

558. PARLIAMENTARY WORK.

O.T.Cs. Miss Trotter reported that she had collected evidence as to the compulsory nature of the O.T.Cs in Schools and this would be placed before the Secretary of State for War by Mr. G.L. Mander, immediately Parliament re-opened. It was suggested that the Publicity Committee should consider the advisability of using some of this evidence in a leaflet on O.T.Cs. which was felt to be very much needed.

Penal Administration: Mr. Henderson had been questioned in the House of Commons regarding the Government's attitude to the proposal that the League of Nations should co-operate with the International Prison Commission in an inquiry into penal administration and had stated that the proposal, which was to be brought before the League Council, would receive his support.

Treatment of Aliens. Agreed that Mrs. Unwin and Miss Trotter should endeavour to collect further information on the subject before taking action.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

MINUTES OF MEETING of EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14th 1930.

PRESENT:- Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward. *Mrs White*

A letter was read from Mrs. Charles Robertson apologising for her absence at the Committee.

The Committee wished to express to Mrs. Robertson their sympathy on hearing of her father's death and Miss Chick was asked to convey this message on behalf of the Committee.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Swanwick, Lady Parmoor, and Mrs. Marris. A letter was read from Mrs. Marris explaining that her absence was due to the birth of a son and expressing a fear that she must resign from the Executive.

Miss Chick was asked to write a letter of congratulation to Mrs. Marris on behalf of the Committee expressing the hope that she would not resign from the Committee even though she could not attend for some time to come and asking if she would consider standing for re-election at the Council Meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING.

557.

Minute 527. Reception to Chinese Minister's Wife.

Miss Pye reported on communications with the N.U.S.E.C. but said definite arrangements had not yet been made.

Miss Chick read a letter from Miss Courtney thanking the Committee for their very kind thought and love which were expressed in the giving to her of such a beautiful evening bag on the eve of her tour to the States.

FINANCE.

559.

The attached statement of accounts was read and passed. Mrs. Crosfield reported that Kensington had sent a donation of £5. 7. 0. and North Wales had sent £5. The money received to date in lieu of the Fair now amounted to £328. 3. 2.

The Committee expressed its thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Crosfield for the work she had done during Mrs. Binyon's absence. Mrs. Binyon was expected home on January 18th.

560. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

Dr. Clark reported on a letter from Mrs. Chapman Catt in which she said that the Japanese Women were collecting signatures to a Petition which special representatives were bringing to London to present to the delegates at the Naval Conference. The American women were also trying to get a Memorial signed by the organisations within the Cause and Cure of War, which was also being brought to London by representatives. In addition she asked that the request for a joint hearing might be made to the Conference by the Crusade.

Dr. Clark said it was not yet known exactly what points the Japanese and American women were asking for, but the Crusade had sent to all its Co-operating Societies a draft memorial, which would be discussed at the Council Meeting on the 17th., She said that from answers received it was evident that the Crusade was not likely to be unanimous in asking specifically for the abolition of battleships, but that agreement was likely on a petition for definite reductions in all types of naval arms.

After discussion it was decided that the W.I.L., while supporting the whole draft, would be willing to co-operate in a Petition on these lines. A few amendments were suggested on this part of the draft and our representative was asked to bring them before the Council on the 17th.,

Mrs. Innes consented to act as the W.I.L. representative on the W.P.C. Council in place of Miss Emily Leaf who had resigned from the W.I.L. Executive.

561. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN.

Miss Chick reported that she and Dr. Clark had felt it important and urgent to send out a letter to other organisations begging them to get resolutions passed at meetings asking for definite naval reductions and for the abolition of battleships, and sent to the Prime Minister if possible before the opening of the Naval Conference on January 21st., A similar letter was also sent to Headquarter members. In both letters suggested resolutions were enclosed, together with our leaflet "A Call to Peacemakers", and the N.C.P.W. pamphlet "Scrap the Battleships."

Miss Chick also reported on replies from various organisations.

A telephone message was reported from the British Commonwealth League saying they had given up the idea of an Empire Demonstration while the Naval Conference was meeting in London, but they had written to the Hospitality Committee of the Cabinet dealing with the hospitality of the Five Power Naval Conference to ask if a representative from each delegation could be present at a Mass demonstration of British women in the Central Hall or elsewhere.

This action, involving a certain amount of expense, was warmly endorsed by the Committee.

After discussion it was decided to ask other Organisations to co-operate with us in a request to our Prime Minister to receive a deputation to present to him the following Petition:-

"We the undersigned, believing that an agreement among the Naval Powers to make drastic reductions in all types of Naval Armaments is required in the interests of peace, and would be accepted by the peoples in the countries concerned, URGE H.M. Government to accept on behalf of this country a reduction in cruisers at least to a point which would represent reduction also for the U.S.A.

Further, in view of the fact that a certain class of ship, known as battleships, is designed for attack, would not be needed for defence, except against other similar ships, and are unsuited for the protection of commerce, we beg respectfully to urge that H.M. Government should give evidence of its sincerity in renouncing the right to attack by proposing the total abolition of these ships."

Dr. Clark reported that Mrs. Puffer Morgan, of the Washington N.C.P.W. would be in London during the Naval Conference. It was decided to arrange a Reception for her and the Japanese and American women, belonging to the W.I.L. on a day convenient to them at the University Club at 3 p.m; tea at 4.15 -- 4.30. An admission charge of 6d was to be made and tea would be 6d extra. Women, not W.I.L. members from other countries were also to be invited to be present but not to speak.

Posters. Mrs. Innes reported that the Friends Peace Committee was offering to give copies of a Poster in connection with the Five Power Naval Conference to any one who would be willing to display it. Decided to inform our Branches of this.

562. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Miss Chick reported that in reply to her letter several Branches had expressed their intention of making a special effort to increase the number of their members. Letters were being written to individual members as opportunity occurred asking for their co-operation in this campaign and already 20 new members had been secured since the last week of November. The February News Sheet was to be a special Campaign Number and Miss Trotter was arranging to visit a number of the Branches in the near future.

Mrs. Crosfield said the Croydon Branch would like material from Headquarters as they wanted to start a correspondence in their local Press. Miss Rinder undertook to draft some notes which might be useful in working up such a correspondence.

563. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Owing to Miss Courtney's proposed extended visit to the States and to Canada, it was decided to change the date of the Council Meeting from the 1st and 2nd April to the 8th and 9th April. It was decided to hold -

- (1) A Reception in honour of Miss Courtney on the night of the 8th at the Women's Service Hall, Westminster,
- (2) A meeting of Branch Secretaries at the Office on the 9th (arrangements to be left to the Agenda Committee).

Arrangements were also to be made to welcome in the office any delegates from the country the preceding afternoon and evening.

564. OPIUM COMMITTEE.

Miss Fye reported that three resolutions had been drafted by the Opium Committee for the consideration of the Executive Committee with the recommendation that they be sent to the Viceroy of India, Prime Ministers and Governor Generals in the Colonies, etc., and to our own Prime Ministry, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs and the Colonial Secretary.

After discussion the resolutions were passed as attached.

Miss Pye also reported that Mrs. Alcock and probably Dr. Williams were attending the Opium Advisory Committee of the League of Nations, at Geneva this month.

565. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Reported that 5,000 copies of "A Call to Peacemakers" had been ordered; over 3,000 had been sold, and 1,000 had been given away.

News Sheet orders had been increased by 100 since the reduction in price. The February News Sheet was to be a special Membership Campaign number of which Manchester Branch had ordered 600 copies to send round to all their members.

There had been good publicity during the last month for our disarmament resolution and campaign; Miss Courtney's visit to U.S.A., and news from other sections. "An Appeal to Women" leaflet was being revised.

566. PALESTINE.

It was reported that no arrangements had been made for the proposed symposium, but Mrs. Barrs Davies undertook to watch events and report to the Officers should action appear necessary.

567. POLYGLOT DISARMAMENT PETITION.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on a draft which was being considered by the Polyglot Disarmament Commission next week and which would be referred to the International Executive Committee in April. As Mrs. Corbett Fisher was attending the meeting of the Commission it was decided to leave her to take what action she thought advisable, having already expressed our views on the subject.

568. HUNGARIAN SECTION.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Hungarian Section thanking us for our letter of congratulation and expressing their appreciation of Mrs. Corbett Fisher's visit as our representative to their party celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Feminist Society and the 15th birthday of the W.I.L.

569. BULGARIA.

Dr. Clark reported the receipt of a copy of a letter from Madame Karavelova of the Bulgarian Section to the International Headquarters. In this Madame Karavelova described the great difficulties from which Bulgarian Minorities in neighbouring countries were still suffering and Bulgarian complaints as to reparation payments and the failure to obtain an outlet on the Aegean Sea. Dr. Clark considered that the resolution which we had already sent to the Government about the Minority question was the only action we could take at present, but the other questions were being watched and she would take advantage of any opportunity of correspondence in the Press.

570. MADAME DREVET'S VISIT TO THE BALKANS.

Dr. Clark reported a letter from Jane Addams to Miss Sheepshanks saying that 500 dollars from the surplus of the Prague Congress

Fund could be used to send Madame Drevet to the Balkans.

571. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN INQUIRY IN THE NEAR EAST.

Mrs. Alcock who was going almost immediately to Geneva was asked to get into touch with Dame Rachel Crowdy to see if she would allow herself to be nominated to serve on the Expert Committee of Inquiry into Traffic of Women in the Near East. It was felt that her expert knowledge of the subject would more than make up for her lack of knowledge of India.

572. LETTER FROM MISS HARRISON re cable to All India Women's Conference in Bombay and gesture of friendship to Indian women. Reported that on inquiry from the British Commonwealth League it was found that this Conference had been held during the first week in January so that a cable was not sent. The question of a gesture of friendship was to be considered later.

573. CHINA.

Miss Pye reported on the terrible famine in China and asked the Committee to send a message of sympathy to the women there and also to the Minister here. It was agreed to send the following message:-

"OUR attention has been called to the famine conditions prevailing in some parts of China with the consequent immense suffering and loss of life. We wish to send to all the Chinese people with whom we are in touch, an expression of our deep sympathy, and our earnest hope that the efforts being made, may, with the help of modern scientific resources, result in the prevention of such catastrophes in the future."

574. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) L.N.U. Reported a Conference on World Aspects of Unemployment, February 25th., Mrs. White and Miss Mennell undertook to be our representatives.

(b) L.N.U. Women's Advisory Committee. Reported letter asking for name of our representative on their Committee for 1930. Miss Pye consented to serve again and Miss Trotter was appointed substitute if Miss Pye were unable to attend. Decided not to send forward nominations for the posts of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Hon. Secretary, or to make any proposals regarding the co-optation of members.

It was also decided to support the N.U.S.E.C. resolution regarding the Nationality of Married Women which was coming before the meeting of the W.A.C. on January 29th.,

(c) Hague Peace Exhibition. Reported a letter of thanks for the photographs of Women M.P's and Mrs. Swanwick which we sent for this Exhibition.

(d) Bureau International D'Education. Miss Pye reported a letter from Miss Weber re a supplement to their catalogue of children's books. Decided to suggest to our International Executive Committee that our National Sections might be asked to prepare a list of their own books suitable for children of different ages, which would give an interesting and good picture of the country itself in a way which would interest children of other countries. Miss Pye was asked to let

Miss Weber know that we were referring the matter to our International Executive Committee so that she could get into touch with Miss Sheepshanks if she wished.

(e) Miss Sheepshanks, re resolutions passed by the International Economic Committee at Eger.

Reported these had been referred to National Sections from the Prague Congress.

Miss Rinder undertook to consider these resolutions and send her comments on them into the Office for circulation to the Executive with the resolutions.

575. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

National Council of Women. Reported on a memorandum on the Nationality of Married Women which had been presented to the Home Secretary on January 13th., This was being filed in the Office for future reference.

Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisation.

Mrs. Unwin reported on this Committee, a full report of which is being kept in the Office files.

*R. S. Jones 10/2/30.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR DECEMBER 1929.

RECEIPTS

On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0.
Cash at Bank.....	97. 4. 10.
Cash in Hand.....	7. 18. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions.....	14. 16. 6
Donations.....	69. 7. 1.
Geneva Hdq. Subs.....	20. 10. 0.
News Sheets.....	14. 3. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Literature.....	18. 6. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dec. 6th Meeting.....	2. 2. 0
Affiliation Fees.....	20. 13. 0
French & Greek Hists..	18. 5
Office Expns. Refunded	17. 7. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Postage Refunded.....	1. -. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$

179. 6. 4.

£684. 9. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

EXPENSES

Salaries.....	56. 0. 0.
Stationery.....	13. 2. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Literature & Printing...	15. 17. 10
Press Cuttings.....	2. 2. 0
News Sheets.....	3. 2. 0
Postage & Wires.....	11. 14. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Wages.....	3. 0. 0
National Health Insr....	1. 1. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Travelling Expns.....	8. 18. 7
Geneva Hdq. Subs.....	25. 10. 0
Geneva Hdq. Pax.....	5. 17. 6
Meetings.....	2. 18. 6
Rent.....	32. 11. 0
Opium Conf. Verbatim Report.....	7. 9. 1.
General Expenses.....	2. 19. - $\frac{3}{4}$

192. 3. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$

On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0.
Cash at Bank.....	89. 11. 6
Cash in Hand.....	72. 14. - $\frac{1}{4}$

£684. 9. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

STATEMENT JANUARY 1st/11th 1930

Balance in Hand.....	489. 11. 6
Receipts.....	49. 17. 3

£539. 8. 9.

Expenditure.....	39. 16. 7
Balance.....	499. 12. 2

£539. 8. 9



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
British Section,  
55, Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

January, 1930.

Resolutions passed at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Women's International League on Tuesday, 14th January 1930.

1. The Executive Committee having heard with thankfulness the decision of the League of Nations to take practical steps towards limitation of manufacture of opium and other dangerous drugs, is of opinion that their manufacture should be taken over by the Governments of the countries concerned, for the following reasons:-

1. Such a measure would remove the element of private competition which, by stimulating production, makes limitation more difficult.
2. It would remove the present temptation from chemical firms and individuals to make huge profits out of illicit trade.
3. It would make impossible any concerted forcing up of the prices of drugs that are needed for medical and scientific purposes.

The Committee therefore urges H.M. Government to take the necessary steps as soon as possible.

2. The Executive Committee expresses its deep regret that the solemn international pledge given by the Government of Great Britain at The Hague in 1912 to suppress opium smoking in all countries under British rule has not yet been carried into effect, and hopes that through the impartial commission of inquiry sent out by the League of Nations and now investigating opium smoking in the Far East, means will be found whereby this may be accomplished without delay.

It believes that the time has now come when Governments should cease to make profits from the sale of opium and that opium for smoking should cease to be sold to anyone who has not yet acquired the habit.

3. Understanding that the control of the traffic in habit-forming drugs is rendered more difficult by the fact that the sale of codein is not controlled, and that the amount of morphia needed for the medical requirements of each country cannot be ascertained unless the amount of codein consumed in the country is known, the Executive Committee of the Women's International League urges H.M. Government to instruct their representatives on the Advisory Opium Committee of the League of Nations, and also the representatives who shall be appointed to attend the Conference of Manufacturing Countries to be held in 1930, to press for the inclusion in international agreements under the control of the League of Nations of the wholesale trade in all derivatives of opium without exception.

N.B. There is another special reason for demanding the control of codein and thebaine. From these harmless alkaloids are manufactured dicodide and eukodal respectively; these latter drugs are habit-forming and, indeed, it has been found necessary to bring them under control by the application of Article 10 of the Geneva Convention.

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Resolutions referred from the Prague Congress to the National Sections for consideration, together with a memorandum on them by Miss Rinder.

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### (1) RESOLUTION ON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

A rational world economic organisation will only be possible if production and consumption can be regulated in a better way and all tendencies to speculation excluded. To this end it will be necessary that such an organisation should include small holders, small farmers, and householders in the towns.

Capitalist producers are now trying amongst other things to introduce equality between production and consumption by means of commercial treaties; to protect their national markets by customs duties favouring the home industry, and to rule the markets autocratically by means of trusts, cartels and syndicates.

The consumers and the agriculturists should oppose their democratic co-operative societies to these dictatorial organisations, in order to set up a solid foundation for a world economic organisation to function as the representative of the interests of the community.

Such a democratic organisation of the co-operative societies would educate the masses of the people to administer themselves their own economic interests. It would teach the masses to organise the economic system, so that it should serve the whole nation, and not merely the interests of a few.

This democratic organisation would unite nations in a peaceful economic community, and in that way it would ensure peace. The W.I.L.P.F. therefore calls on its members to take an active interest in the co-operative movement, and it demands at the same time that the co-operative organisations of the whole world should ensure for women that influence in the administration of the co-operative societies which they are entitled to ask in view of the fact that they are the real representatives of the economic factor in the household.

### (2) RESOLUTION ON CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

The Economic Committee, having examined how far the methods of CONCILIATION and ARBITRATION, advocated for the settlement of international disputes, could be applied to the settlement of disputes of a domestic nature, recognises that these methods, which are sound in principle, present dangers in such cases.

It considers, therefore, that the decisions taken by bodies such as Conciliation and Arbitration Committees should not in any case be of a co-ercive nature, and that the constitutions of these Committees should not provide for the suppression or even the limitation of the workers' right to combined action.

### (3) RESOLUTION ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

The world economic disorganisation renders economic crises and unemployment still more acute, For this reason it

is necessary to take effective measures which may at last relieve the masses of the people of the burden of continual unemployment.

Unemployment should be considered as an international problem because, in the opinion of the W.I.L.P.F. it is closely bound up with the question of immigration and emigration.

The W.I.L.P.F. therefore requests that a study of emigration and immigration should be undertaken on an international basis, not only by the national organisations, but also by an official international body instructed to seek for a solution of the problem from the world economic point of view.

In order to be able to solve this problem from an international point of view, the following measures will be necessary:

- a) The bringing into line of the social standard of living of the worker with the social legislation in the various countries, in order to raise the general level of the standard of living.
- b) General ratification of the eight-hours day and a strict supervision of the putting into force of this law. The laying down of shorter hours of work in unhealthy industries, and in countries where the climate does not admit such long hours of work, and this without distinction between sovereign countries, colonies, or mandated territories.
- c) The study of the question of population from the point of view of a rational population policy.
- d) Raising of the compulsory school age to 15.
- e) The introduction of adequate old age pensions for workers: this to start at sixty years of age.

(4) RESOLUTION ON THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC OFFICE WITHIN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The International Economic Conference has established what are the causes of the continual crises which have followed on the Great War, and has indicated the ways which might lead to a reorganisation of international economy. Unfortunately the decisions of the Conference, although recognised by all Governments, have not been put into effect, and the tendencies at the basis of an economic rehabilitation of the world have as yet no power. Not only is the carrying out of these decisions by the Governments very defective, but the League of Nations too hesitates before undertaking the necessary preliminary work.

Some of the leading States adopt the point of view that the League of Nations is above all a political organisation, and that as such it has only a political task to fulfil, and they do not recognise that all political questions are strictly bound up with the economic life of the world.

If the economic tasks of the League of Nations are to be carried out, then a special organisation must be set up as has been done in the case of social questions, in order to draft

conventions under the autonomous administration of all circles concerned in national economy; such Conventions would have to be submitted direct to the States for ratification, as is done in the case of the Resolutions of the Labour Conferences.

For these reasons we urge the creation of an autonomous International Economic Office, the preparatory work for this to be undertaken by a Committee of the Advisory Economic Committee, in collaboration with representatives of the great international organisations of consumers, above all of the women's organisations, for alone the representation of these organisations can ensure that the needs of the working population will be sufficiently taken into consideration by the mass of the consumers and especially of the housekeepers who create and administer the economic property of the nations.

In order to have our demands met it will be necessary to have adequate representation of women as consumers in the Advisory Economic Committee. We therefore invite our national groups to urge their Governments to provide for adequate representation of women when the Economic Councils are reorganised.

In order to secure the collaboration of the different countries in the work of the International Economic Office the national groups of the W.I.L. are called upon to study the question as to how similar organisations could be set up in the various countries, so that not only the representatives of the Chambers of Commerce, that is to say individual and private interests, should influence the decisions taken by the Governments, but that the general interests of the population should, through the representatives of their democratic and organised bodies, influence in a similar way Government decisions.

Memorandum drafted by Miss Rinder on resolutions referred to  
National Sections from the Prague Congress.

January 1930.

The resolutions as a whole seem to be a little out of date, the post-war problems with their new difficulties are almost ignored. The speculation referred to in the first paragraph of resolution (1) is only one of the difficulties in the way of rational world economic organisation, potential world production of many staple commodities is far greater than any demand likely to be made in the near future and thus quite apart from speculation or profiteering, there is the problem of the allocation of markets. Someone, somewhere must, for the moment at all events, cut down production in heavy iron goods, for example. But who shall it be? - Great Britain, France, Germany, U.S.A.

The first resolution refers to "the masses" administering their own economic interests. But rationalisation, without which no community which is highly developed economically can survive today presents problems which tax the brains of the most skilful and experienced expert, whether he be a workman or an employer, and makes control by "the man in the street" more difficult than ever before. It is not only a question of organising the economic system to serve the whole Nation (par.4); it is that of international organisation so as to make the utmost use of all markets in a world composed of countries with different possibilities, standards of living and tastes.

Resolution 3 ignores the connection between unemployment and rationalisation, i.e. displacement of men by machines which is such a marked factor in the U.S.A. to-day where the unemployed are now between three and four million despite the unequalled prosperity in the country as a whole. We in Europe think of the U.S.A. as a country to which to send emigrants but it looks as though in the near future she will encourage emigration in place of immigration. Fewer men work shorter hours for better wages but what is to be done with the displaced? For us, in Great Britain, now embarking on rationalisation this is a very difficult and pressing problem, and a problem which is on the whole due to the nature of our modern machinery, rather than to the capitalist system.

I do not understand what is meant by the paragraph under sub-heading (a) of Resolution (3). At present as a practical proposition we seem to have a choice between a high standard of living, e.g. Great Britain or U.S.A. and high unemployment rate or lower standard living and fewer unemployed.

In paragraph 4 of Resolution (4) no mention is made of collaboration with world organisations of producers, though the allocation of raw materials and the methods of production are of the first importance, and the producer, as well as the consumer must play his part if the proposed committee is to function effectively. Further "housekeepers" only "create and administer" part of "the economic property of any nation". To exaggerate the importance of women's work in the domestic sphere is surely unwise and it must be admitted that women do not at present create or administer the basic industries on which the life of a modern economic state depends.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, February 11th, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT. Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Anderson, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Dr. Williams.

