

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Thursday, 8th
January, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Chick, Mrs. Dehn,
Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Huntsman, Miss
Leaf, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward.

Apologies
for ab-
sence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss
Courtney, Lady Courtney, Miss Ford, Mrs. Lloyd, Miss
Marshall, Miss Macnaghten, Mrs. Russell.

Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting on December 18th were read
and confirmed.

Business
arising.

Reported Lady Astor was not willing to take up the
question of Armenian women in Turkish Harems. Suggest-
ed Miss Boyajian be asked whether she had approached
Mr. Aneurin Williams, who was interested in Armenia.

A letter was read from Miss Wilson Wilson thanking
the Executive for their kind message and asking to be
kept in touch with the work from time to time.

International Suffrage Alliance. A letter was
read announcing that the Congress in Madrid would be
held in May (2-8th). Decided to think over the ques-
tion as to whether we should send a delegate, asking
Mrs. Despard to keep May 2nd -8th free.

Reported the Lord Mayor of Bradford had replied
that any meetings in Bradford must be arranged by the
people interested.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that the Manifesto sent to
Women's Societies for signature by the League of Na-
tions Union had come to her without her having time to
consult even individual members of the Executive as to
appending her signature. She had, therefore, had to
use her own judgment entirely and had decided on various
grounds, but chiefly because of the too whole-hearted
approval of the League as it stands, that she could
not sign, and had returned it with a letter of explana-
tion. She had then received a letter from Miss N.
Green as representative of the Women's League of
Nations Provisional Committee protesting against the
Manifesto, but making many inaccurate statements, in-
cluding the committing of the Provisional Committee to
agreement with the Covenant and the statement that we
were holding propaganda meetings, and asking for her
signature. The Executive, with one dissident, agreed
that Mrs. Swanwick had been right in not appending her
signature to the Manifesto and all agreed that she had
done right in not signing the letter sent out by Miss
Green.

Reported for Miss Cooper Willis that Mr. Hirst had
suggested the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville might give
a donation to our funds. Decided Mrs. Pethick Lawrence
be asked to write to her and also to Miss Royden and
Mrs. Stapledon, who had given donations before.

Report of Sub-
Committee.

Organisation. Recommended to Executive that Dr. Rotten's suggestion to come over in March and to speak at small gatherings mainly on educational questions in response to our invitation be accepted, and that the N.P.C. and the Friends be asked to cooperate in the invitation and arrangements. Agreed. Recommended to Executive that, as a result of various inquiries, Miss Brewster and Miss Marsh undertake to make investigations as to the possibility of having children from the starving districts of Central Europe over to England; that the inquiries be made first among our own members and branches, of the Friends and of the Save the Children Fund, and that Miss Courtney be asked her opinion as to the advisability of having them over and as to the size of parties.

Mrs. Despard reported on the re-organisation and extension of the Save the Children Fund Staff.

Debate on Bolshevism. Recommended that Commander Grenfall be asked to open the ~~date~~ on the pro-Bolshevik side and that a Miss Barber, who has been in Russia throughout the revolution, be asked to ~~second it~~ ^{speak}; and Mr. Paul Dukes be asked to take the Bolshevik side ^{with Mr. Likiadopolis to second.} Agreed, conditional to Miss Marsh finding out rather more about Miss Barber from the Friends who had recommended her to "Fight the Famine."

Hilda Saxe Recital. Reported that the programmes would be ready immediately and that it had been suggested that six tickets should be taken by each of the London Executive, which would fill the room and make £30.

Course of Lectures. The Executive were asked to make proposals for a course of lectures with the object of raising money. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to ask Mr. Keynes whether he would undertake a course for us. Suggestions were also made that a theatrical performance or reading might be given. Mrs. Dehn and Miss Leaf undertook to make inquiries ^{later} of friends on this subject. Miss Leaf suggested that a Peace Concert might be a good plan a little later on.

Finance. The Balance Sheet for December showed a balance on December 31st of £367. 4. 1d, total up to date for the Vienna Fund £373. 8. 2d. Miss Ashton inquired if we were getting the Government grant of £1 for £1 for this fund, and Miss Royds was instructed to ^{make} inquiries and to see if registration was now ~~ready~~ ^{necessary}, as we were contemplating sending the money direct, and to let Miss Ashton know.

Siberian
Prisoners.

Mrs. Swanwick reported various interviews with Frau Hertzka; they had seen Mr. Wise and tried and were still trying to see Sir Charles Eliot. Mr.

Cole had been seen and had given advice as to action and had told them that the Labour Party was definitely taking up the question, and Frau Hertzka would be invited to attend a sub-Committee.

Reported that arrangements were being made for her to meet Labour Members in Manchester, Leeds and Newcastle and that she was hoping to get an article in the Times through an introduction by Dr. Ethel Smyth to Mr. Wickham Steed. Mrs. Swanwick thought we might possibly get the National Council of Women to take up the question from a humanitarian standpoint and that we might co-operate.

Correspondence. Women's League of Nations' Provisional Committee.

In reply to a letter the following were nominated to attend a further Conference called by this Committee for February 26th:-

Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Mrs. Swanwick,
Miss Ward, Miss Cooper Willis, Miss Royds.

British Committee of the Indian National Congress. A letter was read asking for our co-operation in a meeting on January 30th to protest against the Amritsar atrocities. Decided we would distribute handbills and make it known if possible.

Other business. Miss Leaf asked that the Committee would appoint

a delegate to a meeting to be called on January 23rd to discuss what could be done ~~with the Information Bureau started by Mrs. Buxton.~~ Mrs. Dehn agreed to represent the W.I.L.

with regard to the
various Information
Bureaus

H. M. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, 22nd
January, 1920.

Present: Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Briggs,
Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Miss I. O. Ford, Miss
M. H. Huntsman, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Par-
moor, The Hon. Mrs. Rollo Russell, Mrs. Salter,
Mrs. Unwin, Miss Irene Cooper Willis.

Apologies
for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs.
Lloyd and Miss Ward.

Minutes. Minutes of meeting on January 8th were read
and confirmed, with a further definition of the
meeting called by Miss Leaf about the Informa-
tion Bureau.

Business
arising. Reported Miss Macmillan had replied to inquiries
about expenses in Spain that hotel accommodation
was scarce and good accommodation could only be
had from £1 a day, but that private arrangements
would probably be made for paying guests for the
International Suffrage Conference and that special
Railway rates were possible.

Reported that the Friends Emergency & War Victims
Relief Committee could only claim £1 for a £1 from
the Government on money definitely spent on food ^{and} ~~or~~
clothing; that Miss Anderson was writing to Frau
Scheu Riez to get her assurance that our money was
so spent and that then she would write to the
Friends again asking them if they could put sums
sent by us through their books in order that the
claim might be made.

Reported that the N.P.C. would co-operate with
the W.I.L. in inviting Dr. Rotten to England and
had suggested that the Friends Peace Committee,
Devonshire House, Bishopsgate, should be applied
to, to ask if they would co-operate, the Friends
Emergency ^{Committee} ~~Committee~~ being unable to because of
their need for care that all their money should
be spent strictly on relief.

Reported that Mrs. Swanwick had written to Mr.
Keynes about a course of lectures, but that he
could not give them and that she had asked Mrs.
Lloyd to sound Mr. Arnold Forster on the possibility
of his giving a course covering much the same
grounds as Mr. Keynes' book. Miss Ashton moved,
Miss Ford seconded that the course should be ar-
ranged if Mr. Arnold Forster consented. Agreed.

Reported that Miss Boyajian had replied to a suggestion that she was in close touch with Mr. Aneurin Williams over Armenian questions.

Frau Hertzka's visit. Mrs. Swanwick reported that Frau Hertzka saw Mr. Wickham Steed, but that he had not taken her article for the "Times." Mrs. Swanwick had urged Miss Macmillan to try to get the question of Siberian Prisoners taken up by the National Council of Women and had written to Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon suggesting this also. Miss Huntsman reported that the N.P.C. was circulating the leaflet with the resolution for the meeting on the 26th among their constituent societies with a request that they should forward a similar resolution to the Government.

Viennese Children. After a lengthy discussion on the possibilities of having over a batch of children from the Friends' Home in Holland, or on our arranging for the bringing over of any children, it was decided that Mrs. Russell should obtain information from the Save the Children Fund as to whether they were planning to bring over the children and say that in that case we might help in finding homes.

W. I. L. in Vienna.

Miss Huntsman reported that the N.P.C. after receiving a very despondent letter from Vienna about the Peace Movement in Austria, had sent out £50 to help it forward, through a representative of the Friends and the National Peace Council, and that he had reported on the Peace Movement there, including the W.I.L. He thought that the W.I.L. in Austria should have a fine future and was especially struck with its leaders. The £50 had been exchanged at 590 kr. to the £1 and of this 8,500 kr. had been allotted to the W.I.L.

Organisation Sub-Committee.

Reported that the League of Nations Union was organising a meeting on February 6th at the Albert Hall, with Lady Astor, Lord Robert Cecil, Miss Royden and Miss M. Maarthur speaking, and that a block would be allotted to the various women's societies. Seven tickets were asked for by various members of the Executive.

Recommended that in place of the Debate on Bolshevism in which Commander Grenfell~~a~~ hesitated to speak, a meeting should be held on the present situation with regard to Russia, and the prospects of resuming trade through the co-operative movement with Commander Grenfell~~a~~ and Madame Polovtsev and possibly Mr. Morkosoff and another co-operative speaker at the Fight the Famine Conference as speakers.

Reported the tickets for the Hilda Saxe Recital were not going very well; the Executive^{was} asked to do what it could to sell more.

asking him to speak on the League of Nations at our meeting demanding the repatriation of Austro Hungarian prisoners & suggesting that he could then point out that such repatriation would be an act of reconciliation helpful to the League. She had further suggested that the W.L.L. would collect an audience differing somewhat from the kind to which he was accustomed, requiring conversion to the idea of a League of Nations. A W.L.L. audience ^(including many Labour women) needed no such conversion, but would need to be assured that the League of Nations Union would earnestly advocate the amendments to the Covenant & the Revision of the Treaty necessary to make the League a reality. Decided Mrs Swanwick should try to see him, putting this request again before him.

Recommended to Executive that a Conference be organised in connection with the National Guilds League with the object of clearing up doubts of many women about the attitude of the League to women and putting the point of view and the difficulties of pacifist women with regard to the whole Guilds' movement, with the idea ~~under the cover of an attack on the Guilds system~~ of getting the difficulties thrashed out. Mr. Cole had ~~made~~ ^{introduced} the suggestion himself after Conferences held at Mr. Norman Angell's and should be asked to speak and answer the statement of the difficulties. Agreed that this should be organised and we should try to get women to put the co-operative and pacifist point of view to arouse explanation.

Finance. The balance sheet up to date showed a balance of £337 odd.

Literature
Committee.

The Manifesto drawn up by Miss Chick referred by the Literature Committee to the Executive in place of the Manifesto in use till a few weeks ago, but now out of date, was considered and passed. Decided to put at the head the countries affiliated as well as the Members of the British Executive, and to delete the heading "Manifesto" and the sub-heading.

Proposal re Manifesto to the League of Nations on its foundation. A proposal was read from Manchester that headquarters should draft a strong Manifesto to the League of Nations on its establishment, naming points in which the Peace Treaty contravenes the 14 points and asking for revision without delay, of the oppressive terms. After some discussion on the question of the advisability of harking back to the 14 points, it was decided that it would be a good plan to send a recent document on the Peace Treaty to the League of Nations and Mrs. Swanwick undertook to draft an outline and send it to Miss Cooper Willis for criticism and further suggestions. Mrs. Swanwick reported in this connection that she had written to Lord Robert Cecil ~~asking him to speak at our meeting about Siberian Prisoners pointing out that he had continually to be very elementary for his audiences and asking him if he would speak to a meeting organised by us, the audience in which would need assuring that he wanted a real League of Nations if they were to support him, and that he must show this if he is to get the support of the right kind of women and of the Labour Party women.~~ Decided Mrs. Swanwick should try to see him, putting this request again before him.

Correspondence.

Croydon Branch. A letter was read that had been sent in by the Croydon Secretary asking if the W.I.L. could do anything to help the case of Miss de Huchtenaere, a Flemish lady who had been promi-

ment in the movement for Flemish Home Rule under the German occupation, and after the Armistice had been arrested by the Belgian Authorities and condemned to 15 years imprisonment. Decided that Miss Balch should be written to and asked to do anything she could through the Belgian W.I.L.

Association for Moral and Social Hygiene. A letter was read asking for our co-operation and suggestions for a deputation to Mr. Lloyd George to consider action to improve the moral environment of the men in the Forces. Decided to reply that the question was not really within our scope and that we felt that the only real cure for such evils as were outlined was to demobilise the men.

Mrs. Ayrton Gould's letter from Miss Rathbone was read asking that the W.I.L. should send delegates to an informal Conference at the Minerva Cafe on January 23rd at 3 p.m. to discuss the action of Women's Societies from various points of view with regard to conditions in the famine-stricken areas of Europe. Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had sent in to Mrs. Ayrton Gould the suggestion that the best way of educating women's societies in the facts would be to read Keynes Book and attend lectures. She herself would attend the Conference, Lady Parmoor also reported that she was attending and Miss Royds was nominated.

H. M. Swanwick,

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Meeting of Executive Committee, February 5th, 1920, at
2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Lady Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward, Miss Cooper Willis.

Apologies
for ab-
sence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Chick, Miss Ford, Mrs. Despard, Miss Leaf, Miss Marshall.

Business
arising.

