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Cooperative League of the U.S.A.  
Records, 1918-1919 and 1925-1926

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**Title:** Cooperative League of the U.S.A. Records, 1918-1919 and 1925-1926

**Size:** One linear foot. (Three archival boxes)

**Source:** Cedric Long, CLUSA executive secretary, 1939.

**Historical Note:** Founded in 1916 by James Peter Warbasse (1866-1957), the Cooperative League was a federation of cooperative businesses that promoted the formation of cooperatives and sought to educate the public on the advantages of cooperation.

**Description:** Chiefly correspondence between Warbasse and various individuals and organizations in the United States and overseas, offering information on the establishment and maintenance of cooperatives.

## COOPERATIVE LEAGUE OF THE U.S.A. RECORDS

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

James Peter Warbasse (1866-1957), a physician with an interest in economic alternatives to capitalism, founded the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. (CLUSA) in New York City in 1916, serving as its president until 1941.

The correspondence in this collection is mostly Warbasse's, in his capacity as CLUSA president. It includes inquiries on how to set up regional cooperatives; letters concerning material for CLUSA's publication, *Cooperation* (formerly *The Cooperative Consumer*), notices of meetings, and so forth.

Materials are organized in three main groups:

- **General correspondence, 1918-1919** (mostly 1919), alphabetical by correspondent (Box 1)
- **General correspondence, 1925-1926**, alphabetical by correspondent; other correspondence files, 1925-1926 (Box 2)
- **International correspondence, 1925-1926**, alphabetical by country (Box 3).

For fuller information, see the container list on the following page.

The whereabouts of correspondence from CLUSA's first several years and for 1920-1924, and of such materials as annual reports, minutes of meetings, and financial records for 1916-1926, if they have survived, is unknown.

### RELATED MATERIALS

The State Historical Society of Wisconsin has minutes, reports, and other administrative files of CLUSA from 1943-1962.

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## CONTAINER LIST

BOX	CONTENTS
1	1918-1919: General correspondence, A – Z, (fourteen folders)
2	1925-1926: General correspondence, A – Z, (six folders) General administrative correspondence <i>Co-operation</i> Correspondence with various U.S. government departments and agencies Correspondence with the Cooperative Union, Manchester, England Correspondence concerning the International Cooperative Alliance Correspondence with the International Cooperative Women's Guild Correspondence with the International Labour Office, League of Nations United Cooperative Societies of Fitchburg, Gardner, and Maynard, Mass. Utica Cooperative Society Women's Guilds
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