The following visitors were present: Miss Doty (Geneva), Mrs. Puffer Morgan and Mrs. Leland (U.S.A.) and Mrs. Muter Wilson (Manchester).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Swanwick. A letter from Mrs. Marris was read definitely resigning from the Committee as she would not be free for at least twelve months. It was decided the Office should keep Mrs. Marris in touch with all our activities.

MINUTES of meeting held on January 14th were signed, having been previously circulated.

576. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute ~~527~~<sup>31A</sup>. Reception to Chinese Minister's wife. Owing to pressure of work it was decided to withdraw the suggestion of holding this Reception.

577. PARLIAMENTARY WORK. It was explained that Miss Trotter had had very little time for Parliamentary Work owing to the great pressure of work in connection with the Women's Peace Crusade and the London Naval Conference.

At the time of the discussion of the OPTIONAL CLAUSE in the House of Commons Miss Trotter had drawn up a memorandum on the part women had played in getting support for it, and sent it to twenty Members of Parliament, with special information to Miss Picton Turbervill, who was speaking from the women's point of view.

After consideration the following resolution was passed and instructions given for it to be sent to the Branches and to others directly concerned:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League desires to express to the Prime Minister its great satisfaction and thankfulness that the House of Commons has approved of the ratification of the signature by H.M. Government of the Optional Clause in the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice by which this country has now accepted the rule of law in disputes of a legal nature. It believes that this action has prepared the way for further development of arbitration and pacific settlement of international disputes and urges H.M. Government to adhere to the General Act at as an early a date as possible.

In addition, Miss Trotter had also drafted a statement in connection with the O.T.C. which she presented to Mr. Manders, M.P. for Wolverhampton, who showed a keen interest in it. Members of Parliament of different Parties had signed a Memorial asking for the withdrawal of the War Office Grant to Officers' Training Corps and sent it to the Prime Minister. Also, a deputation from the Peace Committee in the House of Commons was going next week to the Secretary of State for War. Mr. Manders thought it would be advisable if Miss Trotter could see as many Members of Parliament as possible on this question.

Mrs. Thoday presented a report of the O.T.C. Sub-Committee in which they recommended to the Executive the following resolution:-

"The Women's International League believing that the training of the young should be free from any element of militarisation and particularly objecting to the use of tax-payers money for the military training of children, urges that the War Office Grant to Officers' Training Corps, now larger in amount than the total contribution of Great Britain to the League of Nations, shall be abolished. Further, they demand that the O.T.C. regulations shall be so amended as to make it clear that no pressure direct or indirect shall be exerted on boys to become members."

This resolution was passed and Miss Trotter was asked to append a little report on all that has been done. Report and resolution to be sent to the Branches and Affiliated Societies, with a covering letter urging them to arrange debates, meetings, etc. at which the resolution could be put.

Mrs. Thoday also reported that the ~~O.T.C.~~ <sup>Publicity</sup> Committee had published a leaflet on the O.T.C's.

It was decided to make this leaflet as widely known as possible and to send a copy to the Parents Educational Association and to the Minister for Education.

After discussion it was decided that a resolution on the question of O.T.C's should come before the Annual Council Meeting.

Miss Trotter reported she had drawn up a memorandum on THE ALIENS ORDER, and had interviewed a correspondent on the Manchester Guardian from whom she had obtained useful information.

After discussion it was decided to have a resolution on this question put before the Council Meeting.

578. PENAL ADMINISTRATION. A letter was reported from the League of Nations enclosing a report on Penal Administration which had been presented to the Council by the representative of Cuba, and adopted. This report referred to the support given by the W.I.L. to the movement for reform.

579. TRAFFIC IN WOMEN INQUIRY IN THE NEAR EAST. Mrs. Alcock reported on her interview with Dame Rachel Crowdy. She said Dame Rachel Crowdy would be willing to have her name put forward to serve on the Expert Committee of Inquiry into Traffic of Women in the Near East. She would prefer, if appointed, to undertake the side of the work that will be done in Geneva. The Committee agreed to ask the W.I.L.P.F. representative on the Joint Standing Committee to urge that another woman, not of British nationality, should be appointed to travel with the Commission.



580. FINANCE. Mrs. Binyon presented the attached statement of accounts, which was passed. Miss Chick raised the question of increasing Violet Cooke's salary from 22/6d to 27/6d per week. This was granted, the increase to be retrospective from the 1st January.

581. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Dr. Clark reported on the Joint deputation of women representing women from America, Japan and Great Britain to the Chairman of the London Naval Conference on February 6th. The Committee expressed its great thanks and appreciation to Dr. Clark for all the work and time she had put into this work.

Dr. Clark said plans were going ahead for the Conference and the Public Meeting next May.

582. W.I.L. work in CONNECTION WITH THE NAVAL CONFERENCE. Miss Chick reported on a Reception to the delegates from America and Japan which Mrs. Binyon had very kindly given in her house on February 5th and spoke of the "At Home" Dr. Clark, Miss Pye and Miss Eckhard had given on February 10th. Mrs. Innes reported that Mrs. Barrs Davies was giving a tea on Friday next, February 14th to the delegates so that members in Golders Green may have an opportunity to meet them.

Miss Chick also reported that arrangements were being made to hold a meeting at Livingstone Hall, Broadway, Westminster, on February 26th at 3 p.m. when the speakers would be Mrs. Gauntlett of Japan, Dr. Clark and Mrs. Puffer Morgan, U.S.A., with Mrs. Corbett Fisher in the Chair. Admission is to be free and a collection taken. It is hoped that this meeting may help us to increase the number of our members.

Miss Pye said she felt the Preparatory Disarmament Commission and the Disarmament Conference which it is hoped will meet after the next Assembly would give the W.I.L. as a Peace Society something really spectacular to do.

Miss Chick then reported on the result of the Petition. It was found impossible to get the co-operation of other Women's Organisations to present this Petition in a separate deputation to the London Naval Conference, as suggested at the last Executive, and the Officers had decided to postpone this. Requests were received for the Petition to be used for individual signatures, and to date about 850 Petitions had gone out and the U.D.C. had to-day asked for 300 copies.

After discussion it was felt that it would be as well to continue getting signatures to the Petition, but the Executive Committee asked the Publicity Committee to consider an alteration in the wording in order to bring it into line with current events.

NOTE: (As a result the Publicity Committee the following day amended the Petition to read as attached.)

Mrs. Thoday reported on the tremendous amount of work the women in Wales had done to get resolutions passed at meetings, petitions signed, and the Committee expressed its warm thanks to the North Wales Branch for the very active part it had taken in connection with this work. Mrs. Thoday promised to give the Secretary an outline of the scheme on which the Branch work was done in different areas in North Wales and the method it adopted in getting so many societies affiliated to it by payment of 2/6d per annum and in securing so many individual members within those Societies, who paid 1/- per annum. Mrs. Thoday was asked to let the Office have a copy of their Constitution.

Dr. Clark reported that though we had not been able to press for a deputation on the abolition of battleships, reso-

lutions had been sent to the Prime Minister from W.I.L. Branches, Affiliated Societies, and also branches of other Organisations in a number of cases through our W.I.L. members. Owing to the ban put on questions in the House during the Naval Conference it had not been possible to ask what support the country was giving to the abolition of battleships, but Miss Ellen Wilkinson had promised to put a question as soon as the moment was opportune. It was decided to give her a reminder a little later.

The Committee agreed to continue pressing for the abolition of battleships.

Mrs. Puffer Morgan and Miss Doty came as visitors to the Committee to consult with the members on Naval Conference questions.

Dr. Clark proposed that a statement or open letter to the Prime Minister based on the Memorial signed by 196 Members of Parliament for the abolition of battleships, should be signed by influential men, following on the appeal already made by the women. It was felt that if someone outside Peace Organisations would take up this suggestion the result might be greater. Dr. Clark undertook to talk over the matter with Mrs. Zangwill.

The Publicity Committee were asked to draft a resolution on these lines.

It was felt that an effort must be made before the Preparatory Disarmament Commission to get the co-operation and support of other Women's International Organisations in a resolution which could be presented from them as a body to the Disarmament Commission. Decided to ask the Cause and Cure of War Conference to be prepared to send a representative over at the time of the Commission and also to encourage other women's organisations to send a representative in order to be able to arrange a deputation on the spot. Dr. Clark promised to confer with Miss Sheepshanks and the representatives now in this country from the Cause and Cure of War Conference.

Mrs. Leland, W.I.L. member in the U.S.A. gave an account of the Day of Prayer and concentrated thought during the War in U.S.A., and especially in Washington. She thought this might be applied during the sittings of the London Naval Conference and explained that the F.O.R. were taking the initiative by arranging a procession and a special intercession service in the City Temple on March 1st. It hoped to get the co-operation of the Free Churches and the Church of England. Mrs. Leland's idea was to get all those who believed in the power of thought in the different countries to concentrate on the same day and the same time on the successful issue of the Naval Conference. She hoped the National Sections of the W.I.L. would send telegrams asking for reductions in armaments and expressing the wish for the success of the Conference.

It was decided to wait until further particulars were received from the F.O.R. and then to make the procession and Intercession Service known to our members.

583. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT. Miss Henderson reported that the greater part of her press work for some time had been in connection with the W.P.C. She had been able to get a good deal of Press for the W.I.L. At Home at Mrs. Binyon's house on 5th February and had also sent a letter to Branch Secretaries suggesting correspondence in their local papers about the Naval Conference.

584. REPORT OF OPIUM COMMITTEE. Miss Pye reported that the resolutions which had been sent out from the Executive on the recommendation of the Opium Committee had been acknowledged. The International Opium Conference was to be held from April 28-29 and each Section was asked to appoint a rapporteur for their own country. Miss Pye had consented to act for Great Britain. The following British names had been sent forward for the Comite d'Honneur:-

Lady Astor, M.P., Lady Barrett, M.D., B.S., Lady Parmoor, Lady Acland, Lady Mary Murray, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Dr. Ethel Bentham, M.P., Dame Katherine Furze, Miss Maude Royden, Sir William Collins, Lord Cecil and Professor Clark.

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £42, £20 of which it was proposed to send to Geneva towards the expenses of the Conference, and £20 for grants of £5 to those going from this country.

The Committee approved this recommendation.

Miss Pye reported that Mrs. Alcock had been to Geneva during the League of Nations Advisory Opium Committee and brought back an excellent report. The Committee wished to thank Mrs. Alcock for the work she had done on their behalf.

585. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(a) Reception. Miss Chick reported that the Women's Service Hall had been booked for the Reception to Miss Courtney on April 8th and that arrangements for refreshments were being considered. No set speeches ~~xxxx~~ would be arranged except the one to welcome Miss Courtney and the delegates, and Miss Courtney would be asked to speak in reply. Music would be provided. Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. Unwin undertook to help with the arrangements for the Reception. It was also decided to invite a certain number of guests to meet Miss Courtney.

(b) Subjects for discussion. It was decided that the following subjects should be put on the Agenda for consideration and members of the Executive were asked to submit resolutions:-

Opium, India, The General Act, Aliens, Chemical Warfare, Egypt, Minorities, O.T.C's, East Africa Report (or Native Questions), the Polyglot Disarmament Petition.

It was agreed that resolutions on Palestine and Disarmament would have to be emergency ones.

(c) Agenda Committee. The following were appointed:-

Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Anderson and the Officers.

586. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT PETITION. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on this and the proposed Declaration which would accompany the Petition. At the Zurich Committee Meeting she realised that the work would become quite ineffective as an international piece of work if Gt. Britain did not take part in it, and she therefore urged the Executive to reconsider its decision and support the work as much as possible. After consideration it was decided to ask the Geneva Office and the Chemical Warfare Committee if a few changes in the wording of the Petition could be made and if so, we would be willing to print it ourselves. The Petition in its proposed amended form is as follows:-

"The undersigned men and women, irrespective of party, are convinced:

That competition in armaments is leading all countries to ruin without bringing them security;

That this policy renders further wars inevitable;

That wars will in future be wars of indiscriminate destruction of human life;

That the governments' assurances of peaceful policy will be valueless so long as those measures of disarmament are delayed that should be the first result of the Pact for the Renunciation of War.

They therefore demand total and universal disarmament and request their Government formally to instruct its delegates to the next Disarmament Conference to examine all proposals for disarmament, that have been or may be made, and to take the necessary steps to ACHIEVE DISARMAMENT."

Mrs. Corbett Fisher explained that there was no particular date for sending in signatures, the idea being to present them at the Disarmament Conference after the next Assembly. A request had been made for a special Press Correspondent and Mr. Hubert Peet's name was suggested.

The following sub-Committee was appointed to carry out the plans for the Disarmament Petition Campaign:-

Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Pye, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Silyn Roberts, Mrs. Robertson.

587. FRANKFURT CONFERENCE REPORT. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that on her return from Zurich she was informed by the Publisher of this report that it contained 37,000 words instead of 25,000, so there would be a further delay in bringing it out. In these circumstances it was felt that it would be wiser to change the title to "Chemical Warfare" with a note to explain that they were the speeches delivered at the Frankfurt Conference. Mrs. Fisher reminded the Committee that we had committed ourselves to the extent of £25.

588. APPOINTMENT OF SUB COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher asked if such a Committee could be appointed to help the members on the International Executive and the Consultative Members. Her idea was to save the time of the whole Committee in discussing the work of the International Executive in detail. After discussion it was decided to ask the two ~~xxxxx~~ members on the International Committee and the Consultative Members to act as the sub-Committee.

589. SUBJECTS FOR AGENDA OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN APRIL. On the proposal of Miss Mennell it was agreed to suggest that a deputation from the International Executive Committee be sent to the Turkish Government on the question of the proposed expulsion of Armenians from Turkey. It was agreed that the facts of the case would have to be verified and further advice obtained but that the subject might meanwhile be placed on the International Executive Agenda.

India. Mrs. Alcock pointed out that it would be necessary for our Consultative members at the International Committee to be prepared beforehand on the policy of our Section. Mrs. Alcock and Miss Rinder undertook to draw up a memorandum and bring it to the next Executive Committee for discussion.

590. CHINA FAMINE. Miss Fye reported she had written to the Save the Children Fund to see if they were taking action on this matter, but so far she had received no reply. The Friends have very carefully considered it and they have no direct touch with people doing relief work in China. Miss Fye promised to bring the result of her inquiries to the next Committee.
591. PRAGUE RESOLUTIONS ON ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. Miss Fye reported that the Economic Commission of the International Executive were holding another meeting before the Committee in April, and Mrs. Alcock reported that she had given Miss Sheepshanks her copy of the memorandum drafted by Miss Rinder, which had been circulated to Executive members.
592. PALESTINE. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that on behalf of the Executive the following Memorial had been sent direct to Lord Passfield:-

"The Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom learns with distress that fifteen Arabs and one Jew have been condemned to death for murder in the recent disturbances in Palestine.

However strong the evidence against these men the Executive Committee is nevertheless opposed to their execution since it fears popular resentment would thereby be provoked that would embitter still further the relations between Arabs and Jews, and postpone indefinitely that reconciliation on the basis of mutual tolerance which alone can bring about the permanent pacification of Palestine.

The Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom therefore urges His Majesty's Government to take steps to have these death sentences commuted to imprisonment."

It was decided to send a copy of this Memorial to the Geneva Office.

It was agreed that other items on the International Executive Agenda should be considered at our next Executive.

593. CORRESPONDENCE.

(a) World Y.W.C.A. Miss Chick reported a letter signed by officers (in their individual capacity and not in the name of their organisations) of the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenships, International Federation of University Women, World's Young Women's Christian Association, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, urging closer co-operation from time to time between international organisations on specific pieces of international work.

(b) Bureau International d'Education. Miss Fye reported a letter from Miss Webber in answer to hers, saying that she and Miss Sheepshanks thought it would be as well to send copies of the catalogue of Children's

Books to all our National Sections, together with a questionnaire, asking for their help. It was decided to send on the letter to Mrs. David Pye for her consideration.

- (c) International Summer School at Ribeaupville. Reported the title of the Subject for the School was "Federalism and Peace between Peoples." We were asked to send a list of names of people who might be willing to speak at the School, and the following were suggested:-

Mr. Kingsley Martin of the Manchester Guardian.  
Roger Soltau.  
Miss Crichton (History lecturer).  
Miss Eileen Power.  
Mr. Delisle Burns.

It was decided to ask for further copies of the preliminary notice.

- (d) Lyons Section of the W.I.L.F.F. Reported a letter from Madame Wanner asking if we could collect exhibits of children's work for a Peace Exhibition which the Lyons Section was holding on the 5th and 6th April. The Office was instructed to see if exhibits could be collected and sent to Madame Wanner.
- (e) International Council of Women. Reported their Quinquennial Meeting was being held from May 26th to June 7th at Vienna. Decided to insert a notice of this in our News Sheet.
- (f) National Union of Women Teachers. It was reported that at the Annual Conference of the N.U.W.T. resolutions were passed on the following subjects:- Equal Pay, Equal Opportunities, Dismissal of Married Women, Separate Departments and the headships of Mixed Schools, Women in the League of Nations, Women Police, Films.

K. P. Jones.  
March 11/30

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 1930.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
On Deposit.....400. 0. 0.	Salaries..... 69. 5. 0.
Cash at Bank..... 89.11. 6.	Stationery..... 5. 8. 2½
Cash in Hand..... 2.14. 0¼	Literature & Newspapers. 4. 3. 0.
Subscriptions.....54. 7. 0.	Printing..... 19.16. 6.
Geneva Hdq.Subs.... 5. 3. 0.	Pax Internationals..... 2.18. 2.
Donations.....14. 6. 0.	Geneva Subscriptions.... 5. 3. 0.
News Sheets..... 2.13.11.	Lighting & Heating..... 2. 2.10.
Postage..... 1. 1. 9.	Telephone..... 4.18. 6.
Literature..... 4.19. 6½	Office Expenses..... 6. 9. 2½
Office Expenses	Travelling Expenses..... 2. 3. 5.
refunded..... 8. 1. 2.	Insurance Stamps..... 1. 8. 2.
Affiliation Fees... 3.12. 6.	Wages..... 3. 0. 0.
	Postage & Wires..... 9. 4. 7½
94. 4.10½	136. 0. 7½
	Cash on Deposit.....400. 0. 0
	Cash at Bank..... 42. 8. 9½
	Cash in hand..... 8. 0.11¼
<u>£586.10. 4¾.</u>	<u>586.10. 4¾</u>

STATEMENT FROM FEBRUARY 1st. to 7th.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance in hand.....450. 9. 9½	Petty Cash & Salaries... 19. 5. 0.
Receipts..... 56.19. 9.	Balance.....488. 4. 6½
<u>£507. 9. 6½</u>	<u>£507. 9. 6½</u>

February, 1930.

We, the undersigned, believe that an agreement among the Naval Powers to make drastic reductions in all types of Naval Armaments is required in the interests of peace and would be welcomed by the peoples in the countries concerned.

We, therefore, urge H.M. Government:-

- (1) to accept on behalf of this country a further reduction in cruisers.
- (2) in view of the fact that the battleship is designed for attack and would not be needed for defence, except against other similar ships, and is unsuited for the protection of commerce, to give evidence of its sincerity in renouncing the right to attack by proposing the total abolition of battleships.

We believe that these steps would facilitate the abolition of submarines and reductions in other types of naval vessels.



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.  
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Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee held on Tuesday, March 11th 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Alcock, Miss Mosa Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Mary Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Edith Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Helen Ward, Mrs. White, Dr. Williams.

The following visitors were present: Mrs. Lankester from Croydon, Mrs. Puffer Morgan from U.S.A.

APOLOGIES FOR ABENCE were received from Miss Mennell and Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. Marshall wrote to explain that she felt she must resign from the Executive as it is impossible for her to attend Committees owing to pressure of other work.

LETTERS were reported from Miss Dorothy Detzer and Miss Balch expressing appreciation and gratitude for all Miss Courtney is doing for the W.I.L. in the United States.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting held on February 11th, having previously been circulated, were passed.

594. BUSINESS ARISING.

Meeting at Livingstone Hall, February 26th, 3 p.m. It was reported that this had been very successful. The following resolution was passed and afterwards sent to the Prime Minister:-

"This public meeting called by the Women's International League, urges H.M. Government to propose the abolition of battleships of over ten-thousand tons, and if that cannot be secured at this London Naval Conference, to propose an immediate reduction to numbers not greater than 10.10. and 6 for the three chief Powers."

A Collection of £4.12.6d. was taken during the meeting.

Minute 593.(b). Bureau International d'Education. A letter from Mrs. David Pye containing suggestions for the Catalogue of Children's books was reported. Mrs. McGregor Ross undertook to read the correspondence and to study the Catalogue before replying to Madame Weber. Miss Pye thought the question might come before the International Executive Committee in April.

595. RESIGNATION OF HON. TREASURER.

Mrs. Innes reported a letter from Mrs. Binyon saying that she felt unable to continue the work of Treasurer. She also felt she must not stand for re-election to the Executive Committee. It was unanimously decided that a letter should be sent to her urging her to remain on the Committee and to continue the Treasurer's work for at least another 12 months. Mrs. Crosfield consented to act as Assistant Treasurer if Mrs. Binyon would reconsider her decision.

596. FINANCE.

Mrs. Crosfield presented the balance sheet for 1929, drawn up and signed by the Auditor. The balance on the 31st December was £509.2.4½d. The balance sheet for International House was also presented, showing a balance on 31st December of £419.8.4d. Both these balance sheets were being printed in the Annual Report.

A letter was read from the Auditor pointing out that the Co-operative Permanent Building Society is not a Trust Investment. If the Committee feels that it is a thoroughly trustworthy one and are prepared to take any risk involved, it need not change the investment. Decided to make no change.

The attached statement of accounts for February was passed.

597. PARLIAMENTARY WORK.

It was reported that a memorandum on O.T.C's had been prepared and with the leaflets and resolution sent to over 20 Members of Parliament and to Sir Charles Trevelyan. Several Members promised to raise the question in the discussion on the War Office Estimates.

Efforts were made by Miss Trotter to get questions asked in the House on the Solomon Islands and on Disarmament.

Miss Trotter had addressed 13 meetings in North Wales and Manchester; 50 new members were enrolled in North Wales and 45 in Manchester and Stockport. Resolutions on Naval Disarmament and O.T.C's were passed at these meetings.

Miss Trotter was now away on a tour of meetings and would be speaking in Glasgow from March 9 - 11th and in Liverpool on 12th and 13th.

