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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

From 28th July, 1932  
To 22nd March, 1928

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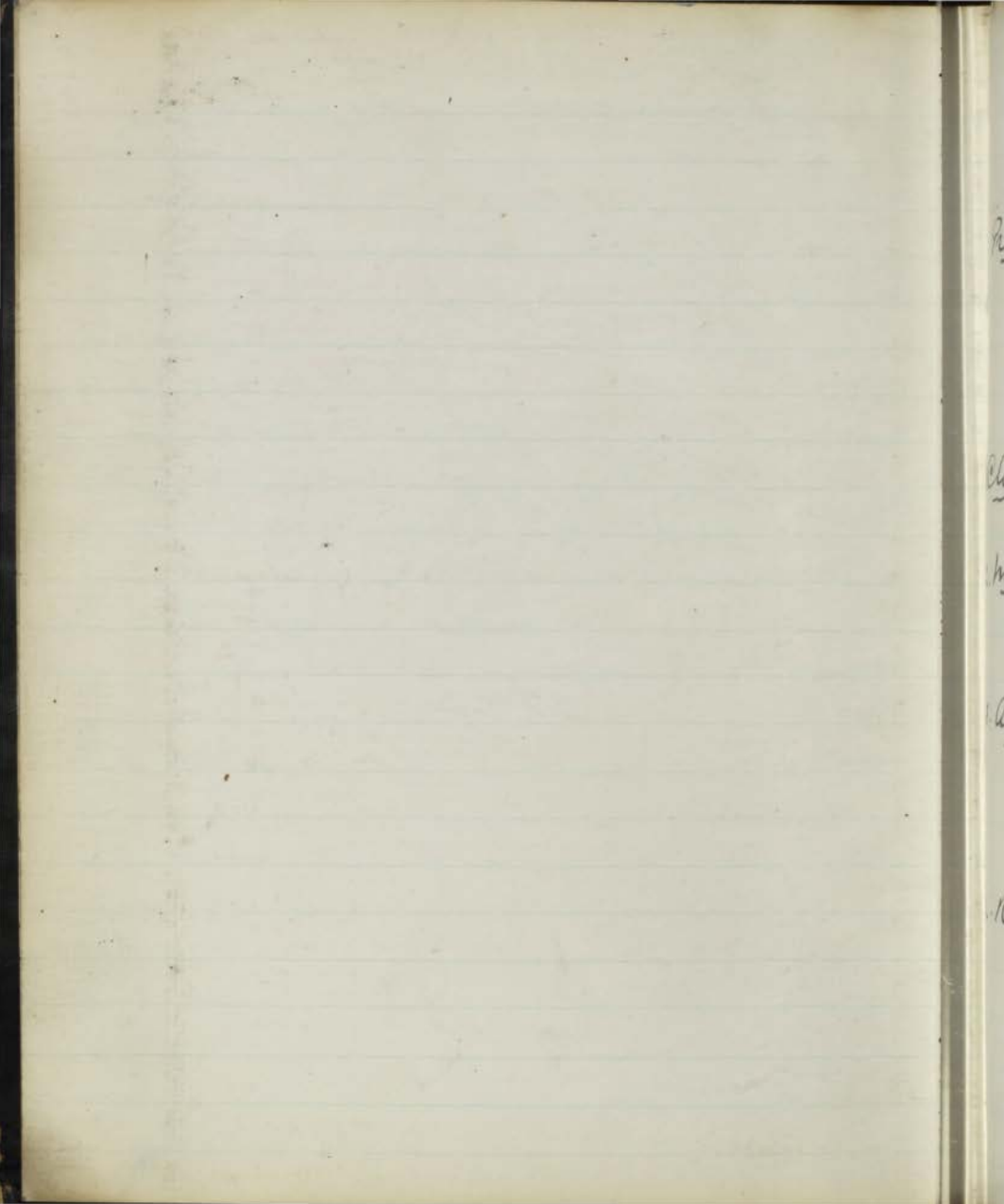
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Minutes of the Executive  
Committee of the Fabian Society  
25- Tothill St. Westminster  
London S.W.1. from  
28<sup>th</sup> July 1922.

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J. W. S. Acton  
Secretary

to  
22 Nov 1928



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Executive Committee  
Friday 28 July 1922.

Present - Daves, Mr Drake, Ernest,  
W Fairfield, Humphreys, Huski  
Mrs S Lawrence, Rutcliff  
and Secretary

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by A.E. Daves
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - were received from Bassett-Lawke, Dodd, Lloyd, Prof. Morley, Pease, Webb and Mrs Webb.
4. Reports of Finance & Committee (2). No 1 was moved by Huski and agreed to and the recommendations approved & adopted; No 2 was moved by Humphreys and approved and the recommendations adopted.  
(copies annexed).

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5. Reports of Summer Schools Committee (2)  
annexed, were read by Davis,  
and agreed to and the recommendations  
approved and adopted.

6. Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Dawson - Refer to a later  
Committee
- (b) Rev. Algemon Lacey - Refer him to  
board of local authorities re housing
- (c) Macm. & Audit. - Agreed to accept  
his suggestions re accounts and  
to give him an cordial thanks for  
help and ask him to accept a  
nominal fee of £4-4-0 for his  
recognition.

The meeting then adjourned.

Dec. 6. Herbert Humphreys



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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.  
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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
28th July, 1928, at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - C. R. Attlee.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Bassett-Lowke, Prof. Morley, Pease, Webb, and  
Mrs. Webb.
4. Reports of Finance &c. Committee annexed.
5. Reports of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Correspondence.

(a) Miss Dawson-suggesting steps to promote interest  
in co-operation and the co-operative movement.

b. New U. Lang, re ~~meeting at~~  
Hillworth

(c) Bacon - re credit.

Reports of Finance etc. Committee.

Two Meetings.

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1. Friday, 23rd June. Present - Dodd, Humphreys, Laski, Pease and Galton, (Secretary), (also Miss Lawrence - non member).  
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1. Dodd was elected to the Chair.
2. Webb was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
3. It was agreed that the Committee should continue to meet on Fridays at 5 p.m.
4. A satisfactory financial statement was received.
5. May candidates were elected (4), last year (15). Two resignations were accepted.
6. Kings Hall Lectures: Arrangements further considered and list of lecturers and Chairmen to fill the vacant dates drawn up and agreed.
7. Book Box circular. Agreed that the circular be revised and reissued in the autumn, and affiliation to the Society invited from organisations not directly affiliated to the Labour Party.
8. Cape's offer to sell us moulds of Pease's "History of the F.S. for £10; and to reprint 1,000 copies of Shaw's "Common Sense of Municipal Trading" and cover for £30 considered. Agreed to recommend that both offers be accepted. Reprint of Shaw's book to be sold at 1/6 net.
9. Robson's booklet "Patronage to Proficiency": Agreed in view of cessation of sales to recommend that this be not reprinted.
10. Various suggestions made at the Annual Meeting were considered and action thereon authorised. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to invite the Fabian Nursery to appoint a member to serve on the Finance Committee.
11. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

~~Finance, etc.~~-Committee.

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2. Friday, 21st July. Present: Webb (Chair), Davies, Humphreys, Pease, Ratcliffe and Calton (Secretary) (Also Mrs. Webb, non member)

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1. It was agreed to add to recommendation re Pease's "History" that if the Executive agree to purchase the moulds, steps be taken to reprint the book with a new chapter by Pease bringing it up to date.
2. A satisfactory Financial Statement was received.
3. June candidates (3) were elected. Last year (8). Three resignations were accepted.
4. Kings Hall Lectures. Arrangements, now all complete except first lecture, were approved. Brig. General Thomson invited for the first lecture. Agreed that Lord Haldane be asked to preside and that Mrs. Webb or Miss Bondfield be asked to lecture if General Thomson is unable.

Agreed also to recommend that all other arrangements as to prices of tickets, etc. etc. be the same as last year.

5. Sara Hall Trust. Agreed to recommend the Executive to sanction six conferences on Co-operation in Autumn and Winter and publication of the six lectures as tracts.
6. Other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Reports of Summer School Committee.

Two Meetings.

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1. Thursday, 8th June. Present - Davies (Chair), Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor and Galton (Secretary).  
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1. Further arrangements as to Directors and lecturers at both schools considered and lists drawn up and agreed to.
2. Agreed that the Directors at both schools be asked to give one lecture, besides the Sunday evening address, and that it be announced in the syllabus and the usual fee offered.
3. Lists of applications for accommodation at both schools read and approved, all those applying being accepted.
4. Report that the Executive had reversed the decision of this Committee re charges to Labour Party Visitors at Ilkley school was considered and after discussion received.
5. Some other matters of detail dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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2. Monday, 10th July. Present: Davies (Chair), Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Katz, Macrae-Gibson, Shaw, Snell, Webb and Galton (Secretary).  
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1. The printed programmes for both schools which had been circulated were received and approved. Some additions were made and suggested to the list of lecturers.
2. Lists of applicants for accommodation to date were considered. All were accepted except two, one for Prior's Field and one for Ilkley, which were declined.
3. List of cancelled bookings, etc. considered and Secretary directed to return whole or part fees paid by applicants.
4. Offer of Lord Mayor of Bradford to attend Ilkley School and welcome the visitors and to entertain a party to lunch in Bradford Town Hall, was accepted with thanks.
5. Other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
6<sup>th</sup> October 1922

Present:- Attlee, Basutt-Lovke, Davies,  
Dodd, D. Fairfield, Humphreys,  
Luski, Mrs Lawrence, Pease, Webb,  
Mrs Webb, and Crutten, Secretary.

1. Chair - the Chair was taken by H. Humphreys.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received from Ernest, Prof. Muley, Ratcliffe Snee and Tewbery.
4. Report of Finance Committee, amended was read by Webb and approved and its recommendations were adopted.
5. Report of Publishing Committee amended

was moved by Mr Webb. Paras 1 & 2 were  
revised. In Para 3 it was agreed to arrange  
publication with Allen & Unwin instead  
of Longmans, and to sell both editions  
generally. In title - the decay of  
celebrated civilization was generally  
approved.

In Para 4. It was agreed that the six  
tracts be issued as Nos 201-206 in our  
series, and that Mr Chilcote be  
advised of their publication and  
details published to him &c.

The report, with their amendments  
and additions was approved and  
its recommendations adopted.

6. Kepp Hall lectures - Report received  
and considered satisfactory. Agreed that  
(1) Miss Jones M.A. (2) and Farnham  
be asked to preside on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> in  
place of Col Wedgwood.
7. Essex Hall lectures. Report received

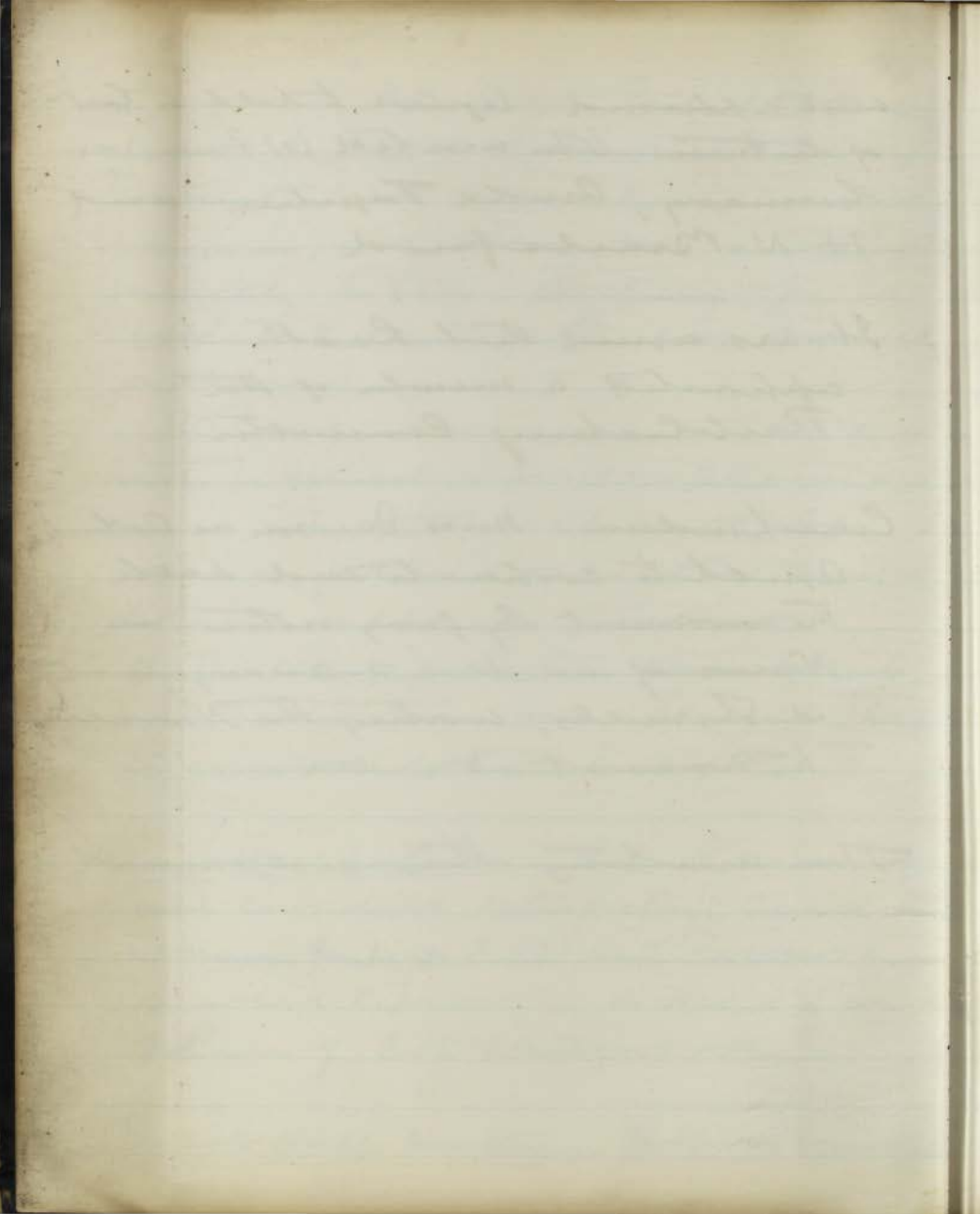
and abroad. Agreed to add to list of lecturers. He wanted (1) Finer on Germany; Arnold Toynbee and H. N. Brailsford.

8. It was agreed that Lasker be appointed a member of the Publishing Committee.

9. C. M. Hudson. Mrs Dawson re Cottingham. Agreed to coordinate and back the movement by giving notice in News of weekend arrangement at Shornells, involving the Nursery to assist or or

The meeting then adjourned.

H. J. Lasker





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Agenda for meeting of Executive Committee at office, Friday,  
6th. October 1922 at 5.p.m.  
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1. Chair - Mrs. Boyd Dawson.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Tawney.
4. Report of Finance ~~etc.~~ Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Kings Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets still very active. Cash receipts to date £420.  
  
Col. Wedgwood unable to preside on Nov. 3rd., a substitute required.
7. Essex Hall meetings. Hall now engaged for Fridays Jan. 12th & 26th; Feb. 9th & 23rd; March 9th & 23rd; and April 13th. & 27th. More suggestions as to possible lecturers needed.
8. To appoint Laski a member of the Publishing Committee.
9. Correspondence.

Miss Dawson re Co-operative movemnet. (deferred from last meeting.)

Report of Finance etc. Committee.

Friday 22nd. September 1922. Present - Webb (chair) Dodd, Humphreys, Laski, Pease, Stevens and Galton, secretary. (also Mrs. Webb non-member)

1. A satisfactory financial statement was considered and received.
2. July and August candidates (12) were elected. Last year (7). There were no resignations.
3. Kings Hall Lectures. Report received and actions approved. Cash receipts to date £200 considered satisfactory. Secretary authorised to advertise further if necessary. Agreed not to arrange for publication of the lectures but to allow the Labour Party to do so if desired.
4. Summer Schools. Preliminary report was received. Both very successful. Priors Field will yield a good profit. Probably a deficit at Heathfield.
5. Winter Lectures at Essex Hall. Agreed to arrange course as usual January to April, on Questions of the Day etc. Prof. Gilbert Murray's offer to lecture on the League of Nations accepted; agreed to ask Col. Williams to lecture on India and J.L. Cohen on Unemployment Insurance. Many other suggestions for possible lectures made, including Sir A. Newsholme, Ernest Barker, Norman Angell, Hamilton Fyfe, J. A. Hobson, and J. L. Hammond. Also that some lectures be arranged if possible on Socialism in other countries. i.e. Davies on Checho-Slovakia, Guest on Roumania ect. suggested. Agreed that if the Nursery would arrange some speakers for debates after lectures steps should be taken to see that they were called upon.
6. Parliamentary By-election Fund. Secretary reported that with consent and approval of the three trustees of the fund he had made a grant therefrom of £50 to Holford Knight for the S. Hackney by-election. The action was approved.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee  
Wednesday 4th. October 1922.  
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Present: Mrs. Webb (chair) Mrs. Drake, Laski and Galton Secretary.  
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1. Mrs. Webb was re-elected chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was agreed that the Committee should meet in future on Tuesdays at 5.p.m.
3. New Book. Offer by Mr. & Mrs. Webb of right to publish new book by them considered. Agreed to recommend Executive to accept the offer in terms of Webb's letter (copy annexed); To accept Clark's estimate for printing etc; to publish at 2/- for Labour and Socialist Societies; and a bound edition at 4/6 through Longmans.
4. Co-operative Tracts. The six tracts prepared under editorship of Woolf for the Sara Hall Trust considered. Estimates for printing received and agreed to recommend also that the six Conferences be held in Fabian Hall on Saturday afternoons, two before Xmas and four after, and that tea be provided.  
*And agreed to recommend Executive to handle the Conferences; i.e. facilitate coordination with the*
5. Other new tracts. (a) Laski reported that his tract to be No. 200 in the series is nearly ready.  
(b) Suggestion that Col. Williams be asked to write tract on India deferred as he is to lecture on the subject in Winter Course.  
(c) Ashmore Baker submitted draft of tract on Co-operative Homes. Considered and declined with thanks.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Dear Galton,

The proposition we have to make to the Publishing Committee is that the F.S. may, if it chooses, publish (probably along with Allen & Unwin) one or more editions of our new book, "The Reign of Capitalism" or some such title. This makes just under 200 pages; and has been read by Laski, Pease and yourself. We are having it set up by R. & R. Clark, so that proofs may be available for other members of the Executive very shortly. We should ask the Executive (1) to let us have 1,000 copies or more for America at the of striking off extra copies only; (2) to allow us in future to get further copies struck off, if we wish this, at cost price only; (3) to have some copies, in cloth or paper covers, for gifts, at cost price only. We should be willing to let the F.S. have further copies from the moulds, for future editions, as you may require them, say for a period of ten years from 31st. December 1922.

We retain the copyright, partly because we may want to include the whole or part of the book in other sets of our works, or other books; or to make alterations; and partly because the American rights, translation rights and all other rights must remain with us.

But our intention is to present to the F.S. as a donation the ordinary English editions, so long as the F.S. cares to issue them.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) SIDNEY WEBB.



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Executive Committee  
8<sup>th</sup> December 1922

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Present: - Davies, Mr. Syd Dawson, Dodd,  
Mr. Drake, Ernest. Humphreys,  
Laski, Mrs Lawrence, Pease,  
Webb, Mr Webb & Galtun, secretary

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received from Dr. Fairfield & Prof. Morley.
4. Report of Finance Committee, annexed, was read by Davies. Paras 1 to 3 were received. On Para 4 it was agreed after discussion that Kings Hall be taken for the six Tuesdays in October & November next. On Para. 5-1- was agreed that H. N. Brailsford



be invited to fill the vacant date  
(March 23rd) in Essex Hall lectures  
after 4mas. Paras 6 & 7 were received.  
On Para 8 it was decided to accept  
the offer of Whamcliffe Rooms for the  
dinner at 8/6 each and to guarantee  
the 100 guests required. The Charge for  
tickets to be 10/6, and Wednesday  
Jan. 17. if available. Demand  
show to be asked to provide and  
the three m. P. s. to be asked to speak.  
Question of music to be referred  
to the Social Activities Committee  
to consider & arrange.

With these additions the Report  
was received and ~~adopted~~ and  
its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee, annex  
was moved by Davis and after  
discussion received and approved  
and its recommendations  
adopted.

6. Report of Trustees of Parliamentary Fund, annexed, was moved by Dodd, and seconded and adopted. It was agreed that the balance in hand of £25 be given as a grant to D Somerville Hastings towards the expenses of the election in the Egham Division.

The question of Fabian Standring as candidate, other than for the Labour Party, was raised and discussed. The Secretary reported that C. R. Madden had resigned from the Society and it was decided to take no further action.

7. Summer School Committee 1926. The following seven members of the Executive were appointed to serve on the Summer School Committee 1927. viz  
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 Mrs Drake, Hinchleys, Pease  
 and Mrs Lawrence.

8. Sonal Activities Committee 1923 The following  
three members were appointed to serve  
on the Sonal Activities Committee 1923 viz  
Bassett, Luke. Daves. D. Fairfield

9. Correspondence - letter from Col Williams  
re Labour Party policy & Palestine  
referred from Finance & Committee.  
Agreed that copies be typed and  
sent to every member of the Committee  
desiring to receive one; & that it  
be sent to the Labour Party Advisory  
Committee on Foreign Affairs with  
a request for consideration  
by them.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office,  
Friday, 8th December, 1922 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair:- H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of Trustees of Parliamentary Election Fund annexed.
7. To appoint seven members of the Executive to serve on the Summer School Committee 1923.
8. To appoint three members of the Executive to serve on the Social Activities Committee 1923.
9. Correspondence.
  - (a) Lt. Col. T. S. B. Williams - re Labour Policy in Palestine. Referred from Finance etc. Committee.



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Report of Finance, etc. Committee.  
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Friday, 24th November, 1922. Present:- Davies, Dodd, Humphreys,  
Pease, Ratcliffe and Galton, Secretary.

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1. Chair - Dodd was voted to the Chair.
2. A satisfactory financial statement was received.
3. October candidates (8) were elected. Last year 14. Seven resignations were considered. Two members were transferred to associates as requested; two others the Secretary was instructed to write to; the other three resignations were accepted.
4. Report on Kings Hall Lectures was received and considered very satisfactory. Receipts £590, Expenditure about £300. Sales of literature at the meetings £27. After discussion it was agreed that the Kings Hall be taken again for next autumn at once. (N.B. The Hall is not available for six successive Fridays next autumn.)
5. Winter lectures at Essex Hall. The arrangements made (see list in current "Fabian News") were approved and more suggestions made as to vacant dates, etc.
6. Preliminary Report on Parliamentary Election Fund was considered and approved.
7. The revised book box circular offering affiliation, etc., which had been circulated in proof, was considered and amended and approved and ordered to be issued.
8. Proposed dinner to M.P.s. After discussion agreed to recommend:
  - (1) That a dinner to the three members of the Executive elected M.P.s be arranged in January in the week Jan. 15th - 19th if possible.
  - (2) That a reception to the ten Fabian M.P.s be arranged separately at a later date. (Correspondence re the dinner to be considered)
9. It was agreed to appoint Miss Dawson to represent the Society at the International Congress of Women on Peace at the Hague.
10. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.



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Report of Summer School Committee.  
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Monday, 23rd October, 1922. Present: Davies (Chair), Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Katz, Macrae-Gibson, Pease, Snell and Galton, Secretary.

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1. A preliminary report on Finance was received and considered showing profit of about £300 at Prior's Field, and loss of about £50 at Heathfield.
2. It was agreed that a fee of 25 guineas be paid to Miss Hankinson for services as manager at Prior's Field; and a fee of fifteen guineas to Miss Dawson for similar services at Heathfield.
3. The case of the servant taken ill at Heathfield and the doctor's and hospital bills amounting to £16. 17. 6d. were considered. Miss Dawson reported fully on the matter and it was agreed that the bills be paid and it be left to the servant's regular employers to contribute towards the expense if she wished to do so.
4. It was agreed that a reunion for visitors to this year's Summer Schools be arranged in Fabian Hall as soon as convenient date can be fixed.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Trustees of the  
PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION FUND, 1922.  
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The total receipts to the fund amount to £1,370. Of this sum £210 were allocated by donors to special candidates, and grants were made of £1150 in addition, making total grants £1360. One candidate (Frank Smith) to whom a sum of £40 had been allocated by a donor has returned the cheque with thanks as his expenses had been fully provided otherwise, and asks us to use it for other candidates or treat it as a donation to our funds. This reduces the actual expenditure on grants to £1,320 and the cost of printing and issuing the circular, £20 or so, brings the total expenditure up to £1,340, leaving a balance of about £30.

The trustees decided not to make use of the £150 balance in hand of the Parliamentary by-election Fund, in view of probable early need for such a fund, and this sum is accordingly carried forward in our accounts.

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Executive Committee  
of the February, 1923.

Present. - Atiles, Dodd, Mrs Drake,  
D. Fairfield, D. Haden Hunt, Humphreys,  
Mrs. S. Lawrence, Pease, Webb,  
and Galton, secretary.

1. Chair - In the absence of Mrs Lawrence at the opening of the meeting the chair was taken by E. R. Pease.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received from Davies, Lloyd, Tawney and Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed, was presented by Pease. On Para. 6, it was agreed that the L. R. D. be informed that the Society

not having paid a subscription for two years  
an application has labred, and as we do  
not intend to renew it the Department  
is requested to remove our name from  
the list of affiliated societies.

The other items in the report were  
received and the recommendations  
adopted and the report as a  
whole was approved and adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee, amended,  
was moved by Fulton. At Para 3 (b)  
the following were appointed to the  
sub-committee, with power to add  
to their number, viz Daves, Guest, Miss  
Lawrence, E. N. Bennett, Samuel Harting,  
and Hoelrud Knight.

At Para 3. (c) it was agreed to  
appoint the Committee as nominated  
with the addition of Guest and with  
power to add to their number.

On Para 4. Items (a) and (b)  
were agreed to. Item (c) was referred



to be able to see Ginsburg and discuss the matter and report.

As Para. 6, it was decided not to advertise the book in the press.

The other items were received and the recommendations approved, and the report as a whole was approved and adopted.

6. Report of Summer School Committee - amended, was moved by Humphreys and after discussion approved and adopted.

7. Kings Hall lectures 1923. Considered and dates noted. Suggestions invited for subject and lectures. Two suggestions made were  
(a) Foreign & Imperial Policy  
(b) International Socialism  
To be further considered at next meeting with any other suggestions received.



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8. Correspondence. (a) Labour & Socialist  
International Congress, Hamburg, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mr. Webb appointed delegate, with  
Mrs. Lawrence & Helen Frost  
if permissible or as fraternal delegate  
alternatively. The Society not to  
bear expenses of delegates.

(b) National Conference of Labour Women  
July, May 8-9. Agreed to refer to  
Women's group to appoint delegate  
The Society to pay fees and expenses  
of one delegate only - Mrs. Dawson  
suggested for this.

The meeting then adjourned

H. Bull

21. April 1923

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at office, Friday  
9th. February 1923 at 5.P.m.

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1. Chair - Miss S. Lawrence.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Tawney and Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Kings Hall Lectures - Autumn 1923. Hall taken for Tuesdays  
October 16th, 23rd, and 30th, November 6th, 13th, and 20th.  
Subject and Lecturers to be considered.
8. Correspondence.
  - (a) Labour and Socialist International Hamburg Congress,  
May 21st. 1923. Delegate wanted.
  - (b) National Conference of Labour Women. York. May 8th  
and 9th. Delegates wanted.

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Report of Finance etc. Committee.

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1. Chair. Pease was voted to the chair.
2. Financial Statement was received and considered. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to sell the £810 of our £1610 3½% Conversion War Stock to meet overdraft, Standing's a/c, etc.
3. November candidates (6) and December candidates (6) were elected. Six resignations were accepted.
4. Winter Lectures at Essex Hall. Arrangements complete were approved and some details as to Chairmen etc. were settled.
5. Decay of Capitalist Civilization. It was agreed to recommend the Executive that a copy of this book be sent to each of the Labour M.P.'s. with letter offering to supply copies at reduced terms for distribution.
6. Labour Research Department. Agreed to recommend Executive that the L.R.D. be informed their list is incorrect as we are not now affiliated, and requested to remove our name from list accordingly.
7. Letter read from W. A. Robson resigning his post as Local Government adviser on going to America. Referred to the Executive Committee.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Publishing Committee.  
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Wednesday 31st January 1923. Present: Mrs. Webb (Chair) Mrs. Drake,  
Laski and Galton, Secretary.

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1. Tracts out of Print. No.174. Charles Kingsley. The action of Chairman and Secretary in ordering reprint was approved.
2. Tracts going out of Print. No.169. The Necessary Basis of Society. by Webb. To be reprinted, price 1d. No.166. Robert Owen, by Miss Hutchins. To be reprinted, Price 3d. No.147. Capital and Compensation, by Pease. Deferred for further consideration - to be circulated to the Committee.
3. New Tracts.
  - (a) House of Lords. Laski agreed to write.
  - (b) Reform Bill. Galton agreed to revise. Recommend Executive to set up a small Committee to advise etc.
  - (c) Social Insurance. Cohen agreed to write. Recommend Executive to set up a small Committee to advise etc., including Gordon, Read, Bacon, Blizard and Levene.
4. Further New Tracts - agreed to recommend
  - (a) that Finer be asked to prepare tract on Reorganisation of Central Government.
  - (b) that Smellie be asked to prepare tract on Reorganisation of Local Government.
  - (c) that Ginsburg be asked to prepare tract on Psychology and Politics and a fee of £10 offered.
5. Report on sales of publications etc. received. Agreed to recommend Executive
  - (a) that £100 (i.e. 6d per copy for 4,000 copies) be allocated to the Tulloch Barr Fund in repayment of part expenses of the three pamphlets published through the Fund.
  - (b) Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. It was agreed that the remaining sheets be bound at once. Also to recommend the Executive to join in the advertising scheme proposed at cost not exceeding £50 to the Society.
6. New Leader - asking for advertisement. Referred to Executive as question of principle involved.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Report of Summer School Committee.  
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Monday 29th. January 1923. Present:- Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Drake,  
Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Miss Moor, Davies,  
Humphreys, Pease and Galton, Secretary.

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1. Davies was elected Chairman of the Committee for 1923.
2. Miss Hankinson was appointed Manager of the School for the year 1923.
3. Miss Dawson, Capt. Basil Hall and J. H. Madrae-Gibson were co-opted to the Committee.
4. Considerable discussion ensued as to the arrangements for the year. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Burton Brown had promised us the first refusal of Priors Field again. Many suggestions were made, and it was decided to advertise again in various papers and to consider the matter at next meeting.
5. It was agreed that the Committee meet in future on Wednesdays at 5.15.p.m.
6. Other matters of detail were considered and dealt with and deferred and the meeting then adjourned.



Executive Committee  
20th April 1923.

Present: - Mr Drake, D.L. Fairfield, Mrs Webb,  
 Dodd, Ernest, Humphreys,  
 Lloyd, Pease, Snell, Webb  
 and Galton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by H. Snell Mrs.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologetic - for absence were received from Bassett-Ludke, Davies, Laski and Prof. Murray.
4. Reports of Finance & Committee, (annexed) were moved by Webb.  
 NO 1. was received. On NO 2, Para 6. it was agreed to alter date for Annual meeting to Friday June 8.  
 Proof of report to be set out with June News.

On Para 9. It was decided to delete the names of Dean Lux, En W. Sadler, J. Gulworthy and A. J. Gardner from the list of suggested lecturers for Kings Hall lectures.

On Para 11. It was agreed that the meeting of arranged to be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at Essex Hall.

With these amendments and additions the report was approved and adopted.

5. Reports of Summer School Committee (amended) were moved by Humphreys and after discussion approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. Draft Annual Report 1922-23 was considered and some amendments agreed to. It was approved as amended and ordered to be issued to members with notice of Annual Meeting in June News. On the balance sheet it was decided to include the gift for

printing the Corporation books; and to refer the financial position to the Finance Committee to consider the desirability of issuing an appeal to members for increased support in the Autumn.

- 7. March Candidates (12) were elected.
- 8. Essex Hall meeting 27 April. In Chairman agreed that Davis be asked.
- 9. Annual meeting - June 8. agreed and for Chairman. Capt. Hall. No notices of motion on behalf of the Executive this year. (See Finance & Reports)
- 10. Kings Hall lectures. Title approved Is Civilization Decaying. Name of nine nominees for lecturers agreed to (See Finance & Reports).
- 11. Resolution to Fulham M.P., agreed to accept Mrs Webb's offer of 41 Grosvenor Rd Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> with thanks

12 Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs Howard, re sale of tumors.  
Received.
- (b) Theological Society - re lecture  
by the President. Referred to  
Committee for notice
- (c) Dr. Plummer re woman's corpse  
at Hingham. Spoke to cabinet  
Wm Wob. Mrs Lawrence and  
Dr Ethel Kentham as our  
representatives.
- (d) Hibernian Society - delegate  
left to Secretary
- (e) Land Nationalization Co. - delegate  
left to Secretary.

The meeting then adjourned.

Samuel Webb.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday  
20th April, 1923, at 5 P.m. (Last meeting of the Committee 1922-23)

1. Chair. S. K. Ratcliffe.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Davies, Prof. Morley.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee annexed. (Two meetings)
5. Reports of Summer School Committee annexed. (Three meetings)
6. Draft Annual Report, 1922-23 to be considered and passed for issue to members with say "News". (Proof sent to members on Tuesday. Proof of balance sheet enclosed.)
7. Annual Meeting. Date and Chairman to be settled (see recommendation of Finance Committee thereon). Any amendment of rules and or notices of motion to be considered.
8. March Candidates (12) to be elected. Last year (14). (Necessary as owing to Easter no meeting of Finance Committee this month).
9. Essex Hall Meeting April 27th. Chairman required.
10. Kings Hall Lectures - Subject and Lecturers to be considered and settled. (See recommendations by Finance Committee thereon).
11. Reception to Fabian U.S. Mrs. Webb offers 41, Grosvenor Road, for Friday, May 11th, 8 - 10.30 p.m. To be considered.
12. Correspondence.
  - (a) Miss Howard. Interesting letter re sale of honours referred from Finance etc. Committee.
  - (b) Theosophical Society, England, re visit of Vice President C. Jinarajadasa, M.A. suggesting lecture on India under auspices of the Fabian Society.
  - (c) Dr. Marion Phillips - re delegates to Conference of Labour and Socialist women at Hamburg, before the Congress on 21st May.
  - (d) National Labour Housing Assocn, inviting delegates to Conference April 21st, Essex Hall.
  - (e) Land Nationalisation Federation, inviting delegates to Conference April 28th, Memorial Hall.

(1) (Two meetings).

Friday, 23rd February, 1923. Present: Webb (Chair), Dodd, Humphreys, Pease, Miss Glidewell (Nursery) and Galton.

1. A satisfactory Financial report was received.
2. January candidates (37) were elected. There were no resignations.
3. Essex Hall meetings - some details of arrangements and chairmen were settled.
4. Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. Report that first edition sold out. Agreed to order reprint of 3750 copies (1,000 cloth, 2,750 Paper), at cost of about £140 as estimate. Agreed to recommend Executive that circular be issued to T.U.s etc. offering copies at 2/- each Post free (Paper) or 12 for 20/- in one parcel.
5. Fabian Education Group. Application for grant of £5 towards Preliminary expenses of restarting the Group, considered. Agreed not to make grant but to offer to defray expenses of special lecturer.
6. It was decided to nominate Miss Lawrence and Webb as our delegates to Labour Party Conference and for election to the Executive of the Party.
7. Request of Daily Herald for set of envelopes addressed to our members for circular re the Herald was agreed to.
8. Kings Hall Lectures considered. Agreed to recommend for title "Is Civilisation Decaying". For lecturers, Dalton, Laski, Shaw, Tawney, Wallas, Webb.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

(2) Friday, 23rd March, 1923. Present: Davies, Dodd, Humphreys, Miss Glidewell and Galton.

1. Davies was elected Chairman.
2. Financial report was received and after discussion approved.
3. February Candidates (9) were elected. Three resignations were accepted.
4. Essex Hall meetings. Reported that Gilbert Murray and Arnold Toynbee arranged as lecturers for April had both withdrawn. Agreed to ask G.F. Gooch, R. Nichol, M.P., Norman Angell, E.L. Hammond, and H.J. Laski.

Reports of Finance, etc. Committee, (Contd.)

5. Executive Committee. Report that no contest this year. Attlee and Sir Leo Money resigned. Mrs. Corner and J. H. Macrae-Gibson nominated. Received.
6. Annual Meeting. Agreed to recommend Executive that this be had in Fabian Hall on Friday, 25th May at 8.15 P.M. Capt. Basil Hall to be invited to Preside. Informal reception in Common Room afterwards as usual.
7. Audit of a/cs, 1922-23. Agreed that Bacon be requested to act again.
8. Request from Labour Party for new list of Possible candidates. Agreed that steps be taken to complete list again, and that the Executive be recommended to authorise issue of fresh appeal for the By-election Fund.
9. Kings Hall Lectures. Title "Is Civilisation Decaying" approved. Agreed to recommend that following be added to list of suggested lecturers:- H. G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, Bishop Temple, Dean Inge, Sir A. Sadler, J. Galsworthy, and A. G. Gardner.
10. Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. Report that second edition in hand and orders for 1,000 or more copies received. Also that Allen and Unwin's agree to make Payment on account in May. Received.
11. Many other matters of detail were dealt with. It was agreed to refer the letter from Robert Dell and Joseph King re Proposed visit of German women from the Ruhr to the Executive with recommendation that a Fabian Meeting in Essex Hall be arranged for them if possible. The Committee then adjourned.

