

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Friday, January 7th, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Miss Chick, Miss Cox, Miss Ford, Miss^s Hobhouse, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Macnaghten, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Whitehead. Representatives of Branches:- Mrs. Fyffe of Kensington, Miss Hardcastle of Newcastle.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Lady Courtney, Miss Eckhard, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Huntsman, Miss Cooper Willis.

Miss Metcalfe asked that the Executive would consider whether they would accept her resignation; ~~as~~ She would not be able to attend for a little while owing to illhealth, and had been elected rather against her own wish as she had always been rather doubtful about standing. The Executive decided that they would ask her not to resign at present, but if, later on, they were anxious to co-opt any one else as Member would ask her if she still preferred to do so.

Minutes.

Minutes of Meeting on December 3rd were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Reported that temporary or permanent homes had been found for all the Austrian children by the Famine Area Children's Hospitality Committee, and that the Secretary had written saying our notice had been extremely helpful.

Mrs. Swanwick reported a letter from Miss Balch raising the question as to the subject for discussion the last few days of the Congress in view of the fact that Education had been selected as the main subject for the Summer School, and that the Executive had decided this should be considered at the Congress. Mrs. Swanwick had written suggesting that instead, the economic situation of Europe and the revision of the Peace Treaties should be discussed at the Congress.

Reported the date for the Summer School had now been definitely fixed from August 1st to 15th, and that it had been decided it would not be possible to fix the date immediately following the Congress.

Report of Organisation, Finance and Literature Sub-Committee.

Recommended to the Executive that an endeavour be made to get all subscriptions to the W.I.L. paid each year in April in order (1) to assist the diminished staff in the office to organise their time more economically, and (2) to avoid the sending of special appeals for money to people who have just contributed, or whose subscriptions were just due. Agreed. Reported that a most regrettable series

of omissions and errors had been found in the list of Donors and Subscribers in the Annual Report. A letter of apology for her mistakes was read from Miss Brewster. Recommended to Executive that a supplementary list be published, with an apology to Donors and Subscribers, stating that the audit was not affected, be sent out. Agreed. Reported balance on December 31st was £146 odd. £100 still being owing from Manchester.

Proposal re Organiser referred from last Executive and from Organisation Committee.

The Organisation Committee had considered the possibility of a special Organiser being appointed to organise the North from Manchester. This would involve financial assistance from Headquarters, and on that ground, under present circumstances, they had felt that the proposal must be turned down. Miss Hardcastle, however, had been considering the subject and it was suggested that Manchester, Newcastle and Leeds should meet together before next Executive and consider whether any practical proposal could be made.

Proposals for extended Campaign on the Irish Question.

Recommended that the Campaign be continued, if possible, till the end of March, and that Branches be asked if they could organise meetings if tours were arranged with Irish Speakers, and English Speakers who had been to Ireland. The following Irish Speakers to be written to:-

Miss Chenevix, Miss Penrose Fitzgerald, Miss Susan Mitchell, Miss Bennett, and Miss Sharp, Miss Bondfield, Miss Spring Rice, and Mrs. Beverley Ussher to be asked to speak. The question of asking Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington was discussed and the reliability of some of her statements challenged. Mrs. Huth Jackson and Mrs. Raymond Unwin undertook to try to find out whether her statement that Captain Bowen Colthurst had been promoted and was now employed in Ireland was correct. Decided to defer inviting her to speak for the present. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence had offered to undertake tours to speak on Ireland. Decided to accept her offer if she could manage to visit Ireland first, as it was felt essential that a speaker should have first hand experience. Mrs. Swanwick reported a proposal made by Mrs. Annot Robinson that the Irish Question and the question of Disarmament might be connected in any campaign. This was not felt to be possible, but a further proposal made in America to Mrs. Annot Robinson was reported, that American, Australian, Japanese and British women should hold a Conference on the question of Disarmament. Decided, after discussion, to ask the American Section if they would approve of such a Conference in London in the last days of June with all influential women's organisations here invited to take part; if, in this case, the American Section would at once try to secure some Japanese Delegates, and if they could send over a voluntary organiser and make a proposal about joint subscriptions for the funds needed. Decided

it would be best to have both a Delegates' Conference and public meetings.

In connection with the visit of Mrs. Annot Robinson and Miss Wilkinson to America, a letter of thanks and appreciation was read from the Secretary of the Commission and a letter from Miss Addams.

Report of Summer School.

Reported a draft programme on the subject chosen "Education for Internationalism" had been made by Mrs. Swanwick and possible speakers would now be written to. Preliminary programmes would be issued as soon as possible.

Institute Scheme.

A letter to go out to members, ^{with} ~~and~~ estimate of first year's expenses was sanctioned. Decided to ask Mr. Ford Smith if he would come on the Committee, as it required enlarging. Mrs. Huth Jackson was appointed to attend ^{the Committee} when possible.

Nominations for W.I.L. Council.

Reported 24 nominees had accepted the invitation to stand on the Council. Proposed Miss Sharp be asked. This would leave five vacancies, which the Executive could fill, if desired.

Correspondence.

Lady Courtney. A letter was read from Lady Courtney drawing attention to a P.R. Newspaper Election to take place early in February.

N.P.C. A letter inviting Members to attend an Education Conference at which Mr. Delisle Burns would speak on January 12th at Essex Hall, was read.

Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. An invitation to send a delegate to the meeting of this Council in February was read. Mrs. Swanwick expressed a doubt, felt by many, as to the usefulness of the Council's continuance, but agreed to go as representative.

League of Nations Union. An invitation to send a delegate to a meeting to vote for six representative women to serve on the League of Nations Union Council on January 18th was read. Miss Chick had expressed her willingness to attend and her offer was accepted, the Executive leaving her a free hand as to whom to vote for.

Workers' Educational Association. An invitation to send a delegate to a Protest Meeting against the

proposed suspension of the Education Act on Saturday, February 5th at 3 p.m. was read. Miss Ashton agreed to go if she found it possible.

Association for Moral and Social Hygiene. An invitation to send delegates to a meeting convened to consider action against the especially objectionable clauses 3 and 7 in the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, No. 2, was read. The following agreed to attend:- Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Raymond Unwin and Mrs. Whitehead.

Margaret Ashton
Feb 4. 1921

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Friday, February 4th, at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Miss Ashton in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Chick, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Miss Hobhouse, Miss Leaf, Miss Melland, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Whitehead. Branch Representatives: Miss Hardcastle from Newcastle and Miss Eaton from Kensington.

Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Metcalfe, Mrs. Swanwick, Miss Cooper Willis.

Minutes. The Minutes of meeting on January 7th were read and confirmed.

Business arising. Miss Chick reported that she had attended the meeting of the League of Nations Union to elect six women members to the Council. The business had been rather complicated. Several ballots were taken, & she had to leave before the end. Of the members we nominated the Secretary had since written that Dr. Williams had been elected.

Reported Mr. Ford Smith was unable to serve on the Institute Committee. Decided Miss C. Macmillan be asked and Mrs. Huth Jackson ~~was asked~~ ^{agreed} to ask Mr. A. Hobhouse.

W.I.L. Council Members. Reported Miss M. Fry did not wish to keep anyone else out, but as the number was not completed Miss Royds had told her she would retain her name for the present.

Reported Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington had sent the statement she made about Captain ^{Bowen} Colthurst's promotion and employment. The promotion came through six days after Mr. Sheehy Skeffington's murder. It had, therefore, been sent forward some time before the event. There appeared some doubt as to the accuracy of further evidence given by Mrs. Skeffington.

Council for the Representation of Women on the League of Nations. Miss Chick undertook to take Mrs. Swanwick's place at this Annual Meeting on February 25th.

Report of Organisation, Finance & Literature Committee. Reported the balance at the end of January was just over £300. This, however, included some money already paid for the Institute Scheme.

Ireland. Miss Ashton reported that a Manchester delegate was going over privately to Ireland to investigate the treatment of women in

Irish Military Prisons. It was essential to keep this matter quiet at present. Miss Royds had been instructed to find out to whom a deputation on the subject should be made. Lady Parmoor reported that the matter had been before the Friends' Committee that morning and had been referred to the Committee dealing with Ireland. Miss Eaton reported that the Penal Reform League was also considering action in the matter.

Reported also that Manchester was considering a campaign and meetings on the question of Disarmament and hoped to arrange a big meeting in the first week of March. The American Section had not yet replied giving their view as to a Conference on Disarmament between American, Japanese, Australian and British Women at the end of June. Decided that if they agreed to this the Headquarters should urge Branches to hold meetings between now and then. Manchester meanwhile would go ahead with its campaign. The suggestion was made that it might be possible to borrow the League of Nations Union slides on 'the cost of war' for meetings.

Institute Scheme.

Reported about £750 had been guaranteed by members for starting this scheme. Decided letters should be sent out to non-members and other Societies shortly and Miss Leaf and Miss Ward should be asked if they would write short articles telling of the Maison International and of our plans for London, that an attempt be made to get these into the press, possibly advertising at the same time.

Summer School.

