

1929

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 9th
at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT:- Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs Binyon, Dr.Clark,
Mrs. Alcock, Miss Anderson, Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs
Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Miss Mennell,
Lady Parmoor, Miss Fye, Mrs.McGregor Ross, Mrs.Swan-
wick, Mrs.Thoday, Mrs.White, Miss Helen Ward,
Dr.Williams, Mrs.Unwin, Mrs.Hayman (Croydon Branch).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs.Marris, Mrs.Crosfield,
Mrs.Vipont Brown, Mrs.Marshall

MINUTES of the meeting held on June 11th having been previously
circulated were signed.

469. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 468. Annual Fair.

It was reported that a room had not been obtained for
the Annual Sale. Lady Cynthia Mosley had replied that she
regretted she could not lend her room. Mrs.Donaldson had
been written to but had not replied.

After discussion as to whether Headquarters should
organise a Sale this year or ask the Branches and Members
to help us by means of local efforts the following were
appointed subject to their consent to serve on a sub-
Committee to go into the question of raising funds in the
Autumn:-

Mrs.Binyon, Mrs.Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Seward,
Mrs. Heineman, Miss Ward, Mrs.Richard Powell
Mrs.Said Reute, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Unwin.

Minute 466 (2) (b) Resolution re Welfare of Seamen in Ports.

Reported a letter from Dame Rachel Crowdy acknowledg-
ing resolution and saying she had forwarded it to the
Director of the International Labour Office.

Minute 456. League against Imperialism.

Reported letter saying that on inquiry it was found that
the German Section of the W.I.L.P.F. is affiliated and that
the name of the W.I.L.P.F. was being removed from the list
of organisations affiliated to or directly associated with
the League against Imperialism.

470. FINANCE.

The attached statement of accounts was presented and
passed. Mrs. Binyon reminded the Committee she was leaving
England on the 10th August until the end of the year. It was
decided to appoint an Assistant Treasurer to act in the inter-
val, and to ask Mrs.Crosfield if she would serve.

471. CORRESPONDENCE.

Reported Mrs.Sellick asked us if we would consider
releasing her from the room she had been lending to the
Women's Peace Crusade. Decided to offer to take it over and
to reduce her rent from £1. to 14/- accordingly.

Reported letter from Miss Leaf saying she wished to
retire from the Executive as her duties made it impossible

to attend the meetings regularly. Miss Courtney had replied to the letter urging her not to resign. The Committee instructed the Hon. Secretary to write to Miss Leaf endorsing Miss Courtney's reply and begging her to continue her membership and come to the meetings whenever it was possible.

Decided a letter should be written to Mr. C. P. Scott on his retirement from the Manchester Guardian, expressing our great appreciation of the influence of the paper for peace and good international relations.

472. DELEGATION TO THE 10TH ASSEMBLY OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The Committee expressed its great satisfaction at the appointment of Mrs. Swanwick and also welcomed the fact that another woman is included this year, Mrs. Hamilton, who is also a member of the W.I.L.

473. MEETING ON JULY 22nd FOR MRS. SWANWICK.

It was reported that a meeting was being arranged by the W.I.L. for representatives of women's organisations and others interested in the work of the Assembly to meet Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Hamilton on July 22nd at 3 p.m. at the University of London Club, 21, Gower Street, W.C.1.

474. MEETING ON OCTOBER 16th or 17th FOR MRS. SWANWICK on her return from Geneva.

Decided to arrange a Reception on one of these days at 3 p.m. and to ask Miss Alexander if she would lend the Garden Room at Aubrey House for the purpose. Agreed that a charge should be made for admission.

475. MEETING ON 23rd OCTOBER.

Decided to arrange a meeting at Friends House at which a further account of the Assembly can be given by those members of the Executive who attended it.

476. MEETING IN MARCH 1930.

Decided to ask the Prime Minister if he would speak at a meeting organised by the W.I.L. in March and if he consents to ask Miss Royden to speak too.

477. FRANKFURT CONFERENCE REPORT.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher consulted the Committee on the title of this Report as the suggestion had been made that it should be "Chemical Warfare: Report of the Frankfurt Conference." If this is adopted the name of the W.I.L.P.F. will not appear. After consideration it was thought best to adopt the idea of an introductory note on the front page.

The question of signing the Contract was referred to the Publicity Committee. Mrs. Binyon promised to get advice about this.

478. OPIUM COMMITTEE REPORT.

Miss Pye reported that it was decided to hold a Conference on November 13th., the place to be settled as soon as possible. Mr. Lyall had consented to speak. Decided to ask Professor Murray or Lord Robert Cecil. The Committee had agreed to raise a guarantee of £25 for the expenses, but asked permission to draw on the General Funds up to the

amount guaranteed. There would be a charge for tickets and it was expected to raise enough to cover the whole cost. After the Conference a further appeal for funds would be made. The Committee had decided against issuing a report but that a memorandum be issued for the use of speakers drawn up from the speeches at the Conference for the use of speakers. It was also decided to arrange a meeting in the House of Commons the day after the Conference, from which it was hoped to get together a group of Members of Parliament who are interested in Opium.

The Committee approved this report and decided that the General Funds could be drawn up to the amount guaranteed and repaid when the money is obtained. Suggested that Dame Edith Lytton be asked to speak at the meeting.

479. REPORT OF MRS. EMRICH'S MEETING ON JUNE 12th.

It was reported that a very successful meeting had been held at the house of the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, from which a Committee had been formed to consider how best to promote world friendship among children.

The first meeting of this Committee had just been held and from it inquiries had been sent to Russia to see if it would welcome the idea and to America to see if it would co-operate if we undertook a gesture of friendship to Russia.

480. 4 SUMMARY OF WORK OF THE W.I.L. IN THE WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

The summary drawn up by Miss Harrison was considered in detail. The conclusion reached was that there was a heavy responsibility on the W.I.L. to press on with its peace work. The Crusade had shown that there was a strong desire on the part of very many women throughout the country for a real peace and an eagerness to understand the machinery which would bring about an effective peace. The Committee felt that our Branches and Headquarter Members could give Headquarters a great deal of help in trying to develop along lines which would appeal to women in general, and especially to the younger women. After discussion the following were appointed, subject to their consent, to serve on a sub-committee to consider this question, and the drawing up of a letter to the Branches embodying their conclusions:-

Mrs. Hayman, Miss Mosa Anderson, Miss Helen Ward,
Miss Chick, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Innes,
Miss Trotter.

The Committee thanked Miss Harrison for all the work she had done during the last six months.

481. DELEGATES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE CONGRESS.

It was reported that a letter had been sent to Branch Secretaries asking them if they would like to have English speaking members of the W.I.L. from other countries to speak at meetings in the Autumn. The Committee approved this and undertook to pay the travelling expenses of two speakers from the Continent to London.

482. PROPOSAL FOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY. It was reported that a gift of £100 had been received for the Lady Courtney of Penwith Fund. The appeal for funds had not been sent out and it was thought better to send it in the Autumn.

The question of appointing a Parliamentary Secretary was considered, and it was decided to appoint Miss Trotter for six months from October. The question of salary etc., was referred to the officers.

483. FUTURE OF THE WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

It was reported that the W.P.C. Council Meeting was being held on 11th July to consider the future of the Crusade. The Publicity Committee made several recommendations to the Executive about this, and after discussion the Committee authorised Miss Courtney to offer, in the event of the Crusade continuing its work, (1) to provide information and press paragraphs based on the five questions, together with material for study for the societies co-operating in the proposed Annual Conference; (2) the use of a room for a store room at 3/6d a week for two months, the price to be considered after that period has expired; (3) the services of a Clerk to do their clerical work, to be paid by the hour.

Miss Fye and Miss Helen Ward were appointed our delegates to the Council Meeting.

484. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT.

Miss Henderson reported on the work of this Committee. They were going to have a Press Tea for the Press to meet the delegates to the Congress. They had agreed to send to Branch Secretaries and various local Crusade correspondents and some provincial papers paragraphs written round the resolutions passed by the Executive and on the general work of the W.I.L., including news from other Sections. By this means they hoped to gain greater publicity for the W.I.L. Reported that 100 advance copies of the History of the W.I.L. was about to come out. The price would be 1/- each.

The Executive authorised the printing of 2,000 copies, and a specially drawn up membership form to be enclosed in each copy.

485. CONSULTATIVE MEMBERS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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Miss Edith Fye and Mrs. Corbett Fisher were appointed to attend on August 21st and 22nd., Decided to leave the members of the Executive present at the Congress to appoint two to attend the Executive Meetings on the two days immediately following the Congress.

