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National Liberal Federation of India

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TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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HELD AT THE GOKHALE HALL, MADRAS,
On the 29th, 30th and 31st December 1929

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PRESIDENT:

THE HON'BLE SIR PHIROZE SETHNA.

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THE
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REPORT OF THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE

At the Allahabad Session of the Liberal Federation in December 1928, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer and the Hon. Mr. G. A. Natesan invited the next (the twelfth) Session to Madras. Accordingly, for weeks before Christmas 1929, the Liberals of Madras were busy making arrangements for a successful Session of the Liberal Federation. It was felt that in view of the exceptional circumstances of the time, a right lead and a definite lead should be given to the country in the direction of obtaining a Dominion constitution for India. And Liberals all over the country were anxious to join hands and press their views on the attention of the Government and also rally the country with them in their attempt to lead the people along the path of constitutional reform.

As early as August 1929, a Reception Committee was formed of leading Liberals of the Madras Presidency, and at a meeting held at the Servants of India Society on Sunday the 24th November, under the presidentship of Sir P. S. Sivaswami Aiyer, definite steps were taken to give effect to their resolve to hold the Twelfth Session of the Federation at Madras in Christmas week.

It was therein unanimously resolved to request the Rt. Hon. Sastri to be the Chairman of the Reception Committee, but as he could not accept the honour owing to indifferent health, the Committee elected Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer in his place.

The following were appointed General Secretaries :

The Hon. Mr. G. A. Natesan,
Mr. M. Kolandavelu Mudaliar (also to act as Treasurer),
Mr. E. Vinayaka Rao (Advocate).

A small volunteer corps consisting of the Senior Students of Colleges and other young men was formed with Prof. C. S. Srinivasachari, M.A., of the Pachaiyappa's College as Captain, and Messrs. Raja Rajar and M. K. Rangachari, as Vice-Captains.

Two Sub-Committees were also appointed, one for general purposes, and the other to look after the accommodation of delegates during the Session.

The deliberations of the Session were marked by considerable enthusiasm. Delegates had come from far and near, and among those who responded to the invitation of the Reception Committee were many who had made their mark in public life, in administrative experience and constructive statesmanship. Thus the Session that met at Madras was distinguished by the weight of its pronouncements and decisions.

APPENDIX.—A

THE NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION OF INDIA.

XII Session, Gokhale Hall, Madras.

29th, 30th and 31st December, 1930.

The following is the full text of the Resolutions passed at the twelfth session of the National Liberal Federation of India held at Madras on the 29th, 30th and 31st December 1929:—

MESSAGE TO H. E. THE VICEROY

1. This Federation strongly condemns the dastardly attempt to wreck His Excellency the Viceroy's train and conveys to Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Irwin its congratulations on the providential escape of themselves and their party. The Federation places on record its abhorrence and detestation of the crime which is wholly repugnant to the spirit of Indian life and culture.

The Federation authorises the President to convey this resolution to His Excellency the Viceroy by telegram.

DEPARTED PATRIOTS

2. This Federation places on record its sense of the great loss sustained by the country in the passing away of Mr. Narayan Vishnu Gokhale, Sir Gangadhar Chitnavis and Mr. Justice Gokarnath Misra who were distinguished members of the Liberal Party.

THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE

3. The National Liberal Federation of India cordially welcomes the Announcement made on October 31, 1929, by His Excellency the Viceroy as it authoritatively confirms the view that Dominion Status for India was what was intended by the Declaration of 1917, as it definitely recognises that British India and the Indian States should together form a Greater United India and as it concedes India's claim to a right to confer on a footing of equality with the British Cabinet on the form of the future constitution of India.

The Federation further resolves that the Liberal Party do participate in the deliberations of the Conference contemplated in the Announcement. This Federation strongly urges that the Round Table Conference should be held as early as possible in 1930 and that the progressive elements in the country should have preponderant representation therein.

DOMINION STATUS CONSTITUTION

4. This Federation urges upon all Parties in India which accept the recent Announcement of His Excellency the Viceroy whole-heartedly and are prepared to secure its complete and immediate realisation to combine together for the purpose of securing a Constitution based on Dominion Status, with such safeguards and reservations as may be necessary for the period of transition.

