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The Editor of *International Language* is attacking the Schools, and needs the assistance of every B.E.A. member in the fight. It is useless for Headquarters to plan a campaign unless members do their share. An urgent and insistent appeal is made to you to help in this particular work.

The November number of "I.L." just published is specially designed to get Esperanto into the schools, and contains a variety of convincing matter.

If the thousands of extra copies printed are not circulated, the paper might better have been left blank. Will you help by sending copies to all your teacher friends? If you are a parent send a copy to your child's head teacher, asking for the introduction of Esperanto into his school. Send similarly to the Chairman and members of the local Education Committee. See that other parents in your locality get copies of the magazine from you, and induce them also to "write up about it."

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This Official Organ is sent each month to Members and Fellows.

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**ANOTHER NEW LINE.**

Here is another means of publicity combined with utility and ornament. The B.E.A. has for sale an artistic, neat wall-calendar for 1925, advertising *International Language*. It is on good cardboard, slightly larger than this page, with a tear-off calendar, a page to a month. The calendars are priced at 3d. each post free.

Don't send for one—send for a dozen at least, and ask your friends in shops and offices to put them up where they will be seen. Every Esperantist home should have one—your own included.

**MONTH BY MONTH.**

A meeting of the Council was held in Sheffield on Saturday, 11th October, 1924.


Finance. The Hon. Treasurer reported that a call of half the Guarantee Fund for 1924 was being made. The President was requested to convey the heartiest thanks of the Council to Mrs. Mudie for the gift of £100 to the Capital Fund in memory of her son, the late Capt. H. B. Mudie.

Periodical Publications during 1925. With regard to *The British Esperantist*, the feeling was generally expressed that in its present form and style it adequately fulfilled the requirements of an official organ. The Secretary was reappointed Editor for the ensuing year. As to *Literaturo*, it was not certain at the moment whether the present Editorial staff would be able to function for 1925, and it was agreed that the question of appointment should be left over until the next meeting.

Mr. Edmonds gave an estimate of the result of the first year's working of *International Language*, and
explained that it was not possible at the moment to give very definite figures, but that he hoped to deal more fully with the matter at the next Council meeting.

**Death of Mr. Wackrill.** A vote of sympathy and condolence was unanimously passed on the death of Mr. A. E. Wackrill.

**New Fellow.** Mr. W. B. Sturgeon, of Farnham, was elected a Fellow of the Association by ballot.

**B.E.A. Dinner.** The Executive Committee was requested to arrange a Dinner for early in 1925 if possible.

**Auditors.** Messrs. H. S. Baker & Co., appointed at the Annual Meeting, having resigned, Messrs. Fitzpatrick Graham & Co. were appointed Auditors for the year ending 31st December 1924.

**Co-operation with the U.E.A.** The proposed form of Contract in its final form had been circulated with the Agenda, and on the motion of Mr. Long, seconded by Miss C. O. Taylor, it was unanimously decided that the Council give authority to the President, Hon. Secretary and Secretary to sign the Contract with the U.E.A., on behalf of the Association.

**Konstanta Reprezentantaro.** On report of the meetings at Vienna it was decided to support by vote the election of Mr. Rollet de l'Isle to the Centra Komitato, in place of Mr. Chavet, resigned.

**Universal Congress in 1926.** The President reported on discussions that took place in Vienna as to the possibility of holding the Universal Congress in 1926 in this country. Three suggestions were made in Vienna, viz., Edinburgh, Oxford and London, the idea with regard to the latter being a combination of the two places, or if this were found impossible, a congress in London. An informal expression of opinion made it clear that Esperantists abroad had no preference for any particular place. As no invitation had come forward for 1925, a hope was expressed that it would be possible to organise a Congress in that year, but Mr. Edmonds, speaking for London, said that the time for making arrangements would be insufficient. The opinion of Mr. Page was obtained by telegraph as regards Edinburgh, and the same conclusions notified. Mr. Merchant thereupon put forward an invitation for the Congress to be held in this country in 1926.

The Council was now asked to minute formal confirmation of the President's action and to decide the town.

Letters were read from Miss Baird and Messrs. Blaise, Robertson, and Wood, giving approval of the project. A letter was then read from Mr. Warden advising the Council that the Edinburgh Society had decided to forward an invitation to the Centra Komitato for the Congress to be held in Edinburgh, which decision had received the approval and support of the Scottish Federation. The Edinburgh Society asked the Council of the B.E.A. to give its approval also, and enclosed a draft of a letter of invitation proposed to be sent to the Centra Komitato.

A letter was read from the Hon. Secretary of the London Club offering to organise a Congress on behalf of the B.E.A. and to co-operate with the B.E.A. in its organisation.