486. PRAGUE CONGRESS.

Resolutions and Nominations to International Executive. Reported the resolutions for the Congress had been circulated to the members of the Executive and would shortly be sent to the delegates.

It was decided to ask the following to move our resolutions:-

Miss Marshall, International Control of Waterways.

Dr. Clark agreed to speak on this subject.

Miss Courtney. Pacific Settlement of International Disputes.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher, International Control of aviation.

Miss Mosa Anderson would speak in support of resolution on Forced Labour.

It was agreed to support the Dutch proposal that the Treasurer should be appointed from the Congress.

A letter from Madame Ramondt Hirschman was read in which she suggested that each national delegation should take some small thing typical of its country to be given to Miss Addams as a gift to Hull House. After discussion it was decided to try to get a good reproduction of a Bluebeard wood or similiar English picture. Mrs. Binyon and Mrs. McGregor Ross undertook to make inquiries.

487. INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported a request from the Organisers of the Summer School for her to try to get Mrs. Sidney Webb to speak at the School. Decided to ask Lady Parmoor if she would be so kind as to approach Mrs. Webb on our behalf. Mrs. Fisher reported that she had been successful in securing General Crozier to be one of the speakers.

488. INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Dr. Clark reported that since the last meeting of the Committee she had drawn up a resolution on the Rhineland Manoeuvres as follows:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League, reading with surprise and dismay that arrangements are being made by the military authorities for the British troops to hold manoeuvres in the Rhineland during September, and believing that all foreign troops should be withdrawn without delay; urges H.M. Government that British troops should not remain after September 1st. and that if all cannot be evacuated by this date, when under the recent Reparation Agreement fresh arrangements must be made for their maintenance, the provocation caused by the manoeuvres should at least be avoided."

This was approved by the Officers and other members of the Committee available for consultation and had been sent out by the Publicity Committee.

Reported a letter had been received from Sir Willoughby Dickinson urging us to send copies of the Minorities Report to all the Governments in the League of Nations asking them to bring it to the attention of their delegates before the Assembly. After discussion it was decided to give it to delegates to the Assembly on their arrival at Geneva.

489. FORCED LABOUR.

Mrs. McGregor Ross urged the importance of our national sections, particularly the French Section, taking action against Forced Labour. She hoped that the British delegation would support the resolution on the Agenda dealing with forced labour. Miss Mosa Anderson undertook to speak to this in support of this resolution.

490. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

National Council for Prevention of War. Mrs. Unwin reported on the N.C.P.W. Council. (Full report is filed for reference).

Commonwealth of India League. Reported Mrs. Westoby had sent in a short paragraph on this, which is also being kept in the files for reference.

491. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided not to hold a meeting in August but that the September meeting should be on Wednesday, 18th September, and the Opium Committee on Thursday, 19th September.

R. P. Jones.
Sept: 18/29.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR JUNE, 1929.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENSES.

Balances on 31st May, 1929

On Deposit.....	500. 0. 0	
Cash at bank.....	16. 0. 5	
Petty cash in hand.....	3. 7.11½	
Subscriptions.....	16.12. 6	
Donations.....	11. 1. 9	
Geneva subscriptions....	5. 0. 0	
News sheets.....	11. 7. 6½	
Literature & Posters....	14.17.11	
India Meeting.....	2. 5. 6	
Office Expenses refunded		
Council Meeting.....	4. 8. 5	
Rent, Light. & Heat..	4.10. 0	
Stationery.....	1. 7. 9	
Organiser's Expenses.	1. 7.10	
Insurances, Teas etc	17. 3	
Postage.....	1. 5. 8½	
	<u>75. 2. 2</u>	

£ 594.10. 6½

Organiser's Expenses..	5. 0. 0
Salaries.....	59.14. 0
Geneva subscriptions..	6. 6. 6
Fares.....	17.15. 2
Kensington posters....	1.19. 8
Literature.....	8. 3
Postage & Wires.....	6. 5. 2
Stationery.....	4.11
Delegates Expenses to	
Meetings...	12. 6
Wages & Cleaning.....	2. 5. 0
Insurances.....	1. 3. 2
India Meeting.....	1. 9. 0
General Expenses.....	<u>16. 3</u>
	103.19. 7

On Deposit	450. 0. 0
Cash at bank	34.14. 9
Petty cash in hand	<u>5.16. 2½</u>
	£ <u>594.10. 6½</u>

STATEMENT FROM 1st/6th July, 1929.

On Deposit.....	450. 0. 0
Cash balances.....	40 10.11½
Subscriptions.....	8. 8. 0
News Sheets.....	2. 3. 0
Literature.....	2. 6
Pax.....	2. 6
Office Expenses refunded	
Postage.....	14. 0½
Rent, Light., & Heat.	2. 0. 0
Insurances.....	6. 2
	<u>13. 6. 2½</u>

£ 503.17. 2

Badges.....	4. 6. 0
Salaries.....	17. 3. 6
Petty Cash.....	<u>3. 0. 0</u>
	24. 9. 6
On Deposit	450. 0. 0
Cash at bank	23.11. 5½
Petty cash in hand	<u>5.16. 2½</u>

£ 503.17.22

OUTSTANDING & FARMARKED AMOUNTS.

Cash in hand.....	29. 7. 8
On Deposit.....	450. 0. 0
Rent.....	25. 0. 0
Stationery.....	14. 8.10
News Sheets (3 months).	16. 9. 0
Lord Cecil leaflets....	2. 8. 6
China Fund.....	1. 9.11
Geneva subscriptions...	5. 0. 0
Electric light.....	18. 4
Minorities Reports &	
handbills £29.13. 0 less	
balance in hand includ.	
Grant of £3. £10. 3. 4d	<u>19. 9. 8</u>
	83. 4. 3
Balance	<u>396. 3. 5</u>
	£ <u>479. 7. 8d.</u>

£ 479. 7. 8d.

Gas light and telephone bills to come.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18TH 1929 AT 11 A.M. and 2 P.M.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Alcock, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Hayman, (Croydon Branch) Miss Macnaghten, Mrs. Marris, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Ward, Mrs. Westoby (Barnet Branch) Mrs. White, Dr. Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Clark, Miss Courtney, Miss Marshall, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin.

MINUTES. The Minutes of meeting on July 9th having been previously circulated were taken as read and signed.

492. BUSINESS ARISING:

MINUTE 466. re Welfare of Seamen in Ports.

Dr. Ethel Williams reported on a letter from M. Thomas of the International Labour Office, Geneva, in reply to our letter of 18th June in which we enclosed a resolution regarding the recommendation 6 A of the sub-committee of the Joint Maritime Commission on Seamen's Welfare in Ports. He stated that there was no intention of recommending the establishment of any general system for controlling prostitution and that since the report was issued a memorandum drawn up by Dame Rachel Crowdy embodying the views of the League of Nations Committee on the welfare of women and children had been received, and communicated to the 9th session of the Joint Maritime Commission. Dr. Williams reported that similar resolutions had been sent in by women's organisations and that a considerable impression had been made, and that she would watch the subject and report further developments.

MINUTE 473. Reception for Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Hamilton on October 17th at 3 p.m.

It was reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the raising of funds had been asked to make the preliminary arrangements for this Reception. It was to be held in the Garden Room, Aubrey House, Aubrey Walk, W.8., and the charge would be 2/6d. to include tea for which it was hoped to get the cakes etc. given. It had been decided not to arrange for a stall of home made provisions. Several people had been approached with regard to maids and the tea, but so far no replies had been received. It was decided to ask the sub-committee to meet again very soon to complete the arrangements, which were to include the securing of a Chairman.

MINUTE 475. Meeting on October 23rd at 3 p.m.

It was reported that Room 16 at Friends House had been booked for this meeting, but no other arrangements had yet been made. The Sub-Committee appointed to raise funds was asked to undertake these arrangements also. The question of changing the meeting to an evening meeting was to be taken into consideration.

MINUTE 482. Appointment of Parliamentary Secretary.

The details connected with this appointment were referred to the next Committee owing to the absence of Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark who were making the arrangements. It was reported that a special appeal had not been sent out in connection with the "Lady Courtney fund." We had however, received the £100 legacy from Lady Courtney and another donation of £100, so that it was thought there was sufficient money in hand for the six months' appointment.

A letter ~~was~~ read from Mrs. Marshall of Worcester suggesting the appointment of local people for part time service of 1, 2 or 3 days per week. She thought it was likely the Branches in the area could substantially raise the money for the payment of such a person.

After discussion it was decided that this suggestion should be brought before the local W.I.L. Conference which it was hoped would be held in Birmingham this Autumn.