(Reported no answer had as yet been received from the Friends' Peace Committee as to co-operation over Dr. Rotten's visit.) Reported Mrs. Ensor had a scheme for bringing over five hundred Austrian children for care in this country and that she was forming a small ad-hoc Committee of various Societies and would be glad if the W.I.L. could lend her a Committee Room for its first meeting on Wednesday, February 11th, and would send a delegate. Agreed to lend the room, but in view of the fact that we did not wish to get involved in actual work connected with bringing over the children we should not send a delegate, but should refer people willing to take children to Mrs. Ensor; Mrs. Russell to be supplied also with addresses of those offering, if she required them, ^{to} ~~receive~~ children sent over from Mr. Mertkens' Home in Holland. (Mrs. Swanwick reported on the meeting of Women's Societies convened by Mrs. Ayrton Gould and Miss Rathbone to consider what women's societies could do for the famine-stricken area of Europe. Certain political recommendations had been passed and would be sent out to the Societies which had taken part, but the meeting had been small and not very representative.)

Mrs. Hertzka's visit. A report was read recording what Mrs. Hertzka had done up to February 2nd, and supplemented, and the suggestion made that if Mr. Cadogan (Cecil Harnsworth's Secretary) does not answer, a personal appeal should be made to Mr. Lloyd George to grant an interview, through Miss Stevenson. Points which needed emphasising in an interview being (1) a request that he should make known to other Governments that the British were willing to grant facilities; (2) the need to press the Japanese Government to grant facilities. Reported that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence had had a very nice letter from Lady Astor who had invited her to see her when the House met, and that she would do so. Proposed that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence be appointed to follow up Mrs. Hertzka and Mrs. Branczik's work on behalf of the prisoners. Agreed. (Decided, if possible, the "Observer" and the "Nation" should be persuaded to take up the question. Mrs. Raymond Unwin reported that Lord Robert Cecil had ^{recently} ~~kindly~~ taken it up and had proposed the League of Nations Union should make it part of its immediate work. The Committee was asked to keep Mrs. Pethick Lawrence informed of any such facts which might be helpful.) Miss Huntsman

reported that the Church of England Peace League would follow up a letter received from Lord Curzon on the subject and read at the meeting on January 26th. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Hertzka to the Executive for all their kindness during her visit was read.

Miss Royds apologised for the omission of the list of countries on the new Manifesto through an oversight. It was pointed out that a heading^{which} should have been deleted was also left in.

Report of
Sub-
Committees.

Organisation. Reported that there were no special recommendations from the Organisation Committee to the Executive, but that many arrangements had been made with regard to meetings.

Dr. Rotten's Visit. Decided to arrange for an "At Home" if possible on March 9th, at which the various societies which had expressed willingness to co-operate or desire to have Dr. Rotten to speak should be asked to co-operate; that Dr. Rotten should then visit Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle.

Meeting on the Russian Situation and the Co-operative Movement on February 19th at the Central Hall. Bills of this meeting were on the table. Reported Mr. Asanchev would illustrate what he had to say about the Co-operative Movement with slides.

Lectures by Mr. W.E. Forster on the Economic Consequences of the Peace Treaty at Mortimer Hall. Reported these would be on March 12th, 19th and 26th. Suggestions for Chairmen: Mr. Garvin, Lord Haldane, Mr. Clynes or Mr. Henderson or General Gough. Price 5/- for the course, single lectures 2/-. Further suggestions as to Chairman made by the Executive: Prof. Gilbert Murray, Viscount Curzon, General Maurice. Mrs. Dehn proposed that letters of thanks should be sent to Mrs. Huth Jackson and Miss Hilda Saxe for their kindness over the Recital given by Miss Hilda Saxe. Mrs. Dehn undertook to write these letters.

Conference with the National Guilds League. Reported May 4th had been fixed as the date. Decided that Miss Marsh should try to secure ^{the} small Central Hall. Speakers to be asked:- ~~(1)~~ to represent (1) the Women Trade Unionists' point of view, Mrs. Annot Robinson, (2) The Co-operative Women, Mrs. Found (Bristol), (3) The ~~Pacifist~~ standpoint, Mrs. Stocks. Miss Ellen Wilkinson to be invited to the Conference at the request of Mr. Cole. It had been decided that there should be a preliminary Conference in the afternoon for women only and that various organisations should be asked to co-operate in the Conference. Suggested the Fabian Women, the Friends, the N.U.S.E.C. and the London Society for Women's Suffrage; that an entrance fee of 1/- be charged and a collection be taken.

of Industrial Peace

FINANCE. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported that the balance up to the end of January was: General Fund £283. 7. 10d, Vienna Children Fund £224. 12. 5d and the response to the Executive Appeal had, so far, been £138. 1. 0d. Miss Cooper Willis reported that Baron

Schröder said he would subscribe this year, but at the moment he was overwhelmed with various claims. An appeal was made to the Executive to help in future over the selling of tickets for meetings as they had been so successful over the Concert.]

Literature. Reported that the main activity of the Literature Committee had been the production of the pamphlets, two of which were published and two more in hand.

Correspondence. An invitation to the W.I.L. to send two delegates to be on the Platform for the meeting in the Queen's Hall on Thursday, February 12th, on the need for women in Parliament, got up by the International Council of Women and the N.U.S.E.C. was considered. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Eckhard were nominated.

A letter was read from Miss Sheepshanks proposing that the League of Nations Union be asked to co-operate over Dr. Rotten's visit. Decided this was not advisable.]

World Institute of Public Health. A letter was read inviting our Society to send delegates to an International Congress to be held in Brussels from May 20th-24th. Decided while we could not send a delegate, to reply expressing our interest.

Olga Misar. A letter was read which had been sent to Miss Balch, telling of the sudden death from influenza of Frau Kulka in Vienna, on January 2nd.

Birmingham. A letter was read from Miss Haly asking for an Executive speaker for the Annual Meeting on March 3rd to expound the Executive policy (referred from Organisation Committee). Decided to ask Miss Ford if she could attend the meeting and explain to Miss Haly that the Executive has not a policy distinct from the League.

Mrs. Snowden. A letter was read asking (1) is the W.I.L. eligible for affiliation to the Women's Suffrage International? Decided to reply that while we could be fraternal we could not affiliate; (2) Has the Executive discussed the advisability of such an affiliation? Not previously; (3) Is the W.I.L. sending any fraternal delegates to the Madrid Conference? The question had been previously considered and the Executive ~~has~~ decided to make an effort to raise the money necessary for expenses and to ask Mrs. Pethick Lawrence to represent them and, if possible, to find a second delegate, either someone going in any case or willing to pay her own expenses. Decided to ask Miss Picton Turbervill if she were going whether she would be our second representative.

League of Nations Women's Provisional Committee. Nominations were asked for for twenty persons for the new Executive Committee. The following from the Provisional Committee were re-nominated:-
Miss Courtney, Mrs. Boyd Dawson, Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Miss M. Fry, Miss M. Macarthur, Miss Macmillan, Miss M.E. Phillips, Countess of Selborne, Mrs. Swanwick.

Decided, subject to their permission, also to nominate the following:-

Mrs. G.D.H. Cole, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Arnold Forster, Miss Nettlefold, Miss Higgins (Principal Holloway College), Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Picton Turbervill, Miss M. Symonds (National Federation of Women Workers) Dr. Jane Walker.

Decided to nominate as President Mrs. Rackham, as Vice-President Miss Courtney, as Hon. Treasurer Miss Nettlefold; no nomination being made for Hon. Secretary.

A greeting was read to the Members of the W.I.L. and congratulations on the work of the W.I.L. from the Members of the National Council of Women, ^{Atacama} Chili.

Other Business.

Revision of Election Questions. Decided all the questions should stand except for the substitution of question 3 by "Are you in favour of immediate drastic ~~provisions~~ provisions of the Peace Treaty?"

H. M. Swanwick.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Meeting of International Sub-Committee, Friday, February 6th, 1920, at mid-day.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Macmillan, Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Dehn, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting on November 11th were/and read confirmed.

Urgency was asked to hear Mrs. Branczik's report on her work at present with regard to Prisoners of War. Reported from the Organisation the decision as to the collection Canon Green was willing to have in Manchester. Mrs. Branczik reported that she had seen Mr. Meech of the Rowntree Press, who promised articles and an introduction to the Daily News. The American Y.M.C.A. was ready to begin repatriation in Russia at once; one of its delegates was on his way to Vladivostock and one or two were in Esthonia awaiting permission to cross the Border. She had wired to the Paris Office of the Y.M.C.A. and to Mrs. Hertzka to see Mr. Davis, Y.M.C.A. representative in Paris. A letter was read from Lord Curzon's Secretary stating that the Supreme Council was considering relief but that the prisoners in Turkestan could not be helped as Turkestan was in Bolshevik hands. It was pointed out that repatriation should be urged rather than relief and that the Government could, if it would, bring men from Turkestan via Odessa. The points which Mrs. Pethick Lawrence would ask Members to bring up in the House were considered and it was decided that Lady Astor should be told of the treaty between Poland and Austria and among other things, to urge the anticipation of the provisions of this treaty rather than delay till the ratification of the Peace Treaty.

Miss Macmillan mentioned an appeal which had been received by her from Vilma Glücklich and Rosik Schwimmer urging women to ~~urge~~ ^{press} for a plebiscite in parts of the country which were being handed over. Decided to ask Miss Cooper Willis to look into the point in the Hungarian Treaty dealing with these districts and to report to the Committee, and also to write to Frau Vilma Glücklich. Miss Macmillan also drew attention to the proposals made about Women's Labour at the Washington Conference, discriminating as to hours, etc. between men and women. Decided our policy to these was not fixed, but would have to be considered at a Council. Miss Macmillan agreed to send a copy of the recommendations dealing with women to be sent to Secretaries. Proposed to Miss Macmillan that a question should be asked in the House as to why there is no Blue Book in the House on the subject. Miss Macmillan said the Women's Leader would shortly publish some of the proposals and it was agreed that this might then be recommended to Branches.

Summer Schools.

Summer Schools. The Committee considered a letter from Miss Balch asking various questions about the proposal made to her to arrange for the organising of Summer Schools. Decided it would now be better to concentrate on one Summer School, Heidelberg being suggested. Agreed to recommend to Miss Balch that she make inquiries at once and see how far the School

can be arranged on the spot by local speakers, getting advice from Dr. Knichewsky and Dr. Rotten. Agreed a good subject would be "The League of Nations in its various aspects" covering Government, Economic, Social and Scientific ^{as to} ~~as to~~ The following were approved as being "Star" Speakers:-

Romain Rolland, Anatole France, Prof. Forster, Ellen Tey, Selma Lagerlöf, Norman Angell.

Inquiries to be made, ^{as to} which Prof. Ehrlich was recommended and some doubts expressed about Dr. Hertz as not very interesting. Suggested Prof. Schücking should be asked and Mrs. Chapman Catt, and agreed that Bernard Shaw might be asked if he would come.

Proposed that "Women in connection with the League of Nations" should be one of the subjects considered. Decided a letter should be written to Miss Balch embodying these suggestions and emphasising the immediate need to fix date and place.

Corres-
pondence.

Requests to be put in touch with similar bodies in England and report of propoganda being done were read from Frau Baer, Munich International Education League, Miss Koritchoner, German League of Nations Union and Frau Lina Richter. Suggested Miss Balch might be put in touch.

A letter sent from Mrs. Annot Robinson from the Socialist Party in Greece was considered. It was decided to return it with a recommendation that it should be sent to the I.L.P.

Other business. Reported that nothing had been done about the recommendation to Miss Balch to make an appeal to Peace Foundations. Decided Miss Balch should be asked what had been done about this. It was ascertained that it was already too late this year to appeal to the Nobel Foundation.

(Taken as read: R. L. Reynolds).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Thursday, 19th February, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Chick, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Denn, Mrs. Despard, Miss Ford, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Salter, Miss Helen Ward, Miss I. Cooper Willis, Mrs. Unwin.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Lady Courtney, Miss Leaf, Lady Parmoor.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on 5th February were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Reported Mrs. Snowden had asked if the Executive would agree to her acting as second fraternal delegate of the Women's International Suffrage Conference, paying her own expenses. Decided, in view of the fact that the Conference was deferred and might possibly now be held in Geneva, Mrs. Snowden be thanked for her offer but it be explained to her a member of the Executive, who was not able to go to Madrid, might possibly now be able to attend.)

Women's League of Nations Executive Committee. Names of those who had accepted our nomination were read. Decided Miss Courtney be asked if she would act as Hon. Secretary. Miss Courtney, on her arrival later, decided she would rather not have her name put forward as Hon. Secretary, but agreed to allow it to go forward as a nominee for Vice-President.

Reported Mrs. Ensor's Famine Area Children's Hospitality Committee has had one meeting at this Office and now had a temporary office at 26 Golden Square, W. 1. Proposals were summarised.

Decided a letter of sympathy should be written to Mrs. Scheu Riesz on the death of Frau Kulka.

Report of Sub-Committees.

Organisation & Finance. Work for Siberian Prisoners. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported a letter from Lord Curzon's Secretary saying that he was sending on questions she had raised to the High Commissioner in Vienna, and an engagement with Lady Astor on Tuesday, 24th February. Things had not gone forward much since the last Committee: (She also reported correspondence with Dr. Heron.)

Reported Balance in hand was £267. 2. 6d. Mrs. Swanwick again pointed out the seriousness of the continuing diminution in the balance in view of the fact that in the Summer very few subscriptions came in. Miss Ford undertook to write to Mr. Arnold Rowntree, Miss Cooper Willis to see Dr. Markel and Mrs. Swanwick to ~~write to~~ ^{approach} Mr. Molteno through Mrs. Schreiner and Miss Ford to Miss Molteno.)

