IMPORTANT!

The coming Congress in Antwerp will certainly attract a larger number of British Esperantists than any international congress for many years, chiefly owing to its proximity to Great Britain, and the fact that it will therefore be inexpensive. In view of this, we are arranging a special caravan, including special train from London and special ship from Harwich. One of the fine L. & N.E.R. steamers has been chartered, with accommodation for approximately 250 first-class passengers and 100 second-class; it should be noted, however, that as we have chartered the whole steamer there will be no two separate classes on the outward journey. The following details can now be announced.

Departure from London: About 9 a.m., Saturday, August 4th. Return fare: Second-class, £1 17s. 6d. If with first-class accommodation on steamer when returning, an extra 13s. 6d. The return journey can be made by any sailing. Only hand baggage allowed.

Members from the provinces may join the party at Harwich, in which case there will be a small reduction from the above fares. Reduced fare vouchers will be available from the provinces to London or to Harwich.

Arrangements are now being made for accommodation in Antwerp, and these will be announced in due course.

In view of the very low prices quoted above, it is advisable to reserve your place as early as possible. To do so, it is only necessary now to send 10/- deposit, and thus make sure that, despite the holiday rush at this period of the year, you will travel in comfort and at a much lower price than usual.

LOOKING BACKWARDS.

1927 is drawing to a close, and although we must not anticipate the annual report, we think it can now be said that the results, so far as the B.E.A. is concerned, will not be considered unsatisfactory.

Fourteen months ago the bold step was taken of reducing the annual subscription from ten shillings to five shillings, and mainly as a result of this we have obtained 630 new members. We wished to obtain 1000, but this is a fairly satisfactory achievement. Our subscription income will be down as a consequence, and we therefore suggest that those who can afford to do so should pay the full 10/- (12/- with LL.) yet once more, the extra 5/- being a donation to help in this transition period.

An important feature of the year has been the appointment of Local Representatives in very many towns. This is a feature of our work likely to be of increasing importance, and particularly from the statistical point of view, we should like to see these representatives in every town. If there is no Local Representative in
your town (see the Diary), write and ask for full particulars. Elsewhere in this issue statistics of interest from Local Representatives will be found.

The I.L. Extension League continues its useful work, but more members are needed. Nearly every Esperantist will agree that International Language is an excellent propaganda periodical. But it needs and deserves a largely increased circulation if it is to be fully effective.

Finally, our publication of the year has been The Esperanto Diary for 1928. We admit that this has defects e.g., absence of matter in Esperanto, but it has to be remembered that in the case of a first issue, we dare not risk too much money. This first issue contains 20 pages of special value to the British Esperantist, and if it is a success, we hope to add a similar number of pages in Esperanto next year. The article on "Esperanto" contained in it makes it an excellent propaganda Christmas Gift for non-Esperantist friends, and every member who can should make a point of giving one or two away.

B.E.A. EXECUTIVE.

Among matters that have occupied the attention of the Executive in the last two months are the following:—
Arrangements for more effective publicity in 1928.
Reprint of the English "Key." Discussion of the present working of the Association, and preparation of a scheme for improvements therein. In view of the terms of the Net Book Agreement of the Publishers' Association, to which the B.E.A. is a signatory, it has been ruled that in future discount can be allowed only to affiliated groups. The Executive has also made arrangements for a presentation to our President, using the occasion of his approaching marriage to testify appreciation of his valuable guidance during the past six years, for the B.E.A.

DINNER, and for a caravan to the Antwerp Congress.

CONFERENCE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

University College, Gower Street, London,
29 December, 1927 — 7 January, 1928.

The B.E.A. will have a large stall at this conference, and the Secretary will welcome offers of help in taking charge of the stall for some hours during the days of opening, either in the morning or in the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS.

When ordering from the B.E.A. your usual supplies of Esperanto gift-books for friends (and self), note that in addition to the set of six coloured greeting cards (suitable for any season) priced at 4d. a set, we supply six Esperanto Cards of Greeting for Christmas and the New Year at 1/9 the six, with envelopes.

