

Electrifying Women Source Packs

Source Type: Enigmas

These three “enigmatic” sources are from the Caroline Haslett papers [IET Archives reference: NAEST 033], which are held at the [Institution of Engineering and Technology \(IET\)](#).

[Caroline Haslett](#) was the first secretary and long-term member of the [Women’s Engineering Society](#) (WES), as well as a key part of the [Electrical Association for Women](#) (EAW), who played an important role in both the development of WES and the EAW. Her papers contain material relating to both organisations.

Enigma 1: Photographs (IET Archives reference: NAEST 33/01/03).





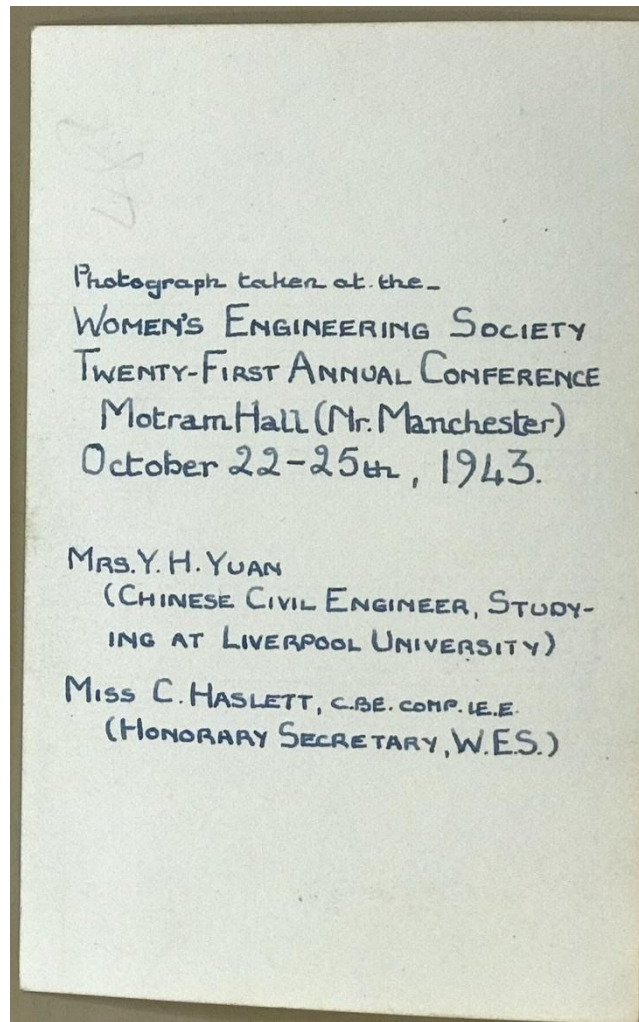
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**WOMEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MOTTRAM HALL (NR. MANCHESTER)
OCTOBER 22ND-25TH, 1943.**

**MISS G.L. ENTWISLE, AMIEE, PRESIDENT, W.E.S.
MRS. Y.H. YUAN, CHINESE CIVIL ENGINEER
STUDYING AT LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.
MISS C. HASLETT, C.B.E., HON. SECRETARY, W.E.S.**