Miss Ford put forward, as a suggestion, that the

Executive might possibly meet in Leeds or other places and have a large meeting or reception to try to raise funds. Miss Ford undertook to define the idea rather more for next Organisation Committee.

Reported £224. 12. 5d had been handed over to the Friends who had arranged for double that amount to be given in material in Vienna to Mrs. Scheu Riesz. A letter was read from Mrs. Scheu Riesz saying she proposed to open a Home with these supplies for Mothers and Children to be called after the Women's International League.

See called by Miss Redbone & W. Lynton Gould on the Finance question
Recommendations from *Miss Redbone & W. Lynton Gould on the Finance question* to be sent to branches. Two of the resolutions advising as a possible means of restoring Credit, the floating of an international loan, were referred by the Organisation to the Executive. Decided as other remedies were enumerated in other resolutions, and there was some difference of opinion as to the advisability of this method, that these two resolutions should be omitted.

Dr. Rotten's Visit. Arrangements for a reception on March 9th and for visits to Manchester and Newcastle were reported. Miss Ford asked if Dr. Rotten could go to Leeds. Agreed to fit this in, if possible.

International Sub-Committee. Arrangements for Summer School. With regard to Summer Schools Miss Courtney reported that the chief difficulty in beginning work was that Miss Balch had not time to do it. It had been suggested that Frau Beer Angerer might undertake to organise the School in Heidelberg, or elsewhere, or from Geneva. Suggested that, in any case, some member from ~~Geneva~~ ^{Vienna} might be asked to help Miss Balch. Decided Mrs. Swanwick should write to her advising her to go ahead on the understanding that the members of the Headquarters' Executive thought a special fund could be raised and that she was justified in spending money on the salary of a special person for the work. Proposed she should be advised to write to Dr. Lina Richter and the suggestion was made that Prince Max of Baden might be interested and offer to help.

Literature and Education Committee. Reported Mrs Swanwick's pamphlet on the Covenant of the League of Nations had been considered and Mr. Baker's on "German Interests outside Germany." Some alterations had been suggested, but he had not yet replied. Bibliography. Eighty copies of the 1,000 printed in April were left. Miss Power had been consulted about a second edition.

Miss Courtney's Report. Miss Courtney gave a most interesting account of her experiences in Hungary and political conditions there and of conditions in Vienna. A letter from Madame Pelenyi asking for linen etc. for embroidery was considered. Reported the letter had also been

sent to the Friends, and the Fight the Famine Council were making investigations with regard to the matter. Decided it was best to leave it in their hands. A cable from Vilma Glücklich and Rosa Schwimmer was considered, which asked for protests against Hungarian lands being cut off from Hungary without a plebiscite and on behalf of the prisoners in Siberia. Decided to send a sympathetic answer, saying that we were working on behalf of the prisoners.

Correspondence.

Miss Royden. A letter was read from Miss Royden replying to the question asked as to whether she could mention the question of the repatriation in her speech on the Albert Hall League of Nations Meeting.)

Miss Marshall. A letter was read from Miss Marshall proffering her resignation from the Executive on the grounds that she would be unable, for some time to come, to be in London or be an active member. Decided to ask her if she would allow her name to remain on the Executive unless or until a vacancy was required for some member the Executive wished to co-opt.)

International Arbitration League. A letter was read asking for representatives to the International Arbitration League Conference. Decided no one should be sent.)

N.C.C.L. Reported the N.C.C.L. Conference on February 28th would consider the dissolution of that body and that our members might attend if they wished.)

H. M. Swannick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, 4th March, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Leaf, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Unwin.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ford, Lady Courtney, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Salter, Miss Ward, Miss Cooper Willis.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on 19th February were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Prisoners in Siberia. Reported Mrs. Pethick Lawrence had seen Lady Astor and that Lady Astor had asked a question in the House on March 1st about the possibility of chartering a Japanese ship for the repatriation of the most urgent cases. Mr. Lloyd George in reply, said he would put the proposal before the League of Nations. The British Red Cross were unable to act as a collecting centre for funds in England. Mrs. Branczik was going to Holland but was uncertain whether she would visit America. Decided if the American Y.M.C.A. cannot act as a Collecting Centre, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence should approach Lord Robert Cecil, referring to Mr. Lloyd George's answer to Lady Astor in the House to see if the League of Nations Union would act.

Mrs. Swanwick reported she had written to Mrs. Schreiner asking for a donation from Mr. Molteno. Mrs. Schreiner replied that she believed he had decided to give no money except for relief. Mrs. Schreiner herself is expecting shortly to go back to South Africa.

Mrs. Swanwick had (also) written to Miss Balch about the Summer School. Since the International Suffrage Alliance Congress would now be in the beginning of June it would seem best to try to work in the Summer School to follow on the Congress. No reply had yet been received from Miss Balch.

Women's League of Nations Conference. Mrs. Swanwick reported on the meeting at Caxton Hall on 26th February. The name and constitution of the new Society had been fixed on, the name being "The Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations."

Reports of Sub-Committees.

Organisation and Finance. Dr. Rotten's Visit. Reported this had now been curtailed at both ends so that a large part of the time in London was cut short. Dr. Rotten now expected to arrive on Monday, March 8th about 3 o'clock. It had been decided, in view of letters and cables expressing fear of publicity, to write a reassuring letter on the privacy of all arrangements for Dr. Rotten on her arrival, and to let arrangements stand at least till then, unless anything further happened to alter them.

Madame Vajkai. Mrs. Swanwick reported a letter from Miss Balch about a proposed visit to England of Madame Vajkai and the willingness of Miss Thornton

who had been working in Geneva to take her about the country. It had been decided to ask Miss Balch at once for Miss Thornton's address in order to get in touch with her and make plans. Reported Dr. Arnesen was hoping to come to England in May to get in touch with people interested in education.

Recommended that the Office Easter Holidays should be from the 1st-11th April, inclusive, and that the next two Executive Meetings should be on Thursday, March 25th and Thursday, April 15th. Other Committees to be adjusted accordingly. Agreed.

The Balance Sheet for February was read showing a balance on February 28th of £368. 19. 1½d. (A donation of £100 had been received from Mr. Arnold Rowntree in response to an appeal from Miss Ford.)

Literature. Bibliography. Miss Power had approached Methuen to see if he would publish the second edition. He suggested cutting out the present introductory matter and replacing it by a long essay on the teaching of history by Miss Power. Miss Doorly and Lord Buckmaster both approve of this. Histories. Agreements for Japan, Germany, Greece, England and the Jews received from Methuen. In the event of translations proceeds to be divided equally between W.I.L. and Methuen. Pamphlets. Mr. Baker agreed to make certain alterations in his pamphlet. Decided to advertise the series in the Nation and Woman's Leader.

Mrs. Swanwick reported that officials of the League of Nations had been instructed that they were not to print or speak anything on subjects having any connection with work of the League, even anonymously. Mr. Baker had suggested that if the pamphlet could be re-written and signed by someone else he would willingly allow this to be done. Mrs. Swanwick agreed to undertake this.

Representa-
tion at the
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al Suffrage
Alliance
Congress.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported that she would still be able to attend though the date and place had been changed. Mrs. Swanwick explained that she could now represent the W.I.L. also, without putting the League to any expense as she had received a present of £50 which she had asked to be allowed to use for this purpose. Decided Miss Courtney should be asked if she would be willing to attend as third delegate. xx

Correspond-
ence.

Dr. Ethel Williams. Two letters to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence's reply were read. Dr. Williams had reduced her donation this year to the League because she felt dissatisfied with the decision of the League not to take part in the bringing over of Viennese children to England and in their not having undertaken a campaign against the Aliens Act. It was pointed out that the Executive in this decision were merely following the instructions of the Council, which decided to put revision of the Peace Treaty in the fore-front of our work and that the main work of the League should be

political and educational and not philanthropic. Mrs. Swanwick took the letters to write also to Dr. Williams making this clear.

A letter was read from Miss Helen Peile making the same criticism.)

Miss Balch. A letter was read from Miss Balch telling of the resignation from the International Headquarters Committee of Miss Macmillan. Agreed that the National Sections might suggest names of members to replace her and that the Executive which would meet in May or June could then co-opt a member. Decided the British Section should propose Fr. Baer of Munich. x

Other
business.

Hungary. The question of whether we could do anything as to urging a plebiscite for the doubtful districts of Hungary being cut off by the Peace Treaty was raised. It was also asked whether we could do anything through Mr. Asquith or Lord Robert Cecil. No definite conclusions arrived at *on account of uncertainty as to possibility of taking a plebiscite under present disturbed conditions*

Bastardy Bill. as proposed by the Council for the Unmarried Mother. Miss Ashton had a copy of the proposals. Agreed in view of the complication of the subject that Miss Ashton should make suggestions which should then be submitted to Miss Macmillan for her agreement, and then representations should be made to the Council for the Unmarried Mother on the lines agreed upon. x

Literature Committee. Decided to ask Miss Eckhard, if she would serve on this Committee. x

Co-option of Member of the Executive. Decided to ask Mrs. Huth Jackson if she were now again willing to serve on the Executive. x

H. M. Swanwick.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Meeting of Executive Committee, Thursday, March 25th, 1920,
at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Ashton, Lady Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Huntsman, Miss Leaf, Mrs. Lloyd, Miss C.E. Marshall, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward, Miss Cooper Willis.

Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Despard, Miss Courtney, Miss Ford, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence.

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

Business arising. Prisoners in Siberia. Reported that no Centre had yet been found for a Collection in this country; that it had been publicly announced the question of repatriation was being undertaken by the International Red Cross; that Mrs. Branczik had been disappointed of plans in Holland and had returned to Austria. Recommended by Organisation that an effort should be made to clear up the dead-lock over the question of the Red Cross acting as a Collecting Centre.

Summer School. Reported recent events in Germany and the long delay in making any plans had made it impossible to hold this this year; that this opinion had been conveyed to Miss Balch.

Visit of Madame Vajkai. Reported that Miss Thornton had called and it appeared that Madame Vajkai only spoke on the subject of relief for the children. Miss Thornton was, therefore, going to "Save the Children" and if an "At Home" were held while Madame Vajkai were in England she should be asked as Chief Guest.

Delegates to the International Suffrage Alliance Congress. Reported that a notice had now been received limiting National Sections to two fraternal delegates. Miss Courtney had, therefore been asked whether she could attend as delegate from the N.U.S.E.C. instead of fraternal delegate for the W.I.L. Miss Ford and Mrs. Stewart Brown had asked if they could go as delegates and had been told the number was complete but that visitors might attend. Miss Ashton, who was unable to go, had received an invitation from Miss Macmillan, which she would ask should be sent to Miss Ford.

Bastardy Bill. Reported Miss Ashton had made criticisms of the proposals for the Bill made by the National Council for the Unmarried Mother on the basis of Miss Macmillan's criticisms. These had been forwarded to the Council and thanks had been received for the careful criticisms.

Co-option of Member. Letter was read from Mrs. Huth Jackson explaining that she could attend the Committee in April but would then be away till June.

She left it in the hands of the Committee to say whether they would like her to return under these circumstances. Decided to ask her to allow her name to stand.

Dr. Rotten's Visit. Lady Courtney raised the question of the advisability of Dr. Rotten making a statement in the Press. Decided, after discussion, if an interview could be arranged for in the Manchester Guardian, this should be done.

Report of
Sub-
Committees.

Organisation and Finance. Reported details had been settled for the Conference on May 4th at the Central Hall with the Guild Socialists. There would be two sessions, one in the afternoon for women only at 3 p.m. the other in the evening at 8 p.m. for men and women, when Mr. G.D.H. Cole would speak. Admission to both sessions 1/-. Arrangements had been planned for making it widely known among all kinds of Societies, Guilds and Student Circles.

It had been decided to hold a meeting of London Branch Secretaries on May 11th at 5 o'clock at the Office to consider London Summer Work, and to ask Mrs. Cousens, Organiser of the Central Parents' Committees to speak to the Secretaries. There was a possibility that the W.I.L. may take over the Parents' Committees as part of their educational work.

The following Foreign Visitors proposed to come to this country:- Dr. Arnesen in May, Mrs. Silberbrand, Sweden, June 15th to August 15th and Madame Vajkai at the end of April. Frau Dr. Vreede, a friend and co-worker of Dr. Rotten's, who was travelling about Europe lecturing on Dr. Rudolf Steiner's "Three-fold Commonwealth" had been asked by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence to lecture for us on Friday, April 23rd on "the International Three-Fold Commonwealth". Decided this should be in the evening. Suggested the League of Peace and Freedom might help.

A letter from Miss Leaf about the possibility of co-operation over a Central Information Bureau on International questions at the Office of the Economic and Political Reviews of the Foreign Press, was submitted by the Organisation Committee without any recommendation. Miss Leaf said that, if ~~any~~ further developments were possible, at least it might be a helpful plan for one Central Body to make a good index to send round to Societies interested. A Reading Room might also be of much use. Miss Marshall asked if this scheme were connected with the proposed Institute of International Affairs; a large scheme for the development of an International Centre in London with a reading room, information bureau, etc. The two were not connected. After some discussion Miss Ward moved that we should agree, if the Reading Room were opened, to give a subscription up to £2 or £3 and to let our members know of the project. Agreed.

Criminal Law Amendment Bill. Miss Ashton drew attention to the new Criminal Law Amendment Bill which was being brought forward in the Lords. This Bill contained many dangerous clauses, such as we had previously opposed and Miss Ashton asked that it should be watched and more information obtained about it.

Finance. Reported the balance in hand up to date was just over £399. (This was £30 more than the balance at the end of February, a donation of £30 from Mrs. Despard just making the difference.)

