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THE year under review has been one of great activity. In addition to the work for Arbitration, which occupied us throughout the year, we have undertaken political work in connexion with special crises. The W.I.L. was able to act with considerable effect when the controversy arose in connexion with Mandates, and during the latter part of the year the situation in regard to China has occupied the Section. In the summer the Fifth Biennial International Congress of the W.I.L.P.F. was held in Dublin, and the British Section sent a large contingent.

In previous reports resolutions have been grouped together, but this year they will be found under their respective subjects. The work of 1925 in connexion with the Arbitration Petition showed the general lines for our work for 1926. Our problem was to find some simple means of securing that support of public opinion which is necessary if the Government is to be influenced in the direction of accepting the principle of peaceful settlement of international disputes. Acting on suggestions made at the Special Council of the W.I.L., held in October, 1925, the Executive Committee approached the National Executives of Women's and other Organizations, and ultimately some twenty-eight co-operated in the great Peacemakers' Pilgrimage of 1926. The full account of this adventure appears in the special Report issued by the Joint Pilgrimage Council—a record of encouraging achievement, in spite of the difficulties that arose owing to the Coal Dispute and General Strike. It was a piece of work that brought the League into contact with that wider public which is so difficult to approach by the ordinary methods of propaganda, and by its means we established contacts throughout the country which have already proved valuable to our organization, and will be a great help in the work still waiting to be accomplished.

From other National Sections we hear that the Campaign has had great influence. In America and Canada the progress of the work was followed with lively interest, and encouraging messages were received from our National Sections in Europe.

The final Pilgrimage Demonstration took place in Hyde Park on June 19, and was followed by a Deputation to the Foreign Secretary on July 6. The Deputation was introduced by Lady Acland, Chairman of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Council. Mrs. Swanwick spoke on the political aspect, Miss Maude

Royden on the effect of the Pilgrimage on the general public, while Mrs. Barton voiced the views of the working women she represented. Sir Austen Chamberlain said that a review of the question of Arbitration in international affairs was being undertaken by the Government, and that the subject would be discussed at the Imperial Conference to be held in October.

While the Imperial Conference was in session every effort was made to put our point of view before the Dominion Premiers, and resolutions were sent to them by the Pilgrimage Council, the W.I.L. Executive Committee and Branches, and Pilgrimage Committees throughout the country.

At a meeting held on October 13 it was agreed that a special Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Committee, consisting of representatives of the W.I.L., of local Pilgrimage Committees, and of Organizations that wished to co-operate in work for arbitration, together with individuals specially interested in the work of the Pilgrimage, should replace the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Council. The W.I.L. Executive has recommended to the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Committee that a campaign be prepared to bring pressure on the Government to express its willingness to consider All-in Arbitration Treaties with any other nation willing to conclude them. Thus the general lines of our work for 1927 are indicated.

RESOLUTIONS.

Arbitration and Disarmament.

I. Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Council and Committee.

(a) *Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Resolution (passed at more than 1,000 meetings throughout the country).*

We, members and supporters of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage, believing that law should take the place of war in the settlement of international disputes, urge His Majesty's Government to agree to settle all such disputes by conciliation or arbitration, and by taking the lead in the proposed Disarmament Conference of the League of Nations to show that Great Britain does not intend to appeal to force.

(b) The Peacemakers' Pilgrimage Committee expresses its deep regret that H.M. Government and the Dominions have declared the time premature for the signing of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Court of International Justice; that the reasons for this have not been published, and that the policy of concluding All-in Arbitration Treaties was completely ignored. This is to disregard the widespread and popular expression in Great Britain of the conviction that it is our duty to join the nineteen* other States Members of the League which have signed and ratified the Optional Clause

* 1927. Now twenty.

and to take every opportunity of concluding All-in Arbitration Treaties. It would be possible to make such reservations as would safeguard the Dominions from becoming involved any further than they wished.

(c) *Work for 1927.*—That, in addition to work for signing the Optional Clause, a campaign be prepared to bring pressure on the Government to express willingness to consider All-in Arbitration Treaties with any countries willing to conclude them. And that in response to proposals received from Societies in the U.S.A. as preparatory work for such a campaign the following should be undertaken immediately:—

- (i) Pamphlet and bibliography on Arbitration Treaties, with special reference to the abortive Anglo-American Arbitration Treaty of 1897; the American and British attitude at the Hague Conference.
- (ii) Popular leaflet with special reference to U.S.A.
- (iii) Draft Treaty of All-in Arbitration suitable for negotiation between Great Britain and any other country.

2. British Commonwealth League (proposed on behalf of the W.I.L.).

This meeting of the British Commonwealth League considers that the highest interest of the British Empire requires the maintenance of permanent peace.

It therefore urges that the forthcoming Imperial Conference shall accept the principle of arbitral settlement of all international disputes which are incapable of solution by direct negotiation between the parties.

And further, this meeting urges the members of the British Empire to accept the jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice in all justiciable disputes by signing the Optional Clause (Clause 36) of the Statute which established the Court.

3. National Council for Prevention of War Congress at York (proposed on behalf of the W.I.L.).

(a) This Council, holding that the acceptance of the principle of the peaceful settlement of international disputes will alone give that sense of security which will lead to general disarmament, believing that international peace can be maintained only if all States undertake to submit all disputes which are incapable of settlement by direct negotiations between the parties to some form of Imperial tribunal, considers that the refusal of any State to take this step must be regarded as hindering the progress of the World towards permanent Peace and total Disarmament, and therefore calls upon H.M. Government to reconsider its decision not to sign the Optional Clause (Clause 36) of the Statute establishing the Permanent Court of International Justice, and its refusal to conclude All-in Arbitration Treaties with other countries which have proposed them.

(b) This Council, while welcoming the prospect of a Disarmament Conference in the immediate future, expresses its disagreement with the view put forward by the French Delegate at the Seventh Assembly that a stabilisation of armaments at their existing strength would be an adequate result of such a Conference.

The League of Nations.

The Women's International League has endeavoured to keep in close touch with the activities of the League of Nations. Several members of the Executive Committee were in Geneva

during the September meetings of the Council and the Assembly—among others Dr. Clark, Miss Coit, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Innes, and Miss Marshall. A Conference on “The Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations,” organized by the W.I.L., was held at Friends’ House, London, on November 18. Mrs. Swanwick presided, and spoke on the Humanitarian Section; Mrs. Innes on the Constitution of the Council and the entry of Germany; Miss Courtney, Miss Marshall, Dr. Hilda Clark, and Miss Coit on the special work they had followed in Geneva.

The W.I.L. proposed that the following names should be sent forward to the Joint Standing Committee of Women’s Organizations to serve on:—

The Commission on Child Welfare.—Dr. Turnbull, Miss Grace Abbott.

Commission on Economics.—Mrs. Barbara Wootton.

Commission on Slavery.—Mrs. McGregor Ross.

Commission on Education.—Mrs. Martha Larsen-Jahn.

The following resolution was sent to the Joint Standing Committee of International Women’s Organizations:—

Committee on Intellectual Co-operation of the League of Nations:

That a letter be written drawing attention to the paragraph in the Secretary-General’s Report, Document A, 6 (a), page 67, asking for the co-operation of women, inquiring on what lines such assistance would be welcomed, and stating that the object of the Committee was to suggest suitable women to serve on the International and Expert Committees of the League of Nations.

Nationality of Married Women.

As requested by the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, the following resolution on Nationality of Married Women in the Draft Convention submitted by the League of Nations Committee for the codification of International Law was sent to the Prime Minister, Home Secretary, and Colonial Secretary:—

The Executive Committee of the Women’s International League welcomes the adoption by the House of Commons of Major Harvey’s resolution: “That in the opinion of this House a British Woman should not lose or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien”; and calls upon the Government, after consultation with the Dominions, to introduce legislation to carry out the terms of the resolution.

Action taken in regard to Mandates.

The principles governing the working of the Mandates system have interested many W.I.L. members for a considerable time. The publication of the letter from the British Foreign Office to the Secretary of the League showed that His Majesty’s Government supported Sir Austen Chamberlain in his

criticism of the questionnaire prepared by the Permanent Mandates Commission for the purpose of guiding the Mandatory Powers in preparing their Annual Reports on the “Sacred Trust of Civilization” for which they were responsible. Also it was clear that the question raised by the Mandates Commission as to whether Petitioners should be heard in person on certain occasions was regarded by the British Government as “unwise, imprudent, and even dangerous.”

