W. Harper, Mr & Mrs Haslam, Miss Hilles, Mrs J. Hoff, Miss McDonnell — Miss Ronan, Miss Tinkstone, Mr H. McBell — Mr H. Thompson, Mr Towerhead, Miss Warren, Miss E Webb — visitors Mr Downer & Miss Caulon — The Hon Sec reported that 22 subscriptions (7 of them new) now rec'd — £3.9.6. Cash paid £2-1-6 — on hand £32.18-2 — Rent for room for 9 meetings directed to be paid £2-5-0. It was decided to print 1,000 more of Mrs H's address £.2.2.0 — Several small meetings had been held since the last Mot. Hon Sec re The P. L. G. Committee met on Nov 15th & decided to send Delegates & speakers to the P.L.G.I.W. Conference on Dec 11th. The latter was very successful — the papers & speeches being suggestive & valuable — The adequate representation of Women on the various boards in the County was especially considered —

as Mrs Fawcett is unable to come at present

It was decided to postpone the meeting in the mansion house till the spring — in the mean time, the Hon Sec was authorized to arrange for a number of Drawing Room meetings wherever practicable. Mrs H. read an address which she had prepared for reading at those meetings & which was approved of by the Committee — Several letters were read — from Mrs W. McLaren — Mrs Fawcett, — Miss Morkwen &c &c. Several members present agreed to obtain signatures to a W.S. Declaration, which is in course of preparation — Mr Ed. McBell kindly consented to audit the accounts for 1906 — The Report, Committee & accounts to be submitted to the January meeting

Mr. S. Rockwell
17th January 1907

At a meeting of the Committee of the W.S.P.L.G. held at 2 Leicester Street Jany 17 - 1907

Lady Dorothy Roe presiding

Present - Miss Barnett, Miss M H Carson, Miss Church Pkf. Lady Dorothy Roe, Miss W. Harper, Mrs & Mrs Hallam, Miss Helles, Miss Smithson, Mrs Swan, Mrs Pettile Lichfield, Mrs Tomkinson, Miss E Webb, Miss Welply Pkf, Mrs Wheatly, Miss Dafne Wilson

The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed — Hon Tec reported, that the accounts had been audited £17-13-9 on hand 22 subscriptions rec'd £4-14 - expenses 10/6 - cash on hand - £21-17-3 —

The usual subscriptions to London were proposed & carried - viz W. Suff 20/- N.U.W.W. 21/- L.G.L. 10/- Stansfeld 21/-

The Committee for 1907 was reappointed — with the exception of Mrs Hartley & Mrs Heaman who have resigned - Miss M. Carson, Dr Overend & Mrs Wheatly having been added to list —

The statement of accounts & Report for 1906 were read & approved & directed to be printed for warm vote of thanks, was moved by Miss Welply & seconded by Mrs Hallam

seconded by Miss Harper & carried unanimously —

The proposed Drawing Room meetings were discussed, & owing to the unexpected difficulties in the way of obtaining Speakers &c - the postponement of all except that arranged for by Mrs Corbett at Sandymount was recommended —

Letters were read from Mrs Hallett - London &c - & it was decided that Lady Dorothy Roe & Mrs Hallam should if practicable attend as Delegates the great Conference proposed to be held in London on Feby 8th & 9th —

M. S. Dorothy Roe 21st February 1907

At a Meeting of the Irish W.S. & L.S. Association held at 2 Leinster Street Feb 21st 1907
Lady Doctorelle presiding
Present Mrs Maurice Brooks - Miss M. A. Carlow
Miss Clinch B.A. - Mrs E. Coppey, Lady Doctorelle -
Mrs Farquharson B.A. - Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hillas
Mrs J. C. Johnston, Dr K Maguire, Miss Smillie
Mr H. Thompson Mrs H. Tickell - Mrs Lennox Boyd
Miss Warren, Miss Dupre Wilson, visitors Mrs Horsley
& Mrs Palmer Smith —
Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
Hon Sec reported that 34 subscriptions £7-8.0
had been recd since last Committee papers total £1-2.0 —
Expenses £10.10 - Cash in hand £19-2.0 —
Subscriptions were sent to London & acknowledged.
The Drawing room meeting held at Mrs Courtnis
Sandymount on Jan 28th was a success —
Mrs Newton & Miss Mullone have kindly consented
to hold a similar at 28 Herbert Place, on March 1st
& Mrs David Houlton a new member will give
another at Drumcondra a little later on —
Lady Doctorelle & Mrs Hallam were unable
to go as Delegates to London — but Mrs Hallam's
urgent request Mrs Sth. Tickell went in her place
& reported, that the Procession & meeting at Exeter Hall — were of a most impressive character —
she carried our Irish flag (with a little help)
all thro' the miles of muddy streets — she also
attended the meeting at Caxton Hall & procession to the House
of Commons — (as a private individual) & saw
the women arrested & the uncalled for
violence of the Police — an admirable letter
to the Times was read from Mr Hallett — & warm
vote of thanks was passed when unanimously.
Mr Dickenson having obtained 1st place for a
W.S. Bill March 8th Draft of letter to the Irish
M.P.'s was approved — copies of same to be forwarded
to Secs of Branches & other ladies urging them to exert all possible influence upon their M.P.'s of
their Counties to induce them to support the
Bill — a number of spirit stirring Suffrage
songs, had been recd & were being distributed.
M. S. Doctorelle 21st March 1907

