The B.F.A. and the Federations.

Some may be surprised at the name of the B.F.A. and the Federations together. They are two distinct organizations, each with its own mission and purpose. The B.F.A. is the British Fascist Association, which promotes fascist ideology and propaganda. The Federations, on the other hand, are a collection of regional and local fascist groups that operate under the umbrella of the B.F.A.

The B.F.A. seeks to advance its agenda through the Federations, which are responsible for organizing local activities and spreading fascist ideology. The Federations are typically led by local fascist leaders who are appointed or elected by the B.F.A.

The relationship between the B.F.A. and the Federations is one of control and dependency. The B.F.A. provides funds, resources, and guidance to the Federations, while the Federations carry out the B.F.A.'s agenda in their local areas.

However, the Federations also have their own interests and motivations. They may use fascist ideology to advance their own political or economic goals, or simply as a means to gain power and influence in their communities.

In conclusion, the relationship between the B.F.A. and the Federations is complex and multifaceted. While the B.F.A. provides the framework and direction, the Federations have their own autonomy and can sometimes act in ways that are independent of the B.F.A.'s agenda.
The B.E.A. and the Federations.

Some explanation is due at this stage in justification of the proposed new Article of Association, printed on p. 23 of the B.E. for March. The suggested change in the constitution has arisen out of a proposal by Mr. John Merchant, which was discussed at one of the meetings of the Yorkshire Federation held last year, and which has since been considered in all the Federations.

The change involves, to some extent, a scheme of decentralisation. Our movement in the British Empire must, of course, have some centre, and that centre is preferably and obviously London.

But the disadvantage of absolute centralisation is that all the work of the movement is apt to become concentrated at the centre and kept in the hands of a few persons. In a movement like ours, where success depends on making Esperanto known as widely as possible, centralisation is not desirable. The work cannot be done effectively and efficiently by two or three men at one place, however able they may be, and if these men are paid officials, people are sometimes apt to leave all the work to be done by them, and to expect more from them than they are able to accomplish. The fact is that our officials are at headquarters simply to look after our munitions—our books and propaganda literature—to keep the citadel, and to act in conference with the general staff. Owing to their situation, it is natural that their activities other than those mentioned are necessarily confined to a limited area, but the fighting has to be done all over the country.

Some years ago the District Federations were called into being. It should be frankly admitted that these were regarded by some within and by some without with mixed feelings. Those who were at the Leeds Congress in 1909 will remember that there were partisans of the Federations who were strong supporters of the view that the Federations should be independent of the B.E.A., and some regarded the national body somewhat unsympathetically. On the other hand, there were those who felt that the creation of the Federations might prove a source of weakness to the B.E.A., and urged that in order to prevent this the Federations, which were a welcome development of our movement, should in some way or other be linked up with the B.E.A.

Experience has taught many lessons. The Federations have been exceedingly active. They have done excellent work. They have entrenched our movement very strongly in the provinces. But they have found this disadvantage: they only speak for themselves. How much more effective would be their influence if they could speak in the name of the national organisation, and for the movement as a whole. The linking of Groups with Federations, and Federations with the National Association, and the National Association with the Central Office would make a world-wide organisation in which every Esperantist could feel that he is taking a part when he pays his subscription to his group treasurer.

The proposed Article has been drafted in order to preserve, as far as possible, the autonomy of the Federations, which are already in existence, and it lays down lines on which future Federations may be constituted. These Federations need not be confined to the United Kingdom, and we look forward to the day...
VARI number. Reports may be in English. Matter for "Coming Events" (which should be as early as possible) may be sent in up to the 20th. Secretaries, please note.

**CHRONICLE.**

Matter for the Chronicle should be sent to the Editor not later than the 15th of the month, for insertion in the following number. Reports may be in English. Matter should be as concise as possible and reach the office not later than Monday evenings. Secretaries, please note.

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when Federations of Esperanto groups will be found not only everywhere at home, but in our colonies abroad.

One advantage of devotion of local propaganda work to the Federations is that any chance of overlapping will be avoided, and the B.E.A. will be able toACP.

**COMING EVENTS.**

Divine Service in Esperanto will be held on Whit Sunday, May 19, in Hartcourt Church, St. Paul's, London, E.C.1. Addresses will be given by Mr. J. Merchant, of Sheffield.

**The Esperanto Week-end, Whitburn, 1918.—The arrangements detailed below have been made by Dr. Pollen and Mr. Edmonds with the approval of the Council, and it is hoped that as many as possible will take part in order to help the Cause along, and to show all members and others are cordially invited to take part in order to help the Cause along, and to show the public that Esperanto is not dead.

Any queries for further information should be addressed to Mr. C. H. Edmonds, 248, Wimpole-road, Hove, N.8.

Friday, May 17.

