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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

AN APPEAL TO "THE NOBODIES."

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WE are members of the League of Nations Union—we see clearly that something must be done at least to lessen the possibility of future wars, and machinery to this end has been established; we know that to some extent this is the expression outwardly of an inward conviction in the hearts and minds of the people all over the world that nations are in some degree inter-related; in fact, that we are members of one body, not units in ourselves separate and distinct from each other. We know with a new perception that a disease in the arm or the chest does affect the whole body. This League, if it is properly set up and kept in good working order, will have a watchful interest and curative power to send aid to any part of the body which becomes infected.

We look upon the body at the present time and see disease in many parts—Poland, Austria, Russia, etc. We cannot help being concerned, we are rightly concerned, and yet we say to ourselves, What can I do? I can do nothing. I am nobody of any importance I am just like a little tiny cell in the great body of humanity. It is for the great people, the leaders in Governments, to set things right; that is what they are there for. It is because this does not represent the whole state of affairs that we are inviting this appeal. We believe that there are thousands, tens of thousands of these tiny cells, these nobodies, who are ready, who would be glad to be of service to the healthy life of the world, if they only knew how, and we say to them without the slightest doubt in our minds: You are of the greatest importance, and, further, it may be just through you that the life stream of health may flow fully enough through the body to cover the diseased spots. What a hope! What a possibility worth working for, worth joining up with other cells for strength, for fellowship, and, if there is the possibility of service, then for a tremendous service! The fact is there are no nobodies! Each one has a throb within himself or herself from the central life—it is the healthy circulation of life through the cells that cures. We men and women have to come into conscious touch with life, which we can conceive of as nothing less than all-pervading power and harmony only waiting for the willing channels through which it can flow to become effective for the healthy upbuilding of the whole body. The great work of reconstruction must be done through the individuals. In the first place, we have to get rid of our selfish separateness and don't-care-ness, and come into a real perception of fact and truth that we do belong to others,

and that it does matter how we think and what we desire, otherwise we become only blocked cells keeping the life flow for ourselves, or careless ones saying to ourselves it is no matter of mine. On the other hand, we have others saying: Tell us how we can help! Tell us what to do! Keep your own life pure, turn your desires frequently towards the good of humanity, and keep a constant hold of the fact that you have this throb of the central life in you, and that it is throbbing or trying to pulsate through everybody else, and then in all simplicity turn to God in prayer that His will may be done between natives and between sections and classes in each nation. At the moment of writing the Council of Jurists is being called at the League for the formation of an International Court of Justice, and we feel certain that if thousands of people are turning to the divine source of all law and order that law and order may be brought into effect between nations, the right people will be appointed to carry that out.

We have almost hesitated to use the word prayer, it is so much misunderstood. We mean a real belief that God is, and is coupled with us, a clear perception that He is reaching out towards us at this instant, ready to fill every channel that is clear towards Him with his power of life, love, and harmony; that cause and effect run right through the whole gamut of human life to the last vibration. That cause is always in the spiritual and mental, and the effect is seen in the physical and material side that there is an immediate relationship of parts of the whole. Wherefore our turning in prayer to the source of wisdom, truth and love does become effective for the right guidance of those who are in positions of trust. When we ask that a spirit of brotherhood and goodwill may permeate our international life, some move in that direction takes place. We are inclined to think that probably the speed of power of that move depends upon the number of the individual's who are praying. Therefore we ask that everyone who is willing to devote one minute a day to this definite work will fill in his or her name in the enclosed slip.

Return it to the offices of the League of Nations Union (c/o P.B.), then continuous communications will follow to those who have sent in their names.

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promise to devote one minute each day to prayer for the success of the League of Nations and for the establishment of true harmony and goodwill between nations and between the various classes in each nation.