598. REPORTS OF SUB COMMITTEES.

- (a) Opium Committee. Miss Pye reported that the Opium Committee had not met but had decided by correspondence to recommend a draft of a new leaflet to the Publicity Committee. Arrangements are being completed for the International Opium Conference to be held in Geneva on April 28th and 29th. Reported a letter of thanks from Miss Sheepshanks for the grant of £20 towards the International Opium Conference. Decided that a letter should be sent to Branch Secretaries asking them if they knew of any member who was interested in the subject and would like the opportunity to attend the Conference if some financial help were given.
- (b) Women's Peace Crusade. Dr. Clark reported on the preparations for the Conference and Public Meeting on May 12th and 13th and urged the Committee to make both known as widely as possible.
- (c) Publicity Committee. Miss Henderson reported that
  - (1) the letter which had been received by members of the Executive Committee from Miss Doty had been in reply to a resolution passed by the Publicity Committee in February. After discussion the action of the Publicity Committee was endorsed.
  - (2) that the Disarmament Petition had been amended as requested by the Executive Committee (a copy was enclosed with the Minutes of February Committee.).
  - (3) the report on Yugo-Slavia and Macedonia by Miss Francesca Wilson was being published, with a foreword by Dr. Gooch. An advertisement notice had already been issued.
  - (4) some press work for the resolution on O.T.C's had been done.
- (d) O.T.C. COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester (Secretary of this Committee) reported that a meeting had not been held since the last Executive. An article on Military Training in Schools was printed in the Woman's Leader and another article was appearing in "Good-Will."

599. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN.  
Naval Conference.

- (1) Reported that the following resolutions had been drawn up by the Publicity Committee on behalf of the Executive Committee and sent to the Prime Minister and to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League believing that the signature by all the Naval Powers of the Treaty renouncing war as an instrument of national policy makes practicable an immediate reduction of their fighting forces beyond that secured in the Washington Conference of 1921 and that public opinion expects the present Naval Conference to take such a step,

supporting the proposal by H.M. Government that submarines should be abolished and welcoming the statement by the Prime Minister that the Government "would wish to see an agreement by which battleships will in due time disappear altogether",

regrets the suggestion put forward that the only advance on the Washington Treaty with regard to capital ships that can be made at this Conference is to anticipate a reduction already laid down in that Treaty to be attained in 1936,

and urges H.M. Government to propose that a considerable reduction below the fifteen battleships provided for in the Washington Treaty be made at once, with a view to abolition at the earliest possible date."

This was endorsed by the Committee.

- (2) Reported that nearly 2,000 Petition Forms had been sent out from this Office and that there was every reason to believe that signatures were being obtained and sent direct to the Prime Minister. It was decided to continue this work.
- (3) The Office had received copies of resolutions from a number of National Sections which had been sent to the London Naval Conference. Decided to ask Miss Henderson if she would get any publicity for these resolutions.
- (4) Miss Ellen Wilkinson hoped to ask a question in a day or two as to what support the Prime Minister was getting from the country for a reduction of naval armaments.
- (5) Miss Doty had suggested that two or three women representing different nations, bearing their flags, labeled "Guardians of the Peace" should walk up and down in front of St. James Palace while the Naval Conference was sitting, and that publicity would be obtained if messages from different parts of the world were broadcast to London, after which a reply could also be broadcast.

At the afternoon Session Mrs. Laura Puffer Morgan came to the Committee to consult again with the members on Naval Conference questions. As an outcome the following decisions were reached:-

- (a) that a letter be sent at once to the British Delegation expressing approval of their efforts to get the battleship abolished and telling them that copies of a petition which

urged reduction of all classes of naval armaments, and particularly the abolition of the battleship, are being asked for in large numbers by all kinds of people who desire to collect signatures for it.

- (b) that a letter be prepared to which signatures of influential people could be obtained in different areas in the event of a critical situation arising. Owing to shortness of time the Publicity Committee was asked to draft these letters at their Committee the following day.

Dr. Clark reported on the work she was doing to collect signatures of influential men to a letter which was intended for the Press immediately.

Decided to authorise the expenditure incurred in sending telegrams, postage, etc. in connection with this special work.

Mrs. Vipont Brown undertook to let Mrs. Longson know about this work as she had written a letter to the Committee to ask if signatures of Heads of Universities, etc. could be obtained to a Petition, or if a Procession, similar to the Suffrage processions, could be organised.

International Disarmament Petition and work for general Disarmament Conference Campaign against Conscription.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on correspondence she had had with other Sections about this. After discussion it was decided to print our own wording of the Petition.

Miss Iye proposed suggesting to the International Executive that the petition forms should be handed to the first Disarmament Conference when it meets by three women from each of our Sections, representing the mother of yesterday, of to-day and of to-morrow. It was agreed to support this suggestion and that the Executive will urge the Council to make every possible effort to secure widespread signatures of the petition in Great Britain.

600. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- (a) Appointment of Consultative Members. Mrs. Alcock and Dr. Hilda Clark were appointed.
- (b) Expulsion of Armenians from Turkey. Decided to withdraw the resolution on this subject at the time of the International Executive Committee, as inquiries had shown that very little could be done except to help the Armenians in this difficulty

601. INDIA.

After considerable discussion based on the memorandum drawn up by Miss Rinder it was decided to put the following resolution on the Agenda of the Council Meetings:-

"In order to show that the British Government is in earnest in its intention to grant dominion status we urge

- (1) that the Indian members of the Round Table Conference promised by the British Government to formulate a constitution on a Dominion Status basis, shall be nominated by the Indian Legislative Assembly;
- (2) that an amnesty be granted to all political prisoners;
- (3) that in view of the present situation in India the Simon Commission be asked to issue its report without any further delay."

Instructions were given to send this resolution to the Government at once.

602. MADAME DREVET'S WORK IN THE BALKANS.

It was reported that in addition to the grant from International Headquarter Funds another £20 was needed. After discussion it was decided to send a grant of £10 to Geneva for this special work. In addition it was decided to put a short paragraph into the News Sheet.

It was probable that proposals will come before the International Committee that Madame Drevet should be appointed to do international organising work for the W.I.L. The Consultative Committee Members and the International Executive Members were authorised to support any such proposals.

603. CHINA.

Miss Fye reported she was collecting all the information possible re the Famine in China, especially from Mr. Grover Clark, who was one of the Directors of the China Election Relief Fund. She has promised Miss Sheepshanks to write a memo on the Sino-Russian situation for the members of the International Executive.

604. PALESTINE.

Dr. Clark reported that Miss Balch was now in Palestine and though only travelling as a tourist and not attempting an enquiry into conditions she has introductions through which she hopes to gain impressions of the situation.

A letter was reported from Lord Passfield re the death sentence passed on 15 Arabs, in which he said that no representations in regard to these cases had been made by the High Commissioner for Palestine and the Secretary of State would not be prepared to take the initiative in intervening on behalf of the persons concerned. In addition, he said that in the case of certain Arabs who have been sentenced to death and whose sentences have been confirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeal, application is being made for special leave to appeal to the Privy Council.

605. PERSECUTION OF RELIGION IN RUSSIA.

In response to several inquiries it was decided to send a short memorandum to Branches on this subject together with a reprint of an article from the Manchester Guardian, free copies of which have been offered to us.

606. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

- (a) Resolutions on the following subjects were considered and instructions given to have them put on the Agenda:-

Disarmament, Chemical Warfare, Minorities, Palestine Mandate, Forced Labour, Drugs, Opium Smoking, India.

Urgency would be asked for resolutions on Disarmament, Egypt, and, if necessary, India.

- (b) Annual Report. Miss Chick read the draft Annual Report, which the Committee endorsed.

- (c) Reception. The Agenda Committee had met to consider arrangements for this, which would be reported on at the next

Committee.

- (d) Hospitality. 24 applications had been received. Difficulty was being experienced in obtaining hospitality and the Committee was asked to help the Office in this.
- (e) Railway Fares. Reported special arrangements were being made by the Railway Companies for delegates to travel to London (single fare and a third for the return journey, tickets available from April 7th to 10th inclusive.). 100 passengers were expected to travel to enable us to benefit by this concession.

607. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported a letter from Mrs. Sanger thanking the Committee for its letter of sympathy in the death of Mr. Sanger.

St. Joan's Social and Political Alliance. Reported letter asking us to support the Protest Meeting against the refusal of certain Restaurants, etc. to admit women, unaccompanied by men, after specified hours, which is being held in the Kensington Town Hall on Friday, April 4th at 8 p.m. Agreed to support this meeting.

Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Reported a resolution on Slavery which had been unanimously passed at the Conference on Slavery on February 12th.

K. P. Jones.  
April 1/30.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for February 1930.

Receipts.

Cash on Deposit.....	400. 0. 0.
" at Bank.....	42. 8. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
" in Hand.....	8. 0. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
Subscriptions...188.19.9.	
Donations.....	67. 3. 6.
Collection.....	4. 12. 6.
News Sheets.....	2. 18. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
Postage Refunded	15. 2.
Literature.....	6. 8. 6.
Insurances.....	13. 0.
Office Expenses refunded.....	4. 2.
Reception Tickets	10. 0.
Affiliation Fees	3. 7. 6.
Geneva Subscrip- tion.....	6. 1. 0
Geneva "Pax" Subscriptions	4. 6. 281. 17. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

£732. 7. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Expenditure.

Salaries.....	59. 5. 0.
Travelling Expenses.....	5. 2. 6.
Typewriter.....	21. 16. 0.
British Commonwealth League.....	10. 0.
Lighting & Heating.....	3. 18. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
Livingstone Hall Meeting..	4. 4. 0.
Affiliation Fees to Geneva for 1929.....	1. 19. 6.
Geneva Subscriptions.....	5. 1. 0.
Geneva "Pax" Subscriptions	2. 6. 1.
Stationery.....	5. 14. 1.
News Sheets.....	7. 10. 3.
Literature.....	9. 3. 10.
Press Cuttings.....	2. 2. 0.
Grant to International Opium Conference.....	20. 0. 0.
General Office Expenses...	2. 13. 8.
Postage & Wires.....	14. 13. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
Wages.....	4. 7. 8.
Insurance.....	1. 8. 2.
Telephone Calls.....	3. 5.
Cleaning.....	6. 0.
	172. 5. 5.
Cash on Deposit.....	400. 0. 0.
" at Bank .....	153. 17. 4.
Women's Peace Crusade.....	3. 12. 10.
Cash in hand.....	2. 11. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

£732. 7. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Statement of Accounts from March 1st. to 10th. 1930  
inclusive.

Balance .....	560. 2. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
Receipts.....	75. 3. 11.

£635. 5. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Petty Cash & Salaries.....	19. 10. 0.
Balance.....	615. 15. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

£635. 5. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

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Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee held on Tuesday,  
April 1st. 1930 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Dr. Hilda Clark,  
Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher,  
Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross,  
Miss Ward, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Alcock, Miss Chick,  
Miss Anderson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Thoday.

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of March 11th having been previous-  
ly circulated were confirmed and signed, after adding the words  
to Minute 601. India "and to send it to the Prime Minister and  
the Secretary of State for India." The resolution had been  
sent as directed immediately following the Committee and replies  
had been received from the Prime Minister, Sir John Simon and  
Mr. Wedgwood Benn.

608 BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 605. Persecution of Religion in Russia.

Reported that the Memorandum and reprint from 'Manchester  
Guardian' had BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE Branches, and affiliated  
Societies and to the Executive Committee.

Minute 602. Madame Drevet's work in the Balkans.

Reported a letter of thanks from Miss Sheepshanks on  
receipt of £10 Grant for this work.

609. FINANCE. Mrs. Binyon presented the attached statement of  
Accounts, which was passed. In addition, a letter from  
the Ministry of Health claiming arrears on Unemployment Insur-  
ance on behalf of the Secretary amounting to £8.11.10d. was  
considered and instructions were given for the account to be  
paid immediately. It was noted that the Ministry of Health  
was claiming three years' arrears whereas it was entitled to  
claim four years.

610. PARLIAMENTARY WORK.

Miss Trotter reported on the Officers Training Corps  
Grant ~~when the~~ Army Estimates were discussed in the House of  
Commons on March 25th. She had written to those Members of  
Parliament who ~~were~~ interested in the subject so that they  
might protest against the increase of the Officers Training  
Corps Grant this year.

The Committee felt that the evidence Miss Trotter had  
collected had been very useful and she was asked to continue  
the work on this subject.

Reported that Miss Ellen Wilkinson and Mr. Mander had  
asked the Prime Minister what support for disarmament he had  
received from the country and his reply was as follows:-

"I have received a large number of resolutions and petitions  
from bodies representative of every shade of opinion urging  
limitation of armaments and the abolition of certain  
categories of ships.....It would take some considerable  
research to ascertain the number of such resolutions which  
continue to be addressed to me from day to day."



Miss Trotter had collected information about the Solomon Islands which had been passed on to Mrs. Barrs Davies.

It was reported that the Bolton Women's Association for Peace and Progress had become affiliated to us since the last Committee and had paid a fee of 10/6d.

After discussion it was decided that Miss Trotter should try to get Women's Organisations outside our Branch areas to become affiliated to London Headquarters. Miss Trotter presented a draft letter which she proposed to send out and it was decided to ask Miss Chick to sign it.

It was further reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Manders, our Preston Branch Secretary, saying that she had had correspondence with a Miss Leach of Blackburn on the possibility of forming a Branch in that town in the near future. The Committee expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Manders' efforts to get a Branch formed in Blackburn and said they hoped to see further developments later.

Mrs. Innes reported that she had recently addressed a meeting at Hoddesdon and hoped that a group would be formed there shortly.

611. REPORTS OF SUB COMMITTEES.

Opium Committee. Miss Pye reported that in connection with the proposed Grants of £5 towards the expenses of a Branch representative, or a member, who wished to go to the International Opium Conference at Geneva on April 28th. and 29th, inquiries had been received from the North Wales and Worcester Branches. The Committee felt it was advisable to give the Grant to those who had already some knowledge of the subject and who were making a special study of it. After discussion it was decided that a letter should be sent to Manchester Branch to see if one of their members would be able to go, in view of the fact that they were holding a Conference on the subject in May. The Birkenhead Branch was also to be written to as it was known the Secretary took a great interest in this question. In addition North Wales and Worcester were to be sent replies to their letters in the above sense and all members of the Executive Committee were to be informed of the Grant. Miss Pye was authorised to offer to Mr. G. W. Day £5 if he could go to the Conference as it was felt that he would be able to get good press publicity at the time of the Conference and afterwards.

Miss Pye further reported that in reply to her letter she had received an interesting letter from the Governor of Ceylon on the Drug question. She had written a report for the International Executive Committee at Geneva on the situation in this country.

Publicity Committee. Miss Henderson reported that

(1) the Committee had decided not to send contributions at present to the Women's Leader;

(2) Miss Wilson's report on Yugo-Slavian Macedonia was now published; 25 free copies had been sent to Miss Wilson. Review copies had also been sent out;

(3) Miss Pye's article on the Opium Problem was being reprinted;

(4) Considerable Press publicity had been obtained for our work in connection with the Naval Conference;

(5) A report of the work of the British Section had been sent to Miss Doty for Pax.

O.T.C. Committee. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that Mrs. Mankester had written an article in the Woman's Leader and it was hoped that correspondence would follow. Reported also that if the O.T.C. Committee could get a letter into "Time and Tide" Miss Winifred Holtby would gladly send copies of the number in which it was printed to people whose names and addresses were supplied to her by that Committee.

#### 612. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN.

(a) Naval Conference. Dr. Clark reported that the Officers, with the help of the Publicity Committee, had drafted a letter to the Prime Minister, to the members of the British delegation, and also copies had been sent to the Heads of other Delegations for their information. The Officers, again with the help of the Publicity Committee, had sent a letter to our Branches and to many individual members asking them to prepare lists of influential people who might be approached to sign a new Petition, should a situation arise in which this would be useful. A few days later the Officers decided that such action should be taken and they drafted a Petition to be signed by men and women holding positions in business, professions, scientific and literary circles, magistrates, etc. In a few days over 1,300 signatures had been sent in to the Office from all parts of the country. Copies of the signatures were made and sent to the British delegation together with a summary of the professions included in the signatures. Copies and summary also went to the other Delegations. The original signatures, together with a covering letter, were sent to the Prime Minister. In addition letters were sent to 38 Provincial newspapers enclosing lists of the signatures obtained in their respective districts.

Further signatures were being sent to the Prime Minister on the 2nd April, and Miss Henderson would also be dealing with the Press on that day.

The Committee approved this action.

Dr. Clark reported on the Peace message from women all over the world which Mrs. Snowden had broadcast on March 31st. Mention had been made of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

(b) International Disarmament Petition and work for General Disarmament Conference Campaign against Conscription. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that she had sent the Declaration and Petition to a number of well-known people asking for their signature to the latter, which she would be sending to Geneva.

Mrs. Innes reported on the Disarmament Meeting organised by the Ad-hoc Disarmament Committee, which was held on March 21st in the Friends Meeting House. The meeting was well attended and it was considered a great success. Mrs. Corbett Fisher had been our representative at the meeting and many of our members had attended.

613. CANADIAN PEACE MOVEMENT. Dr. Clark reported on a letter from Miss McPhail, M.P. (Canada) and ~~and~~ the official report of her speech on international peace in the House of Commons (Canada) on March 6th, in which she proposed a resolution asking for money to be granted for Chairs in International Relations at the Canadian Universities on the plea that one dollar might be contributed for this for every one hundred dollars spent on armaments. It was decided to send a letter to Miss MacPhail expressing the Committee's appreciation of the valuable work she was doing. A letter was also to be sent to Mrs. Jamieson, the Secretary of the Vancouver Section.

614. PALESTINE. Miss Pye reported that she had heard from Miss Sheepshanks that a group of the W.I.L.P.F. was being formed in Telaviv, Palestine. As a member of the International Executive Committee Miss Pye had sent a message to the group saying how glad she was to know that there was such a group working for peace. Mrs. Barrs Davies was asked to give an account at the Council of the interview she and Miss Pye had had recently with Mr. Jamal Husseini, who was with the Arab delegation now meeting in London.

615. PRAGUE CONGRESS REPORT. Reported 12 copies had been sent by Miss Sheepshanks. Decided to order further copies and present them to the delegates who attended the Congress. Copies were to be on sale at the Council Meetings, price 2/6d each. 24 copies were to be paid for.

616. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

(a) Final Agenda. Arrangements were made for the Executive Committee resolutions to be moved and seconded at the Council.

(b) Nominations. Reported that there would be no election of Executive Committee Members and Officers at the Council Meetings as the right number of nominations had been received, i.e. 23 exclusive of Officers.

The following were nominated as Vice-Presidents, to be appointed at the Council:-

Miss Royden, Mrs. Friedenham, Miss Macmillan, Miss M.M. Green, Mrs. Layton, Mrs. Dixon Davies, Mrs. Arnold Forster, Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., Miss Eckhard, Mrs. de Bunsen, Mrs. Hubbard Ellis.

(c) Hospitality. Reported requests for hospitality were still being received, though the last date for receiving applications was March 11th. It was hoped, however, that accommodation would be found for all.

The question was raised as to whether members who were not delegates were entitled to speak at the Council Meetings and it was stated that no provision was made for this in the Constitution and Rules. Miss Pye said she would move at the Council Meetings that all members of the League present may speak but not vote; delegates only being allowed to vote.

Emergency resolution on Amendments to Covenant. Dr. Clark presented a draft resolution which the Committee considered, after which Dr. Clark was asked to make some alterations in it and to bring it before the Committee on the 7th.

617. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS. Women's Advisory Council of the League of Nations Union. Miss Pyc reported that she would be unable to attend the meeting on April 30th. Decided to ask Mrs. Robertson if she would attend in her place.

Reported that Miss Courtney had not been re-co-opted on to the Standing Sub-Committee of the Women's Advisory Council.

All People's Association. Reported particulars of this Association had been received and was being filed in the Office for reference.

618. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported a letter from the Friends Peace Committee asking if we could order copies of peace pictures which had been painted by Miss Canziani. Decided not to place an order.

Reported a copy of a letter from Miss Niven, Secretary of the World Y.W.C.A. to Lady Aberdeen re co-operation between women's international organisations.

Reported a letter from the Six Point Group enclosing a proposal by the Chilian Delegation on the question of the nationality of women and asking us to wire our support of this to the Chairman, Nationality Committee of the Conference for the Codification of International Laws at the Hague. We were also asked to send a representative if a deputation to the Foreign Office on the Chilian proposal were received.

After discussion it was decided not to send a wire but to write to Miss Macmillan for her views on the subject, and to join in the deputation if she approved the proposal.

*R. D. Courtney*  
*May 14<sup>th</sup> / 30*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for March 1930.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Cash on Deposit.....400. 0. 0.	Salaries..... 58. 0. 0.
" at Bank.....153.17. 4.	Travelling Expenses.... 8. 8. 2.
" in hand..... 2.11.10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .	Printing..... 3.14. 0.
Post dated cheque rebanked 10. 0. 0.	Literature..... 1. 6. 0.
Subscriptions...81. 7. 6.	Stationery..... 2.15. 8.
Donations.....10.16. 0.	Postage & Wires..... 12.11.10.
News Sheet..... 12.10.	Geneva Subscriptions... 2. 0. 0.
Postage Refunded 7. 7.	Geneva "Pax"..... 2. 5. 7.
Literature..... 7. 2. 9.	Grant to Balkans Work.. 10. 0. 0.
Insurance Refund- ed..... 9. 0.	News Sheet..... 3.18. 0.
Refunded by W.P.C. Clerical work, Stationery, Gas23.18. 1.	Auditor..... 7.17. 6.
Office Expenses Refunded..... 5. 3.	Rent..... 25. 0. 0.
Affiliation Fees 3.16. 9.	Lighting & Heating..... 4. 0.
Geneva Subscrip- tion..... 1. 0. 0.	Wages..... 3.10. 0.
Reception..... 1.15. 0. 131.10. 9.	Office Expenses..... 2. 6. 0 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> .
688. 9.11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	State Insurance..... 14. 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
W.P.C. refunded..... 3.12.10	144.11. 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
<u>£ 692. 2. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.</u>	Cash at Bank.....142. 5. 7.
	" in hand..... 5. 5. 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
	" on Deposit.....400. 0. 0.
	<u>£ 692. 2. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub></u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Wednesday, May 14th, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT. Miss Mosa Anderson, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Binyon, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester (visitor from Croydon Branch), Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Ethel Williams, Mrs. Edith Wilson, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Zangwill, Dr. Marian Mackenzie, Mrs. White.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMEN for 1930/1931. Miss Courtney was appointed Chairman. Mrs. Corbett Fisher and Mrs. Innes Vice-Chairmen.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Chick and Mrs. McGregor Ross.

608. DEATH OF DR. NANSEN. It was agreed that a cable and letter be sent to Madame Nansen expressing our sympathy and our admiration of Dr. Nansen's work and of the loss that his death means to the cause of Peace. Besides work for refugees and for the Humanitarian activities of the League, to which reference has been made in papers, members of the W.I.L. who have been in Geneva realise how much his influence has meant for Peace, how valuable his courage has been in taking up unpopular causes and in particular in ensuring that due attention should be given by the Assembly to the work of the Mandates Commission.