Recommended that a big meeting should be held towards the end of the first week *at Selfridge.* Suggested that American, Dutch, English and German speakers might speak, and possibly one of the Friends who had been working in Austria. Reported the preliminary programme was now at the printers.

Correspondence.

Miss Balch. Miss Balch asked for nominations for a Committee on the Nationality of Married Women for her consideration. Decided these nominations could not be made till we knew where and when the Committee would meet.

Fräulein Heymann. A letter was read enclosing a protest made by the German Section of the W.I.L. on Governmental action in Ireland. Decided this protest should be produced as a leaflet, with a note prefixed on the action of the German W.I.L. in protesting against the sinking of the Lusitania, the shooting of Nurse Cavell and the deportations from Lille and the destruction of Louvain, references to which were to be found in Fräulein Heymann's

speech at Zürich.

N.U.W.T. An invitation to send a delegate to attend a Conference they were holding ^{at the University of Education} was accepted.

N.U.S.E.C. Miss Royds reported that the N.U.S.E.C. had invited us to send a delegate on the deputation to the Home Office on the subject of allowances for dependants of the unemployed. Miss Ward had agreed to go. A second letter inviting us to send a delegate on a deputation to Mr. Balfour, Mrs. Barnes and Mr. Fisher on the question of women on the Mandates Commission was read. Decided Miss C. Macmillan should be asked, and failing her, Miss Ward. Another letter on the subject of women on the Mandates Commission was read from Mr. J.H. Harris. Mrs. Unwin and Lady Parmoor agreed to go to the Colonial Mandate Conference at the Victoria Hotel at 2.30 p.m. on February 10th. We were also in correspondence with the International Suffrage Alliance on the same subject. Decided rather than pushing for the appointment of a woman on the Mandates Commission, we should advocate the appointment of women on an Advisory Committee to deal with questions specially affecting women.

Lady Astor. A letter was read from Lady Astor asking the W.I.L. to send a delegate to an informal Conference on March 1st to consider the better political co-operative action of the various women's societies at any crisis. Mrs. Huth Jackson and Miss Leaf were appointed.

Other business. Easter Holidays. Decided the Easter Holidays should be the Thursday before Good Friday to Sunday week, inclusive, and that the Committee should meet in April on April 8th.

The Committee sent a message of affection and good wishes to Mrs. Swanwick, who, it was reported, was getting on satisfactorily after her very serious operation.

Margaret Ashton
March 4. 1921.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Friday,
March 4th, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Miss Ashton in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Lady Courtney, Miss Cox, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Miss Hobhouse, Miss Huntsman, Miss Leaf, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Melland, Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

Apologies for absence were received from Lady Parmoor and Mrs. North Whitehead.

Minutes of Meeting on 4th February were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Disarmament Campaign. Reported Miss Addams had cabled advising deferring the proposed Conference on Disarmament till after the Congress. A letter would follow but had not yet been received.

Reported the leaflet "As Others See us" was now printed.

Women on Mandates Commission. Reported a good deal of work had been done to put pressure in various directions for the appointment of a woman on the Commission on Mandates of the League of Nations. International Suffrage Alliance, N.U.S.F.C. and Mr. J.H. Harris had taken action and had been consulted on the question.

Lady Astor's Conference. Miss Leaf reported that the meeting at Lady Astor's to consider joint action of women's societies in political crises, especially affecting women, had been very interesting. The general opinion seemed to be that a Committee should be formed representative of various societies which should consider developments. Various influential women's societies sent representatives who gave evidence of the need for some centre to co-ordinate action.

Report of Organisation, Literature and Finance Committee.

Reported Mrs. Annot Robinson was willing to come from Manchester to organise Disarmament Weeks for different Branches and that a letter was being sent to Branches asking if they would apply for conditions if they would like her.

Reported the balance at the end of February was £301 odd.

Ireland. Reported that a women's meeting would be held on March 18th, organised by the Peace with Ireland Council, with women speakers, at the Central Hall, Westminster. It had been decided we should co-operate as far as possible. Recommended that a proposal be made that the meeting might be followed up by a deputation of women to the House. Agreed. Recommended that various papers, particularly provincial papers, be offered letters period-

ically reporting on the condition of things in Ireland from various of our delegates who have been over there. Agreed. Miss Ashton reported the deputation of herself, Mrs. Watts and Lady Parmocr to Sir Hamar Greenwood. It had been a very unsatisfactory interview but they had put certain attested facts before him and had refused to give him the names of any Witnesses since he ~~deputed~~^{prevented} any need for a public inquiry.

Summer School. The speakers hitherto accepting were reported. (Suggested Dr. Rickman might speak in the first week on "The Inhibition of Impulses" if he were in Vienna.) Lady Courtney undertook to write to Quiller Couch and Professor Gilbert Murray to see if they could take the Classes in English literature. Other suggestions were made, but it was decided to wait until a few more replies had come in from speakers who had already been asked.

Institute Scheme. Reported about £950 was now guaranteed for the Institute and that Agents had been approached on the possibility of obtaining houses for rent only in the Bloomsbury District. (Miss Ashton and Miss Chick had been to see a house in Gordon Square but had found it too small.) The Manchester Guardian had inserted a paragraph by Miss Leaf about the scheme and the Woman's Leader would take an article by Miss Ward in June. *Mr. Hugh Jackson reported Mr. A. Hobhouse was willing to help as far as he could by the Institute Committee. Mr. Hugh Jackson was asked to convey to him the thanks of the Executive.*

Referred to Executive, the consideration of a letter from Miss Balch on the desperate situation in Central Europe owing to the attitude of the Entente on Reparations. (It was suggested that an endeavour be made to arrange a deputation to Lord Robert Cecil and to Lady Astor, and to ask her to make representations on the subject to Mr. Lloyd George, but both were out of town for the week-end.) Decided copies of the letter should be sent to Lord Robert Cecil; to Lloyd George; Miss Royden; Fight the Famine Council; The Friends; and the Parliamentary & Trade Unions Committee of the Labour Party and the National Federation of Trade Unions. (Lady Courtney took the copy for Lord Robert Cecil and Miss Leaf for Fight the Famine.)

Women's Election Committee. Reported two letters had been received from different Societies on the question of running Women Members of Parliament. Decided to reply to both that we would like to be kept in touch with their activities and would make suggestions as opportunity arose.

Nominations and Resolutions for International Congress, Vienna, July 10/16th, 1921.

Nominations already received were considered and passed. Resolutions were considered and it was decided they should be sent in as appended. The question of raising funds for the Congress was considered. Decided Members of the Executive would write personal letters requesting donations. Miss Eckhard agreed to act as a centre for receiving these donations, but it was decided all names to be appealed to must first be sent to the Office to prevent overlapping.

Correspondence. (a) International Anti-Militarist Congress, Holland. An invitation to send a delegate to this Congress at Easter was considered. Decided we should express sympathy, and regret that it was impossible to do so.

(b) National Peace Council. An invitation to join an ad hoc Committee which might be formed to consider the question of disarmament was read, together with some suggestions of lines of discussion and the basis of the approach to the problem, made by Mr. Pollard. The following were nominated to represent us if the Committee was formed:- Miss Chick, Miss Macnaghten and Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

(c) League of Nations Union. An invitation to attend a Conference to plan a proposed League of Nations Pilgrimage throughout England, which would be organised in the Summer, was read. Miss Macnaghten agreed to attend.

(d) Mr. A. Field, Islamic Society. An invitation to attend a dinner to meet the Turkish Delegates in England for the Allied Conference was read. Mrs. Huth Jackson took away the invitation in the hope that she might be able to attend.

(e) Fight the Famine Council. Notice was given of a series of meetings on economic questions arranged by the Fight the Famine Council, beginning on March 16th.

Other business. Reported that the Criminal Law Amendment Bill had been withdrawn on account of the protest against it and the Bishop of London's Bill was now being put forward.

Margaret Ashton
April 8, 1921.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Sandra March
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Resolutions for consideration at Vienna Congress, July 10/16th, 1921.

1. That the National Branches of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom take action in their own countries to secure the reality of International Free Trade as essential to Permanent Peace.
- 1a. That the restoration of facilities for personal intercourse through the improvement of transport posts and Passports is necessary for the maintenance of peace among the Nations.
2. That all Nations who apply for membership should be admitted to the League of Nations.
3. That the League of Nations should take action on a majority vote of the Members and not, as at present, be deterred by the veto of one.
4. That inasmuch as Women's need of Peace is as vital as Men's if the League of Nations is to establish goodwill and confidence throughout the world, it is essential that women shall be placed on the Council and Assembly as well as on the Commissions appointed for special subjects.
5. That total Disarmament of all Nations is the only security for Peace, and that by the adoption of that course the financial ruin of Europe may most swiftly be overcome.
6. That serious propaganda for the use of Esperanto at all International Conferences be undertaken without delay as a means to better mutual understanding.
7. That International Co-operation is essential for the suppression of the White Slave Traffic and for the alteration of the social conditions affecting women and children in all countries which are the result of the double standard of morality.
8. That the principle of Proportional Representation should be applied to the Election of Representatives on the League of Nations Assembly.
9. That since the Mandate Commission will deal directly with the interests and welfare of many millions of women, a woman be appointed on that Commission.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee, Friday,
April 8th, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Miss Ashton in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Miss
Chick, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Leaf,
Miss Merland, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Raymond Unwin,
Mrs. Whitehead.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Swanwick, Miss
Ford, Miss Hobhouse, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Melland,
Miss Metcalfe.