The new card game "Proverb-kvarteto" (see "Verkoj Ricevitaj") is very well worth while the 1/9 asked for it, and will be a real help to the leader of a small class or group.

And whatever you do or do not buy, you must, nefre, remember to get some copies of The Esperanto Diary, 1/6. It will be a boon to your friends, do good work for Esperanto, and assist the Association, which has a large stock, and must not be allowed to lose on this venture of faith.

WHERE TO OBTAIN ESPERANTO TYPE.

Enquiries are received from time to time from local printers wishing to print Esperanto matter, as to where the necessary accented type (e.g., h, j, s, ŭ) can be obtained. Complaint is made that some foundries refuse to sell it except to clients on their books, or under unreasonable conditions. We have sent a questionnaire to the chief London foundries, and summarize their replies below. Probably enquiries addressed to foundries in other towns would elicit similarly favourable replies.

Information would be appreciated:
(1) Is Esperanto accented type stocked?
(2) In what fonts?
(3) Charge?
(4) Do you refuse to supply such type to a printer not one of your customers?
(5) If you do not possess the type, are you willing to manufacture it if required?

Adana Agency, 17-18 Church-street, Twickenham.
(1) Yes. (2) Any quantity supplied. (3) 3/- to 3/- per lb. (4) No. (5) Would only too pleased to make up small inexpensive font for small amateur printer, as well as the trade; have done considerable business with small printers in Esperanto type from time to time. Intend to stock a small 3lb. font at 2/6.

(1) No. But are quite willing to supply their ordinary type faces with Esperanto characters added or substituted, at same prices as ordinary type faces, and do not restrict the purchaser in any way.

(1) Yes. (2) 12pt. Old Style Roman; 12pt. Caslon Old Face. (3)Ordinary fount rate if in stock. (4) No. (5) With pleasure, to any fount, customer paying part cost of engraving special matrices; which however does not amount to very much.

Excelsior Printers' Supply Co., Ltd., 41 Harrington St., E.C.4.
(1) Yes. (2) 10pt. Old Style Roman, 6lb. founts. (3) 6/- per lb. (4) No.

(1) Yes. (2) 8pt. Haddon. 8pt. Haddon Old Style, 8pt. Clarendon; Minimum 5 lbs. (3) Usual charge. (4) No. (5) In any fount, provided customer pays expenses.

Miller and Richard, 10 Water Lane, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4., and 65 Nicholson St., Edinburgh.

P. M. Shanks & Sons, 31 Red Lion Square, W.C.1.
Are prepared to manufacture the necessary type if orders warrant the cost.

R. H. Stevenson & Co., Ltd., 80 Southwark St., S.E.I.
(1) Yes. (2) Weight and bodies as required. (3) Usual.

Stephenson, Blake and Co., Ltd., 33 Aldersgate St., E.C.4; 1 Stockport Rd., Manchester; The Letter Foundry, Sheffield. (1) Yes. (2) As required. (3) Class C of price-list. (4) Yes. (5) Minimum 5 lbs. (6) Usual charge.

Linotype & Machinery, Ltd., 9 Kingsway, W.C.2,
Supply Esperanto matrices for use on Linotypes in any size at 4d. and upwards, and are prepared to manufacture fresh type according to circumstances. No restrictions as to purchaser. (See specimen book).

MONOTYPE.

Launton Monotype Corporation, Ltd., 43 & 44 Fetter Lane, E.C.4, stock Esperanto matrices at the price of 3/- each, and supply to any “Monotype” users. Have a number of Esperanto Matrices in various faces, and have supplied a considerable number to various users.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

For the September quarter reports were received from 110 Local Representatives, which give the following interesting figures for these towns:

Group Members ... 376 665  
Class Members ... 93 399  
Other Esperantists ... 463 1057  
B.E.A. Members ... 262 495

It is much to be hoped that Representatives will succeed in recruiting new members for the B.E.A. from the ranks of the non-members in their district.

Quite a number of Representatives have acted on the suggestion that they should insert a notice in the local press. In at least four cases new groups have been formed as a result, and in one case not only was a new group formed, but the local paper consented to print a series of Esperanto lessons.