On November 2 the W.I.L. convened a meeting of people interested in Mandates, and, as a result, the following letter appeared in *The Times* on December 4:—

SIR,

The attitude of Sir Austen Chamberlain at Geneva, in regard to the relations between Mandatory Powers and the Mandates Commission, has stirred the conscience of many in this country, and considerable anxiety is being felt at the growing tendency of the Mandatory Powers to regard mandated areas rather as portions of their own territories than as trusts to be administered by them on behalf of the League of Nations, and to resent inquiry by the Mandates Commission into their administration.

We regret that the British Foreign Office letter of November 8 to the Secretary-General should have represented Great Britain—a member of the Council—as regarding the questions at issue (the Mandates questionnaire and the personal hearing of petitioners) purely from the standpoint of the Mandatory Powers within the British Empire, instead of from a wider and more general point of view. It should be obvious that a uniform method of procedure must be adopted by the Mandates Commission towards all the Mandatory Powers, and those who have nothing to conceal should be the last to offer objection to the fullest inquiry, even if in particular instances it may appear to them superfluous. We would wish to offer the Mandates Commission our warm support in the disinterested carrying out of the difficult and delicate duties imposed upon it in the interests of “the sacred trust of civilisation.”

Yours, &c.,

FRANCIS D. ACLAND.

P. J. NOEL BAKER.

WALTER BAKER.

HARRISON BARROW.

ELEANOR BARTON.

WEDGWOOD BENN.

HENRY BENTINCK.

C. RODEN BUXTON.

ELIZABETH CADBURY.

MARGARET CORBETT-ASHBY.

WYNDHAM DEEDES.

ROBERT HAMILTON.

JOHN H. HARRIS.

PERCY HARRIS.

C. F. G. MASTERMAN.

OLIVIER.

S. K. RATCLIFFE.

W. MCGREGOR ROSS.

MAUDE ROYDEN.

H. M. SWANWICK.

LEONARD WOOLF.

A memorandum on the subject was prepared and distributed among Members of Parliament and others. Questions were asked in the House of Commons, and on December 14 there was a debate. Concluding the debate, Mr. Ormsby Gore said:—“What-

ever the form of the report that may be decided upon by the Council of the League in consultation with the Permanent Mandates Commission, Great Britain shall not be behind in doing its duty under Article 22 of the Covenant of the League."

Public opinion must be awakened to bring pressure on the British Government to carry out this intention. We learn that at Geneva and elsewhere our intervention has been valued by people concerned. Through our Dutch Section good publicity on the matter was obtained in Holland. The following resolution was proposed on behalf of the W.I.L. at the National Council for Prevention of War Congress in November:—

That the National Council for Prevention of War urges H.M. Government, in replying to the questions referred to it by the Council of the League concerning the work of the Mandates Commission, to show they are willing to give the Commission full information in their annual reports and to allow the Commission full discretion in obtaining the necessary information as to the observance of the Mandates in order to advise the Council according to Article 22 of the Covenant.

Further, that it calls the attention of H.M. Government to the fact that the spirit of the Covenant of the League requires that the members of the Council should regard themselves as an impartial tribunal in all matters of dispute and in such questions as the supervision of the exercise of Mandates by the Power to whom these have been entrusted.

Other resolutions passed during the year have dealt with various crises as follows.

China.

For many months the Chinese situation has engaged the consideration of the Officers and Executive Committee. Articles on the difficult and rapidly changing situation have been written for the *News Sheet* and the *Woman's Leader*.

The following resolution was sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Chinese Information Bureau, and the China Association:—

Recognizing that China is passing through a great national struggle in which the Canton Government is the rallying force for a democratic national Government, and while the regular application of strictly legal claims is impracticable, the Women's International League urges that the British Government should:

(a) Not intervene on any side of the national conflict with cash or credit or munitions, nor sanction such intervention by any of its nationals;

(b) Withdraw all ships of war from the Yangtze and other Chinese territorial waters, removing, if necessary for their safety, any British nationals who may desire this;

(c) Let it be known that it is willing to enter into treaties with the Chinese on a footing of equality, abandoning extra-territorial rights and control of Chinese taxation.

It recalls the fact that, by the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was deprived of all treaty rights in China, and that, far from suffering great disabilities in consequence, German nationals are finding a great improvement in their relations with the Chinese.

The Industrial Crisis during 1926.

After May 1, our work for the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage was gravely affected by the industrial crisis that arose in connexion with the Coal Dispute, and the General Council of the Peacemakers' Pilgrimage passed the following resolution:—

That we resolve to carry on and to meet every difficulty as it arises in the spirit of brotherhood and constancy, courage, and faith that characterizes all true Pilgrims.

The Officers of the Women's International League submitted the following resolution to the Executive Committee, Branches, Affiliated Societies, Members, the Press, the Officers of the Trades Union Congress, and the Government:—

The Women's International League views with the gravest anxiety and distress the present industrial situation, which means the division of the British people into two opposing and hostile camps. Women have learned from bitter experience that the idea of victory for one side won by *force majeure* is an illusion and a curse to both victors and vanquished; and they earnestly pray His Majesty's Government to save this people from the dire evils of a conflict to exhaustion; and for the sake of the common weal to make no delay but to reopen immediately negotiations for Peace.

A copy of the Archbishop of Canterbury's appeal, asking for negotiations in a spirit of conciliation, was sent as follows to all the members of the W.I.L., asking them to make it known as widely as possible:—

Representatives of the Christian Churches in England are convinced that a real settlement will only be achieved in a spirit of fellowship and co-operation for the common good, and not as a result of war. Realizing that the longer the present struggle persists the greater will be the suffering and loss, they earnestly request that all the parties concerned in this dispute will agree to resume negotiations undeterred by obstacles which have been created by the events of the last few days. If it should seem to be incumbent on us to suggest a definite line of approach, we should submit, as the basis of a possible concordat, a return to the *status quo* of Friday last. We cannot but believe in the possibility of a successful issue. Our proposal should be interpreted as involving simultaneously and concurrently: (1) The cancellation on the part of the T.U.C. of the General Strike; (2) renewal by the Government of its offer of assistance to the Coal Industry for a short definite period; (3) the withdrawal on the part of the mine owners of the new wages scales recently issued.

Miss Courtney presided at an emergency meeting, representing a large number of Women's Organizations, called by the N.U.S.E.C. Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Chick attended on behalf of the W.I.L., and the following resolution was passed:—

We, the undersigned, desire to express our agreement with the view set forth by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and representatives also of the other Christian Churches in England, that the present disastrous dispute should not be allowed to drag on until either or both sides—and with them the whole nation—is exhausted, but should be terminated without delay.

The possible Concordat suggested by the Archbishops and others proposed that the following steps should be taken concurrently and simultaneously:—

- (1) The cancellation by the Trades Union Council of the General Strike;
- (2) The renewal by the Government of the offer of assistance to the Coal Industry for a short definite period;
- (3) The withdrawal by the mine owners of the recently issued wages scales.

Mrs. Unwin, Miss Chick, and Mrs. Gee (of Manchester) had represented the W.I.L. at a Conference called by the N.U.S.E.C. on November 5 to consider action on behalf of the Women's Organizations in connexion with the Coal Mining Dispute. The following resolution was carried *nem. con.*:—

That this Conference, realizing that the continuance of the present disastrous dispute in the mining industry means grave distress during the coming winter, welcomes to-day's indications that the Government and miners have found grounds for a settlement, and urges the Government to bring its full influence and authority to bear upon the parties to the dispute to support a negotiated settlement.

That as any settlement between the parties which now appears practicable will leave untouched many valuable recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Coal Industry, this Conference calls upon the Government shortly to introduce legislation to make effective such recommendations as have not already been dealt with and are not inconsistent with the terms of an early settlement.

The Conference was unusually interesting, chiefly on account of the contributions made by Mrs. Gee and other representatives from mining districts.

On July 20 the following resolution was sent to the Prime Minister, the Miners' Leaders, the Mine Owners, the Industrial Christian Fellowship, &c.:—

In view of the fact that the Miners' Leaders have (in Article 6 of the Memorandum which accompanied their letter of July 16th to the Secretaries of the Industrial Christian Fellowship) accepted arbitration in final settlement of any disagreement which may exist after a defined period, the Executive Committee of the Women's International League urges His Majesty's Government to make possible negotiations on a more equal basis between the mine owners and miners by providing by means of a loan or otherwise—for the period of negotiations only—the difference between the amount in wages which can be borne by the Industry and the scale in force on April 30th.

GENEVA HEAD-QUARTERS AND DUBLIN CONGRESS.