Miss Courtney on taking the Chair, welcomed the new members on to the Committee.

MINUTES of meeting held on April 1st were signed, having been previously circulated.

Dr. Clark read a letter from Miss R. Mason, World Y.W.C.A., Richmond, Virginia, to Mrs. Swanwick, saying how very much Miss Courtney's visit had been appreciated in America and expressing thanks to the W.I.L. for sparing her to make this visit.

609. BUSINESS ARISING.

Annual Council Meeting. Reported that Manchester had sent in suggestions for the more effective carrying out of future Council Meetings, including the arrangement of resolutions, the appointment of a Standing Orders Committee and that no amendments be allowed when moved by members without the consent of the Branch moving the resolution.

Reported also a letter from the Golders Green Branch regretting that several resolutions had been dropped, thus giving no time for discussion. Mrs. Unwin explained that the Branch had been very much disturbed by the changing about of the order of the resolutions as delegates and proxies could not be at the meetings all the time and the rearrangements made it impossible for them to voice the opinion of the Branch.

Mrs. Thoday said North Wales Branch had expressed a similar opinion. She made several proposals for future Councils.

It was decided that a sub-Committee should be appointed later to consider ways of improving the arrangements for the Council Meetings.

Reported that the resolutions passed at the Council had been sent out as instructed and formal acknowledgments had been received. Appreciative letters had been received from the members of the Egyptian Delegation.

610. DATE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. After discussion it was decided that meetings should be held on the third Monday in each month.

611. FORCED LABOUR. Mrs. Innes explained that Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. McGregor Ross had asked Miss Anderson and herself to bring forward the question of action about Forced Labour in view of the coming I.L.O. Conference. They had discussed the matter with Miss Woodman, who is specially interested in it and would like to propose:-

- (a) that a letter be sent to Mr. Citrine urging that, if possible, an extra expert who has made a long study of native conditions be sent to the Conference by the T.U.C. in addition to Mr. Bromley and Mr. Findlay. In the letter the importance of the subject might be urged;
- (b) that the W.I.L. ask to see Mr. Bromley and Mr. Findlay and put certain points before them;
- (c) that a small delegates' Conference be called on the lines of our previous one when Mr. Grimshaw was here, and that a draft memo. be submitted to it, with a view to sending it to the Government and to our delegates to the I.L.O.

After discussion it was decided to have a Delegates' Conference in the Office, and the following Committee was appointed to make the arrangements:-

Miss Anderson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Woodman, with power to co-opt.

It was also agreed to propose to the Conference that Mr. Bromley and Mr. Findlay should be asked to receive a deputation of members authorised to speak on behalf of their Societies.

Decided also that a letter should be sent to Mr. Citrine suggesting that a woman be included among their advisors to the I.L.O. Conference, mentioning Mrs. Weaver, who had worked with Mr. Grimshaw on Native Labour in the I.L.O., and whose husband had now succeeded Mr. Grimshaw.

612. COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Reported a letter inviting the W.I.L. to suggest any names of British women qualified to serve on the new Slavery Commission being appointed under the League of Nations. After discussion it was decided to send forward the names of Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. McGregor Ross.

613. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Henderson reported that a leaflet on Opium had been reprinted from an article written for the World Y.W.C.A.; Miss Leaf's article on Minorities had been duplicated; a letter on disarmament was being considered; advance notices of the Council Meetings and Miss Courtney's return had been sent to the Press; a summary of each day's Council proceedings had been sent to the Press; also a paragraph on the International Opium Conference, and the proposed deputation to the Secretary of State for India from the International Executive Committee.

614. ELECTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES. The following were appointed to serve on:-

Publicity Committee:- Miss Anderson, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Dow, Miss Leaf, Miss Pyc, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Zangwill.

Opium Committee:- Mrs. Alcock, Mr. Horace Alexander, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Blackwell, Professor Alfred Clark, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Dixon Davies, Dame Katherine Furse, Miss Harrison, Miss Pyc, Dr. Ethel Williams, Mr. A.C. Wilson, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Thoday,

House Committee. Mrs. Binyon, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward.

Money-Raising Committee. Mrs. Crossfield, Mrs. King, Miss Liddle, Mrs. Westoby, Miss Ward, Mrs. Mennell.

O.T.C. Committee. Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Nickalls, Mrs. David Pye, Mrs. Longson, Mrs. Thoday (correspondent) Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Lankaster, Mrs. Crossfield, Mrs. White, Dr. Mackenzie (correspondent), Mrs. Hawking, Mrs. Polly.

Meetings' Committee. Miss Anderson, Mrs. Innes, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Mennell.

Officers serve ex officio on all Committees.

All Committees were given power to co-opt new members, but the co-option of a member outside the W.I.L. should be reported to the Executive Committee.

615. FINANCE. Mrs. Wilson presented the attached statements of accounts which were passed, the amount of interest on the money invested in the House Account to be added to the statement of that account.

616. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, GENEVA. Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Dr. Hilda Clark and Miss Pye gave accounts of the International Executive Committee held last month.

New Sections. The question of accepting new Sections in Yugoslavia, Tunis, Roumania, Cuba, Telaviv, Syria, Luxemburg, had been considered. Tunis had been admitted, subject to the approval of the next Congress, while it was recommended that the other countries should become corresponding groups.

Conferences. It had been agreed to arrange a small Conference in Geneva during next September on "People without Nationality." There would probably be a Conference in the Spring to bring together people in the Baltic and East European States. A Conference on Currency questions, particularly the Gold Standard, had been proposed, with economic experts to speak at it. After discussion the scope was extended to "The Economic basis of peace." Frau Hertzka had asked for an English woman to be appointed on to the Economic Commission. Miss Rinder consented to act as our representative provided the date is possible for her. It was agreed that expenses for our representative should be paid from our funds, if necessary.

A Committee on Colonial Problems had been formed on which Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. Alcock had been appointed.

Pax. Criticisms had been considered regarding certain articles and it was agreed that all articles should be submitted to Miss Sheepshanks and if any criticisms by her should not be accepted by Miss Doty those regarding the work of the Sections should be submitted to Madame Ragaz; political articles to Mlle. Rolland.

Madame Drevet. It had been agreed to pay a small salary to Madame Drevet for part-time work in addition to her travelling expenses.

International Disarmament Declaration. The British wording of the Declaration had been received and it was thought by Miss Balch that the Americans would agree to it.

Resignation of Miss Sheepshanks. It was reported that Miss Sheepshanks had resigned the post of International Secretary. After



consideration it was decided to send a letter to the International Executive Committee expressing the British Section's great appreciation of Miss Sheepshanks' excellent qualities and of the work she had done for the W.I.L.P.F. Agreed that a letter should also be sent to Miss Sheepshanks. The question of sending in nominations for Secretary was referred to the next Committee.

Palestine. The visit of Miss Balch to Palestine was reported on and also the decision to send Madame Waern-Bugge to Palestine to get into touch with Arabs and Jews. For this a certain amount of money would need to be raised in this country. Decided to consider this question at the next Committee.

Russia. It was reported that Miss Mosa Anderson had been appointed to the new Commission formed to send a delegation to Russia. The business would be carried on by correspondence.

India. Mrs. Alcock reported that the following telegram had been sent to Mr. Gandhi: "May non-violence achieve success," and also a telegram to Mr. Wedgwood Benn urging an amnesty for political prisoners in India. It was decided to follow up the telegram to Mr. Wedgwood Benn by an international deputation to him, and Miss Rolland and Miss Louie Bennett agreed to undertake this. Mr. Benn had been asked to receive the deputation. The arrangements for the deputation were to be left in the hands of the British members and it was hoped that Miss Ellen Wilkinson would introduce it. It had also been decided to ask Miss Jane Addams to go to the All-India Conference in Bombay on 31st January next and if she is unable to do so the International Officers would appoint someone else.

Mrs. Alcock further reported that a letter had been received from Mrs. Cousins, Hon. Secretary (pro. tem.) of the Women's Indian Association, urging us to do all we can to secure the inclusion of at least two Indian women in the personnel of the Round Table Conference. After much consideration the following resolution was passed and instructions given for it to be sent to the Government and to Mr. Wedgwood Benn:-

"This Executive Committee urges H.M. Government to make a definite announcement that the object of the Round Table Conference is to formulate a scheme for full responsible Government for India." It was further agreed to write to Mr. Wedgwood Benn urging that Indian women's organisations be invited to nominate women representatives to attend the Round Table Conference.

Mrs. Alcock undertook to arrange to get a question asked in the House on the subject of the inclusion of women on the Round Table Conference.

617. CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONSCRIPTION. Mrs. Robertson reported on a meeting called by the No More War Committee on May 5th to consider what action this country could take in the International Campaign against Military Training which is being organised by the Joint International Peace Council. It was decided that the Campaign should include:-

- (a) The abolition of Officers' Training Corps in Schools and Colleges;
- (b) Conscription in the British Dependencies;
- (c) The abolition of conscription as an international responsibility;
- (d) The teaching of History and History Readers.

Arrangements were to be made for the above to be dealt with by those means most suited to their effective treatment.

It was stated that with regard to the finances of the Campaign the No More War Movement were willing to undertake the arrangements of the campaign, and to supply the office accommodation and equipment necessary for carrying it through. It was hoped that co-operating Societies would give their financial help.

After discussion it was decided to support the campaign by means of our work for the O.T.Cs. and to make a grant of £5 towards the expenses. It was decided to point out the danger of dealing with the teaching of history as in any way part of this campaign, and to say that careful judgment would be required in pressing the Government to consider the abolition of conscription as an international responsibility.

The meeting of the sub-Committee to arrange details, prepare a budget, etc. was being called for Friday, May 16th at 11.45 a.m. Mrs. White undertook to attend this meeting.

618. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT DECLARATION. The following Committee was appointed to make arrangements for carrying out the work in connection with this Disarmament Declaration, which would form the principal part of our work this year:-

Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. S. Roberts (corresponding members), Mrs. Robertson, and Miss Trotter as Convener.

It was decided to approach the Women's Peace Crusade Council to see if they would co-operate in this work.

619. PARLIAMENTARY WORK. Miss Trotter reported that she had continued her work in connection with the O.T.Cs.

620. NEW AFFILIATIONS. It was reported that the following had become affiliated to the W.I.L. in response to the letter sent out last month:- Goole Women's Co-operative Guild, Gleadless Road (Sheffield) W.C.G., Taunton W.C.G., Bournemouth W.C.G., Coventry Central W.C.G., Otley Women's Liberal Association, Huddersfield Women's Liberal Association, East Hull British Women's Total Abstinence Union.

621. BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE.re Imperial Conference. Reported a letter announcing a Conference on June 18th and 19th, at which the main themes for discussion will be Power and Policy, the Imperial Conference and The Woman Citizen. The afternoon of June 19th will be devoted to a special Discussion Conference for the preparation of a Memorandum to be sent to the Imperial Conference, and the W.I.L. had been asked to send in a memo. on Disarmament and Arbitration which could be considered with memos. from other organisations, on other aspects of the subjects. Mrs. Thoday undertook to draft a short memo. which the Officers would consider and forward to Miss Colverson immediately.

It was reported that we were entitled to send four delegates to the Conference (tickets 5/6d each) and the following were appointed:-

Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Davies and Dr. Williams.

622. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Women's Peace Crusade. Dr. Clark reported on the very successful Conference and Public Meetings held on May 12th and 13th.

Women's Advisory Council. Mrs. Robertson reported that she had attended the meeting on April 30th on behalf of Miss Pye, who was unable to be present. The report is filed in the Office for future reference, if required.

National Council for Prevention of War. A letter was reported inviting us to send in not more than 16 nominations for the Executive Committee and it was decided to ask the follow-

if they would allow us to send forward their names:-

Mr. Percy Bartlett.  
Mrs. Eleanor Barton.  
Mr. Runham Brown.  
Mr. S. S. Fox.  
Mr. J. A. Hobson.  
Mrs. Innes.  
Mr. A. S. Le Mare.  
Mr. David Peat.  
Mr. F. J. Shaw.  
Mrs. Raymond Unwin.  
Dr. Walter Walsh.

Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White and Mrs. Robertson have expressed their willingness to continue to serve on the Council of the N.C.P.W.

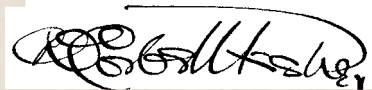
It was reported that the Directing Secretary of the N.C.P.W. had had to resign on account of pressure of work in the House. Nominations were being considered on the 16th May at a full meeting of the Council.

Decided to forward £2.2.0 as affiliation fee to the N.C.P.W. for 1930.

623. THE BOURNVILLE WORKS MEN'S AND WOMEN'S COUNCIL. Reported a letter informing us of the International Conference on "Education and a Peaceful World" which the above Council was organising near Paris this year, and asking us if we could recommend any National Organisations in the Central and Western European countries who might be able to appoint a suitable representative to the Conference. Decided to forward the letter to Miss Sheepshanks.

624. SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Arrangements for these were left in the hands of the Officers.

625. NORTH WALES BRANCH. Mrs. Thoday reported that she had been able to get a London-Walsh Group of the W.I.L. formed.



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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR APRIL 1930.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
To Balance		564. 9. 8½.	Salaries	58. 0. 0.
Subscriptions	29. 0. 6.		Travelling Expenses	7.16. 2½.
Donations	7. 1. 0.		Printing	23.17. 6.
News Sheets	7. 9.		Literature	4. 1. 1.
Postage Refunded	7. 9½.		Stationery	5.19.10.
Literature	5. 8. 5½.		Postage & Wires	11.16. 9.
Insurance Refunded	9. 0.		Geneva Subscriptions	6. 2. 0.
Refunded by W.P.C.			Geneva "Pax"	2. 3. 7.
Rent, Wages &			Delegates' Expenses to	
Clerical Work.	4. 5.11.		International Opium	
Sale of Desk	5. 0. 0.		Conference, Geneva	20. 0. 0.
Office Expenses			Lighting & Heating	5.19. 6.
Refunded	5. 3.		Telephone	4. 7. 2.
Reception	10. 0. 0.		National Health	
Affiliation Fees	1. 4. 3.		Insurance	9.16. 2½.
Geneva Subscrip-			Meetings	20.17. 0.
tions	7. 2. 0.	70.11.11.	General Office Expenses	3.14. 0.
			Wages	3.10. 0.
				186. 0.10.
			Balance	449. 0. 9½.
				<u>£635. 1. 7½.</u>
				<u>£635. 1. 7½.</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM MAY 1st - 12th 1930  
inclusive.

Balance	449. 0. 9½.	Petty Cash & Salaries	39. 0. 0.
Receipts	28. 1. 4.	Balance	438. 2. 1½.
	<u>£477. 2. 1½.</u>		<u>£477. 2. 1½.</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

Guest & Co. (Stationery)	1.3.5.
Edgar G. Dunstan (Literature)	2.14.3.
Hodgson & Son. (Printing & Stationery)	37. 8.9.
Watford Printers (News Sheets)	7. 1.0.
Murdoch, Murdoch & Co. (Removal of Piano)	7.6.
	<u>£48.15.2.</u>

STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

January 1st - May 8th, 1930.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
To Balance	409. 0. 7.	Income Tax	43.13. 4.	
Rent	112.10. 0.	Inland Revenue	12. 0.	
		Repairs	5. 6.	
		Auditor	2. 2. 0.	
		Rent	10. 0. 0.	
		Water Board	5.17. 0.	
		General Rate	15. 0. 0.	
			107. 9.10.	
		Balance	414. 0. 9.	
			<u>£521.10. 7.</u>	
			<u>£521.10. 7.</u>	

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee held on June 16th, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT. Mrs. Corbett Fisher in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Innes, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Robert Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. White, Dr. Ethel Williams, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Zangwill.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Dr. Mackenzie and Miss Ward.

MINUTES of meeting held on May 14th were confirmed and signed, having previously been circulated.

626. BUSINESS ARISING:

(a) Dr. Nansen. Reported a letter from Dr. Clark to Madame Nansen expressing the Committee's deepest sympathy in her great loss, and its admiration of and gratitude for the work Dr. Nansen had done for refugees and in connection with the humanitarian work of the League of Nations, as well as his work for international peace.

(b) Nominations for the new Slavery Commission (if appointed) in the League of Nations. Reported that Mrs. McGregor Ross had expressed her willingness to be nominated for this Commission by the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Mrs. Weaver had, however, felt obliged to refuse on account of her husband's work at the International Labour Office. Decided not to send forward another nomination.

(c) British Commonwealth League Conference. Reported that Mrs Barrs Davies and Mrs. Thoday were unable to attend the above Conference. Miss Anderson and Miss Trotter were, therefore, appointed. Miss Anderson was asked to urge that when Slavery (Resolution 7) was being considered the last paragraph should be "This Conference urges that women should be adequately represented on the Slavery Commission," instead of the words "This Conference urges that both women and men shall in equal numbers hold responsible positions on this Commission." Further, when discussing India "resolution 9) she should urge that at least one British woman and one Indian woman should be appointed to the Round Table or any other Conference engaged to consider the future constitution of India.

(d) Resignation of Miss Sheepshanks. Reported correspondence between Miss Courtney and Madame Ragaz re Miss Sheepshanks' resignation, together with a letter from the Officers of the Polish Section saying that their Section refused to nominate anyone for the post of International Secretary, as they had always found Miss Sheepshanks an admirable Secretary and that they felt she was a very real pacifist in all her work. They urged the other Sections to support their request that Miss Sheepshanks should be asked to withdraw her resignation. After consideration it was decided to send a letter to the Polish Section to express our thanks for the action they had taken and to say that we entirely supported it. Also decided to send a letter to the National Sections saying that we heartily support the attitude of the Polish Section in this matter.

627. RESIGNATION OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY. A letter was read from Miss Trotter resigning her post of Parliamentary Secretary to take up secretarial work at The Hall School, Weybridge, commencing 12th July. Miss Trotter felt that there was not sufficient Parliamentary work to employ her full time and she had, therefore, accepted another post. She expressed much regret at breaking off her long connection with the W.I.L. The Committee were very sorry indeed at the decision arrived at by Miss Trotter and expressed their very warm appreciation of all the work she had done during the 9 months she had been at Headquarters in London, in addition to the splendid work she had done as Secretary of the Glasgow Branch since 1917.

The Committee hoped Miss Trotter would keep in close touch with the work.

628. SUMMER HOLIDAYS. Reported that the Officers had arranged the following holidays:-

Miss Horscroft from	June 28th	to	July 28th.
Miss Cooke	"	August 8th	to August 22nd.
Miss Stroud	"	August 30th	to September 15th.

In view of Miss Trotter's leaving the Office on the 11th July it was agreed that the equivalent to a holiday should be paid to her.

629. FINANCE. The Treasurer submitted the attached statement of accounts, which was passed. Mrs. Corbett Fisher explained that of the £50 spent on 700 copies of the Chemical Warfare Report, £25 would be refunded from the American Section. Ten pounds had been guaranteed by our Section and she had written several times to the Geneva Office to ask what the position was regarding the remaining £15. No satisfactory reply, however, had yet been received, due doubtless to the heavy amount of work ~~wixx~~ which had accumulated at the Geneva Office during Miss Sheepshanks' absence on holiday.

630. APPOINTMENT OF HON. ASSISTANT TREASURER. Mrs. Wilson said she would be glad to have the help of Mrs. Binyon if the Committee would appoint her as Hon. Assistant **Treasurer**. Mrs. Binyon expressed her willingness to serve in this capacity and the appointment was unanimously made.

631. FORCED LABOUR. (1) Replying to our letter of 20th May asking the Trades Union Congress to consider including a woman among their Advisers at the I.L.O. Conference at Geneva this month, the Assistant General Secretary said that the nominations were made by a Committee of the General Council before the receipt of our letter and they had already been approved by the General Council.

(2) Mrs. Innes reported that the Conference of Delegates from other Organisations had met in the W.I.L. Office on May 30th to consider suggested amendments to the draft Convention on Forced or Compulsory Labour. At this Conference the following deputation was appointed to meet Mr. Findlay, one of the W.U.C. Advisers to the Conference, to put their decisions before him:-

Miss Elliott, Joint Standing Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations, Miss Woodman, Miss Ward, Mrs. McGregor Ross and Mrs. Innes.

Mrs. Innes said that Mr. Findlay paid careful attention to their recommendations and made notes on them to put before his Committee.

632. PALESTINE. Miss Pye reminded the Committee that the International Executive had decided to raise funds to send Madame Waern-Bugge to Palestine for several months to do reconciliation work. She felt that the British Section should make a special effort to collect money for this purpose. After considering how best to raise the money, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Pye and Miss Anderson were asked to draft an appeal letter which could be sent to people known to be interested, with the request that they send it to friends with a covering letter from themselves. Miss Trotter was asked to interview Captain Bennett on the subject and to take with her a copy of the draft letter for his information.

633. INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST MILITARY TRAINING. Miss Trotter reported on the two meetings of the sub-Committee appointed to go into the details of this campaign. Miss Lucy Cox had drafted a



It was felt that it would be <sup>-4-</sup>unwise to pass any resolution at the moment.

After discussion it was decided that an emergency Committee of the Executive to formulate an official policy on the Indian situation, should be held after the publication of the second volume of the Simon Commission Report, either on 7th or 11th July.

Decided a letter should be written to Mrs. Bhattacharji saying that the Committee was calling an emergency meeting, after the members had had a few days in which to study the reports of the Commission, with a view to forming its policy concerning India. One or two members, however, would attend a meeting at the Friends House in their individual capacity. Copies of our resolutions on India were to be sent with the letter.

British Women's Conference, 1930. Reported that the Commonwealth of India League is arranging a delegate Conference of British women on 20th June at the Essex Hall to discuss Dominion Status for India. Miss Pye and Mrs. Innes reported that they were hoping to attend. Mrs. Corbett Fisher consented to act as our representative if she were able to go.

The Inde-British Mutual Welfare League. Reported that the Annual Conference of this League was being held on July 4th, to which we were invited to send representatives. The following hoped to attend. Miss Chick, Mrs. Vipont Brown and Mrs. Unwin.

636. FORMATION OF NEW BRANCH IN S.E. LONDON. A letter was reported from Mrs. Ewen saying that a new Branch had been formed starting with 17 1/- subscribers. Miss Chick had attended their first meeting and her address had been very much appreciated by all those present. Decided to send a letter to the new Secretary and to Mrs. Ewen congratulating them on the formation of their Branch and expressing the warm wishes of the Committee for the success of their work and the development of the Branch.

637. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN. Miss Trotter gave an interesting account of the preliminary work being done in connection with this, which included the collecting of signatures of prominent men and women. Mrs. Thoday made several suggestions for further work.

638. PARLIAMENTARY WORK. Miss Trotter reported that she had spent three days in Preston and had arranged six meetings which had resulted in 22 new members. She said that excellent arrangements preceding the meetings had been made by the Secretary. In connection with this Mrs. Corbett Fisher read a letter from the Secretary of the Branch saying how very successful the campaign had been under the leadership of Miss Trotter,

Miss Trotter reported that in all seventeen Societies had affiliated to the W.I.L. It was hoped that other Societies would do so when the question of affiliation had come before their Committees.

639. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Henderson reported that the Publicity Committee had printed the International Declaration Forms and the little leaflet which accompanied it; that about 15 to 20 papers over the country had published a notice of the Campaign on May 30th; that some publicity had been obtained for the resolution on India which was passed at the last Executive, and for the Summer Schools.

640. REPORT OF O.T.C. COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported that the Committee had decided to help to distribute an article on "Alternatives to School O.T.Cs, written by Mr. Castle of Leighton Park, which had been printed in "Goodwill" and republished separately by the Friends Peace Committee. They were now planning to get something constructive to lay before headmasters and parents rather than before the general public. The correspondence on O.T.Cs. in "Time and Tide" had been commenced by the O.T.C. Committee. They were now anxious to collect information as to whether Grammar Schools having O.T.Cs. were receiving a Grant and Miss Trotter had sent out inquiries to try to collect this information. Mrs. Lankester is investigating the Harrow case.



641 . CORRESPONDENCE. The New Education Fellowship. Reported a request for the W.I.L. to affiliate, the minimum fee being £5.5.0 per annum. Decided to reply that while we were very much in sympathy with their work we were financially not in a position to become affiliated. Decided also to say we regretted that we could do nothing officially to advertise "The New Era."

(2) Order of Ladies' Glades (Auxiliary to R.A.O.B). Reported a letter inviting our co-operation in an All Women Cenotaph Parade and asking us to send two delegates to attend a meeting at Anderton's Hotel on June 18th at 2 p.m. Miss Pye undertook to attend this meeting as an Observer on behalf of the Committee and to report back to the next Executive Committee.

(3) Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee. Reported a letter asking for our support for the special Committee formed by the National Council of Women, with the object of securing the passage of Captain Cazalet's Nationality of Married Women Bill. The special work of the Committee will be to bring pressure to bear from all parts of the country and from all types of organisations so as to ensure that the Government will give the time necessary to pass this non-party Measure through all its stages. The letter expressed the hope that the W.I.L. would identify itself with this Movement. Decided to reply that we were in full sympathy with the Movement and to ask in what way they wished us to support it.

(4) Miss Sheepshanks re International Esperanto Congress. Reported a letter saying that this was being held at Oxford from August 2nd to 9th, and if we knew of any member willing to attend, the International Headquarters would be glad for her to represent it. Knowing that Dr. Franklin was greatly interested in Esperanto and had made a study of it, a letter had been sent to her to ask if she intended to be at the Congress and if so, would she be willing to represent the International for us. No reply, however, had yet been received.

(5) National Council for Prevention of War. Reported a one day Conference on "Some Immediate World Problems" on 25th June. No delegates were appointed as several members hoped to be present. Reported also a notice of the Annual Meeting of the Council on 17th July at 4 p.m., at which there will be a break for tea in order to give an opportunity to Council Members to make the acquaintance of the new Directing Secretary, Mr. Gerald Bailey.

642. REPORT OF MONEY RAISING COMMITTEE. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that it was decided not to have a Fair this year but to ask Branch and Headquarter Members if they would again send donations. In view of the Late Lady Courtney's contributions ceasing, £400 would need to be raised this year. It was also decided to ask the following if they would lend their houses for a Concert or Debate in the Autumn in order to provide for the social side of our work:- Mrs. Snowden, Mrs Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Noel Buxton and Mrs. Franklin. Mrs. Wilson reported that the letter to Branches had been sent and the one to Members was ready to go out early next week. The Committee would be grateful to members for any suggestions for raising money. Mrs. Wilson also reported that the Birmingham Branches were having a Garden Sale and that they hoped to send us a joint contribution. Cambridge had sent their usual very generous annual contribution of £10.

H. D. Courtney  
August 14/30

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR MAY 1930

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Balance.....	449.10. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries.....	71. 5. 0.
Subscriptions...	37.16. 6.	Travelling Expenses.....	6. 2.10.
Donations.....	8. 2. 0.	Affiliation fees.....	2. 2. 0.
News Sheets.....	5.15. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	Printing (Report on	
Postage Refunded	1. 9. 3.	Chemical Warfare).....	50. 0. 0.
Literature.....	10.11. 6.	Literature.....	1. 1.10
Insurance Refd.	11. 3.	Stationery.....	10.11.
W.P.C. Stationery		Postage & Wires.....	11.10. 0.
& Gas.....	1. 0. 2.	Lighting & Heating.....	1. 4.
Office Expenses		Wages.....	4. 7. 6.
Refunded.....	4. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Office Expenses.....	2. 0. 0.
Affiliation Fees	2.11. 0.	State Insurance.....	19. 6.
Geneva Subscrip-			<u>150. 0.11.</u>
tion	1. 0. 0.	Investments.....	216.18. 4.
"Pax"	2. 6.	Cash at Bank.....	154.18. 4.
Travelling Ex-		Cash in Hand.....	5.16. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
penses Refd..	<u>8.19. 6.</u>		
	<u>78. 3. 7.</u>		
	<u>£527.14. 4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£527.14. 4<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM JUNE 1st. to 13th.  
inclusive.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Balance.....	377.13. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenditure.....	123.12. 9.
Receipts.....	69. 5. 0.	Balance.....	323. 5. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£446.18. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>£446.18. 5<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

For International Disarmament Campaign.....	15.19. 0.
Grant to Campaign Against Military	
Training.....	5. 0. 0.
Rent to International House.....	<u>38.12. 0.</u>
	<u>£59. 1. 0.</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 21st 1930 at 55 Gower Street.

Present:- Miss Courtney (in the chair), Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Dr. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Zangwill, and Miss Henderson.

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Wilson.

Minutes of meeting on June 16th, having previously been circulated, were signed subject to the following alterations being made: addition of "Reported that the letter had been gratefully acknowledged by Madame Nansen" to minute 626a; and the addition of "The Committee expressed its gratitude to Mrs. Binyon for undertaking this work" to minute 630.

Minutes of special meeting of the Executive held on July 7th were read and signed.

643. Business arising.

(a) Reported that a letter had been received from Miss Helen Fraser of "The World Acquaintance Travel" thanking Mrs. Binyon for her kind hospitality to American ladies at an At Home at her house on June 26th.

(b) Forced Labour Memorandum. Letters expressing appreciation of the Memorandum, which had been received from Mr. Weaver and M. Albert Thomas of the I.L.O., were read. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on the Forced Labour Convention which resulted from the International Labour Conference: she described it as a very successful one and the outlook as hopeful. Agreed that a copy of the August News Sheet, which will contain an article on the Convention by Mrs. Ross, and copies of the replies referred to above to the Memorandum of women's societies, be sent with a covering letter to all the societies concerned. Agreed, on the proposal of Mrs. Ross, that the suggestion be made to the International Executive, through the Geneva headquarters, that the national sections of the W.I.L.P.F. in France and Belgium undertake a campaign against Forced Labour.

(c) Colonial Office Conference. Reported that copies of the resolutions passed at the Annual Council meeting concerning our relationship with native peoples had been sent with a covering letter to the Colonial representatives and observers attending the Conference, and that acknowledgments had been received from Sir H.C. Gollan (Hong Kong), Sir William Gowers (Uganda), Sir Ronald Storrs (Cyprus), Sir J.C. Maxwell (N. Rhodesia) and H.H. The Rajah of Sarawak.

644. Reported that Mrs. Alcock felt it necessary to resign from the Committee owing to ill-health. Agreed to accept her resignation with much regret, expressing the hope that she would be well enough to stand for re-election at the next Council meeting, and to co-opt Mrs. Lankester in her place.

645. Treasurer's Report.

Mrs. Binyon submitted the attached statement of accounts, which was passed.

646. Disarmament Declaration Campaign.

Reported that approximately 15,000 forms had been sent out to date; that a second edition of the Declaration had been printed (10,000 for £7.10.0.) with names of prominent people on the back, with the following alteration of wording at the head: "The nations have renounced war. Let us also renounce the instruments of war." Instead of: "We have renounced war. Let us renounce armaments." That 6,500 signatures had been obtained; that other sections were being kept informed of progress in Great Britain; that over 30 societies were helping to collect signatures; that most of the Branches had already taken it up; that 50 press notices of the campaign had been obtained; that reports of a start made in the following other sections had been received: Germany, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Czecho-Slovakia, Holland, Austria and Bulgaria.

Agreed that the campaign be regarded as the main work of the office for the coming autumn and winter; also, that the Campaign Committee at its meeting the next day interview Mrs. Chettle - a former W.I.L. and Suffrage organiser - with a view to her doing organising work for the campaign in the provinces.

647. International Campaign against Conscription.

Reported that the N.C.P.W. were undertaking to run the campaign in this country.

648. Publicity Report.

Miss Henderson reported that publicity had been obtained for the following during the last four weeks:- (1) Paragraph on the work of other Sections (June 23rd); (2) Paragraph on the progress of the Disarmament Campaign (June 30th); (3) India Statement (July 8th). Also, that a report had been sent on June 24th by request to "New India" on "Recent Activities of the W.I.L." and this would be done in future regularly; that resolutions, statement and meeting notices on India had been sent on July 10th by request to the editor of "The Modern Review", Calcutta; that on July 3rd information about the progress of the Disarmament Campaign in this country had been sent to the press secretaries appointed in Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Holland, Hungary, Sweden, Roumania, France and Egypt; that an account of the recent work of the British Section had been sent to "Pax" on July 19th; that, by request of Mrs. Doherty, 115 copies had been sent her of a statement on "The W.I.L.: Its recent Activities and Its Plans for the Immediate Future", for distribution to members and friends with invitations to a garden meeting. Agreed, with reference to the last-named, that Branch Secretaries be urged to ask for similar statements from time to time.

649. Money-raising Committee's Report.

Reported that the Committee recommended a reception in October to the women delegates to the Assembly, to which a charge for admission would be made; a social function at Mrs. Franklin's in the autumn; and that a special appeal be made to certain people for donations towards the Disarmament Campaign. Agreed to refer the problem of raising money back

to the Committee, with a recommendation not to rely too much on meetings. Miss Anderson, Miss Chick and the other officers were appointed as a sub-committee to make all arrangements for a meeting on the Assembly in October, the speakers suggested being Lord Cecil, Mr.C.R.Buxton, Mrs.Hamilton and Mr.P.J.Noel Baker, and the subjects Disarmament and Minorities.

650. Palestine.

(a) Miss Pye reported that she and Mrs.Barrs Davies had met Mrs.Eder, a member of the Executive of the Women's International Zionist Association, and Miss Gellner, who was their Palestine administrator. Both had expressed great interest in the plan of the W.I.L.P.F. to send a Swedish lady on reconciliation work in Palestine, and had given help in supplying addresses and other information.

(b) Reported that information about the plan, entitled "To Those Interested in Peace in Palestine", had been sent out on July 14th to members of the Executive and to Branch Secretaries, asking that they should send this information to personal friends with a covering letter, with a view to raising the British Section's share of the fund necessary; also, that several promising replies had been received to date, including one donation of £5.

(c) Reported that no reply had been obtained from Sir Ernest Bennett to Miss Trotter's request for an interview on this subject, and that a further letter had been sent him enclosing a copy of the statement referred to above.

651 India.

(a) Reported that two meetings had been held at Friends' House on July 8th and 15th, the speakers being Mr.Chetsingh and Mr.S.K.Ratcliffe respectively. At the first about 30 people were present and the collection amounted to £1.5.7., at the second there were about 100 people and the collection was £2.2.9. The room had cost £2.2.0. for each meeting. Agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr.Ratcliffe.

(b) Reported that the Statement on India drawn up by the special Executive on July 7th had been circulated as agreed. An acknowledgment had been received from Mr.Wedgwood Benn and appreciative acknowledgments from Mrs.Bhuttacharji, Miss Louie Bennett, Mrs.Hannah Sen and Lady Tata.

(c) Reported that the officers had replied "Have no objection" to a telegram from Miss Sheepshanks asking if they approved sending the following telegram from the W.I.L.P.F. to Mr.Ramsay MacDonald, the Viceroy, Gandhi and Nehru:- "W.I.L.P.F. earnestly desiring peaceful solution Indian problems urges truce to secure co-operation in Conference. Urges Government withdraw repressive measures and grant amnesty and begs Indians suspend disobedience." A letter had subsequently been written to explain the situation. Letters from Miss Sheepshanks as to the situation in India from the international point of view were read with much appreciation and carefully considered.

(d) Decided to try to arrange for Miss Rinder to have an interview with Mr.Lloyd George regarding W.I.L. policy.

(e) A draft letter from the W.I.L.P.F. to Rabindranath Tagore, submitted by Miss Sheepshanks, was warmly approved.

(f) Reported that Miss Balch wished to know the views of the British Section as to the advisability of Gertrud Baer attending the All India Women's Congress next January as a W.I.L.P.F. representative. Agreed to reply that we do not consider her the right person to go, but that we do feel that at this critical time it would be of inestimable value for Miss Jane Addams to go.

(g) Reported that the N.C.P.W. had held meetings of representatives of its societies on July 7th and 14th, and, as an outcome of these, had issued a manifesto on the Indian situation. Agreed that it be sent to Branch Secretaries.

(h) Agreed that a copy of our India statement of July 7th be sent to the Viceroy with a covering letter in which we expressed our appreciation of his speech of that day.

(i) Attention was called to the articles in the "Times" dealing with the misconceptions prevalent in the U.S. about the India situation. Agreed to write to Dorothy Detzer on the subject, sending her articles from the "Times" and a list of books on India published by the Friends.

652. Women's Peace Crusade.

Reported that the Council of the Women's Peace Crusade, meeting on July 8th, had decided to remain in being as a skeleton organisation to take action when any occasion should make it advisable; further, during this year to try to hold Conferences in some provincial centres; and lastly, to recommend to its constituent organisations to support the Disarmament Declaration of the W.I.L. and to make every effort to obtain signatures to it.

653. British Commonwealth League Conference, June 18th & 19th.

Reported that the W.I.L. amendment to the India resolution (that there should be at least two women on the Round Table Conference, of which one should be an Indian woman) had had to be withdrawn by request of the Chairman; and that the W.I.L. amendment to resolution 7 (to delete the words "in equal numbers" after "both men and women shall") was lost, but that the word "approximately" was inserted, so that the resolution as sent forward to the Colonial Conference read: "that both men and women shall in approximately ~~xxx~~ equal numbers hold responsible positions on this (i.e. Slavery) Commission." Further reported that to Dr. Williams' request for a Peace resolution to be brought forward the Secretary had replied that she had asked for one from the W.I.L. but had been sent instead a long Memorandum. Agreed to write to the Secretary regarding the last point, as it was believed that no resolution had been asked for.

654. Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee.

Reported that Mrs. White was attending the Committee on July 21st as W.I.L. representative.

655. N.C.P.W. Annual Meeting, July 17th.

Reported that at the Annual Meeting of the Council it had been decided to send a deputation to the Government to protest against this country being the first to build new ships after the London Naval Conference; that Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Unwin had been re-elected on to the Executive Committee; and that signatures were being obtained to a letter on the Indian situation for publication in the press.

656. Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations.

Reported a letter from Miss Sheepshanks regretting that no W.I.L. representative was present at the meeting on July 1st.; and that it had been impossible to find anyone to attend at such short notice. Agreed to write to the Secretary of the Committee suggesting that the W.I.L. should be asked to help in the organisation of the dinner.

657. St. Joan's Social & Political Alliance.

Agreed not to send any protest to the Criterion Restaurant against the exclusion of women unaccompanied by men after certain hours, as we were too much occupied with other matters to go into the question.

658. Order of Ladies' Glades.

Reported that the suggestion for an All Women Cenotaph Parade had been discussed at a meeting on June 18th and that probably a joint Memorial Service at the Cenotaph with the British Legion would be held instead.

659. W.I.L.P.F. Business.

(a) Reported that the suggested delegation to Russia was likely to come off, and that it would probably go in August, September or October. Agreed to urge that it wait till October so as to fit in with the International Executive meeting at Warsaw, and to send forward the names of Miss Anderson and Mrs. Unwin. Agreed also to ask Mrs. Zangwill if she would consider going.

(b) Agreed, subject to acceptance of the above recommendation, to appoint Miss Anderson and Mrs. Unwin as our consultative members for the International Executive at Warsaw on October 11th.

(c) Agreed that as many Executive members as possible represent the British Section at the Conference of Pacifist Societies, to be held in Geneva on September 9th.

(d) Agreed to inform Miss Sheepshanks that we will support any Peace Day that is generally accepted.

(e) Agreed to inform Miss Sheepshanks that we already have too much work on hand to appoint any member to study the question of a Revision of the Peace Treaties, and that we doubt whether a direct approach to this subject would achieve useful results.

660. Reported that replies had been received from the Swedish, Austrian, and Hungarian Sections to our circular letter supporting the Polish Section's protest against acceptance of Miss Sheepshanks's resignation. The Hungarian Section considered that the matter rested entirely with the International Executive.

661. Agreed to forward our recent resolutions on Minorities to members of the British delegation to the League of Nations Assembly.

662. The following resolution on Samoa was passed:-

"The Executive Committee of the W.I.L. learns with concern of the troubles between the administration and inhabitants of Western Samoa under New Zealand Mandate; and regards the difficulty experienced by the Mandates Commissioners in obtaining information as a reason for reiterating the resolution of the Annual Council of the W.I.L. in March 1929, which urged the British representative on the Council of the League of Nations to press for the extension of the powers of the Mandates Commission so as to include, at the discretion of the Commissioners, the examination of petitioners in person."

Agreed that this be sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, and Miss Sheepshanks.

663. Frankfurt Conference Report.

Reported that Mrs. Corbett Fisher had received a reply from Miss Sheepshanks regarding the expense of this Report. The disposal of £25 worth had been guaranteed by the U.S. Section and these copies were being forwarded direct by the *Publisher*

Agreed that specimen copies be sent to the Swedish, Danish and Dutch Sections, asking for orders. Further, reported that the first copies would not be available for another three weeks.

664. Agreed that letters of good wishes to the Summer Schools in France and Sofia be sent from the British Section.

665. Agreed that the next meeting of the Committee be held on August 14th and that the September meeting be held on the 29th.

This was all the business.

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H. D. Courtney  
Aug 14/30



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE 1930.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance.....	Salaries.....
Subscriptions... 27.12. 6.	Travelling Expenses..... 13. 3. 2.
Donations..... 12.18. 0.	Printing..... 39.13. 0.
Donations in lieu of Fair.. 105.14. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Literature..... 1. 9. 7.
News Sheet..... 3.15.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	Greek & French Histories. 2. 4. 0.
Postage Refd... 10. 5.	News Sheets..... 11. 0. 6.
Literature..... 6. 0. 8.	Geneva..... 11. 7. 0.
Insurance Refd. 9. 0.	Pax..... 4. 7. 2.
Refunded by	Stationery..... 16. 1. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
W.P.C. Clerical Work, Rent, etc. 9. 9. 3.	Postage & Wires..... 17.10. 0.
Office Expenses Refd..... 4. 4.	Press Cuttings..... 2. 2. 0.
Affiliation Fees 5. 0.	Rent..... 38.12. 0.
Geneva Subscriptions..... 9. 7. 0.	Delegates Fees..... 1. 2. 0.
Travelling Expenses refd..... 5. 7.	Meetings..... 3.11. 0.
Greek & French Histories..... 2. 4. 0.	Wages..... 3. 2. 6.
India Meeting, Penn Club..... 3. 4. 6.	Office Expenses..... 2. 0.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
	State Insurance..... 19. 6.
	<u>243.15. 9.</u>
	Investments..... 216.18. 4.
	Balance at Bank..... 94. 8. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Cash in hand..... 4.10. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>£559.13. 7.</u>	<u>£559.13. 7.</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM JULY 1st. to 18th. inclusive.

Balance.....	315.17.10.	Expenditure.....	60.12. 6.
Receipts.....	82.16. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	Balance.....	338. 1. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£398.13.10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>		<u>£398.13.10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math>.</u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

The Gas Light & Coke Company (Gas).....	2. 8. 0.
The Metropolitan Electric Supply Co.Ltd.,	18. 4.
The Watford Printers (Disarmament Leaflets & News Sheet.).....	9. 9. 9.
W.H. Guest & Co. (stationery).....	1. 5. 6.
C.F.Hodgson & Son Ltd., (Stationery & Printing)..	4. 5. 0.
Edgar G. Dunstan & Co.(Printing).....	8.12. 0.
John Scullard.....	6. 0.
	<u>£27. 4. 7.</u>

Minutes of special meeting of Executive Committee,  
held at 55 Gower Street on July 7th at 2.30.

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Present:- Miss K.D.Courtney (in the chair), Miss Anderson,  
Mrs.Vipont Brown, Mrs.Corbett Fisher, Mrs.Innes,  
Dr.Mackenzie, Mrs.Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder,  
Mrs.MacGregor Ross, Mrs.Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs.White,  
Mrs.Zangwill.

1. Apologies for absence received from Mrs.Binyon, Miss Chick,  
Mrs.Crosfield, Mrs.Robertson, Mrs.Thoday, Dr.Williams. *Dr. Clark*
2. Minute calling this meeting read from last meeting of  
Executive Committee.
3. Reported that arrangements had been made for two meetings  
on "The Present Situation in India and The Simon Report"  
to take place at Friends' House on July 8th and 15th at  
8.30 p.m., Mr.Chetsingh and Mr.S.K.Ratcliffe to be the  
speakers respectively. Notices of the meetings had been  
circulated to London members, some Branch Secretaries,  
affiliated Societies, and other organisations.
4. Reported that some W.I.L. members had been present, by  
invitation, at a meeting of Indian women at Friends' House  
on June 25th. As visitors, they did not take part in the  
discussions or vote for the various resolutions which were  
passed at this meeting and duly forwarded to the official  
quarter concerned.
5. The attached statement on the situation in India was  
drawn up. Agreed that it be sent to:- Mr.Wedgwood Benn,  
Miss Sheepshanks, Secretaries of National Sections, Branch  
Secretaries, the press, ~~and~~ Indian women living in London and  
Mrs.Cousins.

