LEAGUE SECRETARY SAYS WILSON WON

Other Nations Are Giving Effect to the Ideals Rejected Here, He Declares.

SEES THE LEAGUE GROWING

Though Handicapped by Our Absence, Its Work Progresses as Confidence Increases.

GENEVA, Feb. 5 (Associated Press) —Sir Eric Drummond, general secretary of the League of Nations, issued today on behalf of his colleagues of the secretariat the following statement on the death of Woodrow Wilson:

"Nowhere in the world will the death of Mr. Wilson awake stronger emotions than amongst those at Geneva, who, while he has lain stricken on his sick bed, have been privileged to take part directly in the attempt to translate into practice the high principles of international co-operation and conciliation for which he may truly be said to have given his life.

"Undoubtedly the greatest of our spiritual leaders has passed away, a man who had the opportunity granted to few indeed of standing at a crossroad in history and pointing out a new way for his fellow men.

"Mr. Wilson came to Europe at the end of the world's most desperate war and stood in the councils of the exalted nations as the acknowledged champion of a new hope and a new idea.

"In the main Mr. Wilson triumphed, for his hope for an association of nations, for an ordered method of arbitration, for a permanent atmosphere of peace, were inscribed as Part I of the treaties. Slowly at first, but with increasing faith, other nations turned toward this new ideal while Mr. Wilson himself was making his last defiant stand at home.

"With that struggle we on this side have no concern. While the non-entrance of the United States caused a serious dislocation of the original ideas of the League, it shortly became manifest, first, that an international association was more than ever essential at this moment of history, and, secondly, that such an association could perform a useful service even if seriously handicapped by events beyond its control.

"So the work has gone on, ever increasing in scope and importance, and bringing always more nations and wider interests about the common council table. The passing of Mr. Wilson, while taking away the great advocate of international co-operation, will provide due and sober inspiration for those of us at Geneva who are most insufficiently, but to the best of our power, attempting to carry out the ideals which he set.

"Mr. Wilson has gone, but the work to which he gave his life has only just begun."

Secretary Drummond also telegraphed to Mrs. Wilson a personal message of sympathy on behalf of himself and his colleagues.