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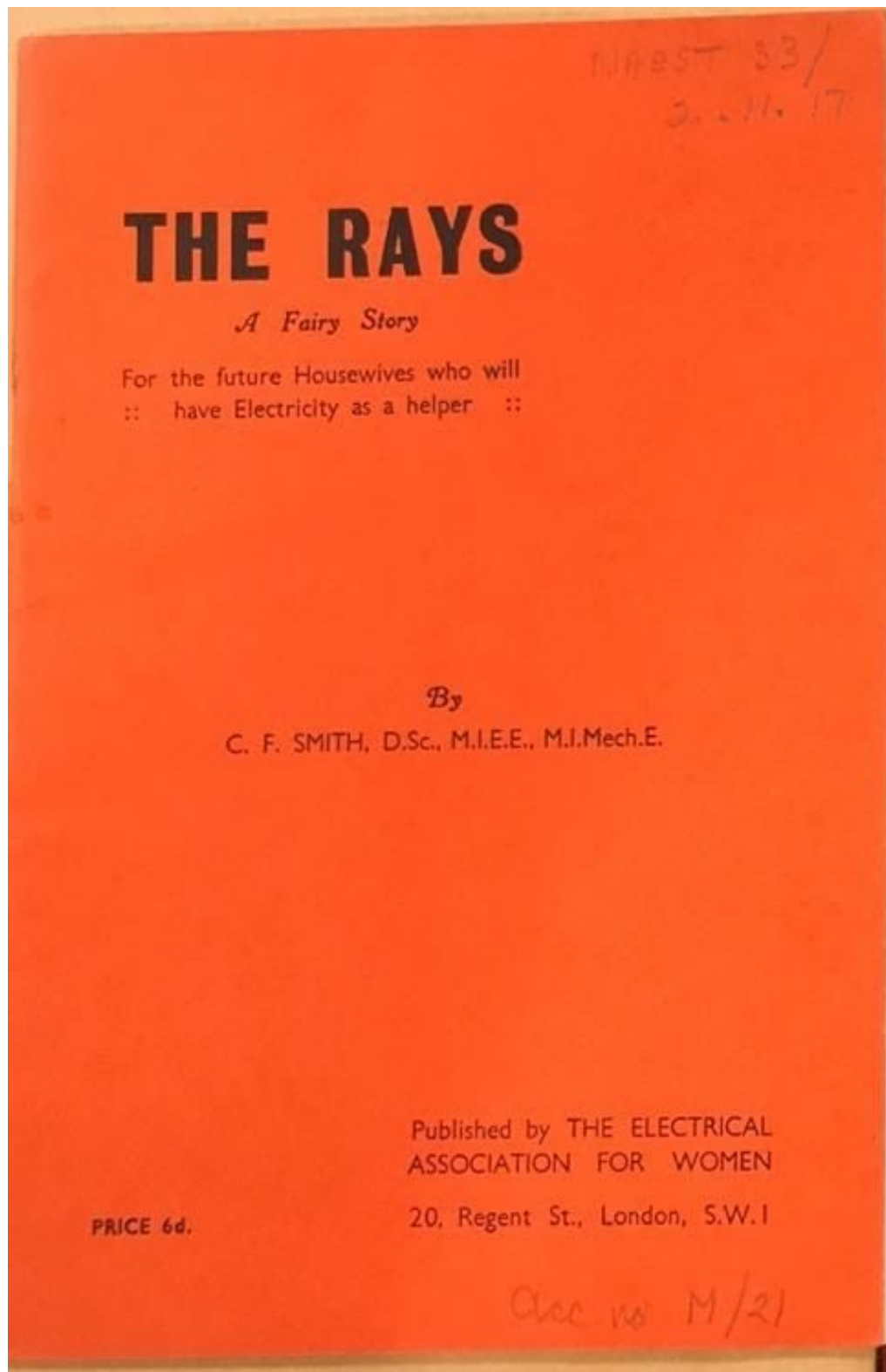


Questions to consider:

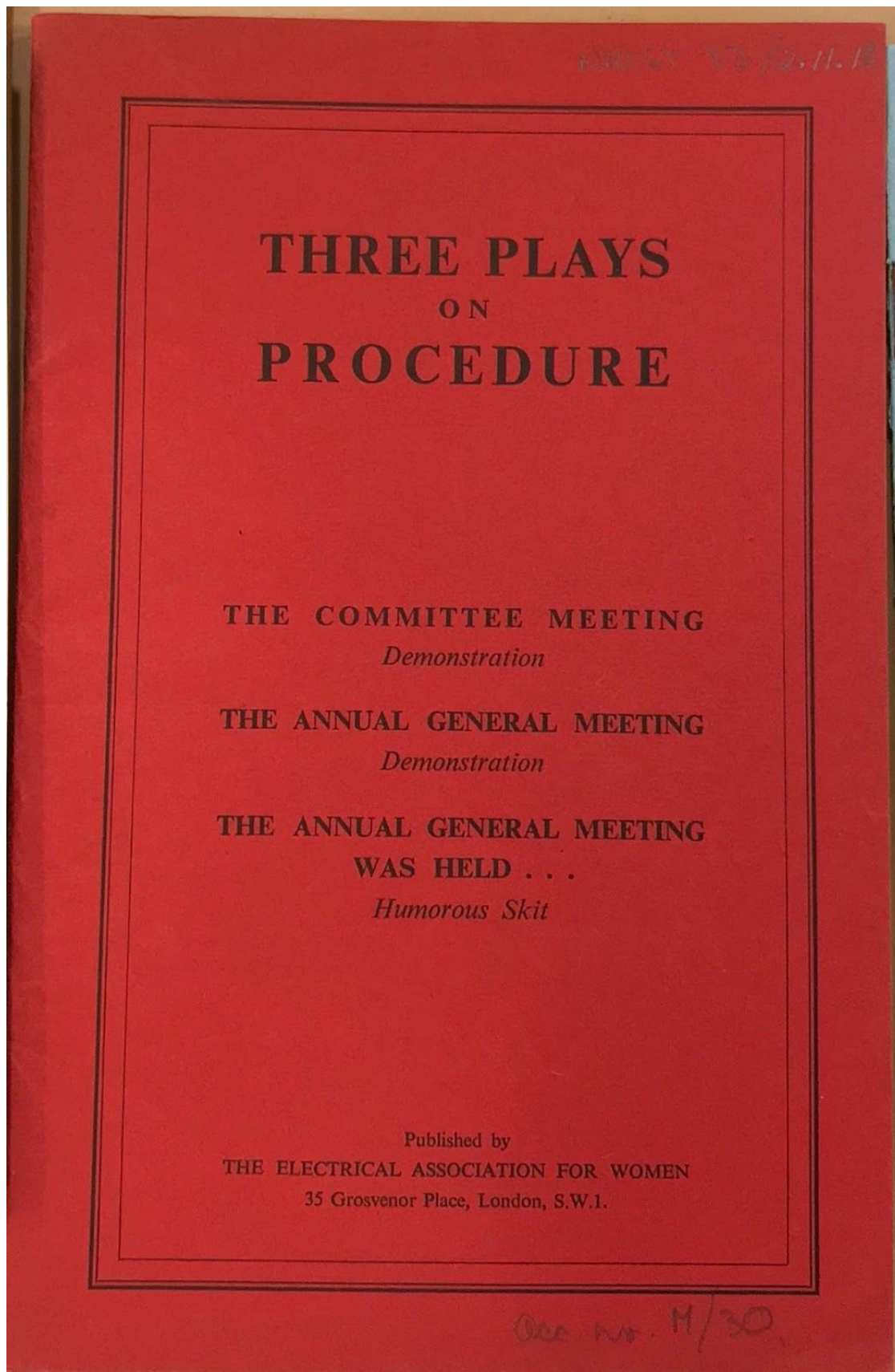
1. What year are the photographs from? Where were they taken? Who is depicted in them? Use all the information provided above.
2. What can you find out about the three women who are pictured? Who are they? What did they do professionally? Why might they be in the photographed?
3. What do you think the significance of the photographs might be?