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REPORTS OF SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.  
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(1) (Three Meetings)

Wednesday, 21st February, 1923. Present: Davies (Chair), Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Miss Lawrence, Miss Moor, Bassett-Lowke, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Macrae-Gibson, and Galton.

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1. Question of Place of school and of arranging second school this year considered. Agreed that offer of St. Edmunds School, Hindhead, be accepted if satisfactory. Failing that Prior's Field only be taken again. Davies and Miss Hankinson agreed to visit St. Edmunds immediately and were empowered to take it forthwith if suitable.
2. It was agreed that the fees to be charged to visitors be the same as last year.



3. Agreed to arrange subject weeks as in Previous years, and the general titles of subjects were settled. (See Fabian News April.)
4. A Panel of directors was drawn up and agreed to, and a list of suggested lecturers arranged.
5. A discussion ensued on the question of catering at the school and the matter was deferred for further consideration.

(2) Wednesday, 14th March, 1923. Present: Davies (Chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Miss Moor, Bassett-Lowke, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Katz, Macrae-Gibson, and Galton.

1. Davies and Miss Hankinson reported on their visit to St. Edmunds and that they had agreed to take the school for August. This was approved unanimously and the Secretary instructed to complete the matter and to inform Mrs. Burton Brown accordingly.
2. Fees. The resolution passed at the last meeting was rescinded in view of the number of multiple rooms at St. Edmunds. It was agreed to amend and vary the fees to be charged in the direction of increasing those for single and double rooms and reducing those for multiple rooms. (See details in Fabian News, April).
3. The subjects, Directors and lecturers were further considered, and the lists added to.
4. The consideration of the question of catering was again deferred.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

(3) Wednesday, 10th April, 1923. Present-Davies (Chair) Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Miss Moor, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Macrae-Gibson and Galton.

1. Report that agreement for hire of St. Edmunds had been completed and signed received. It was agreed that the Staff at the School be insured for Employers Liability and Workmen's Compensation this year.
2. Arrangements for Directors, Lecturers, etc. further considered and some additions and amendments made to the lists.
3. Agreed that the Directors be franked at the School as usual, and offered fee for lecture if they are asked to give special address on Programme other than the usual Sunday evening discourse.
4. Decided that arrangements be made for cold buffet at the school to provide alternative or addition to the regular meals.
5. Some other matters of detail dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 1923.

Present: Prof. E. Ingle, Mr. Webb, Russell Smith,  
Dodd, Ernest Humphreys,  
Macrae-John, Pease, Snell,  
Webb and Galtton.

1. Chair - the Chair was taken by Sidney Webb.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apoloines - for absence were received from Mrs Corner, Davies, Laskie, Lloyd and Teowney.
4. Election of Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The selections were considered and the following were appointed, viz:-  
(a) Finance & general Purposes, Mrs Corner, A. Emil Davies, & Lawson Dodd.

H. Humphreys, Mrs A. S. Lawrence,  
F. H. Macrae-Liburn, E. R. Pease, S. K. Ratcliffe,  
Sidney Webb.

(b) Publishing Committee Mrs Drake,  
D. Guest, H. J. Luski, C. M. Lloyd,  
E. R. Pease, R. H. Tainey & Mrs Webb.

(c) Propaganda Committee:  
W. J. Bassett-Lodge, Mrs Boyd Dawson,  
D. L. Dampfield, Prof E. Munley,  
E. R. Pease and H. Smeell.

5. The Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year  
was settled as follows:-  
Mrs Comer, A. E. Davies, F. Laurin Dodd,  
D. Guest, H. Humphreys, H. J. Luski,  
Mrs Lawrence, F. H. Macrae Liburn,  
Prof E. Munley, E. R. Pease, S. K. Ratcliffe,  
H. Smeell, R. H. Tainey, Sidney Webb  
and Mrs Webb.

6. Reports of Finance Committee. annexed.  
No 1 was moved by Webb and seconded  
and allowed and adopted.

No 2 was moved by Pease. On Para. 8. referring to the new tract by Webb it was agreed that authority be given to print a second edition if required - to be kept standing of the present.

With this addition the report of ~~Report of Sumner~~ was received and adopted.

7. Report of Summer School Chas Annexed moved by Humphreys and received and adopted.

8. King's Hall lectures. Report received. It was agreed that Dr Saleeby be asked to give on Oct 30; Ellis Roberts on Nov. 6 and H. W. Massingham on Nov. 20. In Nov. 13 of Oswald mostly in? declines R. Simble M.P. to be invited.

9. Local Government Inquiry Bureau Webb explained the position and proposal and it was agreed that the Juban Society would

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undertake the work to be paid for by the Henry Atkinson Trust on the terms proposed by the Labour Party if they were agreeable. In that case the matter to be referred to the Finance Committee to consider and report and bring up a scheme for approval of the Executive.

10. Correspondence:

(a) Childs, re Bristol Church Socialist Society agreed to their application subject to their not making use of the name 'Labour' in the title of the Society.

(b) Walden Dawson, re Candidates  
Refer to Wake

(c) G. Ritter, Chemistry, re free point of literature. agreed.

The meeting then adjourned

A. C. Davis



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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at office, Friday,  
22nd June, 1923 at 5 P.m. (First meeting of the new  
Committee 1923-24)

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1. Chair - Sidney Webb.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies. Mrs. Corner, Davies, Tawney.
4. Election of Standing Committees for the ensuing year, viz.,
  - (a) Finance and General Purposes.
  - (b) Publishing.
  - (c) Propaganda.
5. Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year to be considered and settled.
6. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee annexed. (Two meetings)
7. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
8. K. H. L. Arrangements to date as follows:

Oct. 16th.	Lecturer	Sidney Webb.	Chair	Earl of
				Kimberley.
23rd.	"	H. J. Laski.	"	P. Hastings,
				K.C., M.P.
30th.	"	Hon. B. Russell.	"	Vacant.
Nov. 6th.	"	St. J. Ervine.	"	Vacant.
13th.	"	R. H. Tawney.	"	Vacant.
20th.	"	Bernard Shaw.	"	Vacant.

For Chairmen Miss M. Roydon, J.C. Squire, Bishop of  
Manchester and Granville Barker all decline. Oswald Mosley,  
M.P. asked for Nov. 13th (Tawney's lecture). Others required.

9. Local Government Inquiry Bureau. Proposed reorganisation in  
arrangement with Atkinson Trustees and Labour Party.  
To be considered.
10. Correspondence.
  - (a) E. C. Childs re Proposed formation of Bristol Church  
Fabian Society.
  - (b) Maldon Division (Essex) Labour Party. Candidate  
required.

REPORTS OF FINANCE, ETC. COMMITTEE.

(Two meetings)

1. Friday, 11th May, 1923. Present: Webb (Chair), Miss Glidewell, Davies, Dodd, Humphreys, Pease and Galton. (also Mrs. Webb, non member)
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1. The usual financial statement was not available as the books were away at audit.
  2. April candidates (8) were elected. Last year (9). Six resignations were accepted.
  3. Kings Hall Lectures considered and list of lecturers and chairmen to be invited arranged and approved. It was noted that H. G. Wells declined to lecture.
  4. Proof of draft appeal for By election Fund was considered and amended and approved and ordered to be issued with July "Fabian News".
  5. Finers Book "Representative Government, etc". To be published at expense of H. Atkinson Trust. Agreed that the Fabian Society's name should be used as joint publishers with Messrs. Allen and Unwin.
  6. Common Room. It was agreed that the large Common Room should be cleaned and redecorated. Secretary instructed to obtain estimates and accept most satisfactory and proceed.
  7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.
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2. Friday, 8th June, 1923. Present:- Davies, Dodd, Miss Glidewell, Humphreys, Pease, Ratcliffe and Galton.
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1. Pease was elected to the Chair.
2. Financial statement to date was presented and after discussion considered satisfactory.
3. May candidates (8) were elected. Last year (4). There were no resignations.
4. It was reported that Bacon had completed the audit and returned all books and papers with certificate, and had made no alterations or corrections to printed accounts. Agreed to send him thanks and recommend that a fee of £4. 4. Od. be paid as a contribution towards cost of audit, etc.
5. Kings Hall Lectures. Reported that the six lectures were all arranged and chairmen being invited. Agreed that Oswald Mosley, M.P., be asked to preside for Tawney's lecture and that H. G. Wells if acceptable declined.

Report of Finance, etc. Committee. (contd)

6. Secretary reported that Wheeler of Westminster offered to redecorate large Common Room for £8 and he had accepted this estimate and the work was done. Approved.
7. Annual Meeting, June 8th. Secretary to arrange for election of Chairman and to announce Labour Party excursion to Easton Lodge on June 30th.
8. Letter read from Webb away in Durham, suggesting as matter of urgency the publication as Fabian Tract of his speech as Chairman of Labour Party Conference on June 28th. Agreed that this be done and Secretary to arrange accordingly.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee Meeting.  
16th May, 1923.  
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1. Proof of Programme was submitted. Suggestions were made and approved to fill vacancies in Directors and lecturers. Many amendments were made and the Programme was approved and agreed as amended.
  2. The list of applications for accommodation to date (about 100) was considered and approved.
  3. It was agreed to co-operate with the University Labour Federation as suggested by Mr. A. Henderson, Jun., and to offer to accept members thereof as visitors to the school on the same terms as members of the Fabian Society.
  4. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.
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Executive Committee  
27<sup>th</sup> July 1923.

Present - Davies, Dodd, Mrs Drake, D. Fairfield,  
Humphreys, Laska, Macrae Johnson,  
Pease, Snell, Webb, Mrs Webb, and  
Gulston.

1. The Chair was taken by Davies.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies were received from Bassett-Lodge, Mrs Corner, D. Guest, Prof. Munley and Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance & Committee amended was read by Pease. On Para. 8 item (b) it was resolved that hat racks be provided at back of hall. The report was received & approved and the recommendations adopted.



5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed was moved by Laski. In Para 8 it was agreed that the Nursery collectively be asked to do wants of K. H. L., and a small fee offered to Nursery funds. The report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. K. H. L. Arrangements now complete as follows:

	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chair.</u>
Oct. 16th.	Sidney Webb.	Earl of Kimberley.
" 23rd.	H. J. Laski	P. Hastings, K.C., M.P.,
" 30th.	Hon. B. Russell,	Dr. C. W. Saleeby,
Nov. 6th.	St. J. Ervine.	R. Ellis Roberts,
" 13th.	R. H. Tawney.	Oswald Mosley, M.P.,
" 20th.	Bernard Shaw.	S. K. Ratcliffe.

Programme and syllabus also complete except for Shaw. To go out to members with September News, and to Public about the middle of September. Authority required to advertise as usual in the "New Statesman" and in other Papers if necessary.

The report was received and approved and authority given to Secretary to advertise as usual.

7. Authority to be given to the Secretary to elect July and August candidates.

This was agreed to.

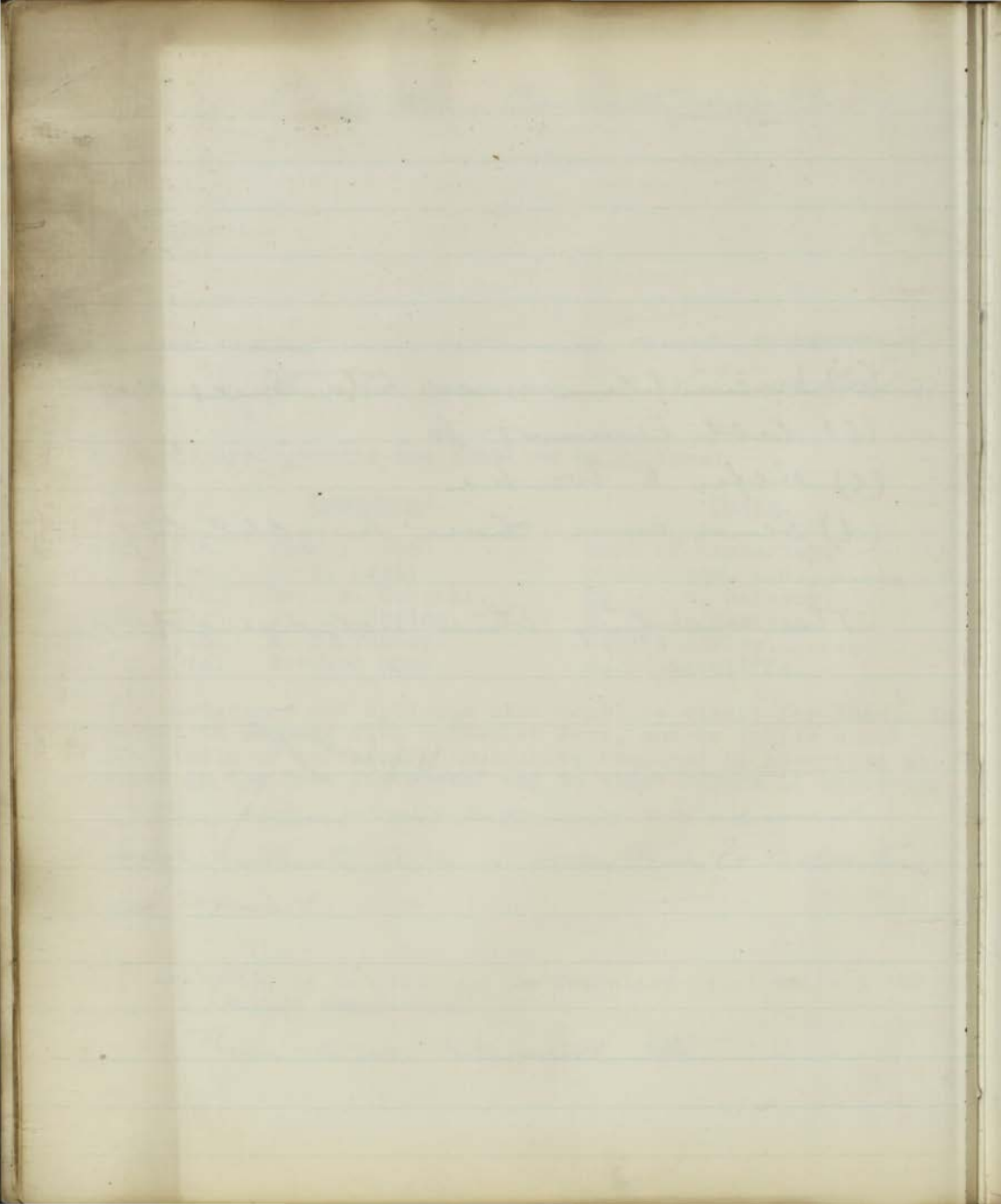
8. Correspondence.

- (a) Hornchurch Fabian Society asking for speakers, November (20th - 24th) and January (21st-25th) and for M.P. speaker, Friday, October 5th.
- (b) Col. Spencer - re M.P. speaker for Gillingham.
- (c) Warwick and Leamington Labour Party - require a candidate.
- (d) Longsight, etc. Unemployed Committee asking for grant of free literature.

- (a) Macrae film aimed to go. Suez might.
- (b) Labb cannot go.
- (c) Refer to Wake
- (d) Send some spare pamphlets.

The meeting then adjourned.

H.J. Laske



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Agenda for Meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
27th July, 1923 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - Mrs. Corner.
2. Minutes of last meeting,
3. Apologies - Bassett-Lowke, Mrs. Corner, Prof. E. Morley,  
S. K. Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. K. H. L. Arrangements now complete as follows:

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" 23rd.	H. J. Laski	P. Hastings, K.C., M.P.,
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  - (b) Col. Spencer - re M.P. speaker for Gillingham.
  - (c) Warwick and Leamington Labour Party - require a candidate.
  - (d) Longsight, etc. Unemployed Committee asking for grant of free literature.



Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Friday,  
13th July, 1923.

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Present: Davies, Dodd, Humphreys, Macrae-Gibson, Pease and Galton.

1. Pease was elected to the Chair.
2. Webb was re-elected chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. It was agreed that the Committee should continue to meet on Fridays at 5 p.m.
3. A satisfactory financial Report was received and approved.
4. June Candidates (12) were elected. Last year (3). Four resignations were accepted.
5. H.H.L. Report on arrangements received. Agreed that S. K. Ratcliffe be asked to preside for Shaw as Massingham declines.
6. Tract No. 207. As a matter of urgency agreed to reprint 5000 copies at once, the first 5000 being sold out.
7. New Typewriting Machine. Agreed that a new Cliver machine be purchased for office use at cost not exceeding £13.
8. Suggestions from Annual Meeting. A large number considered and minor ones dealt with. It was agreed to refer to the Executive:
  - (a) Recommendation that the charge for hire of Fabian Hall remain as at present, 21/- night meeting, 10/6d day.
  - (b) The question of providing hat racks at back of the hall for hats, coats, etc. without recommendation.
  - (c) Revival of University Fabian Societies. Agreed to recommend that we await some initiative from the Universities themselves thereon.
  - (d) Book box fees. Agreed to recommend that the charges be varied to 10/- for London and 20 miles round and 15/- for distances beyond.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee at  
office, Wednesday, 25th July, 1923.

Present: Mrs. Webb (Chair) Mrs. Drake, Laski, Tawney and  
Galton.

1. Laski was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided the Committee should meet in future on Mondays at 5 P.m.
3. Tract out of Print, No. 113. Communism by William Morris. Agreed to reprint 1,000. Price 2d.
4. Tracts going out of Print.
  - No. 41. Fabian Society. Early History. By Shaw. Agreed to ask Shaw to write short Postscript and reprint. Price 3d.
  - No. 146. Socialism and Superior Brains. Shaw. To be reprinted, Price 2d.
  - No. 147. Capital and Compensation. Pease. To be reprinted. Price 2d.
  - No. 168. John Stuart Mill. By West. To be reprinted Price 3d.
5. Book. Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. Resolved to recommend Executive to reprint 3,750 copies as before—all to be Paper bound.
6. Six Tracts on Co-operation. Agreed to recommend Executive that 200 sets be bound up with short Preface by Leonard Woolf under title of Fabian Essays on Co-operation. Cost £8. Price to be 2/6d each net.
7. Two suggested new tracts by unknown authors were considered and declined with thanks.
8. G. W. Shipway (in China) wrote suggesting that reports of Kings Hall Lectures should be given in Fabian News. It was agreed to refer this to the Executive with recommendation to arrange such reports if possible.
9. Laski reported that he had the offer of a quantity of unpublished correspondence between John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to ask the Atkinson Trustees to consider the purchase of these letters for £21 with a view to publication.
10. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
12<sup>th</sup> October 1923

Present - ~~D. Drake~~ Mr Drake, D. Fairfield,  
Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Webb,  
Bassett Lortie, Dodd, Macneilson,  
Laski, Pease, Webb and Fulton.

1. Chair - The chair was taken by H. J. Laski  
in the absence of Dodd at the opening
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.
3. Resolutions - for absences were received  
from Mrs Corner, Daves, Janet  
Humphreys, Pettiford & Snell.
4. Report of Finance & Clk. - annexed  
was presented by Webb.  
Items 1 to 3 were received. On item  
4 It was agreed to add to next year's  
lectures, Caullaux (France)



£. 7. Lore (for Russia failing Farbrman)  
for ~~Frederickson~~ (for Italy failing Salvemini)  
Zimmer for Germany of considerable  
and also to add Czech-Slovakia  
to the list. Also to replace Salvemini  
for Italy (Italy) a failing him for Mr. Frederickson.

After discussion agreed to offer  
Comm. Karoly a fee of £3,000. To  
allow questions only and no discussion  
after the lectures. A syllabus to be prepared & issued.

Agreed also that members to be admitted  
free as hitherto, but non-members  
charged 1/- each lecture or 5/- the course.

On item 5 the scheme was adopted  
and it was resolved unanimously that  
W.A. Robson be appointed as editor &  
at a fee of £150 per annum.

The report as a whole was  
received and the recommendations  
adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed  
was moved by Haski and second



and approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. Correspondence.

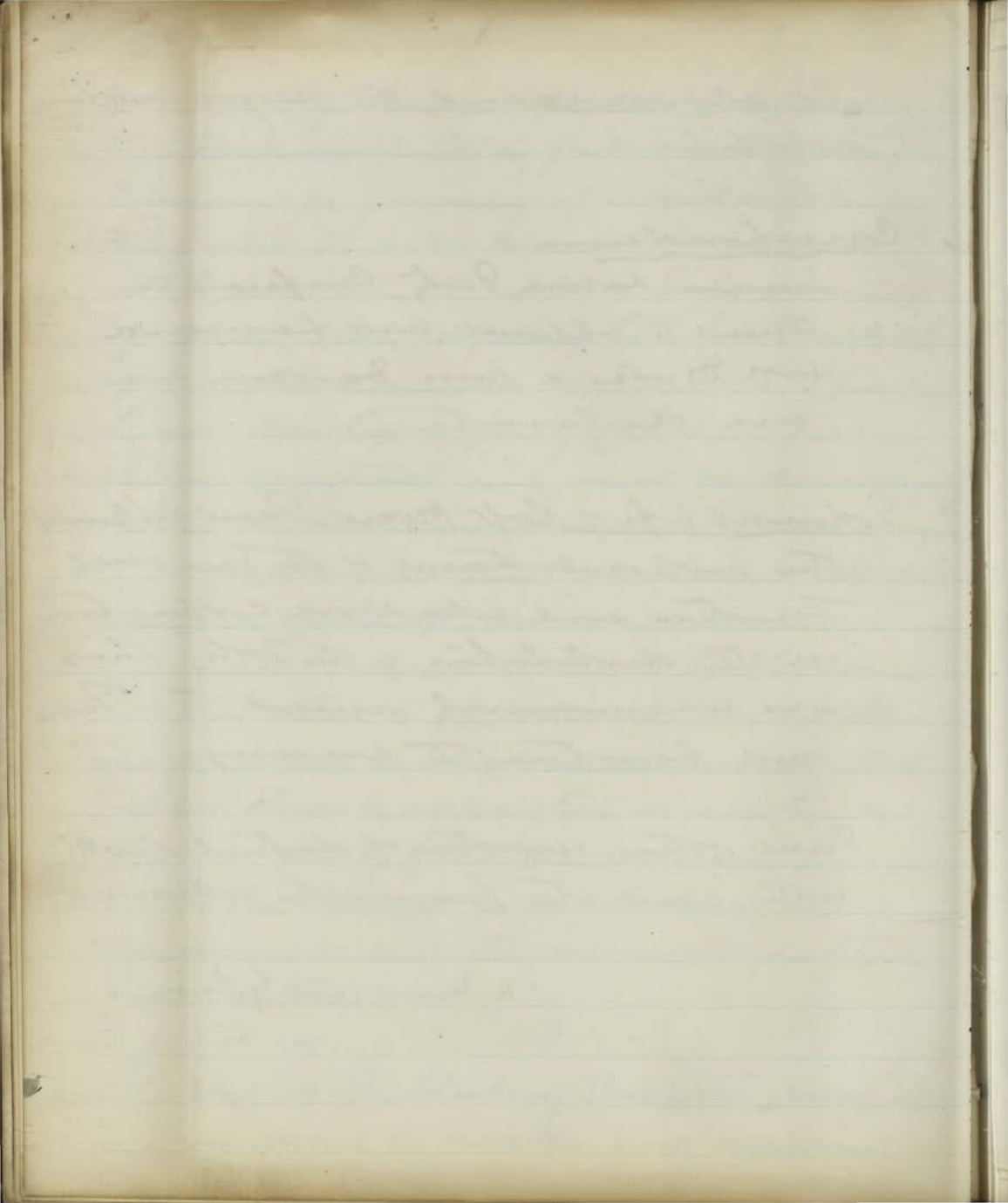
London Labour Party Conference  
agreed to appoint Miss Lawrence,  
Mr Drake & Miss Dawson as  
our delegates.

7. Podman's life of Robt Owen. Pease explained  
the proposals therein of the Sara Hall  
Trustees and asked an contribution  
in the distribution of the work. This  
was unanimously agreed to - Pease  
and Secretary to arrange.

Some other matters of detail dealt  
with and the Committee adjourned

J. H. Mason-Gibson.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
12th October, 1923 at 5 P.m.

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1. Chair - F. Lawson Dodd.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies. Mrs. Corner, Davies, Humphreys, Snell.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Correspondence:
  - (a) London Labour Party. Invitation to appoint delegates (8) to Annual Conference at South Place Institute, Saturday, 24th November.

Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

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28th September, 1923.

( A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation.)  
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1. The usual financial statement was Presented and considered very satisfactory, all items of income showing increases on the Previous year.
2. July candidates (3) were elected by the Secretary and this was approved. There were none in August. Four resignations were accepted.
3. Kings Hall Lectures. Report received and considered excellent. It was decided that course tickets for the Platform be not issued to all members of the Executive but only to those who apply for them and for such lectures only as desired.
- 4\*. Winter Lectures - Essex Hall. It was decided to take Essex Hall for Fridays, January 11th and 25th, February 8th and 22nd, March 7th and 21st and April 4th (April 18th being good Friday). To recommend to the Executive that the general title of the course be "Europe in Revolution". Lecturers suggested were Count Karolyi (Hungary), T. Okey (Italy) Adriaga (Spain), Count Kessler (Germany), H. Farbman (Russia) and Noel Buxton, M.P. (Balkans). Also that the Executive be asked to consider Preparation and issue of brief syllabus on lines of K.D.L. syllabus but smaller.
- 5\*. Reorganisation of Local Government Bureau and issue of monthly Bulletin. The memorandum (circulated to the Executive) was considered and approved generally. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to adopt the scheme outlined and to appoint adviser and Editor forthwith.
6. List of members willing to stand as Labour Candidates for Parliament was considered and amended and ordered to be sent to Egerton Wake for the Labour Party List.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.



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Report of Publishing Committee.

9th October, 1923.

( A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation).

Present - Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Webb and Galton. (also Webb, non-member)

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1. Tract out of Print. The action of Chairman and Secretary in ordering rePrint of No. 78 "Socialism and Christianity" by Dr. John Clifford, was approved.
2. Tracts going out of Print. It was decided to rePrint Tract No. 137 - "Parish Councils and Village Life"; and to ask W. S. Sanders to revise Tract no. 169 "The Socialist Movement in Germany" and rePrint if he agrees.
- 3\* New Tracts. It was agreed to recommend the Executive that Dr. Childe's Presidential address to the B.M.A. at Portsmouth be Published as a tract if he consents. A.S. of PamPhlet on "Autocracy in Foreign Affairs" by E. D. Morel, M.P. was considered and declined with thanks.
4. Books recently Published. Reports on Webbs' "Decay of Capitalist Civilisation" and Finer's "RePresentative Government" were received and considered satisfactory. Agreed to suggest to Allen & Unwin sale of copyright in U.S. to an American Publisher,
- 5\*. Proposed Publication of Mill-Spencer Letters. Laski reported that much of them already Published and it was decided to recommend Executive not to Proceed further thereon. Laski offered us right of Publication of some Speeches by Mill and it was agreed to recommend Executive that copies be typed out for consideration of the Publishing Committee.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and some suggestions for further tracts were made but no decision or recommendation was made thereon.

The Committee then adjourned.

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Proposed reorganisation of Fabian Local Government Inquiry Bureau  
and issue of monthly bulletin,  
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The Labour Party has now decided to ask the Fabian Society to undertake the work of Publishing a Local Government Bulletin subject to an agreement that the Party shall have a definite option to take it over at the end of two years from the Publication of the first issue of the bulletin. The Atkinson Trustees have agreed to make a grant of £350 Per annum for two years certain towards the expense of the work, and the Executive Committee at its meeting in June last instructed the Finance, etc. Committee to consider and report on the matter and bring up a scheme.

The following suggestions for a scheme are Put forward as a basis for discussion:-

- (1) It is Proposed that a Part time adviser be appointed to edit the bulletin, and reply to enquiries on Local Government matters; that he should be Paid a fee of say £150 Per annum, and required to give say two hours daily to the work for five days a week.
- (2) That a monthly bulletin should be issued ten times yearly (omitting August and September when Councils are in recess) beginning in January 1924. An 8 pp. monthly about size of Fabian News, 2000 or so copies each issue would cost about £15 Per issue for Printing, etc. - say £150. Postage, etc. would cost £5 monthly - making £200 yearly, and with salary of editor, etc., £350.

(3) It is suggested that of the first issue some 7,000 - 8,000 copies should be printed and a specimen sent to all labour members of local authorities with circular offering to supply one copy regularly for annual subscription of 1/-, or a number of copies in one parcel for all the members of the same council for 2/6 Per annum. (5)

(4) This would produce a small result, probably £25 or £30 in the first year, which might increase later.

(5) The bulletin would be sold Price 1d, and in the course of time some regular sales and possibly some advertisements might be secured, but this could hardly be expected to yield any substantial revenue in the first year or two.

(6) On this basis the grant of £350 Per annum Promised would just about cover the expenses. Any extra revenue the first year would be absorbed by the extra cost of first issue, etc.

Executive Committee

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14<sup>th</sup> December 1923.

Present - Mrs Corner, Mrs Drake, S. R. D. Farfield,  
Prof. E. Munley, Mrs Sidney Webb;  
Mrs Dodd, Guest, Humphreys,  
~~Mrs Macrae-Johnson~~, Laska, Macrae-Johnson,  
Pearse, Smeel, Webb & Factor.

1 Chair - The chair was taken by  
J. H. Macrae-Johnson.

2 Minutes - of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

3. Apologies - for absence were received  
from W. F. Bassett-Lodge, C. M. Lloyd  
and S. K. Ratcliffe.

4. Reports of Finance Committee, amended  
NOT moved by Pease.  
On this it was resolved after  
discussion "that the Executive



Committee do meet regularly in future  
on the 3rd Friday in each month  
subject to notice being given if no  
meeting required and to Special  
meetings being held at any time  
when necessary.

No 2. was moved by Webb. On  
item 4 it was agreed that a fee  
of five pounds be paid to  
Prof Kantorowicz for his lecture  
in January.

The reports were received and  
approved and adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed  
was moved by Mr Drake  
and received and adopted  
and considered very satisfactory.
6. Report of Trustees of Election Fund, annexed  
was presented by Pearce  
who gave further particulars and  
it was received and adopted.

7. Summer School Committee 1924. The following seven members of the Executive were appointed to serve on the Summer School Committee 1924. viz Mrs Coma, Mrs Drake, Messrs Bassett Tutke, Davies, Humphreys, Maurice Selson and Ratcliffe

8. Proposed Jubilee Dinner - Agreed that dinner to celebrate our fortieth anniversary and to welcome the 22 Jubilee M.P.s be arranged at Whamcliffe Rooms about the middle of March. Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> if possible.

9. Candidates for Election The 10 candidates for November as published in December Jubilee News were elected

The Committee then adjourned.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
14th Dec:, 1923 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Miss A. Susan Lawrence, M.P.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - W. J. Bassett-Lowke, C. Lloyd, H. Snell, M.P.,
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of Trustees of the Parliamentary Election Fund,  
1923 annexed.
7. Summer School Committee, 1924. Seven members of the  
Executive to be appointed to serve thereon.
8. Proposed Fabian Dinner. To celebrate fortieth year and  
welcome M.P.s. To be considered.
9. Correspondence.



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Reports of Finance, etc. Committee.  
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Two meetings.  
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(S X denotes that the item contains a recommendation)

1. 26th October, 1923. Present: Mrs. Corner, Dodd, Humphreys, Macrae-Gibson, Pease and Galton.  
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1. Dodd was elected to the Chair.
2. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
3. September candidates (16) were elected. Last year (6). Two resignations were accepted.
4. Winter Lectures, Essex Hall. Secretary reported arrangements to date and some further suggestions for lecturers were approved.
5. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. It was agreed to add Mrs. Corner, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, and the Rev. W. J. Piggott to the list. The application of H. E. Weaver to be put on the list was declined.
6. L.C.C. Elections, March, 1925. Agreed that names of members willing to stand be sent to London Labour Party and a fresh appeal for candidates inserted in the "News" later on next year.
7. Kings Hall Lectures - Suggested Broadcasting of G. B. Shaw's lecture approved and left to Secretary to arrange if possible and if G. B. Shaw consents.
- X. 8. Mrs. Corner suggested the desirability of fixing a regular day for meetings of the Executive Committee. After discussion it was agreed to recommend the Executive to consider and fix a regular day for meetings in future.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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2. Friday, 16th November, 1923. Present: Webb (Chair)  
Macrae-Gibson, Pease, Ratcliffe and Galton.  
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1. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
2. October candidates (12) were elected. Last year (6). Three resignations were accepted.
3. General Election. Draft appeal for Election Fund was considered, and revised and approved, and ordered to be issued forthwith. It was resolved that assrs.

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Dodd, Laski, Macrae-Gibson, Pease and Galton be appointed the Trustees of the Fund.

4. Winter Lectures, Essex Hall. Secretary reported six meetings now arranged. It was agreed to ask Prof. Kantoriwicz to take the last meeting on April 4th on Germany and to offer him a fee. Some other details were considered and settled.
5. Walter Baker, Labour candidate, Bristol wrote asking for official letter from the Society supporting his candidature. Agreed that such letter be sent to him and to any other members making similar application.
6. The application of S. H. Riza to be put on list of Parliamentary candidates was considered and it was decided to refuse decisively.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, 1923 at Office, 22nd October, 1923.  
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Present: Mrs. Drake, Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor,  
Messrs. Basset-Lowke, Humphreys, Katz, Macrae-Gibson & Galton.  
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1. Mrs. Drake was elected to the Chair.
2. Financial Statement was presented showing receipts £905, expenditure £695, Balance £210. After discussion in which Miss Hankinson supplied many details the report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.
3. It was agreed unanimously that a fee of twenty-five guineas be paid to Miss Hankinson for her services as manageress of the school with the best thanks of the Committee for her valuable help.
4. List of deposits paid but bookings cancelled was considered and refund of 7/6d in each case ordered.
5. It was decided to arrange a Summer School Social and Reunion as usual in Fabian Hall on Tuesday, 11th Dec.:
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of the Trustees of the Parliamentary Election Fund, 1923.

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The total receipts to the fund amount to £1515. Of this sum £40 was allocated by donors to particular candidates and grants were made of £1425 in addition, making the total paid to 34 candidates £1465. The cost of printing and postage of the circular, etc. amounts to £15, thus bringing the total outgoing to £1480 and leaving a balance of £35 to dispose of. The Trustees decided not to make use of the balance in hand of the Parliamentary By-Election Fund in view of the unexpectodly large response to the appeal for the election and of the probable early need for funds for by-elections. The By-Election Fund is accordingly carried forward in our accounts.

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Executive Committee  
25<sup>th</sup> January 1924

Present - Mr. Corner, Mr. Drake, Dr. Fairfield,  
Mrs Lawrence MP, Mr. Sidney Webb,  
Dodd, Guest, Humphreys,  
Lloyd, Macrae Wilson, Smeeth  
and Grafton.

Chair - The Chair was taken by Dawson Dodd.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

3. Apologies - for absence were received  
from Bassett Clarke, Prof. Muley  
and S. K. Ratcliffe.

4. Report of Finance & Committee annexed  
was moved by Macrae Wilson  
On item 4. it was reported that  
Norr Buxton & Genl. Thomson being  
now Cabinet ministers would



not be able to fulfil engagements  
to lecture. It was agreed to ask  
W. C. Roden Buxton to take his brother's  
place; and R. W. Seton Watson to speak  
in place of Genl. Thompson. Feeling  
them to substitute Prof. Tappin  
in Greece, and/or E. A. Lloyd in Italy.

On item 5. It was agreed to fix the  
dinner at the Hotel St. Central Friday the  
11th. To charge 10/6 for tickets and  
admit only members of the Society unless  
accommodation allowed. To write the  
press to call Fulham members of the  
Government and their wives.

On item 6. K. H. L. After discussion  
agreed that Kingsway Hall be  
taken forthwith for the six  
consecutive Wednesdays Oct. & Nov.

With these additions and  
5. Report of Publishing Committee considered  
was moved & alterations the  
Report as a whole was received  
and adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee amended was moved by Mr Drake, and after discussion second and uphold and the recommendations adopted.

6. Report of Summer School Committee amended was moved by Mrs Corner, and after discussion and some suggestions was second and uphold.

7. Conclusions

- (a) letter of thanks from G. Emil Davis for help at Rumpford was received
  - (b) Egerton Wake wrote a Parliamentary candidate - agreed that notice to form in News and list compiled
  - (c) letter of congratulation on results of election and the new government from Julian Brown; prob was received
- The meeting then adjourned

29<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Thompson

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
25th January, 1924 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Professor E. Morley.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - W. J. Bassett-Lowke, S. K. Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Correspondence.
  - (a) A. Emil Davies re the help given to his candidature at Romford in his absence in America.
  - (b) Egerton Wake, Labour Party re candidates for next Parliamentary Election.



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Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

Friday, 11th January, 1924.

(\* denotes that the item contains a recommendation)

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Present: Webb (Chair), Mrs. Corner, Davies, Humphreys, Macawse-Gibson, Pease and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. December candidates (10) were elected. Last year (8). Eight resignations were accepted, subject to letters being sent to two of them. Sixteen members who have paid only one subscription on election some years ago were ordered to be struck off the list subject to final notice being sent to them.
3. G. R. Blanco was co-opted to the Committee on the nomination of the Fabian Nursery.
4. Essex Hall Lectures. Arrangements now complete were approved. It was decided to abandon the reading of minutes at these meetings for the future.
- 5\* Fabian Dinner. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to accept the offer of the Marylebone Room at the Hotel Great Central (accommodation 200) for Friday, 14th March and dinner as menu offered at 8/6d each. To charge 10/6 each for the tickets. All or any Fabian ministers to be invited as guests, and G. B. Shaw pressed to preside.
6. Kings Hall Lectures, 1924. Kings Hall very much engaged and only a broken series of dates available. It was decided to ascertain if more suitable dates could be obtained at Kingsway Hall and refer question to the Executive to consider and decide.
7. It was agreed to authorise an expenditure of £9 on improving lighting of Fabian Hall.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of Publishing Committee.

