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From 14th September, 1906
To 3rd July 1908

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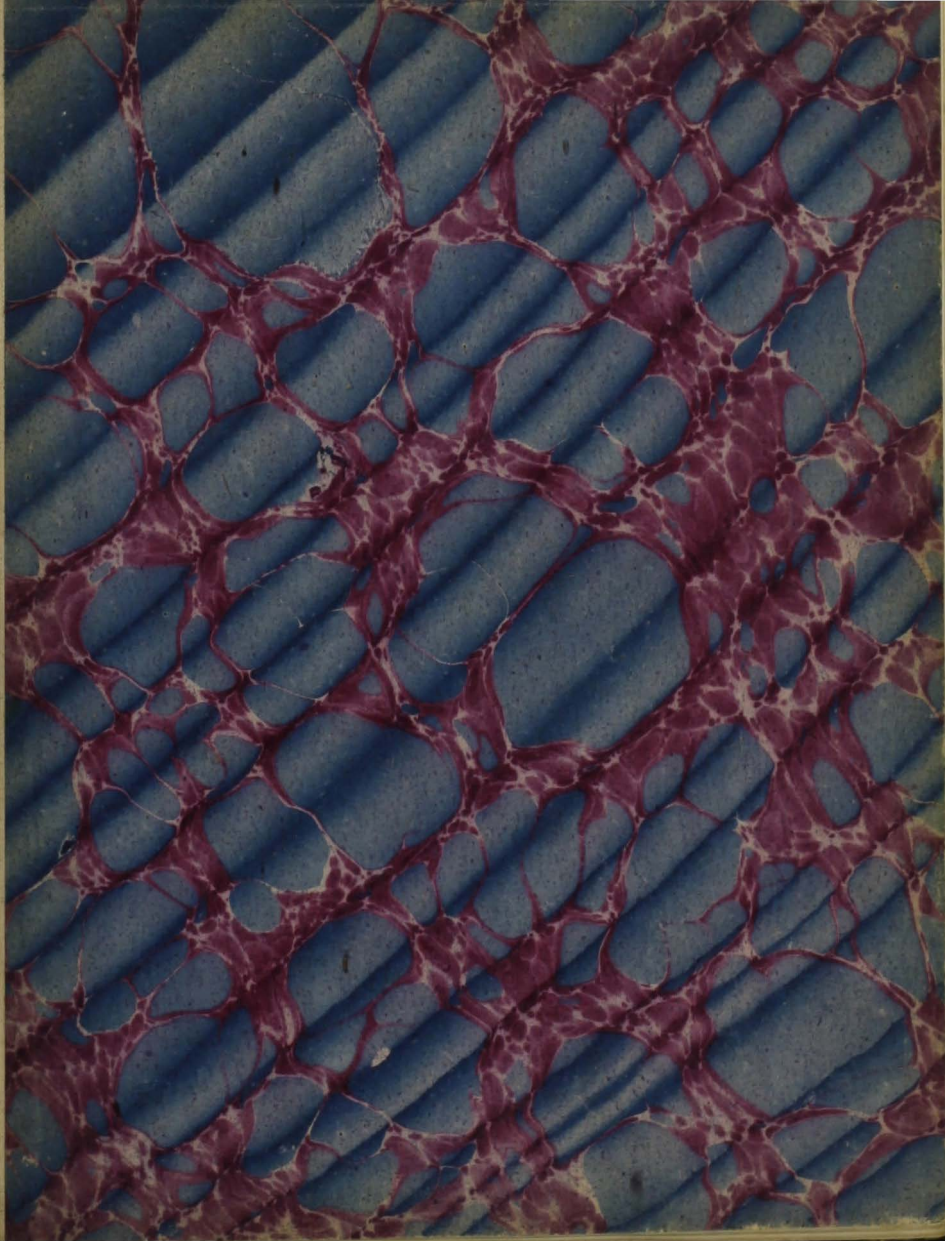
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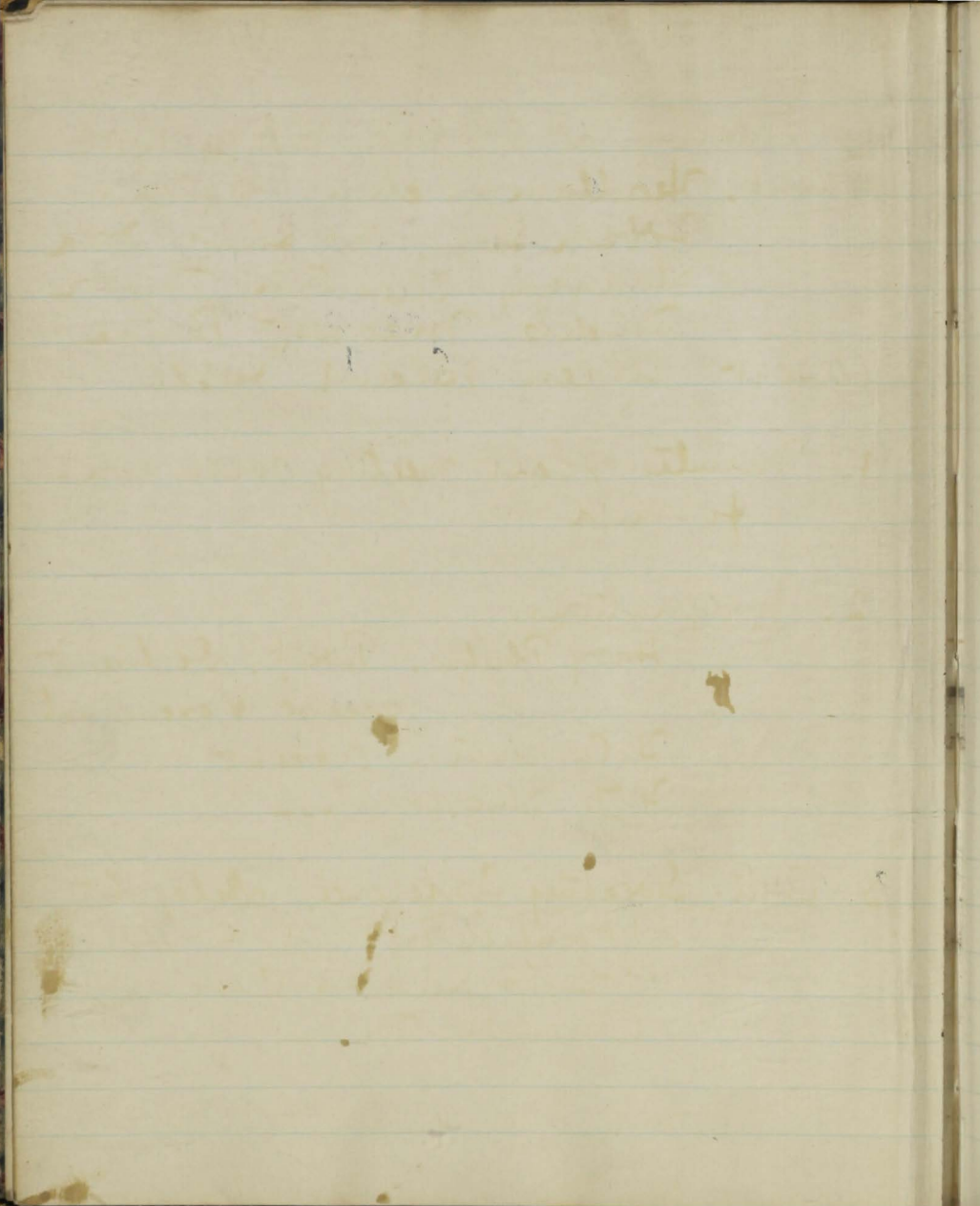
Fabian Society

3 Clements Inn

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London W.C.

14
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8th 1906
to
July 1908



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Meeting at Office Sep. 14. 1906
Present. Headlam (in chair) Galton
Hobson Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Dodd
Standing Chesterton Taylor
Sanders Macrost Pease
Absent Alden Bland Webb.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Resignations.

Harry Phillips. Poverty. Decline to accept & excuse sub.

H. Carpenter - accept

H. J. Edwards - - -

3. Anti-Sweating Conference. delegates appointed viz: S. & Hobson
G. B. Shaw & Cecil
Chesterton. -

over

August

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

Miss Annette Caldicott, 30 Hyde Park-gate, S.W.	Wm. Sanders & R. W. Coit.
Mrs. Stanton Coit, 30 Hyde Park-gate, S.W.	Catherine Wells & H. G. Wells.
J. T. Fisher, 15 Wolfington-road, West Norwood, S.E.	Cecil E. Chesterton & Gen. Sec.
Montague Fordham, Drumsells, Limpsfield, Surrey	M. Pease & Brynhilde Olivier.
Christopher Arthur Healy, Swiss Cottage, Devonshire-rd., Merton, S.W.	H. G. Wells & Horace Horsnell.
Miss Winifred Heath, 35 Craven-park, Willesden, N.W.	S. G. Hobson & H. T. Muggerdige
John Ivimey, 5 Ormiston-road, Shepherd's Bush, W.	J. G. Morley & E. R. Pease.
Miss Mabel Saunderson, 102 Adelaide-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W.	Olive O. Hooper & E. R. Pease.
Miss Susie Sernya, 61 Albany-mansions, Battersea Park, S.W. ...	M. D. Eder & E. R. Pease.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F.S.	
George W. Scott, Student's Settlement, 10 Possil-rd., Glasgow ...	J. W. Pratt & James Cunnison.
MANCHESTER F. S.	
J. Gandy-Bewick, 104 Wembury-st., Harpurhey, Manchester ...	Y. Pickles.

September

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

Mrs. Sidney Ball, St. John's Ho., St. Giles, Oxford	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Philip R. Bennet, "Invercloy," Romiley, nr. Stockport	T. Arthur Leonard.
Lewis R. Bunn, 30 Church-street, Warminster, Wilts	Mary Phelps.
Rev. L. M. Powers, 22 Park-st., Haverhill, Boston, U.S.A. ...	Amy Wellington.
Rev. Charles Llewellyn Smith, "Hazelwood," Forest Glade, Leytonstone, N.E.	H. B. Matthews & J. F. Matthews.
R. Mudie Smith, Pembroke Lodge, 12a Pembroke-square, Bayswater, W.	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
George Macaulay Trevelyan, 2 Cheyne-gardens, Chelsea, S.W.	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
GLASGOW F.S.	
James A. Ross, 173 Aitkenhead-road, Glasgow	R. M. Brown & T. Johnston.

? Mr. ...

4. Election of members.

August List. Sec. reported them elected by him in accordance with resolution. Approved.

September List. Elected subject to payment of subs where necessary. See contra.

5. Correspondence.

Caterers Employees Demⁿ. asking speakers & Refuse politics.

Labour Party. Forms for nomination to the Exec. & as Delegate to Conference. Agreed to nominate Sec. as before.

T. Ridpath. Suggesting Group orgn. Put in news.

Sir J. Robertson. Re his lecture in Oct.

Miss Atkinson. Society at Armstrong Coll.

Kal goochie W.A. } asking gift of
Socialists } books. agreed to double any cash sent as before. —

6. Essex Hall Lectures.

Rd. Whitney. Offering Jungles as Literature
instead of Geo. Shot. Decline,
+ ask for G. E. in Summer

Capt. St. John. Re Lecture on Bahá'ism.
Decline.

Stanton Cort. Offering Nat. Sel.ⁿ the
Basis of Soc^m. accept

S. Olivier. Accepting Lecture in
course.

Agreed to write to Mrs Wells
asking if the Com^{ee} Report
will be ready for November
or the dates are to be otherwise
filled.

Chesterton gave notice of motion
for debate on Punitarianism. —

- (7) Letter read from Mrs Wells saying
she had arranged for help in sending
out Inquiry Circulars, & had engaged
Miss Phillips to write from Oct 1 on
Pot Law Inquiry. Action approved

(8) Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Circular re Compⁿ Fract. approved.
Proposal by Wells that Oscar Wilde's
Soul of Man under Soc^m be re-
printed if permission can be obtained.

Pub. Com^{ee} recommended rejection,
but it was resolved by 6-3 that
we publish if possible, & the
Sec. was ordered to write to
Mr. Humphreys asking terms. —

Teri Mincy of Books. & Pub. Com^{ee}
resolved that Wells be asked to
delete passages re ~~Sao~~ & Water
Socialism, & re Overman.
Letter read from Wells positively
refusing. After debate it
was unanimously agreed
that the Sec. after consultation
with Holson write that we regard
his remarks as ungenerous, but
if he insists on retaining them
we must give way. — A letter
from Wells, advocating concession, was read

9. Fabian Suburban Lectures. Sec. 7
reported about 9 places wh. had
opened negotiations. Also that
he estimated the cost at roughly
£12. a course. Agreed that he
do not arrange more than
8 courses without further
instruction. Prof. ~~paper~~ syllabus
was discussed, & amended
of the deletion of certain ~~cases~~
passages. In one case the vote
was equal, but the Sec. 7 of consent
withdrew his vote for retention of
the passage, in deference to the desire
of the lecturer, Sanders, & the
passage was accordingly struck out.
On the motion of Chesterton a
phrase was added to complete the
sense of the draft, as amended
was approved. —

S. J. Hobson
/ 27/4/58

Executive Comm^{tee} at Office 5 Oct. 1906
Present: Holborn (in chair) + all except
Absent: Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Standring.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidatures &c.

Resignation of J. B. S. Holborn was accepted.
The following were elected, subject to pay^t where required

William Alfred Baker, 49 Moray-road, Tollington Park, N.	Edw. R. Pease & J. W. Shaw.
J. A. Brown, F.I.C., Devonshire House, West Drive, Queen's Park, Brighton	C. W. Mellor.
Cecil T. Browne, 28 Worley-road, St. Albans	A. J. Waldegrave.
Herbert Wm. Bryan, 116 Leaveden-road, Watford	Harry Phillips & Wm. Sanders.
J. W. Bunn, 7 Ellerby-street, Fulham, S.W.	Tom Norris & H. L. Jackson.
Cecil Herbert Cunningham, 45 Speldhurst-rd., Bedford Pk., W.	Tom Norris & H. L. Jackson.
Miss Mabel Farrow, 14 Prospect-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	Mabel Atkinson.
Mrs. Montague Fordham, Pains Hill, Limpsfield, Surrey ...	M. Fordham & Ernest Radford.
Miss C. J. Foykes, Worcester Bank, Duffield, nr. Derby ...	Olive O. Hooper.
Edward Garnett, "The Cearne," nr. Edenbridge, Kent	M. Fordham & Margery Olivier.
Mrs. Edgar Jepson, "Hillfarance," Elm-road, Wembley	E. Jepson & C. E. Chesterton.
Mrs. F. H. Killick, 32 Manor-rd., Stoke Newington, N.	F. H. Killick & E. F. Errington.
D. L. Monro, 300 Bow Bazaar-st., Calcutta, India	S. K. Ratcliffe.
Mrs. E. Radford, 1 Portland-villas, Hampstead Heath, N.W.	M. Fordham & Margery Olivier.
Miss Amber Reeves, Clough Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
A. L. Simpson, 13 Central-road, Morden, Mitcham, S.W. ...	A. W. Bacot & Frank Ackroyd.
W. Singer, "Brocton," Camborne-road, Sutton, Surrey	R. A. Roberts.
George A. Smith, Dartmouth Park Lodge, N.W.	Wm. Sanders & H. Snell.
Edward Spencer, 50 Flanders-mansions, Bedford Park, W. ...	M. Fordham & Margery Olivier.
William A. Taylor, 17 Craven-rd., Harlesden, N.W.	Harry Phillips & Frank Ackroyd.
John Thomas Webb, 73 Park-rd., Ilford	Gen. Sec.

3. Anti Sweating Conf^e The Sec. reported that he found the Society was only entitled to send one delegate & three had been appointed. It was agreed that Shaw be the delegate.

4. Publishing Business - "Two Mery of Boots".
Larger type of the two specimens was approved. Sec. reported that Watts declined to alter the design, agreed to approve it unaltered.

More books to Read.

It was agreed to insert a small selection of Blue-Books, & to exchange a page adob. with the British Institute of Social Service magazine "Progress".

Sweating Tract 50.

Sec. reported op. & needing revision. He was instructed to get it revised if possible. —

Burns Unemployed.

after an animated debate it

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was resolved to reprint with a title page stating clearly that the Tract was written in 1892, + omitting the present official designations of the author.

Sales.

Tee Sec. reported the sales for six months amounted to £84 apt-£56 in 1895.

(5) Well's Lecture. It was agreed that visitors can be freely admitted & that Oliver be asked to take the chair

(6) Correspondence.

London Clarion Van. Asking grant - Refuse
Shaw's Sister. Handing MS. of Fabian Essays (3). Present to B. Library of P. Science
A.L. Humphrey. Refusing permission to reprint
"Soul of Man under Soc^{ism}"

J.A. Dawes L.C. sending £2.2.0 as associate.

J.E. Tolson Testimonial. W.P.B. —

Rd. Whiting. Regretting Exec. decision to decline lecture on the Jungle. After debate agreed to tell Mr. Whiting we fall in with his wishes.

(7-) J. Keir Hardie. It was agreed to take no action in relation to his birthday. (7)

(8) Group Organisation. In order to facilitate this it was agreed:

- (1) To make a duplicate card catalogue for localised arrangements.
- (2) To re-print ~~existing~~ members list.
- (3) Not to include the names of associates

(9) Webb's Local Govt. Purchase of 1 doz copies for about £ 7. was approved.

(10) Office Work. Sec. reported that owing to pressure he had arranged with J. W. Shaw to do accounts subject to Sec. Exec. consent to payment: She had also employed a typist. Action approved. Agreed that the Sec. spend £ 10 in all on assistance of pay Shaw £ 4.4.0.

Spade House,
Sandgate.

October 3rd 1906.

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Dear Mr Pease,

My Committee has now completed its work, and has instructed me to forward its Report herewith to be submitted to the Executive at its next meeting. The Report has been signed by all the members who were present at the last meeting. To Dr Coit and Mrs Shaw, who are away from London, it will be sent for signature in due course. I have reason to believe that it will be a unanimous Report.

In presenting this, my Committee recognise the possibility of many difficulties of procedure in arranging for its reception and consideration by the Society. It ventures to suggest that the Report should be at once printed and circulated among the members. It would further suggest, in view of the exceptional nature of the year's work, that the Annual General Meeting of this year should be either an all-day session, or a series of evening meetings if possible on consecutive days. As to the form the discussion of the Report might take, it would propose, subject to the approval of the Executive, that Mr Olivier should move the following resolution:- "That this meeting accepts the recommendations of the Committee of Enquiry appointed on February 9th 1906, and desires the Executive forthwith to prepare a revised version of the constitution, rules and laws of this Society, embodying their suggestions".

My Committee is very anxious to secure a successful discussion of its report. It is obvious that in so comprehensive a discussion energy and interest may be frittered away very easily by petty or overnumerous amendments. My Committee thinks that it will get rid of much diversion of energy in this way if, consistently with the rules, notice of all amendments have to be given at least a week before the general meeting, and if they can then be printed and circulated among the members. It will be possible, with that amount of notice, to suppress trivial or duplicatory amendments, either by agreement among their proposers, or by moving that the question be at once put so soon as they come before the meeting. It should be clearly understood in the Society, we think, that amendments are to be amendments of Mr Olivier's motion and not amendments, as some inexperienced members may suppose, of the Report. It may perhaps be pointed out that amendments to Mr Olivier's motion may most conveniently begin with the word "Except - " or "Except that this Meeting is of opinion - ". Moreover, so far as very detailed changes are concerned (in the wording of the Basis, for example) a later opportunity for amendment will almost certainly arise when the matter comes before the Society as a definite change in the constitution and rules of the Society. If a letter to the members, from the Executive, embodying this point could be attached to the Report, we believe it would contribute enormously to its adequate and successful discussion.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) CATHERINE WELLS.

(11) Special Com^{ee} Report. The Sec. was instructed to use that name for the Com^{ee} + no other. He reported that the printer had the MS. It was agreed that one copy be struck off for each member of the Exec., one for Mrs Wells + no others.

Expenses. The Sec. was instructed to ask Mrs. Wells what expenses have been incurred by the Com^{ee}.

Letter from Mrs Wells re procedure.

Letter (see next ^{open} page) circulated to the Exec. was considered + the Sec. was ordered to write Mrs Wells acknowledging receipt of the Report of the Special Com^{ee} to the Executive, + of her letter hereon, + to say that the latter would be dealt with when the Exec. had received proof copies of the Report.

11. Municipal Privatization. After an animated debate it was agreed that a date be reserved in Jan. 7 for Chesterton to discuss the LCC Election

H. W. Macintosh

Executive at Office 12 Oct. 1906.
Present - Macrosty (in chair) & all exact
Absent - Aldew.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Special Com^{ee} Expenses. Letter from
Mrs Wells asking to be allowed
to treat them as a contribution to
the Society. Agreed to accept
with cordial thanks. —

3. Special Com^{ee} Report Prop. Sec. reported
he had sent a copy to Oliver at
his request. Approved & agreed
that a copy be sent ^{each of} to the other
members of the Special Com^{ee} who
have not already had one.

(4) Essex Hall Meeting. Agreed that the Exec.
appoint the Chairman, & that they
sit on the platform if the Hall
is full.

(5) No 2 a/c. Sec. reported Bank Balance
£ 22.10.4, & sums voted £ 125. - agreed
that the Trustees be asked to sell
£ 200 Derby Stock.

b. Special Com^e Report. after some discussion
it was agreed without division that
Shaw be requested to draft a Report
on the Report for the Exec. Com^e -
Shaw asked instructions on the following
points ^{for the preparation of his draft report} which were decided as follows.

(a) That the Exec. be increased to 21.
three Committee of three agreed.

(b) That the Trinitate Scheme be objected to
agreed.

(c) That proposers & seconders ~~be~~ for candidates
be dispensed with
agreed.

(d) That Signature of basis & subscription to
funds ~~to~~ qualify for election
agreed with one dissentient

(e) after certain complex divisions
it was resolved that blackballing

be abolished, & a majority vote of the Exec. be required for exclusion. Further that appeal to Society be abolished - allowed to lapse through abolition of proposal.

(f) Subscription. ~~to remain as at present~~
To defer this until report has been submitted on the present rate of subscriptions paid.

(g) Basis. after a long discussion motion of Holson that we accept the new basis with amendments was lost by 6 votes to 7 & resolution of Chesterton that the Exec. recommends the Society not to revise the Basis for reasons given was carried by 6 votes to 5.

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(h) It was resolved by 8 to 3 to reject proposal for a weekly paper for the accepted B. at reasons. -

(i) Larger Offices agreed to say

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that they will follow & not precede the
increase of income & membership.

(j.) Proposed change of name to British Socialist
Party. Unanimously rejected.

(k) Political policy was discussed, but
no resolution taken, Shaw preferring
to draft his proposals without
specific instructions.

(7.) Next meeting. Agreed to not to meet
~~unless~~ for Special Report by Shaw
on the 17th, & that the Sec.
arrange to fill Nov. 23rd
with a lecture. —

J. R. S. Taylor

Executive at Office 19 Oct. 1906. (17)
Present - Taylor in Chair & all except
Absent - Chesterton.

1. Minutes were amended & confirmed.
2. Fabian News. Agreed to double number.
3. Cost of Death. After a long discussion in wh. conflicting views were expressed as to the value of the paper, it was agreed that the Sec. write to Dr. Eder communicating the view of the Exec. & see what he says. —

A. Special Com^{tee} Report. Revised proof was submitted by the Com^{tee} & ordered to be sent to printer. —
Report on Subscriptions annexed was considered, & after discussion the Com^{tee} unanimously resolved to recommend the retention of the status quo.

Report on Subscriptions

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Paid for Calendar
Year 1905.

Paid for Calendar
Year 1905.
by University Members.

Paid by Candidates
(other than University
ty) since 1st. Jan.
1906.

Excused	13
No payment	79
1/-	7
1/1 to 2/-	4
2/6	59
2/9 to 4/11	16
5/-	176
5/6 to 9/11	43
10/- & 10/6	133
11/- to 19/-	20
20/- & 21/-	78
30/-	3
£2. 2. 0.	17
£3. 3. 0.	6
Over £3.3.0.	6

Swedish articles agreed to upon back to the Bill. not so. Com on the report presented with a view of the preparation of a report on the basis of the Finnish articles.

"Principles of Wells the we reprint his Finnish lecture from the Forum's Review, & an article on the independent Review as a man in the field.

Letter from Professor de Groot on the subject of memorandums from the Swedish speaking class of 1905.

Agreed to publish the marriage and divorce statistics for the year 1905.

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5. Race Suicide articles. Agreed to refer back to the Birth-rate &c. Com^{tee} the report presented with a view to the preparation of a report on the lines of the Times articles. —

6. "Socialism & the Family." Proposal of Wells that we reprint his Fabian Lecture from the Fortnightly Review, & an article in the Independent-Review as a tract under above title.

Letter from Chesterton objecting to proposed Letter & memorandum from Miss Brooke opposing views of Wells. — after debate it was unanimously agreed "that it is not desirable for any publication to be made by the Society on the subject of marriage until a definite constructive scheme is worked out to which the Society as a whole can be asked to commit itself" & that this be communicated to Wells.

Acad. Soc. 1809. 1810. 1811. 1812. 1813. 1814. 1815. 1816. 1817. 1818. 1819. 1820. 1821. 1822. 1823. 1824. 1825. 1826. 1827. 1828. 1829. 1830. 1831. 1832. 1833. 1834. 1835. 1836. 1837. 1838. 1839. 1840. 1841. 1842. 1843. 1844. 1845. 1846. 1847. 1848. 1849. 1850. 1851. 1852. 1853. 1854. 1855. 1856. 1857. 1858. 1859. 1860. 1861. 1862. 1863. 1864. 1865. 1866. 1867. 1868. 1869. 1870. 1871. 1872. 1873. 1874. 1875. 1876. 1877. 1878. 1879. 1880. 1881. 1882. 1883. 1884. 1885. 1886. 1887. 1888. 1889. 1890. 1891. 1892. 1893. 1894. 1895. 1896. 1897. 1898. 1899. 1900. 1901. 1902. 1903. 1904. 1905. 1906. 1907. 1908. 1909. 1910. 1911. 1912. 1913. 1914. 1915. 1916. 1917. 1918. 1919. 1920. 1921. 1922. 1923. 1924. 1925. 1926. 1927. 1928. 1929. 1930. 1931. 1932. 1933. 1934. 1935. 1936. 1937. 1938. 1939. 1940. 1941. 1942. 1943. 1944. 1945. 1946. 1947. 1948. 1949. 1950. 1951. 1952. 1953. 1954. 1955. 1956. 1957. 1958. 1959. 1960. 1961. 1962. 1963. 1964. 1965. 1966. 1967. 1968. 1969. 1970. 1971. 1972. 1973. 1974. 1975. 1976. 1977. 1978. 1979. 1980. 1981. 1982. 1983. 1984. 1985. 1986. 1987. 1988. 1989. 1990. 1991. 1992. 1993. 1994. 1995. 1996. 1997. 1998. 1999. 2000. 2001. 2002. 2003. 2004. 2005. 2006. 2007. 2008. 2009. 2010. 2011. 2012. 2013. 2014. 2015. 2016. 2017. 2018. 2019. 2020. 2021. 2022. 2023. 2024. 2025. 2026. 2027. 2028. 2029. 2030. 2031. 2032. 2033. 2034. 2035. 2036. 2037. 2038. 2039. 2040. 2041. 2042. 2043. 2044. 2045. 2046. 2047. 2048. 2049. 2050. 2051. 2052. 2053. 2054. 2055. 2056. 2057. 2058. 2059. 2060. 2061. 2062. 2063. 2064. 2065. 2066. 2067. 2068. 2069. 2070. 2071. 2072. 2073. 2074. 2075. 2076. 2077. 2078. 2079. 2080. 2081. 2082. 2083. 2084. 2085. 2086. 2087. 2088. 2089. 2090. 2091. 2092. 2093. 2094. 2095. 2096. 2097. 2098. 2099. 2100.

7. Lectures to the Society -

- Nov 9. Holson Fixed
" 23. Shaw. Socialism & art.
Ticket meeting for
members & subscribers org.
Dec 14. Meeting for Report.

Dr. Bernard Shaw.
26 Oct 1906

8 Nov. 06. † Promised
† Paid.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office Oct. 26. '06.
Present Shaw (in chair) + all except
Absent: Alden Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Wells on Marriage + Shaw on Taoology.

Correspondence from Miss Brooke, F.W. Hayes, + H.S. Bentley was read + considered, + their objection to dealing with the question of marriage noted.

3. Membership.

Plan of Sec. 7 wd- to print a ~~sped~~ list classified locally, but to print each letter in a London + a Provincial + other Group, was approved. Sec. presented list of Suspended members: - agreed to replace Dell, + send a final notice to the others, viz:

- * Miss Bruce Glasier, Mrs Goddall, Herle, Morgan. Ruan
- Weller, Coffin, R.B. Byers. S.F. Jones, J. Lister
- Miss Simon S.S. Shaban, Dr. F. Webb, —

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4. Suburban Lecture Sec 7 reported on courses arranged, & proposals on hand: also presented reports of good meetings: and estimate of cost of six courses arranged at £10 to £18. apiece. - Agreed after discussion that two more courses only be arranged for the present, viz: at Dulwich & Streatham. -

5. Fabian News. - (a) Sec. reported that Wells had prepared abstract of his lecture omitting part about marriage, but declined to allow his responsibility for the abstract to be stated. Noted. -

(b) Birthrate Articles. Draft paragraph approved with amendment.

(c) Special Com^{ee} Report Sec. presented part with alternative methods of procedure, & dates. Agreed to adopt (b) paragraph, & Sec 7 & 14 for dates of discussion.

See Opposite.

The Special Committee Report.

This was completed and presented
to the Executive Committee early

in October. Since then its recommendations have been under consideration, and the Executive Committee will shortly be able to issue to members both the text of Report and the observations upon it which they desire to submit to the Society.

- a. It is proposed that a preliminary discussion of the Reports be held on Dec. 7 and that the debate be
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adjourned till the Annual Meeting on Dec. 14
Jan. 11
- b. It is intended to prepare an agenda paper, setting out the proposals of the ~~the~~ report and recommendations of the Executive thereon in a series of propositions, some of which can be dealt with on Dec. 7 ¹⁴ and the
~~remainder at the Annual Meeting on~~ ~~Jan. 11~~
Jan. 11

5 (news - (cont.))

Letter asking for about "Society of Scienceocrats"
& circulation of prospectus. Agreed
to decline.

(6) Special Com^{ee} Report. On the question of
printing a list of subscribers to the
Society it was agreed after discussion
not to approve this recommendation
of the special com^{ee}.

(7) Rev Hardie's Birthday Party Agreed to
send a note of congratulation
wh. was drafted by the chairman.

