## All - India

# Women's Conference 

## ELEVENTH SESSION



## AHMEDABAD



Mrs. Margaret E. Cousins, President, All India Women's Conference, 1936.

# All - India <br> Women's Conference 

## ELEVENTH SESSION



AHMEDABAD
December 23 to 27, 1936.

Printed by S. R. Vasavada at the Majoor Mudranalaya, Gheekanta Rood Ahmedabad.

## CONTENTS

Page
Patronesses of the All-India Women's Conference Office-Bearers of the All-India Women's Conference 1937 ... ... 1 Members of the Standing Committee $e_{=}^{-1937}$... ... ... ... 2
List of Delegates to the Eleventh Session of the All-India Women's Conference 1936 ..... 4
Programme of the Eleventh All-India Women's Conference ..... 6
Opening Song ..... 8
Opening Day's Proceedings ..... 9
Welcome address by Lady Nilkanth ..... 11
Messages from far and near .. ..... 14
Annual Report of the Honorary Organising Secretary ..... 15
Presidential address by Mrs. M, E. Cousins ..... 23
Other Addresses - ..... 33
Principal Anandshanker Dhruva, Sir M. I. Kadri, Dr. Sumant
Mehta, Miss Agatha Harrison- Dr. Georg. Procter. Mrs. De Mel, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade, and Mrs. G. R. Billimoria
First Sitting of the A. I. W. C. ..... 43
Report of the Social Section ..... 43
Report of the Educational Section ..... 46
Report of the Literacy Sub-Committee ..... 48
Report of the Rural Reconstruction Sub-Committee ..... 50
Report of the Labour Sub-Committee ..... 52
Report of the Indigenous Industries Sub-Committee ..... 54
Report of the Opium Sub-Committee ..... 57
Report of the Harijan Sub-Committee ..... 57
Report of the Anti-Child marriage Sub-Committee ..... 58
Report of the Franchise Sub-Committee ..... 59
Report of the Health Sub-Committee ..... 61
Report of the Liaison Officer A. I. W. C.... ..... 63
Miss Agatha Harrison for Liaison Group in Enaland ..... 67
Report of Liaison Group of British Women's Societies ..... 68
Report of the Legislation Sub-Committee ..... 72
Report of the Common Language Sub-Committee ..... 72
Second Sitting of the A. I. W. C.- ..... 74
Labour Resolutions ... ... ..... 74


## PATRONESSES

## of the

## ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Her Excellency the Lady Irwin<br>Her Highness the Maharani of Baroda<br>Her Highness Maimuna Sultana, the Begum of Bhopal<br>The Consort of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin<br>H. H. Maharani Sucharu Devi of Mayurbhanj<br>The Rani of Vizianagram<br>Her Highness the Dowager Rani of Mandi<br>Mrs. Sarojini Naidu<br>Dr. Mrs. Muthulakshmi Reddi<br>Mrs. P. K. Roy<br>Lady Ramanbhai Nilkanth<br>Lady Abdul Qadir<br>Mrs. Rustomji Faridoonji<br>H. H. Maharani Setu Parvati Bayi of Travancore

# OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE <br> ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, 1937 

## President

Mrs. M. E. Cousins, The Krishna Cottage, Madanapalle, S. India. Vice-Presidents
Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade, Gwalior, C. I.
Mrs. S. C. Mukerjee, 9, Lower Rawdon Street, Calcutta.
Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Jullundur City, Punjab.
Begum Hamid Ali, Clo. Mrs. Abbas Tyabji, Camp, Baroda.
Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Khambatta Hall, 16, Altmont Road, Bombay.
Mrs. Sharada Mehta, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad.

## Chairwoman

Mrs. Ammu Swaminadhan, Gilchrist Gardens, Chetput, Madras.
Hon. Organising Secretary
Mrs. Dina Asana, Opposite the Gujarat College, Ahmedabad.
Educational Section Secretary
Miss Z. Lazarus, Tumkur, Mysore State.
Social Section Secretary
Mr. J.R. Doctor, Hirji Mansion, 93,Gowalia Tank Road, P.O. Malabar Hill, Bombay. Hon. Treasurer
Mrs. G. R. Billimoria, Thoburn House, Apollo Bunder, Bombay. Lisiaon Officer
Mrs. S. N. Ray, Magistrate's House, Comilla, Bengal.
Conveners of Sub-Committees
Finance-Mrs. G. R. Billimoria, Thoburn House, Apollo Bunder, Bombay. Constitution-Miss Leilamani Naidu, The Golden Threshold, Hyderabad (Deccian). Literacy-Miss R. Reuben, Chembur, Bombay (Suburban Dist.) Common Language-Miss D. B. Hassan, Latif Manzil, Panipat, Punjab. Vocational-Miss S. Pandit, Arya Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Baroda. Health-Dr. Mrs. Malinibai Sukthankar, Shantaram House, Malabar Hill, Bombay. Anti-Child Marriage-Mrs. Sarojini Mehta, 6, Tanjira Chambers, Wodehouse Road, Bombay.
Labour-Miss J. E. Copeland, C/o. Y. W. C. A., Asoka Road, New Delhi. Indigenous Industries-Mrs. Jayashri Raiji, 68. Nepeansea Road, Bombay. Rural Reconstruction-Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Jullundur City, Punjab. Harijan-Mrs. Brijlal Nehru, 15, Tughalak Road, New Delhi.
Opium \& other Narcotic Drugs-Mrs. Lakshmi N. Menon, I, Badsha Bagh, Lucknow.
Special Committee on Legal Disabilities-Mrs. S. N. Ray, Magistrate's House, Comilla, Bengal.
Legislation-Mrs. Asaf Ali, Cucha Chelan, Daryagunge, Delhi.
Franchise-Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade, Gwalior, C. I.

## STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ajmer-Mrs. L. F. Massey. C/o. F. Massey, Esq. Asst. Engineer.
B. B. \& C. I. Ry., Ajmer.

Andhra-Mrs. M. Kamalamma, Masulipatam, Kistna Dist.
Assam-Mrs. Rajabala Das, C/o. Dr. J. Das, M. B., Panbazar, Gauhati.
Shillong-Mrs. S. Desai, Lake-side, Shillong.
Bengal East-Mrs. Sujata Ray. The Chummery. Ramna, Dacca.
Bengal West-Mrs. R. N. Tagore, Shantiniketan, Bengal.
Berar-Mrs. Sarojini Inamdar, C/o. N. L. Inamdar. Esq., Khaparde Gardens. Amraoti.
Bihar-Mrs. A. T. Sen, C/o. A. Sen, Esq. Bar-at-Law, Patna.
Bombay-Mrs. Urmila Mehta, 15th Khar Road, Bombay.
Calcutta-Mrs. S. C. Mazumder. 104, Russa Road, South. Tellygunge, Calcutta.
C. P. North-Mrs. H. I. Ahmed, Clo. Khan Saheb S. I. Ahmed, City Magistrate. Jubbulpore, C. I.
C. P. South-Mrs. Ramabai Tambe, near Maharajabagh Club, Maharajabagh Road, Nagpur.
Delhi-Miss J. Zutshi, M. A. 15, Tughalak Road. New Delhi.
Gujarat-Mrs. J. R. Vakharia, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad.
Konkan-Mrs. S, B. Bhaskare, Mission Bungalow, Alibagh, Dt. Kolaba.
Madras-Miss Sita Devadoss, Silvery Lodge, Mylapore, Madras.
Maharastra-Mrs. Yesubai Kulkarni, 536, Shanwar, Poona.
Malabar-Miss K. E. Sharada, Chalapuram, Calicut (S. Malabar).
N. W. F. P.-Mrs. Kazi Mir Ahmed, Ahmed Manzil, Peshawar Cantt.

Orissa-Miss S. B. Das, Madhu Smriti, Cuttack.
Punjab Central-Miss Premwati Thapor, IA, Golf Road, Lahore.
Punjab East-Mrs. P. L. Sondhi, Dilkhusha, Jullundur, Punjab.
Sind-Dr. Mrs. K. Tarabai, Bunder Road, Karachi.
Tamil Nadu-Mrs. A. G. Gomathinathan, Ganapathivilas, Koilpatti, S. I. Ry.
U. P. Agra-Mrs. Sheila Dhar, 3, Beli Road, Allahabad.
U. P. Oudh-Begum Aizaz Rasul, Jalalpur Estate, Sandila, U. P.

INDIAN STATES
Baroda-Mrs. Premlila Mehta, C/o. Supdt., R. M. S., Baroda.
Bikaner-
Cochin-Miss C. Thankam, Asstt. Professor, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam. Gwalion-Mrs. Chandrakala Sahai, 10. J. A. Hospital, Lashker, Gwalior C. I. Hyderabad (Dn.)-Mrs. C. Cornelius. Asaf Zahi Road, Hyderabad (Deccan). Indore-Mrs. Jyotsna Mehta, 19, Yashvant Nivas Road. Indore.

Jaipur-
Kolhapur-Miss S. K. Ghorpade, Laxmipuri, Kolhapur State.
Kashmir-
Kotah-
Mysore-Mrs. Mandyam, 114, Visweswarapuram. Bangalore City. Sangli-Mrs. Sumatibai, Gokhale, New Extension, Sangli.
Travancore-Miss K. Easwari Amma, Lecturer, Arts College, Trivandrum.
N. C. W. I. co-opted member-Mrs. Keron Bose, 14, Palm Avenue, Ballygunge, Calcutta. W. I. A. co-opted member-Dr. Mrs. Muthulakshmi Reddi, Everest, Katchery Road, Mylapore, Madras. All-India Women's Education Fund Association Co-opted Member-Hony. Secrotary, Mrs. Sewa Singh Gill, 6, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi. Liaison Officer in England-Mrs. Grace Lankester, 62. Plough Lane, Purley, Surrey, England.

