

Fourth Triennial Conference, Vancouver, April, 1929

The Preliminary Statement on the Vancouver Conference, contained in the following pages, will be found to have undergone considerable change and modification since originally issued. Certain of these changes were rendered necessary by reason of the postponement of the Conference from April, 1928 to April, 1929. Others have appeared desirable in order to more adequately represent the part of Leisure in present-day social and educational developments. The present stage of organisation of the Conference, can, therefore, be briefly summarised as follows :

“Education and Leisure”

- Subjects:* (a) *Literature* (c) *Music and the Drama*
(b) *The Cinema* (d) *The Radio*
(e) *Organised Play, Recreation, Hobbies and Handicrafts*
(f) *Health (In Relation to Leisure)*

A day, it is suggested, will be devoted to each subject, this to be organised and conducted by a specially constituted Committee, charged with the responsibility of summarising the purpose of the Programme and the definite proposals arising out of the papers and resulting discussions (*the latter in Committee only, meeting daily throughout the Conference*).

REPRESENTATION

Education in any country must necessarily fail to achieve its full purpose unless it maintains the closest of contact with the world at large. Isolation educationally will inevitably lead to intellectual stagnation and to dearth of ideas. It is through Education that faith in such ideals as the League of Nations may be enhanced and spread abroad: races, creeds and cultures drawn together in mutual understanding and regard. Each nation has its contribution to make and each much to learn from the other. For that reason, therefore, co-operation of certain other countries at the Vancouver Conference is being sought.

(a) THE YOUNGER NATIONS—*Australia and New Zealand*

Their definite co-operation is now assured, since the visit of Professor W. F. Osborne of the University of Manitoba, to both Countries this Summer. His mission, a report of which has now been published, was most successful, and resulted in the setting up of Local Committees in the larger cities to secure concurrent effort on both sides of the Pacific.

(b) THE OLDEST CIVILISATIONS—*India and Japan*

The Delegation from India will, it is hoped, include the Hon. Srinavasa Sastri, retiring High Commissioner for India in the Union of South Africa, and Rabindranath Tagore, Poet and Philosopher.

(c) POST-WAR EUROPE—*Italy, Germany and Czecho-Slovakia*

In both of these Countries great progress has of late years been made in Education, particularly in the field of Sport, Organised Recreation and Physical Training. This development, it is hoped, will be illustrated by Films to be specially prepared for the occasion of the Conference, by the Governments of these two Countries.

Following the principle adopted at the Toronto (1923) and the Montreal (1926) Conferences, both Great Britain and France, as the mother-countries of Canada, will be represented. The British delegation, it is expected, will include representatives of:

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,	THE CARNEGIE (UNITED KINGDOM) TRUST,
THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION,	THE BRITISH FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES,
THE NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION,	THE EMPIRE MARKETING BOARD.
THE ENGLISH FOLK DANCE SOCIETY,	THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ART.
THE BRITISH EMPIRE FILM INSTITUTE.	