Tuesday, 15th January, 1934.

(\* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

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Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Lloyd, Mrs. Webb and Galton.  
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1. Tract out of Print, No. 169 - Socialist Movement in Germany. Sanders unable to revise. Agreed that it be dropped.
- 2\* New Tract, No. 208. Environment and Health by Dr. Childe - nearly ready. Agreed to recommend the Executive to print 5000 copies and send one to all members of the Society.
- 3\* New Tracts suggested.
  - (a) Tract by Robson on "Compulsory Voting". Agreed to recommend Executive to publish as a tract in Robson's name.
  - (b) Offers by (1) Laski to write tract on "The Right of Dissolution", and (2) Finer to write tract on "Proportional Representation" accepted with thanks.
- 4\* New Books suggested.
  - (a) Alban Gordon submitted M.S. of book on Social Insurance. Considered and decided to recommend Executive to publish it jointly with Allen & Unwin's and charge to Tullock Barr Fund.
  - (b) J. S. Mills speeches. Laski reported thereon and it was agreed to recommend the Executive that they be published as a book, and the Atkinson Trustees invited to bear the expense.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of Summer School Committee.

Monday, 21st January, 1924.

Present: Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Davies,  
Macrae Gibson, and Galton.

1. Mrs. Corner was elected to the Chair.
2. Election of permanent Chairman was deferred to next meeting.
3. Miss Hankinson was appointed Managersess of the School for 1924.
4. Miss E. Moor, Capt. Basil Hall, and J. Ketz were co-opted to the Committee for this year.
5. It was decided to continue to meet on Mondays at 5.15 p.m.
6. Place of School, etc. It was resolved
  - (a) That the Summer School be arranged in England or Wales as usual and that for this year no school abroad be arranged.
  - (b) That if available Priors Field, Godalming be taken for the School this year; failing that advertisements to be inserted in suitable papers at once.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb 1924

- Present - Mrs Comer, Mrs Drake, D. Fairfield,  
Mrs Webb, Miss Bassett, Luke Humphreys,  
Mae-John, Pease and Galtton
1. Chair. The Chair was taken by  
H. Humphreys.
  2. Minutes - of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.
  3. Apologies. for absence were received  
from Dodd & Haski.
  4. Report of Finance by Committee, annexed  
was moved by Pease, in item 6.  
Kingway Hall lectures it was agreed that  
this matter be put on the agenda for  
next meeting of the Executive  
On item 9. Trans in Hall - it was  
agreed to accept the estimate



of the Boyd Farm Co. for repairs &  
at £10. (Ten Pounds). On item 10, Staff  
matter. Pease reported proposal  
to appeal to members re subscriptions  
and it was agreed this be deferred  
for consideration by the Finance  
Committee. With their alterations  
and additions the report was  
received and adopted

5. Report of Summer School Committee, annexed  
was moved by Macrae Wilson.  
Mr. Corner reported in visit to  
Seaford and that the Downs School  
had been taken. The report was  
received and approved.

6. Future Dinner - Details considered  
Agreed that the following be hosts  
and cheerers: -

1. The King. Chairman
2. H. W. Government. Miss Lawrence  
A. Henderson & Ed. Oliver

- 3. The guests. St. John Irvine  
and Thomson.
- 4. The Fabian Society. W. S. Sanden,  
Sidney Webb & E. R. Pease
- 5. The Chairmen. W. Graham M.P.  
Furlong from W. Greenwood M.P.

7. Conclusions:

Labour S. D. F. a delegate to  
Congress. Mrs. Beaman and/or  
Haden must be notified &  
approached if they desire  
National Conference of Labour Women  
Agreed to appoint 12 delegates  
nominated by Fabian Women's group.

8. Agreed that Mrs. Cramer & Misses Gibson  
to sub-committee with Secretary  
to arrange seats at dinner  
The meeting then adjourned  
A. S. Lawrence.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
29th February, 1924 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - L. Haden Guest, M.P.,
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - H. J. Laski.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.

(Since the meeting of the Committee Mrs. Corner and Miss Hankinson have visited Seaford and have taken the Downs School for the four weeks of August).

6. Fabian Dinner. Since the meeting of the Committee Shaw has definitely declined to preside. Poase would prefer not to do so as he was Chairman last year. After consulting others the following arrangements made, and to be considered and approved:-

(1) Chair R. H. Tawney.

- (2) Toasts.
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| 1. The King.                           | Chairman.                  |
| 2. H.M. Government.                    | Miss S. Lawrence,<br>M.P., |
| Reply                                  | Lord Olivier.              |
| (Noel Buxton regrets he cannot attend) |                            |
| 3. The Guests.                         | St. J. Ervine.             |
| Reply                                  | A. Henderson.              |
| 4. The Fabian Society.                 | W.S. Sanders.              |
| Reply.                                 | Sidney Webb, M.P.          |
| 5. The Chairman.                       | Lord Thomson.              |

About 185 tickets so far ordered. The room available seats about 200 only.

7. Correspondence.

Latvian Social Democratic Party, inviting delegates to 20th Anniversary Congress at Riga, April 17th and 18th, 1924.



Report of Finance, etc. Committee.  
Meeting Friday, 15th Feb: 1924.

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Present: Mrs. Corner, Davies, Humphreys, Macrae-Gibson,  
Pease and Galton.

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1. Pease was voted to the Chair.
2. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
3. January candidates, 22 were elected. Last year 37. Two resignations were accepted.
4. G. R. Blanco was co-opted to the Committee on the nomination of the Nursery in place of Miss Glidewell.
5. Fabian Dinner. Arrangements considered. Agreed that Shaw be pressed to preside.

Toasts to be :- 1 The King, 2. H.M. Government,  
3. The Guests of the Evening. 4. The Fabian Society, 5. The Chairman. Speakers arranged and decided to have speeches only and no music.

6. Kingway Hall Lectures. Autumn 1924. The Hall booked for six successive Wednesdays beginning October 22nd approved. Consideration of subject and lectures referred to the Executive.
7. Local Government News. Report that subscriptions for over 800 copies received to date was received and considered satisfactory.
8. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. First list considered and deferred to next meeting.
9. Piano in Hall needs repair. Army and Navy Co-operative Society; estimate of £21 referred back for other estimates to be obtained.
10. Staff matters: (1) Agreed to increase wages of Miss Gooderson by 5/- per week. (2) Other matters deferred to consider issue of appeal to members re subscriptions.
11. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Junior School Committee.

Meeting Monday 18th Feb: 1924.

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Present: Mrs. Corner, Miss Dawson, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss M Keynes, Messrs. Bassett-Lowke, Daviee, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Katz, Macrae Gibson, and Galton.

1. J. H. Macrae-Gibson was elected Chairman of the Committee for 1924.
2. List of replies to advertisements and correspondence on Schools received and considered. Agreed that Mrs. Corner and Miss Hankinson be requested to visit the Downs School, Seaford, Sussex with authority to take it if satisfactory; failing that Miss Hankinson and Humphreys asked to visit Bradley Court, Mitcheldean, Glos., with similar authority.
3. Programme, etc. It was agreed that the general title of lectures this year be "The aims of Labour Restated". Lectures to be arranged on Food Supply, Tradition, Foreign Policy, Electoral Reform, National Debt, and the Future Generation.
4. Directors. Agreed that the following be the panel for invitation as Directors.

1st week.	Dodd, Ratcliff, Snell.
2nd "	Capt. Hall, Guest.
3rd "	Davies, Miss Lawrence.
4th "	Tawney, Laski, Katz.
5. Many suggestions were made as to lecturers, etc.
6. The question of fees to be charged was discussed and deferred till the place of school is settled.
7. Other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Executive Committee.  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1924

Present: Mrs A.S. Lawrence M.P. (Chair),  
Mrs Comer, Mrs Drake, Mrs Webb;  
Messrs Davies, Dodd, Humphreys,  
Macrae-Johnson, Pease, Webb,  
and Gulton.

Chair. The Chair was taken by Mrs A.S.  
Lawrence. M.P.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.
3. Photopies for albums were received from  
Prof. S. Hurley, Larkel, Lloyd & Tawney.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by Pease.  
Items 1 to 3 were received; No 4 was  
deferred as it appeared later in  
agenda; Nos 5 & 6 were received

and approved and adopted. On No 7 some slight amendments were made and it was approved and adopted. No 8 and 9 were received and adopted. No 10 was approved, but it was agreed that it be submitted to Cambridge University Labour Party.

The Report as a whole as amended was then approved and adopted.

5. Report of Summer School - Committee amended was moved by Isaac Brown and second and adopted.

6. Kingsway Hall lectures. Considered & recommendations of Finance Committee thereon received. After discussion agreed to put on agenda for next meeting proposal to arrange course on "The Faith I hold" <sup>or "Institutional Politics by Politics"</sup> and following suggestions

1. Oswald Mosley. Why I joined the Labour Party
2. E. F. Bruce. The Control of Capitalism
3. Webb. Why the Labour Party was right



4. Motion in P. What the Clyde stands for.  
with G. B. Shaw, Graham Wallas,  
Richard Russell, Mrs Beadell,  
Mrs Lawrence and Tawney as  
others in attendance.

Ballot for Executive. Agreed that Mrs Beadell  
and C. Barnes be appointed scrutineers.  
Also that James Bacon be requested  
to audit accounts again.

March Candidates (20) were elected  
Least Year (8).

Correspondence.

(a.) Escuela Nueva & Kemmis re Prof. Llanusa.

agreed to sign letter of sympathy

(b) Mrs Hutcheon re G. B. Shaw. declined.

(c) Dr Greenwood. declined. (d) Larkin, New York

for any help. (e) Westminster L.P. agreed

to affiliate - Fulton as delegate

The meeting then adjourned.

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P A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
11th April, 1924 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Miss A. Susam Lawrence, M.P.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies = H. J. Laski, C.M.Lloyd, Prof. E. Morley,  
R. H. Tawney.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Kingway Hall Lectures, Autumn 1924. Subject, Lecturers,  
title to be considered and settled. See recommen-  
dation thereon of Finance Committee in item 4 of  
report annexed.
7. Scrutineers of the ballot for election of Executive to  
be appointed. Mrs. Beadle and Mr. C. Earns  
proposed.
8. To elect March candidates (20) Last year (8)  
(Necessary as owing to Easter no Finance  
Committee meeting this month)
9. Correspondence.
  - (a) Escuela Nueva, Madrid, and Beresford Kemmis,  
London, re case of Professor Unamuno.
  - (b) Miss E. L. Hutchins, suggesting message of  
congratulation to G. B. Shaw on his  
St. Joan.
  - (c) Dr. Greenwood, suggesting a Public Health  
Committee of the Society.
  - (d) Bruno Lasker, New York - re visit to London  
of President John Hope of Morehouse  
College, Atlanta.
  - (e) Westminster Labour Party - re appointment  
of representative to their General  
Committee.

(A \* indicates that the item contains a recommendation)

PRESENT. Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Macrae Gibson, Pease,  
Blanco (Nursery) and Galton. (79)

1. Chair. E. R. Pease was voted to the Chair.
2. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
3. Membership. February Candidates (39) were elected. Last year (9). Three resignations were accepted.
- 4\* Kingsway Hall lectures 1924. Considered. Agreed to recommend Executive as follows:
- (a) That the general title be "The Untrodden Path in Politics.
  - (b) That lectures be arranged on following subjects:
    - (1) Economic Aspects of internationalism.
    - (2) The Pooling of Raw materials.
    - (3) The Problem of the middleman.
    - (4) The extent and effects of speculation in commodities.
    - (5) How to deal with disarmament.
    - (6) Agriculture and its future.
5. Executive Election. Secretary reported that owing to Easter Sunday being April 20th he had extended date for close of poll to 23rd and for new Executive to take office to April 28th. The action was approved and ordered to be reported to the Executive.
- 6\* Annual Meeting and Report. Easter falls very awkwardly this year and after consideration it was agreed to recommend the Executive to defer Annual Meeting to a date to be fixed about the middle of June; and that proofs of report be passed in May and issued with June "News".
- 7\* Resignation of Miss Dawson. Accepted with thanks, and congratulations on new post. Agreed to recommend Executive: *for key services*
- (a) That the present arrangement be not renewed, but that an educated shorthand-typist, preferably a member of the Society, be engaged to act under the orders of the General Secretary; and that the clerical work of the Women's Group be carried on by the office under the direction of an Honorary Secretary to the Group.
  - (b) That an advertisement be inserted in the May issue of "Fabian News" offering a commencing salary of £3. 10. 0d per week for the post.
8. Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. A list of 14 members willing to stand as Labour candidates but

*FAC*  
*(16)*

*and other  
the Chairman or  
or other representative  
of*



unattached at present & is considered and approved and ordered to be sent to the Labour Party.

- 9\* Proposed appeal for increased subscriptions considered and amended and referred to the Executive with recommendation that it be sent out to selected list of members and signed by the Honorary Officers. (Copy of proposed circular enclosed herewith).
- 10\* Oliver Typewriter. Estimate for repair of old machine or supply of new one considered. Agreed to recommend Executive that a new machine be purchased at cost of £11.
11. Several requests from members and others received for lists of names and addresses of our members in various localities in connection with formation of I.L.P. branches, etc. Considered and declined - but to be reported to the Executive for their approval.
12. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee Meeting,  
17th March, 1924.  
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PRESENT: J. H. Macrae Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Corner, Miss Dawson, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Bassett-Lowke, Capt Hall, Humphreys, Katz and Galton.  
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1. Mrs. Corner and Miss Hankinson reported fully on their visit to Seaford and that they had agreed to take the Downs School there for August. The Secretary presented draft agreement settling the rent at £150 for the month. It was resolved that the report be received and adopted and the action approved and that the agreement be signed forthwith.
2. Programme. The Programme was further considered and many suggestions and additions to the list of proposed directors and lecturers were made. Agreed that the Directors be franked at the School as usual; and that the lecturers be paid the usual fee of £2. 2. Od. and travelling expenses, and offered hospitality for the night before or after lecture.
3. Fees. The fees to be charged to visitors were carefully considered and revised and adapted to meet the special conditions of the School. As amended they were approved and adopted. (See details in "Fabian News" for April).
4. It was agreed that notice should be given in "Fabian News" that not more than two weeks accommodation can be guaranteed to any applicant.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Draft letter to be signed by the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary,  
and sent by the Office to a large number of the members.

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PRIVATE.  
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To Members of Fabian Society.

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is probable that members of the Society do not fully realise its financial position, and we therefore venture to write you on the subject.

During the three last completed years the subscriptions from members amounted to £1122, £1133, and £1005, and the salaries of the staff in the same periods were £1247, £1343, and £1337. Therefore the whole of the other working expenses of the Society and a part of the salaries have been paid out of small contributions of associate and non members, and out of the profits from the summer schools, and Kings Hall lectures, etc.

But this is not all. The Society began as a group of amateur propagandists: next they found it necessary to pay officials who were also members of the Society, and who did not ask for commercial salaries. This tradition of uncommercial remuneration has continued to the present time, and the Society's scale of payment is considerably below that for example, of the Labour Party. It is fairly obvious that a Secretary, and five clerks and assistants, all over 20 years of age cannot be fully remunerated for their services out of a total of less than £1,350 a year.

During the last two years the current expenses of the Society have exceeded its income by £805 and £270, and although we hope there

will not be so serious a loss in the present year, it is clear that it is impossible for the Executive Committee to incur more liabilities without an increase of income. (16)

The average subscription paid by members is no more than 11/- and we cannot but think that a good many members who joined the Society with a small subscription when they were younger and poorer, are now in a position to contribute larger sums. Other members pay by Bankers Order and this goes on without alteration, sometimes for decades. The value of money has notoriously declined; a prewar 20/- subscription is now only worth about 12/-: we received the same but have to pay more.

To conclude, we believe that many members will not wish that the work of the Society should be crippled for the want of funds. We feel confident that many who now pay us 5/-, or 10/- or 20/- could easily afford ~~to~~ at least to double these sums.

We therefore, venture to request a favourable reply to this appeal.

We are,

Hon. Treasurer.

Hon. Secretary.



Executive Committee.

Friday 16 May 1924

First meeting of Executive 1924-25

Present - Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence - Mrs Webb,  
Messrs Dodd, Fordham, Capt Hall, Lloyd,  
Taski, Lloyd, Macrae-Johnson, Pease,  
Ratchliff, Robson, Sneece, Webb,  
Col Williams, and Coulton, Secretary

1. Chair - Sneece was elected chairman.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received from Prof. Marley, Davies and Frost.
4. Report of Finance & Committee (annexed) was presented by Pease. The recommendations in items 4 and 5 were approved and adopted and the report as a whole received and adopted.



5 Report of Publishing Committee (annexed)  
was moved by Laski. On items 2 and  
6, it was agreed that the letters referred  
to be sent out to all members of the  
Society. With these additions the  
subject was received and the  
recommendations adopted.

6 Report of Summer School Committee (annexed)  
was moved by Macrae. Film and  
received and adopted.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. after discussion  
it was agreed that

(a) The general title be 'The Socialist  
movement: Experiences and Expectations.'

(b) That the lectures to be invited be

(1) J. Maxton, M.P. or J. Wheately, M.P.

Wallis, Husley, B. Russell,

Woble & Shaw; with

hon. Lawrence, Laski and

Tawney in reserve.

8 Election of Standing Committee - was settled

and lists attached - see list annexed

9. Roll of Chairman was settled. see list annexed.
10. Draft Annual Report considered and amended and attached and ordered to be sent to members with June News
11. Annual Meeting - Date to be fixed as recommended & Finance Committee 4 of report annexed. No motions were proposed. It was agreed to entertain members to coffee & cigarettes in Common Room after the meeting as usual.
12. Motion by Fulham re Standard Prices for Agriculture. Fulham introduced his motion but it was agreed to take no action at present but await report of proceedings of the new Labour Agricultural League.

13. Correspondence

(a) Franklin Barker's resignation.  
Letter read and after discussion  
agreed that it be accepted with regret.

(b) H. Pott - suggestion re finance  
considered and agreed that  
it be accepted with thanks.

The meeting then adjourned

Montague Fordham.  
18.8.24  
Chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
18th May, 1924 at 5.30 p.m.

(First meeting of the new Committee 1924-25: deferred to 5-50 on  
account of opening of the new Labour Club at 4.30.)

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1. Chair - A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - L. Baden Guest.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Subject and Lectures to be considered and settled. Suggestions at present:
  - (a) The Socialist Movement. Varieties of Experience.
  - (b) The Faith I hold (variation of above)
  - (c) Untrodden Paths in Politics.
8. Election of Standing Committees for the ensuing year, viz.,
  - (a) Finance and General Purposes, (b) Publishing;
  - (c) Propaganda.
9. Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year to be settled.
10. Draft Annual Report 1923-24 to be considered and passed for issue to members with June "News". (Proofs sent out to the Committee last week,)
11. Annual Meeting. Date, place and chairman to be settled. (see recommendation of Finance Committee thereon). Any amendment of Rules or notices of motion to be considered.
12. Motion by Montague Fordham:- "To bring before the Executive the question of the Economic Importance of standard prices in agriculture and to suggest an inquiry and possibly the preparation of a pamphlet or memorandum".
13. Correspondence.
  - (a) H. Granville Barker - resignation referred by the Finance, etc. Committee.
  - (b) H. Pott - a proposal in response to the appeal for increased subscriptions.



(A \* indicates that the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Macrae-Gibson, Pease and Galton.

1. Chair. Pease took the Chair.
2. Finance - The usual statement was not available as books for April were not made up in time and the audit has begun.
3. Membership. April candidates (9) were elected. Last year (8) Five resignations (two months) were accepted. Granville Barker's letter resigning was referred to the Executive Committee.
- 4\* Annual Meeting - Agreed to recommend Executive that this be held in Fabian Hall on Friday, 20th May at 8 p.m.; and that Hugh Shayler be asked to preside.
- 5\* Vacancy on staff. Agreed to refer the applications to sub committee of Mrs. Drake, Macrae Gibson, Pease, Robson and Galton to consider and reduce to short list of six or so. To accept the suggestion of the Women's Group Committee and submit the short list when available to the three members proposed. To recommend the Executive that the Finance, etc. Committee be authorised to make the appointment at its next meeting on the receipt of report of the sub committee and the Women's Group representatives.
6. It was agreed to add the five names suggested to the list of possible Fabian Parliamentary Candidates, viz., Mrs. Cotter Ludby, Montague Fordham, David Freeman, S. F. Markham and E. J. C. Neep.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Publishing Committee.

Meeting 28th April, 1924.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Webb, Pease, Tawney and Galton.

1. Tracts out of print.

No. 165. Francis Place by St. J. Ervine.  
No. 189. National Finance, by Sidney Webb.

Ordered to be reprinted - the latter with slight revision by Webb.

2. New Tract. Proportional Representation - the Case against, by Dr. H. Finer. Agreed to publish forthwith.  
(? Is it to be sent out to all members)

5. New Tract suggested by H. H. Cuent. Declined with thanks as we have large stocks of recent tract on this question. (2)
4. New Book. Social Insurance by Alban Gordon. Agreed that Gordon be asked to alter title to "Social Insurance - What it is and What it might be". To print off and publish forthwith, price 6/- bound volumes only, - no paper covers.
- 5\* Book out of print. Pease's History of the Fabian Society, with new chapter bringing it up to date. Agreed to recommend Executive that it be reprinted with addition and revision and that the offer of the Atkinson Trustees to bear the cost be accepted with thanks.
- 8\* New Tract suggested. Prof. Kantorowicz sent the U.S. of his recent lecture to the Society on "Germany and the League of Nations" and suggested publication as a tract. Agreed to recommend Executive that it be published as a tract forthwith. (? Is it to be sent out to members if published)
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee.

Meeting 5th May 1924.

Present - Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Bassett-Lowke and Galton.

1. The list of Directors of the School considered and Capt. Basil Hall, R.N. appointed for the second week in place of S. K. Ratcliffe withdrawn.
2. The list of lecturers arranged was considered and approved and many further suggestions made to fill the dates still vacant.
3. Applications for accommodation - about 100 to date were received and consideration deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.
4. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

1. Selections for Committees 1924-25.

(a) FINANCE.

A. E. Davies.  
F. L. Dodd.  
E. R. Pease.  
S. K. Ratcliffe.  
W. A. Robson.  
Sidney Webb.  
Lt. Col. Williams.

(b) PUBLISHING.

Mrs. Drake.  
M. Fordham.  
L. H. Guest.  
H. J. Laski.  
Miss S. Lawrence.  
J. H. Macrae-Gibson.  
E. R. Pease.  
R. H. Tawney.  
Mrs. Sidney Webb.

(c) PROPAGANDA.

Dr. L. D. Fairfield.  
Capt. B. Hall.  
C. M. Lloyd.  
Prof. E. Morley.  
E. R. Pease.  
H. Snell.

2. For Rota of Chairman.

A. E. Davies.  
F. L. Dodd.  
Montague Fordham.  
L. H. Guest. M.P.  
Capt. Basil Hall. R.N.  
H. J. Laski.  
Miss S. Lawrence. M.P.  
C. M. Lloyd.  
J. H. Macrae-Gibson.  
Prof. E. Morley.  
E. R. Pease.  
S. K. Ratcliffe.  
W. A. Robson.  
Mrs. Sidney Webb.  
Lt. Col. T.S.B. Williams. M.P.

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Executive Committee  
Friday, 18 July 1924

Present:- Daves, Mr Drake, Fraham,  
Ernest, Capt Hall, Leiski, Macrae-Johnson,  
Peach, Ratcliffe, Rolson, Snell,  
Webb, Col Williams, and Galton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by  
Montague Fraham.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received  
from Dodd, Prof Murley & Mrs Webb.
4. Reports of Finance &c Committee, annexed  
No 1 moved by Webb and received  
and approved.  
No 2. moved by Webb. The report in  
item 2. was noted and the report was  
received and its recommendations adopted.



No 3. was moved by Pease. Items  
(a) to (d) were received and approved.  
In item (e) the recommendations were considered  
and discussed and approved and  
adopted.

At this stage Webb asked leave to  
move a resolution and the Secretary  
was requested to leave the room.  
On his return he was informed that  
it had been resolved unanimously,  
on Webb's motion, that his salary as  
secretary should be increased to  
£600 per annum by two increases  
of £50 each on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1924 and  
July 1<sup>st</sup> 1925. The Secretary suitably  
acknowledged the resolution and  
thanked the Committee for their  
kind consideration.

Consideration of the report was  
then resumed and Robson explained  
the proposals re final payment. Secs.  
After discussion it was agreed to  
receive and adopt the report

and recommendations thereon and refer them to Secretary to carry out.

On item (f) it was decided that the Secretary write formally to G. A. Crookall accepting his offer on behalf of the Executive Committee with thanks.

The report - as a whole with these additions was approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee, amended was moved by Macrae-Johnson and second and approved.

6. Kingsway Hall helms. Second and approved. Agreed that synopsis of lectures to be obtained from lecturers whenever possible and furnished to the Press as on the last occasion. Also that copies of syllabus to sent to all Embassies and Legations in London. Advt to be put in Statesman & New Leader.

7. Correspondence -

(a) Schulze-Gaevernitz - Counsel  
Headman of German School of  
Economics and subject has been  
of humble.

(c) Any member to attend who  
desires to do.

The meeting then adjourned

H. J. Lusk

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at office, Friday,  
18th July, 1924 at 5 P.m.

1. Chair:- F. Lawson Dodd,
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies:- Prof. E. Morley.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee annexed (3 meetings).
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Subject: "The Socialist Movement: Experiences and Expectations". Chairmen and Lecturers all arranged as follows:

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairmen.</u>
Oct. 22nd.	Hon. B. Russell.	Miss A. S. Lawrence, M.P.
" 29th.	Oswald Mosley, M.P.	Lord Thomson.
Nov. 5th.	Sidney Webb, M.P.	H. B. Lees-Smith.
" 12th.	J. Wheatley, M.P.	Mrs. Webb.
" 19th.	H. Dalton.	L. Haden Guest, M.P.
" 26th.	Bernard Shaw.	Lt. Col. Williams, M.P.

Titles of lectures and syllabuses not yet available but steps being taken to obtain them. Full programme to go out to members with September "News" if possible, and to others later.

7. Correspondence (Referred from Finance Committee).
  - (a) Prof. Schulze-Gavernitz asking for loan of books.
  - (b) Labour Housing Association inviting delegates to Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 26th July.



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Reports of Finance, etc. Committees.

Three meetings.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

1. Friday, 30th May, 1924. Special Meeting.

Present: Sidney Webb (Chair), Davies, Dodd, Pease, Ratcliffe, Col. Williams, and Galton (also Macrae Gibson non-member)

- (a) The report of sub committee and correspondence re vacancy on office staff were read and received.
- (b) Three of the candidates were in attendance and were interviewed by the Committee.
- (c) It was decided that Miss D. Taylor, M.A. be appointed to the vacant post on the conditions advertised in "Fabian News".

The meeting then adjourned.

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2. Friday, 20th June, 1924. Present: Sidney Webb (Chair) Pease, Robson, Col. Williams, Blanco and Galton.

- (a) Pease was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
- (b) It was decided that the Committee continue to meet on Fridays at 5 p.m.
- (c) The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
- (d) May candidates (16) were elected. Last year (8) 10 resignations were accepted, including that of Dr. L. D. Fairfield ordered to be reported to the Executive Committee.
- (e) Kingsway Hall lectures - further considered and suggestions for lecturers and chairmen agreed to.
- (f) By election at Lewes. Trustees of Parliamentary by election fund consulted and recommend grant of £100. The recommendation was approved and cheque ordered to be sent and reported to next meeting of the Executive.
- (g) Five further applications from members to be put on the list of possible Parliamentary candidates were considered and agreed to.
- \* (h) Miss Dawson resignation. Mrs. Beadle had carried on the work until Miss Taylor's appointment. Resolved to recommend the Executive Committee that an honorarium of ten guineas be given to Mrs. Beadle in acknowledgment of her help with cordial thanks.

- (2)
- (i) Annual Meeting. Arrangements approved. Secretary reported Bacon has completed audit and it was agreed to send him the usual fee of four guineas to cover out of pocket expenses, etc. with thanks.
  - (j) Labour Party Conference. London Oct 7 - 10th, 1924. It was decided to nominate Miss Lawrence and Sidney Webb again for election to the Executive Committee of the Party, and to appoint them our delegates to the Conference.
  - (k) Many other matters of detail were considered and dealt with and the Committee adjourned.
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3. Friday, 11th July, 1924. Present: Pease (Chair), Davies, Robson, Blance and Galton.

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- (a) The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
- (b) June candidates (9) were elected. Last year (12) Five resignations were accepted subject to further letter in case of Mrs. Burton Brown.
- (c) Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements nearly complete were approved and further suggestions for chairmen in case of need agreed to.
- (d) Appeal for increased subscriptions. Results to date reported as follows:- About 100 members had paid increased subscriptions amounting to about £70. About 60 others had promised, but not yet paid, increases amounting to about £50. Total response in additional annual income about £120 from 160 members to date and some others still coming in. Besides these permanent annual increases, ten members had sent special donations amounting to £25; and R. H. Pott had given £50 in redemption of his promise and hoped it would cover his liability in the matter.  
The report was received and approved and ordered to be reported to the Executive and a note giving the facts inserted in next issue of "Fabian News".
- \*(e) The question of staff salaries deferred from February to see result of the appeal was then considered. After discussion it was resolved to recommend the Executive that the salaries of Howell and Miss Gibson be increased 10/- per week each, bring them up to £5. 10. Od. and £4. 10. Od. respectively.
- \*(f) Local Government News. A report re circulation and the financial position was received and considered. (See report annexed) It was resolved to recommend the Executive to adopt the proposals for enlarging the Journal and obtaining advertisements and increased circulation given in the report.

- (g) G. A. Gaskell wrote promising conditional donation of £200. The correspondence thereon was read and approved and the offer accepted with thanks. (8)
- (h) Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee.

Meeting 23rd June, 1924.

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Present: J. H. Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Miss N. Keynes, Messrs. Bassett-Lowke, Humphreys, Katz, Ratcliffe and Galton.

1. The proof of draft programme for the school was submitted and with some additions and corrections approved and ordered to be printed and issued.
2. The list of applications for accommodation was read and considered and approved. It was referred to Miss Hankinson to arrange accommodation.
3. Many other matters of detail were considered and dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report on Local Government News.

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The circulation of the journal has reached proportions much in excess of our anticipations and now stands at 2,000 copies monthly. This involves a great addition to the office work and has resulted in a large increase in the number of enquiries received by letter on Local Government questions. It seems desirable to "run our profits" and if possible add further to the success of the paper, and it is suggested that this could be done by (a) enlarging it to 12 pp. (at present 8 pp.), (b) securing advertisements; and (c) increasing the circulation.

The financial position at present is as follows:-

Income.

Grant from Atkinson Trustees		£350.	0d	0d.
Sales and subscriptions,	say	100.	0.	0
G. Cadbury donation 1924.		50.	0.	0
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		£500.	0.	0

Expenditure.

Printing 10 issues 8 pp at £14 each.	140.	0.	0
Editor's fee.	150.	0.	0
Office expenses and part salary of clerk.	150.	0.	0
(The postage alone is costing about £30 per annum).	£440.	0.	0

To add another 4 pp. would cost for printing about £8 per issue, £60 per year, bring the total expenditure up to £500.

If we could get say £4 or so per issue for advertisements and increase the sales by 1000 per month, we should have about another £100 of revenue which would cover all the additional expense and leave a balance which could be used to diminish the grant from the Atkinson Trustees or in any other approved way. An opportunity occurs to secure the services of an expert to undertake this work on favourable terms and conditions, and it is accordingly proposed

1. That the Local Government News be enlarged as from the next issue in October to 12 pp.
2. That an advertisement and circulation agent be appointed for three months, Sept., Oct., and Nov. at a fee of £1. 1. 0d per week and 10 per cent commission on advertisements obtained.
3. That if the foregoing proposals are adopted the matter be reviewed again at the expiration of the three months.



Executive Committee.

Friday 26 September 1924

Present - Daves, Dodd, Mrs Drake,  
                    Capt. Hall  
Fitcham, Laski, Macrae Wilson, Pease,  
Ratcliffe, Tunney, Col. Williams  
and J. W. Craxton.

1. Chair. The chair was taken by H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies. In absence were received from  
          Inest. Robson, Webb and Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee. Annexed  
          was moved by Pease. On item 5.  
          It was agreed that the portrait of Shaw  
          to be purchased at cost of £3-3-0 and  
          autographed and suitably framed  
          for Common Room. On item 6. it  
          was agreed to add C. M. Lloyd

to list of Essex Hall lectures on  
Czechoslovakia: and to delete  
H. P. B. Phibby who will be abroad.

With these corrections the report  
as a whole was approved and the  
recommendations adopted

6. Report of Publishing Committee - amended  
was moved by Huski. Considerable  
discussion took place on items 5.  
But the report was received and  
approved and the recommendations  
adopted.

6. Essex Hall lectures 1925. Agree that  
six meetings be arranged Jan 16-30,  
Feb 13-27. Mar 13-27. And that  
further dates be considered again later.

7. Fradham's Motion - discussed and  
withdrawn Fradham agreeing  
to prepare tract on the subject  
of future Agricultural Policy

and submit to Publishing  
Committee in the usual way.

8. Concurrence - there was no  
concurrence.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. K. Ritchie  
secretary





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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
26th September, 1924 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - Dr. L. Hadon Guest, M.P.,
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Robson, Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Essex Hall Lectures, Spring 1925. See report and recommendations of Finance Committee. Dates to be considered and settled.
7. Motion by Montague Fordham.  
"That a small Committee be appointed to consider the relation of Socialism to the new rural policy of regulated food prices and organised distribution and to prepare a pamphlet thereon."
8. Correspondence.

Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

Friday 12th September, 1924.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation.)

Present: E. R. Pease (Chairman) A. E. Davies, Lt. Col. Williams,  
G. R. Blanco, and F. W. Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was not available but the Secretary reported the position generally and the report was received and considered satisfactory.
2. Membership. July candidates 13 (Last year 3), and August candidates 4 (Last year none) were elected. There were no resignations.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that cash for tickets coming in well, about £200 to date received. Secretary reported that only four syllabuses available but all six titles. It was agreed that programme be printed and issued at once omitting the two syllabuses not yet received.
4. Local Government News. Secretary reported the position with reference to the steps being taken to increase circulation and obtain advertisements, etc. It was agreed to go on for the month of September and reconsider the matter then if necessary.
- 5\* Common Room. The Chairman and Secretary had purchased and framed copy of photograph of the Cabinet (cost about 15/-) and this was approved. Several members had suggested purchase of copy of new portrait of Bernard Shaw also. Agreed to recommend Executive that it be purchased and framed at cost of about £3. 10. 0d.
- 6\* Essex Hall Lectures, Spring 1925.

Agreed to recommend that arrangements of last year as to charge for admission, syllabus, etc. be continued. That no course be arranged but a series. The following suggestions were made for consideration:

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| 1. Miss S. Lawrence.   | Russia.               |
| 2. A. Emil Davies.     | America               |
| 3. E. A. Lloyd.        | Italy.                |
| 4. H. Morrison.        | The L.C.C. Elections. |
| 5. Geoffrey Whitworth. | A National Theatre.   |
| 6. H. St. J.B. Philby. | Arabia.               |
| 7. Sir J. Chambers.    | Garden Cities.        |

not necessarily in this order.

7. Any other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of Publishing Committee.

Tuesday, 23rd Sept., 1924.

(a \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: H. J. Laski (Chairman), Mrs. Drake, M. Fordham,  
J. Macrae Gibson and F. W. Galton.

1. Laski was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Agreed to meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. when summoned by Chairman and Secretary.
3. Tracts going out of Print:
  - (a) No. 5. Facts for Socialists. Agreed to ask Dalton to revise. Failing him E.A.H. Lloyd and to offer fee if necessary.
  - (b) No. 45. Impossibilities of Anarchism. Shaw. To be reprinted.
  - (c) No. 39. Difficulties of individualism. Webb. To be reprinted.
  - (d) No. 133. Socialism and Christianity. Dearmer. Revised by author. To be reprinted if cost of alterations not too great.
  - (e) No. 137. William Morris. Mrs. Townshend. Reprint with additions to bibliography.
  - (f) No. 189. Urban District Councils. Lloyd. Reprint in view of probably demand for U.D.C. Elections 1925.
- 4\* New Tract suggested. J. H. Humphreys, Sec. of P.R. Society submitted H.S. of tract in favour of P.R. Considered and agreed to refer to Executive with recommendation to decline as the P.R. Society could publish it.
- 5\* New books.
  - (a) Pease's History of the Fabian Society. Agreed to recommend that the price be fixed at 6/- not.
  - (b) Lloyd's essay on Co-operation in Italy. Agreed to recommend publication in the Society's name, cost to be borne by the Atkinson Trustees.
6. Chairman reported that Kingsley Martin would write a tract for biographical series on Tom Paine. Agreed to accept with thanks. Agreed also to ask Miss Hutchins to write tract on William Cobbett - failing her Macrae Gibson undertook to do this. Agreed also to ask Miss Eileen Power to do tract on Mediaeval Socialism. Laski also promised a tract on French Socialism this winter.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Executive Committee.  
Special Meeting, Friday 10 October 1924

Present: - Mrs Drake, Mrs Webb; Davies,  
Capt. Hall, Laski, Floyd, Macrae-John,  
Pearce, Tunney, Col Williams  
and F. W. Suction.

