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The following resolutions were adopted by the third Annual Congress of Peace and Arbitration Societies, which was held at Rome in November last:

INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUREAU.

"An International Peace Bureau is hereby constituted at Berne, which shall serve as a means of union between Peace Societies and the friends of peace generally.

"A commission of five members appointed by this Congress shall organise this bureau and direct its operations. The commission shall present a report to the next Congress on the steps which have been taken, including suggestions for the definitive organisation of the bureau.

"A subscription shall at once be opened to meet the outlay required by the bureau."

It has long been felt by the members of Peace Societies that some such organized Union of all who are engaged in working for international concord, was greatly to be desired.

A resolution to that effect was adopted at Berne by a meeting of representatives of this movement in the year 1884, and projects have been drawn up at various times by such eminent fellow-workers in this movement as the late CHARLES LEMONNIER (President of the League of Peace and Liberty); by FREDERIC BAJER (Member of the Danish Parliament); and by ANGELO MAZZOLENI (late a Member of the Italian Parliament).

One object in view is to place all the Workers for Peace in close and continued relations with each other, and to unite them, when practicable, for common work, and to enable each to know what all the others are doing or propose to do.

It is further considered very desirable that all persons—whether members of Societies or not—should have the opportunity of obtaining from a central office whatever information they may desire as to the present and past history of international arbitration; statistics relating to peace and war; information as to international treaties; as to debates, congresses and conferences; and as to the transactions, past and present, of all Peace and Arbitration Societies.

At present, one society may possess information on some matters, while another society may possess information as to other facts; but there is no office where an inquirer may find a complete record, whether in printed form or otherwise, and where he may apply for information as a matter of right.
It should be observed that with the increasing number of new societies, of public meetings and conferences taking place annually, and of Members of Parliament interested in this subject, such a Bureau, Special Library, and Record Office becomes an absolute necessity.

In order to constitute this Bureau, five of the Delegates attending the Congress were elected to take the necessary steps, and to report their proceedings to the Congress, to be held at Berne in 1892, with a view of fresh instructions being given to them, and to the further development of the project.

The names of these Delegates thus appointed, with one exception (that of Mr. Wm. Love, President of the Universal Peace Union, Philadelphia) are appended to this Circular, has been resolved to elect four others by cooptation, so that there will be nine in all.

It will be obvious that this project cannot be carried out unless an adequate amount is subscribed, and it remains to be seen whether the Peace Societies, and their members individually, will give effect to a proposal which has often been made, and which has now been sanctioned at a Peace Congress.

It has been roughly estimated that when the Bureau has been fully constituted on a complete scale, the annual cost will be about £360.

Subscriptions may be forwarded to any of the undersigned, by whom printed receipts will be duly furnished:

1. Frederic Bajer (Member of Danish Parliament), Chairman, COPENHAGEN.
2. Hodgson Pratt, 41 Outer Temple, LONDON.
3. Angelo Mazzoleni (late Member of Italian Parliament), MILAN.
4. Elie Ducommun, Hon. Secy, BERNE.