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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

From 19th February, 1897
To 10th November, 1899

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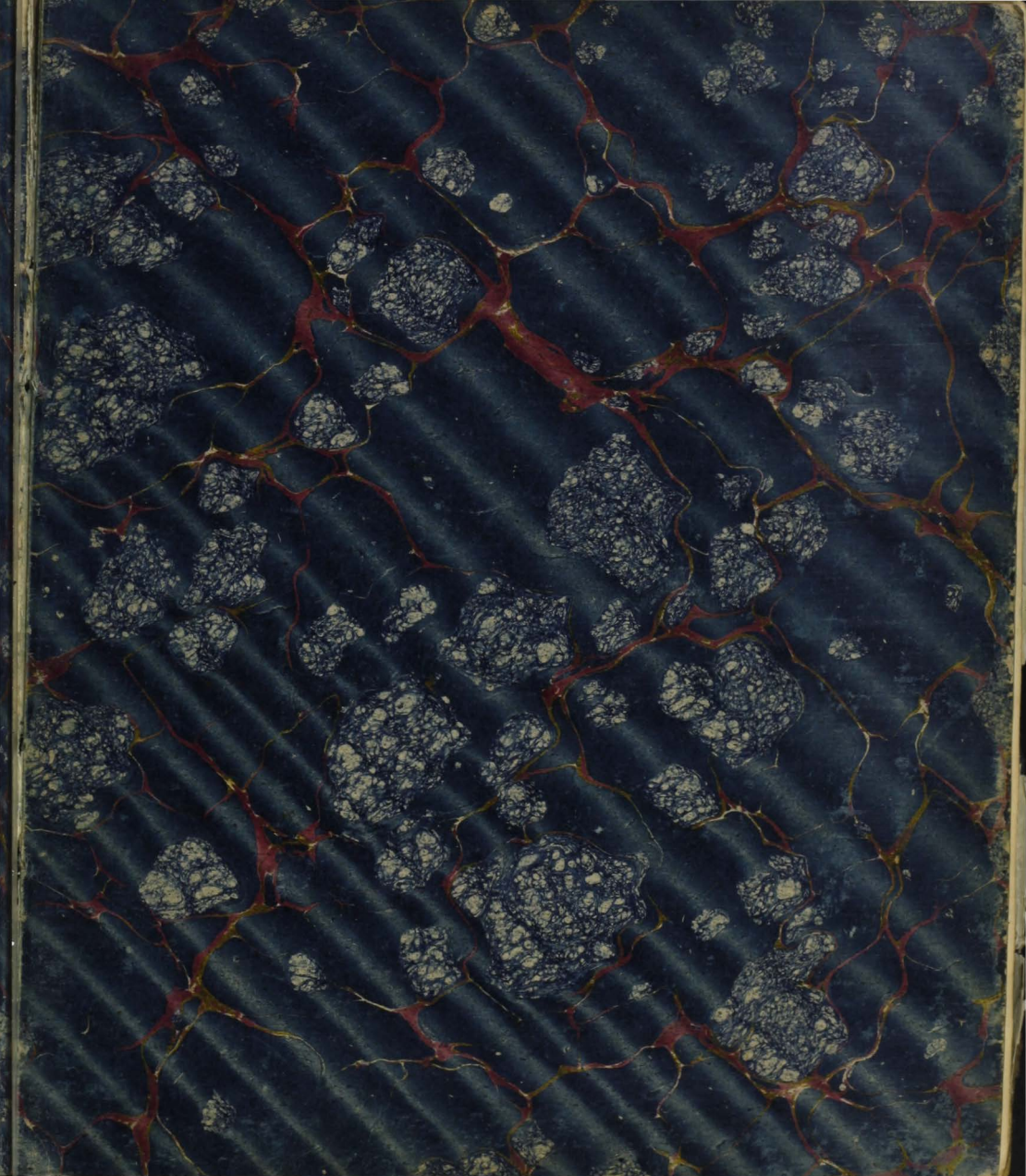
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Executive at Office 19th Feb. 97.-

Present Macrae (in chair), Martin, Webb, Oakeshott,
Pease, Macdonald, Bland, Shaw, Standing,
Miss Priestley,

Absent Oliver, Dearmer, Welden, W. Sparling, H. Morten.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported that Morgan Broune consented to postpone lecture in favour of Horner Morten.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved:
Tract 75. Agreed to "Labour in longest reign" as Wile Lantern Lecture Tracts. Question deferred.
4. Purge. H. Anckhill & W.C. Abel were struck off the list of members, as their addresses were unknown & their subscriptions unpaid.
5. Spanish Anarchist prisoners. Invitation to send delegate to Com^{ee} on alleged tortures was after long debate agreed to by a majority.

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6. Greece + Crete. After brief debate on question, raised by Shaw, it was agreed that it is not our affair. - at the request of Platon Drakoulis

7. Auditors. Sec. reported offer of Linnelbeer that his firm audit our books for a fee, to be returned to him as additional subscription. Agreed to accept with thanks. -

8. Employers Liability. Macdonald read parts of the draft tract prepared for the members meeting, and it was approved. -

J. F. Oakes

Executive at Office 26th Feb 1897. -

Present Cakeshott (in chair) Wælen, Deamer, Shaw
Standing, Pease, Macrosty, Blant, Webb
Absent Honor Mollen, Mrs Sparling, Miss Priestly, Olivier
{ Macdonald } Martin
 { Electroengineering }

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Pub. Comtee Report received; - & amended:-
 - (1) Agreed to put in news the 200 L.S.P. Bazaar notices.
 - (2) Lantern Tracts. Agreed to type-write the tracts for lecture purposes, & to ask Honor Mollen to prepare tract on Womens Work for sale at lecture.
 - (4) Titles of new Tracts. Agreed as follows.
 no 76. Houses for the People
 " 77. Employers Liability Problem.
 - (5) Dr. Clifford. Agreed to ask him to lecture on non-~~ch~~ high-church X'tian Socialism, or failing that to let us publish a paper of his, if he has any suitable.

(4) Correspondence.

Corie Grant & J.A. Hobson on Penrhyn Strike Fund.
Agreed to put par in news.

John Tenney. On advantages of regular auditors
Jesse Hawkes on submergence of Maidstone F.S. (with
local L.H.P.) in Maidstone Soc. Soc.

Victoria Garesfield Durham News: glowing thanks for
Reference Book Box.

Glasgow Univ F.S. (1) on Books as opposed to tracts.
(2) on Dr. Clifford. (3) on their proposed
course of lectures on Policy in various countries
esp. in relation to an L.H.P. Agreed to
ask them to let us have these lectures
in London, if they prove good ones.

5. J.S. Hamilton's Lectures. Letter from Crewe; only £2. wanted for Hall
Reports from him & on him, re
Hanley Diet, & Brighton Diet.
Barron arrangements going well.
Agreed on Lincoln after Easter

6. J. Clayton - Reports from him of his lectures,
& numerous newspaper cuttings.

7. H. Snell Reports from him of results. Also as to lectures to be arranged, reports of difficulty. Sec. to write J.C. Gray & Vict. Saresfield.

8. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported indefinite reply from Dicer. -
As to May, agreed to have Wheeler on Growth of agitation, & annual meeting.

9. ~~Q.~~ Members Mtg. Agreed that Oakeshott be nominated chairman, & that Webb reply to Wallace's motion. Agreed that Pease propose vote of Wagever for Tram Tract. -

10. Offices. On Webb's report, agreed to employ Fuller & Fuller.

11. Executive Election. No retirements notified.

12. Appeal for Funds in news was amended & approved.

Q. Bernard Shaw
12/2/97.

Executive at Office 12 March 1897. -

Present Shaw (in chair) Wæsten, Macrotz, Morten,
Miss Priestly, Cakeshott Pease, Webb, Macdonald
Bland, Martin.

Absent Olivier, Standring, Dearmer, Mrs Sparling.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.
Agreed to ask Dr. Clifford for permission to
print his X'tian World Pulpit article: to say
it is too short. Will he fill it out or allow
us to add Bibliography + sketch of the X'tian
Socialist movement.
3. The following were elected, subject to payment
of anthⁿ in case of Hon B. Russell + Mrs Hobson.
(see over)
4. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported Dacey looked for
19th inst at Essex Hall.
Agreed to ask Wall as for
lecture on things in general at C. Inn.

(3) Completion,

Paid & Elected 17/3/97

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Rev. John Clifford, D.D., 50 St. Quintin's-aven., N. Kensington	Bernard Shaw & Percy Dearmer.
Herbert A. Day, 24 Queen's-rd., Norwich	General Secretary.
Frank Death, Summer-grove, Elstree, Herts	R. A. Richards & E. D. Hartley.
Jesse Hawkes, Gwelo, London-road, Maidstone	Geo. Standing.
<u>Mrs. Margaret Hobson, "Metchley," Addison-rd., King's-heath, Birmingham</u>	M. E. Macdonald.
Basil Ritchings, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford	Herbert Ham & P. Widdrington.
<u>Hon. Bertrand Russell, The Mill-hanger, Haslemere, Surrey</u> ...	Alys Russell and R. Phillimore.
John W. Scott, 31 Moss-street, Rochdale	General Secretary.
Eric A. Shattock, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford	Herbert Ham & P. Widdrington.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
John Reid, M.A., Townfoot, Ponfeigh, Douglas, N.B.	Wm. Boyd and Geo. Ogilvie.

5. Executive Election Sec. reported sitting members of Exec. + Hon Treasurer duly nominated.

6. Correspondence. Kendal F. S. Its probable collapse.

7. Resignations Miss A. B. Macdonnell + T. Puncinian, accepted. John Cole Jr. - Requested to withdraw it. -

8. Coop. Congress at Stratford. Agreed that Sec. select delegates.

9. May Day Concc at 337 Strand. Agreed that Martin be delegate.

10. Purge of members. The list was dealt with ⁽⁴⁾ as under. —

Purge of Members.

 Addresses Lost Date & Amount of last sub.

Miss A. Coates	7/6	Oct. 6th 1894	<i>Struck off.</i>
A.G. Edwards	10/6	April 1st 1895	— " —
J.H. Greville	£4.	Jan 23rd. 1894	— " —
Chas. Ivatts		Nothing at all paid	— " —
J. Jackson		Paid 2/6 in 1892.	— " —
H.J. Maidment	£1.	Jan 15th 1893.	— " —
W.E. Richards	1/-	Jan. 26th. 1895.	— " —
Mrs. Morgan Thomas	5/-	March 31st 1894.	— " —

 Undesirable Persons. Date & Amount of Last Subscription.

F.V. Conolly	2/6	May 20th 1895	<i>Struck off.</i>
J.E. Dobson	5/-	17 Oct. 1894	<i>Sec. to write first</i>
J.C. Kenworthy	5/-	July 1894.	<i>asked to report</i>
G.H. Lamb	1/-	Feb 22nd 1894.	<i>Struck off.</i>
R. Mawson	5/-	April 1894	<i>(Address lost) Struck off.</i>
J.F. Runciman	10/-	Jan. 1894.	<i>Sec. to write.</i>

To receive letters saying pay or go.

 Amount & Date of last sub.

Harry Roberts. —	<i>Sec. to write</i>	4/-	March 1894
A.S. Puttock —	— " —	5/-	Feb 1894
Rev. W.E. Moll —	— " —	10/6	April 1893
E.L. Haywood —	— " —	2/6	March 1894.
Miss Doran	<i>Subscription paid</i>	5/-	September 1893
J.T. Chambers	<i>Secretary to write</i>	2/6	August 1893
Alfred Barnard	— " —	£1.	March 9th. 1893.

11. J. S. Hamilton

His reports noted.

Sec. reported arrangements at Barrow complete, and plans for Lincoln District in hand.

12. J. Clayton.

Reports received.

Proposal that we pay for his lectures at Southampton adjourned for report of Macdonald

13. H. Snell.

Reports from him noted

Agreed that he be asked to send full particulars re alleged truck on behalf of R. C. Priests in Durham
Sec. reported 2nd month arranged.
Agreed to accept proposal that he arrange a third month.

15. Enid Stacy.

Enthusiastic report on her from Bunker. Letter from her

Offering a month in Oct. or Nov: -
Agreed that Sec. write we will probably accept, + to defer decision till next week.

- (5)
16. Spanish Anarchist Protest Com^{ee}. Agreed to appoint J. F. Green delegate with full power to commit the Society to nothing at all. -
 17. United Socialist Party Conference. Sec reported S. D. F. delegates now appointed.
 18. Office on Jubilee Day. Agreed to accept offer of £. May to advertise at 15% Com^{ee}.
 19. International Labor Leg^l Conf. at Brussels Sep. '97. -
Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} to report on papers * to be sent in, + delegate. -
 20. State Children's Aid Assⁿ Agreed to send out their publications with News, if granted free, & if so many are not granted, to send to listed Poor Law Specialists.
 21. Assoc. U. F. S. Proposed Branch at Women's Colleges. Project cordially approved, provided the phrase Women's Branch be not used. -

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A/cs to 28th. February '97.

Cash in hand							<u>£88</u>
Book Boxes	Receipts	£ 329					
	Fees	<u>29</u>	358				
	Expenditure		<u>307</u>		Cr.	£51	
General Funds					Cr.	<u>38</u>	
						89	
Hutchinson T. Lectures	Receipts	£318					
	Special Subs	<u>24</u>	342				
	Expenditure	293					
	Office Contribn.	<u>50</u>	343		Dr.	1	
						<u>£88</u>	

Estimates Liabilities at 31 March

Standing : A/cs rendered	67	
A/cs not rendrd?	<u>33</u>	100
Cliffords Inn £20. Essex Hall	£4	24
Rent		18
Hamilton £25. Clayton £5. Snell £30. McKillop	£15	75
Also Salaries, current expenses &c		

22. The annexed financial statement was considered, + it was agreed to refer it into consideration next week :-

Geo. Standing Mem. 19/97

Executive at Office 19th March 97.

Present, Standing (in chair) Martin, Archbishop, Macaskill, Nealen, O'Connell, Honnor, Macken, Walsh, Shaw.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
Bland. -
Dermar, Miss Greeley.

88
17
£ 105

Feb 28 to March 12

Feb 28 Cash in hand	
March 12 Receipts, General	£ 19
SP. Fund	9
	<u>28</u>
Expenditure	11

See reported no candidates nominated except J. Fred Green, provisionally on a reserve, or other nominations.

See reported Office let for £15 - at lease for £13.13/. received. Agreed that the agent be asked to obtain a written contract to repair damages.

active reported on Conference, Miss A. Mowatt was appointed treasurer. - See reported application from Sec. for Brook address. active continue on delegate. That Sec. will see that it is not in

Executive at Office 19th March 97.

Present, Standing (in chair) Martin, Oakeshott, Macrosty,
Wheeler, Pease, Honour Moten, Webb, Shaw.

~~absent~~ Macdonald, Bland. -

Absent Oliver, Mrs Sparling, Dearmer, Miss Priestley.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Exec. Election. Sec. reported no candidates nominated except J. Fred Green, provisionally on a vacancy, or other nominations.
3. Jubilee Day. Sec. reported Office let for £15.- + cheque for £13.13/- received. Agreed that the agent be asked to obtain a written contract to repair damages.
4. ~~Eight~~ May Day Dem^s. Martin reported on Conference, inter alia, that Miss A. Morant was appointed treasurer. - Sec. reported application from Sec. for Group addresses. Agreed that Martin continue our delegate. That Sec. will see that it is not in

accordance with our rules that Groups take part
in other than local work: but that we will
give particulars in News, & will subscribe
2/- to funds, & otherwise assist. -

5. Essex Hall Meeting. Agreed Bland be chairman

6. J. S. Hamilton. Reports read & noted. Agreed to
send News &c. to persons named
herein.

7. H. Snell. Reports & newspapers read & noted.

8. J. Clayton. Reports & newspapers read & noted.
Re Southampton, after report from Macdonald,
agreed to arrange lectures for
Clayton in three places including
Southampton at 15/- a lecture.

9. Arrangements for Autumn. Agreed that Weelen, Webb,
Oakeshott, Standring & Pease
be a comtee to prepare report on future plans for
H. Trust lecturing &c. -

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10. Miss Stacy. Agreed to write her that Comtee is considering plans, & we must not stand in her way if she wants to make other engagements.

11. Syllabuses + Red Bills. Referred to Pub. Comtee to report on cost + expediency of printing these.

12. Executive attendances. Agreed to print this in news as usual, & to report members absent lecturing, electioneering &c, whether by order of Society, or otherwise. —

13. Pub. Comtee Report considered.

Dr. Clifford. Reply from him consenting to proposal to print with Bibliography &c.

Fabian Library. Recommendations re appointment of Macdonald as Editor, & acceptance of Grant Richards proposal was approved. —

Edition De Luxe. Proposal ~~agreed~~ referred back, in order that a 1/- Edition of the Tract may be reported on. —

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.
Ways and Means.

1897

19 March	Cash in hand	£	110
	Estimated Receipts to 31 March		25
		£	<u>135</u>
	Snell 3 months at £15		45
	3 Mo. Fares		15
	2 months printing		15

Liabilities to 31 March.

Hamilton

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Payable</u>
21 Months Salary	31		
2 Months Board			
Sundries paid	7	10	10
Salaries	20	12	12
Rent		18	18
Clayton & Cliffords Inn & Essex Hall		24	24
Snell	3	30	10
McKillop	5	15	0
Hamilton		10	6
McKillop Standing A/cs Rendered	93		15
" " due ?	25	118	50
		<u>£ 237</u>	<u>£ 130</u>

Less Office quota	50		304
Correspondence Class Fees (£15) from		Deficit/0	<u>£ 194</u>

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Expenditure Cash and A/cs

MEMORANDUM

Hutchinson Trust Lectures and Classes.

Financial Estimate to end of Season.

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Expenditure to date			338
Snell 3 months at £15	£ 45		
3 Do. Fares	15		
2 months Printing	<u>15</u>		75
Hamilton			
2½ Months Salary	31		
2 Months Board			
Less £5 paid	7		
Fares & Printing	<u>20</u>	Special	58
		General	58
? Clayton 8 lectures at 15/-	6		
Fares	3		
Printing	<u>3</u>		12
McKillop			
			<u>15</u>
Receipts H. Trustees	£ 318		498
Special Subs	36		
Less Office quota	<u>50</u>		
			<u>304</u>
		Deficit	£ 194

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Expenditure Cash and A/cs £ 338
Receipts H. Trustees 318

Expenditure to date

Hutchinson Trust Lectures and Classes

A/cs to 19th. March.

Subscriptions.

	<u>1896-7</u>	<u>1895-6</u>
Ordinary Subs.	£ 275	£ 306
D'Arcy Reeve	100	200
Special fund 1896-7	36	
	<u>£ 411</u>	<u>£ 506</u>

Subs during March, Special	£ 12	
General	<u>32</u>	<u>£ 44</u>

Book Box A/c.

Hutchinson Trustees	£ 300		
Miss P. Townshend	29	329	
Expenditure		<u>307</u>	Cr. 22
Fees on Book Boxes ?			29
? Correspondence Class Fees (£15) from this A/c			

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Expenditure. Cash and A/cs.	318
Receipts H. Trustees	36
Sp. Fund Subs	<u>36</u>
	354
Less Office Contrb.	<u>50</u>

£ 338

Estimated due to 31 March

Dr.	<u>304</u>
	34
	70
Dr.	<u>£ 104</u>

on opposite page were considered. proposed in "Maps & means" were approved.

It was agreed that these general aff

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1. Funds granted for Borth Bikes.

Trustees. A good that the Sec.

statement of work done &

small request for further grant

expenditure to end of season.

re. Reported meeting called for

April 2 at 7 pm. The delegates

that they in 2 prefer 8 pm.

alt. accepted, but Sec. instructed

the wherein she regards the Society

ing on the wrong track.

Koch. Agreed to refer to him: to send

J. Cornwell, + to communicate with Home Office.

Since we are

(14) Finances. The three a/c on opposite page were considered.

- (1) Payments proposed in "Ways & Means" were approved.
- (2) Book Box Fees. It was agreed that these go to general a/c
- (3) McKillop's Corresp. Class Fees Agreed to inform the H. Trustees that we propose to pay this out of funds granted for Book Boxes.
- (4) Hutchinson Trustees. Agreed that the Sec. prepare statement of work done & write formal request for further grant to cover expenditure to end of season.

^{Pub. Plig. Com.}

(15) Joint Soc^y Com^{ee} Sec. reported meeting called for Friday April 2 at 7 pm. The delegates agreed that they w^d prefer 8 pm.

16. Resignation. Mrs Garnett. Accepted, but Sec. instructed to ask wherein she regards the Society as going on the wrong track.

17. Truck at Norwich. Letter from Koch. Agreed to refer to him: to send copy to Wom. T. Council, & to communicate with Home Office.

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 26th March 97

Present Webb (in chair), Macrosty, Macdonald Martin,
Pease, Shaw, Whelan, Bland, Gakesholt, Moten,
Miss Priestley.

Absent Standring, Oliver, Mrs Sparling, Deamer.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. J. S. Hamilton Reports received & noted.
Sec. reported Lincolnshire arrangements going
badly. Agreed that open-air meetings be
only arranged (as proposed at Grantham)
in the last resort. -
3. Harry Snell. Reports received.
4. J. Clayton. Lynnington & Southampton plans reported.
5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. approved, including proposed
Tract on profit-sharing & Heres.
6. Pembury Inmire. Proposal of Pearsall for appeal. Agreed
that nothing more can be done.

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7. Purge of members. Sec. reported our reply to letters to be from Dobson. Agreed that he be retained on the list, & that the others be removed, subject to their reinstatement in case of reply, viz: -

J. F. Puniaman
[Harry Roberts] (see next minutes)
A. S. Puttock
Rev. W. E. Moll
S. L. Haywood
J. T. Chambers
Alfred Barnard.

8. Finances. Sec. reported anonymous donation of £100 from a member. Agreed that all liabilities to end of year be paid off.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Draft application to the H. Trustees for £100 to complete this season's arrangements was approved & ordered to be sent.

10. H. Trustees. It was agreed that Webb be requested to make a report on their work to the Annual Meeting.

11. Executive attendances. Form of Report approved.
Letter from Mayire Irvine on Referendum as a test-
Question. Agreed that he be answered that such
tests are not customary.

12. Womens Ind. Council on Womch Truck. agreed to
ask them to send us 1000 leaflets, of var-
ious kinds, for circulation among our members. -

Frederick Helen
9 April 1897

Executive at Office 9th April 97.

Present Wealen (in chair) Macrat, Oakeshott, Martin, Pease, Morken, Standing, Bland, Dearmer.

Absent Webb, Oliver, Miss Priestly, Mrs Sparling Macdonald & (thru error of post) Shaw.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Pub. Com^{ee} Report was received
3. Correspondence.
 - a. J. Cottridge, on N. U. Teachers Swansea Conference. arrange lecture for him there.
 - Dr. Pan Jones. asking to be excused subⁿ. agreed.
 - Harry Roberts sending subⁿ - Reinstated.
 - Mrs. J.F. Runciman. Resignation. Accepted.
 - Esogay. Petition re prisoners & oakum-picking. after debate agreed That it lie on the table.
4. J. Clayton. Reports received
5. H. Snell Do. agreed that he be asked to prepare memo on Truck act infringements.

6. The following candidates were elected: -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Rennie B. Byles, 8 Margaret-st., Wakefield	E. Cubitt Sayers.
Miss Mary Colegrove, 8 Queen-street, Oxford	Frank Haywood.
J. M. Headley, People's Book Store, 21 North Howard-street, Great Yarmouth	Joseph Clayton.
Miss Gerda B. Jacobi, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., 118 Warwick-street, Eccleston-square, S.W.	Honour Morten & C. V. Burton.

Miss Christian S. MacTaggart, 23 Hogarth-rd., Earl's-court, S.W.	A. G. Matthews & G. G. Desmond.
Chas. J. Whitby, M.D., Limpley Stoke, near Bath	E. Warley.

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Miss Mabel Atkinson, 10 Foremount-terrace, Glasgow	J. E. S. Otty and Norman Leys.
Arthur W. Wilkie, M.A., "Deanehurst," Egerton-park, Rockferry, Birkenhead	Tom Jones and Norman Leys.

7. J. S. Hamilton. Reports received.

Sec. 7 stated that Lincolnshire arrangements had failed & he proposed to send Hamilton to Lancashire. Approved. -

8. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported lecture on apr. 23rd cancelled at request of H. Morgan Browne, & that the Hall w^d. not be charged for. Approved. Letter from Mrs Blatch offering lecture, agreed to accept for June 25th. -

9. Next Meeting. Agreed to meet on apr 30. to consider Annual Report. -

10 Accounts. Sec. reported the following ~~bad~~ debts to be probably bad :-

A. S. Wolfe	£ 1. 1. -	
W. Scudamore (dec ^d)	6. 7. 8	Newcastle Lab. Lit Soc.
Bradford F.S.	5. 11. 7	
Newcastle L.L.P.	2. 3. 6	
Melbourne F.S.	1. 2. 1	£ 16. 5. 11.

Against provision herefor 7. 2. 2
 Leaving £ 9. 3. 9.

Agreed to write off £10.- also to write to the N.A.C. of the L.L.P. re the N/C. I.L.P. debt, & to the Bradford F.S. And to use the name of the auditor. -

11. Hutchinson Trust Lecture Sub. Com^{ee}.

The following report was presented by the Com^{ee}, & after a short debate was adopted, & the Sec. was instructed to proceed with the arrangements proposed therein. -

Report of Committee on Provincial Lectures.

- 1.- We have carefully considered the arrangements for Provincial Lecturing under the Hutchinson Trust, and the suggestions and criticisms thereon.
- 2.- We are unanimously of opinion that the lectures have been, on the whole, very useful to the objects of the Fabian Society and that they should be continued. But they involve, as at present arranged, a considerable outlay, and we are not sure whether the fullest possible value has hitherto been obtained for that outlay.
- 3.- During the financial year 1896-7 (1st. April to 31st March) £390 was spent on these Lectures, in addition to £50 contributed towards the very heavy office work involved, making a total of £440. Of this sum, £45 was in respect of lecturing between April and June 1896, the completion of previous courses, as to which no more need be said.

The statistics from October 1896 to March 1897 appear on the next page.

Season 1896-7 to 31st. March.

	No. of Lectures.	Education.	Fees.	Exes.	Printing.	Sundries.	Total.
Hamilton	80	£12.10.0	£75	50.8.1	26.9.1.	3.17.6	168. 4. 8
Stacy	40	----	30	9.8.1	13.0.0	-----	52. 8.11
Clayton	32	30. 0.0	26	7.4.2	8.15.3	-----	71.19.5
Snell	30	10. 0.0	22.10	5.5.3	15.2.6	-----	52.17.9
	182	£52.10.0	£153.10	£72.6.5	£63.6.10	£3.17.6.	£345.10.9.

Averages per Lecture.

	<u>Averages per Lecture.</u>						<u>Lecturers Fees & Exs.</u>
Hamilton	3/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	18/9	12/6	6/6	-----	31/3	
Stacy	---	15/-	4/9	6/6	-----	19/9	
Clayton	18/9	16/3	4/6	5/6	-----	20/9	
Snell	6/8	15/-	3/6	10/-	-----	18/6	

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It will be seen that the average cost, including study, printing and other expenses of these 182 lectures was £1.16.9. Over the whole year, including office expenses (£50), the average cost per lecture works out in round numbers, at £2 (or deducting £52.10.0 Study money at about £1.16.0 per lecture.

4.- We regard the cost as high not so much in itself as in proportion to the results obtained, and we think some change should be made .

The suggestions made for improvements take two distinct lines. It is pointed out, on the one hand, that the number of lectures could be greatly increased (and thus the average cost lowered), if the course system were given up, special printing abandoned, and the lectures simply sent on tour, his dates being filled up through the Clarion and Labour Leader. This, in fact, is a return to the De Mattos system. On the other hand it is suggested that more good would be done, if increased time and trouble were devoted to the organisation of each course of lectures, the choice of untrodden paths, and the deepening of the impression made at each place, especially among those new to propaganda. On

ion made at each place, especially among those new to propoganda. On this plan, though fewer lectures would be given, and the average cost per lecture might even be increased, more real effect would, it is contended, be produced.

We propose that the **better** plan - the intensive culture of ^{comparatively} virgin soil - should in the main, be followed next season as an experiment, though not necessarily to the exclusion of all other lecturing.

5.- The choice between the two plans has an important bearing upon the amount of work to be undertaken. By the 'Continuous Tour' system, comparatively little work is thrown on the office, and the amount of lecturing need be limited only by the money at our disposal. The 'Intensive Culture' system, on the other hand, involves incessant work, and we do not think that more than one lecturer - that is, more than four or five towns - can be properly attended to at one time. The experiment of 'Intensive Culture' cannot, in fact, be tried unless this is adhered to.

6.- Of the lecturers at work during the past season, one (Hamilton) has been continuously engaged, whilst the others have been engaged for each course. The result has been that the former system has proved much more expensive than the latter, the average per lecture for fees and travelling expenses coming in the one case to 31/3, as compared with from 18/6 to 20/9 in the others.

We do not think that the system of permanent engagement has resulted in any sufficient advantage to compensate for this great difference in cost.

7.- We think that, among the lecturers at present at work, Harry Snell is on the whole the best fitted for the Society's purposes, and we propose that he should be asked to do the bulk of the lecturing for the next season. We understand moreover that it is uncertain whether either Hamilton or Clayton would care to undertake the task, and no expectations have been held out to them.

8.- We think that Snell should devote two months during the summer to organising his own courses of lectures for the Autumn travelling from place to place for this purpose; and that he should also prepare ^{further} ~~for~~ the lectures especially one on Employer's Liability and others on Trade Union topics, we attach great importance to this preliminary organisation, and we propose that a lump sum of £30 should be paid to him for organisation and study, in addition to actual railway fares.

9.- We propose that Snell should arrange to give between October and April six full courses of four lectures each at four or five places each week - thus putting in between 96 and 120 lectures, - for the same payment as heretofore, viz £15 per course (Total £90), plus railway fares only.

10.- The places for these courses (24 to 30) should ~~be~~ be mainly large industrial villages and the smaller towns, in the localities where comparatively little has hitherto been done. At these places the audiences will often be smaller than might be addressed at the larger towns, but they will be newer to the movement.

We suggest that he should give his first attention to Northumberland, Durham and Cleveland, where he seems to have done well this Spring, and where there are a large number of mining and manufacturing villages not yet visited. He might also explore the Border towns, and perhaps those of the Lothians and about the Clyde. In all these districts he could probably secure the help of the Co-operative Societies, by getting into

touch with the central and district committees.

Further fields are the industrial districts of Somerset and Cheshire, and the manufacturing villages of the Midlands.

11.- We have considered the printing arrangements, and we have recommended some slight alterations. We think however that the present Course Syllabus and Single Handbills should both be continued (printed in London at our expense), whilst posters should be got up locally.

12.- We suggest, as part of the means of deepening the impression of each course of lectures that

- (a) The lecturer should push the sale of tracts;
- (b) The Book Boxes and Correspondence Classes should be announced at each course; and as far as possible, worked in conjunction with it;
- (c) Lists of persons in each town should be sent up by the lecturer, of persons who are known to have attended, or to be interested, or otherwise promising, with a view to future correspondence with them; dispatch of circulars to them; and (possibly), if at any time thought desirable, the posting to them of a suitable leaflet or tract.
- (d) All the newspapers in the district should be sent a batch of tracts with request for a review of them.