Minutes of meeting on March 4th were read and confirmed.

Business arising. Reported Miss Addams' letter explaining
the reasons for not advocating the holding of a
Disarmament Conference in London in June had been
received. Miss Addams suggested the Conference
should be held between the Congress and the Summer
School in Vienna, and that the question of the
Pacific should be mainly considered.

Institute. It was reported that £1,000
was now guaranteed for the Institute and that the
League of Nations Union had had some idea of start-
ing a Club. The Organisation Committee had recom-
mended the Secretary of the League of Nations Union
Club Committee should be approached with a view to
discussing possible co-operation. (The suggestion
was made that Mr. Bernard Shaw might write a Play
for us to assist with the Institute Funds. Miss
Royds was instructed to try to find someone to approach
him on the subject.)

Women's Election Committee. A letter had
been received from Miss Marshall saying that the
Labour Party was pressing her to stand for the Penrith
and Cocker-mouth Division of Cumberland. She had
to decide on the next day, Saturday, and was anxious
to know if the W.I.L. Could give her any support. The
Organisation Committee recommended that no appeal
be made generally to members but that individuals
~~were~~ ^{should} ~~telling~~ her of the support they would give. Agreed.
The Women's Election Committee and the Joint Committee
had both been informed of the possibility of her
candidature and would get in touch with her.

Nominations for Vienna Congress. The list of
nominations was considered and the delegates and
alternates chosen. Decided not to appeal generally
for money towards Congress expenses but to see if
Branches who were sending no members could assist.
Mrs. Whitehead undertook to pay the fare of a delegate
if she was not able to go herself, and it was decided
others should be asked if they could do this.

Report of Organisation, Literature and Finance Sub-Committee.

Ireland. Reported Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was
in Ireland and could speak for the W.I.L. from 25th
April to May 6th, if required. Recommended we should

have a waggon in Hyde Park on May 1st and arrange an hour's speeches, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in the Chair. Speakers proposed were:- Miss Ward, Miss Wilson Wilson, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Rinder, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Annot Robinson, if not engaged in Manchester, and Mrs. Hills. Subject to be "Ireland." Decided to get for distribution 2,000 "What is this League" and 1,000 Disarmament leaflets from the N.P.C. Agreed.

Miss Ashton reported on a third visit of Mrs. Watts to Ireland to obtain evidence on oath, of illtreatment of prisoners arrested and kept without trial. The difficulties were great in the way of obtaining such evidence, but the depositions of three witnesses had been obtained and witnessed, and the facts had been submitted to Sir Hamar Greenwood.

Child Slavery in Hong Kong.

Child Slavery in Hong Kong. The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement, reference to which had appeared in the "Manchester Guardian" on the existence of child slavery in the British Possession of Hong Kong. Decided to draw Miss Balch's attention to the matter and see if the Health Department, Women's and Children's Department or the Labour Bureau of the League of Nations could take it up. Decided also to get in touch with Mr. J. H. Harris on the question.

Report of Lady Astor's Conference. Miss Leaf reported on the first Conference which she had attended as W.I.L. delegate, where it had been decided to call another Conference for the formation of a Consultative Committee of Women's Societies for the co-ordination of action in crises ^{specifically} concerning women. An invitation to attend the second Conference was read. Mrs. Huth Jackson and Miss Leaf were again appointed delegates. Resolutions suggesting the formation of a Consultative and other Committees, and of a Fighting Fund and a non-party organisation for action on women's questions were considered, and the delegates instructed to oppose the formation of a Fighting Fund and a non-party organisation, and to move the appended resolution.

League of Nations Union Pilgrimage. The co-operation over a Pilgrimage from different parts of the country some weeks before the meeting in Hyde Park on June 25th was considered. Decided we should make the Pilgrimage known among our branches.

Black Troops in the Occupied Areas. A letter from Miss Eaton, enclosing a translation of a letter from a German Social Worker, Sister Hermann, appealing for further action on this question was read. Recommended that the possibility of a joint deputation of English and French women be considered. Lady Parmoor reported a conversation she had had with the Secretary of a

Y.W.C.A. ~~in the area~~ and with Dr. Rotten, who gave evidence that the evil was continuing, though direct evidence was very difficult to obtain. Decided to approach Miss A. Neilans on the subject of organising a joint deputation, suggesting to her that the National Council of Women, Madame Scyer, (Brussels), and Madame Avril de St. Croix might be approached. Agreed Mr. Harris should also be consulted. Decided further to recommend that the question be approached from the stand-point of Occupation ~~at all~~ ^{generally} and from the point of view of the demoralisation involved to the troops themselves.

Finance. Reported the balance at the end of March was £205 odd as against £301 at the end of February.

Report of Miss Marshall's activities in Geneva. A summary was made of the work undertaken by Miss Balch and Miss Marshall during the session of the Assembly of the League of Nations. Members of the Assembly had been in close touch with the Office and had used the library. Pressure had been put on many questions such as the appointment of a woman on the Commission on Mandates, the publicity of debates, etc. and representations had been made to the Chairman of Committees on various subjects as they came up.

Correspondence. Mrs. Swanwick. A letter was read advocating ^{the} calling of a special Council Meeting in June in order to give delegates something like a Mandate on the question of the whole future of the W.I.L.P.F. and the amount of support that Headquarters at Geneva can expect and reckon on from the British Section. (All other points on the Agenda ~~are~~ ^{would be} subsidiary to this. But it ~~is~~ essential that the delegates shall know how far they ~~could~~ commit the British Section.) Agreed this should be held on Friday, June 10th. Agreed to hold the Executive that week on June 9th.

Dr. Rotten.
Miss Bennett. A letter was read asking for assistance over finding hospitality for a young student attending the Montessori Course in London from May to August. Decided to refer this to the F.O.R. and the Friends' Emergency Committee.)

International Suffrage Alliance. A letter was reported asking that we should send greetings to the Greek Women's Congress being held at Athens. This had been done.)

H.M. Swanwick

Quoted in proceedings

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE,

14, Bedford Row, W.C. 1.

9th April, 1921.

Amendment to Resolution I.

That a Consultative Committee shall be formed of representatives of all nationally organised women's organisations who desire to associate themselves with it. The Committee shall meet periodically or when convened, to consider questions affecting the welfare and interests of women, and to recommend joint action to be carried out by its constituent bodies in so far as they approve it. The Committee shall have no Executive authority but shall appoint a small Executive.

Further in order to secure increased force and effectiveness, and a greater measure of co-operation for common action on questions of legislative reforms specifically concerning women and children - There shall be

(i) Area Committees composed of women representatives of the existing organisations, social, economic, industrial and political, and of individual women experts;

(ii) A Parliamentary Committee composed of two-thirds Members of Parliament of all parties in the Houses of Parliament and one third Members of the Consultative Committee.

Opal for Miss C.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Friday, 6th May, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Lady Courtney, Miss Chick, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Leaf, Miss L.F. Morland, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Unwin. Branch Representatives: Miss Hardcastle from Newcastle, Mrs. Fyffe from Kensington.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Briggs, Miss Ford, Miss Hobhouse, Miss Metcalfe, Mrs. North Whitehead.

Minutes of Meeting on April 8th were read and confirmed.

Business arising. Miss Marshall's Candidature. Reported that no Labour Candidate was being run in the Penwith Division and therefore Miss Marshall was not standing.

Institute. Reported inquiries had been made as to the way in which "press-cuttings" had been written for the N.U.S.F.C., and a Chelsea Member, Miss Blakney Booth, had been asked if she could approach Mr. Bernard Shaw on the possibility of his writing a Play for the Institute Funds. No reply had yet been received.

May 1st. Reported the meeting in Hyde Park on "Ireland" had been very successful. Miss Ward took the Chair and a crowd estimated at over 1,000 remained throughout the meeting.

Report of Organisation, Literature and Finance Committee.

Conference on the Consequences of an Army of Occupation. Recommended that a Conference with this title be called for Wednesday, June 8th; that it be divided into sessions dealing with the social consequences and the economic consequences; that Miss Alison Neilans and Miss Violet Markham be asked to speak on the social consequences; and Mrs. Wagner Landquist, if still in London, Mr. George Young and Mr. Brailsford and Mr. Hobson suggested as speakers on the economic consequences. Agreed. Recommended that no resolutions be put during the sessions but that resolutions be drawn up to be put at the close of each session for any who liked to remain, and that delegates from various Societies interested, women's organisations, etc. and individuals with knowledge of the subject be invited to attend. Agreed.