(8) Chairman of Evening Meeting. Macross.

Sidney Webb

Exec. at Office 9th Nov. '06. at 5^{pm}
Present Webb (in chair) & all except
Absent Dalton.

1. Minutes of last mtg confirmed.

2. Correspondence

Transvaal L.P. asking grant to Election Fund.
Oh no.
Workman's Nat. H. Council. Pay 5/- is usual
Harold Murray Report of Haslemore lecture.

3. Candidates on next page ^{entire} were all
elected, subject in case of Mrs
Stark to payment of Subj.
Jas. Wilson, Town Clerk of Marylebone -
Resignation & transfer to associate
list. agreed.

4. Birthright Com^o - Report desiring that Webb's
Times articles be reprinted as a tract with
his name. After debate, Webb agreed
to report on proposal after Times has printed.

5. Womens Suffrage.

Miss Brooke. Long correspondence presented proposing special meeting to denounce vindictive treatment of women.

S. Oliver. Notice of motion on vote of urgency for meeting tonight congratulating Suffragettes on the success of their methods.

Agreed to write Miss Brooke that the Exec. consider that Oliver's motion meets the case. —

Womens L. Govt. Secut. Asking resolution to be sent to Belfast Labour Conference in favour of the Bill. Agreed on the understanding that it is not a resolution for the agenda.

6. Brit. L. Govt. Secut. Comtee of Inter. Soc. Conper.

Letter from Green asking another £7. for ~~rest of~~ second half year. Agreed to pay.

(7) Chairman Taylor. —

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(8) Wells on Marriage. Suggestion of two
Shaw that we print as
a Tract the article on Marriage & Wells
in the Independent Review. —
After discussion the proposal
was negatived.

(9.) Special Com^o Report. This was
considered at great length.
No divisions were taken &
the further & final decision
was deferred. —

(10) Next Meeting Friday 16th at 5.

For candidates over
Sidney Webb

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

Reginald G. Abbott, 103 Elm Park-mansions, Chelsea, S.W. ...	Aylmer Maude & F. Lawson Dodd.
Harold Allfrey, 57 Torrington-square, W.C. ...	General Secretary.
Arnold Bennett, 3 Rue d'Aumale, Paris ...	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Owen A. R. Berkeley-Hill, I.M.S., c/o Thos. Cook and Son, Ludgate-circus, E.C. ...	General Secretary.
Sashihw Hari Bhawo, Sitabaldi, Nagpur, Central Prov., India...	D. R. Thengdi.
Fred E. Bradshaw, 412 Rotton Park-rd., Edgbaston, Birm'hm	L. Haden Guest.
Miss E. Foster Brown, 14 St. John's-road, Croydon ...	S. G. Hobson & Winifred Heath.
Miss Winifred Bright, One Ash, Rochdale ...	Ashley Dukes.
Madame Irene San Carlo, 49 College-rd., Haverstock Hill, N.W.	F. V. Fisher & H. T. Muggidge.
Dr. G. B. Clark, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., "Fryerne," Caterham, Surrey	L. Haden Guest.
William Coles, 60 Queen's-road, Watford ...	A. J. Waldegrave.
Mrs. Daffarn, 14 Campden Hill-square, W. ...	G. B. Shaw & Percy Vaughan.
Miss Emily F. Dawson, 39 Cheyne-court, Chelsea, S.W....	Beatrice Webb & Sidney Webb.
Mrs. M. D. Eder, 46 Fitzroy-street, W. ...	M. D. Eder & Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur Garnett, 9 Victoria-parade, Kew ...	M. Olivier & Brynhild Olivier.
Mrs. Oxus Gridley, Langham House, 19 Albany-street, Gloucester Gate, N.W. ...	General Secretary. Montague Fordham.
W. S. Hadaway, Bushey, Herts.	Julius Wilkinson & M. Grover.
Mrs. C. W. Heasman, Chimney Cottage, Coulsdon, Surrey ...	J. O'Grady.
John Geo. Hogan, 27 Lucknow-street, Portsmouth ...	Rose Armstrong & A. S. Tobbutt.
P. W. Johnson, 10 Stannard-rd., Dalston, N.E. ...	J. W. Shaw & Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur Kelly, 35 Belsize-square, Hampstead, N.W. ...	C. F. Shaw & G. Bernard Shaw.
Holford Knight, 151 Fernhead-road, W. ...	S. D. Shallard & Edw. R. Pease.
F. W. Pethick Lawrence, 3 and 4 Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C....	A. Bacot & Frank Ackroyd.
Francis Lee, 37 Harbord-street, Fulham, S.W. ...	
Arthur D. Lewis, 73 Westbourne-terrace, W. ...	Wm. Sanders & G. E. O'Dell.
F. James Matheson, 9 St. Martin's-street, W.C. ...	Edw. R. Pease & J. W. Shaw.
A. Newham, University, Sydney, N.S.W. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Wm. Henry Pfleger, 22a Queen's-road, Bayswater, W. ...	Edw. R. Pease & Hubert Bland.
Frederick Richardson, 8 Victoria-road, Mill Hill, N.W. ...	R. Basil James & H. Jackson.
Dr. T. K. Rose, 6 Royal Mint, E.	C. F. Shaw & H. G. Wells.
Mrs. T. K. Rose, 6 Royal Mint, E.	" "
J. H. Skilton, 22 Ingatestone-rd., Woodford-green, Essex ...	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Mrs. Stanbury, 12 Oakley-square, N.W. ...	M. G. Pease & Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. Stark, 29 Prince of Wales-road, Battersea, S.W. ...	General Secretary.
D. M. Sutherland, 15 Cecil House, High-street, Marylebone, W....	Edw. R. Pease.
W. Watson, Descanso House, Kew, Surrey ...	Edw. Garnett & M. Olivier.

GLASGOW F.S.

David Dickson, "Monteviot,"
Alexandra-st., Kirkintilloch,
N.B. ... Andrew D. Cowan.
Fred L. Greig, 353 Bath-street,
Glasgow ... J. McLaren.
James Hannam, 36 Middleton-
drive, Shawlands, Glasgow ... Wm. C. Ward.

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Executive Com^{ee} at Office Nov. 10. '06
Present. Webb (in chair) + all except.
Absent. Alden

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Memberships

Resignation of Mrs Fanny Johnson
accepted.

The Secy was authorized to insert in
the printed list names of all can-
didates up to date of printing
who had signed basis & paid
subscription. —

3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report

Sweating. New Tract to replace
No 50 of Miss Hutchins
to be set up. —

Elders Cost of death. Declined, owing
to want of approval.

House Fanny No 101. To be dropped.
Falmesum + Inspire. Price raised to 6⁰

(4) Special Report Meeting: agreed
Hour 7.30. —
Associates to be admitted.
Chairman. Holding (1)
& failing Ann Wheeler.
Same for both days.

(5) Special Report. Shaw's draft
& Holson's memorandum
were further considered —
Macrotyp's draft par. embodying
Holson's proposals was generally
approved, & Shaw undertook
to incorporate it, & to add
a resolution thereon to the list.
Basis. Alternative passages in
Shaw's draft were considered
& on a vote it was resolved
4 to 5 to adopt that
maintaining the Basis unaltered.
Resolutions. Shaw undertook to draft them.

(6) Next Meeting Friday 23rd
Julius Ward

Exec. at Office 23rd Nov. 1906 at 5pm. —

Present Be and (in chair) + all except
absent Dodd, Alden. —

(1) Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

(2) New Members. Sec. reported 59 candidates already.

3. Suburban Lectures.

Report from Ealing read. Agreed in view of the
cheap way the lectures have
been arranged to give a grant of 2/-
to the Ealing S.P. —

(4) Correspondence Glasse asking orator for Burns
Celebration. Say G. Chesterton is best
Times sending £24.5 for articles
Reformers J. Book. Send out prospectus.
Mr Tomshund re lecture on Scholastic
Profession. Consider
Wells. Suggesting lecture of A. Maude
on Russia. No. —

(5.) Press + Fabian Meetings. Deferred

(6) Revised Report. Title page approved as amended.
not to be sent to subscribers.

(7) Associates. Agreed to declare the meetings Special, & (notwithstanding former resolution) not to admit associates or to send them the Report. —
December candidates & no others to be admitted.

8. Special Exce. Report was further considered. Passage re substance of Parliamentary Socialism was approved by a-2, & passage re R. Bell M.P. was retained three voting against it. — Other parts of the report were discussed & adopted.

(9.) Chairman for the meeting. Bland

(10.) Sec. reported that Holding accepted nomination for Special Mtg chairman

(11.) Agreed to meet again on Monday at 5.30 pm.

Muller Bland

Executive Com^{ee} on Monday

26 Nov. 1956 at 5.30 PM.

Present Bland in chair & all except
Absent Dodd Aldew.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Letter from Wells re his publication
Socialism + Marriage. Par. 2nd which
inserted in News as desired.
3. Letter from Olivier re procedure
at Meeting re. — Sec. instructed
to reply that printed copies of the Exec.
Report w^o be posted to members of
the Special Committee on Wed. 7 evening
at latest; that the Executive put forward
their own resolutions as substantive, &
that any amendments or additional
resolutions proposed by members of
the Special Com^{ee} could be circulated
with the News, if completed on
Thursday evening. — Further that

see in (B)

The Com^{ee} suggest - that the Sec'y attendance
at any meeting of the Spec. Com^{ee} do confer
as to procedure. -

(4) The amended report was further considered
& substantially amended. - a
proposal to delete par. approving
second ballot was adopted by
6 votes to 5. - Finally the report
as amended was approved & ordered
to be printed.

(5.) Next Meeting Friday 3:5th -

see Charleston

Exec. Comm^{tee} at Office 30th Nov. 06 at 5.30

Present - Chesterton (in chair) + all except
Absent - Headlam, Aldew.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. New Tracts. Notice of Power to print Guide
to Soc^l Literature, given in news
& Secy was approved.
3. Correspondence.
Leeds F.S. wanting lecturers. Chesterton to go.
Miss Audclius re Clausecard Bill no action
Mrs Cobden-Union asking for Fabian members
of N.L.C. Sec. ordered to
send list.
Mrs O'Brien Harris re L.C.C. Election. Say
the F.S. can't do any good
except help to Fabian Candidates.
Wellington Socialists. Send them 5/ of
Tracts.
Miss Wellington Re American Socialism.

4. The following candidates were approved for election & ordered to be invited to the December meetings:-

Miss Gertrude Atkins, 55 Watford-road, Canning Town, E. ...	E. S. Kerrison.
Miss Ayrton, 41 Norfolk-square, Hyde Park, W. ...	Maitland Radford & F. G. Salter.
Miss J. E. Barritt, 39 Barmouth-road, Wandsworth, S.W. ...	Mary Foster.
Paul Cyril Bland, Well Hall, Eltham, Kent ...	E. Nesbit Bland.
Miss J. K. Boyd, 12 John-street, Bedford-row, W.C. ...	Mary Foster & Agnes F. Dodd.
F. P. Clark, 22 Cophthall-gardens, Twickenham ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Hetty Cowen, 22 Regent's Park-terrace, N.W. ...	M. D. Eder.
A. E. Davies, Melita House, Wallington, Surrey ...	Walter J. Read.
Joseph F. Duncan, 12 Regent-quay, Aberdeen ...	General Secretary.
Thos. Geo. Fowler, 79 Lofting-road, Barnsbury, N. ...	W. A. Baker & Edw. R. Pease.
Walter G. Fuller, 9 Purcell-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, W.	J. G. Morley.
Miss Oriska V. Fuller, 9 Purcell-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, W. ...	J. G. Morley.
Fred H. Gorle, 4 High-street, Watford ...	Harry Phillips.
Alfred J. Gott, 270 Upland-road, Dulwich, S.E. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. James Gwyther, Oakfield, Northwood, Middlesex ...	Edw. R. Pease & J. F. Matheson.
Gerald T. Hankin, 8A Hanover-court, W. ...	C. M. Wilson.
Richard Head, 118 Shenley-road, Camberwell, S.E. ...	E. J. Howell.
W. Henderson, 58A Emmanuel-road, Balham, S.W. ...	E. Jepson.
Miss Mabel J. Hobson, "Elmstead," Limsfield, Surrey ...	C. C. Townshend & G. R. S. Taylor
Ralph S. Hyams, 27 Buckland-crescent, Hampstead ...	H. H. Fyfe & R. H. Hooper.
Miss Ellinor James, 36 Regent-square, W.C. ...	E. R. Pease & A. G. Matthews.
E. Paul Jewitt, 50 Shirlock-road, N.W. ...	T. A. Bourne & A. H. Spiers.
Miss Ada Elizabeth Jones, 23 Al-bemarle-mansions, Holloway, N.	Cecil E. Chesterton.
Cyril Ewart Kelsey, 80 Cambridge-mansions, Battersea Park, S.W.	A. G. Matthews & G. Bishop.
Mrs. Cecil Lascells, 43 Cornwell-gardens, Kensington, W. ...	M. S. Reeves & Edw. R. Pease.
Chas. Mostyn Lloyd, Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel, E. ...	C. M. Wilson.

Hugh McClare, "Lisfannon," Cole Park, Twickenham, S.W. ...	T. A. Bourne & A. H. Spiers.
Ernest Martin, 29 Ulleswater-road, Southgate, N. ...	Walter J. Read.
Geo. May, "Oakgates," Caterham-on-Hill, Surrey ...	A. J. Newton & Louise E. Newton.
Mrs. Geo. May, "Oakgates," Caterham-on-Hill, Surrey ...	A. J. Newton & Louise E. Newton.
Miss Cora Moore, 5 Bell-yard, Gracechurch-street, E.C. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Fred Morton, South Hill Farm, Eastcote, Pinner ...	Cyril Burrage & S. C. Herbert.

Henry Conrad Chas. Murray,
"Shelburne," Queen's-road,
Buckhurst Hill, Essex... ..
Mrs. H. J. Nicholson, 27 Oak-
wood-court, Melbury-rd., Ken-
sington, W.
Hardress O'Grady, 124 Alexandra-
road, Wimbledon
Allen Oliver, Eismach Cottage,
Shefford, Beds.
Donald J. Overy, 4 Whitburn-
road, Lewisham, S.E.
Arthur E. Popham, 16 Upper
Addison-gardens, Holland Park-
avenue, W.
Miss Popham, 16 Upper Addison-
gardens, Holland Park-av., W.
D. M. Richards, Wenalt, Aber-
dare, S. Wales
Mrs. Frederick Richardson, The
Ark, Victoria-rd., Mill Hill, N.W.
Mrs. R. A. Roberts, 244 Barry-
road, East Dulwich, S.E.
J. H. Rockell, 1 Kingswood-road,
Brixton, S.W.
Miss M. H. Rogers, 36 Tramere-
road, Earlsfield, S.W.
Miss D. Rose, 5 Gardnor-mans-
ions, Church-row, Hampstead,
N.W.
E. T. Scott, 89 Albert Palace-mans-
ions, Battersea Park, S.W.
Mrs. W. Singer, "Brocton," Cam-
borne-road, Sutton, Surrey
Miss Constance Smedley, 11 Mech-
lenburgh-square, W.C.
Miss Blanche A. Smith, 89 Albert
Palace-man., Battersea Park,
S.W.
Mrs. J. H. Smith, 27 Beatrice-
avenue, Norbury, Surrey
Miss Ellen E. Smith, 27 Beatrice-
avenue, Norbury, Surrey
John Hugh Stafford, The Congre-
gational School, Caterham Val-
ley, Surrey
Miss Steele, "Sunbury," Grove
Park, Kent
Miss Enid Steele, "Sunbury,"
Grove Park, Kent
Miss Thornycroft, 10 Redington-
road, Hampstead
Walter Thurston, 24 Clements-
road, Southvark Park, S.E.
Miss Ellen Towuley, 27 Beatrice-
avenue, Norbury, Surrey
Miss M. Townley, 27 Beatrice-
avenue, Norbury, Surrey
R. B. Townshend, 117 Banbury-
road, Oxford
G. R. Blanco White, 331 Upper
Richmond-road, Putney, S.W.
Mrs. J. Wilkinson, 28 Sydenham-
road North, Croydon
Norman Wilkinson, 55A Bedford-
gardens, Campden Hill, W.
Miss Winifred H. Wortham, The
Ridgway, Lordswood, South-
ampton

W. J. Read & Thomas Freeman.

Edw. R. Pease.

Charlotte M. Wilson.

Alfred Inskip.

T. Phippen.

M. Radford & M. Olivier.

M. Radford & Marie Levine.

General Secretary.

H. Jackson & R. Basil James.

R. A. Roberts & R. Maudie Smith.

Lawson Dodd.

Agnes A. Crosthwaite.

M. Radford & Margery Olivier.

C. C. Townshend & G. R. S. Taylor.

W. Singer & R. A. Roberts.

Catherine Wells & H. G. Wells.

E. Townshend & C. C. Townshend.

Mary Forster.

Mary Forster.

A. J. Newton & Louise E. Newton.

Rosamund Bland & C. Sharp.

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Margery Olivier.

E. Bettle.

Mary Grover.

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E. Townshend & C. F. Shaw.

F. H. Keeling & Edw. R. Pease.

E. F. Harrison & H. T. Mugeridge

M. Radford & Ernest Radford.

Edw. R. Pease.

ARMSTRONG COLLEGE F. S.

William Bell, Boldon Colliery,
Durham Mabel Atkinson.

Miss Elspeth Carr, 12 Bristol-
terrace, Newcastle

James Chappell, 43 Tower-street
West, Sunderland

George Henry Hunter, Station
House, Tow Law

GLASGOW F.S.
Geo. M. Dalziel, 5 Hampden-ter.,
Mount Florida, Glasgow John McLaren.

Hugh Munro, 142 Cambridge-
drive, North Kelvinside, Glas.
Miss M. S. Nicol, Clifton, Brook-
field, by Johnstone John McLaren.

David Wm. Roberts, 7 Syrian-
terrace, Springburn, Glasgow Thomas Johnston.

Oxford UNIVERSITY F.S.—Meredith Atkinson, Kettle, Felix Holt
Manchester College; The Hon. Chas. Lister, Balliol. Proposed by
R. M. Hewitt, J. C. Walton, Brasenose. Proposed by F. W.
Kotkaminer.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.—Alec Y. Bamford,

C. H. Bulleid, Trinity; C. G. H. Campbell, St. John's; Albert E.
Chapman, Trinity; Miss Marjorie Ferguson, Clough Hall, New-
bury; S. F. Fischer, Wankworth-ho., Cambridge; A. W. Gomme,
Trinity; Ignatius Knaster, 29 Green-street, Cambridge; Miss Eliza-
beth Lottin, Newnham; Miss Edith Moggeridge, Girton; S. Ber-
nard Nutley, Emmanuel; Miss E. Radford, Newnham; Hubert A.
Rose, St. John's; Miss A. Sargé, Newnham; James Shalley, Jun., 3
Malcolm-street, Cambridge. Proposed by R. W. Coit.

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(5) Reviews in Fabian News. Sec. reported that he had submitted to the Pub. Com^{ee} the question whether Radford's Poems sh^d be reviewed in F. News, & they had instructed him to refuse to review that book & others of members not dealing with the work of the Society. - He submitted correspondence from Radford hereon. After debate, it was agreed that he ^{generat} instruction of the Pub. Com^{ee} be confirmed, ~~but~~ that the Sec. be directed to write Radford that the Com^{ee} did not realize the contents of his volume, & that the decision not to review it ~~was~~ had been reversed. Bland undertook to write a review.

but that any member's books so declined be reported to the Executive. Further any

(6) Office Assistance. The Sec. reported that he had spent the £10 voted & he was still expending further small sums. action approved.

(7.) The following dates for lectures he were approved, always subject to

The course of events in December viz:

Jan 11. Olivier. Salaried Man

25. Writing on the Jungle
Sec. in Belfast.

Feb 8. Debate on L.C.

22. Ensor on Soc^m & the Legal Prof^s.

8. Special Committee Business

(a) Resolution by Wells, being amendment to Resolution II was noted.

(b) Agreed that Shaw conduct the business for the Executive.

(c) Sec. reported conference with Olivier to the following effect:-

(A) That resolution I be agreed to on both sides, it being understood as proposed by Wells, that the report is not to be published as a tract, but merely kept for ~~use~~ applicants.

(B) That Resolution II be moved without a long speech, &

that the debate be virtually opened by Wells in moving his amendment. agreed.

(7) That ~~as~~ if possible the first day be devoted to Second Reading Debate & the second to Political Policy.

(8) He stated that ~~the~~ Wells ~~part~~ did not propose to move ~~debated~~ resolutions on points of detail.

(9) Women's Equality etc. It was agreed that Shaw negotiate with Mrs Reeves & others interested in this movement: that he offer on behalf of the Exec. to propose a Tract on the subject, (in the words drafted by Wells) & that he ~~pro~~ endeavour to come to some understanding on the question on behalf of the Exec. -

9. Next Meeting Wed 5th at 5.30
H. W. Macrosty

Exec. at Office 5 Dec^r 1906 at 5.30pm.
Present Macrae in chair & all except
absent Alden Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Letters were read from J. T. Harris on a candidate who, he stated, did not pay debts incurred to a Socialist Trading Society. After discussion it was agreed that this was a matter we could not consider in electing a candidate to membership.
3. Correspondence on Report. Letters read from S. D. Shallard, H. A. Day, W. T. Shore R. R. Craig, & the Rev H. A. Kennedy, all wholly or partly in favour of the Executive Report.
- (4) Report of Speeches at Meeting. After discussion agreed not to get a short-land report, & that St Andrew be asked to prepare a short

abstract. Pearvall's letter read & noted.

(5) December Candidates. Sec. raised the question of their admission, after discussion agreed to confirm previous resolution that only duly elected members can be admitted.

(6) Dr. Clifford & Huddersfield. Letter from Snell read. Agreed that he be informed that the Exec. cannot consider the matter until they have the alleged letter of Dr. Clifford before them.

(7) Daily News. Letter read from P. J. Reid objecting to the Daily News article. Agreed that the Sec write forthwith to the Daily News protesting against the publication of extracts from private documents.

(8) The Equal Citizenship of Women. - Shaw reported that a number of the women members were determined to vote for the Special Com^{tee} Report, unless the Executive

consented to recommend the alteration
of the Basis on the lines they desired.
After discussion it was ~~agreed~~
resolved, (one voting against, + one
not voting) that the Exec. Comm^{ee}
authorises Bernard Shaw to
accept a separate ~~motion~~ resolution
the moved by Mrs Pember Reeves
instructing it to bring forward
at the annual meeting a proposal
to add to the Basis a clause
declaring that one of the objects
of the Fabian Society is to establish
the equal citizenship of men + women.

Stewart S. Keckam

Executive Com^{ee} at Office Dec. 7. 1906.

Present Beadlam (in chair) + all exact
absent Webb Alden

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The Sec. 7 submitted further correspondence on the report viz:
 - Birmingham Socialist Centre Sec 7. (Hughes)
 - G. D. Childstone
 - E. Redford giving notice of a compromise resolution
 - Miss Hutchins, giving notice of resolution re ineligibility of retiring members.

3. Order of Business
 agreed to recommend the chairman to take the division at 9.45 + to appoint tellers.

4) Equal Citizenship of Women. Shaw reported that Mrs Reeves + party accepted offer of the Executive to support alteration of Basis + that the women would not be urged to vote for the ~~Spec.~~ Wells' amendment.

5. Memberships.

Resignation, H. W. Hill. Accepted
To be struck off. A. B. Lee Smith. Usual reasons.

6. Wells' Socialism & Marriage Agreed to sell
as usual.

7. The Case of Dr. Clifford. Deferred in
the absence of information.

8. Socialism & Handicrafts. Offer of lecture
by A. E. R. Hill. Deferred.

W. L. Hill

13/11/06

Executive at Office on Thursday 13th Dec. 1906.
Present Galton in chair, & all the others.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Wiltshires Magazine - agreed to send out as requested at his expense.
3. News. Agreed to have a double number & to insert Standring's report of the meetings stating that it was prepared & Geo. Standring at the request of the Exec.

4. Correspondence.

Stamford Public Library. agreed to grant publications

Daily News. Handsome apology for publication of private matter. After debate it was agreed without discussion that the letter be read at the members meeting.

Govan L.H.P. asking help in Law Case. No.

Brit. Ass. Labor Eq. asking sub. to publication. No.

5. The Case of Dr. Clifford. Letter from Snell with extract from Dr. Clifford's letter re Huddersfield. After discussion agreed to await the complete letter.
6. Brighton F.S. Letter asking us to allow them to affiliate as a F.S. ~~with~~ while using a Basis on our lines as adopted by the Liverpool F.S. Agreed to signify consent.
7. Advt. Slip of Wells' Socialism & Marriage. Agreed to send out ~~as~~ as offered by publisher, on usual terms 10%.
8. List of Members. Proof approved.
9. January Lectures & Meetings ~~referred~~. Proposed lecture to be asked from Dr. Clifford. Say we are full up just now. —
10. Next Meeting agreed to meet on Monday 17th at 5.30.

11. Special Report Business.

- (a) Long letter from Holbrook Jackson asking if Exec. will assist in formation of Art + Socialism, + Philosophy + Socialism Groups. Sec. reported conversation in which he had assured Jackson of the cordial cooperation of the Exec. - Agreed that Sec. write that the Exec. entirely ~~cordially~~ endorse the opinions expressed by the Sec. on the matter.
- (b) Memorial from 19 Cambridge University Fabians supporting Exec. as against the Wells amendment.
- (c) Secs. action in sending to all members card urging attendance on Friday next was approved.
- (d) Letter from President Liverpool F.S. asking for closer relations with Parent Society. Refer to new Exec.
- (e) Other correspondence was submitted from F.W. Hayes, W. Baker, W. Catour Mrs. T. Wilson, W. T. Shaw, C. Charrington, Miss Lacey &c &c.

J.G. Holborn.

Executive at Office Monday Dec. 17 '06
Present Hobson (in chair) + all except
absent Taylor, Alden.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The chairman read a letter from G. R. S. Taylor tendering his resignation on certain conditions. Agreed to ~~defer~~ adjourn the discussion until he be present to discuss the matter.
3. Special Exec. Comtee Report. after debate + division it was decided by the casting vote of the chairman to take moulds of the Report + to print 250 copies. -
4. Dr. Clifford + Huddersfield. The Secy reported that Snell had stated that he did not desire to carry the matter further in the present exceptional state of affairs in the society. -

(5) Neil Hardie. A Letter re the Reports was read & the Sec. reported a copy had been sent to Dr. Coit of Hardie. After discussion agreed that the Sec. write Hardie that the Exec. leave to Dr. Coit to read the letter on his amendment, if he think fit.

(6) Sweating Tract By Miss Hutchins. Agreed to send proofs to the Exec. - that the Tract be revised with the author's name & put down as unopposed business for the next meeting. -

7. Resignation. Miss Donnell, because she cannot afford more than 10%. - Also illness. Agreed that Sec. write that 10% is a sufficient sub. -

8. Picture Cards of K. Hardie. Offer of 1000 £ by S.C. Beresford. - accept gratefully.

9. Standing's Report of Meetings. After a long discussion Standing stated that he

proposed to set up his report, to send a proof to each speaker for correction but not for expansion. Agreed that this proposal is satisfactory. -

(10.) Lectures + Meetings. - Agreed as follows

Jan 11. Report
18. Report.
25. a lecture. Sec. to go to Belfast.
Feb 1. Report if necessary.

(11) Offers of Lectures

Aladin, ex-Dunaa Leader. - Accept for Jan 25th -

A.S.R. Gill. Socialism + artistic Crafts. Accept, for future date.

12. Order of Business

Private members resolutions. all to go in. -

Hayes' Instruction to omit Compensation from Basis. - Print.

12 (cont.)

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Equal Citizenship Resolution. To be put on agenda. —

Annual Meeting. agreed that Sec. draft a par. describing the proposed order of business, & that Shaw draft another inviting the younger members to come forward with suggestions such as the Philosophy & arts groups. —

13. Next meeting Friday Dec. 28th —
A. W. Macrosty

Executive Office 28th Dec. 1906.

Present: Macrosty (in chair) Holson, Bland, Chesterton
Headlam, Pease, Standing Taylor Sanders
Shaw

Absent: Dodd, Webb, Mrs Shaw, Alden Galtin

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Anti-Sweating League, after debate resolved
to advertise in report at 42/-
for a page.

Progressive LCC Comtee. after discussion the Secy
said that in view of objections
& some members, he preferred
not to join the Comtee.

Tom Jones. Report of debate at Glasgow,
vote of 17 to 7 for the Exec.
Report.

3. New Tracts. Sweating. approved for Jan 11.
Birth rate. agreed that Webb's article
be set up. —

(4) Fahair expansion

Burnley. F.S. contemplated & F. Marquis
Armsstrong College F.S. - - Chester to lecture.
Groups forming at Marylebone, Clapham &c.

(5) Taylor's position. Further letter read & after discussion
it was agreed to insert in F. news:-

~~Mr Taylor~~ "G. R. S. Taylor has ~~recently~~ offered
to resign his seat, but the Exec. Comm^{ee}
has requested him to retain it as the
election is so near", or words to that effect
Subsequently Taylor ~~attended~~ came in & the
matter was further discussed - but it was
decided not to make any change
in the foregoing resolution.

b. Meeting of the Society. Agreed as follows; - provisionally for Feb.

- Jan 11 & 18. Report -
- 25. Aladdin on Russia
- Feb 1. Report if necessary
- 8. Webb's Population Trust
- 22. Annual Meeting

7. The Special Com^{ee} &c.

(a) Letter from Wells saying he is "heartily
rich of your Fabian Politics" &c.

(b) Equal Citizenship resolution. Shaw
reported he had not sent Mrs
~~Rees~~ Reeves the resolution. after
discussion it was agreed
that Mrs Reeves first move ~~request~~
precedence for her resolution &
then move that the Exec. be
instructed to submit to the
annual meeting an addition
to the Basis a clause declaring
that one of the objects of the
Society is ~~to~~ to establish the
equal citizenship of men & women.

(c) Amendment moved by Mrs O'Brien
Harris & other amendments as
printed in prots of the Ctews
were noted.

(d) It was agreed after debate not
to strike out Cabman's resolution,
but to leave the point of order to the chair.

(e) It was agreed that Hardie's letter be read on Resolution III as desired by Crit.

(f) Proofs of news relating to the Sp. Com^{ee} were submitted & approved & it was agreed to print copies of the agendas paper for the meeting.

(8.) Suburban Lectures. Snell's report read & ordered to be printed in news, with sub after sub-editing. - Sec. reported six sets of lectures had cost about £60, & that two more had been booked. Agreed to accept offer from Muswell Hill S.S. for a third course.

(9.) Next meeting Friday ^{4th} Jan.

Tom Sanders
4/1/07.