We may add that the experiment of using a Magic Lantern, tried by Snell, has been given up by him as undesirable; and we concur in this.

We think that, if these proposals are vigorously carried out, the office will have as much as it can well manage, in getting the fullest value out of the 96 to 120 lectures to be given by Snell; and that comparatively little else in the lecturing line should therefore be attempted whilst these are going on.

13.- With regard to other lecturers, we recommend that Miss Stacy (who offers one month about November), should - with special injunctions to be brief~~er~~ - be asked to try a new field - say the industrial villages in Essex where Co-operative Societies exist (Halstead &c).

This will cost £15 and railway expenses and printing.

14.- We suggest that negotiations with Clayton be postponed, until later. We do not see that we could anyhow arrange to take his full time with advantage, and the question whether he could give us a month or two must depend largely on his own arrangements in the Autumn.

15.- We estimate that this scheme will cost, ~~in~~ (in addition to the £100 that is being spent between the present April and June, and the usual £50 for office expenses) about £200 for Snell's lectures, and £50 for possible courses by Miss Stacy, Clayton or others.

Thus the total for the year 1897-8 would be about £400, we understand that whatever may be the total, the Hutchinson Trustees desire that the members should be asked to find some of the cost.

Drafted by Sidney Webb

approved

Edw. R. Pease

J. F. Outshoek

Frederick Melen

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We therefore suggest that the Trustees should be asked to make a grant for Provincial Lectures for 1897-8 of the same amount as that for the current year, viz £300; and that a full plan should be laid before the Society in September or October, with a request for funds.

Drafted by Sidney Webb.

approved

Edw. R. Pease

J. F. Outteridge

Frederick Melen

12. Socialist Societies Conference. The delegates present, Bland & Peace, reported that they attended together with Shaw: and that the following was the result; as handed in by Penny of the L.P. who was appointed Secy of the Conference:—

Finally it was agreed to submit to the respective organisations a proposal in favour of the formation of a Court of Appeal as follows:—

Where two or more Socialist organisations are seeking to put forward candidates in opposition to each other for election to Parliament or any local elective body, and where no agreement can be come to locally the dispute may be referred to this court of appeal for decision — a such decision to be binding on the societies represented.

The composition of the court was left over until the matter had been submitted to the organisations represented

After discussion, it was agreed to adjourn the debate.

Miles Bland

Executive at Office 30 April 97.

Present, Bland (in chair), Waelin, Shaw, Macrosty, Oakeshott
Pease, Standring, Webb, Morden, Macdonald, Martin Deamus.

Absent Olivier, Miss Prueley, Mrs Spauling.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. J. Clayton - Report of lectures received.
3. H. Snell . Reports on him were read,
Sec. reported arrangements for Durham completed.
4. J.S. Hamilton Reports from him were received.
Sec. reported Lancashire arrangements completed.

5. Correspondence.

Norwich L.H.P. Wanting lecturers, e.g. Macdonald & Green. Send
 R. Ritchings Resignation. Accepted.
 Alex. Stewart. Asking help in Belfast. Send 1000 leaflets.
 Waterhouses F.S. Report
 T. Webster on B.S. Group & new members. Advise local Soc. Sec.
 May, Home Agent. Letter stating office no^d be
 guaranteed against damage & tenant

- 6 Office on Jubilee Day. Sec. reported it was not let
as arranged, but was being offered
by agent. Agreed to write agent to ask
how the matter stands. -
7. Hoek + Truck act. More correspondence.
8. Pub. Com^{ee} Report approved.
Parish Council Lantern Tract whetypid
Brussels Congress. Arrangements re delegates to be made
Employers Liability Tract to be completed.
- 9 Edition de Luxe of 1875. Agreed that Pub. Com^{ee} settle
on type & proceed without delay. -
- 10 Draft Annual Report amended & passed
- 11 Annual Meeting. Agreed to put Cliffords
Tract on agenda to be read.
12. Hutchinson Trust lectures Letter from Miss Stacy
accepting. Noted. Do from Sull
Noted. Application from J. Brady

12 (cont'd) for lectureship. Agreed to decline. -

Proposal for Snell to attend Coop. Congress at Perth negatived.

Agreed to consult Snell, Dyer, & Burrows as to getting on their lecture schemes.

Agreed also that the com^{ee} (Webb, Oakeshott, Standring, Waelen, Price), be continued to make detailed plans, & that the Cleveland miners letter be referred to them. -

13. Socialist Societies Conference. The debate on

this matter (Item 12 last meeting) was continued. Numerous resolutions were drafted & read, but were not recorded or at any rate put. The following were voted on :-

Moved by Shaw :-

That the Fabrian Society regrets that the fact that it does not officially run candidates at elections disqualifies it from fairly taking part in a Court of Appeal, but trusts that this will not prevent it from cordially cooperating with the Joint Committee in other matters.

Vote 4 for resolution, 6 against. Lost.

13 (cont'd) Moved & Welld

That in view of the difficulties occasionally caused by candidates run by Socialist bodies standing in opposition to each other, the Fabian Executive would welcome the formation of a court of appeal to decide in each case which should withdraw.

The Fabian Society does not itself run candidates, & the members of the society accept nomination & support from any political party which is prepared to accept them & their views.

The Fabian Executive cannot therefore pledge the Society to accept the duty of nominating members in the name & on behalf of the Society itself to form part of the Court of appeal, but they would gladly serve if individually invited, as members of such a court, and assist it in any way. -

Voting 4 for resolution ^{& consent}
5 against, including vote of Macdonald who had left. - Lost.

J. W. Martin moved

The Fabian Executive will continue to send

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representatives to the Joint Committee on condition
that the Executives of the S. D. F. + J. L. P.
will agree that the judicial decisions of the
court of appeal shall be binding upon the
Executives of the Candidates running, but the
decision of the court is in every case to be
deemed to be that of the members of the Court
alone, not pledging in any way the Societies
represented to support the candidate.

Voting For the resolution 7 including Macdonald
Against 3. -

The last resolution was therefore adopted. -

The chairman spoke for the majority in each
case, but did not exercise his right to vote.

Henry W. Macroety.

7.5.97.

Executive at Office 7 Mar '97. -

Present Macrosty (in chair) Weelen, Morten Peace,
Oakeshott, Olivier, Bland.

Absent Webb, Shaw, Miss Priestly, Mrs Sparling,
Standing, Macdonald, Martin, Dearmer

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. J. Clayton. Reports Received
H. Snell " "
J.S. Hamilton " "
3. Office on Jubilee Day. Letter received from May, accepting our view, saying his client had failed to complete, he was now trying to let two take it himself, failing other tenant. -
Agreed to get letter stamped. -
4. Spanish Prisoners Alleviation Com^{ce} Reports from Green, our delegate, and application for grant of 20/- towards Tract. - After debate Agreed. ~~That~~ That our delegate be withdrawn & no grant made. -

- 5. Resolution on Joint Comtee. Sec. was instructed to write that we are ready to send delegates to another meeting.
- 6. - Notice of motion re delegates. H. Bland, + H. Moten both gave notice that the question of re-appointment of the delegates (or otherwise) be put on agenda of next meeting.
- 7. Miers Gala at Stockport agreed to grant L.S.P. 1000 leaflets.
- 8. Pub. Comtee Report adopted :-
 agreed that Employers Liability tract be postponed sine die.
Ed: de Luxe No 75 - On report that Standring could not undertake the job, agreed
 - (a) To publish No 75 alone, without No 5.
 - (b) .. get new estimate from Standring
 - (c) .. offer to Grant Richards + Scientific Press, for publication on Commission or otherwise.

J. to. Martin

Executive at Office 14th May 1897

Present J. W. Martin (in chair) Macrae, Webb,
Galeshott, Morten, W^o Sparshing, Pease, Standing,
Whelan, Bland, Olivier, Dearmer, Shaw.
Absent Miss Priestley, Macdonald. —

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Agreed, as desired, pro forma, & the auditors.

That the following had debts be written off:—

A. G. Wolfe £ 1. 1. —

Newcastle Lab. Lit Soc. 7 £ 6. 7. 1

W. Scudamore (dec^d) £ —. —. 8. —

3. The following were elected, subject (in the case of
Rev. A. L. Lilley) to prepayment of sub^{scrip}tion

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Delmar Bicker-Caarten, 4 Chamberlain-place, Southampton ...	Joe Clayton.
Boyd Dawson, 6 Harrison-street, Barrow-in-Furness	J. Stewart Hamilton.
R. B. Greig, Balcurnie, Windygates, Fife, N.B.	Mabel Atkinson.
<u>Rev. A. L. Lilley, 14 Bloomfield-terrace, S.W.</u>	<u>Percy Dearmer & Fred Whelan.</u>
Charles Bruce Mallock, Elderslie, Renfrewshire, N.B.	J. E. Mallock & R. M. Burrows.
Mrs. C. M. Spiller, 6 Enfield-road, Mill Hill Park, W.	E. R. Pease & M. E. MacDonald.
Alfred Ernest Withy, New Swindon, Wilts	J. C. Powell.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F.S.	
S. C. Williams, B.A., The College, Aberystwyth	H. Osborne and R. Jenkyn Owen.

4. J. S. Hamilton . Reports read

5. H. Snell . Reports read

6. Printed List of Members. After debate, agreed that list be printed: suggested that spaces be left after each letter for additions.

7. Spanish Atrocities Com^{ee} . Agreed to reply to their letter asking reason for our withdrawal, that our delegate was only appointed to report: that objection was taken (& sustained) that altho' we sympathize with their objects, they are beyond the scope of our work.

8. Oxford Women Students. Letter reporting probable formation of a society, but explaining difficulty as to name. After debate, agreed to suggest Somerville, but, failing that, to rescind resolution, & authorize use of Oxford Women Students F.S. or any such name.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lecture Sub^{ee} Com^{ee} . Report as follows was agreed to.

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Report of Sub-Committee on arrangements for Hutchinson Trust

Lectures 1897-8.

May 12th. 1897

The following proposals were agreed to Viz:-

Miss Stacy.

Date Oct. 4-29 as proposed by her

Places. 5 Towns to be selected from Leeds, Hull, Barnsley, Rotherham, Keighley, Dewsbury, Batley.

These places are selected because they are large centres, and are convenient to the lecturer who desires very properly to spend week ends at her home in Newcastle.

Subject proposed. Government in its relation to Socialism.

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1. The Town or District Councillor
(according to place of lecture)
2. The Poor Law Guardian, *+ School Board Member*
3. The M. P.
4. The Voter .

Each subject to deal with

- A. History
- B. Present position
- C. Future development.

2. Harry Snell.

(a) Preliminary organisation in country to be done in or about July.

(b) Lectures to be as follows

1. Oct. Cleveland Miners, under auspices of their associations
2. Nov. Northumberland. Miners and Co-op.
3. Dec. Essex and Suffolk Co-ops.
3. Dec. Border Burghs (Hawick &c).
4. March Gloucestershire Towns.
4. Jan. Lincolnshire.

Drink (already prepared) and one on Land, and any others.

(c) A printed prospectus of proposed arrangements of lectures with syllabus to be prepared.

5. Feb. Essex and Suffolk Co-ops.

6. March Gloucestershire Towns.

Subjects, as before, "Industrial Problems of To-Day," adding
Drink (already prepared) and one on Land, and any others.

(c) A printed prospectus of proposed arrangements of lectures with
syllabus to be prepared.

10. Meeting tonight Agreed that Sec. propose the Annual Report, that Martin read Dr. Clifford's paper, & that Oliver be proposed as chairman.

11. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved, including recommendation to accept offer of Grant Richards to publish 'Edu. of Labour in Longest Reign' at Royalty of 1st on 1st 1000 & 2^d after. Sec. reported that the Scientific Press was off. - Agreed that the Royalty go to the Society; but that this be not a precedent. - Agreed that the name Fabian Soc. appear on the title-page. -

12. Socialist Joint Conference. It was agreed to re-appoint Bland & Pease as delegates, & to elect another in place of Shaw. Webb proposed Macdonald & ~~Cannell~~ Bland proposed Martin. Votes. Macdonald 2 Martin rest. Martin was therefore elected.

J. K. Macdonald
Chairman
28.5.97.

Executive at Office 28 May 97.

Present ~~Macdonald~~ Macdonald (in chair) Mrs Sparling Pease
Shaw, Martin, Bland, Moten, Macrosty
Weelen, Standing, Dearmer. -
Absent Webb, Olivier, Miss Priestley. -

1. The minutes of last meeting were amended & confirmed.

2. Correspondence:-

Aberdeen L.F.P. asking leaflets. Granted 1000.
S. D.F. Scouts, London " " " 500.
L.F.P. Reply re Newcastle Bad Debt. Noted.

3. J.S. Hamilton Reports of Lectures. Noted

4. H. Snell Reports Noted. Report on Truck act Violations. After debate, agreed that Snell be asked to make statements more specific, & that hereafter Burns be asked to ask question in H. of Commons.

5. Financial Loss Water. Agreed to put par in news.

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6. Snell's lectures to Cleveland miners. Sec reported that owing to the number of centres, the Miners Association wanted 10 sets of lectures. This meant either two months, or only 2 lectures at each place. After debate, decided that 2 months be allotted. —
 7. Publishing Comtee Report, including final arrangements for the Edition de Luxe of £50 75 was approved.
 8. Autumn Fabian Lecture. Agreed that Webb, Macrosty, Miss Moten & Pease be a Committee to prepare scheme. —
 9. Housing Tract. Sec. reported it going well. Agreed to send to persons recommended by lecturers, & to the Parish Council Correspondents. —
 10. Purge of members. Annexed list was reported. — Agreed to send circular letter to all except Miss Hoatson & Miss Sargent, whom Bland undertook.

<u>Elected.</u>	<u>List of Defaulters.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>For.</u>
1891	E. Houghton. Italy	£1.1.0 1/2/93	1893
1891	J. Keir Hardie	5/- 2/3/93	1893
1892	H. McVicar	5/- 21/2/94	1894
1890	J.H. Buckingham	10/- 25/4/94	1894
1892	J. A. Fergie Newcastle	£1.1.0 24/10/94	1894
1893	R.J.L. Pinnock (Editor Londener)	2/6 18/10/94	1894
1892	H. Creesel (Sec Scientific I.Makers)	2/6 19/4/94	1893
1892	H. Sanders (Sec	10/- 20/7/93	1893
1891	Frank Smith (Promised once)	10/- 19/1/93	1893
1890	S. Bullock H.S.S.	10/- 12/4/94	1893.
1891	G.S. Christie Geordie, Nottingham	£1.0.0 6/7/94	1893
1893	J.C. Kenworthy	5/- 2/7/94	1893
1891	Mr. & Mrs. Naylor (Daily Chronicle)	2/6 24/1/94	1893
1890	Geo. Palmer E.L.R.L.	5/- 9/7/94	1893
1891	Dr. A.C.E. Parr Cardiff	£1.1.0 9/2/93	1893
1892	W.J. Saveall Maidstone	5/- 2/7/94	1893
1888	Miss Sargent (Promised once)	£1.1.0 30/6/94	1893
1886	Adolphe Smith	5/- 8/8/94	1893
1890	A.B. Seel	10/- 2/7/94	1893
1892	A. Beasley H.S.S.	5/- 6/11/94	1894
1886	Wm. Clarke	6/- 5/3/94	1894
1888	W.S. De Mattos, No comment	10/- 25/9/94	1894
Original	Miss Hoatson	5/- 3/3/94	1894
1889	Gilbert Slater a bridegroom	£1.0.0 10/3/94	1894
1891	C.H. Worsnop	10/- 24/2/94	1894
1891	J.A. Worsnop	10/- 2/4/94	1894
1891	F.G. Walton	1/- 30/6/94	1893
1893	Miss L.E. Dunn York	5/- 31/8/93	1893
1891	Do Ada Hines Oxford	2/6 4/4/94	1894
1891	Do Annie Hines Oxford	2/6 4/4/94	1894
1891	Do Emily Hines Oxford	1/- 1892	1892
1893	Rev. J.H. Belcher ? out of work	10/- 15/3/94	1893
1890	Miss K. Dodd Manchester School Marm	5/- 5/5/94	1894
1891	J.W. Grice Address lost	5/- 28/4/94	1894
1893	E.T. Tandy late of Sun.	10/- 14/3/94	1894.

11. Jubilee Decorations. Appeal for subⁿ from Board of Works for decoration of Strand. Moved & Bland :- That the Sec^y enquire if a general scheme is being carried out & if so, subscribe not more than 2/- Carried by 8 to 2.
(Agreed to report same in stew. Macdonald + Martin being the minor.)
12. Zürich Congress on Regulation of Labour. Agreed to insert par. in stew, & to send delegate if possible
13. Macdonald at Birmingham Labour Church
Agreed to pay fares. -

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Home Notes

Sec. at Office 11 June '97. -

Present, Honora Morken (in chair), Oakeshott Pease
Whelen Mrs Sparling Standing Webb
Shaw Macdonald, Oliver
Absent Bland, Dearmer Miss Priestley, Macrosty Martin.

1. The minutes of last meeting were amended & confirmed.

2. J. S. Hamilton. Reports read. Ac rendered showing his loss on keep during his lecturing tours to be £4.7.0. After debate it was agreed that he be paid this sum. His suggestion as to Sir C. Dilke & a new Fabian program was referred to the Sub. Com^{ee} on Autumn Lectures.

3. The following were elected members

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
W. F. Heydon, 2 Riverdale-terr., Richmond, Surrey	Edward R. Pease.
Miss E. Bella Shekleton, Somerville College, Oxford	J. M. Gibbon & Jane E. Mallock.

4. Autumn Lecture Com^{ee}. Sec. reported Miss Morken ~~wished~~ had to resign her seat, owing to expected absence: that Webb & Macrosty also were absent. Whelen & Oakeshott ^{were} added.

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report presented.

Re Employers Liability, it was agreed to distribute the type of all the tract except such parts as Macdonald decided to be worth retention.

6. Correspondence

Internat. Library Conference. Decided not to send Delegates.

Mag. Agent. Note saying room not yet let.

Miss Fraulo. Note to say she c? pay no more subscriptions. Accept resignations

H. B. Binns, resignation on removal to California accept. -

F. G. Gardiner. Letter from S. Africa

Home Office. Repr re Norwich Truck

W. W. O'Mahony wanting books on County Councils for Book Bot. -

Ask County Councilor + Local Gov^t Journal for bound sets. -

7. School Board Election - Conference of Ethical

Societies: delegate wanted. Send Martin with watching Brief. -

Agreed to put on agenda for next meeting proposed members meeting hereon early in July. -

8. J.R. Seddon, Premier of New Zealand. J.R. Macdonald proposed that we invite him to a dinner + reception, + stated that he understood Mr. Seddon would accept. - Agreed to do so; that it be held early in July + that Macdonald, Olivier, Whalen + Pearson be a Com^{ee} to make arrangements.

9. Jubilee Decorations

Secy reported further circulars from the Strand ~~and~~ District Board, which he deemed satisfactory, but that the money had not yet been sent. Protests from about 10 members were laid before the Com^{ee}. - Draft answer was read + rejected. - Wire from Bland urging no retreat was read. Resignations on account of action from Dr.

Bennis Karpeles & C. W. C. Barlow were
read + held over. - Letter from a. J.
Marrist, + proposal to publish it + reply
from Sec. J. Agreed to refuse permission to
publish latter. Sec. J. stated that R. W. Waery
Anderson had given him notice that he wd.
ask for a vote of urgency to move resolution
against the donation. After discussion it
was agreed to not to oppose the vote of
urgency: also that Shaw speak against
it on behalf of the majority of the Exec.:
and further that in his case the decision
of the meeting on the question ^{would probably} be accepted
by the Exec. - It was agreed also that
Staudring be nominated chairman.

J. F. Oakes to

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Executive at Office 25th June 97. -

Present Oakeshott (in chair) Macdonald Pease Mrs Sparling
Martin, Wadden, Oliver, Standring Bland
Absent Webb, Shaw, Macarty, Dearmer, Morten, Mrs Priestly

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Correspondence. M. Irvine Reporting Wapples 2nd Wraggles
a Fabian. -
Clayton, Wanting open air lectures in
Southampton.
Miss Shekleton reporting formation of Oxford
Womens F.S. - Say they can do as
they please in respect of non-university
members. -
3. Jubilee Resignations B. Karpelles Karpelles + C.W.C Barlow,
(adjourned) and F. Burgess. - Agreed
to write them the facts and ask
further instructions. -
4. Sign Board. Agreed to have it washed but
not repainted. -

4 General Resignations

J. C. Kemworth Accept
W^m Clarke Do, with great regret
W. Wilkinson
J. W. Milligan } Resigned from
E. J. Barton } Oxford F. S. —
J. S. Bailey } Accepted

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report recommending publication of Tracts on Shop Assistants, for Ancient Quaker X^{ian} Soc^m adopted.

6. Office on Jubilee Day. Sec. reported that it had been let for £35, but agent declined to pay. Letter from C. J. Smith & Hudson advising proceedings. Agreed to proceed. — Sec. stated that he had obtained help on behalf of Society from two barristers J. S. Peace, his brother, & J. S. Deemond, a member. — It was agreed that the former & not the latter be suggested to the solicitor. —

7. Seddon Reception. Sec. reported Seddon formally invited & no reply received.

8. J.R. Macdonald reported his intended tour in U.S., & asked for introductions. —

9. School Board Election. J. F. Gakeshott was ~~reported~~ appointed delegate to the Ethical Socy Conference in place of Martin, unable to attend. It was agreed to hold members meeting on Friday July 9th: that Webb, Wallas, Martin & Pease be a com^{ee} to prepare agenda: that post cards be sent out with agenda to London members. —

10. Report of Com^{ee} on Autumn Session (see over)

This was adopted, subject to the following:—

- (a) Debate on inviting Dilke was adjourned
- (b) Crookes on L.C.C. unless Webb wishes to make a pronouncement.
- (c) The title of the course to be altered
- (d) Lecture 2 to be Socialism & the Empire,
- (e) Lecture 6 to be Soc^m & the English Monarchy

Report of Autumn Lecture Sub Committee.

Present Oakeshott, Whelen, Pease.

We recommend the following.

Essex Hall Meetings

October 1st. Graham Wallas 'Issues of School Board Campaign'

December 3rd. Sir Chas. Dilke 'A Labour Program'

January Sidney Webb or Will Crooks Issues of L.C.C. Election.

March Bernard Shaw Limitations of Collectivism.

Cliffords Inn.

A Course of 5 or 6 Lectures on Oct. 8 & 15. Nov. 12 & 26 & Dec. 10.

Socialism in relation to the World.

Socialism & Republicanism	H.S. Salt or G. Standring.
“ “ Imperialism	Sydney Olivier
“ “ Race	Grant Allen
“ “ Militarism	J. Fred Green
“ “ Protection	Ronald Burrows or E.E. Williams

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(A.) Salt + Williams to have first of series of lectures 1 + 5. —
S. J. Webb

Draft Scheme of Lectures for the Fabian Society.

October to December 1897.

and the Empire.

ansion. The Growth of the British Colonies.
(a) Colonies (b) Dependencies to the Mother Country.
Freedom and National Unity. Home Rule and Imperial

and Race.

Evolution and Race Development. Racial Characteris-
progress. Higher and Lower Races. Anglo-Saxon Civili-
other races (Slave, Mongol &c).

and Militarism.

f-preservation. Volunteer Army and Navy and Conscription.
l Relations. National Idiosyncrasies and the Federation

and Protection.

Food Supply. Protection and Agriculture. Protection
res. Protection and the Consumer. Inter-Empire
Protection and Financial Stability.

and Nationality.

ationality. National Development and Freedom.
Imperial Unity. A Federal Constitution.

nd the English Monarchy.

overnment. The Republican Idea. The Socialist Idea.
can Movement in Great Britain. Its rise and Decay.

The Relations of Republicanism and Socialism.

Re Miss Morten's project it was agreed to ask her for further details.

H. Bland.

Monarchy

The Relations of Republicanism and Socialism.

*Wells, in chair, C. B. Shaw, Bland
Dawson, Oliver, Mrs. Spaulding, Standring
and the Empire.
Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
Dr. Karkhele persistent: accept
Sec. reported same going on.
C. B. Shaw's syllabus approved.
Dilke after further discussion it was decided
to invite Dilke & it was
by 6 votes to 1 to invite Dilke.
The course, that one to be at Essex Hall.*

of
T. Chronicle

Draft Scheme of Lectures for the Fabian Society.

Office 2
October to December 1897.
Call in chair, Robertt Pease Shaw Bland

(1) ----- *Thomas, Davies, Mac Sparring Standing*

(1) Socialism and the Empire. *Miss Priestley, Martin, Warden,*

National Expansion. The Growth of the British Colonies.
Relation of (a) Colonies (b) Dependencies to the Mother Country.
Colonial & Freedom and National Unity. Home Rule and Imperial
Federation. *minutes of last meeting were confirmed.*

(2) Socialism and Race.

Theories of Evolution and Race Development. Racial Characteris-
tics and Progress. Higher and Lower Races. Anglo-Saxon Civiliza-
tion and other races (Slave, Mongol &c).

(3) Socialism and Militarism.

National Self-preservation. Volunteer Army and Navy and Conscription.
International Relations. National Idiosyncrasies and the Federation
of the World. *Sec. reported same going on.*

(4) Socialism and Protection.

Our National Food Supply. Protection and Agriculture. Protection
and Manufactures. Protection and the Consumer. Inter-Empire
Free Trade. Protection and Financial Stability. *Dilke after further discussion it was decided
to 5 votes to 1 to invite Dilke & it was
the course, that one to be at Essex Hall.*

(5) Socialism and Nationality.

The Idea of Nationality. National Development and Freedom.
Home Rule and Imperial Unity. A Federal Constitution. *discussed & ordered to be sent out.*

(6) Socialism and the English Monarchy.

Forms of Government. The Republican Idea. The Socialist Idea. *ask of*
The Republican Movement in Great Britain. Its rise and Decay. *our chronicle*
The Relations of Republicanism and Socialism.

7. Snell's engagement. Agreed that he work in the office, during Secs. holiday etc, in place of proposed country organising

8. Seddon Lunch. Com^{ee} reported arrangements for Thursday 8th at Holborn Restaurant, Price 4/- Price of tickets 4/6. -

Agreed to the following: -

Webb, Chairman.

Guests :- Seddon, Wm & two Misses Seddon
Reeves + Wm Reeves, Massingham, Clurbe
Burns, Crooks, Steadman, Cooper, &
Two Press. -

Toasts. Guest. Seddon to reply

New Zealand Reeves " "

Reeves to propose F.S. if des he wished. -

The Sec. was authorised to invite prominent Fabians by letter. -

G. Bernard Shaw

9/7/99.

Executive at Office 9th July '97

Present Shaw (in chair) Gakeshott Bland Pease Webb
 Macrosty, Macdonald, Dearmer Waelen ~~W...~~

Absent. Mrs Sparling, Miss Norton, Miss Priestley, Martin
 Oliver; ~~Standing~~. Standing. -

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Resignation, H. M. Reade. Accepted & agreed not to state reason in News
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.
4. Society of Friends of Russian Freedom. agreed to send their circular in News.
5. Election of Candidates

The following were elected, subject, in case of Crotch to a satisfactory letter being received from Clayton: -

(Since elected)

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
William Walter Crotch, 1 Knowsley-road, Norwich	Joe Clayton.
H. T. Fotheringham, 30 Fairfield-road, Bradford	S. C. Williams & R. Jenkyn Owen.
George Walter Shipway, 16 Wild-ash-road, East Dulwich, S.E....	Edw. R. Pease and J. W. Martin.

6. Purge of members. The list on opposite page was considered & sec. instructed to act as noted hereon. -
7. School Board Meeting. Agreed that Bland be in Chair, & that the resolutions be moved (1) of Oakeshott (2) of Wheeler, (3) of Shaw, & (4) of Wallas or Martin. - The resolutions as printed were amended by the addition of a final clause to no. 4, which was omitted by printer
8. Seddon Lunch. Sec. reported a probable deficit of 85/- to 35/- Ordered to report to next mtg. -
9. Socialist Joint Com^{tee}. The delegates reported that they attended the last meeting: that the S. D. F. declined to go on if the Fabians were present: that the L.S.D. preferred losing the Fabians to breaking up the Com^{tee}, & that the Fabian Delegates hereupon withdrew. -
10. Correspondence: dealt with.
11. Recess. Agreed to meet on July 23 & then adjourn to Sep 18. -
May I Sparling

Report on Defaulters List.

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Paid up. Frank Smith, Miss Sergeant, J.A. Worsnop, F.G. Walton.

Promised. W.S. de Mattos.

Paid up and resigned. Wm. Clarke.

Resigned. J.C. Kenworthy.

Attended Seddon Lunch. J.H. Buckingham and Thos. Naylor. ^{Write} ^{Write}

Not circularised. Miss Heatson. Bland to get.

No/ Reply.

E. Houghton	Wait return.	J. Keir Hardie	Write.
H. McVicar	Out.	J.A. Forgie	Write
R.J.L. Pinnock	Write	H. Croesel	Write
H. Sanders	Out	S. Bullock.	Write
G.S. Christie	Out	Geo. Palmer	Write
Dr. A.C.E. Parr	Out Write	W.J. Saveall	Out
Adolphe Smith	See.	A.B. Seel	Write
A. Beasley	Write	Gilbert Slater	Cakeshott to see.
C.H. Worsnop	Write	Miss L.E. Dunn	Out
Miss Ada Hines	Out	Miss Annie Hines	Out
Miss Emily Hines	Out	Rev. J.H. Belcher	Out
Miss K. Dodd	Write	J.W. Grice	Out
E. Tom Tandy Out			

Executive at Office 23rd July '97

Present Mr. Sparling (in chair) Macrost, Welch, Shaw
Martin, Macdonald, Oakeshott, Standing
Pease Olivier. -

Absent Bland, Moten, Priestley, Deamer, Wheeler.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Jubilee Resignations Sec. 7 reported that Barlow per letter, withdrawn - his. Noted.
3. Correspondence. John S. Ten on his work on the Southampton T.C. -
S. Mendelson on fabrication of the German S. Demo. -
4. Seddon Lunch Sec. reported as follows: -

Expenses excluding printing £13. 18. 6

Tickets sold	£12. 12. 0
Donation (S.W.)	7. 6
Deficit	19. 0
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	13. 18. 6

Agreed to charge to Sundries acc.

5. The Sec. presented the following

Further Report on Purge of Members.

22nd. July 1897.

Paid.

- J. Keir Hardie
- J.H. Buckingham
- H. Croesel.

Promised.

- C.H. Worsnop

No. Reply.

- R.J.L. Pinnock
- Dr. A.C.E. Parr
- A. Beasley
- Miss K. Dodd
- J.A. Fergie
- S. Bullock
- Geo. Palmer
- A.B. Seel
- Thos. & Mrs. Naylor

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Personals.

- Bland to see Miss Hoatson
- Oakeshott to see Gilbert Slater
- Pease to see Adolphe Smith.