Literature Sub-Committee. Reported that Mdlle. Marx had secured M. Guy de la Batut to write the History of the French People. Henri Barbusse would write a Preface and Miss Ethel Sidgwick would translate it.

Votes for the Officers & Executive Cttee. of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations.

Besides our Nominees, votes were taken for President, : Mrs. H.A.L. Fisher; Hon. Treasurer: the Hon. Mrs. Franklin. Committee: Miss Bondfield, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Ward, Miss Sheepshanks.

Correspondence.

League of Peace and Freedom. An invitation to a Humanitarian Conference at Mortimer Hall on March 30th and 31st was read.

Czech Society of Great Britain. Request to submit the aims of this newly founded Society to the Committee of the League was read and the Manifesto was laid on the table.

Miss Balch. Reported in a letter from Miss Balch that an Executive Committee of the League would meet from June 2nd - 4th at Geneva. (now 1st to 4th)

Other business.

Miss Huntsman reported that the International Peace Bureau was trying to arrange a General Assembly for the first week in June in Basle. The British Section would if this were arranged, nominate progressive members as delegates. The National Peace Council had fixed their Annual Council Meeting from June 16th - 20th in Glasgow.

A letter was read from Miss Chadwick, Sweden, asking if the W.I.L. could undertake any action on the confiscation of property of individual Germans under the terms of the Treaty at the discretion of the Reparation Commission. She quoted one particularly hard case. Miss Cooper Willis confirmed this by another example. Decided a letter should be drawn up protesting against such confiscation and that we should get it signed by prominent

people and published. Miss Cooper Willis undertook to draft the letter.

Questions for Candidates at Elections. The questions were considered and amended, (as appended.)

H. M. Swanwick.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of International Sub-Committee Meeting, Friday,
March 26th, 1920, at 11.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Marshall.

Minutes.

Dr. Rotten attended the Committee and a discussion took place on her educational work in Germany and on the attitude of various groups in Germany to the League of Nations. Dr. Rotten explained that she had quite a free hand in the educational department to develop the work as she wished without being influenced by any political attitude the German League of Nations Union might one day take up. She was of opinion that most pacifists in Germany think the League of Nations can be amended by work from within and that on the whole even the advanced socialists will, if it comes to the point, see that it is better to enter the League and work thus to change it. Dr. Rotten reported that conversations with Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Phillip Baker confirmed her belief that Germany would soon be admitted, possibly at the request of a block of neutrals. Of course, if it were only invited to enter with the position of a small neutral this might meet a refusal, but it was impossible to be dogmatic. Proposed a small Education Cttee. be held at Geneva in June. Dr. Rotten might be able to attend. The Minutes of meeting on February 6th were taken as read.

Business arising.

Summer School. Reported that the delays and the disturbances in Germany had made it impossible to consider this this year.

Appeal for funds to
Guild Peace Foundations. Miss Balch had written that in her opinion it would not be a good thing for us to be receiving sums of money as a League from any Foundation, but had suggested that we might organise a request for the Nobel Prize to be awarded to Miss Jane Addams. She was making inquiries about this.

Dr. Arnesen. Reported Dr. Arnesen hoped to be over in May and would like to meet prominent Educationists, but did not wish to speak at meetings.

Siberian Prisoners. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported that she thought we had come to the limit of what we were able to do in England on behalf of the Prisoners. It had been impossible to find a Collecting Centre and the people who might be approached on the Red Cross and Slatin Pasha had both left London. Decided to write to the International Red Cross saying we were making it known that they would receive money, and to Manchester that Canon Green might be informed.

Headquarters' Executive Agenda.

Proposals for Headquarters Executive Agenda. Decided to forward the following to be placed on the Agenda:-

1. The question of Executive procedure and the responsibility of the Headquarters Office.
2. Summer Schools.
3. Congress, 1921.
4. Pax et Libertas.

5. The question of W.I.L. Missions.
6. Proposal of women's strike in case of war.
7. Question of an English Worker at Geneva.

Other business.

Headquarters Fraternal Delegate to the International Suffrage Alliance Congress. Decided ~~our~~ Delegate should be Miss Balch and that Madame Duchêne should be asked to attend as ~~our~~ second Delegate.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 15th, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Rollo Russell, Miss Ward.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Cooper Willis, Lady Parmoor.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting on March 25th were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Reported Madame Vajkai would be in London for a week from about the 26th April and would be speaking for three weeks after that for "Save the Children" in various places. Decided to get in touch with her, if possible, during her visit.)

Dr. Rotten's Press Interview. Miss Royds explained that she had arranged for an interview with Miss Isitt of the Manchester Guardian, but that Dr. Rotten in the end thought it inadvisable.)

Criminal Law Amendment Bill. A letter was reported from Miss Neilans explaining the position of the two Bills which had been referred to a Joint Select Committee of both Houses. Decided to keep in touch with the progress of the Bills and inform Branches when M.Ps. should be written to.

Letter on the confiscation of property of Germans held or invested in England. Reported Miss Cooper Willis had the matter in hand. Miss Courtney added she had heard of an additional hardship in the retaining of the money of interned men who had been sent back to Germany. Proposed Miss Courtney should put the Friends' Emergency Committee in touch with the authority (A Hungarian lady) who told her this.)

Reports of Sub-Committees.

Organisation and Finance.

Reported Messrs. Macmillan had replied to inquiry that arrangements had been made for translating Mr. Keynes' book into French and that the Labour Research Department was issuing a cheap edition for Labour Party Members, Trade Unions, etc. Decided to inquire if copies could be sold to our organisation for sale among our members and to circularise branches if this were allowed. Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney and Miss Ward gave in their names for copies if it were allowed.

Protest Meeting against the use of Black Troops. Reported that in view of the urgency Mrs. Swanwick had sanctioned the pencilling in of a Hall for a Protest Meeting in co-operation with Women's Societies willing to join against the use of Black Troops in Europe. Letters and messages covering the same subject had been received from various members. Mr. Morel had also been provisionally booked as the speaker if the meeting could be held on April 27th, when the Central Hall was pencilled. Mrs. Swanwick proposed a resolution, making quite definite the standpoint taken, and this was referred to the Executive

and sanctioned (as follows:-

"This Meeting calls upon the League of Nations to prohibit the importation of Asiatic or African Troops into Europe for Warlike purposes, and their use anywhere except for purposes of police in the country of their origin.

In urging this policy three considerations are of supreme importance:-

- (1) The establishment of good relations between white and coloured peoples in Asia and Africa;
- (2) The prevention of the possibility of interference in European labour disputes by means of Asiatic or African troops;
- (3) The security of European women from outrage by Asiatic or African troops."

Recommended that the Speakers be Mr. E.D. Morel, Miss Bondfield (who was provisionally booked) and Brigadier General Thomson. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence proposed, Miss Ashton seconded Mrs. Swanwick be in the Chair. Agreed. Proposed that a representative more on the Conservative side should also speak. Decided to invite Miss Rathbone. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to ask her and Miss Courtney to write to her also. Proposed that a copy of the resolution should be sent at once to Miss C. Macmillan asking her about the possibility of her arranging a Public Meeting in Geneva during the International Suffrage Congress and suggesting collaboration with the W.I.L. Headquarters, or asking whether she would prefer Miss Balch to organise the meeting.

The question of advertisements was discussed, Mrs. Ayrton Gould undertaking that the "Herald" would give all publicity. A Sub-Committee of the Officers and Mrs. Ayrton Gould to meet at the end of the Executive was appointed to settle all details.

Ireland. Reported that a protest had been drawn up by Mrs. Swanwick against the treatment of Political Prisoners and sent to the Irish Office, Sir Hamar Greenwood, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law on Monday. Miss Ashton proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Swanwick for her action in the matter. Agreed. Urged that we should be doing something more on the question of Ireland. Recommended that Miss Bennett be asked to take a week of meetings in different Centres, and to recommend some speakers, preparatory to a Trafalgar Square or Hyde Park Demonstration, with possibly a Procession in July. Suggested the Herald might help to make the procession a success. Decided to inquire as to co-operation. Agreed.

Summer Schools. Reported that in view of the fact that it was impossible to hold a Summer School on the Continent, the question as to the possibility of a Summer School in England to help Branches to crystallise their work and aims had been raised. Suggested it might be possible for a long week-end after the October Council Meeting. Agreed that inquiries should be made in various possible places with a view to this.

Finance. Reported the Balance ^{and} in hand General Fund was £282. 14. 3d. at the end of March. Vienna Children £38. 18. 0d. The question of how to raise further money was discussed. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence proposed sending out another letter in view of the topical questions with which we are dealing and for which funds were needed. Agreed.

International Sub-Committee. Reported the following proposals had been forwarded from the Sub-Committee to be placed on the Headquarters' Executive Agenda:-

- (1) The question of Executive procedure and the responsibility of the Headquarters' Office;
- (2) Summer Schools;
- (3) Congress, 1921;
- (4) Pax et Libertas;
- (5) The question of W.I.L. Missions;
- (6) Proposal of women's strike in case of war;
- (7) Question of an English Worker at Geneva.

Correspondence.

National Peace Council. Invitation read to send delegates to the N.P.C. Congress at Glasgow, June 17th to 20th and to the ~~S.P.~~ Congress at Basle May 22nd-24th. To send delegates to this we must affiliate and this question was first considered. Decided that we should affiliate to the International Peace Council at least for this year, paying a fee of £1 and sending one or two delegates. Delegates selected: Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Raymond Unwin; Mrs. Ruth Jackson might ^{also} be able to attend as she would be near at the time. As an affiliated Society we could then nominate five members to the International Peace Council which meets twice yearly. Decided to nominate the following, nominated by the N.P.C.: Mr. Heath, Miss Playne, Mr. Pollard, Mr. C. Trevelyan, Miss Huntsman and if she consents, Miss Marshall. Suggested it might be possible to get Miss Balch nominated by the U.S.A. ~~B.~~ Delegates for Glasgow. Reported Manchester hoped to send a delegate. The following agreed to attend, if possible: Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ward.

Other business. Mrs. Swanwick reported that she had received notice that she was elected on the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations. Miss Courtney reported she had been appointed Vice-President.

H M Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, 5th May, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Briggs, Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Mrs. Despard, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Lloyd, Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Salter.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting on April 15th were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Memorial on the Confiscation of Property of Germans invested in England.

Reported Miss Cooper Willis had written to say that she was waiting for definite information as to actual confiscations. At present she had only been able to learn of sufferings due to suspended payments. She asked whether the Executive would wish her to draft a Memorial on this or to wait for facts as to further hardships. Decided to ask her to draft the letter on sufferings due to suspension of payment. A letter was read from the Friends Emergency saying that they were aware of the hardships of suspended payments and were doing all they could in the matter. Small sums could be withdrawn from the Savings Bank.

International Peace Bureau Congress. Reported Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. Huth Jackson would probably not be able to go to Basle. Decided Miss Metcalfe should be asked if she could attend, and that those attending should be informed at the last moment the number of our delegates that they might know how to distribute our twenty votes.

Reported our affiliation was not yet completed as the Secretary, M. Golay, had asked for our Constitution and the resolutions passed at The Hague.

National Peace Council. The following resolution, drawn up by Mrs. Swanwick, to be put at the N.P.C. Congress at Glasgow was read and approved by the Committee:-

This Congress declares that, if the League of Nations is to become a reality, it must assert its supremacy over all Powers or combinations of Powers in all matters within the declared jurisdiction of the League. In particular, this Congress affirms the absolute necessity that the declarations and conclusions of the Council and of the Assembly should be made public and that no Power or combination of Powers should be permitted to over-ride the decisions of the League in this respect.

Miss Ashton proposed another should be sent in demanding the speedy calling of the Assembly. Agreed. Agreed Mrs. Briggs should go as our Representative to Glasgow. Council of Representation of Women in the League of Nations. A list ~~now received~~ of the Committee was read. After some discussion it was decided that we should send a recommendation to this Council to recommend some suitable women to be present at the International Financial Congress in Brussels in June. Agreed.

Report of
Sub-
Committees.

Organisation and Finance. Letters were read from Miss Bennett, I.I.L. asking the Executive to consider getting into touch with various Labour Organisations on the question of a Conference to settle our policy towards Ireland. Recommended from Organisation that the Executive should get into touch with the International Committee of the Labour Party through Mr. Cole, sending a copy of Miss Bennett's letters and of a Manifesto drawn up by the I.I.L. which she had sent, saying we would gladly co-operate in support of her suggestion.

Week-end School. Recommended that the Council Meeting be held ~~be held~~ on October 7th and, if necessary, the morning of the 8th, and that Jordans be booked from the 8th to 15th for one week, if possible. Subjects recommended:- 1. The League of Nations in its bearing on the whole of the international situation and organisation for peace; 2. International organisation with a view to Governmental and Economic Co-operation; 3. Ireland. After some discussion, these were put to the vote and the 2nd was chosen. Decided there should not be more than two lectures a day; that afternoons should be left free and the following agreed to serve on the sub-Committee appointed to arrange details:- Miss Ward, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. R. Russell. Decided to book people for the whole week first and then, if room, to admit people for the week-end.

Recommended that the Edinburgh Branch be allowed to affiliate to the Home Rule Association of Scotland. Agreed.

Recommended that a suggestion made by the Hyde Branch about a resolution on the revision of the Peace Treaty be not carried out. Agreed.

Recommended that a vote of thanks be given to Miss Marsh and the stewards on the skilful way they managed the turning out of the Indian who was disturbing the meeting on 27th April. Agreed.