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55 GOWER STREET, LONDON, W.C.1

July 8th.1930.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, at a meeting held yesterday, drew up the attached statement on the situation in India.

This statement is being sent to our Branch Secretaries, to the Secretaries of the other National Sections of the W.I.L.P.F., to Miss Sheepshanks at our Geneva headquarters, to the press, and to our Secretary of State for India, Mr. W. Wedgwood Benn.

Also to Exec. Offee, + list of  
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## STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

Since all changes suggested for reform of Government in India depend for their application upon the willingness of Indian opinion to accept and apply them, we urge once more an amnesty for political prisoners which would enable certain Indian leaders to take part in the Round Table Conference and bring before it schemes for the future of India.

We welcome the pronouncement of the British Government of July 3rd as to the character of the Round Table Conference. Since the Government states that it "will lay no proposals before the Round Table Conference but will go into the Conference with an open mind", it is clear that all schemes for a constitution, including any which provide for Dominion Status, can be brought before it.

We believe that no representation of Indian people to-day would be complete without a proportion of Indian women and we therefore demand that representatives of organised Indian women should take their place at the Round Table Conference.

We believe that at the earliest possible moment responsible Government should be handed over to the Indian people in accordance with an agreed plan, which we trust may be worked out in goodwill and friendship at the Round Table Conference. We fully realise that if India remains an integral part of the British Empire it can only be of her own free will and accord.

While recognising the vast amount of service and sacrifice given by many British people to India, we deeply deplore the attitude and actions of many of them in relation to the Indian people, which in the past, and to a lesser extent to-day, have, we believe, been largely responsible for the wall of bitterness and mistrust which separates our two nations. At the present time the severity of police action against non-violent crowds is daily making the hope of peaceful settlement more remote.

We believe the boycott of the Simon Commission withheld much valuable evidence from the Commissioners, especially regarding the strength of Nationalist feeling which to-day shows itself in the movement initiated by Mahatma Gandhi and in the willingness of Indian men and women to sacrifice themselves for their ideals.

July 7th.1930.

Minutes of Executive Committee held on Thursday, 14th August, 1930 at 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Rinder, Miss Pye, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Dr. Ethel Williams, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. ~~Bain~~ Davies, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. E.J. Wilson, Mrs. Zangwill.

MINUTES of meeting held on 21st July, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

666. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 644. Miss Chick reported a letter from Mrs. Alcock thanking the Committee for their letter accepting her resignation from the Executive. The Committee thanked Mrs. Alcock for her kind offer to serve on the India Sub-Committee and unanimously agreed to her co-option.

Miss Chick also reported a letter from Mrs. Lankester accepting co-option to the Executive Committee.

Minute 662. Acknowledgments of our resolution on Western Samoa were received from the Foreign Secretary, the Prime Minister and Lord Cecil.

Minute 649. Dr. Clark reported that the three members of the sub-Committee appointed to make arrangements for a meeting on the Assembly in October had met, and had felt that a Reception with short speeches from some of the Delegates to the Assembly was better than a meeting. It was agreed that a Reception should be held on October 21st at 8 p.m. and the Secretary was instructed to make inquiries regarding catering, etc. at the Central Hall. Decided the tickets should be 2/6d each, to include refreshments. Decided that letters of invitation to it should be sent to all the British Government Delegates to the Assembl .

667. RECEPTION TO COUNTESS DOHNA. Dr. Clark reported that Countess Dohna of Germany would be speaking on behalf of the League of Nations Union in Scotland during November. Arrangements had also been made for her to address our Branches in Manchester and North Wales. Decided to invite her to speak at a meeting in London on November 19th and to ask her to speak on Education in Germany or Conditions in Germany.

668. FINANCE. The attached Statement of Accounts was presented and passed. The Committee expressed its warm appreciation of Dr. Clark's generous contribution of £200. Decided to invest £100 in the Co-operative Permanent Building Society, to be earmarked for special purposes. Agreed to make a grant to Miss Dorothy Woodman who had consented to attend the School at Sofia on behalf of the British Section.

It was reported that (1) the Birmingham Branch had sent a special donation from their General Funds towards sending Madame Warn Bugge to Palestine; (2) the Preston Branch has sent a donation of £2.2.0 in response to the appeal for funds to enable us to do without a Fair this year; (3) our new Branch in Marazion had also sent 10/- donation in reply to the appeal for funds. The Committee expressed their warm thanks to these Branches for their generous gifts.

669. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. It was agreed that all matters concerning the printing and publishing of literature for the Disarmament Declaration Campaign should be in the hands of the ~~Publicity~~ <sup>Publicity</sup> Committee; The October News Sheet will be devoted mainly to the League of Nations Assembly and will be published on

the 15th of the month. Publicity had been obtained on (1) the resolution on Samoa; (2) activities of other Sections; (3) progress of Disarmament Campaign here and abroad. Information had been sent to Miss Sheepshanks, Dr. Sahlbom, Frau Ragaz, Herr Jantschge and other press correspondents re progress of Disarmament Campaign in this country.

670. INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN. Miss Chick reported that (1) Mrs. Chettle had been appointed Organiser at a salary of £1.1.0d per day when organising and 10/6d per day when attending Committees, plus expenses. She would commence her duties at the beginning of September; (2) Branches had been written to by Miss Courtney offering Mrs. Chettle's services free of charge, if they would provide hospitality and put her in the way of doing valuable organising work in the district. For various reasons, mainly holidays, this offer had not met with satisfactory response and it was felt that one or two Conferences of Branches - one in the North of England, another in the South and perhaps a third in the West, might be helpful. After discussion it was decided that Branch Conferences would not be useful, but that it would be very valuable to get into touch with members and friends interested in the Disarmament Campaign, especially those living in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Mrs. Vipont Brown said she thought the Manchester Branch could supply a number of names and addresses of people living outside their sphere of activity and suggested that perhaps a Conference might be arranged, possibly in Leeds, to discuss plans for working in the North. It was also felt that individual members might be willing to give hospitality when Mrs. Chettle was organising in their neighbourhood. Local Branches of Societies co-operating with us would doubtless give considerable help. Mrs. Vipont Brown reported that the Manchester Branch intended to take up the work seriously on Miss Wilkinson's return to the Office and they would be able to take a fairly wide area. Dr. Williams reported that the Newcastle Branch had met with considerable success in the collecting of signatures and much more could be done later with the help of a speaker: to address meetings of Trade Unions, etc. Signatures could be collected in Darlington, Durham and Stockton.

Further suggestions were made which would be passed on to the Disarmament Campaign Committee at its meeting on 20th August.

671. INDIA. (a) Women's Freedom League. Reported that since the last Executive Committee had signed a letter on behalf of the Committee which the Women's Freedom League had sent to the Prime Minister urging him to consider the advisability of including both British and Indian women in the Round Table Conference on India. This action was endorsed.

(b) Miss Balch. Miss Courtney reported a letter and press-cutting from Miss Balch re the atrocities committed in India by the police and asking the British Section to intervene, if possible. After discussion it was decided to reply to Miss Balch that unfortunately in such circumstances there were always atrocities and exaggerated accounts of atrocities and we had no way of checking them. In the case of India the police were Indians who had taken no vow of non-violence.

(d) Mr. Lloyd George. Miss Courtney reported that she had not written to Mr. Lloyd George asking for an interview for Miss Rinder on the Indian question. Miss Rinder agreed that the moment was not an opportune one for such an interview.

(d) Miss Rinder kindly offered her services to speak at meetings on India in October if the Branches would pay her expenses. Miss Rinder was warmly thanked for her generous offer which would be passed on to the India Sub-Committee.

(e) Glasgow Branch. Reported a request from Mrs. Launder asking us to recommend a Speaker on India, if possible, an Indian woman to speak at a large public meeting on Monday, 3rd November. Decided to ask Mrs. Launder if she would like us to approach Mr. S.K. Ratcliffe and what fee were they prepared to offer. At the same time suggest that Lady Chaterjee might be willing to speak.

672 W.I.L.P.F. BUSINESS:

(1) Delegation to Russia. Miss Courtney reported that as there had not been sufficient people to go to Russia, the proposed delegation was postponed.

(2) Howard League for Penal Reform. Reported correspondence from Miss Eaton and Miss Sheepshanks on the question of prison reform. Miss Eaton asked us to do what we could to urge the British Delegation to the League of Nations Assembly to bring the question forward at Geneva, and to urge the appointment of a Committee to study the question of the improvement of penal administration. After discussion the following resolution was passed and instructions given for it to be sent to the Government and to all the British Delegates to The League of Nations Assembly:-

"The British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, being convinced that unjust and cruel practices in police and prison cells are a menace to the peace of the world, respectfully urges the Assembly of the League of Nations, at its Session in September 1930, to appoint a Committee to consider the question of penal administration."

(3) International Summer Schools. Sofia. Miss Chick reported a letter from Madame Karavelova of the Bulgarian Section thanking the Committee for their letter of good wishes for the success of the Summer School at Sofia.

Ribeauville. It was reported that Miss Mennell, who had attended this School, had sent a report of it for the News Sheet. The Committee expressed their warm appreciation of the work Miss Mennell had put into writing up the report.

(4) Opium Conference Report. Miss Pye reported that this would shortly be published at 2/- per copy. Decided to order fifty copies.

(5) Meeting of the Economic Commission at Warsaw on the 8th October, and meetings of the International Executive Committee from 10th October. It was reported that Miss Mosa Anderson had consented to act as one of our Consultative Members to the International Executive Committee. Miss Pye, Mrs. Corbett Fisher expected to attend as International Executive Committee members. It was decided to ask Miss Rinder if she would attend the Economic Commission and if so, would she also consider attending the International Executive Committee as our second Consultative Member. At this Committee Consultative Members would have no voting powers.

(6) International Secretary. Miss Pye reported that as an International Executive Committee member she had written to Madame Warn Bugge to ask her if she would allow herself to be nominated for the post of International Secretary. She felt that Madame Warn Bugge was a real pacifist with a real concern for the W.I.L.P.F. She knew French, German and English and was a member of the Swedish Section. She had accepted nomination, which will be supported by the Swedish Section. Several other names had been suggested. *The Committee expressed its approval of Madame Warn Bugge's nomination as International Secretary.*

673. RESOLUTION ON QUESTION OF STATELESSNESS. Dr. Clark asked the Committee to consider sending a resolution on this subject to the Government. After discussion the following resolution was passed and instructions given for it to be sent to all the British Delegates to the Assembly and to the Government:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League urges H.L. Government to propose that the League of Nations should appoint a preparatory Commission to inquire into the whole problem of Statelessness with a view to the calling of a Conference on the subject."

674. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

(1) Women's Advisory Council. Miss Fye reported that at their meeting on July 23rd resolutions were passed on Child Welfare, Mui Tsai, International Wine Office and the League.

(2) I.U.S.E.C. Miss Chick reported on the Conference of representatives of Women's Societies and the women delegates to the League of Nations Assembly held on July 23rd.

(3) Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee. Reported that Mrs. White attended the meeting of this Committee on July 31st, a report of which is filed for reference in the Office. Decided to send a contribution of 5/- towards the cost of Minutes.

(4) Women's Freedom League. Reported an invitation to send a delegate or delegates to a Conference on the question of the unemployment of women in this country. Decided that owing to pressure of international work it was not possible to co-operate in this Conference.

675. CORRESPONDENCE.

(1) Liverpool W.I.L. Branch. Reported a letter from Mrs. Fitch saying she must resign the Secretarial work of the Liverpool Branch as she was coming to London to live. Miss Chick undertook to write to Mrs. Fitch thanking her for all the work she had done in the Branch and for the League as a whole; and also to her successor, Mrs. Williams.

(2) L Preston W.I.L. Branch. Reported a letter from Mrs. Manders resigning the Secretarial work owing to ill-health and telling us that Miss Abbatt would succeed her. Miss Chick consented to write to Mrs. Manders and Miss Abbatt.

(3) Mrs. Rollo Russell. Miss Courtney reported that Mrs. Rollo Russell had offered the W.I.L. her collection of war pamphlets and League activities. Decided to accept this collection.

(4) National Council for Prevention of War. Reported that the N.C.P.W. were arranging a Conference to be held on October 18th under the general title of "The Strategy of Peace." The Committee hoped to be able to co-operate in this.

It was further reported that the N.C.P.W. had undertaken to organise a Campaign against Military Training and Conscription. The Campaign in this country will chiefly be directed to the organisation of public opinion against the military training of youth in Officers Training Corps. Decided to pass this on to the O.T.C.



Correspondence continued.

(5) Mr. J.W. Stevenson. Reported letter from Mr. Stevenson enclosing verses and music which he had written on "Disarmament", on the title page of which he would like to print the words "dedicated to the Women's International League." He intends to print on the back page President Hoover's acknowledgment, which he received through the E, bassy of the U.S.A. Decided to reply that we appreciate the honour he wishes to confer on the W.I.L, but would point out that our experience has been that songs are not used by our members and Branches.

R.P. Innes  
Sept: 29/50.

Minutes of Executive Committee of Women's International League, held on Monday, 29th September, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Langwill, Mrs. White, Mrs. Chettle.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Thoday, Dr. Ethel Williams.

MINUTES. After the following additions were made the Minutes of the Meeting on August 14th were confirmed and signed:-

672 (6) add "The Committee expressed its approval of Madame Waerne Bugge's nomination as International Secretary."

671 India (a) after the words "Executive Committee" add "Miss Courtney."

676. BUSINESS ARISING:

Minute 667. Meeting for Countess Dohna, November 19th. Reported that Countess Dohna had consented to speak at an evening meeting on "The League of Nations in German Schools." Decided to ask the Student and Education Committee of the Friends Service Council if they would co-operate with us. It was suggested that the London Regional Federation of the L.L.U. be asked to co-operate, and reported in the afternoon that they would send out notices to Branches with a line suggesting that they send representatives to the meeting.

Minute 672 & 675. Acknowledgments of our resolutions on Penal Reform and Statelessness had been received from Mr. Noel Baker, Mr. William Graham, Dr. Hugh Dalton, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Clynes and Lord Cecil.

677. COUNCIL MEETING RESOLUTION ON MINORITIES. Dr. Clark said she had waited for a favourable moment to give this resolution to the British representatives at the Geneva Assembly. Acknowledgments had been received from the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Dalton, Mr. Baker and Mr. Buxton.

678. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. After discussion the attached statement of accounts was passed. It was reported that £194. 7. 6 had been received in answer to the appeal for funds in lieu of the Fair, £17.6.6 for Palestine, including 10/6d from our Preston Branch and £5 for the Disarmament Campaign. The following Branches hoped to be able to raise funds for Headquarters in the Autumn: Golders Green, Croydon, Brighton, Kensington, Liverpool. A sum of £100 was being withdrawn from the Co-operative Permanent Building Society this week and a further £100 in December. Decided to call a Finance Committee early next week.

679. ASSEMBLY RECEPTION ON OCTOBER 21st, 8 p.m. It was reported that invitations had been sent out to all the British representatives to the Assembly. Mr. Charles Roden Buxton was, however, the only one who had been able to accept, subject to unforeseen events not preventing. It was decided that invitations should be sent to the wives of the Commonwealth and Indian Delegates to the Imperial Conference. Agreed to ask the Publicity Committee to settle the wording of the invitation card. Decided also that a covering letter should be sent to W.I.L. members in and near London. London Executive Members were urged to do their utmost to make the Reception known.

680. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. Miss Chick reported that 38,000 forms had been distributed and 20,000 signatures had been received, including 5,500 from North Wales, 1,000 from Bolton and 1,000 from Wood Green. £74 had already been spent on printing, stationery and postage. She said that intensive local work was essential if we were to get one million signatures. A calculation showed that we needed 5,000 signatures a day. Many organisations had been approached but the Churches and religious organisations were as yet scarcely touched. It was felt that those organisations which had not replied would need to be approached again. It was also felt that publicity must be obtained in every kind of magazine as well as in the daily and weekly papers. After consideration it was agreed that those attending the International Executive Committee should intimate to that Committee that the British Section intended to close their lists at the end of June 1931.

Mrs. Chettle reported on her visit to Cardiff where the Declaration was likely to be very successful. She asked if Welsh signatures could be printed on forms for use in North and South Wales as this would be more helpful in collecting signatures than the complete list of English names. This was agreed to. Mrs. Chettle reported that Mrs. Shaxby was running the Disarmament Campaign in Cardiff. She was a member of the L.N.U. South Wales Regional Council and had put the Disarmament Campaign on the Agenda for their next meeting. Mrs. Chettle asked permission to attend the Labour Party Conference at Llandudno in order to renew the contacts she had made in Cardiff and to make fresh ones. This was agreed to. Mrs. Chettle reported that she was shortly visiting Liverpool, Birkenhead, Tunbridge Wells and Kent, Bristol, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Leeds, Shropshire and North Wales. She proposed the holding of a large Conference in Yorkshire at the end of the year.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Disarmament Committee be held on Friday, October 3rd at 2.30 p.m.

681. LEAGUE OF NATIONS DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. A suggested resolution from Mrs. Thoday regretting the attitude of the British Delegation at Geneva with regard to the date of the Disarmament Conference was considered. It was agreed that it was not advisable to assume that the Government would do otherwise than press for the earliest possible date and that it would be better to write to Mr. Henderson expressing our earnest desire that he will do so.

682. APPEAL FROM INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS. Dr. Clark reported that the attached Appeal of Women to the World's Statesmen had been presented to the President of the Assembly by a deputation representing ~~sxxx~~ six Societies and 40 million women. Miss Courtney had represented the W.I.L. The deputation had also been received by Dr. Curtius, Mr. Henderson and M. Briand, each of whom had welcomed the Appeal most warmly. It was agreed to ask the Publicity Committee to consider issuing the Appeal as a poster and as a leaflet in a manner that would link it up with the Disarmament Declaration, and to suggest that the Appeal should be sent out in the News Sheet. It was agreed that the other Societies should be asked if they would co-operate in issuing and distributing these. This would reduce the cost considerably. Miss Ward said she was attending the National Council of Women Conference at Portsmouth and would take very opportunity of pressing the matter there.

683. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

Penal Reform. Mrs. Innes reported that the work of Miss Eaton of the Howard League for Penal Reform had been successful and that the question of a Joint Committee to be set up by the League of Nations and the International Prison Commission was put before the Fifth Committee by Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P. Dr. Clark further reported a letter from Miss Eaton and a memorandum on Venezuelan Prisoners based on information from people considered dependable. Miss Eaton urged the British Section to send a telegram to the Venezuelan Delegate at the Assembly requesting the release of Political Prisoners. After consideration it was decided to get more information before taking action, and that the telegram suggested would not be wise considering the number of political prisoners in India.

Statelessness. Dr. Clark reported that the W.I.L.F.F. had held a Conference on Statelessness the day before the opening of the Assembly. This was attended by 30 to 40 people who were much interested in the valuable papers that were read. One of the W.I.L.F.F. Committee on Statelessness, Madame Heller of Budapest, stayed on during the Assembly and she and Dr. Clark did their utmost to get the matter taken up by some delegation. It was found that it could be raised when the Report of the Codification Conference at the Hague came before the 1st (Legal) Committee and a large number of the members of this Committee were interviewed and agreed to support a proposal to ask the Council to appoint a Committee of Inquiry. Unfortunately the Agenda of the 1st Committee is so overloaded and the Codification Report comes up so late that it is unlikely any action will be taken this year. Dr. Clark suggested and it was agreed to ask the International Executive to invite Miss Sheepshanks to join the Committee on Statelessness as a British Member.

Minorities. Dr. Clark reported that there had been much criticism in Geneva of the British Delegate's attitude to the Minorities question. She did not feel that it was possible to judge at present whether this criticism was justifiable in view of the opposition of the French Delegation and that the British had to oppose the French in other matters and she suggested it would be more useful to wait until the next League of Nations Council Meeting to raise the matter.

Slavery. As all the British proposals for more effective measures with regard to Slavery were rejected, it had not seemed of any use to take further action with regard to the W.I.L. resolution on this question.

684. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, October 1930. It was reported that this would now be held in Amsterdam and not at Warsaw as previously arranged on account of difficulties in connection with the Election in Poland. Dr. Clark and Miss Anderson were asked to act as our Consultative Members as the change in place made it possible for them to attend. There was some discussion as to whether the British Section could make any suggestions to promote more harmonious and efficient work in the International Executive and it was agreed that the Consultative Members should appeal to the International Executive to restrict its work to what could be undertaken by unanimous agreement.

685. FINANCIAL APPEAL FROM GENEVA. Dr. Clark reported an appeal from Madame Ramondt Hirschmann urging the Section to increase their contributions. She said that the American Section was finding great difficulty in raising the funds which they sent yearly for the upkeep of the Geneva Office and it was

likely that the money would not be forthcoming in the future. Part of this money is earmarked for the cost of editing Pax and ~~that~~ the work for Pax is done outside the W.I.L.P.F. Office, this money is withdrawn from the support of that office.

686. PAX. Dr. Clark reported that Miss Courtney and others whom they consulted were strongly of opinion that the International Headquarter Paper should be under the direct control of the International Secretary. Dr. Clark proposed that unless arrangements are made for this we ought not to continue sending Pax to subscribers to the British Section and should leave it to those who wished to subscribe direct. It was agreed that the Committee Members should explain this to the W.I.L.P.F.

687. RIBEAUVILLE SUMMER SCHOOL. Miss Mennell gave an account of this, which the Consultative Members said they would bear in mind when Summer Schools were being discussed at the International Executive Committee.

688. ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AMSTERDAM October 10th, 1930. Miss Rinder explained that she would be willing to do her best at short notice to attend this Conference, especially as it was now being held in Amsterdam, if the Committee felt it worth while sending her as a visitor with the probability of which Frau Hertzka wrote that she would be appointed a delegate on her arrival. The Committee said they would be very grateful to Miss Rinder if she could arrange to attend the Conference and if she found it convenient it authorised her to stay at the discussions in the Executive.

689. INDIA. A letter was reported from Lord Irwin expressing his appreciation of the fact that our Committee was in general agreement with the policy for the future development of India, and thanking the W.I.L. for the copy of their statement with regard to Indian policy.

The W.I.L. Statement on the Situation in India drawn up at the Executive Committee on July 7th was then considered, and amended in the light of recent events. Mrs. Lankester was asked to undertake the redrafting of paragraphs 1 and 3. The other paragraphs remain unaltered.