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Agreed that Sec ^{have power to} write them that their names are removed from the books unless they pay or write in six weeks or so. —

6. Law Case. Further correspondence was presented.
7. Ethical Confce on S. B. Election. Gakeshott made his report.
8. S. B. Election agreed to send F. news to the Press of London when the act of the S. B. meeting is published. Tracts considered & agreed that new ones are not needed —
9. Autumn Lectures Long letter from Dilke. Agreed to ask him to lecture on any subject, preferably the Empire, at Essex Hall. not as part of the course. —
10. Report of Seddon Banquet. Agreed to mention the Queens toast in the news, & to say that it was proposed "at the request of our guest!"

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11. Suggested Annual Dinner. This was debated & it was agreed to put par in etews asking expression of opinion from members. -

George Standing

Apr-24/97

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7/4/97 A JUBILEE ROOM DISPUTE.

In the Lord Mayor's Court on Thursday, before Mr. Roxburgh, Assistant Judge, and a Common Jury, the case of Pearce v. May was heard. It was an action brought by the plaintiffs, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Hubert Bland, the secretary and treasurer of the Fabian Society, and occupiers of certain rooms at Walsingham House, 276, Strand, against the defendant, Mr. W. May, carrying on business, at Cursitor-street, Strand, as E. J. May, advertising contractor, to recover the sum of £16 2s., being the balance of an amount received by the defendant upon the letting of certain rooms for viewing the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession. Mr. Pease (instructed by Mr. Smith) was counsel for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Gray (instructed by Mr. Pribble) appeared for the defendant. Counsel, in opening the case, said that the action arose out of the letting of a room for viewing the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession. The plaintiffs were the occupiers of a room on the second floor of 276, Strand, from which an excellent view of the procession could be obtained. The plaintiffs were anxious to let the windows, and on March 14th communications took place between Mr. Pearce and the defendant, in which authority was given to the defendant to let the room, at a commission of 15 per cent. Two days after the defendant called and saw Mr. Pearce, and said he had a telegraphic order for a room at the price of £15. The defendant advised the plaintiffs to accept the offer, and paid a sum of £13 13s., the amount, less the commission, which was, as the plaintiffs alleged, wrongly estimated at the time. After this many persons called to see the room upon the defendant's order to view. In consequence the plaintiffs wrote for an explanation. The defendant wrote to say he would be glad if the plaintiffs would allow persons to see the room. The letter went on to say, "If I do not secure a purchaser, I shall reserve it for myself and friends." It was upon that sentence in the letter (counsel said) that the plaintiffs based their case. Mr. Pearce said that he came into communication with the defendant through a circular, the terms of which he (plaintiff) agreed to. The defendant was to let the room as a commission agent, and to receive 15 per cent. commission. The defendant afterwards said he had an offer for £15 for such a room as they were wishing to let, and a discussion arose as to the desirability of letting it at that price. The defendant advised him (witness) to accept the offer. The offer was accepted, and the defendant, rather to his (witness's) surprise, wished to pay at once. A sum of £13 13s. was paid, and a receipt

given. Several persons came to view the rooms afterwards, and, as a result of correspondence with the defendant, he (witness) was given to understand that the transaction had fallen through. He (witness) subsequently heard that the defendant had let the room to a Mr. Hearmson for a sum of £35. Upon this an application was made to the defendant for the payment of the amount over and above that which was paid to the plaintiff. In cross-examination, witness said the lease of the premises was in the names of Mr. Bland and himself. The society to which he (witness) was secretary was a political society for promoting political knowledge of an advanced kind. It was not true to suggest that the window was sold to the defendant at the price of £13 13s. For the defence Mr. Gray said that the question for the jury to decide was whether the room in question was to be let by Mr. May on the terms of his receiving 15 per cent. for his trouble, or whether, on the other hand, Mr. Pearce had not sold the defendant the use of the room for the sum of £13 13s. The defendant was called, and swore that there was an absolute sale of the room to him for Jubilee Day for £13 13s., and if he had not been able to re-let it he would have lost that sum, or have had to use the room himself. The jury retired, and in the result returned a verdict for the plaintiffs for £16 2s.

JUBILEE SEATS.—In the Lord Mayor's Court, Mr. E. R. Pease, secretary of the Fabian Society, and Mr. Bland, the treasurer, sued Mr. George William May, advertising agent, 34, Cursitor-street, to recover £16 2s., the balance of rent due for the hire of a room at the Fabian Society's office, 276, Strand. The plaintiffs in March last received a circular from the defendant offering to let rooms to view the Diamond Jubilee procession at a commission of 15 per cent. Subsequently, according to the plaintiffs' case, defendant called and said he had a telegraphic order for a room for £15, and Mr. Pease agreed to let the room for that sum. May then handed Pease a cheque for £13 13s., which, it was said, was intended to be the rent, £15, less the 15 per cent. commission. Subsequently the defendant let the room to a Mr. Hurlston for £35, and it was to recover the difference between that sum and the amount paid, less commission, that this action was brought, the plaintiffs' contention being that the defendant was acting throughout the transaction as agent. The defence was that the defendant bought the room outright for the day for the £13 13s., and in support of this case defendant relied mainly upon the receipt which was given at the time, and which said nothing about commission. The jury returned a verdict for the amount claimed, and judgment was entered accordingly, with

Exec. at Office 24th Sep '97.
Present, Standing (in chair) Cakeshott, Martin
 Bland, Macrosty Pease, & Sparling,
 Olivier, Wheelew.
Absent Webb, Shaw, Dearmer, Macdonald,
 Miss Morten, Miss Priestley.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Autumn Lectures. Sec. reported arrangements, wh. were approved. Letters from Salt + Grant Allen refusing were presented to Com^{ee} -
3. The following candidates were elected, those in October list, in order that they might appear in the printed list of members, but subject to any further consideration if called for: -

August

September

CANDIDATE	PROPOSED BY
Rev. T. A. Leonard, 168 Keighley-road, Colne, Lancs. ...	General Secretary.

CANDIDATE	PROPOSED BY
Philip Watkins, Elgin Cottage, Brynteg, Abertillery, Mon. ...	R. Jenkyn Owen.
Charles E. Wheeler, M.B., B.Sc., Manor House W., London-rd., Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey...	Frank Evans & Hugh Limebeer.
Mrs. E. M. D. Wheeler ,, ...	

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CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Thos. H. Drinkwater, Cromwell Cottage, Levenshulme, Manchstr	Edward R. Pease
Miss Dagmar la Cour, Clifton House, Bath-row, Birmingham	Ronald M. Burrows
Philip Maximilian Sturge, 17 Frederick-rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham	T. Groom.
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4. Resignations accepted viz:-

A. C. Meyjes, Arthur Field, Miss Field, Fred Burgess, Rev D. Jenks, A. E. Parr.

5. Correspondence:-

London Trade Council. Request for subst & help for Direct Employment Demonstration Sec. to find out particulars + say we are favourable.

Chas. R Allen. Proposed donation of £15 or £20 when he comes of age. Noted.

RE Hon J.R. Seddon. Thanks for hospitality
Erant Richards Report on sale of Labour in L. Reign
G. Koek More on Houch Truck act violations.
R. E. Dell Verted to Romanism + coming to London. Noted.

Hampstead Group. Excellent printed report.

6. Durham Miners + Truck act. Sec. reported correspondence

with Haldane & interview - with Home Office.
Agreed that no further action can be taken.

7. British Library of Political Science. Agreed to send them on Permanent Loan our bound sets of the "Commonweal" & "Today".

8. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Miss Stacy - Complete arrangements reported.

H. Snell

for Oct & Nov? -

Sec. reported Snell wished to be candidate for rate collectorship at Woolwich & he had undertaken to facilitate his plans.

Action approved.

Mrs Fenton MacPherson. Letter from Bruce Glasier commending her to our notice.

Agreed to reply we have at present no vacancy. -

Dartmouth. Application for lectures & Clayton.

Agreed to reply we will favourably consider but want more particulars as to other lectures &c.

9. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports : -

Womens Work, & Honour Women. Macrosty & others gave adverse report. Referred to Mrs. Spaulding.
Population Question & H. Snell. Referred to Macrosty & Martin.

Shop. assistants

Woolman's Xmas Soc^m } Ready for Press.

Agreed to set up & prepare for Meeting on Oct 29. Special notice to be sent out, with proofs, to London Members. Preliminary notice in News. -

Advt in A.S.E. Journal. Agreed to defer as buyers will be scarce during strike.
Pub. Com^{ee} to act at discretion.

10. L.C.C. Election Progressive Com^{ee} See. reported he had been invited to ~~come~~ give his name.
Agreed that he do so. -

11. Pete Curran's Election. Agreed to put Par. in News approving contest generally & offering to receive subscriptions.

12. School Board Election. Sec. reported only
24 replies to Post-Card sent out. -
Agreed to hand them to the Progressive
Committee.

Application from Zona Vallance for sub:
to the Moral Instruction S. B. Election Conf.
After long debate agreed to send none,
but to comply with her request for
names of lecturers &c. -

13. Engineer's Lock Out. Agreed to propose
vote of sympathy at Public Meeting
on Oct. 1st.

S. D. Webb

Executive at Office 1 October 1897.

Present Webb (in chair), Shaw, Bland, Macroarty,
Standing, Pass, Mrs Sparling.

Absent Martin, Macdonald, Oakeshott, Dearmer
Oliver, Miss Priestley, Miss Moten Walew.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Resignations: F. Knee + J. D. Maynard accepted.
J.F. Macpherson asked to re-consider.

3. List of members. Sec. reported that the following, for
whom he had no addresses, + who had not sub-
scribed since 1895 at least, had been omitted from
the printed list of members viz:-

A. Hargreaves, N.A. Mercer, W. J. Williams,
W. M. Knox, J. W. Helpe, A. W. Carr, R. W. Graham,
T. Burkett, Miss M. Gosling. Agreed that they
be struck out of the list. -

4. London Trade Council Direct Empl. Dem. Sec. reported that
this w? take place at Trafalgar Sq. on Oct 24.
Agreed to subscribe 2/- + offer aid. -

5. 1st of May Celebration. Balance Sheet &c.
Noted.

6. Essex Hall Meeting. Agreed that Martin
be chairman, & that Webb move the
following resolution:-

That this meeting of the Fabian Society expresses its sympathy
with the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, and the allied Unions, in
their present struggle, and calls the attention of the Trade Unions
throughout the kingdom to the importance of rallying in defence of the
invaluable right of settling the conditions of employment by Collective
Bargaining, now being called in question by the Federated Employers.

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Ms. Sparling reported on Miss Morley's "Womens Work"
that she did not consider it suitable for a tract.

Agreed to this. -

Publication of German Edⁿ of F. Essays of Miss
Dora Lande, & expected translation
of Labour in Longest Reign reported.

Parish Councils Questions. Webb offered to draft a
Circular on P.C. Work.

Woolman. Agreed that the proposed 6th Volume
does not interfere with no. -

8. Pete Curran. Agreed to send him 5000 leaflets. Sec to reprint election leaflets at once & ~~consider~~ revision + issue of leaflets to be considered by Pub. Comtee.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Applications from Huddersfield, Glasgow, Manchester, Leek etc. Agreed to say we can't arrange now, but will consider later.

Darlington. Further report. adjourned for more particulars.

Clayton letter agreeing to lecture if asked. Noted.

10. Book Boxes. Proposal from G. Wallas to buy a box for him. Agreed to decline, but say we will take books second hand, if they suit us.

11. A.S. Engineers Monthly. Offer of advt. Agreed to take £2. worth.

12. Webb. Agreed to pay fares for Glasgow + Edinburgh Fabian lecture

13. Permanent Nat. Moral Insh. League Agreed that
it is not our business, & therefore that we
do not send delegate on Oct 13. —

14. Fabian Lectures after Xmas. Agreed as follows

Essex Hall	Jan 28.	Crooks on L.C.C.
Cliffords Inn	14	Nationalities R. Burrows
do.	Feb 11	Peace Drunk
do.	" 25	Macrot. Mines.

J. R. or Mrs. Macdonald to be asked also.

Frederick Melen
8 Oct. 1897

Executive at Office 8 October 1897. —

Present, Wæden (in chair) Pease, Webb, Shaw, Macrae,
Mrs. Sparling, Miss Norton, Bland, Martin.
Absent Dearmer, Macdonald, Standing, Miss Priestley, Oliver
Gakeshot

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. Snell's lectures. Excellent Report. Noted.

Correspondence

3. J. Trevor, asking price of advt, 4 advt, insert in
News. See 10/ —

J. W. Pimcombe, on 1/2 Tracts &c. Refer to pub. Comtee
British Library of Pol Sci. — Grand list of our donations to it.

4. London Trade Council Demn. Delegates for Comtee Crookes & Steadman
Speakers, Crookes, Cooper & Steadman.

5. Pete Curran wanting Shaw & Webb. Send Snell.

6. S. Board Election. Agreed not to send delegate to the
Moral Instruction League. Agreed
to accept offer of Trevelyan's tract.

7. Pub. Com^{ee} Report, adopted.

Agreed not to reprint election Leaflets.

" to print slip for Housing Tract corrections.

" that, on Martin's report, Macrosty take
in hand Snell's Population Tract.

8. Executive Meetings. On debate raised by Miss Moten
it was agreed to insert in agenda
the words "Preliminary Com^{ee} at 5"
as ~~before~~ used to be done

9. Members Mtg Oct 29. Agreed to add to agenda
that Exec. will submit proposal
for annual dinner for discussion
of re Engineers Strike, will submit
resolutions to take any action wh.
appears desirable. -

10. Engineers Strike. Agreed to ask Reeves to lecture on
Compulsory arbitration at Essex Hall
on 5th Nov. -
Agreed to refer to Pub. Com^{ee} the
question of any publication screen.

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11. Agreed to send to E. W. Johnson at Chestnut
Training College Board Volume of Tracts, Library
Essays 4 50 each Tracts 5478. -

Julius Plaus

Executive at office 22 Oct. '97

Present Bland (in chair) Tease, Shaw, Martin,
Macrosty, Miss Moken, Webb, Standing
Absent Oliver, Macdonald, Miss Priestly, Oakeshott,
Dearmer, Waelen, Mrs Spauling.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence

Koek, offering to get information in Ceylon &c.

" on success of Truck agitation in Norwich.

Crookes accepting Grey Hall lecture Jan 28

Swinton F.S. agreeing to take H. Trust lectures if offered.

Waterhouse F.S. on extraordinary lecture per
bill next page. —

3. Resignations. F. W. Macpherson, Withdrawn
Josiah Wedgwood of Elruick, accepted.

4. School B. Election. H. Morgan Brown candidate for
Westminster. Noted.

5. Pete Corran's Election. Agreed not to invite Clayton to go.

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Church of England Schools,
WATERHOUSES.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF
SIR LINDSAY WOOD, Bart.,

President of the North of England Coal Trade.

On **MONDAY EVENING, October 11th,**

JOHN PYLE

WILL

LECTURE

IN THE ABOVE SCHOOL.

SUBJECT:—"FABIANISM ; its Nature, Methods, Objects, Resources, and Consequences."

FABIANISM.—The Truck Act.—The Priest and his People.—Sidney Webb and Tory Gold.—Liberal Cup.—Fabian Pea.

The London Corporation and the old Metropolitan Board of Works.

"Fabianism and the Bloody Sunday."

☛ The Political Groups will be referred to. Questions answered and discussion invited. All classes are urged to attend.

Mr. WHARTON, Science Teacher,
WILL PRESIDE.

DOORS OPEN 6.30, LECTURE TO COMMENCE 7 PROMPT.

Admission, Threepence.

6. Snell's lectures. Interesting reports read. Agreed to authorise second month in Cleveland, & to ask ^{him} further as to dropping Essex or Gloucestershire. - Agreed to send Essays & Bound Tract to Cleveland Miners Institutes. Also to circularise teachers with Correspondence Class Circulars next season, -
Sec. reported Snell Woolwich appointment not likely to come off. -

7. Publishing Com^{ee} -

Report approved. Agreed to get Bibliography of John Woolman: to submit statistics of Tract 78 sales to meeting on 29th -

Shaw resigned his seat on Com^{ee} & it was referred to Pub. Com^{ee} to ~~advise~~ recommend a member to replace him.

8. Essex Hall Mtg. Wallas was appointed Chairman. Sec. reported 722 notices posted to non-members. -

- 9. Joe Clayton. Letter proposing that (1) he be paid for lectures at Birmingham L. Church ~~as~~ Hutchinson Trust lectures, & (2) that we print bills for them. - Negative agreed to in each case. -

- 10. Cliffords Lm Lecture. Sec. reported that Burrows declined lecture on Soc^m + nationalities. - Agreed to defer.

- 11. Special notices for lectures. Agreed to send out post card notices to London members before each lecture. -

- 12. Members meeting at Cliffords Lm. Agreed to make report on S. Board Election, & to prepare definite resolution on Annual Dinner.

D.W. Macroarty

Executive at Office 29th October 1897. -

Present Macroty (in chair) Shaw, Mrs Sparling, St Andrew
Peace, Miss Morten, Martin, Oliver Bland
Wileen Welt.

Absent Oakshott Dearmer Macdonald Miss Priestly.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence

Miss Emil Stacy. Strange Story re Barnely.

3. Snell's lectures. Report of last week in Cleveland.
Showing letter from Cleveland Miners.
Agreed to drop Gloucestershire & let
him take Essex. -

4. Publishing Comtee Report.

Shop Assistant's Tract, ~~amper~~ differed &
Macroty. approved.

Compulsory Arbitration. Agreed that Macroty
prepare a tract.

Shaw's resignation. Agreed that J.F. Green be
asked to take Shaw's place on the Comtee.

- 5. Dilke's lecture . Agreed that Bland take the chair.
- 6. Cliffords Inn Meeting. Agreed that Martini take the chair, & arrangements made for other business. —
- 7. Removal of Offices. Welsh stated it might be as much as 2 years before we had to move. Agreed to defer any action.
- 8. Candle-Lamp. Agreed to refer to Pub. Com^{tee} to purchase a one for the lectures.
- 9. Oxford F.S. Lectures . Application for Welsh. He said he had already accepted.
- 10. Annual Dinner . Draft project on next page was discussed + amended. - It was agreed to lay it before the meeting.

Thomas Norton

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Annual Dinner.
Draft proposition.

That an experimental annual dinner be held in January on the following lines :-

- (1) That any member be entitled to attend and to ~~bring~~ ^{nominate} ~~one~~ guests *for invitation by the Committee*
- (2) That after the dinner a gathering be held open to members *only* ~~and~~ *by ticket.*
- (3) That it be held at the Holborn Restaurant, or some such central spot, tickets to cost about 4/-.
- (4) That the Fabian County Councillors be the Guests of the evening, and make speeches.
- (5) ~~That some form of musical entertainment be arranged for.~~
- (6) That smoking be permitted and even encouraged, *but a separate room be provided for non-smokers.*
- (7) That morning dress be permissible.
- (8) That the health of the Queen be not drunk.

Executive at Office 12th November 1897.

Present Miss Moken (in chair) Bland, Gakesholt, Pease
 Mrs Sparling Whelen, Standing Macroft Shaw Webb
Absent Martin, Macdonald Olivier, Dearmer, Miss Priestly.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Snell's Lectures. Two reports read, on Northumberland.
3. Miss Stacy's Lectures. Report read.
4. Election of candidates. The following were elected, subject to payment of Sub: by Dr. Bailey

since paid x

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
C. F. Bailey, M.D., 35 Highbury-grove, N....	Edw. R. Pease & Geo. Standing.
Robert Jackson, 58 Princess-st., Chester ...	Joseph Crewe.
Frederick Kettle, The Clapham School, High-st., Clapham ...	Amy Lawrence & Cath. Foxcroft.
Miss Edith Mary Mason, 15 Fawcett-st., Redcliffe-gardens, S.W.	J. W. Hinchley & Stanley Udale.
John Penny, 75 Clovelly-mansions, Gray's Inn-road, W.C.	Edw. R. Pease & J. Fred. Green.
Harold Warren, 14 Gladys-road, West Hampstead, N.W. ...	Tom Foster and Edw. R. Pease.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F.S.	
Thos. J. Rees, University College, Aberystwyth ...	R. Jenkyn Owen & David J. Saer.

5. Classification of Numbers. Circular re L.H.P. District Councillors. Agreed that Sec. see L.H.P. Sec. + arrange to exchange circulars & communications.

b. Correspondence.

C. R. Allen Jr. sending £21 on his coming of age.
Agreed to thank him. -

Glas. Univ. F.S. re cost of starting Edinburgh Univ.
F.S. Agreed to make grant if
required. -

H. Gough sending resignation of A.B. Gough.
Agreed to drop him out.

Edmonton Gasworkers. Glowing thanks for Book Box
W. D. P. Bliss on his debts & socialism in America.
Deferred. -

H. Brazell Proposal for subscription for Engineers
Agreed to put on next agenda.

7 Pub. Com^{ee} Report received.

Shop assistants. Agreed that the title be
"Soc^m for Shop Assistants", unless
Johnson state this will damage it for
his purposes: then "Shop life & its Reform".

Compensation Act. Agreed to tract hereon.

Govt Organisation of Foreign Trade. Agreed to ask Hobson to lecture

Liverpool F.S. Agreed to exchange publications

Tom Mann's Syllabus. Agreed to send out with News.

- 8. Land National Conference Dec. 6 - Agreed that Shaw, Standring, & Whelen be delegates, with another if opportunity offers.
- 9. Howell's Wages. Sec. reported he asked a rise & that he was now a competent shorthand typist, & otherwise most satisfactory. Agreed to raise from 25/- to 30/-
- 10. Essex Hall Meeting. Correspondence with Dilke.
- 11. Annual Dinner. Agreed that Bland Standring & Pease be a comtee to make arrangements.
- 12. Book Boxes. Sec. reported numerous subs: that 115 were now current & only 74 Boxes in hand. Agreed to apply to Hutchinson Trustees for a further grant of £ 100. for 20 new boxes.

J. F. O'Connell

Executive at office 26th Nov^r 1897.

Present Oakeshott (in chair) Martin Standring Shaw
Macrosty, Macdonald Pease, Miss Morten, Bland.
Absent Olivier, Webb, Dearmer, Mrs Sparling, Mrs Kennedy, Wæden.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Snell's lecture Two satisfactory reports read.
Agreed to send Essays & 13^o Tracts to Northumbrian
Numerous Libraries. Agreed to tell Snell to
arrange debate with Pyle, & to pay part
expenses if required. On report that Snell
preached Secularism, agreed to write him
that we hear S. D. F. lecturers do harm hereby.

3. Correspondence

W. E. Gundry Proposing to form N S Wales F.S. - Agreed
to send set of Tracts &c. -

W. S. Buckford on Collapse of S. Aush. F.S. & possible
revival thereof.

Mrs Humphry Ward giving or doing "Marcellas" for Box.
Helen Marot, wanting Fabian missioner in Philadelphia.
J. W. Martin proposed to go.

3. Corresp. cont'd

E. Burridge wanting work. Agreed to put in free advt.
N. York Reform Club on Election of Mayor.
J. Clayton wanting funds for libel action.
Agreed to put par. in news. -

4. Pub. Com. Report approved.

Agreed to have leaflet on Water Municip^{ty} in
County, or Tract. -
Agreed to prepare a Bureau of information circular
Agreed to suggest to Miss O'Brien to include
Basis leaflet with the Woolman Tract. -

5. Debt of W.P.P. Bliss. Sec. reported receipt of his
Encyclopedia of Social Reform. Agreed to
write him off a gainst his debt. -

6. Fabian Lectures

Miss Skerritt, proposing Lane of Corne. Agreed
that we do not want him.
Sam Hobson, agreeing to lecture on State aid to
Foreign Trade, if we can help him.
To inside facts. Agreed to do so. -

7. Engineers Strike. Agreed to take no special action in regard to Brazel's resolution.

8. Late Correspondence.

Home Office. Satisfactory result of letters re Truck Act Violation in Norwich

Miss Payne Townsend. Offer to give 6 Book Boxes. accept.

Land Nat. Conference,

on L.C.C. Election. } Program considered.

Agreed to vote against Resolution (4) Extension of London's boundaries, & to vote for widening (6) application of funds to Housing org. —

9. Adols. Agreed to put one in "Municipal Affairs", New York Quarterly.
J. R. Macdonald

Executive at Office 10 Dec. 97. -

Present. Macdonald (in chair) Miss Mollen Peace, Martin Macroft, Webb, Shaw, Bland, Oliver, Gakeshott.
Absent Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Sparling Dearmer, Standing Wæden

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Snell's Reports read & approved
 Agreed to send Tracts & Essays to Galashiels Lib. Club.
 Letter re denying that he talked Secularism.
 J. W. Martin gave notice to raise question of Snell's rate of pay. Agreed that Sec. write Snell to find out his views, & report on financial position of the lecturing etc.
3. Miss Stacy. Report read. Letters of thanks from Middlesboro & Reighley. -

elected 4/1/98

4. Election of Candidates. The following were elected subject to payment of sub'n by the first two. -

Arthur Harbord, 75 York-road, Great Yarmouth	J. M. Headley.
Edward William Hughes, Fairfield-brook, Nr. Bromsgrove ...	General Secretary.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
A. P. Hardy, University College, Oxford	W. M. G. Glanville & J. M. Gibbon.
Guy Kendall, Magdalen College, Oxford	O. Hildsheim & W. M. G. Glanville.
F. Gurney Salter, Trinity College, Oxford	L. R. Oldershaw & W. Nicholson.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F.S.	
W. H. Darby	R. J. Owen & B. Scott Williams.
Sam Davies	R. J. Owen & B. Scott Williams.
Walter H. Nicholson	R. Jenkyn Owen & Thos. J. Rees.
Frederick G. C. Soloway	Thos. J. Rees & R. Jenkyn Owen.
Marice Williams	R. J. Owen & B. Scott Williams.

5. Correspondence.

Edinburgh Univ. F.S. Report of Formation
Mrs Parkhurst Por Law Project.
Ashford L.M.P. asking result on wages of municipalisation
Sec. advised to apply to Leeds, Manchester
& Birmingham.

J. Clayton, asking for lecturers at S. Hampton
agreed to send
asking re H. Trust lecturing
Sec. to report on finances.

University Coll. of Wales asking lecturers
Try J.F. Green

Cambridge F.S. asking lecturer.
Olivier agreed to go.

J. Andrews re Railway strike
Franklin Bernhard asking re German trans.
of Fabian Tracts. —

Well reported he had published
51,47,70,472 in German
volume of essays.

6.

Pub. Com. Report approved, including proposals of loan to
I.T. Robinson & new tracts. —

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7. Fabian Lectures. Agreed to have J.R. Macdonald on America on Jan 14 in place of Mr. Killop deferred.

Macrost announced his lecture off. Letter offering lecture from Arthur Clayton. Agreed to say not Essex Hall + ask particulars of syllabus. —

8. Land Program L.C. Conference. No delegates appeared to have been present. —

9. Engineers Lock-out. Agreed that Shaw ^{Macdonald} & Webb be a com^{ee} to ~~be~~ prepare a manifesto. —

Agreed that cash be sent to the Parliamentary Com^{ee}, as "per Fabian Soc'y", + that the loan of Mrs Grove be also per F.S. —

10. L.C.C. Election. Agreed that Martin, Standing Macdonald, Shaw, Macrost, Wheeler + Peare be a com^{ee} to report on Tracts + other action. —

11. Annual Dinner Fee Com^{ee} not having reported, the following details were agreed to :-
Holborn Restaurant on Tuesday Feb 1 at 7 for 7.30 pm.
Price 4/- Tickets for members & guests each 4/6.
Guests of evening to be the ~~three~~
from Fabian London S.B. Members.

12. Agreed to adjourn till Dec 31.

13. Hutchinson Trustees. Wells reported for the information of Exec. that the death of Mrs C. Hutchinson & the resignation of W.S. De Mattos had left two vacancies, which had been filled by Gilbert Bland & Mrs Payne Townsend. -

G. Bernard Shaw.
17/12/97

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Special Exec. at office on Wed 15 Dec. at 6 pm.
Present Webb (in chair) Standing Macdonald, Shaw
Macrosty, Pease

Absent Martin, Whelan, Oakeshott, Olivier Bland
Miss Morten, MacKenney, Mrs Sparling, Dearmer

- (1) The draft manifesto on the Engineers Lock-out, prepared by the Com^{ee} was discussed, & in the altered & uncertain circumstances, no action was taken. -
- (2) It was agreed to further consider the manifesto at an ordinary meeting on Friday next. -

J. Bernard Shaw
17/12/97

Executive Mt. Office 17 Dec. 97. —

Present, Shaw, (in chair) Gakesholt, Standing
Pease, Macdonald, Macroby Miss Kristen Webb.
Absent Olivier, Worsparling Wors Kennedy, Dearmer
Bland. Whelton Martin.

1. The minutes of the last Exec. & of the Special Exec.
Meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

Rev. O'Brien Hoare Reporting existence of New Zealand
F.S. & denouncing Seddon & Reeves.
Agreed to show to Reeves casually.

Hales, Portsmouth, wanting help for his brother in
S.B. Campaign. Agreed to send
500 Liverpool F.S. leaflets.

Portsmouth T. Council wanting three lectures, Try
Galton.

H.H. Harris Reporting his election to Oldham S.B.

3. H. Snell. Report on 3rd week in Scotland &
letter on his alleged preaching of
Deularism. Noted.

4. Finances. Sec. reported as follows:—

Due 31 Dec. Standing £90
Snell 48
Rent + Salary 30. £168
Cash in Bank 56

Deficit £112. —

He added that £25 had just been received from
D. Reeve, & £50 for Book Boxes from H. Trustees.

Hutchinson Trust Lectures

Dec 15. Expended to date £180.

Due H. Snell 48

Cost of Jan. Mar Lectures 75 £303.

Cash rec^d. from Trustees £250

Balance due 50

£300

Less for Office 50. £250

Deficit to General acc £53

Report was received.

5. Snell's Salary. Letter from him hereon was read.
after debate it was agreed to pay
him in addition to the £15 per month,
a further sum of £4 per month from Dec. to March.

6. Engineers Lock-out Manifesto Agreed that Sec. issue it when so instructed & the Manifesto Committee.
7. Annual Dinner. Sec. reported that Morgan Browne accepted. Headlam & ditto, but preferred Thursday: ~~no~~ Wallas was engaged till 9 pm. - After debate it was resolved to alter date to Thursday Feb 3rd -
8. Fabian Lectures. S. S. Hobson. Letter agreeing to lecture in hand.
R. E. Dell. Sec. reported that he offered lecture on Henry & Medieval Church. Agreed after debate, to decline it.
9. Further Correspondence Mrs. Mallet. Ltr & greetings E. S. Williams. Resignation. Accepted Misses Pritz on their advt.
10. Next Meeting Adjourned to Dec 31. -
A. W. MacFostly

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L.C.C. Special Com^{ee} at Office 22 Dec. 97. -
Present Macdonald, Shaw, Macroft, Pease. Standing
also Green,
Absent Martin, Wælen,

(1) Literature.

Agreed to postpone question of asking members
to buy tracts. -

Tracts of S.P.M. noted. agreed not to overlap.

Series of S.C.C. To wait Webb's decision.

