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## INTERNATIONAL.

The W.I.L. and the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations. The Committee have pleasure in reporting a year of successful work during which the outstanding event was the appointment of one of the founders of the League, Mrs. H. M. Swanwick, as substitute delegate to represent Great Britain at the Fifth Assembly of the League of Nations.

Mrs. Swanwick represented Great Britain on the Fifth (Humanitarian) Committee and acted as Rapporteur for Refugees. The President of the Assembly paid a tribute not only to her position as leader in the women's movement and to her work on the Fifth Committee, but also to her sagacity and knowledge of International Politics by calling on her to make the final speech in the discussion on the Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes in the closing session of the 1924 Assembly.

Before leaving for Geneva Mrs. Swanwick consulted the leaders of various women's organisations on matters likely to come before her during the Assembly. On July 3rst a meeting was held in International House. Among those present were Miss Margaret Ashton, Miss Nina Boyle, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Mrs. Hubback, Miss Winifred Mayo, Lady Parmoor, Miss Picton Turbervill, Miss Eleanor Rathbone, Miss Evelyn Sharp and Mrs. Stocks. Discussions took place on the opium traffic, nationality of married women, slavery and the position of women in native tribes, the appointment of more women on the Mandates Commission and the governing body of the International Labour Office, the traffic in women and children and the protection of animals, and on disarmament and the Treaty of Mutual Assistance.

On her return Mrs. Swanwick addressed a meeting of the W.I.L. in the Essex Hall on October 17th, when she analysed the Peace Protocol. Miss Sheepshanks presided and Lady Mary Murray also spoke.

International Headquarters.-Maison Internationale, Rue du Vieux Collège, 12, Geneva, Switzerland. General Secretary: Miss Vilma Glücklich.

Miss Glücklich has continued to occupy the position of International Secretary at Headquarters this year, and the League has been fortunate in also retaining the services of Miss Holmes who makes International House at Geneva so delightful a home for the visitors who stay there. Geneva was chosen as the Headquarters of the W.I.L.P.F. because it was to be the seat of the League of Nations, and our office was established there even before the League had begun to function. The move in 921 to our new quarters, 12 , Rue du Vieux Collège, a delightful old house and garden, gave us the opportunity of becoming a centre not only for those in Geneva interested in our work, but also for members of the W.I.L. and others who wished to make a stay in Geneva in order to study the League of Nations and to get into touch with its personnel.

The work of the Secretariat of the League of Nations grows in volume and importance every year. International Conferences recur so frequently that no matter when one visits Geneva there is something worthy of study going on.

We can scarcely over-estimate the political value of a Headquarters Office in Geneva to an organisation such as ours. The possession of this attractive little hostel helps our members to make use of Headquarters since its charges are moderate and the convenience of staying in the same building as the Office, where introductions can be obtained and interviews arranged, is obvious.

British members of the W.I.L. might well use the Maison Internationale at Geneva more than they have done hitherto, both to become acquainted with the international side of our own work and to study the other international organisations and interests which are centred in Geneva. In this way the British Section can strengthen and develop its understanding of foreign problems and increase its influence for educational and political work. It is well known that the financial support of International House has been almost entirely due to the generosity of the U.S.A. Section of the League. This year the European Sections are making an effort to contribute something substantial, and Great Britain has undertaken to raise $£ 200$.

We depend upon our branches and individual members to co-operate in collecting this amount.

Washington Congress.-The Fourth Biennial Congress of the League was held in Washington, D.C., U.S.A., from May ist to 8th. Delegations from 34 countries took part in the Congress. A Pan-American Congress was held on April 30th.

The following National Sections of the League sent delegations to the Washington Congress :-

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United States of America, and fraternal delegates represented groups in China, Guatemala, Liberia, Philippines, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, India, Mexico, Turkey, Antillean Island (British West Indies).

The following British delegates attended:-
Lady Clare Annesley, Miss D. Evans, Mrs. Horwill, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Richter, Miss Rinder, Dr. E. Williams.

It was a matter of great regret that Dr. Hilda Clark and Miss K. D. Courtney were prevented from attending owing to illness.

The subjects dealt with in resolutions under the general title of A New International Order included "Opposition to the Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance," "Compulsory Jurisdiction of the Permanent Court of International Justice," " an International Conference for the Outlawry of War,' " Conference for the Limitation of Armaments," "Chemical Warfare," "Enlargement and amendment of the League of Nations," and " Protection of National Minorities." A Manifesto embodying all these aims was adopted and given publicity.

Pax Special. At the close of the Conference 25 delegates representing 20 different nations, left in a special car, "the Pax Special," which visited Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Dayton and Indianapolis. At each town a number of meetings had been arranged and public receptions, dinners, etc., were held. The tour ended in Chicago where the Summer School was held. After the close of the School another party of delegates joined the Pax Special, and held meetings in Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, from which port the European delegates embarked for home. Full report of Congress and Pax Special Tours can be obtained from the W.I.L. Office, price is.

Chicago International Summer School-" Human Factors in Internationalism " was the subject discussed at the International Summer School held in Chicago, I11., from May 17th-31st. Lectures were given on the historic, racial, economic, political, biological, psychological, and religious bases of internationalism.

The lectures were held in the rooms of the Chicago Women's Club and in the University of Chicago. The attendance was increasingly large with standing room only in the final days, though the Club rooms held 525 chairs.

Among the lecturers were Prof. Ferdinand Schevill, Prof. Modern History, University of Chicago; Lorado Taft, whose statues beautify the parks and buildings of Chicago and other American cities; Principal L. P. Jacks; Jackson H. Palston, who represented the U.S.A. in the first dispute submitted to the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague under The Hague Peace Convention of 1899 ; George E. Vincent, President of Rockefeller Foundation; Dr. Glen Levin Swiggett, U.S.A. Bureau of Education; Prof. Edith Abbott, Dean School of Social Science Administration, University of Chicago ; and Judge Harry Fisher.

International Board in Swarthmore, U.S.A.-From April 21 st to 29th the International Board met at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and was attended by consultative members from many of the National Sections

International Board in London.-Many members of the International Board were in London in February, and informal meetings of the Board were held on February 4th and 5th. On February 5 th a deputation, consisting of representatives of France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary and Holland, was received by Mr. A. Ponsonby at the Foreign Office, and conveyed to the British Government the message from the Congress held at The Hague in December, 1922, urging co-operation in a World Conference for Reconstruction.

International Meeting at Essex Hall.-On February 4th Frls. Anita Augspurg, Gertrud Baer, Lida Gustava Heymann, Vilma Glücklich, and Mesdames Duchène and Ramondt-Hirschmann addressed a meeting in the Essex Hall on the aims of the Washington Conference.

Supper and Reception.-A supper was held in honour of our visitors on Tuesday, February $5^{\text {th }}$ in International House Club, and afterwards a reception, when our members availed themselves to the full of the privilege of hearing the news from the leaders in different countries and exchanging views with them.