Child Slavery in Hong Kong. Reported that Lady Astor was continuing questions in the House on the state of affairs in Hong Kong, and that Mr. Harris, who had been consulted, recommended later on we should write to the Assembly of the League of Nations before its next meeting on the subject. Miss Balch's attention had been drawn to the matter with the suggestion that it should be referred to appropriate bodies on the League of Nations.

The decisions of the Conference of Women on April 13th at Lady Astor's were read and a letter from her Secretary inviting us to decide whether we would name

delegates (a) for drafting the Constitution of a Consultative Committee which was being formed; (b) for the drafting of details for the Flying Column Fund. Decided to nominate Miss Leaf as our delegate for the drafting of the Constitution of the Consultative Committee with Mrs. Huth Jackson as Alternate, but not to associate ourselves with the Flying Column Fund.

Institute. Reported the League of Nations Union, for the moment, had given up the idea of a Club, but would be glad to hear if we heard of a house. Recommended that since the Bloomsbury District seemed impossible owing to lease regulations in the neighbourhood which would preclude the opening of a tea-room, South Kensington be tried. Agreed.

Fight the Famine Council. A letter was read asking for names of speakers for I.L.P. Sunday in July. Several of the Committee had had the letter individually. It was decided to leave this to individual arrangement.

A letter was reported from Miss Balch asking for names of distinguished persons to invite to the Vienna Congress and of speakers for proposed meetings on Education, on Women's growing influence in public affairs and on the Economic Situation. Decided to allow a few days for the Executive to send in any suggestions and to appoint a small sub-Committee to consider the names. Mrs. Swanwick, Miss Leaf, Miss Chick were appointed and agreed to meet on the following Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Peace with Ireland Council. Reported an attempt was being made to form Branches and develop the organisation throughout the country and to send delegates over to Ireland from time to time.

Summer School. Reported bookings were coming in from various countries, and that the programme was full, with a few changes; that it had been decided to add £20 on behalf of America to £20 collected here for food for the poorer students, and to write to Miss Addams informing her that this had been done. XX

Finance. Reported that the response to the calling in of all subscriptions in April had only brought our amount in hand up to £274 at the end of the month. It had been decided that Headquarters Members could not be appealed to again, but that an appeal should be sent out to Branches assessing each at a certain sum in proportion to members. If this were raised by all Branches it would enable Headquarters to carry on until the Council Meeting next Spring. A small Sub-Committee was appointed to discuss suggestions and to assess the Branches to meet on the following Monday. Members: Lady Courtney, Miss Chick, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Fyffe. Decided a detailed report of the financial position should be given at the Council Meeting.

Lease of Offices. Recommended that application be made to continue these Offices at the raised rental of £220. 8. 4d. The Pioneer Trust to be asked to pay £152, i.e. a share in the same proportion to the new rent as their present share stands to the old. Agreed.

Special
Council
Meeting.

As no resolutions had been received, Mrs. Swanwick put forward some resolutions in the name of the Executive as a basis of discussion at the Council. These were considered and agreed as follows:-

- (1) This Council instructs the Executive to make inquiries and draft proposals with a view to presenting a scheme at the next Annual Meeting for (a) co-operation or amalgamation with other similar bodies in this country and (b) the equal membership of men and women in the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.
- (2) This Council is of opinion that work at International Headquarters is of great value:
 - (i) in giving a centre to the international work of women;
 - (ii) in encouraging the formation of new national centres of feminist internationalism;
 - (iii) in making the W.I.L. known to the League of Nations and influential within it. It therefore resolves to make an effort to raise a due proportion of the money necessary for the work at Maison Internationale.
- (3) This Council instructs the British Delegates to the Congress in Vienna to support the continuance of the Office at the seat of the League of Nations.
- (4) Reconstruction of the W.I.L.P.F.

This Council instructs the British Delegates to the Congress in Vienna to suggest co-operation or amalgamation of the W.I.L.P.F. with other similar bodies in all nations and the admission of men to membership of the W.I.L.P.F. equally with women, on the basis of freedom for all men and women.

Decided, if necessary the Officers should act as Agenda sub-Committee, and that the position with regard to the Institute should be reported on at the Council and Miss Marshall be asked to give a report for 30 minutes on her work in Geneva in connection with the League of Nations, and that information should be given about the Vienna Congress.

Vienna
Congress.

Decided resolutions sent in late from the Manchester Branch were not a matter of urgency. Decided the Branches who had nominated delegates to Vienna should be asked if they could do anything to raise money to send those who cannot afford

to pay their own expenses. Reported the preliminary Agenda of the Congress had not yet arrived.

Correspondence. International Free Trade Congress. An invitation from the Cobden Club to send delegates to the International Free Trade Congress at Amsterdam in September was read. Decided Miss Courtney, Miss Cooper Willis, Miss Marshall be asked if they could attend.

Miss Balch. Reported Miss Balch was anxious to get a prominent Catholic to attend the Congress in Vienna and had asked if we had any among our members. Miss Barry, Catholic Women's Suffrage Society had been consulted and seen our lists, but did not know of any. Mrs. Crawford was unable to attend the Vienna Congress but would be at Salzburg. Decided to inquire of Miss Bennett as a matter of interest who was going as a delegate from Ireland.

Mlle. Gobat. A letter asking that we should send a greeting to the President of the Hungarian Peace Council, M. Alexandre Gieswein on the celebration of its 25th Anniversary in the middle of May was read. Mrs. Swanwick agreed to draft the letter.

Other business. The Committee was asked if any member knew a possible home temporarily for a Miss Schwarz, a friend of Dr. Rotten's who was in London taking the Montessori Course, and a Miss Lehmann, daughter of one of the Professors who would speak at the Summer School, who wished for temporary work. Mrs. Raymond Unwin reported that she was getting in touch with Miss Schwarz and might be able to arrange something with her.

H. M. Swanwick.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday,
June 9th, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Briggs, Lady Courtney, Miss E. Cox, Mrs. Despard, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Mrs. Gould, Miss Hobhouse, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Melland, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Unwin, ^{Mrs. North} ~~Miss~~ ^{Whithead,} Miss Cooper Willis. Kensington Branch was represented by Mrs. Fyffe. Manchester Branch by Mrs. Annot Robinson, Miss Sackur, Mrs. Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Chick, Miss Courtney, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Marshall.

Minutes of meeting on May 6th were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Free Trade Conference at Amsterdam. Reported none of the delegates nominated could attend this Conference in September. Decided to ask Mr. Shaw whether the matter could be left open in case any representative of our Society found it possible, later, to attend.

Letter from Miss Blakeney Booth. Miss Blakeney Booth wrote saying she did not know Mr. Bernard Shaw well enough to ask him to give a Play for performance on behalf of the Institute, and suggesting that as Mrs. Bernard Shaw was a member she might be approached. It was decided to take no action for the present.

Conference on the Consequences of an Army of Occupation. Reported a small sub-Committee had been appointed at this Conference to consider the further action on the resolutions which were put and passed. This Committee would meet on Monday, June 13th.

Lease of Offices. Reported that the New Town Trust would take on the portion of the Office sub-let to them at the raised rental of £152, leaving us with £70 odd to pay.

Speakers for Vienna. Reported the only speaker who had accepted out of those suggested was Mr. Brailsford, whose expenses to Vienna were being paid by a member of the Committee, and who hoped to be able to go on to Salzburg.

Reported Lady Astor's Consultative Committee of Women's Organisations would meet again on June 30th at 5 o'clock. The Agenda includes the Election of Officers, Finance, Amendments to the Constitution, Activities of the Committee. Nominations were asked for for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. The Committee decided to nominate Miss Picton Turbervill as Chairman, Miss Nettlefold as Vice-Chairman. Mrs. Ayrton Gould and Miss Leaf were appointed as our delegates.

Report of Organisation, Finance and Literature Committee.

Matters referred from the Organisation to the Executive were:-

(1) A letter from the Women's Freedom League asking us to take part in a Procession to express the protest of enfranchised women on the condition of affairs in Ireland, on Saturday afternoon, July 2nd. After some discussion it was decided that we should circularise our London Branches and Members asking them to join the Procession, and that in reply to the invitation to take banners, we should make the suggestion to the Women's Freedom League that no banners of Societies be carried, but only banners with Black and White Inscriptions showing the object of the Procession, and that it be suggested that all participating should dress in black.

(2) League of Nations Union. A letter from the League of Nations Union asking for the co-operation of Headquarters of our Society in the Mass Meeting in Hyde Park on Saturday, June 25th. Decided we should also circularise our members about this and the Procession preceding the Mass Meeting, and that we should ask the League of Nations Union if we could have a Platform in Hyde Park. Decided, in this case, the following speakers should be asked:-

Lady Parmoor, Chairman.
Miss Marshall, Mrs. Annot Robinson and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence ~~as Speakers.~~

Another letter came in later bearing on the subject of Ireland from the Peace with Ireland Council, inviting us to send representatives to a Conference at the Fabian Hall on Tuesday, June 14th at 11 a.m. to discuss concentrated effort to focus public attention on the Irish situation. Mrs. Huth Jackson and Miss Leaf undertook to attend, and it was decided to recommend that the effort might be made in a week to include the Women's Freedom League.