A letter was read from Mrs. Vipont Brown on behalf of Manchester Branch asking if Miss Trotter could give them a week of Drawing Room meetings in November. Decided to explain that Miss Trotter had been appointed as Parliamentary Secretary and at the present time it was not clear what her duties would be. It might be possible however, for arrangements to be made for her to go to Manchester at some time when Parliament is not sitting.

MINUTE 483. Future of Women's Peace Crusade.

Miss Chick reported on

(1) The General Council of the Women's Peace Crusade on July 11th when the following resolution was passed :-

1. That the Election Campaign planned by the Women's Peace Crusade having been successfully accomplished, the Organisation should continue in being from year to year so long as may be thought desirable, and that for the purpose of giving point and direction to its efforts, it should in future consist of National Women's Societies that have decided to make the study of Peace part of their programme, and of the local Peace Crusade Committees that have already been formed.
2. That such organisations should be invited to arrange for holding a yearly Conference in

London, or elsewhere, at which progress towards peace during the past year should be reviewed, special problems discussed with the help of experts and specialists, the most important subjects for special study agreed upon and a decision taken as to whether in a year's time another Conference should be held.

3. The Conference to be attended by delegates from the Women's Societies co-operating, and from the local joint Committees in different parts of the country.
4. An Executive Committee for organising the Conference, drawing up the Agenda, and issuing the Report to be formed from amongst the Societies co-operating."

(2) The Scheme of re-organisation as follows:-

The Women's Peace Crusade to consist in future of:-

- (a) Women's organisations constituted on a National basis, or National organisations consisting mainly of women, which include the study of Peace in their programme, and have hitherto been associated with the Crusade. These are: Adult Schools, Women's Section: British Women's Total Abstinence Union: Congregational Union of England and Wales, Women's Guild; Free Church Women's Council: London Congregational Union, Women's League: National Council of Women: National Sisterhood Movement: National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship: National Union of Teachers: National Women Citizens' Association: Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's Organisations (including Women's Sections of the Labour Party): Union of Jewish Women: Women's Co-operative Guild: Women's International League: Women's Liberal Federation: Young Women's Christian Association of Great Britain.

The National Council of Women: National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship: National Women's Citizens' Association: Union of Jewish Women: Women's International League and the Young Women's Christian Association have already expressed their willingness to join.

- (b) Other National Women's organisations not hitherto associated with the Crusade. These to be approached later on when the plans for the Conference are further advanced.
- (c) Existing local Crusade Committees in different parts of the country. These to consist, as they do at present, not only of representatives of women's organisations, but of any organisations which can help to make the work effective.
- (d) New Local Crusade Committees which may be formed on the same lines in places where they do not now exist.

The Headquarters of other National Organisations which have been associated with the Crusade to be informed of the re-organisation proposed and the hope expressed that should the need arise in the future for some definite united action they would be willing to co-operate.

The Purpose of the Crusade to be the organisation of a

Conference next year, as described in paragraph two of the Resolution. The Societies and committees co-operating to keep themselves informed in the meantime of progress in the matters raised by the five questions put to Candidates during the General Election.

Autumn Council Meeting: A Council Meeting of the Co-operating Societies to be called in the early Autumn, at which progress can be reported and arrangements for the Conference considered.

- (3) The Proposed First Annual Conference in May, 1930 and Public Meeting.
- (4) The date of the Executive Committee was fixed for October 4th at 11 a.m. and that of the General Council on 22nd October, 4.30 p.m. at Friends House.

After discussion it was decided to send the following recommendations to the Women's Peace Crusade:-

- (1) that the subject of the Conference should be "Methods of peaceful settlement of international disputes."
- (2) that Miss Henderson concentrate on supplying material to Crusade Committees on that subject and not on general international subjects.
- (3) that visitors be admitted to the Conference without the right to speak or vote, except by special permission.

It was also decided to state that we were in agreement as to the suggested dates of the Conference - May 12th and 13th and that we approved the resolution passed at the General Council and the decisions reached subsequently by the Executive Committee.

The Publicity Committee was to be asked to review the Women's Peace Crusade Report in the News Sheet and to get a paragraph in "Common Cause" on the Future work of the Crusade and of the Report after the next meetings of the Council and Executive Committee. The attention of Branch Secretaries and Secretaries of Affiliated Societies was to be drawn to it.

493. FINANCE.

- (1) Mrs. Crosfield presented the attached statement of accounts which was passed. Mrs. Crosfield was empowered to sign cheques on behalf of the W.I.L. and International House in the absence of Mrs. Binyon, and the following resolution was passed:-

"The Executive Committee authorise Mrs. Helen Crosfield to sign cheques for the Women's International League account and the "International House Account" in the absence of Mrs. Binyon from England until the New Year."

It was reported that flowers had been sent with a message to Miss Fawcett on the death of Dame Millicent Fawcett.

- (2) Re-arrangement of Staff. Miss Chick reported that the Officers had considered an application for an increase of

salary made by Miss Olive Sargent. They felt that it had become necessary to have in the Office a Book-keeper Shorthand Typist as the Secretary needed more help with shorthand and typing than Violet Cooke a Junior, was able to give. They recommended that Miss Sargent be given a month's notice and a Shorthand-Typist Book-keeper put in her place.

This recommendation was endorsed.

(3) Raising Funds without resorting to an Annual Fair.

It was reported that the Sub-Committee appointed to consider this question had asked Mrs. Binyon to send out a letter to members and Branch Secretaries to ask them for their co-operation in money raising, and had suggested several methods which they might like to adopt. As a result of this, £156.2.0d. had been received from individuals, several Branches had promised to organise local efforts for Headquarters, a member in Chelsea had promised to see if she could raise money, in co-operation with other W.I.L. members there, and Miss Chick was arranging a Drawing Room Meeting at which Miss Courtney would speak on October 2nd and at which there would be a small stall of goods for sale.

(4) International House Account.

Burglary. It was reported that the cost of repairs and additional locks which had been necessitated after the burglary on August Bank-holiday amounted to £7.5.0. The loss of money due to the letters being stolen from the letter box amounted to two 5/- postal orders, the tracing of which the Post Office had in hand. The attached statement of statement of accounts showed a balance on deposit of £297.15.9d.

494. Lines of Development. of W.I.L.

It was reported that the Sub Committee appointed to consider new lines of development had drawn up a letter to Branch Secretaries and one to Headquarters members signed by Miss Courtney, embodying a number of points decided on at the Committee. These letters had been sent out and a copy of the members' letter was to be inserted in the October News Sheet ^{supplement} for the benefit of Branch Members. Copies of the letter had been offered to Branch Secretaries for distribution amongst their members and several had asked for them.

A number of replies had been received and copies of "A Venture in Goodwill" had been ordered. One member had expressed regret that our meetings were held in the afternoon, thus making it impossible for those engaged in teaching, etc to attend.

The possibility of a junior group and the extension of the work of the W.I.L. among college students and other young people were also considered, and it was decided to have an informal meeting at the end of October or beginning of November, possibly at 44 Upper Park Road, to which members of the Executive would be able to invite a few young people to discuss the question.

495. PRAGUE CONGRESS.

It was reported that an account of the Congress had been published in "Pax" for September. This account was supplemented by Miss Pye, Mrs. Corbett Fisher and Mrs. Hayman. Some National Sections had sent their full delegation, and

there were many young delegates present. Great keenness and interest had been shown throughout the Congress. Several changes in the Constitution were reported; also the names of the New International Executive Committee were announced. (See Pax.)

496. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Miss Pye and Miss Anderson gave accounts of these meetings. Amongst the decisions were the following:

- (1) Miss Emily Balch, Fraulein Gertrud Baer and Clara Ragaz were appointed Chairmen in place of Miss Addams at Executive Committee meetings.
- (2) The Report on future work presented to the Congress was to be recommended to the National Sections for action. In addition they were to be asked to work in connection with Political Prisoners, a Disarmament Campaign, Anti-Semitism and Opium. (See September Pax.)
- (3) In connection with the proposed delegation to Russia it was decided that the Committee of 3, of which Mrs. Corbett Fisher was a member, should draw up a statement for presentation to the National Sections. It was also decided that each Section should be asked if they would like to send a delegate, but it must be made clear that such delegate would be asked to pay her own expenses.
It was decided Madame Drevet should go to Russia in advance.
- (4) Dr. Clark was appointed Assistant Treasurer with a view to her becoming Treasurer later on.
- (5) The Committee on Education and Summer Schools was asked to consider plans for two Summer Schools next year, one in the Spring at Sofia, the other in the Summer at Stra sburg.
- (6) The ad hoc Opium Committee of which Miss Pye is a member, was made into a permanent Commission to deal with the opium problem and was empowered to fix the date and place of the proposed opium Conference in January 1930.
- (7) It was decided that a polyglot universal disarmament petition should be sent to the National Sections with a request that they would get as many signatures as possible, each signatory should be asked to contribute something, large or small, to the campaign. Such money should be used by National Sections and Headquarters for a disarmament campaign which should culminate in a big international disarmament demonstration on August 27th - the anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg Pact.
- (8) It was arranged that Madame Drevet should, if funds could be arranged, do organising work in the Balkans for 12 months. Those sections specially interested in the question of Minorities were to be asked to try to raise funds for this purpose.
- (9) Dr. Clark with Miss Doty and Miss Sheepshanks were appointed to consider the question of putting "Pax" on a sound financial basis.
- (10) It was reported that the Czech and German Group in

Czecho-Slovakia had become one National Section and that the Polish and Ukrainian Groups had also become one Section.

