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I have followed with interest the work of the Union and appreciate the efforts of its members to educate public opinion in support of the League, in which lies our chief hope for the future peace of the world. I offer you my best wishes for the continued strength and prosperity of the League of Nations Union.

GEORGE R.I.,
Sandringham, 26/10/28.

THE HON. SIR ERIC DRUMMOND (Secretary-General to the League of Nations): The League must largely rely on the work of voluntary societies in different countries, such as the League of Nations Union in Great Britain, to keep public opinion, which is the ultimate mainstay of the League, fully informed.

VISCOUNT GREY OF FALLODON: I want to emphasise that the importance and necessity for the League of Nations Union increases and does not decrease as a League of Nations policy makes progress in Europe. It is absolutely essential that just as each Party finds it necessary to have an organisation to advocate its own political policy, so there should be in this country an organisation which will inform and educate and instruct public opinion on the subject of a League of Nations policy. And it is for that that this organisation exists.

VISCOUNT CECIL OF CHELWOOD: I believe that the League of Nations Union has been of incalculable value to the cause of the League of Nations.

It is not too much to say that without the Union the League might not have survived, and it is almost certain that it would not have achieved the very remarkable success which has fallen to it.

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THE RT. HON. REGINALD MCKENNA (Chairman, Midland Bank, Ltd.) says: To render the League's work vital and effective, the public in every country have got to be informed and their interest and sympathy stimulated. The League of Nations Union performs these functions in our country. And if we wish to help the League, we must give the Union our active, unstinted support.

MR. J. BEAUMONT PEASE (Chairman, Lloyds Bank, Ltd.) says: The League can only operate effectively in so far as it has the support of public opinion. This the League of Nations Union has done much to secure. I am sure that it will do much more if only it is given the necessary funds. I hope they will be given promptly and generously. It would be hard to find a cause with greater claims upon all whose prosperity depends upon international co-operation, security and peace.

LIEUT.-GENERAL J. C. SMUTS: The public have helped generously with funds, and must continue to help. There is to-day no better form of missionary enterprise than that of the cause of world peace. Let people continue to make their contributions to that mission of peace and goodwill among men. In making their contributions to the League of Nations Union they are not only helping to realise a great ideal, they are in a very real sense paying their small insurance against the greatest danger that threatens civilization.

*Resolution passed at the Annual Conference of the British Legion,
May, 1928:*

That this Conference requests the whole-hearted support of the British Legion be given to the League of Nations Union in its endeavours to promote a world peace, and further advocates the use of Legion machinery on all possible occasions to assist in bringing about the desired result of settling all international disputes by arbitration, thus endeavouring to bring to a practical consummation one of the main principles on which the British Legion is founded, *i.e.*, to secure Peace and Goodwill on earth.

FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

In 1916 an officer at the Front wrote the following sentence in a letter to his mother:—

‘Do you think that the experience of this war has made the general public realise that there must be other ways of settling points of dispute which are more satisfactory than the way of bloodshed?’

A few months later he was killed in action at the age of 28. He was one of the many thousands or hundreds of thousands of men from all nations who died asking the same question.

Even now comparatively few people are convinced that the League of Nations way—that is, the round table way—of settling disputes is practicable. ‘The League is all right as an ideal,’ you hear people say, ‘but in *practice*, you know . . .’ and then they shake their heads.

How can we convince the public that the League way *is* practicable? Surely by telling them how the League works and what it has done already to build up peace and then letting them judge for themselves—in one word, by education. Build up an educated public opinion to stand solidly behind the League and the League will succeed. Without this public opinion it is bound to fail.

The League of Nations Union is the British society for educating and organising opinion in this country; there are similar societies in thirty-eight other countries working for the same object. These Societies are linked together in an International Federation which meets three times a year, and is in close touch with Geneva. It is acknowledged by all that the strength of the British League of Nations Union acts as an example and a source of confidence to the Societies in the other countries. In fact, the stronger our Society becomes the more effective will be the work throughout the world.

But if our work is to continue, our financial foundation must be broad and secure. At present we aim at obtaining 100,000 Foundation Members each paying £1 a year. Of the £100,000 so realised, £37,500 would remain with Headquarters; £62,500 would be apportioned to Branches and the provision of literature for members.

Will you become a Foundation Member of the League of Nations Union?

We should not ask for this if we did not know that the Union is necessary to the League. Knowing this, we dare to ask you.

Your pound will help the work locally, nationally and internationally.

Since the greatest British interest is peace, you will be serving your country, and also helping to make the world secure.

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