"Questions". Agreed to put par. in News
urging members to use them;
and that Shaw Revise. -

(2) Lecture. Agreed to send circular to ask selected
members whether they will
lecture, with or without lantern

(3) Helpers. Agreed to put par + card in Feb News.

(4) Lists of Speakers. Card in Feb News + mention
in Circular.

(5) Adjourned sine die. -

Executive at Office 31 Dec. 1897

Present - Macrost (in chair) Welen, Oliver Pease,
Oakeshot Standring, Blana.

Absent - Miss Norton, Mr Kennedy, Mr Sparling
Webb, Shaw, Martin, Macdonald, Deamer

1. Minutes confirmed
2. Resignation. Mr J.A. Holson. accepted.
3. Correspondence Miss Bernhard. Proposal to translate Tract 67.
Paul Stacey on Bristol & Durham University
J.W. Huxley on Dublin & its Socialism
4. H. Snell. Thanks from Paisley & Glasgow
5. Fabian Lectures. A. Clayden, withdrawing offer.
Essex Hall. Shaw asked for March.
6. Engineers Manifesto. Sec. reported work done.
Ordered to print more copies. -
7. L.C.C. Election. Report of Com^{ee} approved.

8. South Hackney LCC. Letter from E. F. Errington on Macdonald's candidature. After considerable vague discussion, Sec. was ordered to ask whether Hackney Fabian Group was invited to meeting at wh. Macdonald was selected as candidate.

9. Pub. Com^o Report approved. Project of sending tracts to Wesleyan Lay preachers generally approved, & Sec. instructed to find out how many there are.

10. London Elections: Letter from Miss Norton objecting to Walker's tactics in asking help from voters otherwise engaged. Agreed to put on our LCC cards "It is suggested that members would do well to fix on one constituency & work there till the conclusion of the contest". -

11. London Land Reform Conference, Delegates wanted for Jan 11. - Sec. ordered to consult Verinder & select delegates, if Verinder thinks conference useful. Otherwise to do nothing. -

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 14 Jan 1898.

Present Webb (in chair) Macrosty, Martin, Miss
Morton, Shaw, Pease, Mrs Sparling, Bland
Wheeler Standing, Gakesholt.

Absent Macdonald, Mrs Kennedy, Oliver Deamer

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Correspondence

C. L. Marson on S. Australia & Somerset

Dr. Aichinger, Galitia, sending £5.-

G. W. June. Resigning & giving £5 loan for back
subs. Accept but ask to reconsider

E. D. Giddestone, Resigning owing to loss of income.

Agreed not to accept

F. W. Stansfield, sending 2/-, with power to apply
part to Engineers. Agreed to keep all.

Bolton Lab. Club. Fabian Society forming

Nah. Home Read. J. - Asking advt as before.

Agreed at £ 3.3.0. -

3. Snell's Lectures. Reports approved. also particulars
of Debate with Pyle, & cuttings.

4. Engineers Manifesto.

Sec. reported about £40 collected. Sent it at once.
Cordial letters from Brassworkers + Nat. U. Labourers.
Letter from A.C. Harris, Leicester enclosing
one from Gimson. Sec. instructed as to
reply + Shaw undertook to write Gimson.

5. Annual Dinner

Sec. reported 25 Dinner + 4 after.
dinner tickets sold.

6. Pub. Com^{ee} Reports

approved.

Good sales of Tracts
L.C.C. + P.C. Quest under revision
Proposed Tract of Wesley extracts approved.
Pub. Com^{ee} to see to reprinting Vestries +
Unemployed Tracts.

7. The following were elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Rev. Geo. Wright, 150 Middlesex-street, Lowell, Mass., U.S.A....	Graham Wallas.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F.S.	
A. M. Macmillan, 16 Dalhousie-street, Glasgow	John E. S. Otty and Wm. Boyd.
Henry Murphy, 120 West Graham-street, Glasgow	Wm. Boyd and R. McLaurin.
John Orr, 31 Broomhall Terrace, Partick	Wm. Boyd and R. McLaurin.
F. Horsfall Turner, Idle, near Bradford, Yorks.	John E. S. Otty and Wm. Boyd.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.	
C. M. Baylis, Selwyn College, Cambridge	Arthur Clarke and Arthur Cox.
Mrs. E. A. Cox, Meadowcroft, Girton, Cambridge	Mary Irvine and Arthur Cox.

8. Lantern Slides, White slaves of England.
Agreed to buy at 5/-
9. ~~L. N. S.~~ L. C. Election Land Reform Con^o. Shaw reported
Agreed to contribute 2/- or less after
consultation with Verinder.
10. Proposed Election Fund. Agreed to issue a
circular asking subs. for
Crooks, Steadman & Cooper, our three
retiring T. U. Candidates.
11. Hackney. Further letter read from Errington
stating the Hackney Group was
asked to Macdonald's meeting.
12. Fabian Lectures. Shaw promised for some future time
Arrangements for March unsettled.
13. Martin's American Tour Discussed & approved.

Frederick Melen

28.1.98

Executive at Office 28 Jan 1898.

Present Wheeler (in chair) Macdonald, Macrosty,
Peace, Shaw, Miss Morten, Standing
Oakeshott, Bland.

Absent Mrs Sparling, Mrs Kennedy, Webb, Olivier,
Deamer, Martin.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Snell's Reports, read & approved.

3. Correspondence

South Australia F.S. Revival. Agreed to put
in news that it had lapsed
owing to having too many M.P.

A.W. Carlisle. Offer to resign. Refuse to accept.
H.S. Salt urging agitation for Municipal
Slaughterhouses.

Miss Underwood on Thurian experiences. Ask her
re death statistics &c. -

Legitimation League Wanting delegate. Not our business
Glasgow F.S. Wanting lecturer.

4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, adopted.
Wesley Tract abandoned
10 Leaflets under revision.
5. London Society & Workmen's Train, wanting
delegate for Feb. 3. — J.R. Macdonald
was appointed
6. Martin's American Tour. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee}
& consider circular.
7. Annual Dinner on Com^{ee} Report — agreed
F. Podmore for Chairman
Toasts: The Fabian S. B. members
Miss Morten + Headlam to reply
For Fabian Society
Corie Grant to propose: Welch to reply
Agreed to have a printed plan of seats.
Sec. reported 60 tickets sold. —
8. Meeting at Essex Hall. Agreed that J.R. Macdonald
be chairman

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8. Phillimore at York. Letters from E. S. Mehrier
& J. L. Macdonald stating that Phillimore
was not sent to York & the A. S. E. were
read. Reply to Macdonald's letter from
Well- was also read. After discussion
a form of words was agreed upon for
insertion in Fabian News, & it was
also agreed that any statement wh.
Phillimore desired to insert should be
annexed thereto. - In case of any
question at the Essex Hall meeting the
chairman was instructed to say that
such question was out of order, but
that the rule of the Society is to exercise
no control over, & to take no responsibility
for the political action of its members. -

9. L.C.C. Election. It was agreed to refuse request of
L.H.P. to send out their appeal for funds
with Fabian News. It was further agreed that the
appeal for Crookes, Steadman & Cooper should be typed
& sent to selected members, & that in the News no
mention be made as to other candidates asking sub^{no}.

D. Bernard Shaw.
11/21/95.

Executive at Office 11th Feb. 1898.

Present Shaw (in chair), Webb, Macdonald, Miss
Morton, Mrs Sparling, Macrosty, Standing,
Olivier, Martin, Waalen, Pease, Bland,
Bakeshoff.

Absent Dearmer, Miss Priestley. —

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence

Walkden miners, regarding Lock-out Manifesto
Gloucester Soc. Soc. wanting lecturers on a/c of
Quarrels. Say these are not exceptional
circumstances. —

Grant Richards wanting advt. of L. Reign.
~~be~~ agreed. —

J. F. Smith Resignation. Accepted.

3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Numerous Tracts + Leaflets under revision.
Proposal to grant 2000 leaflets to each
Fabian LCC. Candidate
Approved.

4. Election of candidates. All elected, subject, in case of Crossdell, to pay^t of subⁿ. in case of Evans to satisfactory letters & ^{exact} in case of C. W. Harrison who was deferred owing to absence of signed application.

Elected
17/2/98

Elected
22/2/98

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
J. B. Askew, 16 Cheyne-row, Chelsea, S.W.	J. Potbury and H. S. Salt.
Edward Charles Crossdell, 4 Ashbourne street, Leicester ...	F. J. Shaw.
Mrs. E. F. Errington, 92 King Edward-road, South Hackney.	Honnor Morten & J. W. Martin.
Albert E. Evans, 14 Severn-st. Newtown, Mont.	R. Jenkyn Owen and D. J. Saer.
G. Wilmot Harrison, 52 Park-place, Cardiff	General Secretary.
Ernest Hart, Old Bank House, Andover, Hants.	Do. do.
Richd. Higgs, jun., Cold Harbour Farm, Chislehurst	Do. do.
E. L. Poulton, 51 Turner-street, Northampton	Do. do.
Henry Stanley, Wholesale Fish Market, Manchester	Do. do.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY F. S.

Donald Banks, 31 Marchmont-erescent, Edinburgh	A. W. Wilkie and C. W. Rixon.
Miss Bessie B. Bird, 33 Montpelier-park, Edinburgh ...	Do. do.
Herbert Brook, c/o Shearer, 21 Livingstone-place, Edinburgh	Do. do.
Ian D. Colvin, 4 Churchill-place, Inverness	J. E. S. Otty and C. W. Rixon.
Horace W. Crawford, 23 George IV. Bridge, Edinburgh	A. W. Wilkie and C. W. Rixon.
Robert J. Cross, c/o Anderson, 22 Melville-terrace, Edinburgh ...	Do. do.
A. Graham Donald, 34 Marchmont-road, Edinburgh	Do. do.
Mrs. Gertrude Etchison, 1 Marchmont-road, Edinburgh	Do. do.
C. W. Forster, c/o Davidson, 40 Marchmont-eres., Edinburgh..	Do. do.
James Hartley, c/o Miss Shearer, 21 Livingstone-pl., Edinburgh	J. E. S. Otty and C. W. Rixon.
W. R. Kirby, 5 Brunton-place, Edinburgh	Do. do.
John W. Lamont, c/o Brown, 74 Elm-row, Edinburgh	A. W. Wilkie and C. W. Rixon.
George Robertson, c/o Miller, 29 Frederick-street, Edinburgh ...	Do. do.
A. Major Scott, c/o 22 Melville-terrace, Edinburgh	Do. do.

5. Meeting tonight. Macroty to take Water heart. —

6. Fabian Lectures. The following were proposed:-
Crooks on Poor Law Mar. 11, in place of Murray.
Snell on Population
-Do. - on His Country lecture experiences.
Shaw on Tolstoi.
It was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com^{rs}
to prepare a literary course. —

7. L.C.C. Election. Sec. reported three more Fabian
Candidates, Oxford + Charrington
(Progressives) for Strand, + J.R. Dobson
(Lab + Soc!) for Peckham. —
It was agreed to send out a
post. card as in 1892, omitting
names + addresses of Fabian candidates.

8. L.C.C. Fabian Election Fund. Correspondence with
Frank Smith re his
inclusion as a Trade Union Candidate in
benefits of Fund was read & after debate
resolution to include him was adopted
4 8 91. —
Letter from J.R. Woodcock accusing the

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Exec. of partiality ~~was~~ presumably in reference
to the fund was read, & it was agreed to reply
that it has never been the custom of the Society
to raise funds for members who are candidates
for elective bodies, merely because they are
members of the Society. —

9. Snell's Lectures. Proposed April tour in Wales.
agreed to defer till his reply comes to hand.
Summer arrangement with Ann. Agreed to
adjourn debate, & that Sec. prepare
statement of amounts paid Ann
from 1st October 1897. —

10. Executive Comm.. An informal discussion took place,
in the course of which the Sec.
intimated that he understood Mrs
Kennedy, Miss Moten, & Rev. P. Dearmer
w^d not stand for re-election.

G. Bernard Shaw
25/2/98.

Executive at Office 25 Feb. 1898. —

Wheeler

Present Shaw. (in chair) Miss Norton, Martin, Standring,
W^{rs} Sparling, Pease, Oliver, Bland, Bakeshot.
Absent Macrosty, Webb, Dearmer, W^{rs} Kennedy, Macdonald
Wheeler.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Resignations. A.O. Barron. Reported by Bland. Accepted
Manning Prentice. Declined to accept.
3. Correspondence
Bawden, Kingston Can. urging us to send lecturer
G. Brunswick N.Y. Sending picture of George.
Agreed to thank him & to sell picture
to G. Standring for 2/6. —
Bertram Wilson. Long letter about Lead Poisoning
Com^{ee}. — Agreed to par in news.
4. L.C. Election Fund. Sec. reported £17 received.
Agreed to pay it over after election.
5. Auditor agreed to ask Limebeer again.

6. Publishing Com^{tee} Report. Approved, especially reduction of price of leaflets to 8/6 per Thousand.

7. Snell. Two reports read & approved.
Letter stating he is willing to go to Wales in April.
Agreed to send him. -
Sec. submitted subjoined report:-

Payments to H. Snell apart from out of pocket fares/
since engagement.
(N.B. He pays his own hotel expenses).

-----		£
1897		10
January.	Study Money	
		45
Feb. to April.	3 months Fees at £15	
		30
May to September.	Summer Allowance	-----
		85

		15
October Fees		
		15
November Fees		
		19
December Fees		19
1898	Jan Fees	-----
		38
Feb. and March Fees	Due	-----
		106

		19.

April ?

7. Snell (contd)

agreed that Sec. write we will pay
him £30 at least for Summer
& will consider any other proposal. -

8. Fabian Lectures

The following was agreed to:-

- April 22. Members Meeting
" 29. Olivier. "Zola"
May 13. Annual Meeting
" 27. Bland Nietzsche
June 10. Martin T. Hardy
" 24. Snell Population. -

Rejected proposals were

- "Crooks" on Poor Law Pensions vs Poor Law
Snell .. Country Lecturing Experiences
Mrs Cherrington .. Dances Women
W. Archer .. Maeterlinck
Shaw .. Tolstoi

H.W. Macroby

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Executive at Office 11 March 1898.

Present - H.W. Macrosty (in chair) Pease, Martin Shaw,
Mrs Sparling Miss Morken, Webb, Whelan Bland,
Cakeshott, Olivier

Absent Mrs Kennedy, Dearmer, Standring, Macdonald

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The following were elected members:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
John H. Howell, 33 Miranda-rd., Upper Holloway, N.	Maziere Irvine & Mary O'Brien.
Mrs. Nell Wheeler Howell, as above	Mary Irvine and Mary O'Brien.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F.S.	
D. J. Davies, Richmond House, George-street, Aberystwyth ...	B. Scott Williams & R. J. Owen.

3. Auditor. Letter from Limerick re extent of audit.
Agreed that Limerick be auditor & that he audit
as much as he please. -

4. Correspondence -

Rev C. L. Mason on Somerset character
Dr. Pan Jones asking financial aid. Agreed we
can give none, but can send Members List.
Cleveland Miners. Reprint of Book Box circular
R.W. Sindall. Resignation. accept.

4. H. Snell. Reports on Lincolnshire approved
Thanks from Grimsby & Norwich
Letter from Chelmsford re abandoned
lecture. Agreed that Snell be backed
up, but asked, if he consents, to give
them another try. —

5. Finances. Sec. reported cheque for £100 from
Miss Payne Townsend, & that we
sh^d have cash for all accounts to end
of March, except £30 or so, which
might come in. —

6. Hutcheson Trustees. Sec. reported Grant of £300
for next year made. Arrangements
were generally discussed, & likely T.N.
Districts for lectures were suggested
viz:- North Wales Quarrymen
Cumberland Blast. furnace men
Fife Miners (Gosset & Weir)
Lithian Miners. —

7. L.C. Election Fund. Agreed wd: to put names in news

8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received & discussed :-
Workmens Compensation Act. Agreed to submit to Secy
 Mar 25 as non-contentious: and to add Summary
 or reprint of Law: and Bibliography. -
History of Licensing. Ready.
Municipalisⁿ of Drink Traffic. After discussion
 agreed to set up, circulate to Exec. and
 discuss next Friday. Also that Wallas be
 invited to attend. -
 Agreed also that Sec. write to Charles Coward
 re tract on his experiment. -
Economic Heresies L.C.C.. Referred back to Wellb.
 for amendment. -
Review of Textiles Tract. Referred back to P. Com^{ee}
 to ascertain cost of revised edn. partly
 from Stereos. - Failing this agreed
 to offer it to L.R.U. -
Martin's Town Circular. Print 300. 50 to Wellb.
Methodist Local Preachers. Proposal to print
 + issue 2500 approved. -

9. Further Correspondence L.R.U. Guardians Questions. Put par in news
 Miss Bernhard. Refer to German publishers

10. W.C. Steadman Fund. Sec. reported conversation with R. Wherry Anderson. Matter deferred for further information, but it was generally agreed that we cannot do more than support any existing Ways Fund.

Frank Smith Ways Fund. Sec. reported conversation with Fenton McPeerson. Agreed not to take any action.

11. Executive Election. Secretary reported the following nominations :-

all sitting members except Deamer, Wm. Kennedy
& Miss Norton

R. S. Dell, Miss C. F. Payne Townshend J. F. Green
Miss McTaggart, Miss O'Brien. -

Note from Deamer saying he c^d. not stand.

J. W. Martin
18/3/98.

Executive at Office 18 March 1898. -

Present, Martin (in chair), Wells, Macdonald, Bland,
Macrost, Shaw, Oliver ^{Pres}, Also F. L. Dodd
Absent Miss Moten, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Sparling, Deamer
Gakeshott Standing, Wheelen. -

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received.
Agreed to reprint 1000 or 500 Vestries Tract.
3. Fabian Lecture. Owing to Oliver's intended journey to America, agreed that Martin or Hardy be taken in April. -
4. Snell's Executive Candidature. In response to enquiry ^{as he is likely to feel absent} Agreed that Sec. write him that ^{to Secretary} ~~that~~ he is entitled to stand, if he pleases, the Exec. does not recommend his doing so. -
5. Attendance at Fabian Lecture. Agreed that post-cards of lectures be sent to strangers. -

6. Steadman's Wage Fund. Letter from Wherry
Anderson read suggesting that Sec. interior
Steadman, after debate, agreed that
he take no initiative in the matter.

7. Municipalisation of Liquor Traffic. -
Prop. was discussed, & many
amendments adopted. Discussion
hereof was adjourned. Letter from
Hon. W. P. Reeves was read. -
Hanna Holden.

Executive at Office 25th March 1898. -

Present. Miss Morken (in chair) Pease Martin Macroft,
Shaw-Macdonald Standing Oakes Holt Bland.

Absent. Dearmer, Whelen, Mrs Sparling, Mrs. Kennedy,
Webb, Oliver

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Snell's lectures. Two reports were read. -
Also letters from Norwich Kings Lynn & Grantham

3. Correspondence.

Miss Sim. Resignation. Write suggesting withdrawal
Irish Land Labour Assocⁿ. Reports + letters
Tong L.P. Wanting leaflets. Send some.
Alex Stewart. A.S.S. asking help. Ask advice
of A.S.S. office. -

4. S. G. Hobson. Agreed to pay his expenses to London.

5. Executive. Sec. reported new candidates: Miss Payne Townshend,
Miss Mc Taggart, Miss O'Brien R.E. Dell, R.W.
Anderson, + W.J. Pincombe. - Also J.F. Green withdrawn.

5. Publishing Com^o Report.

Economic Series nearly ready for Press. -
Agreed that it be a Society tract & be
proposed at Annual Meeting. -

6. Municipalisation of Drink Traffic. - This
tract was further considered. -

A Resolution deciding to alter the
proposal for direct election of the Licencing
authority, to indirect was carried by
4 to 3 after a long debate. -

It was agreed that the Historical Tract
be set up at once, & that the Municipalis-
ation tract be taken on April 22nd
at a members meeting. -

J.R. Macdonald

(7)

Executive at Office 1 April 1898. -

Present J. R. Macdonald (in chair), Pease, Martin, Morton,
Macrosty, Shaw-Bland, Oakeshott, Standing.
Absent Webb, Oliver, Kennedy, Sparling, Dearmer, Wælen.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Snell's Lecture Reports were read. - Notice of 6 Book
Boxes ordered of Cleveland Mines also read. -
3. Snell's April tour. After debate agreed not to send
him to Gloucester on Wednesdays & to leave
that date blank, for him to fill up at
the time, unless application for it be made.
4. Resignations. Miss Sim (final) & John Leys, Accepted.
5. Miss or Mrs?. After debate & division it was carried
by a large majority that the use of
Miss or Mrs as applied to members in
the returns be prohibited. -
6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.

(6) Cont. In particular,

That the Compensation Tract be 20 pp.

.. The Methodist Circular be first sent
to Durham, Cornwall + W. Riding Jnks.

As to Holson's lecture, that he be asked to
prepare a tract on the lines of it, subject
to the usual arrangement as to revision +

7. Municipalisation of Drink. Adjourned Debate.

After divisions it was decided
That existing public bodies be
empowered to become the licencing
authorities. ~~It was decided that~~

That in default of such decision the
Justices remain the licencing
authorities, + no new one be created.

It was agreed that Macdonald, Martin, Macrae
+ Pease be a Comtee to draft resolutions
for consideration of the Exec on April 15,
+ by the Society on April 22, in place of
the draft Tract. - Comtee to meet at
J.R. Macdonalds on Wed 13th at 3 pm.

J W Martin.

Executive at Office 22 April 1898.

Present Martin (in chair), Macrosty, Macdonald, Whelan,
Woz Sparling, Pease, Standing, Bland, Shaw
Absent Moten, Kennedy, Webb, Olivier, Dearmer, Oakeshill.

- 1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
- 2. Snell. Glowing letter from Kings Lynn read. -

3. Alex. Stewart. Letter read from Barnes (A.S.E.)
stating that he is well thought of at head quarters.
Agreed that Sec. write asking him what we
can do to assist him. -

4. Election of members. The following were elected:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss N. G. Bacon, 78 Tremadoc-road, Clapham, s.w.	M. G. Burnett and E. R. Pease.
L. E. Cowburn, 7 Neville-street, Haxby-road, York	General Secretary.
John Edw. Ellam, Spring House, Hogthorpe, Alford, Lines.	J. Bruce Wallace.
Thomas Place, 66 Clarence-street, York	Edw. R. Pease.
Jos. Evans Smith, Brook House, Snodland, by Rochester, Kent	General Secretary.
Joseph B. Williams, 1 Stockton-street, Moss Side, Manchester	General Secretary.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.	
H. T. Reilly, St. John's College...	C. F. A. Hore and Sidney Ball.
R. C. K. Ensor, Balliol College...	W. F. Nicholson and F. V. Vernon.

5. Vestries. Agreed that ~~the~~ the project for a debate on Vestries be considered for next session.

6. Purge of members = Agreed to strike off the following
Ernest Edwards. (Reading?) Address lost.
H. Power. (Harlesden?) " "
P.C. Standing " "

and the following from whom no reply was received
to letters dated as below.

Aug. 1897. Kentish Moore. Paid £5. 1893
Mar. 19. 98. J.S. Fletcher. Paid nothing ever
" " T. Pennington " " "

E.L. Manning - Sec. ordered to write again
Mrs. Ruding - Wheeler to get address & sec.
to write her. -

7. Peoples Rights Defence Com^{ce} Agreed that Standing
& Peace be delegates.

8. Bad Debts. Agreed that the following be written off
as bad against reserve for Bad Debts
(£9.12.5), viz:- Bradford F.S. £5.11.7, Ashton
F.S. 4/6, John F.S. 18/3 Total £6.14.4. -
leaving reserve £2.18.1 against doubtful
debts amounting to £5.12.3. -

7. Oxford F.S. Bland indicated willingness to lecture for them

10. Municipalisation of Drunk Traffic.

Resolutions prepared by the Comtee were considered, amended, & adopted, & an additional one was added. —

It was agreed to send them to all members.

It was further agreed that they be taken as moved on behalf of the Exec. —

May Spurling

Last Meeting of old Executive Com^{ee} at Office
on 22nd April 1898.

Present. May Spurling in chair, Pease, Macrosty, Gapesht,
Bland Standing Macdonald.
Also Anderson + O'Brien.

Absent. Dearmer, Morten, Kennedy, Whelan, Shaw, Webb
Olivier Martin.

1. The minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.
2. Resignations. W. Spetch. Gaskam, Ask to withdraw
F.C. Haynes, N.S.A. Accept.
3. New Fabian Society at Bolton. Reports. Encourage them.
4. Socialist Quaker Society. Reported formation.
5. J. McKillop. Projected Class on Webb's Ind. Dem. after
debate agreed to ask him to prepare a
memo of his proposal.
6. Meeting in Evening. agreed that Bland or Macrosty take chair
letters or proposals from Brocklehurst + others read.

(7)

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. considered: -

1. Economic Heresies of L.C.C. Ready for Press. Agreed to cut down to 16 pp. & not to print the Standing Orders of L.C.C. - Agreed & not to send out to members, & to put down for annual meeting. -

(2) Workmens Arbitration. Agreed to send out to members + discuss at annual meeting. -

(3) Re reprint of our Tracts before Publication in Commonwealth, agreed that they can do so, but must do it all in one month & without exclusive rights. -

8. Annual Report. MS. of parts read, amended & ordered to be set up.

George Stanning
April 25/98

Executive at Office 29th April 1898. -

Present Geo. Standring (in chair) Oakeshott Pease
Macrosty, Macdonald, O'Brien, Anderson
Wheeler, Shaw Bland

Absent. Webb, Oliver, Payne Townshend, Spashing, Martin.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. -
2. Public Rights Defence Com^{ee} - Pease as delegate reported. Agreed that he & Standring can attend again with watching brief. -
3. Alex Stewart. Letter saying he wants no help & resigns membership. Agreed not to accept.
4. Harry Snell. Satisfactory report from S. Wales read. Thanks from Norwich L.H.P. & Garmouth L. Club.
5. S. Wales Strike. Sec. reported 10/- received & proposal for Fabian help from H. D. Kerr. Agreed that the cash he sent to the T. U. Cong. Parl. Com^{ee} & that it is not desirable to start a fund because the miners have no T. U. & show no signs of making one.

b Standing orders. The following were considered: an amendment to omit 1. & R.W. Anderson was lost, & the orders as in force were confirmed: -

- (1) That no member smoke at Executive meetings, but this shall not prohibit the smoking of cigarettes after 6 pm. -
- (2) That the chair be taken & members in alphabetical order.
- (3) That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on ^{Friday}: that the absence of any item from the agenda ^{- paper} do not prevent its being discussed & decided without notice: and that the absence of an agenda paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Exec. will take place. -
- (4) That the preliminary committee meet at 5 o'clock & the formal executive at 5.30 o'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (& with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing order 3. -
- (5) That a permanent Publishing Com^{tee} be appointed
- (6) Moved by H. W. Macrosty, seconded by J. F. Gakeshott, & adopted new con: -

That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland & the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society & to conduct the Banking business of the Society & that the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques & other instruments payable to the Society. -

(7.) Publishing Com^{tee}. The following were nominated & agreed to: - R. W. Anderson, Geo. F. Green, J. F. Galeshott, A. W. Macroft, Geo. Standring & Edw. R. Pease. -

8. Publishing Com^{tee} Report approved
Pease's ~~Dual~~ Licencing Tract. Agreed that he insert his own views on Compensation, with reference in a foot. note, to those in the Society Tract

9. Municipal Dumb Tract. Letters read from Theaker, C. L. Marson & Keir Hardie. Agreed that Pease prepare a revised version. -

10. Annual Report. Agreed to insert pars. as to Office work, Country Lectures & London Society lectures, & that the Report & Rules &c be 20 pages if necessary. -

11. Annual Meeting. Agreed that Pease make Report on Hutchinson Trust affairs. -

12. Additional Letters.

a w. Oxford on his defeat for Marylebone Guardians Rly. National League. Asking aid. Say we cannot subscribe. -

13. Dinner to Hyndman. Proposal of Shaw to insert par in Fabian news was defeated by 4 votes to 3. -

J W Martin
13 May '98.

Executive at office 15th May 1898.

Present - Martin (in chair) Macarty, O'Brien, Pears,
Sparling, Payne Townshend, Macdonald,
Bland, Olivier, Anderson,
Absent Webb, Whelan, Shaw, Bakechop, Standing.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Harry Snell. Two Weekly reports read & approved.
3. The following were elected, viz:—

Herbert Guthrie, 16 Beech Range, Levenshulme, Manchester ...	Thos. H. Drinkwater.
James Mattinson, 2 Stile Hall Parade, Chiswick, W. ...	Thos. H. Drinkwater.
John H. Taylor, 10 Main Street, Larne, Co. Antrim, Ireland ...	Frank Heywood.

4 Correspondence

R. M. Garner Proposed F. S. at Drogheda
Robert Steele on G. W. Martin's lecture tour
Reply that we recommend him as a
lecturer on Social & Political subjects only.
J. W. Butler on De Mattos's hard work in Kentucky
S. Webb Two papers & two portraits
Victoria Garesfield Miners Sundry of Tract 82.

4 (cont^d) Correspondence.

A. T. Sutton wanting lecturers + delegates to Demonstration at Norwich. Ask more particulars, & say delegates for a ten minutes speech are not worth the expense. -

Norman W. Fraulo. Details of profit-sharing Ten-shops.

British Lit. Pol. Sci. Syllabus of Kemp's lectures on London Govt: Bind them.

Catalogue of Eng. Municipal Records. Do -

G. A. Koch. asking advice re Factory Inspectorship.

Sec. to act as verbally instructed.

re violation of Truck Act, ask more details.

Dr. Joseph von Neupauer. Re Christian Tragedy

Send a polite negative.

5. Annual Meeting. Macroty to do both Tracts.

Sec. to select chairman.

6. Municipal Drink. Long letter from Charrington on peddy at members meeting. Insert in minute book.

Remarkable Threefold Option scheme from Glasgow. Note in Tract.

7. S. Walls Coal Strike. Sec. reported attendance at L.T.C. conference on behalf of Society. Agreed that he can join the L.T.C. Comtee, if it means business & he deems it advisable.

8. Annual Accounts Sec. reported auditors had made various trivial amendments. -
Agreed (1) that auditors fee sh? be stated separately.
(2) that last years totals sh? be printed for comparison
(3) that as auditors do work in fact gratis, their amendments be accepted as far as possible.

9. Lectures. Martin proposed that Dr. Clifford be asked to do Socialism round the world. Agreed to refer to the Lecture Course Comtee -

10. Attendance at Lectures. On proposal of Martin for a Rotas of Executive to attend & speak the subject was discussed. It was agreed to state in

10 (cont'd) Fabian news that Members are invited to bring their friends: that they can have lecture cards, or cards can be sent to addresses forwarded to the Office. —

11. Shaw Lefevre's Ground Rents Scheme. Memo from E.L.R.S. was briefly discussed & debate was deferred. Agreed to ask Verinder a lecture subject to arrangements.

(Signed) R. Wherry Anderson

Executive at Office 27 May 98.

Present Anderson (in chair) Martin, Marrocks,
Mrs Payne Founshend Calveshott, Whelan
Macdonald, Miss O'Brien Pease Standing
Bland, Oliver.

