WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE COLLECTION
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Part 1: Lydia Becker and the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage
Part 2: The Papers of Millicent Garrett Fawcett - sections on Women's Suffrage, Education, Employment, Welfare, the First World War and other Women's Issues

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Publisher's Note

Covering two leading figures in the Women's Suffrage Movement, this project comprises a complete microfilm edition of the Women's Suffrage Collection from Manchester Central Library, providing exciting new research opportunities through wider access to previously unpublished archival material.

Lydia Becker was the driving force behind the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage from 1867 until her death in 1890. Part 1 of this collection makes available her own Letter Book of outgoing correspondence as well as incoming material, Minute Books, Annual Reports and other Papers on Women's Suffrage up to 1919 when Manchester Society was disbanded. From 1881 she was also Secretary of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage and in 1870 founded and edited the Women's Suffrage Journal.

Millicent Garrett Fawcett became a member of the Executive Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage in 1867 and President of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies in 1897, a position she held right through to 1918. She was a Vice–President of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. Part 2 makes available papers regarding her involvement in these pressure groups, and her subject files on suffrage, education, employment, welfare, the First World War and other women's issues. These feature correspondence with many leading figures in the international feminist movement, such as Carrie Chapman Catt, Madame de Witt Schlumberger, Lydia Becker, Isabella M. Tod, Eva McLaren, Alice Stone Blackwell and Emily Davies, plus significant exchanges with major newspapers and Journals of the period.

Lydia Becker (1827-1890) is the subject of a recent detailed study by Audrey Kelly published as Lydia Becker and the Cause (Cambridge University Press 1992). Born in Manchester, the eldest of fifteen children of Hannibal Leigh Becker, calico painter, she became interested in women's suffrage on hearing a paper "On Reasons for the Enfranchisement of Women" by Madame Bodichon, at the Social Science Association meeting in Manchester in October 1866. At the most important figure of the suffrage movement in the north of England and with powerful influence through the Women's Suffrage Journal and at the heart of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, her papers deserve much greater attention and analysis.

Incoming correspondence (M50/1/2/1-98) includes letters received from Emily Davies, Henry Fawcett, Millicent Garrett Fawcett, Josephine Butler, Laura McLaren, Frances Power Cobbe, Priscilla Bright McLaren and one from Elizabeth C. Wolstenholme Elmy.

Her personal letter book (M50/1/3) contains letters written as Secretary of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage, as Treasurer of the Manchester Committee for Married Women's Property Bill and personal letters to her family and friends. They all express her belief that women's suffrage was the first and most important step to the equal treatment of men and women in other fields. In a letter of 19 October 1868 she urged Josephine Butler to leave her philanthropic work to those who were incapable of anything else and to devote her talents to securing the vote of women. Her opinions on her contemporaries are expressed very forcibly. The Mayor of Manchester 'vindicated his reputation for being a stupid ass' by refusing to sign the petition in favour of the Married Women's Property Bill. At an election meeting 'Mr Bazley was dry, Mr Jones was full of claptrap...Mr Bright... was calm, and dignified and statesmanlike.' Jacob Bright was considered to be of a 'far higher nature' than his brother, John. Dr Pankhurst was 'a clever little man'... with some extraordinary sentiments about life in general and women in particular. The early work of the Manchester Society and the electoral campaign of 1866 are well illustrated by this letter book.

The Manchester Society began in earnest on 11 January 1867, when Jacob Bright, Revd. S A Steinthal, Mrs Gloyne, Max Kylliman and Elizabeth Wolstenholme met at the house of Dr Louis Borchardt. [See "Women's Suffrage" by Helen Blackburn, and "The Suffragette Movement" by Silvia Pankhurst for the claim made by Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy that it had begun in October 1865]. Lydia Becker was made Secretary of the Society in February 1867 and Dr Richard M. Pankhurst was one of the earliest members of the Executive Committee.

Its aim was to obtain for women the right of voting for members of Parliament on the same conditions as was, or might be granted, to men. In November 1867 the Manchester Society joined in a loose federation with societies in London and Edinburgh into the National Society for Women's Suffrage. It was then known as the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage until 1897, when along with about 500 other suffrage societies, it joined the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, and became the North of England Society for Women's Suffrage. In 1911 it changed its name to the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage, part of the Manchester District Federation of the NUWSS.

In its first year the Manchester Society worked to put women with the requisite proper qualifications on the electoral register. Though most of these were subsequently removed by the Revising Barrister (and the advocacy of Sir John Coleridge and Dr Richard Pankhurst in the Court of Common Pleas on 7 November 1868 failed to have them reinstated) thirteen women who had been overlooked by the Revising Barrister were still on the Manchester register at the time of the election of November 1868, and nine actually cast their votes.

The efforts of Jacob Bright and others secured the right of women to vote at municipal elections by the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act of 1869, and the right to vote for and sit on School Boards by the Education Act of 1870; but Women's Disabilities Bills, issued each year except 1874 from 1870 to 1879, and petitions to Parliament, failed to gain the parliamentary franchise.

In the 1880s the old suffrage societies became divided among themselves as to whether married women should have the vote. In 1889 several former members of the Manchester Society, including Dr and Mrs R .M. Pankhurst, who had removed to London, Mrs Alice Cliff Scatcherd, Mrs Jacob Bright and Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy founded the Women's Franchise League, which brought forward the Women's Electoral Franchise Bill of 1889, to give the vote to those women, whether married or single, who possessed the relevant qualifications.

With the death of Lydia Becker in 1890, the Manchester Society lost its driving force. It did, however, survive as the chief suffrage society in the area, despite the resignation in 1905 of its secretary, Miss Esther Roper and nine other members of the Executive Committee of twenty nine, including Eva Gore-Booth, Miss [Christabel?] Pankhurst and one of its founders Revd. S. A. Steinthal. The annual report, presented in November 1905, includes a note about the resignation of the members and their attempts to win over others to their new society [Women's Social and Political Union].

In 1906, Margaret Ashton, [to become Manchester's first women councillor in 1908], President of the Lancashire and Cheshire
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Union of Women’s Liberal Associations, took over the chairmanship of the Society which she held until 1915. Then, along with the Hon Secretary, the Hon Treasurer and ten other members, she resigned over the failure of their resolution before the Council of the NUWSS for, inter alia, ‘discussion with women of other nations to promote the establishment of a stable system of international law and mutual understanding’.

The Manchester Society was disbanded in January 1919 following the passing of the Representation of the People Act, 6 February 1918, which gave the vote to women over thirty.

Part 1 also includes Papers of Margaret Ashton and the International Women Suffrage Alliance (M50/1/15/1-8).

Through Correspondence, Annual Reports, Minute Books, Newspaper Cuttings, Scrapbooks and other Papers, along with her editorial copies of the Women’s Suffrage Journal and Common Cause, one can assess the achievements and influences of Lydia Becker and her colleagues at the regional, national and international level.

Part 2 focuses on Millicent Garrett Fawcett who was born in Alderburgh, Suffolk, in 1847, the fifth daughter and seventh child of the ten children of Newson Garrett, merchant. The struggles of her elder sister, Elizabeth, to become a woman doctor made her aware of the unequal treatment of men and women, while her marriage in 1867 to Henry Fawcett, Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge and MP for Brighton, brought her into close touch with radical thinkers like John Stuart Mill.

On the Executive Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage, from 1867, as President of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies, 1897-1918, and as Vice-President of the International Women Suffrage Alliance, her chief aim was to gain the vote for women. But she was also involved in many other causes for improving the position of women. She was one of the founders of Newnham College, where her daughter, Philippa, was placed above the senior wrangler in the maths tripos list in 1899. There were several papers in the collection about her attempts to have women admitted to degrees (M50/3/1-3) and others which show her interest in the advancement of female education in general (M50/3/4-28). She was granted an honorary LLD by St Andrew’s University in 1905. She was also concerned about the employment of children in theatres (M50/5/2), conditions of employment of women in match factories (M50/4/22) and the formation of women’s sick benefit societies (M50/5/14-25).


In politics, she was a Liberal Unionist, being very much against Home Rule. On this one can examine her Notes for Speeches.

The letters of the First World War period show the difficulties of trying to keep an International Woman Suffrage Alliance, consisting of members of warring nations, united in their common objective of female suffrage. Attempts of the ‘peace party’ to make Jus Suffragii the Alliance’s publication, into a pacifist paper, were strongly opposed by Madame de Witt Schluumberger of the French suffrage society, who had three sons at the front and one a prisoner (see M50/2/22/122). An Austrian suggestion in September 1917 that all societies affiliated to the Alliance should unanimously express their desire for peace aroused a passionate response from Italy ‘to the insidious proposals which came from the country of hangmen they answer sending a rousing cheer of enthusiasm to the glorious army which in this day renous the virtue of the Italian race’ (See M50/2/22/221). Letters from Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the Alliance, include references to America’s attitude to the War.

In Britain active suffrage work was suspended by the NUWSS during the war and women were encouraged to devote all their energies to the war effort. The collection contains many pamphlets on the effect of the war on women as well as on the war in general, including various anti-war pamphlets.

Letters to Mrs Fawcett relating to suffrage work in Britain, 1871-1915, (M50/2/1) are largely from and about the constitutional suffragists, but they contain several references to the militant suffragettes in 1906, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1912. A letter from Margaret Ashton of the North of England Suffrage Society, 16 January 1906, condemned the actions of ‘these few violent women who have injured the reputation of women politicians in Lancashire... including Eva Gore Booth, two Miss Pankhursts and other seceders from the North of England Suffrage Society’ (see M50/2/1/225). A letter from Eva Gore Booth of the Lancashire and Cheshire Women Textile and Other Workers’ Representation Committee, c.24 October 1906 objects to Mrs Fawcett saying the women’s protest in the House of Commons was a natural for working women and that they did not wish to be held accountable for upper class women who kick, shriek, bite and spit (see M50/2/1/230). Mrs Fawcett was entirely against violence to obtain her ends. She believed that ‘the crimes committed in Ireland by Home Rulers stopped Home Ruler and if Women Suffragists embark on crime as propaganda they will stop Women’s Suffrage.’ (See M50/2/1/270).

There are significant references to the struggle for women’s suffrage in America, Australia and New Zealand. In Britain, the goal of a lifetime’s work was reached in 1918, and Mrs Fawcett’s contribution was given public recognition in 1925 when she was made a Dame of the British Empire.

There are strong sections on the education, employment and welfare of women. These crucial issues, which will fuel much new analysis and appraisal, are covered in detail.

School and University Education for Women, Women and Medicine, Educational Opportunities for Women in America, Technical Colleges, the Education Reform League, the Schools Inquiry Commission, the Society for Promoting the Employment of Women, the British Nurses Association, Trade Unions, the National Union of Working Women, the Society for Women Welders, Home Industries and Individual Jobs, the Guardianship of Infants, Employment of Children, Children’s Homes and Social Work, Protection of Women and Girls, the Soho Club, Sick and Friendly Societies, the Church of England Temperance Benefit Society, the Working Women’s Benefit Society, Convalescent Homes, Hospitals, Housing and other welfare subjects all feature prominently.
This collection from Manchester Central Library has never been made available in microfilm before. It should be of tremendous interest to all those researching in the fields of Women's Studies, Gender History, Suffrage, Education, Welfare and Employment.

The Detailed Listing featured in this Guide has been compiled from the existing finding aid which was produced by Dora Rayson of the then Archives Department at Manchester Central Library in 1977 and subsequently reproduced by the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts. This finding aid also appears at the start of Reel 1 of the microfilm edition and the section relevant to the Papers of Millicent Garrett Fawcett is repeated on Reel 13 at the start of Part 2 of the microfilm edition.

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**MSO/1/2** Correspondence (Letters Received) comprising:

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1. 3 January 1867
   Has received signed petitions and is sending more copies. A Committee is in the process of formation in Manchester to canvas all female householders in Manchester. Suggests working with it.

2. 7 January 1867
   Will let the Manchester Committee know that Miss Becker is ready to assist them, and will consult with them on the best use to be made of her paper, [on Female Suffrage] which Miss Davies praises.

3. 12 January 1867
   Comments on Miss Becker’s paper. Urges more canvassing. The people wishing to form a Manchester Committee met yesterday. [First Manchester meeting at the house of Dr Louis Borchardt. Present were Jacob Bright, Rev S. A. Steinthall, Mrs Gloyne, Max Kyllman & Elizabeth Wolstenholme (Helen Blackburn’s Women’s Suffrage, 1902].

4. 14 January 1867
   Sends a letter from [Mrs Westlake, née Hare] the wife of a lawyer (not enclosed) which shows Miss Becker is right about [ownership of] a house being a property qualification.

5. 17 January 1867
   Thinks the Dean of Canterbury, [a member of the London Committee] will include Miss Becker’s paper in The Contemporary Review, of which he is editor. If so Miss Davies will amend it slightly.

6. 19 January [1867]
   Will find out the facts about ownership [and the franchise]. The Manchester Committee would do best to help with the national petition, instead of getting up a local one. Suggests Miss Becker replies to an attack in the Spectator.

7. 4 February 1867
   Has sent the paper to Dean Alford. The London Committee meets on Friday.

8. 9 February 1867
   Their secretary, Mrs [JW] Smith [née Garrett] has died. Mrs Bodichon [Barbara Leigh Smith] has taken her place. Understands from Mr Steinthal [Revd. S. Alfred] that Miss Becker is to be Secretary of the Manchester Committee. [Miss Becker made Secretary at the second meeting of the Manchester Committee, 13 February] Mr [Henry] Fawcett thinks Mr Mill [John Stuart Mill] should bring the matter before the House of Commons. Miss Helen Taylor advises presenting petitions this Session.

9. 15 February 1867
   Encloses Mrs Westlake’s answer to query on qualifications (not enclosed). Mr Mill will bring the matter before the House soon. She thinks the general petition should be presented soon, and the Manchester one later. Asks to be kept informed of what is happening in Manchester.

10. 16 February 1867
   Thinks it is too late to reply to SDC’s letter in the Spectator. Miss Becker’s proposed reply sounds too much like a personal attack. They must scrupulously avoid the slightest tinge of bitterness. The London Committee have decided not to ask MPs to sign the petition.

11. 22 February 1867
   Thanks Miss Becker for copies of the Manchester petition. Possibility of a Committee being formed in Liverpool. They have a different understanding of what SDC meant on her letter. Written on paper listing the Committee.

12. 25 February 1867
   Is disappointed that Mr Mill has done nothing in Parliament yet.

13. 28 February 1867
   Miss Helen Taylor reports that the petitions should be presented within three weeks as the matter must be raised in the Commons in that time. Has sent a copy of the general petition to all MPs. Have re-inserted the limited demand for Suffrage in all their headings because there is no chance of getting anything more. [Enfranchisement of Married Women and Widows].

14. 9 March 1867
   Miss Becker’s article [Female Suffrage] in the Contemporary Review is much talked of.

15. 16 March 1867
   The petitions will be presented at the convenience of the MPs presenting them.

16. 19 March 1867
   Mr Russell Gurney and Mr Bruce will present the petitions. As soon as a new Acting Secretary is found she will give up the work and confine herself to her special business which has been neglected lately.

17. 30 March [1867]
The petitions will probably be presented next Monday. The wording of the Reform Bill seems designed to exclude women who have passed the Cambridge examinations and no others. Asks how Dr Temple's signature to the petition was obtained.


18. 8 April 1867
Sends householders' names received by them (not enclosed). Names of London Committee printed on the notepaper.

19. 12 April 1867
For Mrs Bodichon, Home Secretary. The London petition was presented by Mr Bruce and the Dumfries petition by its member [George Gustavus Walker] on 28 March.

20-25 Letters from Lydia E. Becker to Revd. S. A. Steinthal [Treasurer of the Manchester Society from 1869 to 1905, when he resigned along with Christabel Pankhurst and others].

20. 1 June [1867]
Sends 21 and suggests the Committee consist of those who are most active and most useful.


22. 14 June [1867]
Urges the speedy formation of the Society.

23. 19 June [1867]
Asks him to take the draft Rules to the printers.

24. No date
Mr [Jacob] Bright thinks it best to have the rules adopted and a society formed before seeking support in other parts of the country.

25. 2 July 1867
Encloses letter from, Miss [Helen] Taylor (not enclosed), which indicates she expects the Manchester Society to be the Society. Suggestions for make-up of General Committee


26. 19 July [1867]
Asks for towns where local Committees have been started.

27. 8 August [1867]
Asks if the Manchester Society has adopted the same title as the London. The Edinburgh one will do so. Many consider themselves part of one National Society - united, yet independent.

28. 20 September [1867]
Sends list of London General Committee (not enclosed).

29. 26 September [1867]
Wants a good canvasser.

30. Letter from Henry Fawcett, of Cambridge, (MP for Brighton) 19 November 1868. Will support a bill to establish the right of women to the franchise.

31. Letter from C.P. Villiers, (MP for Wolverhampton), 8 December 1868. Must see a bill for giving women the franchise before he can agree to support it.

32. Letter from [Professor] F.W. Newman [Hon Secretary] of Bristol [Women's Suffrage Committee]. 28 December 1868. About the difficulties of being an Hon Secretary. Begs her to leave the question of his PS to a report, as it will only breed unpleasantness between Miss Becker and Mrs P.A. Taylor.

33. Letter from G. Shaw Lefevre [Vice-President] of the Board of Trade, [MP for Reading]. 21 February 1869. Though he supports the extension of the franchise to women he considers the Married Women's Property Bill now before Parliament the more important and will not do anything to jeopardise that.

34-35 Letters from Josephine E. Butler of the British Continental and General Federation, Liverpool, to Mrs McCormick [Organising Agent of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage].

34. 7 February [1879?]
Addresses for petition forms to be sent.

35. 17 February 1879
Sends petition from Whitstable to be passed to an MP. Hopes the Zulu War will not occupy all the attention of Parliament.


38-41 Letters from Laura McLaren of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, 64 Berbers St., to Lydia Becker.

38. 17 February [1881]
Asks her privately if she would be willing to be paid secretary in London, where the parliamentary business needs to be managed.

39. No date
Formal invitation to become Secretary of the Society in London.

40. 11 March 1881
The Central Committee ask Miss Becker to accept the post of General Secretary to the National Society for Women's Suffrage in the London and Central district, for one year (at her request). The Journal will still be published in Manchester, with the address of the London office added. Though Miss Becker has offered her services free the committee place £200 at her disposal for the year.

41. 4 March 1881
Notice of Meeting of Executive Committee of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, to consider inter alia, appointment of secretary.


43. Letter from F[rances] P[ower] Cobbe of Dollgellau, N Wales. 2 February [1885]. Cannot speak at a meeting because of ill health. Has written to the editor of the National Review in reply to Mr Raikes, but her letter will not be published. [National Review, January 1885, contains an article on 'Women's Suffrage', by Henry Cecil Raikes, MP].

44. Letter from R. Adamson of Owens College, Manchester, 5 February 1885. On behalf of Prof. Munro who hopes to attend meetings on the 17th.


46. Letter from J. Stuart of Cambridge. 4 April 1885. Miss H. Gladstone is not sympathetic enough to the cause to sign a petition.

47. Letter from M. Bouchard in Berlin. 10 April 1885. Is lecturing in Germany. Has spoken to the Crown Princess a few times and finds her a 'strikingly capable woman'. Wonders if she should give up all ideas of Holloway.


48. 2 May [1885?] Asks for corrections to be made to Memorial by the Printers. Suggests putting headmistresses of High Schools together.

49. 12 June [1885?] The support of the Bishop of Winchester should be useful. She must not make any more public speeches on medical advice.

50. No date
No chance of success before the next election. 'Gladstone has been the evil genius of our sex and of our country'.

51. 5 August [1885?] 'Gladstone has been our ruin'. Sir Charles Dilke will be no help to us in future. [Divorce Case petition naming Dilke as co-respondent filed August 1885].

52. Letter from L[eonard Henry] Courtney, MP for Liskeard. 23 November 1885. Cannot come to Manchester. Feels as if he would like not to speak for a year after the election.

53. Letter from Frances Power Cobbe. 26 November [1885?]. Hopes the arch-enemy, Gladstone, will be finally defeated in the election.

54. Letter from John Slagg, MP [for Burnley] 10 June 1887. Cannot attend meeting.


56. Letter from Edmund Swetenham, MP [for Carnarvon]. 15 June. Cannot attend meeting

57. Letter from Bernard [John Seymour] Coleridge, MP [for Sheffield, Attercliffe]. 30 June 1887. Regrets he could not attend meeting, but is in sympathy with its views.

58. Letter from Walter S.B. McLaren, MP [for Cheshire, Crewe]. No date [July 1887]. Sends names of MPs who have signed the memorial, including those who signed since 19 July 1887, [presented 4 July to W.H. Smith, first Lord of the Treasury, asking that 20 July be left free for discussion of the Parliamentary Franchise (Extension to Women) Bill].


60. Letters from Justin Huntly McCarthy [MP for Newry]. 1 August 1887. His mind is not sufficiently clear upon the question to allow his name being definitely included among its friends.

61. Letter from Amelia B. Edwards of Westbury on Trym. 15 October 1887, Cannot attend meeting as she is lecturing at Alderley Edge on women in Ancient Egypt.

62. Letter from Sydney Gedge of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women's Suffrage [MP for Stockport]. No Date [1888?]. If Mr Wilson's Bill for election of Guardians and overseers is confined to residents, he will back it [First Reading of Henry J Wilson's Bill, 18 April 1888].

63-64 Letters from Frances Power Cobbe.
63. 3 December [1888?].
Copy letter from F.P. Cobbe urging Miss Becker not to resign. It would give their enemies great satisfaction that if as a result of dissensions their party had lost her services [December 1888 the Central Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage split into the Central Committee, Great College St., and the Central National Society, Parliament St.].

64. 18- - ?
Is pleased Miss Becker has been re-elected Secretary. Hopes the bad incident is at an end. The loss of subscriptions is serious. [Women’s Franchise League founded, early 1889].

65. Letter from Lydia Becker in Bath to the Committee. 5 February 1890. Regrets her inability to be in London because of ill health - osteoarthritis. Will continue to answer correspondence from Bath. [Lydia Becker died July 1890].


67-78 Letters to Alice, Lady Bective, member of the Executive Committee of the North of England Society for Women’s Suffrage.

67. 29 July 1898. Letter from John E. Gorst, MP [for Cambridge University]. Mr Jebb [Prof. Rich Claverhouse Jebb, MP for Cambridge University] is too busy with the Commission on London University to speak in Manchester.

68. 4 August 1898
Letter from John E. Gorst, MP Fears he cannot abandon his silent support to speak in Manchester, as he might offend the Government of which he is a member. [Vice-President of Committee of Council on Education].

69. 13 June 1899
Letter from H. A. T. Ripon [Henrietta A.T. Vyner, Marchioness of Ripon]. Is not keen on women’s suffrage, but supposes it will come.

70. 14 June 1899

71. 3 July 1899
Letter from Adeline M[arie], Dowager Duchess of Bedford. Cannot consent to be a vice-president as she knows so little about it.

72. 18 July 1899
Letter from Lord Brougham and Vaux [Henry Charles Brougham]. Cannot become a Vice-President of the N. of England Society as he opposes women’s suffrage.

73. 1899
Letter from Zoe, [Lady Brougham and Vaux]. Need not give her views on National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies, as those of [her husband] are known.

74. 14 July 1899
Letter from [George F. S. Robinson, Marques of] Ripon. Declines to be President of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies.

75. 19 July 1899

76. 20 July 1899
Letter from Peggy Crewe. Cannot become a Vice-President.

77. 25 July 1899
Letter from [George James Howard, Earl of] Carlisle. Does not wish to be a vice-President, but is sympathetic.

78. 18 August 1899
Letter for John T. Hibbert of Grange-over-Sands [formerly MP for Oldham]. Is an old supporter of women’s suffrage, having supported J. S. Mill’s Bill of 1867, and took charge of the Women’s Suffrage Bill himself before entering the Government.

79-84 Letters from Priscilla Bright McLaren of Edinburgh to Miss Esther G. Roper [Secretary, 1893-1905, when resigned with C. Pankhurst, etc].

79. 26 March 1901
Fears Sir Charles Dilke’s [MP for Gloucestershire, Forest of Dean] bill for adult suffrage goes too far. Supports the Factory Women’s Movement.

80. 28 March 1901
Sir Charles Dilke’s Bill will do harm. Asks what Mr and Mrs Thomasson contribute to the Committee.

81. 8 May 1901
Advice on tactics to be used at the Bolton meeting which Mrs Thomasson will chair. Men are more interested in the Deceased Wife’s Sister’s Bill than in women’s suffrage.

82. 5 June 1901
Will send £50 she has raised. In the old days women were much more earnestly anxious for the suffrage than they are now.

83. 13 June 1901
Wants to know what is happening about raising money. Had an unfeeling answer from Mrs Scatcherd, who ‘got spoiled by joining the Franchise League’.

84. 11 July 1901
Thanks Revd. Steinthall for giving her the first number of Miss Becker’s Journal. Urges more work at among factory women and recalls her own efforts in Bradford.


86. Letter from Margaret Ashton of Didsbury to Madam. 29 May 1906. Thanks for notifying her of her appointment to the Executive Committee of the North of England Suffrage Society.

87. Letter from Lord Lytton to Miss [Margaret] Robertson. 2 November 1910. Cannot support Mr Brailsford against a Conservative candidate in the forthcoming election who is also favourable to women’s suffrage.

88-89 Letters to Margaret Ashton, [Chairman of the North of England Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1906-1915].

88. 25 July 1911
From Mrs F. T. Swanwick [HM]. Resignation as Hon. Secretary of the Manchester Society because of removal to London.

89. 20 September 1911
From Margaret Robertson, Organising Secretary of the Manchester and District Federation of NUWSS. Asks for leave of absence for March - June.

90. Copy of letter sent to Mr Harley and Dr. E. Williams by Margaret M. C[onway], Acting Secretary. 9 May 1915. The general meeting of the Manchester Society for Women’s Suffrage, last night decided against the policy advocated by its Executive and associated with Miss M. Ashton’s name. Miss Ashton and other members of the executive committee resigned. No votes will be given to any candidates for the Executive who do not intend to endorse Mrs Fawcett’s policy. Therefore the Executive cannot support their candidature.

91. Draft letter from Mrs Margaret Conway of Didsbury to Miss E[velyn] Atkinson [member of Executive Committee of the NUWSS]. 9 May 1915. About the resignation of some of the Executive, and appointment of acting officers.

92-95 Letters from Millicent Garrett Fawcett [President of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies] to Margaret Conway [Hon. Secretary of the Manchester Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1915-1919].

92. 9 June [1915]
‘The retiring members of the Executive Committee have in reality a very small following’.

93. 12 June 1915
Is pleased that the Manchester Society will not be lost out of the National Union. Mr Neville Smith’s letters to the MG have been of great service. Miss Ashton’s speech was a great surprise. ‘With those views one wonders what all the trouble was about’.

94. 24 June 1915
Must do what they can to re-establish good relations with their former colleagues. Miss Ashton ‘understands now that some of her assertions were wholly unfounded and based on a misconception of facts. Has had a friendly communication from Frau Stritt, President of the German Society affiliated to the International WS Alliance about a proposed Congress after the war.

95. 9 August 1915
Arrangements for her visit to Ancoats.

96-98 Letters to Margaret Conway [Hon. Secretary of the Manchester Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1915-1919].

96. From Philippa Strachey, Secretary of the London Society for Women’s Suffrage. 15 June 1915. Congratulations on the action of the Manchester Society, over its internal dispute.

97. From M. Haslam of Bolton 23 June 1915
Feels she should remain a member of the Bolton branch rather than join the Manchester Society.

98. From M. Katherine Jackson of Rusholme to Mrs Conway as Secretary of the Cambridge Association. 11 January 1916 Miss Newcomb of Hans Renold Ltd., Burnage, wishes to join the Manchester branch of the Cambridge Association.

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M50/1/3 Lydia Becker’s Letter Book, 21 March – 29 November 1868

(Letters sent in a personal capacity, as Hon. Treasurer of the Manchester Committee for the Married Women’s Property Bill, but mostly as Secretary of the Manchester National Society for Women’s Suffrage. See also Women’s Suffrage. A Record of the Women’s Suffrage Movement in the British Isles, by Helen Blackburn, 1902, pages, 71-88, for other letters of this period from LE Becker, and The Suffragette Movement, by E. Sylvia Pankhurst, 1931, pages 33–46, for correspondence between Miss Becker and Dr Pankhurst. The Library also has annual reports and other papers about the Married Women’s Property Bill, 1869-1878 (396.2 M1).)

