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*Under Heaven, One Family*

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# FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

*"Under Heaven, One Family"*

**Report of the Work for the Period,  
1st January, 1928 to 30th September, 1929**

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The period under review began with the first meeting of the All-India Council of the Federation of International Fellowships, in January, 1928, in the Satyagraha Ashram, Sabarmati. It was held at Sabarmati at the invitation of Mahatma Gandhi, who himself is a coopted member of the Council. There were 22 members present. Since the proceedings of the meeting were printed and published in the form of a booklet, we shall not say much about the meeting, except that it was a time which gave the members, we believe, a fuller realisation of the meaning and implications and possibilities of the Fellowship Movement.

*New International Fellowships* At the time of the Sabarmati meeting of the Council, we had twelve local International Fellowships but since then, new International Fellowships have been started in the following places: 1. Vaniambady, 2. Tirupattur, 3. Madura, 4. Tanjore, 5. Coconada, 6. Masulipatam, 7. Alwaye, and 8. Jaipur. Of these, those in Vaniambady, Madura, Tanjore and Masulipatam have been formally affiliated to the Federation. The others are not yet affiliated. Thus, altogether the number of local International Fellowships comes to twenty—fourteen affiliated, and six un-affiliated ones.

*New Developments* Several new developments took place since the Sabarmati meeting of the Council —

**1 Non-Resident Membership** In order to enable those men and women who believe in the Movement and who cannot join a local International Fellowship as it does not exist in the place of their residence, we opened what we call, "Non-Resident and Overseas Membership". Non-Resident members are those who live in India but in places where local Fellowships do not exist. Overseas members are those who live outside India. There are today on the rolls, 95 such members—60 Non-resident and 35 Overseas members.

2 *Corresponding Secretaries* We were able to secure Corresponding Secretaries in the United States of America, England, Scotland, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Italy, Iraq, Syria, and Australia. The functions of Corresponding Secretaries are —

a To spread the ideals of the Fellowship in their respective centres

b To keep us informed of similar peace and reconciliation Movements in their countries

c To get us Over-seas members

3 *Interreligious Student Fellowship* Perhaps the most important development in our activities was the starting of Interreligious Student Fellowships. Several members of the Fellowship have been expressing a feeling that if at all we wanted to spread the ideals of the Movement in the country in any effective way, we must get hold of the student community. If we managed to spread the ideals of the Fellowship among them, we may be quite sure that when they become full citizens of the country, their influence in the communities where they are placed will all be towards peace and reconciliation.

The first experiment was made in Madras, where, in 1927, a Committee was appointed by the Executive Committee of the Madras International Fellowship to conduct an Interreligious Student Retreat. This Retreat was held in November, 1927, and was attended by forty-three students and eight senior friends Hindus, Muslims, and Christians. Those present at the Retreat felt that the Retreat was very valuable and decided to make this Retreat an annual function in the student life of Madras. They therefore appointed a Committee to be responsible for the Retreat in 1928. In 1928, the second Retreat was held which was attended by about the same number of students and senior friends, but this second Retreat went a step further and appointed a Committee to organize an Inter-Religious Student Fellowship in Madras. Accordingly, in February of this year, the Madras Interreligious Student Fellowship was officially started with a Committee composed of students and senior friends. It is affiliated to the Madras International Fellowship with power to the latter to send three representatives to its Executive Committee. Since then, Student Fellowships have been started in Mannargudy, Poona and Bombay. They are, we understand, still in the experimental stage as the Madras one was in its earlier days. On the 15th of September last, about twenty-five students

of Bombay had a day's Retreat under the leadership of Prof. P A Wadia and Miss Manibai Kara.

The Madras Inter-religious Student Fellowship has launched on a very important and useful programme by deciding to publish Study Books on the Gita by Prof SK Yegnanarayana Iyer of Pachayappa's college, for Hindu Students, Madras, on the Quran by Mr S Mohamed Fossil for Muslim Students ; and on the \*Gospels by the Rev H V Elwin of Poona for Christian students. The last mentioned book is almost ready and the others will follow

*Activities of local International Fellowships* All local International Fellowships have been having their monthly meetings regularly with tea and games or dinner followed by lectures on some important subjects leading to better understanding and reconciliation. Most of the Fellowships, we understand, had their Annual Retreats. Apart from these, some of the Fellowships have been able to do some very outstanding pieces of service

1 The Secretary of a Fellowship writes —

"In.. .. now, there is a big criminal case in which Hindus and Musalmans are the contending parties. Since they are trying legal methods there is no anxiety. Still, we are trying to influence some of our friends to bring the two parties to terms and settle their disputes outside the Court."

We understand that through the intervention of some members of the Fellowship, the case was settled outside the Court.

