

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of meeting of Executive Committee, held on January 12th, 1932, at Mrs. Binyon's House, British Museum, W.C.1.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. Zangwill, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Thoday and Mrs. White.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the meeting on December 8th were confirmed, after including the name of Mrs. Binyon in those present.

890. BUSINESS ARISING.

Acknowledgements of resolution on the Bengal Ordinances have been received from the Prime Minister and Sir Samuel Hoare.

Acknowledgements of resolution on Manchuria have been received from the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Under-Secretary of State. Also from the Chinese Minister, with a letter expressing the appreciation of our efforts, and from the Japanese Embassy, and Lord Cecil.

Re Visit of Miss Dorothy Detzer. Reported that Miss Detzer has cabled postponing her visit for two months.

Manchuria and proposal for an Economic Conference. Report was made of action which had been taken on the day following the last Executive, which had been appended to the Minutes; (see Minutes December 8th, 1931, page 5.)

It was further reported that in view of the proposed Conference at Lausanne it had been decided not to take further action, and the Executive Committee agreed to take no action at present.

Appointment of women to the Disarmament Conference. With reference to Minute 887, of December 8th, in which it is stated that at a meeting of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, Miss Sheepshanks "had voted against the resolution that the Government should be urged to send a woman as a delegate to the Disarmament Conference", the question was raised as to what is the attitude of the W.I.L. to putting forward requests for the appointment of women to League Conferences, etc. It was pointed out that Miss Sheepshanks had not had an opportunity of discussing the matter with the Executive Committee before the Council for the Representation of Women took place. She had consulted the Officers and was guided by Minute 805 of July 14th, 1931, as follows:-

"After full consideration of the question of asking the British Government to include representatives of the Peace Organisations and of women in the British Delegation to the Disarmament Conference the Committee came to the conclusion that it would not be advisable to make this request. There is no satisfactory method by which the Peace Movement could appoint a representative. We believe that any representative from the Peace Movement appoint-

ed by the Government to serve on the delegation might find him or herself in an unsatisfactory position of compromise and that we should be less free to exert influence on the Government policy through the intermediary of such a representative."

This decision was come to under different circumstances than the present and the Executive Committee regrets that there was no opportunity for fresh discussion.

The Executive Committee expresses its appreciation of the Government's action in appointing Mrs. Corbett Ashby, whose name had been put forward by the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations, and offers her its hearty congratulations.

The Executive desires to make it clear that it holds to the opinion that the choice of delegates to international conferences should be made from among suitable women, as well as men.

#### 891. FINANCE.

Mrs. Binyon gave the financial statement for the year, as prepared for the Auditor.

Comment was made on what a very large volume of work has been done during the year for the comparatively small expenditure. It was noted that although an attempt had been made to reduce the staff when the prospects of funds became bad, that the volume of work was such that we could not have carried on but for the generosity of Miss Chick and Mrs. Zangwill, who by special donations enabled us to keep up the necessary trained Office work, and for the voluntary help of Miss Sheepshanks and Miss Baker. In addition, we have had the usual help from members of the Executive Committee and from several voluntary workers, who spend many hours a week in addressing envelopes. Agreed that we cannot tell at present what the volume of work will be after the Declaration is finished and permanent arrangements cannot be made until then. The Officers were authorised to make the necessary arrangements until the next Committee.

The Officers reported having received shortly after the last Committee an appeal from the National Peace Council for a donation towards the expenses of sending Mr. Arnold Forster to Geneva as a representative of the National Peace Council and its constituent organisations. Believing that Mr. Arnold Forster's work in Geneva would be of very great value to us, the Officers promised a contribution of £5. This was agreed to by the Committee.

#### 892. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Reported that the following arrangements had been made by the Officers:-

Date: March 7th and 8th.

Place: Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.1.

Agreed to follow the precedent of last year and suggest to Branches which subjects might be most suitable for discussion, other resolutions within the scope of the W.I.L. not being excluded. Agreed to suggest the following subjects:

Disarmament, India, Economic Situation, Manchuria.

Agreed to suggest that instead of having an evening meeting on Monday, we should take a large room from 4.30 p.m. to 7 o'clock and arrange to have a social hour, including tea, followed by speeches from those who have been attending the Disarmament Conference. This would not include the serious discussion of policy, which should be dealt with at a regular session of the Council. Agreed that a recognised authority should be invited to speak on the economic situation, preferably on Tuesday morning. Agreed to ask Sir Walter Layton and failing him Sir Arthur Salter.

The question of the position of Headquarters Members at the Council Meeting was raised by a letter from Mrs. Montgomerie and it was suggested that a method should be proposed by which Branch Delegates' votes should count as a number proportionate to the Membership of the Branch, and Headquarter Members allowed to give individual votes. The matter was left for consideration by members of the Executive any of whom are at liberty to bring in a resolution.

The Officers were asked to form the Agenda Committee with power to co-opt.

#### 893. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN.

Mrs. Zangwill reported that 1,959,076 signatures had been obtained up to date; the daily average since December 29th being 10,904. A large number of signatures are still expected and fresh efforts are being made in many directions.

Arrangements for Official Send-Off of the Declaration.  
To take place from 55 Gower Street on January 20th at 2.30 p.m. Lord Cecil and Lady Snowden have promised to be present and to address the gathering. Miss Courtney will take the chair. A second ceremony will take place at Victoria Station on 22nd January at 12 noon. Miss Bondfield and Admiral Allen and Mrs. Zangwill have been asked to speak at this and Miss Courtney to take the chair. As far as known all distinguished persons who have signed the Declaration have been invited to both ceremonies and the general public are also invited. The Ground-Floor room of 55 Gower Street is being kindly loaned by the International Society for Individual Psychology and tickets will be issued to the Executive Committee and a limited number of guests for admission inside the house.

Arrangements are being made for Cinema and Press Publicity and for an announcement by the Wireless.

The transport of the Declaration is being undertaken by the Continental Express Company for a nominal charge of £4.4., which represents a fraction of the cost as they are undertaking to send the cases through to Geneva at express rate. Great interest has been shown by the members of the firm and a large number of signatures obtained by them. Miss Dickinson and Dr. Helen Roth are kindly undertaking the decoration of the van.

Presentation of Declaration in Geneva. Miss Courtney reported that it is expected that Declarations and petitions from women's organisations will be presented at the opening of the Conference. Arrangements are not yet completed owing to the illness of Mr. Henderson. The International Committee urges all societies participating in the Declaration to send representatives to Geneva for the first fortnight. This question will be taken up by the Women's Peace Crusade.

Youth Meeting. Miss Baker reported on the arrangements for the Youth Meeting on Disarmament. The following speakers have been secured:- Miss Thelma Cazalet, M.P., L.C.C., Sir Paul Latham, Bt., M.P., L.C.C., Miss Ishbel Macdonald, L.C.C., Mr. Maurice Webb, Miss Megan Lloyd George, M.P., Mr. Robert Bernays, M.P. A resolution submitted by Miss Henderson was approved. The Committee expressed its pleasure and its congratulations to Miss Henderson on the excellent platform which has been arranged.

Petition to Prime Minister. Miss Courtney reported a message from the International Y.W.C.A., suggesting that the women's organisations should ask for a deputation to the Prime Minister. Agreed to suggest to the Women's Peace Crusade to undertake this.

Meeting of Representatives of women's organisations with Mrs. Corbett Ashby. Reported that, on the announcement that Mrs. Corbett Ashby had been appointed by the Government on the Delegation to the Disarmament Conference, Miss Courtney had ascertained that she would like to meet representatives of the women's organisations and had agreed that the W.I.L. should summon a meeting for the purpose. This meeting had therefore been arranged for 3.30 p.m. on January 20th at 21 Gower Street. The time and place being convenient to Mrs. Corbett Ashby. Women's organisations which have taken part in the Disarmament Declaration Campaign have been invited to send representatives.

Policy for the Disarmament Conference. Miss Courtney proposed that the W.I.L. should bring forward a proposal <sup>for a</sup> ~~policy~~ to be discussed with Mrs. Corbett Ashby. Miss Courtney put forward a draft of such a proposal. It was agreed to in principle and Miss Courtney was asked to put it in final shape for presentation to the meeting on January 20th.

#### 894. REPORT OF INDIA SUB.COMMITTEE.

A resolution was submitted by the Sub.Committee and after thorough discussion it was re-drafted in the following form and passed unanimously:-

"The Women's International League

While realising the difficulties created for Government by methods of obstruction and terror, deplores

- (1) The issue of the Bengal Ordinance and its extensions, allowing as they do, arrest without charge and penalties without trial;
- (2) The fact that the Viceroy did not find a way to discuss with Mr. Gandhi the general situation including measures for the repression of terrorism;
- (3) The proclamation of Congress as an illegal body;
- (4) The imprisonment of Mr. Gandhi and other leaders.

It considers that by re-introducing and developing a policy of repression the Government in India is destroying all hope of the results aimed at by their policy of consultation and conference and therefore urge that the paths of co-operation should, before it is too late, be

again explored by the Viceroy and the Government in India on the one hand, and on the other by Indians of all parties, not excluding the leaders of Congress."

Interview with Lord Lothian re Franchise Committee.  
Mrs. Lankester reported that the N.U.S.E.C. had invited other organisations represented on the Women's Council on India to join in a deputation to Lord Lothian to put before him the importance of increasing the representation of women on the Franchise Committee. Lord Lothian had consented to see three or four women, although unwilling to have it called a deputation. Mrs. Lankester had taken part in this, representing the W.I.L. She felt that Lord Lothian's attitude was friendly and that he was anxious to secure in India an adequate representation of women, both on the Provincial and Franchise Committees.

895. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Owing to the pressure of work this Committee was unable to present a report.

It was noted that Miss Henderson was resigning from the position of Secretary to the Committee and the Executive expressed its very warm appreciation of the work she has done and of her success in greatly increasing publicity for the activities of the W.I.L., as well as for her capable editorship of the News Sheet. Reported that Miss Baker has kindly undertaken to edit the News Sheet under the supervision of the Publicity Committee and to act as Secretary to this Committee. The Executive expressed its warm thanks to Miss Baker and welcomed her as a visitor to the Executive Meeting.

896. MANCHURIA.

Grave concern was expressed by members of the Committee at the situation which has developed in Manchuria. Some difference of opinion was expressed as to whether a resolution should be sent at once to the Government or not. It was agreed that more effect was made on the Government by resolutions from Branches and meetings in the country and it was agreed that we should do everything possible to rouse public opinion in the country and to express concern at the apparent failure of the League Council to restrain Hapan from obtaining control of Manchuria by military measures. It was agreed that before sending a resolution to the Government from the Executive the Chairman should ask Lord Cecil if he would give us his views on the situation and on what he thought could now be done. The Officers were authorised to send a resolution to the Government later if they considered it desirable.

897. UKRAINE.

Dr. Clark reported that the resolution on the Ukraine had not yet been sent to Sir John Simon. She had agreed with Miss Sheepshanks not to send several resolutions together and to wait until nearer the time of the Council. Mr. Voigt, Berlin correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian", who has recently been in Poland, has given fresh information. Miss Sheepshanks and Dr. Clark had drawn up a memorandum to present to Sir John Simon with the resolution and Dr. Clark asked the Committee to authorise a slight strengthening

amendment to the resolution in view of Mr.Voigt's report. Dr.Clark further reported that Mr.Voigt had further suggested that a cable to the President of the Polish Republic, signed by a number of prominent people, asking for the reprieve from execution of a Ukrainian student, who had recently been condemned to death for taking part in certain reprisals, after having suffered severely in prison from tortures to extract evidence. Mr.Voigt considers that the Polish Government is influenced by public opinion and that this is a good way to show that people in this country are following events there. A draft cable had been submitted to a number of people likely to be interested and ten signatures have been obtained.

898. COUNCIL FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Reported that a Conference is to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> to consider proposals for presentation to the Government by the Council on the closer co-operation of women in the League of Nations, in accordance with the proposals made by the Spanish Delegation and adopted by the 12th Assembly. Mrs.Innes and Mrs.Corbett Fisher appointed representatives, in addition to Mrs.Unwin.

899. NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

Reference was made to the fact that just after our last Committee we learned of the Nobel Peace Prize having been granted to Miss Jane Addams and that a cable and letter were sent by our Chairman, congratulating her. The Committee warmly approved this action, many members having written personally.

900. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL.

Reported that the Council Meeting to be held on January 21st, will be addressed by Mr.Arnold Forster and will be open to other members of Affiliated Societies, in addition to the usual representatives.

901. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Next Executive Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 9th, 1932.

R. P. Innes.  
Feb. 9/32.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

INTERNATIONAL  
Resolution passed by Executive Committee at its  
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see Mrs. Kibben's  
letter

Minutes of Urgency Executive Committee Meeting held on  
Monday, February 1st at 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. White, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Pye, Miss Chick, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Anderson, ~~Mr. xxxi~~

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Dr. Clark, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Mennell, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Ward, Miss Henderson.

Mrs. Innes explained that the meeting had been called to consider the Sino-Japanese situation. After discussion the attached resolutions were passed unanimously and it was decided that they should be sent to the following:-

Lord Cecil, A.H. Thomas, M.P., A.H. Henderson, M.P., Mrs. Corbett Ashby, M. Paul Boncour, Sir Eric Drummond, Dr. Hilda Clark (12 copies).

Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.  
Captain Eden, Under Secretary of State for F.A.  
Sir Robert Vansittart, <sup>Parliamentary</sup> Secretary of State for F.A.  
The Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald.  
M. Sato, <sup>addressed to</sup> League of Nations Secretariat.  
Dr. Yen, Chinese Minister (in London)  
Japanese <sup>Ambassador</sup> Minister (London).

The resolutions, with a covering letter, were sent to the "Times" immediately. Mrs. Thoday undertook to draft a letter next day to go to the rest of the press, with the resolutions.

It was also <sup>agreed</sup> ~~also~~ to send the resolutions, if possible, to the Disarmament Committees throughout the country.

K. E. Innes -  
Feb: 9/32.



Urgency resolution on Sino-Japanese Situation, passed by a special Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, dated 1st February, 1932.

The Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, expresses its horror at the violence of Japanese militarism in Manchuria and Shanghai and particularly at the aerial bombardment of civil populations.

It records its appreciation of China's loyal adherence to her engagements under the Covenant and the Pact of Paris.

It demands that the Signatories of (i) the Covenant, (ii) the Pact of Paris, (iii) the Nine Power Treaty should stand unshakably:-

- (a) for the observance of their engagements;
- (b) for the non-recognition of the legality of any Treaties or Agreements which are brought about by means contrary to these engagements,
- (c) for the prompt termination of the situation created by Japanese military action - the Signatories basing their stand not on individual national interests, but on respect for the international undertakings designed to safeguard the peace of the world.

It urges that should either disputant in defiance of its own engagements and of world protest, maintain a policy of violence, other nations, signatory to these engagements, should apply such collective economic and financial pressure, envisaged under Article 16 of the Covenant, as will put a stop to hostilities at the earliest possible moment.

Urgency resolution on the Export of Arms and War Material, (passed as above.)

The British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom believes that, in view of the menace to world peace brought about by the serious situation in the Far East, there should be an immediate general prohibition of the export of arms and war material from all countries, and urges that steps be taken at once to secure this end, by the League of Nations Council and the Disarmament Conference.

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of the Executive Committee, Tuesday, February 9th. 1932 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the house of Mrs. Binyon, British Museum, W.C. 1.

PRESENT Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White, Mrs. Thoday.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Mennell, Miss Henderson, Miss Ward.

MINUTES OF MEETING on January 12th. were read and confirmed.

MINUTES OF EMERGENCY MEETING on February 1st. were also read, at which a resolution drawn up on the lines adopted at Geneva and communicated by Miss Courtney was passed.

902. BUSINESS ARISING ON MINUTES OF JANUARY 12th.

Minute 893 Reported that at the meeting of Representatives of Women's Organisations with Mrs. Corbett Ashby a statement drawn up by the Women's Peace Crusade had been adopted.

Minute 898. Reported that at the Conference of the Council for the Representation of Women in the League of Nations a memorandum had been adopted, to be forwarded to the ~~League of Nations~~ <sup>British Government</sup> with regard to the more active participation of women in the work of the League.

Minute 895 & 897. Reported acknowledgments from the India Office, Foreign Office etc. of resolutions on India and Ukraine.

903 FINANCE

The attached statement of accounts for the month of January was presented and accepted. The audited statement of accounts for the year was also considered and passed. Mrs. Binyon noted that the receipts for January had been better than she had expected. Subscriptions were still coming in satisfactorily and it was hoped that the same amount would be received in subscriptions this year as that for January and February 1931. In view of this improved position and of the amount of work to be done in the office the previous decisions in accordance with which two members of the Staff were under notice to leave was re-considered. It was reported that, although it had been decided that they should leave before Christmas, owing to generous donations from various members of the Committee both Miss Stroud and Miss Cooke were still at work but were to leave this week. The Officers recommended that in view of the fact that Miss Stroud can undertake the accounts and that the auditor thinks it advisable to keep the accounts in the same hands, her services should be retained. Another consideration being that as she is more highly paid than Miss Cooke it is more difficult to find a new post. The Committee expressed great regret at parting with Miss Cooke and individual members undertook to do their best to find a post for her. She has become a very good and efficient worker and can be heartily recommended for other work. The Officers further recommended, and it was agreed, that Frances Humberstone (the Office girl) should be given an increase of 2/6 <sup>a week</sup> to take effect as from January 1st. and that the situation should be reviewed again shortly with a view to a possible increase.

