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OUR BELIEF.
Members will recollect that a proposal made some months back to reduce our subscription to 7/6 was withdrawn. There were many who felt dissatisfied with it as but a "half-way" measure, and circumstances at the time appeared unpromising.

Now, however, the outlook financially and in every way is much more promising, and encouraged by this, and by the recent holding on British soil of a most successful World Congress, we are venturing on an immediate return the whole way to a 5/- subscription, because we believe that the National Associations are the backbone of the International Movement; that a large membership is the backbone of a National Association; and that all interested in our Movement benefit as individuals by the existence and labours of a strong and broad-based National Association.

We believe that the Association consists of Fellows, Members, Associates, Affiliated Groups and Federations. The Annual Subscriptions are: — Fellows, 21s.; Members, 5/-; Associates, 2s. 6d.; Life Fellowship, £12:12:0; Life Membership £3:15:0.

A list of Affiliated Federations and Groups will be sent on application. Group Affiliation fee: 6d. per member per annum; minimum, 5/-.

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

"INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE."—A monthly magazine in English, devoted to the study of the International Language problem. Includes instructional articles on Esperanto and The Esperanto Student, a supplement for beginners. Subscription, 2/6 per annum, post free.

We believe that there are some thousands of Esperantists who, when they realise their duty in the matter, will help the Association if they can, and that a 5/- subscription puts that possibility within the reach of a large proportion of these willing ones.

We believe that the Association will lose little of its present income in any case, as we are confident that those who have hitherto supported us to the extent of 10/- will still for the most part generously continue to give the Association the same support, either as a donation (so reducing the guarantee call), or by a subscription for a new Member, or in some other helpful way.

We believe that we can honestly say that every penny which finds its way into the coffers of the B.E.A. is used with care and economy, and goes out again solely in work for the benefit of the Movement.

We do not believe that (as has been suggested) a Member, having paid down 5/-, will expect to get six or seven shillingsworth in return. We know that Esperantists in general will readily regard that sum as given to the Cause through their Association, and feel repaid by the knowledge that, owing to their co-operation, good work is being done which otherwise would have to be neglected.

1000 New Members
BY DECEMBER 31st!

2000 New Members
BY MARCH 31st!
WE SHALL GET THEM
IF WE ALL WORK HARD.
WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?

We do not believe that there is anything in the proposal, or in any other proposal for that matter, that is not made in the best interests of the Movement.
We are confident that in this effort we shall have the cordial assistance of all our Members, Councillors, and Group and Federation officials—that they will work with us earnestly and insistently in our effort to double our Membership by December 31st, and treble it by March 31st, and thus provide the Association with a more representative Membership roll, and help to place it once and for all on a sound financial footing. As an incentive to friendly rivalry in this good work, certain offers are made, of which particulars are given below.

ROBERT ROBERTSON,  
Hon. Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION PRIZES.

The solution of nearly all our pressing problems lies in a largely increased Membership. The reduction of the subscription means the running of a certain risk, but it means also a unique opportunity to enlarge our borders. If every Member will bring two others (and why not?) the experiment will be justified, our financial difficulties will disappear, and our power for spreading the movement will be immensely strengthened.

Let each of us during the next six months make a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together, and we shall easily accomplish the task.

An anonymous friend offers two prizes of Half a Guinea each to the two individuals who introduce the greatest number of new Members by Dec. 31st.

Independently of the above, the Executive offer a Facilscriba Krajono to every Member for every five new Members introduced by him by March 31st; and, in addition, will award a special prize of One Guinea to the Member who introduces the largest number of Members by that date.

Membership Application forms are enclosed herewith. Use these now and write for further supplies.

LA EDINBURGA KONGRESO.

Tuo malfrue por la lasta numero alvenis kelkaj raportoj, kiujn bedaŭrinde ni ne povas presigi plene.  
La Internacia Sciencia Asocio aranĝis diversajn Post-Kongresajn Ekskursojn. Preskaŭ 200 vizitis la ponton Forth je 7 Agosto, kie eminenta loka Esperantisto, S-ro Andrew Wilson, klarigis la historion de la ponto kaj la kantileveran principeon de ĝia konstruo. Sekvis promeno al Crummock.

La 9-an, 50 kongresanoj vojaĝis al Dundee, kaj ricevis oficialan akcepton de la Prezidanto de la havena trusto, kaj de la Urbanisto. Oni vizitis la havenon, la Caledon šipkonstruejon, jutfabrikejon, marmelad-fabrikejon kaj la presejon de Dundee Courier. La havenestro (post trisemajna lerno de la lingvo) faris paroladon kaj klarigojn en bona Esperanto, kaj preparis bonegan guvilibron en angla kaj Esperanta lingvoj.

Marde, invitite de la loka provinca Konsilantaro, oni vojaĝis al Berwick, por vidi la novan ferbetojon supre la Tweed, unu el la plej grandaj strukturoj de tiu tipo, konstruata de L. G. Mouchel kaj Ko. S-ro T. J. Gueritte kaj la pontingenero, samideano T. H. Bryce, klarigis la konstruaron, kies gravaj arkaĵoj (spanoj 55, 66, 88, kaj 114m.) estis tre imponaj.