Chair - The Chair was taken by C. M. Floyd.

2. Abolition of alumni was recommended from  
Mrs Lawrence and S. K. Ratcliffe.

3. Murray Hall lectures. It was decided  
that the lectures should be held  
as arranged, should being asked  
to take Mr Murray's place on  
October 29; and Laski to attend  
in place of Mrs Lawrence on  
October 22 next.

4. Electron Fund appeal. The draft  
appeal was considered and



revised and approved, and stand  
by read forthwith.

Resolved - That D. Leaman Dodd,  
H. J. Laska, J. H. Macrae-Johnson,  
G. R. Pease and J. W. Cullton  
be appointed the trustees of the  
fund.

Resolved also - That the Trustees  
be authorized to apply a sum  
not exceeding \$100 ~~to~~ from the  
profits of the Kingsway Hall lectures  
to the purchase of the Election Fund  
if they so decide.

This concluded the business  
and the meeting then adjourned.

J. W. Cullton  
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Executive Committee

- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1924

Present: - Mr Drake, Mr Lawrence, Messrs  
Dodd, Fudham, Coker Hall, Laski,  
Macrae-Filson, Ratchiffe, Sneece,  
Webb, Col Williams and Galton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by S. K. Ratchiffe.

2. Minutes of the last ordinary and of special  
meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Prof. Hurley, Davis & Robson.

4. Report of Finance & Committee annexed  
was moved by Webb and received  
and approved and other recommendations  
adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed  
was moved by Macrae-Filson, and

after discussion received and approved.

6. Report of the Trustees of the Parliamentary Election Fund amended was moved by Fulton and after discussion received and approved.

7. Essex Hall lectures. Arrangement approved. Col. Williams agreed to preside on Feb. 13 and it was agreed that Farley Tawney & E. Davis to preside on March 27. It was decided after discussion that handbills be printed about their meetings and distributed at the Kingsway Hall Lecture on November 26.

8. Summer School Committee 1925: It was resolved that the following be the seven representatives of the Executive on the Summer School Committee 1925 viz: - Mrs. Drake, Mann, Davis, Forthum, Cold Hall, Macrae-Phelan, Ralcliffe & Col. Williams

9. Correspondence.

(a) G. A. Jackson - re his gift of £200.  
Accepted with cordial thanks on conditions  
proposed. Resolved that D. Leason Dodd  
and F. W. C. Carter be appointed  
Trustees of the sum of £200 and  
instructed to take steps to place it  
on deposit with the Arcos Banking  
Corporation etc forthwith.

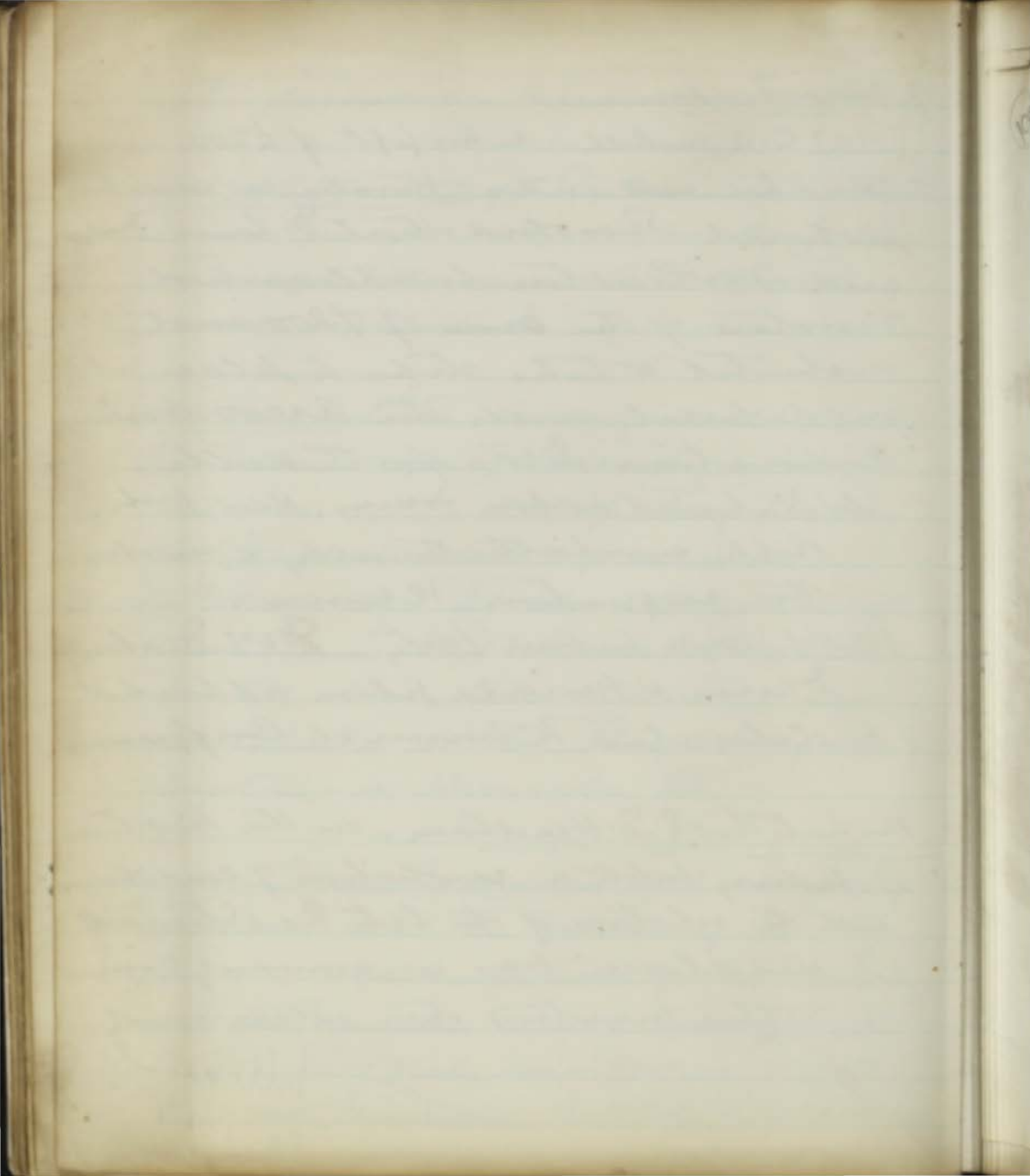
(b) National Labor Forum, New York.  
Reply sympathetically & make  
the suggestion known.

(c) London Labor Party - W. M. Drake,  
Davies & Macrae film appointed  
delegates to Annual Conference

10. The late Rev S. D. Headlam. on the motion  
of Sidney Webb a resolution of condolence  
with the relatives of the late Rev Stewart  
D. Headlam was unanimously carried  
The meeting then adjourned

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office,  
Friday, 21st November 1924 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair - H. H. Maorae-Gibson.
2. Minutes of last ordinary and of special meeting.
3. Apologies - Prof. E. Morley, Davies, Robson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of Trustees of the Parliamentary Election Fund annexed.
7. Essex Hall Lectures, Spring, 1925. Arrangements to date as follows:

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Jan. 16th	Graham Wallas	Palestine.	F. Lawson Dodd
" 30th	A. Emil Davies.	America,	H. J. Laski
Feb. 13th	Herbert Morrison,	The L.C.C.	Vacant.
" 27th	E. A. Lloyd,	Italy.	Sidney Webb.
Mon. 15th	Geoffrey Whitworth	National Theatre.	Bernard Shaw.
" 27th	Sir Theodore Chambers.	Garden Cities	Vacant.

Syllabus to be printed and arrangements as last year.

8. Summer School Committee, 1925. To be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to come into office on Dec. 1st
9. Correspondence.
  - (a) C. A. Gaskell - re proposed gift to the Society of £200.
  - (b) National Labor Forum, New York re Lecturers visiting America.
  - (c) London Labour Party, three delegates to Annual Conference, Nov. 29th to be appointed. (Last year, Mrs. Drake, Miss Dawson and Miss Lawrence appointed).

Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

Friday, 14th Nov. 1924.

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Present - E. R. Pease (Chair), F. Lawson Dodd, Sidney Webb and  
F. W. Galton.  
(also Laski and Macrae Gibson, non-members).

1. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
2. Membership. September candidates (2), last year (16), and October candidates (11), Last year (12) were elected. Five resignations were accepted - two others referred back for further correspondence. Seven members of late Oxford University Fabian Group to receive final letter and to be struck off failing reply.
- 3\* Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report received and considered very satisfactory. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the hall be booked again for next year at once for six Wednesday evenings October - November.
4. Essex Hall Lectures. Report of progress received and approved, and panel of Chairmen arranged. To be reported to the Executive.
5. Local Government News. Report on position received. Resolved that Macrae Gibson, Robson and Galton be appointed a sub-Committee to consider and settle various matters of detail relating to the Journal.
6. Office matters. It was agreed that the wages of Willison the shop boy be increased to 35/- per week.
7. It was agreed to make a grant of £5 to the Fabian Nursery; and to offer Blanco £2 towards the cost of his coat stolen from our premises without admitting liability.
8. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of Summer School Committee.

Monday 17th November, 1924.

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Present - J. H. Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Humphreys, Katz, Ratcliff and Galton.

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1. The Financial Report was presented and considered. It was agreed that we pay forthwith all undisputed charges and lease the items in dispute for final settlement later. After meeting all charges the accounts will show a net balance of £150-£160.
2. It was agreed that a fee of twenty-five guineas be paid to Miss Hankinson for her services as manageress with cordial thanks for her work.
3. The list of applications for refund of deposits and fees was considered and part repayment authorised in each case.
4. It was agreed to arrange the Summer School Social for Wednesday, 10th December.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



Fabian Parliamentary Election Fund, 1924.

Report of the Trustees.

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The response to the appeal for the Election Fund was as we anticipated considerably less than in the two previous years, amounting to only £1091. 15. 6d against £1537 in 1923 and £1363 in 1922. The falling off was due entirely to the loss of one or two large subscriptions, the number of smaller sums received being greater than on previous occasions, and the total receipts larger if allowance is made for the loss of the few large donations referred to above.

The Trustees met several times and voted the money away in grants to candidates as fast as it was received. They decided not to use any of the ordinary funds of the Society for grants, but to charge the cost of printing and posting out the Appeal, amounting to about £20, to the Society's ordinary expenditure. Thus they were enabled to distribute the whole of the sum received for the special fund in grants to candidates.

Of the total of £1091. 15. 6d received and distributed, £126. 0. 6d was specially allocated to particular candidates by the donors. The balance of £965. 15. 0d. was given as grants in sums ranging from £10 to £60 to 47 of the members of the Society standing as Labour candidates whose claims seemed to be the most urgent.

No fewer than 81 members of the Society stood as Labour candidates on this occasion, besides one member of the Liverpool Fabian Society who is not a member of the parent body. Of these only 18 were successful, the twenty-five members of the last Parliament being reduced to that number by the loss of ten seats, viz., Messrs. Percy Alden, Major Church, Dr. Somerville Hastings, W. W. Henderson, Miss A. S. Lawrence, Herbert Morrison, H. Walter Samuel, Ben Tillett, Lt. Col. Williams and Andrew Young; and the gain of three seats only by Dr. Dalton, Mr. Roselyn Mitchell and Dr. Drummond Shiels. Only five of our members lost their deposits, viz. Messrs. David Freeman, Lt. Commander R. H. Hope, H. D. Rowntree, Miss Amy Sayle, and Major H. E. Weaver.

Executive Committee  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1925

Present - Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Prof E. Maley,  
Messrs Dodd, Forham, Capt. Hall,  
Lusk, Macrae-John, Pease, Snell  
Lt Col Williams and Galtorn.

Chair - The Chair was taken by  
Lt Col T. S. B. Williams

Minutes - of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Resolutions - for absence were received from  
Dames, Ratcliffe, Rolton, Webb & Mrs Webb

Reports of Finance & Committee, Two meetings,  
agenda. were moved by Pease  
No 1. was received and approved and  
the recommendation agreed to.  
No 2. On item 3. Mrs Lawrence moved  
and it was agreed that a manifesto

re the L.C.C. election to be drafted and circulated for some to press & in name of the Executive. Haski undertook to draft the document and it was referred to the Finance Committee to approve and issue when signed by the members of the Executive.

With this addition the report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

The appeal for L.C.C. election fund to be sent to London members.

5. Reports of Publishing Committee - two meetings, amended were made by Haski.

No 1. was received and approved and the recommendations adopted. On No 2, item 4, it was agreed to add that the F.L.P. should be required to make an acknowledgment of our copyright and refer to our edition of the tract. On item 5. It was agreed that G.D.H. Cole be asked to write a tract for our biographical series on Cobbett at the usual fee of £10-10-0.

With these additions the report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. Report of Summer School Committee, annexed, was read by Macrae Gilman and received and approved.

7. Correspondence

(a) Sanders, re Shaw's letter to Museum. Refn to Tubam Party as a constant distribute leaflets.

(b) Asaka (Juhon) and (c) Koike. Juhon Refn to Pitterson Abi and the Juhon Fulcrum Society. Consult Webb re his tract.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at office, Friday,  
30th January, 1925 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - W. A. Robson.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Ratcliffe, Robson, Webb and Mrs. Webb.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee - two meetings annexed.
5. Reports of Publishing Committee - two meetings annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Correspondence.
  - (a) W. Stephen Sanders - suggesting reprint of Shaw's letter to Moscow as leaflet. Referred from the Publishing Committee.
  - (b) Shocho Asaka, Japan. Request for right to translate Fabian publications.
  - (c) Shiro Koeko, Japan. Request for permission to translate Tract 193 "The Root of Labour Unrest", by Webb.

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Reports of Finance, etc. Committee.

No. 1.

Friday, 12th December, 1924.

( A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Pease (Chair), Ratcliffe, Lt. Col. Williams, Blanco, and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
  2. Membership. November candidates, 21 were elected. Last year 10. Six resignations were accepted. List of 64 members subscriptions much in arrears considered. Special letter to be sent to half a dozen; the remainder to have usual final notice and be struck off failing reply.
  - 3\* Report of Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1924 showing net profit of about £580 received and considered very satisfactory. With reference to Kingsway Hall lectures, 1925 the hall booked for six Wednesdays, Oct - Nov, but Manager had pointed out that one of those was Nov. 11th (Armistice day) and suggested change. Agreed to recommend Executive that no meeting be held that night and that the hall be booked definitely for Wednesdays Oct 21, 28th, Nov 4th, 18th, 25th, and Dec. 2nd. Missing out one week.
  4. Summer School report, 1924 showing net profit about £160 received and considered satisfactory. To be reported to the Executive.
  5. Various matters of detail re Essex Hall Lectures, 1925, Local Government News, etc. etc. were considered and dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.
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No. 2.

Friday, 16th January, 1925.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Davies, Dodd, Lt. Col. Williams, Blanco and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. Membership. December candidates, 21 were elected. Last year 10. Five resignations were accepted.
3. L.C.O. Elections, March 1925. List of twelve Fabians standing as Labour candidates approved. Agreed that notice be given in Fabian News for February and an appeal for fund to support candidates made. The question of issuing a special appeal to London members for contributions was referred to the Executive to consider and decide.
4. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. The Labour Party had

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asked for list again. Agreed that steps be taken by notice in Fabian News, etc. to compile list of members willing to stand as Labour candidates.

5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Reports of Publishing Committee.

No. 1.

Friday, 28th November, 1924.  
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( A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Laski (Chair), Miss Lawrence, Macrae-Gibson and Galton.  
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1. It was decided to reprint Tract 41 "The Fabian Society: Its Early History" by Shaw, Price 2d.
2. Standing's estimate £12 for resetting and printing 2,000 copies of Tract No. 133 "Socialism and Christianity" by Dr. Dearmer was accepted and the tract ordered to be reprinted, price 2d.
- 3\* It was agreed to recommend the Executive that Bertrand Russell be asked to write a tract on the Life and Philosophy of Shelley for our biographical series and the usual fee offered.
4. Suggested Tracts by (a) Laski on the Problem of the Second Chamber and (b) Robson on the Law and the Poor were approved.
5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

No. 2.

Tuesday, 13th January, 1925.  
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Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Fordham, Macrae-Gibson, Tawney, and Galton. (also Robson, non-member)  
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- 1\* Laski submitted M.S. of tract on The Problem of the Second Chamber. It was approved and agreed to recommend the Executive to publish it forthwith as tract in Laski's name. (Copy has been sent to each member of the Executive)
2. Fordham submitted M.S. of Tract on Agriculture which had been circulated to members of the Committee. After discussion agreed, That it be referred back to Fordham to revise in the light of the discussion, and so as to deal with the organisation of the industry only.



No. 2 contd.

3. Facts for Socialists. Letter from Dalton thereon recommending revision by J. Brace. Secretary reported he had seen Brace and arranged with him to undertake the work for fee of £10. 10. 0d, and this was approved. It was agreed also to give Brace a note of recognition in the new edition of the tract when published.
- 4\* The I.L.P. wrote asking permission to publish Wells' pamphlet "This Misery of Boots" in special series at 2d. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to give permission for a limited edition only, say 10,000 copies.
- 5\* Agreed to recommend the Executive that Mr. Beer be asked to write a tract on Medieval Socialist ideals and offer him the usual fee.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee.

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Monday, 15th December, 1925.

Present: Mrs. Roadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss N. Keynes, Fordham, Capt. Hall, Macrae-Gibson and Galton.  
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1. J. H. Macrae-Gibson was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Miss Hankinson was appointed manager of the school for 1925.
3. The following three members of the Society were co-opted to the Committee, viz: Mrs. Corner, Miss E. Moor, Dr. Jas. Kerr.
4. It was decided that efforts should be made to secure a school at Southwold or Aldburgh for this year's school. Failing these, advertisements to be inserted in press and Secretary to inquire if Priors Field is available.
5. As the Summer School Social on December 10th was not a success owing to fog, it was agreed to arrange another on a date in March.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1925.

Present - Messrs Davis, Fordham, Guest, Lusk, Pease, Col Williams, and Gutter.

1. Chair - the Chair was taken by Montague Fordham.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies - for absence were received from F. L. Dodd, Capt Haec, Lloyd, <sup>Manuelson,</sup> Miss Muley, Ratcliffe, Robson Webb and Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed was moved by Pease, and second and approved, and the recommendation in Para 4 adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed, was moved by basket  
On item 2.(c) it was agreed to alter  
the title of Dr. Keys proposed tract  
to "Socialism and Subject-Races in  
Africa". With this amendment  
the report was received and approved  
and its recommendations adopted.
6. Report of Trustees of By-election Fund  
was considered and discussed  
and received.
7. L.C.C. Election Fund. The list of candidates  
annexed was considered and the  
following grants authorized, viz  
Mrs. Macrae-Fleming £7; Mrs. Malcolm £5;  
T.W. McCormack £5; H. Morrison £6  
J. H. Harley £2; B. Skene Mackay £2  
making £27 in all. Agreed that if  
further funds are received the grant  
to Mrs. Macrae-Fleming be increased to  
£9 and the Secretary authorized to  
deal with any further sum in his  
discretion.

8. Essex Hall lectures - Please undertake to  
preside at tonight's lecture for branch 2)  
Agreed that, F. Bramley, J. Turner and  
Geo. Jones be asked to lecture on Russia  
in the order named. Fulham undertake  
to preside on that date.

9. Kingsway Hall lectures - Date altered to  
Thursdays as recommended by Finance &  
Committee. Barker suggested subject  
Socialism & Current Directions  
1. Humanity. 2. House of Lords. 3. Parliament  
& Press. 4. Churches. 5. Empire.  
To be put on agenda for next  
meeting.

This concluded the business  
and the Committee adjourned.

Baird Hall  
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The first part of the paper is devoted to a general  
 discussion of the subject. It is shown that the  
 theory of the subject is very interesting and  
 important. The author then proceeds to a  
 detailed examination of the various aspects of  
 the subject. He discusses the history of the  
 subject and the progress of research. He also  
 discusses the various methods used in the study  
 of the subject. The author concludes by  
 summarizing the main results of his study.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
27th February, 1928 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair. A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Macrae-Gibson, Ratcliffe, Robson, Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Trustees of Parliamentary By-Election Fund to report that they agreed unanimously to make a grant of £50 from the fund towards the expenses of Lothian Small in the By-election at Walsall.
7. L. C. C. Election fund. Donations received to date amount to £26. List of members standing as Labour Candidates annexed. To be considered and grants from the fund authorised.
8. Essex Hall Lectures. Chairman required for to-night (Lloyd lectures on Italy) as Webb is unable to attend. Lecturer required for March 27th in place of Sir T. Chambers deferred to April 24th. See report of Finance etc. Committee, para. 3. Marsh-Roberts declines to lecture on March 27th.
9. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Dates to be reconsidered and settled - see report of Finance, etc. Committee, para. 4. Preliminary consideration of general subject of lectures, lecturers and titles to be begun.
10. Correspondence.

Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

Friday, 13th Feb. 1925.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present - Pease (Chair), Lt. Col. Williams and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. membership. January candidates (11) were elected. Last year (22). One resignation was accepted.
3. Essex Hall Lectures. Sir T. Chambers wrote asking to be excused his lecture on March 27th owing to illness, and offering April 24th instead. It was agreed that this be accepted and the hall engaged for April 24th; also that G. F. Marsh-Roberts be invited to lecture on Russia on March 27th.
- 4\* Kingsway Hall Lectures. It was suggested that instead of six Wednesdays with break in middle, we should take the hall for six Thursdays and so get six consecutive weekly meetings. After consideration it was agreed to refer the question again to the Executive with a recommendation to alter the dates to the six Thursdays October 22nd - Nov. 26th.
5. The L.C.C. Election manifesto drafted by Laski and circulated to the Executive has considered, amended, and approved and ordered to be issued to the press, etc. with names of the Executive appended.
6. It was agreed to co-opt F. A. A. Menzler to this Committee on nomination of the Nursery in place of A. R. Blanco.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Publishing Committee.

Tuesday, 24th Feb: 1925.  
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(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present - Laski (Chair), Robson, and Galton.  
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1. New tracts approved.

- (a) It was reported that Cole had agreed to write a tract on Cobbett.
- (b) That Bertrand Russell had declined to write tract on Shelley. Agreed that Secretary see Mr. Russell and endeavour to arrange with him if possible.

2\* New Tracts proposed.

It was decided to recommend the Executive

- (a) That Robson's articles on the District Auditor be published as a tract.
- (b) That H. W. Samuels be asked to write tract on powers and duties of County Councils and the usual fee offered.
- (c) That Dr. Norman Leys be asked to write a tract on "Socialism and Native Races"; and
- (d) That K. B. Smellie be asked to write a tract on Socialism and the British Commonwealth.

- 3. (a) Miss Lawrence write suggesting tract by Usher on St. Thomas Aquinas, but after consideration it was agreed to decline.
  - (b) Dr. Dearmer wrote offering us his old C.S.U. Tract "The Social Teaching of the Catechism" but it was agreed to decline with thanks.
  - (c) R. E. Graham submitted M.S. of tract on "Socialism and the Theatre", but it was agreed to decline with thanks.
4. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.



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List of members of the Fabian Society adopted as Labour candidates  
for the L.C.C. with constituencies, etc.

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A \* denotes that an application for financial help has been received.

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| 1.  | J. P. Blake,               | Gamberwell, Peckham.    |
| 2.  | Francis Bowie,             | Lambeth, Kennington.    |
| 3.  | Dr. Stella Churchill.      | Southwark South East.   |
| 4.  | Mrs. B. Drake,             | Hammersmith South.      |
| 5.  | *J. H. Harley,             | Hackney Central.        |
| 6.  | Rev. Dr. E. J. B. Kirtlan, | Lewisham West.          |
| 7.  | Miss S. Lawrence,          | Poplar South.           |
| 8.  | *T. W. McCormack,          | St. Pancras North.      |
| 9.  | *B. Skene MacKay,          | Hampstead.              |
| 10. | *Mrs. W. Macrae-Gibson,    | Islington East.         |
| 11. | *Mrs. L'Estrange Malone,   | Westminster, Abbey.     |
| 12. | *Mrs. Miall-Smith,         | Islington North.        |
| 13. | *Dr. H. B. Morgan,         | Greenwich,              |
| 14. | *H. Morrison,              | Woolwich East.          |
| 15. | S. Presbury,               | Islington East.         |
| 16. | Sir Richard Rees, Bt.,     | St. Pancras South East. |
| 17. | Miss Amy Sayle,            | Lambeth, Brixton.       |
| 18. | *Leopold Spero,            | Paddington South.       |

Executive Committee (116)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1925

Present. Mr. Drake, Mrs. Hurley; Dodd,  
Fordham, Capt. Hall, Macrae-Jilson,  
Pease, Robson, Snel, Tawney  
Lt. Col. Williams, and Galtton.

Chair - The chair was taken by Capt. Hall.

- Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
- Abolition for ulcers were received from Mrs. Lawrence, Laska, Ralceffe, Webb & Long Webb.
- Report of Finance & Committee, annexed, was moved by Pease and received and adopted.
- Report of Summer School Committee, annexed, was moved by Macrae-Jilson and after discussion received and adopted.

6. Executive Committee 1925-26 Report  
no contest as only 21 nominations  
received.

7. Kingsway Hall Lecture. Suggestions  
for subject considered. Letters from Laska,  
Shaw and Webb thereon received.  
After discussion it was resolved  
that the general title of the course be  
"Freedom and Authority in the Socialist  
Commonwealth", as suggested by Robson.

Agreed that Graham Wallas be  
invited to give the first lecture -  
title "What is Freedom"; and Benbow  
Shaw the last title "Impossibilities  
of Freedom". For the other four lectures  
the following titles were suggested  
(a) Intellectual Freedom (b) Political  
Freedom (c) Industrial Freedom (d)  
Domestic Freedom (e) Freedom & Equality.  
(f) Freedom of Private Enterprise (g) Freedom  
and Economic Enterprise (h) Freedom  
and Industrial Enterprise (i) Freedom

to initiate and experiment:

In lectures the following suggestions  
B. Russell, The Ministry of Balliol, Webb,  
R. Mitchell and Mrs M. Ryden,  
Laska, Tannery & Dalton

Submit lectures to be put on agenda  
for next meeting for further consideration

4. CC Election Fund & Report  
received and approved

Essex Hall lectures. Report received  
& approved.

5. Correspondence - National Conference of  
Labour Women. Refer to Women's funds.

Agreed that the next meeting of the  
Executive be on Thursday 30 April.  
The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Friday,  
27th March, 1925 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - L. Haden Guest, L.P.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Laski, Ratcliffe, Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Executive Committee 1925-26. No contest this year.  
Two vacancies, Dr. L. D. Fairfield and L. Haden Guest.  
Two nominations, Hubert Humphreys and Dr. James Kerr.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Suggestions for subject, etc. to be considered and general title settled. Panel of Chairmen, lecturers and subjects to be considered and arranged. See note re suggestions annexed. Letters from Shaw and Webb and note from Laski thereon to be read.
8. L.C.C. Election fund. Total results 147. 11. 6d. Distributed among eight of the Fabians standing as Labour Candidates. See Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
9. Essex Hall Lecture, to-night, 27th March. F. Bramley on "My Impressions of Russia", Chairman - A. Fordham.
10. Correspondence - National Conference of Labour Women, Birmingham, May 27 - 28th re delegates.

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Report of Finance, etc. Committee.

Friday, 13th March, 1925.  
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Present: Pease (Chair), Lt. Col. Williams, F. A. Benzler (Nursery)  
and Galton.  
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1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. Membership. (a) February candidates (9) were elected, one held over for subscription. Last year (39).  
(b) Four resignations were accepted.
3. Essex Hall Lectures - Report that R. Bramley accepted March 27th to lecture on Russia received and approved.
4. L.C.C. Election. Report that only four Fabians elected out of eighteen candidates received. Election Fund total receipts £47. 11. 6d. The balance distributed making grants: Mrs. Macrae Gibson and S. Presbury (E. Islington) £14. 11. 6d. H. Morrison £6, J. H. Harley £5; Mrs. Malone £5; T. W. McCormack £5, Dr. H. B. Morgan £5; L. Spero £5; and B. Skene Mackay £2. Total £47. 11. 6d.
5. K. H. Lectures, considered and suggestions made to be put on Agenda for the Executive.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Summer School Committee.

Tuesday, 24th March, 1925.  
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**Present:** Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Corner, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss Taylor, Davies, Fordham, Capt. Hall, Dr. Kerr and Galton.

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1. Miss Hankinson reported correspondence with various schools and visit to Belstead School, Aldeburgh. Offer of this school for month of August at rent of £190 considered and after discussion accepted. Agreed also to offer up to further £35 for an additional week, August 29 - September 5th.
2. Scale of fees to be charged considered and revised in direction of small general increase. Application form amended and approved and ordered to be issued with April "rabian News".
3. Preliminary consideration of programme begun. Agreed to arrange special subjects for weeks or half-weeks, and to arrange special lectures as usual. Panel of suggested directors agreed as follows:- Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Corner, Davies, Capt. Hall, Dr. Kerr, Macrae-Gibson, Ratcliffe and Snell. Some suggestions for lectures and lecturers made and agreed to put these on agenda for next meeting.
4. It was decided to abandon the proposed second Summer School Social owing to lateness of the Season.
5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned. To meet again as soon as practicable after Easter.



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KINGSWAY HALL LECTURES, 1925.

suggestions for consideration.

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1. Panel of lecturers suggested includes:-

Shaw, Webb, Wallas, Russell, The Master of Balliol,  
Canon Donaldson, Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P., Dalton,  
Laski, Tawney.

2. Laski's suggestion for title, etc.

- (a) General title; Socialism and current questions.
- (b) Lectures to include: The Monarchy, House of Lords, Parliament, the Press, the Churches, and the Empire.

3. Robson's suggestions.

- (a) General title (1) Liberty and order under Socialism.  
(2) Authority and freedom in the Socialist Commonwealth.
- (b) Lectures - Robson will explain his ideas and scheme verbally.

4. Menzler's suggestions.

- (a) General title - Socialism and control of industry.
- (b) Lectures to include, Workers Control, Coal Industry, Railways, Strikes under nationalisation, etc.

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Executive Committee

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1925.

First meeting of Executive 1925-26

Present. Mrs Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Henry  
Dodd, Capt Hall, Humphreys, Dr Kerr,  
Laski, Pease, Macrae-Jelison, Robson,  
Sneel, Col Williams Webb and Galton

Chair. The Chair was taken by H. J. Laski

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received  
from Andrew, Ratchiffe & Mrs Webb.

Day of meeting &c. Agreed that the Executive  
Committee do meet on the third  
Thursday in each month at  
5 pm during the coming year.

Standing Committees. The following were

appointed by, (1) Finance - Davis, Dodd,  
Capt. Hall, Miss Munley, Pease, Ketchiffe  
Webb and Col. Williams (2) Publishing  
Mr. Drake, Fiddham, Leslie, Miss Lawrence,  
Miss Phelps, Pease, Robson, Tenny & Mrs. Webb.  
(3) Propaganda. Humbelney, Dr. Kerr  
Plyce, Pease and Snell.

6. Roll of Chairmen. Agreed that all members  
of the Executive do take the Chair in  
rotation in alphabetical order; and that  
the Standing Order be amended to  
provide that this be the regular rule  
in future.

7. Report of Finance & Ctr. annexed. Was moved  
by Pease. On item 3 it was decided  
that the Annual Meeting be held on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Fehman Hall.  
With this amendment the report  
was received and approved and  
its recommendations adopted.

Report of Publishing Committee, annexed, was  
moved by Laski. On item 4 after  
discussion it was agreed that Laski  
be requested to draft amended  
resolutions for submission to the  
executive as soon as convenient.

On item 5: it was agreed that in  
addition to the special bibliographies  
proposed, a supplement to 'What  
to Read', entitled 'more books to read'  
bringing it up to date should be  
prepared and issued.

With this amendment and addition  
the report was received and approved  
and its recommendations adopted.

Reports of Summer School Committee, annexed  
were moved by Macrae-Johnson.

On item 2 (a) it was agreed that  
Mrs. Hervey of Belstead school  
be asked to repay us the actual  
expense incurred by the  
withdrawal of her offer of the school



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With this addition the reports were received and adopted.

10. Kingsway Hall lectures. Considered. Resolved that B. Russell be asked to give the first lecture on 'What is Freedom'; and B. Shaw the last on 'The impossibilities of Freedom'. That the following be asked to take other lectures viz 1. The master of Balliol 2. Sidney Webb, S. H. P. Carter, 4. Rosslyn Hutchell M.P.; and that further any of them the following be invited in the order named, viz T. R. H. Tamney, 2. C. de Caste Burns, 3. H. R. Brailsford, 4. H. Dalton M.P.

That the ~~next~~ list of suggestion subjects be sent to them & they be asked to select one or to propose another subject to the General body of the Comtee  
The meeting then adjourned.

A. E. Davis

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, Thursday,  
30th April, 1925 at 5 p.m.

(First meeting of the new Executive for 1925-26)

1. Chair - H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. To consider and settle day and hour of meetings of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.
5. Election of Standing Committees for the ensuing year,  
viz., (a) Finance and General Purposes,  
(b) Publishing  
(c) Propaganda.
6. Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year to be considered and settled.
7. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
8. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
9. Reports of Summer School Committee (two meetings) annexed.
10. Kingsway Hall Lectures, Autumn 1925: General title settled:  
"Freedom and Authority in the Socialist Commonwealth"  
Lecturers and subjects to be considered and settled

Suggestions made as follows:-

1. Graham Wallas. What is Freedom.
6. Bernard Shaw. The Impossibilities of Freedom.

For the other four lectures the following suggestions were made: (a) Intellectual Freedom, (b) Political Freedom, (c) Industrial Freedom, (d) Domestic Freedom, (e) Freedom and Equality, (f) Freedom of Private Enterprise, (g) Freedom and Economic Enterprise, (h) Freedom and Industrial Enterprise, (i) Freedom to initiate and experiment.

And for lecturers: Bertrand Russell, Sidney Webb, The Master of Balliol, Rosalyn Mitchell, M.P., Miss M. Royden, H. J. Laski, R. E. Tawney, and Hugh Dalton.

11. Correspondence.

Friday, 24th April, 1925.

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(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Pease (Chair), Robson, Col. Williams, Menzler (Nursery) and Galton.

1. March candidates 7 were elected. Last year 20. Nine resignations were accepted; and one member struck off for non-payment.
2. List of members adopted or willing to stand as Labour Parliamentary candidates considered and approved and ordered to be sent to Labour Party.
- 3\* Proof of draft balance sheet considered and some small amendments agreed to. Secretary's action in inviting Bacon to audit again was approved. Agreed to recommend Executive to fix Friday, June 12th or 19th for Annual Meeting and to propose alteration of Rule 3 as suggested.
- 4\* Fabian Women's Group. Application to Society to defray expenses of one delegate to Labour Women's Conference, Birmingham. Referred to Executive with recommendation to adhere to usual practice of not paying delegates expenses except in case of paid officials of the Society.
5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Publishing Committee.

Monday, Wednesday, 22nd April, 1925.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Lawrence, Fordham, Macrae-Gibson, and Galton. (Also Robson - non-member)

1. It was agreed to revise and reprint Tract 62. Parish and District Councils.
- 2.\* Agreed to recommend Executive that stores be made of Laski's Karl Marx at cost of about £10, and 3,000 copies reprinted at cost of about £25.
3. G. D. H. Cole submitted M.S. of tract on William Cobbett and it was agreed it be set up forthwith.
- 4\* Reissue of Fabian Tract No. 70. Fabian Resolutions on Policy considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive to approve on principle and appoint a small special sub committee to revise.



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5. The Chairman submitted M.S. of tract on Socialism and Freedom. Agreed that copies be typed and circulated for consideration. The Chairman also undertook to bring up scheme for series of special short bibliographies.
  - 6\* It was agreed to recommend the Executive to purchase from Labour Publishing Co., 25 copies of Fordham's "Rural England" at 3/- to sell at 5/- each; and 50 copies of Ellis's "Poor Student and the University" at 1/6d each to sell at 2/6d.
  7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Reports of Summer School Committee.

Two meetings.

(The \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

1. Monday 21st April, 1925.

Present:- Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss Taylor; Davies, Fordham, Capt. Hall, Dr. Kerr, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. Miss Hankinson reported receipt of letter to-day from Mrs. Hervey, of Belstead School, Aldeburgh saying she had just discovered the Fabian Society was a Socialist organisation, and that if so she could not let us have the school. The situation was considered and Secretary instructed to wire Mrs. Hervey at once, and if she still persisted to take all possible steps to secure offer of another school.
2. The Directors were arranged and the subjects for weeks settled, but further consideration of these and other matters was deferred in view of the uncertainty about the place of school, etc.
3. The meeting then adjourned.

2. Tuesday, 28th April, 1925.

*MACRAE GIBSON (CHAIR)*

Present: Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss Taylor, Davies, Capt. Hall, Dr. Kerr and Galton.

1. The situation arising from the withdrawal of the offer of Belstead School was considered and after discussion it was resolved - That the matter be referred to the Executive Committee to deal with.
2. Offers of other schools were considered. It was decided to take Bradley Court, Mitcheldean, Glos. if suitable arrangements can be made; and it was referred to the Secretary and Miss Hankinson to interview Major Abbott and come to terms if possible. Failing that it was decided that the school must be abandoned for this year.
3. The meeting then adjourned.