The Letter Book covers the period 21 March – 29 November, 1868:

Letters to Miss Jessie Boucherett, Esther Becker, Miss W. Shields of Newcastle and Miss Becker’s aunt Mrs Backhouse, 21 March, about petitions [to Parliament for women’s suffrage], the latter referring to Mr Gladstone’s antagonism; to Mrs E. Kyllman, 21 March, claiming that the letters she writes are her personal property. The Committee may see copies of those relating to its business, but they will remain in her hands even if a new secretary is appointed; to Hon. Mrs Liddell, 24 March; to Miss Boucherett, 22 March, about the campaign to put women householders on the electoral register; also to Professor Jack, 22 March, disagreeing with his support of the vote for single women only; to Miss Florence Hill, 23 March; to Dr Brown, 24 March; to her aunt, Mrs Backhouse,
about the Prestbury Petition, n.d.; to Miss Boucherett, 26 March, re same and agitation among rate-payers of Hulme, to Jacob Bright, MP, 27 March, about the Hulme rate-payer meeting, in which many women were involved; to Mrs Pochin, Miss Boucherett, Mrs Taylor, 28 March; to Miss Ann Partridge of Dublin, 30 March, saying Mrs Pochin, Mayores of Salford, will accommodate her on her visit to Manchester; to Jacob Bright, 13 April; to Miss Boucherett, 31 March, comparing Gladstone and Disraeli ‘I hope the Tories will remain on the Treasury Bench till the Liberals are united under the leadership of Mr Bright. He is a far greater man than Gladstone’; procedure for drawing up lists of voters and appealing if one is omitted. Women householders must claim to be on the electoral register, and have six months in which to claim her; to Thomas Hare, 29 April, answering in the Law library for illustrating her paper; to G. Shaw Lefevre, MP, 3 April, asking for copies of his Bill on Married Women’s Property; to Miss Theodosia Marshall, 3 April asking her opinion on a paper, which caused a commotion in the Anthropological Society, of Manchester. Florence Nightingale has joined the [Women’s Suffrage] Society; to Jacob Bright, MP, 4 April, sending a resolution of the Committee that qualified women be urged to urge the House to legislate; to Thomas Hare, 5 April; to Miss Bosanquet, 6 April; to Mrs Ann Jackson asking if she may stay at her country house to recover her health. More about the ‘Anthropological Societies’ reaction to her paper; to Mrs Jacob Bright, 9 April; to Mrs Boucherett, 9 April, about her poor health and asking if she may use some of the ‘Mission Fund’ to recover her strength (this letter has been crossed out); to Revd. S.A. Steinhall, 9 April; to Sarah Ann Jackson, 12 April; to Mrs Butler, 13 April; to Mrs Jacob Bright, 16 April; to Sarah A Jackson of Bowdon, 16 April, to Miss Ann J. Robertson, 16 April, about the meeting at which she spoke; to Sarah A. Jackson, 17 April, defending Mrs Pochin and other members of Miss Jackson’s accusations of disobeying the Scriptures by neglecting their families to attend the Suffrage Meeting; to Miss A. J. Robertson, 25 April; to Miss Wolstenholme, 26 April, saying that if Miss Julia Gaskell hesitates about becoming Secretary [of the Committee for the Higher Education of Women] she will propose her; to Mrs Bright, 27 April; to her sister Esther Becker, 28 April, suggesting she applies for the post of Secretary of the Committee for the Higher Education of Women; discusses the power of violence - ‘more melancholy to me than these occurrences [assassinations etc] is the fact that it needs deeds of bloodshed or violence before the British Government can be roused to do anything’ by W. Wolstenholme; to Mrs Taylor, 29 April, about getting up petitions and writing to J.B. Smith about the support Bill [Shaw Lefevre’s Married Women’s Property Bill]; also to Mrs Massey, 29 April, about same; to Miss McLaren 29 April, asking for Miss Boucherett’s pamphlet on Married Women’s Property Law; (half of page torn out at this point); to J. F. Morgan, Esq., 1 May, sending petition form; to Miss Winkworth, 29 April (very faded); to Mrs Jacob Bright; to Professor W. Jackson, to the Manchester Overseers about placing Women’s Property Bill, to Revd. W. Hulme Rothery, 2 May, sending them a Property Bill; to Revd. S. A. Steinhall, 2 May, they are not ready for legislation on Women’s Suffrage because they believe women have the right to be registered already. They are looking for women claimants. She believes in universal suffrage; to Miss Robertson, 2 May, to Miss Wolstenholme, 2 & 3 May; to W. Dewhurst, 3 May ordering note paper to be printed; to Esther Becker, 2 May. Miss Gaskell has become Secretary of the Committee for the Higher Education of Women; to Miss C. Holland, 3 May sending petition form for Married Women; to J. Holding, 3 May, to Miss Johnson, Secretary of Birmingham Society of WS, 6 May; to Miss Helen Taylor, 6 May thanking her for her and J.S. Mill’s donations supporting the [Women’s Property] Bill; to Miss Wolstenholme, n.d. and 7 May; to Mrs Jacob Bright, 8 May about a meeting in Birmingham; to Miss Wolstenholme, 9 May and 14 May, n.d., about the deputation to the Manchester Overseers about placing Women’s Property Bill; to Thomas Hare, saying they are not ready for registration. Dr Pankhurst conducted their business; to Revd. Steinhall, 15 May about the same; to Mr and Mrs Poole and Miss Young, 15 May announcing end of the paid canvass; to Miss Wolstenholme, 16 May; to Henry Nichol, 17 May, thanking him for his subscription towards the Married Women’s Property Bill; to Miss Johnson, 18 May; to Miss Holland, 19 May, wondering if Mr Hickes will get on with Miss Marshall the new塞 Ref: [stains]. Miss Johnson’s second signature. In the great petition press the [Women’s Property Bill]; to Miss Wolstenholme, 19 May; to Miss Wolstenholme, n.d., about appointment of a Secretary [of Women’s Suffrage Society]? ’Mrs Max Kyliman would possibly consent to be the Manchester Secretary if we cannot find an English woman —”; to Mrs Carroll, 18 May, thanking her for her donation to Committee in support of Mr Shaw Lefevre’s Suffrage Bill; to Helen Taylor, 18 May, to Miss Johnson, 19 May, sending letter for her to copy out and send to the Editor, of the Birmingham Journal telling the Committee afterwards. ‘The writing of such a letter is quite within the — independent judgement of the Secretary’; encloses letter, to Miss Bright, 19 May, to Mrs Smith of Carlisle, 20 May; also to Miss Wolstenholme, 20 May, concerning dubious signatures to petition [for Women’s Property Bill] obtained by Mr Poole in Rochdale. Mrs Poole, however, has done good work with her opinion. Must assistants of S. & S. be empowered by Dr Pankhurst’s. Petition from Mrs Anderson of Salford, who should be sent to J.B. Smith to present; to Mrs Pennington, 20 May, thanking her donation to same, to Mrs Poole, n.d., asking for petition to be brought in; to Theodosia Marshall, 20 May, to Miss Wolstenholme, 26 May. ‘The Mayor of Manchester has vindicated his reputation, for being a stupid ass by refusing to sign the petition —”; to Miss Boucherett, 26 May. Will send the Manchester petition with 4,000 names to Mr Bazley tomorrow; to Mrs Bright, 26 May; to A.O. Rutson, Esq., 26 May about working on the London oversers over registration; to Mrs Bright 27 May, about the campaign, to Mrs Carroll, 28 May, asking if her husband, as a clergyman, knows of any cases which would be useful examples in favour of the Married Women’s Property Bill; to Mrs Massey, 28 May, about the registration question; to Miss Johnson, 29 May, criticising the London Committee for publishing a circular under the title of National Society instead of London National Society and for recommending application to Liberal registered agents. The Society should not be identified with any political party, but should seek help from all; to Mrs Massey, 29 May; to Stephen Heelis, 29 May, about the registration of women; to Alderman Harvey, 30 May; to Miss Boyd sympathising at the death of her mother, 8 June; to H.L. Becker, her father, 29 May, about him moving house; to Miss Winkworth, 30 May, asking her to check the names obtained by Mr Poole in Bolton for the petition; to Miss Boucherett, 30 May, about the London Overseers of Taxes over registration; to Mrs Bright, 31 May, saying that same women on the register; to Mrs Taylor, saying that same women on the register; to Mrs Butler, 31 May about the London Committee’s slowness in the matter, and in the Mayor’s letter, to Miss Robertson, 1 June; to Mrs Massey, 29 May, 31 May, saying that same women on the register; to Miss Robertson, 1 June; to Miss Wolstenholme, 1 June, about the Rochdale petition; to Mrs Bright about the adverse decision of the Manchester overseers, 1 June; to Miss Boucherett, 3 June; to Miss Johnson, 3 June, saying that the canvass of Liverpool is coming on. (Lydia Becker signs herself Treasurer), to Sarah Jackson, 7 June, sending her copy of her paper read to the Ladies Literary Society which will appear in the July edition of the Englishwoman’s Review. The fee will pay her subscription to the British Association. She describes Dr Pankhurst as ‘a very
Clever little man - with some most extraordinary sentiments about life in general and women in particular ——; to Jacob Bright, 7 June, saying she is sending a petition, signed by 5078 Manchester people in favour of the Married Woman's Property Bill, to present for Mr Bright, 8 June. The Manchester Women's Suffrage Society has registered 1208 women; to Mrs Stephenson of Nottingham, 8 June, re same; to Miss Wolstenholme, 8 June, about proposals for constitution of [Society for the Women's Property Bill].

Critiques it as being too much like the Women's Suffrage Society's constitution. Hopes they find an efficient Secretary soon; to Dr Lelco, on 16 October, 8 June, re same, and differences in organisation of the London and Manchester Societies for Women's Suffrage. Advises cautious formation of a Society. In Manchester the same people work for the Property Bill in the franchise question; to Helen Taylor, 12 June about the meeting with the Chorlton overseers on the registration of women, and Miss Wolstenholme's desire to form a General Committee or Society in support to the Women's Property Bill on the lines of the Suffrage Society. Miss Wolstenholme is obliged to retire as Secretary so a new one must be found; to Mrs Bright, 12 June; to Miss Wolstenholme, 12 June and 13 June; to her brother, J. Leigh Becker in Australia, 10 June, describing an eye defect; to Miss Boucherett, 14 June, about interviews with overseers. Dr Pankhurst will argue their case before the revising barrister; to Jacob Bright; 14 June; to Miss Butler, 14 June; to Miss Johnson, 16 June, advising her how to proceed in Birmingham in getting the electoral register open to women; to Mrs Bright, 17 June, asking him to speak to Miss Margaret Hodgson Bridport, on behalf of her brother Wilfred, an applicant for the Fishmonger's Scholarship. The Chetham and Ardidcck overseas have decided against registering women; also to J.C. Anstey, Esq., 19 June, regretting that they have incurred his displeasure; to Dr Pankhurst, 20 June; to Miss Johnson, 20 June, praising Dr Pankhurst; to Miss Wolstenholme, 21 June, suggesting she asks A.J. Mundella of Nottingham, MP to be a witness for the [Select Committee on the Married Women's Property Bill]; to Miss Wolstenholme, 9 July; to Miss Wolstenholme, 21 June. In Manchester about 13,000 women have the property qualifications for voting; to Jacob Bright, 24 June, thanking him for exerting his influence to secure the Fishmonger's Scholarship for her brother; to Mary M. Stephens, 25 June, about family news; to Mrs Bright, 25 June, regretting Miss Helen Taylor's advice not to press the women's claim for fear of disenfranchisement; to Mrs Bright, 28 June. The Rochdale overseers refuse to meet them. Mr F.W.H. Meyers has given £20. Quotes from Helen Taylor's letter. Has no intention of being governed by London in the matter; to Theodosia Marshall, 28 June; to Mrs Bright, 30 June. Have 1,000 claims from Chorlton women to go on the register. Praises Dr Pankhurst; to Miss Johnson, 7 July, complaining of the inactivity of the Bristol Committee; to Miss Wolstenholme, 12 July, thanking her for the gift of a book; to Mrs Butler, 8 July, thanking her for her kindness; she praises Dr Pankhurst, who is working for them despite parental opposition, and his pretence of despising women; to Mrs Bright, 9 July; to Miss Wolstenholme, 10 July. Dr Pankhurst is working on a scheme for an establishment for the supply of clothing conducted by women on co-operative lines; to Dr Pankhurst, on 11 July, about progress of the suffrage campaign; to Mrs Bright, 11 July; to Mrs Butler, 12 July; to Miss Butler, 12 July; to Mrs Bright, 12 July; to Mrs Butler, 14 July; to Miss Butler, 15 July. She will try and get the co-operative plan from Dr Pankhurst, but he talks so much it is difficult to get done the business one went to see him about. The overseers of Marsden, Lancashire, have agreed to put women on the electoral register; to Miss Johnson, 13 July, about transcription [in The Suffragist] of a letter from Dr Pankhurst, 20 June; to Mrs Butler, 19 July, about the canvass, to Henry Nicholl, 19 July, acknowledging a donation for the canvass; to Miss Wolstenholme, 20 July, about Dr Pankhurst's co-operative plan; to Mrs Butler, 16 August; to Mary Johnson, 27 July. The canvass fund is spent; to Miss Wolstenholme, 27 July. Her uncle, Mr Backhouse of Prestbury, is interested in the co-operative scheme; to Miss Wolstenholme, 28 July, about dissolving the Executive Committee, and the Manchester Women's Property Committee; to Miss Hare, 2 August; to Miss Boucherett, 3 August. They have 5,000 claims from Manchester women to be put on the electoral register. Salford has registered 1,208 women; to Sarah Jackson, 9 August. Will not be able to afford to go to the British Association at Norwich unless she can persuade Mr Dunckley to send her as correspondent for the Times. An article appeared in the Free Lance of 25 July; to Mrs Bright, 11 August. He is supporting the franchise claims [in his election address]; to Mary Johnson, 11 August, about the same. Praises Jacob Bright. 'The younger brother seems to me to be of a far higher nature than the other'; to Mrs Bright, 12 August; to Sarah [Jackson] 14 August; to Miss Wolstenholme, about reconstituting the Executive Committee; to Jacob Bright; 9 September. Mr Rogers has explained why he has withdrawn his support from Mr Bright and proposed —— Murphy against him. He is against interference with the Irish Church after attending a meeting at which several Irishmen physically attacked the speakers. Lydia Becker fears thousands of votes may be lost to Mr Bright because of this; to Miss Boucherett, 13 September; also to Dr Edmunds, 12 September thanking her for her help on the Female Medical College; to Mary Johnson, 13 September. Miss Wyllie, 13 September, asking that in marking the balance sheet she should put the sum as 'grant' to Secretary, not 'salary'; to Miss Hare, 13 September to Miss Boucherett, about the women of Salford being struck off the electoral register by the revising barrister. Mr Max Kyllman's freehold claim for a vote for SE Lancashire will be heard on 24 October; also to Miss Robertson, 25 October. She would like to have been a lawyer; to Mrs Fitch, 31 October; to Mr Reeks of the Royal School of Mines, enquiring on the status of women, 23 October; to Mrs Bright, 24 October, writing in reply to a letter to Lilly Maxwell, the first claimant for the vote in Manchester. Describes the origin of the clam trap Mr Bright was calm, dignified and statesmanlike; to H.W. Bate, 10 October, asking for information on the position of women in the Royal Geographical Society, for a paper she has promised to give to Nottingham on 'the Study of Science by Women'; to Professor Leone Levi of Norwich, 10 October, sending him a pamphlet; to Miss Susan B. Anthony of America, 13 October, writing in reply to a letter to Lilly Maxwell, the first claimant for the vote in Manchester. Describes the origin of the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage in January 1867. The three Liberal candidates for Manchester are members of the National Society for Women's Suffrage. Jacob Bright is the only English candidate except J.S. Mill who includes women's suffrage in his manifesto. May publish any of this letter in the Revolution (Part of this letter has been crossed through); to Mr Lelco, 12 October.

Note: Some dates and names are redacted to protect privacy.
Bates, 1 November, urging her to put the franchise movement before other good works; to Leigh Becker a doctor, in Australia, - November, urging him to look after his health as Jacob Bright does. [In several letters she mentions Jacob Bright’s sense in knowing not to overdo things]. Expects the Liberal candidates to be returned for Manchester, but has found she know the Conservative, Joseph Hoare. About the people, she met at the British Association Meeting at Nottingham. Her work for women’s franchise will leave its’ mark on the civilisation of this age .... 

The eye defect described in her previous letter has gone, but she is still very short sighted; to [Miss Wolstenholme], 4 November, trying to console her in her illness; to Mrs Bright, n.d. about canvassing the women on the electoral register; to Mrs Bright, 14 November, urging Mr Bright to take the chair at a committee meeting at which the two Mrs Kyllmans are to raise some objection to her correspondence with Helen Taylor; to Dr Pankhurst, 15 November, about the same. If Mrs Kyllman resigns a new treasurer will be needed and she proposes Mrs Bright who would get as much in a month as either of the Mrs Kyllmans in a year; to Mr Rusden, n.d. about the same; to E.J. Lose Esq., 16 November; to Mrs Bright, 16 November, about the forthcoming election; to Miss Wolstenholme, 18 November, about Lilly Maxwell. The Court of Appeal decision was adverse. About taking women to vote in the Manchester election; and to W.T. Charley, MP, 17 November, asking him to become a member of the Society. She hopes the sixteen women on the register in his constituency [Salford] voted; to Mrs Brewer, 19 November, congratulating her on being elected to Colchester. The Tories used the religious cry to win votes in Manchester and Salford; to [Miss Wolstenholme?] n.d. Has placed herself in Mr Steinthal’s hands over the problem with the Committee; to Mrs Bright, 21 November, about the trouble with the Committee; to Walter Morrison, MP, 21 November, congratulating him on his election to Plymouth, and describing taking Manchester women to the poll; to Mrs Bright, 23 November, pleased that she will be Treasurer if necessary. Asks her not to propose Mr Steinthal. Thinks it better to have a woman. Anxious to start campaign for Parliament to amend the 1867 Act; to Sarah [Jackson], 23 November about the problem of living in lodgings; to Miss Robertson, 25 November, about the women who vote in Manchester at the election. Will be taking women on the register in Longsight to vote in S.E. Lancashire election; to Mrs Bright, 25 November; also to Mr White asking about the position of women in the Royal Society, 23 November; to Mr Steinthal, 26 November, asking him to defer the discussion of any subject relating to the committee till after her return from Nottingham where she is giving a paper. Thinks it an insult for the Treasurer to offer J.S. Mill his donation back. Also to Mr Stepney, 27 November, thanking him for Madame Grey’s letter; also to Miss Boucherett, 27 November, wondering about what the London Committees intend to do if they are not going to petition Parliament. The Manchester Committee want consultation with the other Committees to draft a Bill which Mr Russell Gurney and Jacob Bright will introduce; then to Mr [W.T. Charley], 27 November, explaining the way women in Salford voted and regretting that he will not join the Society; to Mary [Johnson?], 27 November; also to Mr Steinthal, 29 November, putting herself in his hands in order to promote the harmony and efficiency of the Committee; 29 November. She has promised Mr Steinthal to do - , as he wishes at the next Committee meeting. She is grateful for her good advice.

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M50/1/4-13 Annual Reports of the Manchester National Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1868-1880:

(1) 30 October 1869
(2) 15 December 1869
(3) 23 November 1870
(4) 8 November 1871
(5) 6 November 1872
(6) 3 December 1873
(7) 13 November 1874
(8) 10 November 1875
(9) 29 November 1876
(10) 7 November 1877
(11) 6 November 1878
(12) 12 November 1879
(13) 8 December 1880.

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M50/1/4-14-26 Annual Reports of the Manchester National Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1881-1895:

(14) 9 November 1881;
(15) 7 November 1882;
(16) 14 November 1882;
(17) 12 November 1884;
(18) 9 December 1885;
(19) 3 November 1886;
(20) 8 November 1887;
(21) 20 November 1889;
(22) 31 October 1890;
(23) 1890-1892;
(24) 29 November 1893;
(25) 20 November 1894;
(26) 8 November 1895.

M50/1/4-27-40 Annual Reports of the North of England Society for Women’s Suffrage, 1899-1911:

(27) 17 November 1899;
(28) 28 November 1900;
(29) 29 November 1901;
(30) 24 November 1902;
(31) 7 December 1903;
(32) 8 November 1904;
(33) 24 November 1905;
(34-35) 7 December 1906;
(36-37) 22 November 1907
(38) 4 December 1908;
(39) 17 December 1909;
(40) 20 January 1911.
Annual Reports of the Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage, 1912-1919:

(41) 15 January 1912;
(42) 17 January 1913;
(43) 22 January 1914;
(44) 20 January 1915;
(45) 21 January 1916;
(46) 24 January 1917;
(47) 11 December 1917;
(48) April 1918;
(49) 22 January 1919.

Annual Reports of the Manchester and District Federation, 1911-1917:

(1) 28 October 1911;
(2) 2 November 1913;
(3) 10 November 1917.

Annual Reports of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, 1905-1914:

(1) 20 October 1905;
(2) 25 October 1907;
(3) 27 January 1909;
(4) 19 March 1910;
(5) 26 January 1911;
(6) 14 February 1912;
(7) 27 February 1913;
(8) 12 February 1914.

Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 March 1870 - 1 December 1873 was started March 1870, by Lydia Becker, and edited by her till her death in 1890, when its publication ceased. It contains accounts of public meetings of the various suffrage societies throughout the UK, parliamentary debates, obituaries, articles on women's rights, the work of the Married Women's Property Committee and the Vigilance Association for the Defence of Personal Rights (for both of which Lydia Becker was Treasurer). Each volume is well indexed. The first specialised British suffrage periodical, it was very much Lydia Becker's paper and it carried considerable detailed campaign information. The journal was the official organ of the National Society for Women's Suffrage and was published on a monthly basis.

Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 January 1874 - 1 December 1879

Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 January 1880 - 1 December 1884

Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 January 1885 - August 1890 (The August 1890 issue was a final and memorial number).

The Common Cause, [Editor: Mrs FT Swanwick]

1. 15 April 1909 - 7 April 1910
2. 14 April 1910 - 6 October 1910

The Common Cause, (Continued)

2. (Continued) 13 October 1910 - 6 April 1911
3. 13 April 1911 - 4 April 1912
4. 3 September 1915

[This paper was called the organ of the women's movement for reform and published on a weekly basis in Manchester. Each volume has an index at the front which will be a useful aid to researchers].

[Please note that the issue for 3 September 1915 is very fragile and in a severely damaged condition. Volume III No. 139, the issue for 7 December 1911 (pp 609-624) has many pages which have been severely cropped so unfortunately there is a small amount of text lost in this item. Also pp 746-747 through to pp 770-771 are very tightly bound.]

Newspaper Cuttings, March 1867 - August 1889 (7 volumes)

1. March 1867 - January 1869
Contains printed leaflets, including Rules of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage; signatories to a petition to Parliament; Rules of the London National Society for Women's Suffrage; London General Committee members; Edinburgh National Society for Women's Suffrage members; leaflet on Women's Wrongs, by Professor Francis W. Newman; tickets for public meeting in Manchester Free Trade Hall, 14 April 1868; leaflet by the Bristol and Clifton Branch of the National Society for Women's Suffrage, circular from the London National Society for Women's Suffrage, 6 November 1868, urging those women on the electoral register to vote at the general election.

2. May 1867 - June 1870
Includes circular, 30 April 1870, asking for support of Alderman Bennett's motion before Manchester Council, to support the Bill to remove the electoral disabilities of women.

3. July 1870 - November 1872
Contains printed papers, including circular on the Women’s Suffrage Conference in London, 28 [April 1871]; memorial of members of the Executive Committees of various branches of the NSWS to Right Hon. Henry Austin Bruce, MP, against provision of 'A bill for the Better Protection of Infant Life'; memorial to WE Gladstone, MP, First Lord of the Treasury, by same, on women's suffrage, 29 April 1871; circular re annual meeting of the Married Women's Property Committee, 19 September 1871; leaflet on L'Association pour L'Emancipation Progressive de la Femme, 20 November 1871.

4. January 1875 - August 1879

5. October 1881 - December 1881
'Bradford Demonstration November 1881'; includes circular re Conference in Bradford to discuss proposed Demonstration of Women, 28 October 1881; handbill on Grand Demonstration of Women in Bradford, 22 November 1881; ticket for same; handbills advertising meetings in Allerton, 7 November, Eccleshill, 10 November, Wyke, 11 November, Queensbury, 14 November Little Horton, 15 November, Temperance Hall, Bradford, 16 November, Great Horton, 17 November, St John's School, Bradford, 18 November and Greenfield School, 21 November, agenda of meeting, 22 November; accounts of the Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage, Bradford Demonstration, 22 November 1881 (manuscript); Women's Suffrage Journal. 1 December 1881.

6. February-March 1882
Sheffield Demonstration February 27th 1882; includes circulars; tickets for Grand Demonstration of Women in Sheffield on 27 February; advertisements of meetings, Tabernacle School Room, 16 February, Attercliffe, 20 February, Rotherham, 21 February, Eccleshall, 22 February, Burgrevea Road, 23 February Bramall's School, 24 February, agenda; accounts, 6 February - 1 March 1882 (manuscript): Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 March 1882

7. April 1884-May 1885. March - August 1889
Includes leaflet on Married Women and the Municipal Franchise.

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M50/1/9/8 Newspaper Cuttings, April 1894 - July 1897. (1 Volume)

M50/1/10/1-215 Circulars from Lydia Becker, Secretary of the Manchester National Society for Women’s Suffrage. Mostly printed items, 1870 - 1885. [Please see full listing of these items in the Finding Aid on Reel 1 of this microfilm project]. Material includes, for example:

4. 31 March 1871
Circular to accompany petition in favour of Women's Disabilities Bill presented to the Commons in 1870 by the Corporation of Manchester, to be proposed again at council meeting in Manchester on 5 April, asking that it be brought before recipient’s town council.

15. [1872]
Notice of meeting in support of the Bill to remove the Electoral Disabilities of Women, 29 January in Warrington.

16. 4 March 1872
Circular to town councils asking their consideration of the petition in favour of the Bill.

M50/1/11/1-16 Miscellaneous Papers, 1908-1918.
1-10 North of England Society for Women's Suffrage.
11-16 Manchester Society for Women's Suffrage.

M50/1/12/1-12 Miscellaneous Papers about the Manchester and District Federation.
[For a more detailed listing of these items please see the Finding Aid (pp 455-57) on Reel 1 of this microfilm project].

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M50/1/13/1-5 Division Lists (for 1878, 1883 and 1884).

1. 19 June 1878
Division List on Women's Disabilities Removal Bill.

2. 6 July 1883
Division List on Hugh Mason’s resolution to extend the Parliamentary Franchise to women who possess the qualifications which entitle men to vote.

3. 12 June 1884
Division List on Woodall’s amendment to Representation of the People Bill.

4. [1884]
Memorial to W. E. Gladstone by 56 MPs asking that Mr Woodall’s amendment to the Franchise Bill extending its provision to women be allowed to be discussed.
5. As 4 above with four more names written in.

M50/1/1/4/1-3 Bills:

1. 2 March 1885
Bill to Extend the Rights of Voting at Parliamentary Elections to Women.

2. 22 February 1889
Bill to Extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women.

3. 10 February 1892
Bill to Extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women.

M50/1/15/1-8 The International Women Suffrage Alliance (Margaret Ashton’s papers).

[another copy at M50/2/14/1]

2-3 Fourth Conference, Amsterdam, 15-20 June, 1908.
(a) List of names of delegates, alternates, invited speakers, fraternal delegates and members of Congress...
(b) Report

4-6 Fifth Conference and First Quinquennial, London, 26 April - 1 May 1909.
(a) Programme [another copy at M50/2/23/12].
(b) Report
(c) Draft letter, 16 June 1909, from Margaret Ashton of Didsbury to Mrs Lindemann about proposed alterations to the Constitution.

Program, with map Includes photos of Mrs Carrie Chapman-Catt and Susan B Anthony.

8. Woman Suffrage in Practice: The International Women Suffrage Alliance, by Chrystal Macmillian, Marie Stritt and Maria Verone, 1913.

M50/1/16/1-15 Miscellaneous Papers, 1898-1915.

1. Calendar for 1898 with Women’s Suffrage Directory.
Name of E.G. Roper on front. Includes manuscript notes of events, 1851-1897.

2. 8 March 1907
The Parliamentary Debates. House of Commons, 8 March 1907, no. 8, vol. CLXV. Includes Women’s Enfranchisement Bill.

3. Women’s Franchise, 4 June 1908.


7. 5 March 1910
Typed circular to the Presidents and Secretaries of Women’s Liberal Association for nineteen members of the Executive Committee of the Women’s Liberal Federation explaining why they do not approve the Federation’s sanctioning the Women’s Charter.

8. A Brief Review of the Women’s Suffrage Movement Since Its Beginning in 1832, April 1911. M Ashton’s name written on.


11. National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies Women’s Suffrage: A Survey, 1908-1912. Published by the Manchester and District Federation. [1912].

Includes Franchise and Registration Bill, Women’s Suffrage Amendments, 27 January 1913.

13. Liverpool’s Urgency Resolution, Amended Form, calling on the Government to use women fully in war work. [n.d. c 1915].


15. Draft scheme and subscription form for The Coming Citizen. (typed) [1915?]

M50/1/17/1-2 Manchester Eye Hospital, 1872-1873 (2 letters)

M50/1/18 Municipal Election, 1908. Notice advertising election address by Miss Margaret Ashton, at Withington, 16 October
1908.

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M50/2/1/1-180
Correspondence, Letters to Millicent Garrett Fawcett

1-5 Letters from Walter Morrison, MP for Plymouth

1. 28 April 1871
About a conversation with Gladstone, at whose house he has left the memorial of 2,400 women. Has also delivered memorial to Disraeli.

2. 1 May 1871
Sends 3-4 below.

3. 29 April 1871
From Gladstone to Morrison. The Government should not take part in the political question of the disabilities of women.

4. 1 May 1871
Acknowledgement from WB Gurdon of memorial sent to Gladstone.

5. 1 May 1871
Acknowledgement from Montagu Corry of memorial sent to Disraeli.

6. 11 May 1872
From "A Follower of Christ and of Paul is apostle". Tells Mrs Fawcett she would do better to read the Bible than the writings of JS Mill.

7. 28 December [c. 1880]
From Mentia Taylor [Mrs PA Taylor] of Brighton.
About the original Women's Suffrage Committee in London.

8-9 Letters from Caroline A Biggs (dies 4 September 1888)

8. Friday [?] About the beginnings of the Suffrage Societies, 1866-1868.

9. 21 February [c. 1881]
About the minute book of the London Committee of which she and Mrs Taylor were Secretaries. Three or four years ago, when the London Committee amalgamated with the Central [1877] it was returned to Berners Street.

10. From [Jessie] Boucherett 1883
Part of letter about the Parliamentary representation of Lincs, 1881, endorsed "Reply to Maxse".


11. 23 December 1883
About the course to pursue next Session. The problem of the married women's vote. "The only way to secure Chamberlain's support is to show him it is his interest to give it and I fear we can't do this!!"

12. 30 December 1883
Notes of H F [Henry Fawcett, who was blind] in Mrs Fawcett's hand about the best course to pursue next Session toward the Government's Franchise Bill. Suggests an "instruction" to the Committee to include women.

13. 7 January [1884]
From LA Hallett thanking the Fawcetts for Memo on tactics for next Session. Has shown it to Miss Becker and Miss Blackburn. Mr Mason has resigned from looking after their interests in the house. Suggests Mr Caine to replace him. He would have to drop his Breach of Promise Bill. Suggests other possibilities.

14. Letter from William T Stead of Pall Mall Gazette
31 December 1883
Asks Mrs Fawcett to write an article on the result of employing women in the Post Office and Telegraph Departments. Note by MGF says she replied saying she preferred to write on Women's Suffrage and her article appeared on 14 January.

15. 2 January [1884]
Copy of Mrs Fawcett's reply to above.

16. 17 January 1884
Cutting from Pall Mall Gazette of a letter from "A Good Liberal" about the Leeds Conference and women's suffrage.

17. From Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, Mrs Fawcett's sister
17 January 1884
Skelton [her husband] is very angry at a letter in the Pall Mall Gazette, by "A Liberal delegate".

18. 18 January [1884]
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Skelton [Anderson] asking him to reply to allegation in the Pall Mall Gazette by "A Liberal Delegate" that only 200 out of 2,000 present at the Leeds Conference stayed to discuss women's suffrage. Includes cutting of letter, 15 January.

19. From Lydia E Becker of Manchester National Society for Women's Suffrage
18 January 1884
Thanks her for article in Pall Mall Gazette. Mr Symonds
will write to refute lies about the Liberal Conference in the Gazette. The Society suffered a defeat in Glasgow.

20. 19 January 1884
Cutting from Pall Mall Gazette of letter from Arthur G Symonds, Secretary of the National Reform Union, saying that half the delegates at the Leeds Conference attended the discussion on women's suffrage.

21. 19 January [n.d.?]
Copy letter from Mrs Fawcett [to the Pall Mall Gazette] complaining that her brother-in-law, JGS Anderson’s letter, refuting the statements of "A Liberal Delegate" have not appeared in the paper.