(II) It was reported that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was going to South Africa and as a result it was hoped that a Branch of the W.I.L. might be formed.

Decided to offer to send out 50 copies of "A Venture in Goodwill" for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's use in South Africa.

Decided to offer to give her a list of named and addresses of members and friends in England and South Africa who we knew would be interested in her visit.

497. A report of the International Summer School had not been received.

498. CORRESPONDENCE. The following letters were reported from:-

- (1) The No More War Movement asking us to take steps to persuade the Government to adopt the suggestion made by Mr. Laurence Housman last August for troops attending Armistice Services to parade without arms.

It was decided to support this suggestion and to send to our Branches the following resolution, asking them to send it to the Prime Minister and to the Secretary of State for War, and to raise the matter in their local papers and give it as much support as possible:-

"That the Executive Committee urge H.M. Government to arrange that the troops attending Armistice Day Service shall parade without arms. They believe that the effect of such a gesture on public opinion would be to emphasise throughout the country the policy of disarmament that the Government is promoting at Geneva."

It was also decided to ask our Affiliated Societies to send letters based on the resolutions to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State ^{for War} and to their local papers.

- (2) Government Offices acknowledging receipt of our resolution on the Optional Clause and our letter re Minorities.
- (3) Mrs. Rheinallt Jones saying she was returning to America via England in November and would be in London for two weeks in March 1930. She would send definite dates later and would like to meet members of the Executive Committee. Decided to try to arrange a meeting when these were known.
- (4) Mr. C.P. Scott, thanking Dr. Clark for her letter on behalf of the Executive Committee which she had sent on his resignation from the Manchester Guardian.
- (5) The Fellowship of Reconciliation re a Central Hall Meeting on October 22nd at 8 p.m. on the subject of the Church and Peace. Decided to get further particulars and insert them in the October News Sheet.
- (6) Mr. V. Boyce informing us that lectures and discussions on the subject of Co-education were being arranged this Autumn and asking if a lecture could be arranged under the auspices of the W.I.L. Decided to say that many of our members were very interested in the question of co-education and we should be glad to receive notices of their lectures.

We were sorry not to be able just now to offer to arrange for one of the lectures, as suggested.

- (7) The Netherlands League of Nations and Peace Society asking for our help in connection with their Peace Exhibition from December 1st, 1929 to January 10th 1930. Decided to send a Women's Peace Crusade Report, our own literature, signed photographs of Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Hamilton and our own women M.P.'s if we could obtain them, and suggest that they should write to the Women's Co-operative Guild for specimens of industrial products.
- (8) The International Bureau of Education enclosing a Report and book list of children's books and asking for criticisms of the book and suggestions concerning the circulation of the catalogue, its presentation, etc.

Decided to recommend

(a) that the book ^{or} notice of the book be sent to Libraries, Assistant Mistresses Association, Girl Guides Association, Girls' Life Brigades, Scottish Teachers Union, New Education Fellowship, etc.

(b) That the English French and German books be printed together in a small catalogue.

Decided to ask the cost of a number of copies as we would like to send them to our Branch Secretaries, and Executive Committee.

Decided to consult Mrs. David Pye as to any further suggestions of books etc., as she had compiled the list of English books for the Executive Committee.

- (9) Miss Woodman resigning from the Cinema Committee of the National Council of Women. Decided to notify the National Council and to say we were not appointing another representative at the moment.
- (10) The National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship, ^{The Women of India proposed survey,} informing us of a Conference which was being held at Caxton Hall on October 7th and 8th to which we were invited to send four delegates.

The following consented to attend some of not all the Sessions:- Mrs. Marris, Mrs. Westoby, Mrs. Alcock, Miss Anderson, and Miss Rinder was to be asked if she would be able to attend any or all of the Sessions.

- (11) The National Council of Women re the proposed Nationality of Married Women Bill. Decided to reply that we would ask our Parliamentary Secretary to take up the matter in October.
- (12) Mr. Percy Bartlett, Fellowship of Reconciliation re a Central Hall Meeting on October 22nd at 8 p.m. on the subject of the "Church and Peace." Decided to ask for further information
Decided to ask for further particulars and insert a notice in the News Sheet.
- (13) National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship. Miss Chick reported a letter to the Times of September 13th on "Child Marriage in India" which she had signed on behalf of the W.I.L. together with a number of women's organisations.

Reported two marconigrams had been received from "The Executive Committee of Nablus Conference" re the trouble in Palestine. Decided to send them a copy of the cable from the Prague Congress to the British Government and to say that we feel sure they will be

glad to know ^{that} an impartial Committee of investigation consonant with their views had been appointed by the British Government.

498a. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Women's Advisory Council, League of Nations Union enclosing minutes of previous meeting and asking for items to be put on the agenda of the next Committee, Miss Pye was authorised to draw up a resolution on opium at the Opium Committee meeting which was meeting the following day. (September 19th.)

Below is the resolution decided upon:-

"Executive Committee of the Women's International League recognising the need for an enlightened public opinion on the subject of Opium and the drug traffic, asks the Women's Advisory Council to interest their constituent bodies in this part of the work of the League of Nations."

499. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Miss Pye reported that Miss Agatha Harrison was going immediately to India as an official companion to Miss Beryl Power who is a member of the Commission appointed to inquire into and report on the existing conditions of labour in industrial undertakings.

Miss Pye was asked to send Miss Harrison our best wishes and warm congratulations.

Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that Mrs. Swanwick was trying to get into touch with Dr. Cohn of Jerusalem, while they were in Geneva, re the increased sale of intoxicants in Palestine.

Mrs. McGregor Ross urges us to work to get an informed public opinion on the question of Forced Labour between now and next June when there would be a Forced Labour Convention.

It was decided to call together the women's organisations which co-operated on this question before so that Mrs. Ross could give them an account of the Conference on Forced Labour held last June, at Geneva.

The following sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for further action:-

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Innes, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Thoday. The date of the first meeting could not at present be arranged but the London members were empowered to take action in the meantime.

Decided to notify Miss Sheepshanks of the decision of our Government to reinstate Conscientious Objectors to full rights in Government offices.

Miss Pye reported that the new Chinese Minister and his wife were arriving in London in October. The question of a reception for them in November was to be put on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

It was reported that Thora Daugaard hoped to be in England in November for the Opium Conference and would be willing to speak at meetings. Decided to try and arrange a tour for her.

Miss McPhail, Canada and Miss Hunton, U.S.A. also hope to be in

England after the Geneva Assembly and Miss Pye said she would try to arrange a meeting with our members for Miss McPhail at 44 Upper Park Road if possible.

Reported that Dr. Clark had sent a memorandum on the Present Situation of Minority Problems to the National Council for Prevention of War and that it had been circulated.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE ACCOUNT.

1st January/18th September, 1929.

RECEIPTS.

Balances 1st Jan. 1929		
On deposit (Co-operative Building Society)	153.10.8.	
Cash at Bank	64.13.7.	
Rents	270.15.0.	
Agreement stamps etc refunded.	<u>2. 5.2.</u>	273. 0.2.

EXPENSES.

Income Tax...	43.13.4.
Registration of Leases...	3. 2.0.
Audit fee....	2. 2.0.
Rent.....	60. 0.0.
Cheque book..	8.4.
Rates.....	45. 0.0.
Water Rate...	5. 3.6.
Repairs.....	45. 15.6.
Insurances...	6. 4.0.
	<u>211. 8.8.</u>
On deposit	278.10.8.
Cash at bank	<u>1. 5.1.</u>
	<u>£491. 4.5.</u>

£491. 4.5.

*H. D. Courtney to
October 8./29*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST, 1929

RECEIPTS.