INDIAN STATES AND REFORMS

5. (a) This Federation notes with gratification the acceptance by prominent rulers of Indian States of the implications of the Announcement of

H. E. the Viceroy and recognises that in any future Constitution of India based upon Dominion Status, suitable guarantees should be provided for continuance of their rights and their obligations regarding the internal autonomy of Indian States.

(b) This Federation trusts that the Rulers of Indian States will themselves reorganise the system of administration in their respective States and level up the standards of administration in the States so as to approximate them to the form of Government prevailing in British India.

THE EAST AFRICAN QUESTION

6. This Federation views with grave alarm the recommendation in the Report of Sir Samuel Wilson for an increase in the proportion of the representatives of the European community on the Legislative Council of Kenya, to the serious detriment of the interests of the African Natives as well as of the Indian community in that Colony and is strongly of opinion that no constitutional advance be sanctioned in any of the East African Colonies till the Natives are able to take an effective share in the representation by means of election on a common franchise in common electorates. The Federation therefore supports the recommendation of the Hilton-Young Commission in favour of a substitution of common for the existing separate electorates and calls upon the Imperial Government to start inquiries with a view to establishing a common roll in the interest not only of the Indian community but of the whole Colony.

GENERAL SECRETARIES FOR 1930

7. Resolved that Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, K.C.I.E. and the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur G. A. Natesan be the Honorary Joint General Secretaries of the National Liberal Federation of India for the year 1930.

(Mr. C. Y. Chintamani then read out the list of Members of the All-India Council for the year 1930).

APPRECIATION OF RETIRING SECRETARIES' SERVICES

8. The Federation places on record its appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. C. Y. Chintamani and Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru as General Secretaries of the Federation.

THE WHITLEY COMMISSION

9. That this Federation invites the attention of the Government to the necessity of asking the Whitley Commission to expedite their work and to take effective action on it with a view to ameliorate the present situation.

PROPAGANDA FOR DOMINION STATUS

10. That this Federation appoints a committee of eight members to collect materials and prepare the case for Dominion Status and to authorise the President to meet the necessary costs from the Party funds.

Names of Committee Members

1. Sir P. S. Sivaswami Iyer
2. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer
3. Dewan Bahadur T. Rangachariar
4. Mr. C. Y. Chintamani
5. Sir Moropant Joshi
6. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad
7. Sir Sankar Rao Chitnavis
8. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru (Convener)

APPENDIX.—B

Dominion Status Constitution

An Appeal for Unity

As a corollary to Resolution IV (moved by the Rt. Hon. Sastri) "urging upon all Parties in India which accept the recent Announcement of H. E. the Viceroy whole-heartedly and are prepared to secure its complete and immediate realisation to combine together for the purpose of securing a Constitution based on Dominion Status", the President read the following statement of the Liberal Party and announced the appointment of a committee consisting of Dr. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru (Convener and Chairman of the Committee), Dr. Annie Besant, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Sir M. V. Joshi, Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, Dewan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao, the Hon. Mr. G. A. Natesan and Sir Pheroze Sethna to give effect to the resolution:—

The march of events during the last two months and particularly during the last few days, makes it imperative that the Liberal Federation should make an appeal to those in the country who have hitherto pinned their faith to the achievement by India of Dominion Status as an integral member of the British Commonwealth of Nations. The Announcement made by His Excellency the Viceroy on the 31st October last, with the full consent and authority of His Majesty's Government, evoked a remarkable feeling of response in the country and from the Indian Princes, which led us to believe that the solution of the difficulties with which we have been confronted was at last within sight. The debates that followed in the House of Lords and in the House of Commons unfortunately gave rise to a great deal of misunderstanding with regard to the meaning and effect of the purpose and scope of British policy adumbrated by His Excellency the Viceroy. Nevertheless, those of us who realize the political conditions surrounding the Labour Government in England were disposed and are still disposed to attach far greater significance and weight to the authoritative statements made by His Majesty's Government through the Secretary of State in England and the Viceroy in India, than to their critics in Parliament or in the English Press.

As we read the situation, the essential condition of success at the Round Table Conference is that there should be the maximum amount of agreement among ourselves in India. If we can secure such agreement, our representatives at the Round Table Conference will be able to press with every hope of success for complete Dominion Status being established, subject to such safeguards and reservations including the protection of the interests and rights of minorities as may be necessary in the presents conditions of India for the period of transition. We have always been anxious that in order to produce a favourable atmosphere the Government in India should implement the new policy by action calculated to remove all causes of irritation and produce calm and good-will.