2 The Secretary of another local Fellowship had in his home, a small informal meeting at which the leader of the "Independence Section" of the Indian National Congress, the leader of the Non-Official European Group of the local Legislative Council and three members of the Fellowship were present. They had a very frank discussion on political questions. It was very inspiring to see the leader of the "Independence Party" and the leader of the non-official European Group speaking frankly as to the principles for which each stood. It was done in an atmosphere of good-will and with a desire to understand one another's point of view without the temptation of "extremist lies". All that took part went away feeling all the happier for the meeting. The Secretary still remembers the sense of grati-

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\* This book is now ready and is available for 5 As to Students and 9 As to others, Postage included in both cases—Please write to the General Secretary, Matri, Kilpauk, Madras

tude which was expressed to him by both the leaders for having got the opportunity

3 About another Fellowship, the following letter has been received —

"In . . . , a woman was condemned to death on a charge of murder of her child. It was a very pathetic case indeed. Eventually, the woman got off, but there was a good deal of anxiety about her until the death sentence was repealed. The International Fellowship members were very strong against the death sentence and were prepared to make an appeal for her if necessary. Indeed some of the members went to quite a lot of trouble as it was getting facts together and so on in case their appeal was required. A piece of public service of that sort does a lot to strengthen Fellowships"

4 A Fellowship which is still unaffiliated seems to have done a very interesting thing. A friend writes —

"I had splendid news of the International Fellowship. Of course they are yet experimenting and have not yet decided yet to call themselves a branch of the Fellowship. But they have met regularly and discussed the subjects we drew up. They seem keenly interested in the discussions. If you like, write and ask for a report. I think it will be an interesting one. The place is so purdah ridden, yet after a discussion on "Is purdah system a necessary evil?" they had some practical results. A number of leading men decided to bring out their wives to a mixed meeting and drove in open carriages with their wives and daughters—an unheard of thing in . . ."

5 Another Fellowship at its last Annual Retreat considered the question of "The Meaning of Conversion" from the Hindu, Muslim and Christian points of view and also did some corporate thinking on the possibilities of "Co-operation between Religions". These papers and the discussion and findings on the last subject were all published in the form of a booklet entitled, "Conversion and Cooperation in Religion". Copies of this booklet are available at the Office, Mantri, Miller Road, Kilpauk, Madras, for eight annas, inclusive of postage.

This same Fellowship did something in connection with the Child Marriage Restraint Bill and the Age of Consent Bill. Strictly speaking, it was not done by the Fellowship officially. It was done by a few members of the Fellowship. The Fellow-

ship did not do it because it was not a moral question and therefore the Fellowship could not take a clear-cut view on the question and take a particular side. Therefore a few of its members signed a document and sent it round to members of Fellowships and others. Altogether 766 signatures of men and women were secured, of Brahmins, Non-Brahmins, Muslims, Indian Christians, Englishmen, Americans, and Continentals. This memorial was sent to H. E. the Viceroy in due time. Probably, most of you have seen the document and therefore we need not repeat it here.

6 Special mention must be made of a small Village Fellowship. From what we understand, it has done a great deal of good to the Village. Through its influence, they have opened a Co-operative Bank and at the time of your Secretary's visit to that Village, they were agitating for a Post Office to be opened in the Village and also for a road to be constructed from that Village to the Town. We understand that since then, a Post Office has been opened there, but we are not quite sure if the road was constructed or not. One of the most interesting things which resulted from the starting of the Fellowship was this Hindu member of the Fellowship got a Swami from the adjoining Mutt to come and lecture to them once a fortnight on some aspect of Hinduism. That had been going on for some time.

*Publications* Up till now, ten issues of the NEWS SHEET have been published. Most of the local International Fellowships bought the required number of copies and distributed them to their members free.

During the period under review, the following booklets and pamphlets were published -

- 1 Report of the Sabarmathi Meeting of the Council
- 2 Conversion and Cooperation in Religion—by M. I. F.
- 3 Prof P. A. Wadia's pamphlet on the Fellowship Movement.
- 4 Small pamphlets of Meditations.

*Visits* During the period, the General Secretary had been able to visit most of the local International Fellowships and in some cases his visit resulted in the starting of new Fellowships. He visited Bombay thrice, Poona thrice, Calcutta twice, Masulipatam once and places nearer Madras on several occasions. In addition to his visit, Prof P. A. Wadia of Bombay, when he came to Madras, in December, 1928 visited the Fellowships in Mannargudy, Jalarpet, Gooty and Chittoor, in September 1929,

Miss A. M. Varley, a member of the Executive Committee of the Madras International Fellowship, when she visited Calcutta, met the members of the Calcutta Fellowship and spoke to them.

The demand from the various localities for the visit of the Secretary has been increasing and also from new places. Just now, he has invitations to visit Ceylon, Lahore, Delhi, Karachi and other places to help friends in starting new Fellowships. Owing to lack of funds and time, it was not possible for him to do it. But the conviction must be expressed here that the effective working of local Fellowships and the starting of new Fellowships depend very much on the amount and extent of travelling that can be done, primarily by the Secretary and also by others.

*Relation with other organisations* It should be mentioned here that the Fellowship is getting increasingly known in various countries. The Office had enquiries from several countries and many such letters expressed the view that in the International Fellowship in India, we are starting an entirely new thing in the history of the world, namely, attempting to bring together people belonging to various religions on an inter-religious basis.