Recommended that a Black Speaker who had arrived too late for speak at the meeting be invited to a friendly Conference with members of the Executive to put his point of view. Agreed he should be invited to the next Executive and be given half an hour at 3.30 p.m. Miss Ward said that she felt that a Black Speaker should have

been allowed to speak at the Central Hall. Mrs. Swanwick explained that there had been an attempt to get a Negro speaker, but that she had acted as she did in not allowing speeches from the Audience in consideration of the fact that it was Mr. Morel's first meeting in London after four years and that a ~~break-out~~ ^{disturbance} might have been feared, ^{especially} and in view of the enormous number of disapproving letters received beforehand and of the pressure put which had brought about the revision of the resolution.

Finance. Reported a balance in the Bank of £196. - 1d. of which £38. 18. 0d was earmarked for the Vienna Children Fund. The seriousness of the situation was again discussed and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence read a letter which she was sending out to all members. Decided with regard to the lending of Miss Marsh to the Fight the Famine Council to help organise their meeting on the 18th for Mr. Asquith, that the Fight the Famine Council should be asked for a grant of a part or the whole of a fortnight's salary under the circumstances. Reported that Miss Brewster had offered to the Organisation Committee to come half time for the present as she found there was not sufficient ^{work} to keep her employed full time. Agreed to accept ^{her offer} with warm appreciation ~~her offer~~. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to inquire whether there would be any possibility of her being needed for the Summer in Geneva. Decided Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's letter should be sent out and the question again considered after time had been allowed for response. Agreed to get a younger Office Girl straight from school, to discover if we may sub-let any room in the Office; proposed that we might occasionally sub-let the Committee room and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence undertook to have a talk with Miss Marsh to see if it would be possible for her to find some other work for the Summer, possibly half time, with a view to her coming back to full time work with the W.I.L. for Autumn activities.

Literature Sub-Committee. Histories. Reported Messrs. Methuen had accepted the book on France by M. de la Batut. Keynes. The Labour Research Dept. extended their offer of a 2/6d edition to the W.I.L. Sixty copies have been ordered. Newspapers to Germany, Austria, Hungary. Mr. Carl Heath, Friends' Council for International Service, appealed for names of people willing to send papers abroad. Eleven have responded. Several are exchanged already.

Proposals for Co-operation with F. T. F.

(The appended) Draft Memorial for submission to the British Government on the International Financial Conference at Brussels was considered. Decided we would be very glad to co-operate. Suggestion that under (h) page 2. the words should be added "that this Commission should be supreme over the Reparation Commission."

Resolutions for the International Peace Bureau Congress, Basle.

Decided ^{two resolutions} the sent in for the N.P.C. Congress at Glasgow should also be sent off to Basle.

Proposal re
Women's Con-
ference and
International
Office under
the League of
Nations.

This proposal, referred from a Conference of representatives of Societies called by the N.U.S.E.C. was considered. Decided our attitude could only be settled by the Council Meeting. Agreed it should be put on the Council Agenda.

Margaret Ashton.
May 20. 1920-

Draft Memorial to British Government on the International
Financial Conference at Brussels.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

14, Bedford Row, W.O. 1.

The following draft is submitted for your consideration before the Executive Committee meets that you may be ready to make any criticisms you wish and to decide whether Women's International League should co-operate in this Memorial with the Fight the Famine Council.

1. Introductory - Evidence of a strong body of public opinion in allied countries in favour of a world-co-ordinated effort to help in reconstruction of all distressed countries.
2. We strongly urge the following consideration:-
 - (a) Complete investigation and survey:
 - i. of the economic and financial condition of each country;
 - ii. of the economic and financial condition of the world as a whole;
 - iii. of the danger of world breakdown arising from the exhaustion of credit.
 - (b) The Council of the League of Nations should take steps to make known both the European and world condition as disclosed by the international financial conference; the conference itself should be fully reported in the press of all countries so that public opinion may be informed and roused.
 - (c) The urgency of formulating schemes for the immediate supply of essential food, material and fuel, where there is shortage.
 - (d) The necessity of action to secure an international loan to restart industry, restore credit, increase production and to avert breakdown and famine.

- (e) With regard to the internal financial policy of countries, any international assistance granted must be subject to:-
- i. rigorous reduction of armaments;
 - ii. reduction of Governmental expenditure so that national income and expenditure may balance and capital be provided for restoration and production;
 - iii. provision for reduction of present indebtedness;
 - iv. cessation of inflation of currency and its stabilisation.
 - v. agreement to such international action in the matter of tariffs and the supply of primary raw materials as may be internationally determined.
- (f) The inclusion of representatives from Russia, Germany and Austria at the Conference with full rights of participation.
- (g) Immediate settlement of reparation on a scale revised in accordance with present conditions and compatible with economic restoration.
- (h) The formation of a permanent international Commission under the League of Nations to carry on the work of the Conference, and deal with the international economic situation.
- (i) The League of Nations must establish machinery for the revision of the Peace Treaty in so far as circumstances prove the Treaty to be inequitable or unworkable.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, 20th May, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Miss Ashton in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Miss Leaf, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Russell, Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Helen Ward.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Courtney, Mrs. Swanwick.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on May 5th were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

The Memorial on the hardships imposed on German Subjects by the suspension of payments from monies invested in England was read. Decided the Friends of Foreigners in Distress Committee should be approached to help with the list of signatories and that Mr. Massingham of the Nation be asked to give the Memorial a notice saying signatures could be sent to this office.)

Reported that Miss Metcalfe would represent the W.I.L. at the Basle International Peace Congress. Reported no reply has yet been received from Mr. Cole about the proposed Conference on Ireland and that the Organisation Committee had recommended approaching him again.

Reported Jordans was booked from October 8th to the 15th for the School following the Council Meeting.

Reported Miss Anderson was leaving the W.I.L. Office for full time work at her other post; that Miss Brewster would take her place on full time; that Miss Emere would leave on June 5th and that a younger office girl had been obtained at half the salary and that the Literature Room would be rented by the S.H.S. Child-Welfare Association (at a rental of 15/- a week; it would not be necessary to move our literature.)

Mrs. Raymond Unwin reported on a Garden Cities & ~~zanship~~ Town Planning Association Conference which she had attended for the W.I.L. They were forming a women's section to deal with housing throughout the country and would like two W.I.L. representatives, and £1.1.0 affiliation fee yearly. Decided to wait till the Secretary wrote before deciding on affiliation.)

Reports of Sub-Committees.

Organisation and Finance. Reported from the London Branch Secretaries' Meeting suggestions for suburban work to be carried out, with Headquarters' assistance. Proposed that "months" might be organised

in the different suburbs for various meetings, etc., concentrating on making the W.I.L. widely known. Cognate bodies might united in the organisation. This was sanctioned and the question referred to the Organisation Committee to make arrangements in the Autumn.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported she had had a talk with Miss Marsh and that Miss Marsh would look round to find work which would be congenial to her, that her energies and abilities might be used, as there did not seem enough scope throughout the summer in the W.I.L. Suggested meanwhile, she might organise one month in one branch district. Agreed that Mrs. Dehn should see her and talk out arrangements.

Recommended that a member from each branch might attend the Executive. Decision deferred to the Council Meeting.

Proposal from the ^{Manchester} ~~Manchester~~ Branch to send in a resolution to the World Postal Congress in Madrid in October in favour of an international stamp. Decided this should lie on the table.

Proposals for future development of work. A proposal to develop and try to revitalise the work of the League by supporting some kind of an international Institute and social centre in London, with a tea shop attached, and possibly taking a house and letting unfurnished rooms to cover the rent was considered. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported that Mr. Hargreaves (White Fox of the Wood-craft Movement) was most interested in the proposal and thought it would be possible to make such a centre a very living thing. He had offered to undertake decorations in international symbols, and Mrs. Lawrence believed other progressive societies would make the Institute their Headquarters and so we might get in touch with younger people and broaden our scope. As regards the finances it would be necessary to raise share-capital, but it was considered possible to put in the Articles of the Group organising the business that the W.I.L. would get profits beyond the rate of interest paid. A Sub-Committee to go into the question was appointed as follows: Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward, in consultation with experts if necessary; Miss Royds to continue inquiries as to possible sites and to try to get permission for Miss Ward, Mrs. Dehn and herself to go over a house at 111 Gower Street to get some standard of the kind of thing on the market. Decided the Committee should meet after Mrs. Pethick Lawrence had returned from Switzerland.

Finance. Reported the balance in hand was £266. 7. 2.d Response to appeal up to date £75.8. 6d.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday,
3rd June, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Miss Ashton in the Chair, Lady Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Unwin.

Apologies
for ab-
sence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Eckhard. Several members were absent in Switzerland.

Minutes.

The Minutes of Meeting on May 20th were read and confirmed.

Business
arising.

Reported Miss Copper Willis still advised deferring the making public of the Memorial on the hardships to Germans by the suspension of payment for monies invested in England. Lady Courtney reported that Lord Parmoor was going to ask a question on the subject in the House. Suggested instead of the Memorial we should send a resolution to support him, and to various Members of the House of Lords, asking Miss Cooper Willis to draft it.

A letter was read from Miss Willcocks saying that she was going to Africa in the Autumn ^{1920 or 1921} and that she would be very pleased to work in any way possible with and for the W.I.L.

Mr. Banks. A letter was read from Mr. Banks, who had offered to speak on Soviet Russia. Decided his references and account of his views did not justify our organising a meeting for him.

Ireland. Reported that Mr. Woolf had promised to bring up Miss Bennett's suggestions for a Conference before his Committee of the Labour Party.

Deputation to Mr. Cecil Harmsworth on the sending of food, clothes, raw material, to Germany. The deputation had taken place on June 2nd. The following attended:- Miss I.O. Ford, Miss Gostick (Friends' Emergency), Mr. Bertram Hawker, Miss Ward, Miss Lear, and Miss Sheepshanks (Fight the Famine Council), Mrs. Raymond Unwin and Miss Royds. A short summary of what had taken place was given. Decided we should write to the Treasury urging the granting of £1 for £1 to Germany and to ask the Fight the Famine Council to do the same.

Week's School Sub-Committee Report. Programme of the School as far as arranged was read. Decided Mr. Clutton Brock be asked if he would speak on "The Place of Religious and Artistic Voluntary Associations in the Internationalism of the Future," if Mr. Drinkwater, who had been asked, was unable. Agreed he should be offered a fee.

Staff Ar-
rangements.

Reported Violet Robinson had taken the place of

Miss Emere as Office Girl; that Miss Brewster was away on holiday; Miss Marsh had taken a temporary post as Miss Royden's Chauffeur for the summer months on the understanding that if she did not go to any other work she should be allowed to return to the W.I.L. while she looked round.

Finance.

Balance to date reported - £266. 12. 1d.

Correspondence.

Garden Cities & Town Planning Association. Decided we should not as a Society send representatives to the Women's Section of this Association, but that the existence of the Committee should be made known to our Executive and at the Council Meeting.

Dr. Williams. A letter was read asking if we could send an invitation to help Miss Gertrud von Petzold to get her Passport, which she hoped to obtain by the end of June. Reported Fight the Famine was sending her an invitation. Decided to reply that we were not getting up meetings and that we, therefore, did not feel the invitation could be sent, but hoped the Fight the Famine Council invitation would be sufficient.

Britain and India. A resolution submitted by Mrs. Ransom urging the publication of fuller information on affairs in India and the giving of "due and free expression and direction to the aims and aspirations of the Indian and Burmese peoples" was considered. Decided it should be re-drafted and sent to the India Office after next Executive. This action to be followed by the publication of an article submitted by Mrs. Ransom in the July News Sheet.

The League of Church Militant. A request for co-operation in a meeting on the question of the Lay Ministries of women was read. Decided we would send leaflets to our London Branch Secretaries.

Fight the Famine Council. A letter was read making known a series of meetings for the information of speakers and propagandists on Wednesdays during June. Decided we should send leaflets to our Branch Secretaries.

Miss Mary Hughes. Cases of hardship through deportation, often without trial, mainly of Poles or Russians, supplied by Miss Mary Hughes, were read. Decided to try to get Mr. F.J. Green, M.P. and Mr. Aneurin Williams to ask questions in the House about these, supplying them with the cases given.

Other business.

A request for the Executive to consider taking over a portion or the whole of the stock of Miss Trim's Book Shop to continue sales, was considered. Decided while we could not make such an arrangement, Mrs. Dehn would approach Miss Vaughan Jenkyns of the Betterment Book Room to see if she would consider it.

H. M. Swannick.

Correspondence.

Fight the Famine Council. A letter asking for suggestions as to Signatories to the Memorial to be presented to the International Financial Congress at Brussels was read. Decided to recommend Miss Ashton, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, the Archbishop of Dublin, Mr. D.G.Ells, Lloyds Insurance. The Fight the Famine Council agreed to pay Miss Marsh's salary for the time she was organising with them.

Dr. Markel. A letter was read from Dr. Markel expressing keen sympathy with the work of the League and enclosing a donation, and asking if the Committee could not take action by appealing to the Foreign Office to avert the threatened calamity in Central Europe by the immediate sending of food and clothes to the famine-stricken areas of Germany. The Friends' Emergency were taking action in a special appeal for help for this purpose. Agreed the Foreign Office should be asked to receive a deputation on the subject, and that if it were accepted the following should be asked to attend:- Miss Leaf, Miss Picton Turbervill, Miss Ward, Miss Courtney, Miss Royden, Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

Questions for Elections.

Decided in case of any Bye-Election that the Officers be regarded as a Sub-Committee for the revision of questions. Decided question 5 should run as follows:- "Are you in favour of the withdrawal of troops ~~in~~ Ireland and the immediate granting of self-determination?" and that two questions now out of date should be deleted.

