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Page 43; Add Paragraph (c) as follows:

(c) Treatment of  
Offenders

The interest of the League of Nations in the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders was at first limited to those aspects which affected the young. In its work on child welfare the Advisory Committee studied among other matters, the problem of the juvenile delinquent, and when it was making an enquiry into the organization of juvenile courts it received the collaboration of the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission through its Secretary. Later the Assembly of the League turned its attention to the problem of the adult offender and drew up, also with the collaboration of the Secretary of the Commission referred to, a code of rules which it recommended for consideration and adoption by the Members of the League. Immediately before the war the League was beginning to take a prominent interest in the whole question of the prevention and treatment of crime.

The International Penal and Penitentiary Commission (which was originally called the International Prison Commission) was established as a result of a Congress held in London in 1872. Periodical congresses were held in different countries in subsequent years and the Commission gradually obtained the official recognition and financial support of a number of governments. After a Congress held in Paris in 1895, the United Kingdom and the United States of America gave it official recognition. In 1926 a permanent bureau was established at Berne, and immediately before the war the Commission had a membership representative of thirty countries.

which paid a small subvention based on the size of their population. At first the Commission concerned itself with prison questions but in later years it turned its attention to wider questions connected with the treatment of offenders, including children dealt with by juvenile courts which involved overlapping with the work of the Social Questions Advisory Committee of the League of Nations.

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