Close association has been kept up with the following organisations —

1. *Institute of Pacific Relations in Honolulu* This is an organisation unofficially supported by the Governments of the countries surrounding the Pacific Ocean, namely, Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, South America, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and other countries. They do a great deal of research work on important questions, such as —

1. Diplomatic Relations in the Pacific
2. Industrialism in the Far East
3. Laws and Treaties of the countries of the Pacific Basin
4. Fundamentals of Immigration Policies
  - a. Cultural and Religious aspects
  - b. Legal and Political aspects
  - c. Racial aspects
5. Moral and Legal right of a nation to exclude aliens.
6. The function of religion in bringing about the solution of all the problems of the Pacific.
7. Armaments in the Pacific.

We have been keeping in close touch with its work, receiving their publications from time to time.



## 2. *International Fellowship of Reconciliation in England and in America*

This has more or less the same object as our Movement except that it is specifically Christian. We are keeping in very close touch with this organisation, and, we understand, many of the non-Indian members of our Fellowship are members of this Fellowship.

3 *Universal Religious Peace Conference.* Some of you will remember that Dr H G. Atkinson visited India in the cold weather of 1928. He is the General Secretary of this Movement. This Movement is the expression of an effort to mobilise all the forces of religion towards the establishment of peace among the nations of the world. Prof. P A Wadia, Mr. R M Joshi, Dr Mrs Muthulakshmi Reddy, Mrs. Maclean and Mr. A A. Paul are some of the members of the All-India Committee of this Conference. The All-India Committee sent Mr R M Joshi of Bombay to the meeting of the Executive Committee of this Conference which was held in Frankfort in Germany in August last.

Increasingly, we are being asked to help foreign visitors to India in enabling them to meet people belonging to various religions and communities in India. In the case of Dr Atkinson we were instrumental to some extent in enabling him to meet several of the leading men and women belonging to various religions in India. The Secretary had a letter from Dr Sherwood Eddy about his visit to India with Dr. Kirby Page in the cold weather of this year. They have written asking for our co-operation in enabling them to come into close contact with leaders of the several religions. In order to do this, the Fellowships in Bombay, Madras and Madras are arranging special one day's Retreats, when they will consider with our members questions such as, "The Co-operative Quest for Reality", "The Present World Situation and India's problems", etc. It might be mentioned here in modesty that perhaps in the whole of India, this is the only organisation which affords to such friends facilities to meet with leaders of various religions and various schools of thought on an *inter-religious* basis.

*Finance* We began the period under review with a credit balance of Rs 678-8-0 and during the period, we raised Rs. 1,660-15-4, thus the total amount of money we handled during the period was Rs 2,339-7-4. We spent during the period, Rs. 2,175-7-0 thus leaving a credit balance of Rs 164 0-4 at the

opening of this year, beginning from the 1st of October, 1929. The audited statement of accounts is appended

*Conclusion* Thus ended another period of our life and work. This period was characterised by several new developments in our work. And it also helped to stabilise the lines of activities we had already begun. We would take this opportunity of thanking all those friends who helped us in doing so. These various lines of activities, both new and old, had been undertaken with the desire and for the purpose of promoting peace and good-will between man and man and between groups of men. In this way, we have been enabled to carry out the real and fundamental purpose of the Fellowship, namely, the enrichment of life by the sharing of experiences.

Let us pray that God may help the Movement during the coming year to carry on the torch of peace and good-will to an increasing number of new places and thus use the Movement and use us its members, for the creation of an ideal society in which the spirit of friendship, the spirit of love, aye, the Spirit of God may prevail.

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM 1st JANUARY, 1928  
TO 30th SEPTEMBER 1929.**

<b>RECEIPTS.</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>	
To Balance carried forward from the previous period ...	678 8 0	By Travelling ...	622 10 6
„ Contributions from local Fellowships ...	521 2 0	„ Council Meetings ...	560 3 6
„ Membership Fees ...	364 1 0	„ Printing and Stationery ...	372 0 0
„ News Sheet ...	291 14 0	„ Postage and Telegrams ...	235 13 0
„ Special Contribution towards Council Meetings ...	342 0 0	„ Establishment ...	205 0 0
„ Contribution towards the purchase of a Typewriting Machine	60 0 0	„ Purchase of a Typewriting Machine (Part Payment) ..	60 0 0
„ Affiliation Fees ...	25 0 0	„ Stationery ..	22 10 0
„ Literature ...	20 9 0	„ Literature ...	14 8 0
„ Miscellaneous ...	36 5 4	„ Miscellaneous ...	82 10 0
		„ Balance in Hand ...	164 0 4
<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>2,339 7 4</b>	<b>TOTAL Rs.</b>	<b>2,339 7 4</b>

**Examined and found correct.**

5, Errabulu Chetty Street,  
Madras. }  
1st October, 1929. }

**KALMADI & EKAMBARAM,**

*Dist. Govt. Accountants & Auditors.*

## PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Second Meeting of the Council of the Federation of International Fellowships was held in the Corporation Bungalows, Red Hills, near Madras, from the 4th to the 7th of October, 1929. The place itself was quite suitable to the meeting. The buildings were situated on the bank of the Red Hills Lake, from where Madras gets its water supply.