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Selections for Committees 1925-6.

FINANCE.

A. Emil Davies.,L.C.C.  
F. Lawson Dodd.  
Capt. Basil Hall.,R.N.  
Prof. Edith Morley.  
E. R. Pease.  
S. K. Ratcliffe.  
Sidney Webb, M.P.  
Lt.Col. Williams.  
F. A. A. Manzler.(Nur:)

PUBLISHING.

Mrs. B. Drake.  
M. Fordham.  
H. J. Laski.  
Miss S. Lawrence, L.C.C.  
J. H. Macrae-Gibson.  
E. R. Pease.  
W. A. Robson.  
R. H. Tawney.  
Mrs. Sidney Webb.

PROPAGANDA.

H. Humphreys.  
Dr. James Kerr.  
C. M. Lloyd.  
E. R. Pease.  
H. Snell, M.P.

Rota of Chairman.

A. Emil Davies.,L.C.C.  
F. Lawson Dodd.  
Mrs. B. Drake.  
M. Fordham.  
Capt. Basil Hall, R.N.  
H. Humphreys.  
Dr. James Kerr.  
H. J. Laski.  
Miss S. Lawrence.  
C. M. Lloyd.

J. H. Macrae-Gibson.  
Prof. Edith Morley.  
E. R. Pease.  
S. K. Ratcliffe.  
W. A. Robson.  
Harry Snell, M.P.  
R. H. Tawney.  
Sidney Webb, M.P.  
Mrs. Sidney Webb.  
Lt. Col. Williams.

Executive Committee  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1925.

Present: - A. E. Davies, F. L. Dodd, Mr Drake  
Mr Fordham, Capt B. Hall, H. Humphreys  
D. J. Ken, H. J. Laska, E. R. Pease, R. H. Tannery,  
Sidney Webb, Mrs Webb and F. W. Galton.

Chair - The Chair was taken by A. E. Davies.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from  
J. H. Macrae Wilson, W. G. Robson & Col Williams

Proof of Draft Annual Report - was considered  
paragraph by paragraph and various  
amendments agreed to. On the account  
the letter from Bacon was read with  
reference to the item of local government  
News, and it was agreed that this  
be corrected in accordance with

the Auditors recommendation. With  
these amendments the report as a  
whole was approved and ordered  
to be issued to members with the  
June issue of Julian News.

5. Report of Finance Committee was  
moved by Pease. Para 5. was  
deferred to be dealt with in item 7  
of the main agenda. On Para 6 it was  
agreed that the Executive Committee  
should entertain members to coffee  
& cigarettes in the Common Room after  
the Annual meeting as usual.

With these corrections and  
additions the Report was approved and  
its recommendations adopted.

6. Report of Summer School Committee -  
was moved by Davis and after  
discussion received and  
approved.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures - The list of lectures & subjects was approved subject to alteration of Webb's subject from 'Industrial' to 'Economic Freedom'.

The chairman then recommended the Finance Committee was considered & amended etc the following list approved.

- 1. R. H. Tawney
- 2. Lord Groll
- 3. H. S. J. B. Phyllis
- 4. Lord Olivier
- 5. Mrs Lawrence
- 6. W. A. Robson

This concluded the business and the meeting then adjourned.

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, on Thursday

21st May, 1925 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair.    A. E. Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Annual Report. Proof of draft report sent out to members last week. To be considered and approved and ordered to be issued to members.
5. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures: Lecturers now all arranged as follows:-

	<u>Date.</u>		<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1.	Thursday, Oct:	22nd.	Bertrand Russell.	Freedom in Society.
2.	"	"	29th. H. J. Laski.	Political Freedom.
3.	8	Nov. 5th.	Sidney Webb, M.P.	Industrial Freedom.
4.	"	"	12th. The Master of Balliol.	Freedom to initiate and experiment.
5.	"	"	19th. Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P.	Domestic Freedom.
6.	"	"	26th. Bernard Shaw.	The impossibilities of Freedom.

(For list of Chairmen suggested see report of Finance, etc. Committee, paragraph 5.)

8. Correspondence.

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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Friday, 15th May, 1925.

(A \* denotes the item contains a recommendation)

Present:- Pease (Chair), Hall, Ratcliffe, Williams and Galton,  
(also Laski, non-member)

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1. Pease was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided that the Committee do meet on the second Thursday in the month at 5 p.m. for the ensuing year.
3. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
4. April candidates (4) were elected. Last year (9) Two resignations were accepted.
- 5\* Kingaway Hall Lectures. Arrangements reported and approved. Agreed to recommend that the following be invited as Chairmen, viz.

1st Lecture:	R. H. Tawney.	4th Lecture.	Lord Olivier.
2nd	" A. McCallum Scott.	5th	" Lord Gorrell.
3rd	" H. St. J. B. Philby.	6th	" W. A. Robson.
- 6\* Annual Meeting, Thursday, June 11th at 8 p.m. in Fabian Hall. Agreed to recommend that F. A. Menzler be nominated as Chairman.
7. The report of the Atkinson Trustees re cost of printing Pease's History of the Fabian Society was received and noted with thanks. The recommendation of the Trustees re fee to Editor of the Local Government News was approved and agreed to.
8. E. A. Lloyd's Book - Co-operative Movement in Italy. Agreed that it be bound in blue cloth and that the price be 4/6d net.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, Monday, 18th May, 1925.

Present: Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss Taylor, Messrs. Davies, Fordham, Kerr, Rateliff, Williams and Galton.

- (Hall)*
1. The action of the Chairman, Miss Hankinson and Secretary in agreeing to take Bradley Court for August (4 weeks) was approved.
  2. It was decided to accept Mr. Abbott's proposal to do the catering and provide everything for visitors at an inclusive charge of 45/- per head per week.
  3. It was decided to offer to pay for a minimum number of 150 weeks for the month if acceptable; failing that to agree to Mr. Abbott's proposal to pay for a minimum of 40 persons per week.
  4. The arrangements of Directors and subjects for discussion were amended and approved. It was agreed that in view of distance and the limited number of visitors to the school this year only two paid lectures should be arranged each week. A list of lecturers to be invited was agreed to.
  5. In view of the altered circumstances this year it was agreed that Miss Hankinson be relieved of her duties as manageress in August, and that Mrs. Beadle be invited to undertake the duty at the school.
  6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1925

Present: Mrs Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Webb;  
Mrs Dodd, Fordham, Capt. Hall,  
Dr Kerr, Macrae-Johnson, Pease, Ratcliffe,  
Robson, Webb. Col Williams & Gactors.

1. Chan - The Chan was taken by Mrs Drake.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hurley, Humphreys, & Tawney. Humphreys called attention in his letter to the case of Prof. Salvemini. It was agreed unanimously that we take steps to rebut any action on his behalf; and that Mr. DeLisle Burns be informed thereof and letter written to W. Oliver Harvey on our behalf.

4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by Pease. In item 8  
it was decided that Mr. Brooks,  
our tenant be informed that unless  
he pays the arrears of rent due  
we shall be compelled reluctantly  
to take action to recover same.

With this addition the report  
as a whole was approved and adopted

5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed  
was moved by Robson. In item 4(C)  
it was agreed at Fuchsman's request  
that copies of The Crusader printing  
his list submitted to us be purchased  
and copies sent to each member  
of the Executive.

With this addition the report  
as a whole was received and ~~approved~~<sup>adopted</sup>.

6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed  
was moved by Macrae-Helm and received  
and adopted.

7. Annual Meeting: Fraburn suggested that the next series of lectures arranged should be on the subjects mentioned in his motion and this was agreed to.

8. K.H.L. - Report received a postponed Annual Meeting of Phully is unable to attend in Nov. 5. A. MacCallum Scott is invited to take the chair.

9. New Pamphlets - agreed that in future copy of all new tracts (pamphlets) be sent to every member as was the case formerly.

The meeting then adjourned

Basil Hall  
Chelmsford  
23<sup>rd</sup> July 1925





F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, on  
Thursday, 25th June 1925 at 5.p.m.  
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1. Chair. F. Lawson Dodd.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Miss Morley, Hubert Humphreys.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Annual Meeting. Fordham's motion carried Nem Con. Any action?
8. Kingsway Hall Lectures: Arrangements now complete subject  
to Philby's final decision re chair on November 5th.
9. Three new pamphlets now ready viz:-

No.214. The District Auditor. by W. A. Robson.

No.215. William Cobbett. by G. D. H. Cole.

No.216. Socialism & Freedom. by H. J. Laski.

Are these all to be sent out to all our members as usual.

10. Correspondence.

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FABI AN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday 11th June 1925.

Present: Poase (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Webb, Menzler (Nursery) and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. May candidates (9) were elected. Last year (16) Two resignations were accepted.
3. James Bacon, the auditor, sent his certificate. It was agreed that he be thanked and a fee of five guineas offered to him to defray expense incurred, etc.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report as to arrangements to date received and approved.
5. Parliamentary By-Election Fund. The Trustees reported they had unanimously agreed to make a grant of £50 from the fund to Col. Williams for the Eastbourne by-election, and this was approved.
6. Thanks were recorded to F. Lawson Dodd for the gift of handsome oak reading desk presented to the Society and in use in Fabian Hall.
7. It was decided to nominate Sidney Webb and Miss Lawrence for election to the Labour Party Executive Committee 1925-26, and to appoint them as our delegates to the Party's Annual Conference.
8. It was reported that our tenant was in arrears of rent and the Secretary was instructed to interview him thereon and report further.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of meeting of Publishing Committee, Tuesday, 25th May 1925. (5)

Present: Laski (Chair), Macrae-Gibson, Robson, Galton.  
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1. Laski was re-elected chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was agreed that the Committee should meet on Thursdays at 5.15.p.m. for the ensuing year.
3. New Tracts in the press:
  - (a) The District Auditor. by Robson. Price 1d.
  - (b) William Cobbett. G.D.H.Cole. Price 3d.
  - (c) Facts for Socialists. Agreed that the revise be set up and proofs circulated to the Executive Committee.
4. New Tracts proposed:
  - (a) Socialism and Freedom. Laski. Agreed that it be published. Price 2d.
  - (b) Thomas Paine. Kingsley Martin. Agreed that it be published. Price 3d.
  - (c) Agriculture and the Stable Business System. Fordham. Considered and letters thereon read from members of the Committee unable to be present. Agreed that it be declined with thanks.
5. New tracts suggested:
  - (a) Insurance Machinery. J.L.Cohen. Considered and declined.
  - (b) Electricity Supply. Considered and agreed that J.A. Hobson, Jnr., be asked to write and fee offered if necessary.
  - (c) Lord Olivior's speech in House of Lords on Native Questions in Kenya. Agreed that it be printed as appendix to Norman Loys tract on Kenya when available.
6. New book suggested:

Howwill - The Case Against P.R. Considered - letters thereon read from Miss Lawrence and others. Agreed that we decline to publish it, but recommend it to Allen & Unwin or other publisher as a good solid piece of work.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, Monday 22nd June 1915

Present: Macrae-Gibson (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Miss Taylor, Messrs. Davies, Fordham, Capt. Hall, Dr. Kerr, Ratcliffe, Col. Williams, and Galton.

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1. Miss Hankinson reported her visit to Bradley Court and the details of arrangements made. These were approved and Miss Hankinson thanked.
2. Letter read from Mr. Abbott accepting our offer to guarantee 150 weeks visits during the month and this was agreed to and approved.
3. Lecture arrangements to date were approved and some further suggestions made. It was agreed that programme be printed and it was referred to a sub-committee of the three officers to draw up and issue this, and to settle any other matters of detail.
4. List of applicants for accommodation was read and approved.
5. Some cancelled bookings were considered and refunds of fees or part thereof ordered.
6. Various other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1925.

Present - Mr Drake, Capt. B. Hall, H. Humphreys,  
J. Macrae-Filson, E. R. Pease, S. K. Ratcliffe,  
H. Snell M.P., Sidney Webb M.P. Lt. Col. Williams  
and Swelarton.

1. The Chair was taken by Capt Basil Hall.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and some matters arising therefrom explained.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Faulkner & W. A. Robson. Faulkner's letter was read and noted.
4. Report of Finance & Committee announced was moved by Pease. On item 4 Essex Hall lectures it was agreed to add to list of subjects, Food Prices, Unemployment and Reform of local government and Poor Law.

write this addition the report as a whole was received and approved and adopted.

5. Kingsway Hall lectures - Agreed that it be left to the Secretary to print and issue syllabus when G. B. Shaw is available.

6. Essex Hall lectures - Agreed to adhere to Friday evenings & arrange eight dates, viz Jan 15, 29, Feb. 12, 26, March 12, 26; and April 16 and 30. Fordham's letter thereon was read and noted but it did not appear that members of the Committee could undertake the task suggested.

7. Facts for Socialists - Considered and various letters thereon read, and Fordham's resolutions considered. After discussion it was resolved unanimously: - ~~That~~ That the fact be retained in substance

as it stands, with any necessary revisions and corrections or alterations required.

That it be referred to a subcommittee to consider all amendments and suggestions sent in and to compile and print and issue the tract as soon as possible.

That the sub. Committee do consist of Messrs. Pease, Robson, Webb and Gutter with authority to consult Pease who undertake the revision.

That all suggestions received and Fordham's motions be referred to the sub Committee to deal with in accordance with their instructions.

Correspondence.

(a) Fellowes re International - agreed that Secretary be authorized to nominate any member to attend who is willing to do so at his own expense.

(b) Shephard, re China. Received and noted with thanks. Refer

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report on conditions in China to  
anyone interested

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- (c) De la Torre re translation of Rothowen  
had agreed subject to consent of  
author and that copy of translation  
be submitted.
- (d) Mexican News Service - No action
- (e) Westminster Labour Party - No action

The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, on  
Thursday, 23rd July, 1925 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Montague Fordham.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - W. A. Robson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Still only three syllabuses.  
See Finance, etc. Committee report, Para. 3 recommending printing and issue of programme when Shaw's syllabus can be added.
6. Essex Hall Lectures - Spring 1925. See Finance, etc. Committee's Report, para. 4. Shall we adhere to Friday evenings? If so dates suggested Fridays, January 15th, 29th, February 12th, 26th, March 12th, 26th, April 16th, 30th, eight in all. (Good Friday is April 2nd) See also extract from Fordham's letter thereon annexed.
7. Facts for Socialists Revise. Copy sent to each member and many suggestions and additions made. Suggest that a small sub committee be appointed to deal with these. Fordham to move as follows:
  - (1) That all recommendations or indications of special policies whether Liberal, Socialist or Anti-Socialist be omitted.
  - (2) All untrue or misleading statements whether introduced in the form of quotations or otherwise.
  - (3) That the pamphlet be confined as far as possible to a statement of facts and relative comments and explanations.
8. Correspondence.
  - (a) W. Gillies, Joint International Dept. The Labour Party, re Congress at Marseilles, August 22nd.
  - (b) F. E. Shepherd, Wumhang, China. Interesting report on the situation there.
  - (c) V.R.H. de la Torre asking permission to translate tract on Robert Owen for the Argentine.
  - (d) Mexican News Service - re supply of Labour News from Mexico.
  - (e) Westminster Labour Party - re candidates for L.C.C. City Council, etc.

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Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 9th July, 1925.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Webb, Col. Williams and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was presented and approved and considered satisfactory.
2. June candidates (6) were elected. Last year (9). One resignation was accepted.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Secretary reported still only three syllabuses received. It was decided that when G. B. Shaw's is available the syllabus be printed off as last year.
4. Essex Hall Lectures, 1926. Preliminary consideration. Suggestions made include R. L. Reiss (Housing), H. Dalton (Finance), M. Fordham (Rural Policy), and possibly Prof. Peers of Nottingham.
5. The Secretary reported that our tenant had now paid arrears of rent due March last. Also correspondence, etc. with C. de Lisle Burns and O. Harvey re case of Prof. Salvemini; and with Egerton Wake re the General Friendly Collecting Society affiliated to us.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



Extract from letter from M. Fordham, 12th July, 1925.

I have a further suggestion to make to the Executive Committee relating to Constructive Policy, and I venture to hope that in order that it may be carefully considered in advance, this letter be sent out to all the members of the Committee

My proposal is this:- That every member of the Committee be asked during the holidays to jot down shortly the three or four controlling causes of (1) the Rural Muddle; (2) Unemployment; (3) the Housing trouble and (4) the High food prices; and add the practical immediate socialist solutions.

These memoranda might then be referred to a Committee of say three competent persons to draft a short memorandum covering the ground; this could be submitted to the Executive for publication or not as they thought fit. It might be ready for sale or distribution at the Kingsway Hall Meetings.

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Execution Committee

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1925

Present: A. E. Davies, Mr. Fudham, D. J. Ken,  
H. J. Laski, E. R. Pease, S. K. Ratcliffe,  
W. G. Rolson, H. Snelc M.P. and F. Wolgaston.

1. The Chair was taken by D. J. Ken.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from  
F. L. Dodd, Mr. Drake, Capt. Hall, H. Humphrey,  
Mrs. Hurley, Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb & Col. Williams.
4. Report of Finance Committee, unamended, was  
moved by Pease. In Para 5, the  
Secretary reported he had attended  
a meeting of the Westminster Assessment  
Committee this day & they had agreed  
to reduce the assessment of their  
premises to £330 plus £270 net.



The report was received and considered satisfactory. The other items of the Committee report were received and the report as a whole approved and the recommendations adopted.

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5. K.H.L. Secretary reported the progress sale of tickets very good and this was received and approved.

8. Feb

6. Essex Hall lectures 1926. Considered and the following suggestions for lectures and subjects approved, viz:-

- R. B. Forester - Cooperation in Marketing ✓
- C. S. Brown - Land Tenure ✓
- M. F. Graham - Rural Policy ✓
- H. Jones - Impressions of America ✓
- Prof. Peers - ~~about~~ Can we educate the Community? ✓
- A. Greenwood M.P. Housing. ✓
- Sidney Webb M.P. Poor Law. ✓
- H. St. J. Philby. Arabia. ✓

The Secretary was authorized to proceed with arrangements accordingly

7. Facts for Socialists - Pease and Scantling reported meeting of the reform sub. Committee and that they had dealt with all the suggestions and criticisms received, and referred it to Grace & Galt to compile and issue the book. The report was received and approved.

8. Fabian Nursery - Robson reported on the present position and future of the Fabian Nursery and it was agreed that the Committee would cooperate in the work of the proposed new group.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned

Edw. R. Pease  
 19 Nov. '25

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Agenda for Meeting of the Executive Committee at Office on Thursday,  
24th Sept., 1925 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - Dr. James Korr.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Mrs. Drake, Capt. Hall, H. Humphroys, Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb, Col. Williams.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures: Syllabus printed and issued (five only - no response from Dr. Lindsay) Demand for tickets very satisfactory.
6. Essex Hall Lectures, 1926. Hall taken for eight alternate Friday evenings, January 15th to April 30th. General title of subject settled. Lecturers, subjects, and chairmen to be considered and arranged.
7. Facts for Socialists Revised. The Sub Committee to report meeting and all suggestions, amendments, etc. considered and dealt with. Brace and Galton now completing final revise for press.
8. Robson to report on the present position and future of the Fabian Nursery.



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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 17th Sept.,  
1925.

Present: Pease (Chair), Capt. Hall, Ratcliffe, Col. Williams and  
Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was not available owing to staff holidays.
2. July candidates (8) were elected. Last year (13) August candidates (6) were elected. Last year (4) Seven resignations were accepted.
3. Report on Kingsway Hall Lectures was received and considered satisfactory.
4. Proof of circular re books in Public Libraries was considered, and some amendments and additions made. It was approved and ordered to be printed and issued with Oct. "Fabian News".
5. Further increase of assessment for rates. Secretary reported he had given notice of objection after consulting the chairman as the last date for such notice was Sept., 15th. The action was approved and the Secretary instructed to appear before the Assessment authority and support the objection.
6. It was reported that the late T.E.Vasoy had bequeathed to the Society the sum of £21 duty free, and one eleventh share of the residue of his estate. Received and noted.
7. Reported also that the late Mrs. Maybury had left to the Society a collection of some 300 or more books in memory of her daughter. Received and noted.
8. It was agreed to recommend the Executive Committee that the salary of Miss Taylor, M.A., be increased by 10/- per week to £4.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1925

Present: Mrs Lawrence; Messrs Dodd, Madham,  
Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Dr Kerr, Pease  
Ratcliffe, Robson, Tawney, Webb,  
Col Williams and Esalter

Chair: The Chair was taken by E. R. Pease

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received  
from Lasker & Mr Webb.

Reports of the Finance Committee (2 meetings)  
annexed were presented by Pease  
No 1. Oct 6. was received and approved  
and adopted. On No 2. Nov. 12,  
item 2 in the matter of the election of  
J. A. Lockier it was Resolved, nem con:  
That the Committee being informed

By Mr. Cowley the Secretary of the  
Birmingham F.S. that Mr. Swain is not  
a member of the Communist Party, he  
be elected a member of the Society without.

On Item 11. Question of enlargement  
of Fulham News it was decided that  
the News should be increased to 8pp more  
frequently; with a lease on behalf  
of the Alderson Trustees agreed to  
make a grant from that fund to  
cover the extra expense incurred.

With these additions and/or alterations  
the report as a whole was ~~not~~ received  
and its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee, annex  
was moved by Framham and  
received and approved.

6. Framham moved the motion of which he  
had given notice after discussion  
it was resolved to refer to the  
Publishing Committee the question

of preparing new tracts on the following

- (a) Family Endowment
- (b) Housing. (c) Unemployment
- (d) Food Prices & Co-operation marketing
- (e) Finance.

It was decided also to agree to Fabian's request that a leaflet advertising the Rural Committee Report be sent out to members with Fabian News free of charge.

Correspondence.

- (a) Labour Party Circular re Communist Party  
Read and noted.
- (b) Louth & N. Cornwall Labour Parties re candidates. refer to Wake
- (c) Pan-Pacific Union re Conference  
Noted and to keep in touch with them.

The meeting then adjourned.

William J. Rolson

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at office on Thursday,  
19th November, 1925 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - Miss S. Lawrence, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Laski.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committees (Two meetings) annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Montague Fordham to move, re instruction of Annual Meeting -  
proposed action.
  - (a) Preparation and issue of special pamphlets.
  - (b) Support of Rural Socialist propaganda - circularisation  
and sale of books, especially "A National Rural  
Policy".
7. Matters referred from Finance, etc. Committee:
  - (a) Labour Party Circular re Communist Party.
  - (b) South and North Cornwall Divisional Labour Parties  
re Candidates.
  - (c) Pan Pacific Union re Conference.

Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee at Office, Thursday, 6th October, 1925.

Present: Pease (Chair), Col. Williams, and Galton.

1. Menzler wrote resigning his seat on this Committee as he is no longer a member of the Nursery Committee. The resignation was accepted.
2. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion received and considered satisfactory.
3. September candidates (4) were elected. Last year (2) Two resignations were accepted.
4. Report on progress of Kingsway Hall Lectures was received and approved.
5. Essex Hall Lectures 1926. Arrangements to date reported and approved. Question of chairmen deferred till next meeting. Agreed that syllabus be prepared and other details as to change for admission, discussion, etc. to be arranged as last year.
6. Summer School Committee. Suggested that Secretary should be authorised to insert advertisements for school for 1926 at once and this was agreed to.

Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 12th November, 1925.

Present:- Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Col. Williams, and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
2. October candidates (15). Last year (11). Fourteen were elected. In the case of one of the candidates of the Birmingham F.S. it was decided to refer the election to the Executive with recommendation that he be elected if not a member of the Communist Party and on condition that he agrees to resign his membership here if he should join that Party at a future date.

Three resignations were accepted.

3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that receipts were about £45 below last year received, and after discussion considered satisfactory.
4. Essex Hall Lectures. Arrangements for lectures complete. For Chairmen the following were proposed viz.,  
1. Laski, 2. Capt. Hall, 3. Dodd, 4. Tawney,  
5. Davies, 6. J. B. McJillo, 7. Col. Williams,  
8. Pease.

To be approved.

5. Tract No. 218. The County Council. It was decided that copy be sent to every member as usual.
6. Book Box Circular. Copy of circular as revised and issued was approved.
7. Miss S. Acheson was co-opted to the Committee as Nursery representative in place of Menzlor.
8. The Labour Party's request for payment of second affiliation fee for this year was agreed to.
9. London Labour Party Conference. Davies, Miss Lawrance, and Col. Williams were appointed delegates and agreed that fees be paid.
10. National Book Council. Request to us to prepare bibliographies on Economics and kindred subjects agreed to and it was decided to make a grant of £3 to cost of printing same.
11. A member wrote suggesting enlargement of Fabian News. Agreed to recommend Executive that the News be increased to 8 pp. more frequently.
12. Various other matters were referred to the Executive or otherwise dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of Summer School Committee, 5th October, 1925.

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Present: Macrae-Gibson (Chair) Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Fordham, Dr. Kerr, Col. Williams and Galton.

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1. Financial statement was presented showing balance of about £85 after meeting liabilities and was approved and considered satisfactory.
2. It was agreed unanimously that a fee of £10. 10. od. be paid to Mrs. Beadle with the Committee's best thanks for her valuable help as Manageress at Bradley Court.
3. List of fees and expenses of lecturers was considered and approved and ordered to be paid.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 17 December 1925

Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence,  
Humphrey, D. Kerr, Pease, Robson,  
Webb, and Gutter.

1. The Chan was taken by W.A. Robson.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Fulham, Macrae Wilson, Mr Webb and Col Williams. Fulham's letter was read & noted.
4. Report of Finance & Committee. annexed was moved by Pease. On item 3 it was agreed that the question of subject and lectures for next year's Kingsway Hall activities be put on agenda for next meeting.

On item 4. It was agreed that Dr Kern  
be asked to preside for Trench's lecture  
on January 15.

With these additions the report  
was received and its recommendations  
adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee, annex  
was presented by Robson. On item  
I it was agreed that Trench be asked  
to consider revival of his tract, 164  
fold & State Banking. Agreed also  
that Mrs Woolton be asked to write  
a tract on Currency & Credit.

On item 3. It was agreed that Tawney  
be asked to write a tract on the  
Coal industry.

With these additions the report  
was received and its recommendations  
adopted.

6. Summer School Committee 1926.

Agreed that the committee be set up

forthwith. The following seven members of the  
Execution were appointed as members  
for the evening Jan, 24 - Mrs Drake,  
Davies, Humphreys, Dr Kerr,  
Capt Hall, Macrae-John & Col. Williams

Essex Hall business - approved. Dr Kerr  
undertook to preside on Jan. 15.

Correspondence

- (a) Buckingham Labor Party. read list  
and suggest J. B. Melville
- (b) Daverity do. Secretary: reply  
approved.
- (c) Labor Party. agreed to send out their  
circular to members without charge.
- (d) Reformers Brotherhood Glasgow. on  
circulation. noted
- (e) Pan-Pacific Union. Read & noted.

The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, on  
Thursday, 17th December 1925 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - S. K. Ratcliffe.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Summer School Committee 1926 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive Co to be appointed to serve for the ensuing year.
7. Essex Hall Lectures. Arrangements all complete except Chairman for first lecture on 15th January (Dr. Finer on America). To be considered and settled.
8. Correspondence.
  - (a) Buckingham Labour Party - re candidate.
  - (b) Coventry Labour Party - ditto.
  - (c) Labour Party asking us to send out circular re Weekly Notes for speakers to our members free of charge.
  - (d) Reformers Bookstall Ltd. Glasgow - in voluntary liquidation.
  - (e) Pan-Pacific Union - further letter and request to send delegate to Honolulu, January, 1927.

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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 10th  
December, 1925.

Present: Poase (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Ratcliff, Webb,  
Col. Williams, Miss S. Acheson (Nursery) and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion received and considered satisfactory.
2. November candidates (13) were elected. Last year (21) One resignation was accepted - two others referred back to be invited to continue. List of 54 members, no addresses, considered. A few addresses were provided and the remainder ordered to be struck off the list unless addresses were forthcoming.
3. Report of results of Kingsway Hall lectures presented and received and considered satisfactory. Resolved to recommend the Executive that the hall be booked again at once for six successive Wednesdays in October and November 1926 if possible. Subject and lecturers, etc. to be considered.
4. Essex Hall Lectures. Agreed that L. Haden Guest, M.P. be asked to preside for Finor on January 15th. Programme and syllabus to be printed when six or more syllabuses available. The usual charge of 5/- for course tickets and 1/- for single lecture to be made and other arrangements as formerly.
5. It was agreed that for Kingsway Hall lectures next year the notice of reservation of seats printed on tickets be altered from 8.45 to 8.35 p.m.; that the chairman be requested to make an appeal to audience to attend early and so avoid disturbing the meetings; and speakers reminded that as the hall is large it is necessary to raise their voices, etc.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday,  
8th December, 1925.

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Present: Laski (Chair), Fordham, Robson and Galton.

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1. Tracts going out of print:-

- No.42 - Christian Socialism by S. D. Headlam. Agreed that it be dropped.
- No.146 - Socialism and Superior Brains by Shaw. To be reprinted.
- No.164 - Gold and State Banking by Pease. Agreed that it be dropped.
- No.170 - Profit Sharing and Copartnership by Pease. To be reprinted.

2. New Tracts suggested. Referred from Executive.

- (a) Family Endowment - agreed that C.W.Lloyd be asked to do tract on this.
- (b) Housing - rejected - no demand except for facts which vary too rapidly.
- (c) Unemployment - Fordham offered to prepare short tract on this and submit to the Committee and the offer was accepted.
- (d) Food prices and Co-operative marketing, and
- (e) Finance. It was agreed to refer this to the new Fabian Group to consider and if so decided prepare tracts.

3. Other new tracts - suggested by the Chairman

- (a) on the Law of Sedition; and (b) biographical tract on Bentham. Approved and decided to ask the new Fabian Group to submit M.S. on tracts on these subjects prepared by Neep and Victor Cohen respectively.

4. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1926

Present: Mrs Drake, Mrs S. Lawrence;  
Davies, Dodd, Capt. Hall, Humphreys,  
D. Kerr, Pease, Robson, Sneece,  
Tawney, Webb, Col Williams & Esalter

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by H. Sneece M.P.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologetic for absence were received from Mrs Webb, Fodham, Muesel film & Ratcliffe
4. Reports of Finance & Committee, annexed (2 meetings) were moved by Pease and after explanation and discussion were read and approved and the recommendations adopted.



5. Report of Publishing Committee, current  
was moved by Mrs Drake. On Item  
1(a) it was agreed that Dr Norman Leys  
be invited to lecture to us on a  
suitable occasion. On Item (3) it was  
agreed to accept the suggested hint  
by Samuels on Local Education Committee  
to pay the usual fee. Mrs Drake and  
Mrs Lawrence to be asked to read  
and review it when ready.

It was decided also to refer to  
the Publishing Committee again the  
question of a treatise on Electricity  
to suggest titles as possible  
written for such treatise.

6. Reports of Summer School Committee, current  
(2 meetings) were presented by Humphreys  
and received and approved  
and the recommendations  
adopted.

7. Kingway Hill Lectures 1926. Suggestions

for subject and lectures circulated were considered. After full discussion agreed that the subject be (a) Our Shrunken World - Dangers & Possibilities; or (b) The Shrunken World. Lectures 1. World Finance. Keynes. 2. Unsettled State of Europe. Fineman, P. J. Baker, or Sir A. Salter, 3. Dangers of Credit War. Russell. 4. Explorations of new ideas, among backward races, or the Rising tide of colour. 5. New Barriers to the migration of peoples. 6. Voluntary Internationalism. Webb. 7. Show & choose a subject.

That there be referred to Finance & Committee to consider and revise and report to next meeting.

B. Correspondence:-

- (a) Davies - resigning from the Summer School Committee.
- (b) Mrs. Palmer (Mabel Atkinson) visiting England this Spring after five years in Durban, asks us to arrange a meeting for lecture by her on Racial Relations in S. Africa.
- (c) Buckrose (Yorks) Divisional Labour Party, pending by-election asking financial support for the Labour candidate H.C. Laycock.
- (d) B. P. Howell - sending report of meeting in Madras where Indian Fabian Society was formed.

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- (e) National Labour Housing Association re Annual  
General Meeting, Saturday, March 6th.  
Request for delegates.
- (f) Land Nationalisation Federation re Conference,  
Saturday, March 13th inviting delegates.

- (a) Resignation accepted and Robson  
appointed in place of Davis
- (b) Agreed that a meeting be arranged  
on convenient date either in  
Folton Hall or Essex Hall; also  
suggest Summer School lecture  
if Mr Palmer available then.
- (c) Agreed, with concurrence of the three  
Trustees of the By-election Fund who  
were present, that a grant of £50 be  
given from the fund for the By-election  
if and when it takes place
- (d) Noted with thanks. (e) Appoint any  
member wishing to act as
- (f) No action.

The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office, on  
Thursday, 25th February, 1928 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - H. Snell, M.P.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Fordham, Ratcliffe.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committees (2 meetings) annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed.
6. Reports of Summer School Committee (2 meetings) annexed.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1928. Subject and Lecturers to be considered and settled. Various suggestions received were circulated to the Committee on Monday last.
8. Correspondence:-
  - (a) Davies - resigning from the Summer School Committee.
  - (b) Mrs. Palmer (Mabel Atkinson) visiting England this Spring after five years in Durban, asks us to arrange a meeting for lecture by her on Racial Relations in S. Africa.
  - (c) Buckrose (Yorks) Divisional Labour Party re pending by-election asking financial support for the Labour candidate H.C. Laycock.
  - (d) B. P. Howell - sending report of meeting in Madras where Indian Fabian Society was formed.
  - (e) National Labour Housing Association re Annual General Meeting, Saturday, March 6th. Request for delegates.
  - (f) Land Nationalisation Federation re Conference, Saturday, March 13th inviting delegates.



Reports of meetings of Finance, etc. Committee.

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Thursday, 21st January, 1926.

Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Col. Williams & Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion considered satisfactory.
2. December candidates (9) were elected. Last year (21). Three resignations were received and two others referred back.
3. Essex Hall Lectures - Report that about 40 course tickets were sold and the lectures proceeding satisfactorily was received and approved.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Dodd made a suggestion for subject, etc. which seemed likely to be suitable. Agreed that he be requested to elaborate it and that it be considered again at next meeting.
5. Facts for Socialists. Galton reported now nearly ready to print the revised edition - but it was lengthy and would run to 40 pages. Agreed that it be bound in suitable paper cover and that the price be fixed at sixpence.
6. Messrs. Allen & Unwin submitted offer from International Publishers Company of New York for 250 copies of Pease's History of the Fabian Society and 100 copies of Lloyd's Co-operative Movement in Italy in sheets. Considered and agreed that the offer be accepted.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Thursday, February 11th, 1926. PRESENT: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and considered satisfactory.
2. January candidates (12) were elected. Last year (11). One resignation was accepted. List of 25 members who had paid only one small subscription considered. Ordered to be struck off after final notice if no reply received.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Dodd's proposals circulated were considered and amended and referred to the Executive for consideration with any other suggestions sent in.
4. The Stewart Headlam Memorial Committee sent appeal to the Fabian Society for support. Agreed that notice be inserted in "Fabian News" and Galton authorised to receive and forward any subscriptions sent in by members.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee, Monday 8th Feb. 1926.

Present: Laski (Chair) Mrs. Droke, Macrae-Gibson and Galton.

1. New Tracts submitted.

- (a) Dr. Norman Leys on Kenya. This had been circulated to the Committee and reports and letters thereon were read from members unable to be present. After consideration resolved that it be declined with thanks as outside our usual scope and not suitable for us without extensive alterations.
- (b) Cyril Marsh on Fiscal Policy. Read by various members who all reported adversely. Agreed to decline as too elementary for a Fabian Tract.

2. New Tracts proposed.

- (a) Coal. Tawney agreed to prepare short tract when the Commission has reported.
- (b) Finance - Mrs. Wootton declined to write. Referred to New Fabian Group to consider.
- (c) Family Endowment. Lloyd agreed to write tract on the lines suggested later in the year.
- (d) Neep on the Law of Sedition - nearly ready. To be circulated to the Committee.
- (e) Victor Cohen on Bentham - nearly ready. To be circulated to the Committee.

3. New Tract suggested:

H. Samuels suggested tract on Powers and Duties of Local Education Authorities to complete our Local Government series. Agreed it would be desirable and referred to the Executive Committee for consideration as fee would be required.

- 4. Laski offered new booklet on J. J. Rousseau on lines of his Karl Marx. Agreed that it be accepted with thanks. Laski reported that Finer would be willing to submit similar booklet on F. Lassalle and it was agreed to accept with thanks.
- 5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Reports of meetings of the Summer School Committee, 1926.

1.

Monday, 11th January, 1926. PRESENT: Mrs. Beadle, Miss Bell, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Capt. Hall, Humphreys and Galton.

1. Dr. James Kerr was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for the year.
2. Miss M. Hankinson was unanimously elected Manageress of the School for 1926.
3. It was agreed to co-opt to the Committee for the year the three following members of the Society:- Miss E. Moor, Ernest Davies, and L. F. Wallis.
4. Agreed that this Committee do meet on Mondays at 5.15 p.m.
5. The place of the school for 1926 was considered and list of suggestions, etc. read. After careful consideration and discussion agreed that Kiplin Hall, Scorton, N. Yorks would be suitable subject to settlement of various details. Inquiries to be made as to these and if possible Humphreys requested to visit Kiplin and report.

Three of the other schools on the list were rejected as unsuitable - the others to be deferred pending decision re Kiplin.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Monday, 25th January, 1926. PRESENT: Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Ernest Davies, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Wallis, Col. Williams and Galton.

