

LEAGUE OF NATIONS SOCIETY IN CANADA.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR THE
PERIOD MAY 1, 1932 TO JUNE 30, 1933.

During the period under review ten meetings of your Executive Committee have been held, the average attendance being twelve. In addition, there have been a considerable number of special meetings held by special committees appointed by the Executive to deal with specific problems, notably the meetings of the Policy Committee, a report of which will be submitted formally by the Executive. The work that has been done by the Head Office has, due to well known causes, necessarily been restricted and has been of the regular routine character. The demands for materials for educational and propagandous work have been effectively met, although no extensive activities in either line have been undertaken.

THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY.

Without question the failure of definite accomplishment of the World Disarmament Conference and the inability to secure a peaceful settlement in the Far East gave rise to a feeling of discouragement, in Canada as elsewhere, with regard to the possible ultimate success of the League itself. This, with the continued world depression and the difficulty of securing proper financial support has added greatly to the anxieties of your Society during the past year and has resulted in the restriction of effort suggested above.

However, it is satisfactory to be able to state that the Society's financial position is as favourable as when presenting the last annual report and that the revenue slightly exceeded the disbursements, as will be shown in the report of the Honourary Treasurer.

WORK OF BRANCHES.

The difficulties having to be faced by the Central organization are naturally felt quite as keenly by the Branches. However, many of them have continued to carry on their work with considerable zeal, public meetings being held and addresses given and in some cases very successful study groups having been organized. Considerable work has been done by a number of branches in the direction of radio addresses by prominent speakers.

It is much to be regretted that several of the Branches that heretofore have carried on the work successfully have become dormant at least and again some others have practically ceased.

The responses received to a questionnaire sent out to the branches would indicate that only a limited number have been seeking actively to extend their operations and that there is still much to be done in order to create a public opinion in Canada favourable to the League based on knowledge of its operation and accomplishments.

The reports which will be presented today by the branches will no doubt throw some light on this phase of our work.