Posttagmeze la restintaj vojaĝis al Newcastle kaj Whitley Bay.

Merkredon matene oni vizitis la Elswick fabrikejon de Armstrong kaj Whitworth. Tagmeze la Urbanistro gastigis la kompanion en la Urbestroje, kie li, kaj ankaj la ĉefmagistratano de Newcastle, parolis pri la utilo de Esperanto.

Oni ĉielas tre multe al S-ro A. R. Fairbairn pri la lokaj aranĝoj.


Če la Federacioj.

North Eastern. New Sec., A. R. Fairbairn, 21, St. Mary's Terrace, Ryton.


South Midland. (See South Eastern above) This Federation has made a good start with an interesting Bulletin (6pp. plus cover). Conference: Saturday, 18 Sept., 3.30, Adult School, Luton.

West Midland. New groups have affiliated at Rugby and Erdington. The first Conference will be held at the Co-operative Hall, Gloucester, on 25th September. Conference, 3.0; Tea, 5.0; Propaganda Meeting 7.30.

Irish. We have received the first number of The Irish Esperantist, organ of the Irish Esperanto Association. It is an excellent production, and should do much to strengthen the movement in Ireland. Annual Subscription 1/-, single copies 4p., from the Editor, F. R. A. McCormick, 5, Mount Eden Road, Dublin.

WHERE TO LEARN ESPERANTO.

The following is a first list of classes according to information supplied. Classes are held also in most Esperanto groups. Particulars of groups may be obtained from the Secretary of the B.E.A. Those not listed here have not responded to the request for details.

Order of information: Town, place, day, E. (Elem.), A (Adv.), hour, teacher, fee.


Bangor. 32, Farrar Rd. Mon. E. 8.0. J. Vevar. 1/—.


Portsmouth. 2 Garnier St., Fratton. Tues. £3.30. E. Long. 5/6.

Rugby. Percival Guildhouse (by Public Library). Wed. £3.0. J. J. Grant. 2/6. For private classes write Mr. Hagger, 78 Park Rd.


Sheffield. (Conversational). Write Mrs. E. Bateman, 15 Edge Hill Rd., Nether Edge.


Torquay. Write Mrs. Wood, 2 Upton Vale Terrace.

Whitchurch. Working Men's Hall. Thurs. E. 6.0. £3.0. J. W. Miss Furber. 2/6.

Wisbech. Working Men's Institute. Tues. 7.30—9.0. Men 6/6; Women 4/6, including membership of Institute.

ESPERANTO CLASSES IN LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTITUTES.

Enrolment: 20—24th September.
Classes open: 27th September.

Higher fees for residents outside London, Middlesex, and Kent.


City Literary. St. Clement Danes School, Drury Lane, W.C.2. Thurs. £3.0. 7.30—9.30. S. J. Smith, 4/-.


Deptford Men's. Clyde St. School, S.E.8. Fri. £3.0. 7.45—9.0. £9.0. Men only. 1/6.

Highbury Commercial. Laycock St., Upper St., N.1. A. Wed. £3.0. 7.30—9.30. L. N. Newell, 10/-.


The Librarian thanks the following for much appreciated gifts of photos and books: D. R. Tullo, J. Breddall, Miss M. H. Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, Mrs. Merrick, Miss M. E. Parker, Miss L. Iddon, F. Mason, A. T. Maling, J. E. Hookham, W. C. Chatters, N. Booth.

The British Esperanto Association (Inc.),

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

GEORGE D. FORBES, Kinta Kellis Estate, Baru Gajah, Pera, Federated Malay States; T. SHIELDS, 29 Bayfield Rd., Auckland, New Zealand.

CAPITAL (50,000 SHILLINGS) FUND.

Donations, Aug., 1926: Anon, 1; Rev. D. Brun, 1; Esperantist 8820, 105; Total: 16,158 shillings.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members held at the Offices of the Association on Friday, 10th of September, 1926, 41 Members being present, the following Ordinary Resolution was passed (due notice having been previously given):

"That as from 1st October, 1926, the minimum annual subscription of an ordinary member be five shillings."

A poll having been demanded, the voting was, For: 30, Against: 7 (four persons having left previously). 42 proxy votes in favour of the change were produced, but not recorded in the voting.

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE, August, 1926.

PASSED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Bernard Blunsom, Harold Course, "Frank Parkin, Lucy A. Harrod, Myfanwy M. Butler, Sibford Friends' School, Nr Banbury.

That candidate has passed with distinction.

PASSED ADVANCED EXAMINATION.

Mrs. Mabel Harrod, Sibford School, Nr Banbury.

WM. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.,
27th August, 1926.
Examination Committee.

FAKO DE KORESPONDO.

Brazilia.—Raphael Nogueria, Carangola, Estado de Minas, dekor. ĉl. per pki. kaj letero pri filatelio k.a. Ĉiam kaj tuj respondos.