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1. Dr. Kerr sent apologies as he was laid up with influenza and Capt. Hall was elected Chairman of the meeting.
2. Humphreys reported on his visit to Kiplin Hall and the further correspondence with the Warden was read. After consideration and discussion it was agreed unanimously that the offer of Kiplin Hall for the four weeks of August be accepted, and the terms and conditions proposed approved.
3. A discussion took place with reference to the programme, etc. but no decision was arrived at and it was agreed to defer this to next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 18 March 1926

Present: - Mr. Drake, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Webb,  
Mrs. Fordham, Capt. Hall, Humphreys  
Dr. Kerr, Pease, Robson, Tenney,  
Webb, Col. Williams and Garton.

Chair: The Chair was taken by Sidney Webb.

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

2. Apolonis for absence were received from  
Dodd, Lusk, Macrae-Simson & Hatcliffe

3. Report of Finance of Committee annexed  
was moved by Pease and received  
and adopted

4. Report of Summer School Committee  
annexed, was moved by Capt. Hall.  
On item 4. Programme of lectures &



ordinals proposed an instruction to  
the Committee, which however was  
not-secuded and so fell through

The report was received and  
adopted

6. Knysway Hall lectures - The draft  
scheme as revised by the Finance &  
Committee, amended, was considered  
It was agreed that the general title  
be "The Shrinking World" To Lecture I  
It was agreed that feeling J. M. Keynes  
Sir J. C. Stansfeld & Prof Gregory be asked.  
Lecture 4 was deleted and replaced  
by "Voluntary Internationalism" which  
Webb agreed to take.

With these additions and corrections  
the draft was approved and  
the Secretary agreed to write to  
the various lecturers & arrange dates &c

7. Lusk's motion - so amended  
was considered and agreed to  
unanimously.

8. Robsons motion - see agenda annexed.  
was considered and discussed  
and agreed to non-con, the  
words "Press Committee" being substituted  
for "Publicity Fund" in the first line

9. Correspondence

Letter from the Hon Sec of the  
Buckrose Democratic Labor Party  
thanking us for promise of grant  
of £50 from the By-election Fund  
towards the expenses of Mr. Laycock,  
the return candidate if and  
when the by-election takes place  
was read and noted.

The meeting then adjourned

H. J. Lewis

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at Office on  
Thursday, 18th March, 1926 at 5 p.m.  
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- to copy in record, annexed.*
1. Chair - R. H. Tawney.
  2. Minutes of last meeting.
  3. Apologies - Prof. Laski, S.K. Ratcliffe.
  4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee, annexed.
  5. Report of Summer School Committee, annexed.
  6. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1926. To be considered and settled. Scheme as drafted at last Executive meeting and revised by Finance, etc. Committee, annexed.
  7. Motion by Laski, revised by Finance, etc. Committee and referred to the Executive, viz:-  

"That in order to resume the issue of Fabian Tracts without an author's name, it be open to any Group of the Society to prepare and submit tracts to meetings of the Group open to all members of the Society. If passed, and approved by the Executive such tracts should then be published as "prepared by the (            ) Group" without name of author".
  8. Motion by Robson considered by the Finance, etc. Committee and referred to the Executive, viz:-  

"That a small publicity Group be formed to watch the press and send suitable replies to matters of interest".
  9. Correspondence.
    - (a) Buckrose Divisional Labour Party. Thanks for promise of Grant from by-election Fund.



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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 11th  
March, 1925.  
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Present: Pease (Chair), Miss Acheson, Dodd, Capt. Hall, Webb,  
Col. Williams, and Galton.  
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1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion and explanation received and considered satisfactory.
2. Arising therefrom it was decided to refer to the Publishing Committee to consider the issue of circular to members offering publications (i.e. Fabian Essays, etc.) at reduced prices so as to dispose of some old stocks if possible.
3. February candidates (6) were elected. Last year (10) Four resignations were accepted.
4. It was agreed to invite Mr. J. Bacon to act as Auditor of our accounts for 1925-26 as in previous years.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Draft scheme referred from the Executive was considered and amended and ordered to be laid before the Executive again at next meeting. (See Executive Agenda, item 6 and draft scheme annexed)
6. Laski's motion was considered and amended and referred to the Executive for consideration. (See Executive Agenda item 7.)
7. Robson's motion was considered. Decided to refer it to the Executive and request Robson to prepare a detailed scheme for carrying out his proposal. (See Executive Agenda item 8)
8. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of Summer School Committee, Monday, 8th March, 1926.

Present: Dr. J. Kerr (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Bell, Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor, Ernest Davies, Capt. Hall, L. F. Wallis, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. Further correspondence with Miss Burlingham of Kiplin, with definite acceptance of our offer to take that house for August was read and received and noted.
2. It was agreed to submit various questions of detail to Miss Burlingham for settlement, and to ask Miss Hankinson to visit Kiplin at an early convenient date, to complete arrangements on our behalf.
3. The form of application for admission was considered. It was agreed that the fees to be charged remain the same as last year. Various small amendments and additions were made to the form and it was approved as revised and ordered to be sent out with April "Fabian News".
4. Programme, etc. It was agreed that Lectures be arranged on the following subjects, viz: (1) the Labour Party and its Programme and the position of the Fabian Society. (2) International Questions, (3) Public Health and Educational Questions (4) Other Social and Political problems.

Agreed also not to allot special subjects to each week but that the lectures be arranged to cover the subjects named throughout the four weeks of the school.

5. A first list of suggested lecturers and subjects was drawn up and agreed to.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

in copy in remarks, amended.

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Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1926.

Draft Scheme as revised by the Finance, etc. Committee.

GENERAL TITLE - THE SHRINKING WORLD.

1. The Control of World Finance. J. M. Keynes.
2. The United States of Europe. (1) A. Toynbee.  
(2) E. Fimmen.  
(3) P. J. Baker.  
(4) Sir A. Salter.
3. The Danger of Croed Wars. B. Russell.
4. Probable Consoquences of the new checkd to the imigration of peoples. (1) Sidney Webb.  
(2) Prof. Carr Saundors.
5. The Rising Tide of Colour; or The Explosive force of new ideas among backward races. S. K. Ratcliffe.
6. The Future of Mankind.  
(or other title selected by lecturer) Bernard Shaw.

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in copy by Russell, corrected.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1926

Present:- Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Webb,  
Daves, Fadhams, Laski, Hueras Jilson,  
Ratcliffe, Robson, Tanney, White,  
Colwellman and Grafton

1. Chair:- Laski was elected to the chair
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
3. Apology for absence was received from Dr James Kerr.
4. The General Strike. The position was considered and the countermandment therein and draft of reply read. The draft reply (annexed) was revised and agreed to and ordered to be sent to enquirers but not to be published in Labor News. See copy as revised, annexed.



5. Sub. Committee - The three standing sub Committees were appointed for the ensuing year as follows: -

1. Finance. Messrs. Dodds, Capt. Hall, Mrs. Keynes, Pease, Webb, White and Col. Williams.

2. Publishing: Messrs. Drake, Ardham, Laski, Mrs. Lauram, Macmillan, Pease, Robson and Tawney.

3. Propaganda: Prof. Murray, Dr. Ken, Pease, Ratcliffe, Sneece & Mrs. Webb.

6. All the members of the Executive undertake to serve on the Rota of Chairmen

7. Day & Hour of Meeting. It was agreed that the Executive should continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday in the month at 5 pm.

8. Annual Report - The Annual Report as circulated was approved and agreed to be

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sent out to members with the  
June Tribune News.

It was agreed that the Annual  
meeting be held in Fabian Hall  
on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 P.M.

4. It was agreed that the Chairman  
(Lusk) and Secretary should  
draft a resolution on the General  
strike, on the lines of the article  
in the New Statesman, as a  
recap of the Committee views  
on the matter.\*

Also that if necessary the Secretary  
be authorized to open an appeal  
for a re-timeration fund for the  
Trade Unions, in Tribune News.

- ~~The resolution was as follows:~~
- 10 \* The resolution was as follows:-  
That the Executive Committee  
of the Fabian Society expresses  
its full sympathy with the

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Women's Federation of St. Britain  
in its fight for an adequate  
standard of life, and protests  
against the action of the  
Government in forcing a  
general stoppage by breaking  
off negotiations when peace  
seemed within sight.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office, Thursday,  
May 13th, 1926 at 5 p.m.  
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1. To elect a chairman of the meeting.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. To consider the position created by the general strike and to define the Society's attitude thereto. Correspondence to be read, and draft of proposed reply enclosed to be considered and approved.
5. Appointment of sub-Committee for the ensuing year. (List of selections will be circulated at the meeting).
6. Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year to be settled.
7. Day and hour for regular meetings of the Executive to be considered and settled.
8. Annual Report 1925-26. Proofs circulated a fortnight ago. To be considered and approved. Date and place of Annual Meeting to be settled.



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Draft of proposed reply to members enquiring as to the Society's attitude to the General Strike.

I have received your letter dated        May, enquiring what is the policy of the Fabian Society regarding the present widespread stoppage of locomotion and industry, consequent on the dispute in the coalmines and the action of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress.

I have some difficulty in giving an official answer to your enquiry, as the policy of the Society can be determined only by a General Meeting of its members. But I may point out that the Fabian Society has had no part in any of the action taken, and is, of course, unrepresented either in the Miners Federation of Great Britain or in the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, to which it has never been affiliated. It has at no time expressed any opinion in favour of a General Strike, which is quite foreign to all the Society's declarations of policy, as it is to the Society's "Basis", to which alone its members are committed.

I may add that the Labour Party, to which the Fabian Society, as a definitely Socialist Society, has always been affiliated, has also been unimplicated in the action of the Miners' Federation and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, as the Labour Party is, by its constitution and consistent policy, confined to political action, and is debarred from inter-

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vention in industrial disputes. I need hardly say that the Executive Committee of the Labour Party - and especially the leading members of the Party in Parliament - have been doing their utmost to find some method of accommodation by which both the general stoppage, and the miners' dispute with which it is interwoven, can be brought as quickly as possible to an end. You will realise that this is no easy task, as obstinacy and passion seem to prevail on both sides, and the way of the peace maker is proverbially hard !

In the meantime, I fear there will be terrible hardship and suffering among the mass of the population, as well as no little inconvenience to our own members, which will, I hope, not prevent us all from doing what we can for those who will suffer most.

25, Tothill Street, S.W.1.

May, 1928.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter enquiring what is the policy of the Fabian Society regarding the present widespread stoppage of locomotion and industry, consequent on the dispute in the coalmines and the action of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress. I have some difficulty in giving an official answer to your enquiry, as the policy of the Society could be determined only by a General Meeting of its members. But the Executive Committee has now considered the matter, and your letter with others making similar enquiries has been read, and I am directed to send the following reply:

I am to point out that the Fabian Society has had no part in any of the action taken, and is, of course, unrepresented either in the Miners Federation of Great Britain or in the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, to which it has never been affiliated. I may add that the Labour Party, to which the Fabian Society, as a definitely Socialist Society, has always been affiliated, has also been unimplicated in the action of the Miners' Federation and the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, as the Labour Party is, by its constitution and consistent policy, confined to political action, and is debarred from intervention in industrial disputes. I need hardly say that the Executive Committee of the Labour Party - and especially the leading members of the Party in Parliament - have been doing their utmost to find some method of accommodation by which both the general stoppage, and the miners' dispute with which it is interwoven, can be brought as quickly as possible to a just settlement.

I am to add also that the Committee is of opinion that if such crises are to be avoided in the future it will be necessary for Governments to deal with industrial problems and difficulties in a very different spirit from that <sup>displayed</sup> ~~perused~~ during the past few years.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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- Executive Committee.  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1926.

Present: - Mrs Keynes, Mrs Webb, Furdham,  
Capt. Hall, Pease, Snel, Webb,  
White, Col Williams and Galton

1. Chair: The Chair was taken by  
Montague Furdham.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Mrs Drake, D. Ken, Macrae-Jones,  
Davis, Rakecliff and Robson
4. Reports of Finance & Committee (2 meetings)  
annexed. were moved by Pease  
on NOI paragraph 6, Kingsway  
Hall lectures the following  
list was drawn up and agreed  
to for Chairman for the meeting viz:



- No 1. G. M. Fillett, M.P.      4. Mrs S. Lawrence M.P.  
 2. Rt Hon. N. Austin M.P.    5. Lord Olivier  
 3. Mrs Sidney Webb.      6. J. B. Melville  
 with C. A. Emu Davies, & Arthur Greenwood M.P.  
 1. D. Dalton M.P. and 7. W. Pethick Lawrence M.P.

as alternations in case any of  
 the others fail.

With this alteration the reports were  
 received and the recommendations  
 adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee amended  
 was read by Gutton and  
 received, and the recommendations  
 adopted.

6. Report of the Summer School Committee,  
 amended, was read by Gutton  
 and received and approved.

7. Correspondence  
 (a) Labour Party Annual Conference.  
 Agree that Mrs Lawrence

and Webb be appointed delegates on behalf of the Fabian Society and nominated for election to the L. P. Executive

(b) Westminster Labour Party: Agreed not to renew an affiliation, as the W.L.P. has refused to carry out the Liverpool Conference resolution re Communists.

(c) Birmingham F.S. Fulham offered to give them a lecture. Any other members not present to be asked.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 24th June, 1926 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair: A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee (2 meetings) annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Correspondence - Referred from the Finance, etc. Committee.
  - (a) Labour Party Annual Conference, re appointment of delegates, nominations for the Committee, Resolutions, etc.
  - (b) Westminster Labour Party - re delegate and affiliation fee.
  - (c) Birmingham Fabian Society - Requesting members of the Executive to visit Birmingham and address the Society there, etc.

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Reports of Finance, etc. Committee Meetings.

1. Thursday, 20th May, 1926.

Present: Pease (Chair), Miss Acheson, Dodd, White, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. Pease was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. ~~It was~~ It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m.
3. The usual financial statement was presented and received, and considered satisfactory.
4. April candidates (5) were elected. Last year (4) Four resignations were accepted.
5. Annual Meeting. It was agreed that A. MacCullum Scott be asked to preside. Failing him, Kingsley Martin. A small amendment to the Summer School By-laws was considered and approved.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Ratcliffe's proposed change of title to "The Conflict of Race and Colour" was approved. His other suggestions referred to the lecturers concerned. For chairmen it was agreed to suggest the following:-

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| 1. Noel Buxton, M.P. | 4. Miss Lawrence, M.P. |
| 2. H. Dalton, M.P.,  | 5. Lord Olivier.       |
| 3. Mrs. Webb.        | 6. A. Greenwood, M.P.  |

(see report of subsequent meeting for further additions to this list)

7. Miss Atkinson's lecture - postponed from May 7th. Agreed that it be rearranged for June 21st and that Miss Atkinson be allowed to appeal for funds and books for the native Trade Union Clubs in S. Africa.
8. The Miners' Lockout. In response to requests from members it was agreed that an appeal for funds on behalf of the Miners be inserted in June Fabian News, and the Secretary authorised to receive and forward subscriptions.
9. Labour Party Conference - Margate, October 1926. Referred to the Executive with recommendation that Sidney Webb and Miss Lawrence be appointed delegates and nominated for election to the Labour Party Executive.
10. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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2. Wednesday, 16th June, 1926.

Present: Boase (Chair), Miss Acheson, Dodd, Capt. Hall, Webb, White and Galton.

1. In response to requests it was agreed that Miss Keynes be transferred from this Committee to the Publishing Committee and Ratcliffe to this Committee in her place.

Finance Committee reports (contd.)

2. The usual financial statement was not available as the books were away at audit.
2. May candidates (12) were elected. Last year (9) There were no resignations.
4. Annual Meeting. Scott agreed to preside. Agreed to ask Laski to reply to Croser's motion on behalf of the Executive; and that some member of the Committee should deal with the question of subscriptions.
5. Miss Atkinson's Lecturo June 21st. Secretary's action in accepting Lord Olivier's offer to preside was approved.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. The following were agreed to as additions to the list of suggested Chairman (see item 6 of preceding report) viz:
  1. A. Emil Davies,
  2. G. M. Gillett, M.P.
  3. J. B. Melville,
  4. F. W. Pothick Lawrence, M.P.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of Publishing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 8th June, 1926.

Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Robson and Galton.

1. Laski was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided that the Committee continue to meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
3. Tracts going out of print:
  - No. 72. Moral aspects of Socialism. By Sydney Ball. Agreed - That it be reprinted.
  - No. 121. Public Service, etc. By Sir Oliver Lodge. Agreed - That it be reprinted and price reduced to 1d.
  - No. 152. Our Taxes as they are, etc. By Robt. Jones. Agreed - That Dr. Jones be asked to revise and bring up to date and submit for republication.
  - No. 179. John Ruskin - By Prof. Morley. Agreed - That it be reprinted and price raised to 3d as all the other biographical tracts.
4. Pease's tract on Gold and Banking. Letter from Pease thereon read Agreed - That it be dropped for the present.
5. New Tracts:-
  - (a) Seditious Offences. By E.J.C. Neep. Agreed - To recommend the Executive that it be published as a tract. Laski to write a short foreword.
  - (b) Socialism and Standardised Life by W. A. Robson. Agreed - To recommend the Executive that it be published as a tract



Report of Publishing Committee (contd.)

6. New Tracts suggested.
  - (a) Powers and duties of Local Education Authorities. Report that H. Samuels is preparing this received.
  - (b) Kingsley Martin - submitting synopsis of proposed tract on The General Strike. Agreed - That we would welcome a careful investigation and that Martin be asked to prepare and submit tract on the lines indicated.
  - (c) Mrs. Webb's letter re I.L.P. Living Wage Policy. Agreed that copies be circulated to the Executive.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of Summer School Committee, Monday, 7th June, 1926.

Present: Miss Bell, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Miss Moor, Ernest Davies, Capt. Hall, H. Humphreys, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. In the absence of Dr. Kerr (unwell) Miss Hankinson was elected chairman of the meeting.
2. Report that about 120 persons had booked over 200 weeks at the school to date was received and considered satisfactory.
3. The list of names of applicants was taken as read and referred to Miss Hankinson and the Secretary to arrange accommodation.
4. The Directors and lecturers as arranged were approved, and the draft programme revised and agreed to and ordered to be printed and issued.
5. Dr. Kerr wrote saying that owing to ill-health he would be unable to go to Kiplin and to act as Director, and offering to resign the Chairmanship of the Committee. Agreed That it was not necessary to change the Chairman at this stage, and that Capt. Hall be requested to act as deputy Director for Dr. Kerr in the second week of the school if necessary. Letter of sympathy and good wishes to be sent to Dr. Kerr with this information.
6. Capt. Hall reported on his visit to the Seale-Hayne Agricultural College, Newton Abbot, and strongly recommended it for next year. After discussion it was agreed unanimously That steps be taken at once to secure the Seale-Hayne College for 1927.
7. Miss Hankinson announced that she had now definitely decided that she would be unable to go to Kiplin as manageress this year. The intimation was received with regret, and it was resolved That Mrs. Beadle be appointed Manageress at the School in place of Miss Hankinson this year.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1926

Present: - Mr Drake, Miss Keynes, Dodd,  
Fodham, Pease, Tanney, White  
Col. Williams and Gulton.  
Snell.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by E.R. Pease
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from D. Ken and W.G. Robson.
4. Report of Finance to Committee, annexed was moved by Pease and after discussion and explanation of various matters was received and approved, and the recommendations adopted.
5. New Fulham Park - Miss Keynes raised



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again the question of the direct  
representation of the New Zealanders  
in the Finance and General Purposes  
Committee. The matter was  
discussed and adjourned  
without decision.

This concluded the business  
and the meeting then terminated.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office, on  
Thursday, 22nd July, 1926 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair. Capt. Basil Hall, R.N.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Robson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Correspondence - if any.

~~Report of meeting of the Finance etc. Committee on Thursday,~~  
15th July, 1926.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Ratcliffe, Col. Williams & Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion and explanation received and considered satisfactory.
2. The Secretary reported that it might be necessary to increase the bank overdraft temporarily to meet Summer School expenses before the fees are paid. It was resolved that the certificate for £1000 3½% Conversion Loan stock be deposited with the bank forthwith as cover for an increased overdraft and that the Guarantee given by Pease be cancelled and returned to him with thanks for his help in the matter.
3. June candidates (7). Last year (6). Six were elected - the seventh elected subject to payment of subscription.  

Five resignations were accepted. It was noted that no resignations of members could be attributed definitely to the General Strike but that a number of Associates had withdrawn specifically on that account.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements now complete were approved. Programme to be printed and circulated as usual. (Four syllabuses received to date and in type.)
5. Book Box Circular. It was decided to recommend that the Book Box Circular be reprinted and sent out in the Autumn to such societies, etc. as would undertake the distribution to their branches without cost of postage to us.
6. The Auditors certificate of our accounts for 1925-26 was received. It was agreed to recommend that an honorarium of five guineas be paid to Mr. Bacon with thanks for his services as usual.
7. The Bexley Heath U.D.C. wrote sending particulars of the Red House, Wm. Morris's old home, now for sale and offered for use as a museum. It was decided that a note thereon be inserted in Fabian News in case any member or members should wish to make an offer for the house.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

nothing can be done in regard to the

Executive Committee  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1926

Present: Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Mr Lawrence,  
Messrs Davis, Dodd, Fudham, D. Kerr,  
Pease, Snee, White, Col Williams  
and Garton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by  
H. Snee. M.P.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed, with  
the addition of Snee to the  
list of those present.
3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Macrae-Brown, Rataliffe  
and Robson.
4. Report of Finance & Committee annexed  
was read by Pease. Items 3 and  
4 being on the main agenda were



left to be dealt with there. On  
item 7 it was decided that the  
increase of wages to Sullivan the  
shop had should be given conditionally,  
when his attending suitable  
evening classes.

With this addition the report  
was received and approved and  
the recommendations adopted.

5. Kingsway Hall lectures. The report was  
received and considered satisfactory

6. Essex Hall lectures 1927. The Finance  
Committee suggestion of a series  
on the lines of D. Dodd's suggestion  
was approved. The following <sup>lectures</sup>  
and subjects as were agreed to  
be given are:

1. The Subversion of democracy  
Prof. H. J. Laski
2. Inheritance. E. D. Simon
3. Family Endowment. C. M. Lloyd

- 4. Free Justice for all. Lectures suggested  
 by Haldane, Mr Clarke Hall, Mr Cairns  
 Mr. Hay, Halkett, Judge Parry.
- 5. Free medical services for all  
 1. Dr. Saleeby & Dr. Somerville Hastings  
 3. Sir Arthur Sturges.
- 6. The Regulation of Imports  
 E. F. Wise.

Conclusions.

- (a) Prynce Hopkins offer of scholarship.  
 Agree that notice be inserted in  
 Tribune News & any responses  
 forwarded to Mr Hopkins
- (b) League for Industrial Democracy.  
 Try any others at the universities  
 & send on any names if any  
 received
- (c) London Central I.L.D. asking us to send  
 out notice of lectures to members.  
 Declined - as lectures are on  
 the same nights as our own at K.H.  
 The meeting then adjourned.  
 T.S.B. Millar 21.10.26.

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 23rd September, 1926 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - S. K. Ratcliffe.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Maenze-Gibson, Robson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Demand for tickets continues quite satisfactory. Receipts to date £413. Last year same date £319.
6. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. Hall engaged for seven alternate Fridays, January 14th to April 8th 1927. Subject and lecturers to be considered. See Finance Committee's recommendation in para. 4 of report annexed.
7. Correspondence.
  - (a) Prynce Hopkins. Offering free scholarship for boy at his school in France. Referred from the Finance, etc. Committee.
  - (b) League for Industrial Democracy, U.S.A. A paid lecturer required.
  - (c) London Central J. L. Parkin us  
to send out notice of lectures  
to members with Fabian News.



Report of Finance, etc. Committee meeting - Thursday, 16th Sept. 1926

Present: Pease, (Chair), Dodd, Ratcliff, Col. Williams, Miss Acheson and Galton (also Robson, non-member).

1. The usual financial statement was not available but the Secretary reported all items of income satisfactory except sales of literature. The report was received and noted.
2. July Candidates (7). Last year (8); and August Candidates (3) Last year (6) were elected. Fourteen resignations were tendered. Twelve were accepted. The other two being on grounds of ill-health and poverty were ordered to be kept on without subscription for the present.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures - report of progress received and approved and considered satisfactory.
4. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. It was decided to take Essex Hall for seven alternate Fridays from January 14th to April 8th, and not to arrange any meetings after Easter at present. The general subject of the lectures was considered and it was agreed to recommend the Executive to arrange a series on the lines suggested by Dodd for a course on "Untrodden Paths".
5. Offices on 3rd floor vacant on 29th September. It was resolved that the Railway Club be accepted as tenants of the rooms on the terms arranged, subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee.
6. Parliamentary Election Fund. It was agreed to recommend the Executive that the appeal for this fund be redrafted and prepared for issue early in 1927.
7. Staff matters - It was resolved that the wages of the two junior members of the staff, Miss Gooderson and J. Willison be increased by 5/- per week each forthwith.
8. A large number of other matters of detail arising out of correspondence, ~~were~~ etc. were considered and dealt with, and the Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1926.

Present: Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Capt Hall,  
Pease, Robson, Col Williams  
and Esalter.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by  
Col Williams
2. Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from  
Davies, Dodd, Forcham,  
Ritchie, Smeel, Webb, Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by Pease. Item 4  
Essex Hall lectures was deferred to  
be dealt with on main agenda.  
The remainder of the report was  
read and approved and the  
recommendations adopted.

5. Report of the Publishing Committee, annexed,  
was moved by Mrs Keynes and  
after discussion received and  
approved.
6. Report of the Summer School Committee, annexed  
was moved by Galtus, and  
after discussion and explanation  
of some of the items was received  
and approved.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures - the report -  
was received.
8. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. The recommendation  
of the Finance Committee that the general  
title of the series be "Lectures on  
Politics" was approved and adopted.  
For the lectures the following were  
agreed to after discussion.
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| 1. Inheritance.      | E. D. Scrimm ✓                                       |
| 2. Family Endowment. | 1. Brailsford ✓<br>2. Mrs Hubbuck<br>3. C. M. Lloyd. |

- 3. Free Justice for all.
  - 1. Judge Parry ✓
  - 2. Clarke Hill ✓
  - 3. Mr Coums. ✓
- 4. Free Medical Service for all.
  - 1. Dr A. Lane ✓
  - 2. Dr Saleeby ✓
  - 3. Dr S. Hastings ✓
- 5. The New Corn laws.
  - 1. E. F. Wise ✓
  - 2. R. H. Tauney ✓
- 6. The Psychology of Propaganda. De Lisle / Burns ✓
- 7. The Third British Empire. A. E. Zimmerman ✓
- 8. Communism or any other subject. H. J. Laski ✓
- 9. Henry Ford and Socialism. W. G. Robinson ✓

9. Correspondence.

It was agreed that Fordham be transferred from the Publishing Committee to the Propaganda Committee in accordance with his request.

The meeting then adjourned.  
A. E. Burns



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 21st October 1926 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - R. H. Tawney.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Ratcliffe Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Demand for tickets inexplicably fallen off the last two weeks. Receipts to date about £750.
8. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. See Finance Committee's recommendations in Para. 4 of report annexed.
9. Correspondence.
  - (a) Montagu Fordham asking to be transferred from Publishing Committee to Propaganda Committee as he is unable to attend former.

Present:- Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, White, Miss Acheson  
(Nursery) and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion received and considered satisfactory.
2. September candidates (11) were elected. Last year (4). Two resignations were accepted.
3. Report on progress of Kingsway Hall Lectures was received and considered satisfactory.
4. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. Agreed to recommend
  - (a) That the General title be "Untrodden Paths in Politics".
  - (b) That the following seven lectures and lecturers be arranged if possible.

SUBJECT.

LECTURER.

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| 1. The Suppression of Democracy.          | H. J. Laski.   |
| 2. Inheritance.                           | E. D. Simon.   |
| 3. Family Endowment.                      | C. M. Lloyd.   |
| 4. Free Justice for all.                  | (1) Mr. Clark Hall<br>(2) Judge Parry,<br>(3) Mr. Cairns.<br>(4) Lord Haldane. |
| 5. Free Medical Service for all.          | (1) Sir Arbuthnot Lane.<br>(2) Dr. Salooby.<br>(3) Dr. S. Hastings.            |
| 6. The Regulation of Agricultural Imports | (1) E. F. Wise.<br>(2) R. H. Tawney.   |
| 7. The Psychology of Propaganda.          | C. de Lisle Burns.   |
5. It was decided to accept invitation to join in the effort to re-organise the Westminster Labour Party and to re-affiliate thereto and send a delegate to meetings.
  6. London Labour Party - Annual Conference. Agreed to recommend that Ald A. Emil Davies, Miss S. Lawrence and Col. Williams be appointed our delegates to the Conference, and that Ald. Davies be nominated for re-election to the Executive.
  7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee, Tuesday, 12th Oct.,  
1926.

Present: Miss Keynes, Laski, Macrae-Gibson, Tawney and Galton. (8)

1. Chair - In the absence of Laski at the opening of the meeting Tawney was elected to the Chair.
2. Report that the two new tracts Nos. 219 and 220 were now printed at price 2d. and 3d respectively, received and approved.
3. New tract proposed. Bentham by Victor Cohen. Considered and correspondence thereon read. Agreed that Cohen be asked to revise this in accordance with the criticisms, etc. received, and also to reduce it to 24 pp. Tract or alternatively enlarge it to 50 pp. for publication as a shilling booklet.
4. Several other new and/or revised tracts were considered and Secretary instructed to write and remind authors, etc.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee Monday 4th Oct. 1926.

Present: Miss Bell, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, L.F. Wallis, Col. Williams, and Galton.

1. Chair - Miss Hankinson was elected chairman of the Meeting.
2. Financial statement was presented and correspondence on the account from Kiplin was considered. It was agreed to accept the offer of Kiplin to pay £200 in full settlement of outstanding liability, thus leaving a net balance of about £90 in hand, subject to payment of the three following items.
3. Various booking fees, etc. amounting to about £10 in all were ordered to be refunded with the usual deduction for expenses incurred.
4. It was agreed to send Ten Pounds in lieu of tips to the staff at Kiplin.
5. It was resolved that a fee of Ten Guineas be paid to Mrs. Beadle for her services as Manageress at Kiplin, with the cordial thanks of the Committee for her successful work.
6. It was decided to hold the usual Summer School Social this year in Fabian Hall on Wednesday, December 8th.
7. Thanks were recorded to all those who lectured at the school including specially those who did so without accepting fees for their services.
8. It was agreed that the Secretary should again approach the officials of Scale-Hayne Agricultural College with a view to taking it for the school next year.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then dissolved.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 9 December 1926

Present - Mr Keynes, Davies, Dodd,  
Fordham, Capt Hall, Laski, Pease,  
Ratcliffe, Robson, Manco White,  
Col Williams and Craxton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by A. E. Davies.

2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Mrs Drake, Dr Kerr, Webb  
and Mrs Webb.

4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed,  
was moved by Pease. On Stung  
Laski moved his motion and  
it was discussed. The proposer did  
not press the matter and it was  
agreed that it be dropped. On

Item 8. It was agreed that this be referred back to the Committee and that Woodward be asked to furnish references to members of the Society or others who know him.

With these amendments the Report as a whole was received and its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed was moved by Laski and second and approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. Summer School Committee 1927. - It was agreed that the Committee be set up forthwith, and that Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Capt Hall, Macrae-John, Ratchiffe, Rolson and Col. Williams be the seven members of the Executive to serve for the ensuing year.

7. Kingsway Hall lectures: - The Report was

received and considered satisfactory  
 It was agreed that the Kingsway Hall  
 be booked at once for six Wednesdays  
 next: autumn, viz Oct-19, 26, Nov. 2, 9,  
 16, and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

8. Essex Hall lectures. considered and  
 comprehensively read. Agreed

(a) That Col. Williams do preside  
 on January 14<sup>th</sup>; Capt Hall on  
 March 11<sup>th</sup>. And that Dr. Dalton be  
 asked to preside on March 25<sup>th</sup> and  
 Sir John Maynard on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

(b) For the vacant lectures, it was  
 decided that Dr. Stella Churchill  
 be invited to give the lecture on medical  
 sciences on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>; and that  
 Robson be invited to lecture on  
 Henry Ford and Socialism on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

9. By-election Fund Appeal. Pease's draft  
 and Webb's amendment thereto,  
 and Husk's alternative draft-

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were read. After discussion  
it was decided to approve of Peasis  
draft with Webb's amendments, and  
with the incorporation of three short  
sentences from Haste's draft.

Agreed that the draft as  
amended be referred to Webb  
and Galt to complete and issue.

10. Draft proposals for New Reform Bill. The  
draft proposals by the Nursery were  
considered favorable by honorable. Many  
amendments and suggestions were agreed  
to, and it was agreed to return the  
draft as amended to the Nursery as the  
basis for the proposed bill, with the  
Committee's thanks for their valuable  
work on this question.

The meeting then adjourned.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 9th December, 1926 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Mrs. Drake, Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee, annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
5. Summer School Committee 1927 to be set up.

Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for  
the ensuing year.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Receipts, sale of tickets £835. Last  
year £895. Sales of literature at meetings £24, last year  
£29. Expenses about £360, same as last year. Shall we  
now engage the Hall for next autumn?

8. Essex Hall Lectures. Arrangements to date:-

	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Jan:	14th.	H.N.Brailsford.	Vacant.
"	28th.	C. de Lisle Burns.	G.R.Blanco White.
Feb:	11th.	E. F. Wise.	R.H.Tawney.
"	28th.	Vacant.	Dr. Lawson Dodd.
Mar:	11th.	H.J.Laski.	Vacant.
"	28th.	E.D.Simon.	Vacant.
Apr:	8th.	Vacant.	Vacant.

Two lecturers and several Chairmen still required.  
Zimmern unable to accept April 8th. For March 25th correspondence  
with Sir Arbuthnot Lane and the New Health Society to be con-  
sidered.

9. By Election Fund appeal. Pease's draft referred from Finance  
Committee enclosed. Alternative draft by Laski also enclosed.  
To be considered and settled.
10. Draft proposals for basis of tract on New Reform Bill prepared  
by a Nursery Group enclosed. To be considered and if so decided  
amended and approved.
11. Correspondence - if any.

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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee: Thursday 18th Nov., 1926.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Col. Williams, Miss Achoson (Nursery) and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
2. October candidate (7) were elected. Last year (15) Four resignations were accepted.
3. Report on progress of the Kingsway Hall lectures was received and considered satisfactory.
4. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. The list of lecturers arranged was approved. Agreed that Zimmern be invited to take the last lecture still vacant. A list of Chairmen was agreed to, and it was decided that efforts should be made to advertise the lectures and secure audiences on a more extensive scale than hitherto.
5. Report of the issue of 5500 copies of the revised Book Box circular was received and approved.
6. Appeal for By-election Fund. Pease's draft was considered and referred to the Executive with recommendation to approve and authorise issue in 1927.
7. Laski's suggestion that the Fabian Bookshop should be reorganised as a Co-operative Society was considered and referred to the Executive without recommendation.
8. R. C. Woodward's application to be put on list of possible Parliamentary candidates was considered and referred to the Executive with a recommendation that it be declined.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee, Tuesday 7th Dec. 1936.

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Present: Laski (Chair), Miss Keynes, Robson and Galton.

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1. Old Tract Revised, No. 152. Our Taxes, etc. revised by Dr. Jones  
Agreed that it be set up in type and circulated.
2. New Tract prepared. More Books to Read. Agreed that it be  
set up in type and circulated.
3. New Tracts proposed.
  - (a) Bentham. Victor Cohen submitted revised and reduced M.S.  
Agreed that copies be typewritten and circulated.
  - (b) Baths and Washhouses. Miss Keynes. Decided not to recommend  
publication as a tract. Referred to Robson to use parts  
in Local Government News and publication of a leaflet to  
be considered later.
  - (c) China. G. Shipway. Declined with thanks as not suitable  
for the F.S. Refer him to U.D.C., League of Nations  
Union, etc.
4. New Tracts suggested.
  - (a) Family Endowment. Lloyd to be reminded.
  - (b) Ricardo. Prof. Gregory to be reminded in the in the Spring.
  - (c) Coal. Tawney to be reminded.
  - (d) The General Strike. Kingsley Martin. To be dropped.
  - (e) Local Education Authorities. H. Samuel to be reminded.
  - (f) I.L.P. Living Wage Policy. Discussed and agreed that it be  
dropped.
  - (g) Trade Union Law. Robson agreed to prepare tract at once  
when the Government proposals are available.
5. Finers' Booklet on the ~~Coal~~ Civil Service. Referred to Chairman  
to read M.S. and report.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then  
adjourned.



Executive Committee  
Thursday 27 January 1927

Present - Mrs Drake, Mrs Webb, Mrs Keynes,  
F. L. Dodd, Capt. Hall, Prof. Lawki, E. R. Pease,  
S. K. Ratcliffe, W. A. Robson, H. Snelc M.P., R. H. Tanney,  
Col. Williams and J. W. Crockett.

Chair - The Chair was taken by D. F. L. Dodd.

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from  
J. H. Macrae-John, Sidney Webb & Blanche White.

Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by E. R. Pease. Paragraph 4  
relating to Kensington Hall lectures  
was deferred to be dealt with on the  
main agenda. With this exception  
the report was received and  
approved.