The question of sending a woman, representing the W.I.L. point of view, to India was considered. Miss Pye reported that Miss Addams had been asked to go to India from the W.I.L.P.F. but that she was unable to do so, and the question was being brought before the next International Executive Committee. Miss Pye further reported a letter from Miss Dickinson, Secretary of the Bombay & Vigilance Society giving information of Police Repression. She said she thought it would be a good thing to send out people to see for themselves how things are. Miss Pye said that the Friends were anxious that women should go because of the encouragement it would be to the women's movement and because it would create a less bitter feeling between India and this country. After discussion it was decided that our Consultative Members should not support the W.I.L.P.F. sending anyone (other than Miss Addams) and that they might say that "we feel it highly desirable that the British Section of the Women's International League should send a British woman to India, if possible in co-operation with other Societies."

Miss Mennell drew attention to a pamphlet "India Calling" published by "Friends of India," 46 Lancaster Gate, W. 2.

It was decided to try to arrange for an afternoon Reception in November for women delegates and the wives of the Indian delegates attending the Round Table Conference.

It was decided to urge the Branches to organise meetings on India during the next two months. Miss Rinder agreed to take a series of meetings during the last two weeks in October provided hospitality and travelling expenses were paid. The Branches were to be informed of this.

690. REPORT OF O.T.C. COMMITTEE. Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on work accomplished since the formation of the Sub-Committee in December, 1929. She said that now the N.C.P.W. was dealing with the question of compulsory <sup>military</sup> training the Sub-Committee felt that there was no need for them to remain in being. The W.I.L. representatives on the N.C.P.W. Executive and Council could keep the W.I.L. informed of any action being taken so that we could co-operate in the work. The N.C.P.W. had already published a pamphlet and a leaflet on Military Service in the British Empire. Mrs. Innes suggested the suspension (rather than the dissolution) of the O.T.C. Committee until the need for a special piece of work arises. She drew attention to the fact that the N.C.P.W. would try to get the co-operation of all the other co-ordinating societies and would want our help.

691. CORRESPONDENCE. Reported a letter from Mrs. Randall saying that the King's Norton Branch had had to dissolve as a separate Branch through lack of support. Decided to send a letter expressing regret and saying that the Committee very much hoped that the members of the King's Norton Branch would give their support to the Birmingham Branch.

2. National Council for Prevention of War. Reported a Conference on "The Strategy of Peace" was to be held on October 18th, afternoon and evening. We were asked to co-operate in making it a success and to appoint delegates. Several members of the Committee were hoping to attend and Miss Henderson and Miss Horscroft were asked if they could attend as delegates. Decided to make the Conference known to the Branches and Executive Members, urging our Branches to send representatives.

3. Mr. Geoffrey Franklin, Wayfarers' Travel Agency. It was agreed that a resolution of sympathy should be sent to The Hon. Mrs. Franklin on the loss ~~of~~ of her son, expressing our appreciation of the warm interest he took in our work.

H. D. Courtney  
October 20/30.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

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Statement of Accounts for August & September  
1930

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<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance.....493.15. 8.	Salaries..... 73. 0. 0.
Interest on	Travelling Expenses. 3. 1. 3.
Deposit at	Meetings..... 2. 2. 0.
Midland Bank.. 1. 2.	Printing..... 27.12. 0.
Subscriptions4.19. 7.	Literature..... 2.13. 5.
Donations 1.16. 0.	News Sheet..... 6.18. 9.
" in lieu	Stationery..... 7. 1. 5.
of Fair 13. 2. 0.	Postage & Wires..... 22. 7. 0.
Donations to	Pax..... 4. 9. 2.
Palestine 3.13. 6.	Geneva Subscriptions 1. 1. 0.
Donations to	Geneva, Opium Re-
Disarmament	ports..... 5. 0. 0.
Campaign 5. 0. 0.	Sofia Summer School,
News Sheets 3.15.10.	Grant to Student
Postage Refd. 13.10 $\frac{1}{2}$	..... 20. 0. 0.
Literature 6.16. 6	Organisers Expenses. 5. 0. 0.
Refunded by	Lighting & Heating.. 5. 1. 3.
W.P.C.Rent	State Insurance.... 2. 7. 3.
Clerical	Sun Insurance Office 6.15. 9.
work etc... 1.17.10.	Wages..... 6.10. 0.
Office Ex-	General Office Ex-
penses Refd 3. 2.	penses..... 5. 4. 9.
Affiliation	
Fees..... 5. 0.	206. 5. 0.
Geneva Sub-	Investments..... 316.18. 4.
scription.. 1. 1. 0.	Balance at Bank.... 10.19. 4.
Pax..... 2. 0.	Cash in hand..... 7. 2. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Travelling	
Expenses.. 2.17. 4.	
Meeting.Tkts 5. 0.	
Insurance	
Refunded... 19. 4. 47. 9. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
<u>£531. 4. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	<u>£531. 4. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

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Donation of £100 to be spent on special Funds sanctioned by the Executive Committee. £20. has already been paid to a student attending the Sofia Summer School.  
£17. 6. 6. for Palestine.

Outstanding Accounts

Rent £25. 0. 0. to International House Account.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, 20th October, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Pye, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Zangwill, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. White, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Lankester, Dr. Williams, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Chettle,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Thoday, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Mennell.

MINUTES of meeting on 29th September, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed.

691. BUSINESS ARISING.

(1) Appeal from Women to World's Statesmen. Reported that the British Section of the five International Societies which had signed the above had been asked what support they could give to it in this country, and replies had been received from The National Council of Women, the N.U.S.E.C., the Y.W.C.A. and the Inter. Alliance of Women for Suffrage & Equal Citizenship (with reference to its affiliated Societies) stating that the matter is under consideration.

Miss Henderson reported that this Appeal had been printed as a leaflet and sent with this month's News Sheet, and was being used in the Disarmament Declaration Campaign.

(2) Geoffrey Franklin. Mrs. Innes reported a letter of thanks from Mrs. Franklin for the Committee's letter expressing their sympathy in the loss of her son.

692. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. Mrs. Wilson reported the receipts and ~~xxxxxx~~ expenditure and the balance in hand to date since the last Committee, as follows:-

Receipts.....£63. 3. 6. Expenditure £129.14.11,  
Balance in hand £268 8. 4½d.

The Committee accepted these figures. The monthly statement would be made at the end of the month, as usual.

Mrs. Unwin suggested and Mrs. Corbett Fisher seconded that there should be a small American Sale in the lunch interval at the November Committee. This was carried.

693. OCTOBER 21st Reception. Reported that about 70 tickets had been sold. Details of the programme for the evening were arranged.

694. DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN. Mrs. Zangwill, as Chairman of the Disarmament Campaign Committee reported on progress. To date 33,441 signatures had been collected, many meetings had been arranged; the Appeal from Women to World's Statesmen" had been printed and sent with Notes for Speakers to Branches, Speakers, etc. Signatures had been collected at meetings of other Organisations and it was hoped to arrange to collect them at the Albert Hall Meeting on Armistice Eve and at other meetings on November 10th and 11th.

Mrs. Zangwill reported Mrs. Chettle had been to the Llandudno Labour Party Conference but that it had not been possible to arrange to send anyone from London to the National Liberal Federation Council in Torquay. Arrangements had, however, been made for one of the W.I.L. members living near there to receive 500 Forms which she would try to get into the hands of as many delegates as possible and would also endeavour to collect signa-



tures at the Meetings.

~~It was decided to organise a meeting at the Queen's~~

Mrs. Zangwill suggested that there should be a big Disarmament Declaration drive in the Spring of next year. After discussion it was agreed to organise a meeting at the Queen's Hall between the last week in February and the 1st two weeks in March. It was thought a charge for admission should be made but instead of having a money collection, a collection of signatures should be made in the interval. The question of inviting foreign speakers and all other details were referred to the Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Miss Henderson reported that Press paragraphs were being sent to the Dailies and local correspondents twice a month on the general progress of the Campaign; news from other countries was being sent to the Branches once a fortnight; once a fortnight news was also being sent to our National Sections and Press Correspondents in other countries and general paragraphs were being sent to papers of other organisations twice a month. Miss Henderson also reported that she had written to the Branch Secretaries suggesting that they should collect local signatures and send them with the Press paragraphs to their own local papers.

Mrs. Chettle reported on her work at the Llandudno Labour Party Conference where between 600 and 700 signatures were collected. She also reported that the Secretary of the Cardiff Trades and Labour Council had sent out the Declaration to all its Affiliated Societies and would follow it up with a letter a little later. Other districts were doing a similar thing.

Mrs. Chettle reported on her visits to Liverpool and Birkenhead, also Brighton. Between now and Christmas she would be visiting Tunbridge Wells and Kent generally, Leeds and other parts of Yorkshire, Cambridge, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Newcastle. She expected to organise at least one Conference in Yorkshire. Mr. Benn Smith had consented to take the Chair.

Mrs. Vipont Brown reported that the Manchester Branch is having six Stands in the City on Armistice Day for the Declaration. It is in touch with ~~Guilds~~ in Lancashire and is getting the Declaration into nearly all the Churches on the Sunday previous to Armistice Day.

It was decided to have printed on the Declaration Form that the Declaration was to be presented to the World Disarmament Conference.

695. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Amsterdam.

Reports were given by Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Miss Anderson and Mrs. Corbett Fisher on the following subjects:-

1. The Appointment of the International Secretary. Reported that Madame Camille Drevet had been appointed temporary Secretary for a period of six months. The question of appointing a permanent Secretary would be considered at the next International Committee.

2. Pax. Reported that the financial situation of Pax was a very serious one and the American Section was being consulted as to how many copies each month it was prepared to purchase. Unless the cost of 10,000 copies is met the paper must be discontinued or at least edited in a much cheaper way. Arrangements were being made for the International Executive Secretary to be consulted over material for Pax and in addition an Editorial and Business Committee had been appointed in Geneva to help with the editing of Pax.

4. Headquarters Finances. Reported these were in a precarious condition and would remain so until it was known if the American Section intended withdrawing from Headquarters the money used for publishing Pax. It was hoped that a certain amount of office re-organisation might enable expenses to be reduced.

5. Proposal for joint action of international women's organisations. Reported on a scheme to form a Liaison Committee of Women's International Organisations for the purpose of carrying out specific pieces of work <sup>jointly</sup>. It was felt that the work could be done within the machinery of existing Offices. Any methods to be adopted would conform with the following general principles:-

- (a) the autonomy and equality of various organisations.
- (b) the fullest use of existing channels belonging to each organisation.
- (c) co-operation in regard to definite projects, rather than any scheme of organic relationship involving cumbersome machinery and expense.
- (d) the complete freedom of each organisation to dissociate itself from any given project.

The first joint action taken was the issue of the Appeal of Women to the Statesmen of the World.

6. Committee on the problem of Stateless People. Reported that Miss Sheepshanks was to be asked to serve on this Committee.

7. Publication of W.I.L. Resolutions. Reported that important resolutions passed at previous Executive Committees and Congresses which are still current are to be published in French, German and English. In future prospective Sections will be asked to accept these resolutions as a basis of policy. After consideration the Officers were asked to study the resolutions and report to the International Executive Committee.

8. Summer Schools. Reported that criticisms had been received and considered on the general question of arrangement of Schools and it was agreed that the International Summer School Committee should take more responsibility in future for the arrangements, which should not be left entirely in the hands of local Committees. In future only one Summer School will be arranged each year.

9. East European Affairs. An interesting discussion on the East European situation was reported. Madame Drevet emphasised that disarmament was the most urgent question and she hoped much work would be done with the Declaration and the Appeal from Women to World Statesmen, which it was agreed should be translated into the languages of the countries in which the W.I.L. can work.

10. Palestine. It was decided that if enough funds should not be raised through the sections to enable Madame Waerne Bugge to visit Palestine, the balance should be taken from the General Fund.

11. Opium Conference. Reported that there was a deficit on this of £115, but it was felt that from a propaganda point of view the deficit was worth while. There had been excellent Press accounts except in Germany. The deficit was to be met out of General Funds. A resolution was passed urging the Sections to have meetings to use their influence in getting their Governments

to send in statistics in time for the World Conference on Limitation of Manufacture which is to be held in May.

12. Admission of new Sections. Reported several applications for admission had been made. Mexico, whose Section had lapsed had reapplied and was admitted provisionally. Cuba, Televiv, Yugo-Slavia, Luxemburg, Roumania were to receive the pamphlet of W.I.L.P.F. resolutions and their application would be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

13. Disarmament Campaign. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that reports of work had been received from a number of countries. ~~None reported~~ Much appreciation had been expressed of the reports Miss Henderson had sent abroad on work done in this country.

14. Economic Conference. Reported that the Economic Commission were hoping to organise a Conference on World Organisation, Unemployment and the Standard of Living, and the Gold Standard in the first or second week of March, 1931, and that an advance of 500 dollars had been made by the International Executive. The Commission proposed (1) London. (2) Zurich (3) Paris as the most suitable places for the Conference and the British Section was asked if it could arrange for it to be in London. Miss Courtney said that the League of Nations Union was organising a big Conference on High Wages in February with expert speakers and she thought it would be unwise to attempt to organise a similar Conference about the same time. In addition Miss Courtney urged the Committee to consider seriously before embarking on further work. We had undertaken at the request of the International Office to work for the Disarmament Declaration and needed to give much time to the problem of India. After discussion it was decided to reply that we could not organise such a Conference for the two reasons above mentioned, but that we should hope to be able to get hospitality for any member of the Economic Commission or the International Executive Committee who would like to come over for the L.N.U. Conference. Decided also to invite the International Executive to hold its next meeting in England about the end of April.

15. Forced Labour. Reported that Madame Duchene was very much interested in this subject and wanted information of what the British Section was doing. Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross and Miss Anderson undertook to draft a memorandum on Forced Labour showing what this Section has done and hopes to do on this subject, and that it should be sent to the French and Belgian Sections who were anxious to publish a leaflet.

696. REPORT OF INDIA SUB COMMITTEE AND ACTION BY W.I.L.P.F. ON INDIA. Miss Pye reported that the India sub-Committee had re-drafted the Statement (attached) and suggested that the middle and possibly the last paragraphs could be used as a resolution. They were very anxious that as many meetings as possible should be held at which a resolution could be passed and sent to the Round Table Conference. With regard to the pamphlet "India Calling" Miss Pye reported that two reliable authorities on India had advised our not circulating it.

Miss Pye further reported that at the INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN AMSTERDAM, India had been discussed. She had our Statement translated and circulated to the members of the Committee. A Sub-Committee appointed by the International Executive had drafted a letter to be sent in French from Geneva Headquarters to all the Delegates at the Round Table Conference.

Miss Pye also reported that the question of W.I.L.P.F. support of non-violence was considered at the International Executive Committee and a desire was expressed to make a pronouncement strongly in favour of non-violence, but after consideration it was decided that it was not now the time to discuss this. Miss Pye felt that we ought to consider what more we could do about India and she referred to the new Ordinance which has lately been passed abrogating the rights of civil liberties, against which we ought to make a protest. She felt, too, that when urging Branches to have meetings and to pass resolutions, we should warn them there there will be a Press Campaign for the "strong hand" which, indeed, had already begun in the "Daily Telegraph" of October 20th. After discussion it was decided a letter should be sent to the Branches, and the following resolution should also be sent to the Secretary of State for India:-

"In view of the growth of civil disobedience in India and of the undesirability of still further increasing the state of lawlessness, the Executive Committee of the Women's International League urges that the Secretary of State for India should demand the withdrawal of the clauses in the Ordinance issued on October 10th, which refuse the right of appeal to persons arrested under it."

The question of sending a representative to the All Asian Women's Congress at Lahore was further considered. No answer had been received from Jane Addams and the International Executive Committee decided to approach her again. If she cannot go it was decided to authorise the Elected members of the Executive to send someone else if they could find someone who they all agreed to be suitable.

Dr. Clark said she had reported that the British Section was considering the possibility of sending a British woman.

697. CORRESPONDENCE. New South Wales Branch of the London Peace Society. Reported letter urging that we should adopt May 18th as "Peace Day" in unison with other countries. Decided to reply that the W.I.L. would agree to any date chosen by the majority of countries and would do our best to try to make it a feature in our work.

(2) N.U.S.E.C. (a) Reported a Reception to Women Delegates to the League of Nations Assembly on Wednesday, October 29th at 4.30 p.m. at 50 Porchester Terrace, W. 2. Tickets 2/6d.

(b) Woman Delegate on Round Table Conference on India. Reported a letter from the N.U.S.E.C. suggesting that we should send forward the name of a British woman as adviser or expert to serve on the R.T.Conference. After discussion it was decided to suggest Mrs. Hamilton, M.P. and Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P.

(3) Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Reported a preliminary notice of Annual Council Meeting at ~~the~~ ~~end~~ of November or beginning of December and request for resolutions and nominations for Officers and Members of Cttee. by November 22nd. No resolutions or nominations were proposed.

698. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. The preliminary arrangements re date, etc. were left to the Officers.

K. D. Courtney,  
Nov 17/20

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement on the Situation in India.

Since all changes suggested for reform of Government in India depend for their application upon the willingness of Indian opinion to accept and apply them the Executive Committee of the Women's International League (British Section) deeply regrets the absence of representatives of the Congress Party at the Round Table Conference, and while welcoming the presence of two Indian women as members is greatly disappointed that organised women in India are not represented there.

Fully realising that if India remains an integral part of the British Empire it can only be of her own free will and accord, the members of the Women's International League believe that responsible Government amounting to Dominion Status should be handed over to the Indian people at the earliest possible moment, and urge British Representatives who may be appointed to the Round Table Conference to make every possible effort to work out with their Indian colleagues a plan which will be acceptable not only to them, but to all parties in India.

They believe an amnesty to political prisoners and the avoidance of unnecessary severity in police measures in India would greatly aid in the creation of an atmosphere favourable to this end.

October 1st, 1930.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, November 17th, 1930 at 11 and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Mennell, Lady Parmoor, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White, Dr. Williams, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Zangwill.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Dr. Marion Mackenzie.

MINUTES of the meeting held on October 20th were confirmed and signed after the word "Mills" was altered to "Guilds" in Minute 694, page 2.

698 FINANCE.

The attached statement of accounts was reported. It was pointed out that the balance in hand of £228.14.2. included the monies earmarked for special funds £66.3.4. and also £24.6.6. for Palestine. It was decided to ask the Branch Secretaries if they would send out an Appeal Letter (copies of which could be had from the Office) to possible people who were supporting the Disarmament Declaration in their districts. Members of the Committee who were also on the Croydon and Golders Green Branch Committees reported that their Branches were arranging to send a contribution shortly. Mrs. Zangwill undertook to write to people whose names were suggested during the discussion. It was also decided to call a meeting of the Finance Committee to consider the question.

It was suggested that a summary of the work done at Headquarters would be very useful to the Branches, and Miss Henderson offered to send this out when she was writing to them on other matters.

699 DISARMAMENT.

There was an interesting discussion on the work of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission in Geneva, arising out of articles in the Manchester Guardian, after which Dr. Hilda Clark very kindly consented to go to Geneva immediately to watch developments more closely and to get in touch, if possible, with important people, and she would report to the Executive Committee at the earliest possible moment.

700 REPORT ON DISARMAMENT DECLARATION CAMPAIGN.

Mrs. Zangwill reported that the Queen's Hall had been booked for a meeting on February 9th and that Miss Rinder had been engaged by the Disarmament Committee on behalf of the Executive, to organise it and to help in the general Campaign work in London. Her salary had been fixed at £5.10. per week. A number of the Committee had very kindly guaranteed the payment of this salary. In addition Miss Rinder had been authorised to engage a Clerk at a salary not exceeding £2 per week.

Mrs. Zangwill reported that to date about 57,000 signatures had been reported or sent in to the Office. This did not represent the total number of signatures collected as a number of Branches and members, as well as co-operating societies were working hard for the Campaign but had not yet sent in their report of signatures collected. It was also reported that there was a continued demand for the two leaflets and many thousands had now been distributed.

Mrs. Zangwill reported that in answer to her appeal £128 odd had been received to date. But £187 had already been spent, including £36 deposit for the hire of the Queen's Hall for the Meeting on February 9th. She promised to write to people whose names were mentioned during the Committee and would be glad to have suggestions of further names.

Mrs. Zangwill spoke of the great importance of meetings at which a large number of signatures could be collected without much cost, and she urged the members of the Executive to speak at meetings. Further, she thought that a Stand in Hyde Park on Sundays would be very useful, with canvassers in the crowd collecting signatures. This might culminate in a Hyde Park Demonstration next June.

Mrs. Zangwill was also meeting Canon Donaldson to see what could be done to secure the help of the Peace Group of the Clergy.

The question of taking advantage of the Whitechapel Bye-election was discussed and Mrs. Zangwill kindly undertook to see if the Jewish/Society would take up the Declaration there. Failing that, Miss Rinder was asked to see if she could do anything in the matter and to approach Mr. Mallon of Toynbee Hall to see if he would lend them the Hall for a meeting. A sum of £5 was granted if Miss Rinder thought the prospects of working up the Campaign were likely to prove satisfactory.

Mrs. Thoday also gave an interesting account of the work being done in North Wales.

Miss Rinder reported on her first week's work. She had interviewed officials of the Congregational Churches who had promised to give as much publicity to the Campaign as possible during the coming months. Permission had been given to her to collect signatures at the Methodist Mass Meeting at Kingsway Hall and also at the Fabian Society Lectures at Kingsway Hall. The National Association of Girls' Clubs were considering it at their Committee, and she believed they would give their co-operation. An effort would be made to get paragraphs into many of the little papers of organisations, several promises having already been made to include news of the Disarmament Declaration Campaign.

#### 701 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Decided to hold this on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3rd and 4th, 1931, at the Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road.

#### 702 INDIA

(1) Miss Pye reported that / the India Sub-Committee had met twice since the last Executive. At the first meeting Mrs. Rama Rau and Mrs. Polak were present and at the second meeting Mr. H. Alexander, Mrs. Nehru and Mrs. Jinarajadasa were present. Minutes of these Meetings are filed in the Office. Copies of the amended Statement on India (which Branches, etc. have already received) were sent to all the delegates on the Round Table Conference from this Office and also

some of our Branches and Affiliated Societies sent resolutions based on the Statement to the British Representatives.

Mrs. Rama Rau was most interested and asked for copies of the Statement to give to some of the Indian ladies she met. She and Mrs. Lankester undertook to let the two Indian women representative know that the W.I.L. were anxious to help them during their stay in this country in every possible way.

Reported a letter from the N.U.S.E.C. asking the Chairman to sign a letter to the "Times" urging an increase of women delegates to the Conference. Miss Courtney's reply was read in which she expressed doubt as to the advisability of sending the letter and regretting therefore that for the reasons stated therein the W.I.L. could not join in the signature of the letter to the "Times"

Miss Courtney thought that with regard to India the imagination of the peoples must be appealed to and that a proper atmosphere in this country must be created, which could be done by meetings, large and small, all over the country.