*Those Present* To begin with, let us see who were present. There were Prof. and Mrs. Wadia from Bombay, Mr. K. S. Jatar from Poona, Miss K. Sircar from Lahore, Miss Hitchcock and Mr. S. M. Fossil from Madras, Mr. T. K. Nayanar and Mr. Kalam from Vellore, Miss Geegh and Mr. V. Ramaswamy Iyer from Chittoor, Miss Kamala Devasahayam from Madurai, Miss Bradley from Puram, Mr. Cumaraswamy Pillai from Tanjore, Mr. Subramania Iyer and Mrs. Robins Dyson from Jalarpet, and Mr. A. A. Paul, who were Council members. Some of the members of the Executive Committee of the Madras International Fellowship, namely, Miss A. M. Varley, Mr. T. K. Rajasekharan, Mr. T. M. Rajagopala Iyer, Mr. C. Visvanathan, Mr. E. Barnes, Mrs. Lakshmi pathi and Mrs. Yakub Hasan were present as hosts and hostesses.

In addition to these, on Sunday the 6th of October, we had with us by invitation, Mr. Yakub Hasan, Mr. and Mrs. Hayles of the *Madras Mail*, Dewan Bahadur R. N. Arogyasami Mudaliar, M.L.C., Ex Minister to the Government of Madras, Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao, M.L.C., and Mr. Sami Venkatachalum Chetty, M.L.C.

There were also present Miss Hellier and Mr. J. P. Cotelingam who very kindly acted as Recording Secretaries.

We were housed in two Bungalows. The ladies stayed in the first floor of the larger Bungalow and the men in the smaller Bungalow. One room in the ground floor of the larger house was used for our meetings and the other room as our dining room.

We had both Indian Vegetarian and European Vegetarian food. Mrs. Lakshmi pathi was responsible for the former and Miss Varley for the latter. They laboured so hard and so well that the Council passed a unanimous vote of thanks to them.

Though we had these two kinds of food, we sat on the floor together and each person chose one or the other or both! On Friday evening, our first evening together, some of the members went out boating on the Lake and enjoyed it in spite of a preliminary drenching! On Saturday all of us came away in a bus to Madras to attend a special meeting of the Madras International Fellowship which was held for the purpose of meeting the Council members Prof P A Wadia, Mr K S Jatar, Miss Bradley and Miss Geegh spoke a few words

*Daily Programme* The sessions began on Friday the 4th at 11 a m with a devotional address from Prof. Wadia. He at once struck the deepest note in setting forth the aims of the International Fellowship. He said that it aimed at the promotion of true understanding between men, at the service of Love of which Peace is a bye-product. He asked whether we expected to measure the progress of the Movement by counting the number of members, but that was not the way. The growth of the Kingdom of righteousness cometh "not with observation". He thus set the tone to the whole meeting and it was very helpful indeed

Then we had lunch at 11-30 and rest till 2 p m. We assembled again and the Honorary General Secretary read the report of the work of the Fellowship for the period, January 1st, 1928 to September 30th, 1929. This was followed by the reports from the representatives of local Fellowships. We had a night session too on that day. These reports fell under various heads —

All the Fellowships had meetings when the members gathered for social intercourse and generally shared a meal. Most of the branches had lectures, some dealt with aspects of Hindu or Moslem or Christian beliefs and practices, others described the situation in different countries at the present day, Germany, Zchecko-Slovakia, Turkey and Kashmir were among those taken. Again there were lectures on social problems such as Prohibition, the Women's Movement and Democracy. In some Fellowships the relations between India and England were also discussed, one hopes, to the promotion of mutual understanding. Thudly we had news of social service undertaken by the Fellowships both officially and unofficially.

On Saturday, we began the session at 8 a m with devotions led by Miss Geegh of Chittoor. We had sessions from 8-30 to 11 30 a m and from 2 to 4 p m. We went to Madras at 4 p m.

On Sunday, the sessions began at 8 a. m with devotions led by Mr Fossil and went on till 12-15 p m and again from 2 to 5 p m There was a night session from 8-30 to 11-30 p m

On Monday we began with devotions led by Mr K. S Jatar and went on till 11-30 a m This ended the business part of the meeting After lunch and rest we gathered again at 2-30 p m. when Prof. Wadia led us in prayer and meditations with a short parting message The members dispersed at 4 p m and most of them left the same night for their homes

*What happened?* There were six or seven questions of great importance which we considered —

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Village Work           | 5. Religious, Political and    |
| 2 Student Work           | Communal Tensions              |
| 3 Publications           | 6 Life Membership of the       |
| 4 Relation between India | Federation                     |
| & England                | 7 Appointment of a Full-time   |
|                          | Secretary                      |
|                          | 8 Appointment of the Executive |
|                          | Committee.                     |

1. *Village Work* Miss Bradley of Puram read a very interesting and helpful paper on the need of Village Fellowships She herself is connected with our one and only Village Fellowship in Puram The working of that Fellowship helped Miss Bradley to speak with conviction and enthusiasm of the need of village work to be undertaken by the Fellowship Movement There was a very good discussion after her paper And finally we decided that we should interest ourselves in villages which form the real foundation of Indian life The following resolutions were passed —

(a) That local Fellowships should interest themselves in the villages round about them

(b) That the indifference that exists between the village and the town people should be overcome

(c) That members should carry the spirit of co-operation and fellowship to the villages and organise village Fellowships wherever possible.

