

# **Mothers' Union – First 50 years**



**1900: 170,000 members in 28 Dioceses.**

**Campaigns for social welfare:**

to stop children collecting alcohol from public houses  
to raise the Age of Marriage from 12 to 16

**1913 – Mary Sumner, aged 84, visited Hexham**

**1921 Mary Sumner died on 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**1925 Mary Sumner House opened in Westminster**

**1926 MU granted a Royal Charter / 490,000 members**