At a Meeting of the I.W.S. & L.G.A. held at 2 Leinster St March 21st 1907
Lady Doctorell presiding —
Present — Miss Buchanan & L.G. Miss Carson — Mrs G. Coffey, Lady Doctorell, Mr & Mrs Haslam — Miss Hillier, Mr J. Hagg, Mrs Malone, Miss Armstrong — Mrs Lenaun Mrs Ed. McNell, Mrs Townshend — Mrs H Wanan, Miss E Webb visitor Mrs Cousins & Mrs Houston —
The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed —
Hon Sec reported that 53 subscriptions have been rec'd since last meeting £5-18-0 — papers sold 3/6 — Expenses £1-11-0 — Cash on hands £24-8-9 —
Three D.R. meetings have been held — at Mrs Murray Nenton & the Misses Oulton — Mrs Townshend & Mrs Houston — They were all very successful — 12 new subscribers joined largely in consequence —
In preparation for the debate on March 8th letters had been sent to all the Irish M.Ps & to 80 subscribers urging them to write to as many M.Ps as practicable especially to Mr Long & Mr Birrell — answers had been rec'd from Mr Long by several of his constituents — The Bill was talked out & a Resolution is the proposed instead

on Wednesday the 27th

It was proposed by Mrs Haslam seconded by Miss Wanan & carried unanimously that £1/- be forwarded to the C.O. Memorial fund — Future work was discussed — It was decided to proceed with further D.R. meetings — & that the Hon Sec should write to Mrs Tangwell — Miss Gore Booth & failing them to Mrs Snowden M.D. & Mrs K. Hardie — respecting a Public meeting in April or May —
Interesting letters were read from Mrs Rowe Mr W. Varian — Mr J. O'Leary Cork &c &c also from Mrs Edery & the Manchester Guardian —

Thomas J Haslam 16th May 1907

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S.F.L. held at 2 Leicester St. May 16. 1907
Thomas J. Hallam in the chair —
Present Miss Carson, Mrs Cousins, Miss Clinch P.L.L. Mr J. Duncan, Mrs Farquharson P.L.L. Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hilles, Mrs Houlton, Miss Smithson, Mrs Townshend, Miss H Wance, Miss LeWeck — visitors. The Countess M. & Mrs M. Newton —
The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
Hon Sec reported that 574 subscriptions had been recd since last meeting £9.0.6 — Expenses Printing Report. A.O. Memorial &c. £8-15-0
Cash in hand £25-16-9 —
Hon Sec also reported, that no Drawing Room meetings had been held since last we met — tho' 3 had been promised — The Proposed Public meeting for various reasons had been postponed ~~for various reasons~~ —
In contemplation of the Bill promised by the Government to enable women ~~to be~~ elected on the Borough & Co Councils in England Hon Sec had addressed a memorial to the Prime Minister strongly urging that the same privilege should be extended to Irish women & had sent copies of same to the Chief Sec — Mr. Nannitti. Hugh Law. W. Redmond — Mr Cherry. & Mr Barry — Sympathetic answers had been recd from some — the Bill has been read 1st time in the House of Lords —
Letter was read from the N.U.W.W. relative to the appointment of Delegates to the Manchester meeting — the matter was postponed to the next meeting — after a good deal of discussion, it was decided not to take any action in regard to the proposed Irish Council Bill, the subject being one of very great difficulty — Members were reminded of the necessity for looking after their Registration in July. in preparation for the Elections of next year —
M. S. Dockrell 5. Sept. 1907

At a meeting of the Committee of the I. W. S. & F. Held at 2 Leinster Street Sept. 6th 1907 –

Lady Dockrell in the chair –

Present – Mrs M. Brooks, Miss M. H. Cawson, Mrs Cousins, Lady Dockrell, Miss J. Harper, Mr & Mrs Hallam, Miss Hillier, Mrs J. Hogg, Miss Rowan, Miss Smith-son – Mrs Hill Tickell, Miss Warren, Miss Welply visitors, Mrs J. Vanclare – Miss L. Stephens –

