

AN APPEAL

The Belgian Association of the Olympic Medallists begs us to publish the following appeal addressed to all those concerned in Belgium. This Association would like to see similar Institutions organized in other countries, and hopes that ultimately these groups when formed will develop into an International Federation. All particulars will be supplied by the Vice-President of the A. B. M. O., Mr. Charles Mulder, Meir 68, Antwerp, Belgium. The following is the text of his appeal:

« A proposal has been put forward to bring together in a legal Organisation all those who have won a gold, silver, or bronze medal at the Olympic Games.

All those taking part either in individual events or as active members of a national team, would be acknowledged members of the said Association. Similarly artists whose works have won the prizes awarded by the I. O. C. at the Olympiads, will also be admitted as members of the Association.

The Belgian Laureates of the Olympic Games thus grouped in one association will be given each year several occasions to foregather and to fraternize, thus up holding the true Olympic spirit.

It is highly desirable that all those who have striven towards a similar object, can by recalling their past experiences, hand down a common heritage.

In the eyes of the sporting world, the

Association is certain to acquire a prestige in proportion to the performances and distinctions realized by its members.

Hence, the sporting experience of all those, who have proved their worth in the stadiums or on the Olympic tracks, will influence more readily all young sportsmen, encouraging them to seek admission to an Association which, in their eyes, will become a byword for the elite of Belgian Sports.

This idea will spur them on when their turn comes to, be called to defend the Belgian colours at the future Olympic Games.

Several different forms of encouragement can and will be taken by the Association in order to stimulate the efforts of Belgian sport, to create a competitive spirit among athletes capable of achieving outstanding results, or if necessary, to support so far as it can those who show serious promise of winning glorious Olympic victories. Furthermore it is proposed to cast a special emblem, numbered, and of a registered design, to be worn exclusively by members of our Association.

Several of the Laureates have held a meeting and have decided to carry out the aims of this appeal.

A Provisory Committee has been formed to complete the preliminary arrangements and to enrol the prospective candidates for this Association.

Sign.: FERNAND DE MONTIGNY. »