*Mr. Halliday +
Mr. Broadhurst*

At the conclusion of the Executive two Nigerian gentlemen attended the Committee to put their point of view about the use of their troops in Europe and as to what the W.I.L. might do to avert the threatened eventual danger of strife with Africa. Decided we should get in touch with Miss Willcocks, who is shortly going to Africa to investigate the position of native women and see if she could, ⁱⁿ any way act as our representative.

*Margaret Ashton
June 3. 1920*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Thursday,
15th July, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present. Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward.

Apologies for absence. Apologies for absence were received from Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Miss Leaf, Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Salter, Miss Cooper Willis.

Minutes. The Minutes of meeting on June 3rd were read and confirmed.

Business arising. Reported resolution drafted by Miss Cooper Willis had been sent to Lord Parmoor and various Members of the House of Lords on the question of the hardships inflicted on German Nationals through suspension of money payments. Lord Parmoor had asked a question in the House but had received a rather evasive answer from the Lord Chancellor.

Reported Mrs. Swanwick had redrafted Mrs. Ransom's resolution on Indian Affairs and that this had been sent to the India Office.

Reported the Fight the Famine had at first thought they could not make an appeal for the pound for pound to be extended to Germany, but Miss Royds understood they were now preparing a Memorial on the subject. The grant, however, made by the Treasury was practically exhausted and any further grant was uncertain.

Report of Sub-Committee. Organisation and Finance. Reported the balance on June 30th was £198. 4. 5½d; up to date £208. 10. Od. A discussion of finance was deferred till future developments were considered.

Week's School. Reported that the Organisation Committee had recommended ^{that} Mr. George Young ~~to~~ be asked to speak on the "Economic Situation in Russia" on the afternoon of Monday, the 18th or Tuesday the 19th. ^{Oct.} Agreed. Decided Miss Bondfield be asked to speak on her Russian experiences on any day convenient to her.

Reported Britain and India had inquired if we would consider affiliation to their Association, but had been told that we made it a general rule not to affiliate to any purely national body.

Reported Dr. M.C. Stopes had asked for our support wherever we could put pressure to bring about changes in the law with regard to married women and the Income Tax. Decided to tell of the pressure we had put when the matter was before the House and to offer to enclose leaflets in letters if she let us have some.

Reported Fight the Famine Council was developing plans for co-operation to avoid overlapping in London and Provincial meetings. Decided to keep them informed of any fixtures and to ask them to communicate their fixtures to us as soon as made, and to co-operate wherever possible.

Headquarters' Executive. The following decisions of the Geneva Headquarters' Executive were reported:-

1. Miss Marshall had been co-opted Member of Headquarters' Executive in the place of Miss C. Macmillan.
2. It had been decided to apply for the Nobel Peace Prize for Miss Addams, as President of the Women's International League. Miss Huntsman would try to find the names of the members of the Nobel Institute in England.
3. It had been decided to appeal to the Carnegie Foundation to assist in the putting up of large placards in the devastated parts of France, appealing to women, in view of the results of war, to unite to avoid its happening again, and to approach Cooks, or other Tourists' Offices organising excursions in the devastated districts to ask them to put up these placards wherever they put up their own.
4. Headquarters decided to affiliate to the Union des Associations Internationales.
5. It was agreed to send, if practicable, a Mission to the Balkans of Miss Balch and another person, a Sub-Committee being appointed to consider how to carry this out.
6. It was also decided to send a Mission to Budapest to inquire into conditions there, and to make a report and to appeal to the Governments to help. At this point Mrs. Despard gave a description of her visit to Hungary, emphasising especially the terrible want of clothing and the horrors of the White Terror.
7. It was decided Miss Balch try to get acquainted with the important people on the League of Nations. Proposed that Miss Marshall, if she could go to Geneva in September, might help over this.
8. It was decided that Pax et Libertas should cease in its present form.
9. It was decided that Nationals might send to Headquarters a draft of a propaganda circular.
10. While unable to be quite definite it was recommended that the next Congress ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ 1921 should be held at ~~Geneva~~ ^{Vienna} for the inside of a week, to be followed by three days Educational Conference and that an Adult School should then be organised by the British Section somewhere in the country. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence reported that she had received ^{verbally} a most generous offer from the Director, Herr Baumgartner of the Mozarteum at Salzburg after the Music School closes in the

middle of July. It was a most suitable building in very lovely surroundings, and the offer was a great opportunity. The formal letter inviting us to organise the Adult School had not been received from Miss Balch, but the Committee sanctioned acceptance on its arrival. It was reported that representations had been made by Mrs. Swanwick to British Members of the Reparation Commission with regard to the position of ~~Rumanian~~^{Armenian} women in Turkish captivity.

11. It was reported that the Geneva Office was moving to a delightful old house, which could be partly residential in the Rue du Vieux College. (6)
The Object of the W.I.L. had been reworded, as follows:-

The W.I.L.P.F. aims at binding together women in every country who will give no support, direct or indirect, to any war and who desire to promote the following objects:-

(1) The creation of international relations of mutual co-operation and goodwill in which all wars shall be impossible;

(2) The establishment of political, social and moral equality between men and women;

(3) The introduction of these principles into all systems of education.

Future Developments.

The question of developing on Institute lines, starting with a Tea Room, and possibly a Reading Room with foreign papers, and letting other rooms in the house as Bed-rooms, if possible, to cover the rent, was considered ~~and adopted~~. Miss Royds and Miss Brewster were asked to look out for suitable houses near University College or the School of Economics, if possible, and a small sub-Committee of the Officers, Mrs. Ayrton Gould and Mrs. Raymond Unwin was appointed, with a free hand to take a house if a suitable one were found, if they could get a guarantee for a year's rent.

Correspondence.

Miss Cooper Willis. A letter from Miss Cooper Willis was read resigning the Hon. International Secretaryship owing to inability ~~to her ever being able~~ to attend Committees on Thursday because of her work at "Common Sense." Decided to ask the next Committee to suggest a possible alternative day for meeting, and not to accept Miss Cooper Willis's resignation till this had been considered.

N.P.C. (a) A letter was read suggesting co-operation in the production of literature particularly at the moment on the revision of the Peace Treaty in order to avoid overlapping, in pamphlets, etc. Agreed that the idea was good but decided to suggest that discussion of it would be better deferred until after the holidays;

(b) Reported that while Members were abroad a request for appointing delegates to the N.P.C. Council had not been able to be dealt with. Members

already on it had, therefore, been left as our delegates till the Committee Meeting. Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Mrs. Raymond Unwin and Mrs. Rollo Russell had now agreed to continue to stand. Mrs. Swanwick wished to retire and a question of a substitute for her was referred to the next Executive.

Mrs. Milow (Sweden). Reported that 59 women's Societies representing 50,000 women had signed a vote of thanks to those women who took action in England about the employment of Black Troops in Occupied Territory.

Berne Bureau. Reported our affiliation to this Bureau was now completed.

Mrs. Annot Robinson. A letter asking for a resolution on the Official Secrets' Bill suitable to put before a Public Meeting was read. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence undertook to draw this up.

H. M. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Thursday, 2nd September, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Macnaghten, Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

Apologies
for
absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ashton, Miss Chick, Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney, Miss Ford, Miss Huntsman, Miss Cooper Willis.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on July 15th were read and confirmed.

Business
arising.

Reported that there was no further Treasury £1 for £1 grant; that the Mission for the Balkans decided on at the Headquarters Executive was deferred, as Miss Balch felt she must be in Geneva when the League of Nations met; that most members of the Executive were able to change to Friday to meet Miss Cooper Willis's difficulty of attending on Thursday, but the final decision of this question was deferred until after the Council Meeting.

National Peace Council Representative. Mrs. Huth Jackson undertook to represent the W.I.L. in place of Mrs. Swanwick, who is resigning. Decided the question of co-operation with the N.P.C. over literature should be deferred.

Report of
Organisation
Committee.

Finance. Reported that apart from money for ear-marked funds, our balance on September 1st was £45. 12. 7½d. Estimated assets till October 15th were £40. 15. 3d. Deficit, on estimated liabilities, £93. 5. 9d. It was, therefore, necessary to raise at least £100 to see us over the Council Meeting.

The whole question of the future of the British Section of the W.I.L. was considered. Mrs. Swanwick said that she felt we must go on till the Council Meeting and that we were morally bound to continue till the 1921 Congress. She proposed, therefore:-

(1) a short circular should be sent out on the present position and the need of £100 to carry on to the Council Meeting, stating that at the Council the Executive would bring forward proposals as to work in the future;

(2) that a draft of these proposals with the Budget for nine months' work on their lines, if they were accepted, should follow the first letter in about a week.

Proposals made were:-

- (a) that our future work should include = concentration on co-operation with educational bodies in all kinds of international and educational work;

- (b) the organisation of the Summer School abroad after the 1921 Congress, and perhaps smaller gatherings of our own meanwhile;
- (c) acting as a centre of information, etc. for Miss Balch;
- (d) continuing such educational work as the production of the Histories of the Peoples
- (e) keeping in view the proposals for an Institute, and looking out for opportunities for starting such in the months following the Council.

(These) proposals were agreed to and Mrs. Swanwick undertook to draft the letters.

Agreed that a letter should be written to Miss Marsh explaining the situation.

Mrs. Huth Jackson moved, Miss Macnaghten seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Brewster and Miss Marsh for their work for the League, and of regret that it was unable to continue.

Decided to sub-let two rooms, if possible, to a Society with similar aims to ourselves and to do without an Office girl. Mrs. Huth Jackson offered a room at her house ^{if needed} for the Committee Meetings. Decided to approach Mr. Pollard as to whether the N.P.C. would take the rooms and that the rent asked should be £70 unfurnished and £80 furnished.

Grant for Manchester Organiser. Decided, in view of our financial condition, the Executive must give a quarter's notice to Manchester of the discontinuance of the Organiser's grant.

Resolutions
for the
Council Meeting.

The Executive had previously decided that certain points could only be considered at the Council Meeting. It was now decided to deal with these as follows:-

(1) Miss Ward to be asked if she wished to propose a resolution on the Women's Conference and International Bureau under the League of Nations;

(2) Miss Ashton be asked if she wished to propose that a member from each Branch should be sent as a representative to the Executive;

Decided that a resolution crystallising the Executive's proposals as to future work should be put forward by the Executive; the Officers agreeing to draft this.

Appointment of
Agenda Sub-
Committee.

The Officers were appointed Agenda Sub-Committee.

Nominations for Executive.

Miss Eckhard undertook to ask Mrs. Duncan Harris if she would stand; Mrs. Huth Jackson would ask Mrs. Holt; Mrs. Raymond Unwin suggested Miss Metcalfe, Mrs. Hobson and possibly Mrs. Gooch. It was announced that Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was obliged to resign the Hon. Treasurership as she was leaving for America, and after that would be on the Continent, being away a year. Nominations were invited for Hon. Treasurer. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence wished to stand again for the Executive as she would like to act as our representative while touring. A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. Rollo Russell owing to her absence from London through the illness of her son. Mrs. Dehn undertook to send a letter of regret and appreciation of Mrs. Russell's interest and expressing the hope she would rejoin the Executive later.

Correspondence.

Cobden Club. A letter was read asking for a W.I.L. representative to attend ^{a conference} this Committee. Decided to ask Miss Cooper Willis, and failing her Miss Courtney.

Fight the Famine Council. An invitation for a delegate at the Economic Conference on October 11th - 13th was read. Mrs. Swanwick said that she was attending and Miss Royds was appointed. In response to a request for suggestions as to subjects for discussion it was decided to recommend that a place should be found on the programme for discussion on the co-operative movement as a remedy for famine conditions.

The Women's Group of the Ethical Movement. The Secretary asked for a speaker for a small gathering on September 11th on the International Suffrage Congress at Geneva. Decided to ask Miss Ward.

Mrs. Lee. A letter was read asking for a speaker in Manchester ^{on International Politics} at a large Drawing Room Meeting ^{in Feb. Get up the support of the} Liberal Candidate. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to speak as far as she could say so far ahead.

Other business.

Mrs. Swanwick reported the "Times" had announced the fact that the Credits necessary for the repatriation of Austrian Prisoners of War were now released, because Austria now will carry out the Treaty of St. Germain, thus proving that the difficulty all along had been political; Mrs. Swanwick also reported that the results of the ballot for women to be recommended as suitable for serving on the League of Nations, taken by the Council of Representation for Women in the League of Nations were as follows:-
Selected:- Miss Bondfield, Miss Macarthur, Mrs. Rackham, Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon, Miss Rathbone, ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Oliver Strachey. To this list Mrs. Fawcett's name had been added.

H. M. Swanwick

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday,
16th September, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Chick, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Eckhard, Miss Ford, Mrs. Ayrton Gould, Miss Huntsman, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Leaf, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward.

Apologies
for
absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Ashton, Miss Cooper Willis.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on 2nd September were read and confirmed, with one alteration.

Business
arising.

Nominations for the Executive. Reported Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. Holt were unable to stand. Mrs. Duncan Harris was not well and had not been asked, and it had been ascertained that Mrs. Gooch was uncertain and she had not been asked. Mrs. Unwin explained that Miss Metcalfe, after accepting, had felt doubtful about the possibility of serving, but would consent to do so if her withdrawal in this way, after promising, caused any inconvenience. The following were nominated:- Mrs. Harold Hills, Mrs. Gooch, whom Miss Ford agreed to ask, Mrs. Ford Smith, whom Mrs. Salter agreed to ask, Mrs. Mayor and Miss Meinertzhagen, whom Mrs. Huth Jackson agreed to ask, and Miss Eleanor Hobhouse. Mrs. Huth Jackson proposed Mrs. Pope Hennessy. Agreed Mrs. Huth Jackson should invite her to join us on the understanding that if she did become a member, she might be co-opted as an Executive member. Mrs. Salter was obliged regretfully to tender her resignation and Miss Eaton was unable to stand. Hon. Treasurer. It was unanimously agreed that Lady Courtney be invited to act as Hon. Treasurer on the understanding that she was entirely relieved of any of the "hack" work, as her name would help us so much internationally. Mrs. Dehn undertook to write to her.