Return of Washington Delegates.-Many of the European delegates besides the British delegates stopped in London on the way home from the Washington Conference, and spoke at many meetings there and in other parts of England.

A reception was held at International House on June 17th for Madame Ramondt-Hirschmann (Holland), Frau Lotte Heller and Frau Yella Hertzka (Austria), Madame Marcelle Capy (France), Dr. Anita Augspurg and Frl. Lida Gustava Heymann (Germany).

On Friday, June 2gth, three meetings were arranged for them A Garden Party at Cambridge at which Madame Capy and Miss Dorothy Evans spoke, a meeting at Brighton which Dr. Augspurg addressed, and a garden party given by Mrs. Corbett Fisher at Hampstead at which Frau Heller spoke. On June 22nd, 23 rd and 24th meetings in Liverpool and Manchester were addressed by Madame Capy and Frau Lotte Heller.

Demonstration in Trafalgar Square.-On Saturday afternoon, June 2ist, the message of the Washington Conference was given from the plinth in Trafalgar Square by Frau Lotte Heller, Lady Clare Annesley, Miss Rinder, Dr. Heymann, Madame Capy, Miss Dallas, U.S.A., and Mrs. Swanwick. Miss Evans took the chair.

## NATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

## I.-POLITICAL ACTION

Lines of Treaty Revision.-A report of the agreed recommendations of the Joint Conference for revision of the Covenant and the Treaty of Versailles, which sat at intervals during 1923, was issued by the Conference Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Innes, and circulated for the use of study circles. It was sent to M. Otlet at the Palais Mondial, Brussels, where he is collecting and collating Cahiers de la Paix. It was also presented as the British Section's contribution towards the New International Order at the Washington Conference.

Compulsory Iniernational Jurisdiction.-On February 14th a letter was sent from the Executive Committee to the British Government urging it to lead the way among the Great Powers by undertaking to accept the universal obligation to submit all lega! disputes to the Permanent Court of International Justice for Settlement.

Dominion Status for India.-On July $3^{\text {rd }}$ the following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee and forwarded to the Government :-
" Sympathising with the keen desire of all political parties in India for a measure of Self-Government suited to the traditions and wishes of the country, the Women's International League urges the Government in the coming Autumn in order to consult all shades of political opinion on the best method of satisfying Indian wishes.

Egypt and the League.-Immediately after the ultimatunn issued by the British Government to the Government of Egypt after the murder of Sir Lee Stack, the Officers of the W.I.L. issued the following statement to the Government and the Press and circulated it widely: -

The Women's International League expresses its indignant grief at the murder of the Sirdar, regarding political assassination as an abominable crime even when it is perpetrated in the name of patriotism.

The Women's International League considers that the reparation due from the Egyptian Government, whether by apology, indemnity or provision for future security was a subject particularly well suited for settlement by the organs of the League of Nations and regrets that the British Government did not adopt the strong and courageous policy of immediately referring it to the Court of International Justice.

While recognising that popular political demonstrations in Egypt need careful control in view of the prevailing excitement, it holds that it is not for the British Government to demand the prohibition of all popular political demonstrations without distinction; and the enlargement of the Sudan irriga-
tion area without further negotiation with the Government of Egypt seems an tion area without further negotiation with the Government of Egypt seems an
entirely arbitrary decision upon a matter which has no bearing on the case and will inevitably cause the development of the Sudan to be associated in the future with the idea of penalties imposed by superior force.

Even should the contention be justified that the British demands are in accordance with the rights given by the 1922 Agreement, nothing could more redound to the credit of the British Empire than the expression of its willingness to accept the jurisdiction of the International Court. Such a declaration would be a noble contribution in strengthening the International Authority which we have recognised

There is still time to adopt this course by referring all the outstanding matters in this dispute to the League of Nations.

After the resignation of Zaghlul Pasha and the acceptance by Ziwar Pasha of the terms of the ultimatum a memorandum was issued discussing the legal, political and moral aspects of the problem, and suggesting ways in which the League of Nations could be used to further an acceptable settlement of certain outstanding difficulties.

Evacuation of the Cologne area.-On December 4 th the following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee and was issued to the Press and circulated widely :-
"Recognising that under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles the Cologne area was only to be occupied for five years, and that the five years expires on 10th January, the Women's International League calls upon the British Government to withdraw the British Army of Occupation from the Cologne area on that date
the Occupation of the Riew of Great Britain's joint responsibility for the British Government to transfer the troops to some place in the ten or fifteen years' area."
Equal Franchise.-In June the Executive Committee wrote to all Members of the Parliamentary Committee which was considering the Equal Franchise Bill urging support of the Bill.

Peeresses' Bill.-In July a letter was sent from the Executive Committee to a number of Peers asking them to support the Peeresses' Bill when it should come up in the House of Lords.

Pensions for Civilian Widows.-On January 17 th a resolution was passed by the Executive Committee and subsequently forwarded to the Government urging that pensions be granted to certain widows on the basis advocated by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.

Deputation on Capital Punishment.-Miss Catherine Marshall represented the W.I.L. on a joint deputation to Mr. Arthur Henderson (Home Secretary) on March 24th to plead for legislation to abolish the death sentence. The gist of Mr. Henderson's reply was:-
" Before a Government could recommend an alteration in the law (the death penalty) it would have to consider very carefully what satisfactory alternative punishment it could properly suggest.
He promised to bring the matter before the Government.
General Election.-A letter was sent out to Branches and published in the News Sheet as a lead in policy at the General Election, asking that candidates should be questioned by our members as to their attitude on compulsory jurisdiction by the Permanent Court of International Justice and arbitration in international disputes; and on equal voting rights, equal pay and equal status in marriage and guardianship laws for men and women.

## II.-LECTURES AND DISCUSSION MEETINGS.

Study of the Geneva Protocol.
A series of four Lectures on the Draft Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of Disputes was held in the Essex Hall, when various aspects of the Protocol were fully described and discussed by the Lecturers :-
Lecture 1.-November 27th. The Peaceful Settlement of Disputes : Articles 1-10, H. M. Swanwick, M.A.
Lecture 2.-December 4th. Economic and Military Sanctions: Articles ir-16. W. Arnold Forster.
Lecture 3.-December inth. Reduction of Armaments: Articles 17-2 I and Resolutions passed by the 5th Assembly concerning the Conference on Reduction of Armaments. Philip Baker, M.A.
Lecture 4.-December 18th. Further development of International Relations: Articles if \& io of the Covenant, Domestic Jurisdiction, Revision of Treaties, Economic Causes of War. C. Delisle Burns, M.A., Lit.D.*

* A pamphlet has been published fully reporting these lectures entitled International Co-operation, price 10d. post free.