Interest in our International Head-quarters has been maintained during the year, and there are about eighty British International members compared with thirty-nine for last year. The National Sections are responsible for the financial support of the Geneva Office, and it is felt that the best way to secure this is to increase international head-quarters membership. The yearly subscription is £1, which includes membership fee and the delivery of the monthly publication, *Pax International*. Many members of the British Section stayed at Maison Internationale during the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations and at other times, and met there members of other National Sections who happened to be in Geneva.

Gland Summer School, September, 1926. (Organized by the Geneva Office under the title "International Peace.") Lectures were given by the following:—Professor Rappard, of the Mandate Department of the League of Nations; Pundit Jawaharlal Nehen, of India; Mr. W. S. Sanderson, of the International Labour Office; Miss Tano Jodai, of Tokio University; Madame Ramondt, of Holland; Madame Illova, of Czecho-Slovakia; Miss Widegren, of Sweden; and Anna Kethley, of Hungary.

Lectures were interspersed with many delightful excursions, including a week-end at Zermatt and a visit to St. Claude, a co-operative community right in the heart of the Jura mountains. Both lectures and excursions were thoroughly enjoyed by those present, including a number of British members, who have returned to their own countries with renewed faith in the cause of Peace.

Dublin Congress.—The Fifth Biennial Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was held in Dublin from July 5 to 15. The general subject of the Congress was "Next Steps towards Peace."

The British Section sent its full complement of twenty delegates and ten alternates, while a number of our members attended as visitors:—

<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Delegates.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Mrs. Evelyn P. Ahern.	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.	Miss Emily Cox.
Miss Margaret Ashton.	Miss R. Jeffrey.	Miss Cunliffe.
Mrs. Burdon.	Mrs. McGregor Ross.	Mrs. Green.
Mrs. Barrs Davies.	Miss C. Mennell.	Mrs. Hutson.
Dr. Hilda Clark.	Miss C. Savage.	Miss Knowles.
Miss K. D. Courtney.	Miss Mina Steven.	Mrs. Lennard.
Mrs. Forth.	Mrs. Swanwick.	Mrs. Macdonald.
Mrs. Hayman.	Miss Trotter.	Miss Milton.
Mrs. Henson.	Mrs. Raymond Unwin.	Miss Pickworth.
Mrs. Huth Jackson.	Dr. Ethel Williams.	Miss D. Woodman.

Miss Coit and Miss Sheepshanks represented the British Section as Consultative Members of the International Executive.

Delegates from European National Sections passing through London on July 4 were entertained by the British Section before leaving by the evening train for Dublin. London members who were unable to go to Dublin were glad to have this opportunity of meeting some of the delegates at dinner at the Gwalia Hotel.

The Irish Section proved itself expert in organization and hospitality. Miss Jane Addams voiced general opinion when she said that this was one of the best run Congresses she had experienced. Social gatherings were one of the features of the Congress. In addition to many gatherings arranged by societies and private hostesses there was an official reception, at which President Cosgrave and Mr. de Valera were present, and each of the political parties entertained delegates—the Governor-General in the stately garden of the Vice-Regal Lodge, Labour women at Killiney, and Republican women in the Valley of the Boyne.

The main work of the Congress was undertaken by three Commissions, which dealt with Arbitration, Minorities, and Colonial Imperialism. There were evening sessions of the full Congress, and one large public meeting in the Mansion House, presided over by Miss Louie Bennett, Chairman of the Irish Section.

An important problem before the Congress was to decide upon the statement of aims of the W.I.L.P.F.; agreement was reached on the following formula:—

The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom aims at uniting women in all countries who are opposed to every kind of war, exploitation, and oppression, and who work for universal disarmament and for the solution of conflicts by the recognition of human solidarity, by conciliation and arbitration, by world co-operation, and by the establishment of social, political, and economic justice for all, without distinction of sex, race, class, or creed.

The Officers and Members of the International Executive were elected by the Congress:—

Miss Jane Addams (U.S.A.), President.
 Madame Gabrielle Duchêne (France), Vice-President.
 Miss Catherine Marshall (Great Britain), Vice-President.
 Madame Cor. Ramondt-Hirschmann (Holland), Recording and Financial Secretary.
 Fräulein Gertrud Baer, Germany.
 Miss Emily Balch, U.S.A.
 Miss Vilma Glücklich, Hungary.
 Mrs. Martha Larsen-Jahn, Norway.
 Madame Clara Ragaz, Switzerland.
 Fräulein Lida Gustav Heymann (Germany), Honorary Vice-President.
 Miss Madeleine Z. Doty, International Secretary.

The text of the Congress resolutions passed on Arbitration, Disarmament, Colonial and Economic Imperialism, &c., is published by the Geneva Office, price 3d. A full report of the

Congress is also published, price 3s. 6d. Copies of both publications can be obtained from the London Office, 55 Gower Street, W.C.1.

CO-OPERATION WITH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

- Congresses.** *W.I.L. Representatives.*
- International Democratic Peace Congress,
 Bierville, August, 1926 Miss Pye.
 International Women's Suffrage Alliance
 Congress, May, 1926 Miss Courtney.
 National Council for Prevention of War Con-
 gress in York, November, 1926 Miss Courtney.
Dr. Ethel Williams.
- Conferences.**
- (1) Organized by the National Union of
 Societies for Equal Citizenship.
- "Birth Control" Miss Pye.
Mrs. McGregor Ross.
 Mrs. Barrs Davies.
- "What is the Real Protection of the Woman
 Worker?" Mrs. Barrs Davies.
 "Duties of Women Police" Miss G. Eaton (Kensing-
ton Branch).
- "To consider action of Women's Organ-
 izations in connection with the Coal
 Mining Dispute" Miss Chick.
Mrs. Unwin.
 Mrs. Gee (of Manchester
 Branch).
- (2) Organized by the Joint Standing Com-
 mittee of Women's Organizations.
- "Factory Act" Mrs. Barrs Davies.
- (3) Organized by the British Common-
 wealth League.
- "Emigration" Mrs. McGregor Ross.
Miss Coit.
 Mrs. Swanwick.
 Miss Courtney.
- (4) Organized by the British Overseas
 League.
- "Women and the Dominions" Miss Macnaghten.
Miss Sheepshanks.
- Committees.**
- National Council for the Prevention of War.*
- (1) To assist Miss Ruth Fry in the prepara-
 tion of a memorandum for the reorgan-
 ization of the Berne Bureau Miss Pye.
 (2) Inquiry into Militarism in Schools Mrs. Innes.
Mrs. Corbett Fisher.

Consultative Committee Miss Leaf.
Mrs. Unwin.

This Committee passed the W.I.L. resolution on the Age of Marriage at one of their Meetings:—

That this Council regards with dismay the fact that the legal age for marriage of girls in this country is still twelve. It urges the Home Office to introduce immediate legislation to raise the age of marriage for both sexes at least to sixteen, and calls attention to the bad effect upon public opinion in other countries of the low legal age for marriage in Great Britain."

Joint Standing Committee of Women's Organizations Miss Courtney.
Mrs. McGregor Ross.
Mrs. Unwin.

Committee of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations Miss Sheepshanks.
Mrs. Unwin.

Equal Political Rights Demonstration Campaign Committee Miss Woodman.

International Hostel and Hospitality Bureau Mrs. Unwin.

International Democratic Congress Committee Miss Hersey (Welwyn Garden City Branch).

Meetings.

N.C.P.W. Council Meeting, March, 1926 ... Mrs. Unwin.
Miss Marshall.

N.U.S.E.C. (to meet Dame Edith Lyttelton, Substitute Delegate to the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations) Miss Sheepshanks.

N.U.S.E.C. Emergency Meeting on Coal Crisis Miss Chick.
Mrs. Swanwick.

National Council of Women: Rescue and Preventive Sub-Committee Miss Macnaghten.

GENERAL ORGANIZATION.

Executive Committee.

There have been ten meetings of the Executive Committee, with a very high average of attendance. The W.I.L. has lost the services of Miss Lucy Morland, who resigned from the Executive Committee last July, when she went to live at the Isle of Wight. At the close of the year we were very sorry indeed to receive two further resignations from original members of the Executive Committee—from Miss Margaret Ashton, who has given unfailing sympathy and service both in Branch work and on the Executive Committee, and from Miss Helen Ward, who helped us so valiantly during the Pilgrimage and who has had to resign on account of pressure of work. We very much hope to see Miss Ashton from time to time at the Committee as a visitor from the Manchester Branch. Miss Helen Ward has consented to serve on the Council for 1927.

The list of the Executive Committee appears on the cover of this Report.

Members of the Council.