We must deplore that just at this moment when our attention should be fixed on matters affecting the future of this country, an attempt should have been made to wreck the train of His Excellency the Viceroy, who has, during the last few months, by identifying himself with the Indian cause, earned our gratitude and

admiration in a special measure. Outrages of this character, wholly inconsistent as they are with the Indian outlook on life, so far from helping our cause, are bound to create, in the minds of our opponents, prejudice against us; but we sincerely hope and trust that the situation will be dealt with on its own merits, uninfluenced by the misdeeds of those who take a perverted view of freedom and patriotism.

We firmly believe that the only rallying cry which can unite Hindus, Muhammadans, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis, the Europeans, the propertied classes and the labouring and depressed classes can be Dominion Status for India, not as a distant goal or ideal but as an object capable of achievement within the shortest possible limit of time. In a Constitution seeking to give India the status of a Dominion, there will be no difficulty in making ample provision for the safeguarding of her security against internal trouble and foreign aggression during the period of transition. The mutual relations of British India and Indian States can also be satisfactorily defined and provision made for their future regulation consistently, on the one hand, with the Dominion Status now contemplated, and, on the other, with the autonomy of the Indian States. Those of us who believe in the peaceful evolution of India cannot but deplore that any section of the people of this country should raise the cry of independence and involve our future in turmoil and confusion. Believing as we do that the Labour Government and Lord Irwin are in real earnest in seeking an acceptable solution of the constitutional problem, we should be guilty of utter short-sightedness and lack of statesmanship if we fail to seize the opportunity that has been extended to us. We realise that the task of those who believe in Dominion Status and who are prepared to work for it has become more difficult by reason of the attitude adopted by one leading political organization in India and that their responsibility has become all the greater. But if all the other parties who believe in Dominion Status will join hands together in pressing India's claim, there is no reason why we should not achieve it. But this makes it necessary that the internal differences which divide one community from another should be composed in a just and generous manner. Believing as we do in principles of justice and equality and fairness to all parties and communities and interests, we make an earnest appeal to all those whose objective is Dominion Status to devise a means of common deliberation. If such an attempt is made and we proceed about our business in a spirit of give and take, we are confident of a settlement amongst ourselves which will expedite and facilitate the work of the Round Table Conference in London. It is in that hope and belief that we issue this appeal. As a necessary preliminary we shall appoint a small Committee of our own Party with power to co-operate with representatives of other parties for the purpose of taking the necessary initiative.

APPENDIX.—C

The Indian National Liberal Council for 1930

Elected at the Twelfth session of the National Liberal Federation of India held at Madras on December 29, 30 and 31, 1929.

Chairman.

- ✓ 1. The Hon. Sir Phiroze Sethna, Canada Building, Hornby Road, Bombay.

Vice-Chairmen.

2. Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Aiyar, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., Sudharma, Edward Elliott's Road, Mylapore, Madras.
3. Mr. C. Y. Chintamani, M.L.C., 17, Hamilton Road, Allahabad.
4. Diwan Bahadur L. A. Govindaraghava Aiyar, Mylapore, Madras.
5. The Right Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., C.H., Servants of India Society, Royapettah High Road, Madras.
6. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, K.C.S.I., LL.D., 19, Albert Road, Allahabad.
7. Dr. R. P. Paranjpye, India Office, London.
8. Sir Moropant Joshi, K.C.I.E., Amraoti (Camp.)
9. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad, K.C.I.E., LL.D., Malabar Hill, Bombay.

General Secretaries.

- ✓ 10. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer, K.C.I.E., The Grove, Cathedral P.O., Madras.
- ✓ 11. The Hon. Rao Bahadur G. A. Natesan, Mangala Vilas, Mylapore.

Nominated by the President.

- ✓ 12. Sir Cowasji Jehangir (Junior), K.C.I.E., Malabar Hill, Bombay.
13. Sir Devaprasad Sarvadhikari, C.I.E., C.B.E., LL.D., 20, Suri Lane, Calcutta.
14. The Hon. Sir Shankar Rao Chitnavis, I.S.O., P.L.C., Civil Lines, Nagpur.
15. Pandit Hirday Nath Kunzru, M.L.A., 1, Katra Road, Allahabad.
16. Mr. A. P. Sen, Lucknow.