Enigma 2: Three publications produced by the EAW.

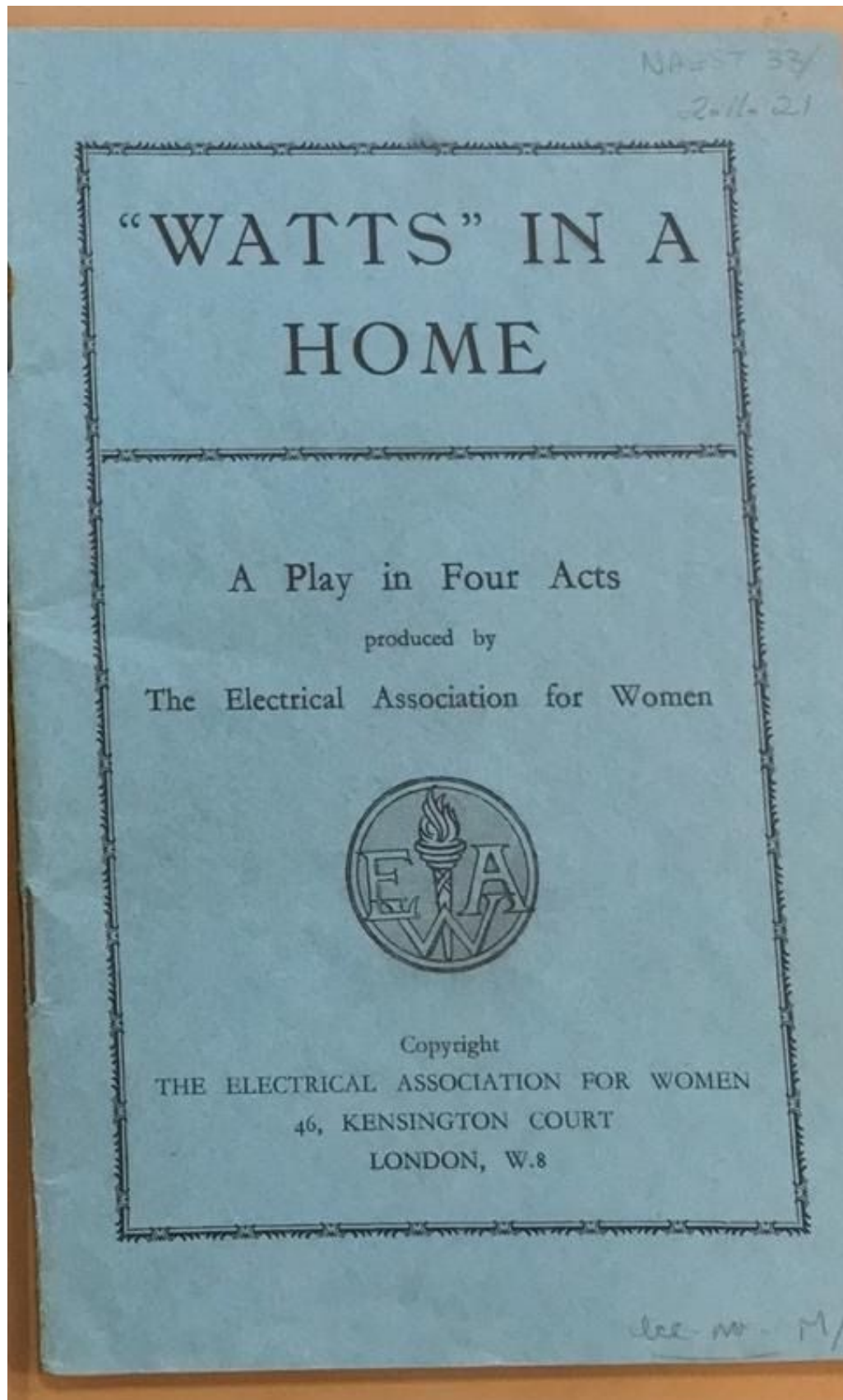
1. IET Archives reference: NAEST 033/02/11/17