Deputation to the Imperial Cabinet. A proposal made by the Manchester Branch that we should send a deputation to the Imperial Cabinet on the subject of Disarmament was considered. Mrs. Annot Robinson explained that Manchester had in mind the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and its bearings on Canadian and Australian politics in connection with the possibility of an agreement for a reduction in the Naval Armaments. It was decided, in discussion, that if there was any possibility of approaching the Cabinet, Disarmament should be the main subject, and that one or two of the speakers should bring in the bearing of this question on our policy in Ireland. Lady Parmoor and Lady Courtney agreed to consult with General Smuts as to the best method of making representations, and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence undertook to get in touch with Miss Newcombe and Miss Goldstein as to how to approach the different

Colonial Departments, and to get hints as to the best line of procedure. Decided Lady Courtney should be asked to go on the deputation; ~~that~~ Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Annot Robinson, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Huth Jackson agreed to go, and Miss Marshall was to be asked, if in London. Suggested she might also help in finding out means of approaching the Cabinet.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence asked for permission to explain the suggestion made in the previous Committee for sending deputations of women to live in one spot in Ireland to report on events, and keep in touch with the Irish W.I.L., Irish Suffrage and Labour Circles, and get the information through to England. Commander Kenworthy had been offered a house in County Clare, with servants, and knew one lady who was willing to go. After some discussion as to the method by which this might be carried out, the Manchester Delegates present offered to undertake the clerical side of the work for the Executive. Decided Mrs. Pethick Lawrence should meet the Manchester Officers at the Council Meeting to arrange details. Agreed that only money raised specially for the purpose must be spent on the scheme. A request was reported from a Conference called by the Friends to urge Christian Leaders, to press for a truce with Ireland for Thursday, June 23rd, and recommendations of people to invite were asked. Names suggested were Miss Royden, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Canon Peter Green of Manchester, Bishop Temple, Dr. Horton, Dr. Orchard.

Institute. A report of various houses in Cromwell Road and Queen's Gate, Kensington, which had been seen by Mrs. Fyffe was made. Most were only for sale on leasehold for from £2,000. Decided this was too high to consider. The proposal was made that if we could not start an Institute at once a Central Tea Room with reading room should be started as a beginning, and as a means of making money. Miss Ford reported that Leeds and Newcastle very strongly supported this. Recommend to the Council that as a beginning this should be concentrated on. A Sub-Committee was re-appointed of Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Fyffe, Mrs. North Whitehead, with power to act immediately over the taking of rooms if the Council accepted the proposal.

Finance. Reported that our balance, apart from Summer School Funds, at the end of May was about £202. This was £72 less than at the end of April. The result of the appeal to the Branches, so far was:-

Chelsea £24 (assessed at £10).
Bristol £15 (assessed at £15).
Hampstead £12 or £15 (assessed at £15).
Cambridge £5 now, £10 later (assessed at £10).

East Cheshire and Glasgow had replied that their finances were so bad they could do nothing at present. Newcastle could not contribute to Headquarters. Manchester would consider what it might do. Mrs. Annot Robinson reported that Liverpool intended to raise the amount it had been assessed.

Vienna Congress. Reported that the Irish Delegates were Miss Jacob and Mrs. Kingston, and they wished for hospitality in London the night before crossing, and Mrs. Huth Jackson agreed to give this. Reported Mrs. North Whitehead could not attend the Vienna Congress, but was sending another delegate in her place. Mrs. Annot Robinson suggested, if the lists were not filled, that her cousin, Miss Wilkie, who was going to Vienna in any case might go as an Alternate. Agreed. Mrs. Raymond Unwin reported that she hoped, after all, to be at Vienna.

A letter was read from Miss Balch suggesting that our delegates should be ready to speak on various special political subjects. Mrs. Annot Robinson agreed to speak on Disarmament, if the occasion arose. Mrs. Huth Jackson on Women in the Diplomatic Service. Suggested Miss Jowitt and Miss Cashmole could speak on some of the ~~other~~ ^{educational} subjects.

Miss Balch also asked that some delegates would bring a list of books in English from the point of view of pacifists and students of international affairs. Mrs. Raymond Unwin agreed to edit this list, if members of the Executive would send in titles.

Another letter from Miss Balch was read making various suggestions on the resolutions sent in by the British Section for the Agenda. It was decided to withdraw those which she thought already embodied in our programme, and to retain the following:-

- (1) That the National Branch^{es} of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom take action in their own countries to secure the reality of International Free Trade as essential to Permanent Peace.
- (2) That all Nations who apply for membership should be admitted to the League of Nations.
- (3) That serious propoganda for the use of Esperanto at all International Conferences be undertaken without delay as a means to better mutual understanding.
- (4) That International Co-operation is essential for the alteration of the social conditions affecting women and children in all countries which are the result of the double standard of morality.
- (5) That the principle of Proportional Representation should be applied to the Election of Representatives on the League of Nations Assembly.

Special Council. Arrangements were reported as follows:-

Miss Cooper Willis would report on the Vienna Congress, Miss Royds on the International Institute and the recommendation of the Executive as to a Tea Room, Lady Courtney on the financial situation of Geneva and London.

The moves of the resolutions were decided on.
The following were proposed to move resolutions as follows:-

(1) to be moved by Mrs. Huth Jackson:-

This Council instructs the Executive to make inquiries and draft proposals with a view to presenting a scheme at the next Annual Meeting for (a) co-operation or amalgamation with other similar bodies in this country and (b) the equal membership of men and women in the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

(2) to be moved by Miss Marshall, or failing her, Miss Courtney:-

This Council is of opinion that work at International Headquarters is of great value:

- (i) in giving a centre to the International work of men;
- (ii) in encouraging the formation of new national centres of feminist internationalism;
- (iii) in making the W.I.L. known to the League of Nations and influential within it. It therefore resolves to make an effort to raise a due proportion of the money necessary for the work at Maison Internationale.

(3) to be moved by Miss Leaf:-

This Council instructs the British Delegates to the Congress in Vienna to support the continuance of the Office at the seat of the League of Nations.

(4) to be moved by Mrs. Swanwick from the Chair:-

This Council instructs the British Delegates to the Congress in Vienna to suggest co-operation or amalgamation of the W.I.L.P.F. with other similar bodies in all nations and the admission of men to membership of the W.I.L.P.F. equally with women, on the basis of freedom for all men and women.

Correspondence. Peace Society. Invitations to send delegates to the Centenary Celebrations of the Peace Society on June 14th were laid on the table. Miss Machaghten took two tickets.

Y.W.C.A. Action was reported on the suggestion of the Y.W.C.A. pressing the League of Nations and the Government to appoint a woman on the Conference to be held in Geneva on the White Slave Traffic on June 30th.

Other business. The Manchester Delegates asked if it would be possible for them to propose increased affiliation fees from Branches to Headquarters at the special Council Meeting. Mrs. Swanwick explained this would be out of order, as any alteration of the rules must be dealt with at the Annual Council Meeting. But it was decided that there might be time, at the close, for discussion if this could be put forward at the Council Meeting in the Spring.

H. M. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE,

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Friday,
1st July, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Leaf, Miss Chick, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Fyffe representing Kensington Branch.

Apologies
for ab-
sence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ford, Miss Ashton, Miss Marshall, Miss Eckhard, Miss Courtney, Lady Courtney.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting on June 5th were read and confirmed.

Business
arising.

Rhineland Commission. Reported Mrs. Drake was willing to go for part expenses. Dr. Winifred Cullis had been sent by Miss Royds, who said she felt she was not the right person to go; she had no knowledge of German but she suggested Mrs. Nevil Rolfe. Mrs. Rolfe had been written to but had not yet replied. A letter had been received from Mr. Harris of the Anti-Slavery & Aborigines Protection Society asking for further information, terms of reference, etc. The Secretary was instructed to write to him explaining the Commission was simply to be one of investigation, without policy or propaganda. Terms of reference were:-

- (1) social evils arising out of billeting of soldiers;
- (2) withdrawal of Black Troops;
- (3) The extent to which there are assaults on girls under age;
- (4) what provision is made for illegitimate children and what can be done to help.

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Mrs. Drake would specially inquire into economic conditions. ~~She~~ reported that she had seen Count Bernstoff and he warmly welcomed the suggestion of a Commission.

Mrs Swanwick

Consulta-
tive Com-
mittee.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould reported she had attended the meeting on June 30th. A telegram had been sent to the Conference at Geneva then sitting asking "the representatives of 60 British Women's Organisations to urge upon the Conference on the Traffic in Women the necessity of abolishing licensed brothels and of the 'reglementation' system, as the most effective method of checking that traffic. Also a resolution had been passed urging the Government to grant facilities for the Bill for equal guardianship of children. Lady Astor asked all organisations to press for this and to keep on pressing. At present it was talked out time after time by Sir Frederick Banbury.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould proposed, Miss Cooper Willis seconded, that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary urging that facilities be given for the Bill for Equal Guardianship of Children. Agreed.

and the Chamberlain

Peace with
Ireland
Council.