Cobden Club Conference. On October 5th, 6th & 7th. Decided to ask if Miss Ward in the morning and Mrs. Swanwick in the afternoon might be regarded as the delegate invited from the W.I.L.

Fight the Famine Conference. Reported the place of the Co-operative Movement was put down for discussion in the final programme. Miss Leaf asked if the Executive could urge Miss Balch to come over to London for the Conference. Decided her refusal must, however, be accepted, as it would be a very busy time in view of the coming of the League of Nations at Geneva.)

Report of
Education Sub-
Committee.

Reported that a paragraph in the "Daily Mirror" emphasising the need for pacifist women statesmen had been referred to the Executive to see if anyone would undertake to answer it. Miss Leaf took the cutting.)

Report of
Agenda Sub-
Committee.

Reported that the Hampstead Branch had suggested that the pronouncement on Class War issued during the Railway Strike last year should be circularised among Labour Bodies. Decided the question should be considered by the new Executive after the Council.

Proposed the Executive should add the following amendment to proposal made by Miss Ashton for a resolution at the Council Meeting:-

Miss Ashton's Resolution: Under Rule VI.
A. (a) add "and each Branch shall be entitled to send one representative to the Executive Committee with power to speak, but not to vote."

Amendment: "The expenses of such representative to be paid by her own Branch."

Proposed that in view of the dwindling number of branches ~~that~~ the following resolution drawn up by Mrs. Swanwick be put at the Council Meeting:-

"Under VIII GENERAL COUNCIL (a) "That in view of the greatly reduced number of branches, the Council be increased by the addition of not more than 30 yearly members; these members to be nominated by any branch or individual member and voted upon at the Annual Council. In the interval between Council Meetings the Executive shall have power to fill up vacancies.

As an exceptional measure and to avoid the lapse of a whole year before the Council can be increased, the first election of yearly members shall be carried out by a postal vote."

The Executive agreed to put down the resolution.

Reading of
Annual Re-
port.

The International Section of the Annual Report was read. Decided that in the preliminary proof issue, the resolutions passed at the last Council Meeting need not be printed; that rules, etc. and Treasurer's statement should be omitted, and simply the balance sheet copied on the last page.

Correspond-
ence.

Miss Thornton. A letter was read from Miss Thornton, who is shortly going to the Headquarters at Geneva, suggesting that the British Section of the W.I.L. might undertake to furnish a room in the new premises there. Some promises had been received from other Sections. Mrs. Huth Jackson agreed to give furniture for one room with the exception of a bed; Mrs. Raymond Unwin agreed to give some curtain material; Mrs. Dehn said she had a globe Wernicke Book-case, if transport difficulties could be managed. Suggested the Swiss Government might let the furniture through free of duty if a certificate as to its destination were made out. Decided to make inquiries on this point.

Mrs. Cousens. A letter was read inviting the delegates to a Conference on Parents' Committees on September 30th. Mrs. Dehn and Mrs. Raymond Unwin undertook to attend, and Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Eckhard, if possible.

Mrs. Annot Robinson. A letter was read asking the Executive to consider sending an expression of sympathy and unanimity, with other international organisations of feeling, towards Ireland in view of present events. Decided this letter should be written and signed by the Executive, and that Branch Secretaries should be offered an opportunity of signing it on behalf of their Branches.

Miss Balch. A letter was read asking all Sections to send in their experiences of Passport difficulties and absurdities to a Commission which would shortly be sitting in Paris to consider Passport Reform. Mrs. Swanwick and Miss Royds had contributed from their experiences, Miss Chick and Miss Eckhard agreed to send in reports. Reported that there was a Committee also about to sit in London. Decided the report should be sent to both Committees.

Right of Asylum. A request made by the Headquarters Executive at Geneva to consider action on behalf of the extension again of the Right of Asylum in all countries, was considered. Miss Chick undertook to draw up an urgency resolution on the subject for the Council Meeting.

National Union of Women Teachers. A letter was read asking for co-operation in a demonstration on November 6th for "Equal Pay for Equal Work." Decided circulars should be sent to London Members and that we would make the procession known wherever possible.

Mrs. Torry. A letter was read from Mrs. Torry offering to do voluntary work in England or abroad for the W.I.L. Agreed to try to get to know her and to get her in touch with the Executive, with a view to making all possible use of her.

National Peace Council. A letter was read asking for a larger representation at a meeting of the Council on September 29th, and inviting proposals on the policy of the Peace Movement and its local and national organisation. Mrs. Raymond Unwin agreed to recommend that one part of its work might be the development of Parents' Committees.

Mr. Gumede. A letter was read asking for a resolution on the question of the treatment of natives by the Union Parliament of South Africa, particularly on the lack of direct representation and hardships over forfeiture of land. Decided an article should be put in the News Sheet and that a resolution should be considered at next Executive.

Alliance of Health and Honour. A Conference to be held on September 29th was announced.

Margaret Ashton.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, Thursday,
7th October, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Miss Ashton in the Chair, Miss Chick, Lady Courtney, Mrs. Dehn, Miss Huntsman, Miss Macnaghten, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Salter, Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

Apologies
for ab-
sence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Swanwick, Miss Eckhard, Mrs. Despard, Mrs. Huth Jackson.

Minutes.

Minutes of meeting on September 16th were read and confirmed.

Business
arising.

Reported that Lady Courtney had consented to act as Hon. Treasurer; that Miss Eleanor Hobhouse had accepted nomination, and the following were unable to stand this year:- Mrs. Mayor, Mrs. Hills, Miss Meinertzhagen, Mrs. Ford Smith, Mrs. Pope Hennessy could not see her way to join the League.

Reported Mrs. Torry, who had offered to do voluntary work for the League would come to Jordans to get to know some of the Executive on Sunday, October 17th. Reported arrangements could satisfactorily be made for sending furniture to Geneva, and that it would be exempt from Customs Duties if an oath were taken before the Lord Mayor that it was only for private use and not for sale. The Shippers would arrange this.

Resolution
on the
Treatment
of Natives
by the
Union of
S. Africa
Parliament.

This was further considered and it was decided to ask Miss Cooper Willis and Mrs. Swanwick to draft this resolution as an appeal rather than a censure to the British Government to use its influence for fair treatment.

Finance.

Reported that the balance on September 30th amounted to £324. 4. 8d. A resolution offering a fixed sum to support Headquarters from the Hampstead Branch was read. Mrs. Raymond Unwin explained that this had been intended for the Council Meeting.

Emergency
Resolutions
for Coun-
cil and
Council Ar-
rangements.

Reported Miss Chick had sent in the resolution on the Right of Asylum, which she undertook to draft. Decided to meet at 9.45 a.m. before the Council, in case of any further emergency resolutions. Reported arrangements had been made to stop the Council at 4 o'clock when tea would be provided and to have a Reception and speeches from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock for any foreign delegates who could attend. Frau Adele Schreiber Krieger had promised to speak, but unfortunately a Reception had been arranged exactly clashing with ours by Barcess Deichmann,

although it had been ascertained before arranging ours that there was nothing clashing at Fight the Famine.) Decided, nevertheless, to invite all foreign delegates. Miss Huntsman undertook to send a list of those attending the Free Trade Conference and Mrs. Raymond Unwin to obtain a list of Fight the Famine Delegates.

Annual Report.

Mrs. Salter pointed out that resignations from the Executive should not appear in this year's Annual Report.) Decided on further consideration that the Annual Report should, after all, be printed with list of subscribers.

Correspondence.

Mrs. Annot Robinson and Mrs. Swanwick. Letters had already been sent round to the Committee about the deputation to Ireland. The question of a meeting in London was now considered. Decided that a meeting should be held, organised entirely by the W.I.L. with a Women's Platform, that Manchester should be consulted as to date and speakers, and the small Central Hall pencilled in, if possible; that Mrs. Swanwick be consulted as to asking Lady Byles to speak, and that Miss Marsh be asked if she could undertake to organise it. A sub-Committee of the Officers and Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Chick and Miss Eckhard to undertake to help over the meeting was appointed.

League of Nations Union. A letter asking the League to consider affiliation to the League of Nations Union was read, but referred to the first Executive after the Council.

Mrs. Rollo Russell. A letter of thanks to the Executive for their sympathy and regrets at her resignation was read.)

The Pioneer Trust. A letter giving arrangements over the sub-letting of the two front rooms and lobby in the Office to the Pioneer Trust was read. Reported that the Trust had taken the rooms and furniture at a rental of £90 p.a. making separate arrangements for gas, electric light, telephone and cleaning.)

Frau Schurgast. Attention was drawn to the appeal for Frau Minna Cauer, which appeared in the October News Sheet.

Women's Freedom League. Support was asked for a meeting and memorial demanding the suffrage for women on equal terms with men. Decided we should allow our name to appear on the leaflets and should send out leaflets to our London Secretaries.

Britain and India. Notice of a Saturday Conference, tea and entertainment on October 30th was given. Decided details should be made known to the Executive and London Secretaries and that the Conference should be announced at the Council Meeting.

May & Rawdon. Offer of a Freehold house in Little Russell Street for £1,500 was read as of interest as witnessing to the improvement in the outlook for obtaining houses. In connection with the Hostel a note from Miss Skeat proposing union with the International Brotherhood of Manchester over a London Hostel was read.)

Miss E. Sharp. A letter in response to the recent appeal from Miss Sharp was read, criticising our continued existence as a purely women's league. Some discussion took place, and there was general agreement that this is a question which will have to be discussed in the near future. The possibility of a Men and Women's National Section was mooted.

Other business.

1921 Summer School. Reported that the preliminary arrangements for this at Salzburg at the beginning of August, 1921, were getting underweigh, and that we had been offered the Mozarteum on very reasonable terms.

H. M. Swannick.

DISCUSSION FOR
SUPERFINDS
BRITISH MAKE

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Friday, 5th November, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Briggs, Miss Chick, Lady Courtney, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Despard, Miss Hardcastle (to represent Newcastle Branch), Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Melland, Mrs. Swanwick, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward, Miss Cooper Willis.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Eckhard, Lady Parmoor, Miss Metcalfe, Miss Huntsman.

Appointment of Chairman.

The Chair was taken till the appointment of Chairman by Miss Cooper Willis, Hon. International Secretary. Mrs. Swanwick was unanimously appointed Chairman, and then took the Chair.

Appointment of Vice-Chairmen.

Mrs. Despard proposed, Mrs. Unwin seconded, that Miss Courtney be First Vice-Chairman with the understanding that she should take Mrs. Swanwick's place occasionally and assist her in her work wherever possible. Agreed.

Miss Cooper Willis proposed, Miss Macnaghten seconded that Miss Ashton be appointed Second Vice-Chairman. Agreed.

Minutes.

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

Business arising.

Resolution on the Treatment of Natives in South Africa. Suggested this resolution might also be sent to General Smuts. Lady Courtney undertook to do this with a personal letter.

Women's Freedom League. An invitation to send a delegate on the deputation to the Prime Minister about the vote for women under 30 was read. Miss Chick agreed to go, if possible on the deputation, and failing her Miss Ward would go.

League of Nations Union. An invitation to affiliate was again considered, but affiliation was not proposed.

Wreath for Mr. MacSwiney. Mrs. Huth Jackson reported that, after consultation with the Officers, she had sent a wreath from the W.I.L. to Mr. MacSwiney's funeral. She suggested that ^{members of} the Executive should pay 1/-. Some of those present gave their subscriptions. Decided those not present should be informed of what had been done.

now ready for packing

Furniture for Geneva. Mrs. Huth Jackson reported that her furniture would be ready very shortly and now included a large double bed which had been given to her for the purpose. Mrs. Swanwick reported that Mrs. Eckhard would probably be able to send some furniture. The address of the Packer to be sent to both Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Eckhard.)

Appointment of sub-Committees.

Decided that the Organisation and Finance and Literature sub-Committees should, for the present, form one sub-Committee. The following were appoint-

ed:-

The Officers, Miss Ashton, Miss Eckhard, Miss Chick.

International Sub-Committee. The following were appointed:-

The Central Executive Members (i.e. Mrs. Swanwick, Miss Marshall), Central Consultative Members (i.e. Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss ~~Marshall~~ ^{Raymond}).

Date of meeting of Executive.

Decided the Executive should meet once a month regularly on the first Friday of each month, but that if it were necessary to call it again it should, if possible, be on the third Friday.

Finance & Jordans Report.

Reported that the balance on November 1st was £215 odd. The question of when the next effort to raise funds should be undertaken was considered. Decided it should be before Christmas and that great stress should be laid on our work for Ireland. Agreed that Mrs. Despard from the Chair should make an appeal at the Irish Meeting, and that a collection should then be taken. Proposed that a slip of paper on our Irish work should be drafted for members of the Executive to put into their private letters. The following undertook to take slips:-

Mrs. Despard, Lady Courtney, Mrs. Huth Jackson, Miss Cooper Willis, Mrs. Raymond Unwin.

Lady Courtney would appeal to Mr. Molteno. Mrs. Swanwick offered to write to Major David Davies. Lady Barlow was also mentioned.

Jordans. Reported £5 had been banked as Jordans profits and that a little more money was still due to come in. There would have been about £8 or £9 more profit if people had not failed at the last minute.

The question of running another Summer School about Easter was considered, but it was felt this could not be decided until the amount of work necessary for the School abroad could be better measured.