904 GRENOBLE CONGRESS The triennial Congress of the W.I.L.P.F. is to be held at Grenoble from May 15th. to 19th. The appointment of delegates to be considered at the next Executive. Meanwhile all particulars re cost of journey, hotels, etc. to be obtained.

905 MANCHURIA.

A paragraph from a letter from Dr. Clark dated 7th. February was read. Miss Pye read a cable from the World Y.W.C.A. from China. Reported that the shortened form of the resolution passed at the Emergency Committee had been sent out in bulk to the Disarmament Councils, etc. for distribution to local organisations and that signatures had already begun to come in. The Disarmament Committees had been instructed to send copies of the signed resolution to the Government and to Sir John Simon. In response to a cable from Bertha Hamilton of our Canadian Section, the substance of the abbreviated resolution was cabled, with a request for support.

The question was raised of the advisability of the W.I.L. working for the summoning of the Assembly. It was agreed to send a telegram to Miss Courtney asking her to telephone the Executive in the course of the day but no reply was received. Decided to send her a letter to forward to Sir John Simon pressing the British Government to take immediate measures to secure the calling of the Assembly. The following letter was drafted subsequently:-

"I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to urge that, in view of the continued serious situation in the Far East, the time has come for placing the matter in the hands of the League Assembly. We wish, therefore, to press/that the British Government should take immediate measures to secure the calling of the Assembly. We believe that this would have great influence on those who are resorting to violence in contravention of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact, and would assist the Council by giving scope for a wider expression of public opinion than has hitherto been possible."

Agreed to send six copies of the letter to Miss Courtney to sign as Chairman and to pass to the people concerned. Mrs. Innes pointed out that the calling of the Assembly could be done by a proportion of members of the Council and that we should, therefore, if it is agreed upon, ask the British representative to take steps to initiate this action. If Miss Courtney agrees to this being done it was suggested that she should approach the W.I.L.P.F. International and get them to ask the Sections whose country is represented on the Council to take similar action. If Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark, with the information at their disposal at Geneva, still thought it inadvisable to ask for the summoning of an Assembly they were asked to send us suggestions for a line of action we could follow. Extracts were read from a document from a high official at Geneva urging energetic action including economic sanctions to check Japanese aggression.

A long discussion followed on the exact place of the use of force in putting Article 16 into operation. This discussion showed a difference of opinion on the Committee.

906 DISARMAMENT.

Reports were given of the "Send Off" ceremonies from Gower Street and Victoria Station of the Disarmament Declaration, and of the arrival and presentation at Geneva. It was agreed to send a report on the presentation in Geneva to the Branches. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Zangwill for her admirable organisation as Chairman of the Disarmament Committee and especially for the two Ceremonies at the "Send Off."

907. YOUTH MEETING.

Several members reported on the great success of the Youth Meeting at University College on February 1st. Great appreciation was expressed of the admirable organisation of the meeting which was crowded and enthusiastic. The collection taken was £32.16. 7. The approximate cost of the meeting was £15. 0. 0. Special thanks were voted to Miss Henderson and Miss Baker. It was agreed that suggestions for using the funds in hand to follow up this work would be sympathetically received.

A letter was read from Miss Henderson expressing her regret at having to resign from the Executive Committee, her present work making it impossible to attend meetings. In view of her valuable work for the W.I.L. it was agreed to ask her to reconsider her decision and allow her name to stand for re-election at the Council Meeting.

908. PROPOSALS BEFORE THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Mrs. McGregor Ross suggested a special meeting of the Executive should be held to discuss the proposals put forward at the Disarmament Conference. It was agreed to try to arrange this in a few weeks' time, in consultation with Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark, unless such a discussion was arranged (as was likely) by the National Peace Council and this was felt to meet the need. Mrs. Unwin reported that the National Peace Council were arranging meetings to receive reports of the progress of the Conference. Decided to inform members likely to be interested when these were fixed.

909 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Annual Report. Mrs. Barrs Davies read her draft Annual Report which was accepted with a few minor alterations. For this year it was agreed to omit printing the list of subscribers as this would effect a saving of at least £5. and a further £5. in the saving of time of the Staff.

Resolutions. Reported the Agenda Committee had met on the previous day and received the resolutions for the Agenda. An amendment to the North Wales resolution on Reparations and War Debts was drafted for inclusion in the final Agenda.

Amendment of Rules. These were also considered by the Agenda Committee. Mrs. Unwin said that she had undertaken to bring up the question of giving special tickets (with a vote) to Headquarters members. Mrs. Innes reported that the Agenda Committee had considered this matter, together with a letter from Mrs. Montgomery, and had seen great difficulties in the way. The Executive agreed that it would take up too much time to discuss the whole question at the Council and it was decided to invite Mrs. Montgomery to attend a meeting of the Executive after the Council to discuss the matter.

Nominations for Executive Committee. Commenting on the Youth meeting a point was raised of the desirability of bringing in some younger members and it was suggested that Branches

should consider the possibility of finding active young members whom they could nominate for the Executive.

Hospitality. It was reported that hospitality will be required for country delegates.

Time of Council Meetings. It was agreed to call the Council Meetings on Monday, March 7th. from 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 and 2 to 4 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8th. 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 and 2. to 4.30 p.m.

Branch Secretaries' Meeting. Mrs. Binyon kindly invited the Branch Secretaries to hold their meeting at her house at 5 p.m. on the second day. Decided to make arrangements, if possible, also for a table at lunch to be set aside for Branch Secretaries.

910. REPORT ON INDIA COMMITTEE. Miss Pye reported that Miss Hilda Cashmore, a member of the W.I.L., with other Friends was now on her way to India on a visit of friendship. A special Fund had been raised to defray her expenses and it was recommended that the W.I.L. should contribute £5. This was agreed to. It was further reported that Miss Cashmore would be willing to address meetings on her return.

Miss Pye reported a letter from Sister Monica on the state of things in Bombay. She had put her in touch with Miss Cashmore. It was agreed to send a sample copy of the Bulletin of the India League to Executive members with a view to those who are interested subscribing. They were to be asked to return their copies to the Office in order that the Office might send them on to the Branch Secretaries.

911. PUBLICITY. Reported that the Publicity Committee recommended ordering a leaflet published by the London Regional Federation of the League of Nations Union. Agreed to order 1,000 copies and to have them stamped with the W.I.L. name and address.

912. REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Reported that the Joint Standing Committee wished to receive names of women experts to submit to the I.L.O. Several names were suggested.

913. REPORTS OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship.  
Memorandum of the N.U.S.E.C. to be sent to the Indian Franchise Committee. It was reported that the India Sub-Committee of the W.I.L. had not recommended any action on this memorandum as, with regard to the reserved seats, its recommendation was not in accordance with that of the organised Indian women. Miss Courtney had expressed a view that it should be signed. It was agreed to adjourn the matter for further consideration and Mrs. White was asked to study the memorandum and report on it.

914. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Friday, March 4th. 2.15 p.m. subject to consultation with Miss Courtney.

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H. D. Courtney  
March 15.32

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for January 1932 .

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses.</u>	
Balance	318. 3. 3.	Salaries	39.14. 6.
Subscriptions	206.13. 2.	Meeting Expenses	7.18. 0.
Donations	45. 1. 6.	Press Cuttings	2. 2. 0.
Literature and News Sheets	1.13. 9.	Telephone	5.16. 1.
Postage Refunded	4. 3.	Literature	1. 8.10.
Meeting for Mrs. Corbett Ashby	2.14. 0.	Stationery	17. 8.
Affiliation Fees	6. 1. 6.	Office Expenses	3. 6.11.
Insurance Refd.	18. 4.	Wages	4. 7. 6.
Geneva Subscrip- tions	6. 0. 0.	State Insurance	1.15. 2.
Pax	2. 6.	Postage & Telegrams	12. 8.11 $\frac{1}{2}$
<u>Disarmament</u> <u>  Campaign.</u>		Geneva Subscriptions	6. 0. 0.
Donations	26.13. 0.	Pax	2. 6. 1.
Literature	2. 4.11.	<u>Disarmament Campaign</u>	
	298. 6.11.	Send Off Ceremony	16.10. 0.
		Stationery	3. 0. 3.
		Photos	1.19. 6..
		Literature purchased	2. 6.
		Fares	2. 1.
		Postage & Telegrams	12. 7. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
			122. 3. 9.
		Balance at	
		Co-operative Bldg.	
		Society	138.16. 8.
		Midland Bank	351.18. 4.
		Cash in hand	3.11. 5.
			494. 6. 5.
	<u>£616.10. 2.</u>		<u>£616.10. 2.</u>

Statement of Accounts for February 1st. - 8th. inclusive.

Balance	494. 6. 5.	Expenses	29.10. 0.
Subscriptions	66.14.6.	Balance	584. 3. 9.
Collection at Youth Meeting	32.16.7.		
Literature etc.	19.16.3.		
	119. 7. 4.		
	<u>£613.13. 9.</u>		<u>£613.13. 9.</u>

Outstanding Accounts

Rent	£25. 0. 0.
Watford Printer	9. 3. 0.

Account not rendered for Manchurian letters and resolutions.

Subscriptions January 1931.	265.17. 0.
Subscriptions February 1931	55.13. 6.
	<u>£321.10. 6.</u>

Minutes of Special Executive Committee, Friday, March 4th, 1932 at 2.15 p.m. at Mrs. Binyon's House, British Museum.

PRESENT.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Dr. Clark, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Binyon, Mrs. Vipont Brown.

905 LETTER TO WOMEN M.P.S. Reported a letter, of the Far Eastern Crisis, enclosing a list of resolutions (total 353) passed at meetings, had been sent to all the Women M.Ps, who had acknowledged it.

906 LETTER TO SIR JOHN SIMON on the same subject was also reported and approved.

907 LETTERS FROM THE N.P.C. on

- (a) Proposed Conference on the Far Eastern Crisis;
- (b) Proposed one day Conference on Disarmament during first week in April;
- (c) Proposed small Conference on future policy in connection with the present situation (International Police Force, Sanctions, etc.).

918 LETTERS FROM GENEVA HEADQUARTERS, W.I.L.P.F. were read from Madame Drevet on:-

- (a) the ~~proposed~~ need for the study of an international army;
- (b) the need for demanding total disarmament;
- (c) the question of armament profiteers.

909 LETTERS were read from Miss Dorothy Eetzer on the traffic in arms.

920 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS, March 7th and 8th,

Agreed it was impossible to draft an urgency resolution on the Far Eastern Situation until the last moment in view of the present meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

Miss Chick kindly undertook to present the Balance Sheet in the absence of Mrs. Binyon.

Council Time-table.

It was agreed to take all the formal business at the first session on Monday morning. Also the report and Balance Sheet, and the Survey of the work of the International Executive Committee and of Headquarters Office.

Monday afternoon: The Far Eastern situation beginning with an address by Professor Toynbee at 2.15.

Tuesday morning. The discussion on the Disarmament Conference and report of the Disarmament Campaign.

Tuesday afternoon: India and Minorities.

In view of the failure to secure an Economist to speak on Reparations and War Debts it was agreed to ask leave to withdraw Resolution 4 and to refer the question to the Branches for study with a view to a meeting in London the late Spring or Summer.



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ALBERT HALL MEETING, March 7th. It was reported that the W.I.L. was co-operating as far as possible with the L.N.U. meeting at the Albert Hall and that 100 tickets had been taken, which it was hoped would be disposed of.

922 PACIFIST WORK IN SCHOOLS. Miss Mennell urged the necessity for helping teachers in their pacifist work by drawing up lists of suitable pacifist plays that could be recommended.

*H. D. Courtney*  
*March 15. 32*

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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of the Executive Committee, Tuesday, March 15th. 1932  
at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, W.C. 1.

PRESENT:- Miss Courtney in the Chair. Miss Karleen Baker,  
Miss Mary Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Coggin, Miss Anderson  
Miss Maud Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Mrs.  
Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. Mennell,  
Miss Edith Pye, Mrs. David Pye, Miss Rinder, Miss Trotter,  
Mrs. Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White. *Mrs. Thoday.*

923. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN. Miss Courtney was unanimously appointed  
Chairman.
924. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN. Mrs. Barrs Davies and Mrs. Innes  
were appointed.
925. DATE OF FUTURE COMMITTEES. The second Tuesday in the month was  
fixed for Executive Committee Meetings.
926. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. Miss Courtney gave a cordial welcome  
to new members of the Committee.
927. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. McGregor Ross,  
Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Vipont Brown and Mrs. Robertson.
928. MINUTES of meetings on February 9th. and March 4th. were read  
and confirmed after one correction had been made to Minute  
902.
929. BUSINESS ARISING. Mrs. Innes asked permission to report on  
signatures received from Fiji. Decided to make an effort to  
get them recorded in the Official Journal at Geneva and to  
send the sender a copy of the Report of the Presentation of  
Petitions.

Miss Sheepshanks reported that a collection of signed  
Petitions had been received from Madame Drevet. Decided to  
return them with thanks for letting us see them and to say  
that we trusted they would be replaced with the other signatures  
and that we hoped other Sections would return theirs also.

930. MANCHURIAN RESOLUTION. A letter was reported from Miss Hamilton  
of W.I.L. Toronto, informing us of the endorsement of our  
resolution on Manchuria and the action they had taken on it.

Miss Chick reported that 301 meetings, exclusive of  
~~North Wales~~, had also passed the resolution. *135 meetings in N. Wales  
had passed or similar resolutions*

931. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES:-  
The following members were appointed on to sub-committees  
subject to their consent.

Backward Races.

Officers Ex-Officio.

Miss Mosa Anderson	Mrs. McGregor Ross
Mrs. Binyon	Mrs. Robertson
Mrs. Kingsley Martin	Mrs. Unwin.

India

Officers Ex.-Officio

Miss Karleen Baker	Miss Edith Pye
Mrs. Binyon	Mrs. Ratcliffe
Mrs. Corbett Fisher	Mrs. McGregor Ross
Miss Agatha Harrison	Miss Rinder
Mrs. Lankester	Mrs. Robertson
Lady Layton	Mrs. Unwin
Mrs. M. G. Polak	Mrs. White.

Disarmament Campaign Committee.

Officers Ex-Officio

Miss Mosa Anderson	Lady Horsley
Miss Karleen Baker	Mrs. Mennell
Mrs. Binyon	Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Braithwaite	Miss Rinder
Mrs. Coggin	Mrs. Robertson
Miss Dickinson	Mrs. Thoday.
Mrs. Hayman	

House Committee

Officers Ex-Officio

Mrs. Binyon  
Miss C. Mennell  
Mrs. Unwin.

Publicity.

Officers Ex-Officio

Miss Mosa Anderson	Mrs. Kingsley Martin
Miss Karleen Baker	Miss Edith Pye
Mrs. Binyon	Mrs. Robertson
Mrs. Corbett Fisher	Mrs. Thoday.
Miss E. Leaf	

Education Committee

Mrs. David Pye (Convener), Miss Karleen Baker.

Consultative Members.

Miss Dickinson	Mrs. Kingsley Martin
Mrs. Corbett Fisher	Miss Helen Ward.
Mrs. Innes	

Authority was given to appoint a Minorities Committee later.

932. FINANCE The attached statement of accounts was reported and passed. Decided to put a sum of money (amount to be left to the discretion of Miss Chick) into the Permanent Co-operative Building Society. Miss Chick was asked to consider whether plans should be made now for raising funds later in the year.

Decided to ask the Geneva Office to send us a list of International Subscribers whose subscriptions were now due.

933. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick drew attention to the fact that the lease expired in September 1934. The general feeling was that, if possible, the Committee would like it renewed and instructions were given for inquiries to be made of the Bedford Estate as to terms of renewal.

934. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported on the meeting held on 14th. March. The Committee, she said, were concerned over the fact that newspapers were not reporting the serious news which was coming from India and it was felt that the Headquarter members and Branch Secretaries might be asked to disseminate news locally. It was agreed to send out Miss Pye's reprint from "The Friend" to Members and Branches with a covering note in which they should be asked to contribute 1/- towards the expenses. Agreed also, that if necessary, further Bulletins should be sent. These may possibly be supplied by the National Peace Council. It was agreed that the India Sub-Committee in compiling news to send to Branches should compile them from extracts from private letters from people known to us and from the press, e.g. from material coming from the "Servants of India." They were recommended to consult Miss Rinder as to the best methods of publicity. Miss Pye said that special news on India would appear in the News Sheet each month. Decided to ask members who do not subscribe to it to take it regularly.