Discussion Meetings.-A number of discussion meetings have been held in International House during the year. In the Spring series these were preceded by Club Suppers in the Cafetaria :February 12th.-"Young Japan." Prof. Kawai, of Tokyo University.
April 3rd.-"Austria to-day." Mrs. Dank Werner.
May ist.-"India's demand for Dominion Status." Mr. Karandikar.
May 8th.-" The International Folk High School in Denmark." Rev. Hughes Riley.
May 15th.-"Widows' Pensions and Guardianship of Infants." Mrs. Ayrton Gould.
May 29th.- "Dawes Report" (General). Mrs. Barbara Wootton. June 19th. - "Dawes Report" (Methods of Payment). Mrs. Barbara Wootton.
September 4th.-" Latin America." Miss Anna Graves.
September irth.- "Egypt." Capt. E. N. Bennett.
September 25th.-" Report on Marc Sangnier Congress." Miss Edith Pye.
November 6th.- "The Near East." Dr. Clark, Miss Courtney. November 13th.- "The W.I.L. in Canada and U.S.A." Miss Eva Macnaghten.
November 2oth.-"My Experiences in Eastern Europe," Miss Mennell.

## III.-MEETINGS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND

## CONFERENCES

America and a World League.-In the Eccleston Guildhouse (by kind permission of Miss Maude Royden) on March 6th a public discussion took place on Proposals and difficulties in America with regard to international co-operation. Dr. Dunniway, President of the American Students' Union in London, presided, Miss Maude Royden, Mrs. Swanwick, Mr. Emil Davies, L.C.C., and Mr. E. Campbell Lee took part.

Bureau at British Empire Exhibition.-From May 19th to 24th a bureau in the Pavilion of the International Council of Women at Wembley was opened by the W.I.L. A number of workers under Mrs. Innes and Miss Margaret Sackur attended to talk to overseas visitors about our work and gave out literature in the avenues of the Exhibition, wearing green regalia bearing the Pax badge of the League in blue and gold, made by members of the League.

Conferences at Wembley.-Two Conferences on May 2oth at 2.30 and 8 o'clock were held to discuss The Responsibility of the Women of the British Empire to work for World Peace. Among the speakers were Mrs. Barton, Miss Mary Chick, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. McGregor Ross.

Reception to Overseas Visitors.-A large number of women from the Dominions attended a reception held at International House on May ${ }^{2} 3 \mathrm{rd}$. During the afternoon short addresses were delivered by Miss Dorothy Jewson, Miss Evelyn Sharp and Miss Irene Cooper Willis. There was a lively discussion.

No More War Demonstration.-The Branches of the W.I.L. took part in the meetings held all over the country on Saturday and Sunday, September 20th and 2 ist, when the following resolution was adopted :-

This mass meeting of citizens sends fraternal greetings to the similar gatherings now being held throughout Europe and America, joins with them in declaring its hatred of war and militarism, and pledges itself to co-operate with them in working for conditions which will guarantee that
there shall be No More War by. there shall be No More War by :-
(a) perfecting international organisation for the removal of the causes of war, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the promotion of international co-operation.
(b) securing the wholehearted and organised co-operation of peoples
(c) developing an international sense of solidarity which of Nations.
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war impossible."

The League took part in the following joint Conferences:-
C.O.P.E.C. Conference.-The W.I.L. was represented by Miss Catherine Marshall and Mrs. Henson at the Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship in Birmingham in April.

International Democratic Congress.-The Movement known as La Jeune Republique, which has its headquarters in Paris, under the leadership of Marc Sangnier, held its Fourth International Congress in London from September 16th to 19th. Delegates from the W.I.L. attended.

A reception to delegates to the Congress and members of the Youth Movement was held in International House on September rgth. M. Mare Sangnier and Madame Malaterre were among those present.

Peace Week of Youth.-The League co-operated in the campaign organised by the British Federation of Youth Movements from September 14th to 21 st and a procession was held on Saturday, September 20th, from the Embankment to Hyde Park, culminating in a demonstration addressed by speakers representing
various Youth Organisations. The International pageant banners were lent by the W.I.L. for this procession and carried by the Guildhouse Fellowship.

International Free Trade Union.- Both the International and the British Section of the W.I.L. have affiliated to this Union and Miss Mary Sheepshanks represented the League at the Conference held in London in September.

National Council for the Prevention of War.-The W.I.L. became affiliated to the newly constituted body-an outcome of the National Peace Council of which the League was previously a member. At the National No More War Conference held in London on November 24 th-2gth the W.I.L. was represented by Mrs. Corbett Fisher and Mrs. Unwin.

International Peace Conference in Berlin.-The Twenty-second Annual Conference of the International Peace Council was held in Berlin in October. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Ruth Fry and Miss Playne were present and represented the British Section of the W.I.L. Other National Sections and the International were also represented.

## IV.-GENERAL

The Group Study of Countries and of Foreign Policy.International co-operation can only develop through all countries learning to understand to some extent the problems and points of view of other countries. As the W.I.L. wishes to contribute to this development it must not only stand for the principle but its members must do their share in studying and understanding what is going on in other countries. It is only through this that a wise and effective policy can be built up by the Executive and that the individual members can exert a useful influence in the country.

Since it is impossible for most members to give much time or to study all the countries, the International Hon. Secretary, Dr. Hilda Clark, has appealed to them to form groups, each of which will take a special country for study.

In this way all members will be helped to get summaries of as much information as the groups are able to obtain. The Library will be developed as far as funds will allow and the News Sheet will be utilised for publicity.

Special donations have made adequate Secretarial help possible so that the daily papers can be watched and current news filed for reference by the groups.

Arrangements have already been made to study the following countries in co-operation with the Friends' International Service Union:-


Any members desiring particulars about current events in these countries for study circles, special meetings or lectures or for their local press can obtain them from the Foreign Relations Hon. Secretary

Famine of Books in Hungary.-After a visit to Hungary in 1923 Miss E. M. Leaf undertook to organise the collection and des patch of English books and periodicals to Budapest where there was a demand for English literature. An appeal signed by Miss K. D. Courtney, Miss E. M. Leaf and Dr. Ethel Williams was published in the News Sheet of the Women's Inter national League, the Women's Leader and other publications. Between four and five hundred books were sent out, the work being helped by the co-operation of the Universities Library for Central Europe and by facilities given by the Foreign Office. These have formed the nucleus of an English Library in Budapest, which has been opened in connection with the Social Service Department of the Hungarian Red Cross. A Committee was formed and meetings and discussions held on selected books. Warm appreciation has been expressed in Hungary of the work in this direction.

## ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Held in the Caxton Hall, February 19th and 20th, 1925.
Miss K. D. Courtney presided.
The business transacted was as follows :The following OFFICERS were elected:

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& \text { Hon. National Secretary : Miss Mary Chick. } \\
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& \text { Hon. Foreign Relations Secretary: Dr. Hilda Clark. } \\
& \text { Hon. Treasurer: The Lady Courtney of Penwith. }
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PRESIDENT.-On the motion of the Executive Committee a resolution having been adopted that a President of the Women's International League, British Section, be appointed, Mrs. Swanwick was invited to become first President, and accepted.