22. Telegram from Arthur Symonds of Manchester about the Leeds Conference.
21 January 1884

23. Telegram from Walter McLaren of Bradford about the Leeds Conference.

24. Letter from Henry Crosskey of Birmingham
21 January 1884
His version of the Leeds Conference and the vote in favour of women’s suffrage.

25. 22 January 1884
Cutting from Pall Mall Gazette of a letter from Jane Cobden, 21 January, refuting the suggestion that her father was against women’s suffrage.

26. Letter from William T Stead of the Pall Mall Gazette
22 January 1884
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her article, and refers to controversy over the Leeds Conference.

27. 23 January 1884
Cutting from Pall Mall Gazette letter from "A Good Liberal", criticising women’s behaviour on public boards.

28. January [1884]
Cutting from the Pall Mall Gazette of a letter from Jane Cobden, 21 January, refuting the suggestion that her father was against women’s suffrage.

31 January 1884
His version of the Leeds vote on women’s suffrage. About the improved passenger communications with Australia. Would like Mr Giffen to review The Orient Guide by Mr Loftie.

30 No date.
Notes by Mrs Fawcett for a letter of speech on the Leeds Conference.

31. 1 February 1884
Extract of article in the Pall Mall Gazette by Mr Hare on women’s suffrage and the question of payment of MPs.

32. February [n.d.]
Newspaper cutting of a letter, 8 February from Isabella MS Tod, Hon. Sec. North of Ireland Women’s Suffrage Committee, about the Society’s attitude to giving married women the vote.

33. February [n.d.]
Cutting from the Eastbourne Courier, 13 February, about the Women’s Suffrage Journal.

34. 23 February 1884
Cutting from Pall Mall Gazette on “Mr Cobden and Women’s Suffrage”.

35-36 Letters from Joseph S Colmer, for the High Commissioner of Canada.

35. 26 February 1884
Will keep her informed of the progress of the Bill relating to the electoral franchise of Canada.

36. 19 June 1884
The Bill was not proceeded with.

37. March 1884
Copy letter from Helen P Bright Clark, MG Fawcett, Priscilla McLaren and Isabella MS Tod, to Mr Gladstone asking him to receive a deputation of Liberal women on the subject of women’s suffrage.

38. From E W Hamilton for WE Gladstone. Copy reply. 10 April 1884.

39 3 May 1884
Copy letter to Mrs Clarke in reply to a further letter.

40. Letter from Robert Hunter of GPO.
23 April 1884

4 April [n.d.]
Feels she cannot join in the monster petition though she agrees with its aims.

42-44 Letters to and from Admiral Frederick C Maxse of Eastbourne

42. 2 June 1884
Sends his pamphlet [M50/2/36/19] against women’s suffrage. Thinks the majority of women who ask for the vote are Liberal, but the majority of those who would get it are Conservative. Thinks there would be civil war if women were enfranchised.
43. 5 June 1884
Draft of Mrs Fawcett’s reply.

44. 8 June 1884
Reply from Admiral Maxse.

45. Letter from Jane E Harrison of London
7 June 1884
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her article. She has no interest in the vote and is relieved that she does not have it.

46. From Charles W D [Sir Charles Dilke]
No date [7 ante 10 June 1884]
Cannot attend a meeting. Would not if he could. The Reform Bill will not do anything for women. The vast majority of both House and Country are against a change and it cannot be imposed.

47. From William Woodall [MP for Stoke-on-Trent]
10 June 1884
Mr Gladstone’s speech has frightened most of the Liberal adherents to women’s suffrage.

48 Post 7 June 1884
List of petitions in favour of women’s suffrage forwarded to MPs by the Irish Society for Women’s Suffrage. 1 April - 7 June.

49-50 Letters from H[arvey Goodwin], Bishop of Carlisle

49. 9 August 1881
To Emma. Would not like to write a leaflet on woman’s suffrage, but does not object to giving his opinion.

50. 25 August 1884
To Mrs Fawcett. Does not object to his views being published. [see M50/2/17/3].

51 Draft letter to The Standard, Morning Post & Morning Advertiser.
[June 1885]
Asks for their support, in the event of a Conservative government being formed, for the introduction of a Women’s Suffrage Bill enabling women householders to vote in the forthcoming general election. In the last session when Mr Woodall moved to include women householders in the Reform Bill, Mr Gladstone issued a five line whip and compelled 104 Liberals to vote against their declared convictions on the subject. Mr Woodall’s Bill stands no chance of being debated on 24 June.

52-54 Letters from GC Armstrong of The Globe.

52. 11 June 1885
The Globe supports the extension of the suffrage to women householders, but feels it hopeless to do anything in the present Session

53-54 Sunday and 19 June [1885]
Thinks the time opportune for taking up the subject.

55-56 Letters from John and Sarah Short of Brighton.

55 3 October 1885
Asks for photos of herself, husband and daughter. Is in bad health and on short time. Miss the Professor’s advice over the election. Neither party is worthy of support.

56. 11 October 1885
"... We the Working Men Will not have the better times until We have a More honest and Consistent Class of Public men". Advocates paid MPs and annual Parliaments. Has put notices advocating women’s suffrage all over the workshop.

57. From HC Richards of Brighton
12 October 1885
Asks Mrs Fawcett to speak in support of the Unionist candidate Mr Loder who supports women’s suffrage for the election of 23-25 October.

58. Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to --
No date [ante December 1885]
Sends Appeal to the Electors, written by herself, for distribution at the Club, so that her late husband’s constituents [Hackney] may have the women’s suffrage question brought before them.

59. From —— of Hackney.
10 October 1885
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for letter and leaflets.

60. From John Butcher of Hackney.
No date [c. 1885]
Thanks for leaflets. Will distribute them at an election meeting.

61. From Clement K Shorter of Holloway.
2 November 1885
Thanks for Mrs Fawcett for agreeing to lecture to the Blenheim Road Working Men’s Club. Newspaper cutting on the meeting attached, with visiting card of Kynaston R Denham, Hon. Secretary, North St Pancras Liberal Association and Benjamin Clarke, General Editor of Sunday School Union, with comments on them by Mrs Fawcett.

62. No date
Draft letter to H Graham, Unionist candidate for North St Pancras.
Will speak in support of this candidature if he will support women’s suffrage.
63. 10 November 1885
Draft letter to all the London Con[servative] papers and the Times calling attention to a letter from Miss FP Cobbe to the
Dames of the Primrose League.

64-65 Letters from FW Currey

64. No date [? February 1886]
Finds it difficult to understand Sir Henry James’s position [on 19 February 1886 Sir Henry James moved an adjournment of
the bill introduced in 1884 by William Woodall, now under Mr Courtney]. Mrs Courtney is very bothered about him. “The
Gladstonians are going to 'take off their coats' against the measure.”

65. No date
Is told that Sir Henry James says he will not vote against the Bill.

66-67 Letters from E Brodie Hoare, MP

66. 29 February 1888
Copy letter to FJ Dryhurst giving his objections to the extension of the franchise to women.

67. 19 March 1888
To Frederick Hill in the same vein. Cuttings on ill treatment of women by men and query by Mrs Fawcett as to whether Mr
Hoare would deprive these men of the franchise.

68-69 [1885-1890]

68. Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Harry Quiller.
About publishing a list of ladies’ names in favour of women’s suffrage. Several ladies do not like their names to be associated
with Lady Dike.

69. 2 June
Reply saying Miss Becker’s list will appear as she sends it. Defends Lady Dike.

70. 3 January 1889
Cutting from The Times of letter from Professor Goldwin Smith to a Conservative MP about the dangers of women’s suffrage.

71-72 4 January 1889
Cuttings from The Times of reply by Mrs Fawcett, 3 January, and article discussing this and Professor Smith’s letter.

73. 5 January 1889
cutting from The Times of letter from “An Englishwoman”, 4 January, against women’s suffrage and including a letter from
John Bright to Theodore Stanton against it.

74. 7 January 1889
Cutting from Mrs Fawcett’s letter, 3 January, to The Times reprinted in The Northern Whig.

75. 7 January 1889
cutting from The Northern Whig of letter from Isabella MS Tod, 5 January, refuting Professor Smith’s views.

76-77 Letters from Eliza R Whiting of The Republican, Springfield, Mass., USA.

76. 9 January 1889
Asks for names and addresses of English papers which devote themselves to women’s affairs.

77. 20 February 1889
Answers queries about women’s suffrage in America.

78 From Thomas M Waller, Consul General of USA.
23 January 1889
Recommends writing to the Secretary of State, Lincoln, Nebraska, for information on women’s suffrage in that state.

79. From GL Laws, Secretary of State, Nebraska.
8 February 1889
Explains that the right to vote has never been extended to the women of Nebraska, except for school officers.

80. 25 February 1889
Cutting from The Times of a letter from Mrs Fawcett quoting 79 above.

81. No date
cutting from Woman’s Journal of article by ASB ([Alice Stone Blackwell] on Professor Smith’s views.

82. 10 April 1889
Cutting from The Times of letter by Professor Goldwin Smith, sending account of the suffrage movement in the USA.

83. No date
Poem “To a Male Scold” [Goldwin Smith]

84. 8 February 1890
Cutting from The Spectator on “Mr Goldwin Smith and Canada”.

[June 1889]
Gives his impressions of speaker at the previous night’s meeting in St James’s Hall. Complimentary remarks on all except Mrs
Scatcherd and Miss Muller.
86. 16 June 1889
About the same. Expounds further on his objections to Miss Muller's tax-resisting views.

87. Letter from Kathleen Lyttleton of Cambridge.
17 August 1889
The editor of The Guardian will publish a signed article. Thinks much will be said by their opponents against the Women's Franchise League.

88. Letter from Albert Rollit.
16 November 1889
Thinks "the matter" should be left in the hands of the Conference.

89. 19 November 1889
Notes by Mrs Fawcett on views of Lady Jersey on women's suffrage, sent by Mrs Pereira.

90. November 1889
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Lord Wolmer asking him to try and mitigate the hostility of the leading Liberal Unionists Mr Goschen and Lord Hartington, to women's suffrage. The recent municipal elections in Edinburgh were fought entirely on political lines, the women voters coming out preponderantly on the Unionist side. The municipal representation for Edinburgh is equally divided between the two sides, whereas the Parliamentary representation is entirely by Home Rulers.

91. From Lord Wolmer of the Liberal Unionist Association [MP for Hampshire]
25 November 1889
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her letter of 20 November. He needs no conversion to women's suffrage. Thinks Lord Hartington will be against any alteration in the present franchise.

92. Letter from E R Whiting of The Republican
19 January 1890
The petition for making Wyoming a state includes women's suffrage in its constitution. If it is granted it will lead to women's suffrage for the whole of USA.

93. From Elizabeth Cobb
26 February 1890
Mr McLaren has lost the place he had for [debating] Women's Suffrage on March 4.

94. From R Lloyd Anstruther, MP [for Suffolk]
28 February 1890
Supports women's suffrage for spinsters and widows only.

95. Letter from Earl of Campderdown.
10 March 1890
There is no chance of a Bill for women's suffrage this Session. Regrets the "fall of John Moreley" over his education proposal.

96. From The Women's Journal, Boston, USA.
17 July 1890
Invitation signed by Lucy Stone, Julia Ward Howe, J W Higginson, William Lloyd Garrison, Francis J Garrison, Mary A Livermore, and Henry B Blackwell, asking Mrs Fawcett to attend the 40th anniversary of the first National Woman's Rights Convention.

97. Copy letter to Charles A Cooper, editor of The Scotsman
28 July 1890
Asks him to press on Mr Goschen the importance of women's suffrage to the Unionist case if granted before the next election.

98. 29 July 1890
Reply from Cooper.

99. From Eliza R Whiting of The Republican, Mass., USA
26 August 1890
Women's suffrage has been included in the constitution of Wyoming.

100. From John E Gorst of the India Office [MP for Chatham]
20 November 1890
Will do all he can to help the Women's Suffrage Bill.

101. From Lord Fielding [Rudolph Robert Basil Aloysius Augustine Fielding]
26 November 1890
To Mrs Shaw regretting that Mrs Fawcett declines to speak at Rugby. He is in favour of the extension of the franchise to single women and widows.

102. From Julia Ward Howe of Boston, USA.
26 December 1890
A new date for the Woman's Suffrage Convention. Asks for a letter from Mrs Fawcett to be read at one of the meetings as she cannot attend in person.

103. Letter from Albert Rollit of Cottingham, Yorks [MP for Islington].
1891
Declines to lead the movement for women's suffrage in the Commons.

104. From Earl of Rutland [John James Robert Manners]
19 January 1891
Feels it unwise for a minister and a peer to sign the Memorial to the Leader of the Commons.

105. No date
Draft letter to Lady Maude Wolmer saying she is going to write to W H Smith asking him to receive a small deputation after Easter and present him with a memorial asking him to keep the House sitting on 13 May, when the Women's Disabilities
Removal Bill is the first order of the day.

106-107 No date
Draft address to Lord [Salisbury] asking him to receive a memorial allowing the bill for the extension of the franchise to duly qualified women to the debated on 13 May.

108. From Schomberg K McDonnell for Lord Salisbury
7 February 1891
Refers them to Mr Smith [Leader of the Commons] as he cannot receive a deputation on a question concerning the arrangement of the time of the Commons.

109. From W H Smith, Leader of the Commons [First Lord of the Treasury, MP for Strand]
7 February 1891
Will receive the memorial, but after Easter he will be able to give an answer.

110. No date
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett sending a printed list of those signing the memorial

111. 25 March 1891
Draft from Mrs Fawcett asking Smith to fix a day when he will receive the deputation

112. 28 March 1891
From CV Maude for Smith saying he will appoint a day to receive the deputation towards the end of April

113. 8 April 1891
Draft from Mrs Fawcett [to Smith?] asking for a meeting before 22 April

114. From Horace Plunket
13 April 1891
Sends pamphlets on women's suffrage in Wyoming [M50/2/26/16 and M50/2/36/37]

115. Letter from RB Haldane, MP [for Haddingtonshire]
14 April 1891
The prospect of either of the Bills being discussed is remote as 13 May is likely to be a vacation day. If the Bills are withdrawn the question is a certainty on the 24th.

116. 20 April 1891
Notes for deputation to W H Smith.

117. 22 April 1891
Newspaper cuttings that the Commons would not be adjourned till after 13 May and therefore Mr Woodall's measure would be likely to be voted on.

118. From K W Sheppard of Christchurch, New Zealand
22 April 1891
Women's Suffrage in New Zealand is part of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

119. 24 April 1891
Mr Samuel Smith, MP and Women's Suffrage

120. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above.

121-122 Letters from Lord Wolmer

121. 26 April 1891
Has heard a rumour that the government may give notice of a motion to take all the time of the house, thus placing 13 May out of the operation of the motion.

122. 27 April [1891]
The notice of motion will not be given till tomorrow evening.

123. Letter from Leonard Courtney [MP for Cornwall, Bodmin, Deputy Speaker]
27 April 1891
The Government cannot take 13 May without dishonour.

124. Letter from R Coleridge, for Colonel Jodrell
27 April [1891]
Colonel Jodrell is doing all in his power to prevent 13 May being taken.

125. 28 April [1891]
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Mr Balfour asking for assurance that 13 May will be kept for the Women's Suffrage Bill.

126. 28 April 1891
Telegram reply from Arthur Balfour.

127. Letter from Frances Balfour
28 April 1891
Salisbury has warned her that Smith will avoid keeping the 13th free if he can.

128. Letter from RB Haldane, MP
28 April 1891
Mr Smith tells him he hopes the 13th will be kept free.

129. Letter from Viscount Wolmer
29 April 1891
Believes Smith does not intend to take the 13th.

130. Letter from Francis Balfour
29 April 1891
Is writing to The Times under the name of GW Balfour, as she believes Smith will take the 13th

131. No date
Draft to W H Smith asking for assurance that the 13 May will be left for the Women's Suffrage Bill, despite an announcement in the papers that the Irish Land Bill will have precedence.

132. Letter from L Courtney, MP
30 April 1891
The 13th is lost. The secret wishes of the House seem to be against them.

133. Letter from Viscount Wolmer
30 April 1891
Have been beaten by a combination of Gladstone, Sir Henry James and those Conservatives who are against women's suffrage.

134. From Richard Temple, MP [for Worcestershire, South]
No date. About the same.

135. From E M [Emma Miller] of Cambridge
1 May 1891
Disgust at the behaviour of WH Smith and the odious article in The Times.

136. From EC Jodrell of the Junior United Service Club, London
1 May 1891
Does not think Mr Smith or Mr Woodall can be blamed for the loss of the Bill. "The unfortunate split a year or so ago has greatly injured s ---" [December 1888 the Central Committee split into two, the Central Committee at Great College Street and the Central National Society at 29 Parliament Street. Also Women's Franchise League formed, 1889].

137. Letter from Charles A Cooper of The Scotsman
2 May 1891
Mr Smith deeply regretted the division of the House on the suffrage question.

138 Letter from William Woodall of Burslem [MP for Hanley]
2 May 1891
The present House is obviously against women's suffrage.

139. From Viscount Wolmer
3 May 1891
The Gladstonians will move further from women's suffrage. They must try and gain the support of the Primrose League.

140. From E[mily] Davies
4 May 1891
Agrees with Mrs Courtney about inviting other people to meetings and treating them as allies, but fears combined action. Miss Courtney urges keeping Mrs Ashton Dilke out of sight while the others go out of their way to put her in the chair at their annual meeting.

141-145 Letters from Lil[ias] Ashworth Hallett]

141. May 1891
Reports a conversation with Lord Wolmer. Would like him to take over from Woodall, who has "repeatedly played us false", Conservative Associations cannot be expected to support a Bill in Woodall's hands. Proposes a private conference of herself and Mrs Fawcett with Wolmer and Balfour. Mrs Eva [McLaren] gushed with the Conference at Mrs Jacob Bright's [Hon Secretary of Women’s Franchise League] and said that as Dr Pankhurst showed signs of his intention to boss the whole business they (the Parliament Street people) had backed out and declined further union."

142. Wednesday
Can do nothing direct with Balfour till his Bill is through Committee. Hopes Mrs Fawcett will see Miss Balfour. Criticises Woodall.

143. No date
Is sick at heart by the proceedings of Parliament. Smith, Wolmer and Courtney did their best.

144. Sunday
Cannot account for some of the votes. Doubts the wisdom of co-operating in a demonstration with Parliament Street. A demonstration by Gladstonian women would be more effective that one including Unionist women. The Parliament St. people have made havoc of the cause over married women and their internal quarrels are continuous.

145. Thursday
Is glad Woodall has decided to abandon the Bill. They are now free to find another leader. Hopes for the best from Lord Wolmer.

146. Letter from Kate Courtney of the Women's Liberal Unionist Association.
30 May 1891
Sends programme for a meeting. Hopes the Liberal Unionists will eventually all support women's suffrage. Draft reply, 31 May. Will speak in a manner as inoffensive as possible to the opponents of women's suffrage.

147-148 Letters from Margaret E Farrow, Hon Secretary, Birmingham Liberal Unionist Association.

147. 26 August 1891
Invitation to speak at annual meeting.

148. 21 September 1891
Hopes she will speak at a meeting in January instead of the annual meeting.

149. From Rich W Middleton of Conservative Central Office
30 November 1891
Favours Sir Algernon Borthwick [MP for Kensington, South] to lead the cause in the Commons.

150. 10 December 1891
Notes on choosing a new leading for the Bill.

151. 1 January 1892
Cutting from The Liberal Unionist of letter from Mrs Fawcett, 11 December 1891, criticising its attitude to women in politics.

152-154 Letters from Margaret Farrow, Birmingham Women’s Liberal Unionist Association

152. 11 January 1892
Asks Mrs Fawcett to avoid the topic of women’s suffrage at the meeting she will not hesitate to reply.

153. 12 January 1892
Reply. If anyone speaks against women’s suffrage at the meeting she will not hesitate to reply.

154. 14 January 1892
Reply from Mrs Farrow.

155. Letter from Lilian Chamberlain of Birmingham
17 January [1892 ?]
Regrets they have had to abandon the meeting for 20 January. Regrets that Mrs Farrow did not express herself clearly over the topic of women’s suffrage.

156. Post 23 February 1892
Note by Mrs Fawcett on the above correspondence with Mrs Farrow.

157. Letter from Leonard Courtney
16 January 1892
Has been asked to chair a meeting at Princes Hall on 25 February organised from Parliament Street. [Central National Society for Women’s Suffrage.] Would be tempted to preside if it were a general meeting in which Mrs Fawcett were involved.

158-159 Letters from A C Hall of The Croydon Review

158. 2 February 1892
Asks Mrs Fawcett to send an appeal to the members of the Croydon Church Institute to support women’s suffrage, to stimulate interest in a debate on it to be held in the Church Institute. [see also M50/2/26/41]

159. 5 February 1892
Thanks her for agreeing.

160. From Viscount Wolmer
5 February 1892
Is willing to support Sir Algernon Borthwick in the ballot for the Women’s Suffrage Bill, but has had no reply to his offer of help.

161. Letter from Richard W Middleton of the Conservative Central Office
6 February 1892
Advises that Sir A Borthwick write to twenty of his friends and ask them to ballot for the Bill.

162. February 1892
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Sir Algernon Borthwick, asking him to get twenty to twenty-five of his friends to promise to ballot for the Bill. Lord Wolmer would help if he were asked.

163-164 Letters from Herbert W Paul of Chelsea.

163. 3 April [1892?]  
Agrees with the extension of the municipal franchise to Parliamentary elections. Thinks the more extensive proposals of Mr Haldane bound to fail. Is worried about the position of lodgers who have no municipal votes.

164. 5 April [1892 ?]
Is quite prepared to defend the principle of Sir Albert Rollit’s Bill.

165. From WR Bousfield, QC, candidate in the North Hackney By-Election
5 May 1892
Gives his views on women’s suffrage and hopes she will consent to aid his candidature.

166. From Thomas Burt, MP [for Morpeth]
6 May 1892
Regrets he cannot accept a speaking invitation on 31 May because of the pressure of other business.

167. From Viscount Wolmer of the Liberal Unionist Association
6 May 1892
Asks for information on the dissensions among the Gladstone Women’s Association and the attitude of Liberal Unionist women generally towards the franchise question, for the Duke of Devonshire.

6 May 1892
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her kind appreciation of her services on the WLF Committee, coming as it did in the midst of criticism.
from friends and foes. Will speak at the meeting on 31 May.

169. From Eveline, [Countess of] Portsmouth of Wembworthy, Devon
7 May 1892
Gladly signs “the enclosed”.

170. From CP Vilhers, MP [for Wolverhampton, South]
7 May 1892
His health prevents him from promising to attend the suffrage meeting on 31 May.

171. Letter from Earl of Denbigh [Rudolph William Basil Fielding]
8 May 1892
Supports suffrage for women ratepayers, but is against universal female suffrage.

9 May 1892
Will attend meeting on 31st.

173. From WR Bousfield [MP for Hackney, North]
13 May 1892
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for helping at his election. Hopes to be able to help women’s suffrage.

174-175 Letters from Walter SB McLaren [MP for Cheshire, Crewe]

174. 20 May [1892?]
His wife [Eva], is prostrate with the work and worry of the past month.

175. 22 May 1892
His wife is no better and he asks that she be relieved from her promise to speak on 31 May.

176. Unsigned postcard to Mrs Bailey of Edgbaston
21 May 1892
Mr Kenrick [William Kenrick, MP for Birmingham, North] would have voted for the motion on women’s suffrage, but was out of town.

177. Letter from S W Heberden of London
3 June 1892
Sends copy of letter from [Sir Fred] Seager Hunt, MP [for Marylebone, West] explaining that he voted against the Female Franchise Bill because of the arguments used in the debate and at the meeting in St James’s Hall. Does not object to the vote, but does object to women having seats in Parliament.

178. Letter from John Murray
4 July 1892
Cannot purchase 1,000 pamphlets of WE Gladstone’s letter against Women’s Suffrage as they already have a sufficient stock.

179. From Viscount Wolmer [MP for Edinburgh, West].
8 November 1892
Can only take up the Bill if Mr Courtney is chairman of Committees.

180. From M Steadman Aldis of Auckland, New Zealand
29 November 1892
The Women’s Suffrage Bill has been rejected. Most of the women who work for it are rabid teetotallers.

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Correspondence. Letters to Millicent Garrett Fawcett

181. From H Byron Reed of Bradford, Yorkshire
9 December 1892
It is too late to put women’s suffrage on the agenda for the Sheffield meeting. If he gets back into Parliament he will support it.

182-184 Letters from Albert Rollit, MP [for Islington, South]

182. 9 December 1892
Feels it is undesirable to connect any subject of franchise with that of registration.

183. 15 December 1892
Cutting from The Bristol and Western Daily Press about Sir Albert Rollit’s resolution on registration at the National Union [Conservative] Conference at Sheffield.

184. 17 December 1892
Took the opportunity at Sheffield of complying with her request and introduced the female franchise on the subject of registration. It was well received.

185. Letter from Lil[as Ashworth Hallett]
December 1892
The Northampton meeting sounds like a great success. “What a strange thing about the new Mter Sec. … hope they will now appoint someone who is not a McLaren Nominee.”

186-188 Letters from Amy Dalay of the Women’s Franchise League, from Auckland, New Zealand.

186. 28 December 1892
About the progress of women’s suffrage in NZ. Sends 187-188 below.

187. 14 July 1892
Cutting from The Dunedin Evening Star.

188. 12 December 1892
Letter from H L N of Dunedin to Amy Dalay about Fish’s petition against the franchise, which was signed by mistake by many women.

189. Letter from Marion Hatton of Dunedin, New Zealand
3 January 1893
Asks for a copy of Mrs Fawcett’s paper on "suggested Amendments of the Criminal Law”. About the struggle against saloon keepers and merchants in the fight for women’s suffrage.

190. Letter from Leonard Courtney [MP for Cornwall, Bodmin]
27 January 1893
Does not think it a good idea to use Unionists only in an attempt to get a ballot

191. Letter from Walter SB McLaren, MP
27 January 1893
Circular inviting MPs to a meeting to consider steps to be taken to introduce a women’s suffrage bill, and to ballot for leave to bring in a Bill on 31 January. Endorsed by Mrs Fawcett that 13 or 14 members came to the meeting, all Unionists except McLaren and his brother Charles.

192. Letter from Lilias Ashworth Hallett
29 January 1893
Asks if Mrs Fawcett is going to the dinner to Lord Wolmer on 14th. They must not revive the Parliamentary Committee. Must get the leadership defined.

193. Letter from Viscount Wolmer, MP.
8 February 1893
The one man one vote Bill is the best opportunity of raising women’s suffrage this session.

194-195 Letter from Agnes L Brocklebank of Liverpool (and enclosure)
17 February 1893
Sends letter from GH Morrison of Liverpool, 16 February, about a meeting at which Mrs Fawcett is to speak. He hopes she will not bring up women’s suffrage at it as there will be enough excitement about Home Rule.

196. Letter from Lord Wolmer
23 February 1893
Mr Maclure [John William Maclure, MP for SE Lancashire, Stretford] has put down an amendment to the second reading of the Registration Bill embodying women’s suffrage, but this will probably be ruled out of order. Similarly the One Man One Vote Bill cannot be used.

197. From Leonard Courtney
26 February 1893
About the same.

198. From Lord Wolmer
11 March 1893
The Government of Ireland Bill Section 6 Subsection 3 is a clear case for a women’s suffrage amendment.

199. Letter from Mrs FW Sheppard of Christchurch, New Zealand
3 April 1893
About progress in New Zealand

200. From Marion Hatton, President of the Dunedin Women’s Franchise League, New Zealand.

201-202 Letters from Miss A Lister of Melbourne, Australia
201. 16 May 1893
Asks advice on forming a Suffrage Society in Melbourne.

202. 30 September 1893
The agitation over the Criminal Law Amendment Bill has roused women to the need for the vote.

203. From Lucy Stone of The Women’s Journal, Boston, USA
27 July 1893
She does not like to see Mrs Fawcett’s name connected with that of Mrs V Woodhull-Martin.

204. From K W Sheppard of Christchurch, New Zealand
4 October 1893
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for the help she has been in their successful struggle for the franchise.

205-210 Letters from Walter SB McLaren, MP
205. 21 November 1893
Every effort must be made to influence MPs on clause 31 [of the Local Government Bill] or on a new clause which the government will move.

206. 26 November 1893
Agrees with her draft letter.

207. 2 December 1893
Fowler’s amendment is to be put down for clause 31 and he will try and get it through in Committee.
208. 8 January 1894
They are going to carry the full clause about married women.

209. 11 January 1893
The position is desperate. Fowler has behaved badly and is going to accept Storey’s amendment to prevent “faggot voting”.

[Henry Hartley Fowler, President of Local Government Board.]

210. 13 January 1894
Persuaded Fowler to accept another amendment in addition to Storey’s. About the debate in the House which saved the situation, but caused ill feeling.

211. No date
Amendments [to the Local Government Bill] of Henry H Fowler, Sir Francis Powell [MP for Wigan], Mr Storey [Samuel Storey, MP for Sunderlandshire] and Walter McLaren (printed).

212. From George Innes of Sydney, Australia
2 April 1904
Asks if she would like to meet Mrs Ballance, widow of the late Premier of New Zealand, who is visiting London. About the influence of the female vote on the New Zealand Parliament.

213. 5 April 1894
More about Mrs Ballance, and his own interest in women’s suffrage.

214-215 Letters from Miss Caroline E Skinner of Torquay

214. 10 January 1906
She will have to withdraw from Women’s Suffrage Society if it does not disassociate itself from the actions of women [who interrupt political meetings [Women’s Social and Political Union]].

215. 14 January 1906
Accepts Mrs Fawcett’s arguments and will stay in the Society.

216. Letter from Mary Ward of Cambridge
11 January 1906
Is glad Mrs Fawcett has disclaimed “responsibility of the suffrage societies generally for occasional local rioters”, by her letter to The Westminster Gazette

217. Letter from K Lyttleton of Bloomsbury
12 January [1906]
Unless the Tories and Liberals better themselves they will find woman’s suffrage brought in by the Labour party and women voting for it. Congratulates Mrs Fawcett on a letter.

218. Letter from W E Heitland of Cambridge
13 January 1906
Writes for his wife to thank Mrs Fawcett for her letter to The Morning Post.

219. Letter from William T Stead, editor of Review of Reviews
13 January 1906
Thanks her for her letter in The Westminster Gazette.

220. From —— of Plympton
14 January 1906
Congratulations on a letter in the Westminster Gazette.

221. Letters from JG Wright of Reigate
14 January 1906
Agrees with statement in the Westminster Gazette but admires the pluck of the suffragettes. Helen Blackburn [died 1903]. Thinks there should be a Social Secretary to show an interest in solitary members. Miss Palliser is conspicuously lacking in social amenities.