Reported further that the Women's Advisory Council recommended that a deputation of women representing women's organisations should wait on the Secretary of State for India and it hoped the W.I.L. would be represented. Agreed that the W.I.L. should take part in the deputation and ask that Miss Cashmore should join it, if she returns in time..

The Committee suggested the Executive should send a letter to Sir Samuel Hoare pointing out the effect on moderate opinion in India of the measures now being adopted in India. This was agreed to.

Miss Pye reported that M. Privat has returned from India and would be coming to England. It was decided to inform the Executive Committee Members if a meeting could be arranged for him.

The bombing incidents reported in the press from the North West frontier were referred to the Disarmament Committee.

#### 935. COUNCIL MEETINGS.

A letter of thanks was reported from Miss Tanner in reply to the letter of sympathy sent to her from the Council and Executive Committee.

A report of the Branch Secretaries' Meeting was given.

Reported resolutions had been sent to the Government and others concerned, and acknowledgments received.

It was agreed to print and distribute as widely as possible a report of the presentation of the Petition, including the policy adopted by the Women's International Organisations.

Miss Chick proposed that a grant of £20 should be made to Miss Courtney towards her expenses at Geneva as an Observer for the W.I.L. during the Disarmament Conference. Agreed.

Far Eastern Situation. Proposal that the W.I.L. should promote a movement for individual voluntary boycott of Japanese goods, as a protest against Japan's continued use of military force, referred to the Executive by the Council.

Dr. Clark supported this proposal on the ground that there is reason to believe that Japan is continuing to secure her position in Manchuria by military force.

After discussion in which different opinions were put forward on the advisability of this particular method of using economic pressure, Dr. Clark withdrew the proposal on the ground that as the Executive is not agreed on the question it was not advisable to take any official action.

It was agreed to inform the Branches that the Executive was not agreed on the advisability of an organised voluntary boycott at the present time, and that it would be prepared to consider the matter further should any further development in the Far East situation appear to call for it.

Resolution on Sino-Japanese Conflict. Decided to leave the Officers to bring this resolution up to date and to send a letter of appreciation to the Government for its action in the Assembly.

The Peace Army. Following on the Council resolution, the printed material available concerning the Peace Army proposal was laid before the Executive Committee and it was decided to send the three leaflets to the branches.

936. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Reported a letter suggesting a two-day Conference on Sanctions in the summer. Decided to reply that we considered it advisable first to find a few experts, including an international lawyer, who could draw up a plan by which economic pressure could be used without involving armed force and with the least possible risk of involving starvation in the country on which pressure was applied.

Reported Conference to be held by the National Peace Council on the "Progress at the Disarmament Conference" on 7th. April, 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. at the Livingstone Hall.

It was agreed to ask the National Peace Council if it would devote one of its sessions at this Conference to the consideration of AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE at which qualified people could speak on both sides of the subject. Books recommended for study were:-

The Problem of the 20th. Century, David Davies.  
Letters to John Bull, Robert the Peeler.  
Peace and Disarmament, Leon Blum.

937. GRENOBLE CONGRESS, May 15th. - 19th.

Appointment of delegates. Agreed to write to Branches to ask if they could nominate anyone from their Branches. Miss Pye, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Dr. Hilda Clark and Miss Courtney hoped to attend and Miss Anderson and Mrs. Coggin said they would consider if it were possible for them to be present. Decided to ask members of the Executive who were not present if they could go.

It was agreed to ask Mrs. Corbett Fisher if she was willing to stand again for the International Executive, and if not to nominate Dr. Clark. Decided also to ask our members who attended International Executive meetings to suggest nominations from other Sections.

Resolutions for Congress Agenda.

Decided to send in resolutions on the following subjects:-

Traffic in Arms.  
India.  
Disarmament.  
Far East Situation.  
W.I.L.P.F. policy as embodied in the statement of policy adopted by the 15 Organisations, which it is assumed will be voted by the Congress.

It was agreed to ask the Congress Committee to supply all members of the Congress with a copy of Standing Orders.

Dr. Clark was asked to write to the Geneva Office on matters relating to the Congress, including stewards and interpreters.

938. WESTERN SAMOA. A letter was read from Mr. Weaver of the I.L.O. saying that what would help the situation more than anything would be to induce the New Zealand Government to enlist the services of officials from the British Colonial Service.

Miss Courtney read a letter from Mrs. Wills of Pittsburgh. It was agreed that later on steps should be taken to see Sir W. Wilford and discuss the whole question with him.

939. CORRESPONDENCE. Letter from Mrs. Thoday re wide circulation of resolutions was referred to the Disarmament Committee.

H. D. Courtney  
April 12/32.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for February 1932.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance	494 6. 5.	Salaries	33.15. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions	102.12. 0.	Travelling Expenses	2.18. 7.
Donations	18.13. 2.	Meetings	6.10. 6.
Literature sold	6. 7. 0.	News Sheet	7. 7. 6.
Postage Refd.	1.10. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Printing	8. 5. 0.
Insurance	15. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Badges	1.13. 0.
March 7th. Social	18. 9.	Stationery	8. 0. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Affiliation Fees	4. 8. 6.	Literature purchased	1. 7. 0.
Office Expenses		Council Meetings	17. 0.
Refunded	5. 3.	Grants	5.10. 6.
Albert Hall Mtg.	2. 0.	Postage & Telegrams	15. 5. 3.
February 1st.		Wages	3.10. 0.
Meeting	32.16. 7.	State Insurance	1.12. 5.
Geneva Sub-		Office Expenses	2.10. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
scriptions &		Disarmament Campaign	
Pax	2. 3. 0.	Send Off Ceremony	5. 8. 0.
<u>Disarmament</u>		Photos	1. 3. 6.
<u>Campaign</u>		Postage	15. 0.
Donations	2. 7. 0.		<u>106. 9. 8<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
Literature	16. 5. 8.	Balance at	
	<u>189. 4. 5.</u>	Co-operative Bldg.	
		Society	138.16. 8.
		Bank	432.16.10.
		Cash in hand	5. 7. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
			<u>577. 1. 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
			<u>£683.10. 10.</u>
	<u>£683.10.10.</u>		

Statement of Accounts for March 1st.-11th.  
inclusive.

Balance	577. 1. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Expenses	41. 2. 0.
Income	37. 1. 8.	Balance	573. 0. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>£614. 2. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>		<u>614. 2. 9<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Earmarked

Balance from £100 Donation £23. 1. 0.

Outstanding Accounts.

December 24th. Rent	£25. 0. 0.
March 25th. "	25. 0. 0.
Stationery	6. 2. 0.
Printing	12.17. 9.
Auditor	7.17. 6.
	<u>£76.17. 3.</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 12th April, 1932 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Mrs. Binyon's house.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Baker, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Coggin, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. David Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Miss Trotter, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White. Mrs. Thoday.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Kingsley Martin.

MINUTES of meeting on March 15th were signed, with one correction.

BUSINESS ARISING. Minute 931. Mrs. David Pye suggested that in view of the widespread organisation of the L.N.U. for education in the schools it would be a pity to start a fresh piece of work that would overlap with theirs. She, therefore, suggested that any special work connected with education, propaganda among young people, etc. should be referred to her and that when necessary she would consult the other members of the Committee and make recommendations or take steps. This was agreed to and it was suggested that she should draw attention in the News Sheet to suitable peace literature for children.

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941. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. The Economy Committee recommended that an increase of 5/- a week should be made in Miss Horscroft's salary in view of the fact that subscriptions had come in better than had been expected and that the cut made last October of £1 per week amounted to 20 per. cent. The salary now stands at £4. 5. 0 per week.

It was further recommended that in view of the fact that Frances Humberstone is now 16 and will be obliged to pay 10½d a week insurance, her wage should be raised to 13/- a week out of which she should pay insurance.

Applications for grants for the Congress. A sum of £32 ear-marked for special work can be drawn upon for grants to the Congress and similar extra work. The Economy and Finance Committee recommended that the following grants should be made towards the expenses of delegates:

North Wales: offered return fare between North Wales and London for Mrs. Thoday and Mrs. Edwards.

Birmingham: £3 as soon as we knew the name of the delegate;

Manchester: £4 to Miss Garnett,

and that a sum of £20 should be allocated for the special expenses of the Officers in Geneva and for clerical work and towards their Grenoble expenses.

942. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported on the arrangements made for sending out special Indian Bulletins and that about sixty had already paid 1/- for them. This month the N.P.C. Bulletin was being used. Several meetings had been arranged for M. Edmond Privat by various organisations and meetings were being arranged for Mrs. Gray. Reported a letter had been sent by Miss Courtney to

Sir Samuel Hoare and similar letters would be sent to leading Ministers and representatives of the Labour and Liberal Parties, and to the Press. Miss Courtney undertook to write a special letter to the Prime Minister.

The following resolution on Political Prisoners was read and adopted:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League is convinced that public opinion in this country is gravely disquieted by reports regarding the methods of arrest and imprisonment which prevail under the ordinances. It urges that pending the withdrawal of these ordinances, as one means of preventing abuses, all those arrested for political offences should be regarded as political prisoners and placed in Class A."

It was decided to send the above to several women's organisations who had previously been interested in the question of the treatment of political prisoners, with the suggestion that they should take action.

943. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker reported the publication of (1) Membership Form; (2) Disarmament leaflet; (3) Mrs. Zangwill's report on the Disarmament Declaration.

Mrs. Innes reported leaflets as follows:- (1) The Peace Movement in France by E.M. Pye; (2) a leaflet for Children by Irene Pickard; (3) "What the cost of one battleship will buy; (4) London Regional Federation Posters, reduced price 1d. Decided to make these leaflets known to our Branches and to order 240 posters.

944. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. Miss Chick reported that two meetings had been held since the last Executive. The attached letter and resolution, drawn up by Dr. Clark during the Easter holiday, was approved. The Women's Peace Crusade had passed a similar resolution, the form of which was considered better and the Disarmament Committee had therefore adopted it for further issues. The Committee recommended that the resolution should be sent out more widely with a special covering letter. This was agreed to.

In view of the news in this morning's paper of the proceedings of the Disarmament Committee in Geneva it seemed likely that a fresh resolution would be needed shortly. Dr. Clark and Miss Courtney, who are returning to Geneva in a few days, will send information from there and the Executive Committee will, if necessary, meet to decide on any immediate policy that may be advisable.

Dr. Clark outlined her plans for sending printed material to members of the Executive. The Committee expressed its gratitude and appreciation for the amount of material already sent by Dr. Clark.

Miss Courtney reported on The Young Crusaders March to Geneva. Decided to get publicity for this.

Miss Courtney read the report on moral disarmament from the Women's International Disarmament Committee.

The Disarmament Committee recommended the arranging of a small meeting of members to consider the question of an International Police Force and that Mr. Arnold Forster should be asked to speak, stating the case for and against.



Reported that no answer had yet been received from Sir Francis Mounghusband on the question of bombing of villages on the North West Frontier. Efforts were being made to get further information.

Decided to send the following telegram to Mr. Arthur Henderson:-

"Greetings and good wishes on re-opening of Conference. Congratulations on progress already made."

Dr. Clark reported that the success of the Youth Meeting at University College had led to an expression for the need of young speakers for young audiences. It would, therefore, be a good thing for W.I.L. members to look about for suitable young people to undertake this work and to give them opportunities of speaking. It was reported that the L.N.U. was having a speakers' class for young people.

945. REPORT ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Sino-Japanese Dispute. Dr. Clark reported that she thought it was not possible to take further action for the moment, but that a big united effort may be advisable when the situation develops.

Miss Pye read letters from Japan from which it was evident that the Japanese pacifists were making a great effort against their militarists. Mrs. Thoday reported similar news from a member of the Japan Evangelistic Band. It was agreed to try to get publicity for this news and to send the information to the Branches. It was also agreed to send a letter to M. Hymans, Chairman of the Committee dealing with the Manchurian question, which is meeting at Geneva this week.

Miss Mosa Anderson drew attention to Sir John Hope Simpson's appeal for the refugees from the floods in China. The appeal had been made by the League of Nations for definite assistance from Governments. It was agreed to urge our Government to respond to this appeal. The following resolution was agreed to:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League,

noting the urgent appeal made by Sir John Hope Simpson, the League of Nations Flood Relief Commissioner for a fund to meet the desperate famine conditions in certain areas of China as well as to rebuild the dykes and thus prevent a recurrence of this disaster;

observing with regret that the British Government has not yet participated in the relief work inaugurated under the direction of Sir John Hope Simpson;

urges H.M. Government without delay to make a considerable financial grant to the funds."

Dr. Clark reported long correspondence with Dorothy Detzer on the traffic in arms and Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had embodied some of this information in a letter to the New Statesman.

A letter was read from Miss Balch giving particulars of the boycott of Japanese goods organised by several peace organisations in the United States. She and others had had an interview with the Japanese Ambassador on this question and had explained their point of view to him. ✓

946. GRENOBLE CONGRESS. (a) Nominations for International Executive Committee. This matter had been referred by the last Committee to the Officers who had sent in the names of Edith Pye and Hilda Clark, as Mrs. Corbett Fisher is unable to continue. Berta Hamilton has been asked whether she is willing to be nominated by the British Section. Madame Drevet had asked for nominations from other Sections. Dr. Clark had explained why we had not felt in a position to nominate members from other sections.

(b) Appointment of Delegates. The following have expressed their readiness to act as delegates:-

Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Miss Pye, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Burden, Mrs. Henson, Miss Morris, Mrs. Preston (North Wales Delegates), Miss Winifred Hudson (Croydon), Miss Garnett (Manchester) and Mrs. Edwards (North Wales and a member from Birmingham).

Mrs. McGregor Ross and Mrs. Unwin were considering the possibility of going. Mrs. Unwin thought Mrs. Lanchester, a new member, might be willing to attend also.

(c) Resolutions drawn up by Dr. Clark.

These had been sent, as they had to be received by April 1st. A few minor alterations in wording were made. It was recommended that every opportunity should be taken by delegates to inform themselves as to practicable methods of dealing with the private manufacture and traffic in arms. Reported that the L.N.U. has set up a special Committee on the subject of which Miss Courtney was a member.

(d) British Section's report on activities since the last Congress, drafted by Mrs. Barrs Davies, had been sent to Geneva. With regard to the request from Geneva that copies of reports from the British Section should be translated into French and German, it was agreed that the expense of this would be too great and that only English copies could be provided.

Mrs. Corbett Fisher reported that she would be unable to serve on the International Disarmament Committee (Scientific Warfare Committee); it was agreed that Mrs. Thoday should be nominated as the British member.

A letter was read from Madame Ramondt suggesting that Sections should express their appreciation of Miss Addams' gift of the Nobel Peace Prize to the W.I.L.P.F. It was agreed to send a letter to Miss Addams.

Consultative Members to International Executive: Mrs. Thoday and Dr. Clark.

947. KENYA NATIVES. It was reported that a letter had been written to Sir Phillip Cunliffe Lister asking that he should intervene on behalf of the sixty natives condemned to death and that a letter had been received from him stating that they had been reprieved.

Conscription in Kenya. Mrs. MacGregor Ross raised the question of the enforcement of the ordinance approved previously by Mr. Amery for conscription of the white colonists in Kenya between 18 and 50 years of age. This was referred to the Backward Races Committee for further action, if possible. Mrs. White was co-opted on to this Committee.

948. NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. The following consented to act as W.I.L. representatives on the Council of the N.P.C. for 1932:- Mrs.

Robertson, Mrs. Unwin and Mrs. White.

Reported the N.P.C. were considering holding a Conference at the end of May on the effect of recent events in the Far East on the problem of organising peace, either during the week in London or at a week-end out of London. The Committee agreed that a Conference during the week in London would be more convenient.

949. CORRESPONDENCE. Miss Pye reported a letter from Miss Isabel Fry asking what action the W.I.L. was taking with regard to the Ligue des Mere and des Educatrices. It was agreed to appoint a Committee to consider the question of how to extend the W.I.L. amongst women unable to afford ~~the~~ a 1/- subscription perhaps by means of a membership card and a payment of 1d per annum. The following were appointed:-

Miss Pye, Miss Chick, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Innes.

Mrs. Henson and Mrs. Thoday to be consulted.

950. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: May 9th.

This concluded the business.

*R. E. Innes.  
May 9/32.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE,

Statement of Accounts for March, 1932.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURE.

Balance.....	577. 1. 1½
Subscriptions...	25. 3. 3
Donations.....	20. 19. 6
Literature.....	3. 12. 11
Rent.....	5. 6. 6
Meetings.....	19. 9
Council "Pool" ..	4. 11. 2
Affiliation Fees	5. -
	60. 18. 1

Salaries.....	36. 17. 6
Wages.....	4. 7. 6
Office Expenses.....	6. 5. 2
Travelling Expenses.....	16. 2
Audit Fee.....	7. 1. 6
Stationery.....	5. 18. 10
Rent.....	50. 0. 0
Council Meetings.....	15. 7. 2
Postage & Wires.....	10. 6. 7
State Insurance.....	13. 0
Geneva Subs & Pax.....	4. 6. 7

142. 16. 0

Balance at

Co-operative Bld. Soc.	288. 16. 8
Bank.....	199. 11. 6
Cash in hand.....	6. 15. 0½

£637. 19. 2½

£637. 19. 2½

Statement of Accounts from April 1 - 11 inclusive.