Lady Clare Annesley, 74 Eccleston Square, S.W.1.
Miss Margaret Ashton, 12 Kingston Road, Didsbury, Manchester.
Mrs. de Bunsen, 14 North Street, S.W.1.
Miss Emily Cox, Lucerhayes, Hornyold Road, Malvern.
Mrs. Davies, 1 Park Avenue, Cotteridge, King's Norton, Birmingham.
Mrs. Dixon Davies, 6 Southwick Crescent, W.2.
Miss Lowes Dickinson, 7a Stanley Gardens, W.8.
Miss Eaton, 3 Gloucester Walk, Kensington, W.8.
Mrs. F. Evans, 22 Brougham Street, Lozelles, Birmingham.
Mrs. Friedenhein, 28 Rosecroft Avenue, N.W.3.
Miss A. Ruth Fry, 38 Aubrey Walk, W.8.
Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 1 Hamilton Terrace, N.W.8.
Miss Margaret M. Green, 13 Upper Park Road, N.W.3.
Miss Hayler, Courtfield, South Norwood Park, S.E.23.
Mrs. Heinemann, 89 Priory Road, N.W.3.
Mrs. Henson, 85 Watford Road, King's Norton, Birmingham.
Miss Dorothy Jewson, 14a Knoll House, Compton Street, W.C.1.
Mrs. Johnson, 22 Westbourne Park Villas, W.2.
Mrs. Lane, 28 Varna Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Miss C. MacMillan, 71 Harcourt Terrace, S.W.10.
Mrs. Marshall, The Farmery, Rhydd Green, Hanley Castle, Worcester.
Mrs. Milne, 40 Paignton Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.
Mrs. Morel, 10 Lawrence Street, S.W.3.
Miss Royden, 24 Rosslyn Hill, N.W.3.
Mrs. Salter, 5 Storks Road, Bermondsey, S.E.16.
Mrs. Fowler Shone, 8 Belsize Lane, N.W.3.
Miss Picton Turbervill, O.B.E., 14 Gayfere Street, S.W.1.
Miss Annie Villiers, 4 Green Street, Stevenage, Herts.
Miss Helen Ward, 34 Marlborough Hill, N.W.8.
Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., 30 John Street, W.C.2.

Staff and Office.

The W.I.L. has a Staff that supports its aims with enthusiasm and is always ready and eager to answer any calls that are made upon it. Indeed, often the Officers have to exercise authority to limit the work the Staff are ready to undertake. During the Pilgrimage it was difficult to meet all the demands made upon us, but although for many months the Office and Staff were given over to this particular object, the general work of the W.I.L. did not suffer seriously.

In the autumn the W.I.L. lost the services of Hilda Booth, the Junior member of the Staff. She had proved herself indispensable when the heavy work of the Pilgrimage Campaign occupied the Office, and we are glad to know that her prospects are favourable in her new post. In her place we have engaged a Junior book-keeper and an office girl. This addition to our Staff has made it possible for Miss Horscroft to relieve Miss Woodman from part of her secretarial work, and Miss Woodman has been able to undertake organizing in the country. She has already visited the North-Eastern district, and has spent a week in the Midlands. As a result there is good prospect that new Branches

and Groups will be formed. Other tours are planned, and we end the year confident that progress and development awaits us.

The agreement for letting the upper part of 55 Gower Street expired in September, and the Committee decided to take this opportunity of securing additional office accommodation. The former W.I.L. Offices on the ground floor are let, and the W.I.L. now occupies the second floor and a room above.

Voluntary Workers.—The W.I.L. owes a debt of gratitude to the number of voluntary workers throughout the country, without whom the work of the League could not be carried out. Here we can mention only a few who have helped at the Office. Miss Stone, by her constancy and willingness to help in any way possible during the past few years, has endeared herself to the whole Staff; Mrs Kraft and Mrs. Urie have given valuable help from time to time over translations; while Miss Branson, a member of the American Section of the W.I.L.P.F., helped with Press cuttings during her stay for a few months in this country; Miss M. Gill worked daily from morn till night in the Office during the Pilgrimage Campaign, doing all the jobs no one else had time to do; and Miss Pollard came and addressed envelopes by the thousand.

By permission of Dr. Clark, Miss Jean Henderson gave invaluable help in many ways by her Press work in connexion with the Pilgrimage, and by writing up articles and reviews for the *News Sheet* and other papers.

Branches.

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Annual Sale.

This year our Annual Sale was especially successful and enjoyable owing to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Binyon, who lent their charming house at the British Museum for this purpose. For several days it was given over to preparations, and stall-holders and helpers had the unusual luxury of ample space for arrangement of their wares. There was a splendid rally of members and friends, attracted by the place of gathering and by the invitation to join personally conducted tours to special departments of the Museum. Lady Horsley opened the Sale, and a net profit of £164. 16s. was handed over to W.I.L. Funds. Our Branches helped Head-quarters in many ways; when they could not undertake stalls they sent donations and gifts, or, in some cases, sold our surplus stores. Our thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the Sale by arranging stalls, competitions, concerts, palmistry, and in innumerable ways.

Finance.

From the accompanying Statement of Accounts it will be seen that 1927 opens favourably in this matter. Although our members and Branches supplied a large proportion of the money needed to finance the Pilgrimage, the W.I.L. Funds were not allowed to suffer. Our members have been most generous, and their promptness in paying their subscriptions lightens the Office work and saves expenditure upon clerical work and postage.

Annual Council Meeting, February, 1927.

The following resolutions were passed at the Annual Council Meeting, 1927. They are inserted in this Report for purposes of reference before they are out of date :—

China.

This Council of the Women's International League expresses its satisfaction that an agreement has been signed between Great Britain and the Kuomintang Government as regards Hankow, and urges His Majesty's Government :—

(1) To continue conciliatory methods for a settlement of all points of difference, independently of other nations if necessary;

(2) To avoid any threats or provocative displays of force, and to withdraw all British troops from China at the earliest possible moment;

(3) To observe strict neutrality in the civil war in China.

It further asks the Executive Committee and Branches of the Women's International League to be prepared, directly circumstances permit, to press for the negotiation of fresh treaties on lines consistent with the principles for which the W.I.L. stands.

The British Note to the Soviet.

This Council of the Women's International League, while admitting the provocative nature of propaganda in the official Russian press and regretting equally the same tendencies in the press of Great Britain and in the utterances of its ministers, both being contrary to the spread of International peace and goodwill, greatly regrets the threat contained in the note of the Foreign Secretary to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics with regard to the abrogation of the Trade Agreement, and "even the severance of ordinary diplomatic relations."

This Council urges His Majesty's Government to use every effort to promote good relations with Russia.

Equal Franchise.

This Council of the Women's International League expresses its satisfaction with the action of the Prime Minister in consenting to receive a deputation on the subject of Equal Franchise. It demands the introduction of an immediate Government measure giving the vote to women on the same terms as men and at the age of twenty-one.

"Mandates."

(1) This Council of the Women's International League desires to remind the Government that the institution of the Mandates system was warmly welcomed by many concerned in native welfare, and that any attempt to modify the system in the direction of pre-war colonial possession would be contrary to the growing sense of responsibility towards undeveloped peoples among a wide public in this and other countries.

(2) This Council of the Women's International League welcomes the recent assurance by the Government that it intends to uphold the Mandates Commission in the performance of its duties, and expresses the hope that the full information hitherto readily put at the Commission's disposal may continue to be given, in order that the Commission may be in a position to advise helpfully, in the future as in the past, as to the best means of development of the "sacred trusts" in the true interest of the natives submitted to our care.

Forced Labour.

This Council places on record its opposition to the institution of forced labour, and urges that, whether for public or private work, it should be admitted as a temporary expedient only, into any convention promulgated by the League of Nations, to be replaced as soon as possible by free contract. It regrets that the articles concerning Forced Labour in the Slavery Convention, passed by the Seventh Assembly of the League of Nations in 1926, mark a regression from the standard set by the League of Nations for observance by Mandatory Powers and from that set by the temporary Slavery Commission (1924). This Council welcomes the decision to refer the Convention to the I.L.O. for detailed regulation.

Race Problems in South Africa.

This Council of the Women's International League notes with appreciation that the question of the status of Indians in South Africa

has, by means of negotiations between members of the two races, been satisfactorily settled.

It wishes to emphasize the fact that a settlement based on justice and friendliness cannot fail to affect favourably the relationship of those races in other parts of the world.

It expresses the hope that a just solution will very shortly be found for the many problems existing in the relation of Europeans and Africans in South Africa.

In this connexion it emphasizes its strong conviction that the four Bills* brought forward by the Hertzog Government in South Africa, especially the South Africa Native Lands Bill, would make life still more difficult for the native population in the territories under the British Crown Government as well as under the Union, and result in inter-racial animosity.