222-223 Letters from Isabella O Ford

222. 14 January 1906
Congratulations on Mrs Fawcett’s letter. Is campaigning with Philip Snowden among the factories of Blackburn.

223. 18 January [1906]?
Feels “disgusted with this hateful woman”

224. From “A Sheffield Woman and Suffragist” to The Manchester Guardian
15 January 1906
Criticises Mrs Fawcett’s letter to the Guardian and the interruption of speakers talking on another subject by questions about woman’s suffrage.

225. From Margaret Ashton of Didsbury, Manchester, President of Lancashire and Cheshire Union of Women’s Liberal Associations.
16 January 1906
Regrets Mrs Fawcett’s letter in the Daily News, 11 January. The North of England Suffrage Society and the Women’s Liberal Associations have condemned the action of “these few violent women who have injured the reputation of women politicians in Lancashire. The disturbances were not planned by working women, but by a small clique calling themselves the Votes for Women Election Committee, including Eva Gore Scoth, two Miss Pankhurts and other seceders from the North of England Suffrage Society, which disowns them.

226. Letter from May A Ewart of London
16 January 1906
About the forthcoming election. Mr Cowan the Liberal candidate for Surrey is in favour of women's suffrage.

227. From Blanche A Smith of the Writer's Club, London
19 January [1906]
Congratulations on letter in Westminster Gazette of 11 January,

228. 20 January 1906
Extract from The British Journal of Nursing on Mrs Fawcett's letter, and the working women who interrupt political questions.

229. From George Meredith of Dorking
21 October 1906
Cannot quite excuse those suffragists who have given a weapon to their adversaries by their [militant] behaviour.

230. From Eva Gore Booth and Esther Roper of the Lancashire and Cheshire Women Textile and other Workers’ Representation Committee.
c.24 October 1906
Objects to Mrs Fawcett's condoning the behaviour of the women's protest in the House of Commons on the grounds that it is natural to working women. Working women are refusing to demonstrate because they do not wish to be held accountable for upper class women who kick, shriek, bite and spit and get involved in police struggles.

231. From Walter SB McLaren
25 October 1906
Thinks the old suffrage societies should support "these plucky women". Will support a Demonstration in their favour. By going to prison they have done more to make the suffrage a real live question than all the work of years has been able to do.

232. Letter from Elizabeth Robins of Kensington
27 October 1906
Expresses gratitude for Mrs Fawcett's "generous treatment of women who, in ways you do not approve, are trying for the thing you have fought for by the dignified tactics that the world is forced to admire." She, with Mrs Cobden Unwin, Mrs Despard, Miss S Pankurst and others were locked in a room at the magistrates court and not allowed into the hearing.

233. Letter from WT Stead, editor of The Review of Reviews
27 October 1906
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her letter to The Times. "Some of the newspapers seem to be edited by hooligans for hooligans".

234. 27 October 1906
Reprint from The Times of Mrs Fawcett's letter supporting the eleven imprisoned women. Cannot believe that Mrs Cobden Sanderson bit, scratched or screamed, or behaved otherwise than the refined lady she is, as stated by the press.

235-236 Letters from Beatrice Haraden of Hampstead

235. 27 October [1906 ?]
Thinks they should do something as a body for the prisoners.

236. 27 October 1906
Telegram thanking Mrs Fawcett for her letter to The Times.

237. Letter from Emily Hill of Wandsworth
28 October 1905
Congratulations on letter to The Times. Suggests a large meeting with Miss Alison Garland as speaker.

238. Letter from Celia Wray of Barnsley
28 October 1906
Mrs Fawcett’s letter should be published in leaflet form.

239-241 Letters from TJ Cobden-Sanderson of Hammersmith

239. 28 October 1906
Thanks her on behalf of his wife and the other women in prison or her letter to The Times.

240. 1 November 1906
About conditions in prison.

241. 4 November [1906]
Saw all the prisoners together yesterday and gave them the late Mrs McLaren’s message and told them of Mrs Fawcett’s desire to give a banquet in their honour on their release.

30 October 1906
Criticises the behaviour of the militant suffragists.

243. Letter from Annie Cobden-Sanderson
25 November 1906
Telegram announcing release of prisoners.

244. No date [ante 1 October 1907]
Points 3-8 of agreement with Francis [J Edward Francis] about running Women’s Franchise.

245. From HA Gwynne of The Standard to Mrs Lyttleton
13 May 1908
Thinks there should be an educational test for the right to vote.

246-248 Letters from her niece, LGA [Louisa Garrett Anderson]
246. 22 June 1908
Has been talking with Mrs Pethick Lawrence. Wishes the National Society would join in the next step. The WSPU are sending a resolution to Mr A [Asquith] and his reply will determine whether more militant action is pursued.

247. 24 June [1908 ?]
Feels that if the National Society cannot combine with the WSPU in bringing pressure on the Government they should not hinder them. Which by-election candidates are they supposed to support if they all declare in favour of women's suffrage?

248. 25 June 1908
Thinks the National Union should join the WSPU if it cannot protest effectively constitutionally.

249. Letter from J Edward Francis of Women's Franchise
17 July 1908
Before he drops Women's Franchise as a paper representing the three societies he needs to be convinced that a paper representing the National Union alone will do more good.

250. Letter from Margery I Corbett
23 October 1908
Suggests Mrs Charles Hamilton [née Adamson] as a possible editor if they decide to have a Women's Suffrage paper of their own.

251. 26 October 1908
Notes by Mrs Fawcett of a conversation with Mrs Herringham about Women's Franchise.

252. 27 October 1908
Notes by C Herringham about Women's Franchise.

253. From A Helen Ward to Miss Fawcett
31 October 1908
Asks if Mrs Fawcett would be prepared to be photographed for the new magazine the NUWSS is producing. Asks Miss Fawcett to appear on the contributors list.

254. Letter from Mrs M Winifred Ball of Hampstead
12 November 1908
Cannot see that resolutions 4 and 5 of last Tuesday’s annual meeting of the London Society for Women's Suffrage, dealing solely with keeping the Society free from party bias had anything to do with "legal and constitutional action". Asks if she knows that the offices of the NUWSS were used by the Women's Liberal Federation on 20 July for a meeting in support of the Licensing Bill. Will the money received for this appear in the accounts as from a party organisation.

255. 14 November 1908
Copy reply. Would like proof and more details of the sue of NU offices by the Liberal Federation. There has been some confusion between Miss M Corbett, the NU Secretary and Miss Cecily Corbett, who has no official connection with the NU.

256. 16 November 1908
Reply from Mrs Ball giving details and complaining further of the apparent connection between the Liberal Party and the NU Executive.

30 November 1908
About her speaking campaign in the US. Has spoken three times a week for eighteen months.

258. No date
Newspaper cutting on Mrs Snowden's lectures.

259-265 Letters from HM Swanwick, Hon. Secretary of the North of England Society for Women's Suffrage
259. 14 December 1908
Suggests running a women's paper from Manchester if the Women's Franchise is given up. The Manchester Guardian is willing to help.

260. 15 December 1908
Miss Ashton is anxious that the question of the paper should not be settled to hurriedly. It is useless to run a paper by a committee. Suggests The Interpreter as its title.

261. 22 December 1908
Details of cost of a paper as advice by CP Scott of the Manchester Guardian.

262. Recommendations for a New Paper Proposed by the North of England Society for Women's Suffrage
263. 13 January 1909
Fears that most of the delegates out of London to the Council meeting on Tuesday will be "woefully in the dark as to what has been done about the paper".

264. 12 January 1909
Notes by Mrs Fawcett on the newspaper question.

265. 25 January 1909
If council think that the projected Company should not employ a member of the NU Executive as Editor she will resign, until Mr Francis ceases to publish Women's Franchise.

266. Letter from A L Leon of London
30 January 1909
Wonders if lodgers are regarded as occupiers. Criticises these mad suffragettes.
267. From Johanna Blauenfeldt of Jutland, Denmark.
31 January 1909
About her attempts to win over Christians to the idea of women's suffrage. Reports criticisms by a London lady of the suffragists for holding meetings on Sundays and behaving unwomanly and unchristian-like.

268. Letter from Constance Lytton of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.
1 February 1909
Is sending a manuscript of a pamphlet on woman's suffrage that she is about to publish. Thanks her for reply to request to sign a petition to the king to move the suffragette prisoners from the second to the first division, which Mrs Fawcett declined to do.

269. From Alice Stone Blackwell of The Woman's Journal, Boston, USA.
12 February 1909
Thinks the militants are doing some good, even if individuals are making mistakes. Wishes American women were half as enthusiastic.

270. 22 February 1909
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Blackwell condemning strongly the action of the WSPU on 30 June and their attempt to storm Parliament in October. "I considered it an immoral and dastardly thing to do. The House of Commons, with all its faults, stands for order against anarchy for justice against mere brutality". "The crimes committed in Ireland by Home Rulers stopped Home Rule and if Women Suffragists embark on crime as propaganda they will stop Women's Suffrage." Developments are expected over a paper soon.

271. Letter from Henry Dobson of Hobart, Tasmania.
8 March 1909
Regrets he cannot address the International Woman Suffrage Alliance on 28 April. Thinks they should adopt a fighting political platform to show the public the kind of legislation women would support if enfranchised.

272-274 Letters to and from Randall [Thomas Davidson], Archbishop of Canterbury.

272. 8 March 1909
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for sending him information on voting qualifications.

273. No date
Draft from Mrs Fawcett for sending him information on voting qualifications.

273. No date
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to the Archbishop. Sends return of total number of elections in the UK on the existing register. Her niece, who is an ardent suffragist and inclined to sympathise with the militants, points out that the ladies, who were reported to have gained admittance to the Ladies Gallery by lying, denied it on oath and MPs supported their assertions.

274. 11 March 1909
Thanks her for 273 above.

275. Letter from CC Osler of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Women's Suffrage.
12 March [1909 ?]
Asks if there is to be no Franchise Bill this Session but that "wretched red herring of Mr Howard's", which will only split the ranks and give Mr Asquith and excuse for evading his pledge.

276. Letter from M Taylor of Wark on Tyne.
12 March [1909 ?]
Looks to Mrs Fawcett as head of the suffrage movement even though she herself belongs to the WSPU. Doesn't think it matters which Society one belongs to. WSPU meetings have literature of other Societies so that people may join whichever suits them. Cannot understand Sir Charles McLaren backing Mr Howard's Adult Suffrage Bill.

277. 13 March 1909
Typed letter from Mrs Fawcett to newspapers against Hon. Geoffrey Howard's Bill.

15 March 1909
Will not resign from the Executive. The difference does not seem small between regretting the introduction of Howard's Bill and opposing it.

279. Letter from F W Stowell of London.
15 March [1909 ?]
Thinks if a compromise of Mr Dickinson's Bill No 2 were offered by the Liberals the NUWSs ought to accept it.

280. Letter from Walter SB McLaren.
15 March
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her article in the Daily News. Miss Corbett has told him of the difference of opinion on the Committee.

281. Letter from Edith Castlereagh of London.
24 March 1909
They must persuade Unionists that it is in their interests to help the suffragists.

282. Letter from Randall [T Davidson], Archbishop of Canterbury
29 March 1909
Regards Mrs Fawcett as the soul of discretion.

283. Letter from Ethel Snowden of London.
18 September 1909
Thinks that members of the Executive should not take part in political party activities. The President of the Birmingham Society was on the platform at Mr Asquith's meeting at which Birmingham women were indiscriminately excluded. She is having a wordy duel with the Pankhursts on the stone throwing methods, but fears she will have little effect.

284-287. Letters to and from Helen B Dowson of Nottingham
284-285 19 October [1909]
Could not carry on the society in Nottingham without the people who would resign over a too strong condemnation of the WSPU. Encloses with her own letter a letter to herself from Mrs Mary Thorpe, a former member of the WSP dated 9 October.

286. 15 October 1909
Reply from Mrs Fawcett
Does not agree that the recent outbreak of almost criminal violence by the WSPU is caused by a few excitable members getting out of hand. It is obviously premeditated and arranged and will get more violent. Then it will lose support. It is essential for the NUWSS to show they stand for peaceful persuasion. Criticises the government for releasing Lady C Lytton and Mrs Brailsford because they have influential relations.

287. 21 October 1909
Reply from Helena B Dowson thanking Mrs Fawcett for above.

288. From Margaret Ashton of Withington.
28 October 1909
About a successful debate with anti-suffragists at which they sold 1,000 Common Causes. Next day the office was full of people wanting to see Florence Nightingale’s signature.

289. Letter from Clara E Collet of London.
3 December 1909
Suggests that those adopting unconstitutional methods should cease to be members of the Society. Does not like the way attempts are being made to govern the London Society from outside.

290. Letter from Fanny W Currey (page 2 only).
27 January 1910
About a rowdy election meeting.

291-293 Letters from Henry Noel Brailsford of Hampstead.
291. 18 January [1910]
Thinks they should form a Conciliation Committee for Women’s Suffrage, consisting of men and women.

292. 25 January
Explains his ideas further. The conciliation he aims at is between suffragists and the Government, not between militant and non-militants. He will try to form a Men’s Committee in friendly touch with the Men’s League.

293. 28 February
Lord Lytton has accepted presidency of the Conciliation Committee. The MPs wish to act alone among the various parties, and collect signatures from backbenchers to a memorial asking for time for the Sex Disabilities Bill. The pro-suffrage MPs are 400-440, the declared antis 70. Of 120 adults only 40 have declared themselves opposed to anything less than adult suffrage. However, the support of the Liberals is lacking and necessary.

294. Letter from Ethel Bentham of London to Mr McLaren.
8 March 1910
Fears the NU is drifting on to the rocks and will break up from sheer stupidity just as it ought to be ready for the last successful fight. Criticises various members.

295. Letter from Walter S B McLaren.
12 March 1910
Sends 294 above and gives his opinions on the same.

296. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on the Secretaryship.

297. 13 March 1910
Reply from Mrs Fawcett.

298. 14 March [1910]
Reply from McLaren. Is glad Mrs Fawcett thinks his fears are groundless.

299. Letter from —— Reid of London.
15 March 1910
Is glad Mr McLaren will not raise the question [about the Secretaryship] at the Committee.

300-302 Letters to and from Henry Noel Brailsford.
300. 21 March [1910]
Now have MPs of all parties on the Conciliation Committee. Thinks most of the Liberals would support a Bill on the basis of the municipal qualification.

301. 21 March 1910
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett. The main disadvantage of the municipal basis is that it is not uniform between London and the country, nor between the three kingdoms.

302. No date
Has some little reason to fear opposition from the Liberal Women.

303. 27 March [1910]
Asks for a resolution of the NUWSS in support of the Conciliation Committee. Still waiting for A J Balfour to declare himself.

304. No date [1910]
Leaflet on the Conciliation Committee with list of members and text of Bill to be known as “Representation of the People Act 1910”. (printed)

305. 9 April 1910
Copy letter from Edith Dimock, Honorary Secretary of the NUWSS, to H N Brailsford, reporting a resolution of the Executive Committee “that the NU while maintaining its demand for the vote for women on the same terms as it is or may be granted to men would welcome any removal of the sex disability as an instalment of justice.”

306. 27 May [1910?]
Support is coming from all sides, except the Unionist front bench; suggests Mrs Fawcett writes to The Times before Parliament meets. Asks her to reconsider her decision not to take part in the procession of 18 June. A good demonstration would work in their favour in the House.

307. 2 June [1910?]
Her draft letter is all he could wish. Has hopes of success.

Asks for her help to induce the Government to consider favourably their demand for time.

309. Letter from Mary Arnold-Foster 11 June [1910?]
Thanks her for her letter in today’s Times.

310. Letter from H N Brailsford 20 June 9 [1910?]
Must not allow Asquith to give an adverse decision hastily. Proposes they only ask for a second reading of Mr Shackleton’s Bill. Not yet ready to risk all on one throw.

311. Letter from Mrs P T Swanwick, editor of The Common Cause. 22 June 1910
So much depends on getting a good vote for the Second Reading and arousing a feeling of indignation in the country if after a favourable decision the Bill is hung up.

312. Letter from Fred Jackson of Haslemere. 25 June 1910
Congratulates Mrs Fawcett on her brilliant letter in The Times. Bernard Shaw sent him his "Press Cuttings" and Lord Roberts an advance copy of his proposed speech in the Lords.

313. Letter from Cecil M Chapman of Roehampton. 26 June 1910
Asks Mrs Fawcett to ask Mr Balfour to receive a deputation from the NUWSS urging the necessity of an early date for discussion of the Bill. If Balfour refuses to press for an early date they should have a Hyde Park demonstration with a dozen platforms to be addressed by members of the Conciliation Committee and other favourable MPs.

314. 29 June 1910
Circular from MPs Fawcett about a meeting with Mrs and Miss Pankhurst and Mrs Pethick Lawrence of the WSPU on the possibility of a joint peaceful demonstration of all the chief suffrage societies in support of Mr Shackleton’s Bill. The WSPU would not agree to suspend militant action until after the demonstration unless a date prior to 10 July was fixed by the Government for a second reading of Mr Shackleton’s Bill. Therefore the idea of a joint demonstration with the WSPU was rejected.

315. Letter from H N Brailsford 30 June [1910?]
Has had a full talk with the leaders of the WSPU about the misunderstanding between the two societies. If she could have heard them all doubts of their honesty would have vanished.

316. Letter from Mrs H M Swanswick, editor of The Common Cause. She was glad that the Council had an opportunity of hearing from Mrs Fawcett how the matter lay with the WSPU. None of them could swallow Mrs Lawrence’s letter. Thinks the NUWSS should take a hall for the night of the second reading of the Bill.

317. Letter from Hilda Runciman of Westminster. 10 July 1910
Does not believe the suffrage question plays an important part in the election of MPs.

318. Letter from Julia C Chance of Godalming. 11 July 1910
Gives her opinion of an anti-suffrage letter in The Times by Mrs Humphrey Ward.

319. Letter from Catherine C Osler of Birmingham 24 August 1910
Asks Mrs Fawcett’s opinion on the desirability or otherwise of supporting the Tax Resistance League.

320-322 Letters from Margaret Parkes (Mrs Kineton Parkes) of the Women’s Tax Resistance League.

320. 28 September 1910
Asks Mrs Fawcett’s attitude to tax resistance. In reply Mrs Fawcett says she does not agree that women have no duties to the state.

321. 8 October 1910
Apologises for bothering her with circulars.

322. 14 October 1910
It will be a great satisfaction if the NUWSS ultimately decide to adopt tax resistance.

323. Letter from H N Brailsford 11 November 1910
There may be an election in three weeks. If the Liberals are returned with a bigger majority they will be less inclined than ever to take a limited Bill.

324. 21 November 1910
Urges the adoption of tax resistance as soon as possible. Notes of replies 23 and 27 November that the matter would be discussed at the annual meeting in January.

325. 21 November 1910
Circular from NUWSS of resolution for AGM urging tax resistance in the event of no satisfactory assurances being given by the Government on facilities for the Conciliation Bill.

326. 25 November 1910
Some are anxious to resist paying taxes immediately. Others will only do so if 500 others are of the same mind.

327. 29 November 1910
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for explaining the position of the NUWSS.

328-333 July - November 1910
Leaflets issued by the Tax Resistance League.

334. No date
Newspaper cutting about evasion of income tax by married women.

335. Letter from Henry Noel Brailsford, Honorary Secretary of Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage.
3 December 1910
Agrees with Mrs Fawcett's idea of a Conference. "The Government holds itself free to judge what Bill will meet with the largest support in the House!".

336. 6 December [1910?]
Copy letter from Mrs Fawcett to "Sir" about the attitude of Mr Martin, MP [MP for St Pancras East] to women's suffrage.

337. Ante 5 May 1911
Leaflet of the Conciliation Committee for Women Suffrage with list of members and text of "Bill to Confer the Parliamentary Franchise on Women".

338. Letter from Alfred Lyttleton, MP [for St George's, Hanover Square].
1 May 1911
It seems best that no one on their Front Bench should speak for or against the Bill. He would prefer waiting another year before bringing the matter before Parliament again.

339. Letter from H N Brailsford, Hon Secretary, Conciliation Committee.
7 May [1911]
Refers to the "superb division on Friday". Thinks Lloyd George's provision for maternity in his Insurance Scheme is the best thing done by anyone for women in their generation. Suggests that the NUWSS thanks Lloyd George publicly.

340. Letter from Julia E Kennedy of Morfa Nevin, N Wales.
20 August 1911
"One can't help feeling anxious about the people who will insist on 'widening amendments' knowing that the 'Antis' will support them in the hope of wrecking the Bill altogether".

341. Letter from H N Brailsford, Hon Secretary of the Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage.
26 November 1911
Hardly knows how to express himself in decent terms about Lloyd George.

342. [December 1911]
Notes by Mrs Fawcett for interview with Sir Edward Grey.

343. 11 December 1911
Notes by Mrs Fawcett about an interview with Sir Edward Grey. Invited him to Council meeting on 22 February, but he could not give a positive answer. Asked him to support an amendment to the Reform Bill on Norwegian lines - an extension of the principle of household suffrage to the wife of a householder.

344-345. Letters from Maud Selbourne of Liss, Hampshire.

344. 19 December 1911
Suggests printing Sir Edward Grey's speech as a leaflet.

345. 21 December 1911
Thinks it a good idea to call Sir Edward Grey's amendment "household suffrage for women", as people have got used to the phrase "household suffrage".

24 December 1911
Returns memorandum (343 above). Her husband attaches great importance to Sir Edward Grey moving the amendment, though he is not very keen on the Norwegian plan himself. He hopes suffragists will not pin all their faith on this or any other amendment to the Franchise Bill as he thinks the Government unlikely to last long enough to pass it over the heads of the Lords. The Lords are also unlikely to pass the Conciliation Bill. Lloyd George has turned the suffrage question into a more or less party question.

347-348 Letters from H N Brailsford, Hon Secretary of the Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage.
347. 7 January [19120]
Returns note of Mrs Fawcett's talk with Sir Edward Grey. Wonders how it will be possible to distinguish householders from non-householders. Wonders if a clause making women apply for the vote will be acceptable.
348. 22 January 1912
They must insist that the Government oppose the referendum. Is no longer the person to approach Mrs Pankhurst. She will not tolerate anything short of full sex equality.

349. Letter from KD Courtney of London
22 January 1912
Mr Brailsford has just telephoned about an encounter with Mrs Pankhurst. He says any idea of a conference is out of the question. Mrs Pankhurst called him a traitor and refuses to look at anything short of an equal suffrage Bill for men and women introduced by the Government. The WSPU intend to continue their tactics. C P Scott is coming to London to see Lloyd George.

350-352 Letters from Lady Constance Lytton of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.

350. 6 February 1912
Should not release the Government from their compact, but should press home their full advantage.

351. 6 February 1912
Criticism of Arthur Henderson and the Labour Party’s attitude to women’s suffrage.

352. 22 February 1912
Would like Mrs Fawcett’s interpretation of Lloyd George’s intentions. Does not think Mrs Fawcett should criticise other suffrage societies in public. The WSPU want satisfactory answers from Lloyd George to their questions.

353. Letter from Harold Cox of London.
21 February 1912
Suggests re-wording of the Conciliation Bill to enfranchise every woman whose name is on the local government register.

354. Letter from HN Brailsford Hon Secretary of the Conciliation Committee.
1 March 1912
In view of the disunion that the WSPU has brought about some demonstration of unity from women would be valuable on the eve of the second Reading. Suggests Mrs Fawcett asks Lady Carlisle and Lady Selbourne to join her in a letter to suffragist MPs and to the press a little before 22 March. Hopes to get a joint conference between the Conciliation Committee, and Mr Henderson’s and Mr Dickinson’s groups to unite in a common policy.

355. Letter from Lady Maud Selbourne.
March 1912
Has considered Mr Brailsford’s proposal and suggests a meeting with Lady Carlisle to discuss signing a request to members to pass the Conciliation Bill unchanged and later to support the Grey amendment to the Government’s Reform Bill.

356. Letter from H N Brailsford
2 March [1912]
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her history. Lady Selbourne may be right in saying Tory MPs would have a shock on seeing her name with those of Lady Carlisle and Mrs Despard, but the shock would be salutary. Hopes to persuade Mr George to let their Bill through before the Reform Bill. Approves Lady Selbourne’s proposal.

357. Letter from KD Courtney of Shawford, Hampshire.
8 April 1912
Must find out when the Reform Bill is to be introduced. Mr Brailsford suggests getting Ramsay MacDonald to ask a question in the House. No amendment to the Reform Bill could be carried if the Irish Party voted against it. Mr Brailsford suggests forming an alliance with the Labour Party. Dr Ethel Williams thinks the same. Philip Snowden says the Labour Party is debarred by its constitution from forming an alliance with any other organisation, but something might be done through the Fabian Women.

358. Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett.
Thinks it essential for the NUWSS to maintain its non-party attitude, but as the Labour Party is the only one to advocate women’s suffrage as part of its policy they should support Labour candidates at elections, unless opponents are old friends of women’s suffrage.

359. Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Crookenden.
30 March [1915]
Had no intention of causing Miss Eustace to withdraw from contest for Hon Secretaryship on Miss Atkinson’s resignation.

360. Letter from IO Ford
Friday, n.d.
Will send notices to the Leeds papers. Is much involved with her women’s union. The Cutlers’ union will work with it.

361. Letter from L Wright of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.
2 November [1915]?
Will distribute some of the leaflets sent by Mrs Fawcett to ladies interested in relief and preventive work. The suffrage work is fairly established.

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M50/2/2/1-2 Mrs Fawcett’s Own Indexes to Her Letters
1. 1886-1897
2. 1910
**M50/2/3/1-2 Notebooks of Analyses of Parliamentary Divisions:**

(Alphabetical lists of MPs and how they voted)
1. 1867-1875
2. 1875-1883

**M50/2/4/1-27 Notes by Mrs Fawcett for Her Speeches**

1. 31 May 1890
   Speech on women's suffrage. "Miss Bakewell".

2. 9 April 1891
   Speech at Rugby on women's suffrage.

3. 13 April 1891
   Speech at Westminster Town Hall on women's suffrage.

4. 8 May 1891
   Speech at Bolton on education.

5. 3 June 1891
   Speech to Women's Liberal Unionist Association against Home Rule.

6. 23 October 1891
   Speech at Lewisham on women's suffrage.

7. 13 November 1891
   Speech at Liverpool [Conference of Women Workers].
   (see also M50/5/6/2,3)

8. 15 November 1891
   Speech at Ancoats on Justice.

9. Speech at Coventry on women's suffrage.

10. 3 December 1891
    Speech on Justice and Expediency.

11. 29 January 1892
    Speech on Women's Suffrage Bill at Hammersmith.

12. 23 February 1892
    Speech on Women's Suffrage Bill at Hammersmith.

13. 27 April [1892]
    Speech on same.

14. 13 December 1892
    Speech on same at Northampton.

15-24 No date
    Speeches and parts of speeches on women's suffrage etc.

25-27 [Post 1902 and Post 1914]
    Notes on New Zealand and women's suffrage.

**M50/2/5-21 The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies**

**M50/2/5-21 Correspondence**

Answers from the branches of the NUWSS to Mrs Fawcett’s message of 31 January 1913 in Common Cause, bound by Grafton Galleries, 27 February 1913.

1. Aldershot - Folkestone.
2. Gateshead - Ryde, Isle of Wight.
4. London and Scotland.

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**M50/2/6-8 Minutes (Duplicated or printed. Most have alterations and notes by Mrs Fawcett.)**

**M50/2/6/1-5 Council Minutes**

1. 12 November 1914
   Duplicated minutes of the Provincial Council Meeting at Wallasey.

2. 4-6 February 1915

3. 17-19 June 1915
   Final Agenda Special and Half Yearly Council Meeting, Thursday June 17th, Friday June 18th and Saturday June 19th, 1915,
Birmingham. Alterations and marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett.

4. 17-18 June 1915
   Proceedings of same.

5. 23-24 February 1915

**MSO/2/7/1-22 Executive Committee (draft duplicated minutes)**

1. 24 January 1913
2. 27 January 1913 (noon)
3. 27 January 1913 (6 pm)
4. 28 January 1913
5. 15 January 1914
6. 3 August 1914
7. 6 August 1914
8. 4 November 1914
9. 3 December 1914
10. 4 January 1915
11. 18 February 1915
12. 4 March 1915
13. 18 March 1915
14. 18 March 1915 (printed extract re invitation to attend International Congress of Women at the Hague)
15. 15 April 1915
16. 30 April 1915
17. 6 May [1915]
18. 15 July 1915
19. 5 August 1915
20. 1 March 1917
21. 1 November 1917
22. 3 January 1918

**MSO/2/8/1-2 Election Fighting Fund Committee (draft duplicated minutes with notes by Mrs Fawcett)**

1. 14 July 1915
2. 3 August 1915

**MSO/2/9/1-55 Circulars**

1. 3 October 1908
   Asking for donations to a guarantee fund of £1,000 to provide accommodation for the Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, April - May 1909.

2. 29 June 1910
   Statement by Mrs Fawcett about meeting of Mrs Fawcett and two other members of the National Union of Women's Suffrage with Mrs and Miss Pankhurst and Mrs Pethick Lawrence of the WSPU about the possibility of a joint peaceful demonstration on 9 or 23 July.

3. 13 October 1911
   Urging lobbying of MPs to support the Conciliation Bill. Enclosed 4 below.

4. 10 August 1911
   Circular from Lord Lytton, chairman of the Conciliation Committee for Woman Suffrage to MPs asking for agreement in advance on amendments to be made in Committee.

5. 3 February 1913
   About "tax resisting". Supporting the Election Fighting Fund is more effective.

6. No date
   Circular about demonstration, Hyde Park, 26 July 1913.

7. [January 1914]
   Explanation by Mrs Fawcett of policy of supporting [G H] Stuart, the Labour candidate in the NW Durham by-election, [31 January 1914] despite his opponent, Aneurin Williams, being a pro-suffragist.

8-9 6 August 1914
   Decision of the Executive Committee to suspend political agitation for the duration of the war and place the resources of the society at the disposal of the Mayor for relief work. Suggested schemes of work.

10. August 1914
   Draft Syllabus "Women's Work in Time of War".

11-51 Material for 1915
   NUWSS Executive Council election addresses - attitudes to the war

11. 22 January 1915
   Millicent Garrett Fawcett, President.

**12-28 No date**

12. KD Courtney, Hon Secretary
13. Catherine E Marshall, Parliamentary Hon Secretary
34-36 No date

37. 26 February 1915
Circular sending 38 below.

38. Statement of the attitude of the NUWSS to the War.

39. 26 February 1915
Circular sending 40 below.


41. Summary of 40 above.

42. February 1915
Standing Orders of the Executive Committee.

43. 9 March 1915
Circular about the need to maintain the organisation of Society and point out to MPs the connection between the work women are doing in war and the need for enfranchisement.