Balances:- 31st July,			
On Deposit.....	400.	0.	0
Bank balance.....	189.	0.	3
Petty cash in hand.....	3.	7.	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions.....	14.	6.	0
Donations.....	107.	7.	6
News sheets.....	1.	10	
Literature.....	2.	0.	1
Prague fees.....	10.	0	
Affiliation fee.....	2.	6	
Expenses refund:			
postage.....	4.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Rent, Light & Heat.	4.	0.	0
Travel. Expenses...	15.	8	
Insurances etc.....	11.	6	
Stationery.....	1.	17.	9
	<u>131.</u>	<u>16.</u>	<u>11$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

£ 724. 5. 0

EXPENSES.

Salaries.....	51.	2.	6
Gift to Jane Addams....	4.	7.	6
Geneva subscriptions...	3.	2.	6
Meeting (Friends House)	7.	6	
Prague Congress.....	32.	19.	0
Stationery.....	4.	17.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Postage.....	5.	13.	6
News Sheets.....	5.	12.	0
Binding News Sheets....	18.	6	
Coal.....	3.	3.	0
Wages.....	4.	15.	0
Insurances.....	2.	7.	4
Cleaning.....	17.	0	
General Expenses.....	1.	7.	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Flowers (Dame M. Fawcett)	1.	0.	0
Repairs to Clock.....	15.	6	
	<u>123.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>4</u>
On Deposit.....	400.	0.	0
Petty cash in hand.	3.	5.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cash at bank.....	<u>197.</u>	<u>13.</u>	<u>3$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
	£ <u>724.</u>	£ <u>5.</u>	£ <u>0</u>

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS,
1st/17th September, 1929.

On Deposit.....	400.	0.	0
Cash balances.....	200.	18.	8
Subscriptions.....	2.	3.	6
Donations.....	10.	18.	0
News sheets.....	7.	6	
Literature.....	2.	18.	6
Expenses refunded:			
Prague Congress....	6.	1.	6
postage.....	3.	2	
Insurances.....	12.	9	
	<u>23.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>11</u>
	£ <u>624.</u>	£ <u>5.</u>	£ <u>7</u>

Salaries.....	7.	5.	0
Petty Cash.....	6.	0.	0
Prague Congress.....	5.	10.	6
	<u>18.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>6</u>
On Deposit.....	400.	0.	0
Cash balances.....	<u>205.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>1</u>
	£ <u>624.</u>	£ <u>5.</u>	£ <u>7</u>

OUTSTANDING & EARMARKED AMOUNTS.

On Deposit.....	400.	0.	0
Cash balances.....	205.	8.	1
General Act leaflets..	4.	3.	6
Newspapers.....	18.	4	
Stationery.....	1.	2.	7
News sheets & circular letter.....	9.	12.	6
Lady Courtney Fund...	200.	0.	0
China "	1.	9.	11
	<u>217.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>10</u>
W.I.L. Histories.....	37.	6.	0
	<u>254.</u>	<u>12.</u>	<u>10</u>
balances.	<u>350.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>3</u>
	£ <u>605.</u>	£ <u>8</u>	£ <u>1</u>

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

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 8th..1929
at 11 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT:- Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Dr.Clark,
Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs.Innes,
Miss Macanghten, Mrs.Marris, Miss Mennell, Miss Rinder,
Mrs. Swanwick, Miss Pye, Mrs.Unwin, Mrs White, Dr.Williams.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont Frown, Miss
Chick, Mrs. Parrs Davies, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs McGregor Ross,
Lady Parmoor.

MINUTES OF MEETING held on 18th September were read and confirmed.

500. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 492. Welfare of Seamen in Ports. Dr.Williams reported that the suggestions for the strict control of women who had illicit intercourse with men and the suggestion for the penalisation of the transmission of venereal disease had been eliminated from the Report of the Sub-Committee owing to the protests which had been received largely from women's organisations, including the W.I.L. The suggestion for the adoption of prophylactic measures had been retained as it was considered to be uncontroversial. This would need very careful watching and steps were being taken to bring the matter before the delegates.

Minute 492. Reception on 17th October and Meeting on 23rd October.

Reported that arrangements were being made for the former. Miss Courtney would take the Chair. On the suggestion of Mrs.Swanwick it was decided to ask Mrs.Hamilton to choose the subjects she would like to deal with at the Reception.

The time of the meeting on the 23rd had been changed to 6.15 p.m. in the hope that many members engaged in Offices etc., through the day would be free to attend at this hour.

Minute 492. Parliamentary Secretary. It was reported that Miss Trotter had commenced her duties on the 30th September at a salary of £5. per week. This appointment was endorsed by the Committee.

Miss Trotter put forward a list of suggestions for work. She said that, on making inquiries, she found a number of organisations such as the L.N.U., the N.C.P.W., the U.D.C., etc., were already concentrating on asking questions in the House but no work was done as far as she could tell to create a link between the Member of Parliament and his constituents and she felt this would be a good line along which to work.

After discussion it was decided that Miss Trotter should adopt this method for the present and work as far as possible through our Branches, members, Women's Peace Crusade workers, and others interested. The subjects to be concentrated on at the present time were the Optional Clause, Russia, Egypt, Disarmament, the Kellogg Pact and the Covenant. Letters should be sent at regular intervals to the above mentioned people and to the Executive Committee.

Members of the Committee were asked to send in any information and questions likely to be helpful to the work. The question of Press work arose and after discussion it was decided to leave

Miss Trotter and Miss Henderson to work in co-operation with each other and to report again to the Committee next month. It was decided that the circularising should be done in the Office through the Office Secretary.

Mrs. Crosfield raised the question as to whether the cost of stationery, postage, etc., was to come out of the Parliamentary Fund. This was agreed to.

Minute 493. Staff arrangements. It was reported that Miss Sargent was taking up work with the Anthroposophical Society on Monday next, October 14th., and that a Miss Tovey had been appointed shorthand typist-bookkeeper here as from the 21st October at a salary of £2. 5. 0. per week.

The Committee wished to express their thanks to Miss Sargent for the way she had carried out her duties during the last three years and to wish her every success in her new work. It was decided to present her with a Fountain Pen as a parting gift.

Minute 498. Resolution on Troops attending Armistice Day Services.

Acknowledgements of our resolutions were received from the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for War. The Brockley Women's Co-operative Guild had written to say that they were complying with our request and writing to the above mentioned people. Several Branches had got notices about it in their local Press. Preston Branch had informed us that the troops attending Armistice Service there will be unarmed except two who stand at each end of the Cenotaph.

Minute 498 (8). The International Bureau of Education.

In reply to our letter asking for prices of a quantity of the catalogue containing lists of books for children, a letter had been received saying that for 50 copies the price would be approximately 2/1d each; 100 copies 1/9d each. It was reported that the lists were not very well compiled and that Mrs. David Pye had the matter in hand. Decided to order one extra copy for use of any Branch Secretary who wished to borrow it.

501. FINANCE.

The attached statement of accounts was read and passed. Mrs. Crosfield reported that donations received towards the £300 asked for by Mrs. Binyon amounted to £182. 13. 0; 480 copies of "A Venture in Good Will" had been sold and £19.7.0. received to date. As shown in the Statement the book cost £37. 13. 0. to publish

Miss Chick's meeting and sale was reported and a vote of thanks was passed to Miss Chick for this special effort in addition to all the other work she did for the League.

502. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Miss Henderson reported that our Press-Cutting book was now up to date and was available if anyone wished to refer to it.

503. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. National Union of Women Teachers. Reported a request for an official representative from our League to an "Equal Pay"

meeting on Friday, October 18th at 8 p.m. in the Central Hall, Westminster. Mrs. White undertook to attend if she were free on that date. Decided to have handbills distributed at our Reception the preceding day.

2. Six Point Group. Reported an invitation to send a representative to attend a meeting on the Equal Rights Treaty on Wednesday, November 6th at 8 p.m. at the Mary Sumner Hall, Tufton Street, Westminster. A copy of the Treaty together with a summary of the history of the Equal Rights Treaty were sent with the invitation. No one present was free to attend and instructions were given to ask a member interested in the question to act on our behalf.

(3) Miss Doty. Reported a letter from Miss Doty saying she could come to England from November 7th to 21st. to speak at our Branch meetings. If she came she would want to appeal for International memberships, as well as national memberships, and also for subscribers to Pax. She said that her travelling expenses from and to Geneva would have to be taken out of the funds she was able to raise, and that she would expect travelling expenses and hospitality while in the country to be found.

It was reported that the Secretaries of Branches had been informed that Miss Doty and Miss Daugaard were expected to be in London in November and had been asked if they could arrange meetings. A number of Branches had asked for Miss Daugaard.

After discussion it was decided to ask the Branches if they could arrange for Miss Doty to speak at the same meeting as Miss Daugaard and to offer to pay the expenses of ^{Miss Doty} ~~the speaker~~. The Office was expecting to receive definite dates from Miss Daugaard any moment now. Miss Doty was to be asked if she would speak on the Prague Congress and then work in an appeal for Pax and an increased International Headquarters Membership.