Absent Webb, Shaw, Mrs Sparling

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Annual Meeting. Instruction as to Country Lecturers Expenses was discussed & it was agreed that it did not signify much.
3. Correspondence. -
Railway Natⁿ Society. asking for appeal in news.
Agreed to put in a par. but not to ask for money.
Antwerp International Congress on Labour Regulation.
Referred to Calveshott for report.
F. G. Dixon suggesting circularising teachers &c.
G. B. Shaw on consumption of corpses ^{Repts. to Training Colleges.}
Joseph Bowden on Martin's lecture hour.

(3) Corresp. cont'd.

Ramsden Balmforth, on affairs in S. Africa.

A. T. Sutton, giving details of lecturing proposals.

Agreed to send delegate.

G. A. Koch (1) Thanks for assistance re Factory Inspectorship.

(2) Details as to Beer tickets at Norwich

Agreed not to take action.

(3) Case of over-charge for Glue at Norwich.

Agreed to get details & take up. —

Dorlais L.P. Another eulogy of Snell.

(4) Publishing Comtee Report

Great Boom in Tract 82. Unparalleled sales.

Re Tract 84 Economics of Direct employment,

it was agreed to grind out if ~~sec~~

Standing orders can be bought for 1/-

or so before decision as to reprinting them.

(5) E. L. Manning. Sec. reported no reply to his letter.

Agreed to remove name from books

(6) P.S.A.'s. Proposal by Martin for special lecture list.

Referred to pub. Comtee to ^{re-organise} report on Lecture list.

7. Honour Mother's Motion. Letter from Miss F. Grove for Fabian News. Agreed we can see no method of communicating it to members which is practicable & advisable.
8. "Miss or Mrs in News". Letter from Miss Emma Brooke objecting to the resolution as reported in Fabian News. - Moved by Martin & Blank that Mr, Mrs & Miss be all inserted. Amendment by Pease & Oliver that the resolution of 1st April (!) 1898 (No 5) be rescinded. This was carried by 6 to 2, & it was agreed to state in "News" that the New Exec. had rescinded the resolution of their predecessors.
9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Agreed that Gakeshott, Waalen & Pease be a Com^{ee} to report on project for next seasons work, & that proposal for lectures by S. D. Shallard be referred to them. -
10. Shaw Lefevre's Ground Rents Project. Agreed that

The S. L. R. L. Manifesto lies on the table.

11. Next Sessions Lectures. Agreed not to appoint a Com^{ee} but that Bland, Oliver & Martin bring up projects before next Exec. -

12. London Italian Relief Com^{ee}. Application for delegates. Agreed that we cannot promote relief of distress but are prepared to assist in providing legal aid for Socialists.

13. Gladstone's Death. Agreed after debate to make no motion tonight, & to take no joint action if such motion be made.

14. Meeting tonight. In absence of Sec. Oliver undertook to take his place.

Miles Bland

Executive at Office 10th June 1898. -

Present. H. Bland, in chair, Gakeshott, Macdonald,
Anderson, Macrosty, Pease, Miss O'Brien
Martin Standing, Oliver, Mrs Sparling,
Absent G. B. Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Welch, Whelew. -

1. Minutes of last Mtg were confirmed.
2. The following candidates were elected: -

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Joseph Baptista	Maziere and Mary Irvine.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
William Neilson, 26 View Mount Drive, Maryhill, Glasgow ...	J. E. S. Otty & John M. Ramsay.

3. Correspondence.

Moral Instruction League. Petition for signature
G. B. Shaw - on reasons for divorce &c.
Percy Dearmer: Sending comments on Seddon
God: - agreed to show to Reeves.

4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Boom in Compensation Tract. 16,000 distributed
Re Lecture List, on recommendation that there
be no material alteration, discussion
arose, & decision was deferred till returns arrive.

5. Antwerp Congress. On report from Oakeshott it was agreed that the paper lie on the table.

6. Italian Relief Com^{ee}. after a long discussion, on Report of R.W. Anderson it was agreed

- (a) That Anderson be our delegate to the existing Com^{ee}
- (b) That he be not strictly bound by our Resolution Minute 12 of last meeting.
- (c) That we do not take part in the Trafalgar Square meeting
- (d) That a Com^{ee} be formed to consider what steps can be taken to assist the Italian Political prisoners
- (e) That Mr Spurling, Anderson, Macdonald & Peace be on the Com^{ee}, & the following be invited viz:-
 Emery Walker, Cobden Sanderson, W. Allen M.P., C.S. Maurice, Walter Crane, Miss Duff, F. Moscheles, J.F. Green, Dr. Malagodi, W. Mallet, Herbert Burrows, Dr. Bosa, Miss J.P. Ford.
- (f) That it meet on Wed. 15th June at 4 pm. at the Fabian Office. —

7. Autumn Lecture Course. The following suggestions were adopted viz:-

J.R. Macdonald on Gissing

J. M. Robertson .. (?)

Mrs. Blatch .. Howells

S. Olivier .. Meredith

W. Crane .. Soc^m in Modern Art.

J.R. Macdonald
24. 6. 98

Executive at office 24 June 1898.

Present J.R. Macdonald (in chair), Anderson, Waeleu
Peace, Standing, Martin, Macrosty, Miss O'Brien,
Gakeshott, Blend.

Absent Webb, Shaw, Oliver, Mrs Sparling Mrs Shaw

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Pub. Com^{ee} Report.

all records broken & sales of Tract 82.

25000 already sold. —

offer of Municipal Tram Report of Ald. Thompson
of Richmond. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee}

to decide upon quotations. —

American adots. Referred to the

Pub. Com^{ee} for report. —

3. Correspondence.

Miss Elana Allen, objecting to being
so described. Voted. —

Free Press Defence Com^{ee}. appeal for aid
re Bedfordshire Prosec^r. —

Agreed we can do nothing as a Society.

4. Italian Pol. Provisions Aid Com^{ee}. Sec. reported
successful Com^{ee} launched with
Sir W. B. Richmond as Treasurer.
Report approved. -

5. Hutchinson Trust Lecture Com^{ee} -
The annexed report was presented
& approved. -

Agreed to guarantee Shallard
50/- a week clear. -
Shallard's lecture syllabuses were
discussed. Agreed that Course 4
on local Gov^t must be omitted as
~~it~~ Shallard can't understand Scotch
legal law, & Course 2, on History
of English Labour is doubtful & he
recommended to drop it. -

6. Autumn Course. Further suggestions agreed to: -

J. M. Robertson, a lecture

Maurice Adams " "

Shaw

" " on Ruskin.

Sec. to find out if Ashton Ellis is competent for Wagner Philosophy

D. W. Macrosky

Hutchinson Trustees Lecture Committee

Present: J.F. Oakeshott, Frederick Whelen, Edw. R. Pease
also S. D. Shallard and Harry Snell.

(1) The Secretary presented the following statement of finances.

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Total Expenditure 1896-7	f		
	389	+	£50 Office Expenses.
.. .. 1897-8	320	+	£50 Office Expenses

Expenditure to <u>June 30 1897</u>	91
.. .. <u>30 1898</u>	31

Expenses Snell's Lectures. 1897-8 £234

Snell on same basis as last year	234
Two months at £4 extra	8
Office Expenses	50
Balance available	8
	<u>£ 300</u>

Hutchinson Grant £ 300

- (2) Letters read and considered from S. D. Shallard suggesting his employment as a lecturer. Agreed to recommend Executive
- (a) That both Shallard and Snell be employed. (b) That Shallard be employed for a term of 2 months in Fife and Lothians.
- (c) That he be offered funds for 2 months study. (d) That any local financial support he has already arranged for be accepted and he be offered same terms as Snell. He agreed to send in sketch syllabus of two courses of lectures.

- (A) That Snell lecture (1) in Cleveland, (2) Newcastle District, (3) West Yorkshire, if Pickard co-operates, (4) Nottingham District, (5) Lancashire, (6) Birmingham.
- The following places were considered and rejected. North Wales Quarrymen, Cumberland Blastfurnacemen, Gloucestershire.
- (3) Snell's subjects were discussed. He agreed to re-cast 'Lab-in the Longest Reign.' ~~Otherwise no change was recommended~~ and to add a lecture on 'The Meaning of Modern Socialism', and otherwise no change was recommended.
- (4) ~~(3)~~ Mrs. Enid Widdrington. It was agreed to give her a rest for the present, whether she wishes it or otherwise.

Exec. at Office 15th July 1898.

Present- Macrosty (in chair) Miss O'Brien, Gakeshott
Oliver, Anderson, Whelan, Pease
Macdonald Standing
Absent- Welch, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Bland, Mrs Sparling
Martin.

1. Minutes confirmed
2. The following were elected, - subject to letter from Rev. F. M. Clayton in reference to E. Fletcher

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Walter Geo. S. Coad, 175 Abbott-road, Poplar, E.	Alfd. Graham and Wm. Godfrey.
Edward Fletcher, Bridge House, Romford	Francis M. Clayton.
Miss L. Henderson, 133 Queen's-road, Bayswater, W.... ..	Honnor Morten and J. Woolacott.
Robert W. Hilditch, 6 Kerbey-street, Poplar, E.	Alfd. Graham and Wm. Godfrey.
Alfred W. Hildreth, 7 King John-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne	John Howden.
John Scurr, Jun., 13 Woodstock-road, Poplar, E.... ..	Alfd. Graham and Wm. Godfrey.

3. Death of Dr. Parkhurst. The Sec. was ordered to write letter of condolence.

4. Resolution of Congratulation to German S. D. Part. - Resolution was approved, as drafted, & ordered to be sent. -

5. Italian Pol. Pro. Aid Com^{ee} - Successfull
operations reported. -

6. Correspondence.

Christian Socialist Brotherhood. Formation noted.

Ald. Thompson (Richmond) New Radical
programme

Alex Stewart. Persists in resignation.

Waterhouses F.S. - ^{Accepted} Fatal accident
to prominent member

J.W. Martin. Wanting introduction to
Bryce &c.

7. Publ. Com^{ee} Report. approved.

Sales of Tract 82 1000 a day & 45000 sold.

Revise of Tract 5. Oakeshott undertook

Reprinting International Congress Report.

After debate, referred back to
American Advt^s. Report made. -

Antwerp Congress. ~~Agreed to~~ Resolved by
a majority, that we pay fees if
necessary to the Congress. Agreed

that Macrosty prepare paper out of Tract 83
& use his own name if he likes. - Agreed
that Anderson attend as our delegate,
provided we do not incur expense. -

8. Report on American Soc^y by S. Webb read. -
Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} to deal with
in October; & sec. ordered to get get-
World Year-book (Internal News Comp;
Breans Bldg) - Pub. Com^{ee} to have
power to carry out plans. -

9. A Political Pronouncement. after prolonged debate
agreed that Pease, Anderson, Wheeler
& Macrosty be a Com^{ee} to prepare report
for submission to Exec. on Friday
22nd Jul. -

J. W. Martin
22/7/98.

Executive at Office 22 Jul 1898.

Present. Martin (in chair), Pease, Mrs Shaw, Waeleu,
Miss O'Brien Standing, Gakesholt, Anderson
Mrs. Sparling; -

Absent. Macrosty, Webb, Shaw, Oliver Bland, {Macdonald.}
Lecturing }

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence. F.M. Clayton on field over candidate
Elected. -

John Williams wanting leaflets for Cornish Election
Send a few.

Webb on Californian Soc^m

Lebebrecht Thanks for our resolution.

Municipal Affairs (N.7.) wanting article.

Martin to write it. -

3. Italian Pol. Pris. Aid Com^{ee}. Agreed to make a charge
of £5. for petty postages & stationery & to make
a grant of same amount to the Com^{ee} -

4. ^{Antwerp} ~~Antwerp~~ Congress. Agreed to send a paper on the
Compensation Act of C.R. Allen &c.

5. Snell's Salary. Sec. reported result of conversation. After debate it was moved, & agreed to unanimously:-

That Snell be paid £150 a year for one year from 1st July, with £2. a week extra during his lecturing for hotel expenses, & that he devote all his time to the Society. -

7. Tract 82. Agreed to present Bond Essays & Tracts to John Tucker Victoria Garfield Miners Sec, Durham, who suggested the Tract. -

8. Letter from Shaw read:-

Proposed Catholic Tract. Agreed. ask Dell.
Old Age Pensions. Proposed circulation of Tract.
Agreed to wait. -

Tract 70. Wtd.
Spanish Congress. Unknown.
Political Program. Wtd.

9. Executive Holiday. Agreed to adjourn till early in Sept., the Sec. to have power to call a meeting before if necessary.

Report of the Committee on the Political Situation.
(According to the Secretary)

- 1.- That the volume of Essays is eminently desirable but a pronouncement is also needed in the fall.
- 2.- A magazine article is the best ~~form~~ form.
- 3.- That the manifesto include the following :-
 - (a) The utter bonelessness of both Liberals and Tories
 - (b) A History of Liberalism since our last issue (viz. To Your Tents).
 - (c) The futility of Another Newcastle Program.
 - (d) Home Rule must await the pacification of the Irish internal squabbles.
 - (e) Rank and file eager in the Country eager for a strong lead and strong measures.
 - (f) Front benches and back benches equally feckless.
 - (g) Wanted PRINCIPLES leading to Old Age Pensions instead of Kensitism. Municipal Drink instead of Local Veto. Taxation of Ground Values. More Education. Dangerous Trades &c. London Govt.
- 4.- That Mrs. Bernard Shaw be appointed to draft the Manifesto.

10. The following report was considered :-

see Long letter from Shaw read generally approving project. -

on the items :-

- (1) Agreed that Sec. consult Macdonald as to the position of affairs & confer with Pub. Com^{rs} -
- (2) Agreed
- (3) Details were discussed, & it was agreed to leave them to ~~the~~ Shaw. -
- (4) Agreed that Shaw be requested to draft the Manifesto when Mr Shaw permits. -

H. W. Macrosty

Exec. at Office Wed. 7 Sep. 1898. -
 Present. Macrot (in chair) Weelen, Pease, Standing
 Martin, Miss O'Brien.
Absent. Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Webb, Mrs Sparling, Oliver
 Bland, Macdonald, Anderson, Fakeshot.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following candidates were elected viz:-

Harry Hoyland, 4 High-street, Normanton	Rennie B. Byles.
Gilbert A. Finch, The Terrace, Rhydney	Tom Jones and R. Jenkyn Owen.
Henry Short Fisher	Alfred Graham and W. Godfrey.
Mrs. Lizzie-Mace Matthews, 4 Wellesley-road, Wanstead ...	J. E. and H. B. Matthews.
John S. Rhys, 4 Cross-street, Rhydney	Tom Jones and R. Jenkyn Owen.

Miss Amy Harrison, B.A., County School, Bridgend, Glam. ...	Tom Jones.
Mrs. Augusta E. Harrington, 2 Clapton-square Mansions, Clap- ton-square, N.E.	A. Matthews and E. Harrington.

3. Resignations. Mrs Berridge & J. Cather. accepted

4. Exceptionally Lunatic Fabian. Sec. reported Wm Nelson of
 Glasgow had resigned about a dozen times, & had
 cancelled resignation of some part. Agreed that
 the Sec. promptly accept resignation on the
 next chance that offers. -

5. Correspondence :-

F. O'Grady Thanks for writing his T. N. Congress address
Walter Crad. Wanting advice as to ads. in new paper
Liebknecht & others. Re deferment of Internat. Congress
L.H.P. Pankhurst Fund. Pub par. in news.

6. Proposed Manifesto. Letter from Shaw read: also one from
Macdonald, stating that L.H.P. w^d publish a
Manifesto in the ~~XXX~~ Century. Debate adjourned.

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Sales of Compensation Tract
still active. -

Volume of Essays, Recommendation of Pub. Com^{ee}
that Wheeler be editor, if Macdonald is too busy.
Letter from Macdonald that he is not too busy.
Discussion adjourned. -

8. Autumn Lectures. Sec. reported as follows:-

- Wm Blatch. Howells. Declined.
- Walter Crane. Art. "
- G.B. Shaw. Ruskin. No reply. Too ill.
- J.R. Macdonald. Sising. Declined.
- Oliver. Meredith. Accepts.

8. Autumn Lectures, (Cont^d)

J.M. Robertson Dostoevsky. Acceptance
but not for Oct 28.

Maurice Adams. Wagner accepts for spring

Ashton Ellis Wagner. accepts Wagner.

Agreed as follows:—

Oct 14 Drink Tract

.. 28. Ashton Ellis on Wagner &
failing him Robertson, as
promised. —

Also to ask J. A. Holson on Ruskin

St Perris on Tolstoy. —

Other suggestions, Vestris & Clifford
on World's Socialism left over. —

9. Drink Municipalisation Tract. Amendments from
Shaw were briefly considered & Macrosty
& Peace were appointed a Com^{ee} to report
on them & on any others. —

R. Wherry Anderson

Executive at office 23rd Sep. 98.

Present Anderson (in chair) Macrosty, Macdonald
Standing, Pease, ^{Miss} O'Brien Woodhouse

Absent Webb, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Sparling, Olivier Blind,
Oakeshott, #, Wealen (his error of post).

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Resignation of Clayton. Correspondence read. Agreed that he be asked to withdraw, & informed that members who do work, & cannot pay subs. are frequently excused.

3. Clarion Project. Letter from Dangle to Secy asking his opinion of the new plan of campaign. After debate, agreed that the Sec. had better not write letter for publication. -

4. Postage A/c. Sec. reported an error of 21/8^{1/2} in about three months, on a total of some £60, & that he was satisfied as to the care &c. of Howell. Agreed that the Secy be authorised to allow the writing off of this amount at his discretion.

5 Autumn Lectures. Sec. 7 reported as follows. —

Oct. 14. Tract meeting

" 28. Ashton Ellison Wagner. —

Promises:- Olivier (Meredith) Robertson
Doatovishy Macrost (?) Gissing. —

Further Refusal. J. A. Hobson (Ruskin)

Unfixed. Ferris (Tolstoi) Maurice Adams. —

Offer. Prof. Newins:- Imperial policy
in relation to the Social Question. —

Agreed to accept Newins' offer.

6. Proposed Manifesto. Agreed to take no further
action at present. —

7. Druid Municip. — Further debate on Amendments.
Agreed to appoint Standing
to settle opening par.

8. Snell's Lectures. Report noted.

9. Copenhagen Soc. Science Com^{tee} agreed to read
them Bound Essays & Tracts.

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10. Pub. Com^{ee} Report. Re lecture list. Proposals approved. Volume of Essays. after debate, agreed that the volume of Essays be proceeded with under the Editorship of J. R. Macdonald, Essays to be published in Spring. Further that Macdonald's draft be sent to Macdonald with statement that Exec. approves its outlines, & he requested to report thereon.

11 Sir G. Grey's Funeral. Agreed that R. W. Anderson represent the Society thereat. —

J. R. Macdonald,
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Executive at Office 14 Oct. 98.

Present Macdonald (in chair), Standing, Oakeshott,
Anderson, Macross, Mrs Shaw, Pease,
Bland, Miss O'Brien, Oliver. -

Absent Shaw, Webb, Martin, Mrs Sparling, Wheelw.

1. Minutes of last meeting were signed
2. Publishing Com^{tee} Report was approved.
Sales of Tracts for quarter 77,052.
3. Publishing Com^{tee}. Agreed to add Wheelw.
4. Meeting tonight. Agreed that the chairman
rule out of order, amendments raising
points decided at the members meeting
on Municipal Drink Traffic.
5. Conference of Socialist Elected persons called by
the S.M.P. for Good Friday. Agreed to
cooperate. -
6. Resignations. Miss La Com. accepted. Honor Motion

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(Cont) after debate accepted. W. Neilson. Request to be allowed to withdraw resignation, which Sec. had accepted as instructed. Agreed to consult Glasgow U.F.S. Sec.?

7. Correspondence

Copenhagen Soc. Ref. Com^{tee} wanting Fabian opinion on Marx. Refer to "symposium on Value, & Bolin Bawerke, but point out that Society has no opinion.

J. Jordan Sec. Palsall Miners, asking Com^{tee} on purchase of Tracts. Send copy of letter to Sam Woods W.P.

Belfast N. Civic Centre. Asking sub. for Alex Stewart. Put par in stew.

Norm Sparling, speaking of resignation from Exec. Agreed to write her we hope she can attend, but cannot refuse, if she presses resignation.

W. Garlon, wanting grant of Books. Agreed to send Tracts + Essays. -

Aberystwyth F.S. wanting lectures. ~~of~~
J.R. Macdonald intimated he might go.

8. Butcher's Trust Ladies. Correspondence &

Reports from Snell & Shallard were read
Letter from Snell stating he had accepted
appointment offered by Stanton Coit. -
Agreed that Snell's resignation be accepted,
that he be requested to complete his work
till Xmas & that S. D. Shallard be
invited to take over his Spring arrange-
ments. -

9. Volume of Essays. Macdonald reported
on his plans - Bland agreed
to write if syllabus be prepared.
Agreed to ask Ball to write one essay
& R. M. Burrows another. Failing
Burrows to ask Reeves. -

W. W. Marston

Exec. at Office 28 Oct 98.

Present Macrosty (in chair) Anderson Wheeler, Standing
Pease Mrs Shaw, ~~Macrosty~~, Mrs O'Brien
Macdonald, Bland Oliver
absent Webb, Shaw, Oakeshott, Martin, Mrs Sparling

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Correspondence. H.G. Wiltshire on Shaw
Cleveland miners on Snell.

3. Trade Union Secs. Com^{rs}. Letter from Woods saying
he had never heard of such a libel. & advising
reference to one Dean. Agreed to send
copy of La Jordan's letter to Dean.

4. Reinstatement of W. Neilson. Adverse report from
Essex. Min. F.S. Agreed to reject his
humble petition.

5. Hutchinson Trust Lectures Reports from Snell & Shallard.
Report that Shallard accepted Snell's work &
appeared satisfied with terms as before. Agreed

6. Middlesboro Book Boxes. On Snell's report that they have Small pox infection agreed, after debate, to ask the holders to get the boxes disinfected by the Local Sanitary authority, as recommended by Dr. Bailey, & then returned here. —
7. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports approved.
Burns Tract Project, agreed to ask him for proof. —
Other points approved also, especially proposals as to Went to Read. —
Agreed to spend £10. over sending out the Municipal Fruit Tracts. —
8. Annual Dinner. Agreed to hold one in Feb.
9. Report on Projects in N. Zealand & Wellb.
Read + considered. Agreed to consult ~~Went~~ Reeves, and refer to Pub. Com^{ee}. —
Agreed also to apply to the Hutchinson Trustees for a grant of £50 for expenses.

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10. Office Work. Agreed that Sec. employ a typist.
11. Spring Lectures. Essex Hall. Agreed to have a lecture
of Webb at Essex Hall on
"The World".
Agreed to ask Adams to lecture
on Howells. Other plans,
Perris on Tolstoi, & Macrae on Gissing.
12. Volume of Essays. Macdonald, Editor reported,
Ball accepts
Shaw " "
Bland " "
Olivier " on Land.
Agreed to put par in News.
Agreed to publish in March if
possible. —

J. F. Oakeshott

Executive at Office 11 Nov^r 1898. —
Present Oakeshott (in chair), Wælen, Anderson
 Bland, Miss O'Brien, Macrosty
 Macdonald, Standing Pease
Absent Webb, Martin, Shaw, Mr Shaw-Oliver
 Mrs Sparling

1. Minutes confirmed.
2. The following were elected, subject
 in case of Messrs Pentz & Waddington, to
 receipt of a letter from J. Cattle saying
 that they are socialists: —

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
John Bullock, M.A., Eyot Cottage, Chiswick Mall, W.	Stopford Brooke and W. C. Steadman.
H. E. Chew, High-street, Biggles- wade, Beds.	Alfred Inskip.
Fenton Macpherson, 2 Albert Man- sions, Battersea Park, S.W.	R. Wherry Anderson and Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. Macpherson, do. do.	do. do.
Arthur Jos. Pentz, 1 The Avenue, Clifton, York	Jas. Cattle.
A. W. Waddington, 335 Glossop- road, Sheffield	Jas. Cattle.
Patrick Walls (Gen. Sec. National Fedn. of Blast Furnacemen), 11 St. Michael's-road, Workington	General Secretary.
Mrs. B. B. Woolcock, Point De- voran, Cornwall	General Secretary.

(Letter duly
 received)

3. W. Neilson. Further correspondence. Agreed to
 decline to re-iterate

4. Resignation. J. Wetherburn. Accepted. (8)

5. Office work. Sec. reported that with consent of Pub. Com^{tee} he had engaged Geo. Turner at 5/- a day. Approved.

6. Annual Dinner. Anderson proposed that the Fabian L.C.C. ~~constituted~~ members be guests. Debate adjourned. -

After debate & division it was resolved that the dinner be held on Friday Feb 10th.

7. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. - Reports from Snell & Shallard were read. -

Sec. reported sudden & serious illness of Snell at end of 3rd week in Northumberland. After debate it was agreed that he must not lecture for us this year, & that his salary be paid to end of year unless he is employed by Com^{tee}. -

Fourth Week in Northumberland. Sec. reported that "Ernie Stacy" & A. W. Kildreth had done these lectures. Agreed to offer them 15/- a lecture.

7. (Cont'd) Snello's Midland Course.

Sec. reported that George Turner was booked for the first week: he proposed to book F. W. Galton for second. Approved, & agreed to offer 20/- a lecture with travelling expenses only. —

Agreed further to ask Shallard to do the last fortnight, & to decline Miss Stacy's offer. —

Gloucester. Agreed to authorize Shallard to include his hour in his S. Wales course.

8. Spring Lectures. Sec. reported Perrio booked for Jan 13, & nothing else. —
Agreed as follows

Jan 27. Wellb at Essex Hall.
That J. S. Matthews offer on Port of London be accepted. — Macrosty offered Mar. 10. That Macdonald ask H. Paul M.P. on Wey note Liberal or some such subject. Failing him, Bunting. That R. D. Whiting be asked on literary subject. Adams declined, & Sharpe was negatived.

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9. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Reports of Cakeshok, Macrosty, Standing Wadew
on proposed Population Tract were considered,
& it was agreed to convey them to Snell.

Information Circular. Agreed to print 3500
for Liberal Assoc^{ns}, L.P.O., & S.D.F.s.

What to read. Proposed card catalogue
approved. Agreed to ask idle rich Fabians
to help. Rearrangement also approved.
Shaw's Illusions - agreed to ask Linn
if we can reprint.

New Zealand. Recommendations adopted.

10. Volume of Essays. After debate, agreed not
to have essay on Women question.

11. London School Board. Agreed to discuss at next
meeting the alleged reaction on
the Board, & what steps should be taken
in relation thereto. —

Frederick Mellen. 25/11/98

Exec. at Office 25th Nov. 1898. —

Present Whelen (in chair), Macrosty Standing
Bland, Pease, Olivier, Miss O'Brien

Absent Webb, Shaw, Martin, Mrs Sparling Mrs Shaw
Oakeshott, Anderson + (lecturing) Macdonald.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Reports from Shallard: read

Letter from Snell on his health read.

Sec. reported that Shallard agreed
to take Snell's place for Dec.

3. Correspondence. Dilke, Lorbar, & Whittaker M.P.'s
on Irish Tracts

Portsmouth L.M.P. - donation of 10/6.

Tucker Thanks for gift.

J. Manning Prentice. Death of father.
Send suitable letter.

Bucharest Economic Assn. - Free List, Bond Tracts.

Webb. Letter from Australia

Martin " " Canada

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4. Pub. Com^{ee} Report Approved, especially
Proposals on Welch's American plans.

5. Spring Lecture Arrangements. -

Dates as suggested approved.

H. W. Paul. Ask him to take Weyl's Liberal,
If he consents ask Lionel Holland
on Weyl's Tory.

Sec. reported Weiting refused. -

Bernstein considered + negatived.

Bunting. adjourned.

6. Essays 2nd Series. Grant Richards: letter asking
to publish. - Agreed that
unless we publish ourselves we will
give him an opportunity to offer.

7. Annual Dinner. Deferred.

8. London School Board. Agreed to ask Headlam why
Board did not adopt proposed wages clause

9. Stanley Show. Agreed not to have stall. Gen. Standing
Dec. 9/98

Executive at Office 9 Dec. 1898. —
Present Standing (in chair) Macrosty Bland
 Pease, Mr Shaw, Anderson Macdonell
 Mrs O'Brien. —
Absent Webb, Martin, Shaw, Oliver Akeshurst
 Weelen. —

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Elections. The following were elected subject
 to payment of Subⁿ by Radcliffe (elected since)

Candidates for Election Dec. 98.

Candidates	Proposed By
Councillor John Curle, J.P. (Secretary of the 1898 T. U. Congress) 17 Oxford Street, Totterdown, Bristol.	Wm. Baster
James Meldrum, 'Cochranefield', Milliken Park, Renfrewshire.	Gen. Secretary
Councillor James O'Grady (President of the 1898 T. U. Congress) 33 Upper Somerset Terrace, Windmill Hill, Bristol.	Wm. Baster
G. K. Ratcliffe, The 'Echo' Office 22 Catherine Street, Strand.	F. Kettle & Edw. R. Pease.
<u>Glasgow University F.S.</u>	
Kenneth Leys, 10 Possil Rd, Glasgow	Norman Leys & Tom Jones.
Thomas Lovett, Kilbowie Cottage, Clydebank, Nr. Glasgow.	W. S. Boyd & S. Horsfall Turner
Wm. McCutcheon, Stockbridge, Lynton, Kilmarnock	Wm. Boyd & S. Horsfall Turner.
Thomas Rook, 88 Westgate, Bradford.	S. Horsfall Turner & Tom Jones.

George Ghann, 29 Ingleby Rd, Bradford.
George Smith Wallace, Grey Street,
New Milns, Ayrshire.

Do. Do.
Tom Jones &
Norman Leys.

Oxford University F.S.

Alexander Dunlop Lindsay, University College, Oxford.
Guy Kendall &
A. P. Hardy.

University College of Wales F.S.

A. B. A. Cattanach, University College of
Wales, Aberystwyth.

R. Jenkyn Owen
& B. Scott Williams
B. Scott Williams
& R. Jenkyn Owen.

David John Evans, University College of
Wales, Aberystwyth.

Herbert John Fleure, 10 Corporation St.,
Cardigan.

Do. Do.

Henry Third, 42 Queen St., Aberystwyth.

W. H. Darby &
B. Scott Williams.
R. Jenkyn Owen &
J. W. Wilkinson.

Peter Williams, 40 Portland Street,
Aberystwyth.

3. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Shallard's Reports from Scotland

Thanks from Glasgow & Dumfermline.

Agreed not to seek cooperation from
Pickard, in view of Shallard's opinion.

Spring Scheme approved.

Reports from Galton read. —

4. Pub. Com^{ee} Report.

Burns Tract. Agreed to publish subject to Amendⁿ

Snells Pop.ⁿ Tract. Referred back to P. Com^{ee}

Revisions on hand reported. —

4. Correspondence.

Enid Widdrington }
Alex. Allen } on new Fab. Soc. in Newcastle.
"Onida" Enquiries.

Aberystwyth F.S. on Macdonald's lecture.

Grant Richards, on auto-publication.

Agreed to consider a volume of Essays.

Dublin F.S. on its probable dissolution.

J. W. Martin, on his great renown in U.S.A.

W. R. Prior, on Danish Exactions. Say
we can't organise a fund.

G. Fabiani, St. Petersburg, magnificent
application for membership.

Say we will take him in.