44. 9 March 1915
Resolutions of Council, including need for women to be consulted on the part to be played by them in the event of invasion.

45. 23 April 1915
Mrs Fawcett’s letter to Secretaries of Federation and Societies about the resignation of several of the Executive Committee over the decision of the Executive Council not to send official delegates to represent the NUWSS at the Hague International Congress. (printed).

46-47 2 May 1915
Copy of letter from Mrs Fawcett (signed to an unnamed Secretary of a NUWSS Society replying to a letter of criticism about the Society's attitude to the Hague International Congress, and copy of letter from Emily Leaf to the New Statesman dated 4 March, which caused a misunderstanding.

48. 7 June 1915
Copy of letter from Chrystal Macmillan to Miss Atkinson about the resignations from the Executive.

49-50 14-15 July 1915
Resolution of the Election Fighting Fund Committee to continue supporting Labour candidates, and report on work done in preparation for a general election.

51. 24 August 1915
Circular deprecating the attempt of Mr ED Morel of the Union of Democratic Control to form a branch in the NUWSS to affiliate with the UDC. Members of the NUWSS are free to join any political society they wish, but officials and members cannot use the NUWSS to provide political ends not sanctioned by the NUWSS Council.

52-55 Material for 1917

52. 15 February 1917
Circular acceptance of proposals of the Speaker’s Conference even though the female suffrage proposed in a Bill based on these is not as good as they had hoped for.

53. 22 February 1917
Honorary officers and votes cast for Executive Committee.

54. 27 February 1917
Resolutions of annual council meeting, 21-23 February.

55. 13 December 1917
Circular re annual council meeting, 20-22 February 1918.
M50/2/10/1-50 National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies Information Bureau Department. Stencilled information sheets, with notes by Mrs Fawcett.

1. Index

2. No date
Women's Suffrage Societies in Great Britain and Ireland

3. April 1914
Newspaper cutting “Suffrage Directory”.

4-48 No date

4. Women and Temperance Reform - New Zealand, 1893-1911
6. Women and Temperance Reform - USA, 1869-1896.
7. Legislation Dealing with the Position of Wife and Mother - Australia, 1894-1908.
8. Women and Moral Reforms - USA, 1869-1893.
10. Suffrage Map of USA, 1869-1914.
12. Legislation for the Protection of Widows in Countries Where Women Have the Vote, 1895-1912.


15. Infant Mortality, 1909 (comparison of places where women vote and where they do not).
17. Legislation Dealing with the Position of Wife and Mother - Australia, 1896-1912.
19. Legislation Dealing with the Position of Wife and Mother - USA, 1869-1912.
20-32 Biographical sketches:
20. Mrs Fawcett, LL D, First President of the International Suffrage Alliance.
21. Mrs Abbott
22. Councillor Margaret Ashton, MA
23. Lady Frances Balfour
24. Mrs Creighton
25. Dr Elsie M Inglis
26. Miss Lil Lumsden
27. Miss Chrystal Macmillan
28. Miss Muriel Matters
29. Mrs Rackham
30. Miss Agnes Maude Royden
31. Mrs Philip Snowden
32. Mrs Swanwick
33. Women Town Councillors and Their Views on Women's Suffrage.
35. Pioneer Women.
36. Answers to Anti-Suffrage Arguments.
37. The Power of the Vote to Increase Wages.
38. Trade Boards Act, 1909.
40. Formation and Growth of Women's Suffrage Societies, 1898-1914.
41. Women Doctors, 1858-1914.
42. Recent Records and Honours for Women, 1906-1914.
43. Information Bureau Department.
44. Women Policemen.
45. Women in the Legal Profession.
46. Multum in Parvo - various statistics.
47. The Conciliation Bills of 1910 and 1911, Reform Bill, 1912, and Dickinson Bill, 1913.
48. Openings for Women.

M50/2/11/1-3 Annual Reports

M50/2/11/1-3 National Society for Women's Suffrage Central Committee, 10 Great College Street. Annual Reports of Executive Committee.

1. 9 July 1889
2. 15 July 1890
3. 14 July 1891

M50/2/12 Edinburgh National Society for Women's Suffrage, March 1892 Twenty-Fourth Annual Report, 1892.

M50/2/13/1-23 Demonstrations and Exhibitions of the NUWSS

1. 9 July [1910]
Programme for Mass Meeting in Support of the Conciliation Women's Suffrage Bill, held by the London Society for Women's Suffrage in Trafalgar Square.

2-3 5 November 1912
2. Programme for meeting of NUWSS in the Albert Hall.

3. Newspaper cutting advertising same.

4-8 18-26 July 1913.

4-5 Programmes for Great Suffrage Pilgrimage and Hyde Park Demonstration, dated 26 July.

6. Programme for Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage and Hyde Park Demonstration, dated 26 July.

7. Route Map for Pilgrimage.


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9. Proposed Committees for Woman's Kingdom Exhibition, organised by the NUWSS.

10-11 Leaflets on exhibition.

12. 11-30 April 1914. Women's Kingdom Exhibition brochure.

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M50/2/14/1-5 Miscellaneous Papers of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (typed or stencilled)

1. 19 May 1906
   Agenda for Deputation to Prime Minister. List of representatives of various suffrage bodies.

2. 5 May 1911
   List of friendly MPs who abstained or did not pair, or who voted against the Bill.

3. June 1911
   List of persons willing to speak for the National Union of Suffrage Societies (printed).

4. 19 August 1911
   "List of MPs and ministeralists" sent by Mr Brailsford, willing to vote for Conciliation Bill and new members of the Conciliation Committee.

5. No date
   Note on meeting with the Adult Suffrage Society.

M50/2/15/1-2 Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association

1. [1884] Rules [November 1884]

2. 1906

M50/2/16/1-11 Publications of the Central National Society for Women's Suffrage, 29 Parliament Street, London, SW [In 1872 a Central Committee of the National Society was formed. In December 1888 it split into the Central National Society in Parliament Street and the Central Committee in Great College Street. In December 1900 they reunited into the Central Women's Suffrage Society, Millbank Street, Westminster.]

1. 1873
   Speech of the late John Stuart Mill ... in favour of Women's Suffrage ... Edinburgh, January 12th, 1871 [1873 Died April 1873]

2-3 No date

2. Mr Gladstone on the Women's Disabilities Removal Bill, [3 May 1871], n.d.

3. Mr Jacob Bright, MP, on Women's Suffrage, [6 June 1877], n.d.

4. 1879
   Ought Women to Have Votes for Members of Parliament, n.d. [by Caroline Ashurst Biggs, 1879].

5. 1884
   Twenty-Five Reasons For Supporting Women's Suffrage, reprinted from The English Labourers' Chronicle, 6 September 1884.

6-7 No date


7. The Dean of Winchester on Woman's suffrage, reprinted from The Nineteenth Century, n.d.

8. 1891
   Women's Work and Women's Vote, reprinted from the Pall Mall Gazette, 2 December 1891.

9. 1892

10-11 No date


**M50/2/17/1-15 Publications of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage, 10 Great College Street, Westminster**

**1-3 1889**

1. Women’s Suffrage Extracts No II. The Late Miss Caroline Ashurst Biggs. Letter from an Englishwoman to Englishwoman. [1889]

2. Speech of the Countess of Portsmouth at the Annual Meeting of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage, July [1889]

3. The Bishop of Carlisle [Harvey Goodwin] on Women’s Suffrage, August 9, 1889.

**4-5 1890**

4. Women’s Suffrage Extracts No IV. Viscount Wolmer, MP. Speech at Westminster Town Hall, July 15th 1890.

5. Speech of Mrs Fawcett [Treasurer] at the Annual Meeting of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage, July 15th, 1890.

**6-8 1891**


7. Proof of signatories to Memorial above.


**9-13 1892**

9. A Reply to the Letter of Mr Sam Smith, MP, on Women’s Suffrage, by Mrs Fawcett 1892, reprinted from The Morning Post and other papers. (2 copies)

10. Speech in Moving the Extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women Bill, by Sir Albert Kaye Rollit, DCL, MP, in the House of Commons, April 27th 1892.

11. Speech in support of the Parliamentary Franchise Extension to Women Bill, by Right Hon. AJ Balfour, MP, in the House of Commons, April 27th, 1892.

12. Speech by Professor RC Jebb, MP, at the Annual Meeting of the Central Committee of the National Society for Women’s Suffrage, May 31st, 1892.

13. Women's Suffrage Appeal. Complete text of Appeal to the House of Commons. [c. 1892]

14. 1895

15. 1896
Opinions of Leaders of Religious Thought on Women's Suffrage. 1896.

**M50/2/18 Publications of the Central Society for Women’s Suffrage, 28 Millbank, Westminster. [In 1900 the Central National Society and the Central Committee reunited as the Central Society, 28 Millbank Street.]**


**M50/2/19/1-9 Publication of the Central Society for Women’s Suffrage, 25 Victoria Street, London SW. [In 1907 renamed the London Society. In 1908 moved to 58 Victoria Street.]**

**1-2 No date**

1. Speech in the House of Commons on Women’s Suffrage by Right Hon AJ Balfour, MP [27 April 1892]

2. The Late Marquis of Salisbury on Women’s Suffrage, n.d. [post 1896].

3. 1907
List of Leaflets to be obtained from the Central Society for Women’s Suffrage, May 1907.

**4-5 No date**


5. A Constitutional Sluice or Steps in the Enfranchisement of Women, by Emily Davies, n.d. [post 29 November 1907]

**6-9 1908**

6. The Physical Force Argument Against Women’s Suffrage, letter by Emily Davies reprinted from The Times, 17 August 1908.

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25. To Adult Suffragists, n.d.


27. NUWSS General Election Manifesto. 17 December 1909.

28-33 No date

28. Leaders of the Suffrage Movement - photographs of Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy, Lady Frances Balfour, Mrs Swanwick, Margaret Ashton and Bertha Mason.

29. Stencilled list of publications of the NUWSS.

30-40 14 Great Smith Street, London SW.


32. Votes for Women, The Conciliation Bill Explained. [c. 1911]


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34. The Maternity Benefit, by Anna Martin, July 1911,

35. Mr Asquith's Pledges for The Conciliation Bill. [post June 1911]

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40. 1916

Suffragists and Registration. Letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mr Asquith, 4 May 1916.


The Programme of the NUWSS No 1 Woman and the Peace Conference, January 1919.

MSO/2/22-24 International Woman Suffrage Alliance

MSO/2/22/1-113 Correspondence and Draft Minutes, 30 December 1908 - 23 February 1916 [Most of the minutes have alterations and addenda by Mrs Fawcett, who was a Vice President of the Alliance.]

1-5 Letters from Revd. Anna Howard Shaw of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

1. 30 December 1908

About the abilities and personalities of Miss [Rae] Costello and Miss [Eleanor] Rendel, two speakers on women's suffrage.

2. 29 January 1909

Asks for news of any new laws relating to suffrage and rights of citizenship for the quinquennial meeting in Toronto.

3. 25 February 1909

Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett about arrangements for Revd. Shaw to speak on Sundays during the IWUSA Congress, London.

4. 11 March 1909

Reply to above and asking for alterations to be made. Sails on 10 April to arrive on 19th.

5. 13 March 1909

Ex-governor Adams of Colorado and Mrs Grenfel of Colorado cannot attend the Congress. Is pleased at reports of Mrs Fawcett's debate with Mrs Humphrey Ward, an anti-suffragist.

6. From Carrie Chapman Catt, President of IWUSA.

6 May 1909

The Women's Freedom League have applied for admission to the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. Process to be followed to determine if they are eligible for membership. Asks for membership numbers of the NUSS. The additional society must have two-thirds the membership of the old. Note by Mrs Fawcett that the WFL had not enough members to join the Alliance.

7. From Revd. Anna H Shaw

9 October 1909

Have moved headquarters from Warren, Ohio, to New York and through the financial assistance of Mrs Belmont, mother of the Duchess of Marlborough, have been able to secure a desirable location on the 17th floor of a new eighteen-storey building. Is going to speak with Mrs Pankhurst at the Carnegie Hall, but will let it be known she has no sympathy with
the methods of the suffragettes.

8. 1910
Offprint from Daily News, 15 March, on "Women's Charter, Nine Bills Introduced in the House of Commons" - nine bills embodying principles set forth by Lady McLaren.

9-11 Letter from Laura McLaren (with enclosures).
21 March 1910
Sends circular she is sending to the Association of the International Suffrage Alliance urging that they bring forth bills in their Legislatures to remove women's grievances. Encloses resolution of the IWSA meeting in London, 1 May 1909, which called on members to prepare a statement of laws placing women at a disadvantage.

12. From Carrie Chapman Catt, President of IWSA, from Stockholm.
15 May 1911
Thinks Mrs Fawcett or Mrs Snowden should attend the Stockholm Congress as they are well known. The Swedish Upper House has defeated the Suffrage Bill, in a postscript says she realises Mrs Fawcett must stay in London if there is a possibility of a Bill being passed.

13. From Signe Bergman, Swedish Secretary of IWSA.
16 May 1911
Urges Mrs Fawcett to come to Sweden. The action of the militants in England has caused trouble for the Swedish movement.

14-15 Letter from KS Courtney, Hon. Secretary, NUWSS (with enclosure).
20 February 1913
Encloses copy of Mrs Swanwick's Report of Suffrage in Great Britain, February 1911-February 1913, sent to Mrs Chapman Catt.

25 November 1914 (French)
Criticises Miss Sheepshanks for an article she wrote in the November issue of Jus Suffragii.

17-20 Letters to and from M Sheepshanks, Headquarters Secretary of IWSA.

17. 30 March 1915
Agrees that the French article is well written, moderate and dignified, but it does state the French national position with regard to the origin of the war. The question is what is the policy of Jus Suffragii to be? Are they to drop the rule of not discussing the responsibility for the origin of the war. Once one country states its beliefs on the origins of the war all the others will join in. Would like one special issue to be devoted to it, and have banned from the rest. Sends Miss Macmillan's suggestions.

18. Copy of Miss Macmillan's letter to Miss Sheepshanks.

19. 31 March 1915
Reply from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Sheepshanks. Thinks the question of responsibility for the war should be excluded from Jus. Criticises Miss Sheepshanks for allowing Frau Stritt's letter giving the German point of view and the opposing view from Bohemia to be published. Should, however, allow countries to state their reasons for not joining in the Peace Congress in Holland.

20. 14 April 1915
There are two matters requiring the attention of the Committee - leave for the editor of Jus Suffragii (herself) to attend the Hague Conference, and Mme de Schlumberger's letter urging publication of a special supplement giving each nation's views on the war and objecting to alterations to the French article sent for the April number. Mrs Catt is agreeable to her attending the Conference. Note of Mrs Fawcett's reply. Thinks the Congress can do little good for peace and may do harm to suffrage.

21-22 Letters to and from [Mrs CC Catt].
21 April 1915
Encloses Swedish proposal that an international women's congress be held in the same place as the peace negotiations, to press the claims of women on the negotiators. De Durnberg, former German Colonial Secretary, has been campaigning for Germany in USA, and has laid down the probable terms of peace Germany will demand. Seems therefore that peace may come at any time.

23-24 22 May 1915
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Presidents of all branches of IWSA urging acceptance of the Swedish proposal.

25. 6 June 1915 (French)
Proposals of the Union Française Pour le Suffrage des Femmes.

26. Epitome of same (English)

27. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
9 June 1915
The French Suffrage Society do not like pacifist articles appearing in Jus Suffragii. They have suggested that each country send articles on the way women are doing men's work, organising soldiers clubs and how they interpret women's duties in military organisation.

28. Copy letter to Mrs Catt from Chrystal Macmillan, 1st Rec. Secretary, IWSA Scotland, and Secretary of the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace. 25 July 1915.

29-30 Letter and enclosure from M Sheepshanks.
24 August 1915
Sends copy of a letter from Madame de Witt Schlumberger insisting that what they send to the Jus Suffragii should be inserted verbatim and that nothing from any other French source should be published without their permission. Would like to meet the Committee to discuss the matter.

31-33 From Adel Coit, Treasurer, ISWA.
26 August 1915
Sends a copy of her letter (32) to Miss Sheepshanks about the reply to Mme de Schlumberger and a copy of a letter (33) from Signe Bergman, 18 August, who thinks they should go ahead with a Congress. “Miss Macmillan does not care two straws for the Alliance nor for the suffrage point of view.”

34. Copy by Mrs Fawcett of Signe Bergman’s letter, 18 August.

35-36 From MB Davis
26 August 1915
Sends Miss Sheepshanks’s suggested reply to Mme de Witt Schlumberger, 25 August.

37. 27 August [1915]
Note by Mrs Fawcett on above.

38. 29 August 1915
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Sheepshanks commenting on her proposed reply.

39-40 From Adela Coit
31 August and 1 September 1915
Fears Miss Macmillan will try and influence Mrs Coit against the IWSA holding a Congress. Sends a copy of Miss Macmillan’s letter (40) of 24 August en route to see Mrs Catt in USA. Suggests telegraphing Mrs Catt.

41. 1 September
Note by Mrs Fawcett re Irishwomen’s Suffrage Federation wishing to join the Alliance. (Also referred to in Miss MacMillan’s letter above.)

42. No date
Proposed cable to Mrs Catt from Mrs Coit

43. 3 September
Mrs Fawcett’s suggestions for a cable.

44. 3 September 1915
About telegram sent to Mrs Catt. Believes Chrystal Macmillan honest, but too absorbed in her own particular view of a case that she can see nothing else.

45. 5 September 1915
About a letter from Miss Sheepshanks on salaries. Thinks Miss Sheepshanks is ill and that accounts for her strange behaviour. Notes by Mrs Fawcett suggest giving Miss Davis a bonus.

46-49 Letters from Madame de Witt Schlumberger

46-47 18 September 1915 (French)
The Jus Suffragii should be concerned only with the suffrage question and not about pacifism. Is sending an open letter to Mrs Catt, President of IWSA for publication in Jus. Copy enclosed (47).

48. 19 September 1915
Postcard photograph of Jean du Breuil de Saint Germain of the French Suffrage Society, killed in battle 22 February 1915, sending a correction to a signature to the French “rapport”.

49. 2 October 1915
About the purpose of Jus Suffragii and her forthcoming visit to England.

50. Letter from M B Davis for Miss Sheepshanks
5 October 1915
About a visit by Mme Duchene, President of the Labour Section of the French National Council of Women complaining at the way the Manifesto of French Women to the Hague Congress was condensed in the July number of Jus.

51. 7 October 1915
Agenda for a Headquarters Committee of IWSA, 9 October.

52-53 From Mary Sheepshanks.
7 October 1915
Encloses a translation (53) of a note from Mme Duchene for insertion in Jus Suffragii in reply to Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s attack on their manifesto.

54. From Adela Coit
8 October 1915
About arrangements for Mme do Witt Schlumberger’s visit. Thinks they could give surplus money to the Belgians at the TWRC.

55. 9 October 1915
Notes by Mrs Fawcett on resolution of the Headquarters Committee that the IWSA and its organ Jus Suffragii having been founded for women’s suffrage only, other controversial political objects such as pacifism should not be advocated in the paper.

56-57 Letters from Mrs Coit

56. 10 October 1915
Has slightly altered Mrs Fawcett’s letter, so that Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s presence is mentioned and to avoid hurting Miss Sheepshanks.

57. 16 October 1915
Complains that Miss Sheepshanks prematurely told Mrs Russell of the resolution to leave out Peace from Jus Suffragii who promptly withdrew her subscription.
58. Notes by Mrs Fawcett

59. 8 November 1915
Agenda for Headquarters Committee Meeting of IWSA, 16 November, and notes by Mrs Fawcett.

60. Letter from Mrs Coit.
20 November 1915
Votes with Mme de Witt Schlumberger to preserve unity. Chrystal Macmillan refuses to see her.

61-62 Letters from Mary Sheepshanks.

61. 23 November 1915
Sends letter (not enclosed) from Switzerland expressing dissatisfaction with the French edition of Jus and asking that it be dropped during the war.

62. 26 November 1915
Mrs Coit agrees with Mlle Gourd that it would be best to drop the French edition. Mrs Coit suggests sending the English paper to all who are willing to have it instead.

63. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on Miss Sheepshanks proposals for reducing expenses. Sent to Mrs Coit, 28 November 1915.

64. Letter from Annie Furuhjelm of Finland.
28 November 1915
Regrets the exclusion of pacifism from Jus. Fears there may be a reaction against women’s suffrage after the war.

65. Letter from Mrs Coit.
29 November 1915
Miss Sheepshanks thinks they could save on salaries by sacking Miss Davis and using a less highly trained clerk. Mrs Coit favours giving up the French Jus.

66. Notes of Mrs Fawcett on the French paper and Miss Sheepshanks’s suggestions. Is against sacking Miss Davis.

67. Letter from [Miss Sheepshanks]
Postmarked 29 November
The Italians complain that their reports are cut out of the French edition. Agrees that they should keep the paper alive if possible.

68. Letter from Adela Coit.
30 November 1915
Thinks Miss Sheepshanks’s latest proposals for the running of the office are good.

69. From Mme de Witt Schlumberger of Paris.
5 December 1915 (French)
Complaints against Miss Sheepshanks. Thinks the resolution against the publishing of items on pacifism should be inserted in Jus.

70. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
8 December 1915
Would like the Committee to examine her index of Jus before it is printed. A large proportion of the November number of Jus sent neutral countries have been returned by the censor, because they have no permit.

71. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above. Wishes to postpone publication of Mrs Catt’s letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger. Is against a meeting in Holland and against moving the paper to USA.

72. From J S Wright of Dublin.
14 December [1915 ?]
Is glad to see pacifism dropped from Jus. The editor is biased and should be removed.

73. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
17 December 1915
Now that the pacifist articles have been dropped subscribers are withdrawing by every post. Has arranged with W H Smith to send the paper to neutral countries.

74. Letter from [Mrs Catt] t0 Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Adela Stanton Coit.
23-29 November 1915 Long letter (7 pages) about the peace work in the USA. Mrs Schwimmer, Mrs Pethick Lawrence, Miss Addams, Miss MacMillan have been on speaking tours. Dr Jacobs tried to see President Wilson on behalf of Holland, but he refused to see a representative of a belligerent country. Henry Ford has offered 10 million dollars to secure and maintain peace and has chartered a ship to take pacifists to Scandinavia. Does not think the Alliance can join in the proposed Peace Congress, but should hold its own in the same place, simply for the women’s suffrage question. Suggests that Jus Suffragii be taken over by individuals as a broad-minded international woman’s paper. Suggests a meeting of the international Board in Holland to discuss the future of the paper. Suggests transferring it to New York.

75. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above. Wishes to postpone publication of Mrs Catt’s letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger. Is against a meeting in Holland and against moving the paper to USA.

76. 29 November 1915
Mrs Catt’s open letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger for publication in Jus “Not published”. Defends inclusion of peace items in the paper and discusses possibility of a peace Congress.

77-78 22 December 1915
Draft and copy reply from Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Coit to Mrs Catt. Urge her to omit the question of two possible women’s congresses from her reply to Mme de Witt Schlumberger.

79. Letter from Adela Coit.
27 December 1915
Refers scathingly to Mr Ford’s “ship of fools”, which he has fled.

80. 29 December 1915
Draft reply. About the same. Also thought since meeting Rosika [Schwimmer] in 1914 that if she had enough rope she would hang herself.

81. Letter from Mrs Coit.
31 December 1915
About editing the French edition of Jus in Switzerland.

82. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
31 December 1915
About the same.

83. Letter from Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, President of IWSA.
23 December 1915
Has had no reply to her letter suggesting removal of Jus Suffragii to New York. Has secured offices and staff.

84. 10 January 1916
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett declining the suggestion and recapping on her previous letter.

85. Letter from Adela Coit.
8 January 1916
Is inclined to accept Mrs Catt’s offer for Jus after the lease on the present accommodation runs out.

86. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
10 January 1915 [sic]
Asks for leave of absence to attend the Women’s Labour League Conference. Comments on exhibition of Raemaker pictures. Several potential American subscribers to Jus have changed their minds since pacifism was dropped.

87. 11 January 1915 [sic]
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett. Agrees to her attending the Women’s Labour Conference, but expects that as Secretary of the Alliance and editor of its organ she will avoid identifying herself with anything which is controversial in the Alliance.

88. 16 January 1915 [sic] (1916)
Draft minutes of Headquarters Committee about Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s letter proposing a meeting in Paris of three delegates from each allied country and from USA to consider Mrs Catt’s suggestion.

89-91 Letters from Mary Sheepshanks.
89-90 21 January 1916
Sends a copy of a letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger, 19 January, saying it is time to stop the publication in Jus of correspondence about pacifism. The resolution of the Headquarters Committee should be published. Notes by Mrs Fawcett, 23 January of her reply.

91. 24 January 1916
Has replied to Mme de Witt Schlumberger on the lines suggested by Mrs Fawcett, and sent a copy of Mrs Catt’s letter and explained why it was held over. Fears Mrs Catt will give up the IWSA now that she has taken on the Presidency of the NAWSA.

92. February 1916
Advert for Jus Suffragii inserted in the Woman Worker.

93. Letter from Adela Coit.
2 February 1916
Sends a cutting (not enclosed) about Rosika Schwimmer, and quotes a letter from her husband describing her as “a terror” and “a coarse aggressive person”. Ford “has lost whatever prestige he had ever gained”.

94. Letter from Carrie Chapman Catt to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Coit.
19 January 1916
Has had no reply to her letter of 23 November. Is troubled that her open letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger was withheld by the Headquarters Committee. Does not endorse the resolution (of 9 October 1915) restricting Jus to suffrage matters. Does not agree that there was too much peace material in Jus. Sees no reason to withhold her letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger, especially as Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s to her was published.

95. 3 February 1916
Reply from Mrs Fawcett, sending a copy of the letter sent in reply to Mrs Catt’s of 23 and 29 November.

96-98 Letters from Mrs Catt.
96. 24 January 1916
Has now received letters from Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Coit. As the majority of the Board agree to restrict Jus to suffrage matters, she will not disagree, though she is unable to comprehend the position taken. Has had several letters protesting against the restriction. There is an anti-peace movement afoot in USA. Everyone is preparing for war. The Ford peace ship was made as ridiculous as possible by the press and Rosika Schwimmer is not as bad as she is painted. There is no chance of winning any suffrage in US until the war is over.

97-98 24 January 1916
Sends copy of her letter (98) to Mme de Witt Schlumberger, 25 January and suggests having a Swiss President after the war.

99-100 Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above letters.
101. Letter from Mrs Fawcett on above letters.
26 January 1916
The French have made proposals for the organisation of a Conference. A memorial should be prepared to be presented to the
Commission and Mrs Fawcett is the best person to do it.

102. 26 January 1916
Circular to officers of the Board of the IWSA sending Report of Votes of Presidents and Officers on the Swedish proposals (21-22 above) for a congress at the same place and time as the peace congress. Mrs Fawcett will prepare a Memorial to be present to the Peace Commission. Also sends a copy of her letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger.


104. Another copy of 103 with Mrs Fawcett’s notes.

105. 8 February 1916
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Mrs Russell asking her to deliver by hand to Mrs Catt a copy of her letter of 22 December, which has been lost in the post.

106. 11 February 1916
Notes by Mrs Fawcett on proposed letter to Mrs Catt.

107. 13 February 1916
Copy letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mme de Witt Schlumberger about Mrs Catt’s letter.

108. Letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.
No date (French)
Reply to above.

109. Copy letter from Adela Stanton Coit to Mrs Catt.
14 February 1916
If peace has not come by 1917 when the quadrennial Congress is due there is little chance of holding it, as it almost impossible to get permits to leave the country.

110. Letter from Mrs Coit to Mrs Fawcett.
22 February 1916
Felt her presence at the Committee meeting was not much use, as she was pledged to support Mrs Fawcett, but also found herself agreeing with several of Miss Macmillan’s arguments. Thinks Mrs Catt’s views should be represented in Jus as well as Mrs Fawcett’s and Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s. Miss Sheepshanks evidently wishes to go to Sweden to be rid of Mrs F and Mrs Coit.

111. 23 February [1916]
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett, agreeing that Mrs Catt should make her views known in Jus.

112. Letter from Mrs Coit.
23 February 1916
Has written to Mrs Catt re: moving HQ, Jus and Miss Sheepshanks to Sweden, about co-opting a third member of HQ Committee in place of Miss Macmillan, who is usually absent, and has urged Mrs Catt to write another letter to Jus.

113. [23 February 1916]
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Mrs Catt saying that Miss Macmillan, at the previous day’s HQ Committee proposed Mrs Catt’s original letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger be published. Mrs Fawcett opposed this and it was defeated. Miss Macmillan said she would write personally to Mrs Catt to ask her to publish her views on the events leading up to the resolution of 9 October. Mrs F agrees with this.

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International Woman Suffrage Alliance (cont.)
Correspondence and Draft Minutes, 25 February 1916 - 18 February 1919

114. 25 February 1916
Notes by Mrs Fawcett re letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger about Mrs Catt’s summary of the French proposals for a Congress, asking if it is a summary of French comments on the Swedish proposals circulated in April.

115. Letter from Adela Coit.
27 February 1916
Asks if she can pay the next instalment of her donation to the Special fund.

116-117 28 February 1916
Draft reply. Will pay her next instalment only if Jus keeps to the resolution of 9 October. Refers to cutting (117) from Manchester Guardian that Kramer, ex-official of the National Peace Council in USA, has admitted that funds came from German sources.

118. 28 February 1916
Decisions of Headquarters Committee to publish article by Hermann Fernau on “The Reconstitution of the Women’s Movement”.

119. Letter from Adela Coit.
1 March 1916
Cannot agree with the present policy of cutting out every mention of the word “peace” from Jus, and does not think that the resolution of 9 October should be so interpreted. Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s letter in which she says she wants justice for the Allies, advocated in Jus, not neutrality, came as a shock, and she cannot support it. As a naturalised British subject she has often suppressed her natural feelings till now.

120-121 Letter from M Sheepshanks with enclosure.
1 March 1916
Sends a copy (121) of Mme de Witt Schlumberger letter in which she says "we do not understand that one can be neutral between the attacker and the attacked, between right and force. But as it is evident that everyone cannot agree on this the only possibility is not to discuss it".

122. Letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.  
2 March 1916 (French)  
Three of her sons are under fire around Verdun, a forth is a prisoner.

123-124 Letter from Chrystal Macmillan, 1st Rec. Secretary of IWSA.  
2 March 1916  
Sends draft letter (124) to Board of Officers and affiliated societies re proposal to move offices to a neutral country, and suggests another meeting.

125. 3 March 1916  
Draft reply from Mrs Fawcett agreeing to another meeting of the HQ Committee.

126. 3 March 1916  
Draft letter to Mrs Coit in reply to hers of 1 March. Miss Sheepshanks has entirely misunderstood Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s letter. Mrs F has no wish to rule out any mention of "peace" and since the resolution of 9 October there have been several paragraphs in Jus about it.