The minutes of last meeting were read & signed. The Hon Sec reported that 50 subscriptions £8.12.0 had been rec'd since last meeting. 3 new – Expenses £2-14-0 – Cash in hand £31-17-11. The Hon Sec reported, that when Mr Hallam & herself were in London in June, Zero Drawing Room meetings were held for them, & that subsequently there was another at Llandudno, besides which they attended several suffrage gatherings & were greatly encouraged everywhere by the earnestness & determination of the speakers. She also reported that the Women's Franchise paper is becoming a great success. Several members of the Committee agreed to subscribe for it –

Since last meeting of the Committee, letters had been sent to all the Irish M. P's, strongly urging them to support the extension of the Women's P. C. qualification Bill to Ireland, & numerous letters had been written to individual M. P's by members of our Association to the same effect. Nevertheless owing in part to the lateness of the Session, & other causes which have not been fully explained, the amendments of Mr Sam. Mr Featherstone &c were not carried – Great disappointment was expressed by various members of the Committee, but it was suggested that a Bill to remove the injustice to Irish women might probably be introduced next year.

Lady Dockrell, Mrs Houston & Miss Cowan were appointed Delegates to the Manchester NUWW – Mrs Hallam will attend as V. P. Zero Drawing meetings are promised in Mont. Mrs J. Vanclare, & Mrs E. Burke having very kindly consented to open their houses for that purpose. The Committee were reminded that the Registration Courts will be sitting for Revision during Sept & October & finally the Comm^tee were strongly urged to persuade as many new members as possible to join the association –

M. S. Dockrell
10. Oct. /07

At a meeting of the Committee of the I.W.S. & L.G.A. held at 2 Lennox St October 10th 1907

Lady Dorothy Bell in the chair

Present. Miss Barnett. Miss Carson, Miss Clough Hon Sec, Lady Dorothy Bell. Mrs Farquharson Treas. Mrs & Mrs Haslam, Miss Hilles, Mrs J. Haff. Mrs Houlton. Miss Lindleson, Mrs Still, Tickell.

Miss O'Connell & Mrs Wragg Jony visitors —

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & signed

The Hon Sec reported that 30 subscriptions had been recd since last meeting. 2 new — £3.11.

Cash paid £1-14 — in hand £33-2-11 —

Mrs Cousins had consented (if possible) to attend the NUWM conference in Manchester as our 3rd Delegate. It was decided to supply some of our literature gratis to the meetings —

Mrs Haslam reported that she had attended a large number of the meetings at the Revision Courts & was more than ever impressed with the necessity for written agreements in the case of lodgers — Mr Dickenson's amended Bill — proposing to extend the franchise to all married women whose husbands have votes was freely discussed — further consideration was deferred —

It was proposed by Mrs Haff — seconded by Mrs Still Tickell & carried unanimously that £3 — be contributed as a donation to the Women's Franchise Guarantee Fund — several members agreed to take the paper — It was decided to continue the advertisement in the Municipal Year Bk.

The Hon Sec reported that the Drawing Room meeting at Mrs Houltons was a great success — several other meetings are promised —

In answer to an enquiry from Miss Leigh Brown, it was decided not to take any action at present, towards the introduction of a Qualification of Women — C. Council Bill for Ireland —

A message of kind remembrance from Mrs Keatinge — California having been recd the Hon Sec was instructed to send a corresponding friendly acknowledgement —

Nov 7th 1907 Adelina Hill Tickell

At a meeting of the Committee of the I. W. S. & L. G. A. held at 2 Leinster St November 7th Mrs L Hill Lickell in the chair Present. Miss M. H. Carson, Miss Clinch PRG – Mrs Cousins, Mr & Mrs Harlow, Mrs J. Hogg, Mrs Houlton, Mrs Nelson, Miss Smithson, Mr L. Hill Lickell, Mrs C. L. Townshend, Miss Warren, Miss Welply PRG – Mrs Oldham & Mrs L. Johnston visitors – The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed – The Hon Sec reported that 25 subscriptions had been recd £3-5-0. 6 new members – Cash paid 18/- on Lancd. £34-13-7 – The Hon Sec as V.P. & Mrs Houston & Mrs Cousins ~~vice~~ Delegates to the NUWW. Conference at Manchester Oct 21st gave a most interesting account of the proceedings at the various meetings, & also of the two great W. Suff demonstrations, which must have been exceedingly encouraging & stimulating to all who had the privilege of being present at them. Mrs Cousins sent a graphic account to the Dublin morning papers – but which so far as we know only appeared in the Express – The remaining business was chiefly routine – The consideration of future work, with the exception of some proposed Drawing room meetings was postponed until a later meeting – The holding of the next Committee meeting was left to the discretion of the Hon Sec –