The members of the New EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE are:

The Lady Clare Annesley.
Miss Margaret Ashton.
Mrs. Lawrence Binyon. Mrs. Lawrence Binyon. The Lady Courtney of Penwith Miss Mary Chick. Miss Theo. Clark Dr. Hilda Clark. Mrs. Barrs Davies Mrs. Corbett Fisher. Mrs. Innes. Miss Emily Leaf.
Miss Eya Macnaghten.

Miss C. Mennell.
Miss Morland.
Lady Parmoor.
The Hon. Mrs. Dighton Pollock.
Miss Edith Pye.
Miss Gladys Rinder.
Mrs. C. Robertson.
Mrs. McGregor Ross.
Miss Mary Sheepshanks. Mrs. Raymond Unwin. Miss Helen Ward. Dr. Ethel Williams,
Mrs. Muter Wilson.

The Members of the COUNCIL are :-

Miss Blakeney Booth.
Miss Emily Cox.
Miss Alice Dearden
Mrs. de Bunsen.
Miss Lowes Dickinson. Miss G. Eaton.
Miss D. Evans.
Mrs. Friedenhain.
Miss Margery Fry.
Mrs. Alan Gardiner.
Mrs. Ayrton Gould.
Miss Hayler.
Mrs. Heinemann
Mrs. Henson.

Miss Dorothy Jewson. Mrs. Johnson.
Dr. Alice Ker.
Mrs. Lennard. Miss C. Macmillan. Mrs. Morel.
Miss Stella Morel. Miss Picton Turbervill Miss Maude Royden.
Mrs. Salter.
Mrs. Fowler Shone Mrs. Walters. Miss. Ellen Wilkinson, M.P. Miss Theo. Wilson Wilson
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## FUTURE OF THE BRITISH SECTION.

A resolution put forward by the Chelsea Branch, not necessarily as its opinion, but as a basis of discussion, was as follows:-

- That the time has come for all the progressive internationalist movements in Great Britain in some measure to join forces."
It was discussed at some length and finally put to the vote and defeated by a large majority.


## OBJECTS OF THE BRITISH SECTION.

The following form was adopted :-
(1) To work for that peace between nations, races, and classes which is based on justice and goodwill.
(2) To work for the acceptance of the belief that war is a crime.
(3) To substitute Conference and Law for Coercive Force.
(4) To secure full rights of citizenship to women.
(5) To co-operate with women in other countries who are working for the same ends.

## PROGRAMME FOR 1925.

It was proposed that the political points upon which the work of the League would have to be concentrated during the year should be formulated by the Executive Committee and printed after the Ubjects.*

## ALTERATION OF RULES.

Rule VI. Executive Committee. A. Constitution of Executive Committee. (b) Officers was amended to read as follows :-
" The Officers shall be a President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretaries. The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries shall be elected by the Council at its Annual Meeting. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee from among its members. An Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed when necessary by the Executive Committee."

Rule VII. Affiliation of Women's Organisations. (b) Branches. The rule was amended to read:-
" Headquarters shall have power to accept for affiliation any branch of women's organisations or women's groups within mixed organisations in districts where no Branch of the Women's International League exists. Such Branches shall pay an affiliation fee of not less than $2 / 6$ per annum and shall be entitled to send one delegate to Council Meetings. Such delegates shal have the right to vote on all resolutions other than those dealing with the Constitution, with the election of the Hon. Officers and the Executive Committee,

Rule VIII. General Council. The rule was amended to read:-

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## POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

(1) Registration of Treaties.

In view of the fact that the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire are independent States Members of the League of Nations, and as such have separate and unfettered votes in League matters, this Council Meeting of the denied the right of Ireland to regret with the L. Governent has so fa setting up the Free State, and thus fulfil her obligations under the Preamble of the Covenant and Article 18, and further considers that this action preambe add ional grounds for the criticism of those who object to the undue influence of the British Empire in the League of Nations.
(2) Genera Protocol.

That this Council considers that the Geneva Protocol for the Pacific Settlement of Disputes constitutes a substantial amendment of the Covenant, in that it (1) greatly extends the principles of arbitral, judicial, and mediatory settlement, and (2) defines and limits the use of sanctions already to be found in the Covenant.

Since the Protocol would provide a universal defensive alliance under the eague it is greatly preferable to any form of partial defensive alliance outside the League.

This Council, therefore, urges the Government not to reject the Protocol, but to consider earnestly in conjunction with the Dominions what amendment and reservations should be proposed at the Sixth Assembly, with a view to common agreement between all States Members.

This Council at the same time urges upon the Government the suprem mportance of obtaining the adherence to the League of Nations of States a present outside, believing that in the long run their abstension will gravel hreaten the reputation of the League for impartiality, and consequently its very existence.
(3) Egypt.

That this Council urges the British Government to show its adhesion to he principles of international co-operation by itself referring to the League of Nations the question of the relations between this country and Egypt, and in particular by evincing willingness to have the Suez Canal placed under th ransit Departr mointly with Egypt to administer th Shan
(4) The Occupation of the Ruhr and Reparations

That this Council of the Women's International League deeply regrets that by signing Article 12 ("Ruhr Accounts") of the recent Finance Agreemen concerned with the division of the spoil from the invasion of the Ruhr characterised as illegal by H.M. Government in August, 1923, Mr. Churchi appears to have compromised on the legal issue and tacitly condoned the accupation.

This Council urges the Government to instruct the British Representative on the Reparations Commission to state publicly in plain terms that Great Britain still adheres to the view that the occupation has been illegal, and that only under protest can our representative take part in any proceedings concerned with the valuation or allocation of these spoils.'
(5) Continued Occupation of German Territory.

That this Council is of opinion that, while there may have been some breaches of the Disarmament Clauses of the Versailles Treaty, Germany is or all practical purposes, disarmed. This Council therefore calls upon the area except in so far as by arreement with the German Government the evacuation of the Ruhr and of the Cologne area may be made to coincide.
(6) The Saar Commission.

This Council urges the British Government at the forthcoming meeting of Council of the League of Nations to propose the appointment of a President or the Governing Commission of the Saar Valley, who is a member of one of he nations neutral in the late war
(7) Singapore.

This Council regrets the reported intention of the Government to proceed with the construction of a naval base at Singapore, considering this action distinct menace to Japan in the Pacific and calculated to defeat the purposes for Which the League of Nations was constituted.
(8) Child Labour in China.

This Council of the Women's International League, having heard of the hard conditions of Child Labour in China, and particularly in the concession areas, rejoices that the Municipal Council of Shanghai has now appointed a ommission to report on the need for regulation of child labour.
This Council urges that the Rate-payers' Assembly of that city supports the adoption by its Municipal Council of by-laws prohibiting the employment of children under twelve years of age and limiting the hours of work as may be ecommended by the Commission.

