

CUMANN NA mBAN.

(The Irishwomen's Council).

Cumann na mBan is a non-partisan and non-sectional National organisation for women of Irish birth or descent. Its headquarters are at 8 D'Olier Street. Women of Irish birth or descent alone are eligible for membership.

The organisation came into being in November, 1913, and started the work of founding branches in March, 1914. In October, 1914, sixty-three branches were in existence for Ireland, and some in England. Besides the founding of First Aid and Ambulance Classes, the Organisation, as the occasion arises, engages in any vital national work in which its activities are needed. Cumann na mBan initiated the Defence of Ireland Fund for the equipment of the Volunteers.

OBJECTS.

1. To advance the cause of Irish liberty.
2. To organize Irishwomen in furtherance of this object.
3. To assist in arming and equipping a body of Irishmen for the defence of Ireland.
4. To form a fund for these purposes, to be called "The Defence of Ireland Fund."

CONSTITUTION.

1. For the time being, the direction of the branches will be carried on by the Provisional Committee.

2. Branches will be formed throughout the country, pledged to the Constitution, and directed in a general way by the Provisional Committee.

3. Members will be expected, in addition to their local subscriptions, to support the "Defence of Ireland Fund" by subscription or otherwise.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

MRS. EOIN MAC NEILL.

MRS. WYSE POWER.

MADAM O'RAHILLY.

MRS. TUOHY.

MRS. M'DONAGH O'MAHONY.

MISS AGNES O'FARRELLY, M.A.

NURSE M'COY.

MISS BLOXHAM.

MISS L. GAVAN DUFFY, B.A.

MRS. PADRAIC COLUM, B.A.

MISS MARGARET DOBBS.

MISS EVA O'FLAHERTY.

SAIDHBH TRINSEACH.

MARY. M. COLUM, B.A.,

LOUISE GAVAN DUFFY, B.A.,

Hon. Secs.

RULES FOR BRANCHES.

1. A Branch shall contain at least fifteen members, inclusive of officers.

2. The activities of each Branch shall be decided by its own Committee, subject to the approval of the Provisional Committee of Cumann na mBan.

3. Branch meetings should be held once a week. Each Branch Committee shall decide its own subscription.

4. The Affiliation Fee for Branches shall be Five Shillings, payable on the 1st January of each year.

5. The district of a Branch shall not overlap the district of any other Branch.

6. Where there are no Branches, individual members are recommended to join the Central Branch, Headquarters, 8 D'Olier Street, Dublin.

7. Reports from Branches to be sent to the Secretary at Headquarters on the first Monday of each month.

8. Branches should keep in touch with their local Volunteer Battalions, appear at the parades, and identify themselves with Volunteer work in every suitable way.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES.

First Aid, Home Nursing, Drill and Signalling, Rifle Practice, etc., Organizing Boy Scouts, Collecting for "The Defence of Ireland Fund," which has now been opened to equip the Irish Volunteers.

N.B.—Those Rules are Provisional, and are subject to addition and alteration.