Miss Chick reported she had attended the Peace with Ireland Council Meeting as our representative. Proposed by Mrs. Swanwick, seconded by Mrs. Gould that the following resolution be sent to Sir Hamar Greenwood, Mr. Lloyd George and the Colonial Premiers:-

"The Women's International League rejoices that an unconditional invitation has been sent to Mr. de Valera and Sir J. Craig to confer upon the better Government of Ireland, and hopes that nothing will be allowed to check the progress of negotiation. It points out, however, that a spirit of conciliation is necessary to arrive at a conclusion and to this end urges again the need for a complete truce on both sides and a recognition of Ireland as one nation."

It was reported that Miss Marshall had tried to arrange interviews and a deputation. She had failed to do this but had been able to do useful work and arouse interest; and Miss Witty, the delegate from Ireland had found it useful meeting the English members.

Irish
Procession.

Reported that 24 peoples had written to say they would walk in the Procession organised by the Women's Freedom League on July 2nd. Mrs. Huth Jackson reported that Dr. Hector Munroe and a friend would undertake to carry the banner. Agreed that in this case it should be used. Block H. had been assigned to our Organisation.

Mrs. Pethick
Lawrence's
Scheme for
Ireland.

Letters were read from Miss Sackur in reference to this scheme, reporting that Miss Melland and Miss Mary Welch had gone to Ireland as investigators. Dr. Ethel Williams, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Gee and Miss Cooper Willis had been asked. Most of them had refused; also Mrs. ~~Annandale~~ *Arundale* and Miss Jeffrey. Mrs. Briggs would probably go after Vienna Congress, Mrs. ~~Annandale~~ *Arundale* in a week or two. Decided it would be wiser not to send Miss Jeffrey. Miss Cooper Willis thought it would cost about £10 for a fortnight.

House.

Miss Broatch reported that the sub-Committee had inspected a house in Red Lion Square that morning consisting of 5 floors and a basement, to be leased on a 7, 14, 21 years' lease, rental £250 p.a. subject to tenants spending a certain amount on repairs. The third and fourth floors (6 rooms, scullery and W.C.) had been let off as a Flat. The second floor (3 rooms) was suitable for offices. The first floor (3 rooms) could be used as reading room and the offices of the W.I.L. while the Ground floor could be utilised for tea-room with kitchen, at the back. The whole place needed repairs. Mrs. Huth Jackson reported she had taken an Architect over it and from his cursory survey he suggested £2000 would be needed to make it habitable. It was proposed to obtain further advice. Miss Chick suggested that an

Architect she knew might go over the house with one or two members if an appointment was made. This offer was accepted and Miss Broatch was empowered to make a further appointment with Mr. D. Prosser of Messrs. Prosser & Sons, builders and surveyors, to give an approximate estimate, and also to ask Mr. Glew to inspect drainage. It was also agreed that Mrs. Skene McKay be asked to meet Miss Broatch and to advise as to suitability of Ground Floor room for tea room.

and the Sub-Committee has given permission to take the house at a rental of £25.0p.w. provided that it was satisfied that the conditions reported between the house & land was satisfactory.
Vienna Congress.

It was reported that Miss Ashton was unable to go to Vienna and therefore could not speak on Free Trade. It was decided that it should be left to Miss Courtney and Miss Marshall to decide who should take her place. Miss Leaf reported that she had been to several of the more prominent newspaper offices and made arrangements for Mrs. McGovern to send reports to the Congress.

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A letter was read from Dr. Ethel Williams saying she could not understand Clause 5 in the resolutions "that international co-operation is essential for the alteration of the social conditions affecting women and children in all countries which are the result of the double standard of morality." Did it mean "the international traffic in women and children kept up as it is by the existence of licensed brothels and was the point arrived at in a way in which these two themes play into one another's hands and that the countries which have licensed and practically Government permitted brothels provided a market without which the risks and costs of the international traffic would not be worth while? The Secretary was instructed to write to Dr. Williams and ask her to redraft the resolution in that sense. Miss Royds reported she could get no Indian delegate. Mrs. Naidu had not answered. Miss Eaton was to be asked to go as an Alternate.

Annual Council Meeting.

It was decided that this be held in January or February and a Sub-Committee be chosen to consider the possibility of drawing up a scheme of co-operating with other bodies.

Annual Peace Council.

A letter was read from Mr. Pollard asking for nominations of 4 representatives from the W.I.L. to be sent to him before July 6th. The following were nominated:-

- Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Sanger, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Mrs. Fyffe. Failing Mrs. Sanger's consent to act Mrs. Hartley Withers to be asked.

It was reported the Universal Peace Congress would be held at Luxemburg from August 10/13th. Representatives were asked for, but no one volunteered.

National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

A letter had been received asking if a representative from the W.I.L. would join a deputation which they hoped to arrange to the Prime Minister asking for a Bill this session to give Equal Citizenship. Decided that if a deputation was arranged Miss Chick would represent W.I.L.

Venereal
Disease.

A letter was read from Miss Neilans calling attention to the use of Prophylactics, begging the Society to urge upon all its members to watch the local authorities. It was decided that a copy of this letter be sent to our Branch Secretaries.

Wm Swannick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Meeting of Organisation Committee, Friday, July 1st, 1921 at 10.30 a.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Lady Courtney, Miss Chick, Mrs. North Whitehead.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on June 9th were read and confirmed.

Vienna Congress.

Agreed to pay £5 towards sending Mrs. Briggs to Vienna.

Poster. It was agreed not to display this in London. Would not be understood by English people.

Lady Courtney kindly promised to contribute £20 towards Headquarters Expenses (Geneva).

Miss Horscroft's Salary. Proposed by Mrs. Swanwick that the business rate be charged (~~exclusive of fee~~) for Miss Horscroft's salary (£4.10.0) but that part of it afterwards be returned as a donation.

Women's Leader.

A letter was read from Mrs. Strachey from the Irish W.I.L. giving account of atrocities in Ireland. Mrs. Strachey was anxious to publish this letter but could not afford space since the Woman's Leader had been cut down. But she suggested if the W.I.L. cared to have the account published she would allow four extra pages at a cost of £17.10.0d in the next issue. ~~Decided not to accept this offer.~~

owing to his time it was decided not to publish any more articles

Peace with Ireland Procession.

Reported that 24 people had promised to join the procession and that a Block had been assigned to the League.

Leaflets.

Miss Royds reported she had made arrangements for the leaflet "What Sort of a World do we want?" to be printed on a cheaper paper at a cost of 12/- per 1,000. Decided not to print any more at present until the first edition runs out.

Summer School.

Food Arrangements. Decided that Miss Royds should see to these when she reached Salzburg. Frau Hertzka would deal with the Austrian Section simply. Miss Royds was asked to go to 27 Chancery Lane before she left to make inquiries as to what food was obtainable.

Histories of the Peoples.

Reported that Mr. Miller would write the History of Greece. The Jewish History would be begun in the Autumn (Prof. Gardner had withdrawn)

Opium Traffic.

A letter was read from the Rev. A. Sowerby of the Anti-Opium League re the evils of the Opium Traffic. Resolved that the letter be forwarded to Mrs. Dixon Davies.

Finance.

Miss Royds reported that there was a balance in hand of £309. 6. 2.

It was decided the Office Girl should have ten days' holiday from 27th August to 6th September inclusive.

H. M. Swannick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Friday, 2nd
September, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Leaf, Miss Melland, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. North Whitehead, Miss Cooper Willis. Representatives from Branches:- Mrs. Waley from Kensington, Mrs. Crosfield from Cambridge.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ashton, Miss Chick, Miss Ford and Miss Ward.

Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting on 5th July were read and confirmed after several corrections had been made.

Business arising.

Ireland. Mrs. Swanwick reported she had had a letter from Miss Bennett expressing her pleasure with the resolution we had sent to the Home Secretary and suggesting we should send it to the Sinn Fein Leaders. This had already been done.

Reported the Irish Demonstration organised by the Women's Freedom League was not a very great success. About 20 of the W.I.L. Members walked in the procession.

Disarmament Campaign.

Mrs. Swanwick asked leave to consider this question now as Mrs. Annot Robinson and Mrs. Muter Wilson had come up from Manchester for the express purpose of discussing it. She explained that she had written to Manchester to ask them if they would be willing to organise, on behalf of the Executive, a Disarmament Campaign.

Mrs. Muter Wilson said that Manchester was very willing and anxious to organise the campaign but that their great difficulty was lack of funds. They were now living on borrowed capital and she feared unless they could get on to a good financial basis they could not continue. She said the response to their appeals had been very small. They had drawn up a leaflet but could not afford to print it and it had been sent to the N.P.C. to see if they could do anything with it. They had that week had a meeting of members, which was a very large and enthusiastic one, and the members were willing to work. Before undertaking the Campaign they wished to know what financial support Headquarters could give to them. Mrs. Swanwick reported that Headquarters had a balance of £144. 15. 0, ^{barely} enough to last two months and we could, therefore, not promise any financial assistance.