Balance.....	495. 3. 2½
Income.....	60. 12. 3½
	£555. 15. 6

Expenses.....	12. 7. 6
Balance.....	543. 8. -
	£555. 15. 6

Outstanding Accounts:-

Electric Light.....	2. 13. 7
Stationery & lit.....	3. 6. 9
Printing .....	2. 3. -
Typewriter Repairs.....	7. 9
	£8. 11. 1.
Annual Report (approx)	27. 10. -
	£36. 1. 1.

Earmarked: balance from donation of £100 £22. 9. 6

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday, May 9th, 1932, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes In the Chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Mrs. Unwin, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Coggin, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Trotter.

MINUTES OF MEETING on April 12th were signed after one correction.

951. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 947. Kenya. Mrs. McGregor Ross called attention to the fact that the Government had appointed three Commissions including one on the Land Question which consisted of three persons, ~~[one of whom (F.O.B. Wilson) had been Commandant of the Forces of Rebellion against the King's Government in the days of the agitation]~~ and was a strong supporter of the Delamere policy. In the recent debate in the House of Lords Lord Sanderson had tried to secure the appointment of additional members, two European and two African, but this had been refused. It is announced by the Government that this inquiry will be a final one and in view of the present composition of the Commission it will not inspire the confidence of Africans. Mrs. McGregor Ross therefore proposed the following resolution, to be sent, as the former letter had been to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister with a copy to Sir Robert Hamilton. This was agreed to.

Kenya Land Inquiry Commission.

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League regrets exceedingly the refusal of His Majesty's Government in the House of Lords on May 4th to add two independent British men and two Africans to the Land Inquiry Commission for Kenya.

It earnestly begs that the question will be reconsidered before the Commission begins its work, or if that is impossible, that these additional persons should be appointed as assessors."

Acknowledgment of Resolutions sent to the Government were reported. In view of the interest of Mr. Arthur Henderson's acknowledgment it was agreed to have it printed in the News Sheet.

Minute 945. Chinese Floods. A letter was read from Manchester Branch urging that pressure should be brought to bear by our International Headquarters on the League of Nations at Geneva for immediate relief for the victims of the Chinese Floods. It was agreed that steps should be taken to get questions asked in Parliament first of all re pressure on the League through the British Delegates and secondly, with regard to the Boxer Indemnity. Miss Anderson undertook to this.

It was agreed to write to Sir John Simon and that a copy of the letter should be sent to the W.I.L.P.F. Executive at Grenoble and to Sir Eric Drummond.

952. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented. Miss Chick pointed out that we had sufficient funds for three months but that donations were £187 down and that it would be necessary to consider money raising schemes.

Mrs. Unwin reported that the National Peace Council were proposing a joint appeal on behalf of the Peace Movement but that no definite scheme had yet been suggested. Miss Dickinson and Mrs. Unwin consented to attend the proposed meeting on behalf of the W.I.L.

Reported that Kensington Branch would be having a money raising meeting on June 14th at which they were anxious to secure a distinguished foreign speaker. Mrs. Thoday and Miss Pye were asked to try and secure someone at Grenoble.

953. REPORT OF INDIA SUB-COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Lankester reported a resolution passed expressing disapproval of Sir Samuel Hoare's references to M. Privat and stating that this was being sent to M. Privat with a letter.

A resolution was also presented by the India Sub-Committee to be sent to Sir Samuel Hoare. The resolution as amended is as follows:-

"The Executive Committee of the Women's International League profoundly regrets that the Secretary of State for India should have found it necessary in his speech in the Committee of the House of Commons on 29th April to minimise the serious state of the situation in India. Reports are being received from entirely reliable sources which show that a state akin to war exists, and that rule by Ordinances is rapidly destroying all faith in British justice and hope of peaceful working of the future new Constitution.

It protests against the refusal of the Secretary of State to admit that a crisis is being faced in India and to realise that moderate opinion is steadily being alienated, while the continued imprisonment of every responsible person in the Nationalist Movement is driving the younger generation to a belief in revolutionary methods in despair of obtaining results by peaceful means.

It urges the Secretary of State before it is too late not to regard this and similar protests merely as "unscrupulous propaganda" but to consider means by which an end may be put to the present disastrous situation, and since there can be no improvement in the present condition without negotiation, it urges immediate steps be taken towards reconciliation which will open up negotiations and make possible withdrawal of the Ordinances."

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged for Miss Hilda Cashmore within the next few weeks on behalf of the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions. It was reported that a deputation to Sir Samuel Hoare was being planned at which the W.I.L. would be represented. It was decided to ask Miss Pye or Mrs. Lankester to be our representative.

The Committee further proposed the following resolution for the Grenoble Congress:- This was passed.

Additional Resolutions for Grenoble Congress

BRITISH SECTION

I N D I A

"This Congress of the W.I.L.P.F. learns with dismay that, at a time when the world is moving consciously and deliberately towards closer international understanding, and the peoples are seeking actively to realise human brotherhood, estrangement between Great Britain and India is increasing, and that throughout India there exists to-day rule by ordinance, that has resulted in a loss of confidence on the part of large sections of the people of India in the expressed intention of Great Britain to extend to them, at an early date, the rights, privileges and responsibilities of self-government under a liberal constitution.

This Congress deplores the reliance by a great country of liberal traditions upon arbitrary and indiscriminate methods of rule, carrying with them injustice, hardship and cruelty and depriving the people of India of dignity and self-respect, stifling their national aspirations and laying the foundations in the next generation of racial hatred and international hostility. This Congress accordingly implores the people of Great Britain to urge their Government to take early steps to create an atmosphere of reconciliation, to withdraw with the least possible delay the special ordinances, to liberate the large number of political prisoners, and to restore the methods of conference, mutual agreement and international co-operation that are needed to bring the East and the West into closer and more fruitful association.

This Congress further appeals to the people of India to overcome internal differences and divisions, to lay aside suspicions of motives both within and without, to seek and welcome all possible avenues of understanding, and to co-operate with Great Britain in the restoration of constructive peace and goodwill in the interests of international friendship and concord."

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954. SINO-JAPANESE SITUATION.

Traffic in Arms. It was agreed that a letter protesting against arms being sent to China and Japan, and stating the view that the whole matter should be referred to the League for action, should be sent to the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, the Board of Trade, the British Delegates at the Disarmament Conference, and a copy to the Secretariat.

Miss Pye reported letters from Chinese and Japanese ladies on the Shanghai situation and on general relations between China and Japan. It was agreed to get extracts into the News Sheet.

955. DISARMAMENT.

It was reported that the following resolution had been drawn up by the Officers and sent out for use at meetings in place of the previous resolution. Since then a resolution had been received from Miss Courtney:-

"This meeting of the ..... expresses its appreciation of the support given by Sir John Simon as representative of Great Britain at the Disarmament Conference to the policy put forward by the U.S.A. Representative, of total abolition of certain aggressive weapons, viz: tanks, heavy mobile guns and gases.

It urges that the British Government should, further, give its support to the proposals put forward by many delegations for the abolition and prohibition of capital ships over 10,000 tons and of aircraft carriers, as well as of all military and naval aircraft, and for the prohibition of chemical warfare and of all preparation for it."

It was agreed to adopt Miss Courtney's resolution and to add a paragraph welcoming the proposal brought forward by Mrs. Corbett Ashby and accepted by the British Delegation for prohibiting military training of the young. The resolution is as follows:-

"This meeting..... welcomes the support given by Sir John Simon to the principle that certain classes of types of armaments should be totally prohibited and urges that the armaments selected should be those which were proscribed to Germany in the Treaty of Versailles, with the declared purpose of diminishing the danger of aggression, namely:- military and naval Air Forces, heavy land guns and tanks, battleships over 10,000 tons as well as submarines, and all preparations for chemical warfare.

It also welcomes the proposal put before the Moral Disarmament Committee of the World Disarmament Conference that no training of a military character either of formation or drill be given to children or young people under the age of conscription or of voluntary enlistment."

It was agreed to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. Corbett Ashby.

956. REPORT OF WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE EXECUTIVE. It was reported that the W.P.C. were considering the holding of a meeting at Queen's Hall on June 13th at which it was proposed to ask Lord Cecil, and Mrs. Corbett Ashby to speak, Miss Courtney had consented to take the Chair. It was agreed that the time is too short to get a successful meeting at that date and to recommend to the Peace Crusade, if they decided to hold the meeting, to



postpone it for three weeks and to say it was considered it would only be possible to make it a success if two other first rate speakers were secured, especially if these could be a well-known Frenchman and a German speaker.

957. GRENOBLE CONGRESS.

Resolutions: The Hungarian resolution on Transport of Arms was accepted and the Polish Resolution was rejected. While in favour of moral disarmament the Committee felt there was danger of the proposals being used to delay immediate steps to disarmament.

The following resolution was proposed by Mrs. Thoday and accepted:-

"That this Congress of the W.I.L.P.F. welcomes the proposition put before the Moral Disarmament Committee of the World Disarmament Conference that no training of a military character either of formation or drill be given to children or young people under the age of conscription or of voluntary enlistment."

W.I.L.P.F. Manifesto. It was agreed to recommend our delegates to secure the elimination of most of the preliminary history of the W.I.L.P.F. in this Manifesto and the general appeal to Governments. Some sections of the resolution were accepted and others recommended for elimination. The Committee was unanimously opposed to the sending of envoys.

958. CORRESPONDENCE.

(1) National Peace Council. Reported that a Conference on The New Aspects of the Peace Problem resulting from Recent Events in the Far East would be held on May 31st. Miss Chick and Mrs. White were appointed delegates. Mrs. Robertson would probably attend as Executive Committee member of the N.P.C.

(2) A further letter from the N.P.C. dated April 26th reported resolutions on the Defence Force Ordinance and on the situation in the Far East.

(3) Nominations for N.P.C. Executive Committee. Sixteen nominations were made for the Executive Committee.

(4) Presentation to Founder of Holiday Fellowships. It was reported that a presentation was being made to the Founder of Holiday Fellowships and it was suggested that the Committee might like to contribute a little as a token of goodwill. It was agreed that it was not possible to use W.I.L. Funds for such a purpose.

(5) Western Samoa. A letter was read from Mr. Weaver stating that in his view it was advisable now to concentrate on trying to create a movement in favour of the appointment by the New Zealand Government of a Commission for the purpose of

advising on the reform of the administration of Western Samoa. This Commission, which should include experienced British Colonial officers, should have a wide mandate, and should be instructed to examine particularly other systems of government which have succeeded in the Pacific, e.g. that of Tonga. It ought also to examine the new system in American Samoa.

(6) Ukraine. It was reported that at Mr. Voigt's suggestion a telegram had been sent to the Court of Appeal in Warsaw which is now considering the death sentence on the student Dacyszyn. A previous telegram had been sent by the W.I.L. signed by a few public men begging the President to pardon this man. The present telegram to the Court was to express the anxiety with which the signatories of the telegram were following the trial and to hope that mercy might be shown.

959. STAFF HOLIDAYS.

The following holidays were agreed to:-

Miss Horscroft the month of July.  
Miss Stroud, August 1st to 15th.  
Frances Humberstone June 13th to 27th.

*K. D. Courtney.*  
*June 14/32*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for April 1st. - 30th. 1932.

RECEIPTS

EXPENSES.

Balance	495.	3. 2½
Subscriptions	53.15.	8.
Donations	20.	3. 6.
Affiliation Fees	7.	5.
Literature (including News Sheets).	6. 4.	8.
Rent from W.A.C.I.	12.	6.
	81.	3.10.

Salaries	30.	5. 0.
Grants	40.	0. 0.
Travelling Expenses	2.	1. 0.
Printing (including 2,000 Annual Reports)	54.19.	3.
Stationery	5.18.	10.
Insurance	1.	9.11½
Lighting & Heating	5.	5. 0.
Telephone	5.13.	11.
Press Cuttings	2.	2. 0.
Affiliation Fees	1.19.	6.
Typewriter Repairs	1.	4.11.
Postage & Telegrams	7.	3.11.
Office Expenses	2.10.	0½
Council Expenses "Pool"	5.18.	2.
Wages	3.10.	0.
"Pax International"	2.	3. 7.

172. 5. 1.

Balance at		
Co-operative Per- manent Building Society	288.16.	8.
Midland Bank	110.12.	11½
Cash in hand	4.12.	4.
	404.	1.11½

£576. 7. 0½

£576. 7. 0½

Statement of Accounts for May 1st. - 5th. 1932  
inclusive.

Balance	404.	1.11½
Income	2.13.	10.
	£406.15.	9½

Expenses	2.17.	1½
Balance	403.18.	8.
	£406.15.	9½

Farmarked for Congress Grants. £12. 16. 0.  
Outstanding Accounts for Printing & Stationery £9.14.10.

BALANCE     £381. 7.10.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 14th. 1932, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney, in the chair, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Mrs. Coggin, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Lady Raymond Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Innes, Mrs. David Pye, Miss Agatha Harrison.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD on May 9th. were read and signed, after the following corrections were made:-

Minute 951. Business arising. Kenya. delete the words "one of whom (F.O.B. Wilson) had been Commandant of the Forces of Rebellion against the Kenya Government in the days of the agitation".

Minute 958. Correspondence (2) Add the word "Kenya" before the words "Defence Force Ordinance."

960. BUSINESS ARISING.

China Floods. A letter was read from the Foreign Office giving reasons why they could not recommend the League of Nations to make a grant, and also stating that the Boxer Indemnity could, if the Chinese wished, be used to purchase flood relief plant and material in the United Kingdom.

It was also reported that an appeal for the Child Sufferers by the Save the Children Fund had been issued and copies of the leaflet enclosed in our News Sheet and in correspondence.

Western Samoa. A letter was read from Mrs. Wills welcoming the Committee's suggestion and recommending that Dr. Buck, a Maori anthropologist should be recommended as a member of any Commission that might be appointed. Mrs. McGregor Ross urged that in recommending the appointment of an anthropologist it should be especially urged that he should be a social anthropologist.

961. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was presented and passed. Miss Chick reported that a special donation of £50 had been received from the Noel Buxton Trust. It was pointed out that at the present rate of expenditure the present balance in hand would last about three months and that further funds must be raised.

At this point Lady Unwin, and Miss Dickinson reported the suggestions made by the National Peace Council Sub-Committee for a joint money raising effort for the No More War Movement, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Women's International League, and the National Peace Council. The funds raised were to be allocated between these four societies. After various points arising out of this suggestion had been discussed it was agreed to approve a joint Flag Day on the above lines but not any other form of joint money raising effort. Suggestions were asked for a suitable name for the Flag Day Appeal. Miss Chick and Miss Dickinson were appointed representatives on the N.P.C. Committee to consider the proposal.

Miss Chick reported that in connection with the present crisis in the Disarmament Conference the N.P.C. has issued an excellent S.O.S. and printed post-card for sending M.P's. of which we had sent out about 5,000 copies. The expenditure of about £8. was sanctioned for the postage of these and it was agreed that in view of the very useful work done by the N.P.C. including the distribution of Dr. Clark's reports from Geneva and the India Bulletin, we should send them a donation of £10.

The engagement of extra paid help during the Office Girl's absence on holiday was sanctioned.

It was announced that Kensington and Golders Green would shortly be holding Garden Fêtes as money raising efforts.

962. INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. Miss Chick reported that with regard to the renewal of the lease she was informed that the Bedford Estate would not be making any drastic changes in this block of property until 1944. They suggested that we should surrender our present lease and take out a new one for  $12\frac{1}{4}$  years at an increased rental of £35. per annum.

Decided to leave the matter over for the present.

963. REPORT OF INDIA SUB COMMITTEE. Mrs. Lankester reported that the Committee had not met but that a meeting had been held for Miss Hilda Cashmore which had been very successful. She also reported a letter drawn up by the Women's Advisory Council on Indian questions addressed to Sir Samuel Hoare. The letter was read and it was agreed that it should be signed by the W.I.L. A Farewell Reception to Mrs. Nehru was announced for June 23rd. and another one by the Women's India Association on Sunday, June 26th. It was suggested that an opportunity should be arranged for a short consultation with Mrs. Nehru before she leaves and it was agreed that this should be on June 23rd. at 3 o'clock before the Reception.

Mrs. Lankester reported that news was coming in of bad prison conditions. It was suggested that Miss Eaton should be consulted.

Mrs. Lankester asked that copies of Tagore's Appeal should be circulated to the Branches and made known as widely as possible. This was agreed to.

Miss Pye read a letter from Miss MacPhail, who alluded to a report in a Toronto paper making certain allegations of Lord Willingdon's attitude to the Nationalist Movement. Miss Pye said she would ask Miss MacPhail for the cutting with the exact statement and bring it to the notice of Lord Willingdon.

964. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Anderson reported arrangements for the July and August News Sheets and that Miss Baker was not able to carry on her work for the present, but the Office would act in her absence to the best of their ability.

965. REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL CONFERENCE. Mrs. White gave an interesting report of the Conference on May 31st. at which Lord Allen, Miss Ruth Fry, Norman Angell, Arnold Forster, Lady Horsley, Maxwell Garnett and others had spoken. The discussions had mainly turned on the use of Sanctions.

966. REPORT OF THE DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE. Miss Chick gave a report of the meeting held on 26th. May. Mrs. Coggin was making inquiry into the Traffic in Arms. It was suggested that when Mrs. Coggin had prepared a statement a meeting of the Executive should be held to discuss the question.

967. REPORT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE. It was reported that a special meeting of the Executive had been held on June 9th. in response to an urgent letter from Dr. Clark. The following telegram had been sent to Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir John Simon, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Mrs. Corbett Ashby:-

"THE BRITISH WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE WHICH OBTAINED TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION SIGNATURES FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT DEMANDS THE CONFERENCE ACCEPTS DEFINITION OF AGGRESSIVE WEAPONS AS THOSE RECOGNISED IN 1919 IN PEACE TREATIES URGES CONFERENCE (or Govt.) TO REJECT DICTATION OF DISARMAMENT POLICY BY ARMAMENT EXPERTS."

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts, May, 1932.

Receipts

Expenditure

Balance.....	404. 1. 11½
Subscriptions.....	5. 15. 6.
Donations.....	10. 5. 0.
Legacy.....	15. 0. 0.
Affiliation Fees	3. 6.
Council "Pool"....	1. 1. 0.
Meeting.....	3. 9.
Rent (W.A.C.I.Q.)	10. 0.
Clerical Work....	7. 6.
Literature.....	4. 5. 9½
	37. 12. 0½

Salaries.....	30. 10. 0.
Wages.....	3. 10. 0.
State Insurance.....	18. 10.
Postage & Wives.....	11. 9. 8½
Stationery.....	6. 0. 6½
Affiliation Fee (N.P.C.)	2. 2. 0.
Grants to delegates to Congress.....	10. 0. 0.
Office Expenses.....	3. 13. 7½
Travelling Expenses.....	1. 1.
News Sheets.....	2. 4. 1.
Printing.....	3. 1. 0.
	<u>73. 10. 10½</u>

Balance at Co-operative Bldg. Soc.	288. 16. 8
Balance at Bank .....	77. 19. 0.
Balance in hand .....	1. 7. 5½

£441. 14. 0.

£441. 14. 0.

Statement of Accounts, June 1st. - 13th. inclusive.

Balance.....	368. 3. 1½
Subscriptions.....	8. 19. 6.
Donations.....	51. 7. 0.
Miscellaneous.....	6. 4. 10.
	<u>£434. 14. 5½</u>

Expenditure.....	29. 1. 8½
Balance.....	405. 12. 9.

£434. 14. 5½

Outstanding Accounts.

For June 3rd. India Meeting	£2. 11. 9.
Literature & Stationery	1. 17. 2.
	<u>£4. 8. 11.</u>

Rent due June 25th. 1932.      £25. 0. 0.

Minutes of Special Executive Committee, Wednesday, June 8th, 1932.

PRESENT: Mrs. Barrs Davies in the Chair, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. White, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Agatha Harrison, Miss Dickinson, Lady Unwin, Mrs. Braithwaite, Miss Pye.

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Miss Sheepshanks explained that in response to a request from Dr. Clark she had summoned to the Committee as many members of the Executive as she could reach by telephone during the morning.

The meeting was summoned in consequence of an urgent telegram and letter from Dr. Clark from Geneva who wrote that the important decisions with regard to the Disarmament Conference were to be taken at the end of this week, after the arrival in Geneva of M. Herriott on Friday. She urged that everything possible should be done to bring pressure on the Government to support the policy as previously brought forward by Sir John Simon for the abolition of aggressive weapons, and not to allow dictation in political matters by the War Office and Admiralty.

In Dr. Clark's opinion the most important point was the abolition of capital ships and almost equally important was the adoption of the right policy with regard to military and naval aircraft and tanks.

The following proposals were made:-

(1) the organisation of a Poster Parade near the House of Commons for Friday. Eventually this idea, though favoured was abandoned as no one person was able to undertake to see it through.

(2) the sending of the following telegram to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Arthur Henderson and Mrs. Corbett Ashby:-

"THE BRITISH WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE WHICH OBTAINED TWO AND A QUARTER MILLION SIGNATURES FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT DEMANDS THE CONFERENCE ACCEPTS DEFINITION OF AGGRESSIVE WEAPONS AS THOSE RECOGNISED IN 1919 IN PEACE TREATIES URGES CONFERENCE (or Govt.) TO REJECT DICTATION OF DISARMAMENT POLICY BY ARMAMENT EXPERTS."

This was agreed to.

(3) the sending of a letter to the Heads of the Dele-

gations on the lines of the telegram and informing them of the Queen's Hall Meeting and of the Manchester Meeting on Monday night, June 13th.

This was agreed to.

It was decided to confirm the telegrams by letter and Lady Unwin undertook to write to Miss Ishbel Macdonald, enclosing a copy of the telegram and to ask her to ~~xxxx~~ see that it reached her father's hands.

(4) The sending of messages by aeroplane was considered but no way of getting this done, without expense, could be thought of. It was reported that Mrs. Zangwill was arranging to have the Queen's Hall resolution taken to Geneva by air.

It was agreed to ask Miss Mosa Anderson to try to get a suitable question put in the House of Commons and to ask Gerald Bailey to get as much publicity for it as possible.

It was further agreed that the telegram should be sent to the Press and that Miss Durden Smith should be asked to help with this. Miss Dickinson said that she had special facilities for approaching Reuter and would see the Secretary

This concluded the business.

*K.H. Davies*

*June 14 1932*



The telegrams were followed by letters.

Lady Horsley had also taken action in connection with the Women's Liberal Association and on behalf of the Women's Peace Crusade.

Miss Dickinson had secured publicity through Reuter. The Press Association had also circulated the telegram to about 200 papers.

968. REPORT OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Miss Sheepshanks and Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on the Conference of the British Commonwealth League at which a resolution on Disarmament was passed, and important discussions had taken place on inter-racial marriages.

969. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE : Queen's Hall Meeting, June 13th. A letter was read from Mrs. Zangwill. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mrs. Zangwill on her splendid achievement in organising this most successful meeting in such a very short space of time.

It was agreed not to make any charge for the use of the large front room for organising the meeting. It was announced that as every seat in the Hall had been paid for the expenses had been more than covered.

970. GRENOBLE CONGRESS.

Reports of the Congress at Grenoble showed that there was considerable dissatisfaction with the proceedings of the International body. Some members of the Committee who had been delegates considered that matters had gone so far that the whole relationship of the British W.I.L. should be reconsidered. Others took the view that the difficulties were not fundamental and could be overcome. After some discussion in which different points of view were expressed, it was agreed to hold a special Executive meeting to discuss the relations of the British Section with the W.I.L.P.F. on Monday, July 18th. at 1.30 p.m. at 55, Gower Street, prior to the regular meeting of the Executive on Tuesday, July 19th. at Mrs. Binyon's House, British Museum.

971. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL, L.N.U. Reported that the next meeting would be held on July 20th. and that resolutions should be sent in by June 30th. Decided to hold this matter over for a week and then draft a resolution to include:-

permanent supervision,  
quantitative disarmament,  
trade in armaments,  
reduction of budgetary limitation.

972. LIAISON COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Miss Chick and Miss Courtney reported on recent meetings of this Committee.

973. CORRESPONDENCE.

Tunbridge Wells Branch. Reported a letter asking if the Branch could affiliate to the local branch of the National Council of Women, if it wished. Decided to reply that the Executive felt it would be better to co-operate rather than affiliate. The Manchester Branch had found co-operation better than affiliation to local organisations.

Miss Kitching. Reported Miss Kitching's proposal for a caravan tour during the summer months in which she invited helpers. Decided to make this known as widely as possible.

Madame Blanche Baran. Miss Sheepshanks reported that Madame Baran of Tarnapol, Galicia, had been imprisoned because of her connection with the W.I.L.P.F. and asked what action could be taken on her behalf. Decided that Mr. Voigt should be consulted and Mrs. Corbett Ashby asked if she could do anything in the matter. Miss Trotter was to be asked if she could give us the name and address of American woman, married to a Pole, she had met at the Breslau Summer School.

This concluded the business.

*K. S. James  
July 19/32.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON JULY 19th.1932 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at MRS. BINYON'S HOUSE, BRITISH MUSEUM.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the chair, Miss Mosa Anderson, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Mrs. Coggin, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. David Pye, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Pye, Miss Sheepshanks, Lady Unwin, Miss Helen Ward, and Mrs. White.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs. Lankester, Miss K. D. Courtney, Mrs. Barrs Davies, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Trotter, and Miss Agatha Harrison.

MINUTES OF MEETING held on June 14th. were confirmed and signed.

974. BUSINESS ARISING

It was reported that the special Executive did not take place owing to Miss Courtney being unable to return from Geneva.

Madame Banca Baran. A letter was reported from Mrs. Corbett Ashby who had spoken to the Polish Woman Delegate about Madame Banca Baran's imprisonment and was informed that Madame Baran had been liberated.

Women's Advisory Council League of Nations Union. It was reported that the Disarmament resolution drawn up and circulated by the officers had been sent to Miss Glazebrook with an addendum recommending the constituent societies to enlist public support for its policy. This was sanctioned.

It was reported that Mrs. Dugdale would attend the meeting on July 20th. and that Women's Organisations were invited to put questions. In view of the postponement of the League of Nations Assembly to September 26th. it was agreed to ask Mrs. Dugdale to attend a further meeting of representatives of Women's Organisations in September and to write to her and Miss Glazebrook to that effect.

Dr. Clark was asked to attend as the special representative of the W.I.L. on July 20th. and to propose the resolution.

975. FINANCE

The W.I.L. Statement of Accounts and International House Account were presented.

Miss Chick reported that the Golders Green Branch had made a donation of £25. 0. 0. from the funds raised by their Garden Party, and much appreciation of this generous gift was expressed.

Miss Eaton had written that the sum raised by the Kensington Fete was smaller than usual and had been banked for the moment until the return from abroad of Mrs. Gardiner and Miss Thevenard.

976. In view of the fact that Mr. & Mrs. Binyon will be continuing to live in London it was unanimously agreed to invite Mrs. Binyon to attend meetings of the Executive and if there were a vacancy on the Executive to ask her to join as a member.

977. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee should be on September 13th.; that there should be no meeting in August unless there were an emergency; that the October Executive should be on October 18th. and the special Executive on the W.I.L.P.F. on October 17th. at 1.30 p.m.

978. INDIA. Miss Pye reported for the India Sub-Committee that they felt in view of the worsening of the Indian Situation and of the unsatisfactory policy being followed by Sir Samuel Hoare as stated in his speech in the House of Commons on June 27th. that it was necessary for the W.I.L. to do all in its power to inform public opinion. They, therefore, wished to send out information on a large scale and as a beginning to send out copies of Mr. Gray's pamphlet "The Present Deadlock In India". As the matter was urgent the Officers had provisionally sanctioned the necessary expenditure. The India Committee applied to the Executive Committee for leave to spend up to £20.0.0. on this publicity work. This was agreed to.

Miss Pye had heard from Geneva that M. Privat had been persecuted for his visit to England, that he had been deprived of two of his press appointments and that the Swiss Government had had to apologise to the British Government for his activities in England. Also that he had been asked to resign as President of the International Esperantists. It was agreed to ask the Friends Esperanto Society to protest to the Esperantists on this matter. Miss Pye undertook to enquire about this.

Mrs. Sen and Mrs. Nehru are leaving England and there is no time to get up a reception for Mrs. Sen. The members of the Executive present each subscribed 1/- to buy a book to be presented to each of them.

979. DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT. Miss Chick reported on the material that had been sent by Dr. Clark and in particular on the documents put out by the British Group in Geneva and Bertram Pickard's Press Service.

At the Disarmament Committee held at 44, Upper Park Road, on July 4th. it was agreed to send telegrams to Sir John Simon and Sir Herbert Samuel but after telephonic communication with Miss Courtney after the committee it was decided to send letters instead of telegrams. Letters sent to the Prime Minister and to Sir John Simon on July 11th. were read to the Executive Committee which approved them. The attached resolution was drawn up by the Officers and enclosed with a covering letter to the Branches etc. on July 13th.

A proposal had been received from Mrs. Zangwill for organising meetings all over the country. This proposal had been handed on to the L.N.U.

- 980 REPORT OF WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE.

Dr. Clark reported that the Executive met on July 15th. but was unable to formulate a resolution and suggestions to organisations as the exact nature of these must depend on the decisions taken by the Conference this week.

The Officers were to draft these as soon as information is to hand. Organisations are to be urged to suggest to their members the writing of individual letters and cards to the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and to carry on as much propaganda as possible in holiday resorts during August.

For this the Crusade hopes to bring out suitable leaflets and the Officers will welcome help and suggestions. The Crusade Executive further proposes to make inquiries as to the best method of launching a National Campaign in September.

981. DISARMAMENT.

Dr. Clark reported a Memorial which had been sent to the Disarmament Conference by Members of Organisations in Geneva and that a Telegram in support of this Memorial had been sent on behalf of the W.I.L. to Sir John Simon.

Dr. Clark reported that Miss Rathbone had been very glad of material furnished her for asking questions in the House and for a speech on the Disarmament Proposals and she would continue to make use of the information supplied to her.

Dr. Clark read letters from Mrs. Thoday and Dr. Erie <sup>Evans</sup> making suggestions for work. Mrs. Thoday said that one of her committee wished to propose a scheme for reaching in particular the mothers, appealing to them for the sake of their sons to make an urgent appeal for Peace. In connection with this Mrs. Innes noted that a small sub-committee had previously been nominated to consider a scheme for those who would not become members but who might make some declaration. This Committee had not met.

Miss Pye stated she had received a letter from Miss Isabel Fry urging a scheme on the lines of the League of Mothers and Teachers. Miss Sheepshanks reported that Miss Garnett had written that there were a number of village women who had not been catered for but who could be interested and for whom a very simple leaflet was needed.

It was agreed to try to arrange a meeting with Miss Fry in the first week in August. Mrs. Innes, Lady Unwin and Miss Dickinson said that they would like to take part in the discussion.

With regard to Mrs. Thoday's suggestion it was decided that it would be better not to confine the appeal to mothers but to make a general appeal to save the rising generation from war, and it was agreed to suggest to the Peace Crusade to call together representatives of the Save the Children Fund, Women's Co-operative Guilds, Women's Labour Sections, Women's Institutes, Mother's Union, Townswomen's Guilds, National Union of Teachers and similar organisations particularly interested in children to consider carrying out this and other schemes. A popular leaflet it was suggested should be drawn up for wide distribution and accompanied by a postcard to send to members of Parliament

With regard to the Women's Peace Crusade proposal for a National Campaign it was agreed to recommend a widespread campaign of meetings immediately before the next meeting of the Disarmament Conference to culminate with an Albert Hall Meeting and Procession. It was thought that the end of October would probably be the best time.

Miss Pye made a suggestion for propaganda by aeroplane and promised to make further enquiries and submit suggestions to the Peace Crusade. The following names were suggested who might be approached with regard to drawing up leaflets:-

Miss Rinder, Leonora Eyles, and Evelyn Sharp, but Dr. Clark said she was already planning some leaflets with Lady Horsley and would pass on this suggestion also.

982. REPORT OF NATIONAL PEACE COUNCIL. Lady Unwin presented the report of the National Peace Council and reported that they were arranging a Conference in the Autumn on the Far East, the Economic Situation and Disarmament. It was suggested that these would be too many subjects for one Conference and it was agreed to ask whether Traffic in Arms might not be substituted for the Economic Situation.

983. LIAISON COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. Mrs. Corbett Fisher thought that the meeting of this Committee in London was unsatisfactory as it was supposed to represent the International Organisations and their headquarters are in Geneva. The report of this committee did not really concern the British Section and should be made to the W.I.L.P.F. However, the next meeting of the Committee would be in Geneva and they intended to try then to get a local secretary and to have the meetings in Geneva.

984. REPORT OF JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. It was reported that names were wanted of women of outstanding reputation in arts, letters, sciences to serve on the Committee of Intellectual Co-operation. The following names were suggested:-  
Miss Masaryk  
Madame Beth  
Madame Karin Michaelis.

985. CORRESPONDENCE.

Nationality of Married Women Pass the Bill Committee. Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had consulted the Officers and had written that the question of Nationality of Married Women was not a question on which the W.I.L. had a policy.

The British Commonwealth League. A letter was reported asking for support of Dame Rachael Crowdy as a member of the Delegation to Ottawa. Miss Sheepshanks reported that she had consulted Miss Courtney who thought we ought to be willing to sign but that we should also suggest the name of Mrs. Barbara Wootton as an authority on tariffs which is the question to be considered at Ottawa.

International Friendship League. It was reported that a number of Belgian children were visiting England in August. The representative of the International Friendship League had been asked for further information on this which had not been forthcoming.