(2) Miss Pye reported that Miss Sheepshanks had sent her a copy of a cable from India giving the dates of the Women's Indian Conference and the All Asian Conference and asking for representatives. Also reported that a message of good wishes has gone from the International Office. Decided that a message should go from the British Section by air mail in a month's time.

Miss Pye reported that Madame Ramondt, International Treasurer, felt we ought not to send a representative on account of the expense. It was left to the India Sub-Committee to consider the matter and make a recommendation to the next Executive.

703 RECEPTION ON NOVEMBER 25th.

Mrs. Lankester reported on the arrangements made for this at Mrs. Donaldson's house.

704 EQUAL RIGHTS TREATY.

Mrs. Innes brought to the notice of the Committee the Equal Rights Treaty which is as follows:-

"Article I. The Contracting States agree that upon the ratification of this Treaty men and women shall have equal rights throughout the territories subject to their respective jurisdictions.

Article 2. This Treaty shall take effect for the States which ratify it, provided it is ratified by at least two States, as soon as the ratifications have been deposited at.....

This Treaty shall remain open as long as may be necessary for adherence by all powers of the world. Every instrument of adherence shall be deposited at ..... and the Treaty shall immediately, upon such deposit, become effective as between the Powers which are parties to the Treaty.

It shall be the duty of the Government of ..... to furnish each Government subsequently adhering to this Treaty with a certified copy of the Treaty and of every ratification and adherence. It shall also be the duty of the Government of.....telegraphically to notify such Governments upon the deposit with it of each ratification and adherence."



Mrs. Innes reminded the Committee that their previous decision was to take no action on the matter. In view of the fact that it was likely to come before the League of Nations Assembly next year and that it was receiving the support of a good many countries, she urged the Committee to reconsider its early decision and give its support to the Treaty. Such Organisations as the Association of Assistant Mistresses in Secondary Schools (Gt. Britain), National Union of Women Teachers, Association of Head Mistresses, the Open Door International, Association of University Women Teachers, etc. had already promised their support.

After discussion it was decided to support the Treaty and inform the Chairman of the Equal Rights International of our decision.

#### 705 EGYPT.

Dr. Clark reported that Mrs. Robertson had circulated a resolution on Egypt to members of the Executive Committee for their consideration and sanction to its being sent to the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary before the meeting of the Executive Committee in view of the urgency of the matter. The Officers had felt this was an unusual method of procedure but in the circumstances had sent the resolution in the name of the Executive Committee. Their action was endorsed by the Committee.

The resolution is as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the W.I.L. views with grave concern the alteration by Royal Decree of the Egyptian Constitution and Electoral Law from a broadly democratic system to one resting on the personal authority of the Sovereign. As the change has been imposed in spite of the opposition of the Egyptian people and the leaders of both political parties, this Committee fears that the danger of intervention by H.M.G.'s Army of Occupation in Egypt has been thereby very greatly increased, because of the increased risks of civil disorder.

This Committee therefore calls on the Prime Minister to implement the promise he made in the House of Commons on the 16th of July when he announced that "H.M.G. did not intend to be used as an instrument for an attack on the Egyptian Constitution", and would be no party to an alteration of the Electoral Law."

#### 706 AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Courtney reported that the Secretary of our Croydon Branch had been very seriously ill but that she was glad to say she was now making <sup>good</sup> recovery. The suggestion that a message of sympathy with our love and best wishes should be sent to Mrs. Hayman, was unanimously agreed to.

Miss Mennell suggested that a letter should be sent to Madame Wanner expressing our deep sympathy with her country in the great catastrophe which had recently occurred. This was warmly supported.

#### 707. LUNCHTIME AMERICAN SALE.

Miss Courtney reported that the result of the little "Bring and Buy" Sale which had been held at the Office during the lunch

interval had realised £8.6.6. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Unwin for her suggestion and for taking charge of the arrangements.

708 REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

Miss Courtney reported on their last meeting at which a further discussion took place on the liason Committee of Women's International Organisations.

Miss Courtney said she thought it was very important to have a second representative on this Committee. Miss Marshall had resigned and she (Miss Courtney) <sup>was</sup> unable to be present at all its meetings. She suggested that Mrs. Barrs Davies' name should go forward to the Geneva Office as the second representative. Mrs. Davies expressed herself willing to serve if she were appointed from the International Office.

709. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BUSINESS.

- (1) Ukraine. Dr. Clark reported a letter from Miss Sheepshanks urging that the International Executive Committee should send some one to investigate the truth of the reports she had received of the horrors and cruelties which were being perpetrated by the Polish troops in the Ukraine. The whole thing, she felt, was an outburst of the worst form of dictatorship and a desperate breaking of the Minority Treaty. The reports had been substantiated by two Americans and one Canadian doctor who had given Miss Sheepshanks information and shown her photographs. Miss Pye reported that the International Executive had considered the matter ten days ago and it had been suggested that two members of the Executive should go immediately. Miss Sheepshanks had expressed her willingness to go with a companion if the Committee wished.

After discussion it was agreed to get a question asked in the House as to whether a Petition had been received and further to ask our Government to take the initiative in bringing a Petition to the notice of the League of Nations Council, if it could be framed and sent in by some one thoroughly acquainted with the facts.

- (2) Palestine. Dr. Clark reported that Madame Warn-Bugge was about to start on her visit to Palestine and that £25 which the British Section had collected had been sent to her. After discussion it was decided to grant a further £25 towards her expenses from the money set aside for "special purposes". Miss Pye said that one of the Administrators in Palestine at present in England, had expressed approval of the scheme to send Madame Warn-Bugge to Palestine but he had also said that it would be quite useless unless she were able to stay long enough to enable her to get into friendly touch with both Jews and Arabs.

Mrs. Innes brought forward a proposal to hold a Public Meeting on Palestine. She had been asked whether she could get up meetings at which a Jewish lady, Mrs. Bloch, would be willing to speak from the Jewish point of view. Mrs. Innes felt she would do this fairly

After discussion it was decided to defer consideration of this until next Committee, after which the result of the debate in the House would be known. It was felt that if

such a meeting were arranged it should be at a time when Madame Warn-Bugge would be returning from Palestine.

- (3) International Economic Commission. Miss Rinder reported that she had been made a permanent member of this. She had been informed that the Economic Conference was now to be held in Paris on April 9th, 10th and 11th and she had been asked by Frau Hertzka to approach Mr. Coles and Mr. Keynes to see if they would be willing to speak at it. Miss Rinder was asked to inform the Committee that failing their acceptance the British Executive would wish to be consulted on the matter of other English speakers as it is essential that a real expert on economics should represent Great Britain.

710 CORRESPONDENCE.

- (1) 'Nationality of Married Women' Pass the Bill Committee. Reported that Miss Courtney had signed a letter on behalf of the Executive Committee urging all members of the House of Commons to be in their places on November 28th when the second reading of the Nationality of Married Women Bill will take place.
- (2) National Council of Women of Great Britain.
- (a) Moral Welfare Sectional Committee. It was reported that Miss Macnaghten was our representative on this Committee. In view of Miss Macnaghten's illness it was decided to appoint another representative and Dr. Williams kindly consented to serve on the Committee.
- (b) Reported a joint meeting of the National Council of Women International and Peace League of Nations Committees to be held on November 20th at 11.30 a.m. to consider Disarmament and the Economic Situation. Miss Chick undertook to attend this meeting, if possible.
- (3) St. Joan's Quincentenary Celebrations Appeal. Reported particulars of a Public Meeting on November 21st at 8 p.m. to launch the Appeal for England's Memorial in Rouen (a Church) to St. Joan of Arc, and an invitation to send an official representative to the meeting. No member of the Committee was free to attend this meeting.
- (4) National Council for Prevention of War. Two letters were reported
- (a) notifying us <sup>consider</sup> of the consideration to set up a small Commission to working out in great detail a more effective strategy for peace and asking us to appoint two representatives. Decided to reply that we wished to appoint our two representatives on the N.C.P.W. Executive Committee, Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Robertson on to the Commission if it were formed.
- (b) enclosing suggested resolution for use in connection with the O.T.C. Campaign. After discussion the resolution was passed and instructions given for it to be sent to the Branches. The resolution is as follows:
- "This Meeting ..... believing that the military training of youth is rendered even more unjustifiable by the renunciation of war through the Pact of Paris and that education, freed from any element of militarisation, should increasingly be directed towards training in world citizen-

ship, urges that the War Office grant to Officers' Training Corps, which is now larger in amount than the total contribution of Great Britain to the League of Nations, should be withdrawn."

(c) informing us of the next quarterly meeting of the Council on December 8th. Mrs. White, Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Unwin hoped to be present and Mrs. Zangwill consented to act as our fourth delegate. The representatives were asked to invite the co-operation of the N.C.P.W. in our Queen's Hall Meeting on February 9th.

- (5) Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Reported its Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd December at 3 p.m. with a public meeting at 4.30 p.m. when Mrs. Corbett Ashby was speaking on "Women's International Associations at work, Geneva, 1930."
- (6) Mrs. Lilla M. Snowden, Hon. Treasurer of Cheltenham Branch. Reported a letter asking if the Executive considered the time suitable for a deputation from the W.I.L. to wait upon the Air Minister to inquire whether anything can be done to reduce the casualties which occur in flying accidents. Decided to reply that we regretted we could not take up this subject as our work for the Disarmament Campaign, India, etc. was absorbing all our time.
- (7) Worcester Branch. Reported a letter from Mrs. Marshall, Secretary of the Worcester Branch, saying that the Branch had been obliged to dissolve owing to lack of workers. The remainder of their balance, one pound, was sent as a contribution to Headquarter Funds. The Committee expressed their regret at this decision.

H. D. Courtney  
Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> / 30

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Statement of Accounts for October 1930.

RECEIPTS

Balance.....	334.19.	9½
Subscriptions....	18. 2.	6.
Donations in lieu of Fair	29. 8.	6.
Donations to Dis- armament Campaign	51. 9.	0.
Affiliation Fees.	1.11.	3.
News Sheets.....	1.16.	6.
Postage Refunded.	1. 2.	8½
Literature.....	31.12.	2.
Insurance Refund- ed.....	9. 8.	
Office Expenses..	11. 2½	
Refunded by I.P.C. Rent.....	1.18.	6.
Geneva Subscrip- tion.....	10. 3.	
Pax.....	2. 0.	
October 21st. Re- ception.....	11. 0.	0.
Meeting Tickets..	2. 0.	
	<u>149.16.</u>	<u>6.</u>

£484.16. 3½.

EXPENDITURE

Salaries.....	63.17.	0.
Travelling Expenses	4. 0.	1.
October 21st. Re- ception.....	7. 2.	6.
Meeting Tickets I.C.P.W..	6. 0.	
Printing.....	3.14.	0.
Literature.....	3. 9.	2.
News Sheets.....	3. 2.	
Stationery..	11.15.	4½
Postage & Wires...	19.12.	3.
Pax.....	2. 3.	7.
Sofia Summer School, Grant to Student.....	13.16.	8.
Lighting & Heating	1.12.	6.
Organisers Expens- es.....	15.16.	2.
Rent.....	25. 0.	0.
Delegate's Expens- es to Amsterdam Committee.....	7.14.	10.
Telephone.....	3.15.	5.
Wages.....	3.19.	0.
State Insurance...	1. 1.	0.
Sun Insurance.....	5. 1.	
General Office Expenses.....	3.18.	1.
	<u>£193.11.</u>	<u>3½</u>
Investments.....	216.18.	4.
Balance.....	70. 0.	5.
Cash in hand.....	4. 6.	5.

£484.16. 3½.

Statement of Accounts from November  
1st. to 14th. 1930.

Balance.....	291. 5.	0.	Expenditure.....	142.13.	11.
Receipts.....	80. 3.	1.	Balance.....	228.14.	2.
	<u>£371. 8.</u>	<u>1.</u>		<u>£371. 8.</u>	<u>1.</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Monday, 15th December, 1930 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT. Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Dr. Clark, Miss Chick, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Innes, Miss Ward, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Pye, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. White, Dr. Mackenzie.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Barrs Davies, and Mrs. Mennell, Dr. Ethel Williams, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Vipont Brown.

MINUTES of the meeting held on November 17th were confirmed and signed after the following correction to Minute 702 India (2) 2nd paragraph had been made:-

Miss Pye reported that it was unlikely the International Executive would send a delegate, partly on account of lack of funds. With regard to the reference in our Minute 696 of last month to the possibility that the British Section might send a British women in India, it was agreed that the letter should be left to the India Sub-Committee to make a recommendation to the Executive.

711. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 704. Equal Rights Treaty. Replying to our letter saying that the W.I.L. had given its name in support of the Equal Rights Treaty on the understanding that we should not be asked to undertake any work in connection with it, Mrs. Archdale had said that the fact that our support had been given would have a world-wide effect, and would be an added strength to her when she goes to Geneva to discuss with M. Benes and the Secretariat the method of presenting the Treaty.

Minute 705. Reported a letter from Madame Wanner warmly thanking us for our message of sympathy in their recent catastrophic landslide.

712. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and passed. The Committee expressed its very warm appreciation of the generous contribution made to Headquarters from the Golders Green Branch and Mrs. Robertson undertook to convey our heartiest thanks to it at the earliest opportunity.

Manchester Conference. Miss Chick reported that a Conference of W.I.L. Branches in and near Manchester was being organised, to which Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Pye, Mrs. Thoday and herself had been invited as speakers. The Branch would be most grateful if Headquarters could make a grant towards the expenses. After consideration it was decided to reply that we very much regretted our inability to help financially.

713. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE OF DATE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The question of changing the date of Committee meetings after the next Council was considered and the Secretary was instructed to make inquiries as to whether Mondays or Tuesdays were convenient, and also which week in the month was most convenient to the majority.

714. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS.

(a) Subjects. A letter was reported from Golders Green Branch suggesting (a) that the number of subjects for resolutions should be limited; (b) that there should be a time limit for the speeches of openers and seconders.

It was pointed out that it was not within the power of the Executive to adopt either of these suggestions.

After discussion it was decided to let the Branches know of these suggestions, to ask them to send in subjects which they thought important, and to recommend to them the following:- Disarmament, India, Minorities and "the International Economic Situation and German Reparations." The replies would then be collated and Branches consulted if too many subjects were suggested.

With regard to the International Economic Situation and German Reparations it was suggested that an expert speaker be asked to address the meeting.

(b) Formation of Committees. The following consented to serve on

(1) Council Arrangements Committee.

Mrs. Unwin, Miss Chick, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Zangwill.

(2) Agenda Committee. Mrs. Innes, Miss Anderson,

Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. McGregor Ross and the Officers.

#### 715. DISARMAMENT.

(1) Preparatory Disarmament Committee. There was an interesting discussion arising out of Dr. Clark's visit to Geneva at the time of the Preparatory Disarmament Campaign and her memoranda on it.

(2) Disarmament Declaration Campaign. Mrs. Zangwill reported that about 118,000 signatures had now been obtained, and requests for copies of the Declaration were on the increase. Several Churches were now taking it up and it was hoped that others would do so shortly. After Christmas it was hoped to approach Colleges, shops, etc.

Mrs. Chettle's work, which had been almost full time, had been very successful. The Disarmament Campaign Committee felt, however, that in view of the state of the finances it would be advisable to ask her to work on a basis of approximately two weeks in a month. This recommendation was accepted.

It was also reported that Dr. Clark had consented to act as Hon. Secretary to the Disarmament Declaration Committee as Miss Chick was unable to take on additional work at present.

Further, the Committee had decided to make a special appeal for £2,000 for the work.

Miss Courtney reported a letter from Brighton Branch asking the Executive Committee to appoint Mrs. Greenwood as half time Campaign Organiser for their district for a month at a salary of £2 per week, which they guaranteed to pay to us. After a month they hoped the Women's Peace Crusade would take over the Campaign and engage her for full time. The Committee agreed to appoint Mrs. Greenwood on the understanding that the Brighton Branch of the W.I.L. would repay the amount of her salary.

(3) Queen's Hall Meeting. Reported that Mr. Arthur Henderson, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, had consented to speak. Arrangements for other speakers were to be considered in consultation with him.

(4) Whitechapel Meeting. Mrs. Zangwill reported that this was successful beyond expectation. The Hall held 600 and thousands were turned away. Over 300 signatures were collected and many forms distributed. The Jewish Society had co-operated admirably and the W.I.L. had not been involved in any financial expense.

716. INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS.

(1) Publication of W.I.L.P.F. Congress Resolutions. It was reported that Miss Chick had made a careful study of the list of resolutions which it was proposed should be published by Geneva Headquarters. She had found many inaccuracies and had written a long letter with covering explanatory notes which had been recommended by the sub-Committee appointed to consider the matter. Miss Chick's action was endorsed by the Committee.

(2) Palestine. Miss Pye reported that Mrs. Bugge Warne would be in Jerusalem about the 23rd December. The Swedish Section had contributed £30 towards her expenses. We had not sent our second £25 but proposed to do so when Madame Drevet was in Office.

(3) India. Miss Pye reported on the last India Sub-Committee at which Sister Monica Ashby had given an account of acts of police violence she had witnessed or had had reported to her from those who had been witnesses. Copies of "Happenings in Bombay" was distributed to Committee members during the meeting. Mrs. Lankester had seen Mr. K.T. Paul, one of the Indian representatives, who hoped to talk over the matter with the India Sub-Committee at its next meeting on Thursday, December 18th at 5.30 p.m., to which any members of the Committee would be very welcome.

It was also reported that Mrs. Hannah Sen had suggested that we might now form a Joint Council with Indian women in this country, but the Committee had felt that as we were already in close touch with the people she named it was better not to make a formal arrangement at present but to leave ourselves free to ask these Indian friends and others to meet the Committee from time to time when there were special matters on which their counsel and help were needed.

The Committee was considering how best to approach Sir F. Sykes, the Governor of Bombay.

The Executive authorised the sub-Committee to take what action they thought advisable without referring the matter back to it.

Miss Pye further reported that no member had been appointed from the International Executive to attend the All Indian Women's Educational Conference at Lahore or the All Asian Women's Conference. The Sub-Committee had decided that messages should be sent to both these Conferences, and it submitted drafts for consideration, which were endorsed by the Executive and instructions given to send them by air mail.

(4) Miss Courtney welcomed Miss Sheepshanks on behalf of the Committee and thanked her very warmly for all the work she had done as International Secretary at Geneva.

Miss Sheepshanks had just returned from a visit of investigation in Eastern Galicia and she gave a vivid account of the terrible and brutal violence which was being committed there. After discussion Miss Sheepshanks promised to try to see Mr. Henderson and failing an interview she would write to him emphasising that these atrocities were a close and real danger to international peace. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Mr. Henderson from the Executive before the Council Meeting in January.



A deputation to the Polish Ambassador was also suggested on some such plea as that our Organisation in Poland is being suppressed.

717. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

(1) League of Nations Union. Miss Rinder and Miss Anderson were appointed delegates to the L.N.U. Conference on "Wages and Employment" on February 17th and 18th, 1931. Decided to ask Lady Layton if she would also represent the W.I.L. at the Conference.

(2) Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U. Reported (1) the Annual Meeting of the Women's Advisory Council was to be held on January 28th, 1931, and resolutions for the Agenda were invited. Decided to send in no resolutions, (2) request for appointment of representative on Council for 1931. Miss Pye was reappointed.

(3) National Council for Prevention of War. Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Robertson gave a joint account of the quarterly meeting of the National Council. A deputation to Mr. T. Shaw was being arranged re the O.T.Cs.; the Peace Year Book was being re-issued and suggestions as to additions or information which might be included, etc. were invited from Affiliated Societies. A special meeting of the Council was being arranged for February 4th at 4.30 p.m. to discuss the questions of (1) their campaign in connection with the World Disarmament Conference and (2) Economic Disarmament. Decided to ask for further particulars.

(4) Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee. Mrs. White gave a report of the last Committee meeting and said it was decided to urge the Women's Organisations overseas to campaign vigorously during the ensuing 12 months so that their Government representatives may go to Ottawa pledged to support the principles embodied in the Nationality of Married Women Bill. Mrs. White undertook to write a letter to our Sections in the Dominions.

718. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Mrs. McGregor Ross suggested a small meeting for Mrs. Hoernle at which she could speak on "African Customs and Tribal Education." It was agreed that inquiry should be made if this would be possible before she leaves this country.

*H. D. Country*  
*Jan. 19. /31.*

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Statement of Accounts for November 1930.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balance.....291. 5. 0.	Salaries..... 85. 2. 6.
Subscriptions..... 6. 8. 6.	Travelling Expenses..... 2.10. 4.
Donations.....151. 7. 6.	Printing..... 31. 5. 6.
" in lieu of Fair 45. 2. 6.	News Sheet..... 7. 5. 0.
" to Palestine... 7. 0. 0.	Stationery..... 14. 8.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
" to Disarmament	Literature..... 15. 3.
Campaign ....137. 9. 6.	Postage & Wires..... 23.15. 0.
Affiliation Fees 2. 6.	Pax..... 2. 3. 7.
News Sheets..... 3. 9.	Geneva Subscriptions.... 1.10. 6.
Postage Refunded.. 2. 9.	Lighting & Heating..... 8. 0.
Insurance refunded 7. 3.	<u>Meetings</u>
Office Expenses	Queen's Hall..... 36.15. 0.
refunded..... 10. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Countess Dohna..... 1. 9. 6.
Literature..... 1. 0. 0.	India Reception..... 1. 2. 3.
Geneva Subscrip-	Annual Council Recept-
tion..... 1. 0. 0.	ion..... 4. 4. 0.
Travelling Expenses 5. 3.	Whitechapel Meeting... 14. 3.
Meetings	Organisers Expenses.... 20.17. 2.
Countess Dohna... 1.13. 6.	Press Cuttings..... 2. 2. 0.
Strategy of Peace 2. 0.	Grant to Palestine..... 25. 0. 0.
Greek & French	Wages..... 3. 1. 3.
Histories.... 19. 4.	State Insurance..... 1. 7. 2.
353.14. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	General Office Expenses. 3. 5. 6.
<u>£644.19. 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>	269. 2. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Investments.....116.18. 4.
	Balance.....255.10. 8.
	Cash in hand..... 3. 8. 1.
	<u>£644.19. 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Statement of Accounts from December 1st,  
to 12th, inclusive.

Balance..... 375.17. 1.	Expenditure..... 121. 1. 6.
Receipts..... 101.11. 6.	Balance..... 356. 7. 1.
<u>£477. 8. 7.</u>	<u>£477. 8. 7.</u>

EARMARKED

£100 for special funds, less	
33.16. 8. paid re Sofia Summer School	
<u>66. 3. 4.</u>	66. 3. 4.
Donations in lieu of Fair.....	<u>269.18. 6.</u>
	<u>£336. 1.10.</u>