(d) That members of the Fellowship should visit villages round about their centres as often as possible so that they might get into real contact with village folks

(e) And that members of the Fellowships give a lead in the matter of helping the depressed classes and that in the matter of

communal problems, help should be sought by breaking down social barriers and not by discussion of differences

2 *Student Work* Mr A A Paul introduced the subject with facts and figures trying to prove the urgent need of helping students in their religious and spiritual life, and said that an Interreligious Student Movement was greatly needed in India, Burma and Ceylon, and, as a preliminary to that, an Interreligious Student Conference be held in December, 1930. He also said that during the last few months he had been trying to find out the attitude of educationists in the country towards this question and that he had received very encouraging response from most of those whom he had approached. He referred to the Student Work already carried on in Madras, Bombay, Poona and Mangaluru. The following resolutions were passed —

(a) That a General Interreligious Student Conference for India, Burma and Ceylon be held in December, 1930

(b) That a General Committee of about eighty members, forty students and forty senior friends, in each case composed of men and women, be appointed to be responsible for this Conference

(c) That the following be some of the members of the Committee —

(It may be stated that these friends have already agreed to serve on the Committee)

Acharya P C Ray, Bengal Chemical Works, Bengal  
Rev Dr W S Urquhart, Vice Chancellor, Calcutta University and Principal, Scottish Churches College, Calcutta  
Prof S Radhakrishnan, Calcutta

Mr A. B Dhruva, Principal, Hindu University, Benares.  
Dr Zakir Hussain, Principal, National Muslim University, Delhi

Prof Teja Singh, Khalsa College, Amritsar  
Prof V K Joag, Ferguson College, Poona  
Miss Gerrard, Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, for Women, Madras

Miss Devasahayam, Vice-Principal, St Christopher's Training College for Women, Madras

Rev E L Noltung, Professor, American College, Madura.

Mr P Chenchiah, Madras

Mr S. Mohamed Fossil, Madras

Mr. A M Varku, Principal, Union Christian College, Alwaye

- Mr A M K Cumaraswamy, Bishop's Secretary, Colombo  
 Rev A Ralla Ram, General Secretary, S C A, Allahabad  
 Miss Schaeffer, National Student Secretary, Y W C A,  
 Calcutta  
 Mr S Satchidanandam Pillay, Deputy Inspector of Schools,  
 Tanjore  
 Miss Hitchcock, Professor, Women's Christian College,  
 Madras  
 Mr M Jamal Mohamed, Madras  
 Dr G Malalasekhara, Professor, University College,  
 Colombo  
 Srimathi Sumathi Bai, Premayatana Ashram, Tungabadra  
 Mr. T K Rajasekharan, Lecturer, Madras Christian College,  
 Madras  
 Rev Dr A G Hogg, Principal, Madras Christian College,  
 Madras  
 Rev W. E S Holland, Principal, St John's College, Agra  
 Sadhu T L Vasvani, Shakti Ashram, Rajkot  
 Rev E C Dewick, Literary Secretary, National Y M C A.,  
 Calcutta  
 Miss A B Van Doren, Principal, Sherman High School,  
 Chittoor  
 Srimathi Lajjwati, Servants of the People Society, Lahore.  
 Mrs Maclean, U F C M Bombay  
 Prof S K Yegnanarayana Iyer, Pachayappa's College,  
 Madras  
 Miss K Sircar, Lahore  
 Mrs. Lakshmi pathi, Madras [Aligarh  
 Mr Ross Masood, Vice-Chancellor, Muslim University,  
 Mr A A Paul, Madras, *Secretary*

The Committee was given entire responsibility for the details of this Conference

3 *Publications* It was decided that the present bi-monthly News Sheet should be made into a monthly and also that booklets and pamphlets dealing with subjects of current interest be published from time to time. An Editorial Committee was appointed for this purpose composed of Miss Brockway, Mr K V Sessa Iyengar, Mr. A A Paul and Mr S M Fossil, *Convener*

4 *Relation between India and England* As at the Sabarmathi meeting the religious basis of the Fellowship was the most important question considered, in Red Hills, the most important subject considered was "Relation between India and England".



It may be said at the outset, that the Fellowship is not a political organisation though this subject is mainly political. But the reason why we considered this question was this. The Fellowship exists to create and promote better understanding between people who are divided on any grounds including political grounds. And there is no question that at present there is a good deal of misunderstanding existing between Indians and Britishers on this question. And we felt it was our business to acquaint, on the one hand, Indians with the attitude of Britishers on the question and help Britishers to understand the attitude of Indians on the other hand.

The whole of Sunday was devoted to this subject. Mr Hayles, the Editor of *The Madras Mail* spoke from the British point of view and on the Indian side Messrs Sami Venkatachalam Chetty, R. N. Arogyaswamy Mudaliar, Yakub Hasan and Kaleswara Rao spoke. After this, Mr Hayles was given an opportunity to speak again. Then we had lunch and we gathered again at 2 p. m. when the members of the Council expressed their opinions, after which Messrs Sami Venkatachalam Chetty and Mr Hayles were asked to speak again which they did.