Women's Freedom League. It was reported that the Women's Freedom League were arranging a Conference on October 21st. on "The Position of Married Women".

Barnet W.I.L. Branch. A letter was read from the Barnet Branch saying that they were obliged to disband and that their members were joining the Golders Green branch.

Anti-War Congress. Dr. Clark reported a letter from Mr. Bridgeman on the Anti War Congress which is now to be held in August in Brussels as Geneva will not give permission for it to be held there. Dr. Clark read a letter which she had written to a German enquirer as to whether the British Section intended to participate. Dr. Clark was instructed to write to Mr. Bridgeman in the same sense with a few modifications.

986 MANCHURIA

Dr. Clark drew the attention of the Committee to the serious effect of the decision taken by the Special Assembly of the League of Nations to allow a postponement of the report on the Sino-Japanese dispute, which under Article 15 of the Covenant should be given within six months of the date when the dispute was submitted and therefore by August 19th.

The postponement allows Japan further to consolidate her position in Manchuria and will lead to increased difficulty in settling the dispute. It makes a serious precedent weakening the authority of the League. It was agreed to send a resolution to the Government protesting against the delay and urging that the report should be decided on not later than November 1st. and that Dr. Clark should draft the resolution in consultation with the Chairman.

This concluded the business.

K. D. Courtney  
Sept 13/32

## R E S O L U T I O N

This meeting .....  
records its deep disappointment that the British Disarmament proposals instead of strengthening those of President Hoover fall far behind them.

It much regrets the adjournment of Parliament without adequate time for their discussion.

Believing that the British proposals as they stand  
neither add to security  
nor fulfil the pledges given to Germany  
nor carry out the principles of Sir John Simon's  
pronouncement with regard to the abolition  
of aggressive weapons,

it calls upon the Government

to support the reductions proposed by Mr. Hoover  
and in particular to endeavour to secure as a  
minimum

the abolition of:-

- (1) tanks
- (2) preparation for as well as the use of  
chemical war
- (3) all military and naval aircraft capable  
of use as bombers.

With regard to naval armaments, while urging the  
abolition of all capital ships and submarines, it demands  
an immediate reduction in numbers not less than one-third  
as proposed by Mr. Hoover.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for June 1932.

RECEIPTS

Balance .....	368. 3. 1½
Subscriptions	29.16. 0.
Donations ....	52. 7. 0.
News Sheet....	3. 2. 8.
Literature....	2. 7. 5.
Lighting & heating ....	3. 6.
Telephone ....	17.10.
June 3rd. India Meeting....	2.11½
Clerical Work.	<u>1.16. 3.</u>
	90.13. 7½

£458.16. 9.

EXPENSES

Salaries.....	30.10. 0.
Travelling Expenses.....	3. 3.10.
Grant to N.P.C. ....	10. 0. 0.
Stationery.....	19.10.
Postage & Telegrams.....	11.15. 6½
Wages.....	3. 1. 3.
Insurance.....	18.10.
Rent .....	31. 9. 0.
Office Expenses.....	4.10. 3½
Typewriter Repairs.....	3. 6.
Affiliation Fees.....	10. 6.
Meetings.....	13. 0.
"Pax".....	4. 7. 2.
	<u>102. 2. 9.</u>

Balance at

Co-operative Permanent Bldg. Society	288.16. 8.
Midland Bank	67. 1. 3.
Cash in hand	<u>16. 1.</u>

356.14. 0.

£458.16. 9.

Statement of Accounts for July 1st. - 15th. 1932  
inclusive.

Balance.....	356.14. 0.
Geneva Subscriptions...	10. 0. 0.
Subscriptions .....	13. 8. 2.
Donations.....	1.15. 0.
Literature etc.....	<u>3.13. 0.</u>
	<u>£385.10. 2.</u>

Petty Cash & Salaries	39. 0. 0.
Balance	346.10. 2.

£385.10. 2.

Outstanding Accounts.

Geneva Subscriptions	£10. 0. 0.
Stationery, Literature News Sheets, etc.	<u>13. 4. 2.</u>
	<u>£23. 4. 2.</u>

BALANCE    £323. 6. 0.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee, Tuesday, September 13th, 1932 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 55 Gower Street, London, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Baker, Mrs. Mennell, Miss Pye, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Dickinson, Lady Unwin, Miss Chick, Miss Sheepshanks, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. White, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Ward.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Harrison, Miss Trotter, Mrs. Kingsley Martin and Mrs. Lankester.

A letter from Mrs. Barrs Davies resigning from the Committee was read. It was decided to write expressing the hope that she would be able to resume her membership of the Committee when her health was restored.

It was reported that Mrs. Coggin was obliged to resign from the Committee owing to taking up medical studies and Mrs. Coggin attended the close of the meeting to say goodbye to the members, who wished her good-luck in her future career.

It was reported that Mrs. Binyon had been asked if she would agree to be co-opted, but had replied that she would rather attend occasionally as a visitor and would be glad to do anything to help the work.

In consequence of these resignations and there being already one vacancy there were now three vacancies on the Committee to be filled by co-option. The following names were proposed and seconded:-

Miss Catherine Marshall, Miss Joan Creyke (who successfully organised the Conference of the Action Internationale Democratique pour la Paix) and Mrs. Marsh, a member of the Tunbridge Wells Branch, who was French by birth and who was in close touch with the Peace Movement in France. It was agreed that their experience would be very valuable at the present juncture. It was unani- mously agreed to ask them if they would agree to serve.

MINUTES. The Minutes of meeting on 19th July were read and con- firmed, after one correction had been made.

987. MRS. DUGDALE'S MEETING. It was reported that representatives of thirteen organisations were attending the meeting and it was hoped that other organisations would be appointing representa- tives shortly. Dr. Clark and Miss Sheepshanks were appointed to represent the W.I.L. and other members were invited to attend. The following subjects were suggested for the Agenda:-

- (a) Germany's request for equality of status in armaments. (Women's International League)
- (b) The Far East. ditto.
- (c) Minorities. ditto.
- (d) Amendments to the Covenant.
- (e) Slavery.
- (f) Opium.
- (g) Penal Reform.
- (h) Nationality of Married Women.

Agreed to ask the Societies to send in further suggestions and to frame a final Agenda accordingly. Mrs. Innes consented to take the Chair.



988. PROPOSED LEAGUE OF MOTHERS AND TEACHERS. Reported that Miss Isabel Fry had approached the W.I.L. as regards the possibility of starting a movement in England on the lines of the International League of Mothers and Teachers which exists in France, Germany and other countries. Mrs. Innes, Miss Dickinson and Mrs. Unwin reported a conversation they had had with Miss Fry on the subject.

During the discussion, views were expressed by many members of the Executive that the work of the W.I.L. would be much helped if some sort of group in connection with the W.I.L. were started, designed to reach similar people in the same way as the 'Ligue' on the lines of the "Friends of Woman Suffrage". It was believed that the sympathy and support of many individuals could be enlisted if they were asked not to join as members but simply to express sympathy and interest in international peace and disarmament. It was proposed that a leaflet explaining the idea should be drawn up and a card which could be signed by the individual willing to join the Group. Membership of such groups should not be limited to women but should include men as well.

The following Committee was appointed to go into the matter further and to make definite suggestions at the next Executive.-

Mrs. David Pye, Mrs. Innes, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Mennell in addition to any of the Officers who might be able to attend. It was suggested that Miss Isabel Fry might be co-opted if the Committee wished.

989. WELTFRIEDENSBUND DER MUTTER U. ERZIEHERINNEN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Hallgarten, Secretary of the German Branch of the above organisation urging that we should ask the Government to put all means of propaganda at the disposal of the pacifist organisations for peace propaganda on May 18th. and also to request the Council of the League of Nations to advocate recognition of that date as a world peace day. It was agreed to write in reply that May 18th. got considerable publicity in this country in the schools, and especially through the message of the Welsh children and the replies, and that we did not think it advisable to approach the Government or the Council of the League of Nations on the matter.

990. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached statement of accounts. She thought that though the money in hand would just last about three months, at the end of that time the balance would be completely exhausted and it was therefore necessary to issue some sort of appeal this Autumn in support of the active Autumn campaign which is being planned.

991. PROPOSALS FOR AUTUMN WORK.

(a) Reported a request from the International Executive to the National Sections to organise protests against the training of the civilian population in protection from gas attacks. Dr. Clark said she had explained at the International Executive that this is not done in this country and that there is, therefore, no need for this protest. It was stated that the Red Cross were organising classes on treatment of gas poisoning and it was agreed to make inquiries as to whether this was being done in a way which might lead to the kind of think of which the W.I.L.P.F. complains in France and other countries.

(b) Dame Adelaide Livingstone. suggested that the W.I.L. might organise a procession to the Albert Hall Meeting on Tuesday November 15th. It was agreed that it would be hopeless to attempt anything of the sort after dark at that season of the year, and it was agreed to write to Dame Adelaide Livingstone that the W.I.L. hopes to support the meeting and would like to know as soon as possible the names of the speakers.

(c) Miss Henderson's proposal for a Post-War Generation Meeting to be organised on the eve of the re-assembling of the Disarmament Conference was warmly welcomed and it was agreed to ask Miss Henderson if she would form a Committee to carry it out and to promise her all possible help in doing it. It was suggested that the end of January would probably be the best time.

N.B. It was understood that the W.I.L. would be responsible for the expenses but last year's meeting showed a balance of £18.

Miss Hughes suggestion for disarmament work amongst students was reported and it was agreed to put the suggestion before Miss Henderson.

(d) Letters containing other suggestions were read from Manchester Branch, Miss Cowie of Chingford, Miss Jones of Tunbridge Wells, Robert Long, (Northern Friends Peace Board) the Liverpool Branch, Miss Alexander of Norwich, Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Thoday and the National Peace Council.

After consideration of these and other proposals for autumn work it was agreed that the W.I.L. should continue to press actively for the immediate adoption by the Government of the policy of abolition of the armaments prohibited in the Peace Treaties, and that the autumn campaign should be directed to attain this by various methods:-

(1) by a large scale postcard campaign to Members of Parliament and the Government;

(2) by the promotion of local petitions signed by picked names, especially by important local representatives, e.g. Town Councillors, Doctors, etc. and deputations to Members of Parliament either locally or at the House of Commons.

A draft of a postcard which is to be considered by the next meeting of the National Peace Council Executive was read and approved in substance though it was thought that a simpler wording would be necessary for general use. Dr. Clark and Lady Unwin agreed to draft the wording for a simpler one and our representatives on the National Peace Council were asked to propose this and to say that we thought that if the longer one is agreed on we should be ready to use it for some circles, but should also use the simpler form.

Mrs. Pye's suggestion published in the September News Sheet was warmly approved as part of the work of the Autumn Campaign.

The further development of the above proposals was referred to the Disarmament Committee.

Miss Courtney said she would be attending the meeting of the Women's Organisations in Geneva and that proposals were being put forward that a demonstration should be made at the re-opening of the Disarmament Conference and resolutions presented by two delegates from every country.

It was agreed that a letter expressing our view of the present situation should be drawn up and forwarded to the British representative on the Bureau.

A request from Wood Green Arbitration Committee to judge Peace Essays by children was agreed to. This was referred to the Officers.

Miss Pye said that the International Executive is considering a propaganda leaflet with photographs and short account of the work of the National Sections. It was agreed to pay 10/- for the copyright fee for a photograph which had been chosen.

A letter was read from Mrs. Cousins of the Women's Indian Association on the proposed one-day Conference that is being organised on India in Geneva on October 6th. with Mrs. Pethick Lawrence as Chairman. Miss Pye will be in Geneva and will attend as W.I.L.P.F. representative. It was agreed to ask Miss Agatha Harrison to represent the British Section if possible and to vote £5. towards her expenses.

993. CORRESPONDENCE.

Deaths of several members were reported: Mrs. Fitch of Liverpool and Hampstead, Mrs. Blincoe of Bolton, and Mrs. Strickland of Hastings, and a message from Mrs. Lankester that Mrs. Hayman was very seriously ill. (She died the following day).

Deep regret was expressed and it was agreed to send messages of sympathy to the relatives in each case.

A letter from Gowerdene House on behalf of their Club was referred to the Officers.

Reported an invitation from the Girls' Life Brigade to send a representative to their Albert Hall Rally on October 29th. Mrs. David Pye consented to be our representative.

*K.D. Conarty*  
*Oct 18<sup>th</sup>/32*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for July and August 1932 .

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>		
Balance .....	356.14. 0.	Salaries.....	68.12. 6.
Subscriptions..	18.15. 8.	News Sheets.....	8.17. 8.
Donations.....	52.17. 6.	Stationery.....	6.16. 8.
Literature	6.11.	Travelling Expenses.....	1.10.11.
		Lighting & Heating.....	2. 5. 7.
	72. 0. 1.	Telephone.....	6. 6. 5.
		Postage.....	10.16. 0.
		Wages .....	9.12. 6.
		Typewriter Repairs.....	2. 5.11.
		Insurance.....	2. 6. 4½
		Office Expenses.....	7. 2.10.
		Pax International .....	4. 3. 2.
			<u>130.16. 6½</u>
		Balance at	
		Co-operative Per-	
		manent Building	
		Society.....	188.16.8.
		Midland Bank.....	106.16.1½
		Cash in hand.....	2. 4.9
			<u>£297.17. 6½</u>
	<u>£428.14. 1.</u>		<u>£428.14. 1.</u>

Statement of Accounts for September 1st. - 8th.

Balance.....	297.17. 6½	Expenses.....	18.15.10.
Income.....	2. 6. 6½	Balance.....	281. 8. 3.
	<u>300. 4. 1.</u>		<u>300. 4. 1.</u>

Outstanding Accounts.

News Sheets	3.11. 3.
Literature etc.	19. 8.
Press Cuttings.	2. 2. 0.
Charles Franklin (Coal)	4.17. 6.
	<u>£11.10. 5.</u>

BALANCE £269.17.10.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Tuesday, October 18th. 1932  
at B.W.T.A.U., 104, Gower Street, W.C. 1. at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Baker, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. David Pye, Miss Pye, Miss Rinder, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Miss Trotter, Lady Unwin, Miss Ward, Mrs. White, Miss Creyke, Mrs. Marsh.

Minutes of meeting held on September 13th. were read and confirmed.

994. Business arising

Minute 987. Miss Sheepshanks reported on the meeting of representatives of Women's Organisations with Mrs. Dugdale, the British woman representative to the 13th. Assembly of the League of Nations ( a full report is in the Office files).

Minute 991 (a). Reported a letter from the British Red Cross Society saying that it was not arranging to give any instruction in the protection against air attack.

995. FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Read and confirmed.

996. MISS COURTNEY'S WORK IN GENEVA. Miss Courtney gave an account of (1) the Consultative Body in Geneva, now including five international organisations; (2) an American group of organisations to which all Americans are admitted and which gives lectures and addresses; (3) the British group, which is private; (4) the Women's International Disarmament Committee, which sends a good deal of material, which we have not received from the W.I.L.P.F. Headquarters. (It was agreed that we should pay five Swiss francs and ask for it to be sent to us direct). This Committee had issued a postcard-size photograph of the Disarmament Declarations in their glass cases, with Mr. Henderson standing by them, and on the back of which was printed a signed message from him to the women of the world. (Samples were handed round of this and a leaflet and it was decided to promote their sale through the Women's Peace Crusade, W.I.L. Branches and the Disarmament Committees. It was thought the price was 2d. each, but this had to be confirmed).

Miss Courtney pointed out that the work of the Women's International Disarmament Committee in Geneva was reaching new and wide circles all over Europe, e.g. Miss Slack who was touring Europe for Temperance, was distributing material on disarmament from the Committee.

It was decided to make the above Committee a grant of £5.

997. DISARMAMENT:

It was agreed that a letter should be addressed to Sir Herbert Samuel expressing the hope that the Liberal Ministers who had left the Government on the Tariff question would now also take a stronger line on disarmament, and urging a more radical policy on the Government.

Report of Disarmament Committee. Reported the resolution and list of speakers for the Albert Hall Meeting. It was agreed to give all the support possible and to take a block of tickets for our members.

(2) National Peace Council. Reported that over one thousand copies of the Crisis letter was sent on September 30th. to members and contributors during the Disarmament Declaration Campaign with a covering letter appealing for funds. Since then over £160. had been received and many orders for extra postcards and letters.

It was considered that a simpler letter or leaflet would be useful for general distribution with the postcards and Mrs. Thoday reported that she had drawn one up.

Reported that the Officers had been asked to consider the pamphlets issued by the National Peace Council. Decided Mrs. Thoday's leaflet should be considered at the same time.

The Disarmament Committee recommended that a grant of £20 should be made to the National Peace Council for the expenses of issuing the "Crisis" letter and postcard. This was agreed to.

(3) Poster Campaign for Armistice Week. Reported Miss Alexander's suggestion for displaying posters outside people's homes. Mrs. Innes reported that the Friends Peace Committee had drafted a poster which could be offered to us at 1d each if we agreed to use them for free distribution for outdoor display. This offer was gratefully accepted and it was decided to take a certain number. Miss Chick was asked to write a letter making this offer known and inviting donations towards the expenses.