Report of Sub-Committees.

Irish Meeting. The arrangements for the meeting on Ireland in the Kingsway Hall on November 5th, advertisements, circularisation of leaflets, etc. were reported. Miss Royds asked if the day of advertising which had been decided on by the Sub-Committee as Friday, November 12th, could be changed to Wednesday, November 10th, in order to give more time for applications for tickets. Agreed. Miss Ward undertook to give out some leaflets at the Teachers' Procession on 7th November.

Mrs. Raymond Unwin offered hospitality to Miss Chenevix. Reported Miss Chenevix was

sent out slips

speaking at Croydon on the 16th.

The question of publishing a leaflet for distribution on Armistice Day was raised by Manchester. This was vetoed ^{on ground of expense} but it was suggested that Branch Secretaries should be invited to write to their local papers pressing for an armistice for Ireland. Mrs. Swanwick undertook to draft a letter which might be used. Decided that the statement signed by all the deputation should be printed as a pamphlet and sold at meetings. A letter was read from Miss Bennett in reply to a proposal made to her that we should try to raise funds to help Irish people in England to take Irish refugee children. The Irish Committee were very grateful for the goodwill shown by the proposal, but thought it would not be wise to endeavour to carry it out at this time. Another suggestion that English towns should adopt Irish towns where the destruction had occurred was reported by Mrs. Swanwick from Mr. Nevinson. Miss Bennett had been approached and Mrs. Swanwick ^{was going to} ~~would~~ write to the Parish Priest in Mallow. ~~It was decided that this would be a tremendous practical protest to the minority in England who object to what is taking place.~~ Emphasis was laid ^{upon our responsibility} ~~on the fact that this would be nothing but~~ reparation. Miss Courtney suggested that another Committee might be formed for reparation, possibly in connection with the "Peace with Ireland" Committee. The question was referred to the Manchester Committee to consider as a beginning and Mrs. Swanwick agreed to propose it to the "Peace with Ireland" Committee. Reported suggestion made at the Manchester meeting that a deputation of the W.I.L. should go to America to give evidence. ^{It was finally decided} Mrs. Muter Wilson invited Mrs. Swanwick, who refused, ^{on the ground} ~~because~~ she believed that this was something for Irishwomen to do, and not for us. Miss Melland reported that the Manchester Committee did not ^{finally} support the proposal. Reported that Miss Addams had been announced as going to Ireland. Decided a cable should be sent asking if this were true.

A letter from the N.P.C. advising the formation of local "Peace with Ireland" Committees was read. Decided to pass on the suggestion to Branches, giving the N.P.C. address and expressing the hope from the Executive that they were being active in the matter, and co-operating with any bodies working on similar lines.

Mrs. Raymond Unwin invited the Executive to her house to meet Miss Chenevix on Saturday evening, November 13th.

International Sub-Committee. After some rather complicated correspondence about the Mozarteum and the arrangements for the Summer School in Salzburg, the International Sub-Committee recommended that Miss Royds ^{should} go to Salzburg as soon as it could be arranged for a short visit to settle preliminary matters in connection with the School.

at least 4 Branches got this inserted in local papers.
Other proposals for work for Ireland were considered.

including ^{one} that

Mrs. Member of American Commission

Agreed that this would be advisable. Miss Royds was instructed to make arrangements after the Irish Meeting.

Report of Council Meeting resolutions.

(1) Following on the resolution that the Executive be instructed to take steps if possible for the opening of an Institute in London, a sub-Committee was appointed of the Officers, Mrs. Briggs, Mrs. Huth Jackson, and the following to be asked:- Mrs. Skene MacKay, Mrs. Hirst, Lady de la Warr, Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Miss Courtney undertook to find out if any Women's University Club Members would be interested and helpful.

Re Members of Council. Decided requests for nominations should be sent out to Branches and Central Members.

Re date of Council Meeting and end of Financial Year. Decided the next financial year should be 15 months and the next Council early in 1922 unless a special one were called in the interval.

Industrial War Leaflet.

Proposal re leaflet on Industrial War. Proposal from Hampstead Branch that this should be again circulated was referred to the Literature Sub-Committee.

Correspondence.

(a) Mrs. Snowden. A letter was read from Mrs. Snowden telling of the proposal of Dr. Jacobs to call a meeting of the Women of the World in Holland in the Spring of 1921 to discuss the revision of the Peace Treaties. After some discussion Miss Courtney moved that we should reply we did not see our way to taking the matter up. Agreed.

(b) Miss Balch. A letter asking for any assistance we could give by introductions, etc. to our delegates to the League of Nations Assembly was read. Decided Miss Marshall would probably not require such introductions, but the question as to whether there was any means of English women ^{could} appealing to the League of Nations against their own Government; ^{in Ireland} ~~on Ireland~~ was raised. Decided Miss Marshall should be asked if anything could be done, and if so what the procedure was. Reported Miss Sheepshanks was going out to Geneva and was staying at the Maison Internationale.

(c) N.U. S.E.C. Reported an invitation to co-operate on November 29th in a meeting for Mrs. Chapman Catt at the Central Hall. Mrs. Swanwick had sanctioned this co-operation as there was no Executive Committee Meeting. It was expected that the meeting would be profitable and the arrangement had been made that Societies should share in the profits in proportion to the tickets they sold.

(d) Mr. Brockman. An estimate of 18/6d for making a block of the Maison Internationale for use in the News Sheet, etc. was read. Decided to have this done.

Sold 16/6 worth of tickets.

(e) Miss Morland. A letter of greeting and reporting meetings with the Australian Branch from Miss Morland was read.

(f) Armenian Red Cross. A letter was read appealing for our assistance in making known and putting political pressure to stop such massacres as the recent one at Hadjin. Decided to reply that we regret very much not being able to do more than make the facts known wherever possible as our hands were full of our own work.

(g) Mrs. Hawker. Notice of an Exhibition of Children's work organised by The Save the Children and sample postcards reproduced from children's drawings in Vienna were put before the Committee. Miss Courtney gave further details of the art work being carried on in Vienna by Professor Cizek.

(h) Miss Furuhjelm. Mrs. Swanwick reported a letter from Miss Furuhjelm ^{inclosing} announcing a pamphlet ^{relating to the Armenian massacres.} and a picture from another pamphlet of anti-British Indian propaganda. Miss Furuhjelm thought the picture must be a fake because though meant to be a picture of the deeds of the British Government it showed an execution of natives in Persia with Officers in Russian uniform. Mrs. Swanwick had explained that this was an execution which took place under Russian ^{and British} rule, it is true, but while we were allied with Russia over the partition ^{of} Persia. ^{The pamphlet appeared to be a correct abstract from the Judicial Commission.}

Other business. Reported a request had been received for any names of women suitable to go to China to investigate conditions of women's work there for a year or two for the ^(USA) Y.W.C.A. One or two names were suggested.

Date of sub-Committees.

Decided the Organisation and Finance and Literature Sub-Committee should meet on first Fridays at 10.30, but that the next one should meet on Friday, the 19th. Decided the Institute Sub-Committee should meet at 2.30 p.m. on the 19th. The date of the International Sub-Committee was left subject to later agreement.

H. M. Swanwick

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, December 3rd, 1920, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mrs. Swanwick in the Chair, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Cox, Miss Ford, Miss Hobhouse, Miss Huntsman, Miss Macnaghten, Miss Melland, Lady Parmoor, Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Cooper Willis. Representing Branches: Mrs. Fyffe, Kensington, Miss Hardcastle, Newcastle, Mrs. Hunter, Letchworth, Mrs. Taylor, Hampstead.

Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Despard, Miss Chick, Lady Courtney, Miss Eckhard, Miss Leaf.

Minutes.

The Minutes of meeting on Friday, November 5th were read and confirmed.

Business arising.

Reported Lady Courtney had sent the resolution on the Treatment of Natives in South Africa to General Smuts; that Mrs. Huth Jackson's furniture was at the Packers and we should hear when it was ready for necessary arrangements to be made about the Customs.

Appeal for Funds.

Reported there had not been much response from the London area to which the letter had been got out. It had now been sent to the country members.

Reported Miss Marshall was keeping in close touch with the doing of the Assembly of the League of Nations; that on the question of Ireland she had proposed a meeting there. Mrs. Swanwick felt this was a question of principle and questioned whether Geneva should be made the centre for the airing of grievances. Mrs. Swanwick herself made the proposal that Ireland should apply to be admitted as a member of the League of Nations. This would necessitate the raising of the question of Ireland's position, which, at present, none of the delegates to the Assembly would touch. Miss Ford asked whether it would be possible to give a reason to Dr. Jacobs for our non-acceptance of her invitation to co-operate over a meeting of women on the Revision of the Peace Treaties in Holland in the Spring, as she had heard Dr. Jacobs was rather hurt by our reply, but the question was dropped.

Report of Organisation Sub-Committee.

Reported arrangements were continuing for meetings on Ireland in various centres and that a list of speakers had been prepared. Recommended by the Organisation Committee that some alterations be made in the statement which goes with Members' forms to bring it up to date again. The suggested alterations were sanctioned.

Miss Royds asked if under the heading "Membership" on the Membership Forms she might add "Women of other Nationalities and men were invited to join as Associates." Agreed.

Finance. Reported balance up to date was £275 odd.

At this point the deputation invited to attend the Executive from Manchester: Mrs. Muter Wilson, Mrs. Annot Robinson, Mrs. Watts, Miss Wilkinson, was ~~now~~ received. Mrs. Swanwick explained that they had been invited to come because of developments about the invitation, first proposed after the first Free Trade Hall Meeting, and now received from Miss Jane Addams, to two delegates to go over and give evidence before the United States' Commission, sitting to take evidence on the question of Ireland.

Other proposals made by Manchester might be considered later, i.e. organisation throughout the country on the question of Ireland;+ general organisation of the W.I.L. in England.

(1) Deputation to America. Mrs. Swanwick explained the situation and Mrs. Annot Robinson and Miss Wilkinson stated the stage which had now been reached. It was made clear that the United States' Commission would pay all expenses, but Manchester asked for a loan of £100 from Headquarters meanwhile. After a lengthy discussion and the reading of Miss Addams' letter greatly welcoming the idea of the delegation, the vote was taken individually, eight being in favour of the deputation and two against. The delegation was, therefore, decided upon. Decided that on the day of its departure a definite statement should be communicated to the Press stating simply and clearly that the invitation had been received from the Mission and from Miss Addams; that the delegation ~~should~~ go over 'in the interests of reconciliation and justice'; ~~and~~ that the Commission was paying its expenses, and that no speeches and no interviews would be given by its members.

(2) Organisation ^{throughout} over the country on ^{the question of} Ireland was then discussed. It was proposed that we might organise Conferences with delegates from Labour and Trade Union bodies working systematically so as to cover the country. The general opinion was that it would be better to put pressure on these bodies to organise such Conferences themselves. Agreed that these suggestions should be passed on to the Branches. The question of calling a Council Meeting on the subject of Ireland was mooted. Decided this would mean excessive expenditure of time and money without much practical results in the way of making affairs known. Suggested that a very good plan would be to keep on sending delegates to Ireland to report up to date. Decided also to recommend the urging of this to the Branches.

(3) General Organisation. A proposal in a letter from Miss Melland that Manchester might undertake the organising of North England was considered. It was pointed out that the question was one largely of finance and that it would really not mean taking over any work which was being done but the starting of some fresh organising which would require a paid Organiser. The Executive was asked to think over the matter very carefully and the question was deferred till the January Executive.

Report of
Institute
Sub-
Committee.

The letter, which had been sent out to the Executive for criticism, before it was sent out as an appeal to Branches and Members in January, was considered. Decided to embody in paragraph 2 ~~information as to~~ ^{a procedure that} the method of registration ^{would be} under the Industrial and Provident Societies' Acts, and to insert a clause welcoming small Subscribers.

Summer School.

Miss Royds reported that she had brought back an Agreement in the form of a letter from the Director and Secretary of the Mozarteum offering to let us sufficient accommodation for a fortnight either from August 1st to the 15th, or a little earlier, for 600 Swiss francs rental, a translation of the letter giving all details is appended. Reported that the date was still uncertain because Mrs. Hertzka wished the Congress to be early in July, and it seemed essential that the School should follow it with only two or three days' interval, while it seemed a great pity, by fixing the date of the School early, automatically to shut out English teachers, and possibly ^{these} other countries. The Committee decided that the question of date must be settled between Miss Balch and Miss Royds, while expressing the opinion that there should not be a long interval between Congress and School, and for the School August 1st/15th seemed to be the most suitable.

Correspondence.

Glasgow Branch. A request for Headquarters to help to pay expenses of the delegate to Ireland sent from Glasgow was read. Decided that Headquarters could not undertake this.)

N.P.C. The leaflet on War Expenditure was submitted. Decided we would take 1,000 copies.

Barfield & Barfield. A letter on behalf of Mr. Rita giving us notice to quit on September 1st, 1921, was read. Decided to deal with the question of application for fresh tenancy at the next Executive.)

Miss Keary. A letter from Miss Keary reporting that a number of Austrian Children, mostly boys, from 9 to 13, in Sandwich Camp would have to be repatriated unless hospitality and support was forthcoming by December 18th, was read. Decided to put a "very urgent" slip in the News Sheet explaining the situation and

appealing for help, giving particulars^{aa} to whom
to write to.

Christmas
Holidays.

Decided the Office should be closed from
Thursday Decem~~br~~ 23rd to Sunday, January 2nd,
inclusive.

Other business.

International Sub-Committee. Miss Cooper
Willis agreed to come to the Office to help to
work out a preliminary programme for the Summer
School.

H. M. Swanwick,