As at Sabarmathi on the Religious question, at Red Hills on this question we could not come to any definite decision. After discussion we reaffirmed the action of the Madras Fellowship on their Fellowship Day, on the 20th of July and asked the "Relationship Committee" which they appointed to draft a statement on the subject and send it to all local Fellowships for their opinions. It may be stated that the members of this Committee are -

Miss McDougall, Principal, Women's Christian College,  
Madras

Mr A. A. Hayles, Editor, *The Madras Mail*, Madras

Mr A. Rangaswamy Iyengar, Editor, *The Hindu*, Madras

Mr Yakub Hasan, Madras

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetty, Madras

Mr George Joseph, Madras

Mr F. E. James, Political Secretary, United Planters'  
Association of South India, Madras

Mr A. A. Paul, Madras

and Mr S. M. Fossil, *Convener*

5 *Religious, Political and Communal Tensions.* Messrs A. A. Paul, Prof P. A. Wadia and Mr S. M. Fossil introduced

these subjects respectively, After discussion, the following resolutions were passed -

- a That we recommend to our non-resident members to do all they can to start International Fellowships in their respective centres
- b That Local Fellowships be asked to interest themselves in questions affecting the communities round about them and to do all they can to bring about goodwill amongst the various communities and groups
- c This Council is of opinion that the time has come for all Fellowships to take an abiding interest in all the important problems affecting the country and to work, independantly or in co operation with other organisations, for the removal of communal, religious and political tensions

#### 6 *Life Membership*

The following resolutions were passed after careful consideration

- a Any person who pays a sum of at least Rs 50/- to the Federation of International Fellowships will be enrolled as a life member, the amount being payable in a lump sum or in instalments in which case the life-membership will begin only from the date of the payment of the last instalment
- b The fees collected through life-membership shall be invested in Fixed Deposit

7 *Appointment of a Full-time Secretary* This question was taken up on the last day After devotions led by Mr K S Jatar, the subject considered by the meeting was the appointment of a full-time Secretary—should one be needed and if so, who the person should be Since the question was one directly or indirectly affecting him, Mr A A Paul withdrew from the meeting with the permission of the Chairman After about three quarters of an hour, he was called in and the Chairman told him that the Council had unanimously decided to have a full-time Secretary in the person of Mr A A Paul

Immediately, we proceeded to the consideration of the Budget for the year, 1st, October, 1929 to 30th September, 1930 The following Budget was unanimously passed —

Secretary's salary . . .	2,400
„ House and Office rent . . .	1,020
Travelling allowances . . .	1,000
Office & other expenses . . .	1,500
<b>Total Rs. . . .</b>	<b>5,920.</b>

8 *Appointment of Officers and Executive Committee* This was followed by the appointment of the following men and women as officers and members of the Executive Committee —

President	•	Prof P A Wadia, Bombay
Vice-Presidents		Mr M Jamal Mohamed, Madras Mr K S Jatar, Poona
Treasurer	•	Miss Hitchcock, Madras
General Secretary	..	Mr A A Paul, Madras
Members	..	Mr I Kumaraswamy Pillai, Tanjore. Mr R R Keithahn, Madura Mr V Ramaswami Iyer, Chittoor Mrs Guy Jackson, Vellore Mr S M Fossil, Madras Miss K Sircar, Lahore

*Closing Meeting* At 3 p m on Monday the 7th of October, we gathered again when Prof Wadia addressed us just before we left. He said that our International Fellowship was an example of the creative life at work throughout the world. He set before us the ideal of service. He reminded us of the words, "I am among you as He that serveth." He felt that India was the home of service and looked forward to fresh manifestations of that spirit in the future.

Then we dispersed after a happy and inspiring time.

It must be said with gratitude that all the decisions were arrived at unanimously. Votes were taken on no question, for there was no need for it.

The four days that we spent at Red Hills helped all of us, to speak from the testimony of members, to see the vision of the possibilities of the Fellowship Movement in a way that none of us had seen them before. And we came away with determination to carry on the work of reconciliation and goodwill, which the Fellowship had set before itself, in the spirit of God and of His Love.

*One Last Word* We want to take this opportunity to thank all those kind friends, men and women, who helped us in diverse ways, some by sending us financial contributions, some by lending us cars and buses and all, we believe, by prayer and intercession, to make the meeting of the Council possible and to set us all on the task of spreading among men God's Love and good-will which takes us to His Presence.

## FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

## The Constitution

ARTICLE I *Name*

The name of the organisation shall be the International Fellowship, it being a federation of all local International Fellowships

ARTICLE II *Motto*

The motto of the organisation shall be "Under Heaven, One Family"

ARTICLE III *Purpose*

The Purpose of the Federation shall be to unite all local International Fellowships which aim at promoting goodwill and harmony amongst people divided by racial, communal, religious and other differ differences, and which recognise in their constitution that belief in God affords the highest incentive to human brotherhood, the precise form of such recognition being left to the discretion of each local Fellowship

ARTICLE IV *Membership*

All local International Fellowships which fulfil the conditions laid down in Article III shall be eligible for membership in the Federation, on application to the Council of the Federation

Each local International Fellowship shall pay an Affiliation Fee of five rupees with application and during the year of affiliation and in each succeeding year, each Fellowship shall pay a further fee of not less than eight annas and not more than one rupee per member Under special circumstances the Council might reduce these fees in the case of any particular local Fellowship or might exempt it entirely from payment