5. Reports of Summer School Committee - two meetings (conferred) were moved by Capt. Hall. and second and approved.

6. Knysway Hall Lectures (192). Considered the suggestions in para 4 of the Finance Committee report; and alternative proposal from W. Webb which was circulated at the meeting were discussed. Laski suggested some amendments to W. Webb's scheme, and it was decided that the two proposals by W. Webb & Laski be circulated with agenda for next meeting and dealt with then.

7. Correspondence - referred from Finance Committee

(a) R.C. Woodward. agreed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted and Woodward's name added

to the list of humble Parliamentary candidates.

(6) Society for promoting British Charities for Coal mines. Considered and discussed. Motion that no action be taken on the request as it is contrary to our practice carried by 10 votes to 2 for deferring decision and calculating votes for next meeting.

3. Chair for Essex Hall dismissed. Blanco White announced as Chairman but found it with infirmities and unable to attend. Resolved that Dr. K. Ratcliffe be requested to preside in place of Blanco White.

The meeting then adjourned.

Barth Drake

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 27th January, 1927 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair: F. Lawson Dodd.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - J. H. Macrae-Gibson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Reports of Summer School Committee, two meetings, annexed.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1927. Hall engaged for six successive Wednesdays, Oct-Nov. as usual. Any suggestions for subject and lecturers to be considered. (See Finance Committee Report, para. 4, for some suggestions)
7. Correspondence referred from Finance Committee:
  - (a) R.C. Woodward, member, application to be put on list of possible Parliamentary candidates. Finance Committee recommend that the request be now acceded to.
  - (b) Society for promoting British Charter for Coal Mines - request to purchase and distribute to members copy of the Charter.



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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 13th, Jan.,  
1927.

Present: Pease (Chair), Capt. Hall, Ratcliffe, White, Col, Williams,  
Miss Acheson, and Galton.  
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1. The usual financial report was presented and after discussion received and considered satisfactory.
2. November candidates (8). Last year (13), and December candidate (4), Last year (9) were elected. Eight resignations were accepted and one referred back.
3. Report re Essex Hall Lectures arrangements and sale of tickets was received and approved and considered satisfactory. Letter from Dr. Dalton declining to preside for Simon's lecture read and noted.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1927. Subject considered and various suggestions made, as follows:-
  - (a) Objections to Socialism answered.
  - (b) Next steps to Socialism.
  - (c) False doctrines of the day.
  - (d) Dominant heresies of the day.Referred to the Executive to consider with any other suggestions received.
5. By Election Fund appeal. Date of issue considered and agreed that it be sent out to members about the middle of February.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Reports of Meetings of the Summer School Committee, 1927.

(1) Monday, 10th January, 1927.

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Capt. Hall,  
W. H. McKenna, S. K. Ratcliffe, Col. Williams,  
and Galton.

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1. Capt. Basil Hall, R.N. was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
  2. Miss M. Hankinson was elected Manageress of the School for the current year.
  3. It was decided to co-opt to the Committee the three following members of the Society, viz., Ernest A. Davies, Hubert Humphreys, R. B. Kerr.
  4. Decided also that the Committee do meet on Mondays at 5.15 p.m. when required.
  5. A large number of suggestions as to places for the school this year were considered and the Secretary directed to write to about twenty five colleges and schools for particulars, etc.
  6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.
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(2) Monday, January 24th, 1927.

Present: Capt. Hall (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, E. Davies, R. B. Kerr, W.H. McKenna, Col. Williams and Galton.

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1. The place for the school this year was further considered and the replies to inquiries read. After discussion it was Resolved - That the offer of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, Glos be accepted, subject to visit and report by our Chairman.
2. It was decided to consider what special arrangements were desirable this year to commemorate the Twentyfive years of the Summer School.
3. Preliminary discussion took place on the question of programme, Directors and lecturers, and many suggestions were made, but no decisions were arrived at.

The Committee then adjourned.

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1. Political Democracy: Its origins in Theory and Practice.
2. Nationalism as Pseudo-Democracy.
3. The Soviet State.
4. Fascism in Italy, etc.
5. The Spirit of Democracy taking many forms.
6. A Summary.

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Executive Committee.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1927.

Present - Mr Drake, Mr Webb, Mr Davis,  
Dodd, Capt. Hall, Prof Laski, Pease,  
Robson, Webb, White, Col Williams  
and Esalter.

Chair. The Chair was taken by Mr Drake.

Apologies for absence were received from  
Mr Keynes, Prof Hurley and S.K. Ratchiffe

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Report of Finance Committee, annexed  
was moved by Esalter, and  
second and approved

Report of Publishing Committee, annexed  
was moved by Prof Laski.  
On Para 2, it was agreed that the



title of June Books to Read' be amended  
by adding '1920-26'. On Para 4 it was  
agreed that the title & price of June's  
booklet be recommended later.  
On Para 5 it was agreed that  
the four persons named be  
appointed a Committee for the purpose  
of considering & preparing the proposed  
trust on "The General Strike".

With these additions to the  
Report was received & approved  
and its recommendations adopted.

6. Report of Summer School @ Tw, amended  
was made by Cabot Hall and  
received and approved. The panel  
of Directors included, viz. Dodd,  
Dunn, <sup>Cabot Hall</sup> Mrs Keynes, Ratchford  
& Robson was also approved.

7. Keynsey Hall Lectures 1927, considered  
and discussed, and agreed  
on follows:-

1. General title, Political Democracy, Lee & Prewitt?
2. Lectures & Lecturers: -
  - a. Victorian Democracy. Prof. Haskin
  - b. Its Rivals. 1. Italian Fascism. Deleah/Barrs.
  - c. 2. Russian Communism. Mrs Lawrence
  - d. 3. Nationalism is pseudo-democracy  
S. K. Ratcliffe
  - e. Multi-form Democracy. Sidney Webb.
  - f. A Summary. G. B. Shaw  
(To select title etc).

In chamber the following suggestions were made: Lord Haldane, Wedgwood Benn, Sir Herbert Samuel & H. B. Lees-Smith.

The meeting then adjourned.

H. J. Lasker /  
H. J. Lasker /

The first part of the paper  
 is devoted to a general  
 introduction of the subject  
 and to a statement of the  
 objects of the present  
 investigation. It is then  
 shown that the theory  
 of the present paper  
 is a special case of the  
 more general theory  
 of the preceding paper.  
 The results of the  
 present investigation  
 are then stated, and  
 it is shown that they  
 are in agreement with  
 the results of the  
 preceding paper. The  
 paper concludes with  
 a summary of the  
 results and a list of  
 references.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 24th February, 1927 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Mrs. Drake.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Miss Keynes, Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures, Oct.-Nov. 1927. General Title, and subject for lectures. Consideration adjourned from last meeting.

(a) Mrs. Webb's suggestion.

General Title - Political Democracy. Will it Prevail?  
Lectures- 1 Political Democracy. Its origins in theory and practice.

2. Nationalism as pseudo-democracy.
3. The Soviet State.
4. Fascism in Italy.
5. The Spirit of Democracy taking many forms.
6. A Summary.

(b) Laski's suggestion.

General Title - the same as above.

Lectures. 1. The Classical Theory of democracy.

2. Its Rivals (a) Fascism.
3. " (b) Revolutionary Communism.
4. " (c) Nationalism as Communism.
5. The Varieties of democracy.
6. A Summary.

For lecturers, the following suggested.

1. Laski, Wallas or Delisle Burns.
2. Ratcliffe or Burns.
3. Miss Lawrence.
4. Ratcliffe or Wallas.
5. Webb.
6. Shaw.

(N.B. Bertrand Russell not available this year as he will be in America.)

To be considered and settled.



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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 17th  
February, 1927.

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Present:- Pease (Chair), Dodd, Capt. Hall, Webb, Col. Williams,  
Miss Achoson and Galton.

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1. The usual financial report was presented and after discussion and explanation of various items was received.
2. January Candidates (6) were elected. Last year (12).  
Four resignations were accepted.
3. Report that the appeal for the Parliamentary By Election Fund has been issued and had yielded £75 to date was received.
4. It was agreed that the London Labour Party's appeal for individual members and subscribers should be sent out with Fabian News to our London members as requested.
5. National Conference of Labour Women. Agreed to ask the Fabian Womens Group to appoint delegates whom we will nominate and pay delegates fees, but not expenses, as usual. Also to suggest to the Group to sendin a Resolution on Poor Law Reform.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee, Tuesday, 15th  
February, 1927.

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Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Macrae-Gibson,  
Robson, and Galton.

1. Old Tract revised. No. 152. Our Taxes. By Dr. Robert Jones. Approved as revised by author subject to further minor revision and ordered to be printed.
2. New Tract. More Books to Read. Proof circulated and revised. Approved and ordered to be printed. Price to be sixpence and not to be numbered and included in our ordinary series.
3. New Tracts proposed.
  - (a) Bentham, by Victor Cohen. Agreed to recommend the Executive that it be published as a tract in our biographical series subject to the author considering criticisms and revising in light thereof before printing.
  - (b) Kenneth Ingram's tract was referred to Mrs. Drake and Galton to consider and report.

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4. New Booklet proposed. The British Civil Service by Dr. H. Finer. Agreed to recommend the Executive that it be published as a 1/- Booklet, in same style as Robson's "Patronage to Proficiency" and that the cost be charged to the Tulloch and Barr Fund subject to repayment thereto as usual. (115)
  5. The General Strike. It was agreed to recommend the Executive that a tract be prepared entitled "Some views on the General Strike" to contain short articles of 1,000 words or so by Webb, Laski, Tawney, Robson, Martin and any others.
  6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.
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Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee, Monday, 21st February, 1927.

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Present: Capt. Hall (Chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Ernest Davies, H. Humphreys, R. S. Kerr, W.H. McKenna, J. D. O'Connell, Col. Williams and Galton.

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1. Capt. Hall reported on his visit to the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, and that it was decided to accept their offer, and this was received and approved. The Secretary was authorised to sign the agreement sent.
2. It was decided to arrange if possible for the School to open on Thursday, 28th July instead of on Saturday, 30th July.
3. The application form was revised and approved; the terms to be charged to visitors at the school this year to remain the same as last year;
4. A panel of Directors was drawn up and agreed to; and it was decided to arrange two alternate weeks with special subjects and two with varied general lectures.
5. The programme of lectures and lecturers was considered and many suggestions made. Consideration was deferred to next meeting.
6. Some other details were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Executive Committee  
Thursday 26 March 1927

Present: - Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs  
Dodd, Hall, Lasker, Pease  
White, Col Williams & Galtton

1. Chair - The chair was taken by Prof. H. J. Lasker.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Ratchiffe, Webb and Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed was moved by Pease. In Para 4 relating to the By election fund it was agreed that a paragraph therein to be inserted in Fabian News. With this addition the report was received and approved.

5. Executive Committee 1927-28. Report - that there would be no contest this year was received and noted.
6. Kingsway Hall lectures. Report on progress received and letters read. Agreed to suggest as title for Webb's "varieties of Democracy?" For Chairmen the following were agreed to
- 1<sup>st</sup> lecture. Wedgewood Benn & do Sir J. Mansfield  
 2<sup>nd</sup> do St. J. Davin & do Lord de la Harpe  
 3<sup>rd</sup> do J. H. Kenworthy & do W. Webb.
- and for reserve list, 1 J. A. Jerome,  
 2. Miss Ellen Wilkinson M.P.  
 3. Clara Baldwin & H. B. Lees Smith.
7. Essex Hall lectures - notice received and noted.
8. Crashdown :-
- (a) Labour Party Conference on local government - Mrs Drake & Blanche White introduced



It was decided that Robson be asked to go as an delegate & that his expenses be paid by the Society.

- (b) Labor Party Conference in Insurance  
 Agree that Colburn found out, & Blaines White to abhorrent delegates - Mrs Deane to go if either of the others fail.

The meeting then adjourned

I. S. B. Williams  
 12<sup>th</sup> May 1927



Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 24th March, 1927 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair - Montague Fordham.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - S. K. Ratcliffe, Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Executive Committee, 1927-28. No contest this year.  
Three members of present Committee have withdrawn,  
viz., M. Fordham, Dr. Kerr and J.E. Macrae-Gibson.  
Three new nominees, viz., G.T. Garratt, Hubert  
Humphreys and A. MacCallum Scott.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. General title, lecturers and  
subjects settled. Letters from Shaw and Ratcliffe  
thereon. Chairmen required. The following panel  
suggested by Finance, etc. Committee, viz. Mrs. Webb,  
Capt. Bonn, Lord de la Warr, H. B. Loes-Smith,  
St. J. Ervine, and Sir J. Maynard. To be considered  
and settled.
7. Essex Hall Lecture - to-morrow Friday, 25th March.  
E. D. Simon lecturing. It is hoped that as many  
members of the Executive as possible will attend  
and support on this occasion.
8. Correspondence - referred from Finance, etc. Committee.
  - (a) Labour Party Conference on Local Government at  
Sheffield, April 9th, delegates invited.  
Finance Committee recommend Mrs. Drake and  
G.R. Blanco White, and any two others willing  
to attend at own expense. Delegates fees to  
be paid by the Society.
  - (b) Labour Party Conference on Unemployment  
Insurance. Three delegates invited. Finance  
Committee recommend that any members willing  
to attend be appointed.

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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee at the Office on Thursday  
17th March, 1927.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Webb, White, Miss Acheson and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion received and approved.
2. February candidates (5) were elected. Last year (6). Six resignations were accepted.
3. It was decided to ask James Bacon to audit our accounts for the year ending 31st inst.
4. Report on result of appeal for the Parliamentary By Election Fund was received and approved and considered not unsatisfactory.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures - report of progress received and approved. Letters from Shaw and Ratcliffe referred to Executive. For Chairman a panel of six names agreed and referred to the Executive to settle. (See main Agenda, Para.6)
6. It was agreed to approve the delegates appointed by the Fabian Womens Group to the Labour Women's Conference.
7. Labour Party Conference notices were referred to the Executive with recommendations. Some other details were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1927

Present :- Dodd, Humphreys, Huski,  
Pease, White, Col Williams & Galtus

1. Chair - Col Williams was elected  
to the Chair.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read & confirmed.
3. Abolition of a license were recommended  
from Keynes, Mrs Drake, Ganatt, Scott,  
Robson and Towney.
4. Report of Finance of Committee (annexed)  
was moved by Pease. On Item 3, Annual  
Meeting it was resolved that Sir J. Wemyss  
could not provide a person that  
1. Kingsley Martin, 2 R.B. Kerr be  
invited to accept nomination  
in the order named. On Item 4

K. H. L. the various letters were agreed to. It was decided to write J. M. Keynes to friends for Mrs Lawrence, and Oliver Baldwin for Webb. On Jan 6 it was decided that Tenney be asked if he would be willing to be nominated for the L. P. Executive.

With these additions resolutions that what as a whole was received approval and its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee (annexed) was moved by Laski and received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

6. Report of the Summer School Committee (annexed) was moved by Humphreys and received and approved.

7. Appointment of Sub-Committee 1929-28.  
The list (annexed) of selections was approved subject to Blanes White

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being transferred from Finance to  
Publishing Committee

8. Roll of Officers - The list of seventeen  
members of the Committee, <sup>(annexed)</sup> ~~discussed~~ <sup>willing to</sup> ~~of~~  
reviewed in the roll was approved

9. Day & hour of meetings - It was decided  
that the Executive should continue  
to meet on Thursdays at 5 pm.

10. Annual Report - 1926-27. Proof of  
draft circulated was considered  
paragraph by paragraph and  
amended and approved  
and ordered to be issued  
to members with June February  
News.

11. Correspondence

(c) F. H. Wilshire suggesting a  
future meeting on T. U. Bill  
considered but agreed not

to arrange special meeting, but to submit  
a resolution in the Bill to the  
Annual meeting on behalf of  
the Executive. Laaki undertook  
to draft a resolution.

(6) Westminster Hall Party. Inviting  
three delegates to Conference on T. G. Bill  
agreed that Sir J. Mansfield,  
Col. Williams & Co. at least be  
appointed.

The meeting then adjourned  
A. S. D. H. R.



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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 12th May, 1927 at 5 p.m.

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1. To elect a Chairman of the Meeting.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, A. McCallum Scott.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Appointment of sub-Committees for the ensuing year to be settled. List of selections will be circulated at the meeting.
8. Rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year to be settled.
9. Day and hour for regular meetings of the Executive to be considered and settled.
10. Annual Report. Proof of draft circulated. To be considered and passed for issue to members with next Fabian News.
11. Correspondence.
  - (a) Westminster Labour Party - re Conference on T.U. Bill, Friday, 13th May. Delegates invited.
  - (b) F.H. Wiltshire - suggesting a Fabian Meeting against the T.U. Bill.

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Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday, 28th April, 1927.

PRESENT: Pease (Chair), Webb, White, Col. Williams, Miss Acheson, and Galton.

1. Financial Statement. Proof of draft accounts and Balance Sheet for 1926-27 was considered item by item and approved.
2. Membership - March candidates (7) were elected. Last year (14) The resignation of Col. C. H. Hoare (Grey) was accepted subject to report to and confirmation by the Executive.
3. Annual Meeting. It was agreed to recommend the Executive that the Annual Meeting be held in Fabian Hall on Thursday, 18th June, and that Sir John Maynard be nominated as Chairman.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Ratcliffe's suggestions considered and agreed to recommend the Executive to substitute the following for the titles previously agreed to, viz:-
  1. Victorian Democracy.
  2. Fascism - the super Bourgeois State.
  3. Bolshevism - The illusion of proletarian dictatorship.
  4. Industrial Foudalism. The capitalist autocracy.
  5. Why Democracy to be real must be multiform.
  6. Democracy as a delusion.

For Chairman - the following were recommended:

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| 1. Capt Bonn,       | 5. Sir John Maynard.   |
| 2. St. John Ervine. | 5. Lord de la Warr.    |
| 3. Mrs. Webb.       | 6. G. R. Blanco White. |

with Lt. Com. Kenworthy and Oliver Baldwin in reserve if needed.

6. Letter read from Webb intimating that he did not wish to be nominated again for Labour Party Executive nor as delegate to the Conference. It was agreed that H. Snell M.P. be asked to accept nomination.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday, 10th May,  
1927.

PRESENT:- Laski (Chair), Robson and Galton. (5)

1. Report of publication of tract No. 221 Jeremy Bentham and good demand received and approved.
2. New Tract No. 222. The T.U. Bill. By W.A. Robson approved and ordered to be printed forthwith. Copy to be sent to all members with next "News", to Trade Unions and others interested.
3. New Booklet - The British Civil Service. By H. Finer. Agreed that Finer be repaid the cost of typewriting (£4. 7. 6d.) That he be asked to consider a table of contents. That 3,000 copies be printed, 1,000 to be kept in sheets for possible American orders; 1,500 bound in paper for sale at 2/- each, and 500 in cloth for sale at 3/6d. Cost to be charged to Tulloch & Barr Fund.
4. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee at the Office on  
Monday, 2nd May, 1927.

PRESENT: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Ernest Davies, H. Humphreys,  
R.B. Kerr, W.H. McKenna, W.A. Robson and F.W. Galton.

1. Ernest Davies was elected to the Chair.
2. It was reported that about 60 persons had applied for over 100 weeks accommodation at the school to date, and this was considered very satisfactory.
3. The arrangements for Directors of the school were approved, as follows: 1st Ten Days : F.D. Dodd & Capt. B. Hall,  
2nd Week - S.K. Ratcliffe; 3rd Week - A. Emil Davies  
4th week - Miss H.M. Keynes.
4. The arrangement as to subjects for lectures were approved and list of lecturers arranged agreed to. Some additions were made to the list to fill vacancies, etc.
5. The proposal of the Royal Agricultural College to charge 6/- per day to visitors for the two odd days July 28-29th was agreed to and approved.

FINANCE ETC.

A. Emil Davies,  
 F. Lawson Dodd,  
 Capt. Basil Hall, R.N.  
 Hubert Humphreys,  
 Edw. R. Pease,  
 S. K. Ratcliffe,  
 Sidney Webb,  
~~G. R. Blanco White,~~  
 Lt. Col. R. S. B. Williams.

PUBLISHING.

Mrs. B. Drake,  
 Miss H. M. Keynes,  
 Prof. H. J. Laski,  
 Miss A. S. Lawrence,  
 Edw. R. Pease,  
 Wm. A. Robson,  
 R. H. Tawney.  
*G. R. Blanco White.*

PROPAGANDA, etc.

G. T. Garratt,  
 Prof. E. Morley,  
 Edw. R. Pease,  
 A. McCallum Scott,  
 Harry Snell, M.P.,  
 Mrs. Sidney Webb.

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ROTA OF CHAIRMEN.

F. K. Dodd,	Edw. R. Pease,
Mrs. B. Drake,	S. K. Ratcliffe,
G. F. Garratt,	W. A. Robson,
Capt. B. Hall,	H. Snell, M.P.,
H. Humphreys,	R. H. Tawney,
Miss H. Keynes,	Sidney Webb, M.P.,
Prof. H. J. Laski,	G. R. Blanco White,
Miss A. S. Lawrence, M.P.,	Lt. Col. Williams.
Prof. E. Morley.	

N.B. A. E. Davies, A. M. Scott and Mrs. Sidney Webb do not wish to serve on rota of Chairman.



Executive Committee  
Thursday 16 June 1927.

Present:- Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Lawrence,  
Messrs Davies, Dodd, Garratt, Humphreys,  
Lusk, Ratchiffe, Robson, Scott,  
White, Col Williams and Galtton.

1. Chair:- A. Emil Davies was elected chairman.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and, with a small correction, confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Pease, Capt Huel, Pease, Tawney Webb & Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee annexed. was moved by Galtton. Some discussion took place on Para 9 relating to the deposit in Arcos Bank, but eventually the Report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

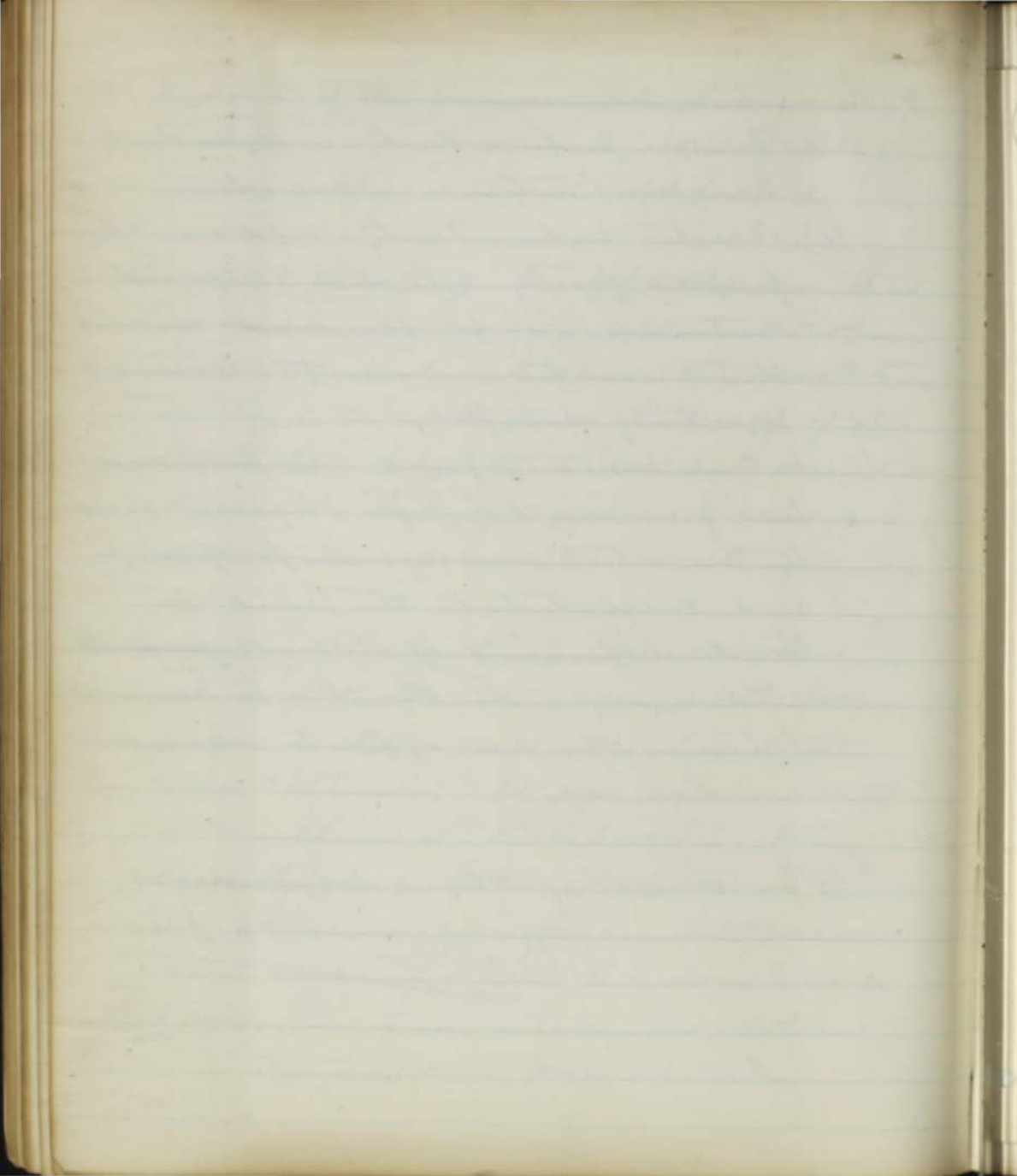
5. Report of the Summer School Committee, amended, was moved by Mrs Drake and second and adopted.
6. Annual Meeting - tonight. Agreed that as Laski could not attend Robson be requested to move the resolution re Trade Union Bill on behalf of the Executive. Also that Dodd be requested to move a ~~motion~~<sup>motion</sup> of regret at Pease's absence from the meeting.
7. Ruspinway Hall Lectures. Mrs Lawrence raised the question of the title given to her lecture and objected to the word "Illusion". It was agreed that it be altered to "Bolshevism - the dictatorship of the Proletariat".
- Other arrangements adopted and authority given to advertise in (Suffragettes. Time & Tide. Sat. Review The Teachers' Journals &c)

8. Correspondence

- (a) London Labour Party - re Hyde Park Demonstration - No action
- (b) Bristol Labour Party - appeal for funds for by-election. Agreed that appeal be passed round the Executive and the Annual meeting tonight.
- (c) Fabian Women's group - re proposed hon persons lawyer. Agreed that the Executive endorse the proposal and congratulate the group on the development of its work proposed, and records its thanks to Miss Peterson for her offer to assist as lawyer.

The meeting then adjourned.

Barbara Drake





F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 16th June, 1927 at 5 p.m.  
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- 1. Chair - F. Lawson Dodd.
- 2. Minutes of last meeting.
- 3. Apologies for absence - Capt. Hall, Webb, Mrs. Webb.
- 4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
- 5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
- 6. Annual Meeting - to-night June 16th at 8 p.m. Any necessary arrangements to be considered and settled.
- 7. Kingsway Hall Lectures, Autumn 1927. Arrangements now complete and authority to be given for the usual advertisement campaign, etc.
- 8. Correspondence.
  - (a) London Labour Party re Hyde Park demonstration against T.U. Bill, Sunday, June 26th.
  - (b) Brixton Labour Party - re by-election appeal for funds, etc.
  - (c) Fabian Women's Group - re ~~proposed~~ Poor Persons Lawyer.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday, 26th May, 1911.

Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Ratcliffe, Col. Williams and Galton.

1. Chair - Pease was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m.
3. G. Van Raalte was co-opted to the Committee as Nursery representative in place of Miss Acheson, resigned.
4. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory. The audit was now complete and auditor's Certificate received. It was agreed that a vote of thanks be given to James Bacon and the Executive Committee recommended to offer him the usual fee of five guineas.
5. Membership. April candidates (4) were elected. Last year (5) There were no resignations.
6. Annual Meeting. Thursday 16th June. Kingsley Martin had agreed to accept nomination as Chairman. The draft resolution re T.U. Bill prepared by Laski was considered and approved and ordered to be put on the agenda.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that J.M. Keynes declined to preside on November 2nd. Agreed that H. Snell, M.P., or R.H. Tawney be invited.
8. The Nursery members had again repainted and redecorated Fabian Hall as a voluntary help to the Society. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to pass a vote of thanks to the Nursery for their work.
9. The Secretary raised the question of our deposit (£200) in Arcos Bank in view of recent events, and asked if any action was necessary. It was decided no action required at present but that the matter be reported to the Executive.
10. Labour Party Executive. Tawney having declined nomination it was agreed to recommend the Executive that Snell be nominated.
11. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Monday, 30th  
May, 1927.

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PRESENT: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes,  
Ernest Davies, H. Humphreys, R. B. Kerr, Col. Williams,  
and F. W. Galton.

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1. Mrs. Drake was elected Chairman of the meeting in the absence of Capt. Hall.
2. Report that about 130 persons had applied for accommodation to date was received and considered satisfactory. The list of applicants was read and approved.
3. The proof of programme was considered. Some amendments and additions were made and it was approved and ordered to be printed and issued.
4. Miss Hankinson reported on her visit to Cirencester and the report was received and considered very satisfactory. It was agreed that Miss Hankinson be appointed manageress at the school for the first ten days and Mrs. Beadle for the remainder of the School Session.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Executive Committee  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1927

Present:- Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes,  
Gunnatt, Humphreys, Lister,  
Ratchiffe, Robson, Tawney  
and Coaton.

1. Chair - Mrs Drake.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Dares, Kease and Scott.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed was moved by Coaton. On Para 4. It was agreed that in addition to adverting a news paragraph should be sent to the Dublin Press. With this addition the report was received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

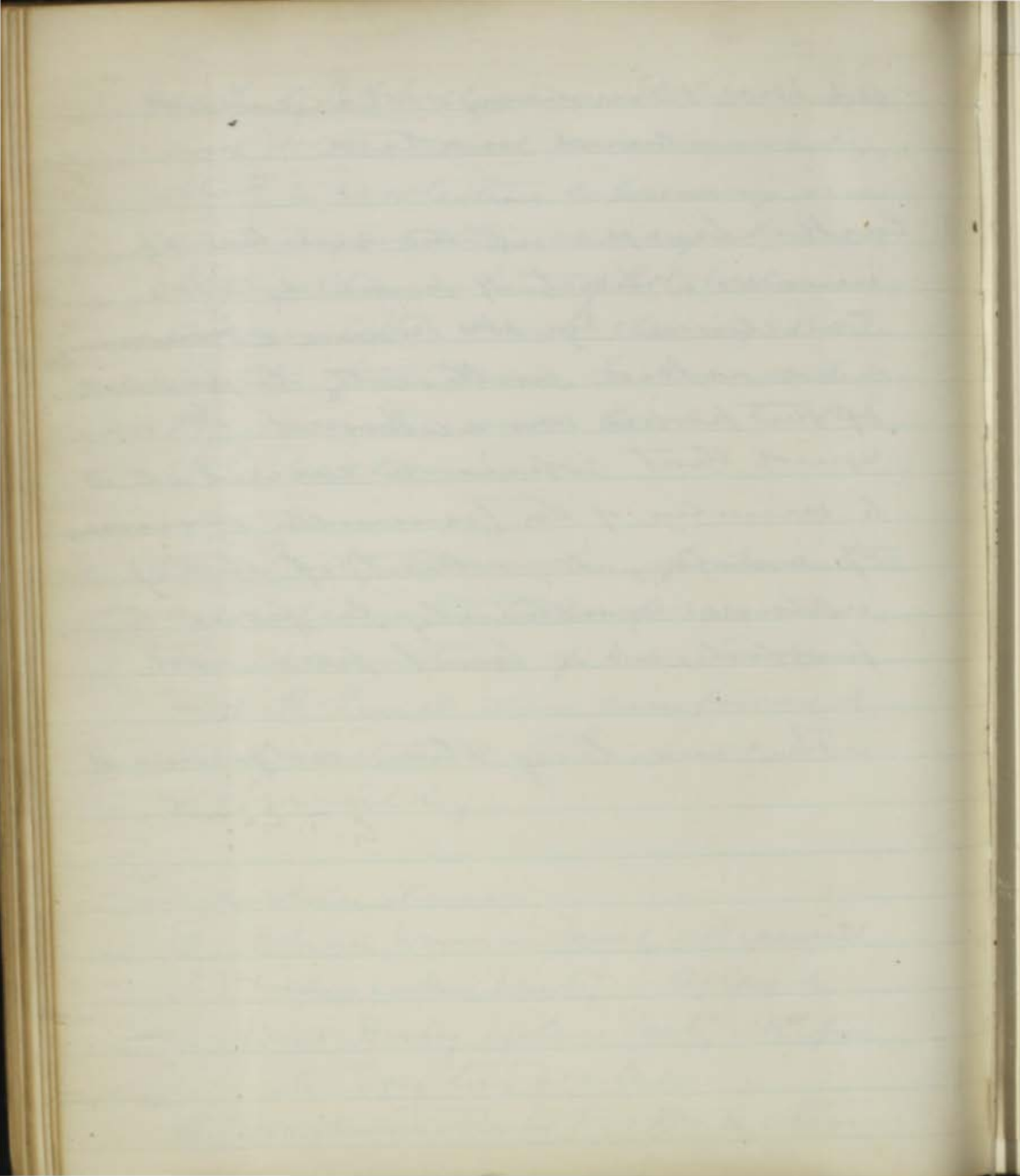


(c) Mrs Bowdery - Received and noted.

B. Luski brought up the question of issue as a tract of paper by H. B. Smellie on the name & Democracy. and asked authority to publish if the paper was allowed. It was agreed that copies be circulated to members of the Committee desirous of reading it, & that if they uphold authority be given to publish as a tract price 6d.

The meeting then adjourned.

G. T. Gerrard.



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F A B I A N                      C I E T Y .

Agenda for Meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 21st July 1907 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair - Mrs. Drake.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - if any.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee meeting annexed.
5. Death of Lt. Col. Williams, a member of the Executive.  
Any action?
6. Labour Party Annual Conference, Blackpool, October 3rd...  
To confirm nominations of Miss A. S. Lawrence, M.P.,  
and H. Snell, M.P. for election to the Executive  
and appoint them as delegates to the Conference.
7. Correspondence.
  - (a) Fabian Women's Group. Thanks for support of  
Poor Man's Lawyer scheme.
  - (b) London Labour Party - re Labour Fair. Request  
to send out circulars with Fabian News  
free of charge.
  - (c) West Derby Division Labour Party - Parliamentary  
candidate required.
  - (d) Westminster Labour Party - re appointment of paid  
collector. Any instructions to our delegate.
  - (e) Mrs. Maud Bowdery (Miss Gooderson). Thanks for  
wedding present from the Executive.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday,  
7th July, 1927.  
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PRESENT: Pease (Chair), Davies, Dodd, Humphreys, Ratcliffe,  
van Raalte (Nursery) and Galton.  
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1. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion received and approved.
2. May candidates (6) Last year (12); and June candidates (6) last year (7) were elected. Four resignations were accepted and one deferred for further correspondence.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete. Agreed that syllabus be prepared and sent out as usual in September and October. The proposal to vary advertisement arrangements this year was considered and approved.
4. Book Box Circular. The proposal to omit issue of circular this autumn and to advertise the Book Box scheme in selected Trade Union Journals was considered and approved.
5. Suggestions from Annual Meeting:
  - (a) Reconstruction of bookshop and window, etc. Considered and agreed that estimates for the work be obtained and laid before the Committee with report.
  - (b) Catalogue of books in library. Rejected as we cannot afford to keep two separate libraries.
  - (c) Special appeal to members to clear off deficit. Deferred as the present not a suitable time.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.



Executive Committee  
Thursday 20 October 1927

Present: - Mr Drake, Miss Keynes, Messrs  
 Dodd, Ganatt, ~~Humphreys~~, ~~Capt. Hall~~  
 Laskei, Pease, Ratcliffe, Robson,  
 Scott, Sneece, Tawney, White  
 and Crator.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by J. T. Ganatt.
2. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Daves, Webb & Mrs Webb.
4. Reports of Finance & Committee (annexed) were moved by Pease. On Para 5. of first report it was decided to delete Ratcliffe's name from the proposed Committee, and to add those of G. M. Scott, Mrs S. Lawrence, Blanche White & Crator.

On Para 4. of Second report it was agreed that Ratcliffe & Clutton should remind Webb of necessity of raising his voice at the Kingsway Hall lecture.

On Para 7 of the Second Report, Laski moved and it was agreed that a small committee be appointed to assist in drafting programme for the Labour Party Executive in consultation with Dr. Winchamere Snell, and that the Committee be consist of Messrs. Laski, Mrs Lawrence, Scott, Snell, Tannay, Webb & Clutton.

With these amendments and additions the two Reports were read & approved and adopted.

5. Report of Publishing Committee (amend) was moved by Mrs Drake and read and approved.

6. Essay Hall Lectures 1928. The list of subjects & lecturers proposed, as enclosed,

was considered, and amended  
 and the following agreed to viz:-  
 The Proposed Surtax. H. B. Kees Smith M.P.  
 House of Lords. Lord Arnold  
 British Juana H. Smeel. M.P.  
 The Debt & Credit. Rt. Hon. W. Graham M.P.  
 American Property. Allen Young.  
 India. Sir John Maynard  
 A Lecture on Humanity. S. F. Marshallham.  
 A Lecture on Post Office. John Lee.  
 with W. H. Warrick in reserve if  
 he should be coming to London.

7. Smeel raised the question of the R. C. in  
 London squares and it was agreed  
 to refer the matter to Dodd and  
 Tanney to consider and  
 make suggestions thereon if possible.

