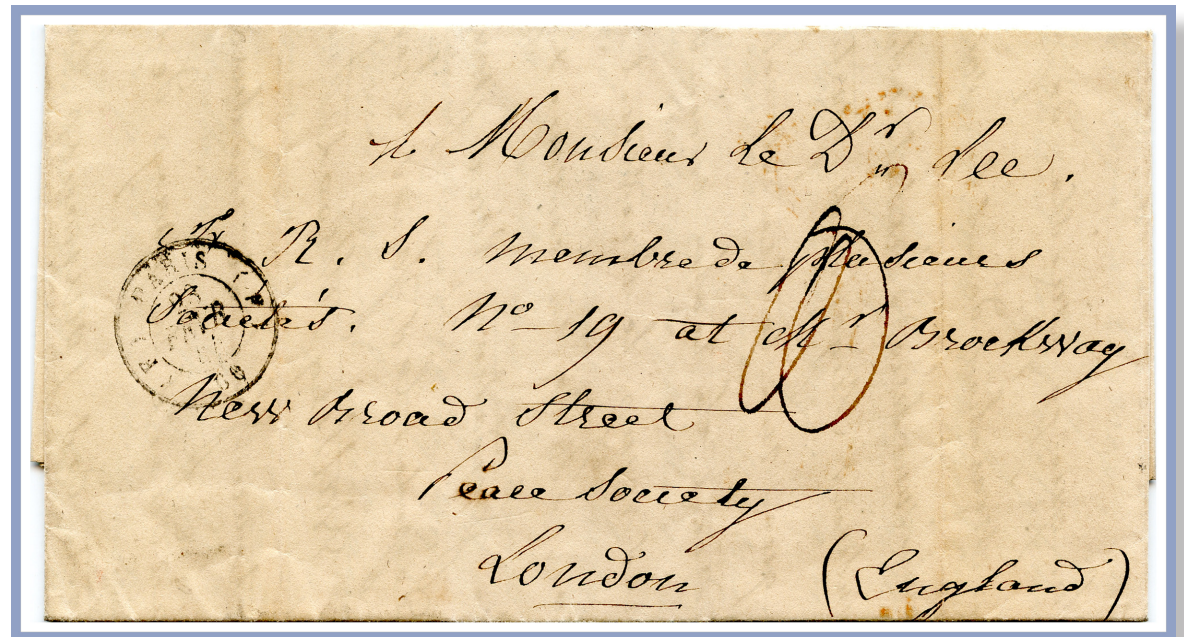


History offers many examples of 'Peace' being shepherded along a path to better peoples' lives. Such efforts invariably result in the formation of organizations. A formal and lasting world body promoting world peace however remained a dream until roughly 100 years ago. In this magazine style exhibit, we offer articles on the most important organizations. Articles are chronological and, as in magazines, concentrate on only one aspect of each effort. Unusual items of interest are highlighted with dark blue matting.

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1. London Peace Society (1844)
First major national society.
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3. League to Enforce Peace (1919)
A cover and its content. President William Howard Taft supports the effort for the U.S. to join the League of Nations.
4. League of Nations (1929)
55th League Council Session, Madrid, Spain, 10-16 June 1929.
5. United Nations (1946)
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U.N. Delegate.



Paris, France to the London Peace Society (national society), London, England, 23 February 1844

London Peace Society

The London Peace Society was formed in 1816 as England's premier pacifist organization and remained active until the mid-1930s. It was mainly concerned with disarmament and composed of many prominent English pacifists. It maintained several auxiliary arms in various English cities. Due to varying political and social views of the day, it split into several societies, each with an agenda based on the respective leaders. It was an early leader of many national efforts in the 'world peace movement'.



London, England to the English Ambassador in Berlin, Germany, circa 1870s
Newspaper wrapper for London Peace Society newsletter