That this resolution be forwarded to the British Consul at Shanghai, to be presented to the Municipal Council and other bodies concerned, to the Inter national Labour Office and to the Secretariat of the League of Nations, for the information of the League Commission on the Traffic in Women and Children, hich has recently taken over the question of child welfare generally

## (9) Equal Franchise.

This Council expresses its great appreciation of the action of Mr. Whitele in bringing forward a Bill for the granting of Equal Franchise to men and women. While regretting the amendment put down by Sir W. Joynson-Hicks n behalf of the Government, which will postpone discussion on the subject till he end of the Session, it notes that the Government has pledged itself to in troduce legislation to establish equal voting rights between the sexes
(10) Nationality of Married Women.

This Council warmly welcomes the motion put forward by Major Harvey, on February 18th, and unanimously passed by the House of Commons, in favour of allowing a British woman the right to retain her nationality on marriage into law of a Bill establishing this right as speedily pas facility for the passag而
(11) Women Police.
(a) That members and Branches of the Women's International League call upon their Members of Parliament to urge the Home Secretary and th Secretary for Scotland to introduce legislation to make compulsory the recom mendations contained in the Departmental Report, 1924, to employ a certain proportion of fully qualified and sworn police women in every Force in the country.
(b) This Council calls upon the Branches to urge their local Watch Committees to use the powers which they now have to appoint women police and patrols particularly for duty in the parks for the safeguarding of children.
(12) Equal Position of Women in Industry and the Professions That this Council views with alarm the undoubted loss of ground won during the war by women in the various industries and professions. Particumarriage from the service of local authorities and women on the ground pointing men wherever possible to positions of responsibility, such as the head ships of mixed schools. This Council calls upon women on local authorities to combat these tendencies with vigour, and further urges women electors to impress upon their candidates the necessity for giving equal treatment to men and women employees.

## (13) Education

That this Council of the Women's International League (recognising the necessity of imbuing the minds of the young with thoughts of peace and universal brotherhood) recommends to the Executive Committee that the Minister of Education be approached with a view to introducing into our schools supplied to the Schools for the teaching of the principles of the League of Nations.

REPORTS.

Financial Position
Groups for the Study of Special Countries
News Sheet
Publicity Committee
Work of Internationa Geneva

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRITISH SECTION

As the effectiveness of the International organisation is dependent on the strength and effort of the National Sections so our British Section is, in its turn, dependent on the constant detailed work of the Branches and individual members. The weakness of any link in the chain affects the whole and the Committee record with appreciation the continued support they have had during the year.

There are 25 branches and 550 Headquarters members making: a total membership of over 3,000 . A list of Branches with names and addresses of Secretaries will be found below.

The policy of accepting affiliations from the Branches of other Women's organisations has proved most useful in that it enables us to carry our message to a large body of women, our speakers are welcomed at their meetings and find appreciative and sympathetic
audiences. The Committee considers this a specially useful part of our work and suggests to Branches, local groups and individual members that, during the following year they should endeavour to apply this scheme more widely throughout the country.

## IST OF BRANCHES

Branch
Secretary
Barnet: Mrs. Westoby, 19, Bedford Avenue, Barnet
Birmingham : Mrs. Henson, 85, Watford Road, King's Norton, Birmingham Birmingham : Mrs. Henson, 85, Watford Road, King's Norton, Birmin Bristol : Miss I. M. Baretti, Woodbrook, Bilton Road, Keynsham, Somerset. Cambridge : Miss Thomas, 71, Barton Road, Cambridge.
Chelsea : Miss Blakeney Booth, 28, Tite Street, S.W. 3. (pro. tem.).
Croydon: Mrs. E. Hayman, Ellastone, Bridle Road, Purley, Surrey.
Dalry, Ayrshire : Mrs. Smith, 36, New Street, Dalry, Ayrshire
Darlington: Mrs. Wallis, Morland, Abbey Road, Darlington
Derwent Valley: Miss Helen Peile, Greenwood, Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham East Cheshire : Miss M. L. Greg, Lee Hall, Prestbury, E. Cheshire Edinburgh : Miss M. Bury, 66, East Claremont Street, Edinburgh Edgbaston: Mrs Adams, "Woodbrook," Selly Oak, Birmingham. Glasgow : Miss E. M. Trotter, U.D.C. Office, 67, West Nile Street, Glasgow Hampstead : Mrs. Fowler Shone, 8, Belsize
Hyde : Mrs. Firth, 87, Lodge Lane, Hyde.
Kensington : Mrs. Allan Gardiner, 9, Lansdowne Road, W 11
Leeds : Mrs. Pearce, 26, Hyde Terrace, Leeds
Manchester : Mrs. Longson, No. 16, 1 Princess Street, Albert Square, Manchester Newcastle: Dr. Ethel Williams, Bramble Patch, Low Bridges, Stocksfield-on-

Tyne
Stockport: Mrs. Robson, 40, Beechfield Road, Davenport, Stockport. Tunbridge Wells : Miss E. F. Jones, 17, Frant Road, Tunbridge Wells Welwyn Garden City : Miss R. Arnold, 4, Mannicotts, Welwyn Garden City. York : Miss M. Bousfield, 2, Wentworth Road, York

ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED TO HEADQUARTERS
Acton Women's Co-operative Guild
Balham Women's Adult School
Bermondsey Women's Co-operative Guild.
Borough of Camberwell Trades Council
Brockley Women's Co-operative Guild.
Bromley Women's Co-operative Guild.
Central Hendon Women's Co-operative Guild.
Central Southwark Labour Party (Women's Section)
Charlton Village Women's Co-operative Guild
Deptford Labour Party (Women s Section).
Eastern District Association , Action (Women's Committee)
Ealing Labour Party (Wonen's Section)
Enfield Hig ay Co-operative Society, Limited (Women's Section)
Finchley Women's Co-operative Guild
East Leyton Divisional Labour Party (Women's Section)
Hayes Labour Party (Women's Section).
Harlesden Women's Co-operative Guild
Haslemere Women's Co-operative Guild.

Hertford Women's Co-operative Guild
Hertford Womens Co-operative
Hornchurch Village Labour Party
Hornchurch Village Labour Party.
Kennington Women's Co-operative Guild.
Kensal Rise Women's Co-operative Guild.
Kensal Rise Women's Liberal Association.
Kilburn Women's Adult Schools.
King's Lynn Local Labour Party
Lavender Hill Women's Co-operative Guild.
S.E. St. Pancras Labour Party (Women's Section).

New Cross Women's Co-operative Guild
Peckham Women's Co-operative Guild.
Stepney Trades Council.
Stevenage Women's Co-operative Guild.
South Islington Labour Party (Women's Section)
Southall Women
Thornton Heath, Women's Co-operative Guild:
Tooting Women's Co-operative Guild
Wanstead and Leytonstone Women's Co-operative Guild
West Willesden Labour Party (Women's Section).
Wimbledon and Merton Women's Liberal Association
Winchmore Hill Women's Adult School.
National Women's Association of India.
ORGANISATIONS AFFILIATED TO BRANCHES.