2. NAEST 033/2/11/18



3. NAEST 033/2/11/21



Questions to consider:

1. What were the key aims of the EAW? Look online for more information, including [this online IET exhibition.](#)
2. What are the three publications pictured? List everything you can learn from looking at the covers.
3. What do you think the purpose of each of the publications was? Who was the intended audience? What might they tell us about how the EAW approached their audiences?

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Enigma 3 Caroline Haslett's correspondence (IET Archives reference: NAESt 033/17/1/03).

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COCHRAN & CO., ANNAN, LTD.,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.
CARBON COPY.

20th Janr. 1919.

H. L. Davies, Esq.
Annan.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble you just now, but I promised you some time ago that when I was thinking of taking up another position, I would let you know before actually doing so.

I do not wish you to think me ungrateful for the generous way in which the firm recently treated me, and I therefore propose to tell you exactly how the post came to my notice.

Last week a friend of mine sent me an advertisement from "Engineering" which enquired for a secretary for a Society of Women Engineers which was just forming. As my friend had been good enough to send me the advertisement I wrote after the post, thinking I should hear no more of it.

To my great surprise I had a letter by return from Lady Parsons (wife of Sir C.A. Parsons of Newcastle) requesting me to call and see her. This I did on Saturday, and rather gathered that I should not be successful as they wanted someone to start straight away; I of course told her that I should have to give my firm at least a fortnight's notice.

This morning, however, I received a letter from her telling me that she thinks I will suit them better than anyone else they have interviewed, and requesting me to call again this evening.

I enclose you a pamphlet outlining the ideas of the Society, and you will no doubt understand that I would very much like to take up this work. The commencing salary is £200 a year.

If it is decided this evening that I take up the work, I will of course let you know immediately.

Yours faithfully,

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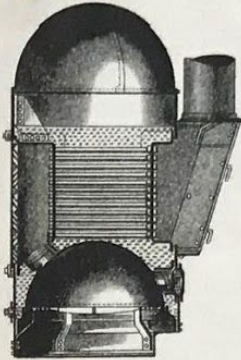
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ANNAN, SCOTLAND.



Miss Haslett,
C/o Messrs. Cochran & Co, (Annan) Ltd,
LONDON.

Reference

22nd January.1919.

Dear Miss ~~Has~~ Haslett,

I have received your two letters of 20th and 21st inst with enclosures, and while of course I am very sorry indeed to lose you from our London Office, at the same time I should be most unwilling to stand in the way of any ~~one~~ bettering themselves if they could. In this case I know that the post is one which you have always desired, and it is a great pleasure to me, from a personal point of view, that you have been successful in obtaining it.

If you desire any testimonial, I will be glad to let you have one, and we will make arrangements, if possible, to get someone to take over your work by the 5th of February. It is possible that we may arrange for Miss. Waugh to come to London again, at any rate for a time, so I should be glad to know if you could make arrangements on her behalf, say at the beginning of next week. You might please write and confirm this to me and also communicate with Miss Waugh direct.

I shall be interested to hear more about your future work, and have read the leaflets you enclose with considerable interest, but I must tell you that Mrs. Davies was rather shocked at the bad economic sentiments contained in the last clauses of the second leaflet, and hopes that when you are responsible for these publications, that you will see to the arguments being sound.

With all good wishes for your future success, and with best thanks for the kind expressions you have made in your letters,

I am,

Yours truly,

Harry L. Davies

Questions to consider:

1. What are the letters about? Who are they between? What date are they from?
2. What do we learn about Caroline Haslett's career?
3. What more can you find out about Caroline Haslett and/or the Cochran boiler company?