

of a high order, he is himself President of the Institute. The résumé which appears in the *Journal* of his speeches deserves to be read. I have little space within which to describe the current work of the organization. For this I would refer you to the Committee's report, and I content myself with concluding with the resolution passed by the Assembly on the 30th September:

1. General Resolution—

“The Assembly of the League of Nations—

“Notes with keen satisfaction the development of the International Intellectual Co-operation Organization during the year 1936–37, which has found its most striking expression in the series of meetings forming the ‘Intellectual Co-operation Month’;

“Tenders its most cordial thanks to the Government of the French Republic and the Paris Exhibition Commission for their kindness in arranging for those meetings and the generosity of the material support which they afforded;

“Approves the reports submitted to it by the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation on its Nineteenth Session (Document C. 327, M. 220, 1937, XII) and by the Governing Body of the International Institute for Intellectual Co-operation on its Fourteenth Session (Document C. 326, M. 219, 1937, XII);

“Emphasizes the importance of the Tenth Session of the Permanent International Studies Conference and of the International Conference on Higher Education;

“Expresses its particular gratification at the success of the Second General Conference of National Committees on Intellectual Co-operation, and its satisfaction at the increase in the importance of the functions entrusted to the National Committees within the machinery of the organization, and hopes that the Governments of members of the League and of non-member States will give favourable consideration to the recommendations and resolutions of the Conference, which will be transmitted to them by the Secretary-General.”

2. Declaration on the Teaching of History—

“The Assembly—

“Referring to its resolution of 10th October, 1936, concerning the signature of the ‘Declaration on the Teaching of History’;

“And having been informed that numerous Governments have accepted the principle of the Declaration;

“Approves the addition, to that instrument, of the final clauses drawn up by the Committee to enable it to be signed by Governments and registered by the Secretariat of the League of Nations, and requests the Secretary-General to transmit it to such quarters as may be necessary in order to obtain the signatures of members of the League and non-member States.”

3. Fine Arts—

“(a) *Protection of National Artistic and Historical Treasures.*

“The Assembly—

“Agrees that a diplomatic conference shall be held in 1938 to conclude an international convention for the protection of national artistic and historical treasures.

“(b) *International Regime of Excavations.*

“The Assembly—

“Considering that our inheritance from the distant past of mankind cannot be effectively brought to light in the absence of a good international understanding;

“Referring to the recommendations which it made to Governments on 10th October, 1932;

“Being convinced that, although the regime of excavations is essentially the concern of the country in whose territory such excavations are undertaken, and must therefore be primarily governed by its domestic legislation, it is highly important that this principle should be reconciled with the demands of a largely conceived and freely accepted international co-operation;

“Being of opinion that the rules drawn up for that purpose by the International Excavations Conference convened at Cairo by the International Museums Office with the generous support of the Egyptian Government are admirably designed to attain that end;

“Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text of the conclusions of the Cairo Conference to the Governments of members of the League and non-member States for their guidance in legislating on the subject of antiquities and excavations.”

4. Ethnographical and Historical Collection on the Origins of American Civilization—

“The Assembly—

“Referring to the resolution of 10th October, 1936, in which it requested the International Organization for Intellectual Co-operation to consider as soon as possible the scheme for this collection and the conditions in which it should be carried out;

“Is of opinion that those conditions, as defined by the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation at its last session, afford all necessary guarantees;

“Approves the Committee's scheme, and sincerely thanks those Governments which, by their contributions, are making it possible to put the scheme into effect.”

5. Exact Sciences—

“The Assembly takes note with satisfaction of the agreement reached between the International Committee on Intellectual Co-operation and the International Council of Scientific Unions for close collaboration between them in the future in the field of scientific research.”