A letter was then read from Mr. Page, in which he informed the Council that it was the correct procedure for an invitation for a universal Congress to be made by a local group, and hoped that the Council would approve the invitation to be sent by the Edinburgh Society.

A discussion took place with reference to Mr. Page's statement of opinion as to correct procedure, the view being expressed that the B.E.A. could not organise a congress in any one town, and that it could not be responsible financially for a congress. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that according to the Memorandum of Association it was one of the objects of the Association to organise congresses and receive foreign and colonial delegates, and that as regards financial responsibility the Association would of course make proper arrangements with regard to guarantees when undertaking the organisation of a congress.

Mr. Long enquired whether the Council was bound to accept Mr. Page's opinion on the matter, and pointed out that if it so did it could not confirm the action of the President at Vienna, and enquired what really took place at Vienna. Mr. Merchant explained that he could not say whether at Vienna he invited the Congress to this country on behalf of the Brita Esperantistaro or on behalf of the B.E.A., but Mr. Edmonds said his recollection was that in view of the three proposals as to the locality of the Congress it was agreed that Mr. Merchant should make the invitation on behalf of the B.E.A., leaving the Council to decide the place. Mr. Edmonds pointed out, however, that the Edinburgh invitation was not an offer to the Council to organise the Congress in the name and on behalf of the B.E.A., and if the Council confirmed the President's action it could not regard the invitation of the Edinburgh Society. Although he did not accept Mr. Page's ruling, there being nothing in the statutes of the movement on which it could be based, and it being contrary to precedent, he suggested that the Council should accept Mr. Page's views in order to put the invitations from Edinburgh and London on a par.

Mr. Edmonds moved and Mr. Shelton seconded:

"That the Council accept the ruling of Mr. Page, Jura Ministro de la Centra Komitato, that it is the correct procedure for an invitation for a universal congress to be sent in the name of a local group, and notes with pleasure that both the Edinburgh Society and the London Club are willing to organise the 1926 Congress, and expresses its willingness to co-operate with the Congress Committee eventually set up in the city selected by the Centra Komitato."

This resolution was passed unanimously as being held to cover the action of the President at Vienna, and was so accepted by him.

Mr. Applebaum said that he would like to know if the Hon. Secretary had any objection to Edinburgh being chosen as the place for the Congress.

Mr. Edmonds said that from a personal point of view he had a great liking for Edinburgh, and thought it a most suitable city for a congress, and he was quite sure that the members of the Edinburgh Society were fully qualified and capable of organising a most successful gathering. For one reason in particular he would prefer the 1926 Congress to be held in Edinburgh rather than in London. The Association's office lease expired at the end of 1925, and it would then be necessary to find a considerably larger sum for payment of rent. This could only be done if the Association decided to launch out on some new enterprise of an income-giving nature, and London Esperantists ought to be working for this rather than for a universal congress.

On the other hand Mr. Warden, whose signature was attached to the correspondence from the Edinburgh Society, had been a consistent opponent of the new organisation of the B.E.A., and after the Congress at Vienna it was clear that this organisation was acceptable to almost the whole Esperantistaro. It was above all things desirable that the movement should now cease discussing questions of organisation and settle down to real work for the future of the Esperanto cause. There had been no time since Vienna for Mr. Warden to show that he was now willing to accept the desire of the movement and that he would not further oppose the organisation in being.

The Council could therefore understand the reluctance of some of those responsible for the working of that organisation to see another congress in Edinburgh, and it might conceivably be used to drag in once more questions of organisation with a view to overthrowing the existing one. With this in mind the Hon. Secretary felt obliged, with great regret, to oppose the invitation..."
from Edinburgh.
Mr. Merchant very strongly dissented from this view, and assured the Council that Mr. Edmonds' fears were groundless, and he explained that he had had and that he did wholeheartedly accept Mr. Warden's assurance that he would in future co-operate in every way along the lines of the new organisation.

After further discussion Mr. Merchant read a proposed text of a resolution, which was moved Mr. Rhodes Marriott and seconded by Mr. Fitton, and read as follows:

"The Council of the British Esperanto Association heartily supports the proposal of its Group, the Edinburgh Esperanto Society, that the Universal Congress of Esperanto occur in 1926 in Edinburgh, and will willingly co-operate in making a success of that Congress."

This resolution was carried with one dissentient, several members of the Council abstaining from recording their votes.

Thereupon the Hon. Secretary asked permission to make a personal statement, and this being granted, said that in view of the opinions he held and had expressed, he felt that as he was at variance with the Council on such an important matter and could not conscientiously co-operate in the policy of the Council and eventually with the Edinburgh Congress Committee, he must ask the Council to relieve him of office at the earliest possible moment. If the Congress were held in Edinburgh, the Officers of the B.E.A. would necessarily have to be in more or less constant contact and close collaboration with the Edinburgh Congress Committee, and it would be only fair to the Edinburgh Congress Committee that such collaboration should be entirely sympathetic and as effective as possible.