ARTICLE V *Management*

The business of the Federation shall be carried on by a Council consisting of two representatives from each local affiliated Fellowship elected annually, with power to coopt up to one-third of their number

The Council shall meet at least once every year, and at this meeting shall appoint its own officers

The Council shall have power to frame its own bye-laws

ARTICLE VI *Activities*

1 There shall be a General Conference at least once every three years

The Council shall, from time to time, fix the number of representatives to be sent from each affiliated local Fellowship, and may invite non voting members above this number

2 The Council shall endeavour to forward the common purpose of the Fellowship .—

- a by establishing new local Fellowships
- b by facilitating interchange of opinion between the local Fellowships
- c by publications.
- d by the organising of special lectures
- e by acting as the common voice of the Fellowship on questions where it is felt imperative to express an opinion publicly
- f by getting into touch with organisations with similar aims in India and other parts of the world.
- g by any other ways that may from time be found useful

**ARTICLE VII** *Changes in the Constitution*

This constitution shall not be amended except

- a. at a General Conference.
- b. after three months' notice to affiliated local Fellowships
- c and with a majority vote of the voting members present at the Conference

Articles I, II and III shall not be changed except at a General Conference and with a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members present

**ARTICLE VIII** *Interpretation of the Constitution*

All questions with regard to the interpretation of this constitution shall be referred to the Council, and the Council's interpretation shall be final.

## MODEL CONSTITUTIONS FOR LOCAL INTERNATIONAL, FELLOWSHIPS.

### I

#### ARTICLE I *Name*

The name of the organisation shall be . . . . International Fellowship

#### ARTICLE II *Aim and Basis*

The Aim of the Fellowship shall be to promote goodwill and harmony among people belonging to different nations, religions and political parties by affording them a common meeting place and opportunity to understand one another's ideas, manners and customs by a frank interchange of views

Members are expected to meet as sincere and outspoken exponents of their views, but prepared to be tolerant enough to hear and understand views different from their own, and they must undertake to carry, as far as in them lies, the spirit of the Fellowship into all the social and personal relationships of daily life

Believing that true brotherhood among men will ultimately be found to be possible only in a common recognition of the one almighty God, the Fellowship, while loyally respecting the religious convictions of all its members, will strive to find ways in which practical and corporate expression may be given to this belief.

#### ARTICLE IV *Membership*

All persons who accept the aim and basis of the Fellowship as stated above and who are prepared to abide by it, and who are approved by the Executive Committee, may become members of the Fellowship

All members shall pay an annual membership fee of three rupees in advance, out of which one rupee shall be paid to the Federation of International Fellowships

#### ARTICLE III *Management*

The affairs of the Fellowship shall be controlled by an Executive Committee consisting of a President, a Vice-president, a Secretary, a Joint Secretary, and a Treasurer, and four other members elected annually by the general body. Of these nine members, two at least should, whenever possible, be ladies

It shall be the function of the Executive Committee subject to the general control of the whole Fellowship, to devise means for promoting the objects of the Fellowship.

Four members shall form a quorum

**ARTICLE V** *Activities.*

There shall be an annual meeting at the beginning of each year, at which Officers and Committee shall be elected, and the report and accounts of the previous year presented. This annual meeting shall be followed by a common dinner. Ordinary meetings of the Fellowship shall, as far as possible, be held monthly. To these meetings members are allowed to bring their friends. But these friends shall be allowed to take part in the proceedings of the meeting only with the sanction of the meeting.

The expenses of the common dinner and of any entertainment provided at the ordinary meetings of the Fellowship shall be met by a special fee charged from those attending, the minimum being fixed by the Executive Committee. Any other special function shall be provided for by special subscription.

The activities of the Fellowship may include —

- a Meetings at which papers or addresses may be given to the members, and discussion allowed on the subjects raised
- b Retreats and special meetings at the time of religious festivities.
- c Public meetings under the auspices of the Fellowship with the sanction of the Executive Committee
- d Special functions by which members may be brought together

**ARTICLE VI.** *Changes in the Constitution*

One month's notice shall be given of any proposal to amend this constitution and any amendment shall only be made by a two-thirds majority of the members present at the next meeting.

## II

ARTICLE I. *Name*

The name of the organisation shall be the .....International Fellowship

ARTICLE II *Aim*

The aim of the Fellowship shall be to promote goodwill and harmony among people belonging to different nations and holding different views with regard to religion and politics

This aim may be achieved,—

(a) By providing members of the Fellowship with a common meeting place and with opportunities to understand each other's ideas, religions, manners and customs.

(b) By members expressing their views in a frank and outspoken manner and at the same time being prepared to be tolerant enough to hear and understand views different from their own

(c) By members endeavouring to carry the spirit of the Fellowship into all their social and personal relationships of daily life

(d) By members of the Fellowship loyally respecting the religious beliefs of all its members and yet striving to find ways in which practical and corporate expression may be given to the conviction that true brotherhood will ultimately be found to be possible only in a common recognition of the one almighty God

(e) By adopting such other means as may be determined from time to time

ARTICLE III *Membership*

(a) All persons who accept the Aim of the Fellowship as stated above and who are approved by the Executive Committee may become members of the Fellowship. Any candidate for membership not approved by the Executive Committee shall be voted upon by secret ballot at the General Meeting on the instance of any member

(b) Applications for membership shall be made in the prescribed form with the recommendation of one existing member, accompanied by One Rupee and Eight Annas being the termly subscription payable in advance

(c) Members shall pay a membership fee of One Rupee and Eight Annas per term, the two terms being January to June and July to December.