5. More Sparring. Resignation pressed.

Sec. reported notice given for a
bye-election. Approved.

6. I.L.P. Conference of Elected persons. Standing

Anderson & Pease were
appointed delegates on behalf
of the Exec.

7. Spring Lectures. W. H. Paul accepting for
Wey Vote Liberal?
Lionel Holland. Elaborate refusal. - agreed
to ask Lord Hardwicke. - Suggestion
Shaw on Dickens. -

8. Financial Situation. Sec. reported outlook serious.
Agreed to discuss at next Mtg.

9. London School Board. Correspondence from Hadlaw.
Repl that Exec. thank him
for his explanation of his vote, & explain
that Morgan Brown's only connection
with affair was answering a letter from
a member of the Exec. -

Sidney Webb
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Executive at Office 13 Jan. 99. —

Present Webb (in chair) Macrobert, Macdonald Pease,
Anderson Bland Cakeshott Dell, Miss O'Brien }
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Martin, Oliver, Waelen. } Standing

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates elected as follows:—

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
H. Grant Bailey, 27 Bouverie-st., Chester	R. Jackson and Joseph Crewe.
Rev. Sydney Hainselin, The Manor House, St. Neot, Lis- keard, Cornwall	P. C. Glubb.
L. Haden Guest, 10 Ullswater-rd., West Norwood, S.E.	Charles Charrington and G. Bernard Shaw.
CAMBRIDGE FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Ignatius Knaster, Green-street, Cambridge	C. W. C. Barlow and Maziere Irvine.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Edward Wilson Watt, University College, Oxford	A. P. Hardy and G. Kendall.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Robert Daniels Bell, M.A., 6 Al- bany-st., Kelvinside, Glasgow...	Wm. Boyd and Tom Jones.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Charles Elsdon, U.C.W., Aber- ystwyth	B. S. Williams and W. H. Darby.
Thomas A. Griffiths, U.C.W., Aberystwyth	Do.
C. R. Johnson, U.C.W., Aberyst- wyth	R. Jenkyn Owen and B. Scott Williams.

Agreed to put
occupation column
in form when
reprinted

3. Resignations. Mrs Fagan. Miss Newcombe. Accepted.

4. Finances. The annexed accounts were considered
draft circular to defaulters was
approved, & further action deferred.

Abstract of Accounts for Nine Months to 31st Dec. 1898. (100)

Expenditure 1st April to 31st. December

	1898	1897.
Hutchinson Trust Lectures	£259(a)	£233
Salaries	160(b)	151
Stamps	90(c)	50
Office and Sundry	38(c)	19
Tract Printing	300(c)	83
Other Printing	68	55
Book Boxes	16	d

(a) £15 or so extra for Snell's illness

(b) Howell's Salary raised

(c) Excess due to Tract boom

(d) Paid by Grants 1897: Out of Balance 1898

Receipts 1st April to 31st. December.

	1898	1897
Subscriptions	£185(a)	£270(b)
Donations	13	11
Advertisements	7	6
Book Box Fees	18	17
Tract Sales	368	67
Hutchinson T.	300	250
Jubilee Rent of Office	---	14
Book Boxes	---	30(c)

(a) Includes D' Arcy Reeve £25

(b) Includes ---

D' Arcy Reeve £75

C. R. Allen £21

G. Wynne (resigned) 5

£101

(c) Balance of receipts over expenditure at that date.

<u>Position on 1st. January</u>	<u>1899</u>	<u>1898.</u>
Bank Balance	£76	£91
Good Debts	<u>30</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>£106</u>	<u>£96</u>
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Due Standing	£176	£80
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Available Balance 1st. Jan. 1899

	In Bank	£76
<u>Due</u> Rent \$	£18	
Snell	£12 .10	
Pease	£12 .10	
Shallard £ 4		<u>47</u>
		<u>£29</u>

5. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Reports from Shallard read. Letter from Harly Leicester. After debate + division it was resolved to send £2. To the Comtee towards the deficit on lectures caused by the variety of lecturers due to Snell's illness. —

b. Correspondence. "Echo". asking Laborn Pars. noted

5 (cont'd) Dr. Aclinger sending £5. - & remarkable report.
 J. W. Martin Report on Canada.
 P. M. Sturge wanting Birmingham a pauper at £100 a year
 No advice

Do. Offer to contribute towards sending
 tracts to M.P.s. Tell them not
 just now, but will write again.

7. Municipal Slaughterhouses. Letter from Miss Mattet & Salt
 of Humanitarian League. Agreed that
 I see. consult Salt, & take steps to
 put pressure on weak-kneed Councillors.

8. Publishing Com^o Reports viz:-
 Burns Tract withdrawn & ruin
 Snell's Population Tract abandoned & us
 Shaw's "Illusions" reprint negatived.
 Boom in Compensation Tract over. Sales of
 Tracts for three months 39,435.
 Review in hand, Socialism True & False, Labour in
 Longest Reign & Houses. -
 Proposals Referendum
 Welsh Translation of Clifford

8 (cont'd) Reprint of No 70. Report on Fabian Policy.
After prolonged debate it was
resolved by 8 to 2

That it be referred to the Pub.
Comm. to reprint enough to go on with
& that they be instructed to consider
the issue of the tract in a new form.

It was understood that the
reprint would be not less than 500.

Election form. approved. —

9. The Fabian Socialist. Standring intimated that
he contemplated publishing a paper with
his name, & asked sanction of the Exec.
for its use. Agreed to. —

10. Annual Dinner. — Agreed to have no
"esserts of the evening". Also that
Publishing Comm. prepare scheme of
Toasts & other details. Also that
no after-dinner tickets be issued,
but that it be stated in the News
that members can come. —

10. Conference of Elected Persons. Report of meeting of Com^{ee} was read, & the proposed guarantee of £10 towards expenses was approved.

11 Second Series Essays.

Complaint from Grant Richards of unfair treatment - Agreed to write him that he shall have first offer of the Essays, & that the idea of a Fabian Series is not abandoned.

Editor reported (1) that Webb declined to take paper on Municipal Socialism. Agreed to ask Wheeler. (2) That R. Burrows was too ill to do Imperialism. Agreed to ask W. P. Reeves, for a paper, signed or otherwise. Motion by Anderson. Deferred. -

12. Fabian Lectures

J. R. Macdonald Agreed to Byrnes on end April.
G. F. Mc Cleary: Offer on Municipal Milk.
Agreed to ask ^{Sir} Stirling Maxwell on ^{agreed}.
Wemy vote For in place of Lord Hardwick.

13. Next Sessions Lectures

Scheme deferred.

Wm Mederick Malen

Executive at Office 27 Jan. 99. —
Present Wheeler (in chair) Cakeshott, Macrosty,
Pease, Anderson, Standring, Bell,
Bland, & Miss O'Brien Webb.
Absent Martin, Mr. Shaw, Shaw, Oliver Macdonald

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignations. A. G. Leonard, accepted
3. Municipal Slaughterhouses. Agreed to send a
Delegate with E. R. N. & Am. League
& to cooperate with them in any way.
4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report - Adopted.
Agreed to send out Tracts to the
American Economic Assⁿ —
5. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Shallards reports read.
Salaschiels Textile Workers. Agreed to
send them Miss S. Stacy, if they
show a fair prospect of good
lectures. —

6. Second Series Essays

Editor reported that - Nielsen accepted in place of Webb + Reeves probably wd. in place of Ronald Burrows. -

after debate it was unanimously decided that we publish the first Edn. ourselves. -

Other proposals of Editor for immediate action were adjourned sine die.

Motion of R.W. Anderson re Profits & authors was deferred. -

7. Compensation from L.C.C. Sec. reported interview

with Valuers who estimated claim at £800 or so, after debate agreed to leave matter in their hands & that the Exec. meet next week to deal with matter.

8. Fabian Lecture J. Baptista on India. Declined.

Sir H. Stirling Maxwell reported abroad. The following were agreed to :-

(8.) Falran Lectures (cont'd)

Apr 14. Harold Hodge (if possible) on
Wey Vot Tory.

28. J.B. Macdonald Bjornson

May 12 Annual Meeting

Mc Cleary on Milk, infixed -

Other Dates: May 26, June 9 & 23rd.

Agreed also to call special meeting
on London Govt, if necessary &
to bear the Budget in mind.

(9) Harry Snell. Agreed unanimously

"The Executive Committee expresses its great regret at the loss
of ~~Mr.~~ Harry Snell's services and desires to assure him of its
very high appreciation of the value of the lecturing work done
by him during the last 2 years."

10. Conference of Elected Persons. Letter from
Hardie asking us to back I.L.P. Letter
from Penny saying the S.D.F. declined
to cooperate unless Conference be confined
to Socialists. Agreed that delegates support I.L.P.

11. Dinner. See reported 31 Tickets sold.
Following were agreed to

Chairman Bland

<u>Toasts</u>	<u>Proposer.</u>	<u>Repl</u>
Fabianism at Home & abroad.	Bland	Webb
University Fabian Societies	Olivier	Bell
Tea Society & Chairman	Reeves	Bland.
Other Socialist Societies.	Deferred.	

12. Next Session Lectures. Empire project drafted by Wicks. After debate agreed to in principle & referred for elaboration to the Pub. Com^{ee}

R. Wherry Cudertou

Exec. at Office 3 Feb. 99. -

Present. Anderson (in chair), Webb, Waeleu

Oakeshott, Macrosty, Pease, Dell, Mrs O'Brien

Absent. Martin, Shaw, Mr Shaw, Standring,
Olivier, Macdonald, Bland

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Shallard's reports
read & his exceptional cheapness approved.

3. Auditors. Treas. Sec. reported that Limebeer consented
to act again. approved.

4. Correspondence

J.B. Williams on Govt V. Private organization of
Music. Secs. replies approved: only objection
is letting out Military Bands below fair price.

Cecil Baylies on suggested pay lectures. Cant.

E.A. Hutchinson on Mayland Colony & Sub:

Don't ask him again for money.

Harrogate F.S. founded on Ruins of S.S.P

H.W. Gloyne. Bankrupt. Advise to consult Bushby

on Shure. -

5. Pub. Com^{ee} Report, approved generally

Advt. in Musellboro Reporter. After debate agreed to take a 3 months advt on best terms for not more than 25. in cash - 25. in facts. -
Welsh Trans. No 78, Clifford. Ready. -

6. Conference of Elected Persons.

Delegates report.

Wells agreed to read paper on Technical Educⁿ

7. Sub^{no} & Resignations. Tom Mann, Resignation accepted.

Mrs. H. Lowerson " "

H. Lowerson. Sub. exposed perlan.

J. Maymy " "

8. Municipal Slaughterhouse. Sec. reported whip sent. -

The Deputation agreed to assist the L.R. U. or H. League, but not to make special efforts in view of the fact that nothing can result. -

9. Compensation from L.L.C. Messrs Skinnars claim for £750.

after debate agreed that Bland & Pease sign same on behalf of the Society.

10. Fabian Lectures.

Apl 14. Harold Hodge accepts for
Wey Vda Foy. -

Vacant dates.

Mar 26. Secondary Education Debate
Organ L.C.C. suggested.

June 9th Miss Brooke to be asked
on Masterkinch.

June 23. -

Other suggestions.

The Cleary on Milk.

A person on a new Pension Scheme.

Sec. 7 to enquire & report.

Budget to be borne in mind

Miss Hogarth on Sudermann.

11. Annual Dinner Toasts agreed on :-

Fabianism at Home & abroad

Fabian University Fabian Societies

Other Socialist Societies

The Society & Chairman

Propose. Repts

~~Fabian~~ Bland Webb.

Olivier. Ball

Headlam Hobson.

Reeves Bland.

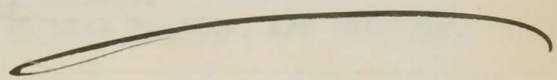
The Sec 7 was instructed to compound for
writers who for any sum up to £2. -

12. Political Elections Com^{ce} On motion of Anderson
Wells, Anderson, Wadley, Macdonald
& Pease were appointed to report
in the first place, what action
the Exec. or Society can needfully take.

13. Typing. The Sec. was authorized to employ
a typist temporarily. -

14. Second Series Essays. After debate the principle
of payment of authors was agreed
to and Anderson was requested
to bring up a project. -

Arthur Clark



Meeting at Office 24 Feb. 99. -

Present. Bland, in chair, Macrosty, Dell, Standring
Miss O'Brien & Webb, Cakeshott,
Waelen Anderson Rose

Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Martin, Oliver, Macdonald.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Elections. 2 Candidates elected, subject to letter from proposer, since received:-

Basil J. Mathews, West View,
Boars Hill, nr. Abingdon, Berks Frank J. Thomas.

3. Resignations Mrs Schack
Rev. R. C. Harward } accepted.
E. J. Urwick. Agreed that
Sec. ask his reasons.

4. Hutchinson Trust Lectures Report from Shallard
read & approved. -
Sec. reported Galashiels course, proposed for
Miss Stacy to be off.
Letters of thanks from Coventry & Birmingham

5. Purge of Members. - The Secy submitted the following list. Names were considered & eighteen were struck off. The others were to be dealt with as indicated:-

List of Defaulters.

Addresses Lost: No subscriptions paid since 1st. Jan 1896 unless otherwise stated.



J. S. Bradbury, Kingsten-on-Thames.

Rev. E. C. Cherley, Pertsmouth.

H. Coleman, Blackpeel

H. Cresswell, London.

J. DE Gruyter, Signapore. 10/- 16/11/96.

J. R. Dowson, Ilfracombe.

T. B. Gilles, Glasgow F.S. 1/- E.S. 1/2/96.

H. Holmes Gore.

a Miss A. S. Goulden, Old Trafford, Manchester 5/- E.S. 24/4/96.

Frank Hall, Stretford, Manchester

W. W. Harris, Pulborough.

W. F. Heddon, London.

b W. H. Kenney, Long Melford, Suffolk.

c Mrs. Megaly, joined as Miss Bradley. 2/6 10/10/96.

Mrs. Moya. 2/6 12/10/96.

Oswald Murray, Paris.

d Miss Nield, Rochdale. E.S. 2/6 28/11/96

A. C. Poire, Halifax. 10/- 21/2/96.

C.E. Senior, London.

Hugh Bellingham Smith, Lee.

R. E. Thomas, London. 5/- 7/10/96.

H. A. White, Tisbury, Wilts.

(a) Keefon. Sister of Mrs. Parkhurst (b) Galsworth to get address

(c) Miss O'Brien to get address. (d) Address to be got.

6. Correspondence.

Nat. Lib. Federation saying they may send out our
Tracts. Ask them re 85 & 86

T. P. Wood on Croydon Guardians Land Scheme.

We approve production for use.

May Morris, on ~~her~~ her resumption of this name
Cambridge F.S. wanting lecturer 8th March.

A. T. Sutton, Formation of Norwich F.S.

J. Sewer (1) Poor Law's Lawyer wanted.
Ask if copies for me.

(2) Re "Club Life". On Standings
advice, decided to take no
action & just get.

(3) L.R.M. Citizens Visits. Refer to
Galtors.

J. W. Martin Report on Slavery in U.S.A.

7. Fabian Soc. Lectures. Miss Brooke saying Maekelrich
Paper inevitable. Acquiesce.
Agreed to ask Mrs Bland on Dickens.
Old Age Pension Scheme. See, reported
unfavourably. To stand over. -

Secondary Education to be May 26. McCleary & Miss Hogarth to visit.

7. London Govt Bill Agreed to call meeting for March 3rd for discussion of the Bill. That Warden draft resolutions, & the Exec. meet to consider them. -

8. Publishing Com^{rs} Report, adopted: -
Revised Edn. of Tract 82. Webb offered 25/- for an advt. - Agreed to ask 42/- for note as to book, recommended.
Miss Mannis offer of \$25. to pay for Publishing Rev. Sumpter K. Breezes' article. Rejected.
Other proposals noted. -

8. Child Labor Bill. Sec. reported 250 p. cards printed asking letters to M.P's. Approved, as also circular to S.B. members. Letter from Vaillant noted. -

9. Smid Stacy proposing American Tour on machine's terms. Agreed to proposal.

10. Executive Election Olivier offered to withdraw. Agreed to refuse offer. No other offer made.

11. Next Sessions Lectures. Of Oliver & Herd
to take, b. Psychology of Race. agreed
to this, & debate forthwith adjourned.

12. Second Series Essays Debate on Anderson's
Payment Scheme. adjourned.

Robert - E. Zell

Executive at office 3 March 1899. —

Present R. S. Dell (in chair) Weelen, Oakeshott, Anderson
Welch, Macrost, Pease, Miss Brin, Bland.
Absent Shaw, W. Shaw, Macdonald, Standing, Martin, Oliver.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Resignations. So reported that for business reasons
J. G. Lorrain desired to be transferred
privately to the subscribers list. Agreed.

(3.) Reinstatement. Two Morgan Thomas. Agreed.

(4.) Antislavery Trust Lecture. Report from Shallard.
Re Red Bill, referred to Pub. Com^{ee}.

(5) Correspondence.

P. M. Sturge. Report on Birmingham Questions. —

G. B. Shaw on Compensation of L.C.C.

Elwood Pomeroy. Invitation to American Congress
Referred to Pub Com^{ee}

May Day Celebration. Invitation to send delegates.
Adjourned after a long debate.

6. Publishing Com. Report
Bradley's Tract. Referred to Bland for
Further report.
Proposed Irish Secy adjourned.

7. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported to Bland
accepted Dickens for 9th June.
Education Debate. Arrangements
for May 26 adjourned.

8. London Govt Resolutions Meeting. -
agreed that Oliver be chairman
that Wheeler introduce resolutions
that printed copy be sent to
L.C.C. S.R.N., Press &c. -
Resolutions were debated & amended.
No 1, as amended, was carried New Com.
The others were agreed to. -

9. Next Session Lectures & Second Series Essays
adjourned.

H. W. Maerosty.

Executive at Office 19th March 1899.

Present Macrae (in chair) Welch, Oakeshott, Dell,
Anderson Pease, Bland Standing, Miss O'Brien
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Martin, Macdonald, Cliver.
Lecturing Olivier, Wheeler

- Minutes were confirmed
- Candidates were elected as follows subject to payment of subs & Messrs Holden, Howle, Waite. -

Leonard E. Allsworth, 13 Shakespeare-rd., Sittingbourne, Kent	Alex. Fairweather.
Dr. Mario Borsa, National Liberal Club, Whitehall-place, S.W. ...	R. Wherry Anderson and Hubert Bland.
Edward Cadbury, 'Bransford,' Arthur-road, Edgbaston, Birmingham	P. M. Sturge.
Miss Mary M. Evans, 1 Mecklenburgh-square, W.C.	James Billson and Alex. C. Harris.
H. J. B. Golding, 19 Cavendish-buildings, Holborn, E.C. ...	Thomas A. Murray and George Samuel.
<u>Arthur Holden, Woodside Knowle, nr Birmingham</u>	P. M. Sturge.
<u>W. Cresswell Howle, 49 Bavington-road, Aston Manor, Birmingham</u>	General Secretary.
Mrs. F. Maude Oakeshott, 5 Verulam-buildings, Grays Inn, W.C.	M. E. Macdonald and Edw. R. Pease.
Chas. Edward Oliver, Hadleigh, Suffolk	John Bullock.
William Roper, 307 Trinity-road, Wandsworth Common, S.W. ...	General Secretary.
<u>Robert Waite, Park-hill-road, Harborne, Birmingham</u> ...	S. G. Hobson.
S. Douglas Whitmore, 14 Snakelane, Woodford Green, Essex...	Edw. R. Pease.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.
Walter Herbert Dixon, 25 St. John-street, Oxford R. C. K. Ensor and A. P. Hardy.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.
S. G. Green, 15 Mill Lane, Cambridge... .. Mary Irvine and Maziere Irvine.

Elected later
x Elected Feb 99

Elected later

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.

Campbell Macmillan, B.Sc., 32 Gibson-st., Hillhead, Glasgow	S. Horsfall Turner and Norman Leys.
Archibald Ogilvie, 10 Possil-road, Glasgow	S. Horsfall Turner and Tom Jones.

3. Wulchinson Trust Lectures

Thanks for lectures at Rotherham. Noted.
Shallard's Report. Noted.

Agreed that Shallard be allowed to do
advertisement soliciting in his spare
time for his future employers, but
~~see~~ that this be not a precedent. -
Sec. reported that Shallard had accepted
a permanent post after April &
that he had no one in view as successor.

4. Resignations. E. J. Warwick, further letter. Resignation
accepted.

Miss Mary Lacey. Notice of future resignation.
Sec. to write urging her to remain
even at a nominal sub. -

5. Pub. Com^{tee} Report, approved, esp.

Proposed Tract of Prof. Bradley
Review of U. S. C. Questions
London Bill Resolutions. Letter
to Cabinet Ministers approved
& ordered to be sent to each.

6. Correspondence

Hardie, Introducing London U.P. organiser
Internat. Council of Women, declining a Municipal
Drink paper. To be considered later.

O'Brien Hoare, on Reeves & N. 3. Taken as read
Cumnoch F.S. Good report - Refer them to
Glas. N. F.S.

Invitation from Belgium. Send them letter.

W. Crautham. Sydney. Send Round Tract
direct. -

7. Executive Election. Secy reported that he
- had nominated existing members.
Card from Martin saying he returns in Aug.
Miss Medlaggart. nominated & withdrawn
Chas. Charrington - " -

8. Political Election Com^{tee} Report approved.
School Board vacancies to be filled by A. J. Mundella

9. Fabian Lectures. -
Cateschott to be chairman tonight. - Secondary Education. -
Wallis, Headlam + Morgan Brown to be asked to reserve May 26 for the
debate.

10. Finances. Annexed report was considered. —
Cheque for £25 from Darcy Reeve was reported. Agreed that the £50 voted by the H. Trustees be taken into this years account.

Resolved that the Hutchinson Trustees be requested to make a grant of £100 in view of the excess spent in this & past years on the Hutchinson Trust lectures.

Agreed that this grant, if made, be taken into account after March 31st.

11. May Day Demⁿ After debate agreed that Anderson & Standring be delegates with instructions to use influence in favour of anything less than a day demonstration on a week day.

12. New Zealand. Sec. reported Book boxes about ready. Agreed to wait reply to letter of 21st sec. before sending. —

13. Second Series Essays Debate adjourned sine die.

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Memorandum on Finances.

(a) Rough statement to 31 March

<u>Amounts due.</u>	Standing on 1st. March	\$163	
	March A/c uncertain ?	27	\$190
	Cliffords Inn for year		20
	Rent		18
	Secretary's Salary		12
	S. D. Shallard (about)		23
			<u>\$263</u>

Assets.

	Bank Balance		35
	? Hutchinson Trust Grant for New Zealand of which \$7 has been expended.		50
	Accounts due, insignificant		---
	Current receipts only cover current expenses.		---

(b) Result of Appeal for Subscriptions.

	Received Jan. & Feb.		116
	Compared with Nov. & Dec. only \$50		
	No large amount in either case		
	Total Cash received Jan. & Feb exclusive of Dinner		180
	Paid Standing \$70		
	Subs. to 28 Feb 1899		302
	" " " 1898	\$546	---
	Deduct not received in 1899 Allen 21		
	D'Arcy Reeve 50	71	275
			<u>---</u>

Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

	Expenditure to 28 Feb.		\$ 322
	Estimate for March		30
			<u>352</u>
	Grant from Trustees \$300		---
	Less allowance for Office Expenses 50		250
			<u>---</u>
	Last year - Expenditure		\$322
	Grant-(net)		---
	Grant (net)		250
			<u>---</u>
	Excess this year, due to Snell's Illness, about \$20		

Tract Sales to 31 Jan.			
	1899		\$380
	1898		77

14. Office work. Sec. reported that various jobs ordered by Exec. (eg. American + 2-3. Propaganda, & Local Preachers) were untouched, owing to pressure of business. -
Agreed (1) to call for volunteers. -
(2) to refer to Pub. Comtee suggestion to use printed addresses. -

15. Irish Affairs. Letter from Larne. - after debate it was agreed that this is important work, & must be taken up. -
Tract on Irish Nat^l Railways sh^d be prepared.
List of elected person procured.
Hutchinson Trust lecturing attempted
Davit, Hugh McManus, & Oldham sh^d be written to. -

16. Next Sessions Lectures adjourned

J. F. Oakeshott
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Exec. ab Office 17 March 1899.

Present Babeshoff (in chair) Wheeler Standring Oliver
Macdonald Anderson, Macroft Peare Bland
Absent Mrs Shaw, Miss O'Brien, Dell, Martin, Webb, Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Correspondence. President Jates, Iowa College, on Martin.
Acknowledgments from Dr Cabinet Ministers
of London Bill Resolutions.
3. Exec. Election. Sec. stated that Charrington would withdraw
if no other candidates were nominated.
4. Annual Dinner. Sec. announced 29/- Profit.
5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. including Webb's
Book Scheme, approved.
6. May Day Demⁿ Delegates reported that the meeting
on their initiative had agreed to consider
something ^{in addition to} else than a week-day
mid-day Mayday Festival. approved

7. Irish Affairs. C. R. Allen Jr. was appointed to prepare a report on what can be done in Ireland. —

8. London Govt Bill. Agreed to take no more action just yet. Sec. reported invitation to Progressive Conference. —

9. Next Session Lectures. After prolonged debate on the proposal on next page, the following was agreed to: —

Fabian Society Draft of Lecture Scheme Oct. 1899 and onwards.

- 1.- Trade and Politics. ? Professor Hewins.
- 2.- England and the Mediterranean. F. Whelen.
- 3.- England and the Far Eastern Question. ? S.G. Hobson.
- 4.- England and Africa. H. W. Macrosty.
- 5.- India. ? H. Bland.
- 6.- England and America. J. R. Macdonald.
- 7.- The Psychology of Race. Sydney Olivier.
- 8.- Imperial Federation and the Colonies. ? Hon. W. P. Reeves.
- 9.- The Principles of Foreign Policy..

Foreign Policy Lecture Scheme 1899 - 1900.

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- 1.- SOCIALISTS AND IMPERIALISM.
- 2.- SKETCH OF FOREIGN POLICY. (Historical. After Pitt.)
- 3.- MAP OF EUROPE. Race Struggles in Europe. Concert of Europe. Balkans.
- 4.- FRANCE. Tunis. Fashoda. West Coast. Madagascar. Siamese Frontier. Latin races. La revanche.
- 5.- RUSSIA IN EUROPE: THE NEAR EAST. Constantinople and Mediterranean Questions. Persia. N.W. Frontier.
- 6.- PSYCHOLOGY OF RACE. Contrast of civilized with lower races, effects on each. Growth of lower races under Western Control. The Tropics.
- 7.- FAR EASTERN QUESTION. China and Japan in their relations with Great Britain, Germany, Russia and U.S.A.
- 8.- AFRICA. Egypt. European Control. Morocco. Cape Cairo Railway. Menelik. Chartered Co's. The Cape.
- 9.- INDIA AND THE TREATMENT OF NATIVE RACES.
- 10.- THE AMERICAS. Venezuela. Nicaragua Canal. Monroe Doctrine. American Imperialism. Control over S.American States. Sea Power.
- 11.- IMPERIAL FEDERATION. COLONIES. IMPERIAL DEFENCE.
- 12.- SOME PRINCIPLES OF FOREIGN POLICY.

11.- SOCIALISM AND IMPERIALISM
12.- SOME PRINCIPLES OF FOREIGN POLICY.

Foreign Policy Lecture Scheme 1899 - 1900.

It is suggested that the Fabian Society should devote the Session 1899-1900 mainly to questions of Foreign Policy with the object of arriving at some guiding principles.

This

This has become necessary not only on account of the greater attention demanded by Foreign affairs but also on account of their effects on home questions. Among Fabians, as among Socialists generally, there is the greatest vagueness as to the wisest attitude to adopt in connection with the recent Imperialist movement.

The following

The following lecture scheme is suggested as a method of concentrating attention during the coming months on the part of the suggested lecturers, and during the coming winter on the part of the Society generally, on the questions of Foreign Policy. It is proposed that Lectures 2-11 be arranged immediately. The brief Syllabus at present appended to each lecture is merely suggested as a basis. It is hoped that each lecturer will as soon as practicable draw up a detailed syllabus, not necessarily a binding one, but to submit to the other lecturers in order to secure as close co-operation as possible.

Executive at Office 24th March 1899. —
Present Standing (in chair) Webb, Macrosty, Macdonald,
Pease, ~~Standing~~, Oakeshott, Anderson, Bland
Olivier, Miss O'Brien. —
Absent Martin Wælen, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Dell.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Correspondence. H.W. Gloyne, on his mother's Slums.
D.T. Benson, advice on Books - Given.
3. Belgian Festival. Sec. reported A.J. Thorogood
appointed our delegate at his expense,
approved, & authorised to take Tracts.
4. Bad Debts. Report hereon, & resolution was
agreed to. (See opposite)
5. Accounts. Agreed after debate that the H. Trustees
be asked to pay the £100 applied for
for H. Trust lectures, during the
current year. —

Report on Outstanding Debts.

Liverpool F.S.	3	8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	} All incurred prior to 1897.
S. Australia F.S.	1	8	6	
Newcastle F.S.		14	5	
Do. I.L.P.	2	3	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Jarrow F.S.	1	12	3	
Melbourne F.S.	1	2	1	
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	

Paid during year.

Liverpool F.S.	3	8	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Present provision for bad debts.

	<u>2</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>
	4	28	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Proposed That the above unpaid accounts be transferred to bad Debts A/c. and that a further sum of 4 . 0 . 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ be written off/ to close the account.

N. B. All the above are bad, but nothing in this resolution will hinder their payment if Providence so decree.

6. Ireland. Letter from Davitt read. —
Sec. reported that Clem Edwards was
likely to visit Ireland for the D. News. —
Allen actively working up subject. —
7. Publishing Com^{ce} Report approved.
8. Executive Election - Report on attendances
laid on Table, & new candidates
reported. —
9. London Gov^t Bill. Letter from A. J. Balfour
saying the Gov^t would consider our
amendments.
Petition from District Surveyors Assocⁿ
Sec. reported on Progressive Council Mtg.
10. Chamberlains Workmens Houses Bill Referred
to Macrae for report.
11. Municipal Trading. Letter from Turner handing
Liberty & Prop. D. L. Circular. Agreed
to get into Newspapers.

12. Next Sessions Lectures.

For June 23rd McCleary on Mill or Martini on America. agreed to get a Syllabus from McCleary. -

13. Next Sessions Lectures.

Copy of Scheme, as annexed was approved.

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- 9.- The Principles of Foreign Policy.

