

the compliment of placing their suggestions on the order paper. The word "consider" should be struck out and "placed thereon" inserted.

Article 15

In order to be perfectly clear, the expression "four months before the meeting" should follow immediately after "reach the High Contracting Parties".

Article 19

This Article is very unequal in so far as the responsibility of the different Governments and the possibility of effective results are concerned; but some of the difficulties are inseparable from the Constitutions of some of the countries represented. In so far, however, as the responsibility of each High Contracting Party to exercise the power it has is concerned, all are on equal terms. From the standpoint of having the Permanent Labour Organization accepted in the various countries it would probably help—for instance, in the United States, it would certainly be of great assistance in securing acceptance—to have the legitimate powers of the various States recognized; while in Great Britain I have no doubt the people would much prefer, in the case of a proposed Labour Convention, that their Government should accept the responsibility of placing it before Parliament.

Article 35

Whatever this Article may have been intended to mean, it certainly means in its present state that some distinction shall be made between the British Dominions and India as distinguished from the High Contracting Parties. It is probably not necessary to say that there would be a very general objection in all of the countries referred to in this Article, if they are assumed to enter a Labour federation on different terms from other members of the association. A very simple reconstruction of this section would avoid this difficulty and I would suggest the following:

Any state or territory, regardless of its form of government, represented at the Peace Conference, may be a High Contracting Party.

Any colony or possession of any of the High Contracting Parties which on the application of such High Contracting Party is recognized as fully self-governing by the Executive Council of the League of Nations shall have the right to become a High Contracting Party.

The High Contracting Parties engage to apply conventions which they have ratified in accordance with the provisions of the present Convention to their colonies, protectorates and possessions, which are not fully self-governing and for which they have the right to legislate.

1. Except where owing to the local conditions the convention is inapplicable, or
2. Subject to such modifications as may be necessary to adapt the convention to local conditions.