Mrs. Crosfield (Cambridge) said that she had spent the whole morning with the Friends considering the question of a Disarmament Campaign. Mr. Alexander Wilson, who came in later, reported that the Friends Committee that morning had decided to turn the whole thing over to the National Peace Council, who were holding a Conference on the 14th to consider the question. Mrs. Swanwick thought that was much too late to be effective but Miss Huntsman, speaking for the N.P.C. said a good deal of work could be done meanwhile.

an organisation not

*adapted to
undertake this
Campaign*

Mrs. Swanwick thought the N.P.C. was ~~not fit~~ ~~for organising the campaign~~ but would be very useful in putting us in touch with many people.

Mrs. Swanwick suggested that Manchester should send out a circular letter, embodying the resolution on Disarmament passed at the Vienna Congress, to all our Branch Secretaries, suggesting that they should form local ad-hoc Committees, representative of all the Societies interested, to consider the planning, financing and running of a Disarmament Campaign. They were also to be asked if they could give any financial assistance towards the expenses of an Organiser. Mrs. Unwin moved, Mrs. Whitehead seconded that Manchester should send out such a letter to the Branches. Agreed. Decided that Manchester should undertake the literature for the campaign.

Miss Huntsman said she would be glad to let the members of the N.P.C. know of the Campaign and Mr. Wilson said he would also let his members know. It was felt that other Societies interested would also be willing to inform their members.

Mrs. Robinson asked if a special Disarmament Campaign Treasurer could be provided. Mrs. Swanwick thought such a National Treasurer would not be advisable. Mrs. Robinson undertook at the request of the Committee to prepare an estimate of what an Organiser would cost for six weeks. Mrs. Robinson reported Birmingham branch was organising a Disarmament Campaign at which she was speaking.

Rhineland
Commission.

Miss Broatch reported that she had seen Mrs. Rolfe by appointment, who stated that she was not in favour of the Commission at present and that it would be superfluous, and did not care to take part in a Commission that was not sent out by the Government. Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had seen Miss Howsen who was keenly interested in the Commission and would be willing to go but could not pay her own expenses. Her friend, Miss Townshend, would be willing to accompany her at her own expense. Miss Broatch reported that Mrs. Drake had consented to go and could pay half of her own expenses. Decided that owing to lack of funds the Commission should be given up, for the time being and the three ladies be informed of this decision and thanked.

Report of Or-
ganisation
Committee.

Finance. Reported that the balance to date was £144. 15. Od. If all the subscriptions were paid in we might expect to get about £41. 3. 6d. We needed £300 more to carry on the work till the Council Meeting in February or March.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould moved that after the lease for the new house is signed, and invitation, including an appeal, should be sent out as widely as possible, in the name of the Executive, to a reception in the new Offices. Owing to the time it would take to get the drains done and other decorations it was decided the Reception should be held over. It was thought inadvisable to send out a direct appeal with

the invitation. Mrs. Swanwick promised to write an appeal and send it to Lady Courtney for sanction and Miss Leaf undertook to try to get an appeal in the papers for funds for the Institute.

X
Reported that the Organisation Committee recommended to the Committee that a Reception might be held for Miss Addams on September 17th, 19th or 20th if a Member of the Committee could offer the use of her house. Decided Lady Courtney be asked if she would give a Reception on one of the above dates. Failing her, Mrs. Gould suggested that Mrs. Ayrton might be willing to give a Reception and it was decided to ask her if Lady Courtney were unable.

X
Histories. Reported that the first two parts of the French Histories had been received and that Mr. Miller had consented to write the paper on Greece. Also reported that Miss Royds had kindly offered to continue the work for the Histories. Her offer was gratefully accepted.

International
Institute
Company.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had been endeavouring to promote the formation of this Company under the Provident Societies' Act, as agreed by the Executive, but she had found the matter a difficult one. Miss Broatch had secured for the League the services of Mr. Rowlatt as Solicitor (of the firm of Messrs. Torr and Co.) and he had advised on the matter and they had secured the necessary information and forms from the Registrar of Friendly Societies and it appeared that, in order to register under the Act, a Club would have to be formed, whose members would elect the Managing Committee and the money raised would not be in the form of shares as had been supposed, but as a loan to that Committee. The management would, therefore, be taken out of the hands of the W.I.L. and even of the shareholders and the whole scheme would be hampered by conditions that had not been clearly foreseen. Mr. Rowlatt had given as his considered opinion that a much simpler arrangement would be to consider the proposed shares as loan to the Women's International League. This could be done by getting three members to consent to be Trustees for the loan and a deed of trust could be drawn up safeguarding both the trustees and the leaders, who could have the same interest as was proposed under the original scheme. Mrs. Swanwick suggested that this much simpler arrangement would meet all requirements.

Miss Cooper Willis moved, Mrs. Ayrton Gould seconded and it was unanimously agreed that a letter be written in the name of the Executive to the Guarantors, explaining the circumstances and asking them to consent that their proposed share should be a loan to the W.I.L. on the same conditions as to profits as had been offered under the original scheme.

X
House at 36
Red Lion Sq.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that Mrs. Fyffe and she were the only members of the Sub-Committee who had attended the meeting called to decide what offer to

make. The Agent had notified them that the offer must be received by the afternoon of July 11th. An estimate had been made by the firm of Prosser for repairs to be undertaken by the lessees, exclusive of drains, amounting to £400 to £500. The sub-Committee agreed to offer £200 a year for a lease of 7, 14 or 21 years, the W.I.L. to undertake all repairs. Upon Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Broatch going to the Agent with this offer, the Agent said he must refuse it as he had two others for £250 and all repairs. Mrs. Swanwick then made an alternative offer of £250 a year, the lessors to put the drains into complete and satisfactory repair, the lessees to do all other repairs and keep the house in reasonable repair. This offer was accepted and a lease had now been drawn up, considerably added to by our Solicitor and our building expert, and was awaiting the acceptance of the lessors.

Mrs. Swanwick said she hoped that they would be able to let the basement for £50; the 2nd floor for £120 and the 3rd and 4th floors for £150, making a total of £320. The W.I.L. would be paying about £350 for rent and rates and it thus seemed likely that they might be getting the use of their own offices for about £30 yearly.

House Committee. It was suggested that a new House Committee should now be appointed to see to the repairs, decorations, furnishing and staffing of the Institute and house. The following were appointed, subject to their consent:- Miss Buckmaster, Miss Blakeney Booth (Chelsea Branch), Miss Craies, Miss Eckhard, the officers ex officio, with power to add to their number.

Staff for restaurant. Mrs. Swanwick reported that Mrs. Kohlhamer, an American lady whom she met in Salzburg, had recommended an excellent housekeeper. Mrs. Swanwick had written to her and had received a reply asking for further particulars. Miss Broatch reported that Miss Ashton had written to say that Miss Liddle of Alans' Tea Rooms would be willing to give us assistance. Decided the Sub-Committee should appoint the Staff.

Ireland.

Mrs. Swanwick read a letter from Miss Bennett, the Irishwomen's International League asking if the League could go on with the educational propaganda it had initiated for the securing of a permanent peace for Ireland. She said it would have to take the form of an appeal to the English people to give reality to a principle of freedom which they have professed. Decided if Miss Bennett would send us a statement from the I.I.L. we would try to give it publicity.

Mrs. Swanwick reported a letter from Mrs. Erskine Childers in which she stated that an American friend writes to her to say that there is a movement on foot in America to have at least one woman representative from U.S.A. to sit on the coming Armistice Conference on International Disarmament and asks her to approach some well qualified woman in Gt. Britain with a view to starting a like movement in Gt. Britain. Decided this was a question for Geneva. *Dec*

Irish White Cross.

Mrs. Swanwick read a letter from Mrs. Erskine Childers appealing for funds. Miss Huntsman undertook to write letters to the Press.

Bertha von Suttner.

X
Reported an appeal for funds for Bertha von Suttner's Memorial. Decided that we should write a letter saying that we are doing all we can to continue the work she had so much at heart, but that we were sorry we could not give any financial assistance.

Miss Leaf reported that she had received a letter from Miss Balch asking her to be our ~~act~~ referent on economic questions. Decided Miss Leaf should supply Miss Balch with all information.

Summer School.

Mrs. Swanwick reported on the Summer School. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £160. 10. 1d. Decided a letter should be sent to Miss Royds thanking her for all the work she had put into making the School such a great success.

which was quoted on 6/5
to the ~~press~~ *review*

Appointment of Secretaries.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had received three applications for the post: one from Miss Broatch, who had been temporarily acting as Secretary and was recommended by Lord Parmoor and Lord Monteaule; one from Miss Elizabeth Naylor, who was recommended by her chief in the Ministry of Munitions and by Dr. Hilda Clark; one from Miss Dorothy Evans, recommended by the Secretary of the Federation of Women Civil Servants and by Mrs. Ayrton Gould.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had seen Miss Naylor who was clearly a very competent woman. The Committee decided not to appoint Miss Broatch and asked Mrs. Swanwick to interview Miss Evans and make the final decision between her and Miss Naylor.