Exec. at Office 4th Jan'y - 1907.
Present Sanders (in chair), + all except
Absent Webb, Dodd, Alden, Taylor.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Candidates elected, subject to payment of subscription in unpaid cases. - Sec. reported that Miss Brooke-Alder had our sent 2/6, that she had written asking information, & that Miss Brooke Alder had replied withdrawing her application. Agreed none the less to elect her.
3. Secular Education. Letter from Snell asking whether the Exec. will appoint delegate to a conference with a view to agitation after discussion agreed to decline.
4. Office assistance. Sec. reported J. W. Shaw had done about 54 hours work since last payment. Agreed to offer him £4.4.0, and £2.2/- a week as a temporary arrangement only for fairly regular work.

January Candidates

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Mrs. Bridges Adams, 48 Carlisle-mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.	E. G. Macted & E. J. B. Kirtlan.	Philip Snowden, M.P., 75 Spencer-place, Leeds	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Mrs. Mary Atkinson, "Claremont," Addison-road, Caterham, Surrey	L. E. Newton & A. J. Newton.	Mrs. Philip Snowden, 75 Spencer-place, Leeds	" "
Mrs. Bartrick-Baker, 6 South-square, Gray's Inn, W.C.	Elizabeth Wilson & T. Wilson.	Lieut. M. B. Talbot-Crosbie, c/o Messrs. Cox and Co., 16 Charing-cross, S.W.	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Olive Birrell, 11 Sutton ct., Chiswick, W.	E. Wilson & Henry M. Bernard.	Miss M. Wallace-Dunlop, Ellerslie Tower, Ealing, W.	Elizabeth Wilson.
Julius Bradley, 92 Solon-road, Brixton, S.W.	General Secretary.	Herbert P. Ward, 11 Spring-st., Paddington, W.	General Secretary.
W. W. Brayton, 43 Ledam-buildings, Clerkenwell-road, E.C.	Clifford E. Sharp.	Miss E. A. Wilkinson, 33 Markham-square, S.W.	J. C. Squire & F. H. Keeling.
Miss F. M. Brooke-Alder, Emerson Club, 19 Buckingham-st., Strand, W.C.	Adela Coit & Frieda B. Jepson.	ARMSTRONG COLLEGE F.S.	
Mrs. Bruton, 46 South Norwood-hill, S.E.	Clifford E. Sharp.	Richard Coates, 52 Sunbury-av., Newcastle-on-Tyne	Wm. Bell.
A. J. Bull, 7 Lebanon-rd., Croydon	H. A. Oakeshott.	Mrs. Elliot-Harrison, Elmhurst, Rothbury-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Mabel Atkinson.
Robert Carswell, 9 Windsor-terrace, Radnor Park, Clydebank, Glasgow	Hugh A. Reyburn.	Miss N. Knowles, 79 George-road, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Wm. Bell.
W. B. Cartwright, "Hazeldene," Cross Flatts-avenue, Beeston, near Leeds	Wm. Taylor.	F. J. Shaw, 43 Meldon-terrace, Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Mabel Atkinson.
George E. Crook, 136 Blandford-road, Beckenham, Kent	Walter J. Baker & Fanny Baker.	Mrs. F. J. Shaw, 43 Meldon-ter., Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne	" "
Ernest J. Dixon, A.R.I.B.A., 23 Idmiston-road, Stratford, E.	W. G. S. Coad & C. E. Burbridge.	CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.	
Scar Faber, 75 Old-road West, Gravesend	Gladys Scott.	F. W. Hubback, Trinity College, Cambridge	R. W. Coit.
Henry Gent, 35 Grant-road, Croydon	H. T. Muggerridge.	Miss H. M. Ward, The Old Hall, Newnham College, Cambridge	Amy Sayle.
Mrs. Henry Gent, 35 Grant-rd., Croydon	" "	GLASGOW F.S.	
W. G. Gilbert, 13 Salford-road, Streatham Hill, S.W.	S. G. Hobson & T. Barratt.	James A. Allan, 25 Bothwell-st., Glasgow	J. McLaren.
Miss Haarbleicher, 32 Phenix Lodge-man., Brook Green, W.	Lily Hodgkinson.	Wm. Davidson, Windyhill, Kilmacoll, N.B.	J. McLaren.
Miss M. H. Hadley, 7 Christchurch-place, Hampstead, N.W.	M. M. C. Calthrop & E. T. Scott.	David Harvey, 183 West George-street, Glasgow	N. Macwhannell & W. Twaddle.
Mrs. L. Iserlis, 10 Henderson-road, Forest Gate, E.	L. Iserlis.	Wm. Calder Reid, 7 Woodside-place, Shettleston, Glasgow	J. McLaren.
A. S. Jacob, 25 Ruthin-gardens, Cardiff	G. R. Brett.	Mrs. Skirving, Chestnut Cottage, Langside-avenue, Glasgow	Thos. Johnston.
Thomas Jordan, 47 Waddon-rd., Croydon	H. T. Muggerridge & E. F. Harrison	GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F.S.	
E. B. Lloyd, 7 Lovelace-gardens, Surbiton, Surrey	General Secretary.	John R. Brown, 88 Claythorn-street, Glasgow E.	Jas. Cunnison.
Wm. Hornblower Marston, B.Sc., 5 Oakley-eres., Chelsea, S.W.	Arthur Watts & H. Horsnell.	Andrew Garvie, Hillocks of Gourdie, Blairgowrie, N.B.	" "
John Melkie, 9 Cautley-avenue, Clapham, S.W.	General Secretary.	Archibald B. Stirling, 3 Muirhead-st., Kirkintilloch, N.B.	" "
Ian Ostler, "The Chestnuts," Derby-road, South Woodford..	Alice Hoatson & E. N. Bland.	MANCHESTER F.S.	
Fredk. E. Owen, "Trilton," Grosvenor-avenue, Wallington, Surrey	A. E. Davies & E. Martin.	Jos. Victor Alvarez, 51 Alwood-road, Didsbury	H. P. Douglas.
Vilfrid J. Rowland, "Selwood," Crescent-road, Crouch End, N.	B. J. Mathews & H. C. Lander.	W. Jones Brown, Hollinfield, Middleton	" "
L. Salzedo, 41 Colvestone-crescent, Dalston, N.E.	M. D. Eder.	Arthur Hughes, 8 Rosebery-st., Moss Side, Manchester	" "
Es. R. W. Skipwith, 23 Manchester-square, W.	Elizabeth Wilson.	John B. Seymour, 20 Every-st., Manchester	" "
		OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
		Raymond Vincent Holt, Manchester College, Oxford	R. M. Hewitt.

5. Report of Publishing Com^{ee}, especially re
This misery of Books, approved

6. Suggested Executive Resignations.

Taylor. Further letter. No action.

Galton. Protest re passage in Hardie's
letter proposed to be read, &
stating he must resign. Sec.
reported he had written to Hardie asking
authority to delete passage reflecting
on Galton & Chesterton: reply from
Hardie read, consenting if Com^{ee} agreed.
Sec. reported that Com^{ee} verbally consented.
Action of Secretary approved.

7. Agenda Paper. Letters read from Mrs. C. M. Wilson
re opposition to the ~~to~~ Feminist amend^t.
to the Basis. ask her to second Mrs.
O'Brien Harris.

Letter from Tainmouth Shore. —

Baker's proposal for monthly business
meetings. Agreed to propose 4 General
business meetings a year. —

(8.) Attendance. Tee See. was instructed to send a Post card reminder to all members. -

(9.) Order of debate. Agreed that Shaw prepare for reprinting the par. in news re the conduct of debates, for the use of newly elected members.

(10.) Welsh Nat. Press. Agreed to allow Tracts to be translated for this paper. -

(11.) New activities. Mrs Shaw made a statement of suggested activities, more group organization on the art + Philosophy line; more propaganda Tracts: a series of What I believe lectures - Agreed that she be requested to draft a memo for circulation to the Exec. on Jan 11th -

G. Bernard Shaw
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Executive Com^{ee} Jan 11th 1907. —
Present - Shaw (in chair) + all except
absent - Sanders, Alden, Taylor. —

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Chairman. Sec. reported that Holding
consented to go on.

3. Correspondence

Chas Colton, offering ~~20~~ 40¢. for an
advt of Picture show for a
year. agreed to consult
Holbrook Jackson, & provided
he reports favourably, to accept.

R. B. Kerr, on Wells' old-fashioned
ideas on marriage.

Rev. P. Dearmer, offering permission to
reprint tract on Xthian Socialism.
Headlam requested to report
on tract to the Pub. Com^{ee}

H. G. Bennett, on members who can't afford 5¢. sub.
Police & Vigilance Society, asking sub^{ns} decline.

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4. Cards to meetings. Sec. ordered to send notices of agenda to London District

5. Proposals.

G. H. Wood. To send nomination forms to every member. Refer to new propaganda Committee.

T. Porter. To send Tract-70 to every member
— Do —

(6) Groups & Suburban Societies. Sec. reported certain confusion as to groups in regard to admission of non-members, overlapping areas & membership etc. Further that Local Fabian Societies were being talked of or formed in suburban regions; as to which he was asked for advice & had none to give. After discussion it was agreed that the matter must be referred to the new organisation sub. com.

7. The crisis.

- Sec. submitted the following: -
Letter from Cabner re his resolution.
" " Miss Wellington, New York
supporting the Exec.
Amendment of Wilkinson to Mrs Reeves
resolution, "equal citizenship
for all adults".
Letter from Mrs C. M. Wilson supporting
Mrs Reeves against Mrs Harris.
Letter from Coit, deleting part of his
amendment -
Letter from Rusor with long amendments
to resolution III.

8. H. G. Wells. Long letter re Report of Shaw's
speech, with request for its
publication, & indicating he
w^d. publish otherwise, if not
allowed to put in F. News.
After full debate, agreed to publish
in News: that Shaw draft a
brief comment: that he par. end

with expression of hope that the ~~the~~ controversy
be closed. —

9. Miss Sims Sermya. Letter offering to start
a Fabian Socialist Parliamentary Fund
worth £ 50 if such a fund be raised,
"to run our own Parliamentary candidates
with clear Fabian programme working
independently of but amicably with the
S.P.", & asking that the offer without
her name, be made public. Agreed
to thank Miss Sermya, to print in news
as desired, & to reply that further
action would rest with the new Com.

10. Mr Shaw's proposals. The annexed
report was considered. —

I Lectures. Agreed to omit reference to
publication; otherwise the proposal
was approved. Mr Shaw undertook to
draft a par. & to consult a list of names
prepared, those accepting to be mentioned in
the par. — Meetings to be for members only.

10. Mrs Shaw's proposals (cont?)

II New Tracts - Referred to the Pnh Com^{ee}

III Re Old Tracts - Referred to the Pnh. Com^{ee}

IV Subject Groups. Noted.

V Quarterly Review. Referred to the Pnh. Com^{ee}

~~VI~~ VI. Correspondence Classes. agreed that in view of Ruskin Hall classes, these need not be revived.

VII. Social Club - noted.

VIII. Teignmouth Shore. - offer whelp. - noted.

Sidy Webb

18/1/7

1.

LECTURES.

A new course is suggested entitled "The Faith I hold", to be delivered by the best known and most representative members of the Society. Each lecturer to set forth as clearly and simply as he can exactly what, in his opinion, Socialism is; what he expects it to do when it actually becomes the Power that is; and how he links it on to his general conceptions of the origin, purpose and end of the universe: i.e. his faith. If he does not so link it on to, or connect it with his Religion, we want him to tell us so, and explain why.

These lectures should afterwards be carefully edited, and, if possible, published as a book.

The Executive should decide upon some of the lecturers for this course at once, and try to get promises from them, so that their names may be given in the February "News."

Probably this course will be enough to suggest in February; but another has been outlined which should be seriously considered. It has been well described in a letter to me by a member of the Executive whose words I venture to quote:

"I 'envisage' myself giving....a lecture to the Society "on 'The Analysis of a Small Employer's Soul.'.....It

"would be an intimate self-revelation; dealing with the
 "women, is dry and somewhat academic, and ignores the
 "problem of an employer's relations to his workmen; their
 "relations to him; his relations to his customers; the
 "question how far he (the employer) is entitled to the
 "higher wage which he gets if he succeed in his business -
 "and so on. It seems to me that in a propoganda like ours,
 "it is essential to know the psychology of the various
 "sections of society, as we appeal to them all; and the
 "appeal which might go straight to the heart of a printer
 "might not even hit the mark in the case of a parson or a
 "physician."

This seems to me a most valuable suggestion. The diffi-
 culty of course will be to get the men to give the lectures. But
 I do not despair of doing it. A representative man in each pro-
 fession should be found to do such an analysis from his own
 point of view. Doctor, lawyer, clergyman, journalist, employer,
 shopkeeper, stockbroker, politician, schoolmaster etc. etc. etc.
 I have vainly tried to devise a title for the course as a
 whole. Individually, I should like "Analysis of a -----'s
 soul", putting the calling or profession in each case.

A propos Mr. Teignmouth Shore writes:

"It does strike me that Socialism as at present 'run' by
 "the Fabians, is too exclusively political and too little

"domestic; it does not come home to the bosoms of men and
 contents. I am aware that this has been already done
 "women, is dry and somewhat academic, and ignores the
 several times, but it should be done again now
 "'social' side of life in which so much amendment is
 "wanted, the provision of decent literature, decent
 "amusements, decent public houses and so forth for the
 "people."

2.

NEW TRACTS.

A new set of elementary tracts should not only be sug-
 gested, but the subjects of a series (say of six to begin
 with) should be provisionally decided upon, and a syllabus or
 precis of each be drawn up for publication in February. The
 Executive then expressing its intention of at once getting
 these capably, if it cannot get them brilliantly, written.

3.

OLD TRACTS.

An essential piece of work for the future is to go thor-
 oughly through the old tracts, and arrange them in sets to
 suit readers, and make a better precis to them and of their

(5)

contents. I am aware that this has been already done, perhaps several times, but it should be done again now.

I suggest also that a very useful tract could be made by taking telling extracts from a number of the old tracts, editing them carefully, and printing them together in larger type as an elementary tract.

4.

SUBJECT GROUPS.

This seems an admirable suggestion, and we shall probably find that subject groups will survive and flourish, though local groups have failed.

Pending the discussion of this at Mr. Holbrook Jackson's meeting on the 17th, it need not be further considered now.

5.

A PUBLICATION.

I think that if the Society continues to grow as it is at present doing a publication should be tried. The possibility of such a thing should be just touched upon in the February "News".

The publication might be a quarterly with an ^{editorial} ~~additional~~ (2)
recapitulating ~~of~~ the salient events of the quarter as re-
gards Socialism with comments upon them. The Editor should be
paid - and well paid! ? *A different editor every quarter.*

6.

A revival of the Correspondence Class is suggested by
Mr. Underwood.

7.

A Social Club is suggested by Miss Louise Salom.

8.

Mr Teignmouth Shore writes:-

"Is there any way in which I could be of practical help?
"I've been writing all my life, and editing, and working in
"publishers' houses, and am an advertising expert, and if in
"any of the above capacities and with the limited evening
"time I have to spare, I could help, please command me. Also
"I've been public speaking on and off for some years."

Exec. at Office 18 Jan. 7 1907. —
Present: Webb in chair, + all except
absent. Sanders, Alden Mrs Shaw, Taylor, and,
(lecturing to Liverpool F.S.) Headlam.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

W. Teignmouth Shore, Annoyed & placated.
S. D. F. Portsmouth Stokers Dem^y
Dr. McCleary ~~to~~ Gents du Seit Conference

3. LCC Election

Victor Fisher, request to send out S.D.F. appeal
for their candidates, Decline.

Mrs C. Sanderson (to Hobson) asking not to send
out L.H.B. appeal. Decline,
but say we will send out
their programme.

It was understood that the usual
par re candidates be inserted
as before. —

- 4. Pub. Com^{ee} Report Wtd.
Tract-130. Proofs - no comment.
- 5. Wheat-Libeline Lecture Letter from Mrs Shaw. Her suggestion of Rev. Campbell negatived.
- 6. Brook Boxes. Sec. submitted report annexed, with letters, & asked for a further grant. A long debate ensued, & on objection made, he withdrew the request. —
- 7. Annual Meeting. Agreed to Feb 22, provided the number of members is settled.
- 8. Draft Annual Report approved.
- 9. Revise of Rules. Sec. ordered to prepare it.
- 10. The Reply to the Wells Letter. Proofs submitted & approved in the form printed. Agreed that ~~the~~ ~~o~~ proof of his letter be sent to Wells as requested.

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11. Agenda for the Members Meeting.

Resolutions as printed & further amendments from Oliver & Miss Sernya were submitted & discussed. Letter from H. D. Peasall re absence of democracy from Basis. Sec. Wreple that Basis is not a complete statement.

12. Webb's Birth-rate Paper. On his objection to open a discussion on his paper it was agreed to put it down as a named Tract at the next available business meeting.

13. Next Meeting Monday 28th Jan, if necessary & failing that Friday Feb 1st.

J. W. Cullton

9/1/57

Report on Book Boxes 15th. January 1907.

Number of Boxes on 1st. April 1906 162

Bought during year and one not filled 15
177

Subs during year to date 123

Subs last year to same date 103

Cash to 31 Dec. 1906 £ 33. 5. 6

Do. Do. 1905 26.18. 6

Grant this year £75. all spent.

Orders unexecuted 20

dating from Dec. 7th.

i.e. subscribers are kept waiting 5 weeks.

Expenditure on Printing Prospectus during year Nil.

Prospectuses sent out None.

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office 31st Jan. 7 1907.

Present Galton (in chair) & all except ~~also~~
Absent Alden, Chesterton, Taylor. —

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Belfast Conference. Sec. briefly reported stating that the expense to the Society was 18/9? —
3. Correspondence.
Miss Murely, announcing formation of the Clapham & District Fabian Society. Agreed to take no action & refer matter of groups etc. to the new Exec. —
Francis Hyndman. Application to be admitted a member, subject to a modification of the Basis. Agreed to refuse.
G. Lansbury. Letter explaining his view of ultimate Socialism, & asking if this is regarded as inconsistent with Basis. Reply it is not, & we shall be glad to elect him.

(3) Corresp. (cont.)

Miss Simion. Regretting ~~me~~ cessation of your papers. Agreed to put on Free List.

Edmond Kelly. M.S. on Labour Colonies. Peace reported favourably. Ask Alden to report.

Miss Atkinson. Proposed summer school for Socialists. Idea approved & agreed that Mrs. Shaw & Dodd be ^{asked} ~~a com.~~ to confer with Miss Atkinson & draft a plan.

Brit. Ass. Lab. Legn. Delegates for Conference at Man. Agreed to appoint Douglas & another as our representatives.

4.) Fabian Lectures. Feb 8. Oliver asked. Letter from Chesterton pressing his claim after debate it was agreed to write

to Fabian Soc. Chesterton that he c^d. have the date to open a debate for members only: that the Exec. thought it better to have the debate on the F.C.C. election, & that Chesterton was free to talk about Anti-Puritanism as much as he wished.

5. Sir John Gost. Letter read, & it was agreed to ask him to lecture on N. 3. - at a future date.
6. Fabian News. Pars. relating to L.C.C. Election, to annual meeting (agenda) & to Exec. Election were approved.
7. Percy Alden. Letter saying he left it to the Exec. whether he sh^d. stand for re-election. Agreed to recommend him not to do so. -
8. Agenda for Feb^{ry}. Agenda paper discussed. Agreed to oppose Fordham's resolution & to recommend that Oliver go to the new Exec. -
It was agreed that the Sec. can state his opinion on the political situation -
9. Headlam at Bethnal Green. Letter giving notice of vote of urgency thereon. Show to oppose.

10. New Tracts. Sec. reported that W. Day had offered to work & he suggested a Tract on old age pensions in operation. approved.

Mrs T. Wilson offered anthology of Falmouth Tracts. approved

11. Election Address. It was agreed that Shaw prepare a draft. —

~~Wm. Sumner~~
9/2/07

Omitted

mi. 3000

Executive Com^{ee} 8 Feb. 1907. —
Present Sanders in chair, & all except
Absent Alden Taylor

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence ~~was~~

Miss Hargrave Request for Free advt. of
Queens Square Club. No.

Miss Hutchins Offer of £5. for Fabian
Election Fund. Thanks

Sir O. Lodge. Offer of advt. of sheets.
accept a dozen or two.

L. W. Dicks. Request for Book Box
for Malta Dockyard. Yes.

S. H. Walkden. Darwin F.S. found.
& Hobson can go in April.

3. Candidature. All duly elected subject
to completion of formalities where
necessary. Sec. to write to Mrs
Russell re the of. sent by
Resignation Mr Combes Russell.

Candidates for Election.

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CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

William Addison, Estate Duty Office, Somerset House, Strand, W.C.	F. P. Clark & F. H. Gorle.	Miss Mavis Jupp, 1 Lismore-rd., Croydon ...	E. F. Harrison & A. S. Tebbutt.
Miss Phyllis Tempest Adkin, 6 St. John's Park, Blackheath, S.E.	Alice Hoatson.	Samuel Lorisignol, 22 Ravenscourt-gar., Ravenscourt Park.	W. Sanders & E. J. Harrington.
Miss Rachel Barrett, 1 Victoria-square, Penarth, Cardiff ...	Francis E. Sandbach.	Mrs. S. Lorisignol, 22 Ravenscourt-gar., Ravenscourt Park, W. ...	W. Sanders & A. E. Harrington.
Miss B. S. Bell, 505 E. Seneca-st., Ithaca, New York, U.S.A. ...	Amy Wellington.	Miss Macarthur, Club Union-buildings, Clerkenwell-rd., E.C.	J. J. Mallon.
Miss Ada Brandon, 34 Shirley-road, Enfield, N.	A. H. Spiers & T. A. Bourne.	Mrs. G. F. McCleary, "Redlands," Ardwick-road, Burgess Park, Hampstead ...	Sydney Olivier.
Miss Millicent L. Browne, East Holm-green, Norton, Baldock, Herts.	Holbrook Jackson.	Miss Nora Charrington Martin, Bourne Cottage, Beenham ...	J. W. Shaw.
Leader Wm. Bullard, 9 Sylvestre-road, Walthamstow ...	C. Morgan Webb.	Harold Moore, 109 Victoria-road, Charlton, S.E. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Ursula Cox, c/o Sydney Olivier, 12 Dene-mansions, Dennington Park-road, West Hampstead, N.W.	Sydney Olivier.	Mrs. Jean Orage, 57 Weltje-road, Hammersmith, W. ...	Holbrook Jackson.
J. W. Dickes, H.M. Dockyard, Malta ...	O. S. Griffiths.	H. W. Falliser, 2 Leamington-villas, Chiswick-lane, W. ...	Holbrook Jackson.
Otto Dunkelsbuhler, 34 Tavistock-square, W.C.	E. J. Howell.	Mrs. Richardson, 47 Beaconsfield-street, Norton-on-Tees ...	Frank Ackroyd & Fred Marquis.
Albert Eagle, 225 Westbourne-grove, Bayswater, W. ...	H. G. Wells & Horace Horsnell.	Countess Russell, Telegraph Ho., Chichester ...	Alys Russell & E. F. Dawson.
Mrs. Ebbutt, "Portrush," Caterham, Surrey ...	George May & Nellie May.	Beatrice Sanders, 18 Brynmaer-rod, Battersea... ..	W. Sanders.
J. H. Ellis, 2 Limetree-villas, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill, Essex ...	W. J. Read & H. C. C. Murray.	Henry Clayfield Sawyer, 130 St. Augustine's-road, Portsmouth.	J. G. Hogan.
Rev. Robert P. Farley, "Laurel Dene," Hard-lane, St. Helens... ..	Edw. R. Pease.	Miss Rachel Sharp, Copsley, Outwood, Surrey ...	Clifford Sharp.
Miss Mary E. Gawthorpe, 9 Warrel-mountain, Bramley, Leeds ...	Holbrook Jackson.	Pharall Smith, 97 Dagnall Park, S. Norwood, S.E. ...	H. G. Wells & Horace Horsnell.
W. Gillison, 53 Oswald-terrace, Middlesbrough ...	Edw. R. Pease.	H. R. Stockman, 47 Upper Charleville-street, Belfast ...	Edw. R. Pease.
John H. Greenhalgh, 16 Somerset-terrace, Duke's-road, W.C.	Frederick Whelen & G. B. Shaw.	Miss Madge Sudborough, 5 Harrison-road, Erdington, nr. Birmingham ...	Frank Ackroyd & Fred Marquis.
Frederick Hansen, Roman-road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough ...	M. C. Hansen & S. D. Shallard.	Miss M. Taylor, Santry, Torquay	Mary Clodd.
Miss S. E. Hammond, 6 Elliott House, Elliott-road, Thornton Heath, Surrey ...	Edw. R. Pease.	D. B. Thomas, 22 Flanchford-rd., Ravenscourt Park ...	F. W. Hayes.
Edward Henry Harris, 55 Warwick-road, Redhill, Surrey ...	F. A. Huckle.	Miss E. Thomas, 26 Limes-grove, Lewisham, S.E. ...	T. W. McCormick & S. G. Honby.
A. B. Harrison, 26 Trinder-road, Crouch Hill, N.	S. G. Hobson & Winifred Heath	Miss Trimble, Santry, Torquay... ..	Mary Clodd.
Mrs. Wishart Herzfeld, 53 Marlborough-man., Cannon Hill, N.W.	Frank Ackroyd.	Mrs. Unna, The Ridge, Wilmer Drive, Bradford ...	Chas. Coates.
Mrs. Holmes, 327 Brighton-rd., S. Croydon ...	Mary Grover.	Mrs. Raymond Unwin, Wyldes Farm, North End, Hampstead, N.W. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Wm. Blake Howell, 50 Palmerston-road, Southsea ...	Wm. Sanders.	Charles Voysey, 14 Briardale-gar., Platts-lane, Hampstead, N.W.	M. Radford & D. Radford.
Mrs. Holbrook Jackson, "The Crossways," Langley Park, Mill Hill, N.W.	F. Richardson & M. B. Richardson	C. B. Wheeler, 7 St. Stephen's-crescent, Bayswater, W. ...	Edw. R. Pease & J. W. Shaw.
Miss Amy Huribatt, 3 Ellerslie-man., Hinton-rd., Bournemouth	F. Lawson Dodd & A. S. Tebbutt,	J. P. Whitehead, 2 Imperial-buildings, Ludgate-circus, E.C.	R. H. Hooper & R. S. Hyams.
Doris N. Japp, 113 Lauderdale-mansions, Maide Vale, W. ...	Edw. R. Pease.	Sydney H. Wood, Long Warren, Oakleigh Park, N. ...	Clifford Sharp.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.

H. P. Adams, Trinity College ...	F. H. Kealing & R. W. Coit.
F. T. Brooks, Caius College ...	R. W. Coit.
E. H. Dalton, King's College ...	"
George Selby Washington Epps, Emmanuel College ...	"
E. L. P. K. James, Corpus Christi College ...	"
Daniel Leopold Lipson, Corpus Christi College ...	"
R. Meldrum, St. John's College..	"
V. A. Mottram, Trinity College...	"
David R. Pye, Trinity College ...	Edw. R. Pease.
John Stansfield, Emmanuel Coll.	R. W. Coit.
D. W. Ward, St. John's College.	"

GLASGOW F.S.

F. McCulloch Craig, Croftlea, Dumbarton ...	J. McLaren.
Mrs. McCulloch Craig, Croftlea, Dumbarton ...	"
B. W. Hartley, 31 Windsor-terr., St. George's-road, Glasgow ...	"
Miss Margaret H. Knox, 114 Well- park-terr., Dennistoun, Glasgow	"
John A. E. Schiller, 3 Bothwell- terr., Bank-street, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow ...	"

MANCHESTER F.S.

F. P. Fothergill, Middleton, Man- chester ...	H. P. Douglas.
H. Sutton, 202 Plymouth-grove, Manchester ...	"
Wm. A. Ward, 23 Davyhulme-rd., W. Davyhulme, Manchester ..	"
Edgar Whitehead, 32 Esmond-rd., Cheetham-hill, Manchester ...	"
Herbert A. Whitworth, 399 Cheet- ham-hill-road, Manchester ...	"
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
R. N. Cross, Manchester College.	R. M. Hewitt.
A. Trystan Edwards, Courtland- house, Merthyr Tydfil... ..	"
F. Sinclair, Manchester College..	"

Two more old members have rejoined the Society, Mrs. Larkcom Jacobs, of 57 Talbot-road, Highgate, N., and H. Finnis Johnson, of 142 Elgin-road, Seven Kings, Essex.

- (4) Resignation. G. Turner. accepted.
- (5) annual meeting. Chairman. Eusor.
agreed to go on with the
non-political agenda.
- (6) Socialism & the Upper Circle. Letter from
Mr F. C. Bentruch proposing
lectures for the aristocracy
Sec. ordered to make
arrangements.

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7 Fabian Lectures. Sec. submitted letter from
Dr. Crit asking to lecture on the Labour
Party before the conclusion of the Political
Discussion, & correspondence thereon.
Agreed that the Sec. write Mr. & Mrs. greatly
regrets he was not present to move his
amendment, as they w^d. have liked to
hear his views: that the political debate
was adjourned till after the L.C.C. election
& was resumed on March 8th, & therefore
they cannot allot him a date before
the debate concludes: & that they w^d.
be glad to have the lecture at a
later date.

Sir John Gost. Sec. reported his
interview & that Sir John will
lecture. ask him for Mar 22nd;
for a public meeting. —

(8) Mrs Shaws proposal for a Public Meeting.
~~Advised~~ Referred to the
Newlyes.

9. Quarterly Magazine. Report of Pub. Comtee
as follows. -

Quarterly Magazine

Publishing Committee Report.

That a Quarterly be proposed

Price 1/-

Editor to be paid £20 per quarter

Contributions £2.2.0. per 1,000

Estimated cost per No. for 2,000

.. proceeds

.. loss

£130

90

40

Proposed to raise guarantee fund of £500.

adjourned. -

10. Wells. Letter re L.C. Election read &
telegram withdrawing the same.

11. Exec. Election.

Sec. reported he had nominated all
except Alden, Esaltin, Taylor.
Macrosty withdrew for official
reasons.

12. Election address Considered.

13. agreed to meet Feb 15. -

T. H. Bland

Executive at Office 15th Feb. 1907. -

Present- Bland in chair + all except
absent Chesterton Alden Taylor Headlam.
Lecturing to F.S.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Wm T. Wilson W.C. Group at Home Off. -

Prof. Mills, Vassar, asking complete set
of news. No: Sell
nearly complete list.

G. H. Townshend. Correspondence re Basis.

Agreed to accept on
strength letter withdrawing
amendment.

T. M. Mackenzie. Resignation. accept.

3. Annual Meeting. In event of Kisor declining
agreed that Sec. ask

1) Hollbrook Jackson (2) C. Charrington, &
failing these, H. W. Macross agreed
to take the chair.