(d) Membership shall cease when subscriptions are in arrears for two consecutive terms. A former member, on payment of arrears, shall be eligible for readmission.

(e) Members may bring their friends to the meetings of the Fellowship, but such friends shall have no power to vote.

#### ARTICLE IV *Management*

(a) The affairs of the Fellowship shall be managed by an Executive Committee of ten members including four Secretaries. This Committee of ten may coopt two additional members at its discretion subject to the confirmation of the general body. One of the Secretaries shall act as Treasurer.

(b) Of the four Secretaries, one shall be an Indian, and one shall be woman.

(c) The Secretaries shall make arrangements among themselves for the carrying on of the work.

(d) The Executive Committee shall be elected at an annual business meeting to be held in the first week of December, each year.

(e) Five members shall form a quorum at the meetings of the Executive Committee.

(f) Casual vacancies in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee itself.

(g) The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint such sub-committees as it shall deem necessary for the carrying on of the work.

#### ARTICLE V *Activities*

1 (a) There shall be a social meeting once every month except in April, May and June. To these meetings members shall be allowed to bring their friends. But such members shall, to defray the cost of the tea, pay at the rate of four annas each for themselves and for each friend whom they bring.

(b) There shall be at least one Retreat held each year.

2 It is also suggested that —

(a) General meetings of the Fellowship may be called from time to time.

(b) Public meetings may be held under the auspices of the Fellowship with the sanction of the Executive Committee.

(c) Picnics, moonlight parties, etc., may sometimes be arranged.

(d) Study Groups may be held on questions concerning international affairs and on subjects which will lead members to

understand and appreciate cultures, customs, etc, other than their own.

(e) Articles may be written by members of the Fellowship and published on their own responsibility in newspapers and magazines with the purpose of promoting peace and goodwill

(f) Members should bring to the notice of the Executive Committee the exhibition of cinema films and the publication of books, articles etc, which they think tend to increase misunderstandings, hatred and bitterness, with a view to the Executive Committee taking action wherever possible

#### ARTICLE VI *Affiliation*

This Fellowship shall be affiliated to the Federation of International Fellowships and shall have power to send two representatives to its Council. The Executive Committee will send a contribution to the funds of the Federation every year, from the funds of this Fellowship, at the rate of one rupee per member

#### ARTICLE VII *Changes in the Constitution*

One month's notice shall be given of any proposal to amend this constitution and no amendment shall be made without a two-thirds majority of the members present. Notice of such amendments shall be sent to all members at least two weeks before the meeting at which they are to be discussed

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

MOTTO

"Under Heaven, One Family"

AIM AND BASIS

The International Fellowship consists of men and women, who, both individually and collectively, desire that the Reign of God be established in all relationships of human life, both between individuals and between groups. The Fellowship unites men and women who belong to various races and communities, and whose loyalty to God, therefore, has not found for itself the same channels of expression. It refuses to regard the present world-order as satisfactory or inevitable, and is convinced that love, the supreme power wherever God's reign is accepted is the great force that can produce the necessary changes.

The members of the Fellowship, therefore, pledge themselves to endeavour to apply the principle of love to all problems of human relationships.

MEMBERSHIP

All men and women who accept the Aim and Basis as stated above may become members of the Fellowship. Such persons shall pay a membership fee of three rupees (or its equivalent in the currency of the country concerned) per annum. In return for this they shall receive all publications of the Fellowship, including the News Sheet, called, "The International Fellowship"

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

(Application for Membership)

I have read the Aim and Basis of the International Fellowship and do hereby accept the same. I wish to become a member of the Fellowship for which the membership fee of three rupees is herewith sent. Kindly enrol me as a member as from .....

Date. ....  
Place . . . . .

Signature

Full Name . . . . .

Full Address . . . . .  
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(Please write legibly)

N B Please fill in this form, tear it and send it, along with the Membership Fee of three rupees, to the General Secretary, International Fellowship, Maitri, Miller Road, Kupauk, Madras

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LIFE-MEMBERSHIP

All men and women who accept the Aim and Basis as stated above may become life-members of the Fellowship. Such persons shall pay a life-membership fee of fifty rupees, either in one lump sum or in instalments, (or its equivalent in the currency of the country concerned). In return for this, they shall receive for life all publications of the Fellowship, including the News Sheet, called, “ The International Fellowship ”

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

( Application for life-membership )

I have read the Aim and Basis of the International Fellowship and do accept the same. I wish to become a life-member of the Fellowship for which I am herewith sending fifty rupees (or any amount in instalments). Kindly enrol me as a life-member of the Fellowship.

Date . . . . .

Place . . . . .

Signature

Name in Full . . . . .

Address in Full . . . . .

(Please write legibly)

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