Mrs. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Conference. 7

~~Meeting of Executive Committee~~ Members and Branch Representatives 9th September, 1921 at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Miss M.L. Greg (East Cheshire), Miss Hardcastle (Newcastle), Mrs. Henson (Birmingham), Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Macnaghten, Miss L. Morland, Mrs. Robinson (Manchester), Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Westoby (Barnet), Mrs. Waley (Kensington), Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Muter Wilson (Manchester).

Apologies
for
absence.

Apologies for absence were received from the following Branches:- Brighton, York and Stockport.

Mrs. Swanwick said the meeting had been summoned to discuss two subjects (1) the disarmament campaign which had been the subject of a resolution passed at Vienna and (2) general organisation of the British Section. Unfortunately, funds permitted of no campaign on a large scale (we had barely enough money to carry us over the next two months) and for this reason at the last Executive the Manchester Branch had been asked to prepare a scheme to suggest to the Branches for local disarmament campaigns. Headquarters could offer no financial assistance but the Branches themselves must try to raise the money for their campaign and literature. Before considering this Mrs. Swanwick suggested that there should be a discussion of any suggestions for organisation in view of present difficult circumstances. A resolution from the Withington Branch re the formation of a Northern Federation was read. Manchester and other representatives spoke strongly in favour of the appointment of a travelling organiser. It was decided that Miss Rinder, who had done such excellent work at Newcastle, might in the Autumn be willing to undertake two or three months' work. It was decided that Miss Rinder should be written to and if her reply was favourable the Branches should be asked whether they could guarantee her salary and expenses for a week or more at a time. Miss Hardcastle promised to send in a statement to be used in the circular letter of the work done by Miss Rinder and the money got in during the ten days she worked in Newcastle. It was decided to write to ~~solitary~~ *individual* members in those towns where there were no Branches to suggest the possibility of their forming Branches there. It was also suggested that the Summer School Students should be kept in touch with and asked to become members.

After further discussion Mrs. Swanwick read a statement prepared by Mrs. Robinson to be used as a Manifesto during the disarmament campaign. Decided this statement should be got into the Press. Announced that Miss Addams and Miss Balch were going to present an identical Manifesto to the Washington Conference. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to draft a resolution to submit to any preliminary Conference that might be held in London. It was agreed that in the event of this Con-

ference taking place we should press for a woman representative, irrespective of the Consultative Committee taking action.

Mrs. Robinson, on behalf of Manchester, brought forward a plan for general disarmament campaign which Manchester was willing to organise, provided that Headquarters would guarantee roughly the sum of £75 for Organiser's expenses, etc. Mrs. Swanwick said that she thought the discussion at the last Executive, and the instructions given to Manchester had made it perfectly clear that such a sum was utterly beyond the means of Headquarters Executive. Manchester had been asked to correspond with the Branches and put before them suggestions for local disarmament campaigns but that it was quite impossible for Headquarters to do more than recoup Manchester for postal and other expenses incurred in ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ communicating with the Branches because the Executive's hands were tied because their purse was empty. An appeal for funds had shortly to be sent out to carry the Office on until the next Annual Meeting in February. Then there will be an appeal for the Institute and it was quite impracticable to expect to raise money for purposes other than these just now. All organisations were in the same financial condition; the Manchester Committee had been under a misapprehension with regard to the scheme they had been asked to draw up and would, of course, report the Executive's inability to guarantee financial help on a large scale to their Committee. Miss Huntsman said the Conference on Disarmament called by the National Peace Council for the 14th September were considering sending out an appeal for general funds which would be distributed among Societies taking active part.

H. M. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Urgency Meeting of Executive Committee, Monday, 3rd
October, 1921 at 4 p.m.

Present. Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Chick,
Miss Melland, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Cooper Willis, Miss Ward
(Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was at the house inspection only).

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ashton, Miss Leaf,
Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson.

After inspecting No. 55 Gower Street the Executive met at the W.I.L. Office to consider the question of making an offer on the basis of the letter sent to the Executive (copy appended).

Mrs. Swanwick explained she had made a provisional offer but must now ask the Committee to decide whether they would make that a firm offer. The Agents (Messrs. Coade & Budgen) had intimated that they were receiving an offer that day and could only consider any further offer if sent in before 6 o'clock. The conditions attached to the lease were inelastic. The cost of the lease for thirteen years was £600 cash down, and the yearly rental was £200 but the two floors at the top were let off at £150 per annum, the rates were 13/2d in the pound and the assessment was £120. The Institute Fund stood now at £640 in the Bank with another £350 guaranteed in six months' time. ~~If the Committee did not see its way to have a house going in a few months time they would have to give up altogether.~~ There were three things to consider (1) capital expenditure roughly estimated at £1,200, (2) yearly expenditure, exclusive of food, £1,100, (3) rough estimate of receipts. The weekly takings would have to be over £32 at least.

Miss Melland proposed they should go ahead and make an offer.

Mrs. Swanwick said the lease could be sold if it was found impossible to start the Club.

Mrs. Briggs said she had seen Miss I.O. Ford before she left Leeds and she had sent a message saying how keen she was on a house being secured. Mrs. Briggs was in favour of taking the house, after debating the question. A telegram was read from Mrs. Huth Jackson saying she thought the proposition too expensive and without bedrooms not remunerative. Lady Parmoor telephoned to say she thought it unwise to take a house to which conditions were attached which made it impossible to have a public restaurant. Lady Courtney in conversation agreed with her. Miss Leaf sent a message to say that she was not sure that Gower Street was a very suitable place. Miss Eckhard sent a message urging the house should be taken. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was also in favour.

It was then put to the meeting from the Chair that an offer be made for the house and carried nem. con.

It was decided that the House Committee should proceed with its work subject to its obtaining the permission of the Executive before opening the restaurant.

H. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Friday,
8th Oct. 1921, at 2:30 p.m.

Present. Mrs Swanwick (Chair) Miss Ashton, Mrs Unwin, Miss Ward,
Miss Morland, Mrs Ayrton Gould, Mrs Jones (Barnet) Mrs. Fyffe
(Kensington) Miss Cooper-Willis, Miss Eckhard.

Apologies Apologies for absence were read from ~~Mrs~~ Lady Courtney, Mrs
Huth Jackson, Mrs North-Whitehead, Miss Leaf.

Minutes. Minutes of meetings Sept 2nd, 9th, and 26th were read and
confirmed.

Business
arising.

Disarmament. Mrs Swanwick reported she had attended the
Joint Disarmament Committee called by the N.P.C. and had
signed the circular which that Council was sending out to
different organisations urging them to hold disarmament meetings.
The N.P.C. was doing good work distributing literature. She
could not however, attend in the future the weekly meetings
of the Disarmament Committee and proposed a substitute. Miss
Morland undertook to do this. Agreed.

Reported that Disarmament meetings had been held at Bristol
and Croxson and one arranged for Barnet. Miss Ashton reported
that a very important meeting had been held in the Town Hall
Manchester which had really been arranged by the W.I.L although
this did not appear.

Report Fraulein Baer Reported that Manchester expected
Organisation Fraulein Baer in the second week in November. Mrs
Committee Swanwick said she had written Miss Sackur asking her
for definite date and subjects Fraulein Baer would speak
on. As soon as she knew this she would ~~arrange~~
~~arrange~~ arrange for members to meet her, and also
approach other organisations that might like to make use
of the opportunity of meeting her.

Little History

Histories Reported that Mrs Innes had offered to undertake the transla-
of the French MS. This offer was gratefully accepted.

Finance Reported balance £158.8.1.

Summer
School.

It was strongly recommended that a Summer School be held
next year in England. After some discussion decided that
Easter or Whitsuntide were suitable times. The secretary
was asked to make enquiries as to cost, free dates etc.
of various holiday house superintendants.

Interna-
tional
House.
Trust

Reported that the guarantors had consented to have their
shares taken up as a loan Miss Ashton consented to become
a Trustee with Mrs Swanwick. The Secretary was asked to
write to Lady Courtney asked her to consent to become the third

House

Mrs Swanwick reported that the offer made for 55 Gower St
had been accepted. After some discussion it was decided to
name it International House

Mrs Ayrton Gould suggested that as a means of bringing in funds and helping to make International House known dances might be held there amongst other entertainments. Agreed that Mrs Ayrton Gould undertake to make enquiries as to feasibility and report to the House Committee. It was also agreed that the House Committee be empowered to go ahead with the purchase of crockery and those things which would be wanted almost immediately, rather than borrow for the forthcoming reception.

Reception - Mrs Swanwick proposed that a reception be held as soon as possible at International House. This would be a W.I.L. entertainment. Agreed to hold two, one on the afternoon of the 15th Nov. and another on the evening of the 16th, when it was hoped Fraulein Baer and Frau Sheu Reisz would be able to be present

Fight the Famine Conference. Mrs Swanwick, Miss MacNaughten, Miss Chick, Miss Cooper-Willis were asked to attend as delegates.

Consultative Committee. Miss Broatch reported that Miss Leaf had said that she could not undertake to be a permanent delegate. Agreed that Miss Ward be permanent delegate with Mrs Fyffe as a substitute.

H. Swanwick