127. From Mary Sheepshanks to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Coit.  
6 March 1916  
Sends Miss Macmillan’s draft proposals (129) on the Swedish Scheme and draft letter to accompany it.

128. Draft letter to Board of Officers and affiliated societies re proposal to move offices to Sweden.

129. Miss MacMillan’s draft "Proposed Method For Carrying Out the Swedish Scheme For a Congress of Women to be Summoned by the International Woman Suffrage Alliance to Discuss Woman Suffrage and Peace and to be Held in the Same Place and at the Same Time as the Conference of the Powers which Shall Frame the Terms of the Peace Settlement after the War". Marginal comments by Mrs Fawcett.

130. 7 March 1916  
Notes for Mrs Fawcett’s reply.

131. 11 March 1916  
Copy minutes of Headquarters Committee.

13 March 1916 (French)  
Sends the opinion of her Committee about the proposed Congress coinciding with the Peace Congress. Thinks there should be a small delegation to the Peace Congress, not a rival Congress to that proposed by the Hague Congress. Asks Mrs Fawcett to explain to Mrs Catt that during wartime they must not discourage their soldiers by talk of pacifism. When peace comes she will be among the foremost workers for it.

133. Translation of part of 132 above.

134-137 No date  
Proposed Method of Carrying Out the Swedish Scheme For a Congress of the Alliance and Delegates of other Women’s Organisations to Meet Under the Auspices of the alliance … Where Diplomatic Negotiations Between the Powers Take Place With a View to the Resettlement Necessary after the Present War, argument, letter and questionnaire accompanying the same.

138-141 As 134-137 above with Mrs Fawcett’s marginal comments.

142. 21 March 1916  
Minutes of Headquarter’s Committee.

143. 25 March 1916  
Copy letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mme de Witt Schlumberger saying Miss Macmillan has prepared another draft proposal for the Congress, suggesting three national societies from each country should send representatives.

144. 18 April 1916  
Draft minutes of HQ Committee with alterations by Mrs Fawcett.

145. Letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.  
27 April 1916 (French)  
Thinks her Committee will oppose any change in HQ during the war, especially to Sweden, which is very much under German influence. Would prefer Switzerland.

146-147 Letters from Carrie Chapman Catt, President of IWSA to Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Coit and Miss Macmillan.

146. 10 April 1916  
Is very against moving the headquarters and Jus to Sweden. Prefers it to stay in England in smaller offices. Proposes holding their usual Congress, due in 1917, as well as one amplified by additional societies.

147. 27 April 1916 (written on Iowa Equal Suffrage Association paper)  
Miss Bergman suggests holding a Congress in Sweden. Mrs Catt thinks it unwise to attempt a Congress while the war continues.

148-149 16 May 1916  
Draft minutes of the Headquarters Committee.

150. Letter from Miss Margaret W Coit.  
24 May 1916
Will work two days per week for Jus.

24 May 1916
Proposals for taking offices at 18 Adam Street, Strand.

152. 25 May 1916
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

153. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
9 June 1916
Has secured the offices in 11 Adam Street.

154. 20 June 1916
Draft minutes with alterations by Mrs Fawcett.

155-158 June 1916
Circular about the proposed Congresses after the war, sent by Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Coit and Miss Macmillan, with Proposed Method for Carrying Out the Swedish Scheme for a Congress ...Argument and Questionnaire.

159. 21 June 1916
Copy letter from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Macmillan explaining the need to cut expenditure by taking smaller offices.

160. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
3 July 1916
Proposes to leave on 7 July.

161-162 18 July 1916
Draft minutes of HQ Committee and notes by Mrs Fawcett.

163-168 Letters from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.

163. 23 July 1916 (French)
The whole Union Française will have to be consulted before she can accept the idea of a Congress. Does not think a Congress of the Alliance possible immediately after the war as the conqueror and the conquered will be both present. Likewise a Congress of Women’s Organisations will face the same problem.

164. Copy of letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger to Mrs Catt, enclosed in above urging international action against films which depict crime and violence.

165. Proposed questionnaire to show link between films and increased juvenile crime.

166. Notes of Mrs Fawcett.

167. 14 September 1916 (French)
Is astonished that a Congress of Women can be thought possible on the cessation of war.

168. 13 September 1916 (French)
Copy letter from same to Mrs Catt expressing the same views on the inadvisability of a Congress of ex-belligerents and neutrals. Suggests topics of a social nature which can be discussed through Jus e.g. nationality of married women, equality of salaries. Proposes a delegation of the alliance to the plenipotentiaries to put the case for women’s suffrage.

169. Letter from Chrystal Macmillan to Mrs Fawcett and Mrs Coit.
25 September 1916
Does not see any point in inserting in Jus the French article on their attitude to the proposed Congress without printing the attitude of other societies.

170-171 No date
Proofs sent by Percy Brothers Ltd, Hotspur Press, Manchester, of article on reply to proposed ISWA Congress after the war, [in Jus Suffragii].

172. 30 September 1916
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

173. Letter from Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt to Mrs Fawcett, Mrs Coit and Miss Macmillan.
3 October 1916
Sends circular letter to all officers of the Alliance. Feels it her duty to stay in USA where “a very bad and hurtful spirit has got into the National Association ... greatly stimulated by a gang of young women who were Mrs Pankhurst’s followers”. The opposition to woman suffrage has been strengthened by “an organised, well-endowed, unscrupulous power, chiefly if not entirely led by the liquor forces”.

174. Notes by Mrs F on above.

175. Circular, 3 October, sent with 173 above, asking for opinions on the feasibility of calling a Congress while the war is on or after it finishes. Mrs Frank M Roessing has raised 1,000 dollars for the Alliance.

176. Notes by Mrs F on above.

177. Letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.
7 October 1916 (French)
Is surprised the French report has not appeared in the October Jus for which it was intended. It did not attack any country, only the idea of a Congress. Intends to publish it in the French edition.

178. Copy of same.
179. 10 October 1916
Copy reply. Regrets that the French will not delete from their report their threat not to attend a Congress. It was not published in the October Jus in the hope that they would moderate it.

180. 17 October 1916
Draft minutes of HQ Committee, signed by Mrs Fawcett.

181. 18 October 1916
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mrs Catt. HQ Committee have decided to postpone all action and publicity on the contemplated post-war Congress till they hear from Mrs Catt.

182. 18 October 1916
Copy of card to Mme de Witt Schlumberger from Mrs Fawcett acknowledging her letter of 4 October.

183. Letter from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.
18 October 1916
Regrets that they do not agree over the French position. Fears that peace negotiations may only be a truce and that the war could restart. They would not wish to risk contributing to that.

184. Summary by Mrs Fawcett of above.

185. Resolutions passed by the NUWSS Executive, 19 October 1916, reversing its earlier assent to the enlarged scheme of an International Congress in view of the French reply, and to inform Mrs Catt that the French proposals (168 above) are more practical. Note by Mrs Fawcett, 20 December 1916, that she has sent her typed copy to Miss Sheepshanks.

186-187 21 October 1916
Draft letter to Mrs Catt sending resolutions of NUWSS.

188. 23 October 1916
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mme de Witt Schlumberger. Has been misled by thinking Mme de Witt Schlumberger was replying to letters she had not received. The NUWSS agrees with the French proposal for a small delegation.

189. c. 28 October 1916
Draft letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger. Mrs Catt’s letter of 3 October shows the whole question of a Congress to be very uncertain.

190. From Mme de Witt Schlumberger.
28 October 1916 (French)
Mrs Fawcett’s letter of 23 October has given her great pleasure.

191. 3 November 1916
Mrs Fawcett’s replies to questionnaire on whether to hold a Congress during the war.

192-193 3 November 1916
Copy letter from Marie Stritt to Miss Sheepshanks, sending the German replies to the same.

194. 14 November [1916 ?]
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Miss Wright sending letter [not enclosed] from Mme de Witt Schlumberger for the Committee meeting.

195. 14 November 1916
Note by Mrs Fawcett that she wrote to Mrs Catt about an attack on her in The Clarion.

196. 17 November 1916
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to Mme de Witt Schlumberger. The NUWSS consented to circulate copies of their resolutions of 19 October, to Presidents of societies in the IWSA. Thanks her for the withdrawal of the French demand for publication of their objections to a Congress.

197. 21 November 1916
Copy of corrected minutes of HQ Committee.

198. Post 23 November 1916
Report on votes in reply to Mrs Catt’s letter of 21 April 1915

199. Postcard from Dobelli Lampetti of Rome.
6 December 1916
Explains why a registered letter did not in fact contain any money. Will send it via her sister who teaches at Bedford College.

200-202 Copy of letters from Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt to Chrystal Macmillan.

200. 12 December 1916
Replies to letter of 7 October from Miss Macmillan about the question of printing Mme de Witt Schlumberger’s letter. Suggests not printing it. Suggests telling the International Council for Civil Liberties that the President of the IWSA declines to put any question about conscription to the Board because it would only add to the general confusion about proposed Congresses. Copy letter with above from Mrs Catt to Mme de Witt Schlumberger explaining why she feels the French report should not be published before the end of the war. It is impossible to do anything about [the bad influence of] moving pictures, because of the poor communications during the war.

202. 12 December 1916
Copy reply from Mrs Catt to Miss Macmillan’s letter of 8 November. There is agreement that there should be no IWSA Congress while the war lasts. They should not spend money rashly but should not withhold from new work for fear of spending it. In America the suffragists are trying “to secure the submission to the several legislatures of amendments to the Federal Constitution”. Three referendums voted against woman suffrage. In Iowa the German vote defeated them. Explains the background of the German settlers in South Dakota and Iowa. Praises Mrs Nellie McClung of Canada who is
203. Letter from Mrs Catt to Mrs Fawcett.
12 December 1916
Explains how she came to express an opinion on conscription to the American press, which led to an attack on her in The Clarion because of its supposed effect on the women's vote in Australia. Many of the women who work for peace in America are suffragists also which has led to all suffragists being considered against "preparedness". Received an uncensored letter from Germany stating that Germany longed for peace, and a woman from Germany came to ask her to make a plea to the President and Congress to try and get peace. Now Colonel House is to visit Germany on a secret peace mission. Hopes the new ministry in England will not be less liberal minded on the suffrage question than the old.

204. Postcard from Mme de Witt Schlumberger.
13 December 1916 (French)
Asks if the NUWSS is able to do anything in response to the appeal from the Serbian women against their enforced work in Germany.

205. 18 December 1916
Draft minutes of the Headquarters Committee with alterations by Mrs Fawcett.

206. 22 January 1917
Memorandum on NUWSS paper about Proposed Congress on a Greatly Enlarged Plan.

207. January 1917
Agenda for HQ Committee, 23 January.

208. 23 January 1917
Minutes of HQ Committee, signed by Mrs Fawcett, 27 January.

209. 28 February 1917
Minutes of HQ Committee, signed by Mrs Fawcett, 27 March.

210. March 1917
Agenda for HQ Committee, 27 March.

211. 27 March 1917
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

212-213 Letters from Carrie Chapman Catt, President of IWSA.

212. 17 March 1917
Three more American ships have been sunk by German submarines, so America is likely to be in the war soon. Comments on the Russian Revolution. "Whatever else comes as a result of this war I am sure that the emancipation of women of all nations will come as one of the greatest results". Sends 213 below.

213. 19 March 1917
Copy letter from Mrs Catt to Miss Annie Furuhjelm of Finland explaining why she has not written any letter in Jus. Rejoices at the Russian Revolution.

214. 17 April 1917
Draft minutes of Headquarters Committee.

215. 17 April 1917
Minutes, 14 May, of a Special Meeting on the Nationality of Married Women.

216. 14 May 1917
Draft minutes of HQ Committee

217. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
24 May 1917
Asks Mrs Fawcett's opinion on whether a paper read to a Berlin Conference on moral problems could be published in Jus. Mrs F notes that she strongly objects to this suggestion.

26 May 1917
Congratulations on the passing of the Women's Suffrage Bill by the Commons.

219. June 1917
Agenda for HQ meeting, 26 June

220. 26 June 1917
Draft minutes.

221-226 September 1917
Agenda for HQ Committee, 28 September, with copy letters from Ernestine von Furth of the Austrian Suffrage Committee to the Swedish Committee (222) suggesting simultaneous meetings of all the societies affiliated to the IWSA to express the unanimous desire for peace of the women of all countries, and a wish for a peace without victors or vanquished as the basis for future peace; from the Swedish Committee to Mme de Witt Schlumberger of France about the letter, n.d. (223); reply from Mme de Witt Schlumberger to Sweden 21 July (224). Right and justice must be the victor. France and Belgium represent violated right. Those who are responsible for war must ask for peace; reply from the Italian Federation for Woman Suffrage (224) "... to the insidious proposals which come from the country of hangmen they answer sending a rousing cheer of enthusiasm to the glorious army which in this day renews the virtue of the Italian race and they remember with affectionate devotion the martyrs of Austrian despotism", copy letter from the Irishwomen's Suffrage Federation to Jus (226) complaining that Ireland is omitted from the countries listed in Jus. "Readers ... are thus driven to suppose that Ireland is either a part of Great Britain or that she is non-existent". Mrs F has noted on this that a country is interpreted as a community with power to enfranchise its own women.
227. 28 September 1917
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

228. 29 September 1917
Draft letter to Mme de Witt Schlumberger about the Austrian letter, which she feels should not have been printed in Jus. Does not wish to publish the replies as this would contravene the resolution of 9 October 1915. Mrs How Martyn of the Freedom League has written an admirable letter which Mrs F has suggested she sends to Austria. Suggests Mme S does the same with her reply.

229. From Mme de Witt Schlumberger. 11 October 1917 (French)
Asks for a copy of the NUWSS reply to the Austrian letter. Does not consider they should write to Austria as they have replied to Sweden.

230. 15 October 1917
Copy reply. The NUWSS did not receive a copy of the Austrian letter so no reply was sent.

231. October 1917
Agenda for HQ meeting, 23 October.

232. 23 October 1917
Draft minutes.

233. Letter from D Melegari [of Italy]. 7 November 1917 (French)
Miss Sheepshanks has misunderstood her. She admires England greatly.

234. From Mary Sheepshanks. 10 November 1917
Returns Signorina Melegari’s letter (233 above). Regrets Mrs Fawcett wrote to her on a private communication from Miss S. There was no misunderstanding as both she and Signorina Melegari spoke French well.

235. November 1917
Agenda for HQ Committee, 20 November.

236. 20 November 1917
Draft minutes.

237-238. Letters from Harriet C Newcomb, Hon Secretary of British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union.

237. 20 November 1917
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for speaking at their luncheon. Reply by Mrs F, 21 November, points out the need not to use the offices of IWSA for peace propaganda. Miss Sheepshanks made an error of judgement in printing the Austrian letter in Jus.

238. 22 November 1917
Promises not to use the offices for anything other than suffrage work.

239. 23 November 1917
Draft from Mrs Fawcett to Signora Miani of Italy saying that Miss Sheepshanks’s reply to the Italian letter about the Austrian suggestion expressed her own feelings and not those of the HQ Committee who feel she should not have published the Austrian letter in Jus. Asks for Signora Miani’s indulgence as Miss Sheepshanks has on the whole done well the difficult job of editing an international paper in time of war. Mrs Fawcett admires the noble stand of the Italian army and her heart bleeds for Italy.

240. Reply from Maria Bianchi Miani of the Comitato Centrale Della Federazione Nazionale Pro Suffragio Femminile.

240. 30 November 1917
Is quite satisfied that any misunderstanding is cleared up.

241. December 1917
Agenda for HQ Committee, 18 December.

242. 18 December 1917
Draft minutes.

243. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks. 1 January 1918
Has had request from Miss LG Heymann for permission to translate Jus into German. Frau Stritt of the rival society wants a German edition after the war. Draft letter to Mrs Colt written on the back, 3 January.

244. Note by Mrs Fawcett suggesting Miss Sheepshanks tells Frau Stritt of the proposal and ask her views.

245. January 1918
Agenda for HQ Committee, 22 January.

246. 22 January 1918
Draft minutes.

247. Copy letter from Marie Stritt of Dresden to Miss Sheepshanks. 31 January 1918
Hopes Miss Heymann’s proposal will not be accepted. The right of translating Jus should be reserved to the Reichsverband as the Society affiliated to the International Alliance.

248. February 1918
Agenda for HQ Committee, 26 February.
249. 26 February 1918
Draft minutes, signed by Mrs Fawcett, 25 March.

250. March 1918
Agenda for HQ Committee, 25 March.

251. 25 March 1918
Draft minutes.

252. 16 May 1918
Agenda for HQ Committee, 21 May.

253. 21 May 1918
Draft minutes
Letter from Mary Sheepshanks to Mrs Fawcett, Miss Macmillan and Mrs Coit.

254. 10 June 1918
About appointing office staff.

255. 28 June 1918
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

256. 17 July 1918
Agenda for HQ Committee, 22 July.

257. 22 July 1918
Draft minutes.

258. 17 September 1918
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

259. 18 October 1918
Agenda for Committee, 22 October.

260. 22 October 1918
Draft minutes.

261. Draft letter [from Mary Sheepshanks] to Mrs Caleb of Lahore.
26 October 1918
Tells of the efforts Mrs Fawcett is making on behalf of Indian women for representation.

262. Letter from Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.
24 October 1918
Asks Mrs Fawcett's opinion on pressing for a woman to be on the Peace Commission. Mrs Degerton Parsons suggests compiling statistics of the sacrifices made by women in the war. Influenza is raging in USA.

263. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above.

264. Letter from Mrs Catt.
22 November 1918
Sees from Common Clause that NUWSS are already demanding representation by a woman.

265. 23 November 1918
Draft reply to above. The NUWSS are considering pressing the government for the representation of women at the Peace Conference. They would also like to send a delegation to the American President when he visits Britain to urge the same. Gives her opinion on the importance of the Congress of Vienna in keeping peace before 1914.

266. Typed copy of same.

267. 25 November 1918
Note on HQ Committee meeting about enquiring if the Board of Offices are likely to be granted passports.

268. 26 November 1918
HQ Committee draft minutes.

269. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
26 November 1918
About a letter of 8 November from Mrs Catt on consulting the Board of Officers on a possible meeting in June 1919. Miss Sheepshanks says there is no point in applying for passports so far in advance.

270. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on Mrs Catt’s letter of 8 November.

271. Letter from Chrystal Macmillan to Mrs Coit 29 November 1918
Suggests holding the Conference of the Alliance almost immediately after the Board of Officers meeting. Suggests Switzerland as the venue because it does not seem to be making rapid progress towards suffrage.

272. 14 December 1918
Draft minutes of HQ Committee.

273. Letter from Mary Sheepshanks.
16 December 1918
Circular about proposed Board of Officers meeting in June and Congress.

274. 30 January 1919
Circular to HQ Committee about replies to above from Belgium and Sweden.

275. 11 February 1919
About the German reply.

276. 18 February 1919
Agenda for HQ Committee, 25 February.

**M50/2/23/1-29 Congresses of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance**

1. International Congress at Copenhagen, 1906.
Huddersfield Branch of the National Association of Women’s Suffrage Societies. Report on International Congress held at Copenhagen, August 6 to 12th 1906, reprinted from Huddersfield Examiner, 8 September 1906.

**2-11 Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, Amsterdam, 15-20 June 1908.**

2. Programme, with marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett.

3-4. Notes of Mrs Fawcett, loose in above.

5-7. Notes from RF Avery, Lydia Wahlström and another to Mrs Fawcett in above.


11. Card from Mme Gompertz-Jitta to Mrs Fawcett.

Programme, with marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett. Includes picture of Mary Wollstonecroft, photographs of Mrs Carrie Chapman Catt, Dr Anita Auspurg, Mrs Fawcett and Anna V Furuhjelm. [another copy at M50/1/15/4]

13-28 Cards of foreign delegates to the IWSA Congress, 1909.

13. Signorina Dobelti

14. Mme Elise Gontscharoff of Russia

15. Dr Aletta H Jacobs of Amsterdam

16. Mrs Betzy Kjelsberg of Norway

17-18 Martina G Kramers of Rotterdam

19. Anna Manus

20. Rosa Manus of Amsterdam

21-22 Clelia Pellicano of Rome

23. Mme Jeanne E Schmahl of Paris

24. Signorina Maria Silvestri

25. Johanne A Wanvig of Norway

26. Mr J Percy Watson of New York American and Journal

27. Anna Bugge Wicksell of Sweden

28. Kitty Williamsen

29. Eighth Congress, Geneva, 6-12 June 1920
Report

**M502/24/1-4 Miscellaneous Publications of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance**

1-3 No date

1. Constitution and Proposed Amendments, n.d. [another copy at M50/1/15/1]


3. Woman Suffrage in New Zealand, by Mrs KA Sheppard, [c. 1907].

4. 1915

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**M50/2/25/1-15 Papers of the International Council of Women**
1. 1911

2-4 Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women, Rome, 5-14 May 1914.

2. President’s Memorandum


4. Resolutions Adopted at the Quinquennial Council Meeting.


5-7 Preliminary Programme, with marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett, circular and application form.

9. Resolutions Adopted, with marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett.

10. Towards Permanent Peace, A Record of the Women’s International Congress ... 1915. Includes photos of Lady Courtney of Penwith, Mrs Hubbard Ellis, Miss Bondfield, Miss TW Wilson, Dr Aletta H Jacobs, Miss KD Courtney, Mrs HM Swanwick and Miss Chrystal Macmillan.

11. Continuous Mediation Without Armistice, A Development of the Idea of a Continuous Conference of Neutral Nations ... By July Grace Wales, delegate from the University of Wisconsin to the International Congress of Women, April 1915.

12. "Peace Things given one by Miss Jane Addams. May 1915 or June".


15. 1920
Preliminary Agenda for the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women at Christiana [Norway], September 8-17, 1920.

**M50/2/26/1-2 Newspaper Cuttings on Women’s Suffrage**

1. November 1876 - June 1884
Volume of cuttings. "Rhoda and Agnes Garratt, January 27, 1877"; includes cuttings about their book Suggestions for House Decoration, November - December 1876; article on Prof. Fawcett, MP, their brother in law, January 1878; articles on education and franchise of women.

2. August 1884 - May 1894 (continued on next reel).
Volume of cuttings with marginal notes and longer notes by Mrs Fawcett; includes printed handbill of speech by Prof. Fawcett, 8 November 1883; Parliamentary Friends of Women’s Suffrage, April 1885; advertisement for The Whirlwind.

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**M50/2/26/2 (cont.) Newspaper Cuttings on Women’s Suffrage, August 1884 - May 1884 (cont.)**

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**M50/2/26/2 (cont.)**
Newspaper Cuttings on Women’s Suffrage, August 1884 - May 1884 (cont.)

**M50/2/26/3-39**
Newspaper Cuttings, Letters and Papers on Women’s Suffrage, 1867-1894

3-39 The following letters and pamphlets have been removed for safety from 2 above and should be seen in conjunction with the pages numbered in brackets:-

3. 1867 (page 50)
Speech of John Stuart Mill, MP to the Commons, 20 May 1867 on the Admission of Women to the Electoral Franchise.

4. 1871
Mr Gladstone on the Women’s Disabilities Removal Bill, speech to Commons, 3 May 1871, "The Infamous Old turncoat. How I wish women could have the vote if only to leave him out at the next Election".

5. 1873 (page 97a)
The Early History of the Property of Married Women as Collected from Roman Hindoo Law, a lecture at Birmingham, by Sir Henry Sumner Maine, 25 March 1873.

6-8 1886

6. Women’s Suffrage: A Reply, article by Mrs Fawcett, May 1886.

7. 26 August 1886
Part of a letter from [Miss Goodwin] of Carlisle to Mrs Miller about writing to an Indian woman, Rukhmabai, who was being prosecuted for refusing to live with a man to whom she had been married at six years old.

8. Copy of letter from Rukhmabai to Miss Goodwin, 30 July 1886.
9. 1888 (page 101)
Women's Suffrage Journal, 1 November 1888.

10-13 1889

10. (page 114)
List of Parliamentary Friends of Women's Suffrage, April 1889, reprinted from Women's Suffrage Journal. Those who voted wrongly, 30 April 1891, crossed out.

11. (page 133)
Appeal [in the Nineteenth Century, June 1889] against women's suffrage.

12. Women's suffrage: A Reply, [article by Mrs Fawcett in the Nineteenth Century, July 1889]

13. The Place of Political Work Among the Duties of Women, speech given by Mrs A S H Richardson of the Women's Liberal Unionist Association, 2 December 1889.

14-16 1890

14. Appendix to Puritanism in Power, by Clement Wise, 1890, including "On Women and their Political Enfranchisement".

15. (page 6c)
Return of number of women in England and Wales qualified to vote for county and municipal councils. 13 February 1890.

16. (page 104)

17. The Proposed New Restrictions of Women's Industry, letter to The Times by Mrs Fawcett, March 1891.

18. (page 128)
National Society for Women's Suffrage Occasional Paper, including Division List for 30 April, June 1891.

19-22 13-16 December 1891 (page 112)
Letters to Mrs Fawcett from TFC Huddleston and Emma and Harriet S Miller of Cambridge, about Daisy Hopkins, a prostitute, imprisoned by the University proctors for her activities.

23-35 1892

23-24 (page 110)
A Bill to Extend the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, February 1892.

25. Ordinance (No 18) General No. 9 under Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, Regulations for Graduation of Women ... March 1892.

26. (page 109)
Circular to MPs urging them to vote for the Bill for the Extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to Women, on 27 April [1892].

27. 14 March 1892
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Mary Bateson about the Library Syndicate.


29. 26 September 1892 (page 134)
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Enlyn Bayes, Assistant Secretary of the Women's Liberal Federation about work done by the Federation at the recent election.

30. 27 September 1892 (page 134)
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from George S Lane Fox, Vice- Chancellor of the Primrose League about work of the League at the election.

31. 16 October 1892
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Louisa Stevenson of Edinburgh about women in Scottish Universities.

32. 21 October 1892 (page 99)
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from R Oliver of New Zealand, chairman of a Select Committee of the Legislative Council on the Electoral Bill, about its failure, which he attributes to many of the leading women in the suffrage movement being identified with prohibition.

33. 17 November 1892 (page 28)
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Agnes Lambert of London about Asquith's speech on neglected and ill-treated children, in which he points to their lack of a vote as a disadvantage to them.

34. (page 40)
Female Suffrage: A Letter from Right Hon. HE Gladstone, MP to Samuel Smith, MP, 1892.

35. (page 40)
Mr Gladstone and Woman's Suffrage, reprinted from the Scotsman, 21 April 1892.

36. 19 September 1893 (page 99)
The New Zealand Electoral Act, 57 Vict.

37-39. 1894

37. 3 March 1914 (page 99)
Letter to Mrs Fawcett, from Charles O Montrose of the New Zealand Press Agency, about elections following the
enfranchisement of women in New Zealand, and about the prohibition question in New Zealand.

38. (page 99)
Women’s Suffrage in New Zealand, extracts from newspapers about the election [1894].

39. (page 139)
The Position of Women under the Local Government Act, 1894.

M50/2/26/40 Volume of Newspaper Cuttings, July 1890 - October 1910

40. July 1890 - October 1910
Volume of cuttings on various subjects, but mostly to do with women and the Reading area; includes invitations to Dr [Mary] Cruikshank to wedding of Alice Armitage and Captain Harvey John Cotter, 26 August and invitation to Dr Florence Armitage to wedding of Blanche Hogarth and Francis C Armitage, 21 April; leaflet on Great Procession of Women, London, 13 June 1908, organised by the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies; songs for same, by H Crawford; article on Millicent Garrett Fawcett and Her Daughter [Philippa], from The Review of Reviews July [1890].

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M50/2/26/41-44 Loose Newspaper Cuttings
41-42. Loose newspaper cuttings on women’s suffrage in Britain.
41. 26 November 1887 - 28 May 1892.
42. 4 February 1897 - 11 July 1910.
43. 10 November 1898 - 1 May 1911
Newspaper cuttings on women’s suffrage in Australia. (loose)
44. 18 February 1895 - 11 June 1906
Newspaper cuttings on women’s suffrage in New Zealand and on the premier Richard J Seddon, died June 1906 (loose).

M50/2/27-36 Miscellaneous Printed Papers on Women’s Suffrage

M50/2/27/1-2 Women’s Suffrage Calendar (Diaries with dates of importance in the history of women’s rights, addresses of societies relating to women, lists of women with degrees, women doctors, women in public office, and London employers who pay fair wages)
1. 1889
2. 1890

M50/2/28-34 Publications by Women’s Suffrage Societies not Members of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies.

M50/2/28 Publication of the Artists’ Suffrage League, 259 King’s Road, Chelsea [founded January 1907]
No date
Beware! A Warning to Suffragists, by Cicily Hamilton, with sketches by C Hedley

M50/2/29/1-2 The Church League for Women’s Suffrage [founded 1909]
1. No date
2. 1915

M50/2/30-31 Men’s League for Women’s Suffrage [founded March [1907]

M50/2/30/1-4
1. c. 1911
Leaflet urging Votes for Women.
2. No date
Leaflet Mr Lloyd George and the Conciliation Bill.
3. Post 1911
Christian Chivalry, the Racial Aspect of Women’s Enfranchisement, by J Beanland, Manchester Men’s League for Women’s Suffrage.
4. 2 February 1912
Circular appealing for support.

M50/2/31-1/4 Men’s League for Women’s Suffrage, Monthly Paper
1. No. 28 January 1912
2. No. 29 February 1912
3. No. 30 March 1912
4. No. 31 April 1912
M502321-4 Women’s Franchise League [founded 1889]

1-4 1889

1. May 1889
Leaflet on the Women’s Franchise League - founded because of dissatisfaction with existing societies who were divided on the question of whether wives should have the vote [former members of the National Society include Mr and Mrs PA Taylor, Dr and Mrs RM Pankhurst, Mrs Alice Cliff Scatcherd, Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy and Mrs Josephine Butler].


4. December 1889
Leaflet on the League - Council, Executive Committee, Objects.

M50/2/33/1-3 Women’s Freedom League [formed September 1907 by dissident members of the Women’s Social and Political Union under Mrs Despard]

1-3. No date.

1. Lydia Becker, A Cameo Life Sketch, by Marion Holmes, n.d.

2. Colonial Statesmen and Votes For Women, Lord Curzon Answered, n.d.


M40/34-35 Women’s Social and Political Union [founded October 1903 in Manchester, by Mrs Pankhurst]

M50/2/34/1-10 Leaflets [Post 1908]

1. No 24 Some Questions Answered, by Christabel Pankhurst.

2. No 27. Why Women Want the Vote.

3-10 Headed “Votes For Women”.