MADRAS.

17. Dr. Annie Besant, P. T. S., Adyar, Madras.
18. Mr. N. Subbarao Pantulu, Rajahmundry.
- ✓ 19. Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai, C.I.E., Gooty.
20. Raja Sir Vasudeva Raja of Kollengode, Kollengode.
21. The Hon. Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiar of Chettinad, Vepery, Madras.
22. Diwan Bahadur T. Rangachariar, C.I.E., Egmore, Madras.
23. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao, Ellore.
24. Mr. B. Venkatapathi Raju, C.I.E., Vizagapatam.
- ✓ 25. Sir A. P. Patro, Berhampore.
- ✓ 26. Diwan Bahadur N. Pattabhirama Rao.
27. Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, C.I.E., Mylapore, Madras.
28. Rao Bahadur Dr. C. B. Rama Rao, Bangalore.
- ✓ 29. Rao Bahadur C. S. Subrahmanyam, Mayavaram.
30. Rao Bahadur S. V. Narasimha Rao, Kurnool.
31. Mr. M. G. Mukundaraja Iyengar, Devakottah.
32. Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyengar, Devakottah.
33. Mr. M. Kolandavelu Mudaliar, Sunkurama Chetty Street, Madras.
- ✓ 34. Mr. K. R. Venkatarama Iyer, B.A., B.L., Madura.

- 35. Dr. P. Rama Rao, George Town, Madras.
- 36. Mr. E. Vinayaka Rao, Advocate, Mylapore, Madras.
- 37. Mr. Ati Narayana Pantulu, Vizianagaram.
- 38. Janab C. Abdul Hakim, Sheriff of Madras, Periamet, Madras.
- 39. Mr. V. Venkata Subbaiya, Servants of India Society, Royapetta High Road, Madras.
- 40. Mr. T. V. Rangachariar, Advocate, Chittoor.
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- 46. Mr. K. S. Jatar, C.I.E., Poona City.
- 47. Mr. N. M. Joshi, M.L.A., Servants of India Society, Sandhurst Road, Bombay.
- 48. Mr. Chunilal M. Gandhi, Surat.
- 49. Mr. D. G. Dalvi, 217, Charni Road, Bombay.
- 50. Mr. G. K. Gadgil, Gadgil House, Poona City.
- 51. Mr. H. G. Gharpurey, I.C.S. (Retired), Poona City.
- 52. J. R. Gharpure, Law College, Poona City.
- 53. Mr. L. G. Mahajani, Sadashiv Peth, Poona City.
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BENGAL.

- 63. Babu Jatindra Nath Basu, 14, Balaram Ghose Street, Calcutta.
- 64. Principal Heramba Chandra Maitra, 65, Harrison Road, Calcutta.
- 65. Babu Krishna Kumar Mitra, 6, College Square, Calcutta.
- 66. Rai Ramani Mohan Das Bahadur, Karimganj, Sylhet.
- 67. Mr. D. C. Ghose, 23, Debender Ghose Road, Bhowanipur, Calcutta.
- 68. Babu Sachindra Prasad Basu, 6, College Square, Calcutta.
- 69. Mr. S. M. Bose, 3, Federation Road, Calcutta.
- 70. Babu Manmatha Nath Sen, 44, Ramananda Bose Street, Calcutta.
- 71. Khan Bahadur Moulvi Ekramul Haq, Berhampur, Bengal.
- 72. The Rev. B. A. Nag, 1/2, College Square, Calcutta.
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- 77. Mr. H. M. Bose, Rowland Road, Ballygunge, Calcutta.

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90. Rai Krishnaji, Pandepur, Benares Cantonment.
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92. Pandit Krishna Prasad Kaul, Aminuddowlah Park, Lucknow.
93. Rao Krishnapal Singh, M.L.C., Castle Grant, Agra.
94. Pandit Venkatesh Narayan Tivarr, M.L.C., Kydganj, Allahabad.
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105. Babu Gauri Shankar Prasad Bulanala, Benares City.
106. Mr. Dalip Mansingh, Fatehpur, E. I. Ry.
107. Babu Bodh Raj Sahney, Sipri, Barar, Jhansi.
108. Babu Radha Mohan, Jaunpur.
109. Rai Bahadur Lala Bihari Lal, M.L.C., Ranimandi, Allahabad.
110. Khan Bahadur Munshi Muhammad Ismail, M.L.C., Gorakhpur.
111. Pandit Parmeshwar Nath Sapru, Fyzabad.
112. Rai Bahadur Pandit Badri Datt Joshi, Nainital.