Miss Pye reported that Miss Canziani had offered her Studio for a Drawing Room Meeting for Miss Doty.

It was decided that if the Branches could not possibly arrange for the two speakers to address the one meeting they should be asked if they could arrange a meeting for Miss Doty early in the New Year - preferably next January.

Miss Doty was to be asked if she would be willing to speak on the Prague Congress at the same time taking the opportunity of appealing for "Pax", and if she would speak at the same meeting with Miss Daugaard if this could be arranged.

(4) Women's Peace Crusade. Reported a letter from the W.P.C. saying that the subject decided on for the Conference on May 12th and 13th., was to be "World Disarmament - Its Possibilities and Problems."

504.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUSINESS.

Dr. Clark reported on the financial position of Pax, the price of which was to remain at 2/- for the present.

Miss Pye reported on the following matters, communicated to her and Mrs. Corbett Fisher as members of the International Committee which are likely to come before the next meeting of the International Executive.

(1) a proposal put forward by the International Committee for co-ordination of Pacifist Forces, signed by H.Golay, to organise a manifestation by international pacifist associations in Geneva in August, 1930.

It was agreed that the British Consultative members should be advised to oppose this proposal as being unlikely to be satisfactorily organised on the basis outlined.

(2) a proposal of the Joint Advisory Council of the War Resisters International to organise joint action by certain pacifist organisations against military training and conscription. National Sections of peace organisations in countries where conscription was in force were to be specially urged to take part in the campaign. Gertrud Baer had been appointed to serve on a Committee to consider the desirability of international action to secure the release of war resisters in prison especially in those countries which had signed and ratified the Kellogg Pact.

NOTE: This was referred to our November Committee pending the receipt of further information.

(3) A notice that the International Council of Women will hold their quinquennial international meeting from May 26th., to June 8th, 1930, to which fraternal delegates are invited from the W.I.L.P.F.

(4) A proposal to send a delegation to Palestine on a mission of friendship. Miss Balch, Madame Rolli and Miss Iye's names had been suggested. Miss Balch has said she could not go at once, but might be able to before the International Executive Committee in April, 1930.

NOTE: This was discussed and it was agreed that when the matter comes before our Consultative Members they should write to Miss Sheepshanks suggesting that the deputation should be postponed until Miss Balch could go and that a British women should be one of the deputation. Mrs. Swanwick promised to consult people from whom she believed she could get valuable advice.

(5) Arising out of the report of the W.I.L.P.F.delegation to Vienna, following the Prague Congress, Miss Balch suggested that the question of internal private armed formation should be studied and she offered to act as a Referent on Internal disarmament, and to ask the National Sections to supply information on the conditions in their countries.

It was agreed to approve this proposal.

505.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE GENEVA ASSEMBLY.

(1) Dr.Clark reported that our Minorities Report had been given to the delegates on the Assembly Committee (6th) which deals with political questions and that acknowledgments had been received from the Canadian and Finnish delegation.

Mrs.Swanwick reported she had had talks at Geneva with various people, especially with Dr.Stresemann on the subject of minorities

(2) Dr. Clark reported that in view of the reports in the papers that negotiations were renewed between Yugoslavia and Bulgaria concerning the frontier situation, she had recommended Miss Sheepshanks not to circulate the resolution on this question passed by the Assembly which urged Members of the League to raise the question at the Assembly under Art II of the Covenant.

(3) Miss Wilson, who had recently returned from Macedonia, had discussed with different people at Geneva the situation which had arisen between the Serbs and Bulgarians.

It was decided to try to get up a meeting in London for Miss Wilson and the Officers were left to make the arrangements.

(4) It was decided to send letters of thanks and congratulations to Lord Cecil, Mr. Henderson, Sir George Foster, Prof. P. Baker, Mr. Dandurand, Mr. Ereitscheid, etc., for the work they did at the 10th Assembly.

(5) Mrs. Puffer Morgan arranged a meeting between various English and American pacifist workers who were in Geneva (including Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark) to talk about the naval disarmament situation. She wanted to know if it would be good tactics on both sides of the Atlantic to urge that there should be a lower maximum number of cruisers than the figure forecasted in the September papers. Admiral Drury Lowe who was present took the view that much work would be needed to get the people as a whole in this country to support the degree of reduction which it was understood Mr. Macdonald was suggesting and doubted if it would be wise to make a general campaign for a lower figure.

NOTE: It was decided to put on the Agenda for the next Executive the further discussion of this question.

506. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS. Dr. Clark reported on the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations which was held in October. This report is filed for reference in the Office. Several recommendations were made which Dr. Clark was asked to pass on to Miss Sheepshanks.

K. D. Courtney
November 12. 29.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1929.

RECEIPTS.

On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0	
Cash at bank.....	197.13. 3½	
Petty cash in hand.....	3. 5. 4½	
Subscriptions.....	4.12. 0	
Donations.....	11.15. 6	
News sheets.....	13. 6	
Literature.....	7. 6.10	
Meetings.....	2. 3. 0	
Geneva.....	1. 0. 0	
Office Expenses refund,		
postage.....	9. 3½	
Prague Congress.....	6. 7. 6	
General Expenses.....	14. 5½	35. 2. 1

£ 636. 0. 9d.

EXPENSES.

Salaries.....	24.10. 0
Prague Congress.....	5.10. 6
Histories.....	37.13. 0
Literature.....	2. 4
Fares (Executive)...	3.14. 7
Stationery.....	6
Postage.....	5.13. 3
Meetings.....	2.16. 0
Gestetner Machine...	16. 0. 0
Nat. Health & Unempl.	
Insurances.....	1. 9. 9½
Wages.....	3. 0. 0
Cleaning.....	7. 8
Workmen's Compensation	6.10
General Expenses.....	1. 6.10
	102; 11. 3½
On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0
Cash at bank.....	130.11.10½
Petty cash in hand..	2.17. 7
	<u>£ 636. 0. 9d.</u>

STATEMENT, OCTOBER 1st/4th.

On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0	
Cash at bank.....	153. 9. 5½	
Subscriptions.....	1. 7. 6	
Donations.....	4. 1. 0	
Literature.....	2. 1.11	
Miss Chick's sale.....	16. 3. 6	
Meetings.....	2. 6	
General Expenses refund.	4. 3½	24. 0. 8½

£ 557.10. 2d.

Salaries.....	13.12. 6
Petty Cash.....	5. 0. 0
Stationery.....	1.10.10
Opium Conference....	1. 2.11
Electric light.....	18. 4
Literature.....	1. 4.10
News sheets.....	5. 8. 6
Rent.....	25. 0. 0
Printing.....	3.17. 6
	57.15. 5
On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0
Cash balances.....	99.14. 9
	<u>£ 557.10. 2d.</u>

OUTSTANDING & EARMARKED AMOUNTS.

Balances.....	499.14. 9
China Fund.....	1. 9. 11
Lady Courtney Fund...	195. 0. 0
Geneva subscription..	1. 0. 0
General Act leaflet..	4. 1. 0
	201.10. 11
Balance	298. 3. 10
	<u>£ 499.14. 9</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, November 12th, 1929, at 11 and 2.15 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Crosfield, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Marris, Miss Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Helen Ward, Dr. Ethel Williams, Mrs. White, Miss Doty (Geneva), Miss Daugaard (Denmark).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs Marshall, Miss Marshall and Mrs. Thoday.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DAME MILLICENT GARRETT FAWCETT. Reported an invitation for members of the Committee to attend this and the following were appointed:-

Mrs. Alcock, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs Davis, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Marris.

Several other members of the Committee had received personal invitations which they were accepting.

RESIGNATION FROM EXECUTIVE. Miss Courtney read a letter from Miss Marshall saying that owing to continued ill-health she must very regretfully resign from the Committee. The Committee were very sorry indeed to hear this and felt that, in the circumstances, they must accept her resignation. Miss Chick was asked to convey to Miss Marshall the deep sympathy of the Committee and their hope that the enforced rest would restore her to complete health.

Miss Courtney reported Miss Macnaghten was going to St. Kitts, West Indies, for several months and would, therefore, be unable to attend future Committees. Miss Chick was asked to write to Miss Macnaghten on behalf of the Committee.

MINUTES of meeting held on October 8th, having been previously circulated were taken as read and signed.

507. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 503 (3). It was reported that a number of meetings had been arranged for Miss Daugaard and Miss Doty.