Executive Council at Office
15th Feb. 1907.

Present

4. Agenda for Annual Meeting. Sec. reported on resolutions rec^d. from Fodham, Erzor, & Teignmouth Shore. Also letter from Mrs O'Brien Harris re consequential alteration of Basis. Agreed to accept same. —

5. Election Addresses. Sec. submitted proposals for official issue of Election addresses. after debate it was agreed to adopt a modification of his plan & to send out on the Annual Meeting agenda the following notice: —

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ELECTION ADDRESSES.—The Executive Committee, wishing to save expense and trouble, and to facilitate the communication of candidates with the whole membership, have decided (without wishing to interfere with candidates' own discretion) to allow candidates' addresses to be enclosed, if desired, with FABIAN NEWS for March (on payment by the candidates of the actual cost of printing), provided that the manuscripts are received at the Office on or before Tuesday 26th February; and (in order to avoid extra postage) that they do not exceed 500 words per candidate, or 2,000 in all for any Group.

Brief biographical notices of all candidates will be inserted in FABIAN NEWS.

5) New Tracts.

Kelly's Unemployed. On reports from Alden Welch & Secy agreed to say it is unsuitable for us.

M.S. & Jepsen on Socialism for Suburbia. Welch reported adverse. Handed to Bland for report.

6. Scrubners & auditors. Sec's proposal to nominate J.W. Shaw, & S.D. Shallard for the former & Lincher for the latter was approved. -

7) Fabian Lecture. Mar 22^o. Sir J. Gosh declined. ask him for next date & book Oliver for 22^o. -

8) Quarterly May. - adjourns. -

9. Summer Schol. Dodd reported on proposals which were approved. Par whic' put in news. -

Hanson only.

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Executive Comm^{ee} Feb 22nd 07 5pm.
Present Dodd in chair, & all except
Absent Alden - Webb Taylor

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Memberships. Resignations a. W. Barnwell
& W. H. Knight. Accept^{ions}
Letter from H. F. Russell, Secy of an
American millionaire, asking who elected
otherwise than with publication of his real
name. Agreed to ascertain if he can
give reference to a member. -

3. Correspondence -

London Clarion Soc. Re adob. No.

Muswell Hill Soc. Soc. Re success of
meetings. Lectures.

J. F. Green. Re Report on F. S. & its
work for Internat^l Congress.
Agreed after debate that
~~be~~ Sec. prepare ^{draft} paper &
submit to Shaw; later to type.

- 4. MS from Jepson. On report of Webb, agreed that Bland confer with Jepson, ~~and~~ with a view to ~~not~~ getting the MS. polished up. -
- 5. Annual Mtg. Tre Sec. was ordered to move all formal business on behalf of the Exec. -
- 9. Two misery of Bobs. Agreed to insert ads for 4 weeks in Justice Clarion, Labour Leader. - And to send freely to the Press.
- 10. Biological Group. Put another par. in F. news. -
- 11. Election addresses. Tre Sec. asked instructions whether he was to send out as election addresses, appeals for other candidates than the signatories of the address. Agreed that he do not. -

J.W. Galtton
875/07

Executive at Office 8th March 1907. -
Present F. W. Galton in chair & all except
Absent Webb (Buchwing) Alden Taylor.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. March Candidates. Elected subject to
payment where necessary.
Votes for new candidates. after discussion
it was agreed that persons not members
of the Society on the day the poll opens
cannot be accorded a vote.
3. Resignation - Miss Donnell. Final accept.
E. D. Siddlestone: on account of
alteration of basis. Reply it
is not yet altered & request
him to withdraw it.
4. Audit. Sec. reported that Mr Linshear
had written saying he was too busy
to do the audit, as he had offered.
Agreed to ask Hector Thompson

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To do it, on such terms as he is good enough
to offer. -

5. Election Addresses. Complaint from Enos that under
Minute 11 of last meeting, the Sec. had declined
to print an election address commending some,
& censuring others of the candidates for the
Exec. - Some difference of opinion was
expressed but it was unanimously agreed
that the Sec's action be endorsed.

6. Last Mtg of Old Exec. Suggestion of Sec. that the
newly elected members be summoned
to the ordinary meeting on Mar. 22 was
not adopted. -

7. Jepson Ms. - Bland reported he had not seen
Jepson yet.

8. Armstrong College. Annexed letter was considered,
& it was agreed that the
Sec. recommend caution, but the Exec.
will support her if necessary. -

James Barratt, 31 Clapham-mansions, Clapham Common, S.W.
 Horace Barratt, The Croft, Putney Common, S.W.
 B. S. Beck, 10 Brookland-road, Clifton Park, Birkenhead.
 Mrs. F. C. Bentinck, 78 Harley-s road, W.
 Maurice Browne, Ramsworth Hall, near Norwich.
 J. Percy Cackett, 31 Clapham-mansions, Clapham Common, S.W.
 Mrs. Percy Cackett, " " " " " "
 Miss Dorothea Carpenter, 12 Dene-mansions, Dennington Park-
 road, W. Hampstead.
 Walter M. Clement, 53 Marlborough-mansions, Cannon-hill, N.W.
 Miss Janet E. Coates, 19 Southampton-bldgs., Chancery-lane, W.C.
 Frank Cole, 101 Malvern-road, Kilburn, N.W.
 R. Barry Cole, 101 Malvern-road, Kilburn, N.W.
 Miss Lucy Dalley, Eagle Cottage, West Holm-green, Letchworth,
 Herts.
 Miss Maud F. Davies, Waltham-place, Maidenhead.
 Miss L. N. Engall, 24 Hogarth-road, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Miss Foster, 46 Ash-grove, Victoria-road, Headingley, Leeds.
 Mrs. Ernest Gardner, Tadworth, Surrey.
 Mrs. A. E. R. Gill, 20 Black Lion-lane, Hammersmith, W.
 Stanley Frederick Goodchild, 7 Barn-street, Marlborough.
 Rev. John A. Grant, 36 Beccmead-avenue, Streatham, S.W.
 Miss Alison Harvey, 17 Wellfield-avenue, Muswell-hill, N.
 Dr. Mabel Hardie, High Lane, Cheshire.
 Miss M. C. Hartly, 66 York-road, Lambeth, S.E.
 Miss Edith Haynes, 50 Burrard-road, West Hampstead, N.W.
 Dennis Hird, M.A., Ruskin College, Oxford.
 Walter Hogg, LL.B., 7 Priory-gardens, Priory-road, Hornsey, N.
 Miss Mary G. Houston, Camberwell School of Arts and Crafts,
 Peckham-road, S.E.
 Laurence Irving, 10 Gilston-road, S.W.
 J. C. Jackson, 6 Clifton-road, Egham, Cheshire.
 Philip Jones, 6 Algernon-road, Hendon, N.W.
 George Lansbury, 103 St. Stephen's-road, Bow, E.
 Miss D. Lenn, 14 Grove View, Clifton, York.
 Arnold Maude, 8 Corinne-road, Tufnell Park, N.
 Mrs. May, " Deodara," Portsmouth-road, Kingston-on-Thames.
 A. H. May, 1 Norland-square, Notting-hill, W.
 Harold Monro, Bresside Cottage, Haslemere, Surrey.
 S. C. Moore, 9 Calder terrace, Mytholmroyd, Yorks.
 Frank A. Norman, 6 Merton-road, Kensington, W.
 Mrs. G. E. O'Dell, 96 Cambridge-mansions, North Kensington, W.
 Miss Ellen C. Ord, Savoy Hotel, Strand, W.C.
 Dr. Felix Oswald, Probate Registry, Nottingham.
 Gordon Palin, "Keem," Onslow-Gardens, Wallington, Surrey.
 Miss S. B. Pearse, 74 Carthcart Studios, Redcliffe-road, S.W.
 Miss Marion Phillips, 20 Alga-bldings, Webber-row, S.E.
 Wm. Piggot, 2 Wimborne-gardens, West Ealing, W.
 Miss Mary E. Pumphrey, 24 Whippendell-road, Watford.
 Arthur C. Rayner, 65 Airedale-avenue, Chiswick, W.
 Arthur Ramsden, 6 North-road, Harrogate, Yorks.
 Chas. G. J. Read, 287 London-road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
 Walter Ritchings, 420 Queen's-gate, Burnley.
 Dr. Frederick Rose, 1 Tansfield-court, Inner Temple, E.C.
 Miss Dorothy Salmon, 5a Stanley Studios, Park-walk, Chelsea, S.W.
 J. A. Salter, 8 Sydney-street, S.W.
 Harold Shawcross, Westenholme Hall, Norden, near Rochdale.
 Chas. Burgess Snelling, Great Baddow, Essex.
 Laurence E. V. Tiffen, 51 Sprules-road, Brockley, S.E.
 G. W. Townshend, c/o Mrs. Townshend, 15 Priory-mansions,
 Drayton-gardens, E.W.
 Herbert Trench, 3 Mansfield Place, Richmond-hill, Surrey.
 Stanley Warrington, South Hill Farm, Eastcote-Pinner, Middlesex.
 Miss Tesbel Williamson, 88 Elm Park-mansions, Chelsea, S.W.

ARMISTONG COLLEGE F.S.
 Miss A. E. Forsythe, 5 William-street, Jarrow.
 Miss Lina Johnson, 3 Noble-terrace, Gateshead.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.
 H. Godwin Baynes, Trinity.
 Chas. Kyle Fay, King's.
 Christa van Hirst, Newnham.
 Philip M. Shand, King's.
 A. G. Simpson, Trinity.

GLASGOW F.S.

Mrs. James A. Allan, Westerton, Milngavie, N.E.
 Mrs. T. E. Lauder, Blairhill, Rumbling Bridge, by Stirling.
 MANCHESTER F.S.
 Chas. Edward Whitehead, 17 Moorfield-rd., Fendleton, Manchester.

Oxford University

Arthur L. C. Gedge, Pembroke.
 Henry C. Besant, Wadhurst.
 R. Dixon Kluhmann, Junr., Wadhurst.
 J. R. Morrison, 106 High-street, Oxford.
 S. D. Schiöns, Balliol.
 Erratum.—For Whitehead in last month's list of candidates read Whitehaw.

list of candidates read

Armstrong College,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.
March 5th. 1907.

Copy.

Dear Mr Pease,

A crisis has come in the affairs in the Armstrong College Fabian Society. We were arranging for a lecture on the "Religious Aspects of Socialism" by the Rev. Mr. Moll, when on the Secretary applying for leave - a pure formality in most cases - it was refused. The alleged reason was that the existence of a College F.S. had not been authorised by the House Committee. We knew nothing of the need of such authorisation, and I do not think it common to insist on it. It certainly was not a rule in Glasgow, and moreover I have personally a shrewd suspicion that should we apply leave will be refused on the ground that our object is politics. The college is very nervous about politics ever since a former principal - Aldis I think, - addressed some men on strike and made himself and the college obnoxious to the great Lord Armstrong, whereby it probably lost much money. Now have you any earlier experience of a similar ~~experiesee~~ situation? And what shall we do? If we apply and are refused, would the central Society take the matter up? "Freedom of speech and of association refused Russian methods in an English College. Subservience to Capitalists." It looks fine but would it be wise? Shall we turn the corner by ceasing to be a Fabian group and calling ourselves an Economic Society? Or shall we try to form a Society in the town instead of in the College? The difficulty there is that it would be more costly and we might not be able to attract so many students, as we should never be allowed to put up notices in College.

Please give me your advice. I am very unwilling to put myself in opposition to the Principal, who has allowed me considerable license in suffrage agitation. Of course it is possible that fresh arguments might put the question in a new light and get us the right to exist.

Yours sincerely,
Mabel Atkinson.

(Signed)

9. Chairman. In absence of Holding it was agreed to nominate Macrosty.

10. Political Policy Debate. On the notification that Sharp proposed to move to refer the business to the new Exec. it was agreed that Shaw shd. accept on the part of the Exec. provided Bland, Hobson & Clerkston concur. —

11. Lectures. Apr 26. Agreed on Wenteing. Sec. reported that Dr. Coit persisted in sending no reply to the Execs. offer. Also that Mrs. Haldwin suggested a lecture by Mrs. MacArthur. —

12. Fels. Sec. reported no subⁿ paid by Mrs & Mrs Fels since \$100 in April 1904. Agreed he write a judicious request.

13. The following were referred to the New Exec. Council, viz:—

- (5)
- (a) Progressive Program. Scheme for a new one.
 - (b) Farm Colony.
 - (c) State Farming. Project of Higgs.
 - (c) Old age Pensions Labour Party appeal
 - (d) Quarterly Magazine

(14) next meeting not till Mar 22 unless necessary.

Stewart & Healey

~~The~~ Last-Meeting of Old Executive
at Office on Friday 22nd Mar 1907.
Present Headlam (in Chair) & all except
Absent Alden & Taylor. -

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Auditor. Sec. reported that Hector Thomson
accepted post of auditor (on terms not
arranged.) Agreed that as it is an
emergency appointment a year. in the
news is all that is necessary.
3. Correspondence. G. Turner Letter re French Societies & Old
Age Pensions.
J.C. Wedgwood M.P. ~~Let~~ Reply thereon. -
Agreed that the Sec. write Turner
that they do not regard his proposal
as so serious as he does. -
E.D. Gridkettre. Suspending resignation.
Rev. C. Trickett. Resignation accepti.
Kendall Smith Do Do.
- over -

3) Correspondence (cont?)

- Stochman Belfast, asking for Fabian Lecturer -
arrange with Mr or Mrs R.C. Peckhamire.
- Walter J. Baker. Project for running P.O. & a Com^{tee}
Sav Exec. has carefully discussed
the plan, has sympathy, but can't help.
- Julius Wilkinson. Request to insert letter in F. news
Decline.
- H. F. Russell. Letter of guarantee from Green.
Say we will accept his signature
to the Basis in such name
as he chooses to adopt. -

4) M.S. for Tracts.

- Lepson. No report yet from Blaud.
- F. J. Shaw. M.S. on National Debt.
Sec. reported it useless.
Report accepted; sec. ordered
to decline with thanks.

5) "Labour Leader"

Article on private meeting of F.S.
Suggested remonstrance. Letter from
G.R.S. Taylor Heron read. -

- (5) (cont^d) Letter by S. G. Hobson in Labor Leader also read. — After debate it was agreed that no official action be taken, & no reply be sent to Taylor's letter. —
- (6) Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported no reply from Weirking. Agreed that Dodd take his place on Mar 26. if he declines.
- (7.) Fabian Nursery Trade. Sec reported thereon. Agreed that Keen's little Guide to Socialist Literature will not do, as some of the books mentioned are neither Socialist nor Literature, & that Keen's little "A Guide to Books for Socialists"
- (8.) New Exec. In response to report of the ~~Exec.~~ Sec. of the first meeting of the new Exec. those members of the new body present agreed that a meeting before April 12th would be inconvenient.



Stuywell

New Executive

Committee

1907-1908.-

First Meeting of the Enlarged Executive
Comm^{ee} at Office on Friday April 12. 1907.

1. Sidney Webb was elected chairman
2. There were present Mr. Shaw, Mr. Reeves
Miss Hutchins Miss Murry, Wells Ball
Sanders Guest, Lawrence, Maude
Headlam Holson Dodd, Standring
Taylor Snow Shaw Webb, Bland.
& the Secy.
Absent Barker from whom apology
was read.
3. The minutes of the last meeting were
read & confirmed.
4. Memberships - The annexed list of
candidates was elected, including
Robert Basil otherwise H.F. Russell.
Resignations. Miss F. McLaren desiring to
become an associate, J.B. Hamblestone,
& Reginald Abbott, going to India - Accepted.

Candidates for Election.

Norbert Basil, Inglenook, Brentwood, Essex.
 W. F. Bird, Grammar School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.
 G. B. Bryan, 9 Somerset-place, Stoke, Devonport.
 V. Collins, 7 Red Lion-square, W.C.
 Miss Cox, 11 Briardale-gardens, Hampstead, N.W.
 Thomas Crossland, B.Sc., Romford House, Ightenhill Park-lane, Burnley.
 J. Percival Davies, Heatherfield, Darwen.
 T. C. Derrick, Royal College of Art, South Kensington, S.W.
 Mrs. R. C. Dorr, 60 West 39th-street, New York, U.S.A.
 Miss Louise Ella Edwards, 4 Rennyson-mansions, Queen's Club-gardens, W.
 St. John G. Ervine, 16 Elgin-road, Addiscombe, Croydon.
 Dr. E. G. L. Goffe, North Eastern Hospital, Tottenham, N.
 Albert Henry Howells, Central Schools, Treharris, Glam.
 W. P. Irving, 9 Brudenell Mount, Leeds.
 Miss A. Jenkins, 1 Glenloch-road, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
 W. Alban Jones, 2 Hamilton-place, Leeds.
 Walter E. Kimber, 20 Turney-road, West Dulwich, S.E.
 Miss Ada Constance Kimpton, The Red House, Addlestone, Surrey.
 A. R. Laird, 244 Upland-road, East Dulwich, S.E.
 Harold Lake, Choir House, Westminster Abbey, S.W.
 Wm. H. Lamb, 11 Wintoun-street, Leeds.
 Hugh Ledward, 10 Winthorpe-road, Putney, S.W.
 Miss Mary Longman, 20 Algar-bldgs., Webber-row, Waterloo-rd., S.E.
 Miss Lucy Bramley Moore, 7 Redcliffe-gardens, S. Kensington, S.W.
 Hume Nesbit, Beckington Abbey, near Bath, Somerset.
 Mrs. North, 18 Elm Park-mansions, Chelsea, S.W.
 Miss Hester M. Radford, 1 Portland-villas, Hampstead Heath, N.W.
 Miss Ella W. Selve, 8 Hopedale-road, Charlton, Kent.
 H. Tuer Shawcross, Foxcove Hill, near Oxford.
 Mrs. Pharall-Smith, 97 Dagnall-park, South Norwood.
 Major Wilmot Vaughan, 87 Gloucester-road, S. Kensington, S.W.
 Miss Jessey Wade, York House, Portugal-street, Lincoln's-inn, W.C.
 Miss S. M. Watt, 38 Wynnstey-gardens, W.
 Silas Whybrew, 43 Roma-road, Walthamstow.
 Geo. S. Young, 4 Clarendon-place, Stirling, N.B.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F.S.

F. M. Cornford, M.A., Trinity.

GLASGOW F.S.

Philip Crow, 46 Dudley-drive, Partick.
 Geo. A. Garrard, 105 Hyndland-road, Glasgow.
 George Henderson, Apna-place, Uddingston, N.B.
 William B. Hislop, 100 Bothwell-street, Glasgow.
 Miss Isabel J. Hunter, 18 Carlton-terrace, Kelvinside N.B.
 Miss Catherine Augusta O'Sullivan, 218 Bath-street, Glasgow.
 Mrs. Robert Pollok, "Walden," Broomfield-rd., Springburn, Glasgow.
 Andrew Watt, 42 Dudley-drive, Glasgow.
 J. F. Whyte, 3 Clydeford-road, Cambuslang, Glasgow.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F.S.

James Bell, Colbriggan-place, Handgate, Dumbartonshire.
 W. W. Ferrie, 125 Annfield-street, Glasgow.
 Wm. L. McKinlay, Montrose-street, Kilbowie, Glasgow.
 Peter C. Millar, Clarkston Schoolhouse, Airdrie, N.B.
 Geo. D. Montgomerie, 8 Stewart Cottages, Radnor Park, Glasgow.
 Wm. Taylor, Strathearn, Broomfield-road, Springburn, Glasgow.

MANCHESTER F.S.

Arthur Cartledge, 17 Trenant-road, Pendleton.
 Miss Ellen M. Creak, University Settlement, Ancoats Hall, Manchester.
 Miss Crompton, Art Museum and University Settlement, Ancoats Hall, Manchester.
 Harold Dore, 367 Lower Broughton-road, Manchester.
 Rev. B. Gregory, 2 Acton-square, Salford.
 J. G. Hamilton, Dunedin, Talbot-road, Old Trafford.
 C. Forbes Keir, 24 Cartwright-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.
 Benjamin Millington, 1 Sefton-road, Pendlebury.
 Fred W. Tattersall, 9 Kensington-road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.

A. C. Baker, Keble.
 Roman Biske, Wadhams.
 E. N. Bland, The Warren, Abingdon.
 W. L. Knox, Trinity.
 John O. May, Merton.
 A. H. M. Robertson, Trinity.
 One old member has rejoined the Society—Dr. Hector Munro, Barkend-road, Bradford.

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(5.) Printing lists of Candidates. The Secy stated that he had only printed those candidates who had paid their subscriptions. It was agreed that this course he approved for the future. —

(6.) Correspondence.

Mrs. B. Russell saying that she cannot ask the Comtee Russell to increase her 5¢ suby. —

Walter J. Baker. Further letter re his plan for Committee to Control the P.O. —
Recommend him to offer paper to a Group. —

F. W. P. Lawrence. Saying he cannot attend on first Fridays in month.

H. H. Sparling Proposing to rejoin.

J. R. Jerome Joining

Brit. Assoc. for Lab. Leg. asking for delegates + resolutions for agenda. Agreed that the Secy appoint as delegates any members willing to attend.

(7) Hayfield Fabian Conf^{ee}. Letter asking that
Dodd & Maude attend. They
agreed to do so. -

(8) Fabian Summer School. Letter from Miss
Atkinson & verbal report from Dodd.
After discussion it was agreed that
Miss Hutchins, Maude, & Dodd be
a Com^{ee} to prepare a Report for the
Exec. showing the proposed cost,
& the liability of the Society, if any, in
the matter. -

9. Soirée. It was agreed that another
Soirée be held & that Dodd
be a Com^{ee} to arrange it.

10. International Soc^y Congress. Invitations laid on table.
Fabian Report. Sec. reported that he had prepared
draft in accordance with resolution of Feb 22,
& Shaw had revised it; further that Guest
& Sanders had at his request discussed
& amended the draft. The chairman

read the draft report, including a new paragraph re the Governor of Jamaica. It was agreed to add his par. & on a division the Report was approved with two dissentients. -

11. Sir John Gorst's Lecture. The Sec. explained the circumstances in which after consulting several members, he had asked Sir John to change his subject. It was agreed that Sidney Ball take the chair. ~~Notice~~ Notice of Question by C. Sharp was stated to be withdrawn.
12. Oliver as Governor of Jamaica. After discussion it was agreed that he be invited to a dinner of the Society, & that Dodd, Headlam & Ser. be a committee to carry the resolution into effect.

3) Fabrian Societ Meeting. Letter read from the
 arts Group, & thereupon it was agreed.
 May 10. Lecture by A-E R. Gill
 .. 31. Annual meeting.

(14) Workmen's Compⁿ Trade. On report - what the
 extra cost of advts on 50000 would be
 £15 or 20, & the possible funds £20 or 20,
 it was agreed not to attempt to get any.

(15) Conferences.
 Peace. No action.
 Land, Drury Lane " " -

(16) Executive Business Confidential. a discussion
 on this point having arisen, it was
 moved, seconded, & unanimously adopted
 That for the present all the proceedings
 of the Executive Committee be strictly
 confidential. -

(17) Appointment of Standing Com^{ees} etc.
 after considerable discussion it

(17) Standing Com^{ee} etc. (Cont^d)

was agreed, new con,

(a) That a Selection Committee
of 7 be appointed:

(b) That the Committee consist of
Webb, Shaw, Wells,
Sanders, Wm Reeves, Emsor & Hobson.

(c) That the Selection Committee
suggest the numbers of + names for
the three Standing Com^{ees} viz:

Propaganda + membership

Publishing

Finance + General Purposes.

+ the special 'Committee on
The Basis.

(d) That the Selection Com^{ee}.
draft ~~References~~ Terms of
Reference to these Committees.

(e) That the Sel. Com^{ee} submit
draft of new standing orders,
& meanwhile the old ones remain
in force.

[The Committee asked Webb to prepare draft for

a meeting to be held on Wed 7 at 5]

(18) Committee on Political Policy. It was agreed that this Comm^{ee} be deferred.

(19) Cooption on the Standing Comm^{ees} The question was raised & answered, & it was agreed that it stand over for the present.

(20) Revision of Rules. Letter read from Wells with proposed new rule as to Basis & other suggested amendments. Tiesler. moved that a Committee of three be appointed to revise rules so as to bring them up to date, without constitutional change. Amendment - was moved that the Revision of the Rules be referred to the Gen Purpose Comm^{ee} - The amendment was carried & 7 votes to 6, & was agreed to as a substantive resolution.

(21) Annual Report & Balance Sheet. Sec. 4
submitted proof of part of annual Report.
It was agreed that it be referred
to the members of the late Exec. to
prepare the Report for last year,
& to sign the same. —

(22.) It was agreed that the Exec. continue
to meet on Fridays & that the next
meeting be next Friday. —

Alvius Ward
April 11. 7.

Committee of Selection at Office

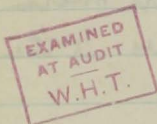
17 April 1907. -

Present all, & secretary. -

- (1) Sidney Wells was voted to the chair -
- (2) Draft of Standing orders & References prepared & Wells was considered. -
- (3) on (3) Re the privacy of Executive Proceedings
 Ensor moved an amendment, & a long discussion ensued. The amendment was not seconded, & the order was adopted as drafted.
- (4) Small alterations were made in the references to Committees; Parliamentary affairs were added to the G. P. Com^{tee} & the News to the Publishing Com^{tee} -
- (5) Wells moved that the G. P. Com^{tee} have General control over the other Committees. The resolution was discussed but was not seconded, or put. -

(6) a long discussion took place on the lists of names for the Committees. Wells was strongly urged to accept a seat on the Publishing Committee with a view to becoming its chairman, & a resolution that he be a member thereof was moved, seconded & carried: but in fact of his positive refusal to serve, it was not regarded as operative. —

(7) Finally the list of members of the three Committees & of the Basis Comtee were agreed to & ordered to be reported to the Executive. —



Julius [unclear]
Apr 15 '97

Executive at Office Friday April 19th 1907. -
Present - Bland (in chair) & all except
Absent - Miss Hutchins, Barker, Ball, Wells.

- (1) The minutes of the last meeting & of the Selection Com^{ee} were read & confirmed.
- (2) Oliver Dinner arrangements reported & the ~~Exec. Com^{ee}~~ & proposed by Sec. 7 were amended & adopted viz^t:-
 April 30th, 7. for 7.30, at Holborn Restaurant.
 Dinner 4/6: Charge for tips 6^o. Sundry 6^o. -
 Tickets therefore 5/- . Mrs Oliver to be invited. Non-members to buy tickets
 Chairman. Shaw. Design for host list & Lobby accepted, but names of old & new members of Exec. &c. to be mixed.
- (3) New Age. Sec. 7 reported it purchased of H. Jackson & Co. Agreed to send out their circular free of charge. -

- (4.) Requisition. Treas. reported receipt of requisition under Rule 8, signed by Cecil Chesterton, Clifford Sharp, & ~~John~~ 23 others, requesting an opportunity to discuss Mr G.R.S. Taylor's action in communicating an article entitled Fabian Folly to the Editor of the Labour Leader. Letters were submitted requesting that the matter be taken on April 20th. After discussion it was agreed
- (a) That the business cannot be taken on April 26th.
 - (b) That the Annual Meeting be held on Mar 10th & the resolution taken on that day.
 - (c) That Gills' Lecture be deferred to Mar 31st -

- (5) Letters of Interest. It was agreed that letters of interest be ~~be~~ so kept as to be available for members of the Exec. to peruse. -

(6.) Jepson's article. It was agreed that he be allowed to publish his article, offered to the F.S., as he pleases, but he be recommended to reserve right of republication.

(7.) The Report of the Selection Com^{ee} was considered:-
The annexed draft was adopted subject to the following amendments &c. -

Standing Orders. (2) ^{mins.} after 5 meet. "or 5.30".
on (3) Ensor moved the

following addition: "Provided that
" on the demand of any four or more
" members present, the terms of any
" resolution put to the Executive
" Committee & the names of those
" voting for or against it shall be
" specially entered in the minutes
" & shall hereupon cease to be
" confidential." The amendment
was not seconded, but was discussed,
& ultimately the discussion was adjourned
for 3 months. The order as drafted
was adopted, Ensor voting against it.

(7) (cont^d) Standing Orders (Cont^d)

No 8. line 5+6. The word summoned was altered to "entitled", & the words "if desired" deleted.

Orders of Reference.

Finance Com^{ee} (c) Terms & items should read "Control of Fabian News", & it was transferred to the Publishing Com^{ee}, as intended by the Selection Com^{ee}.

B. Error in title of Com^{ee} was altered to read "The Propaganda Committee".

Nominations to the Committees

These were approved, with the alteration of adding Guest to the Publishing Committee. -

(8) alteration of Rules. It was agreed that the ~~then Proposed Com^{ee}~~ print in the news alterations of rules when submitted by the Secy -

(9) Next Meetings. Exec. May 10. Finance ^(5.30) April 26.
Publishing May 2. Propaganda May 3.

Nominations for the Committees.

Publishing

Propaganda.

Finance and G.P.

Maude	Bland	Bland
Mrs. Shaw	Guest	Lawrence
Standring	Headlam	Mrs. Reeves
Taylor	Miss Murby	Hobson
Miss Hutchins	Ensor	Webb
Shaw	Hobson	Sanders
Granville Barker	Sanders	Dodd
Headlam	Wells	Maude
<i>Guest</i>	Shaw	Wells
	Dodd.	

The Secretary to be a member of all three Committees.

Committee on Basis.

- Shaw
- Webb
- Wells.

Hanover 5/24

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Adopted as amended
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- 1.- Each member of the Executive Committee shall preside in turn at ~~to~~ its meetings, in alphabetical order, (the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he will then retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as a member of the Committee but no casting vote.
- 2.- The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Society's office, and normally at 5^{or 5.30} p.m. on such Fridays as may be fixed from time to time. A Special meeting may be called by the Secretary whenever required. An Agenda, (including/as far as may be practicable, such reports of Sub-Committees as may have been prepared) shall be sent by post to each member so as to reach him not later than the morning delivery of the day of meeting. Any member of the Executive Committee wishing to move a resolution on any subject (other than matters arising out of the report of a Sub-Committee, or other item in the agenda) shall give notice thereof to the Secretary two clear days before the date of meeting. Except by the unanimous consent of the members present, no resolution (other than aforesaid) shall be moved without notice.
- 3.- The proceedings of the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees and any statements made thereat, are to be regarded as absolutely private and confidential, except in so far as any publication

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Committee; and in that case, until such publication.

- 4.- Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.
- 5.- Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.
- 6.- It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee, to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject.
- 7.- The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolution come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.

8.- Any member of the Executive Committee may subject to notice move (7)
that any subject be referred for consideration and report to the
appropriate Sub-Committee; and any such motion, if adopted, shall
be taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee at its next
meeting, when the member moving shall be ^{entitled} summoned to attend ~~if~~
~~desired.~~

9.- Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting
of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not
vote, nor, except by permission, speak.