THE PUNJAB.

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115. Pandit K. N. Agnihotri, C/o Devanand Brothers, Nila Gumbad,
Lahore.
117. Khan Bahadur Mian Chirag Din, Murang, Lahore.
118. Moulvi Mahbub Alum, Paise Akhbar Street, Lahore.
119. Lala Kesho Ram, Vakil, Amritsar.
120. Lala Faqir Chand, Fane Road, Lahore.
121. Lala Durgadas, Fane Road, Lahore.
122. Khan Saheb Gul Mohomed, Ferokepur.
123. Chaudhuri Ata Mohiuddin, Hoshiarpur.
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125. Khan Bahadur Shaik Amir Ali, Mohanlal Road, Lahore.
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BIHAR AND ORISSA

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THE CENTRAL PROVINCES

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130. Sir Bisheshar Das Gaya, Nagpur.
131. Rao Bahadur V. M. Kelkar, Craddock Town, Nagpur.
132. Rai Bahadur D. N. Chaudhuri, Raipur.
133. Rao Bahadur A. S. Bambewalla, Craddock Town, Nagpur.
134. Rai Bahadur N. G. Bose, Civil Lines, Nagpur.
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143. Rao Bahadur B. R. Angal, Amraoti.
144. Rao Bahadur D. V. Bhagavat, Akola.
145. Rao Bahadur B. V. Dravid, Yeotmal.
146. Rao Bahadur K. V. Brahma, Amraoti (Camp.)
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153. Mr. Shankar Rao Bhalchandra, Yeotmal.
154. Mr. T. R. Gadre, Akola.
155. Mr. R. K. Thambre, Akola.
156. Mr. V. T. Deshpande, Yeotmal.

APPENDIX.—D.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIONAL LIBERAL FEDERATION OF INDIA.

(As determined by Resolutions passed by the Federation at its second, third and sixth sessions held in the years 1919, 1920, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1927.)

1. The object of the National Liberal Federation of India and its component organizations is the attainment by constitutional means of Swaraj (Responsible Self-Government and Dominion Status for India) at the earliest possible date.

The Federation and its component organizations will aim at a higher standard of national efficiency by means of administrative reforms, the wider spread of education, the improvement of public health, economic development, the promotion of inter-communal unity and the amelioration of the condition of the backward classes of the population.

2. The Indian Association and the Bengal National Liberal League, Calcutta; the National Liberal Association of Western India, Bombay; the Madras Liberal League, Madras; the United Provinces Liberal Association, Allahabad; the Punjab Liberal League, Lahore; the National Liberal League of the Central Provinces, Nagpur; the Berar Liberal League, Akola; the Deccan Sabha, Poona, and other Liberal associations or leagues which may adopt the objects and methods of the National Liberal Federation and may be recognized in this behalf by the Indian National Liberal Council shall be component parts of the National Liberal Federation of India.

3. The work of the Federation shall be carried on between one annual session and another by a council called the Indian National Liberal Council, consisting of the office-bearers, five members nominated by the President and not more than twenty-five members from each province elected by the Federation at the annual session.

4. The office-bearers shall be the President of the last previous annual session of the Federation, who shall be the Chairman of the Council; the ex-Presidents, who shall be Vice-Chairmen, and one or more General Secretaries.

5. Every member of the Council shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 25.

6. The members of the Associations or Leagues which are component parts of the Federation and such other persons as may be elected by their committees are eligible for membership of the annual session of the Federation. Every member who attends a session shall pay such fee as may be fixed by the reception committee.

7. The Indian National Liberal Council is authorized to set up a working committee and to delegate to it such functions as it may deem fit, and further, to constitute from time to time standing or special committees to deal with specific subjects or matters. Standing and special committees may co-opt as members Liberal as well as other persons who approve of the general policy of the Federation, but do not belong to any Liberal organization. The number of co-opted members may not exceed one-third of the total number of members of a committee.

8. Every reception committee shall remit to the general secretary or secretaries after the conclusion of the annual session the equivalent of fifty pounds sterling for financing work in England in the furtherance of India's cause.