Armenia.

Whereas at the Second Assembly of the League of Nations in 1921 the representative of Great Britain, with the other delegates to the Assembly, insisted on the rights of the Armenians to a national home; and whereas it has been acknowledged by responsible British statesmen that Great Britain, together with her allies, is in part responsible for the final dispersion of the Ottoman Armenians after the sack of Smyrna in 1922; this meeting of the Council urges that the whole Armenian question should be reconsidered by the Government with a view to:—

(a) A grant to the League of Nations revolving fund for a settlement on the land of Armenian refugees in Syria in co-operation with the mandatory power and, as far as possible, with the Syrian people;

(b) The provision of the British share of guarantees for an international loan for the carrying out of the settlement scheme at Erivan, Transcaucasia, approved by the League of Nations in 1925.

The Economic Conference of the League of Nations.

This Council of the Women's International League, having always recognized that most wars have had their roots in economic causes, heartily welcomes the holding in May of the Economic Conference summoned by the League of Nations, and hopes that this may be the beginning of a determined effort on the part of the nations of the world to organize their economic life for the good of all, including the native races in colonies, dependencies and mandated territories.

It reasserts its conviction that the abolition of artificial barriers to trade and the bringing of international cartels and combines under international control, in the interests of consumers and producers alike, are two objectives of the greatest importance for peace and gladly notes that these are among the subjects for discussion.

It puts on record, however, that the work of pacification will not be complete on the economic side until three other great problems are solved:—

(1) The settlement of international war debts;

(2) Equitable access to raw materials, especially by countries having no colonies;

(3) Migration of peoples from over populated countries to regions where they can develop their capacities and serve the community.

* The Representation of Natives in Parliament Bill, 1927; The Union Native Council Bill; The Coloured Persons' Rights Bill, 1927; The Native's Land Act, 1913, Amendment Bill, 1927.

"Arbitration and the Optional Clause."

This Council of the Women's International League expresses its deep regret that at the Imperial Conference last November H.M. Government and the Dominions declared the time premature for the signing of the Optional Clause of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice. The Council further regrets that the reasons for this decision have not been published, and that the Conference appears to have ignored altogether the policy of including All-in Arbitration Treaties.

The Council calls the attention of H.M. Government to the evidence shown by numerous resolutions, the Arbitration Petition of 1925, and the Arbitration Pilgrimage of 1926 of a widespread and popular expression in Great Britain of the conviction that it is our duty both to join the nineteen other States Members of the League of Nations which have effectively signed the Optional Clause, and to take every opportunity of concluding All-in Arbitration Treaties.

Since it would be possible to make such reservations as would safeguard the Dominions from becoming involved any further than they wished, the Council believes that Great Britain could take independent action, and urges H.M. Government to reconsider the matter at the earliest possible opportunity.

Militarism in Schools.

Believing that a most serious menace to Peace is the growth of militarism in our schools, this Council urges all educational authorities to use or to devise some method combining physical advantages of outdoor life and the social advantages of group life without having these assets tainted by the spirit of war. As women we protest against making the youth of this country familiar with the idea that war is inevitable. We suggest that all training should aim at encouraging self-discipline and self-reliance rather than the mechanical response induced by military drill.

International Effort on behalf of Animals.

This Council urges the importance of international effort on behalf of animals.

As the right training of children is the most effective means of putting an end to cruelty, it is eminently desirable that humane education should be introduced into the schools of all countries.

Non-party basis of the W.I.L.

That in our propaganda and activities we should maintain clearly the non-party basis of the Women's International League.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Women's International League.

(a) That Rule VII (a) shall run: "The Council of the League shall consist of the Executive Committee, Delegates from Branches and Affiliated Bodies, and not more than fifteen annual individual members. These fifteen shall be appointed from time to time by the Executive Committee, who shall consider any names sent in by Branches and Head-quarter Members.

(b) After Rule VII (b) insert VII (b) (i): If the appointed delegate be unable to attend all sessions of the Council she may transfer her card to a proxy delegate duly accredited by the Branch or Affiliated Society.

(c) Rule VIII (b): insert "Executive" after "Notify the," and after "Branches" add "Head-quarter Members and Affiliated Bodies."

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

JANUARY—DECEMBER 1926.

	SUBS.		DONS.			SUBS.		DONS.				
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.			
Abbatt, Mrs. ...	2	6			Brought forward	61	1	2	10	0	0	
Abram, Miss Dorothy ...	1	0			Blacklock, Miss ...				8	0	0	
Albright, Miss ...	5	0	0		Blagden, Mrs. J. ...	15	0					
Albright, Esq., W. A. ...			3	0	Bloomfield, Miss Ethel ...	1	0		1	0		
Alexander, Miss I. ...	1	0	0		Bloomsbury Central							
Alexander, Mrs. E. ...	1	0	0		Baptist Church ...				7	6		
Alison, Mrs. ...	10	0		10	Bloxam, Misses E.							
Allen, Mrs. ...	2	6			and H. ...	5	0					
Allen, Miss E. A. ...	2	0			Bloxham, Miss							
Allshorn, Miss F. ...	5	0			F. W. S. ...	2	6					
Allwork, Miss E. C. ...	5	0			Bolton, Miss Alice ...	10	0					
Annesley, Lady Clare ...	10	0			Bolton, Miss ...	5	0					
Anon. ...	2	0	0		Bonton, Miss L. ...	5	0					
Anon. ...				1	Boswell, Esq., Alfred							
Ash, Miss Annie E. ...	1	0	0	10	B. (Assoc.) ...	1	0	0				
Ashby, Miss A. L. ...	1	0	0		Bradley, Miss Dora ...	5	0					
Ashton, Miss Margaret ...	10	0	0		Braithwaite, Mrs. ...	1	1	0				
Auerbach, Miss B. A. ...	2	6			Brierley, Mrs. ...	2	0					
Ayscough, Mrs. ...	1	0	0		Briggs, Miss Margery ...	7	6					
Backhouse, Miss Edith ...	5	0	0		Brook, Miss Agnes H. ...	1	0	0	6	0	0	
Backhouse, Mrs. Lucy ...	20	0	0		Brooke, Miss Janet H. ...	2	6					
Bailey, Mrs. ...	10	0			Brooks, Miss Ethel D. ...	1	0					
Baker, Mrs. ...	3	6			Brown, Mrs. Burton ...	1	0	0				
Baker, Mrs. J. Allen					Brown, Mrs. Des-							
(2 years) ...	4	4	0		borough ...	2	6					
Ball, Mrs. ...	2	6			Brown, Mrs. Runham ...	5	0					
Barandon, Mrs. E. ...	2	6			Brown, Mrs. Sadd ...	5	0	0				
Barden, Mrs. A. F. ...	2	0	0	5	Brown, Mrs. Stewart ...	2	2	0				
Barnett, Dame					Browne, Mrs. Gold-							
Henrietta, D.B.E. ...	2	0			smith ...	1	0					
Barratt, Miss E. ...	2	6			Bullock, Mrs. ...	5	0					
Barry, Miss Florence ...	5	0			Bunbury, Miss							
Bazett, Mrs. E. A. ...	2	6			Marjorie (2 years) ...	1	0	0				
Beach, Miss O. ...	15	9			Burnley, Mrs. Brails-							
Beard, Miss A. T. ...	7	6			ford ...	1	0	0				
Beard, Miss M. S. ...	10	6			Burns, Miss ...	1	0	0				
Begg, Miss E. A. ...	10	0			Burridge, Miss Mary ...	3	0					
Begg, Miss ...	2	6			Bury, Mrs. L. M. ...	2	6					
Bell, Miss Edith ...	2	6			Busch, Esq., Michell ...	7	6					
Bendelock, Miss ...	1	6			Butler, Miss Jane ...	1	0					
Bernstein, Mrs. ...	5	0			Butler, Mrs. J. ...	5	0					
Besant, Mrs. ...	1	1	0		Buxton, Mrs. C. R. ...	2	0	0				
Bishop, Miss ...	2	6			Buxton, Mrs. Noel ...	1	1	0				
Black, Mrs. ...	7	5			Cadbury, Mrs. ...				5	0	0	
Carried forward	61	1	2	10	0	0	82	0	2	21	16	6