Gr. S. Dockrell 19th Decr 1907

At a meeting of the I. W. S. & L. G. A. Committee held at 2 Leinster St – Dec 19 – 1907 Lady Dockrell in the chair Present – Miss Carson, Miss Clinch PRG – Mrs M. E. Cousins, Mrs Farquharson PRG – Mr & Mrs Harlow Miss Hayden – M. A. Miss Hillas, Mrs Hogg, Mrs Johnston, Miss O'Connell, Miss Smithson, Mrs Swann Mrs Ed Lickell, Miss L Welsh – Miss Welply PRG – The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed – The Hon Sec reported that 36 subscriptions had been recd

£3-12 „ Cash Paid £4-3. on hand £34-18-3-
It was moved by Miss Welply seconded by Mrs A. Ricketts that
carried that £2.. for 8 meetings of the Committee
1907 be paid to Miss Fenn — Mrs Estelle Ricketts
last Kindly consented to audit the accounts as usual
The Hon Sec reported that the Drawing Room meeting
at Mrs Crozier's was very successful — & that several
other meetings are promised for Jany & Feby early in the year
The question of holding a public meeting was
fully considered, & was postponed till next Comte
also the holding a meeting in Sept. at the time of the B.Q.
In contemplation of no mention of a W.S. Bill being
made in the Kings speech it was decided that it would
not be advisable for our Association to take any action
in support of a hostile amendment —
While sympathising with Mrs Miller Clagher, in the action
taken against her by her husband, the Committee felt
that they could not give her any corporate support.
Hon Sec reported that she had represented the Association
on a Deputation to the Chief Sec. relative to Poor Law
Reform — & that it was satisfactory — Committee dinner on Jany 16.
When the report & statement of accounts
for Committee for 1908 will be considered — January 23rd. Adelaide Hill Ricketts

At a meeting of the Committee of the W.S.A. &c
held at 2 Lennox St 23/1. Mrs Hill Ricketts in the chair
Present — Miss Buchanan B.L. Miss M. H. Carson —
Miss J. Harper. Mrs & Mrs Hallam — Miss Hagdon in place of Miss Hillas, Mrs J. Hoff —
Miss L. Smithson, Mrs E. H. S. Miss E. Keith — visitors —
Mrs Forbes. Mrs A. S. & Richardson — Miss Rourlette —
The minutes of last meeting were read —
a vote & resolution of deep sympathy with Judge
Shaw & his family in the irreparable loss which they
have sustained in the decease of Mrs Shaw was
proposed by Mrs Hallam seconded by Miss Smithson
& carried unanimously — all standing —
The Treasurer reported that 20 subscriptions had been rec.
this year — £3-10-6 — (3 new) cash in hand £26-2-4
The usual subscriptions to London were proposed
& carried viz. W. Suff 20/- N.U.W.W. 21/- Shaftesbury 21/- W.R.L.
10/- also 20/- donation to help the Scotch Graduates in their action — Several Drawing Room
meetings are in contemplation — It was decided
not to hold a public meeting at present —
Several interesting letters were read — & much
satisfaction was expressed at the return of Lady Dockar
as member of the Blackrock U.D.C.

Mr Haslam read the Draft Report for 1907 - which with statement of accounts was approved, & ordered to be printed - Several new members were proposed for the Committee, in place of others, who have left Ireland - or ceased to attend & the list as amended was proposed by Mr Hallam seconded by Miss Carson & adopted —

M. S. Doeskell 20th February 1908

At a meeting of the Committee of the I. W. S held at 2 Leinster St Feby 20th 1908. Lady Doeskell presiding — Present - Miss Barnett Miss Carson, Miss Clinch P.L.G. - Mr Cousins, Lady Doeskell Mr Forbes, Mrs J. Harper, Mr & Mrs Haslam, Miss Hilles Mr J. Hogg. Mr Johnston, Miss O'Connell, Mr C. H. Oldham, Mrs L. Smithson, Mr Swan, Mr & Mrs Hill Lickell, Mr Townshend, Miss H. Wanen, Miss E. Welch Miss Dupré Wilson. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed —

The Hon Sec reported that 39 subscriptions had been recd (6 new) £9.8.- Cash paid £7.13.4 on hands £28.8.5 - that she had sent out over 500 of the Report 1907 -

Mr Stanger's Bill was read — also Draft of proposed letters to our Irish - M.P.'s — & to as many of our subscribers as practicable - urging them to address similar in substance but differing in form to as many of our members as they consider advisable. No drawing room meeting had been held last month but two have just been arranged for in Feby - at Mrs Bourke's Upper Rathmines - & the Y.M.C.A. at Clontarf - the latter breaking up entirely new ground — A large number of letters (interesting) were read especially from Mrs Hallett & Mrs Selury —

M. S. Doeskell 19th March 1908