10.- Each Sub-Committee shall elect a standing chairman for the year
(or such shorter period as it may decide); who shall be
responsible for moving at the Executive Committee the reception
of the report of the Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee may, if
desired, elect a standing Vice-Chairman.

11.- Each Sub-Committee shall conform to the Standing Orders for the
time being in force; shall deal only with matters within its
reference and act by a majority. It may fix its own time and
place of meeting, and its own quorum.

12.- Each Sub-Committee shall be empowered, (in addition to any
authority specially given to it by a resolution of the Executive
Committee and to the specific authorities in the Orders of the
Reference),

- (a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive
Committee on, any matter within its own Order of Reference
- (b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Com-
mittee on matters within its own Order of Reference

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(c) To take on the matters within its own Order of Reference an any action urgently required in the interests of the Society, which will not permit of the delay involved in awaiting the next Executive Committee; but subject to the foregoing, no Sub-Committee may, without having first obtained an explicit decision of the Executive Committee.

(x) incur any expense or liability exceeding £10;

(y) make any new departure in policy or practice;

(z) publish anything in the name or on behalf of the Society.

OF
13.- The Honary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, shall be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking Business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease shall be authorized to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

Orders of Reference.

A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the F. & G. P. Sub-Committee for consideration and report all matters relating to:

(a) Finance

- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
- (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;

(3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.

- (b) The election of new members and associates
- (c) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.
- (d) The preparation of the Annual Report.
- (e) The management of the Society's office and office staff.
- (f) The supply of information in response to enquiries;
 - (1) The Local Government Information Bureau.
- (g) All Bills and other Parliamentary matters.
- (h) The Circulating Book-Boxes
- ~~(i) The contents of Fabian News~~
- (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B.- Propaganda and Membership Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the Propaganda and Membership Sub-Committee for consideration and report, all matters relating to:-

(a) The Society's Meetings:

- (1) The arrangement of lectures, &c., at the meetings of the Society

(b) Other lectures:

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c.
- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.

(c) The means to be taken to maintain and increase the membership;

(d) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C.- The Publishing Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the Publishing Sub-Committee for consideration and report all matters relating to:-

(a) The Tracts, reports and books that the Society places on sale.

(b) The preparation of new Tracts, reports and books for publication by the Society.

(c) The literary property of the Society

(a) *See control of Fabian news.*
(1) The Sub-Committee shall, before taking steps

commit the Society to any new Tracts, &c. submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation as to the subject, authorship and other details.

(2) The Sub-Committee shall circulate to the members of the Executive Committee in good time complete proofs of all publications which it proposes to recommend the Executive Committee to issue.

(3) The Publishing Committee shall be authorized to decide (subject to report in each case to the Executive Committee) the details as to the reprinting, revising, and re-issuing of the

(b) other resolutions:

(E) The subject of resolutions' to other
committees' to

(F) The organization of propaganda resolutions'

tracts, books, reports &c. already authorised
by the Executive Committee to be placed on
sale. But it shall not, without the explicit
authority of the Executive Committee in each
case, issue or publish any new matter, or
commit the Society to such issue or
publication.

(4)

Executive Com^{ee} at Office

Friday May 10. 1907. -

at 5.30pm -

Present - Lawson & Dodd in chair & all

except

Absent Taylor. -

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. The report of the Finance Com^{ee} was moved by the Vice-Chairman hereof, in the temporary absence of the Chairman. :-

On (2) Bland & others said they could not support the amendments to Rules in every detail.

On (4) Lawson & Dodd further reported that the House in Wales had been taken, & ~~the~~ it was agreed to give full notice in News &c. -

Chairman. Sec. reported that Jackson had accepted, but found himself unable

to be present: he had asked Whelan, & failing him, Tinsgerud.
Teesecs. action was approved & report adopted:-

Report of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

(26th. April: present Bland, Dodd, Ensor, Hobson, Lawrence, Maude, Mrs. Reeves, Sanders, Webb, Wells and the Secretary)

- We have elected Webb Chairman and Sanders Vice-Chairman.
- We have considered the Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the proposed amendments of Rules, and we have approved the insertion of formal notice in May "News".
We recommend:
That the Executive support the proposed amendments of Rules; but that if there is serious opposition to any item, it be not pressed.
- We have invited Holbrook Jackson to be chairman.
- We are taking into consideration how to get an increase of the subscriptions from members, on which we shall report further.
- We have considered a somewhat elaborate scheme for providing quarters for the proposed Summer School, and have generally approved it, if it can be brought off.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

(3) The Report of the Publishing Com^{tee} was moved by the Chairman & adopted with the exception of (7). —

Report of Publishing Sub-Committee.

Meeting May 2nd. 1907.

Present: Guest, Miss Hutchins, Maude, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring,
the Secretary and (by invitation) G. F. McCleary.
Absent: Barker, Headlam and Taylor.

- 1.- Bernard Shaw was elected Chairman and Aylmer Maude Vice-Chairman.
- 2.- It was agreed to meet on Thursdays, preferably in the same week as the Propaganda Committee: the Secretary to draw up a scheme of Committee days to submit to all the Committees.
- 3.- Statistics of publication for year were considered, and tracts in preparation were discussed.
- 4.- It was agreed to ask H.G. Wells to furnish a syllabus of elementary tracts, as suggested by him.
- 5.- Tracts almost out of print.
It was resolved to drop
Tract 100. Metropolitan Boroughs Councils as it does not sell.
... 110. Problems of Indian Poverty.
To reprint
Tract 37. Leaflet on Labour Policy

To consult author re revise of

Tract 73. Old Age Pensions, with a view to bringing it up to date for a new edition.

To recommend the Executive to authorise revision of

Tract 68. The Tenants Sanitary Catechism, (outside London) at a loss of about £5 for the year.

The Committee recommends that its action be approved.

6.- Series of Edited Utopias.

A letter from Dr. G. F. Mcleary, suggesting a series of reprints of the Utopias from Plato to Bellamy, with Fabian prefaces, under the general editorship of H. G. Wells, was considered. Dr. McCleary, who was present by invitation, was requested to approach suitable members with a view to obtaining prefaces &c., and to report further. This he undertook to do.

The Committee recommends that its action be approved.

7.- Enquiry into Municipalisation

The Committee considered a letter from J. M. McCrost, suggesting the preparation and publication of a complete financial scheme for the municipalisation of some selected trade (milk or coal for example), worked out precisely as it would have to be for actual execution by private or public enterprise.

The Committee recommends that a grant of £50 be made from the No. 2. Account for a scheme as suggested for the municipalisation of the Coal Trade.

8.- The Consideration of a scheme for a quarterly review of Fabian Socialism was deferred through pressure of business, other business.

G. Bernard Shaw
Chairman.

(4) Pub. Comm^{ee} Report (cont^d.)

On (4) Wells said he would do what was asked in some months.

On (5) the recommendation in respect of Tract 68 was discussed & netimatively approved. —

On (6) the Chairman further reported that Wells had provisionally consented to edit Plato, Graham Wallas, Condorcet, & Wells, anything, —

It was agreed that the Series be described as Edited by the Fabian Society.

No 7. was discussed & ultimately it was agreed to refer it back for further elaboration. Many members expressed a preference for Millhous coal as the subject. For coal Baylis was suggested as an expert. —

(5) The Propaganda Committee Report was moved by the Chairman & adopted.

Propaganda Committee Report.

Meeting May 3rd. 1907.

Present: Bland, Dodd, Guest, Headlam, Hobson, Miss Murby,
Sanders, Shaw, and Secretary.

Absent: Ensor, *and Wells*

- 1.- Bland was elected Chairman and Hobson Vice-Chairman.
- 2.- Fabian Lectures. The following dates were approved:-

Socialism and Legal Profession.	June 14.
" " the Press.	June 28.
July. A lecture by Dr. Coit on	
"Natural Selection as the Basis of	
Socialism".	

It was agreed not to send out cards for June 14
and to experiment on omitting them.
- 3.- Nomination Forms. It was agreed to propose sending a copy
to each member.
- 4.- Joint Action with I.L.P. It was agreed to co-operate with the
I.L.P. in an entertainment to the Hon W.M. Hughes, any
deficit to be subscribed by Shaw and others.
- 5.- Old Age Pensions.
It was agreed to send a letter to the Cabinet covering copy
of Old Age Pensions Tract.
- 6.- Groups. Miss Murby, Dr. Guest and the Officers were appointed
to draft a scheme of Group &c. Organisation for submission,
when adopted, to a meeting of Group Secretaries.
- 7.- Lectures.
It was agreed to prepare a new list of lectures, and to draft
a form for that purpose. Meanwhile it was resolved to send
a letter to the press inviting applications for Fabian lectures
for the autumn.

(6) On (2) the proposal to experiment in omitting cards for lectures was approved, & Sec. was instructed to notify same on the next card. —

Item (3) was approved, the form to be amended by omitting reference to 57 subscribers. —

Item (4) was adopted, & in reply to a further letter notifying changes of arrangements, the Sec. was ordered to write that the Exec. could not increase the amount already guaranteed. —

Item (7) was approved, & Guest undertook to draft letter for immediate use for lectures.

Item (8) was approved. —

(7.) Special Mtg of Propaganda Council
Report that the Council desired the Exec. to sanction proposal for calling a conference of Local F.S. Secs. + Group + other Secs

whether in London or in the provinces to discuss Group organisation. After discussion it was agreed that the Prop. Com^e be empowered to call the Conference, subject to provision that the date be sufficiently distant to allow the Exec. to consider the proposal before the Conference meets. —

(8) Terence Taylor Resolution. The item stood thus on the agenda paper: —

Terence Taylor Resolution.

Two letters from him

- (1) Conveying a statement in the nature of an apology
 - (2) Stating that he will not attend the evening meeting.
- Action thereon, if necessary.

Taylor

The annexed letter was read: also the letter numbered (2) & further a letter to the Chairman to the effect that he ^{had} objected to the description of his letter No 1 in the agenda paper: that he withdrew letter No 1, & desired to resign his membership of the Committee & of the Society. — The Secy stated he had used the expression objected

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to in his reply to letter No 1, & as Mr Taylor in letter No 2. did not demur to it, he supposed Mr Taylor ~~did not~~ had no objection to the phrase. After discussion the following resolution was moved & Webb seconded & carried nem con

That the Executive Committee in acknowledging receipt of Mr Taylor's letter of Mar 10th regrets that he should think of resigning his membership, of the Society & requests him to re-consider his decision. —

The Secy undertook to apologise for the offence unintentionally given by his agenda paper. —

It was agreed that Webb should speak for the Exec. Com^{ee} on the Taylor debate at the members' meeting. —

Notice of resolution & vote of urgency sent by Calmar was noted. —

Clears Corner,
Reigate.
May 2nd. 1907.

Dear Pease,

I wish to explain the exact position I take concerning the "Labour Leader" report entitled "Fabian Folly" (by the way, the title was not mine).

Sharp's resolution is very fairly drafted, insomuch that it admits that insertion in "Fabian News" is publication and that therefore "Fabian News" is a public document. The facts as stated in my note to the "Labour Leader" are therefore now public property.

But having said this, I am now quite prepared to admit there are good reasons for not insisting on the rights arising from this technical publication. It has been pointed out to me by several friends in the Society that to allow discussion of the Society's internal business beyond the official report in the "Fabian News" would hamper the freedom of debate which is so valuable. I see the force of this argument; and therefore fully acknowledge the necessity for the observance of the "understanding" which is referred to in Sharp's resolution; an undertaking be it remembered, which is now put before my notice for the first time; for it is scarcely necessary to point out that the discussion a few months back concerning an article in the "Daily News" (the authorship of which I have not the slightest knowledge) dealt with the Special Committee's Report, which has never yet been made public, and had nothing to do with the privacy of matters published in the "Fabian News".

If the above statement meets Sharp's case, he is at liberty to make what use he sees fit of this letter and I have nothing more to say.

Believe me

Yours truly,

(Signed)

G. R. S. Taylor

P. S. Perhaps you will put this letter before the General Purposes Committee; as well as communicating with Sharp. Apologies for troubling you.

It was agreed that none of the letters
be read at the meeting of the Society.

(9.) It was agreed that the Secy conduct
the Report & Rules at the members
meeting.

(10) Soiree. Dodd reported & it was
agreed hereon
That the date be June 26 (Wed)
That Cecil Sharp's Morris Dancers
be engaged
That the Suffolk St Galleries be
approved. —

(11) Appointment of Political Committee.
It was proposed to refer to the
Exec. Purposes Comtee to prepare
list of names of members of the
Exec. & of non-members, if
thought fit, for the Committee on
political policy. — Best moved
& was duly seconded as an

amendment that the Committee be appointed forthwith. The voting was

For the amendment - 3

" " Resolution 14 & the resolution was declared carried.

(12.) Fabian Rendezvous. Letter hereon from Mrs Hodgkinson was read & considered. Ultimately it was referred both to the General Purposes & to the Propaganda Committees for consideration & report.

L. Haden Guest

Executive at Office Friday May 31st
at 5^{pm}.

Present: Guest, + (later) Euser, in chair,
& all except
Absent: Webb, Ball, Taylor. -

1. The Minutes were conformed.

2. The Finance Com^{tee} Report was received: -

On (1) it was formally agreed that the
Finance Com^{tee} elect candidates
as to whom no doubt or objection
has arisen. -

Francis Hyndman. Correspondence read
from him & T. Foster. After full
discussion the motion that he
be elected was adopted, Wilson
& Lawrence voting against it.
The Sec. was instructed to write
him that his election was not
unanimous in consequence
of his Burnley speech. -

(2) Finance Comtee Report (cont?)

On (3) The Sec. reported that the Landlords refused to cancel lease, & he was instructed to write Mrs Hodgkinson that in these circumstances the Exec. cannot arrange at present to vacate these offices, but they are anxious to promote the Rendezvous in any way possible, & if it should prove a success, they will consider other action.

On (5) the Sec. explained that the grant was for a Wedding-present for his assistant - G. J. Howell. The grant was approved. —

[For Report- see next page]

3. Propaganda Comtee Report I. Mar 17. —

This was received.

- (1) Next Session's Lectures Approved.
- (2) Grant for Suburban Lectures. Approved
- (3) In respect of Lecture List. Superseded
In respect of Press, the letter was to be sent out to press generally.

Private. Report of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

Meeting May 15th. 1907.

Present: Bland, Hobson, Maude, Sanders, Webb,
and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates for May were elected except F. Hyndman held over for report to Executive. It is proposed that the Committee be empowered to elect candidates as to whom no doubt or objection arises.
- 2.- The Political Committee was discussed and final proposals deferred.
- 3.- The Rendezvous.
It was decided that the office cannot be moved unless the Landlords are willing to cancel our lease. If they are willing, further difficulties remain to be considered.
- 4.- Candidates.
As the staff has been unable to make out the notifications of election for candidates for many months, it was agreed to send a printed letter in place thereof.
- 5.- Grant. A sum of £5 was voted for a purpose to be hereafter disclosed.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

Meeting May 17th. 1907.

Present: Hobson, Ensor, Guest, Miss Murby, Sanders,
Shaw, and Secretary.

1.- Next Session's Lectures:

Resolved to request Mrs. Shaw to organise
"What I believe" Series, submitting any
names not already approved.

2.- Suburban Lectures. Resolved to ask the Executive to request the
No. 2 A/c. Trustees to grant £100 for next
sessions lectures on same lines as before.

3.- Lectures to Clubs &c.

Letter to religious papers was approved.
It was resolved to send out circular to
about 750 possible lecturers in London
and Provinces, in order to prepare
list of lecturers.

4.- Group Organisation.

The scheme previously drafted by a sub-committee
was considered and so materially amended that
another sub-committee was appointed to draft
a new one.

A further report of meeting fixed for May 30th. will be presented.

S. G. Hobson
Vice-Chairman.

4. Report of Propaganda Com^{tee} II May 30. -

This report was received & adopted.

On (4) the Sec'y reported that Dr. Cirt was made to prepare his lecture of July 12th.

On (5) Mr. Shaw reported that the six proposed lecturers were

Mr. Wells who had accepted

Bland Do

Holson Do.

Wells who then accepted

Cirt who had accepted

& the Rev. J.R. Campbell who

as all the others, was approved.

It was agreed that the lectures be confined to members associates & subscribers.

5. The Publishing Committee Report

was moved & ^{made.} Shaw received -

Items 1. 3. 4. 5 were approved.

Item (2) Quarterly Review: on the motion of Holson & Sanders this was referred back to the Com^{tee}



(Prepared by the Secretary).

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dodd, Guest, Headlam, Miss Murby,
Sanders, Shaw, and Secretary. Also Mrs. Shaw.

1.- New Groups and Societies were reported as follows:-

Oxford Women's F. S.
Canterbury F. S.
Garden City F. S.
Educational Group.

2.- Lecture List. Resolution of previous report was by implication rescinded and it was resolved to send a reply-paid postcard to every member asking him to lecture.

3.- It was resolved to send to every member a general enquiry circular form to be further considered.

4.- Society Lectures. It was resolved not to have any lectures in July.

5.- Autumn Lectures.

It was resolved on report from Mrs. Shaw:-

- (a) To have the lectures fortnightly in the autumn
- (b) To print a general syllabus in order to save cards for each lecture.
- (c) To arrange six lectures first.
- (d) List of names was considered and certain were approved.

6.- Group Organisation. Deferred.

N. B. Next meeting fixed for Thursday June 6th. Must be on Wednesday 5th. or otherwise.

The Finance Committee has already selected Thursday 6th.

Meeting May 16th. 1907.

Present: Maude (in Chair), Guest, Miss Hutchins, Sanders,
Shaw, Mrs. Shaw and Secretary. *Standing.*
Also by invitation Dr. McCleary.

- 1.- Proposed Tracts.
 - (a) Farmer's Man (leaflet). This was favourably reported on as to style; but as it advocates small holdings it was strongly opposed by some members of the Committee, and finally held over for further consideration.
 - (b) Socialism and Suburbs (Jepson). This was deferred for further report by members.
 - (c) Old Age Pensions (Turner). It was agreed not to reprint Tract 73, and the MS. submitted by Turner was handed to Mrs. Shaw for report.

2.- Quarterly Review. It was decided that the Executive be recommended not to proceed with this project for the present, in view of the Fabian Management of the "New Age".

3.- Utopia Series. It was decided that this should not be undertaken by the Society as publishers; and Maude and McCleary were authorised to lay the scheme before Fifield and any other publisher likely to take it up.

4.- Municipalisation Investigation. H. W. Macrosty's proposal to prepare a complete financial scheme for the municipalisation of some important trade (preferably coal or milk) was further considered. It was agreed to ask H. R. Baylis, reputed expert, whether he can provide material in respect of the coal trade.

5.- Fabian News Advertisements. In view of the increased circulation of "Fabian News", it was decided to charge in future 4/- per inch for adverts. and 15/- for ~~two-line~~ insertions. The present charges are 2/6 and 10/- respectively.

Aylmer Maude
Vice-Chairman.

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Maude
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W.S.
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W.S.

5 Pub. Com^{tee} (cont^d)

with instructions to prepare a detailed scheme of the cost of the proposed Review.

(6) Russian Social Democrats. Letter submitted by from H. Watts to Webb asking £25 from F.S. towards cost of Holborn T. Hall reception, & Webb's refusal. approved. -

(7) G. R. S. Taylor. Letter read thanking the Exec. for their resolution & withdrawing his resignation.

(8) Par. re subscriptions on Nomination Forms.
Proofs were submitted & discussed. It was decided to add the concluding words "of fairly well-to-do people".

(9) Source. Dodd submitted report, & par. as printed in news for June was approved. - Price of tickets 2/- + 2/6 was approved. - on a vote it was resolved by a

2 - before name v. a. e. i. f. e. u. f. a. -

(9) Socié. (cont^d.)

majority of 1 not to have ices.
The estimate was as follows:-

Hall	£ 7.7.0
Chairs	- 10.0
Miss Kay	3.3.0
Graduates	1.10.0
Dancers	3.3.0
300 Refreshments	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>£ 30.13.0</u>

300 Tickets @ 2/- £30

(10) Summer School. Report prepared for Fabian News, recording the taking of the house & was considered & approved. It was agreed to insert appeal to members to subscribe to the loan for furniture. —

(12). Chairman ^{for bill.} Granville Barker.

(13.) Granite Quarries Prospectus. Par. for F. News drafted by Sec. & amended by the Propaganda Com^{ee}, (informally) was submitted disclaiming responsibility for the ~~pro~~ company. It was resolved by 8 votes to 4 to omit passage quoting Trade 57 against Corp. Promotional Companies. It was agreed to insert "heedless" & to conclude with phrase stating nonresponsibility. -

(14.) Granite Quarries & Fabian Director. It was resolved that the Secy convey to ~~to~~ Cecil Chesterton the following resolution: The Committee also disapproves of the fact of membership of the Fabian Society being given on a Commercial prospectus as a director's qualification.

(15) Next meeting fixed for June 14th

(16) Stuttgart Conference. Par. in News re Stuttgart approved
 Stewart & Graham

Executive Comm^{ee} at Office

Friday June 14th at 5.30pm.

Present: Headlam in chair & all except
Absent: Wells, Taylor, Standing Guest
Barker Ball. —

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

Cecil Chesterton. Courteous reply as to
Orrante of Narries. agreed
he be thanked therefor.

Gasworkers Union. Appeal for Curran
at Jarrow. no action.

3. Lecture of Mrs Besant. Letter from Montague
Fordham suggesting lecture of Mrs
Besant in July. After debate
agreed to ask her to lecture
on her ideas of social progress
in England or India, in July.

4. Chairman for Nov. Webb.

5. Coop. Festival at Crystal Palace. Delegate. Secy

7. Soirée. Letter read from Wells suggesting
Guests. After discussion agreed
to invite Official Socialists viz:
S. D. F. Hyndman, Green, Lee
L. P. Macdonald, Johnson
Clarun Blatchford Thompson
& their wives.

8. Govt. Small Holdings Bill. After discussion it
was agreed that the Exec. met-
on Thursday 20th at 5pm. to discuss
the Policy of the Bill: that the
Propaganda Com^{tee} meet on Friday
instead of Thursday & the Publishing
Com^{tee} be deferred: & that
Miss Jebb, G. H. Barnes M.P. H. P. Booth
M.P. & H. W. Marrook be asked
to attend.

9. Summer School. Dodd reported the
progress made in arrangements.

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10. The Finance Com^{ee} Report was submitted
by the ^{Actg} Chairman —
Pars. 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 were
adopted nem con. —

Nominations for the Political Com^{ee}

The chairman submitted the
~~appt~~ following names just
~~adop~~ proposed by the Finance
& P. Com^{ee} —

A letter from Wells was read
with other suggestions.

Hubert Bland	Cecil E. Chesterton	Dr. Stanton Coit
F. Lawson Dodd	R.C.K. Ensor	L. Haden Guest
Rev. S.D. Headlam	S. G. Hobson	Aylmer Maude
H. T. Muggerridge	Mrs. Pember Reeves	G. Bernard Shaw
Harry Snell	Sidney Webb	H. G. Wells

and Edw. R. Pease as Secretary only.

Ensor moved + Maude seconded the addition
of the name of P. Snowden M^P. — On a
division 2 only voted for it, & the
amendment was lost. Ensor also

Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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Meeting 6th. June, 1907.

Present: Hobson, Bland, Dodd, Lawrence, Maude, Sanders,
Wells and Secretary.

- 1.- Routine business, including reports on finance, election of June Candidates, subject to delay for possible objections, and three unimportant resignations were dealt with.
- 2.- Office Staff. The Secretary was authorised to engage an assistant clerk at not more than 2^s/- a week to replace the address-writer. A Committee (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Bland, Lawrence and Maude) was appointed to consider office-work, and it was resolved to obtain estimate for printing addresses, to gum on wrappers.
- 3.- Telephone. It was resolved to install a telephone and to urge Standing to do the same.
- 4.- Stuttgart Socialist Congress. It was resolved to adopt again the traditional plan, that members attending congress at their own expense, and paying their own delegate's fees (10/-) be appointed delegates.
- 5.- Summer School. It was agreed to send them two Book Boxes.
- 6.- Nominations for Political Committee
Appeal for Money.

In the absence (by mistake) of the Chairman, these questions were deferred to a meeting at 5 on Friday 14th. June, before the Executive Meeting. A verbal report of the business will be presented.

S. G. Hobson
Acting Chairman.

Political Com^{ee} (cont^d)

The addition of H. Cluozza member
& of F. W. Galton, but found no
seconders. —

The names ~~then~~ proposed to the
Finance Com^{ee} were put, &
agreed to new con. —

- 11 Secretary's Salary. ~~Resolved~~ On a further
verbal report from the Finance
Committee it was resolved
unanimously that the Salary
of the Secretary be raised
to £250 per annum to date
from April 1st 1907. —

The Secy who was absent during
the discussion, on returning ex-
pressed his thanks for the increase.

- 12 Circular re Increased Sub^{ns}. The draft of this
already circulated by order of the Chairman,
& approved by the Finance Com^{ee}
was adopted & ordered to be sent out.

Meeting 7th. June, 1907.

Present: Shaw, Headlam, Maude, Mrs. Shaw, Standring, and Secretary.
Also (by invitation) Sidney Webb.

1.- Offers of Tracts.

- (a) Miss Atkinson, on Socialism and Women's Questions
The Committee unanimously approved the lines laid down by Miss Atkinson; and it was agreed to ask her to draft a tract accordingly.
- (b) Hume Nisbet, on Vegetarianism, The Society of Authors &c.
Declined.
- (c) George Turner, on the Life Boat and Trinity House services: who should pay for them?
Declined for the present, as the question is not pressing.
- (d) Edwin Pugh and A. Eagle, offering their services generally for tract writing and investigation.
Accepted: see No. 4 below as to Mr. Pugh. Mr Eagle to draft tract for university students.

2.- MS. on the Farmer's Man, by F. Ackroyd, after exhaustive consideration was rejected partly because leaflets cannot be effectively distributed and had better be dropped, and partly because the Committee is of opinion that the future of small holdings (advocated in the leaflet) will not be in the hands of the farmer's man. This objection is to be explained to Mr. Ackroyd with a view to his trying again.

3.- Socialism and the Suburbs by E. Jepson.

It was agreed that he must be asked to re-write this as every reader had pronounced it not fully up to either to our standards or to Mr. Jepson's. MS. to be returned to the author with several detailed criticisms and suggestions by Miss Hutchins.

4.- Old Age Pensions. Webb undertook to draft a memorandum for immediate circulation in parliament in view of the promised measure in next year's Budget. The memorandum to be also sent to Edwin Pugh (see No. 1 & X above) to be expanded into a Tract. Secretary reported interview with Coal Expert. The matter was adjourned pending a further interview, at which the Expert will have his information ready.

G. Bernard Shaw
Chairman.

Publishing Committee Report.

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Omitted from the Report sent yesterday.

6.- Utopia Series.

Maude reported interviews with various publishers; and it was agreed that he negotiate further with Dent, endeavouring to wring a higher royalty than 3d. per copy out of him.

7.- Proposed Quarterly Review.

The following estimate from the minutes of the Publishing Committee of 6th. February 1907 is submitted in accordance with the instructions of the Executive.

"That a Quarterly Review of Fabian Socialism be published

Price 1/-

Editor to be paid £20 per quarter

Contributions £2.2.0. per 1,000

Estimated Cost per No. for 2,000	£130
.. proceeds	90
.. loss	<u>£ 40</u>

Proposed to raise a guarantee fund of £500".

The Committee again recommends that no action be taken at present.

G. Bernard Shaw
Chairman.

13) Publicity Comm^{ee} The Report (Items 1-5) was moved by the chairman, & after some discussion all were adopted. The supplementary report- (Items 6-7) was also moved. Item 6 was approved. Item 7. ~~Item 7~~ was referred back to be brought up for re-consideration after the holidays. -

14. The Propaganda Comm^{ee} -

Report on Group & Local Organisation. This was submitted by the Chairman & considered.

London Police Area. Items 1-6 were agreed to.

Special Subject Groups agreed to.

Provision A. Items 1-4 agreed to.

Do. B Provisional Local Groups.

Title. Alteration & deletion of "Provisional"

1 agreed to

2 On a division resolved by 6.-5 to delete the third sentence & the word "provisionally."

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Report of Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Tuesday 4th. June, 1907.

Present: Bland (Chairman), Guest, Hobson, Miss Murby,
Sauder, Shaw and Secretary.

This meeting was specially called to consider Local Organisation and the following report was adopted but not unanimously.

Nether No other business of importance transacted.

Report on Local Organisation.

The Provinces.
London Police Area.

- 1.- Any 10 or more members may, with the approval of the Executive Committee, form themselves into a local group.
- 2.- Every such group shall consist of the members of the Society in its area, and may elect its own associates; provided that associateship of a group shall not, as such, confer the privileges of associateship of the Society.
- 3.- Every local group shall elect a Secretary, who shall be the medium of communication between the group and the Executive Committee.
- 4.- Every local Secretary shall forward a report to the Executive Committee at least once a quarter.
- 5.- Every such group shall be bound by all resolutions of the parent Society.
- 6.- The Executive Committee, co-operating with existing local groups, shall constantly work for the establishment of local groups in districts where such do not exist.

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(The first such conference might add a 5th. provision regarding
Common Fabian Fund, its collection and administration).

Special Subject Groups.

The regulations for Special Subject Groups shall be the same as those for Local Groups in so far as applicable, except that

Special Subject Groups shall elect their own members from amongst the members of the Society.

The Provinces.

A. Local Fabian Societies.

1.- Local Fabian Societies shall adopt the Fabian Basis or some Basis which has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee of the Parent Society and all their members shall sign the said Basis.

2.- Subject to the above, Local Fabian Societies shall enjoy complete autonomy as to the election of their officers, members, and associates, the conduct of their business, and the disposal of their funds, and shall not be bound by any resolution of the Parent Society.

3.- The Reports of Local Societies shall be inserted in "Fabian News", subject to the exigencies of space and the general control of the editor.

4.- Conferences between representatives of the parent Society and the local Fabian Societies shall be held, if possible at regular intervals.

(The first such conference might add a 5th. provision regarding a Common Fabian Fund, its collection and administration).

B. ~~(Provisional)~~ Local Groups.

- 1.- Where no local Fabian Society exists, the Executive Committee, co-operating as far as possible with Fabian Societies elsewhere, shall endeavour to establish Fabian local groups.
- 2.- Such groups shall be constituted of any 5 or more Fabians; and ~~(provisionally)~~ shall have a status similar to that of local groups within the London area; ~~but shall cease to be groups when a local Society is formed.)~~

Propaganda Com^{tee} (continued)

Miss Murray intimated that she wished to move an extensive amendment, but was ruled out of order, as the report had already been adopted. —

- 15. Miss Murray gave notice of a proposal re Collecting boxes. —

L. Heden Sweet
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A Conference of the Executive Com^{ee}
was held at the office on Thursday
June 20. —

Present, Sidney Welt (in the chair)
H. W. Macrobert (invited) &
Mr. Hanson of Sweden, also
invited & all the Executive
except.

absent Wells, Standrin Headlum,
Barker Ball, Mrs. Reeves.