	SUBS.			DONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	82	0	2	21	16	6
Cadbury, Mrs. Barrow	5	0	0			
Cadbury, Miss C. ...	10	0				
Cameron-Mawson, Miss	5	0		1	1	0
Candler, Misses, The	2	0	0			
Canziani, Miss Estella	2	6		7	6	
Carson, Miss M. ...	2	6				
Carter, Miss J. D. ...	5	0				
Carter, Mrs. ...	10	6				
Case, Miss Esther ...	2	0		5	0	
Case, Miss Janet ...	5	0				
Causton, Miss Violet	7	6				
Chadwick, Miss ...	1	1	0			
Chandler, Mrs. A. E. ...	1	0				
Chelsea Branch ...				5	0	0
Chick, Dr. Harriette	1	0	0			
Chick, Miss Mary ...	2	2	0	30	0	0
Chubb, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Churchman, Misses, The ...	10	0				
Claridge, Miss ...	2	6				
Clark, Miss Alice ...	5	0	0			
Clark, Mrs. Bancroft				10	0	0
Clark, Dr. Hilda ...	2	0	0			
Clark, Miss M. E. ...	1	0				
Clark, Mrs. E. M. ...	1	1	0			
Clark, Mrs. Roger ...	5	0	0			
Cleaver, Miss D. M. ...	2	6				
Cobb, Mrs. ...	10	0				
Colbeck, Miss M. ...	2	6				
Colenso, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Coles, Miss K. M. ...	1	1	0			
Collins, Miss A. S. ...	1	1	0			
Conwa, Miss E. ...	1	0				
Conway, Miss Rose	1	6				
Cook, Miss Margaret	15	0		1	1	0
Coombs, Miss B. M. ...	5	0				
Cooper, Miss E. F. ...	10	0				
Cooper-Willis, Mrs. ...	1	0	0			
Courtney, Miss D. A. (2 years) ...	10	0	0			
Courtney, Miss K. D.	6	0	0			
Courtney, Lady of Penwith ...	25	0	0	25	0	0
Cowen, Miss Hetty ...	10	0		7	6	
Cowles, Miss Sylvia	1	6				
Cox, Miss Lucy ...	5	0				
Crichton-Stuart, Miss C. ...	2	2	0			
Crofts, Mrs. ...	5	0				
Crosfield, Miss M. C.	10	0				
Crosfield, Mrs. (3 years) ...	1	7	6			
Crowley, Miss M. C.	1	0	0			
Carried forward	162	4	2	98	18	6

	SUBS.			DONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	162	4	2	94	18	6
Cunningham, Mrs. ...	1	0				
D'Auquier, Mrs. ...				15	0	
Davey, Miss L. ...	5	0				
Davids, Mrs. Rhys ...	1	1	0			
Davies, Mrs. Barrs	1	0	0			
Davies, Mrs. E. ...	1	0				
Davies, Mrs. E. D.	5	0				
Davies, Miss Mary ...	1	0				
Davies, Mrs. S. H.	2	6				
Dawson, Miss L. ...	2	6				
Deane, Miss L. M.	2	6				
Dearden, Miss A. L.	1	0				
de Beer, Miss ...	10	0				
de Beer, Mrs. ...	10	0				
de Bunsen, Mrs. V.	5	0	0			
de Grève, Miss D. M.	2	6				
de la Warr, Countess Muriel ...	5	0	0			
Delbanco, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Denniston, Mrs. ...	2	6		5	0	
Dent, Miss Maude ...	1	0		15	0	
Dick, Mrs. ...	1	1	0			
Diehl, Mrs. ...	17	6				
Digby, Miss Margaret (2 years) ...	6	0				
Dingwall, Miss E. ...	2	6				
Dixey, Mrs. Neville	1	1	0			
Donaldson, J.P., Mrs. Lewis ...	1	0		2	6	
Donkin, Miss M. ...	2	6				
Drake, Mrs. Barbara	2	2	0			
Dryhurst, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Durell, Mrs. (2 years)	1	0	0			
Dyer, Miss Alice ...	2	6				
Dyer, Mrs. ...	5	0				
Eadie, Miss ...	3	0				
Earp, Miss ...	10	6				
Eckhard, Miss Edith...	5	0	0	5	0	0
Edwards, Mrs. F. M.	2	6				
Edwards, Mrs. ...	2	0	0			
Elgey, Mrs. ...	2	0	0			
Ellis, Miss Edith M.	1	1	0			
Ellis, Miss F. A. ...	10	0		10	0	
Ellis, Mrs. G. H. ...	10	0				
Ellis, Miss Marian ...	5	0				
Emmott, Mrs. ...	2	0	0			
Emson, Miss N. ...	5	0				
Engel, Mrs. F. ...	2	6				
Ennis, Miss G. ...	2	6				
Ernest, Dr. Hoeshe Lucy ...	1	0				
Evans, Miss Dorothy	5	0				
Fielden, Miss ...	2	6				
Carried forward	198	19	2	102	6	0

	SUBS.			DONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	198	19	2	102	6	0
Fincken, Mrs. ...	10	0				
Fisher, Mrs. Corbett	1	0	0			
Followes, Miss E. A.	2	6				
Ford, Miss M. E. ...	2	6				
Forth, Miss E. Mal- colm ...	2	6				
Fox, Miss Hilda ...	7	6				
Fox, Mrs. Howard ...	1	1	0			
Fox, Miss M. ...	1	0	0			
Foxley, Miss C. ...	7	6				
Frances, Mrs. ...	2	0				
Franklin, Dr. M. E.	5	0	0			
Franklin, The Hon. Mrs. ...	1	1	0			
Freeth, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Friedenhain, Mrs. ...	1	1	0			
Friedenhain, Mrs. ...	1	1	0	1	1	0
Fry, Miss Joan Mary	1	1	0			
Fry, Miss Ruth A. ...	2	2	0	1	1	0
Fyffe, Mrs. H. J. ...	1	0	0			
Galton, Miss A. ...	2	0	0			
Garrod, Mrs. ...	5	0		5	0	
George, Miss Mary ...	2	6				
Gibb, Miss E. D. ...	3	6		1	6	
Gibberd, Miss Kath- leen ...	1	0				
Gibbings, Miss L. B.	5	0		5	0	
Gill, Miss M. H. ...	10	6		1	0	0
Gillett, Mrs. ...	1	0	0			
Gillett, Mrs. ...	3	0	0			
Gittins, Miss M. C. ...	2	0	0	2	2	0
Gooch, Mrs. ...	1	1	0			
Gosling, Miss C. F.	5	0				
Gosling, Miss E. G.	3	0				
Gowa, Miss J. ...	1	0				
Grayson, Mrs. ...	1	0				
Graves, Miss E. ...	5	0				
Green, Miss Margaret	3	6				
Green, Mrs. W. M. (2 years) ...	5	0				
Greenhalgh, Esq., J. Stobart (Assoc.) ...	5	0				
Greg, Miss E. M. ...	5	0	0			
Greg, Miss M. L. ...	1	0	0	1	0	0
Greg, Mrs. W. W. ...	10	6		1	0	0
Grinling, Miss ...	2	6				
Grubb, Miss ...				2	6	
Grubb, Mrs. E. M. ...	2	6				
Guggenheim, Mrs. Laura ...	1	0	0			
Gulland, Miss E. ...	10	0				
Gundry, Mrs. ...	2	6				
Hall, Miss Lilian ...				7	6	
Carried forward	236	8	2	110	11	6

	SUBS.			DONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	236	8	2	110	11	6
Hampstead Garden Suburb ...						5 0
Hargrove, Miss A. L.	5	0				
Harlock, Misses, The	15	0				5 0
Harrington, Mrs. ...	5	0				
Harris, Mrs. O'Brien	2	10	0	4	10	0
Harris, Mrs. T. ...	10	0				
Hartas, Misses, The	10	0				
Harvey, Mrs. ...	3	0	0			
Hastings P.P. Com- mittee ...						10 6
Hawker, Mrs. B. E. G.	1	0	0			5 0
Hawkins, Mrs. ...	10	0				
Hayaski, Miss ...	1	0	0			
Hayes, Miss ...	2	0				
Heron, Miss ...	2	6				
Hethay, Mrs. Mar- garet ...	3	0				
Hewlett, Miss Mary	2	6				
Hibler, Mrs. ...	3	0				2 0
Hicks, Miss ...	2	0				
Higgs, Mrs. ...	10	0				
Hills, Mrs. ...	10	0				
Hipsley, Mrs. D. ...	2	6				
Hirst, Mrs. H. M. ...	1	0	0			
Hoare, Mrs. Newn- ham ...	1	1	0			
Hodgkin, Mrs. G. L.	7	6				
Holah, Mrs. F. ...	2	6				
Holdsworth, Mrs. ...	1	0	0			
Houghton, Miss E. K.	2	6				
Howard, Miss E. F.	5	0				
Hughes, Miss Mary	1	0				
Hughes, Miss M. A.	2	6				
Hughes, Mrs. A. ...	7	6				
Hunter, Miss A. A. ...	10	0				
Hurst, Miss M. ...	2	0				
Hutchins, Miss B. L.	1	0	0			
Innes, Mrs. K. E. ...	2	6				
Jackson, Mrs. Huth...	2	0	0			
James, Mrs. D. ...	5	0				
Jewson, Miss Dorothy						5 0
Jewson, Dr. Violet...	5	0				
Joachim, Miss M. ...	2	6				
Johnson, Dr. Alice ...	10	0				
Jones, Miss E. A. ...	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jones, Miss E. F. ...	1	0	0			
Joseph, Mrs. F. G. (2 years) ...	5	0				
Kastner, Miss A. H.	5	0				
Kensington Branch ...						1 0 0
Kenway, Mrs. E. L.	1	0	0			
Carried forward	262	7	2	118	14	0