Bristol W.I.L.
Croyden W.I.L.

Glasgow IV.I.L

Liverpool W.I.L.

Manchester W.I.L.

Tunbridge Wells W.I.L.

St. Aidan's Women's Parliament Bristol East Labour Party (Women's Section), Anerley Women's Meeting Croydon Women's Co-operative Guild Re:gate British Women's Temperance Association South Norwood Women's Co-operative Guild. Cowcaddens Women's Co-opérative Guild. Kibowiehil Women's Co-operative Guild. Newmins Moreton Labour Party (Women's Section). Toxteth Labour , Guild No Section). Railway Women's Guild No. 2. Ashon Wom Citford Wesseriation.
Manchester and Sa'ford Wesleyan Mission Women’s Union.
Malington Methodist Mission Women's Group. Rusholme Women's Co-operative Guild. Tunbridge Wells Women's Adult School.
Tunbridge Wells Women's Co-operative Guild.

## COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee has held ten regular meetings at most of which Miss K. D. Courtney has presided since her return from the Near East. When she was unavoidably absent her place was taken by one of the Vice-Chairmen, Dr. Ethel Williams or Miss Mary Sheepshanks. In July Mrs. Walters was appointed Assistant Hon. Treasurer, to help Lady Courtney and to take over some of the detail and responsibility for the financial side of the
work. Unfortunately in October Mrs. Walters fell ill and was compelled to resign and Mrs. Lawrence Binyon was appointed and was co-opted a member of the Executive Committee to fill the vacancy which had occurred.

Isabella O. Ford.-The W.I.L. has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Isabella Ford. She was one of the founders of the League and a member of the Executive Committee till the day of her death. Her work in the Suffrage and in the Labour Movement is too well known to need mention here. She had also always been deeply interested in international affairs, was a personality at international conferences, and had many friends on the Continent and in America. Her broad sympathies and strong sense of human brotherhood made her an ardent worker for peace, and the whole peace movement is the poorer for her loss. She had been preparing to go to Washington for the W.I.L. Conference in May last year, when she was struck down by the illness which was to prove fatal in the following July. Those who mourn her most can at least be glad that her active spirit was spared the trial of a long period of physical weakness and helplessness.

The Memorial gathering arranged by the Women's International League and the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, held in the Guildhouse, on Monday 28th July, drew together many friends and fellow workers of Isabella Ford. The short service opened with the playing of the final chorus from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion Music, played by Mrs. Wilson, whose mother, Mrs. Layton, was an honoured worker in the suffrage movement. After Lady Parmoor read passages from the Psalms and the seventh chapter of Revelations, short speeches in loving testimony to her memory were given by Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Miss Margaret Bondfield, Mrs. Swanwick, Mr. T. E. Harvey, and Miss Picton Turbervill. After the speeches Miss Eleanor Rathbone, who presided, asked those present to stand in silence remembering Isabella Ford and the causes to which her life was given. The silence was broken by Chopin's Funeral March, after which the little company dispersed.

A Memorial Meeting was also held in Leeds and a Memorial Fund has been opened to be used to promote education for peace.

## THE OFFICE.

Staff.-At the beginning of the year the Staff consisted of the General Secretary, Miss Dorothy Evans, the Assistant Secretary, Miss Nan Auchterlonie, and a Junior Clerk, Miss Gladys Groom. In March the latter took a post with Mr. Pethick Lawrence and
was replaced by Miss Hilda Booth. Miss Auchterlonie resigned in July and in October Miss Emily Horscroft was re-appointed on her return from Australia. Miss Margaret Sackur worked as organiser until Miss Evans went to America at the end of April to attend the Washington Conference. Miss Sackur was then appointed Secretary pro tem. to take her place and continued to work at Headquarters until September, when she resigned to take up other work.

Miss Evans was forced to take an extra holiday in October and Mrs. Innes acted in her stead.

As in previous years we are greatly indebted to a number of our members who regularly help with the Office work.

## PUBLICATIONS.

Monthly News Sheet, 2d. per copy, 2s. 6d. per annum, post free. What an International Conference could do. W. Arnold Fors1er. Price $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

The Protocol Analysed. Price $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
Egypt and the League. Price $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
What is the W.I.L.? Price $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.
The Dawes Report Analysed. Mrs. Barbara Wootton. Price $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$.

Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance. Mary Chick. Price 1d.
Report of Conference on Terms of Treaty Revision for use of Study Circles. Price Id.

International Co-operation through Arbitration, Security, Disarmament and Development, by H. M. Swanwick, W. Arnold Forster, Phillip Baker and C. Delisle Burns. Price gd.
International Publications, on sale at 55, Gower Street.
Washington Conference Report. Price is.
Resolutions and Manifesto adopted at Washington. Price id.
Opening Speech by Jane Addams. Price id.
Economic Aspect of New International Order. Emily Balch and Margaret Dumont. Price id.

FINANCE.
During the year we have had two special demands upon our available financial support. As the Sixth International Conference was held at Washington we had to raise a considerable sum towards the travelling expenses of the British Delegation. The American Section provided free hospitality, the very considerable cost of the Congress and the expense of one delegate from each European Country. The Committee considered that the British Section was not justified in accepting travelling expenses for its own delegation and it will be seen that a considerable sum was raised for the Washington Congress.

The Campaign at Wembley was also costly, but it was felt that we ought to take advantage of this opportunity to try to get intc touch with visitors to the Exhibition.

In future the Office expenses will be reduced in respect of accommodation. The first floor and basement of the premises at 55 Gower Street are let and the W.I.L. retains only the ground floor, with the garden and the Secretary's Office, thus reducing our liabilities for rent.

## INTERNATIONAL HOUSE.

Members of International House Club will know that owing to financial necessity the Club was closed in July of this year. From the point of view of the social and educational work of the W.I.L. this is a matter of great regret.

However, we still have the ground floor room available for meetings. Part of it is divided from the general office and it is hoper that members will avail themselves of this and of the garden for rest and reading.

## MONEY RAISING EFFORTS.

Garden Party.-By the initiative of the Kensington Branch and with the help of the Hampstead and Chelsea Branches and of Headquarters, a Garden Party was held on June 19th by kind permission of Miss Alexander at Aubrey House, Kensington. There was an international platform of speakers and many delightful entertainments were given. The whole takings of $£ 45$ without deducting expenses were presented to Headquarters.

Trojan Women Matinee.-Miss Sybil Thorndike and Mr. Lewis Casson did the League a very great service in giving a Matinee of Trojan Women (Gilbert Murray translation) in the New Theatre on October 3rd for our Funds. It was a fine artistic performance as well as being an impressive presentation of the case against war. It yielded the very welcome substantial addition to our funds of $£ 250$. Mrs. Ayrton Gould made a short opening speech linking the work of the W.I.L. with the message of the play.