A Discussion on the Small
Holdings Policy took place.
No resolution was adopted
but it was agreed that the
Executive Com^{ee} should be
asked to meet on the 25th &
a report of the Proceedings
to be drafted by the Chairman
should be submitted & subsequently
published in Fabian news &

L. Haden Guest

The Political Com^{ee} met at the office
on Thursday 27th June 1907. -

Present - Webb, Holson, Guest, Muggersidge
Chesterton, Snell, Bland, Ensor
Maude, Dodd. Also Secy

Absent - Shaw, Headlam Wells & Wre Reeves.

- (1) Webb was unanimously elected
 chairman of the Committee.
- (2.) Apology from Wre Reeves was read &
 letter from Wells consenting to ~~not~~ join
 the Com^{ee}, if guaranteed opportunity of
 seeing the ~~part of report~~ draft report, even
 if absent. - agreed. -
- (3) A long discussion of political policy
 followed. -
- (4) The Chairman undertook to draft heads
 of provisional conclusions.
- 5. The Com^{ee} adjourned to Wed. 10th July at 5.

E. Bernard Shaw
10/7/07

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Executive Com^{ee} at Office
Friday June 28th 67 at 5.30 pm.

Present - Haden Guest (in chair) + all except
Wells, Mrs Reeves, Ball, Ensor.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting & of the Small Holdings Conference were read & signed.
2. Fabian Lectures Report - that Mrs Bisant accepted for July 12th Essex Hall, no cards & no visitors was approved.
It was agreed that Headlam be chairman.
3. Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved by the Chairman. -
on Item I The Buckhurst Hill Basis was approved & the R. College of Science was to be desired to form a group.

Propaganda Committee Report.

Meeting 21st. June, 1907.

Present: Bland (Chairman) Ensor, Guest, Headlam, Hobson, Miss Murby, Sanders, Shaw, Secretary. Also Webb.

1.- New Societies Reported.

Buckhurst Hill formed with a special Basis which was approved.

Swansea contemplated.

Royal College of Science contemplated.

2.- Group Organisation.

It was resolved to summon the Conference with the Executive for Saturday July 6th. in the afternoon. Each Group and local Society to be invited to send 2 Delegates Agenda, (to include Rules and Methods of future Propaganda) to be sent later. Meeting to be in L.C.C. Fleet Street Room if possible. Chairman and Webb to draft agenda.

Suburban Socialist Societies not Fabian in name not to be invited.

3.- Autumn Educational Lectures.

The Secretary was ordered to apply to the L.C.C. for terms for use of the Fleet Street Room for 20 or 30 nights, with a view to arranging instruction for new members and lecturers.

4.- Lecture List. The Secretary was instructed to have the lectures set up in same style as before. Manchester and Glasgow to be asked to send their names lists for addition. Big names to be omitted.

5.- Suburban Lectures.

Report of sub-Committee approved, viz:

That the lectures be on same lines as last year, in new places only, by Small and Sanders. Lectures to be added on Socialism and Empire and Socialism and Ratepayer.

6.- Small Holdings.

It was agreed to send Tract 123 "The Revival of Agriculture" to all British M. Ps.: also to set up Webb's Memo of the Special Executive Conference for the "News", to submit to the Executive.

7.- Next Sessions Lectures. It was resolved to ask Mr. Morison late of the Mohammedan College in India for a lecture in the Spring on Panislamism.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

The Political Com^{ee} met at the
Office on July 18th 1907 at 5pm.

Present. Wells (in the chair) Shaw, Guest, Wells
Enson, Bland, Mrs Reeves, Snell,
Chesterton, Maude, : also Secy

Absent Hobson (at Internat^l Com^{ee}) Muggieridge,
Headlam, Dodd. -

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Hardie's Letter was laid on the table.
3. The Annexed Report drafted by the Chairman
was considered. -
4. On Par 1. an amendment suggested
by Wells was agreed to & on the motion
of Bland it was formally agreed
that the first part of the Report
consist of an analysis of the
Ingredients, Composition & forces
of the ~~Social~~ existing parties.

5. On the proposal of Ensor it was agreed to prepare reports on the existing parties. Pease undertook the Labour Party: Ensor the L.N.P. + Hobson also to be asked. Chesterton the Tory party: Muggersidge to be asked to take the ~~L.N.P.~~ ^{S.P.} - as for the Liberals, it was agreed that Pease & Wells draft a series of questions to be sent to Fabian & other ~~the~~ Liberal M.P.s, & that other members of the Com^e send suggested questions to the Sec^y.

6. After further discussion Bland moved that the Com^e re-affirms the provisional decisions embodied in clauses 9 & 10. Wells strongly opposed. On a division the resolution was carried 9 to 2.

7. The Com^e adjourned to October.

Miles Bland

POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

(10)

1. That the Report of the Committee should begin with a general survey of the political situation, exposing the shortcomings of the existing parties, emphasising the need for increased Socialist representation in Parliament, and urging upon Members the importance of not neglecting this among the various objects and activities of the Society.

2. That this is one of the reasons for promoting Fabian 'Groups', or Local Fabian Societies, or similar local centres, all over the Kingdom, as opportunity offers, to disseminate Socialist ideas, working in friendly harmony with existing local organizations of every kind, and influencing them as much as possible in a Fabian direction;

3. That any local electioneering or Parliamentary activity encouraged by the Society would naturally be one among the various functions of such Groups or Local Societies.

6. That the main political function of most of these local centres, for some time to come would necessarily have to be that of a vigorous Educational propaganda; and care should accordingly be taken not to divert their attention from this indispensable and immediately practicable work, to premature expensive candidatures.

7. That valuable opportunities for Socialist candidatures did, however, from time to time occur, in this constituency or in that, which the Fabian Society ought not to neglect, for which its membership could supply the candidates, and which it ought to be in a position promptly and energetically to support.

to be undertaken by them in such manner, and with such energy as the progress of Socialist ideas in the constituency, and its local circumstances might permit; and that this must inevitably be left to the local centre from time to time, on either the Conservative, the Liberal, the Irish or the Labor Party.

4. That it would be for the Executive Committee of the London Society to help to form such local centres, to encourage and assist them, to give them such advice and guidance as it could; but they must necessarily retain their autonomy as regards local activities.

5. That what would be the most valuable to stimulate and to direct the possible electioneering or Parliamentary activities of such local centres would be (a) frequent lecturers from the London Society, (b) periodical Conferences of representatives of all the local centres and (c) the formation of a central fund, at the disposal of trustees or of the Executive Committee.

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7. That valuable opportunities for Socialist candidatures did, however, from time to time occur, in this constituency or in that, which the Fabian Society ought not to neglect, for which its membership could supply the candidates, and which it ought to be in a position promptly and energetically to support.

Handwritten notes: Fabian Society, Democratic, Socialist, etc.

8. That the present Parliamentary situation renders it desirable that there should be some way of entering the House of Commons for Socialists unable to provide all their own election expenses, without placing themselves in financial dependence on either the Conservative, the Liberal, the Irish or the Labor Party.

9. That it would accordingly be desirable if a fund - to which, of course, only the members subscribe who approved of its objects - were available, under Fabian trusteeship, for the assistance of Socialists desiring to be financially independent of any existing Parliamentary party.

10. That the question of whether subscriptions should be invited to one general fund, or to particular funds for the benefit of such candidatures of members of the Society as may from time to time occur, be left for future discussion.

11. That no candidate should receive support from such a fund, under whatever local auspices he conducted his candidature, unless it had the general (though not necessarily the unanimous) concurrence of the local Socialist and Labor organizations of the constituency.

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Executive Com^{ee} at Office
Friday 12th July at 5 pm. —

Present S. G. Hobson (in chair) + all except —
Absent Barker, Ball, Lawrence, Headlam Wells.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. The Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} Report was moved by the Chairman:
Items 1, 2, 4 + 5 were approved as drafted. —
Item 3. Circular to newly-elected members was approved, subject to any suggested amendments sent in by the members of the Exec. —
Item 6. Report of Office Sub. Com^{ee} was also approved in full without alteration.
3. The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved by the Chairman. —
Item 1. ~~was discussed~~ over

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1 July 1907.

PRESENT Webb, Sanders, Maude, and Secretary.

1. CANDIDATES. The July list was elected subject to any questions raised after circulation of the News.

2. THE NAME FABIAN. Ensor presented Report that the name Fabian except for strictly commercial purposes. - Staff consists at present of the Secretary (K.R. Pease)

3. CIRCULAR TO NEW-ELECTED MEMBERS. It was resolved to resume this and the Chairman undertook to prepare a draft, omitting all blanks to be filled up for each member individually.

Proof annexed.

4. CIRCULAR re INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS. It was agreed to send this to all members and associates, and to selected subscribers; also to print 1000 extra to be sent to new members.

5. BOOK BOXES. It was resolved to increase the charge to 10/- a year from Oct. 1st.: to require payment for three months and separate letters; and to endeavour to raise the receipts from £45 kept over time: and to purchase of new books and boxes, by means of a grant of £100 from No. 2 account for which approval is asked. Books to be supplied to the Summer School.

6. The accompanying Report of a Sub-Committee in Office Organization was approved.

recting the lists of members and getting in their subscriptions; sending receipts; full charge of the Summer School business.

We have satisfied ourselves that the staff at present too

work is more likely to increase than to di-

REPORT OF OFFICE SUB-COMMITTEE.

24th June 1907.

We have carefully considered the amount and kind of the work now falling upon the Office, the staff required, and the possibility of introducing improved methods.

The office staff consists at present of the Secretary (E.R. Pease) his general assistant (Howell), ~~xxx~~ an accountant (J.W. Shaw), and a temporary envelope addresser at sixpence an hour, who has latterly been at work almost continuously. The work is divided as under:-

Secretary Interviews; correspondence; enquiries and investigations; Fabian News; all printing; attendance at Committees; minutes; general supervision.

Howell Type-writing (reports, agendas, circulars and separate letters); making up parcels; selling tracts; making up and despatching book-boxes; postage &c.

J.W. Shaw Receipt and custody of cash; keeping the accounts; sending out accounts for tracts; keeping the book-box ledger; keeping and correcting the lists of members and getting in their subscriptions; sending receipts; full charge of the Summer School business.

We have satisfied ourselves that the staff has at present too much to do, and that the work is more likely to increase than to diminish.

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We have considered what improvements or labor-saving devices could be introduced. The telephone is to be installed both by the Society and by its printer. We think that the disuse of separate notice cards for meetings has been so far justified, and it means a great saving of work. We have carefully considered the possibility of printing address slips for the members; but three years supply would cost at least £10 or £12, and we find that our younger members change their addresses so frequently that a third would be altered within twelve months. We are satisfied that this would result in no saving, but we have directed printed envelopes to be prepared for the Executive Committee, to serve as a second list of members.

We have considered also the typewriting arrangements. We do not think it worth the cost to get any more elaborate duplicating machinery or to have a specially expert shorthand typewriter - it is cheaper to get any special job done outside. We think it indispensable that the whole of the Staff should be interchangeable, as there is not enough specialized work to occupy the whole time of an expert officer. Nor do we think there would be any economy in purchasing a Stolzenburg Cabinet or other costly filing arrangements, for which the office affords little space.

We think that with certain other improvements, the new Junior Clerk, whose appointment has been authorized, will suffice for the present. It should be made a condition of his appointment that he should make himself thoroughly proficient in shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping, by attending evening classes.

We recommend that the services of Mr J.W.Shaw, the Accountant

should be continued, at any rate for the present; on condition that he undertakes to give full time and to help generally in the work (both of which he actually does at present, though it was not originally so intended).

Meeting July 4th.

We think that the services of a temporary addresser, even as the new Junior Clerk has been at work for a week; We think that much of the addressing should be done by the Junior Clerk; whilst some of it must be put out. We think that there should always be one complete set of addressed envelopes for all the members kept in the Office, to serve as a second list of members, or for emergency use. It was agreed that the "What I Believe"

We feel that our proposals - though they may enable the Society to postpone for some time engaging larger staff and taking larger offices - will not in themselves suffice to cope with the projected increase in the provincial propaganda and group organization. We consider that this demands the services of a Provincial Organizer, who should be asked, not only to do his own secretarial work, but so far as possible to undertake the office work connected with the groups and propaganda. We have therefore communicated with the Propaganda Committee. (Lady Anglessea). Agreed to ask her to get Jaures and to arrange

In conclusion we desire to express our appreciation of the zeal, devotion and untiring work of the Secretary; of the long continued industry and fidelity of his assistant; and of the help afforded by the efficiency at accounts and book-keeping of the Accountant.

SIDNEY WEBB.

Chairman.

PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE REPORT.

Meeting July 4th.

ing the appointment of an organiser, it was agreed, that Wm. Bland
PRESENT. Bland (in Chair), Ensor, Sanders, Miss Murby, Kelly, Shaw
and Secretary. ~~also were.~~

1. PSYCHOLOGY OF PROPAGANDA After full discussion proposal for a
Conference on this subject was dropped.
2. NEXT SESSIONS LECTURES. It was agreed that the "What I Believe"
lectures be not continued beyond Xmas: for 1908 the following
arrangements are made.

M. W. PRIBER REVUES: offer of lecture on Land Question: Accepted.

SIR JOHN COCKBURN: Proposal by Clifford, Sharp to ask him to lec-
ture on the Empire, (avoiding Colonial Preference): Was approved.

DR EDER: Offer of lecture on Psychology of Punishment was de-
clined, and a group recommended.

MRS HODGKINSON: Proposal to ask Jaures, (through the Dowager
Lady Anglesea). Agreed to ask her to get Jaures and to arrange
a big meeting.

HUGHES DEMONSTRATION WITH I.L.P.- Letter asking promised contri-
bution of 50/-. Secretary reported 30/- subscribed. Shaw pro-
mised balance.

CLASSES AT PRINCE HENRY'S ROOM. L.E.C. asked 2/6 extra for chad
making 12/6. It was agreed to pay.

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6- PROVINCIAL ORGANISER On a Report from the Finance Committee recommend
 ing the appointment of an organiser, it was agreed, that Wm. Sanders be appointed organiser at a salary of £100 per annum and travelling expenses; that he spend the necessary time on arranging the lectures, and doing the office work connected therewith; that he attend Group meetings in London and meetings in the Provinces &c. That this salary do not include the Suburban Lectures which have been already arranged and are to be paid for separately. Approval for this is asked with decision, if approved, as to date of appointment. -

HUBERT BLAND.

Chairman.

3. Propaganda Com^{ee} (cont^d)

Item 1. Psychology of Propaganda. -
This was discussed + motion ~~for~~ to
refer back was made, but was only
supported by 3. It was negatived.

Items 2 + 3 were approved.

Item 4. Price Henry's Rooms. Final decision
held over pending arrangements
for ventilation of L.C.C. -

Item 5. Appointment of organizer,
was discussed in the absence
of Ald. Sanders + was
agreed to new com. It
was resolved that the appoint-
ment date from July 1 +
that it be a rule that the
local expenses of the organizer
be paid by the localities con-
cerned, exceptions to be reported
to the Propaganda Com^{ee}.

4. Report of the Publishing Com^{ee}
Moved by the Chairman

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PUBLISHING COMMITTEE REPORT.

to correspondence (to be conducted by H. Guest) be added to the

News.

Meeting 5th July 1907.

5 LIFE OF THOMAS DAVIDSON. On letter from Fisher Unwin it was agreed

to send out circular, with News, a preliminary notice in News,
PRESENT. Maude (in Chair), Taylor, Standing, Miss Hutchins,
Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Guest and Secretary.
of the Fabian Society. -

6 UTOPIA SERIES. Maude reported that Dent would not make an offer of

REPRINTS. It was agreed to reprint Headlam's "Christian Socialism"

(7500), Webb's "Socialism Fine and False" (5000): and "Labour in the
the Longest Reign" (2000): also leaflets as required.-

It was resolved to drop Leaflet 19. "What the Farm Labourer
Wants". and Tract 61, The L.C.C., out of date and no demand.

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2 TRACTS ON AFFORESTATION. Arthur P. Grenfell late of Indian Forest

Service attended to discuss tract on Afforestation, for his
own sake and with a view to finding work for the unemployed in
bad years. -
Vice-Chairman.

The idea was approved and Mr Grenfell asked to prepare tract.

5 CATALOGUE RAISONNEE OF FABIAN TRACTS. C. Sharp attended to discuss

this plan which the Nursery is willing to undertake. - It was agreed
that it be a catalogue and not a tract in the series, and that
sample sections be submitted to the Executive. -

4 PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF FABIAN NEWS. Letter from Fallows was read re-

commending no change, also from Mrs C.M. Wilson offering £10 towards
such enlargement as should permit correspondence from members.-

It was resolved by a majority to recommend that a column of answers

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to correspondence (to be conducted by L. H. Guest) be added to the News.

5 LIFE OF THOMAS DAVIDSON. On letter from Fisher Unwin it was agreed to send out circular, with News, a preliminary notice in News, and a review of the book which contains an account of the origin of the Fabian Society. -

6. UTOPIA SERIES. Maude reported that Dent would not make an offer of a royalty of more than 1/2d per copy, but would guarantee a minimum payment of £25 per volume. - It was agreed after discussion to close with his offer unless some other publisher could be persuaded by Maude to offer more.

7. TRACTS ON MUNICIPALISATION. Maude presented promised M.S. on this subject. It was agreed that it must not be a named tract and that it should be read by the Committee.

AYLMER MAUDE,

Vice-Chairman.

4 Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} (cont^d)

Items 1 & 2 - approved.

" 3. Catalogue Raisonné. Specimens were submitted & the report after discussion was approved.

" 4. Proposed enlargement of Fabian News. This was carefully discussed & the proposal for an answers to correspondence column was strongly opposed. The Chairman consented to take back the proposal. -

" 5. Approved.

" 6. Utopia Series. After much discussion in which G. B. Shaw strongly urged that the Publishers should be required to pay £25 in advance for each volume, it was resolved to refer the matter back to the Com^{ee} in order to obtain better terms from Deb.

" 7. Municipalisation Tract approved.

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REPORT ON THE
CONFERENCE OF LOCAL SOCIETIES AND GROUPS.

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The Conference was attended by ~~11~~ Members of the Executive Committee and about 49 Delegates representing 8 Local Societies (9 Delegates), 3 University Societies (5 Delegates), 8 Local Groups (16 Delegates), 5 Subject Groups (10 Delegates).

Hubert Bland was in the Chair.

The Rules as proposed were adopted with the following amendments:-

The London area was confined to the County of London.

Local London Groups are to be allowed to elect as Members Fabians living outside their Group areas, and Members in the area who do not subscribe to the group Funds are not to be necessarily members of the Group.

Power is given to the Members of the London Society residing in the area of a Local Fabian Society to form a Group if they desire to do so.

Many other amendments were proposed, but were defeated after full debate, in all cases by large majorities.

Other matters were discussed, such as tracts, methods of Propaganda &c., but no positive decisions were come to. -

A fuller Report will appear in the Fabian News.

The Rules as amended will be circulated or submitted to the Executive. If they are confirmed as amended, the Secretary asks instructions as to action thereon, and the relation they bear to the Rules of the Society.

EDW. R. PEASE.
Secretary.

5. Group + Local Society's Conference.

Report of Secy was considered. a Discussion ^{was} raised by G. B. Shaw on the decisions of the conference as to Groups in Local Society areas, but no resolution was moved. -

The report opposite was amended in one detail & the proof of report in News in two respects. - (see later No 8.)

6. Prevention of Sweating. An analysis of schemes submitted by Miss Hutchins was briefly discussed,

Miss Hutchins was requested to bring forward the subject again as soon as she has any positive plan to propose. -

7. Conference with Edmund Kelly. It was agreed to meet as proposed (at 5

instead of 5.30) & that copies of the memorial sh^d. be sent to such of the Exec. as intended to be present.

8. Group & Local Society Conference. (cont^d)
Proof of regulations as amended
at the Conference was submitted,
& it was agreed.
(a) That the regulations as amended
be approved by the Sec. —
(b) That they be printed as
Byelaws. —
9. Political Comtee Chairman reported
it had held another meeting
that adjourned till October.
10. Summer School. The Chairman
reported good progress made.
11. Dr. Clifford & Jarrow. A memorial
signed by Harry Sneli, Cecil
Chesterton, Clifford Sharp & Edgar
Jepson was presented drawing
the attention of the Executive to the
action of Dr. John Clifford in
intervening in the Jarrow Election

11. Dr. Clifford + Garrow (cont.)

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on behalf of the Liberal Candidate
in opposition to Peter Curran M.P. a
Socialist + the Labour Candidate. further
stating that if the Exec. did not see
their way to convey their disapproval
to Dr. Clifford, the signatories would
bring the matter before the Society.

After a long debate, Haden Guest
moved a resolution which was not
seconded. —

It was then resolved by 10 votes
to 2 that the Secy write in reply
that Dr. Clifford has broken
no existing rule ~~of the Society~~
~~of the~~ or practice of the Society:
that the Memorialists will be
within their rights in bringing
any resolution on the subject
with a view to altering the practice
of the Society, before a members meeting,
that such a meeting will be
held in October. — Further

11 Dr Clifford & Farrow (cont^d)

that the Committee on Political Policy
is now sitting of which two of the
memorialists are members, & the
matter might well be discussed
by that Com^{ee} —

11 Oct. '07

Stymer Maudslayi

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A Conference of the Executive Committee with Edmond Kelly (of New York & just from some years residence in Paris) was held at the Office on Friday July 19. 07 at 5pm.

Present - S. Webb, who was voted to the chair, Maude, Miss Hutchins Miss Murby Standing, Ensor Taylor, Sanders Guest, & Secy. Also Mr Kelly.

The memorandum submitted by Mr Kelly was ~~not~~ considered, & the question whether Socialism in America wd. best be promoted by Socialists allying themselves with the Democratic, the Hearst, or the existing Socialist parties, was discussed - It was pointed out that Englishmen could only offer general advice on so technical a question as political action in New York: but whatever such action was taken, the Fabian Exee. was convinced that there was valuable work to be

done in America by a Society on
Fabian lines, which should
adopt some non-constitutive name,
but not the Fabian name, & which
should undertake the educative
work in America which the F.S.
does in England. —

Mr Kelly appeared to concur
in this view, & furnished himself
with numerous documents explan-
atory of Fabian work, with a view
to forming such an organisation
in New York. —

11 Oct. '07

Stephen Maudslayi

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Meeting Friday 11th Oct. 1907 at 5 pm.

Present - Agnes Maude (in chair) + all except
Absent - Mrs. Shaw, Lawrence, Ensor, Ball. -

1. The minutes of July 12th & of the ~~Fabian~~ Executive Conference with Kelly, were read & confirmed. -
2. Fabian Summer School. Dodd made a verbal report, stating specially that the financial side of the school was satisfactory, & the necessary surplus had been realised as anticipated.
3. Resignation from Standing Com^{tee} of H. G. Wells. Letter read. Mr. Wells explained that his resignation only concerned the ^{his} Standing Committee of which he was a member. His resignation from these was accepted, & after a long discussion it was agreed that he had resigned on the grounds (1) of the distance of his home, & (2) of his opinion that the Committees are too large.

(4) Membership of Mrs Meredith. ¹²⁹ The Secy reported that she had applied for membership, she asked instructions ~~because as Mrs Amy Meredith, she had been virtually black-balled.~~ - After discussion it was unanimously resolved: -

- (a) That Mrs Meredith be not elected a member
- (b) That she be not accepted either a subscriber or as an associate. -

(5) Chairmen of Meetings: The following were agreed to: -
Feb 11. Mrs Webb's Lecture: Mrs Penker Reeves
.. 18. Members Meeting Webb
.. 25 Per R. J. Campbell's Lecture. Maude.

(6) Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Report annexed was moved by Sidney Webb.

Items + Recommendations Nos

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 8. 9. 10 were

unanimously approved.

Item 7. was also unanimously approved
+ Lawrence, Webb, Sanders + Secy were appointed
a committee to carry out the arrangements. -

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6 Estimate for year 1907-8 was submitted, showing that expendi

Meeting 27th September 1907. Last year's deficit would be about covered by income estimated on a fairly conservative basis.
Present Webb (Chairman) Sanders, Dodd, Maude, Lawrence and Secretary.

1 **Elections** August and September lists of Candidates were elected, numbering 77, an increase of 56 over last year.

2 **RESIGNATIONS** of Dadabhai Naoroji (ill-health), W. Teignmouth Shore (incompatible appointment), Dr C. S. Myers (too much I. L. P.) and 5 others were accepted.

3 **British Society** Payment of £7 for half year was recommended.

4 **Hampstead Socialist Centre.** Grant of £7. 7. 0 from them for Suburban Lectures was accepted.

5 **Accounts to August 31st** (5 months) were presented showing the following comparative results -

	1907	1906
Tract Sales	£176	£ 71
Members' Subscriptions	318	111
Associates' "	43	10
Subscribers' "	16	14
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Office expenses	44	27
Postages	75	40
Salaries	215	106

6 Estimate for year 1907-8 was submitted, showing that expenditure on present scale with last year's deficit would be about covered by income estimated on a fairly conservative basis.

7 New Offices. Concurring with the Propaganda Committee, it is recommended in view of -

- (a) The insufficiency of space for the present staff;
- (b) The need of an additional room for Committees;
- (c) The waste of time owing to insufficient private accommodation for interviews;
- (d) The noise now being produced and likely to be produced by the engine just outside the window;

- I. That the Landlord be written to stating that we shall have to leave owing to noise, and shall want compensation or exchange that we are not prepared to pay much more rent even for larger premises, but would consider some increase for better rooms.
- II. That the limit of rent be £150.

The Committee visited a suite of three (equivalent to four) rooms on the First Floor immediately over the present offices which might be accepted in lieu of present offices, provided that suitable terms can be arranged and none preferable can be obtained.

8 Members' Meeting October 18th. The agenda, including Reports from the Chairmen of the Standing Committees was approved.

9 Book Boxes. Circular ordered to be sent to the F. S. (2000) I. L. P. Branches (600) and Co-operative Societies (1500).

10 Insurance of Staff. It was agreed to insure the Staff, including the Secretary, from liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Sidney Webb, Chairman.

7. Publishing Committee Report. (127)

- No 1. was moved by Aylmer Maude.
Item 1. was adopted & it was agreed to state in Fabian News the best edition of the chief Utopias. —
- Item 2. was agreed to & it was agreed that Shaw write a new preface for such edition. —
- Item 3. State endowment of Motherhood.
This was referred to the Birthrate & Infant-Mortality Comtee
- Items 4. 5. & 6 were approved. —
No 2 was moved by Bernard Shaw.
- Item 1. The Demetrian. — A letter was read from the Literary Agency of London reporting without enthusiasm on the book. After a long discussion, the Chairman agreed to take the matter back for further consideration & that meanwhile the book be sent to those of the Exec. who have not read it. Further that the Literary Agency be informed that the decision is deferred for the moment, & we will write them again if necessary.

7. (Cont^d) Publishing Comm^{ee} Report.
Items 2 & 3 were agreed to.

8. Propaganda Committee Report. -
No 1. Was moved by H Bland, the
Chairman & the whole (Items
1 to 5) was adopted.

No 2 was also moved by the chairman
& the whole of (Items 1-7) was
agreed to. -

~~No 3.~~
No 3. was moved by Haden Guest
acting Chairman.

Items 1. 2. 3. 4. & 7 were agreed to.
Item 7. was also adopted but
the draft program of lectures
drawn up by the officers in accordance
with the view of the Committee was
rejected & it was resolved
to name the Treatise the
the West Fabianism means.
The course was discussed to

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Meeting 19th September. Present: Maude, Headlam, Standring, Guest, Taylor, Barker and Secretary, also Sanders.

1 Utopia Series. Maude reported that Shaw now stated he could not promise a preface this year or next, and in view of the absolute necessity of giving the publisher several volumes by the most attractive writers as a start, he proposed and the Committee agreed to recommend the Executive to abandon the scheme.

2 Sixpenny Edition of Fabian Essays. It was agreed to ask permission of the Executive to arrange a scheme with the publishers for such an issue.

3 State Endowment of Motherhood. On proposal of Dr Eder it was agreed to submit suggestion that a Committee be appointed to consider and report on this project.

4 Chiozza Money and Facts for Socialists. Letter received criticising our category of Rent. Agreed that a further explanation be inserted in next edition.

5 Coal Supply. Maude undertook to draft a tract on information to be supplied by Bayliss.

6 Reprints approved or ordered -

Workmen's Compensation	13,000
Headlam's Christian Socialism	10,000
How Trade Unions (Leaflet)	30,000
Morris Communism	5,000
A Labour Policy for Public Authorities (Leaflet)	5,000

Present Shaw, Maude, Standring, Headlam, Taylor,

Miss Hutchins, Barker and Secretary,

also Sanders.

2. Enlargement of Fabian News C. E. Wilson's offer of £10 for the addition of a correspondence column to Fabian News and similar proposals, the Executive Committee having referred to the Executive Committee.
1. The Demetrian. Edmond Kelly (pseudonym Ellison Harding) author of this Race-Culture and Socialist Utopia, published by Brentano in U.S.A., offers to present the English copyright to the Society subject to repayment to him of £52, (cost of stereo plates and English copyright) out of 50% of the profits. He has sent stereo plates, and also some MS. omitted by Brentano, to be used at our discretion. The book has been read by many of the Executive Committee, the MS. additions only by Shaw and Pease, who report them as good as the rest of the book but not important. The author evidently desires their incorporation with the English edition, though he does not make this an absolute condition.

The Committee recommends:-

- (a) (unanimously) That the offer of Edmond Kelly be accepted with cordial thanks, and that the manuscript chapters be added if practicable without an unreasonable increase of expenditure.
- (b) (by 4 to 1) That the book be so published as not to suggest any official connection with the Fabian Society.
- (c) That the Literary Agency (Ferris & Co.) be employed to negotiate with publishers and that they be communicated with forthwith.



2. Enlargement of Fabian News. Mrs C. M. Wilson's offer of £10 for the addition of a correspondence column to Fabian News was again discussed, the Executive Committee having referred back the recommendation of the Publishing Committee to introduce a column of Replies to Correspondents. The sum offered by Mrs Wilson is not sufficient to effect a permanent enlargement of Fabian News; and the Publishing Committee finds itself unable to suggest any new feature other than the correspondence column suggested by Mrs Wilson or the Replies to Correspondents already rejected by the Executive Committee.