3. No 58. Mr Asquith’s Pledge, by FW Pethick Lawrence. Urges voting against Liberal candidates at the General Election.


5. No 60. Women’s Demand.

6. No 61. Woman This, and Woman That, a poem by LH.


10. Not numbered.
Appeal to electors to vote against Liberal candidates to get the Asquith Government out, by Emmeline Pankhurst and Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

M50/2/35/1-5 Other Publications of WSPU

1. 1906
‘Facts Behind the Press’, paper by Annie P Budgett about the arrest and imprisonment of suffragettes, read to Bromley Women’s League for the discussion of Social and Ethical Subjects, 15 November 1906.

2. 1908
Second Annual Report, 29 February 1908

3. No date.
Woman’s Secret, by Elizabeth Robins.

4. 1909

5. 1911
Song ‘The March of the Women’, by Ethel Mary Smyth.

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M50/2/36/1-64 Miscellaneous Pamphlets on Women’s Suffrage, 1866-1909

1. 1866
Reasons for the Enfranchisement of Women, by Mrs Bodichon, 1866. Read at Meeting of the National Association for the
Promotion of Social Science, Manchester, 6 October 1866. First page only.

2-3 1867

2. Speeches on Parliamentary Reform, by John Bright, [1867] no date.

3. Speech of John Stuart Mill, MP on the Admission of Women to the Electoral Franchise ... in House of Commons, May 20th 1867.

4-5 1869


5. 8 June 1869
Printed letter from Josephine E Butler, President of the North of England Council for Higher Education of Women to Right Hon. Henry Austin Bruce, Secretary of State for the Home Department, urging the extension of the municipal franchise to women, and a redistribution of the funds of endowed schools to secure girls equal opportunities of education with boys.

6. No date
Arguments Against Women’s Suffrage Drawn from the Physical differences between the Sexes. Answers, by Mme Sales, née Saxton, n.d.

7-9 1872

7. Why Women Cannot be Turned into Men, by Janus, 1872.
Mrs Fawcett has noted that the author is Mrs Thomson, later Mrs Moulton.

8. The Woman Question. Papers Reprinted From the Examiner, 1872.

9. ‘Mrs Fawcett on Women’s Suffrage’. Speech in ... Birmingham, December 6th, 1872, reprinted from the Birmingham Morning News.

10. 1873
Mr Fitzjames Stephen on the Position of Women, by Millicent Garrett Fawcett, 1873.

11. 1883
Reports Respecting the Qualifications for the Parliamentary Franchise in Foreign Countries, presented to Parliament 1883.

12-20 1884

12. Bill Respecting the Electoral Franchise, 1884 (Canada).

13-14 Women’s Suffrage and the Franchise Bill, by Mrs Henry Fawcett, reprinted from the Pall Mall Gazette, 14 January 1884.


16. Arguments Before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives By a Committee of the Sixteenth Annual Washington Convention of the National Woman-Suffrage Association in Favour of a Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. That Shall Protect The Right of Women Citizens to Vote in the Several States of the Union, 8 March 1884.


18. ‘The Parliamentary Franchise For Women’, letter to The Times by Mrs Elizabeth C Wolstenholme Elmy, 24 May 1884, which was not published in the paper.


20. Women and the New Reform Bill, n.d. [1884]. Circular with 76 names calling for support for Mr Woodall’s Amendment to include women householders. Signatories include Florence Nightingale, Mrs Fawcett, Helen PB Clark, Jane E Cobden, Emily Davies, Josephine E Butler.


23-27 1886

23. Thoughts on Women’s Suffrage, by Emma Marshall, n.d. [1886].

24. Uno Squardo All’Avvenire Della Donna in Italia, by Fanny Zampini Salazar, 1886. "Mrs Fawcett with the writer’s deepest feelings of admiration and gratitude, London, 24th June 89".

25. ‘Constitution Act Amendment Bill’ - Speech Delivered by Dr Stirling MP in the House of Assembly on Wednesday, July 21, 1886, reprinted from Hansard. (S Australia).


27. The Late Mr Fawcett on Women’s Suffrage and the Franchise Bill, n.d. [1886]. Refers to speech of 13 October 1884.

28-32 1888

29. The Emancipation of Women, by Elizabeth C Wolstenholme Elmy, 1888. Paragraphs omitted from the final portion of the report of the agitation which secured the passing of the Infants Act, 1886.


31. Woman and the Commonwealth or A Question of Expediency, by George Pellew, 1888 [USA]. Marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett.

32. Should Women Vote? What English Statesmen Have Said About It. Published by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Christchurch, New Zealand, 8 November 1888.

33-36 1889

33. Address on the Subject of Woman Suffrage, by a member of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union at the national Convention, Wellington, New Zealand, February 1889.


35. Draft of part of above.

36. The Primrose League Gazette, 26 October 1889.

37-40 1890


38-39 Speech on Women’s Suffrage ... in the House of Representatives, New Zealand, by Sir J Hall, KCMG, August 5th 1890.

40. Extension of the Franchise to Women, offprint from the Wellington Evening News, 11 October 1890.

41. 1891
Women’s Emancipation Union, Secretary, Mrs Wolstenholme Elmy, November 1891.

42-47 1892

42. Female Suffrage. A Letter from the Right Hon. WE Gladstone, MP to Sam Smith, MP, 1892. With Notes by Mrs Fawcett.

43. Female Suffrage. The Letter Which Ought to Have Been Written By the Right Hon. WE Gladstone, MP, to Sam Smith, MP, 1892. [by Mr Morgan-Browne].

44. Women’s Suffrage. A Letter from James Stuart to the Right Hon. WE Gladstone, MP. Suggested on Reading Mr Gladstone’s Letter on Female Suffrage to Sam Smith, MP, 1892.

45. A Reply to Mr Gladstone’s Letter on Woman Suffrage Addressed to him by a Member of the Women’s Liberal Federation, [SEG], 1892.

46. Pages 461-466 of The Review of Reviews on Mr Gladstone.

47. Reprint of a Pamphlet on the Difference of Sex as a Topic of Jurisprudence and Legislation, by the late Sheldon Amos, n.d. [c. 1892].

48. 1903
The History of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the Women's Liberal Federation, Mrs Eva McLaren, 1903.

49. 27 June 1904
Appeal by Esther Rope of the Lancashire and Cheshire Women Textile and other Workers’ Representation Committee to "graduates who signed the Women's Suffrage Petition in 1902" for funds to support the parliamentary candidate of Hubert Sweeney, women’s suffrage candidate standing at Wigan at the next election.

50. No date [Post 1903]
United Manifesto in Favour of Votes For Women. List of societies who have signed the appeal.

51-52 1905
'Would the Extension of the Franchise To Women Benefit the Country?' Speech of Prof. George Adam Smith to Glasgow and West of Scotland Women's Suffrage Association, 28 November 1905.

52. Speeches at a Great Parliamentary Demonstration in Support of the Political Enfranchisement of Women at Queen’s Hall, London, on March 14th, 1905.

53. 1906
The Imprisoned Suffragists, offprint of letter from Mrs Fawcett to The Times, 27 October 1906.

54. No date.
The Adult Suffrage Controversy, by Isabella Rowlette, n.d.

55. 1907
Women's Suffrage, the Demand and its Meaning, by Robert F Cholmeley, 1907.

56-62 1908

56. A Bill to Enable Women to Vote at Parliamentary Elections, 28 February 1908.

58. Better and Happier. An Answer from the Ladies’ Gallery to Speeches in Opposition to the Women’s Suffrage Bill, February 28th, 1908, by Lady McLaren.


61. A Letter to a Lady or a Word with the Female Anti-Suffragists, by W E Heitland, December 1908.

62. County and Borough Councils (Women Electors). Return showing Number of Women in England and Wales who are qualified to vote for County Councils and for Councillors in Municipal Boroughs indicating ... what is the qualification ... to be placed on the Register, December 1908.

63. No date.
‘Homo Sum’ Being a Letter to an Anti-Suffragist from an Anthropologist, n.d. [post 1908].

64-65 1909

64. Women’s Suffrage. Wanted a Statesman. Address ... by Mrs Henry Fawcett, LL D ... Glasgow, November 22nd, 1909.


66-70 1910

66. Why Women Need the Vote, by Mrs CC Osler, President of Birmingham Women's Suffrage Society, reprinted from The Common Cause, n.d. [c. 1910].

67. The Conciliation Bill. An Explanation and Defence, by HN Brailsford, Hon Secretary of the Conciliation Committee, n.d. [1910].

68. Text of the Women’s Suffrage bill, which passed its second reading 12 July 1910 by a majority of 109.

69. Votes for Women Occupiers, [1910]. Leaflets urging support for the Bill.

70. The Women’s Bill, reprinted from The Nation, 19 November 1910.

71-75 No date

71. Election address of Herbert L Jacobs, Women’s Suffrage Liberal Candidate, To the Electors of East St Pancras, n.d.

72. Handbill urging support for Herbert Jacobs, Women’s Suffrage Liberal Candidate for the East St Pancras Parliamentary election, n.d.


74. Ought Women to Have the Suffrage? View of Mrs RJ Campbell, Mrs Henry Fawcett, Mrs Thomas Hardy, Miss Annie Kenny, Lady Laura Ridding and Mrs GB Shaw. From The Woman at Home, n.d.

75. Typed copy of note in The Journal of Education (August) stating that the majority of women teachers want the vote.

76-78 1911


77. Parliament 1911. Members who are in favour of some measure of enfranchisement of women, March 1911.

78. Women Municipal Electors and the Parliamentary Vote [1911].

79. 1912

80. 1913
The Women’s Pilgrimage and its Moral Significance, by Rev HEB Speight, preached at Essex Church, Notting Hill Gate, 27 July 1913.

81. 1914
‘Women’s Suffrage in the Working. Answers from America’ May 1914. Published by the Conservative and Unionist Women’s Franchise Association. Reprinted from the Nineteenth Century and After.

82. No date
Helpmeet, cartoon, reprinted from The Tribune.
83-85 1918

83. How the Women's Suffrage Movement Began in Bristol Fifty Years Ago, by SJ Tanner, 1918. Includes portraits of Miss Florence Davenport Hill, 1862, Mrs Beddooe, 1860, Miss Priestman, Mrs Henry Fawcett, 1871, Miss Lillias Ashworth, and Miss Emily Sturge (died 1892).


85. War Messages to the American People No. 4. The War and Votes for Women, 1918. Published by the National Women's Suffrage Publishing Co., New York.

86. No date


87-88 1919


88. In Memory of Anna Howard Shaw [1847-1919]. Published by the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Co, New York.

M50/3/1-28 Education of Women

M50/3/1-16 Universities

M50/3/1-3 University Degrees for Women

M50/3/1/1-46 Letters to Mrs Fawcett

1-2 From E Davis of London [Hon Secretary, Girton College, Cambridge].

19 June 1887

Asks Mrs Fawcett to sign a memorial to the Senate of Cambridge University. Sends names of those who have already signed.

2. 22 June 1887

Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her offer of help. They need the support of influential people - doctors, clergymen, MPs and eminent Dissenters.

3. Letter from Anne Ritchie of Wimbledon. 28 and 29 June Is not clear in her mind on whether to support degrees for women or not. The rector of Lambeth has a scheme for making "the Lawn" into a Park to be called Fawcett Park.

4-5 Letters from E Davies of Girton College, Cambridge.

4. 9 July 1887

Will be printing list of supporters in a few days. [17 June 1890 - see 28 below].

5. 19 May 1892

Will send papers to do with the early history of the movement to obtain University Education for Women. She has an account book beginning in 1862. Gives history of movement to 1867.

6. 1894

Notes by Mrs Fawcett for a speech on women in Universities.

7. 2 November 1895

Notes by Mrs Fawcett on meeting of Associates of Newnham College, Cambridge, and formation of a Committee to ascertain the views of members of the Senate on the admission of women to degrees.

8. No date

General Committee of non-resident members of the Senate of the University of Cambridge for promoting the admission of women to titles of degrees.

9. List of members of the Senate of Cambridge.

10. Copy of letter from Mrs Sidgwick to Miss Ewart.

13 November 1896.

Thinks it best to see whether Oxford University decides to grant degrees before anything. Wants to press for full membership of the University when they do move.

11. From ED [E Davies].

15 November [1895?]

Returns 10 above. Has written to Mrs Archer Hind telling him of their idea of an informal meeting for discussion before the appointment of a sub-committee by either College.

12. Copy letter from Marion Greenwood, Acting Secretary for the Newnham College Committee, Cambridge, to Miss Kensington.

23 November 1895

Proposals of the Newnham college Committee for an informal meeting with resident members of the Senate to consider the fitness of the present time for approaching the Senate with reference to the admission of women to membership of the University. Names past and present members of governing bodies of Newnham and Girton who should be invited.
13. Letter from E Davies
8 December 1895
News that Council have appointed a Committee to enquire into admission of women to degrees.

14. Letter from L Marson
10 December 1895
Sends a cutting From Lightfoot’s Historical Essays about the early patronage of Oxford and Cambridge by women.

15. Letter from Baron Kelvin of Glasgow University.
25 December 1895
Cannot sign the memorial. Is not convinced “of the desirableness of degrees or University, except for the practical object of opening or making a medical profession for women”.

16. Letter from George Wyndham of Chester.
26 January 1896
Does not feel he can sign the memorial to the governing body of any University with which he has no connection.

17. Letter from Eveline Portsmouth of Stockbridge, Hampshire.
28 January 1896
Has signed the memorial.

18. Letter from a Milner of London.
29 January 1896
Signs the memorial, though fears Cambridge may resent being petitioned by Oxford men.

19. Letter from CHM Fennell of the Athenaeum.
1 February 1896
Does not oppose women being admitted to the degrees of any institution on earth except the masculine University of Cambridge.

7 February 1896
Has signed the petition. Recalls that an examiner not in favour of women candidates when examining in the Natural Science Tripos stated “My best man is Ogle”, who turned out to be Miss Ogle.

21. Letter from Baron Farrer on a Nile cruise.
11 February 1896
Has signed the Cambridge memorial.

7 March 1896
There is no good report of his speech. Gladstonians wonder how he can wish women to have degrees, but oppose the Irish having Home Rule.

Has been told to ask Mrs F to write to JF Moulton, but she expects it is really no good.

24. Letter from ED [Emily Davies]
9 March 1896
The Committee have decided to call up non-residents not living at a great distance. A postscript adds that voting was a majority of 15 against them.

25 March 1896
About the results of their defeat of a fortnight ago.

27 May 1896
Has heard nothing from Cambridge after the disturbing remark in today’s Times as to probable opposition to the appointment of the Syndicate.

27. 29 May 1896
Has not heard from Dr Jackson so presume he has no serious opposition to the Syndicate.

17 June 1890 [written as 1896, but from content is 1890].
Congratulations on her daughter’s wonderful success as senior wrangler [Philippa Fawcett was placed above the senior wrangler in mathematics Tripos List, 1890].

29-30 Letters from E Davies.
29. 8 April 1897
Have decided to have a separate non-residents Committee with a small Executive Committee to be worked from London.

30. 9 April 1897
Mr Westlake thinks they had better ask only important people for the General Committee which will be purely nominal and for show.

31. Letter from J Westlake of London.
15 April 1897
Has received Lord Nelson’s and Archdeacon Wilson’s support.

32. Letter from E D[avies].
16 April 1897
About the work of the Committee.
33-34 Letters from CW Thimmins of the Bermondsey Settlement.

33. 22 April 1897
Has undertaken Secretaryship of the General Committee of Non-Resident Members of the Senate of the University of Cambridge for Promoting the Admission of Women to Degrees. Professor Westlake is Chairman. Asks for names of supporters in London.

34. 3 May 1897
Voting will be on 21 May.

34. 25 May 1897
Notes by Mrs Fawcett of meeting with Professor Ramsay of UC [University College] about the possibility of Newnham College being part of a teaching University of London if one were formed. The standard of Cambridge University in Science was very low. That of Victoria University [Liverpool] much higher. No one thought the mixed classes at UC strange now.

36. Letter from James Bryce.
19 November 1897
Is detained in Scotland and the North of England by public engagements, and will scarcely be able to reach London for the Conference on 4 December.

37-38 Letters from Miss J Chrystal Macmillan, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee of Women Graduates of the Scottish Universities (Parliamentary Franchise).

37. 13 February 1906
Asks for Mrs Fawcett’s support in their protest against the action of the University authorities in refusing women graduates voting papers for the Parliamentary election.

38. 14 February 1906
Thanks Mrs Fawcett for her support. They are going to bring the matter before the courts. Even if they lose the political effect of raising the matter will be worth it.


40. Post 1916
List of names under “MGF” and “AG” [Persons sent circulars?]

41. Letter from EW Barnes of London.
25 November 1920
If common-sense is not victorious on 8 December at Cambridge, Parliament will intervene.

26 and 28 November 1920
Is unable to be in Cambridge on 8 December because of other commitments.

44. Letter from GM Trevelyan.
27 November 1920
Will be voting in 8 December. His father is now too old to take part.

45. Letter from W Page Roberts of Shanklin, formerly Dean of Salisbury.
27 November 1920
At 85 he is too old to travel to Cambridge.

46. Letter from M. Heitland of Cambridge.
19 December 1920
The events of December 8 proved that their organisation was by no means as good as it should have been. Best plan now is to urge Parliament to carry out the recommendations of the Commissioners.

M50/3/2/1-18 Newspaper Cuttings on Degrees for Women

1. 1 June 1887

2-6 4-28 February 1896

7-9 13 March - 6 June 1896

10-16 17-22 May 1897

17. 6 December 1897

18. 6 July 1906

M50/3/3/1-13 Printed Papers Relating to Degrees for Women, c.1880-1896

1. c. May 1880
Petition of non-resident Members of the Senate of the University of Cambridge. To the Syndicate Appointed by the University of Cambridge to Consider Certain Memorials Relating to the Encouragement to be Given to the Higher Education of Women, agreeing with the prayer of the Memorial of May 1880 urging the granting of BA degrees to properly qualified women.

2. 1885
Extract from Cambridge University Reporter, 28 April 1885, giving extract from will of Mrs Pearson leaving £1,250 in trust for the foundation of a scholarship for Girton and Newnham Colleges, to be known as the Harkness Scholarship.

3. 1887
Memorials in favour of the admission of duly qualified women to the Degrees of the University of Cambridge, November 1887.

4. 1888
Proposed admission of women to the Degrees of the University of Cambridge. Committee members and comments [by Miss Davies] on the Report of the Council of the University Senate of 5 March 1888.

5. Health Statistics of Women Students of Cambridge and Oxford of Their Sisters, by Mrs Henry Sidgwick, 1890.

6. 16 March 1893
Agenda of The Committee of Representative Managers of London Board Schools.

7-16 1896
7. Women in the Universities of England and Scotland, by Emily Davies, 1895.

8. Admission of Women to the BA Degree. Members of the Congregation of the University of Oxford who signed a memorial to the Hebdomadal Council requesting that a scheme be brought before the University for conferring the BA degree on women students fulfilling the same qualifications as men, January 1896.

9. Admission of Women to Degrees in the University of Cambridge. Memorial of Members of Senate urging the nomination of a Syndicate to consider the admission of women to degrees, 3 February 1896.

10. To Members of the Senate, letter from Alfred Marshall on the question of admitting women to degrees, 3 February 1896.

11. Memorial in favour of the admission of women to Cambridge Degrees, 7 February 1896.


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M50/3/3/14-27 Printed Papers relating to Degrees for Women, c.1896-1897

Cambridge University Reporter, 3 March 1896.

16. To The Secretaries of the Syndicate For Women’s Degrees, 3 November 1896. Evidence from headmistresses etc on the importance of degrees. A degree of Victoria [Liverpool] or London University is more highly regarded than a Cambridge Tripos Certificate.

17-22 1897

17. Cambridge University Reporter, 1 March 1897.

18. Admission of Women to Titles of Degrees, letter sent to non-resident members of the Senate [of Cambridge University] who signed the memorial asking for the appointment of a Syndicate, 24 March 1897.


20. The Cambridge Review, 3 June 1897. First page only.

21. Special Supplement to The Cambridge Review, 3 June 1897. Votes recorded at The Congregation on Friday, 21 May, 1897. Proposed University For Women, offprint from letter to the Times, 8 July 1897, signed by 151 members of the Head Mistresses Association.

23-24 1898


24. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on her speech at above.

25-27 No date.

25. Proposed Titles of Degrees For Women, by Marion Grace Kennedy.


27. Mr James Bryce, MP on the Proposal to establish a separate University for Women.

M50/3/4-11 University Reports and Prospectuses

M50/3/4-5 Cambridge

M503/4/1-2 Girton College

1-2 1882
2. November 1882
   Appeal for donations. List of contributors, same in manuscript.

**M50/3/5/1-27 Newnham College**

**1-4 No date (typed)**

2. Recommendations of the Examinations Committee.
4. Draft Report of General Committee on privileges to be given to former students.

**5-7 1885**

5. Memorandum and Articles of Association, 1885.
6. As 5 above with alterations by Mrs Fawcett.

8. 1887
   Report, November 1887.

9. 18 October 1889
   Notice of election of Council at AGM, 2 November.

10. Treasurer’s Report, 2 November 1889.

**12-14 1890**

12. Report, February 1890.
13. Treasurer’s Report, 1 November 1890.

**15-16 1891**

Report, February 1891.

16. 23 October 1891
   Notice of election of council at AGM, 7 November.

**17-18 1892**

17. 26 October 1892
   Agenda for General Meeting of Members of College, 5 November.
18. Treasurer’s Report, 5 November 1892.

19. 1893
   Report, November 1893.

**20-23 1894**

20. 19 October 1894
   Notice of election of Council at AGM, 3 November.
21. 26 October 1894
   Agenda for AGM.
22. Treasurer’s Report, 3 November 1894.
24-26 1895
   Notice of election of Council at AGM, 2 November.
25. Treasurer’s Report, 2 November 1895.

27. 1896
   Report, May 1896.
M50/3/6-9 London

M50/3/6/1-3 King's College Ladies’ Department
1. November 1887
   Circular from Henry Wace on the division of the fees.

2. 1888
   Report of the Committee of Management, November 1888,

3. 1888-1889
   Prospectus.

M50/3/7/1-3 University College
1. 1882
   Provisional Scheme for Hall of Residence For Women Students in London. 10 July 1882.

2. 1888
   Letter of Application and Testimonials Addressed by Miss Jane E Harrison to the Council of University College, 1888. (includes Mrs Fawcett).

3. December 1890
   Circular about College Hall, London, for women at University College and the London School of Medicine for Women.

M50/3/8/1-4 Westfield College
1. 1891
   Report, April 1891

2. 20 June 1891
   Invitation to Mrs Fawcett to an At Home on removal of the College from temporary premises in Maresfield Gardens to New College Buildings in Finchley Road.

3. No date
   Names of Vice-Presidents, Trustees and Council.

4. 1892
   Report, March 1892.

M50/3/9 Royal Holloway College

1892
   Report, December 1892

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M50/3/10/1-3 Oxford, Somerville Hall
1. 1890
   Notice of election of Council

2-3 1894


M50/3/11/1-4 Glasgow, Queen Margaret College
1-3 1888


2. Report of Correspondence Classes, 1887-1888.

3. Calendar for Session 1888-1889.

4. No date
   Correspondence Classes, [ante 1889].

M50/3/12-16 Women and Medical Schools

M50/3/12/1-3 National Association for Promoting the Medical Education of Women
1. 1888
   ‘Medical Women A Ten Years’ Retrospect’, by Dr Sophia Jex-Blake, reprinted from The Nineteenth Century, November 1887, by the National Association for Promoting the Medical Education of Women, 1888 (2 copies)

2. 1889
   Final Report and Statement of Accounts of the National Association for Promoting the Medical Education of Women, from
1879 to 1889. 1 January 1889

3. No date
Medicine As a Profession For Women, edited by Dr Sophia Jex-Blake, c. 1890.

**M50/3/13/1-6 Edinburgh School of Medicine for Women**

1. No date
The University Lawsuit. A Brief Summary of the Action of Declaratort Brought By Ten Matriculated Lady Students Against the Senatus of Edinburgh University, [1872]. Published by the Executive Committee for Securing a Complete Medical Education to Women in Edinburgh.

2. 1888
First Report of the Edinburgh School of Medicine for Women ... 1886-88, 1888.

3. 1890
Second Report ... 1888-90, 1890.

**4-6 1891**

4. Report of a Public Meeting at the Synod Hall, Edinburgh ... January 8, 1891.

5. Address ... At the Distribution of Prizes ... By Mrs James Brander, March 20, 1891, reprinted from the Edinburgh Medical Journal May 1891.

6. Prospectus, 30 September 1891.

**M50/3/14/1-3 London School of Medicine for Women**

1. 1895

**2-3 1896**

2. As 1 above, 8 January, for 29 January.


**M50/3/15/1-2 Medical Women For India Fund**

1-2 1889

1. A Sketch of the Beginning and Working of the Medical Women for India Fund of Bombay, by George A Kittredge, 1889.

2. Article from the Indian Spectator, 23 June 1889, on Medical Women For India.

**M50/3/16/1-3 Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA**

1. 1890
'Women's Fund For The Medical School of the Johns Hopkins University', extract from Hospital Bulletin, November 1890.

**2-3 1891**

2. The Opening of the Johns Hopkins Medical School to Women, reprinted from "Open Letters" in the Century Magazine, February 1891.

3. Newspaper cutting from The Evening Post, 4 February 1891 about the opening of the School to Women.

**M50/3/17-24 Educational Establishments Other Than Universities**

**M50/3/17/1-2 Alexandra College, Dublin Alexandra College Magazine:**

1. June 1898
Includes Guild Conference Opening Address by Mrs Fawcett.

2. June 1904
Includes article on Women and Politics by Mrs Fawcett.

**M50/3/18/1-4 Alexandra Native Girls' English Institution, Bombay**

1. 1881

**2-3 1887**


3. Alphabetical list of names of donors, 1887.

4. 1888
Report, 1887-88.
M50/3/19 College For Working Women, 7 Fitzroy Street, London

1893

M50/3/20/1-2 The "Forsyth" Technical College, 1a Victoria Square, London

1. No date
Proposals to form limited company to finance the College. (printed)

2. 1888

M50/3/21/1-12 Ladies’ Branch of the Horticultural College, Swanley, Kent

1-2 1890
1. ‘Technical Education in Horticulture. The Horticultural College, Swanley’, reprinted from the County Council Times, 14 November 1890.


3. 1892

4. 1893
Second Annual Report, 1893.

5. 1895
Fourth Annual Report, 1895.

6-12 No date
6-8 Prospectuses of the Horticultural College. Science and Art Department.

9-10 Leaflets on the Ladies’ Branch, with manuscript additions.

11-12 Prospectuses of the Women’s Branch.

M50/3/22/1-10
North London School of Telegraphy, 41 Camden Road

1. 3 May 1890
Newspaper article from The North Western Telegraph about the School.

2. 9 May 1890
Letter from Phoebe Wannell of the School inviting Mrs Fawcett to say a few words at a social gathering of old pupils.

3-6. c. 1891
Prospectuses and copies of testimonials, 1888-1891. (printed)

7. Clerical referees and extracts from the press, 1890. (typed)

8. 1891
Appointments secured by pupils, January - August 1891, includes photograph of School, 41 Camden Road, NW (printed)

9. 20 February 1892
Copy letter from RG Webster to Mrs Wannell offering to be a patron.

10. 1 March 1892
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Frances Martin sending above and urging Mrs Fawcett to become a patron of the School.

M50/3/23 School of Art, 35 Albany St, NW under Miss S Sophia Beale Terms. No date.

M50/3/24/1-2 School for Girls

1. 10 February 1890
Letter from Margaret Walters of Rocester, Stafford, sending prospectus (2 below) on her contemplated professional school for girls, which she would like to establish near Manchester. Asks Mrs Fawcett to give her name to the scheme. Mrs Fawcett notes that she declined, 12 February.

2. No date
Leaflet on proposed Professional School for Girls.

M50/3/25-28 Miscellaneous Papers on Education

M50/3/25/1-7 Education Reform League

1. 15 December 1887
Letter from B Wishaw, Secretary, thanking Mrs Fawcett for agreeing to be a Vice-President and sending leaflets 2-6 below.

2-6 No date
2. Leaflet No. 1 An Improved Code & System of Inspection.
3. Leaflet No. 2 Higher Training for Teachers in Elementary Schools.
4. Leaflet No. 3 Technical Education in Elementary Schools.
5. Leaflet No. 5 School Buildings for the People's Uses.
6. Leaflet No. 7 What is the Education Reform League?
7. 1888
   Special Report on ... Elementary Education in Germany, Switzerland and France, by Matthew Arnold, 1888.

M50/3/26/1-7 Corporal Punishment
1. 21 December 1888
   Letter from Lord Meath asking Mrs Fawcett's views on the injustice of not whipping girls for offences that boys are whipped for and on sending girls to prison or reformatory for whipping offences. Encloses 2 and 3 below.
2. December 1888
   Copy letter from Lord Meath to newspapers urging the introduction of the birch as less dangerous than the cane, and equal punishments for boys and girls.
3. 6 December 1866
   Offprint from Hansard of the Earl of Meath's speech in the Lords on corporal punishment in Board Schools.
4. 29 December 1888
   Letter from Lord Meath. Thinks there is the same objection to sending a girl to an Industrial School as there is to sending her to a Reformatory. Sends 5-7 below.
5-7. Copies of letters to Lord Meath on the subject of corporal punishment agreeing with Lord Meath's proposals.
5. 26 December 1888
   From GJ Romanes, MA, LD, FRS
6-7. No date
   6. From Mrs Meredith [of Princess Mary's Homes of the Meredith Institution].
   7. From Miss Charlotte Yonge.

M50/3/27 Schools Inquiry Commission
15 March 1893
Letter from G Davies of London saying that no committee had anything to do with getting girls' schools taken up by the Schools Inquiry Commission.

M50/3/28/1-5 Miscellaneous Printed Papers on Education
1. Post 1871
2. 1884
   Female Education From a Physiological Point of View. A Lecture introducing to the Summer Course on Obstetric Medicine, Manchester, by John Thornburn, MD, 1884.
3. No date
   Association For Promoting the Higher Education of Girls in Wales. Provisional Committee and aims, n.d.
4. 1920
5. No date
   Circular advertising 4 above.

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M50/4/1-22 Employment of Women

M50/4/1-2 Societies For Promoting Employment of Women

M50/4/1/1-2 Society For Promoting the Employment of Women
2. Testimonial to Miss Lewin. List of subscriptions, n.d.

M50/4/2/1-2 Society For Promoting the Return of Women as Poor Law Guardians
1. Annual Report, 1884.

**M50/4/3-18 Trade Unions and Professional Associations**

**M50/4/3/1-2 British Nurses Association**

1. Leaflet on the Association, n.d.
2. By-Laws, passed 24 February 1888.

**M50/4/4 Ladies’ Shorthand Association**

Leaflet on the Association, n.d.