(4) Pledge for use during Elections. Reported a suggestion from Miss M. Fry of a Peace and Disarmament Pledge for use at General Elections in all democratic countries, and that the Disarmament Committee had thought it advisable not to act upon it in Britain until nearer the General Election.

#### 998. INDIA COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee recommended the following resolution should be sent to political leaders and the press:-

"The Executive Committee of the British Section of the Women's International League deplures the fact that, when the way seemed open for peace negotiations with Mr. Gandhi after the Government's acceptance of the Poona Agreement, the Government of India abruptly stopped attempts at mediation, thereby demonstrating that it was not prepared to take any part in ending the deadlock that exists; and believing that unless the largest political party in India co-operates in framing it, the successful working of any new Constitution cannot be assured, earnestly entreats the British Government to make a move towards conciliation and seize this opportunity for peace before it is too late."

This resolution was agreed to.

The Committee suggested that a letter on these lines should be sent to the Prime Minister. It was agreed that Miss Pye should write to him on behalf of the Executive Committee and as Chairman of the India Committee.

The Committee further recommended that Miss Rinder should be especially engaged to do one week's work, particularly among the Churches. As £20 had been allotted to the India Committee for special work and as there was a balance available that would cover the expense of this effort, the recommendation was adopted.

A special effort was to be made to get the support of the Women's Liberal Association and it was suggested that Mr.

Lloyd George should be approached through the Welsh Churches.

Reported that Miss Eaton was organising a Petition to the King asking for a general amnesty to all political prisoners in India not accused of violence as a gesture of peace on Armistice Day. It was pointed out that Miss Eaton's action was an individual one and was not taken on behalf of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

It was moved, seconded and agreed that individuals should be free to sign it but no official action should be taken on behalf of the Executive Committee. The India Committee were asked if they could get information as to procedure re presenting Petitions to the King and to consult the Officers before attempting to get signatures.

The Committee also reported that Miss Rathbone had been asked to get a question put in the House on the treatment of political non-violent prisoners.

The Committee asked leave to co-opt Miss Annie Wilkinson and Miss Stopford. This was agreed to.

999. WOMEN'S PEACE CRUSADE. Dr. Clark reported that the Women's Peace Crusade were adopting the N.P.C. postcard and sending it out with a leaflet written by Lady Horsley and a covering letter to their constituent organisations.

1000. FRIENDS OF PEACE AND WORLD DISARMAMENT.

Mrs. Innes reported ~~that~~ the sub-Committee's proposed wording for a card to be used with an explanatory leaflet. These were agreed to and Mrs. Pye proposed that the scheme should include an issue of educational leaflets at regular intervals. It was agreed that a series of four leaflets should be prepared, with the idea of issuing them at intervals to be settled by the Sub-Committee, which was also asked to make further plans for organising the movement. Mrs. Pye consented to be the Hon. Secretary of the Committee.

Reported that a donation of £5 had been given by Miss Isabel Fry for this work. The Executive voted £5 on the understanding that a further grant would be needed after the issue of the first leaflet for which it was hoped special donations might be secured. Miss Baker reported that estimates had been obtained for the issue of the leaflets and cards and that £10 would barely cover the necessary cost of launching the scheme.

1001. INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE. Miss Sheepshanks reported that the International Friendship League had appealed to the W.I.L. to provide a hostel in London and one in the country for August 1933. It was decided to ask for a supply of the International Friendship leaflets, to be sent round to members and Miss Sheepshanks was asked to bring suggestions to the next Executive for the summoning of a meeting to discuss the scheme and to make practical proposals.

1002. OPIUM. Miss Pye reported that the Supervisory body of the League of Nations had refused approval of the budget of 9000 francs necessary for the bringing into force of the Convention on Limitation of Manufacture of Dangerous Drugs, and of 22,000 francs for the extension of the work of ~~the~~ supervision necessitated by it.

This Convention was of peculiar importance as it was the first time that the principle of international control of

production was to be carried into effect. Up to the beginning of the Assembly, few States Members had ratified, but the publicity given to this refusal had resulted in the announcement of 23 out of the 24 ratifications necessary to bringing the Convention into force, either received or promised.

A letter had been sent to all the delegations from the International W.I.L. pointing out the serious effect of refusal of credits for a measure agreed to by the States Members. Several interesting replies supporting this view had been received from the delegations.

The 4th Committee finally replaced the credit though granting 25,000 francs instead of the 31,000 asked for.

1003. CONSTITUTION OF THE W.I.L.P.F. and the relation of the British Section to it.

As decided at the July Meeting of the Executive Committee, a special meeting of the Executive was held on Monday, October 17th. Proposals were put forward by Miss Courtney, and Miss Pye gave a report with particulars of the work which is carried on at the Headquarters' Office, and by the International Secretary.

At the end of the discussion at that meeting Dr. Clark made a proposal which was considered at the ordinary meeting of the Executive on the 18th. Lady Unwin also moved a proposal

After discussing these proposals it was agreed to appoint a Sub-Committee to draw up a proposal to put before the November Committee. The following were appointed: Miss Anderson, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Innes and Miss Sheepshanks.

1004. WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION.

Mrs. Robertson was authorised to support the resolution on the Lytton Report at their meeting on October 26th.

1005. This concluded the business.

*H. D. Courtney*  
*Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1932*



Women's International League.

Statement of Accounts for September 1932.

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenses.</u>	
Balance .....	297.17.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries .....	37. 0. 6.
Subscriptions	2. 6. 6.		Literature & News Sheets..	2. 1. 8.
Donations	17. 0.		Stationery .....	8. 1.
Mrs. Dugdale's			Travelling Expenses	2.12. 2.
Meeting	12. 6.	3.16. 0.	Postage & Telegrams.....	7. 8. 1.
			Rent.....	22. 7. 6.
			State Insurance.....	1. 9. 4.
			Press Cuttings.....	2. 2. 0.
			Photograph Reproduction	
			Fee .....	10. 6.
			Office Expenses.....	3. 4. 1.
			Wages.....	4. 7. 6.
			Geneva "Pax".....	8. 0.
				<u>83.19. 5.</u>
			Balance at	
			Co-operative Permanent	
			Building Soc: 188.16. 8.	
			Midland Bank 24. 4. 9.	
			Cash in hand 4.12. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
				<u>217.14. 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
				<u>£301.13. 6<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Statement of Accounts for October 1 - 14th 1932 inclusive.

<u>Income.</u>			<u>Expenses</u>	
Balance .....	217.14.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	Salaries.....	15. 5. 0.
Subscriptions	9. 5. 6.		Lighting & Heating.....	4.15. 6.
Donations	160.17. 2.		Postage & Wires.....	7. 5. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Literature &			Office Expenses.....	2. 5. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
News Sheet	5. 5. 5.		Wages.....	1.15. 0.
Geneva Subscrip-			State Insurance.....	9. 5.
tions & Pax	3.16. 0.	179. 4. 1.	Stationery.....	4. 0.
				<u>32. 0. 4.</u>
			Balance at	
			Co-operative Permanent	
			Building Soc:188.16. 8.	
			Midland Bank 172.17. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			Cash in hand 3. 3. 9.	
				<u>364.17.10<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
				<u>£396.18. 2<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS.

Geneva Subscriptions & Pax	3. 12. 0.
Watford Printers (News Sheet)	3. 12. 9.
Electric Supply Co.	14. 2.
Guest & Co. (Stationery)	1. 6.10.
Hodgson & Son (Printing)	4. 14. 6.
	<u>£14. 0. 3.</u>
<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>£350. 17. 7<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, November 8th, 1932 from 11 - 1 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. at Mrs. Binyon's House, British Museum, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Miss Courtney in the Chair, Miss Anderson, Miss Baker, Mrs. Binyon (visitor), Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Chick, Dr. Clark, Miss Creyke, Miss Dickinson, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Pye, Miss Rinder, Miss Robertson, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Miss Sheepshanks, Mrs. Thoday, Lady Unwin, Dr. Williams (visitor), Mrs. White.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE was received from Miss Edith Pye.

MINUTES of meeting held on October 18th were confirmed, having been previously circulated.

1005. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 1000. Friends of Peace and Disarmament. Mrs. Pye reported her plans for securing local Secretaries and publishing the first leaflet in January and beginning then to enrol members. But Miss Isabel Fry had opportunities of taking meetings now and interesting people, and it was agreed that it was important not to lose this opportunity. It was, therefore, decided that 100 copies of the card should be duplicated on paper and that the introductory leaflet should be similarly duplicated and all this material sent to Miss Fry at once, with the explanation that this was preliminary and provisional material and that the cards could be exchanged for printed ones in January.

A letter was read from Mrs. Larsen Jahn, President of the Norwegian Section welcoming the formation of the Friends of Peace and Disarmament, and asking to be kept informed.

Minutes 996 & 997. An acknowledgment was read from Sir Herbert Samuel of the letter sent to him on the 1st November, and a letter from Miss Dingman, thanking the Committee for the contribution voted to the Disarmament Committee.

Minute 1001. International Friendship League. A letter was read from Mr. Ede consenting to speak at a meeting when arranged. It was agreed that the Officers should consult as to the best time for this meeting, probably after the Youth Meeting.

1006. FINANCE. The attached statement of accounts was passed. It was agreed to give Frances Humberstone an increase in salary of 5/- per week.

1007. INDIA. The question of the expense for the special work in connection with the India Committee was considered. It was pointed out that £20 had been voted in July and that in addition a donation of £2.10.0d had been received from Mr. Pethick Lawrence for work on India. This sum was now exhausted, leaving a deficit of £1. 11. 8d. Miss Harrison and Mrs. Lankester expressed their strong appreciation of the invaluable work done by Miss Rinder, whose organising work, originally intended to last for one week, had been extended to three weeks, terminating on November 12th. The Secretarial help had been provided for her by Mr. & Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Miss Royden. The India Committee were of opinion that it would be of very great value if Miss Rinder's work could be extended for another two weeks. This was agreed to and it was reported that Mrs. Robertson and Lady Unwin were defraying the cost of secretarial help. The India Committee agreed to ask the India Conciliation Group if it would be willing to bear the cost of literature used by Miss Rinder. Letters of thanks and appreciation were to be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Dr.

Royden.

Report of India Committee work. Mrs. Lankester reported that the work done by Miss Rinder among the Churches promised to lead to the arrangement of a special "India" Sunday. It was practically agreed to by the leaders of the Free Churches and an official answer was being awaited from the Archbishop. In any case the Archbishop has circulated an article in his Diocesan paper and is issuing an appeal for special prayer for India. Certain Church of England Clergy in any case will hold an "India" Sunday. The Scotch Church were willing to take action. Mrs. Thoday urged that steps should be taken to interest the Welsh Churches. It was also suggested that Father Bede Jarrett of the Roman Catholic Church might be approached.

A letter from the Women's India Association was read saying that they were arranging a meeting at the Essex Hall on 9th December to protest against the intended arrangements for women's suffrage in India, which are contrary to the views of organised Indian women. It was agreed that the W.I.L. should not send delegates but members should attend as individuals.

The India Committee asked that a special meeting of the Executive should be held to deal with India and to hear Mr. Jossi.

Mrs. Lankester reported that the India Committee had sent the following cable to The Viceroy, Delhi:-

"Women's International League urges appointment woman representative to Round Table Conference."

Letters had been sent to other women's organisations telling them of this cable and expressing the hope that they would do the same. A woman has since been appointed.

1008. DISARMAMENT. Miss Chick reported that nearly 4000 posters had been issued for display during Armistice Week and that the total cost, including postage and the salary of Miss Palmer was £31. 14. 0. Twenty eight pounds had been received in special donations leaving a deficit of £4. In addition, requests for a further 200 posters had been received but the stock was now exhausted and there was no time to reprint.

It was decided to ask the L.N.U. immediately if they could supply 200 and Mrs. David Pye kindly undertook to go to their Offices at once. On her return she brought samples, from which a suitable one was selected and reported that the L.N.U. would give them free of charge.

Miss Chick reported that about 17,000 National Peace Council postcards had been despatched to date.

It was reported that 800 Henderson Picture Postcards had been sold and paid for; 300 had been ordered, but not yet paid for, and a further 300 ordered on sale or return.

It was agreed that all these activities showed a very great movement of public opinion on the disarmament question and that it would be useful to try to get paragraphs or letters in the press reporting on this, especially in view of the debate in the House, and to send it to the Women's Disarmament Committee and to Press correspondents abroad.

It was agreed to get copies of the Oxford Appeal, which has been published as a leaflet and which would be useful for meetings.

Miss Dickinson reported that the London Mayors were refusing to sign disarmament petitions.

It was reported that Edinburgh Women's Peace Crusade had drafted a letter with two questions to M.Ps.

The Boot & Shoe Manufacturers' Federation had passed a resolution on the subject and it was suggested that this might be put into the News Sheet. The suggestion was made that the Boot & Shoe Manufacturers' Federation might be urged to approach other Employers' Federations.

Miss Chick reported on the number of leaflets ordered from the National Peace Council and the Friends' Peace Committee. She also reported that the Office had sold 60 tickets for the Albert Hall Meeting on November 15th.

Youth Meeting. A letter was read from Miss Henderson suggesting the same speakers and the same place as last year. It was agreed that it would be very interesting to have different speakers and to have a different type of meeting. It was agreed to try for speakers representing various British Dominions. It was agreed to hold the meeting on or about February 1st and to refer details of organisation back to the Disarmament Committee, who would consult with Miss Henderson.

Discussion took place on the French Disarmament Scheme. Miss Courtney said that in her opinion until the details were published it was impossible to form definite conclusions or to pronounce judgment on the scheme. All we can do in connection with the present moment is to reiterate our policy on:-

- (1) equality of status;
- (2) no re-arming;
- (3) abolition of aggressive weapons.

#### 1009. REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARY.

Lytton Report. It was agreed that the policy of the W.I.L. was to support the findings of the Lytton Report and to hope that the Report will be accepted. Further to urge that the policy contained in the resolution of March 11th be carried out. Mrs. Innes promised to let us have copies of a summary she has made of the report for Executive members and Branch Secretaries.

In view of the debate in the House on November 10th the Executive members undertook to write to their Members of Parliament to urge them to support our disarmament policy. Miss Courtney said she had been consulting with the L.N.U. and the N.P.C. as to the briefing of M.Ps. It was reported that Miss Peggy Smith had organised a Poster Parade.

Minorities. Dr. Clark said that in view of the fact that the League of Nations Union Minorities Committee was active on this question and that we had two members on it, she did not think it necessary for the W.I.L. to have a special Minorities Committee, as she had previously suggested. It was agreed that decisions on minority questions should be taken by the whole Executive.

Miss Sheepshanks reported a Petition to the League of Nations concerning the Ukrainian Minority in Poland.

W.I.L.P.F. Dr. Clark reported letters from Geneva Headquarters.

1010. CORRESPONDENCE.

Navy League circular. Miss Baker reported she had received a copy of this.

National Peace Council. Reported (1) that Professor Arnold Toynbee was opening a discussion on the new French Disarmament proposals at the Y.W.C.A. in Great Russell Street on November 17th at 5.15 p.m. Members of affiliated societies were invited to be present.

(2) Reported a two session Conference on the International Economic Situation was being held on Friday, December 9th at the Livingstone Hall. Times 3.30 and 6 p.m. respectively.

(3) Moral Welfare Committee of the National Council of Women. Reported that by mistake the Secretary had been sending notices of meetings to Dr. Ethel Williams instead of to our representative, Dr. Franklin. The mistake had been rectified.

(4) Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations. Reported a letter asking us to approach the Government with a view to urging the appointment of women to the British delegation to the World Economic Conference. Agreed to do this.

1011. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Miss Joan Creyke was appointed to serve on the Publicity Committee.

This concluded the business.

*H. P. James  
Dec: 13/32.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Statement of Accounts for October 1932.

Income		Expenditure.	
Balance .....	217.14. 1½	Salaries .....	35.10. 0.
Subscriptions   13. 4. 6.		Office Expenses.....	4. 9. 3½
Donations       204. 4. 5.		Lighting & Heating.....	6. 2. 5.
News Sheets     1. 9. 3.		Grants .....	25. 0. 0.
Literature       15. 8. 2.		Stationery .....	7. 7. 6.
Affiliation Fee   1.12. 0.		Printing .....	2.12. 0.
Miss Hinder's		Telephone .....	5. 4. 5.
Meeting <u>1. 3. 4.</u>		Travelling Expenses.....	2.13.10.
	237. 1. 8.	Geneva "Pax".....	1.19. 7.
		State Insurance.....	15. 5½
		Postage.....	23. 3. 3.
		Wages.....	3.10. 0.
		<u>118. 7. 9.</u>	
		Balance at	
		Co-operative Permanent	
		Bldg. Soc.       188.16. 8.	
		Midland Bank    141. 1. 0.	
		Cash in hand <u>6.10. 4½</u>	
		<u>336. 8. 0½</u>	
	<u>£454.15. 9½</u>	<u>£454.15. 9½</u>	

Approximate Statement of Accounts for  
November 1 - 5th. 1932.