Minute 492 (2). The Reception on October 17th for Mrs. Swanwick and Mrs. Hamilton had been very successful, both from a financial and propaganda point of view. The members of the Executive desired to place on record their recognition of the immense value of Mrs. Swanwick's influence in the important position maintained by the British Delegation at the 10th Assembly of the League of Nations and their deep appreciation of the help she has given to the W.I.L. and to all workers for peace in speaking and writing on the work of the Assembly.

With regard to the meeting on October 23rd at Friends House about 30 to 40 people were present and a collection of £2 was taken.

Minute 493 (4) Miss Sargent had expressed her appreciation of the fountain pen which the Committee had given to her on leaving. She hoped to keep in touch with our work and would look forward to coming to any meetings we held in the evenings.

Miss Tovey had been appointed Shorthand Typist and book-keeper in Miss Sargent's place, subject to confirmation after a month's trial, at a salary of £2.5.0.

The Officers had agreed to give Dorothy Pethard (the Office girl) an additional 2/6d per week making her salary 12/6d. The Executive endorsed this.

508. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was read and passed.

509. BRITISH SUBSCRIPTION TO PAX. It was noted that at present we are receiving 75 free copies of Pax and 175 copies for which we have agreed to pay half price. These are sent to those Headquarter members who pay 7/6d and over per annum, except those who subscribe for it direct to Geneva. After discussion it was decided that from the December issue we should pay for all these copies at the full rate, with a slight reduction equivalent to the economy made by posting them in bulk, and to make up the number additional to those subscribed for to 100, to be used at the discretion of the Office for propaganda, the cost being borne by general funds. Miss Doty offered to send (free) some French and German copies which might be used in some of our Schools.

It was further explained that the British Executive had urged its Branches to subscribe £1 to Geneva Headquarters Office, which would be counted as part of the British contribution, and it was understood that the Branch would receive one copy of Pax just as any other International Member would do.

This arrangement has, however, been altered as the Branches have been sent from Geneva ten copies of Pax for the £1 subscription and now that all copies of Pax are to be paid for this would mean that no balance would remain for Geneva Headquarters.

It was agreed that the position should be explained to the Branches and that they should know that in future they should make clear how many copies of Pax they require and subscribe for these separately and that it is only the money additional to this that they subscribe that will go to Geneva Headquarters Funds.

510. REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY WORK. Miss Trotter reported she had written to all the Headquarter Members, Branches and Affiliated Societies describing the aims of the Parliamentary work and enclosing the first Parliamentary letter, in which emphasis was laid on concentrating on the Optional Clause. About 200 copies of the above had been sent to people who had been attached to the Women's Peace Crusade in different constituencies outside London. To date 59 replies had been received, 52 expressing their desire to be kept in touch with the work and 7 declining to take the Parliamentary letter.

A Parliamentary index of all Members of Parliament had been made and also Hansard was being indexed in a way that will show a list of Members who are interested in various subjects.

Further, in accordance with the offer of the W.I.L. to provide information on the subject of study selected by the Crusade for its conference, Miss Trotter has compiled a syllabus on Disarmament for Study Circles, to be followed by further memoranda as occasion arises. A registration fee of 1/- is charged by the Crusade to all who receive the syllabus and subsequent memoranda. It was agreed to make this known to all our members and to take one copy in the Office.

511. MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY. The opinion was expressed by members connected with Branches that a visit from Miss Trotter might be of great help in rousing interest and would give an opportunity for her to get in touch with W.I.L. members who would cooperate in the parliamentary work by writing to Members of Parliament and to the Press, etc. In view of the fact that this side of the work appears to be more important at present than interviews with Members of Parliament at Westminster it was agreed that she should be at liberty to arrange for absences of a few days at a time for this purpose in consultation with the Officers. It was agreed that we should make a definite attempt to get a thousand new members before the next Council Meeting. The following were appointed, subject to their consent to serve on a sub-Committee to consider details of the proposed campaign:-

Miss Ward, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Crosfield, Miss Trotter,
Miss Henderson, Miss Chick, Miss Horscroft.

Mrs. Thoday was to be asked to let us have suggestions.

Miss Courtney reported on her tour in North Wales and said her

meetings had been well reported in the Press.

512. REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Opium Committee. Miss Pye reported on arrangements made for the Opium Conference and said that when all bills had been paid they expected to have a balance in hand of about £30. Lunch was being given to the speakers and the Executive Committee were invited also, but they would be asked to pay. About 50 teas at sixpence each could be provided.

The Committee expressed their gratitude and warm appreciation of all the work Miss Pye, Mrs. Blackwell and Miss Henderson had done to make the Conference a success.

Publicity Committee. Mrs. Barrs Davies reported that as the Cuttings taken from the Times and Manchester Guardian in the Office were so seldom used, it had been decided to drop them. In addition to the Manchester Guardian and the Times, the Morning Post and the Daily Herald were being taken regularly for the Parliamentary work. Five thousand copies of a leaflet on the General Act had been ordered to be sold at cost prices, namely:- 2d per dozen, 1/5d per 100, and 14/2d per 1,000. The following were being reprinted:- Membership Form folder, An Appeal to Women (to be brought up to date) and the membership slip which was inserted in "A Venture in Goodwill." Miss Henderson had been successful in getting good publicity for the Prague Congress and for the Reception on October 17th.

The Branch members present promised to send in suggestions of what they thought Branches needed in the way of literature.

513. MISS COURTNEY'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

Miss Courtney reported that Mrs. Chapman Catt, on behalf of the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War in America, had invited the British ~~W.I.L.~~ American Women's Peace Crusade to send her as a ^{delegate} to the 1930 Conference which takes place in Washington in January, and that she had accepted this invitation and would be leaving directly after Christmas. A representative had also been invited from Germany and another from France. They were to speak at several meetings after the Conference. Miss Courtney also reported that the United States Section of the W.I.L. had invited her to address a series of meetings in different parts of the States and that Miss Chown of the Canadian Section had also arranged meetings for her in Canada. She expected to be away until the middle of March.

514. CABLE TO MADAME KARAVELOVA OF SOFIA. Miss Anderson reported that she had heard from her mother, who is now in Bulgaria and has done some work there for the W.I.L., that Madame Karavelova was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of her public work on Sunday last, and suggested that she would be willing to represent the British Section at this celebration. Dr. Clark reported that on hearing this she had written to Mrs. Anderson asking her to represent us and to spend some money on our behalf for flowers to present to Madame Karavelova. She had also asked her to get a little present for her from those members of the British Section who knew her. In addition Dr. Clark had sent a cable of congratulation to Madame Karavelova. The Committee expressed their satisfaction at the action which had been taken.

515. MEETING FOR MISS WILSON AND MADAME DREVET ON MASEDONIA. It was reported that in accordance with Minute 505 (3) arrangements had been made for Miss Wilson ~~xxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ ~~x~~ to speak on December 6th. Dr. Clark reported that, in consultation with the Officers, she had invited Madame Drevet to come over for this meeting and the invitations had now been sent out. Dr. Clark proposed that Madame Drevet be asked to give an account of her work in the Balkans and make an appeal for funds for further international work in the Balkans in accordance with the request of the International Executive Committee.

516. EAST AFRICA. Mrs. McGregor Ross raised the question of holding a public meeting on the British policy in East Africa. After discussion it was decided that as Lord Passfield is likely to make a pronouncement in the near future it would be inadvisable to arrange a meeting at present but that a resolution expressing our views should be sent to him and to all the Cabinet at once and the following resolution was agreed to:-

"In view of the declaration of the Labour Party contained in "Labour and the Nation" that the Party "will take steps therefore to transfer to the inhabitants of these countries, without distinction of race or colour, such measure of political responsibility as they are capable of exercising, while Imperial responsibility for their Government will be maintained during the period preceding the establishment of democratic institutions," the Executive Committee of the Women's International League anticipate with confidence that official control of the legislature in each and all of our East African Protectorates, colony and mandated territory will not be relaxed until there are sufficient and sufficiently educated African Members on them to defend adequately all native interests; and it looks forward to the grant of male and female suffrage in these territories on a civilisation franchise only."

It was decided that an explanatory statement should be sent to our Branches with a simpler resolution which it was suggested they might pass and send to ~~xxx~~ their Members of Parliament and local press.

517. PALESTINE. Minute 504 (4). The Committee agreed that it was undesirable to send a delegation to Palestine at the present moment. With regard to the possibility of this being useful a little later on it was decided to wait until further information had been obtained.

518. INDIA. Miss Rinder raised the question of whether it would be useful at the present moment to pass a resolution expressing our views on the present situation in India. After discussion it was decided that the time was not opportune and that it would probably be better to wait until the report of the Simon Commission is issued.