7.50–9.30 p.m.—Special meeting of the London Esperanto Club at 21, Hart-street, W.C.1, to discuss the question of forming a Federation of Esperanto Clubs in London. The meeting will be addressed by W. H. Brown, and entitled "La Javeloj de la Varnorno."

Saturday, May 18.

11 a.m.—General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated). The Council invite all sympathizers to be present at the meeting, to discuss the question of forming a Federation of Esperanto Clubs in London. At that time, although only members of the Association are entitled to vote, the general meeting is open to all, and all members and others are cordially invited to attend and take part.

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Sunday, May 19.

11 a.m.—Divine Service in Esperanto at Hartcourt Church, St. Paul's, London, E.C.1. Preached by Dr. Pollen. Addressed to the "c. M. C. Butler paroles. The Clerk presiding, Morley College, Waterloo-road, S.E., at 2.30 p.m. for those desiring to obtain information or purchase books.

**LONDON.**

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for instruction was such that two classes were arranged,
sessions.

amongst the most successful classes in the School, and
language, there is no doubt about the earnestness
been remarkably good.

Session, and those who have attended so regularly are
the progress they have made in the subject.''

in connection with the "Macrae Memorial.
write essays in lesperanto to compete for two prizes,
during the past seven months by the Rev. A. L. Curry

to be commended for their zeal, and congratulated on

Common Commercial Language Committee, gave an
his instructive address, the President, Mr. Lloyd Barnes,
Education authority should be urged to take up the

Twelfth Annual Report of the Melbourne Esperanto

Certainly the members show no lack of energy in their

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"These Esperanto classes must be numbered again

' The classes have been attended by 34 students,
An interesting Esperanto Competition is announced

Notes" in Stead's Review began in May, and have
local Public Library of books in and about Esperanto.
In July the Society was delighted to hear that the

42 new students have joined, and are under the capable
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allude to the booklet Modern Humanity.
would be approached, and those who appeared to be inclined to join would be given copies of Modern Humanity for the purpose of showing parents that the exercise is not text-book learning, but real work. Each week from the commencement of the course the teacher would assist some child to send a card abroad, so that interest might continue up to the receipt of communications from abroad. If the experiment could be organized abroad, as much the better. Such, then, is the suggestion. Is it practicable? Is it worth while? Can we show that an important step forward would have been taken if children could be interested in larger numbers? That is the question which this society may afford to the movement in the future.

It occurs to us that this booklet, which is published either for class or private use, we have no hesitation in recommending. We have no intention of making the listeners into teachers, but it seems to us that among educated adults there are many who would have been taken if children could be interested in teaching their children. It is a matter for thought to the teachers and also a sympathetic Head. It is a matter for thought to the Head and also a sympathetic Teacher. It is a matter for thought to the Head and also a sympathetic Teacher.

**Libro kaj Gazeto.**

The "Routining" of Esperanto — Novel War-Time Text-Book — Propagandists have so often been warned with the question "How long will it take me to learn Esperanto?" And in every case the mental capacity of the prospective student, that it is somewhat strange an Esperantist has never before considered the problem of the time consumption. Jackson Coleman, in his charming brochure, "A Week at Esperanto," presents an odd-minute book either for class or private use, we have no hesitation in recommending.
Council Meetings, B.E.A.

Held at the Offices of the Association on Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m. Eighteen members of the Council attended, and Dr. J. Pollen presided, followed by Mr. C. E. Cooper. After the passing of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Hon. Treasurer reported on the finances, and the following subjects among others were discussed:—

Draft Letter to Guarantors.—A draft letter by the President, making a second call on the Guarantors, was read, considered, and approved.

Annual Meeting.—Mr. Edmonds outlined the arrangements for this meeting, and others in connection with it. Miss Blake and Mr. Phillimore were provisionally elected Scrutineers.

Notice of Motion.—Mr. C. F. White, Glasgow, gave notice of intention to move at the A.G.M., "That the rebate allowed to members on prices of books be discontinued until the Association pay its way—if not permanently."

"A Week at Esperanto."—Permission was given to announce this work as obtainable from the B.E.A.

Meeting in Honour of the Memory of Dr. Zamenhof.—Dr. Pollen described the probable arrangements for this Meeting. He hoped that the members of the B.E.A. would take tea with him at the "Vogue," 3, Victoria-street, at 4, before passing over to the Lincolnshire Rooms, where it was proposed that the Meeting should be held.

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Whit Monday, May 20, in the Hall of the Ashburton Club, 28, Red Lion-square, W.C.1, following the Annual General Meeting of the Association, and that the following meeting of the Council will be held on Monday, June 17, in the Offices of the Association, 17, Hart-street, London, W.C.1, at 6 p.m.

AGENDA.

Financial Statement.
Appointment of Committees.
Correspondence and other business.

MONTAGU C. BUTLER, Acting Secretary.

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Low Fees, probably 25.
Names of intending students should be sent immediately to the Principal.

Teacher: Probably S-RO PAUL BLISSE.