Balance.....	336. 8. 0½	Expenses.....	19.17. 6.
Income.....	16. 2.6.	Balance.....	332.13. 0½
	<u>£352.10.6½</u>		<u>£352.10. 6½</u>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Minutes of Special Meeting of the Executive Committee held on Wednesday, November 30th. 1932 from 4 - 6 p.m. at 16 Russell Square, W.C. 1.

*Mrs. Collett Fisher*  
PRESENT Miss Pye in the chair, Miss Mosa Anderson, Miss Baker, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson, Miss Harrison, Mrs. Lankester, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Rinder, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Lady Unwin, Miss E. F. Jones, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Greenwood (Tunbridge Wells) Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Marris, Mrs. Walker, (Golders Green). Others were present who omitted to sign the book.

Apologies for Absence were received from Miss Courtney, Dr. Hilda Clark, Miss Creyke, Mrs. Crosfield and Miss Thompson (Croydon Branch) Miss Pickworth (Brighton Branch), Mrs. Mennell Miss Trotter, *+ Mrs. James*.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson gave a stirring account of her experiences while in India, at the end of which she made several constructive proposals for work:-

- (1) To continue our work for the release of Gandhi and important political leaders.
- (2) To urge simultaneously the withdrawal of the Civil Disobedience Campaign and the Ordinances. *(See Minutes of Dec: 1932)*
- (3) To press for a different attitude towards Indians in their own country than at present exists.
- (4) To help to protest against the brutalities that are being committed.

Report of India Sub-Committee. It was reported that

- (1) Miss Pye had resigned the Chairmanship and that Mrs. Mr. Gregor Ross had been appointed.
- (2) The Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions had decided to continue in being if a Secretary could be found to do the work.
- (3) a private meeting for Mr. Joshi was arranged for December 12th. at 5.30 p.m. at 16 Russell Square, W.C. 1.

Miss Rinder and Mrs. White suggested that further publicity on Indian affairs might be obtained in the press and

elsewhere. Decided to ask Mrs. Ross to write from the India Sub-Committee to Dr. Royden to enquire if she was seeing Miss Wilkinson with the hope that she would bring the matter before the meeting of the L.N.U. at the Central Hall on December 7th. Decided also that Mrs. Ross should ask Miss Wilkinson if she would see Dr. Royden.

Miss Rinder was asked to draft a scheme for starting a campaign for India.

This concluded the business.

*R. S. Innes,*

*Dec: 13/22.*



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 13th, 1932 at Mrs. Binyon's House, British Museum, W.C. 1.

PRESENT: Mrs. Innes in the Chair, Miss Chick, Miss Dickinson, Miss Baker, Mrs. Lankester, Miss Creyke, Lady Unwin, Miss Pye, Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Corbett Fisher, Mrs. Kingsley Martin, Mrs. McGregor Ross, Mrs. Mennell, Mrs. Marsh, Miss Anderson, Miss Robertson, Miss Sheepshanks.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Miss Courtney, Dr. Clark, Mrs. Vipont Brown, Miss Agatha Harrison, Miss Rinder, Miss Trotter, Mrs. White, Mrs. Thoday,

MINUTES of meeting on November 8th were confirmed, having previously been circulated.

1012. BUSINESS ARISING.

Minute 1005. Friends of Peace and Disarmament Movement. Mrs. David Pye reported that about 300 circular letters had been sent to Members, replies to which had been received as follows:-

21 acceptances, 6 acceptances pending further information, 10 refusals but members asking others, 47 refusals.

Mrs. Thoday had asked if the card and leaflet could be printed in Welsh. This was agreed to, but it was decided to ask her for estimates and numbers required before placing orders. It was agreed to suggest to her that any contributions she received towards the Movement should go towards the expenses of printing.

It was decided that the word "specimen" must be written on all cards sent out for propaganda use.

Mrs. Pye said that people were becoming W.I.L. members as a result of this new Movement.

1013. FINANCE. Miss Chick presented the attached statement of accounts, which was passed. She drew attention to a special donation of £10 which Dr. Clark had made towards disarmament work in North Wales.

It was reported that the cost of Posters used in the recent Poster Campaign came to £9, whereas £16 had been estimated. The result was that we were about £2 in hand on this special work.

Miss Chick reported that the Kensington Branch had disbanded. Deep regret was expressed by the Committee. Miss Sheepshanks had written to the Secretary. On the suggestion of Miss Dickinson it was agreed to write to the Misses Alexander of Aubrey House, Kensington, in the new year, expressing the Committee's gratitude for all the help they had given the W.I.L. in the past and asking them if they would allow us to have a Garden Party at their house during 1933.

1014. ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS. Decided these should be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 6th and 7th. With regard to place of meeting instructions were given for inquiries to be made at the Y.W.C.A. and the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Binyon invited the Branch Secretaries to meet at her house for their meeting on March 7th, and it was decided to have some sort of social gathering on 6th March in the evening.

1015. INDIA. The Minutes of the Special Executive on the 30th November were read and signed. There was some discussion on Miss Wilkinson's point as to the withdrawal of Ordinances. Miss Wilkinson, it was felt, recognised that they were being to some extent incorporated into the legislature and that withdrawal in its full sense was no longer possible; and it was decided to add this as a comment on the record in the Minutes of December 13th.

INDIA CONTINUED.

Business arising on Minutes. Reported a new Hon. Secretary for the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions had not yet been found. The work for the Reception to Begum Shah Nawaz on December 19th is being done by the W.I.L.

Mrs. McGregor Ross reported (1) that Dr. Royden said she hoped to be able to refer to the subjects of India at the L.N.U. Meeting on December 7th; (2) that Miss Ellen Wilkinson had said she thought it would be better for Dr. Royden to see one of the other members on the Commission to India, possibly Monica Whateley. As, however, Miss Royden was travelling a good deal it was doubtful if she would be able to get into touch with any of them before the meeting.

The scheme for starting a campaign for India in the form of a Petition or Memorial had not yet materialised. Miss Rinder was considering the matter.

Action on Miss Wilkinson's report was referred to the India Sub-Committee.

Mr. Joshi's meeting. Mrs. Lankester reported this had been a useful and interesting meeting. Miss Rathbone had been present and taken part in the discussions.

Mrs. Lankester also reported on an emergency meeting of the India Sub-Committee prior to Mr. Joshi's meeting. Mrs. Cousins, Secretary of Women's Indian Association and member of W.I.L. had been sentenced to imprisonment for one year for refusing to promise to be of good behaviour. Decided to write to India Office for full particulars, pointing out that Mrs. Cousins is a member of the W.I.L. and an elderly lady.

The India Sub-Committee was authorised by Executive to take any necessary action re Mrs. Cousins before the next meeting of the Executive.

The Sub-Committee recommended that the following week-end cable should be sent to the All India Women's Conference in Lucknow, meeting on 22nd December:-

"British Section W.I.L. wishes All India Women's Conference every success deeply interested in your wide programme congratulate you on stand for unity and work for removal of untouchability."

Instructions were given for copies of this cable to be sent to the International India Committee, Geneva, and to the W.I.L.P.F. Geneva.

Reported that at the meeting of the Women's Advisory Council on Indian Questions the W.I.L. had been asked to allow its name to be included in a letter which Lady Layton was sending on behalf of the Council to Sir Samuel Hoare, urging the appointment of women to the Joint Select Committee, in particular Miss Rathbone. The India Committee recommended that Miss Mary Pickford's name should be mentioned as well. Lady Layton agreed to this.

Memorandum on Women's Franchise and the Lothian recommendations. Mrs. Lankester reported that Miss Rathbone had prepared this memorandum for submission to the British delegates to the R.T.C. The India Committee had considered it and had felt that W.I.L. might agree to sign it, subject to several alterations. After discussion it was decided that it would be better for the W.I.L. to prepare a separate memorandum which, while supporting the contention that the women's electorate should not be whittled down to less than the six million recommended in the Lothian Report, yet pressed the claims of the Women's Organisations in India to have a voice in the decisions, as regards the special qualification which should make that number possible.

Mrs. McGregor Ross reported on Miss Rinder's work and expressed appreciation of all she had done. She had created interest in India with some of the Church leaders and had started the movement for a "Special Prayer for India" in the Churches.

1016. REPORT OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE. Miss Baker reported a paragraph Miss Courtney had written to advertise the Henderson Disarmament Declaration Postcard, which she had been able to use fairly widely. Decided to put it into the January News Sheet. Mrs. Innes suggested that after a given date the cards might be sold for 1d.

Miss Baker also reported that she had been asked to do press work for India and she wished to know if that was to continue. Agreed that the India Sub-Committee should be responsible for supplying Miss Baker with material for press work.

1017. YOUTH MEETING. Miss Baker reported on arrangements made for this meeting. She would be glad of suggestions for speakers. It was decided to try to get a good woman speaker. Mrs. Innes mentioned as a possibility Miss Hersey at the London School of Economics and suggested the London Regional Federation should be asked for the names of two good young women speakers in the Youth Movement. She could recommend them.

The Executive are to be invited, on next Agenda to bring suggestions of names of young people for the platform to the next Committee.

Reported that the Federation of Progressive Societies and Individuals had been proposing to arrange a Disarmament meeting before Christmas, but in view of the W.I.L. Youth meeting they suggested supporting the latter if the points in their resolution were included. Miss Sheepshanks's reply to the letter was reported and approved.

1018. DISARMAMENT. Reported that the following telegram had been sent to Mr. Henderson and the Prime Minister. Copy had also been sent to Miss Courtney at Geneva:-

"Women's International League reminds you of two million British signatories to Disarmament Declaration and protests against threatened breakup of Disarmament Conference without securing drastic disarmament."

Miss Courtney had written expressing approval of this action.

Correspondence from Miss Courtney and Dr. Clark was read and considered. At the conclusion Mrs. Innes emphasised the importance of continuing to press on the Conference the necessity for achieving drastic reductions and to go on pressing for publicity.

National Peace Council Resolution. In reporting a new resolution of the N.P.C. Miss Sheepshanks explained that this had been drawn up simply as an expression of opinion on the British plan. It now needed making more general. After discussion as to its possible use, it was agreed that the Officers be authorised to furnish further resolutions as required before the next Executive Committee.

National Peace Council Postcard. Decided to make the attached postcard known where possible and to send it to Branches when we are next writing to them.

Germany's return to the Disarmament Conference. Decided that a letter of congratulation should be sent to the Prime Minister for the success in obtaining Germany's return to the Conference. Miss Courtney was to be informed of this decision immediately.

February 6th Anniversary Celebrations. Reported a suggestion made by Mrs. Corbett Ashby that February 6th should be used as a commemoration day for the presentation

of the Disarmament Declaration Signatures to the Disarmament Conference. Decided to ask Joint Disarmament Committees, etc., after Christmas, to organise meetings on this day.

Reported a letter from Madame Drevet passing on a suggestion from Gertrud Baer that all W.I.L.P.F. Sections should organise an immediate campaign against all forms of militarisation, whether through national militias, or through the formation of an international force.

Miss Sheepshanks reported the National Peace Council meeting for Franz Rona, who urged the Peace Movement in this country to oppose the suggestion to re-introduce conscription.

Decided to reply to Madame Drevet that we stand definitely against conscription and that we do all we can to make this known at meetings.

Decided that one session at the Council Meetings should be devoted to the study of an International Force.

#### 1019. REPORT OF DISARMAMENT COMMITTEE.

Miss Chick reported on the last meeting of this Committee.

#### 1020. LEAFLETS.

Miss Sheepshanks reported the publication of an illustrated leaflet by the German Section, the cost of which to us would be at least 4d. each. Decided to inform the Geneva Headquarters that we much appreciate the attractive leaflet but just at the moment we cannot contemplate buying copies on account of the cost.

Reported Lady Horsley had drafted a leaflet on Traffic in Arms in response to a request from the Disarmament Committee. Miss Anderson undertook to study it and take it to the Disarmament Committee.

#### 1021. MANCHURIA.

Correspondence on this subject from Miss Courtney was read, also a telegram from her and Dr. Clark strongly advising against framing a resolution on Manchuria in the present circumstances. Miss Pye said she had carefully studied all the documents on Manchuria from Geneva and she had come prepared to suggest sending a resolution to Sir John Simon, a copy of which she had sent to Miss Courtney. In view of the cable, however, she would not put the resolution forward but would like it recorded in the Minutes that she would have liked a resolution urging non-recognition of Manchuria to be sent to Sir John Simon.

After discussion the following was adopted to be used as a basis for a resolution when needed, in consultation with the Officers:-

"The Executive Committee of the W.I.L. urges the Government in dealing with the Far East situation to uphold the principles of the Covenant and the Kellogg Pact, to refuse to recognise results achieved by force, or contrary to agreements, and to support and apply all the findings of the Lytton Report."

It was agreed that this should be sent immediately to Miss Courtney for her consideration, and that the feeling of the Committee in favour of a resolution as soon as possible should be conveyed to her.

1012. CORRESPONDENCE.

Association for the Peace Ballot of Gt. Britain.  
Particulars of a Peace Ballot in Liverpool were received through Mrs. Vipont Brown. Of the papers signed 39% were in favour of Total Unconditional Disarmament by Great Britain. No action was taken on this but much interest was expressed in the scheme.

Women's Advisory Council, L.N.U. Reported that their Annual Meeting would be held on February 1st and resolutions for the Agenda must be sent in by the end of December. Decided that a resolution be sent on the Traffic in Arms, urging suppression of private manufacture and the abolition of the traffic in arms, and that, if urgency is allowed, we may send in an urgency resolution on Manchuria.

Miss Thompson of Croydon, protesting against our criticism of Sir John Simon, and raising other points in connection with the work of the W.I.L. Mrs. Lankester and Mrs. Mennell were asked to have a talk with Miss Thompson.

in North Wales

A report of activities/was received from Mrs Thoday, and suggestions made by her by letter as follows:- (1) that meetings with a German speaker (speaking English) should be arranged, similar to those meetings arranged for Jean Train last year. Decided to ask Woodbrooke Settlement if they could suggest a good speaker; (2) that Branches should be recommended to hold meetings on "Sanctions" - financial, economic and compulsory; (3) that it should be suggested to Branches to get resolutions on the following lines sent to local Councils:-

- (1) "This Council believes that a failure of the Disarmament Conference would inevitably be followed by a new race in armaments which would make impossible the reduction of taxation so urgently required by trade and commerce;
- (2) That the perils of the nation from another era of competition in armaments are far in excess of anything to be feared from an international disarmament policy.
- (3) The Council therefore urges the Government to take every possible further steps to secure disarmament by International Agreement."

Such action had met with great success in North Wales. The Board of Directors of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce had passed the above resolution. Decided to embody the last two suggestions in a Branch letter after Christmas, and to send a letter of appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Thoday, telling her that her suggestions are being passed on to the Branches, and informing her that the Annual Council Meeting will have on its Agenda for one session the discussion of an International Force to the need for which she had drawn attention.

St. John's Ambulance and Red Cross Society. Reported that the St. John's Ambulance and the Red Cross V.A.D. are giving training in protection against air attacks. Miss Chick consented to draft a letter of protest. Decided that Geneva W.I.L.P.F. should be informed of this training.

Reported that Mr. William Martin of the "Journal de Geneva" had resigned. Decided to ask Miss Courtney to express to him in writing our appreciation of all his work in Geneva.

This concluded the business.

*K.E. James.  
Jan: 10/33.*

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Statement of Accounts for November 1932.

RECEIPTS

Balance		336. 8. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Subscriptions	11. 6. 6.	
Donations	45. 2. 0.	
Affiliation		
Fees	3. 6. 3.	
Literature &		
News Sheets	8.15. 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Rent from		
W.A.C.I.Q.	1. 3. 0.	
Greek & French		
Histories	<u>9. 8.</u>	
		70. 2. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

£406.10. 6.

EXPENSES

Salaries	53.10. 0.
Printing	2.19. 6.
Miss Hinder's Meeting	
October 27th.	1. 1. 0.
Grant to North Wales	
Peace Council	10. 0. 0.
Wages	3.10. 0.
Organiser's Expenses	3.16.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Travelling Expenses	2.13. 0.
Postage & Telegrams	7. 6. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
State Insurance	1. 2. 8.
Stationery	3. 7. 2.
Office Expenses	5. 6. 7.
Pax.	1.19. 7.
	<u>96.13. 2.</u>

Balance at	
Co-operative Bldg.	
Society	188.16. 8.
Midland Bank	119. 6.11.
Cash in hand	<u>1.13. 9.</u>
	<u>309.17. 4.</u>
	<u>£406.10. 6.</u>

Approximate Statement of Accounts for  
December 1st. - 9th. inclusive.

Balance	309.17. 4.	Expenses	39. 2. 1.
Receipts	<u>11. 4. 8.</u>	Balance	<u>281.19.11.</u>
	<u>£321. 2. 0.</u>		<u>£321. 2. 0.</u>