XXa UNIVERSALA KONGRESO DE ESPERANTO Antverpeno, 3-11 Aug., 1928.  
We have received aliĝilojn, and shall be pleased to send one to any address on request. Congress subscription (20/-) should be sent to the Congress Secretary, addressed 20-a Esperanto-Kongreso, 11 Kleine Hondstraat, Antverpeno. Early booking would greatly help, especially as there are indications that this year there will be a record number of congress-members.

TO GROUP SECRETARIES.

When writing on group matters please say so every time, or use the group headed paper, especially when placing orders. Also, in referring to examinations, use the terms elementa and supera, avoiding ambiguous words like unuagrade.

Matter for the B.E. which is of general interest will be welcomed: it should be received by the 1st of the month.

KRONIKO FEDERACIA.


Liverpool. Nova kurso ĉe Victoria Settlement, Netherfield, marde, 8.0. Settlement members only.

London. Workers' Educational Association (London District) eldonas liston de ĝitaj kursoj, inter kiuj troviĝas Esperantaj kursoj ĉe Wandsworth, Fulham, Hammer-smith, Hendon, West Ham, kaj Wimbledon. Estas bone noti la daŭradan kreskon de intereson pri Esperanto ĉe la kursoj de W.E.A.


KRONIKO FAKA.


Medicino. The Lancet, 3 Dec., p. 1219, eldonas interesan resumon de artikolo tradukita el japana gazeto Internacia Medicina Rezumo pri la nova stato de la kuracista profesia en Japano.

Preestoj. S-ro F. W. Mische, Radeberg, abid Dresden, Germanujo, nun gvidas la aferon de la Tumtonda Presa Ligo, kaj petas diverspecan helpon kaj kunlaboron de ĵurnalisto, redaktoro, verkisto, kaj aliaj fakuloj interesitaj. 

The British Esperanto Association (Inc.),

Official Notices.

Nomination of Officers for 1928-9. Fellows and members are reminded that they have the right to nominate candidates for election as Officers and Council for the ensuing year. They may obtain forms of nomination with the necessary instructions from the Secretary. The latest date for the receipt of nominations is February 4.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Allnutt, John J. A.
Berry, F-ino Evelyn
Billing, Eric
Clark, D-rino Hilda
Donaldson, F-ino Jessie W.
Froding, Karl
Howell, Thomas J.
Houghton, F-ino Lily
Maund, S-rino E.
Montgomery, F-ino Jean W.
Rawlinson, Joseph L.
Robinson, Albert W.
Yong, Reginald L. R.

Chingford, London
Rossendale
Irby, Birkenhead
Hamstead, London
Paddington, London
Rockford, Ill., U.S.A.
Seven Kings
Bourneville, Birmingham
Bristol
Romford
Rochdale
Liverpool

Total: 633.

Still needed: 367.

NEW LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES.

Ilford (alteration) T. J. Howell
Liverpool, S.E.5.
H. G. Brown

NEW DELEGATE COUNCILLOR.

Motherwell, J. G. Kinnibish.

DONATIONS TO B.E.A. (November, 1927).

General Funds: Mrs. Fletcher, 1/-; E. E. Turner, 7/6; G. L. Preedy, 25s; H. J. Waters, 7s; E. R. Blackett, 5/-; Miss Sileox, 5/-.


B.E.A. GUARANTEE FUND, 1927.

Previous total ... ... 512 16 0
H. G. Toms, Brentwood ... ... 10 0

Total £513 6 0

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE, November, 1927.

Letters posted 2034
Letters received 1485
Press cuttings 61

EXAMINATIONS

Will be held at the Offices of the Association, 142, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, as follows:—

Advanced: Wednesday, 4 Jan., 6 to 9. Fee, 3/-.

Candidates should give notice of intention to sit.

MONTAGU C. BUTLER, Secretary.

PASSED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

Mildred E. Osborne, *Ethel Martin, Tonbridge.

PASSED ADVANCED EXAMINATION.

*Kenneth Bruce, Muchalls, Stonehaven.

*Denotes that candidate has passed with distinction.

WM. HARVEY, Hon. Sec.,

Examination Committee.


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