519. POLICY AS TO REDUCTION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS. Discussion took place on the policy of the W.I.L, on the reduction of naval armaments. It was agreed that there was no need for any special statement at the moment and that as our recognised policy is to work for total disarmament we should await proposals made at the Naval Conference before deciding in what way we could usefully press for the utmost reduction possible. It was agreed that a leaflet would be useful for speakers, giving facts and figures, extracts from papers and speeches.

Dr. Clark read a letter from the Massachusetts Branch of the W.I.L. with reference to a polyglot petition for disarmament and asking us if we in this country could adopt the same plan. It was decided to reply that it would not be advisable to work along these lines as mass political petitions are not effective in this country.

Mrs. Vipont Brown reported that the Manchester Branch would like the Executive to consider the advisability of sending a mission to American women to urge them to work for the acceptance by America of membership of the League of Nations. Miss Courtney said that as she was going to America in the New Year she would be very glad to watch the situation and report on it on her return.

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520. PROPOSAL OF JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL OF WAR RESISTERS INTERNATIONAL RE CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONSCRIPTION AND MILITARY TRAINING.

In connection with this Dr. Clark reported that the Friends Peace Committee had suggested that they might concentrate on work against O.T.C.'s but that, while they supported and stood for total disarmament they were not likely to make much headway in propaganda for that end immediately in Great Britain. It was decided to support the Friends' Peace Committee's suggestion on this matter.

After discussion it was decided to appoint a sub-Committee on O.T.C.'s and the following were appointed, subject to their consent:-

Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Nickalls, Mrs. David Pye, Mrs. Longson and Mrs. Thoday (as correspondents), Mrs. Robert Mennell, Mrs. Lankaster of Croydon, Mrs. Crosfield.

Mrs. McGregor Ross and Mrs. Crosfield undertook to consult Mrs. Lankaster to see if she would act as convener.

521. INTERNAL DISARMAMENT. A letter from Miss Balch had been received asking us for information on conditions in this country of internal private arms. It was decided to reply that the regular army is the only army in existence in this country.

Dr. Clark reported a letter from Frau Hertzka re internal disarmament in Austria. Mrs. Corbett Fisher undertook to reply that we did not think the proposal practicable.

522. SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANISING THE W.I.L. CONGRESSES. Reported that the suggestions from various delegates attending the Prague Congress had been compiled into one list and members of Executive had been consulted on it. When all their opinions had been received and considered by a special Committee of delegates and others interested it would then be sent to Miss Sheepshanks for consideration.

523. INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK. Reported a letter from International Headquarters containing several proposals for future work. Dr. Clark was asked to let Miss Sheepshanks know what plans we were making to carry out the work in this country.

With regard to a Polyglot Petition the National Sections were asked to write direct to Dr. Sahlbohm. Mrs. Corbett Fisher undertook to write to Dr. Sahlbohm suggesting that a declaration urging disarmament by agreement between the nations might be better than a petition, and saying that as a Disarmament Petition Campaign was carried out by the National Council for the Prevention of War less than two years ago, it would not be practicable to have another this year.

Congress Report. It was decided to recommend that the papers should be shortened where possible. The opinion was expressed that there would only be a very small sale in this country.

Boy Scouts. A letter was reported from General Baden Powell in which he said:-

"I should be very glad if you would kindly inform me of the countries in which you have found the Boy Scout Movement misused and applied to militaristic ends - as this is entirely contrary to our teaching everywhere."

Miss Sheepshanks asked National Sections to let her know if their countries showed undesirable militarist tendencies so that she could reply to Baden Powell. It was agreed that we have at present no evidence of definite militarist tendencies in this country.

International Penal Reform. The following resolution was passed and the Office instructed to send it to the Government and to the Council of the League of Nations:-

"In view of the fact that many countries are drafting new Penal Codes, the Executive Committee of the Women's International League respectfully urges the Council of the League of Nations to set up a Committee to study the conditions accorded to all prisoners, civil or political, from the moment of arrest to the time of their discharge."

524. POLITICAL PRISONERS IN HUNGARY. Dr. Clark reported that Miss Gertrude Eaton had raised the question of possible action by the W.I.L. to protest against the treatment of political prisoners in Hungary. After discussion with some other members of the Executive it had been agreed that no action could usefully be taken at present officially from the W.I.L., but that it might be a help to keep up the correspondence in the papers so that the Hungarian Government should know that the matter was attracting the attention among the English, whose opinion they value. This was confirmed by the Executive.

525. REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MODERN WARFARE. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported on a letter which Frau Ragaz had drafted to be sent to the Director of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, asking for a grant of money for publication of the Frankfurt report. The Committee recommended that no specific sum should be named in the letter but that mention should be made of the fact that 1,000 copies in English would cost about £50. Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that Mrs. S.K. Ratcliffe had consented to cut down the report to a considerable extent, without making a charge.

526. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING. The date fixed for this was April 1st and 2nd, 1930, by which date it was expected Miss Courtney would have returned from U.S.A. The Office was instructed to make inquiries re Halls.

527. "AT HOME" FOR CHINESE MINISTER'S WIFE. It was agreed to ask the Y.W.C.A., the N.U.S.E.C., and the National Council of Women to unite with us over getting up this "At Home" probably next February. Decided to ask Secretaries to meet together and discuss the whole question.

528. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Women's Peace Crusade. Miss Trotter reported on arrangements being made for the Conference and Public Meeting next May. Lord Cecil had agreed to speak. She had offered the Syllabus on Disarmament which she had drawn up on behalf of the W.I.L. to Secretaries of Crusade Committees at a charge of 1/- each. Miss Courtney reported that it had been arranged for Miss Trotter to give some of her time to Crusade work, for which the Crusade Committee would pay.

National Union of Women Teachers. Mrs. White reported that she attended the Equal Pay Public Meeting on October 18th. It was a very full meeting and there was also an overflow meeting, at both of which a resolution calling upon the Government, the Local Education Authorities and the Burnham Committee to establish the principle of equal pay for men and women teachers of the same professional status, without further delay.

Correspondence was reported on in connection with the Women of India Conference in which we were asked to give our support to the resolutions put to the meeting on October 8th, which had not been circulated before the meeting owing to lack of time. After discussion it was decided to reply that we express our agreement

with the resolutions but could not take any responsibility in regard to the organisation of the Conference or the subsequent controversy.

Letter to Times re Married Women Teachers. Reported that Miss Chick, on behalf of the Executive, signed a letter to the Editor of the Times welcoming the plea for the retention of married women teachers from the London Teachers' Association and urging that in justice and fair play women should be free to decide as a matter of private concern the best use to which their talents should be put after as before marriage. This was endorsed.

529. PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON THE COLOUR BAR QUESTION to be held at Friends House on 27th November, to which we were invited to send two representatives. It was left to the Office to arrange for two people to attend on our behalf.

530. GERMAN PRIVATE PROPERTY. Mrs. Unwin raised this question and the Committee considered the possibility of taking action, but decided to wait until the situation was clearer before suggesting a resolution.

531. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was reported from Madame Vambéry of Hungary saying that the Feminist Society, to which the W.I.L. was affiliated, was celebrating its 25th Anniversary in the middle of December, and inviting us to send representatives. Mrs. Corbett Fisher announced that she had been invited to be present and was arranging to do so.

H. D. Courtney
December 10/29

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR OCTOBER 1929

RECEIPTS

On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0.	
Cash at Bank.....	130 11.10.	
Petty Cash in Hand.....	2,17. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Subscriptions.....	9.13. 0.	
Donations.....	93.10, 9.	
News Sheet.....	7.15. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Literature	8. 1. 0	
Meetings.....	14.15. 6	
Affiliation Fees....	1. 4. 9	
Office Exps. Refunded	4. 6. 0	
Postage.....	19. 7	140. 6. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

£673.15. 6

EXPENSES

Salaries.....	47.15. 0
Stationery.....	5. 6. 8
Printing.....	16. 2. 6
Literature.....	3.15.10
News Sheet.....	16. 4. 0
Advertisements....	3. 4. 6
Postage and Wires.	15.11.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Telephone.....	4. 1. 8
Lighting.....	1. 5. 6
Rent.....	25. 0. 0
Wages.....	3. 0. 0
Insurance.....	1. 2. 9
Fares etc.....	3. 1. 3
General Expenses..	2. 6. 3
	<u>147. 17.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>
On Deposit.....	400. 0. 0
Cash at Bank.....	125. 8. 3
Petty Cash in Hand	9. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$

£673. 15. 6.

STATEMENT, NOVEMBER 1st/11th.

Balance in hand.....	525.17. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Receipts.....	<u>33. 8.10$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

£559. 6. 6.

Expenditure.....	56.14.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance.....	<u>502.11.6$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

£559. 6. 6