In the face of urgent representations and unqualified expressions of sincere regret, the Hon. Secretary announced that he must positively adhere to his decision, which had only been reached after several weeks of most careful and anxious thought.

The President thereupon expressed his deepest regret at the position that had arisen, and suggested to the Council that the matter must be left at that point until the next Council meeting, when it would be necessary to discuss future arrangements.

GROUP-LIST.

Please note the following changes (notified since the list insetted in this issue was printed).

Belfast.—F. R. Nolan, 622 Donegall Road.—109 Upper Donegall St., Thurs., 7.45.
Bexhill.—Meetings 1st and 3rd Fri.
Birmingham.—Miss Derry, 2 Mayfield Road, Accocks Green.
Blackpool.—C. L. Firth, 27 Orchard Avenue, S.S.—Beehive Café, Victoria St., Tues., 7.30.
Bolton, Chorley, Pymble.—Delete.
Bournemouth.—2nd Tuesday.
Brighton and Hove.—Meetings at Royal Pavilion, Tues., 7.15—9.30.
Grimsby.—A. Batty, 122 Castle St., Cleethorpes.
Halifax.—Thursday, 7.30—9.30.
Luton.—W. A. Gething, 25 Durbar Road.—Church Street Adult School, Thurs., 8—9.30.
Portsmouth.—E. Long, 117 Leesland Rd., Gosport.
St. Helens.—A. Barton, 135 Stanhope St.—BROADWAY Café, Church Street, Mon., 7.45.
Stoke-on-Trent.—Meetings in Church Institute, Church St., Thurs., 7.30—9.30.
Welwyn Garden City.—Sec., 34 Guessens Road.

*Whitchurch.—Miss Furber, Sedge Ford.—Working Men's Hall, Thurs., 6—8.
*Denotes new Group.

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Barnsley.—S-ro D. P. Jones instruas kurson sabat-vespere ĉe 15 Speechfield Street.
Bexhill-on-Sea.—Ni memorigas pri la konkursoj pri Esperanta kantado, deklamado, parolado, tradukado, kaj verkado, okazontaj ĉe Sydenham House Café, 13 Decembro, 2.45—8.30. Oni petas, ke ĉiuj, kiuj povas, ĉeestu, aŭ almenaŭ konkursu. Skribu por detalaj el Pino E. Taylor, 38 Wickham Avenue, sen prokrasto.

Doncaster. Nova kurso starigas 9 Okt. ĉe Central Y. M. C. A.

Edinburgh. La elementa kurso sub S-ro Rae havas 22 lernantojn, supera sub S-ro J. M. Warden 15 lernantojn, kaj la skola sub S-ro G. Bell 12 lernantojn. Vendo de artikoloj donacaj de grupaj ĉeestuĉe de £80 por remebli la grupolon.

Greenock. Ses membroj de Greenock Adult School formis rondon Esperantan.


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GRUPAJ PROGRAMOJ.


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The Librarian thankfully acknowledges gifts of books from Mr. E. H. Hawkins and Mr. C. G. S. Menteth. A number of new volumes have recently been purchased, and others bound.

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DONATIONS (To Okt. 51, 1924).

50,000 Shillings Capital Fund. Dr. Overton 100, J. Merchant 125, R. Robertson 10, on account; Total: 1.12.700 shillings.

John Pollen Memorial Fund. G. M. Holiss £1, G. Gibbens £1, B. Long £1, J. B. Horne £1; Mrs. Clayton 10, W. E. Clayton £1, Mrs. K. Hawkinsworth 10, J. F. Dinsdale 10, Instrumisti 5/-, Miss M. Green 5/-, Mrs. V. Dixon 5/-, Miss H. Thomas 5/-, Miss D. J. Phillips 5/-, Miss B. P. Smith 10/-, Rosemary 10/-, Miss Wynter 5/-. Total: £18 12/6.

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BOOKS RECEIVED.

George Fox, Fondimento de la Regilio Societo de Amikoj (kvakeroj). Henry Van Eten. 16 pp., 3d.


Pro Dio! — Ne Esperantiston! Original playlet, partly in Esperanto, partly in any national language. Karl Mariss. 17 pp., 3d.


La Lengwa Auxiliar Internacion. Spanish Textbook in ten lessons. F. Azorin. 46 pp., price not marked.


Oficiala Klasika Libro de Esperanto. (Franca, angla kaj germana parto) 120 pp. A list of all the roots officialized to date, with translation and notes, 1/-.

Babilado de Bonhumora Zamenhofano. J. Ŝapiro.

Schluessel zum Vollstandigen Lehrbuch de Weltkiflsprache Esperanto. Dr. A. Möbusz. 48 pp.

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