Frederick W. Melen

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Executive at office 14 April '99. -
Present Weelen (in chair), Anderson, Macroty,
 Oakeshott, Dell, Bland Standing Macdonald
 Pease Miss O'Brien.
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Webb, Martin, Oliver

1. Minutes were conformed.

2. Candidates elected viz:-

CANDIDATE	PROPOSED BY
Miss Georgina Rose Armstrong, 66 Pentonville-road, N.	John Penny and A. G. Matthews.
Councillor A. Barrett, 94 Ben- tinch-st., Ashton-under-Lyne...	General Secretary.
E. L. R. Kelsey, Newton House, Granville Park, Blackheath, S.E.	E. Norton and Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Lily Kelsey, Newton House, Granville Park, Blackheath, S.E.	Do. do.
Miss Lina Marston, 14 Westmin- ster Mansions, Great Smith-st., Westminster, S.W.	Emery Walker and R. Wherry Anderson.
David Soskice, 50 Linden-gardens, Chiswick, W.	Edw. R. Pease and M. G. Pease.
Charles Spooner, Eyot Cottage, Chiswick Mall, W.	John Bullock and May Morris.
Rev. R. T. Talbot, St. Thomas's Vicarage, Sunderland	S. D. Shallard.
EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
J. Carstairs Matheson, c/o Black, 31 St. Patrick-sq., Edinburgh...	Herbert Brook and Jas. Hartley.

3. Resignations. T. Lovett, F. W. Champion & Mrs
 Walter. Botall. accepted. -

4. Accounts for year. approved.

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(5.) Grant of £5. in office expenses, to Italian Com^{ee}. -
Agreed not to include in accounts. -

(6) Correspondence.

Land Nat. & Society. Conference April 26. - Send anyone
as a delegate who can go.

Australian Social Ethics Society. Noted.

J. W. Martin on Rev. Sumpter Breeze &c.

Miss Mann explaining that she is like Rev. S. Breeze.

(7) Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Report from Shallard.

Blackburn. Thanks for Shallard.

Dutch Campaign. Lecturer wanted, no offers.

(8) Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.

Prof. Bradley promising tract.

Referendum Tract Proposed author declines.

Agreed to print Macrosty's Contemporary article.

Revised Compensation Tract out. -

Sales for year 163991 increase of 124724.

(9) over.

9. Chamberlain Cottages Bill. Macrosty & reported.
Agreed that we need take no action.

10. International Congress 1900.
Circular re Preliminary Conference at Brussels.
Agreed to send anyone who w^d. pay =
his own expenses. —
Dutch Anarchist Circular. Not noted.

11. Next Session's Lectures. Letter from Hewins accepting.
Letter from W.P. Reeves saying he w^d.
defer decision.

12. This session's lectures. — McCleary on Mill.
Martin on U.S.A.
a person on minor novelists.
Decision deferred for McCleary's article ^{syllabus}. —
Marxist's offer on Imperialism declined.
Macdonald's lecture. Agreed it cannot
be deferred, she must give it, or get
some one else to read it for her.

(13) Conference of Elected Persons.

S. D. F. Excuse for absence.

Report of Macdonald received.

Accounts showing £2.2.2 to be called up on £10 guaranteed. Approved without audit.

Letters from Brocklehurst + Webb advocating that we publish proceedings jointly with L.L.P.

Publishing Com^{ee} Report, that it is undesirable to do so, as there w^d be no sale. -

Sec. 7 as Sec. of Joint Com^{ee} formally proposed publication. -

After a long debate it was agreed: -

That the pub. Com^{ee} be authorised to take steps, & that the Exec. will be prepared to guarantee up to £15. - subject to further report that the matter is suitable for publication.

(14). Project for further organisation of the Elected Persons of Webb. Defered.

Pease to prepare scheme. -

P. Wherry Anderson.

First Meeting of the 1899-1900 Exec.
at office 28th April 1899. -

Present Anderson (in chair) Welt, Oakeshott
Charrington Green Pease, Macrot
Macdonald, Standring, Mrs Shaw-
Whelan Bland, Miss O'Brien, also Dell.
Absent Shaw & Oliver.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Buffalo Social Conference Long letter from Sec
Agreed to put par in papers

First May Carnival. Letters re selling tickets.
Grant Richards Royalty a/c.

F. Brunton Wanting Books. - ask re
Burnley Pub. Library & agitate
if it has no books. - also see
re Book Boxes at Burnley.

F. Bucklehurst. Re Internat Congress. Reps (1) We
approve existing regulations: (2) we object to standing orders
concerning making any alterations, because it was not

2 (contd) empowered to do so. (3) we consider that any Congress of F. Unionists ~~shd~~ be called & Trade Unions. —

(3) Pub. Com^{ee} Report Noted & approved. —

Agreed that Tract on Housing, Over-crowding, Sanitation &c be considered. Also on School Board powers of minor towns. Webb proposed reprint of his Economics of F. Unionism, & that it be referred to Pub. Com^{ee}. Agreed.

(4) New Zealand. Dunedin F. S. accepting Tracts & Book Boxes. Agreed that each box be sent direct to town meant for.

(5) Hutchinson Trust Lecturer

Sec. reported J. A. Fallows suggested, but unwilling. & Martin ~~was~~ asked. Agreed.

6. Standing Orders. These were read & adopted exactly as passed on 29th April 1898.

Resolution (b) re Finance was formally moved & Sidney Webb, seconded & J. F. Gakeshott, & adopted rem con. —

All
20th Oct 99
In addition

7. Election of Com^{ees}

Publishing Gakeshott, Macarty, Wheeler
Anderson Pease Standing.
With Dell & Martin.

Political Election Webb, Anderson, Wheeler, Green
Macdonald Pease

8. Secondary Education Debate. After long debate
it was resolved (1) That the title be
"The Educational Muddle & the way out".
That Wallas open, Webb reply: that
Webb draft syllabus. —

9. Lectures. After debate it was resolved by 8 votes
to rest that McCleary on Mills be taken
on June 23rd, That Pears also offer be
declined, & Shuttleworth on minor
novelists be deferred till autumn.

10. Next Session Lectures. L. T. Hobhouse on
Imperialism suggested. Deferred.
to next week.

11. Annual Meeting agenda as proposed

was approved including Davis on seven day papers. -

12. Elected Persons association. Sec. presented scheme drafted by himself + Penny of L.P. After short debate, consideration was deferred.
13. Annual Report, considered & amended in detail. Resolution of Cakeshott to delete portions of par. referring to London Govt Bill, & blaming the Opposition thereto, as amended & Webb, was rejected, two only voting for it.
14. Death of Truelove. Motion re letter of sympathy & Anderson was withdrawn.

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Executive at Office 12th May. 1899.

Present Bland (in chair), Macrosty, Green, Pease
Standing, Charrington, Webb, Anderson
Weelen, Miss O'Brien, Macdonald.
Absent. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Oliver, Cakeshott.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Final report from Shallard. Agreed that the thanks of the Exec. be voted to him for his services. —
3. Election. Miss E. M. Hilton. Elected subject to letter [since received]
4. Resignations. Mrs. Brownlow + Theo. Walker. Accepted. —
5. N. Zealand Book Boxes. Agreed that they be a loan.
6. Internat. Congress of Women. Agreed that Pease be delegate to speak on Municipal Drink.

7. Correspondence

G. G. Sill, sending e/b in memor of his deceased wife!!!

H. A. Day re voidance of contracts corrupted voted for.
No action appears possible.

West Bridgport - S. S. Re affiliation.

Zemher, of Vienna, re a Fabian movement here. -

8. Irish Campaign.

Letter from Martin, refusing offer of lectureship & saying he w^d return to N. Y. as Sec. of the League for Pol. Education here. -

Agreed to consider Willie Wright, & to put par. in news. -

Agreed that Green, Charrington, Waelen Pease with Allen & Sell see a Com^{ee} to ~~see~~ report on Campaign. & that Ryfett be consulted.

9. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, generally approved, but proposed leaflet on L.C.C. Public Houses after debate was negatived 2-6-2. -

Poster on Wall. Agreed to adopt the status quo.

Tract on "Capitalism + Children" agreed, & note taken that Bland org "almost definitely declined".

10. Buffalo Conference. Agreed to instruct Zenblin that we do not advocate Referendum for England. —
11. Elected Persons Confere Report. Report of Pub. Com^{ee} was agreed to; especially re Division of Profit or Loss, instead of stock printed. — It was agreed to refer Publication to Elected Persons Assⁿ Com^{ee}.
12. Elected Persons Assocⁿ. Sec. 7 reported that the D.S.P. N.A.C. had approved draft scheme prepared by himself & Penny, except that 2/6 sub. was substituted for 1/- & the clause as to publication of information circular was deleted. — Also that two delegates were appointed — Agreed after debate to appoint Wheeler & Pease delegates & to defer consideration of association in absence of official report from D.S.P.
13. Money borrowed by Society. Agreed that letter be drafted & sent proposing transfer to gifts, & offering return

- 14. May Day Demonstration. Deficit reported informally. Question deferred, for receipt of Balance sheet or other official report. -
- 15. Annual Meeting. Agreed that Charrington take chair, & that no Government action be taken on the Sunday Seven day newspaper resolutions. -
- 16. This Sessions Lectures. S. G. Hobson suggesting lecture on Wey, Vote Socialist. after debate agreed to consider for autumn. -
- 17. Draft Education Scheme prepared & Welth. -
 After debate, it was ~~decided~~ ^{resolved} (by ³⁸ ~~unanimous~~ ⁸⁵² ~~majority~~) that the draft scheme (with any amendments to be made hereafter) be put before society with the authority of the Executive. - Debate on the Scheme was adjourned till Friday May 19. -


J. F. Oakey-Roth

Executive at Office 19th May. 1899.

Present Oakeshott, & (later) Charrington, in chair,
Macrosty, Macdonald, Weelen, Green
Bland anderson, Standing Pass
Miss O'Brien.

Absent Webb, Oliver, Shaw, Mrs Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.
3. Correspondence. Deamer on Army Navy Stores. —
Try Shop ass. Union
Miss Swanson Sir C. Dilkes Bill. Buy bill
& consult Turner
Dunfermline wanting lecturer. Agreed to pay
35/. & Macdonald probably to go.
4. Elected Persons Report. Reported that work was in
hand & waiting agreement of N.A.C. to
our proposals as to half share profit or loss.

5. Elected Persons Assocⁿ - Letter from J. L. P. that they adopted the Draft, with amendments as given ~~below~~ on next page. - Agreed that the Fabian Society concurs with the J.L.P. project. -
6. First May Celebration. Letter from Sec. stating deficit of £20. - After debate resolved to grant 20/- thereto. -
7. Education Meeting. Agreed that Oliver be Chairman. Letter read from Webb. -
Motion of Macdonald That decision to send out scheme as an Executive proposal be rescinded. Motion rejected by 9 votes to 2. Draft Scheme was then discussed. The prefatory lines were amended. 
Motion of Macdonald to omit Paragraphs 4 - 6, & to substitute others drafted by him was defeated by 9 - to 2. -
 Question of "non-local schools" was referred to Webb for a re-consideration. Clauses 1-12 were adopted with

For details
 see letter
 annexed.

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Amending amendments + additions. —
Clauses 13-16 were ordered to be printed
→ debate on them adjourned to next week.
It was agreed to instruct the Chairman to
take a second reading debate first, &
the clauses in detail later. —

8. Child Labour Tract. Subject considered
& adjourned till next week. —

J. Fred^d. Green

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Education amendment

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I have lost the wording of my amendment
but in effect it was that 4. 6. 16 should
be deleted in order to substitute resolutions
declaring that although we are
anxious to reduce the number of local
elections we are of opinion that the
special nature of Education administration
requires an ad hoc body; that the
rural areas of Election should be reconstituted
by the County Councils subject to the
approval of the Education Department.

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also that the higher branches of Education
should be controlled by a joint committee
of school boards.

~~Draft~~ Rules of Socialist and Labour
Elected Persons Association.

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Proposed by the S.L.P. & adopted by the F.S.

- 1.- That an Association of Socialist and Labour Elected Persons be formed with the object of obtaining information from and providing information for its members.
- 2.- That all Socialist and Labour members of any ^{elective} governing body by law established be eligible for membership on payment of ~~1/6~~ ^{2/6} per annum.
- 3.- That the members be entitled to receive all the official publications of the I.L.P., Fabian Society and any other bodies hereafter affiliated.
- 4.- ~~That an annual Information Circular (on the lines of that already issued by the Fabian Society) be published and sent to every member.~~
- 5.- That every member be entitled to obtain from the Secretaries without fee, answers to any questions on subjects dealt with in the information circular.
- 6.- That the funds of the Association be divided equally between the I.L.P. and the F. S. in return for services rendered and that the expenses be defrayed equally by the two bodies.
- 7.- That the ~~control~~ ^a of the Association be in the hands of the joint Committee of delegates appointed by the two Executives and that the Sec-

Executive at Office 26th May 1899. —

Present J. F. Green (in chair) Pease, Macreth,
Wells, Wheelan, Anderson, Standing, Bland,
Oliver, Miss O'Brien.

Absent Charrington (lecturing) Macdonald, Shaw, Mrs Shaw,
Bakeshott. —

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
subject to addition of Macdonald's amendments, if obtained.
2. Correspondence.
Hales wanting lectures at Portsmouth. Agreed to send
G. Samuel & another
& act on their report.
International Congress of Women. Agreed to take two
yards space at 10/- each for sales,
& to advertise in news for assistants. —
3. Education Debate. Resolutions as printed & 5s.
13/6 were discussed & approved.
4. Arrangements of debate. It was agreed that Martin
take the chair (in place of Oliver) & that Wells open.
Other details as to procedure were settled.

Defaulters List May 1899.

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A. A. Everard, Hackney

- Castell, Wimbledon Co-op. 5/- regularly to 1896.
 Edmund Houghton (Italy) 21/- 1893. Address lost.
 C. H. Worsnop, Halifax. 10/- in 1894. Promised in 1897.
 J. E. Dobson. 5/- for 1894. Excused 1897.
 Rev. J. F. Shearer, Kensington. 5/- on election 1894.
 W. Webster, Charlton. 10/- 1894. Owes for tracts. Pleaded poverty in 1896.
 A. Sellicks. Pres. A.S.E. 5/- to 1895.
 Gustaf Steffen (Italy) 5/- to 1895
 Mrs. Steffen (: :) 5/- to 1895.
 H. Sleightholm, Oldham. 2/6 on entrance 1894.
 J. R. Moore, York. 10/- 1893. 4. 5.
 F. E. M. Steele 5/- 1894 nothing 1892 - 3
 J. Cotterell, Glasgow. 5/- on election 1895.
 C. G. Lowman, Wandsworth. 5/- on election 1895.
 W. Pask, Leigh, Lancs. 2/6 1894 & 5.
 F. Lockett, Gorton. 5/- on election 1894.
 Israel Ellis, Hackney. 4/- 1892.
 W. Nicholas Address Lost. 3/- in 1895. 1/- in 1897.
 Mrs. A. J. Gaunt, Cardiff. 5/- 1895.
 A.H. Gray, London, Address lost. 15/- on election 1895.
 F. F. Evans, London. 5/- Oct. 1896
 J. H. Roberts, Birkenhead. 2/6 on election, 1895.

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- A. A. Everard, Hackney. Never paid at all.
- C. Castell, Wimbledon Co-op. 5/- regularly to 1896.
- H. D'Arcy Power, California. 8/- Jan. 1896.
- J. Atkinson, Willesden. 10/- regularly to 1896.
- Olaf Bloch, Clapham. 2/6 1894-6.
- H. Elliot, Manchester. 2/6 on election 1895.
- R. Cowen, Ayrshire. 2/6 1894. & 5.
- F. Kirk, Leicester. 10/6 on election 1895.
- E. E. Mapley, Bucks. 2/6 1893. 5/- 1895.
- E. S. Burchett, Ravenscourt Park. 21/- 1893-5.
- A. Clendon, Dolgelly. 10/- 1893. 4. 5.
- W. J. Ellis, Hackney. Only sub. 1/- 1895.
- R. Estcourt, N.L.C. 20/- to 1895.
- C. R. Maltby, Oxford. 5/- to 1895.
- H. W. Swansea Kitchener, Swansea. 5/- 1893-5.
- F. Butler. Clerk to Poplar Guardians. 5/- 1893 & 5.
- A. L. Dawson, Fulham. 5/- 1894.
- J. Devine 5/- 1894 & 6.
- W. Partridge, Clerkenwell. 3/- 1893 & 5.
- C. W. Rixon, Edinburgh. 5/- 1893. 10/- 1894.
- W. H. Kenney, Newbury. 10/- 1893 - 5. No reply to letter 1896

6. Next Sessions Lectures. L. T. Hobhouse.
debate adjourned again

7. National Socialist Conference. Letter from L.H.P.
asking us to join in calling a
Nat. Socialist Congress.
After discussion it was agreed that
a reply be sent to the effect that
the Society is not disposed to take
part in the preliminary meeting.
But if it is decided that a conference
be called, we will consider whether
to send delegates. — —

8. Child Labour Tract. This was further discussed.

J.R. Macdonald

Executive at office 16 June 1899. -

Present J.R. Macdonald (in chair) Gakesholt, Webb,
Macrosty, Anderson, Green, Weelen,
Mrs Shaw, Miss O'Brien Pass, Olivier.

Absent Shaw, Standing, Bland, Charrington

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Candidates elected except, James & Mackey
subject to payment of sub: & Ward held over.
Agreed to ask Shallard re Ward: -

Elected July 99

Elected 21/6/99

Rejected 22/7/99

Chas. W. Guest, 14 Forest-lane, Stratford, E.	...	Gen. Secretary
Rev. I. H. James, 4 Laurel Villas, Andover, Hants	...	Gen. Secretary
John Littlejohns, 39 Walter-road, Swansea	...	S. D. Shallard
Harry Mackey, 9 Pakenham-street, Belfast	...	J. H. Taylor
Councillor Alfred Smith, 141 York-st., Heywood	...	Gen. Secretary
Jno. Ward, Union Cottage, Bolton-rd., Barry, Glam.		Graham Wallis

3. Purge of members. Sec. reported that Messrs Rivin,
Louman + Burchett had paid,
& W. Webster promised. Steffen declined
to pay. - After debate, agreed to defer
bill next week, final dealing with
the others. Steffen to go out. -
Sec. undertook to write to Eatcourt.

4. Correspondence. F. Brocklehurst. Brussels Conference Report noted.

Grant Richards. Agreed that we can't take sheets of L. L. Reijn, & he can do what he please with them.

Frank's Coop. Concern. No action

5. First-May Celeb.ⁿ Com^g Proposed Crystal Palace Fete. After debate resolved by 8-1 that no reply be sent to circular & our delegates be instructed not to take part in discussion or vote in regard to the Crystal Palace Fete

6. Hammersmith Group. Sec. reported proposals for subdivision. Agreed to authorise division as desired.

7. Elected Persons Conference. Report of proceedings. Agreed that we cannot go back on our resolution to publish Conference Proceedings on ~~half part~~ joint account. -

8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Education Tract. Agreed that - Oakeshott draft Tract on lines of Resolutions & that the adjourned meeting be not held till the Tract is ready. -

Municipal Milk. Leaflet approved.

Dickens Lecture Pub. Com^{ee} action approved.

Second Series Essays. Discussion. Shaw reported now able to go on. General opinion that progress could soon be reported. -

9. Irish Com^{ee} Report. Agreed that Lectureship for

Ireland be offered to Bruce Glasier at £3. a week clear, & three weeks study at £3. Letter that he will accept such terms if offered. Two months tour agreed on. Question of Belfast discussed & not settled.

10. L.C.C. Offer of £200 for Compensation. Debate adjourned for Report on other offices available.

H.W. Macrosty

Executive Office 23rd June 1899. —
Present Macrosty (in chair) Mrs Shaw, Pease
Walt, Anderson, Green, Galseshott
Standing Charrington, Macdonald, Oliver
Miss O'Brien
Absent Shaw Wheelen Bland.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. John Ward. Election. Again adjourned & sec.
ordered to write to Ronald Burrows.
3. Purge of members. Sec. J reported no further
replies & names were ordered
to be struck off.
4. Correspondence Joseph Edwards, wanting £100 for
Lab. Ann. a freed to put
in Adot in news free.
Henry Calasca. Resignation. Accepted
Shop Hours Bill. Report of Treasurer
laid on table.

5. First May Celebration. Delegates report received,
& debate on Crystal Palace plan deferred
for receipt of official letter.

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6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Sec. reported Glasier's acceptance for Ireland.
After debate agreed that the Orange
districts be omitted from the program,
or at any rate taken last.

R. W. Anderson was added to the Com^{ee}.
Re England, agreed to put another
notice in Fabian News. —

7. Pub. Com^{ee} Report.

Publication of N. Zealand Pensions & Municipal
Milk Leaflets, after urgency vote, approved.
Facts for Socialists. Agreed to include diagrams.
Womens Conference. Stall. Agreed to sell no light
literature.

"New Fabian Series" to be edited by W. W. W. W.,
& published by G. Richards.
Debate adjourned. —

8. Webb read the annexed memo offering
£100 from Hutchinson Trustees for
tract publication. Agreed to
~~also~~ accept & refer to Publishing
Committee for report. - Agreed
further that a Tract on Child Labour must
be obtained. -

9. L.C.C. Compensation. Letter from Fuller reporting
offer of £200 without prejudice. -
Letter from Bland objecting. -
after prolonged debate it was
resolved on motion of Mrs Shaw
that we stand out for the best possible
terms from the L.C.C., on the understanding
that we return any balance over to them,
after charging all expenses, & extra cost of new
office. -
On the Sec's report, it was agreed that the new
office must be at least as good as our
present one, & that the L.C.C. be informed
that such offices cannot be got at our
present figure. -

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Memo. re Tract Publication

23. June. 1899

The Hutchinson Trustees desire to bring forcibly before the Fabian Executive the desirability of increasing the number of Fabian Tracts on sale; & of pushing on the preparation of tracts on new points.

In particular, it is suggested that it would be advisable to complete the series giving information & programme for the various Local Governing Bodies in England; & to get corresponding tracts for Scotland & Ireland.

The completion of this series would enable us to compile & publish a Shilling

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book of a nature of a complete
guide to the Local Government
Elector.

There are probably other
tracts which could & should
be added to our series, if
funds permitted. In some
cases, we might pay someone
to prepare them.

If the Fabian Exec. will
energetically put this in
hand, the Hutchinson
Trustees will be prepared
to contribute £100 towards
the cost, payable when
say, six new tracts have
been definitely arranged.

Sidney Webb

10. Next session Lecture. It was agreed
that L. T. Hobhouse be
asked to give one in the
Empire Series. —

J. F. Oakeshott

Executive at Office 7 July 1899. —
Present Oakeshott (in chair), Macrae, Whelan,
 Charrington, Anderson, Peace, Green,
 Macdonald, Standring, Miss O'Brien, Webb,
 Mrs Shaw, Oliver. —

Absent Shaw, Bland. —

1. Minutes were confirmed. —
2. Resignation. Miss Cameron, accepted with much regret.
3. Loan A/c. Sec. reported £2 repaid, £2 transferred to Subscriptions, £19 transferred to Donations, & £11, no reply & therefore to be transferred to Donations, provisionally. Total £34. —
4. Purge of Members Rowland Eskourt. Letter desiring to remain. List of members annexed was ordered to be adopted for first provisional notice.
5. Women's Ind. Council. Sec reported Sales £4.16.7. —
6. L.C.C. Compensation. Sec reported no reply to letter sent.

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Deraulters List July 1899.

<u>Date of Election.</u>	<u>Name & Address</u>	<u>Amount of last sub.</u>
April 1892.	G.S. Ross, Westminster.	2/6. 27/1/94
Sep. 1892	Fred Weston, Yeovil.	2/6. 15/2/94.
Oct. 1892.	H.W. Pearson, Haverhill.	2/6. 28/1/96.
Oct. 1891.	F.R. Hockliffe, Bedford.	£1. 21/11/95 for 94 & 95.
Nov. 1890.	Robt. Banner, Woolwich	5/- . 28/2/96 for 95.
Nov. 1893.	John Cole, Croydon	2/6. 28/1/96 for 95.
Jan. 1892.	Mrs. M. Dell, Chiswick.	10/6. 28/8/95.
Sep. 1890.	D. Fraser, Selhurst.	10/- . 25/5/95.
Dec. 1895.	Miss Lily Lloyd, Bloomsbury.	5/- . 25/12/95. Ent. sub.
May. 1894.	Neil McVean, Enfield.	10/- . 8/4/96. for 95.
July. 1893	Touzeau Parris, Hammersmith.	10/- 23/3/96 for 95.
Oct. 1895.	E.E. Wood, Oxford.	5/- 1/10/95. Ent. sub.
Oct. 1892.	H. H. Roper, Lincoln.	2/6. 5/3/96 for 95.
Oct. 1892.	Logan Pearsall Smith	£5. 7/1/96. for 95.
Dec. 1891.	H.G. Gibson, Wolverhampton.	5/- 6/1/95
Jan. 1891.	A. T. Marles, Leeds.	Nothing.
Dec. 1892.	G. Marsh, Chelsea.	Nothing.
Oct. 1899.	Rev. W. A. Morris, South Lambeth.	5/- 21/3/95 for 1894.
Sep. 1890.	J. W. Straghan, Croydon.	10/- 4/12/95 for 94.
March. 1894	J. Swift, Plumstead	5/- 29/9/96.
W. R. Wright		
Feb. 1896.	W. R. Wright, Crouch Hill.	7/6. 2/10/96 for Half-year
April. 1896.	Sydney J. Farthing, Hornsey	10/- 9/5/96 Ent. Sub.
June 1896.	Tom Cooper, Hyde.	2/6. 11/5/96. Ent. sub.
Feb. 1892	W.D. Clayton, Ripon.	5/- 15/10/97.

June 1898.	Tom Cooper, Hyde.	2/6.	11/5/98. Ent. sub.
Feb. 1886	purged		
	& reinstated Feb. 92.	L. E. Fraser, Charing Cross	Nothing.
Jan. 1895.	W. W. Gomer, Bromley, Kent.	5/-.	8/1/97 for 96.
March 1892.	Miss J. D. Lewis, Wokingham.	5/-	24/11/96. for 1895.
Dec. 1896.	Miss Ada Nield, Rochdale.	2/6	28/11/96. Ent. sub.
Jan. 1892.	Mrs. Thos. Belas, Hammersmith.	10/6.	28/8/95.
April 1891.	Chas. V. Burton, Chelsea.	21/-.	10/10/96 for 95 & 94.
June 1891.	Mrs. C. V. Burton, Chelsea.	21/-.	8/11/95.
1889.	Dr. W. E. Burton,	£5.5.0.	19/10/94 for back subs
Feb. 1894.	A. J. Cottridge, Tottenham.	10/-	5/5/96.
July. 1890.	Louis Cowen, Marblebone.	£2.2.0.	14/3/96. for 94 & 95.
Dec. 1890.	Sidney Dark, Paddington.	2/6.	15/1/94 for 1893.
Aug. 1892.	Mrs. S. Dark, Paddington.	5/-	19/3/94 for 93.

a lawyer. Reply there is Tompkins &
 is held there, & engaged Tolley & B.A.P.
 in turn all hospitalities.
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moral. Letter asking money. -
 good that consideration be
 sec. while informally to ask for work.

on Bazaar or Division of Hammersmith.
 project discussed & agreed that
 with Sec. a statement for years.

Agreed that it need not
 n, but be ok? come up to
 vision of the pay ~~for~~ there.
 Referred to Trial Cowen for Report.

After debate, agreed to defer
 Hobson till after receipt of
 S. T. Alderson.

APRIL 1895

DATE OF ELECTION

NAME & ADDRESS

AMOUNT OF LAST YEAR

DECEMBER 1894

March 1895	Miss J. Doran, Beckenham.	5/-	13/5/95.	
Nov. 1895.	T. Eagles, Exeter.	1/-	16/10/95.	Ent. sub.
April. 1895.	J. H. Engledon, Oxford.	1/-	19/2/96.	
June 1895.	Miss Ann Green.	2/6	31/3/96.	
March 1895	W. S. Hales, Portsmouth.	5/-	5/5/95.	Excused 1895.
Dec. 1890.	Rev. E. P. Hall, Cradley.	10/6.	14/4/94.	
Sep. 92.	Miss K. Hines, Oxford.	2/6.	4/4/94.	
Nov. 1891.	Rev. F. Pan, Jones, Mostyn.	2/6.	19/3/95 for 1894.	
Feb. 1893.	Mrs. Bart. Kennedy	5/-	14/2/96.	
Feb. 1895.	Frank Lovett, Loughborough	5/-	25/1/95.	Ent. sub.
March 1892.	S. R. Malkin, Hornchurch.	15/-	1895. in three payments.	
Oct. 1890.	S. Maund, Worcester.	10/-.	14/12/96. for 1895.	
June 1895.	Mrs. Megahy, Preston.	2/6.	21/5/95.	Ent. sub.
Dec. 1895.	Rev. R. W. Menzies.	5/-.	10/4/96.	
Oct. 1892.	L. S. Moore, Highbury.	10/-	16/12/95.	
Dec. 1893.	T. A. Murray, Hoxton.	21.	22/10/95. for 94 & 95.	
Jan. 1896.	Rev. W. T. Quin, Peckham.	2/6.	10/11/96.	
Feb. 1893.	H. C. Rowe, Arklow.	10/-	20/2/96.	
July 1890.	Wm. Sanders, Battersea.	5/-.	28/4/96. for 94 & 95.	
Feb. 1896.	Arthur Sargent, Clapham	1/-	through Oxford F.S. 1896.	
April 1896.	H. Sidebotham, Manchester.	1/-	" " " " 1895 & 6.	
June 1890.	Robert Steele, Piccadilly.	2/6	14/2/96 for subs. to 1895.	
March 1891.	Ben Tillet, Leytonstone.	2/6.	18/5/96. for 1895.	
Dec. 1895.	Wm. Turner, Mr. Muddersfield.	2/-	1/5/96. for 1894.	
John				
Dec. 1891.	John Upton, Wandsworth.	10/-.	20/4/96.	
April 1896.	Graham Wallas, Radlett.	£2.10.0.	22/1/94.	
sep. 1892.	C. Ernest Watson, Manchester.	1/-	21/2/94 for 1893.	
Nov. 1891.	T. E. Webb, Cornhill.	10/-	11/7/96.	

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7. Correspondence.

J. Howell re Poor Man's Lawyer. Repl^y there is Toynbee & Mansfield House, & suggest Telly of L.H.P.
Wilo R. Malbie. Give him all hospitalit^y.
J.C. Reed. Abalantā. Interesting letter.

8. ~~Prop~~ Fixed May C.P. Carnival. Letter asking money. -

After debate agreed that consideration be postponed & sec. write informally to ask how much.

9. London Groups. Letter from Bolas re Division of Hammersmith.

Waelen's project discussed & agreed that he draft with Sec. a statement for news.

10. Hutchinson Trust Lectures

Glasiere's Study. Agreed that it need not be in London, but he sh^d. come up & to interview & we pay ~~for~~ fare.

English Lecture. Referred to Irish Com^{tee} for Report.

11. Next Session Lecture After debate, agreed to defer asking J.A. Holson till after receipt of repl^y from L.T. Holhouse.

12. Publishing Com^{tee} Report.

- (1) Text-enlarged edition of Tract 5 is preparing
- (2) Hutchinson Trust Tract Scheme: Recommending
Text 2/- per 1000 the price offered:
That the following be asked to write for pay:-
Clem Edwards on Irish Railways
H.M. Macrosty on Metropolitan Boroughs
F.W. Salton on Town + County Councils
Three tracts of 7000 words each.

After debate, especially on the Irish Railway item, Resolution that the Report be adopted was carried with one dissentient.