International House Fête.-A successful Fête and Sale was held in International House on November 7th and 8th. Concerts, readings and a Children's Carnival were among the attractions. Over $£ 100$ profit was cleared.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

JANUARY-DECEMBER, 1924.







WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 st DECEMBER, 1924.

To Balance January 1st, 1924
,, Subscriptions
,, Donations and Collections
Trojan Women Matinee
Proceeds of Fete
Donations for Washington Congress
,, Sale of Tickets for Meetings
,, Sale of News Sheet
,, Sale of Literature
,, Affiliation Fees .
,, Rents received
", Interest on Deposit

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EXPENDITURE.
By Rent, Light, Heating and Clean-

$15915 \quad 0$
, Stationery, Printing and Advts. $22910 \quad 10 \frac{1}{2}$
, Telephone, Postage and Office Expenses
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Expenses of Meetings ...
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Washington Congress
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Report, 1923/24 ... ... $6648 \frac{1}{2}$
, News Sheets ... ... ... $107 \quad 910$
", Organiser's Salaries and Exps. $6710 \quad 0$
,, Audit Fee ... ... ... 7 7 0
,, Affiliation and Delegates' Fees 3110
, Press Agency ... ... ... 2 2 0
,, Grants:
International House $\quad . . \quad 73.411$
, Dr. Jacobs ... ... ... 5 0


I have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct in accordance therewith.
M. S. CLUGSTON,

9, Regent Street, S.W.1.
2nd February, 1925.
Certified Accountant.

The following information has been received from the Branches about their total receipts and expenditure for the Year, 1924-25.

Branch. Receipts. Expenditure.

| Barnet | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 | 2 | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | 2 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- |
| Birmingham | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 42 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | (about) |
| Brighton | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 45 | 14 | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ | 39 | 3 | $7 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |
| Bristol | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 17 | 12 | $10 \frac{1}{2}$ | 6 | 16 | $6 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Cambridge | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 66 | 10 | 8 | 55 | 3 | 10 |  |
| Croydon | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 48 | 4 | 10 | 40 | 8 | 10 |  |
| Edinburgh | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 49 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 10 | 2 |  |
| Edgbaston | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 9 |  |
| Glasgow | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 130 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Kensington | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 97 | 7 | 10 | 83 | 8 | 9 |  |
| Liverpool | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 30 | 15 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 9 |  |
| Manchester | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 528 | 14 | $3 \frac{1}{2}$ | 495 | 7 | 9 |  |
| Newcastle | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 66 | 11 | 4 | 44 | 9 | 5 |  |
| Stockport | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 8 | 18 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 11 |  |
| Tunbridge Wells | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 12 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 1 |  |  |
| Welwyn Garden | City |  | $\ldots$ | 7 | 13 | 5 | 5 | 8 | $4 \frac{1}{2}$ |  |

## Constitution and Rules.

## I. TITLE.

"Women's International League", (British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom).

## II. OBJECTS.

(I) To work for that peace between nations, races, and classes which is based on justice and goodwill.
(2) To work for the acceptance of the belief that war is a crime.
(3) To substitute Conference and Law for Coercive Force.
(4) To secure full rights of citizenship to women.
(5) To co-operate with women in other countries who are working for the same ends.

## III. PROGRAMME FOR 1925.

Immediate work for our general objects must be concentrated upon those problems of peace, security and disarmament, which, at the moment, most vitally affect International Relations.

The Women's International League programme for 1925 will be in accordance with the *resolutions passed at its Annual Council on February 19th and 20th, 1925, and will lay special emphasis upon
(1) Efforts to secure an all-inclusive League of Nations.
(2) Propaganda for the consideration of the Geneva Protocol with a view to amendments and reservations to be proposed at the Sixth Assembly, while urging that in the meantime Great Britain should sign the optional clause (36) of the Protocol to the Statute setting up the Permanent Court of International Justice, accepting arbitration in all judiciable disputes.
(3) Insistence upon the necessity of universal disarmament by agreement.
(4) The study of conditions in other countries, the relations between countries, and British Foreign Policy and British responsibilities to other races under British rule, $\dagger$ with the object of using this knowledge in representations to the Government and in the education of public opinion.

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## IV. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) Members.-Membership shall be open to all women who are British subjects, who accept the above object, whose purpose it is to work for its accomplishment, and who pay an annual subscrip)tion either to a local Branch or direct to the national headquarters.
(b) Associate Members.-Women resident in Great Britain, other than British subjects, who accept the above objects shall be accepted as Associate Members.

Men resident in Great Britain and who desire to become associated with the work of the League shall be accepted as Associate Members.

Associate Members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than $1 /-$ and shall be entitled to all privileges of members except the right of election to Council or Executive Committee and the right to nominate and vote.

## V. BRANCHES.

(a) Formation.-Branches shall be formed in consultation with the Executive Committee. They shall consist of not less than ten members who support the object of the League, and shall pay an affiliation fee of 3 d . per member annually to Headquarters. Branches may make their own rules and bye-laws, subject to the general rules and constitution of the League.
(b) Subscription.-Local Branches shall fix the amount of their members' subscriptions. Central members shall pay a minimum annual subscription of 1 s .
(c) Affliation to other Organisations.-Branches are free to co-operate with other societies in their neighbourhood, but before affiliating to any other organisation, Branches of the League shall obtain the sanction of the Executive Committee.
(d) Affiliation of other Organisations.- Branches of the League shall have power to accept for affiliation any local organisation of women in their district, which supports the object of the League and pays an annual subscription of the same amount as the annual subscription of two individual Branch members. Such an affiliated organisation shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to general meetings of the Branch, such delegates to have the same power as members of the Branch.

## VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A Constitution of Executive Committee.
(a) Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of four Hon. Officers and 23 members, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Council. Each Branch shall be entitled to
send one representative to the Executive Committee meetings with power to speak, but not to vote, the Executive not being responsible for such representatives' expenses.
(b) Officers.-The Officers shall be a President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretaries. The President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries shall be elected by the Council at its Annual Meeting. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee from amony its members. An Assistant Treasurer shall be appointed when necessary by the Executive Committee."
(c) Co-option to fill Vacancies.-The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt members to fill vacancies that occur during the year.
(d) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for one year, and at the end of that term shall be eligible for re-election without nomination.

