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LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION
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THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION LIBRARY

THE Library of the League of Nations Union, thanks to the generosity of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, constitutes the best collection of publications on the League of Nations outside Geneva. It now consists of some 14,000 books, pamphlets and documents and contains practically all published material on the League of Nations, the International Labour Organisation and the Permanent Court of International Justice, as well as the principal works on International Law and international relations, the necessary 'background' books on the history of individual countries and standard works on economics and modern history in so far as they touch the work of the League.

PERIODICALS

The Library also contains nearly all the publications of foreign League of Nations Societies and over 100 periodicals dealing with international affairs or with the peculiar problems of individual countries.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

This section, which is rapidly growing, now consists of some 200 books for children in English and French on the League of Nations and world friendship, international magazines and a number of plays and pageants suitable for Junior Branches of the Union.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

A printed catalogue of the Library with half-yearly supplements (price 9*d.*) and a special annotated bibliography of books on the League of Nations and allied subjects (price 4*d.*) may be obtained from the Librarian. A full index of periodicals and lists of books and articles on various subjects, as well as book reviews, are available on demand.

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

The Library is free to members of the League of Nations Union, any of whom may borrow up to three volumes for a month at a time on payment of carriage both ways. The Library is open as a reading room daily between the hours of 10 and 5.30, Tuesdays, 10 to 6.30; and Saturdays, 10 to 1 p.m.

LOAN OF BOXES OF BOOKS

The Library also supplies the needs of League of Nations Union Branches, Study Circles and Schools by the loan of sets of books for an extended period. Boxes of thirty books are lent to Branches and Junior Branches, University Branches and Schools for three months at a time on payment of carriage only, and sets of books are lent on the same terms direct to County and Borough Libraries. Some Branches which find it difficult to arrange for the distribution of books have approached their local Public Librarians, a step which has generally resulted in the books being housed and circulated by the Public Library. This branch of the Library's work has developed to such an extent that over 100 Public Libraries are registered borrowers.

STUDY CIRCLES & 'LISTENING-IN' CIRCLES

Study Circles may similarly borrow up to six copies of certain standard books on the League for the duration of their course, and it is encouraging to note that 122 Study Circles were so supplied in 1929. All who listened-in to the B.B.C. talks on international co-operation will be glad to hear that such lectures are to be a more or less permanent feature of the B.B.C. programme, and members of the Union are reminded that the books recommended may be obtained on loan from the Library and that 'listening-in' circles can be supplied with boxes of books.

SCHOOLS

In addition to the arrangement for borrowing boxes of books, Schools may hire sets of twenty-five copies of any of the books on the list recommended for children and teachers for use as 'school readers' at a charge of 5*s.* per set.

SUB-LIBRARIES

The scope of the Library has been further extended by the creation of sub-libraries at Chelmsford, Brighton, Nottingham, Northampton, Liverpool and Manchester. These sub-libraries consist of some 200 representative books on the League and kindred subjects issued on permanent loan from the Library at Headquarters in August, 1929.

THE LITERATURE OF PEACE

During the last few years a new science, that of the organisation of Peace, has come into being, and a new literature has grown up around it. The increase in the number of books on international subjects appearing during 1929 as compared with four or five years earlier is striking. The fact that the League of Nations Union Library has, in two years, doubled its output—12,000 books being issued in 1929 as against 6,000 in 1927—is further evidence of the growing interest in international affairs. Books on international subjects, however, are still all too scarce in the ordinary general library. It is the special task of the Union's Library to ensure that Branches of the Union, Universities, Schools and County and Borough Libraries, are adequately supplied.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

Membership of the Union includes free use of the Library and its facilities.

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Yearly Subscription:

Foundation Members, £1. Registered Members, 5s.
Ordinary Members, 1s. minimum.

Foundation Members are entitled to receive *Headway*, the journal of the Union, monthly by post and as much as they desire of the pamphlets and similar literature issued by the Union. Registered Members are entitled to receive *Headway* monthly by post and occasional important notices. Ordinary Members subscribing not less than 3s. 6d. a year are also entitled to receive *Headway* by post.

Those who are able and willing to help the Funds of the Union are asked, if possible, to become Foundation Members or, failing that, Registered Members.

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