

party is not fond of programmes and does not, as a rule, make reckless promises or grope about for mandates, but it desires to be taken a little more into the confidence of its leader and to be able to voice its hopes and aspirations.

The present arrangement should work well if all agree to abide loyally by its terms, and it is more with the hope of filling in details than with the idea of sketching a new plan that the following is written. Geographically the whole of Great Britain—Ireland must be dealt with separately—can easily be divided into Districts, Sub-districts, Agencies and Sub-agencies. The number of Districts might be six or eight and the Sub-districts correspond to the counties, groups of small counties and the larger cities and county boroughs. The Agencies correspond to the constituencies and the Sub-agencies to the larger parishes or unions. The nomenclature is different to that adopted at present, and I think more rational. The National Union will keep in touch with the leader by means of its representatives on the General Council and will have charge of the literature. The Political Associations should appoint the Agents and Sub-agents, and the General Council, an Inspector for each District, and a Sub-inspector for each Sub-district. These inspectors would travel in the areas committed to their charge and collect and forward information to and from the centre.

The unit would be the Sub-agent who, with the aid of voluntary workers, would ascertain the number of (1) safe voters, (2) doubtful voters, and (3) the probable effect on the latter of the policies of the Government and Opposition. The returns of the Sub-agents could be collected periodically by the Agents who would thus be kept informed of the feeling in their constituencies and also forwarded to the District Inspectors who would report to Head Quarters. Without some such arrangement the Central Office must remain in ignorance of the opinion of the party.

The result of the General Election came as a great surprise to the Central Office, but those who had been speaking and