Members of the Executive who have not attended 50 per cent. of the meetings during the year shall not be eligible for re-election unless some specific reason for absence can be offered, such as illness or absence from the country, and there is good reason to suppose that they will be able to attend in the future.
B. Powers and Duties of Executive Committee.
(a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month and at least two of the meetings each year shall be held in towns in the Provinces.
(b) The railway fares of country members shall be paid so long as funds are available for this purpose.
(c) The Executive Committee shall carry on the business of the League between the meetings of the Council in accordance with the policy agreed to thereat.
(d) It shall administer the funds of the League and direct the organizing work.
(e) It shall have power to appoint special Committees for carrying out the work of the League.
$(f)$ It shall have power to appoint and dismiss all paid officials.
(g) In all things on which the rules are silent, the Executive Committee shall have power to decide, subject to appeal to the Council.
VII. AFFILIATION OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS.
(a) Central Executives.--The Executive of the League shall have power to accept for affiliation the Central Executive of any national women's organisation which supports the object of the League and pays an affiliation fee of 5 s . a year. Affiliated Central

Executives shall be entitled to send two voting delegates to the Council Meetings of the League, such delegates to have the same powers as Branch delegates.
(b) Branches.-Headquarters shall have power to accept for affiliation any branch of women's organisations or women's groups within mixed organisations in districts where no Branch of the Women's International League exists. Such Branches shall pay an affiliation fee of not less than $2 / 6$ per annum and shall be entitled to send one delegate to Council Meetings. Such delegates shall have the right to vote on all resolutions other than those dealing with the Constitution, with the election of the Hon. Officers and the Executive Committee.

## VIII. GENERAL COUNCIL.

(a) The Council of the League shall consist of the Executive Committee, delegates from Branches and affiliated bodies, and thirty annual individual members, to be elected six weeks before the Annual Council Meeting by a postal vote. The last shall be nominated and elected by the Executive Committee, Branches, and Headquarters' 'Members of the League who are not also Branch Members.
(b) Each Branch shall be entitled to one delegate and one card vote for every 25 or part of 25 members for whom the affiliation fee for the previous year has been paid. This must be paid not less than a month before the date of the Council, in the case of new branches or increased membership.
(c) The Council shall meet at least once a year to transact the usual business of an Annual Meeting. The travelling expenses of one delegate from each Branch to the Annual Council Meeting shall be pooled, but no Branch shall be obliged to contribute to the expenses or benefit by the pool for the first Council Meeting after its foundation.
(d) A meeting of the Council can be called at any time by the Executive Committee or on demand of one-tenth of the total number of Branches.

## IX. RULES FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS.

## A. Ordinary Council Meetings.

(a) Ordinary meetings of the Council shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee.
(b) The General Secretary shall notify the Branches two months before the Council Meeting, and all resolutions to be printed on the Agenda must reach the Secretary not later than one month before the Meeting.
(c) The Preliminary Agenda shall be issued to Branches three weeks before the Meeting.
(d) All amendments to Resolutions must reach the office not later than fourteen days before the Meeting.
(e) The Final Agenda will be issued to Branches one week before the Meeting.
(f) Resolutions shall be placed upon the Agenda in the name of a Branch or affiliated organisation or of the Executive Committee, or of any member of the Executive Committee, or of any individual member of the Council.
$(g)$ No business which is not on the Agenda may be taken at a Council Meeting, unless urgency is voted on the recommendation of the Standing Orders Committee.
(h) Delegates shall be admitted to Council Meetings on presentation of the official delegate's ticket signed by the Secretary of the Branch which she represents.

## B. Annual Council Meetings.

(a) At the Annual Meeting of the Council, which shall be held in February or March, in addition to the ordinary business the Council shall
(1) Receive and adopt, if approved, the Report and Balance Sheet for the year
(2) Elect by ballot the President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries and twenty-three members of the Executive Committee ;
(3) Consider any alterations of the rules that may be proposed.
(b) Nominations for the offices of President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretaries, and for the Executive Committee, must reach the Secretary two weeks before the Council Meeting. Resolutions to be placed on the agenda and proposed alterations of the rules must reach the Secretary not later than one month before the Council Meeting.
(c) The consent of the nominees must be obtained in writing before nominations are sent in
(d) The financial year shall end on 31 st of December and all affiliation fees must be paid before that date. Members' subscriptions shall be due in January each year.
(e) Branches which have not paid their affiliation fees before the end of the financial year will not be entitled to send delegates to Council Meetings.
(f) The Final Agenda and draft Annual Report shall be issued to the Branches one week before the Annual Meeting.

## C. Special Council Meetings

(a) The Secretary shall give the Branches at least three weeks' notice of a Special Council Meeting, except in case of national emergency. Resolutions to be printed on the Agenda must reach the Secretary at least fourteen days before the Council Meeting.
(b) The Preliminary Agenda shall be issued to Branches at least one week before the Meeting, and a Final Agenda, including amendments, shall be issued before the Meeting if time allows.
(c) At special meetings of the Council no other business shall be taken except that specified in the notice calling the Meeting.
(d) Rules may be altered at Special Council Meetings, provided that notice of such alterations be given in the summons to the Council.
D. Agenda at Council Meetings.
(a) The first business to be taken at a Council Meeting shall
(1) Appointment of Tellers for the votes in Council;
(2) Appointment of Standing Orders Committee ;
(3) Appointment of Members of the Council
as Returning Officers and Tellers for the ballot voting ;
(4) Appointment of Auditor;

Meeting
Statement of Accounts
(b) Otherwise the order of business shall be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee, and shall include the following :-
(1) Report of the Executive Committee ;
(2) Election of President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretaries, and Executive Committee (at Annual Meeting only) ;
(3) Correspondence ;
(4) Amendment to Rules and Standing Orders (if any) ;
(5) Resolutions, of which due notice has been given to the Secretary and by her to each branch, and Amendments relevant to the motions before the Meeting;
(6) Other business.

## The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

President: JANE ADDAMS, U.S.A.<br>Secretary: Miss VILMA GLÜCKLICH.

## Head Office: Maison Internationale, 12 Rue de Vieux Collège, Geneva.

Formed at the Hague Congress of Women in 1915 to bind together women in every country who desire to promote the following objects:-
I.-The Settlement of disputes by some means other than War.
II.-The Emancipation of Women.

National Sections:-
Australia:
Victoria
Tasmania
Queensland
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada
Czecho-Slovakia

Denmark
France
Germany
Great Britain
Greece
Haiti Hungary
Ireland
Italy

## Japan

Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway
Poland
Sweden
Switzerland
Ukraine
U.S.A.

Corresponding countries :-Argentine, China, Finland, Jugo-Slavia (S.H.S.), Latvia, Mexico, Peru, Philippine Islands, Roumania, Russia, Spain, Syria, Turkey Uruguay.

The BRITISH SECTION of the LEAGUE is known as The Women's International League,
International House, 55, Gower Street, London, W.C.i.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

President: Mrs. H. M. Swanwick.
Chairman: Miss K. D. Courtney.
Hon. National Secretary: Miss Mary Chick.
Hon. Foreign Relations Secretary: Dr. Hilda Clark. Hon. Treasurer: The Lady Courtney of Penwith. Hon. Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Laurence Binyon.
The Lady Clare Annesley. The Hon. Mrs. Dighton Pollock.

Miss Margaret Ashton.
Miss Theo. Clark.
Mrs. Barrs Davies.
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