The Committee recommends that Mrs Wilson be informed that after careful consideration it has been decided that her contribution would not justify us in carrying out her suggestion, which would involve a permanent enlargement of the News, but that we hope to be able to avail ourselves later on of her generosity in some way equally acceptable to her, if she will allow us.

3. Quarterly Review. The Committee's recommendation that the project be dropped for the present was referred back by the Executive Committee for further consideration and report.

The announcement of a new I. L. P. monthly confirms the Committee in its previous conclusion; and it recommends accordingly:-

That no action be taken.

REPORT OF PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE (1).

Meeting, Thursday, July 18th 1907.

Present, Bland (Chairman), Ensor, Miss Murly, Hobson
and Sanders.

Paragraphs marked † contain a recommendation.

- 1 / Lectures. Org. Sec. reported that over 200 letters had been sent to newspapers and journals offering lectures to organisations interested in the subjects of Socialism and Social Reform.
- 2 Provincial Propaganda The Org. Sec. submitted proposals to visit Fabian Societies at Edinburgh, Newcastle and Perth, also to other towns to form Fabian Societies. Plans were approved.
- 3 No. 17 Fleet Street It was decided that subject and other groups might have use of No. 17 Fleet Street at a charge of 5/- per Meeting.
- 4 Local Government Group. It was decided that a Local Government Group be formed.
- 5 Clapham Fabian Society † The position of the Clapham Fabian Society was considered and it was decided that the Executive Committee be recommended that it would not be advisable to apply to this Society the rules governing the London Groups; but that future members of the Clapham Society must also be members of the parent Society.

H. Bland,
Chairman.

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Meeting, Wednesday, September 4th 1907.

Present: Bland (Chairman) Hobson, Pease, Guest,
Miss Murly & Sanders.

1
Letchworth
Fabian
Society

This Society desired to know terms on which Fabian News could be supplied to its members who were not members of the parent Society. Decided that 1/6d be charged for News and publications other than Tracts.

2
Lectures
at Essex
Hall.

Accepted offers to Lecture by Morison on "The Collectivism of the Indian Government"; by Sir John Cockburn on "Imperialism"; and by Dr A. Sudekum on "German Municipal Socialism".

3
Lecture
List

Decided that 500 copies of Lecture List be printed and molds taken; that copies be sent to group and local society secretaries, and to members expressing desire for same.

4
Suburban
Lectures

Org. Sec. reported that Suburban Lectures had been arranged at High Wycomb, Acton, Stoke Newington, Brentwood, and Highgate.

5
Organising
Secretary

It was decided that the title of the office held by W. Sanders be "Organising Secretary".

6
Provincial
Propaganda

Formation of Fabian Society at Chelmsford and attempts at formation of Fabian Soc. at Sheffield reported.

7
Autumn
Essex Hall
Lectures

Decided that for the "Faith I Hold" series of lectures a non-transferable admission card for members, associates, and subscribers be issued.

H. Bland, Chairman.

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Paragraphs marked † contain a recommendation.

Organising
Secretary's
Report

Meeting, Wednesday, September 25th 1907.

Proposed
London
University
Fabian SocietyPresent, Guest (in chair) Miss Murly, Headlam, Sanders,
and Pease.1 Lectures at
Essex Hall

The lecture by Dr A. Sudekum was fixed for November 1st, this being the only possible Friday.

L. Maden Guest.

2 Socialist †
Bookstall

It was decided to recommend to the Executive Committee that the I. L. P. and S. D. F. be approached to organise with the Fabian Society a Socialist Bookstall at the Franco-British Exhibition.

3 Sheffield †
Fabian Society

Sheffield Fabian Society formed, and desired to adopt new basis (see appendix) decided to recommend the Executive Committee to accept this.

4 Double †
Membership

Question of terms of membership of parent society to members of Local Societies was raised by Sheffield Fabian Society. It was decided to recommend the Executive Committee to maintain the present fee of 2/6 for such cases, (except to members of University Societies to whom the fee should remain at 1/-).

5 Lectures †
at 17
Fleet Street

Proposal by Webb that a series of Lectures on Socialism for young members of the Society be given at 17 Fleet Street was considered and his offer to give first lecture accepted. Decided to advertise that lectures would be held and that the officers prepare a list of further lectures for the series and that a fee of 5/- be charged for the course.

6 Organising Secretary's Report

Organising Secretary submitted report, the substance of which appears in October News.

7 Proposed London University Fabian Society

A Committee of the Fabian Nursery having undertaken to form a Fabian Society for the London University it was decided that the Executive Committee be recommended to make a grant of £1 towards the preliminary expenses of the work.

L. Haden Guest,

Acting Chairman.

Extract from Constitution and Rules of Sheffield Fabian Society.

- (2) That the Society consist of Socialists.
- (3) That the object of the Society be the re-organisation of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual and class ownership and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit.
- (4) That for the attainment of these ends the Society looks to the spread of Socialist opinions, and the Social and political changes consequent thereon; that it seeks to promote these by the general dissemination of knowledge as to the relation between the individual and Society in its economic, ethical and political aspects.
- (5) That membership be open to those who agree with the object of the Society.
- (9) That applications for membership contain a signed declaration that the candidate is in agreement with the object of the Society.

(We intend here that he shall sign a statement as to his agreement with the above basis and object).

(9) Propaganda Com^{ee} (contd.)

arranged as follows: -

- Webb The Vice of Catastrophism
- Maudsley The Failure of Modern Communities
- Sanders The need for Political action
- Shaw The Law of Rent + Interest
- Blundell The Limits of Socialism. -

9. Tract on Small Holdings. It was agreed to ask the Society to approve the issue of a revise of the leaflet on allotments as a new tract, under a note of urgency -

10. Next meeting. Left to the G.P. Com^{ee} to settle. -

F W Pellett Lawrence
Nov 1. 1907

Executive Com^{ee} of Office Friday
November 1st 1907 at 5.30 pm.

Present: F. W. P. Lawrence (in chair) & all except
Absent: Sidney Ball, Wm Reeves (lecturing) & Miss
Hulchins. [Ensor attended informal Com^{ee} first,
& left before formal business] Com^{ee} ensor.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Chairman not. Sudekum, Sanders
8. Johnson, Ratcliffe
Wm Shaw. ~~Who selected~~ & Secy
3. Standing Orders. Deferred amendment of
Ensor again at his request
deferred.
4. Finance & Gen Purposes Com^{ee} Report moved
by the chairman. —
Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 were adopted.
Item 5. Offices. Lawrence said suite on ground
floor was worth £175. It was agreed to
adopt the item, & to install telephone at once.

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Item 6. Manifesto on Railway Crisis. Draft prepared by Webb & Shaw, was gone through, amended & agreed to. It was agreed to send it out at once to the press & to the Soviet. Also to the Railway Union, & to Lloyd George. -

Private.

Report of the Finance Committee Meeting
October 21st. 1907.

Present: Webb (Chairman), Bland, Dodd, Hobson, Maude, and Secretary.

Absent: Sanders (on organising tour) Mrs. Reeves and Lawrence.

- 1.- Candidates. October List (41) was elected, an increase of 19 over last year.
- 2.- Resignations. Only one, of a Professor of Economics for professional reasons.
- 3.- Accounts to 30th. September were presented.
- 4.- Analysis of postage a/c. showing 40% ordinary correspondence 30% sending out "News", and 15% Book Boxes and parcels was presented.
- 5.- New Offices. On reply from the Landlords, the matter was deferred for the present.
- 6.- Railway Strike. It was resolved to prepare a Manifesto for submission to the Executive on Friday November 1st. to be issued to the press on November 2nd. or 4th.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

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5. Publishing Comtee Report was moved by Chairman
Items 1 & 2 of Oct 18th & Items
1. 3. & 4 of Oct. 30th were agreed to.
The Demetrian Item 2 of Oct 30. ~~it~~ was
discussed & an amendment by
Lawson Dodd to the effect
That the offer of Edmond Kelly
he declined was on a vote
carried by 9 to 7. -

6. The Propaganda Committee Report was
moved by the chairman.
The whole Items 1-6, adopted.

7. Next meeting, fixed for Friday Nov 22nd

N. B. Peabody

Private.

Publishing Committee Report of two Meetings.

Meeting October 18th. 1907.

Present: Shaw (Chairman), Barker, Miss Hutchins, Maude, Mrs. Shaw, Standing, Taylor, Secretary, also Webb.

1.- Particulars of sales for the past six months were submitted and considered.

2.- Tracts nearly out of print.

"Capital and Land"

"Municipal Drink"

"Difficulties of Individualism", by Webb

"Moral Aspects of Socialism", by Ball

"Labour in the Longest Reign", by Webb

"Public Service", by Lodge

"Socialism and Christianity", by Dearmer.

The Committee recommends that the first two be revised by Oakeshott and Pease, and that the rest be reprinted when required.

G. Bernard Shaw

Chairman.

Meeting October 30th. 1907.

Present: Shaw (Chairman), Barker, Maude, Mrs. Shaw, Standing, Taylor, and Secretary.

1.- The following articles in the "Albany Review" were considered.

The Land Question in a Country Parish. By Edward Carpenter.
(April, 1907)

Paupers and Old Age Pensions. By Sidney Webb (August, 1907).

The Committee recommends that both these be issued as Fabian Tracts with the author's names.

2.- The Demetrian.

This is the American novel by Edmond Kelly offered to the Society by him subject to our repayment from the profits of the cost of the photos. A previous recommendation of the Committee was referred back. The Committee, having further considered the matter, recommend:

That the offer of Edmond Kelly be accepted with thanks, and that the Committee be authorized to seek a publisher for the book, but without in any way identifying the Society publicly with it.

3.- The Abandoned Utopia Series.

Dr. McCleary, the projector of this series, is proposing his scheme to the I.L.P. and requests us not to anticipate him by publishing a list of Utopias in Fabian News.

The Committee recommends that Dr. McCleary's request be granted.

4.- The Committee authorised the issue of a 12 page Fabian News.

Several other matters came before the Committee and will be reported on when ripe for action.

G. Bernard Shaw
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee.

Meeting October 31st. 1907.

Present: Bland (in Chair), Ensor, Guest, Hobson, Miss Murby, Pease, Sanders and Shaw.

- 1.- Conference of Socialist Women. The Committee appointed Miss Murby and Mrs. Townshend delegates to a Conference of Socialist Women called by the S.D.F.
- 2.- Letter was received from Croydon Fabian Group announcing that in future it would be a local Fabian Society.
- 3.- Received Report from Organising Secretary as follows.
 - (a) He had addressed meetings at Newcastle and Edinburgh under the auspices of local Fabian Societies. Edinburgh University F.S. very promising. Had visited Sheffield and helped to arrange future activities of the new F.S.
 - (b) Formation of Fabian Group at Swansea; and of a F.S. in connection with London University.
 - (c) Arrangements being made by him to visit Coventry, Bradford, Glasgow and Perth.
 - (d) Course of Suburban lectures at Wycombe very satisfactory. Steps being taken to form local F.S. as a result. Snell's course at Acton commenced very satisfactorily successfully. Other Suburban courses definitely fixed at Brentwood, Stoke Newington, Wood Green, Highgate. 150 Lectures by Fabians arranged through office.

4.- Essex Hall Meetings 1908.

The following arrangements are recommended.

- (a) That Morison's lecture on the "Collectivism of the Indian Government" be held on January 10th.
- (b) That a Members' meeting to discuss Political Committee's Report be held on January 24th.
- (c) That Sir Oliver Lodge be asked to lecture on "Waste in Science", or on a similar subject; Chiczoza Money be asked to lecture on "The Waste of Capital" or the question of Capital leaving the country.
- (d) That endeavours be made to secure a lecture from a prominent Individualist, Lord Balfour of Burleigh for instance; and from a prominent Tory Democrat.
(Note. Other lectures promised and accepted but dates not fixed:- "Imperialism" Sir John Cockburn; "Australian Labour Party" Hon. W. Pember Reeves.)

5.- Suggestions from Members' Meeting.

Two suggestions from the Members' meeting have been considered by the Committee. The taking up of collections at the Essex Hall Meetings; and the holding of a meeting at Queen's Hall. We recommend:

- (a) That the suggestion as to collections at meetings be not adopted.
- (b) That a public meeting be held at Queen's Hall; Shaw and Webb be requested to be speakers, and a charge be made for admission.

H. Bland
Chairman.

6.- Course on "What Fabianism Means".

We recommend that members of the Executive Committee be permitted to attend this course free.

Political Com^{ee} at office on Thursday

7th November 1907 at 5.30 pm.

Present Bland (in chair) Guest, Shaw, Hobson,
Dodd, Ensor, Maude, Chesterton
& also Secretary.

Absent. Webb (on acc of Mrs Webb's illness) Wells,
Headlam, Muggersidge, Snell, Mrs
Reeves. —

1. The Minutes of July 10th were confirmed
2. Letter of apology for absence from Webb was read.
3. Memorial from Keeling & others was read, asking the Com^{ee} to deal with the question of running a Parliamentary Candidate under the Labour Party Constitution. The Sec. was ordered to reply that the question has been dealt with by the Committee.
4. Draft Report prepared by the Chairman was considered in proof.

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5. Amendments were agreed to, of which the principal were the omission of the word Fabian applied to the Parliamentary Fund proposed in resolution (4). -
The addition of a par. drafted by Chesterlin dealing with the running of Socialists as Labour Candidates; and the omission of the words Such dangers are at present only hypothetical. -

6. The Report thus amended was unanimously agreed to, & Shaw was requested to embody the amendments agreed upon, one or two of which were to be drafted by him, & to submit the report to the Chairman.

7. The Report was ordered to be presented to the Executive.

8. The Committee adjourned sine die.

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Executive Com^e at Office Friday, Nov 22nd 07

Present - Miss Murby (in chair), & all except
Absent - Walt, Ball, Wells, Hobson, Dodd, Barker.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Chairmen . Nov 22nd. for Com: Bland
Dec 6 " Wells, Lawrence.

3. Standing Orders. Adjourned Debate: Moved
by R. C. K. Emsor, & after amendment,
carried by 9 votes to 4, to add to 3.
Provided that on the demand of any
five members present the terms
of any resolution put to the Executive
Com^e & the names of those voting
for & against it shall be specially
entered upon the minutes & shall
hereupon cease to be confidential.
(moved by Lawrence & Maude)

4. Finance Com^e Reports were adopted without amendment.
Railway Dispute (Item 5), was challenged & adopted by 9 to 3.

Private. Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee
Meeting at Office 7th. November 1907.

Present: Lawrence (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Hobson, Maude, Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- The November Candidates were elected subject to a payment of a promised £5. by F. Paul.
- 2.- Hubert Bland was appointed second delegate to Hull Labour Party Conference at his own expense.
- 3.- The financial aspect of the proposed Fifield publication scheme was considered, as explained in the Publishing Committee Report.

F. W. P. Lawrence
Acting Chairman.

Report of Meeting of above held 14th. November 1907.

Present: Webb (in chair), Bland, Hobson, Maude, Sanders, Secretary and also Guest.

- 1.- October Accounts. Report was presented showing:-

	Oct. 07.	Oct. 06.	7 months 07.	7 months 06.
Subscriptions	£98	£48	£466	£184
Associates	18	4	68	19
Donations	24	6/6	49	23
Tract Sales	64	22	270	106
Tract Printing			229	146
Salaries			£306	147
- 2.- Large subscription. Letter from Harold Alfrey was read handing cheque for £100 for subscription for 1906 & 1907.
- 3.- Despatching "News". Proposal to hand this over to Standring at a charge of 4/6 to 6/6 per 1,000 was approved.
- 4.- Experimental Feeding of School Children. Haden Guest reported that he had obtained local consents to a plan for feeding 300 School Children in Lambeth, and weighing them &c. in order to ascertain effect. It was agreed that a letter explaining the plan and asking contributions to a fund of £100 be issued privately on behalf of the Society to selected members likely to contribute.
- 5.- Railway Dispute. It was agreed to send letter to the "Times" in name of Society, explaining the important advance made by the plan of Settlement. Draft prepared by Chairman is appended.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

(5) Railway Dispute Draft letter to the Press was then considered. Paragraph proposed by Gussor was rejected 4 of votes to 5. Other amendments of a minor character were agreed to & the letter as annexed, was ordered to be sent. —

(6) Fee Propaganda Com^{ee} Report moved by Bland was adopted as to Items 1 & 2. On Item 3 it was after discussion agreed to omit the invitation to Karl Pearson, & after a debate, proposal to invite Dr. Saleeby in his place was referred to the Com^{ee} for Report. —

Item 4 was challenged by an amendment to raise the London University Students fee, but the Report was adopted by 7 votes to 6.

(7.) Fee Publishing Com^{ee} Report, moved by Shaw, was adopted in its entirety, Item 2 (f) being adopted in respect of C.

2. Beock Hall Meetings.

We have arranged for a REPORT OF PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE. See his lecture on "Imperialism" on January 15th and for E. S. Williams Esq., M.P. to lecture upon "Trade of America". We have also had a Meeting held November 15th 1907.

Present. Eland (in chair) Ensor, Pease, Headlam, Miss Murby, Shaw, Guest, and Sanders.

1. Southport Fabian Society.

The Southport Fabian Society having reported that its Members are signing the Basis of the parent Society, we recommend that the Southport Fabian Society be officially recognised.

2. Queen's Hall Meeting.

We have applied for the use of Queen's Hall for a public meeting to be held under the auspices of the Fabian Society, but after some correspondence the proprietors refused to let the Hall to the Society. Steps are being taken to approach the proprietors again. In the meantime enquiries are being made with regard to the new St. James Hall now in course of erection.

3. Essex Hall Meetings.

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We have arranged for Sir John Cockburn to give his lecture on "Imperialism" on January 10th and for L. G. Chiozza Money, M.P. to lecture upon "Waste of Capital". We have not been able to secure Lord Balfour of Burleigh as a lecturer; nor a prominent Tory Democrat. We have decided to ask Keeling to lecture on the Universities in the "Waste" series; also Karl Pearson to lecture on "Waste in Science". The present arrangements are:-

Jan. 10th	Sir John Cockburn.
Jan. 24th	Political Committee's Report (Members Meeting)
March 15th	L. G. Chiozza Money.
Dates not fixed	T. Morison.
	Pember Reeves.

4. London University F. S.

We have considered the financial terms on which the members of the London University F. S. may become members of the parent Society and we recommend that the terms be the same as those fixed for the other University Societies, namely, a minimum of one shilling per member.

HUBERT BLAND.
Chairman.

8. The Political Special Com^a Report - 118
was presented in proof, & was ordered
to be presented to the Society, no
discussion on it taking place. -
9. The next meeting was fixed for
Dec^r: 20th, unless an earlier
meeting should be necessary.
10. It was ordered that an attendance
book be procured for members
to sign.

G. S. Lewis

Dec. 20. 1907

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REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Meeting Friday 4th November 1907. Present: Shaw (Chairman)
Maude, Standring, Taylor and Secretary, also Sanders.

1. Forthcoming Tracts. (a) "Paupers and Old Age Pensions," by Sidney Webb. Sent to Press.
(b) "The Village and the Landlord," by Edward Carpenter. Sent to Press under this new title (suggested by Carpenter himself). The Committee recommends that its action be approved.
2. Reprint of Tracts in Sixpenny Books. A. C. Fifield offers to publish our Tracts in lots of Four each at Sixpence.
low
(a) Charge for Production, 15 % on net cost.
(b) Copies sold to be accounted for as follows:- Bookstall "on sale" orders, and export orders, Threepence per copy (12 as 12); others Threepence-Farthing each.
(c) Copies taken by the F. S. to be subject to a Warehouseing charge of 2/6 per 100.
(c) Advertisements to be credited less 5 % Commission, and Fifield's own advertisements to be exchanged page for page.
(d) Finances. The F. S. to pay cost of production within month of publication.
Sales to be accounted for half yearly, three months after expiry.

(e) Cost and Profit. To print and publish editions of 5000 copies each of Four such volumes would cost, including advertisements and commission, £185. The total profit is estimated at £140, of which Fifield would take £65, and the Society £75.

- (f) Title suggested. (a) Fabian Library of Socialism.
(b) Library of Fabian Socialism.
(c) Fabian Socialist Series.

(g) The Finance Committee, having considered the proposal, raise no objection on the financial side, and recommend that the capital required be advanced, if necessary, from the No 2 account. The Trustees have agreed to this.

(h) The Publishing Committee recommend -

THAT Mr Fifield's proposal be accepted subject to such reductions of the warehousing or other charges as he can be induced to make, and that the Committee be empowered to proceed with the publication accordingly.

3. Leaflet Advertisement Sheet. The Committee recommends the issue of a small cheap single-page handbill advertising selected publications, to be distributed widely for insertion in letters etc., estimated cost per thousand about .
4. Withdrawal of Tract. Leaflet No 96, Municipal Fire Insurance, contains an extraordinary error in statistics, now just dis-

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covered. As the reform advocated is in fact achieved, the Committee recommends that the leaflet be withdrawn from circulation.

5. Reprint of "This Misery of Boots". Since the meeting of the Committee an order for 3000 was received from Day of Norwich for a municipal election. In view of the fact that only 1000 could be supplied the Secretary, with the Chairman's approval, ordered a 3rd Edition of 6000, - 2000 for Norwich and 3000 for stock.

The Chairman asks that this action be approved.

G. BERNARD SHAW,

Chairman.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office

20th December 1909. -

Present Miss Murky (in chair) S. Webb, Sanders,
Mr Reeves, Headlam Maude, Shaw-
Standing, Mr Shaw-Ensor, Guest
Bland, Barker, & Secy
Absent Wells, Ball, Holson, Taylor, Dodd,
Laurence, Miss Hutchins

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Chairman for Bland's Lecture. Shaw.
3. The Finance Com^{ee} Report was presented
& Webb. -

Items 1 to 4 were adopted. On
3 it was agreed that the movers of
the resolution & Webb in reply should
have each half an hour, subject
to the Chairman's approval, & that the
Chairman be advised to rule out all
amendments & to allow the mover
of the Resolution a reply. -

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
Meeting 13th. December 1907.

Present: Webb (Chairman), Bland, Lawrence, Maude,
Mrs. Reeves, Sanders, and Secretary.

- 1.- The December Candidates were all elected (except a University lady who had withdrawn). Of five resignations two only were definitely accepted.
- 2.- Accounts to November 30th. were submitted, showing Subscriptions, Tract Sales and Book Boxes for 8 months £1146. Same for last year £461. Increase £685. It was agreed to put money on deposit.
- 3.- Requisition for Members' Meeting.
The Secretary reported the receipt of requisition and the fixing of December 23rd. for the meeting. His action was approved. It was decided that Holbrook Jackson and failing him Holding be nominated as chairman.
- 4.- Annual Letter to Members. Draft by Chairman was approved and it was recommended that the Executive approve it for transmission to members, the "News" packet to be ld. this month.
- 5.- The proposed Socialist Rectorial contest at Glasgow University was considered.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.
Meeting 29th. November 1907.

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Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Guest, Miss Hutchins,
Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standing and Secretary.

- 1.- Mrs. Bland's Poems. Letter from her was read agreeing to prepare a selection of her poems if the Committee really intended to publish them. It was agreed to report the proposal to the Executive, and by a vote of 4 to 2 to add that the Publishing Committee cannot recommend the Executive to ask Mrs. Bland to prepare a selection of her poems.
- 2.- Fifield Reprints. Agreement was ordered to be signed, and the following titles were adopted
Socialism and Religion
Socialism and Agriculture
Socialism for Thinkers.
Basis and Policy of Socialism.
It was agreed to publish early in February.
- 3.- Tracts out of print.
It was resolved to drop "Reform of Reformatories"
- 4.- Advertisements in Daily Papers.
On an adverse report from the I.L.P. it was agreed to take no action.

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Meeting 13th. December 1907.

Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Guest, Miss Hutchins, Shaw,
Mrs. Shaw, Standing, Taylor, Secretary, Also
Sanders, Webb and several others.

- 1.- New Tract. It was agreed to print 10,000 of Carpenter's "Village and Landlord".
- 2.- Revised Tract. MS. revise of "Five Years Fruits of the Parish Councils Act (No. 105 out of print) by C.M. Lloyd, was reported excellent by Webb, and it was agreed to ask leave by vote of urgency at the Private Meeting of December 23rd. to issue it as a new tract.
- 3.- New Heading for Fabian News. Design by Arthur Watts was received and the Secretary was ordered to get it photographed down to the proper size, for further consideration.
- 4.- Fifield Reprints. Designs for cover kindly offered by Miss - Hutchins were submitted by Miss B.L. Hutchins and so far approved that the chairman was delegated to correspond with the designer thereon.
- 5.- Montague Fordham's "Mother Earth". It was agreed to take a special Edition of 100 copies at 1/- for £3.
- 6.- Fabian News. A triple number was agreed to.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

(3.) Finance Report (cont'd)

On Item 5 a letter was read from Wells declining to stand for the Rectorial contest, & it was agreed to write Lanebury that we are not disposed to take up the matter on behalf of A. R. Wallace. —

4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Reports was moved by Aymer Maude. —

On Report of Nov 29. Item 1. W^o Blands Poems was discussed, & ultimately it was resolved by 6 votes to 1. That W^o Bland be asked to prepare a selection of her poems.

On Item 2. Fifield Reports It was agreed to alter "Socialism for Tankers" to Socialism & Individualism.

Items 3 + 4 were adopted

On Report of Dec^r 13th Items 1. 2. 5. & 6 were adopted. —

Item 3. ~~The~~ Walls' design reduced to size by Emery Walker was considered, & it was after debate agreed to thank both Walker & Walls, & to tell the latter that our affection for the old heading had revived.

(4) Publishing Com^{ee} (cont^d)

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On Item (4) Designs of Miss M. Hutchins were considered, & it was ultimately resolved that we have no design for the cover, but bold type, colour to be blue on blue.

(5) The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved by Hubert Bland. —

Item 1 was adopted additional names suggested being Miss Hankinson Mrs. T. Wilson & Mrs Skiffwith.

Item 2. Adopted & agreed to take Queens Hall if possible.

Items 3. 4. 5. & 6 adopted

Item 7 adopted, except that it was agreed to take W.P. Reeves on old age Pensions (as proposed by Mrs Reeves) on Feb 14.

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(b) Russian Revolution On letter from F. Volkhovshy it was agreed to put a par in F. News, (drafted by Webb) & to give him names of rich members.

Present: Bland (in chair), Ensor, Sanders, Maude (invited) and Secretary. Miss Murby.

- 1.- "Acquaintance" Committee. Maude proposed formation of Committee to interest new members in the Society and its work and to provide Social amenities. Agreed to recommend the E. C. to approve formation of Committee. Names suggested, Maude, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. F. C. Bentinck, Dodd, Mrs. Townshend, Miss Seruya, Mrs. Mapplebeck, Miss Wallace-Dunlop, and Percy Vaughan.
- 2.- Queen's Hall Meeting. Agreed to recommend E. C. that should Shaw's efforts to secure Queen's Hall fail that the New St. James's Hall be taken if available, for a date in March. Following approximate estimate of cost of meeting and receipts for tickets was submitted.

Seating accommodation of Hall 1200.

Hire of Hall	£18. 18. 0.
Printing, advertising &c.&c. anything up to	50. 0. 0
	£68. 18. 0
200 Tickets @ 5/-	50. 0. 0
200 ,, 2/6.	25. 0. 0
700 ,, 1/-	35. 0. 0
(leaving 100 free seats)	
	£ 110. 0. 0

- 3.- Suburban Lectures. Satisfactory reports received on six completed courses. Courses being arranged at Highgate, Lewisham & Tooting. Other plans under consideration. Expenditure on six completed courses about £45.
- 4.- Provincial Organisation. New Society formed by Org. Sec. at Coventry Fabian Fellowship formed at Carnarvon. Hull and Cheltenham to be visited and lectured to.
- 5.- Lectures at Prince Henry's Room. Fees received £11.14.0. (46 5/- 4 1/- for single lecture). Cost of Room £3.2.6. Printing abt. 10/-
- 6.- Lectures arranged through office (exclusive of suburban lectures) since September number 220.
- 7.- Essex Hall Lectures and Meetings. Agreed to recommend E.C. that notice ~~that notice~~ of the lectures at Essex Hall be sent to the press except when decided otherwise.

Present arrangements:

Jan. 10. Sir John Cockburn. Jan. 24. Members' Meeting.
 Feb. 14. W. Watson Rutherford (date not definitely fixed)
 ,, 28. Vacant. March 13. Chiozza Money.

Pember Reeves & Morison dates not fixed.

Instructions from E.C. desired as to further lectures.

Agreed that if meeting is held at Queen's Hall or St. James' Hall in March only one meeting be held at Essex Hall that month.

Robert Bland
Chairman.

6 (cont'd.) who might be applied to for subscription.
Also to suggest that he join us. —

(7) Next Meeting. — Not fixed. —

G. Bernard Shaw —
24th Jan. 1908.

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office 24th Jan 1908.

Present, Shaw (in chair) Miss Hutchins, Miss Murby,
 Lawrence, Sanders Maud, Dodd, Barker,
 Mr Shaw, Standing, Enser, Ernest. See?
 Absent - Webb, Blend, Ball, Wells, Mr Reeves
 Taylor, Holson, Headlaw.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} ~~press~~ submitted & vice chairman
 Item 1. Approved, & the two candidates held
 over were elected, one having paid an
 increased subⁿ, & the other having
 written a letter in the nature of an apology
 for the conduct complained of.
 Items 2. 3. 4. & 5 were agreed to.
 Item 6. Recommendation that a list of members be
 printed. Letter from a member read complaining
 of letters asking subscriptions to companies pro-
 moted by Sheridan Jones & others. After
 debate, it was resolved by ~~unanimous~~ ^{2/3}
 a majority that the recommendation be not adopted,

2. Finance Com^{ee} cont^d.

Item 6. (cont^d) & it was agreed,

- (a) to insert in news a par drafted by Maude, & approved, which disclaimed connection with sundry companies, & (b) that money be expended in completing forthwith the localized card catalogue of members. —

Item 7. Telegraphic address. after debate it was resolved by 4 votes to 3 that the proposal be not adopted.

Items 8 & 9 were approved. —

3. Propaganda Com^{ee} Report.

Item 1 was moved by Miss Murlis.

Items 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 were adopted.

Item 6. after debate it was agreed that the Secy write to the Arts Group that the Exec. have decided that the Arts Group must adhere to the rule. —

4. Members Meeting. It was agreed that Dodd be nominated for chairman, & that Shaw act in place of Weht, Ill.

Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes 1907

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee Meeting on January 14th. 1907.