	SUBS.		DONS.			SUBS.		DONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	262	7 2	118	14 0	Brought forward	317	18 8	125	16 6
Ker, Dr. Alice	...	2 6			Matheson, Miss M. J.	...	4 0		
Kewley, Miss	...	10 6			Matthews, Mrs.	...	10 0		
Kirsch, Mrs. Cecil	...	2 6			Maynard, Mrs. and	...			
Knock, Mrs.	...	5 0			Miss	...	10 0		
Last, Miss Emily	...	2 0			Mayo, Miss C. M. (2	...			
Lawrence, Mr. and	...				years)	...	5 0		
Mrs. Pethick	...	25 0 0			McCombie, Miss	...	10 0	1 1 0	
Leaf, Miss E.	...	1 0 0	4 0 0		McFarlane, Misses F.	...			
Le Brun, Mrs. P.	...	5 0	1 0 0		and A.	...	4 15 0		
Lees, Mrs. C. A. (4	...				Megahy, Mrs. S. M.	...	1 0 0		
years)	...	1 0 0			Melenevsky, Mrs.	...	2 6		
Lees, Mrs.	...	10 0			Melland, Miss	...	5 0 0		
Le Gay Burley, Miss	...				Melland, Miss F.	...	7 6		
M.	...	2 6			Mensch, Misses	...	5 0		
Leggatt, Miss Alice	...	5 0			Merttens, Mrs. M. J.	...	1 10 0		
Legge, Miss B.	...	2 6			Merttens, Miss J. M.	...	1 0 0		
Legge, Mrs.	...	1 0 0			Metherell, Mrs.	...	1 1 0		
Lennard, Mrs.	...	5 0	2 6		Millburn, Miss	...	2 6		
Leon, Mrs. A.	...	1 0 0			Milne, Mrs.	...		10 0	
Leonard, Mrs.	...	5 0	12 6		Milton, Miss	...	10 0		
Levetus, Miss A. S.	...	4 6			Mitchell, Miss Daisy	...	2 6		
Lindley, Miss G.	...	5 0			Mitchell, Miss M. L.	...	5 0		
Lindley, Mrs. R. E.	...	10 6			Mitchison, Mrs.	...	10 0		
Little, Mrs. J. R.	...	10 0			Mitton, Miss Jessie	...	2 0		
Lloyd, Miss	...	3 0	2 6		Model, Mrs.	...	2 6		
Lock, Miss M. C.	...	5 0			Moffatt, Mrs.	...	2 6	2 6	
Lockwood, Mrs. E. F.	...	1 1 0			Moir, Miss Macrae	...	2 6		
Long, Mrs. M. K.	...	5 0			Moll, Miss Maria	...	2 6		
Lowenstein, Mrs.	...	1 10 0			Montagu, The Hon.	...			
Lucas, Miss A. A.	...	1 7 6			Lily	...	1 1 0		
Lupton, Mrs. Arnold	...	10 6			Montgomery, Mrs.	...	1 1 0		
Lyschinska, Miss	...	1 0			Morden, C. R., Esq.	...			
Macdonald, Miss A.	...				(Assoc.)	...	1 0		
Keith	...	5 0			Morel, Mrs.	...	2 6		
Macdonald, Miss	...				Morison, Miss C.	...		5 0	
Dorothea	...	5 0			Morland, Miss Lucy	...	7 6		
Mack, Miss H. M.	...	2 6			Moscheles, Mrs.	...	10 0		
MacLagan, Mrs.	...	2 6			Moscrip, Miss	...	10 0		
Macmillan, Miss C. (2	...				Moser, Miss C.	...	3 0		
years)	...	10 0			Moullin, Mrs. Man-	...			
Macnaghten, Miss E.	...	3 0 0			sell	...	10 0	5 0	
Macnaghten, Miss L.	...	2 6			Muller, Miss	...	1 0		
Macnamara, Miss	...	10 0			Murray, Lady Mary	...	1 0 0		
Malcomson, Mrs.	...	2 6	5 0		Nauman, Miss	...	5 0		
Marquardt, Miss F. E.	...	5 0			Neal, Mrs.	...	5 2 6	5 0 0	
Marsh, Mrs. Helen	...	2 6			Nesbitt, Dr. Madeleine,	...			
Marshall, Miss C. E.	...	5 0 0	1 0 0		LL.D.	...	1 0		
Marshall, Mrs.	...	5 0 0			Newling, Miss E.	...	1 6		
Marshall, Mrs. M. A.	...	1 0 0			Newman, Miss H. M.	...	2 6		
Martin, Mrs.	...	10 0			Newsome, Miss S. W.	...	2 0	18 0	
Mason, Mrs. E. D.	...	2 6			Newton, Miss W. M.	...	2 6		
Matheson, Miss E. E.	...	1 0			Northcroft, Mrs.	...	2 6		
Carried forward	317	18 8	125	16 6	Carried forward	348	7 2	133	18 0

	SUBS.		DONS.			SUBS.		DONS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward	348	7 2	133	18 0	Brought forward	382	2 8	137	16 6
Nuftel, Mrs. Durant	...	2 6			Rowe, Mrs. F. E.	...	1 0 0	2 2 6	
O'Brien, Miss E.	...	2 6			Rownthwaite, Mrs. H.	...	1 0	5 6	
Oppenheimer, Mrs.	...				Rowntree, Mrs. M. K.	...	2 2 0	3 3 0	
Macfarlane	...	3 0 0	15 0		Rowntree, Mrs. Th.	...			
Over, Miss M.	...	4 0			H.	...	2 2 0		
Owen, Mrs.	...	5 0			Russell, Miss E. K.	...	3 0		
Padwick, Miss G. J.	...	2 6			Russell, Miss H. C.	...	2 0 0		
Parker, Mrs. Roger	...	10 0	5 0		Salter, Mrs.	...	10 6		
Parkes, Miss Lucy	...	10 0	2 7 6		Sanderson, Miss E.	...	10 6		
Parley, Mrs.	...	2 6			Sanderson, Mrs.	...	1 1 0		
Parmoor, The Lady	...	10 0 0			Saunders, Miss M. G.	...	5 0	2 0	
Parry, Mrs.	...	2 6			Sanger, Miss	...	1 0 0		
Partridge, Miss (2	...				Sanger, Miss S.	...	5 0		
years)	...	5 0			Sanger, Mrs.	...	2 0 0	1 0 0	
Pearce, Miss F.	...	1 0			Sasek, Mrs.	...	1 0	2 0	
Pendered, Miss	...	7 6			Savage, Mrs.	...	2 6		
Penrose, Mrs.	...	1 0 0			Schuster, Mrs.	...	1 0 0		
Philp, Miss Penrose	...	2 0 0			Schutte, Miss G.	...	2 6		
Playne, Miss C. E.	...	1 1 0			Scott, Miss I. P.	...	7 6	2 6	
Pollard, Miss	...	1 0	1 0		Scott, Mrs. P.	...	1 0		
Pollock, The Hon.	...				Scott, Mrs.	...	1 0		
Mrs.	...	1 19 6			Selby, Miss K.	...	2 6		
Porter, Mrs.	...	1 1 0			Selby, Mrs.	...	10 0		
Potter, Miss Florence	...	2 6			Senior, Mrs.	...	5 0		
Powell, Miss E.	...	2 6			Sennett, Miss M.	...	7 6		
Proctor, Miss Zoe	...	5 0			Sessions, Mrs.	...	10 0		
Pugh, Miss May	...	1 0			Seward, Miss M. G.	...	5 0		
Pye, Miss E. M.	...	1 0 0			Shannon, Miss A. M.	...	5 0		
Quarmby, Mrs.	...	2 6	2 6		Sharp, Miss E.	...	1 1 0		
Rashleigh, Mrs.	...	1 0 0			Shaw, Mrs. Bernard	...	1 0 0	1 0 0	
Ratcliffe, Miss	...	1 0			Shone, Mrs. Fowler	...	5 0		
Rawlins, Mrs. Hulley	...	1 10 0			Sidgwick, Miss E.	...	1 1 0		
Reckitt, Miss	...	7 6	2 6		Silberman, Mrs. H.	...	1 0 0		
Rendall, Miss Florence	...	10 6			Simpson, Miss L.	...	5 0		
Renton, Mrs.	...	2 6			Sims, Miss T.	...	3 6		
Reynolds, Miss L.	...	2 6			Skeat, Dr. B. M.	...	7 6	5 0	
Richardson, Miss E. W.	...	5 0			Sladen, Mrs. A.	...	10 6		
Rickman, Mrs.	...	5 0			Slater, Mrs.	...	2 6	2 6	
Rickman Mrs. J.	...	5 0			Smith, Mrs. A.	...	1 0		
Riddell, Miss J.	...	10 0			Smith, Branson, Mrs.	...	5 0		
Riddell, Miss M.	...	2 6			Smith, Mrs. C. D.	...	3 0		
Ripley, Mrs. E. Bulger	...	1 0			Smith, Mrs. F.	...		1 0 0	
Roberts, Mrs.	...	5 0			Smith, Mrs. J.	...	2 6		
Roberts, Mrs. M.	...	1 0			Smith, Miss M.	...	2 6	5 0	
Robertson, Miss L.	...	15 0			Smithson, Mrs. E.	...	2 0 0		
Robertson, Miss J.	...	5 0			Snowden, Mrs. Philip	...	1 1 0		
Robertson, Mrs. D.	...	5 0	2 6		Stansfield, Mrs.	...	1 1 0		
Ross, Miss C. B.	...	5 0			Stead, Miss L. C.	...	10 0		
Ross, Mrs. McGregor	...	1 0 0			Stevenson, Miss L.	...	2 6		
Roth, Mrs. B.	...	1 1 0			Stewart, Miss E.	...	2 6	5 0	
Rotherham, Mrs.	...	2 6	2 6		Stone, Miss A.	...	2 6		
Rowe, Miss Helen	...	2 6			Strachan, Miss	...	2 0		
Carried forward	348	7 2	133	18 0	Carried forward	410	14 8	147	11 6