**M50/4/5/1-6 Lady Guide Association**

1. 15 November 1888
   Letter from Edith Davis sending papers (2-6 below) on a scheme for the employment of women and asking for Mrs Fawcett’s support.
2. 22 October 1888
   Copy of letter from Thomas Cook and Son agreeing to support the scheme. (printed)
3-5 No date
   New Employment for Working Gentlewomen.
6. 188-?
   Form of application for membership of the Association.

**M50/4/6-8 London Pupil Teachers’ Association**

M50/4/6/1-2 No date.
1. Proof of Scheme for Formation of a Branch for Female Pupil Teachers.
2. Girls’ Division Constitution.

**M50/4/7/1-13 Correspondence**

1-3 Letters from Miss PD Townsend to Mrs Fawcett.
1. 2 April 1887
   At the first meeting of the Executive it was felt that Mrs Fawcett’s presence at meetings would be an advantage, and as President she should be considered an ex officio member.
2. 7 July 1887
   Thanks Mrs Fawcett for agreeing to write an article for the Pupil Teachers’ Magazine.
3. 18 February [1888]
   About a proposed competition.
4-11 Letters from Marguerite Ninet, Hon. Secretary of Glee Club Committee, London Pupil Teachers’ Association.
4. May 1888
   Draft circular about a Glee Club competition to be held on 2 June.
5. 31 May 1888
   About arrangements for the Glee Club competition.
6. June 1888
   Newspaper cutting about the same.
7. 8 June 1888
   Is glad the performance was successful.
8. 6 June 1889
   Asks if Mrs Fawcett can find her some additional employment as her evenings and afternoons are free.
9. 8 June 1889
   Worked for two years at the Girls’ Company School Maida Vale, but left on account of disagreement with the headmistress.
10. 11 June 1890
    Letter from Mary Gurney declining to see Mlle Ninet.
11. 14 June 1889
    From Marguerite Ninet thanking Mrs Fawcett for her assistance.
12-13 1883-1886
    Testimonials for Miss Ninet. (printed)
M50/4/8/1-4 London Pupil Teachers' Association Record (Pres. James Bryce, MP)

1. August 1886
No. II
2. September 1887
No. IV
3. April 1888
No. V
4. December 1889
No. VII

M50/4/9/1-4 Manchester and Salford Women Citizen's Association (Manchester and Salford Branch of the National Union of Women Workers) Annual Reports

1. 1914 (first)
2. 1916-1917
3. 1917
4. 1918

M50/4/10 National Union of Working Women (Mrs Fawcett a trustee)

1-2 July 1875 and no date
Leaflets giving the aims of the Union, including working conditions and sick benefit.


M50/4/12 Northern Workhouse Nursing Association
[Post 1891]
Leaflet on the Association.

M50/4/13 Society of Women Welders

M50/4/14/1-2 Teachers' Education Loan Society

No date
1. Rules
2. Application form for loan

M50/4/15/1-9 University Association of Women Teachers

1. Postmarked 28 January 1886.
Card giving address of Hon. Secretary.
2. 1889
Six Annual Report, 188-1889, November 1889.
3. 17 May [1890]
Notes of Mrs Fawcett for speech to the Association.
4-7 No date
4. Leaflet on teaching children at home.
5-7 Leaflets on examinations in schools.
8-9 c.1892 and c. 1895
Leaflets on the Association.

M50/4/16 Women's London Gardening Association

No date.
Leaflet about the Association.

M50/4/17/1-2 Women's Printing Society

1. c.1888
Selected Testimonials of the Society, 1887-1888,
2. 1892
Sixteenth Annual Report, 31 January 1892.

M50/4/18 Miscellaneous

2 November - ?
Letter from Mrs Seymour of Alton, Hampshire asking for information about the societies now started for the protection of women's labour.

M50/4/19-22 Particular Jobs
M50/4/19/1-5 Accountancy
Letters from Miss M Harris Smith of London, Accountant and Auditor.

1-2 30 October 1888
Encloses copy of letter from the Society of Accountants and Auditors, 12 June 1888, (2) declining to admit a lady member. About her professional plans.

3-5 21 November 1891
Encloses her business card (4) and extracts from various papers referring to her (5). Asks Mrs Fawcett's help in gaining employment as auditor for women's societies.

M50/4/20/1-2 The Bloomsbury Circular Addressing and Agency Company
1-2. 20 January 1892
Letter from Mrs MA Johnson soliciting business and sending price list.

M50/4/21/1-4 Home Industries
1. 15 March 1890
Circular from Dorothea Roberts of the Association for the promotion of Irish Home Industries, saying that she is transferring the stock of knitted articles to the charge of Mr JS Wood, Hon. Secretary of the Association.

2. No date
Order from for The Irish Home Industries.

3-4 5 March
Letter from J Goldsmid of London sending leaflet by Miss Constance S Blount on Home Industries, February 1891. He points out that Miss Blount's home industries include men's as well as women's work.

M50/4/22/1-9 Match Girls Employed by Bryant and May, London
1. 5 May 1989
Extract from The Star 'They Profit By Phossy Jaw. An Appeal to Bryant and May Shareholders', listing Mrs Fawcett among the shareholders.

2-3 2-3 June 1898
Newspaper cuttings about the conviction of Bryant and May for not reporting cases of phosphorous poisoning in their East London factory.

4. 3 June 1898
Copy of Bryant and May's Letter to the Public Press.

5-8 4-15 June 1898
Newspaper cuttings on the Phossy Jaw problem.

9. 29 June
Letter from Basil Wilberforce inviting Mrs Fawcett to attend a meeting to express sympathy with Bryant and May's employees and demand the use of non-poisonous matches. Invitation card to meeting on 11 July.

M50/4/22/10 Royal Commission on Labour. The Employment of Women.

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M50/4/22/11-51 Employment of Women:
Match Girls Employed by Bryant and May, London (continued from above).

11-12 Notes by Mrs Fawcett on 10 above.

13. No date
Draft reply by Mrs Fawcett to Canon Wilberforce’s letter of 29 June, asking her letter to be read at the meeting. Describes the visit of herself and her daughter to the works of Bryant and May, and thought the workers remarkably healthy and cheerful. Quotes Miss Collet's Report (10 above) as being in marked contrast to the sensational statements in the newspapers.

14. 5 July - 12 July
Notes on allegations by Canon Wilberforce against Bryant and May.

15. No date
Typed reports on Inquest on Cornelius Lean, an employee of Bryant and May who died from phosphorus necrosis, and extracts from The Star, 3 May on Phossy Jaw cases at Bryant and May. Sent by Canon Wilberforce to Mrs Fawcett, with 16 below.

16. 11 July
Letter from Basil Wilberforce saying that once she has read the reports (15) above she will no longer wish to be a shareholder in Bryant and May. Recommends she write to Mr B Morris.

17. 12 July 1898
Letter from B Morris of London saying he knows a “great deal too much about Messrs Bryant and May” and will be happy to
pass on his knowledge.

18. 13 July 1898
Memorandum of conversation with B Morris, a journalist.

19-20 12 July 1898
Newspaper cuttings about Canon Wilberforce’s protest meeting about phossy jaw.

21. 14 July 1898
Cutting from The Daily News of letter from Marmaduke [Hare], Rector of Bow, defending Bryant and May’s record of concern for their workers.

22. 14 July (1898?)
From Alice Keighley giving opinions of many of her club girls who work at Bryant and May’s and inviting Mrs Fawcett to interview them.

23. 14 July 1898
Analysis by Mrs Fawcett of Papers lent to her by Bartholomew Morris, includes copy of letter from Morris to W Bryant, 12 December 1899.

24. 15 July
Newspaper cutting from The Daily News of letter from Charles RE Bell, Managing Director of R Bell and Co.

25. 16 July 1898
Letter from B Morris criticising the Rector of Bow’s letter (21 above).

26. Printed copy of Mrs Fawcett’s letter of 10 July 1898 to Canon Wilberforce, which she asked him to read to his meeting, but which he did not, sent to various newspapers.

27-28 List of papers and persons to whom sent.

29. 16 July 1898
Letter from Conrad Dillon of Chelsea thanking Mrs Fawcett for 26 above.

30. 16 July 1898
Letter from Millicent Sutherland of London. Regrets that Mrs Fawcett’s letter was not read out at the meeting. She is more concerned with the evil of lead poisoning.

31-32 No date.
Note of questions asked of Mrs D Radford Sharpe about her knowledge of Bryant and May’s match girls.

33. 17 July 1898
Letter from S Maud Sharpe of London in reply.

34. 19 July
Letter from Mrs Wilberforce about arranging a meeting.

35. 20 July 1898
Mrs Fawcett’s notes about interview with employees of Bryant and May at a girls’ club, 6 London St, Radcliffe, 19 July.

36. 21 July 1898
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to [the Standard] on Match Girls and Phosphorous Poisoning.

37. Newspaper cutting from The Standard of the same.

38. 22 July 1898
Notes on Mrs Fawcett’s meeting with Canon Wilberforce about B Morris. Wilberforce claimed he had told Mrs Fawcett he was a scoundrel and his evidence worthless.

39. 22 July [1898]
Letter from Mrs Wilberforce saying he realised he had not told Mrs Fawcett what he thought about Morris.

40-45 22 July 1898
Newspaper cuttings, including letters between Bryant and May and Canon Wilberforce.

46. 23 July 1898
Letter from Gilbert Bartholomew of Bryant and May, Fairfield Works, Bow, thanking her for her letter to The Standard which “will do much to remove the seriously wrong impressions produced on the public mind by such men as Canon Wilberforce”.

47. 24 July 1898
Letter from John Cowen saying Mrs Fawcett’s letter on phosphorous poisoning cannot be inserted in the Times as it has already appeared elsewhere.

48. 26 July 1898
Letter from Adelaide M Anderson, a factory inspector, correcting Mrs Fawcett’s impression in her letter to The Standard, 23 July, that inspectors are unwilling to answer general questions from the public.

49. 27 July 1898
Cutting from The Times of Mrs Fawcett’s letter on phosphorous poisoning.

50. 27 July 1898
Draft letter from Mrs Fawcett to [Gilbert Bartholomew]. Does not agree that Bryant and May should publish her letter to The Standard at present. Does not want to give anyone grounds for supposing she was paid by them to write it.
51. No date
"A Shareholder in pursuit of the Truth. A Chapter of autobiography". Mrs Fawcett’s account of her involvement in the match girl controversy.

**MSO/4/23-26 Employment of Women (cont.)**

**MSO/4/23-25 Particular Jobs**

**MSO/4/23/1-7 Post Office**
Papers relating to women in the Post Office in Envelope marked "Tables giving total no. of women employed in the Post Office Service. Brought me by Miss Constance Smith, November 5 1891.

1-4 Statistics for employment of women in the Post Office.

1. 21 March 1881
London, Edinburgh and Dublin.
2-4 1887, 1890 and 1891
England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

5. 1891
Newspaper cutting on the Post Office Annual Report.

6. Cutting from Family Circle criticising the use of women in the Post Office, with marginal notes by Miss Constance Smith.

7. Draft letter [to editor of Family Circle] by Mrs Fawcett refuting allegations of the above article.

**MSO/4/24-25 Typewriting**

**MSO/4/24/1-3 Ashworth and Co, Typewriting and Shorthand Offices, London**

1-3. No date

1. Business card.

2-3. Terms

**MSO/4/25 Typewriting, Shorthand and Translations Office, 33 Chancery Lane**

Postmarked 27 November 1888.
Advertising circular addressed to Miss Agnes Garrett.

**MSO/4/26/1-18 Miscellaneous Printed Papers on the Employment of Women**

1. 1894

2-3 1898


3. The Fall of Women’s Wages in Unskilled Work, published by the Office of The Englishwoman’s Review, 1898.

4-7 1906

4-5 A Brief Survey of the Position of the Swedish Woman and the Work and Aims of the Fredrika Bremer Association, 1903, and another leaflet on the Association in envelope marked “given me by Miss Gertrud Adelberg in Stockholm, August 1906”.

6-7 Article ‘A Protest Against Privilege against the Trade Disputes Bill’, by Prof. AV Dicey, from The National Review, October 1906. Marginal notes by Mrs Fawcett, and cutting from The Times, 4 December 1906, of letter by Godfrey Lushington.

8. 1912

9-10 1915


10. Notes by Mrs Fawcett about the above, written on the back of a letter from Adela Coit, Hon. Treas. of the International Women’s Relief Committee, 14 October 1915, sending £10 for Miss LeRoy’s Belgian family.

11-12 1915
The Call of Our Allies and The Response of the Scottish Women’s Hospitals for Foreign Service. A Brief Record of the Work of the Scottish Women’s Hospitals in France and Service organised by the Scottish Federation of the National Union of Women’s Suffrage Societies, June 1915.

12. The Times History of the War, Part 46, vol. 4. Women’s Work in the War (many photos), 6 July 1915. Initials of AG [Agnes Garret], 7 Gower St.

13-16 1916
13. Manchester, Salford and District Women’s War Interests Committee. Women in the Labour Market (Manchester and District) During the War, [1916].

14. Notes by Mrs Fawcett on above.

15. The War and its Effect upon Women, by HM Swanwick. Published by the Women’s International League, August 1916.

16. ‘The Civil Service and Women’, by Dorothy M Zimmern, reprinted from The Political Quarterly No. 8 [September 1916].

17. 1917
   ‘Women as Justices of the Peace’, by J Theodore Dodd, reprinted from The Contemporary Review, September 1917, originally an address to the Women’s Local Government Society.

18. 1919
   Home Office. Substitution of Women in Non-Munition Factories During the War. HMSO, 1919.

M50/5/1-34 Welfare of Women

M50/5/1-3 Children

M50/5/1/1-3 Guardianship of Infants

1-3 1884
1. A Bill to Amend the Law Relating to the Guardianship and Custody of Infants, 25 July 1884.

2. Speeches of James Bryce, DCL, MP and Horace Davey, QC, MP, on the Second Reading of the Infants Bill, 26 March 1884.

3. Opinions of the Press on the Law Relating to the Custody and Guardianship of Children and the infants Bill, 1884, pamphlet distributed by Mrs Woistenholme Elmy of Congleton.

M50/5/2/1-2 Employment of Children

1. Theatre and Pantomime Children, by Mrs Henry Fawcett. Published by the National Vigilance Association, n.d. [post 1885].

2. The Employment of Children in Theatres, by Mrs Henry Fawcett. Published by the National Vigilance Association, n.d. [post 1885].

M50/5/3 Children’s Homes

Homes for School-Attending Children [Holland], by Elizabeth Boddaert, 1908.

M50/5/4-13 Social Clubs and Societies for Protection of Women and Girls

1. 26 November 1889
   Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Carolie M Paton of Nottingham sending below and asking Mrs Fawcett to present the prizes at the Annual Exhibition and Competition on 26 March 1890.

2. 6 April - ?
   Letter from same inviting Mrs Fawcett to the exhibition of the girls work.

3-4 No date


4. Offprint from Sunday Magazine on Girls’ Evening Homes, by CM Paton.

5. 1888
   Report, 1888.

6. 1890
   Report, 1890.

M50/5/5/1-4 Girls’ Friendly Society

1. December 1885
   Leaflet on the Society.

2. 29 April 1887
   Cutting from The Times on the Girls’ Friendly Society.


4. 1895
   The GFS London Diocesan Report, November 1, 1893 to October 31st, 1894.

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M50/5/6-13 The Welfare of Women: Social Clubs and Societies for the Protection of Women and Girls

M50/5/6/1-3 Liverpool Ladies’ Union of Workers Among Women and Girls
1. No date
Leaflet on the Union.

2 April 1891
Circular about Conference of Women Workers, 11-13 November, asking [Mrs Fawcett] to give a paper. [see also M50/2/4/7
and M50/6/6/1,2].

3. 11-13 November 1891
Programme for Conference.

M50/5/7/1-4 Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants

1-2 1892
1. Offprint of letter from the Association to The Times, 1 March 1892, appealing for funds for a home for feeble-minded girls.

2. The Care of the Feeble Minded, 21 March 1892. Leaflet on proposed home for training feeble-minded girls.

3. No date

4. 1895
Report of the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants, 1895.

M50/5/8 Moral Reform Union
Objects, n.d.

M50/5/9 Soho Club and Home 1886

M50/5/10/1-4 Women's University Association For Work in the Poorer Districts of London

1. No date
Memorandum of Association of the Women's University Settlement.

2. 1888
First Annual Report, June 1888.


M50/5/11 Working Ladies' Guild
A Visit to the Shop and Offices of the Working Ladies' Guild, n.d.

M50/5/12/1-9 Young Women's Christian Association Travellers' Aid Department

1. 14 January 1887
Letter from ME Dimock, Secretary, sending letters on the Travellers Aid and thanking Mrs Fawcett for agreeing to write an
article on the work.

2. Notes on cases [by Miss Dimock].

3. June 1886
Leaflet on the society.

4-5. No date

4. Suggestions for Local Workers whose names are on the placards at Stations.

5. An Appeal to London Railway Porters from the Travellers' Aid Society.

6. February 1888.

7. 1893
Report, 1893.

8. December 1894
As 7 above.

9. No date
Notes by Mrs Fawcett

M50/5/13/1-3 Miscellaneous Papers on Moral Welfare

1. 1899
International Congress. The White Slave Trade, its Causes and the Best Means of Preventing It. Paper read June 1899 by Mrs
Henry Fawcett, LL D.

2. 1900
The Storm Bell, No. 20, February 1900 edited by Mrs Josephine Butler for the Ladies' Association for the Abolition of State
Regulation of Vice.
3. 1918

**M50/5/14-25 Sick and Friendly Societies**

**M50/5/14 Alexandra Friendly Society**
December 1888
Proof sketch of proposed society.

**M50/5/15/1-4 Artists**
1. 4 October [1887]
Newspaper cutting from The Echo on the need for an Artists Annuity Fund for Women. Refers to French associations.

2-4 1887-?
Application forms (French) for Association des Artistes Peintres, Sculpteurs, Architectes, Graviers et Dessinateurs, Association des Artistes Musiciens and Association Des Membres de L’Enseignement.

**M50/5/16/1-3 Church of England Temperance Benefit Society**
1. 1889
Rules, 1889.

2-3 23 October and No date
Letters to Mrs Fawcett from Alice Stansfield about the Church of England Temperance Benefit Society.

**M50/5/17 Hearts of Oak Benefit Society**
30 June 1888
Balance sheet.

**M50/5/18/1-2 Helen Lillian Female Friendly Society, Norwich**
1-2 23 September 1891
Letter from James S Tuck of Norwich sending leaflet on the Society started by representatives of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

**M50/5/19 Hospital Saturday Fund**
22 October 1890
Letter from WG Bunn, Organising Secretary, to Mrs Fawcett saying he has been too busy to proceed with the foundation of the Friendly Society for Women [see M50/5/22/1-160].

**M50/5/20 Metropolitan Provident Medical Association**
Metropolitan Provident Medical Association Memorandum on its work, June 1889.

**M50/5/21 Southwark and Newington Women’s Benefit Society**
February 1891
Leaflet on the society.

**M50/5/22/1-16 United Sisters’ Friendly Society**
1. 5 December 1887
Newspaper cutting from The Echo about the Society.

2-4 Letters to Mrs Fawcett from Revd. J Frome Wilkinson of Strelley, Nottingham, President of the Society.

2. 16 February 1887
Asks Mrs Fawcett to attend a meeting in Nottingham to bring the claims of the society before working women. The idea of a great national friendly society for women is growing.

3. 16 July 1887
The Nottingham branch are anxious to arrange an autumn meeting and would like Mrs Fawcett to attend.

4. 5 November 1887
About the growth of the Society.

5-7 No date

5-6 Proofs of circular letter from Revd. Wilkinson about the Society.


8. 13 May (1887)?
Letter to Mrs Fawcett from Bertha J Johnson of Oxford. Criticises the Revd. Wilkinson of the United Sisters’ Friendly Society for not publishing a balance sheet of the Society in three years. Foundation of any sick society seems to have been put off till the autumn.

9. 14 December 1887
Letter from Sophia Beale. Hopes to form a branch in London connected with the United Sisters’ Friendly Society.


11. 1 May 1888
Letter from S Shaw of Cambridge. Have decided not to join the United Sisters’ Friendly Society at present. Mr Frome Wilkinson’s scheme, however, seems the best yet proposed.

12. 31 October 1888

13. No date
Outlines of a Scheme For A Sick Benefit Society for Women, by WG B[unn].

14. Card of Mr Robert Pearce of Baylis and Pearce, Old Jewry, with a note by Mrs Fawcett that he came to see her c.1888 about a project for forming a women’s friendly society on a large scale.

15. 1 February 1889
Letter from Baylis and Pearce asking for an appointment to discuss proposals for a Women’s Sick Pay Fund on a national basis. (see also M50/5/19).

16. 23 October 1890
Letter from R Pearce. The scheme for a Women’s Sick Pay Society is ‘waiting the result of the action of the Charity Commissioners upon the City Parish Charities’.

M50/5/23/1-4 Women’s Protective and Provident League For The Formation of Protective and Benefit Societies, from 1888, Women’s Trades Union Provident League

1-2 1884.
1. Tenth Annual Report, 1 July 1884.
2. The Women’s Union Journal, July 1884.

M50/5/24/1-4 Working Women’s Benefit Society, Oxford

1. Table of contributions and benefits, n.d.
2. As above 918870.
3. Fifth Annual Report, 1887.
4. Tenth Annual Report, 1892.

M50/5/25 Miscellaneous
January 1868
Sick Club Rules of a firm whose name has been obliterated.

M50/5/26-28 The Welfare of Women: Convalescent Homes

M50/5/29/1-4 Chapham Maternity Hospital

1. [1890]
Rules for Nurses, n.d.
2. 24 March 1890
Postcard from M Ritchie, Hon. Secretary, inviting [Mrs Fawcett] to a Committee Meeting.
4. Notice of Annual Meeting of Subscribers. [March; year not known.]

**M50/5/30/1-2 The New Hospital for Women, 144 Euston Road**

1-2 1891

1. Nineteenth Annual Report, February 1891.
2. Notice of AGM, 4 March and Rules, 17 February 1891.

**M50/5/31-34 The Welfare of Women: Housing**

**M50/5/31/1-2 Portman Buildings**


**M50/5/32/1-2 Mayfield House**

1. 1892
   Report, October 1891 - October 1892.
2. No date [post November 1892].
   Ladies' College Supplement in Bethnal Green. Statement of Mayfield House Committee.

**M50/5/33/1-2 27 Holland Park Gardens**

1-2 1892.

2. Advertisement of St John Ambulance courses to be held at 27 Holland Park Gardens, 22 January 1892.

**M50/5/34/1-6 The Ladies' Residential Chambers**

1. 1888
   Prospectus of The Ladies' Residential Chambers Ltd, March 1888.
2. No date
   Form of Application for Shares in same.
3. 7 July 1888
   Newspaper cutting about the Ladies Dwellings Co. Ltd, to build large blocks of dwellings for ladies of small incomes.
4. 1889
   The Ladies' Residential Chambers Ltd, Report and Balance Sheet, January 1889.
5. July 1889
   Card announcing opening of the Ladies' Residential Chambers Ltd, Club Dining Room in Chenies Street Chambers, Bloomsbury.
6. No date
   Cost of luncheon and dinner at Chenies Street Chambers.

**M50/6/1-14 Miscellaneous Papers Relating to Women (Chronological Order)**

**M50/6/1/1-3 c.1889**

Proposals for an international Literary and Scientific Institute in Rome. (printed).

**M50/6/3/2-3 1889**

2. Leaflet on High School for Girls, Reykjavik, Iceland sent to Mrs Fawcett by Mrs Sigrid E Magnusson, the author.

**M50/6/3**


**M50/6/4-5 1890**

**M50/6/4**

The Writings of Mary Wollstonecraft, [by Miss Lee], extracted from The Westminster Review, January 1890.

**M50/6/5**

Women's Duty to Women, read by Francis Power Cobbe to Conference of Women Workers, Birmingham November 1890.
MS0/6/6/1-2 1891
1. Proof of Women’s Conference of Associated Workers, Liverpool, November 11, 12 and 13, 1891. A Suggestion to its Supporters, June 1891. [see also MS0/5/6/1-3].

2. Pages 209-216 from Report of the Valedictory Address of Mrs Henry Fawcett at the Conference of Women Workers, [13 November 1891 - see also MS0/2/4/7].

MS0/6/7-8 1892

MS0/6/7/1-3
1. Advertising proof for ‘The Life History of Tennessee C Claflin, now Lady Cook’ by GL Eliot, 1892. Includes articles by TC Claflin, including one on abortion.

2. 13 February 1892
Letter from Lady Cook of Richmond, Surrey, asking for Mrs Fawcett’s opinion on above as being calculated to advance women’s position.

3. 16 February 1892
Draft reply saying the publication would do nothing but harm to the upraising of women’s position.

MS0/6/8
Paterson Memorial Fund. Subscriptions received up to 31 March 1892.

MS0/6/9 1897
Speech … at the Croydon Meeting of the General Committee of the National Union of Women Workers, October 1897, by Mrs Henry Fawcett, on the new Rules for Dealing with the Sanitary Condition of the British Army in India. (re legislation dealing with VD in the British Army in India).

MS0/6/10 1904

MS0/6/11 [Post 1907]
Notes on the Women’s Liberal Federation and the Forward suffrage Union.

MS0/6/12 1917
Women’s International League Monthly Newsheet, January 1917. Includes article by Isabella Ford “Men, Women and Labour?”

MS0/6/13-14 No date

MS0/6/13
Little Guides for Women Citizens: 1. The Woman Juror, by Susanne R Day [c. 1920]. Foreword by Mrs Fawcett, JP, LL D.

MS0/6/14
Objects of a proposed society aimed at controlling birth rate. (printed)

MS0/7/1-5 Papers Relating to the First World War

MS0/7/1-4 War Economies

MS0/7/1/1-3 War Time Council on Drink and National Efficiency
1. Leaflet calling for prohibition of the sale of drink, with list of supporters.

2. Leaflet No. 4. Speech by RV Williams at the opening meeting of the … Council … Belfast, 7 March 1916.


MS0/7/2/1-16 Parliamentary War Savings Committee

1. 8 September 1915
Circular from Geraldine Cooke, Secretary of NUWSS sending 2-12 below on behalf of the Parliamentary War Savings Committee.

2. Parliamentary War Savings Committee circular to accompany 3 12 below.

3. Leaflet No. 1 Why You Should Save.

4. Leaflet No. 4 “Silver Bullets” Will Win the War.

5. Leaflet No. 6 National War Loan. Investments of £5 and Upwards.

7. Leaflet No. 9 Appeal to the National for Thrift. Speeches ... on June 29th, 1915 by The Prime Minister and Mr Bonar Law, 1915.
9. Leaflet No. 14 Why We Must Save and How, 1915. (includes recipes).
10. Leaflet No. 15 Save Your Coal.
11. Stop! Read! Think! How we can help to win the War, 18 October 1915.
12. Saving for victory.
14. 29 March 1916
Letter from Lionel Walford, Town Clerk of Holborn inviting Mrs Fawcett to be a member of a proposed local Central Committee in connection with the National Organising Committee for War Savings.
15. 10 April 1916
Notice of first meeting of Committee, with Mrs Fawcett’s notes on the meeting.
16. 12 April 1916
Newspaper cutting about the Manchester War Savings Committee.

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M50/7/5 Papers relating to the First World War (cont.)

M50/7/5/1-25 Miscellaneous Pamphlets on the War

1. 1914
Patriots of the Kingdom, Three Talks for the use of Teachers of Boys and Girls Between the Ages of Nine and Fourteen, by Basil Matthews, published by the United Council for Missionary Education, 1914.
2-11 1915
2. The War Stories of Heroism and Kindliness, collected by Mrs W A Allright, new Year 1915.
3. Appeals To All Women to End the War by Women of Austria, Britain, France, Germany, Hungary, Russia, Sweden and Switzerland published by The Fellowship of Reconciliation, c 1915.
4. Appeals as above issued in sheet form by the National Labour Press Ltd, Manchester.
6. An Elementary Course of Lessons on the War Being an Introduction to the Study of International Relations, by M Catherine Gittins, President of the National Conference Union for Social Service.
7. What Fools These Mortals Be, a play by Hermon Ould. Published by the National Labour Press Ltd, Manchester, c 1915.
8. The Truth About the German People. Published by the National Labour Press Ltd, no date.
9. ‘German Misrepresentations’, by J Holland Rose, reprinted from The Saturday Review [September 1915].
10. Short Answers to Conscriptionists. Published by The Voluntary Service Association, 1915.
11. Child Labour and Education During the War and After.
12-18 1916
14. Why Freedom Matters, by Norman Angell. Published by the National Council For Civil Liberties, n.d.
15. Poland For The Poles. Published for the Polish Information Committee, 1916.
16. Labour and the Costs of War, by JA Hobson. Published by the Union of Democratic Control. January 1916.
17. Turkey and the Roads of the East, by HN Brailsford. Published by the Union of Democratic Control, July 1916.
18. America and the Cause of the Allies, by Norman Angell. Published by the Union of Democratic Control, August 1916.
19. Free Russia, a tribute to Catherine Breshkofsky, by Charles Rowley of Handforth, Cheshire, on behalf of 1,500 members of the Ancoats Brotherhood, July 1917. Includes letter from Peter and Sophie Kropotkin about to return to Russia, May 1917, and photograph of painting by Ford Madox Brown of Mrs Fawcett and her husband.
20. The Absolutists Objection to Conscription, A Statement and an Appeal to the Conscience of the Nation. Published by the Friends Service Committee [c.1917]. Includes a letter from Leo Trotsky to Russian Conscientious Objectors and statistics of British objectors in prison, May 1917.


24. The Recruit. A play by A Fenner Brockway, written while in prison as a conscientious objector, April 1918. Published by the National Labour Press Ltd.


M50/8/1-8 Miscellaneous Papers (Chronological Order)

M50/8/1 1873
Land Tenure Reform Association Report of a Public Meeting Held at Exeter Hall, London on Tuesday, March 18th, 1873, the Late Mr John Stuart Mill in the Chair, 1873. **

M50/8/2 1882

M50/8/3-5 No Date

M50/8/3

M50/8/4 [1870 - 1890]
The Cumulative Method of Voting ... as Exhibited in the Late School Board Elections, n.d. Gives votes of each candidate in Birmingham, Hanley, Nottingham, Sheffield, Wolverhampton, Manchester and London, and comments on elections in Ryde, Newcastle on Tyne and Coventry. Objects of the National Education League, Birmingham.

M50/8/5/1-2
1. French and English Vivisection. No date [post 1890].

M50/8/6 1 November 1902
Letter from Dr Ernst Schafer saying he is sending a booklet on a French Protestant community in Toledo. (German).

M50/8/7 1911
A warning to Liberal Stewards Summing up of Mr Justice Avery in Hawkins v Muff Case, published by The Men's Political Union Press, 1911.

M50/8/8
Proof of Labour Prospects No. 3, "Would Labour Help the Middle Classes", by Mrs Henry Fawcett, "Written in February 1900".

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