13. Fabian Series to be published by Grant Richards:

In the course of the adjourned debate Whelan stated that Grant Richards would allow the Fabian Executive a veto on the books to be issued in the Series, & would undertake to use the name only so long as Whelan remained Editor:-

After discussion it was moved by Oliver that Whelan's request be granted subject to the guarantees verbally

Executive at office 21 July 1899

Present Standing (in chain) Pease

Macrosty, Welch, Walsen, Charrington

Macdonald, Green, Anderson

Cakeshott, Miss O'Brien.

Absent Olivier, Shaw, Woodshaw, Bland

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Elections. - Candidates for July were elected:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Councillor James Erskine, M.D., 351 Bath-street, Glasgow	Dr. J. Stirling Robson.
Miss Annie G. Evans, 269 Per- shore-road, Birmingham.....	Alex. C. Harris.
Miss Pretronella O'Donnell, 24 Alma-road, Clifton, Bristol ..	General Secretary.
Ladislav Gumplowicz, 24 Clare- mont-sq., Pentonville-rd., N....	J. Fred Green and Edw. R. Pease.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Gwilym Davies, Rhienfa, Corpora- tion-rd., Newport, Mon.	R. Jenkyn Owen and B. Scott Williams.

John Ward. - Letters read from Prof. Burrows
his correspondents. - after debate
resolution was adopted nem. con.
"That John Ward be not elected".
The Sec. was ordered to report to
Graham Wallas.

3. Corresp. Class. Sec 7 ~~not~~ presented report on last class of Miss Mackaygart. — It was decided to carry on the Economic Class as before, under Miss Mackaygart, & that a new class be offered on Local Government, to use Blake Odgers' Handbook (3/6, as a text-book. —
4. London Trade Council. Agreed after debate that Sec. arrange for a delegate to conference on Old Age Pensions & Housing for Aug. 24. [P.S. Error in letter: date sh^d. have been July 24. Hence no delegate was appointed.]
5. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports approved viz:—
 That Tracts 39 + Democratic Budget +
 52. State Education at Home & abroad
 be dropped.
 That Tracts 42, Christian Socialism
 56. Parish Council Questions
 68 Tenants San. Catechism
 86 Municipal Drain
 be revised & reissued. —

5. Pub. Com^{ee} Report (cont^d)

That Tract 4 be referred to Shaw
for report on reprinting.

That Shallard be one of the paid
Tract-writers. -

That Tract 5 be enlarged.

As to proposed reprint of Webb's Economics
of Trade Unionism, estimate was reported
1000 copies, cost £14. Field £30. -

At Webb's request, Discussion adjourned.

6. First May Celebration. Guarantee of £50 wanted.

Agreed to grant £1. Also that
our Delegates take part in Organisation
& report on any liability likely to
be incurred by the scheme. -

7. L.C.C. Compensation. Sec. reported reversed
offer of £300. After debate,
agreed to accept on the understanding
that any legal expenses incurred
are defrayed by the Council. Sec.
instructed to enquire when we must more.

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8. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec 7 reported that he understood Shallard would accept, if he were not standing in Clayton's way. - After debate, Resolved by 5-2 that Clayton's application for post of lecturer be declined. -

9. Bottomley at S. Hackney. Sec. proposed that assistance be given to H-R. Taylor in his attempt to oust Bottomley from S. Hackney, where he is Liberal candidate. After debate Resolved by 6-2 that 2/1- be granted him towards the expenses of the proposed public meeting.

10. Autumn Lectures. Agreed to begin on Oct 13 & that Shulleworth's offer be kept over till after Xmas.

11. Women's Internat. Sale. Agreed that thanks for assistance be given to Miss Foster & Miss Grover

12. Executive Holiday. After discussion it was agreed that the Publishing Com^{ee} have power to transact urgent general business, in their discretion, & that the Exec. be not summoned till ~~the~~ after the holiday season, unless in an emergency. —
13. Drink Tract. Agreed to get Liberal ass^{ts} addressed from L. L. & Rad. Union, A. S. Symonds, & Herbert Samuel, to send out Liquor Tracts. —
13. French Ministers agreed that a letter of congratulation be written to Mullerand & Baudin on their acceptance of office in the French Govt & that the same be reported in Fabian news. —
- S. W. Webb

Executive at Office 6 Oct. -99. -
Present Webb (in chair), Macroft, Pease, Anderson,
 Charrington, Gakeshott, Macdonald Green,
 Olivier, Waelew, Bland, Standring.
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Miss O'Brien.

1. Minutes confirmed.
2. The following were elected, viz:

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
M. M. Beriro, Tangier, Morocco	General Secretary.
Miss C. M. Burgis, 'Rosemary', Upper Redlands, Reading	R. Jenkyn Owen and B. Scott Williams.
John McNeill, 67 St. John-street, Clerkenwell, E.C.	E. R. Pease & Miss Mary O'Brien.
Isaac A. Benzaguen, Tangier, Morocco	M. M. Beriro.

Selected. N.C. Waldo.
 member. - Sub.
 from Socy.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Basil Grafton Richings, "Wil- loughby," Westby-road, Bos- combe, Bournemouth	Eric A. Shattock.
Dhoondi Raj Thengdi, Nagpoor, C.P., India	General Secretary.

~~subject proposed by Miss Burgis.~~
 Deleted by ERD

3. Resignation C. W. Heasman. accepted.
4. Stacy Tom. Sec 7 reported a loan of £25.-
 to Mrs P. Widdrington, & that he
 had borrowed same from a member of the Socy. - Approved.

5. Correspondence.

Sheffield Soc. Soc. 7. Offer of subscription from members.

Agreed to reply we take members
individually & subscribers at 2/6 per head.

John Ward. Reply on rejection. Noted.

Miss F. Grove, on Borough Elections in London. -

Refer to Group Meeting.

New Zealand F.S. Thanks etc. Reply that they
are affiliated already & we will
send news as desired.

Auckland F.C. - Thanks.

Feminist Parish Conference - Noted.

Elwood Pomeroy. Re college in U.S.A.

M. M. Beriro, Proposed Gibraltar F.S.

Decline.

6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Progress approved.

Shaw's Fabian Soc. 7. 41. Agreed to reprint
from Stereos with
altered title page.

Information Circular. Agreed to offer to
L. G. Inf. Bureau, to reprint.

7. Education Trust & Housing Problem

Agreed to have a meeting at Wheeler's on Thursday at 8.30, to consider Oakeshott's draft Education Trust, & report whether Education or Housing sh^d. be discussed on Nov. 10th -

8. New Offices. Sec. reported formalities still incomplete, owing to laws delay. - Agreed that Oakeshott & Bland be a Com^{tee} with him to report on Offices, & that a rent of £100 a year be admissible. Also that the new office be suitable for meetings of 30 or 40 persons, & that it be available in the evenings. -

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures

Sec. reported Shallard engaged to Xmas, & that ~~as~~ he estimated outlay, including Glasier for two months in Ireland to be £190. - Reports from Shallard & Glasier received. Verbal report of tour from Wheeler. - Letter read from Larnie. - After debate, agreed: -

(9.) Trust Lectures (Cork?)

- (1) That arrangements made are approved
- (2) That Shallard be engaged in any case till end March.
- (3) That two months further lecturing be done in Ireland, Cork District, & Belfast District. —
- (4) That Shallard be asked to take
(1) Belfast Dist. — (2) ~~the~~ Birmingham
Hereford, Longton + District, it being
agreed that Sheffield is in said district,
& further that Leek be only taken in
default of other places. —
- (5) That Gleasier be provisionally
asked whether he is disposed
to take Cork Dist. if offered. —
- (6) That Book boxes, specially selected,
be offered to Ireland, and
an information circular be considered.

10. McCarty Fund. agreed to ask report on arrangements
from Scurr,

Frederick Whelan

13. 10. 99

Exec. at office 13 Oct. 99. —

Present: Wahlen (in chair) Charrington, Green, Macrost,
Macdonald, Pease, Sakeshit, Standring
Oliver, Miss O'Brien Anderson, Bland.

Absent: Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw.

1. Minutes Confirmed. —

2. Newcastle Lectures. Report from Shallard -
Sheffield. Agreed that he can include it
in Birmingham course or not as he pleases.

3. Irish Campaign. Satisfactory Report.
Re Cork, no decision come to by Glasgow.

4. McCarthy Fund. Sec. reported receipts £5. —
Report from Scow as to proposals of Comtee -
Agreed that these are satisfactory, but that
Sec. report to Exec. before taking action
as to disposal of Fund.

15). Office. Sec. reported. Chancery Lane district
was not generally approved.

6. Local Govt Information Bureau. Pease reported that
Ker had accepted offer to take over the
Information Circular. -

After debate it was resolved with one
dissentient, that the Sec. be authorised
to expend up to £5. in books for the
special use of members of the Bureau as a lending
Library. -

7. Election of Candidates. The list was
elected except F. Victor Fisher, who
was required to make his statutory attendances
before his name was considered. -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Edward J. Edwards, 29 Sidney-street, Goswell-road, E.C.	Geo. E. Raby and H. J. B. Golding.
Miss Beatrice Martin, Halbury, near Newport, Isle of Wight...	Chas. Charrington.
Tom Norris, 7 Waldeck-rd, Ealing Dean, W.	E. Cubitt Sayers. ✓
Wm. English Walling, 4127 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.	S. G. Hobson and Frederick Whelen.
Miss Marian Walpole, 23 Garville-rd., Rathgar, Dublin	John E. Matthews. ✓
Mrs. Esther Wood, 23 Linden Mansions, Highgate-hill, N. ...	S. G. Hobson and S. D. Shallard. ✓
<u>F. Victor Fisher, 20 King Wil-</u> <u>ham-street, Strand, W.C.</u>	<u>Robert Alec. Peddie and</u> <u>W. C. Steadman.</u>

Elected 1 Dec. 99

7. Education Lecture. Com^{rs} reported that Tract of
Macrae formed a good basis
for debate on Nov. 10th -
Report approved.

- 8. Housing Conference. Delegate asked for Workmen's Com. Meeting. Agreed that Macdonald be delegate, + a 5/- fee be paid. - Macdonald gave notice that he wd. propose a special conference in Feb. in connection with the T. N. Electoral Conference. -
- 9. Blind Workers Appeal. Agreed to let it lie on table.
- 10. Resignation. G. A. Gaskell, by reason of poverty. Decline to accept.
- 11. Lectures. Agreed that ^{lecture} ~~Wheeler~~ on Africa & Wheeler take the place of that on Mediterranean booked for Wheeler on Nov. 24th -
- 12. Meeting tonight. Agreed that Macrosty be chairman. Vote of Urgency on Transvaal. After prolonged debate resolved 7 - 5 that the Sec. inform the Society that the majority of the Executive recommend the Society to reject the vote of Urgency. - after further discussion, Resolved 6 - 5

that the Secretary do not inform the Society
of the figures of the division.

13. Fabians & Parliamentary Elections. F. Wesslen gave
notice that he wd. bring forward
his subject.

Charles Channington
20th Nov. 1899.

Executive at Office 20th October 1899. -
 Present, Charrington (in chair) Macdonald Green
 Pease, Welch, Cakeshild, Olivier, Macroft
 Miss Brian Anderson Whelan Bland Standing
 Absent. Shaw, Two Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Resignation. W. Seward. Accepted.
3. Publishing Com^{tee} Report ~~was~~ adopted.
4. English Lectures. Re Shallard + Friends adult school, agreed that he ^{can} ~~give~~ lecture here, provided he gives Hutchinson Trust lectures.
5. On the question of Charrington, who had taken the chair in the absence of Anderson the appointed chairman, (at 5 pm.), proposing to vacate it in on the arrival of the latter, it was, after debate agreed nem con that Charrington continue to sit in the chair. -

6. Chairman's Vote. Addition to Standing Orders:-
After debate it was resolved nem con
that the following be added to the
Standing orders, viz:-
That the Chairman have a vote as
a member of the Executive, but no
second vote. -
7. Irish Lectures. Glasier's Reports approved.
8. New Office. On report of Secy it was agreed
to offer £100 for first floor office
in Essex St. -
9. Housing. Macdonald reported on the Conference,
& it was agreed that the Exec. approves
of his accepting a seat on the Exec.
Comtee of the Workmen's Housing Comtee
10. Housing, Proposed Fabian Conference. Adjourned.
11. Trade Union Parl. Comtee Conference on Labour Election.
Debated & debate adjourned.

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12 Transvaal War. The annexed memorandum
by Sydney Olivier, & return of
Precedents were considered. - after pro-
longed debate, motion of Olivier

"That a drafted Leaflet on the bearing
of the Transvaal War on Socialism be
submitted to the Society at an early date"
was rejected by 7 votes to 6. -

Proposed draft had previously been read to the
Executive. - a further motion

*amended &
resolution 27/10/99* "That it be referred to the Publishing Com^{tee}
whether a Tract should be prepared on the subject
discussed on ~~the~~ ^{above} motion" ~~to report on a Tract on Imperialism~~
was agreed to, ~~in con.~~ -

Proposal of S.G. Holton for discussion on
extending the work of the Society was not
entertained, & ~~was~~ Sec-7 was instructed
to send an appropriate reply. -

13. Group Resolutions. agreed to print in News one
relating to the war passed by the Hammersmith Group.

14. Fabians & Parl-7 Elections. Deferred. -

Arthur Blunt
Chairman

P R I V A T E .

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Fabian Office,
276 Strand, London, W.C.
16/10/99.

To the Fabian Executive Committee

The following letter on the Transvaal will be considered by the Executive on Friday next, October 20th.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

The Champions
Limpsfield
14th. October '99.

My dear Pease,

I don't think we (the Fabian Executive) can leave the matter of the Transvaal war question to lie where it was left last night. So far as I understood (though Macdonald it seemed understood differently) there was no clear engagement that the subject should be raised again either by Whelen's lecture - which I suppose is for November 3rd. - or on any other occasion. At the Executive meeting indeed, so far as anything was said in my hearing, it was that Whelen's lecture should not be made a peg for a war discussion.

This, I think, will not do, and I hope that at next Friday's Executive we may come to some clear understanding as to whether or no we are going to face the question at all.

It petrified me to hear Whelen address to the Society, I really believe in full sincerity, the argumen which he had advanced from the chair at the Executive (as I thought with his tongue in his cheek - an impression which

Executive (as I thought with his tongue in his cheek - an impression which accounts for my bad temper, - for both of which I apologise) that we were not sufficiently well-informed to approach the subject, but might hope to be better equipped after our winter course of lectures. I was relieved that we were at least spared the argument, by any spokesman of the Executive Committee, that the question was out of the order of the concerns of the Society.

You yourself, however, suggested that manner of view at the Executive; and possibly it is seriously held by some members of the Committee and the Society. You and others who, in fact, signed your names to the Memorial against the war may consider that the Society can and ought to abstain from making up its corporate mind on this question. I disagree. It is obviously impossible for me to take a public lead in bringing the question before the Society but I think that if the Executive don't do so it will prove a very far reaching decision in regard to the future of the Fabians. It will mean that the Society must more and more confine itself to be merely the

3. The organic relations of the Empire - Imperialism, Imperial Defence &c.

Committee of reference:- this is not a matter of urgent importance at following points should be considered by members of the Executive Committee settlement of 2. votes and therefore suggest that the we urge that the society should be prepared with suggestions for an further although the matter has not been specifically referred to us

4. Militarism

of possible date. the suggestions that made the same to be ready at the earliest. We recommend that E. Wheeler be asked to write a tract on imperialism embodying recommending that two points, and to their reaction, in the present system, upon socialist principles and ideals. We should try to discover whether any Expansion, and if so what kind, is desirable, but should be made with certain instances of policy. We therefore in its own direction not to be merely abstract but like events elsewhere should be used to illustrate the points we believe in broadly, not to the least, although events in the future

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organ of what I may call "Hutchinson Trust" work.

This is very good and useful and necessary work, no doubt, and the Hutchinson bequest was intended as the executors of Mr. Hutchinson's will believe, to further it: that is to say, to provide for Fabian Lectures and Tracts of a more and more inorganic and exclusively statistical character, to the abandonment, it would appear, as the tendency of interpretation now is, of even political criticism. It would mean that the Inspired Founder of the Fabian Society had in fulness of time produced an epigonous brood of doctrinal "Fabians" (as certainly is to some extent the case) quite useless for any purpose of progress or for the advance of the aims of the Society: just as poor Mr. Stead having invented "Imperialism" and "The Truth about the Navy" on the 'Pall Mall' now shrieks to find his pupils Milner and Garrett putting his formulas into execution, without his idea: with the result that they work out in a direction diametrically contrary to his dreams.

It is not quite so bad with the epigonous Fabian. He does not do any harm, he is only futile for the purpose of enabling practical Socialism to compete with the forces that have swamped it and are swamping it deeper and deeper these five years. You know what I have said about this from time to time (you have not agreed with me and you have thought it *irrelevant* to the aims of the Fabian Society): and now, when you have the outcome, you are surprised, and go and sign a protest against it. I wrote to the 'Daily Chronicle' a long letter, when they were publishing correspondence about the meaning of the Election of 1895, and told them that this was the meaning, namely war, and that it would arise out of Rodeism in South Africa. They did not print my letter: but it was verified, of course, within six months, and the outcome of the Jameson Raid showed clearly that the public and both political parties were on the tack: though the Raid seemed a little too previous. The Jubilee made evrything sweet and pleasant. I need not remind you of your roseate reading of that. The Colonials learnt their lesson, and are not shouting it.

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To go back to what I typify by my reference to the "Hutchinson Trust":
A cellular organism naturally grows in the direction from which it receives
abundant food. Moreover those members of the Executive who can work on the
Publishing Committee, and who certainly the most hard-working and effectual
of our number are necessarily, in their ~~own~~ own opinion and mine, out
of reach of the ravings of persons like myself who are not doing what they
see and do as "the work of the Society". That work is all very well: but
it will not, if it becomes the acknowledged sole aim of the Society, suffice
to keep it alive. The Hutchinson Trust no doubt, will keep it alive, but
therein there will be an increasing danger of what the Trustees have so much
desired to avoid - the Society becoming parasitic upon the Trust: the first
step is the restriction of the Society to activity in the work of the Trust,
a restriction which has most markedly and undeniably progressed of late.

The further this proceeds, the more danger, or certainty, there is, of
that happening to the Society which has happened to the Liberal Party.

Committee of Inquiry:- This is not a matter of urgent importance at
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This party has of late ceased even to find any efficient salt as a succedaneum for its former soul. I see that Imperialism is powerful, and thinks it may get into power by imitating the genuine article. Hence "sane Imperialism": the Corned-Beef, as distinct from the Roast-Beef Party.

Imperialism is in facta living power because it represents a sort of primitive atavar of real elementary force: certain very successful methods and discoveries of the low-grade well-to-live. It means that people like to fight and think it noble to fight: like to domineer and direct and think it noble to do so: like to think the Dutch in our way in South Africa and think it noble to boot and shhot them out of it. You can't get ahead of a real elementary force except by going better in elementary force yourself. That is what the Liberal Party did once aspire to do and succeed in doing: that is what Socialism came to the front with, and formed inter alie, the Fabian Society. And if the Society should suppose or the Executive should suppose that the question of this war in South Africa does not concern it, or should fail, after facing it, to come to one particular very definite line of conclusion, it will mean that the dry-rot that has collared the Liberal Party, and has shown us the Heaven-sent figures of Haldane, Grey, Asquith etc. distended, for all future efficiency, with political sawdust, whilst old bituminous mummies like Morley and Courtney are resurgitated alive out of the tomb - has get-held also got well hold of the Fabian Society, and that really there is no further reason for its continued separate existence.

The vote of last night does not indicate so much as his: but the whole course of the matter, on the Executive and at the meeting was so satisfactory or even to me at least, intelligible, that it seems necessary

course of the matter on the Executive and at the same time so much as his: but the whole satisfactory or even to me at least, intelligible, that it seems necessary that we should know where we stand.

My opinion is accordingly that we should assign November 3rd. for a ~~debate~~ debate and declaration by resolution of the view of the Society on the war, and should also issue a leaflet and a tract, and this I shall propose at next Friday's Exec.

Please have this letter printed (or typed) and circulated (marked Private) to the Exec: as early next week as you can: I will pay the cost.

Please also lay it before the Publishing Committee on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Sydney Olivier.

The subject involves many other matters, the following:-
1. The justifiability of Empire: - We suggest that the question whether we ought or not to have an Empire is not even of academic importance, and that the best right to be based on the fact that we have an Empire and must have as best the consequences and responsibilities thereof.
2. The organic divisions of the Empire: Imperial Federation, Imperial Defence &c.

Committee of reference:-

Following points should be considered by members of the Executive Committee and therefore suggest that the committee settlement of 2. writes and therefore suggest that the we urge that the society should be prepared with suggestions for an further although the matter has not been specifically referred to us.

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A Return showing the total number of (a) Tracts or Manifestoes,
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Edw. R. Pease
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1. Autonomy in domestic affairs for the Transvaal and Free State as in British colonies, subject to equal rights for all persons of white race.
 2. Severance of the gold-district from the Transvaal, i.e. 'Home Rule.'
 3. The confederation of South Africa.
 4. Equitable treatment of all subject races to be secured in all parts of S. Africa.
 5. Measures to prevent such capitalist domination as prevails at Kimberley.
 6. The charging of a large portion of the expense of war on the gold mines by royalties, &c. the
 7. The future position of the Governor General.
 8. Imperial forces to be retained in the interest of the subject races.

Executive at Office 27 Oct. 99. -

Present Bland (in chair) Galeshott, Charrington
Macdonald Green, Anderson Pease
Miss O'Brien Olivier Standing Macrat.
Absent Shaw, W^o. Shaw, Webb. Weelen.

1. Minutes. Read & debated at length. - Ultimately on resolution of Sydney Olivier it was resolved by 5-2 to amend the 12th minute as indicated in red ink, & the Minutes were then confirmed.
2. Death of Grant Allen. Par for News was approved. & the Secy was instructed to write to W^o. Allen, conveying the condolences of the Socy.
3. Publishing Com^{ee}. Report approved, especially the publication of table on London Boroughs.
4. Shallard. Agreed that he be informed that a second course in B'ham, in addition to one at the Friends Adult School be favourably considered.

5. Irish Campaign. Glasier's Report received. -
Agreed finally that Glasier
be appointed to do a month in Cork &
Shallard a month in Belfast. -

6. New Office. Sec. reported that 29 Essex St c?
wt be got for less than £120. -
Agreed that various members view it.

7. Transvaal etc. The following were submitted:-
(1) Report from Publishing Com^{ee} (annexed)
(2) Proposal of Green & letter from S. G. Hobson
asking that a date be appointed for a
discussion. - After prolonged debate
the following resolutions were adopted:-
(1) On the motion of Sydney Oliver:-
That it is desirable that the Society should
issue a tract on Imperialism but that the
consideration of the drafting & scope of
the tract be deferred. - Carried 27 to 2
(2) On the motion of Macrae
That the recommendation in the Pub.
Com^{ee} Report be withdrawn. nem con.

7. Transvaal (cont'd)

- (3) That S. S. Holson be authorized to move a resolution on the Transvaal War in place of his lecture on Dec. 8.
nem. con.
- (4) That the resolution on the issue of a tract on Imperialism be published in the News. Carried by 4 to 2.

8. Trades Union Congress Confere in Feb. 7. agreed

- (1) That we accept invitation
- (2) That we ask for 2 Delegates
- (3) That we suggest a preliminary meeting to arrange agenda etc.
- (4) That J. R. Macdonald advise Secy as to drafting letter conveying above.

9. Ellam. Letter asking help for paper. Refuse

10. Items deferred: -

Homeing Conference. Next session lectures. Fabians & Parliamentary Election.

Charles Channing

3 Nov 99.

Executive at Office 3 Nov. 1899. —
 Present all. — C. Charrington in chair.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Newcastle Campaign. Shallard's Report was received. —
3. Irish Campaign. Reports + letters from Glasier were received. Letter from Limerick as to Jubilee Decorations.
4. Correspondence. —
 Edw. Rose. Inded. Send appropriate reply.
 12th May Celebration Delegates for Nov. 19.
 Program. Delegate, Anderson
 & Standing Continued. The resolution
 re Financial Liability was confirmed
 S. E. Hobson. On his plans.
 M. Baudin, French Cabinet Minister. Thanks.
5. Resignations. J. B. Askew. Accepted.
 H. S. Salt. Ask to withdraw, & go on on
 a nominal sub^{ty}

6. Publishing Com^{ee}. G.B. Shaw was elected
to the Com^{ee} -

Child Labour Trach. Macdonald reported on
the Com^{ee} already arranged &
next, it was agreed to defer action
for the present. -

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7. New Offices. Further discussed, especially
29 Essex St, & the floor at Adam
St. - Adjourned. -

8. Next Sessions Lectures &c

Agreed to have

Jan 26. Annual Dinner
Feb 9. S. G. Hobson.
Feb 23 H. Bland.

9. Fabians & Parliamentary Elections. F. Wheeler
introduced the subject which was
discussed, & no resolution come to.

10. Fabian Members Meeting. Agreed to hold it on Dec 15,
& that G.B. Macdonald draft agenda.

11. Trade Union Congress Housing Conference. -

Agreed ~~x~~ in principle to promote such a conference. Referred to the Pub. Comm. to report on a project -

J. Frank Green

10.xi.99.

Executive at Office 10th Nov^r 1899. —
Present all. J. F. Green in the chair. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Shallard's Lectures. ~~Prop~~ Agreed to grant him £5. as payment for work in the summer. Agreed that his Irish terms be the same as his English.
3. Glacier's Irish Tour. Excellent reports & letters. His charge of salary for holiday week was agreed to. —
4. Dinner. Sec. reported that Holborn Restaurant, in reply to question, had written that they reserved a room for us on Jan 26. — After debate agreed to decline Riv, & that Charrington report on other places.
5. New Offices. Further reports considered. — J.R. Macdonald undertook to see places in Lincoln Inn Fields.

6. Meeting tonight. Agreed that Bland be in the Chair, & that the usual procedure for tracts be adopted.

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.
Re checking figures; on motion of Shaw, the matter was discussed & referred to the P. Com^{ee} for Report. References. The Com^{ee} was instructed to frame general rules for these in our tracts.

8. McCarthy Fund. Sec. reported amount £5.10/. Agreed to ask report from the Com^{ee} & to defer ^{making of} insertion of a further par in news.

9. Autelinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported presented annexed estimate, ~~also~~ of cost to 31 Mar. Agreed that the Trustees be requested to make a further Grant of £140. —

10. Transvaal War Meeting. Provisional draft resolution by S. S. Hobson was submitted: Resolution annexed. — It was agreed that it need not be sent to members in advance of Fabian News.

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11. Members Housing Meeting Sec. reported the small Essex Hall booked for Dec. 15th -
Draft agenda (annexed) prepared by J.R. Macdonald, was submitted.
It was after debate agreed: -

- (a) That the Conference be confined to London
(b) That 4 papers of 20 minutes be read as under: -

- I Statistical Position of Mrs Peilluire
- II Legal Difficulties of Lawson Dodd
- III Housing & Rehousing
- IV Promotion. -

- (c) That Macdonald, Shaw, Anderson & Sec. be a committee to consider & elaborate the scheme. -

12. Trade Union Congress P. C. Confes. No replies.
Proposed Housing Confes. - Referred to above Housing Comtee for report.

13. Resignations - J. H. + C. O. Skilbeck accepted.
H. W. Macdonald

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Draft Resolution for Dec. 8th. submitted by S. G. Hobson,
but subject to verbal amendment.

That, in view of the character of the tendencies of political and economic ideas which have principally conduced to the present South African War,-

In view, namely, of their antagonism to industrial Democracy at home and of the prejudice which their extension threatens to a settlement acceptable to Socialists of the Transvaal economic situation and of pending commercial problems in other foreign countries and British possessions,-

This Society deems it essential to the furtherance of its own special aims that its attitude in regard to the war should be clearly asserted and that its methods of future attack upon capitalist commercialism should be widened in the light of this incident.

That as it was not the franchise quarrel that really made the war, but on the one hand the aim of establishing British supremacy from the Cape to the Zambesi, on the other the set purpose of the Boers, at all costs to assert and maintain the independence of their Republics, this Society is not called upon to criticise either the Outlanders' political claims or of the Boers' operations to defeat them; that in the view of this Society no justification has been shown for the war; and further the plea that it was inevitable, if British prestige and paramountcy were to be maintained in South Africa, is one that could only satisfy a debased national conscience informed by incapable statesmen; that the passion of Imperialism and militarism which has recently overrun this country to the detriment of all liberal ideas, and is at once the cause and the symptom of this debasement of conscience and the most effectual provocative of this war, demands the express condemnation of this Society, both as distracting the attention of the workers from the pursuit of their own true interests and means of emancipation, and as strengthening the plutocrats, official, military and naval vested interests, and the influence of all the claims that fear and oppose the advance of Socialism;-

That accordingly it is desirable the Society should endeavour to extend the scope of its criticism and propaganda; and that, whereas the activities of its publishing Department and of its lecturers have of late years been increasingly restricted to the treatment of detail of industrial and municipal politics, the Executive Committee should take steps to restore the position of this Society as a leading force in the Socialist movement, by turning their attention to the revival of a sane democratic public temper on larger issues.

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Hutchinson Trust Lectures Estimate of Cost to 31 March.

Expended in Spring			£ 32
Glasier, Preliminary			11

Glasier One Month in Ireland			
Viz:- Salary 4 weeks at £5	£12		
Expenses	23		
Printing	8		
Halls	5		
	<u>48</u>		

5 Months Glasier			
1 Month Shallard			
4 months Ireland at £48			192
Shallard One Month in Newcastle			
4 weeks Salary	£10		
Expenses	10		
Printing &c	8		
	<u>£28</u>	5 months	140

Sundries			10
Office Contribution			50
			<u>456</u>
Grant of Trustees			500
		Deficit	£ 188

276 Strand, W.C.
9/11/99.

That a series of resolutions be proposed covering the following :

1. The reasons why there is problem

a. The depopulation of the country including:

1. actual transference of people to towns
 2. opposition of landlords to cottage property
- Suggestions (1) for powers for rural authorities to deal with problem
(2) For land policy.

b. The growth of town population

1. The result in rents - facts relating to.
 2. The conditions under which rents must rise e.g. limited area within which workmen must live.
 3. The result in overcrowding
 4. The result in general insanitation
- Suggestions for strengthening present law (a) building and clearing. (b) Sanitary and public health; and its better administration.

Note 1. in drawing out a fuller epitome of these matters it might be advisable to include criticisms of remedies, or it might be better to separate this part and discuss these criticisms apart. These points amongst others should be included:-

1. Influence of Taxation of Land Values
2. Municipal purchase of land and building of houses on large scale.
3. How far a transport policy (e. g. trams) should co-operate with a housing policy and what the former should be (e.g. ? free trams).
4. Rent under municipal ownership of houses.

If this is a separate section it should be preceded by two or three reports from leading municipalities on work actually done and schemes proposed; if ~~if~~ this is not to be a separate section, these reports should come in between the chief headings (a) and (b).

Note 2. Mr. Donald would be willing to co-operate and take part.

Note 3. We should print abstract of arguments - say in the form of propositions after the manner of the British Association.
I have consulted more provincial people and am assured we should have a great crowd.