	SUBS.			DONS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	4	10	14	8	147	11	6
Strauss, Mrs. Ben ...		10	0				
Strauss, Mrs. P. ...		12	6				
Sturge, Miss H. ...		5	0				
Struthers, Miss H. M. ...		2	6				
Sutcliffe, Mrs. ...		2	6				
Sutherland, Miss Helen	5	0	0				
Swanwick, Mrs. H. M. ...	1	1	0				
Tann, Misses, The ...		5	0				
Tanner, Mrs. ...		2	0				
Tarring, Surg.-Lieut., G.B., R.N. ...				1	0	0	
Taylor, Miss M. A. ...		5	0				
Taylor, Mrs. ...		10	0	2	2	0	
Theobald, Misses, The		5	0				
Thompson, Miss A. C. ...		1	0				
Thompson, Miss F. ...		10	0				
Thompson, Mrs. ...		2	0				
Thompson, Mrs. G. ...	1	0	0				
Thompson, Mrs. H. ...	2	2	0	7	18	0	
Tidmarsh, Mrs. ...		10	0				
Tollemache, Misses, The ...	1	0	0				
Tonks, Mrs. ...		2	6				
Towers, Miss E. ...		7	6				
Townshend, Miss ...		2	6				
Trevelyan, Mrs. C. P. ...	1	1	0				
Trevelyan, Mrs. R. C. ...	1	0	0				
Tucker, Miss E. ...		2	6				
Turner, Miss E. ...		5	0				
Turquand, Miss ...		10	0				
Unwin, Mrs. ...		2	6				
Unwin, Mrs. C. ...	1	0	0				
Unwin, Mrs. Raymond	1	0	0	4	0	0	
Urie, Mrs. Foulke ...		10	9				
Valios, Mrs. ...		2	0				
Villiers, Miss A. ...		10	0				
Villiers, Miss S. A. ...		5	0				
Villiers, Miss ...		1	0				
Voigt, Mrs. E. ...		1	0				
Wackrill, Miss ...		5	0	5	0		
Wade, Mrs. ...		5	0				
Waley, The Hon. Mrs. ...		5	0				
Waley, Mrs. ...	1	0	0				
Carried forward	433	18	5	162	16	6	

	SUBS.			DONS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Brought forward	433	18	5	162	16	6	
Walker, Dr. Jane ...	2	0	0				
Walker, Miss Kathleen (2 years) ...	1	0	0				
Walker, Mrs. E. ...		2	6				
Wardroper, Mrs. ...		8	1				
Waterhouse, Mrs. T. C. ...	10	0	0				
Waters, Miss C. M. ...		3	0				
Watkins, Mrs. D. C. ...		2	0				
Webb, Mrs. ...		5	0				
Werner, Miss L. (2 years) ...		5	0				
Westoby, Mrs. ...		7	6				
Wheeler, Miss E. R. ...	1	1	0				
White, Mrs. ...		1	0		4	0	
Whitehead, Mrs. N. ...	1	0	0				
Whiting, Miss ...		5	0				
Whythe, Mrs. A. ...	1	0	0				
Wigmore, Mrs. ...		2	6		2	6	
Williams, Dr. and Miss Hardcastle ...					10	0	0
Williamson, Miss A. ...		7	6				
Willis, Miss E. L. ...		7	6				
Willmore, Miss ...		5	0				
Wilson, Mrs. C. H. ...		2	6				
Wilson, Mrs. Muter ...	1	1	0				
Wilson-Wilson, Miss Theodora ...		10	6				
Wiltshire, Miss ...		2	0				
Witty, Miss B. M. ...		2	6				
Wood, Miss K. Saun- ders ...		5	0				
Woods, Miss Alice ...		5	0				
Woodward, Mrs. ...		2	6				
Wragge, Miss P. ...	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Wray, Miss C. ...	2	2	0	1	1	0	
Wright, Miss O. ...	1	1	0				
Wynch, Mrs. V. ...	1	1	0				
Yoole, Miss ...		5	0				
Young, Miss R. ...		5	0				
Zangwill, Mrs. ...		17	6				
Zimmern, Miss Alice ...		5	0				
Zimmerman, Miss M. ...		5	0				
	462	3	6	175	4	0	

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To BALANCE, JANUARY 1ST, 1926 ...				By Rent, Rates, and Insurance ...	286	9	2
„ Subscriptions ...	462	3	6	„ Lighting, Heating, and Office Expenses ...	74	1	0
„ Donations ...	175	4	0	„ Wages ...	41	13	6
„ Collections ...	2	5	3	„ House Repairs ...	12	7	9
„ Donations and Subscriptions to Geneva H.Q. ...	44	18	0	„ Salaries ...	493	0	0
„ Sale of <i>News Sheets</i> ...	70	14	1	„ Stationery ...	39	9	4½
„ Sale of Literature ...	46	11	2	„ Printing (including Annual Report, £22. 5s.) ...	56	15	6
„ Affiliation Fees ...	35	11	0	„ Advertising ...	3	2	0
„ Sale of Furniture ...	9	19	0	„ Telephone and Postage ...	77	10	0½
„ Proceeds of Fair and Donations ...	164	16	0	„ Expenses of Meetings ...	20	10	6
„ Rents Received ...	344	0	8	„ Travelling Expenses ...	47	2	10
			1,356	„ Literature ...	39	3	9
				„ <i>News Sheets</i> ...	115	4	8
				„ Affiliation Fees ...	2	10	3
				„ Audit Fee ...	7	17	6
				„ Press Agency ...	1	1	0
					1,317	18	10
				„ Grants ...	11	3	0
				„ Donations and Subscriptions to Geneva ...	45	8	0
						56	11
				„ BALANCE, DECEMBER 31ST, 1926:—			
				Cash at Bank ...	158	6	8
				Cash in Hand ...	1	2	2½
				Rates in Advance ...	22	10	0
					181	18	10½
				Less Reserve for Sundry Creditors and Rent in Advance ...	46	1	6
					135	17	4½
			£1,510		£1,510	7	2½

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the League for the Year 1926, and certify that, in my opinion, the foregoing statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit the position of affairs in accordance with the information given me and as shown by the Books.

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M. S. CLUGSTON, Certified Accountant,

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