8. Correspondence

1. London Lecture Party - a declaration  
 agreed that Davis was Drake  
 and Scott be appointed

- (b) Mr. Walter Samuel - re Parliamentary  
candidature - Refer to Wake
- (c) Donald Banks - re speaker for  
Cambridge University Labour Club  
Ask J. Wedgwood for names others.
- (d) T. Hutchell - Edinburgh University  
re speaker. Offer Ratcliffe  
about Nov. 19 and for Scott  
in March next. For

The meeting then adjourned.

Dec. 1. Hubert Humphreys



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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 20th October, 1927 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair:- G.T.Garratt.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Davies, Webb, Mrs. Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee (Two meetings) annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Finance Committee recommend series of six on current questions on alternate Fridays, January 13th to March 23rd. Lectures, etc. suggested:-

(1) The Proposed Surtax.	Rt.Hon. W. Graham, M.P.
(2) The Case for Conservatism.	A. M. Ludovici.
(3) The Future of Democracy.	Kingsley Martin.
(4) House of Lords Reform.	H.B.Lees-Smith, M.P.
(5) British Guiana.	H. Snell, M.P.
(6) The State and Credit.	J.L.Cohen.
(7) A lecture.	S.P.Barkham.
(8) The Post Office Telegraphs, etc.	John Lee.

To be considered and settled.

- (7) H. Snell, M.P., Member of the Royal Commission on London Squares asks if the Society has any view on the subject. (Reference from Finance, etc. Committee)
8. Correspondence.
  - (a) Referred from Finance etc. Committee.
    - (1) London Labour Party re delegates to Annual Conference (3 required)
    - (2) Mrs. Walter Samuel asking to be put on list of possible Parliamentary candidates.
  - (b) Donald Barber - Cambridge University - speakers required.
  - (c) T. Mitchell, Edinburgh University Labour Graduates Association - want speakers.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday 22nd  
September, 1927.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Humphreys, Van Raalte and Galton.

1. Finance - The usual financial statement was not available owing to staff absence on holidays.
2. Membership - July candidates (2). Last year (7), and August " (2) " " (3) were elected.  
Four resignations were accepted.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures - report that sales of tickets were good - above those of past two years to date - received and approved.
4. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive to arrange a series on current questions.
5. Fract on New Reform Bill - Agreed to recommend the Executive to appoint a special Committee to revise and approve including Webb, Laski, Ratcliffe; and E.J. Neep, Fred Hughes, G. Shepherd; and R. Walker of the Nursery.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee, Thursday, 13th October,  
1927.

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Present: Pease (Chair), Dodd, Humphreys, and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was presented and received and considered satisfactory.
2. September candidates (9), last year (11) were elected.  
One resignation was accepted.
4. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that cash receipts to date were £697 against £663 on same date last year received and considered satisfactory. Agreed that the cost of providing an amplifier for these lectures be ascertained and that if possible it be arranged for.

Report of Finance Committee 11th Oct. (contd)

5. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Dates approved. List of lectures suggested considered and amended and referred to the Executive (See main agenda, item (6)).
6. Snell's Inquiry re London Squares referred to Executive. (See main agenda item 7).
7. Report that Miss Lawrence, M.P., and H. Snell, M.P., our nominees to the Labour Party Executive were both elected, received with congratulations to the two members concerned.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with or referred to the Executive, and the Meeting then adjourned.

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Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday, 11th Oct., 1927.

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Present - Mrs. Drake, Tawney, and Galton.

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1. The Chair was taken by Mrs. Drake.
2. In the absence of the Chairman and in view of the small attendance the various items on the agenda were all deferred, except -
3. Tract going out of print,  
No. 191. Borough Councils. It was agreed that Attlee and Robson be asked to revise this if necessary and that it be reprinted forthwith.
4. Some matters of detail were dealt with also and the Committee adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1927

Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes,  
Messrs Davies, Dodd, Humphreys,  
Pease, Ratchiffe, Robson, Scott,  
~~Snell, Webb, White and Esalter.~~  
Towner and Esalter

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by  
Hubert Humphreys.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from  
Cuthbert, Prof. Haske & Mrs Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by E R Pease  
in Para. I it was agreed that a  
report on the appeal and its  
results to be inserted in Jan<sup>y</sup> Fabian News.



On Para. 5(a) in Col. Williams it was agreed to add to the suggestions the following (1) A grant to the Publishing Fund; (2) An endowment for an Annual Col. Williams Lecture.

With these additions the report was received and approved.

5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed was moved by Mrs Drake and received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. Summer School Committee 1928. It was agreed that the Committee be set up forthwith, and the following seven members were appointed for the year 1928, viz: Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Robert Hall, H. Humphrey, S.K. Ratchiffe, A.M. Scott, and Mance White.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report on financial results of the lectures

was received and approved and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that the Kensington Hall be taken for the corresponding six Wednesdays next year. Consideration of the subject of the lectures was deferred.

6. Essex Hall lectures. Report on arrangements received and approved. Agreed that (1) Snowden, (2) Dalton be asked to preside for Graham; and (1) Lord De la Warr, (2) Lord Arnold, & (3) Lord Forcell for basket

7. Report of Special Committee re L.P. Programme (amended) was circulated at the meeting considered and amended and approved. Agreed that the Committee be called together again when the draft of proposed programme is available for consideration.

10. Correspondence

- (a) Westminster Bank. The formal resolution re overdraft ~~was~~<sup>required</sup> by the bank was moved by Webb, seconded by Davis and carried.
- (b) Mrs Hutchins - re donation. Agreed that this sum of £20 be carried to a special account so that part of it can be deducted for grant to L.C.C. candidate if required.
- (c) John Martin, U.S.A. re special inquiry. Secretary reported his action thereon and that Miss Stella Brown had undertaken the work for a fee, the charges to Martin's deposit; and this was approved.

The meeting then adjourned  
John M. Keynes.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 1st December 1927 at 8 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Hubert Humphreys.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Capt. Hall, Laski.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed.
6. Summer School Committee 1928 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for the ensuing year.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Receipts, sale of tickets £875. (Last year £835). Sales of literature at the meeting £25. (Last year £24). Expenses about £370, much the same as last year. Shall we now engage the hall for next year?

8. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Arrangements to date as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Jan. 13th.	The Parliamentary Control of Finance.	W. Graham, M.P.	
" 27th.	Socialism and the British Monarchy.	S. F. Markham.	Miss Lawrence.
Feb. 10th.	Dyarchy in an Indian Province.	Sir J. Maynard.	A. MacCallum Scott.
" 24th.	Reform of the House of Lords.	H. J. Laski.	
Mar. 9th.	Trusteeship for Africans.	Lord Olivier.	Major Church.
" 23rd.	British Guiana.	H. Snell, M.B.	F. Lawson Dodd.

Two Chairmen still required.  
Syllabus, etc. in hand as usual.

9. Report of special Committee re Labour Party Programme. To be circulated at the Meeting.
10. Correspondence:
  - (a) Referred from Finance Committee. Westminster Bank asking for formal resolution re overdraft.
  - (b) Miss B. L. Hutchins, sending donation with request that part of it be used for grant to L.C.C. candidate next March.
  - (c) John Martin, U.S.A. (old member) asking us to undertake some research for him.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Wednesday,  
16th November, 1927.  
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Present. Pease (Chair), Dodd, Webb, and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement was presented and approved and considered satisfactory.

It was decided that an effort should now be made to clear off the deficit and the Secretary was instructed to prepare a list of members to whom a special appeal should be sent. It was agreed that the letter be signed by Webb, Dodd and Pease, and Webb was appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee temporarily for the purpose.

2. Membership. October candidates (6) were elected. Last year (7) Three resignations were accepted
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.
4. Essex Hall Lectures, 1928. Arrangements to date were considered and approved with some amendments. List of Chairmen was agreed to. It was decided to print and issue programme as usual in recent years.
5. Correspondence:-
  - (a) Westminster Bank. Referred to Executive.
  - (b) Mr. H. Williams suggesting a gift of plate as a permanent memorial to his brother the late Col. Williams. Agreed to suggest to him instead of plate the following in order named.
    - (1) A clock with inscription.
    - (2) A Framed Portrait.
    - (3) A Gift of books.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of Publishing Committee on Tuesday, 29th Nov. 1927.

Present: Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Robson, and Galton.

1. Report on Finer's booklet "The Civil Service" received.  
Agreed to offer 250 copies each to W.E.A. and the Institute of Public Administration at 1/- each. Also to send further circular and reminder to all the Civil Service Organisations.

2. Laski's Tract on the British Cabinet considered. Letters read. Agreed to recommend the Executive Committee that it be printed and published as a Fabian Tract forthwith.

3. New Tract suggested:

Agreed that Kingsley Martin be asked to write a tract for the Society on French Socialist Thought in the 18th Century.

4. Tract offered.

- (a) W. Gregory on National Debt.
- (b) Mrs. C. A. Smith on Nationalism.
- (c) Dr. S. Gargas on "The Green International".

All considered and after discussion declined.

5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of the Special Committee on Labour Party Programme,  
Wednesday, 30th November, 1927.

Present: Laski, Snell, Tawney, Webb, and Galton.

It was agreed to suggest the following points for consideration:-

1. That the Programme ought to be a literary document and not a mere list of proposals.
2. That it should be preceded by a statement of the Aims and Objects of the Labour Party.
3. That it should re-affirm the principles laid down in the tract "Labour and the New Social Order" and that these are to be realised by democratic methods in National and Local affairs.
4. That the programme should be short and confined to a limited number of points, say seven or so, expressed generally so as to imply as much as possible.
5. That we suggest the following points out of which the required number might be selected:-
  - (1) Industrial Reorganisation - in particular Mining and the repeal of the T.U.Act, 1926.
  - (2) Social Services - in particular <sup>Housing,</sup> Education and the treatment of the sick.
  - (3) Unemployment - covering adequate National provision for all unemployed, Insurance, Poor Law, Training, etc.
  - (4) Finance and Taxation.
  - (5) Agriculture and the Land.
  - (6) Local Government Reorganisation and the Rates, including,

in particular the Enabling Bill.

- (7) Any special Legislation for Women.
- (8) The Problem of the British Commonwealth of nations,  
which ~~ought to~~ <sup>might</sup> be amalgamated with
- (9) The Problem of Peace.

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It was agreed finally to recommend that when the  
programme is available we should take steps to obtain and  
publish a series of pamphlets dealing with the subjects included  
in it.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 26 January 1928.

Present: - Mrs Keynes, Mrs Webb, Messrs  
Humphreys, Lasker, Pease, Robson  
Scott, Smeel, White & Cullter

Chair: The Chair was taken by  
Mrs H. M. Keynes.

Minutes of the previous meeting were  
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received  
from Ratcliffe and Webb.

Reports of Finance & Committee meetings (2)  
were presented by Pease  
and carried out. After discussion  
of various matters the reports  
were received & approved and  
the recommendations adopted.

5. Reports of the Summer School Committee meetings (2) were read by Blanco White and received and approved.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928. The alteration of day from Wednesday to Thursday was approved. Various suggestions for general subject were made. Consideration therein need. Agreed to defer further consideration to next meeting.

7. L. G. News. It Resolved that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded and sent to Mr Noel Buxton for his promise of £200 towards the expenses of the L. G. News for 1928. The suggested formation of Association of Labour Local Committees was approved in principle.

8. Trust in Public Ownership by Davis  
The action of the Chairman and

Secretary of the Publishing Committee in accepting this list & printing it at the expense of Dames was approved.

2. Correspondence.

- (a) J. Norman says. Asked to arrange debate with him & Maysa Church as suggested if possible. Not to reopen the matter in Tribune News at present.
- (b) Maysa says Amen - Thanks for papers towards Fawcettian Projector expenses (£50) received.
- (c) H. Williams - re gift in memory of Col Williams. Received and approved.

The meeting then adjourned

H. W. [Signature]

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on Thursday, 26th January, 1928 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair: Miss H. M. Keynes.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Ratcliffe gone to U.S.A.
4. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee, (2 meetings) annexed.
5. Reports of Summer School Committee, (2 meetings) annexed.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1928. The Hall now booked definitely for six Thursdays, October 18th to November 22nd. Change of night from Wednesday to Thursday to be confirmed. Preliminary consideration of subject, and lecturers to be begun. Correspondence thereon, referred from the Finance, etc. Committee, to be read.
7. Local Government News. Mr. Noel Buxton's promise of £200 for current year to be received with thanks. Efforts to increase circulation approved by Finance Committee. To consider the suggested formation of Association of local authorities members and candidates in connection with the L.G. News and Information Bureau, as recommended by the Finance Committee.
8. Tract on Public Ownership by A. Emil Davies. To report that Chairman of Publishing Committee and Secretary agreed to publication of this tract as a matter of urgency at request of Davies and Herbert Morrison, for use at L.C.C. Election. Davies undertook to bear the expense of publication. To be approved.
9. Correspondence.
  - (a) Dr. Norman Leys - re review in December Fabian News and asking insertion of reply. Referred from Finance, etc. Committee.
  - (b) Major D. Leigh Aman - Thanks for grant of £50 from Parliamentary By Election Fund for Faversham.
  - (c) H. Williams, re proposed gift as memorial to the late Col. Williams.

Reports of meetings of Finance, etc. Committees.

I.

Thursday, 15th Dec., 1927.

Present: Dodd, Pease, Ratcliffe, Webb, and Galton.

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1. Chair. E. R. Pease resigned the Chairmanship of the Committee and Sidney Webb was elected Chairman.
2. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
3. Special appeal.. Report that the appeal had resulted in special donations of £280 to date received. It was agreed that the letter be sent out to a further selected list of 200 or so members in January and that reference to the matter in Fabian News be deferred. Mr. Gaskell's offer to release £100 of the £200 on deposit was accepted with thanks.
4. Membership. November candidates (17) were elected. Last year (8). One resignation was accepted; and one other referred back for further correspondence.
5. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Report on progress received and approved.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928. Hall taken for six Wednesdays as ordered by Executive. Report that G.B.S. would much prefer Thursdays considered and agreed that the night be changed accordingly and six Thursday evenings arranged.
7. By-Election at Faversham. Major Leigh Hman applied for grant from the By-Election Fund. Agreed to recommend Executive to approve grant of £50 if authorised by the Trustees.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

II.

Thursday, 19th January, 1928.

Present:- Humphreys, Pease and Galton.

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1. Chair. The Chair was taken by E. R. Pease.
2. Finance. The usual financial statement was received and considered satisfactory.
3. Special Appeal. Report that the receipts in response to date were £380 received and considered satisfactory. Agreed that a note on the appeal be inserted in February issue of "Fabian News".

Committee reports (contd.)

4. Membership. December candidates (9) were elected. Last year (4). Four resignations were accepted. (A B)
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that hall booked for six Thursdays, October 18th - Nov. 22nd received and approved. Correspondence re subject, lecturers, arrangements, etc. referred to the Executive.
6. L.C.C. Elections, March 1928. Report that 15 members were adopted as Labour candidates received. Agreed that usual appeal for fund be inserted in Fabian News and sent to London members only.
7. Reconstruction of shop front. Plan and estimate considered. Agreed to defer consideration and that the landlords be asked if any reason to ~~contemplate~~ anticipate an early termination of our tenancy, before incurring expense.
8. Local Government News. Mr. Buxton's letter received with thanks. Agreed that an effort to obtain increased circulation be made by circulars, etc. Suggested Association of members and candidates considered and agreed to recommend Executive to approve subject to consultation and agreement with the Labour Party.
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with, or referred to the Executive, and the meeting then adjourned.

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Reports of meetings of the Summer School Committee.

I.

Wednesday 14th December 1927.

Present: Miss Acheson, Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss Keynes, Messrs. McKenna, Scott, Blanco White, and Galton.

1. Chair. Miss Hankinson was elected Chairman of the Meeting.
  2. Chairman. Capt. Basil Hall was elected Chairman of the Committee for 1928.
  3. Manageress. Miss Hankinson and Mrs. Beadle were appointed joint manageresses of the school for 1928.
  4. Co-options. It was agreed to invite the three following members of the Society to join the Committee as co-opted members, viz., G. Cruickshank, Ernest Davies, R. B. Kerr.
  5. Place of School. The place of the school for 1928 was considered and correspondence thereon read. It was agreed, subject to confirmation by the next meeting of this Committee and by the Executive Committee to accept the offer of the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester again.
- The meeting then adjourned.

Committee Reports (contd.)

Summer School report.

II.

Monday, 16th January, 1928.

Present: Miss Acheson, Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Cruickshank, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Kerr, Scott, White and Galton.

1. Chair. Capt. Basil Hall took the Chair.
2. Meetings. It was decided that this Committee should meet on Tuesdays at 5.15 p.m. when summoned.
3. Place of School. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed it was agreed unanimously to visit Cirencester again.
4. Date and fees. Agreed to ask for four weeks, Saturday, July 28th to Saturday August 25th. Fees etc. to remain as last year, except for campers, the charge per tent to be reduced to 2/6d per week.
5. Directors, etc. Preliminary discussion. Agreed to ask Prof. E. Morley to act as director one week. Suggested that the subject for the lectures should be the Labour Party Election programme.
6. Agreed that Galton should pay a visit to Guessens Court, Welwyn and report to a later meeting on its suitability for the school in 1929.

The meeting then adjourned.



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Executive Committee  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feby 1928.

Present:- Mr Dutse, Mrs Keynes, A. E. Davis,  
Capt Hall, N. Humphreys, H. J. Laski,  
E. R. Pease, W. A. Roberts, A. M. Scott  
and J. W. Coakton

1. Chair - The Chair was taken by H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received from F. L. Dodd, Mrs Keynes & S. K. Ratcliffe
4. Report of Finance & Committee (annexed) was moved by E. R. Pease. In Para. 6. (L.C.C. Election Fund) it was decided to delete Hackney Central (Mrs A. Sayle) from the list of grants authorized, and substitute Hammersmith. Agreed also that if any balance

remains in the fund after payment of grants (6) authorized it to be left to Galton to use it as grant to any suitable constituency.

With this correction and addition the report was received and its recommendations adopted.

5. Report of Summer School Committee (annexed) was moved by Miss Keynes, and received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. Keyway Hill lectures 1928.

Considered and discussed.

Agreed that the general title be "Western Civilization: Where is it going?". For the six lectures the following were provisionally agreed, viz

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| 1. B. Russell                      | 4. Rebecca West, or<br>Mrs Swanwick |
| 2. Jubay Husley<br>or J. H. Husley | 5. R. H. Tawney                     |
| 3. Dehinde Harris                  | 6. G. B. Shaw.                      |

The specific titles for the six lectures & other details were deferred to the next meeting.

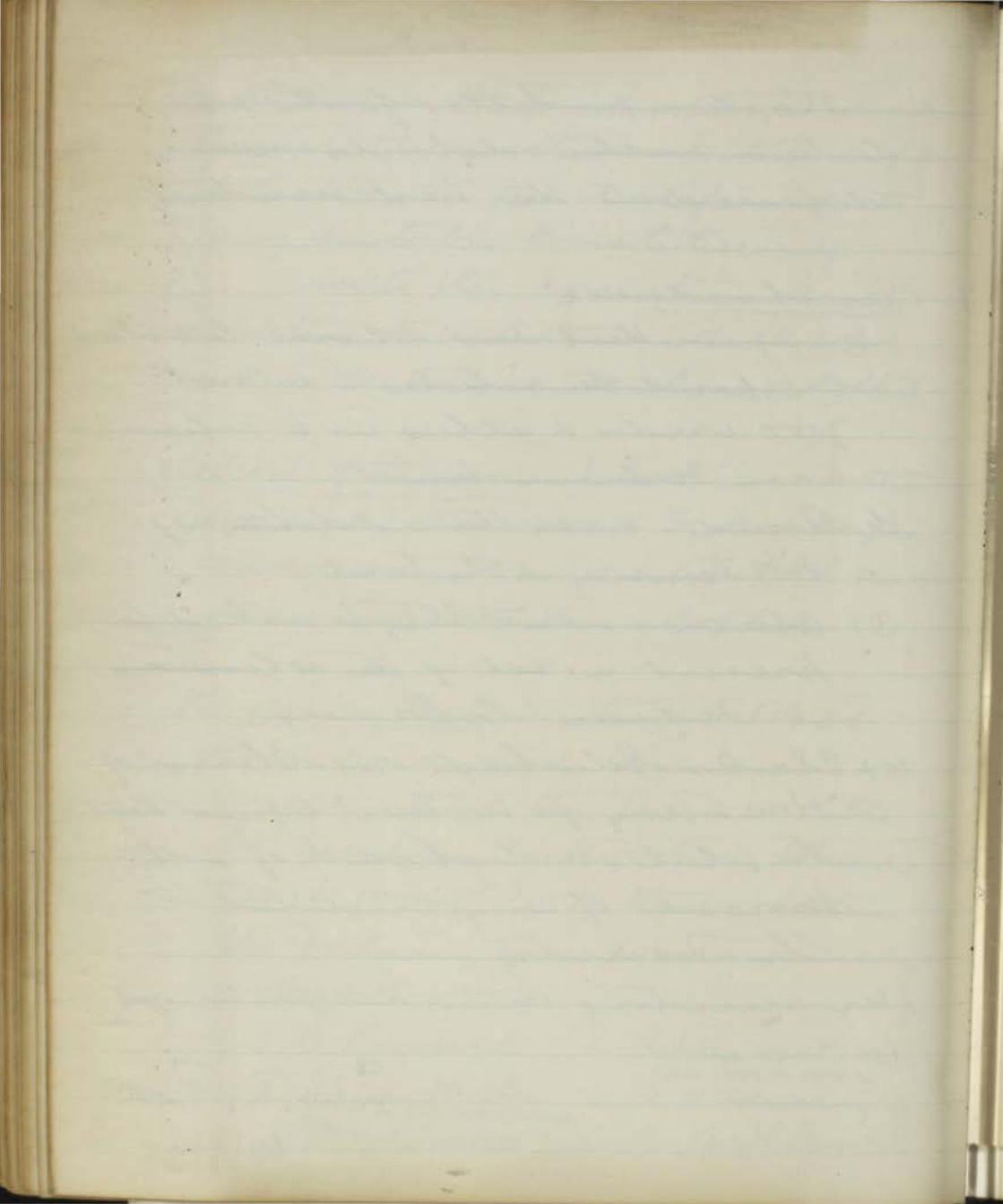
7. Correspondence

- (a) Agreed that Lord Olivier be asked to expand the articles to about 7000 words & allow us to reprint as a Fulcrum tract.
- (b) Agreed - with the addition of Mrs. Towner to the list.
- (c) Agreed - that they wished to present a set of the volumes to Fulcrum library.
- (d) Clark's Edinburgh re Stereos of "How to Wage for the War". Agreed that the plates be disposed of & the proceeds if any credited to the Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 23rd February, 1928 at 5 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Prof. Laski.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Ratcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee Meeting annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928. Subject and lecturers to be further considered.

Recommendations from Finance, etc. Committee

- (a) That the general title of the Course be "The Future of Western Civilisation".
- (b) That lectures and lecturers be as follows:

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| 1. The distinctive features of Western Civilisation. | C. Delisle Burns.             |
| 2. Science.  | Bertrand Russell.             |
| 3. Labour.   | Laski, Tawney or Citrine.     |
| 4. Woman and the family.                             | Miss Roydon or Mrs. Hamilton. |
| 5. Religion.   | Miss Roydon or Prof. Jacks    |
| 6. The Future.                                       | G. B. Shaw.                   |

7. Correspondence.

- (a) Webb, suggesting that Lord Olivier be asked to allow us to reprint his article on Africa from the "Manchester Guardian last week as a Fabian Tract.
- (b) Fabian Women's Group. Request to us to nominate Dr. Ethel Bentham, Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, and Miss Taylor as delegates to Labour Womens Conference this year.
- (c) Caxton Publishing Co. Request to send out advertisement Encyclopaedia of the Labour Movement with April "News".

FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office on Thursday, 16th February, 1928.

Present: Webb (Chair), Dodd, Pease, Palmer (Nursery) and Galton.

1. The usual financial statement was received and approved and considered satisfactory.
2. Report on special appeal showing receipts to date £490 was received and considered satisfactory. It was decided to reinsert notice revised, in March issue of "News" and keep the fund open till the end of our year on March 31st.
3. January candidates (10) were elected. Last year (6) One resignation was accepted.
4. Essex Hall Lectures. Report received. Snell's letter withdrawing offer to lecture on March 23rd read and accepted. Agreed that the debate re Kenya between Major Church and Dr. Leys be arranged for that date
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures considered and recommendations thereon made. See main agenda, para.(6)
6. L.C.C. Election Fund. Report cash receipts to date £27. List of Fabian candidates (copy annexed) considered, and appeal for funds from Woolwich read. Agreed that a grant of £5 be made to Woolwich; and £5 each to Lewisham, Marylebone, Bethnal Green, Hackney Central and Westminster Abbey Divisions if applications are received from them for aid. It was decided to defer dealing with Miss Hutchins donation to see what further response and applications are received. Also to reinsert the paragraph about fund and candidates in the March issue of "Fabian News".
7. Local Government News. Report on advertisement campaign received and approved and some suggestions made. The proposed Association of Labour Councillors deferred for further correspondence and interview with Middleton.
8. Col. Williams Memorial Lectures. Mr. H. Williams offer of Five Guineas yearly was accepted and it was agreed that the lecture be given as the first of the Essex Hall series each year
9. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee at the Office on  
Tuesday, 14th February, 1928.

Present: Capt. Hall (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss  
Keynes, Miss Taylor, Messrs. Cruickshank, McKenna, Scott,  
and Galton.

- 1. The correspondence with the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester re terms was read and interview with Mr. Jones reported. After discussion it was resolved
  - (a) To offer the college an increased fee of 5/- per head per week - i.e. from £2 to £2. 5. Od. each.
  - (b) To increase the charges to visitors to the School by 2/6d per week all round.
- 2. The form of application was revised in accordance with the foregoing resolution and as amended was approved and ordered to be sent out to members with "Fabian News".
- 3. Directors of the School. The following panel was agreed to, viz

1st Week.	Capt. Hall,
2nd "	A. Emil Davies.
3rd "	G. R. Blanco White.
4th "	Prof. Edith Morley,

with H. Snell M.P. as reserve if needed.

- 4. Programme. It was decided to arrange special subjects each week, as follows:
  - 1st Week. The Labour Party's Election Programme.
  - 2nd " Financial questions.
  - 3rd " International questions.
  - 4th " Industrial Problems,

and a provisional list of lecturers to be invited was agreed to.

- 5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Alfred Baker, J.P., L.C.C.,	Hackney, South.
J. P. Blake, L.C.C.,	Gamberwell, Peckham.
Francis Bowie,	Hammersmith, North,
George Burgneay, J.P.,	Lewisham, West.
Dr. Stella Churchill, L.C.C.,	Southwark, South East.
Miss Lilian Dawson, J.P.,	St. Marylebone,
Mrs. Barbara Drake,	Hammersmith, North.
H. Finer, D.Sc.,	Hammersmith, South.
Marshall Jackman,	Hackney, South.
B. Skene MacKay,	Bethanl Green, South West.
Herbert Morrison, J.P., L.C.C.	Woolwich East.
Reginald H. Pott,	Woolwich, West.
Miss Amy Sayle,	Hackney, Central,
F. H. Wiltshire.	Westminster, Abbey.



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Executive Committee.  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1928.

Present:- Dodd, Cabot Hall, Laski  
Pease, Rolson and Craton.

1. Chair - The Chair was taken  
by S. R. Pease.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies for absence were received  
from Mrs. Rogers, Ratchiffe  
and Webb.
4. Report of Finance & Committee, annexed  
was moved by Cabot Hall and  
seconded and approved and  
its recommendations adopted.
5. Report of Summer School Committee  
annexed was moved by Cabot Hall

and received and approved.

6. Kingsway Hall lectures.

(a) General title settled.

(b) Titles for lectures I, III, IV and VI approved. For NO II agreed to alter to "The Place of Science in W.C." and for NO V to alter to "The Place of Religious Institutions in W.C."

(c) For lecturers the following panel agreed to.

I B. Russell; II J. B. S. Haldane, or Julian Huxley, or Arthur Thomson

III C. de Bish Beuno; IV Rebecca West, W. S. Snowden or Miss Storm

Jamieson; V R. H. Tawney

VI Bernard Shaw

To be inserted in the order named where more than one name given

7. Provised Asson of Members of Local Authorities.  
The draft memorandum circulated and approved by Webb, was

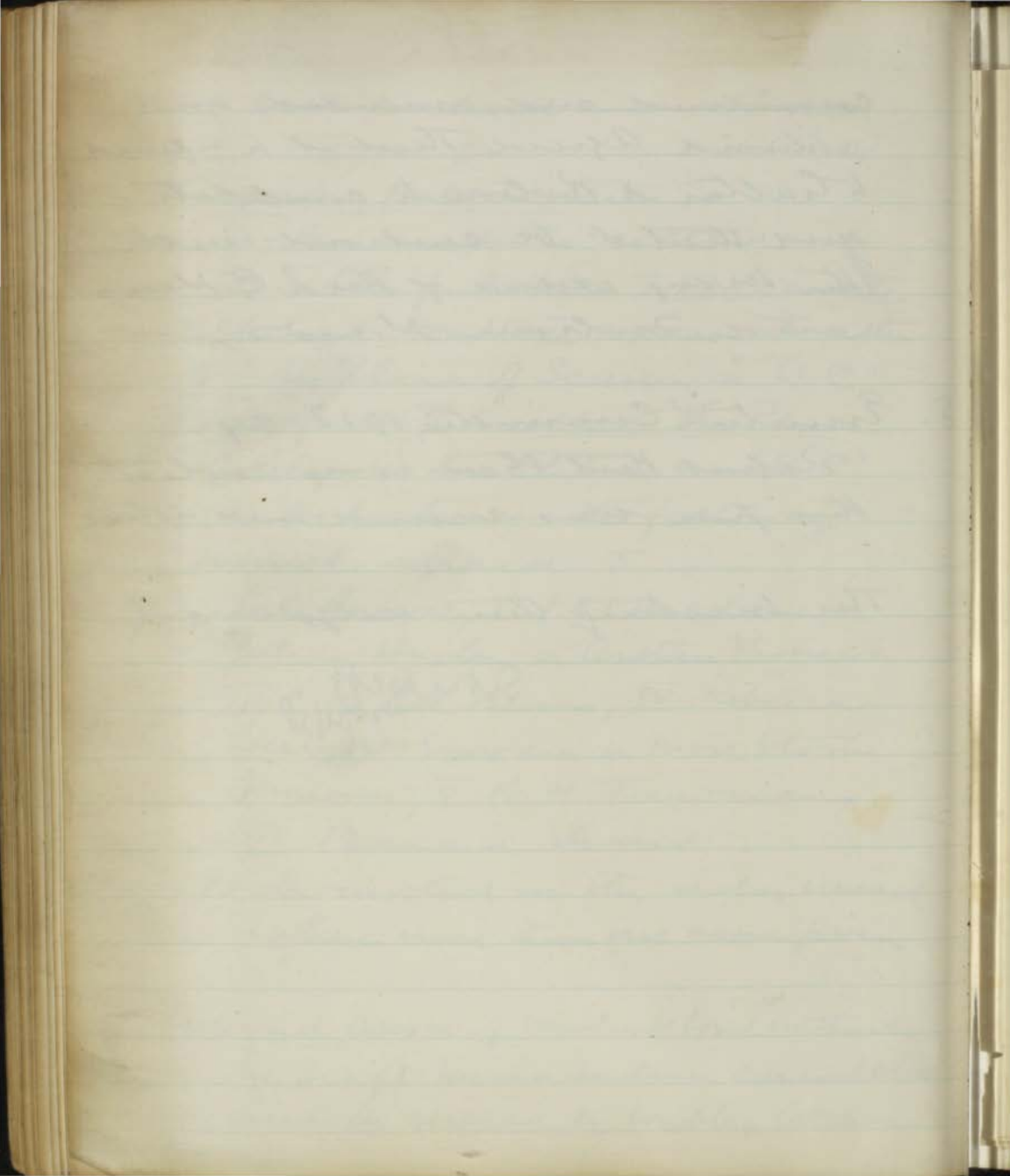
considered and amended and  
approved. Agreed that it be referred  
to Culture & Publicity to complete  
and that it be sent out with  
the May issue of the L. C. News  
and Fulcan News.

8. Executive Committee 1928-29.

Report that there is no content  
this year was received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned

Sidney Webb  
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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 22nd March, 1928 at 5 p.m.

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1. Chair: Miss A. Susan Lawrence, M.P.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928.
  - (a) General title settled at last meeting:-  
"Western Civilisation: Where is it going".
  - (b) Suggested titles for six lectures
    - (I) What is Western Civilisation.
    - (II) The Place of the Scientist in Western Civilisation
    - (III) The Place of Labour in "
    - (IV) The Place of Woman in "
    - (V) Church and State in "
    - (VI) The Future of "
  - (c) Lecturers suggested as follows:-
    - (I) B. Russell, (II) Julian Huxley or J.B.S. Haldane,
    - (III) De Lisle Burns, (IV) Rebecca West or Mrs. Swanwick,
    - (V) R. H. Tawney, (VI) Bernard Shaw.
7. Proposed Association of members, etc. of Local Authorities.  
Memorandum annexed, referred from the Finance, etc.  
Committee. To be considered and if approved ordered to  
be issued.
8. Executive Committee 1928-29. No contest this year. Two  
vacancies due to resignation of Prof. Morley owing to  
inability to attend meetings, and death of Col. Williams.  
Two new nominees - H. Finer, B.Sc., and Sir John Maynard,  
K.C.I.F.
9. Correspondence.
4. Lecturers: The list of lecturers suggested at last meeting was  
approved and some further additions agreed to. It was  
agreed that lecturers invited be offered hospitality,  
expenses and fee as usual.
  - 3rd " Industrial Problems.
  - 4th " International questions.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee  
then adjourned.

Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday, 15th March, 1928.

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Present: Webb (Chair), Davies, Dodd, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Palmer (Nursery) and Galton.

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1. The usual financial statement received and approved and considered satisfactory.
2. February candidates (17) were elected. Last year (5) Six resignations were accepted. List of 44 members for whom we have had no addresses for a year considered, and ordered to be struck off if addresses not forthcoming.
3. Report on result of special appeal showing cash receipts to date over £600 received and considered satisfactory. Final note thereon to be inserted in April Fabian News.
4. L.C.C. Election Fund. Report that response was poor - only £32. 4. Od. received. The grants made by order of the Executive had taken £30. It was agreed to give the balance to Central Hackney in response to their appeal.
5. Local Government News. Memorandum on proposal L.G. Association considered and revised and referred to the Executive.
6. Laski's motion to increase charge for insets in Fabian News considered, but decided to take no action thereon at present.
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Tuesday, 13th March, 1928.

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Present: Capt. Hall (Chair), Miss Acheson, Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Messrs. Cruickshank, Davies, Kerr, White and Galton.

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1. Letter from Mr. Jones of the Royal Agricultural College accepting our offer of increased payment of 5/- per head per week was received and noted.
2. Directors of the School. The following were appointed, to be franked at the school as usual.  
1st week. G.R. Blanco White 3rd week. F.W. Galton,  
2nd " Capt. Basil Hall. 4th " Prof. E. Morley.
3. Subjects for discussion. The following were approved.  
1st week. Finance and Taxation.  
2nd " The Labour Party Programme.  
3rd " Industrial Problems.  
4th " International Questions.
4. Lecturers: The list of lecturers suggested at last meeting was approved and some further additions agreed to. It was agreed that lecturers invited be offered hospitality, expenses and fee as usual.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

For some time past the increasing power of Labour representation on local authorities has been one of the most outstanding features of the Labour Movement. There are now thousands of Labour councillors on local bodies of every size and rank from the humble Parish Council to the great County and Borough Councils. Furthermore, in an increasing number of towns and country districts a Labour majority on the Council is being secured.

From the early days of its existence the Fabian Society has always attached great importance to municipal affairs and has put forward continuous efforts to show the important place which Local Government must necessarily occupy in the Socialist Commonwealth. It has at the same time devoted much attention to studying the various problems of local government and suggesting proposed lines of Labour policy thereon. In 1924, the Society founded, in conjunction with the Labour Party, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS, a monthly journal devoted exclusively to local government questions, and this paper has received wide-spread support from Councillors, candidates, and officials.

It is now proposed to carry the work of the Fabian Society in this connection a step further. The sphere of local government continues to expand; new powers and responsibilities are daily added to the work of local authorities. It is felt that consideration should be given to the task of organising progressive effort on local Councils, and the Fabian Society feels that its work in this direction could be rendered still more effective

if it could look to the co-operation of an active association of persons specially interested in local government. Such an association would serve as a clearing house of information, and would provide a closer link between the progressive elements of local government throughout the country than at present exists. It is proposed that the association should be called The Municipal Information Bureau and should consist of

- (a) Members of any local government authority.
- (B) Candidates, (past, present, or future) for election to such bodies.
- (c) Other persons, (including local government officers) who are specially interested in municipal affairs.

It is suggested that members of the Association should pay an annual subscription of 5/- and in return should be entitled to

- (a) Receive regularly a copy of THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS as issued each month, and also a copy of any tracts or special bulletins dealing with local government affairs that may be published by the Fabian Society from time to time.
- (b) The privilege of asking questions on local government matters to be replied to by letter and / or in the columns of THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS.
- (c) To be invited to at least one Conference annually at which the policy and problems of local government should be discussed.

It is hoped that all regular readers of THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS, and all who are members of local authorities or candidates, or local government officers will avail themselves of this proposal and join the Association. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary, Fabian Society, 25, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1.

Further particulars and information as to the work of the Association, etc. will be given in THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS from time to time.