Present: Webb (in chair), Dodd, Hobson, Mrs. Reeves,
Sanders, and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates. Off 55 candidates 53 were elected. One was held over on account of a 3/- subscription, and one (Horne) to await explanation of his attendance at the special members' meeting notwithstanding a notification from the secretary that he was not entitled to be present. X
- 2.- Resignations of W. E. Walling of New York, and 5 other members were accepted.
- 3.- Defaulters. Two members in arrears were ordered to be struck off. X
- 4.- Accounts. Summary to 31 Dec. was submitted showing December subscriptions £88. against £53. last year, and tract sales £59. against £21. Cash in hand Jan. 10. £299. Chief Liabilities £259. Due from No. 2 A/g. £137. X
- 5.- Junior Clerk. Secretary reported that Ashleigh had left of his own accord, and Julius Rapoport, a member, and son of a member had been taken on trial in his place. X
- 6.- Printed List of Members. Resolved to recommend that a list of members be printed at estimated cost of £25. and that notice be given in "News" inviting any members wishing their names omitted to notify the Secretary. X
- 7.- Telegraphic Address. Post Office wrote that Fabius and Fabian were not available and offered Naibaf. Cost 21/- a year. Agreed to refer to Executive Committee.
- 8.- Addressed Envelopes. Agreed to print some envelopes addressed to the Society for sale to members.
- 9.- New Offices. Agreed to have further report on the new premises available.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

Meeting Tuesday Jan. 14th. 1908.

Present: Hobson (in chair), Miss Murby, Dodd, Sanders,
and Secretary. Also Webb.

- 1.- Decided that the local Groups be urged to take into consideration the next Guardians Elections and to prepare to run Women Candidates
- 2.- Queen's Hall being secured for meeting on March 24th. instructions were given on matters of detail. Price of seats fixed at 5/-, 2/6, 1/-, and 6d. Members of the Society applying before February 24th. to have 5/- and 2/6 tickets for 4/- and 2/- respectively. Agreed that there should be speech from Shaw only, but names of Executives appear on Bills as supporting the chair.
- 3.- Suburban Lectures. Course in progress at Highgate (Northern Heights Fabian Group). One arranged at Lewisham. (Lewisham and District Fabian Group). Others being arranged at Clapham (Clapham F. S.), and at East Ham.
- 4.- Organising Sec's Report. Org. Sec. reported visits to Edinburgh (addressed the University Union and a meeting arranged by the U. F. S.) and to Glasgow U.F.S.; Group being formed at Dulwich and district; Society being formed at Hull; enquiries for purpose of forming Societies received from Bute, &c.
- 5.- Essex Hall Meetings.
Offer from Raymond Unwin to give lantern lecture on Town-planning accepted. Agreed to ask Ball to secure lecture from Temple on "Waste in Education". Present arrangements for meetings:-
Feb. 14. W. Pember Reeves. "Old Age Pensions"
.. 26. Raymond Unwin. "Town-planning".
Mar. 13. Chiozza Money. "Waste of Capital".
.. 27. No meeting (owing to Queen's Hall Meeting on 24th. March. Executive Committee decision).
Ap. 10. Morison. "Collectivism of Indian Government".
.. 24. Rutherford. "Tory Democracy".
- 6.- Letter was received from Arts Group asking for permission to retain present members who are not members of the Society and promising to obey by-laws in future. Decided to refer letter to Executive Committee.

S. G. Hobson
Vice-Chairman.

(4) cont^d. as introducer of the report. -

(5) Shaw's "New Age" article on Driving Capital out of the country. It was agreed as a matter of urgency, to accept Shaw's offer, & to publish in the Trifield Series. -

(6) Fabian News. As a matter of urgency, it was agreed

- (a) to send circular re Poor Law Inquiry & Webb free
- (b) to send L.S.P. Monthly Mag. advt with News free. -

(7) Fabian Dramatic Society - It was agreed to write to the Secy of this newly-formed body that the Exec. cannot consent to the use of the name Fabian by a Dramatic Society.

Wm. Sanders

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Exec. Council at Office

on Friday Feb 14th 1908.

Present: Sanders in chair + all except
Absent: Headlam, Hobson + Lawrence

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} on Feb 3.
was moved by Bernard Shaw :-
Items 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 were approved,
together with clause 1 of item 6. -
On item 6 clause 2 it was agreed to
take a 1/2 page advt. in the Socialist
Review at 3d/- - -
3. Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} on Feb 14th
was made verbally by A. Maude vice-
chairman, & was approved, including
reprint of Tract 45, Anarchism, from
Stereos plates. - 2000. -
4. Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} was made by the
chairman. Items 1 to 8 were approved.

Meeting 3rd. February, 1908.

Present: Shaw (in chair), Barker, Guest, Miss Hutchins,
Mrs. Shaw, Standing, and Secretary. Also Sanders.

- 1.- Reprints. It was agreed (a) Not to reprint Tract 103, Overcrowding in London by W. C. Steadman (b) to drop temporarily No. 63, Parish Council Cottages (c) to reprint the following Tracts nearly sold out viz:-
"State Railways for Ireland"
"Socialism and Teaching of Christ" (Welsh)
"Cottage Plans and Common Sense" by Raymond Unwin
"State Control of Trusts" by Macrosty.
"Socialism and Labour Policy".
"Twentieth Century Politics" by Sidney Webb
"Paupers and Old Age Pensions" by Sidney Webb.
- 2.- Offers of Tracts
The Committee recommends that its action be approved.
Herbert Spencer's political philosophy, by Wm. Hogg.
"The Essence of Socialism" by Fred Henderson.
The Committee having read the tracts, recommends that both offers be declined.
- 3.- "Fabianism and the Empire"
The Committee recommends that about 200 soiled copies on hand be bound for sale @ 2/-. This will leave a stock of 150 clean copies.
- 4.- Fifield Reprints.
The Committee having interviewed Mr. Fifield, and on his advice authorised £20 to be spent in advertising, recommends that No. 5 of the Series, Shaw's "Driving Capital out of the Country", be issued without waiting for Vol. 6
- 5.- Rea Aylmer Maude, Mrs. Bernard Shaw, and Miss Hutchins were appointed a Reading Sub-Committee for reporting on MSS.
The Committee recommends that its action be approved.

Notification by Chairman.

6.- Advertisements.

Since the last meeting of the Committee the Chairman has authorised the Secretary to continue the usual advertisement on the cover of the Labour Party Annual Report for £4.4.0.

The Chairman prays that his action be approved.
A proposal that the Society shall take a page advt. in the first number of the I.L.P. Monthly Review (5,000 circulation guaranteed) for £5. was also laid before the Chairman. He is of opinion that the expenditure would not be justified by the value of the advertisement to the Society; but as it might act as a friendly subsidy to the new Review he leaves the matter for the Executive Committee to decide.

Bernard Shaw
Chairman.

4. Propaganda Com^{tee} (cont^d) on Item 7 it was agreed to have a verbatim report made of the lecture & A. Norman was suggested. -
 On item 10 motion was made that the application be accepted to: there voted for the motion 1: against 8. - a further motion that a sum of £10 be granted was put, & defeated by 9 votes to 3. -

5. Tre Finance & Gen. Purposes Com^{tee} Report was presented by the chairman.
Items 1 + 2 were agreed to.
Item 3 was discussed, & ultimately agreed to, & it was further agreed that the Com^{tee} prepare a report on Book Boxes with a view to obtaining additional funds for that purpose. -
Item 4 (Circulation of Parish Councils Trust) was discussed & agreed to.
 Item 5. Education Bill, was approved & it was agreed that Wick prepare draft to submit to the next Exec. Mtg.

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee
Meeting Wednesday 12th. February, 1908.

Present: Bland (in Chair), Dodd, Ensor, Guest, Miss Murby,
Sanders, Shaw, and Secretary.

- 1.- Several applications having been received from local Socialist Societies asking for terms of affiliation, a report on the question of affiliation on non-Fabian Societies will be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 2.- Arrangements have been made for Shaw to lecture for the Sheffield F. S. and the Birmingham Socialist Centre during this month.
- 3.- New London Groups are forming at Dulwich & District, St. Pancras & District, Ealing & District, Chiswick & District, and in Eastern Suburbs.
- 4.- Suburban Lecture Courses are in progress at New Cross (Lewisham & District Group), and East Ham. Arrangements for other courses are in hand for Clapham (Clapham F.S.), Hampstead (Hampstead Socialist Centre) and Walthamstow.
- 5.- New Societies have been formed at Hull and Bute, N.B.; others being formed at Cardiff, Carnarvon, and Manchester University. A Course of lectures is being arranged at Marlborough with the object of forming a local F. S.
- 6.- Number of lectures arranged through office from Sept. last number 260.
- 7.- Queen's Hall Meeting. Tickets sold to date amount to over £60. Expenditure and Liabilities on meeting to date including hall and advertising about £50. Further expenditure and advertising in daily press up to £5. authorised. Agreed that provincial and University F.S.s. be offered two platform tickets for representatives of the Societies. Agreed that tickets be sent to M.P.s. who are members of the F.S. and to the officers of the Labour Party.
- 8.- Essex Hall Meetings.
Present Arrangements:-
Feb. 14. Reeves. "Old Age Pensions"
,, 28. Unwin. "Town-planning"
Mar. 13. Chiczza-Money. "Waste of Capital"
,, 27. No meeting.
Apr. 10. Morison. "Collectivism of Indian Government".

Dates not fixed. Rutherford on "Tory Democracy"
and Temple on "Waste in Education: Universities"
Offer by Cunningham to lecture on "Railway Nationalisation"
declined.
- 9.- Applications for about £20 from Education Group was considered to pay cost of securing lectures at an Education Conference to be held by the Group at Easter at Summer School. Referred to Executive Committee without recommendation.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Meeting February 7th. 1908.

Present: Webb (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Robson, Maude,
Mrs. Reeves, Sanders, and Secretary.

- 1.- The February Candidates were elected, subject in case of the Sheffield Society, to evidence that they had individually signed the Basis.
- 2.- Resignations of E. D. Girdlestone and two others were accepted.
- 3.- Book Boxes. Secretary reported Subscriptions for 10 months £76, and some 36 orders waiting whilst the £100 voted from the No. 2 a/c had all been spent. After debate it was agreed to recommend the Executive to authorise a further expenditure of £50 out of this year's fees, and to suggest the rule that in future the actual receipts from fees may be annually expended in new books.
- 4.- Tract on Work of Parish Councils.
It was agreed to recommend that 10,000 be printed and sent out to Chairmen &c. of Parish and District Councils with a covering letter, at a cost of £40 more or less. Also that advts. be obtained to cover part cost.
- 5.- Education Bill. It was agreed to recommend that a letter to be drafted by the Education Group be sent to the press, as approved by the Executive, protesting against contracting out, before the introduction of the Bill.
- 6.- British National Committee of the International Bureau.
Bland, Sanders, and Pease were appointed to represent the Society at the Annual Conference on Feb. 13, and it was resolved that Bland be nominated for the Committee.
- 7.- The Political Policy.
It was agreed to print off 250 copies of the Report, for stock, and that the Chairman bring up draft for consideration of the letter of enquiry to the members, &c.
- 8.- Question of Privilege
It was agreed to state in Fabian News that the report of the Members' Meeting in the "Sun" was unauthorised and inaccurate; and further that the Committee deprecates the publication of such articles as that in the "Standard", advocating Tariff Reform, signed "By a member of the Fabian Executive".
- 9.- Education Group Health Sub-Group.
Agreed to pay for Clifford's Inn for a meeting to discuss the Policy of Medical Inspection.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

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b. Finance & Com^{ce} Report (Cont^d)

Item b. International Com^{ce} was approved. Saunders reported that he had been elected Secretary of the International Com^{ce} for England, & of the other business transacted. The Chairman further announced that the difficulty adverted to on the agenda in connection with this item had been satisfactorily overcome. —

Item 7 was agreed to

Item 8 was agreed to, & Taylor stated that he was the author of the Standard article, & that he had not authorized it to be signed in the form objected to. —
Shaw undertook to draft the par.

Item 9 was agreed to. —

7. Chairman for Reeves. Webb was appointed.

8. Street Trading Children. It was agreed to appoint Enno Ernest & Sec^y of a Com^{ce} to prepare a memorandum ~~of~~ of amendments to the Childrens Bill on this subject,

8. Sheet Trading children (cont'd)

See Com. to report to the next Exec. Mtg.

9. Next Meeting Friday next, Feb 21. -

10. Exec. Election. In response to circular
of Sec'y Bull & Taylor announced
that they w^d not seek reelection
to the Executive.

Charlotte F. Shaw.

21 Feb 1908.

Com^{ce} at Office 21st Feb. 7 1908.

Present - Mrs Shaw (in chair), Headlam, Enos, Welt, Sanders, Guest, Bland, Standing, Shaw, Maude, Dodd, Miss Mundy, Barker, Sec'y
Absent - Miss Hutchins, Mrs Bevo, Lawrence, Wells, Holson Ball Taylor.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Miss Hutchins. Post card, apologising for absence, & asking for a note in the News about Mrs & Mrs J.R. Macdonald & the Women's Industrial Council, in relation to ~~Woman~~ Wage Boards. After debate, it was agreed that it is not our affair.
3. Queen's Hall Meeting. Organising Sec'y reported ~~all~~ nearly all reserved seats sold except 57 stalls. Receipts £105.- On proposal to expend £20 in advertisements for the sake of publicity, two divisions were taken with inconclusive results, & it was agreed to re-consider the proposal at a later date.
4. Book Boxes. Appeal for funds to be inserted in F. News drafted by Welt was approved.
5. London Trade Council Conference, Feb 29. Agreed not to send delegates.

6. Education Bill. Proposed pronouncement against contracting out. Webb reported that in view of the expected introduction of the Bill on Feb 24th it was too late to take preliminary action.

7. Sheet-Trading Children. The Sub-Com^{tee} reported recommending:- That a circular be sent to all M.P.s, to the F.S. &c, pointing out the evils of Sheet-Trading, & the short-comings of the Employ^{ment} of Children Act 1903, & proposing a new clause for the Childrens Bill

- (a) Making the Byelaws provisions of the act compulsory instead of optional, &
- (b) Raising the age limit for boys to 14 & for girls to 16, & on a few minor points.

Text. The Com^{tee} reported that they had considered other amendments to the Bill but decided that the circular w^o be more effective if confined to a single point. Gussor read draft circular.

The Report was approved: Gussor & Pease were appointed to complete the circular & send round to the Exec in

(7) Childrens Bill (cont^d)

✓ Banted

proof.

Further it was agreed that Headlam, Welch, Eves, Sanders Esqet Miss Hutchins & Miss Murby be a Com^{ee} to consider further amendments to the Bill, with power to add to their number.

8. Six-penny Essay. Sec. 7 reported interview with Walter Scotts manager, who offered $\frac{1}{2}^d$ royalty on 10,000 & $\frac{3}{4}^d$ on any future number, with a new preface by Shaw.

Resolved to demand $\frac{3}{4}^d$ all round. - But in any case to go on with the project. -

Proposal of Sec. 9 for a new plain cover, bright cover with heavy type was approved.

9. New Tract. Hayes' Dialogue Tract was discussed & the rating scheme embodied therein. -

Finally it was agreed that the Tract be set up. -

10. Executive Election. Letter from Lawrence read that he finds himself, with regret, too busy to stand again.

- (11.) The Essex Hall Platform. On the motion of
Haden Guest the Sec. was instructed to
reserve the seats on the platform for
- (a) Members of the Executive
 - (b) Wives of members of the Exec.
 - (c) Two guests accompanying the lecturer

- (12.) Executive Election. The Sec. was directed to
ask Ball, if the statement that he ~~proposed~~
was willing to seek re-election was correct. -

S. W. Webb

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Executive at Office 13 March 1908. —

Present - Welch (in the chair) Standing Maude
Guest, Hutchins, Mrs Shaw, Barber, Mrs Reeves,
Miss Murch, Shaw, Enos Wells, Dodd Bland
Hobson Pease.

Absent - Bull, Taylor, Sanders, Headlaw, Lawrence.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Finance Com^{tee} Report - was moved by the chairman.
Item 1 was approved.
Item 2 - approved. Sec 7 announced an ~~new~~ expected subscription of £100
from Harold Allfrey.
Item 3. Appeal for Manifests on Womens
Suffrage. After discussion it was
agreed to write that the work was
already being efficiently carried on,
and we do not see that we can add
anything to their work. —
Item 4. Election Fund. approved as
drafted. —

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Finance and General Purposes Committee Report.

Meeting 5th. March 1908.

Present: Webb (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Maude, Sanders
and Secretary.

- 1.- The eighty eight candidates were elected and two obscure resignations were accepted.
- 2.- Accounts to January 31st. and report on February Accounts were received; also estimate to 31 March showing a probable small cash balance, with large available reserves.
- 3.- Women's Suffrage. Appeal for facilities for Bill, proposed by Mr. & Mrs. Toyne. Referred to the Executive without comment.
- 4.- Election Fund. Draft circular with names of Trustees was considered and approved. Proof enclosed.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee.

Wednesday
Meeting ~~Thursday~~ 11th. March 1908.

Present: Bland (in chair), Dodd, Ensor, Hobson,
Miss Murby, Sanders, and Shaw.

- 1.- Essex Hall Meetings. Recommended that Temple be asked to lecture in Autumn on "Waste at Universities". That Miss Murby lecture on Waste and the Woman Question on April 24th. Meeting to be private.
- 2.- Queen's Hall Meeting. Report that total Receipts to date £160. Final Receipts (estimated) £170. Total Expenditure (estimated) about £64. Details of music, decorations, literature sellers &c. arranged.
- 3.- Request received from Clarion Scouts asking for co-operation in holding Coliseum meeting and that Shaw be speaker. Agreed that the request be declined.
- 4.- Recommended that the Annual Soiree be held on fourth Friday in June. Details to be referred to Propaganda Committee.
- 5.- Report that Suburban Courses have been or are being held at New Cross, Balham, Walthamstow and Hampstead.
- 6.- Report New Groups formed at Dulwich and at Eastern Suburbs. Others forming at St. Pancras and Ilford. New Society formed at Cardiff. Society being formed at Rochdale.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

3. The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was introduced
& the Chairman of the whole
was adopted.

4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report for Feb 28th was
presented & the nd chairman, &
The whole was approved.

The Publishing Com^{ee} Report for Mar 13th was
given verbally by the vice chairman.
It was agreed to take ^{the} Municipalisation
at the Annual Meeting as a Society tract.

Jefferson Tract - Agreed to return it to him.
Coal Tract - To ask Blanes White.

On the proposed title of the No 5
Fifield Series, & the Com^{ee} reported
against How Imperialism drives capital
out of the Country. After discussion
the recommendation against the & author's
title was not carried, the voting being
equal.

5. Chiozza Money's Lecture. Blaud White Chairman.

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Publishing Committee Report.

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Meeting Friday February 28th.1908.

Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Guest, Headlam,
Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standing, and
Secretary: also Sanders.

- 1.- New Tracts. Parish Councils and Village Life. Agreed to print 10,000 for special issue and 10,000 for stock.
- 2.- The Hayes Dialogue. Agreed to set up in Misery of Boots format.
- 3.- Mrs. Bland's Poems. Agreed to ask Fifield to estimate for Misery of Boots format.
- 4.- Shaw's Common Sense of Municipal Trading.
Agreed to consult Fifield as to issue @ 6d.
in the Fabian Socialist Series.

A large number of other proposed publications were under discussion, but no decisions were come to requiring the sanction of the Executive.

Aylmer Maude
Vice-Chairman.

Verbal report will be given of meeting on March 13th.

(6) Executive Election.

Letters from Ball consenting to stand if his colleagues desired it. after discussion + division it was agreed to write that the Executive Com^{ee} hope he will stand for re-election. —

Biographies agreed to put in those of new candidates only. —

List of attendees. after discussion it was resolved that Peace + Sanders take their normal places. that the list be alphabetical + a total be not given —

(7) Suffragettes as Second Class Prisoners

Letters from Mr + Mrs Fallows + Miss Ineson asking us to take action. agreed that no action can usefully be taken now.

(8) Report of the Com^{ee} on ~~the~~ Childrens Bill.

amendments were considered. Shaw moved to alter "medical" to "skilled". Rejected by 26 votes 3. —

8 (cont^d) Other amendments were moved & shown
& negatived, & the report was approved,
& the Secy ordered to take action to get
them adopted. —

H.R. Wells
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Meeting at Office 27th March 1908.

Present Wells (in chair) & all except
Absent Ball, Lawrence Taylor Baker.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. The Publishing Council Report was given verbally
& the Chairman & approved.
3. Manifesto on the Edu. Bill. This was considered.
Motions to omit "approved & Executive," & the
last par. were supported in both cases
& 1 vote only, & the prof. as drafted
was approved & ordered to be sent to
the members & the press.
- (4) Secretaries. The Secretary's proposal to appoint
L. V. Tiffen & V. Serubukoff
was approved & they were ordered to
be proposed to the Society.
- (5) Date of Election. These were altered, in new draft, as
proposed by the Secy

The Education Bill, 1908.

At the joint meeting of the Education and Local Government Groups of the Fabian Society the Government Education Bill of 1908 was considered, and the following resolutions, which have since been approved by the Executive Committee, were passed:—

1. That the Bill is unique among the many Education Bills of the past fifty years in not containing a single clause which even professes to make the schools better or local government more efficient—at any rate over the nineteen-twentieths of the country outside the single school parish.

2. That instead of seeking to render more effective the control of the local representative authority over the non-provided schools, it provides the means by which a considerable proportion of them whilst remaining very largely supported from public funds will escape from such control as already exists.

3. That the privilege of “contracting out” of such control is not made dependent on the religious beliefs of the children or the desires of the parents, but practically on the pecuniary resources of the managers; so that where there is a wealthy incumbent or a chance of charging fees, the Church school can contract out and become as extreme in its denominationalism as it pleases, even if all the children are Nonconformists; whilst where the managers and the neighborhood are both poor, contracting out and denominational teaching are made impossible, even if all the children are Anglicans or Roman Catholics.

4. That there is no security provided that the contracted-out schools will maintain their teaching staff on its present scale of numbers, qualifications, or salaries; that they will continue to be able to share in the local education authority's scholarship system; that they will continue to enjoy the advantages of its staff of school nurses, or of its organization for arranging school dinners for necessitous children; that they will continue to be able to send their picked scholars to its higher elementary schools; that they will be entitled to participate in the manual training or domestic economy centres; or in its arrangements for the education of pupil-teachers.

5. That a school in which the managers elect to contract out, and in which any new furniture and equipment has been provided since 1903-4, can contract out only subject to the very heavy fine of forfeiting all such new furniture and equipment, which will remain the property of the local education authority, and cannot even be lent to the school thus giving up its status of public elementary school.

6. That the result of the Bill must be, in many of the schools which contract out, to restore the objectionable system of school fees—and this not in schools offering superior educational advantages, but in schools which cannot well fail to be educationally less efficient than the others.

7. That even the promised relief to Nonconformists in districts where there are none but Church schools is to a great extent illusory; as unless at the cost of establishing a number of microscopically small new provided schools of huge cost and necessarily of low efficiency, no provision is made for the case of the very numerous rural parishes in which there are two or more schools, all denominational, or for the still more numerous cases in which large urban districts have nothing but denominational schools.

8. That the attempt by increased Government grants to bribe the ratepayers into the acceptance of a less efficient system of educational organization is in direct contravention of the proper policy of grants in aid, the function of which is to serve as instruments for securing greater efficiency.

9. That even this bribe is illusory, as the increased charges consequent on the conversion of non-provided into provided schools, and the necessity of building new schools to replace those which cease to exist, must presently far exceed the immediate gain to the ratepayer at the expense of the taxpayer; whilst in London and the counties the education rate will actually be increased by the fact that the non-provided schools which are transferred will cease to be exempt from local rating.

10. That the Bill, therefore, if it becomes law, can hardly fail (a) outside the single school areas to break up and dislocate the local organization under municipal control; (b) to lower the educational efficiency of the schools which contract out; (c) to bring back a tax on the parents in the shape of school fees; (d) to restore the old condition of things in which teachers' salaries were depressed and school equipment stinted, because the managers were poor; (e) to make it more difficult for the local education authority to maintain regularity of school attendance, and to see that every child is at a school suited to his or her peculiar needs and capacity; and (f) greatly to hamper, if not to render nugatory, the much-needed medical inspection of children in the schools which will cease to be under local control.

In view of these considerations, it seems to the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society that the Nonconformist members in the House of Commons would act in a spirit of patriotism and in conformity with the great example of their forerunners of 1687, if they informed Mr. McKenna that, whilst gratefully recognizing his attempt to redress their religious grievances, they preferred not to accept redress for their co-religionists at the cost of so heavy a blow to national efficiency as his Bill would entail.

Members are invited to give publicity to these resolutions and in any other way to take action in the direction indicated by them.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

EDW. R. PEASE,

Secretary.

FABIAN OFFICE, 3 CLEMENT'S INN,
STRAND, LONDON, W.C.—March, 1908.

(6) Lectures to Soviet - Letter from Oliver offering lecture in "What I believe" series for 8th mo. A greed to accept & to put off Rutherford in the event of Oliver being able to carry out his offer.

(7) School Feeding Experiment. Guest gave verbally a preliminary report of work done. It was agreed to allow him to overdraw the account, & to put an ~~article~~ interim report in F. news. [The latter was overlooked]

(8) Socialist Unit. Letter from the S.D.P. inviting the Society to send delegates to the Conference. After discussion agreed to decline, to write that the peculiar character of the work & membership of the Society make it useless for it to take part in such a conference & that Hobson Sanders & the Secy be a comee to write the letter.

9. A news Hall. Sanders presented the following

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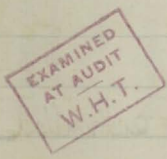
report.	Receipts about	£ 180
	Expenses ..	60
	Profit ..	<u>£ 120</u>
	Literature sales	£ 12. -

It was agreed to refer to the Propaganda Comtee to report on further meetings of the kind with speakers other than Shaw.

(9.) Municipalisation Trade - Propos were considered + a number of amendments agreed to. -

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L. D. Bay



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Last Meeting of the Executive Committee
for 1907-8 at Office on Friday
April 24th 1908.

Present- Ball in the chair & all except
absent Taylor, Bland, Wells, Dodd Ensor, Headlam, Lamerica.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & conformed.
2. The Report of the Scrutineers notifying the newly elected com^{ee} was received & thanks ordered to be sent to them ~~to~~ for their services & to H.C. Lander for the use of his office. —
3. The Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} was submitted by the Vice-Chairman.
Items 1 & 6 were approved.
On Item 2, & report of Secy that 6000 would be cheaper for technical reasons, that number was approved.
Mrs Bland's Poems. Secy reported he had asked her to offer some other title than "Old & New",

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 10th. April 1908.

Present: Maude (in chair), Mrs. Shaw, Standring,
Secretary: also Sanders.

1.- Municipalisation Tract

It was resolved to send proof to all members.

2.- Fifield Series. It was agreed to print 5,000 copies only of "Common Sense of Municipal Trading" and to employ Clarke to print, notwithstanding his high price, which is to be beaten down if possible.

3.- Sixpenny Essays. Letter from Scott saying he could probably arrange a 3d. Royalty, and asking re preface. Agreed, in view view of Shaw's numerous undertakings already in hand for the Society, to ask Webb to do the preface.
(Webb has consented to do it during Easter).

4.- The Medical Profession.

Secretary reported receipt of adverse report on Dodd's MS. by Webb and his action in returning the MS. to Dodd was approved. Webb's proposed Committee was considered and it was agreed to invite F. G. Layton, medical practitioner, of Walsall a new member, who attended the Committee, to prepare a draft on lines suggested by Webb. He agreed to do this.

5.- Unauthorised Program.

Secretary reported that P. J. Reid's proposal was for a series of articles on Legislation by Government Departments on the lines of the administration reforms already twice suggested. Agreed that Reid be asked further to develop the proposal.

6.- Out of Print Tracts.

No. 36. Scandal of London Markets. Plates having been destroyed by printers (Ward and Foxlow) it was agreed to drop.

No. 128. Case for Legal Minimum Wage: 5,000 to be printed.

No. 87. Clifford's Christian Socialism in Welsh. 3,000 to be printed.

Aylmer Maude
Vice-Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. (A)

Meeting 9th. April, 1908

Present: Webb (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Maude,
Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- The April candidates were elected, and report was made that the average subscription of 47 ordinary members candidates was 11/3d.
- 2.- Resignations of Mrs. Cobden-Sickert and two others were accepted.
- 3.- School Feeding Experiment. It was decided to allow Dr. Guest a temporary overdraft of £25 on this account.
- 4.- Women's Franchise. Resolution of the Central Group thereon was ordered to be referred to the New Executive.
- 5.- Labour Party. The Secretary was ordered to propose that their accounts be professionally audited.
- 6.- Auditor. Hector Thomson was appointed.
- 7.- Executive Election. The Secretary was given instructions as to arrangements for counting the votes.
- 8.- Staff Salaries. Special Report is annexed.

Sidney Webb
Chairman.

(3) cont^d. Report of Pub. & Com^{ee}.

+ letter offering a number of titles was read. after discussion, Ballads & Lyrics of Socialism & E. Nesbit was selected.

On Item 3. It was agreed in accordance with the wishes of Shaw & Webb that the former do the Preface as first proposed.

On Item 4 a letter was read from Dodd expressing annoyance that he & other medicals had not been asked to draft or consult over the proposed tract. Sec. was ordered to write that no slight whatever was intended, & that the draft when made can be considered by the Medical Com^{ee} proposed or by the Medical Group.

~~The~~ Item 5 was carefully considered & it was agreed that the idea be approved & Reid be asked to draft a short syllabus. —

(4) The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee annexed was moved by the Chairman & Items 1-7 were all approved. Item 8, Special Report on Staff Salaries was also adopted, after discussion, unanimously, without amendment.

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REPORT ON THE SALARIES OF THE STAFF

The Committee has carefully considered a Report on the Staff, prepared at its request by the Secretary.

JULIUS RAPOPORT was appointed in January at a commencing salary of 16/-. As he is proving in all respects satisfactory, intelligent, capable, quick and diligent, the Committee recommends that his salary be raised to 21/-. ✓ *25 Feb 1910*

E. J. HOWELL. In view of his long services (about 17 years), his great competence for his duties, and the somewhat responsible work he now has to do, namely, the charge of the stock of publications, documents &c., besides his ability as a shorthand typist, the Committee recommends that his salary be raised from 40/- to 45/-. ✓

J. W. SHAW was engaged as Cashier a year ago, and in addition to complete charge of the books, the cash, and the list of members he has acted as Secretary of the Summer School Committee, and has given that Committee complete satisfaction. He has acted informally, for an advance, and the Committee recommends that his salary of 42/- a week (£109) be raised to £125. ✓

Wm. SANDERS was engaged as organiser for part time from July 1st at £100 a year, together with fees (21/-) for the (50) students.

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Lectures given by him. He has devoted much energy and capacity to his work, which involves, besides attendance at the office, a good deal of travelling and many evening meetings. The Committee recommends that his salary be raised to £120 in addition to fees.

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All these changes to date from the beginning of April. The total increase amounts to £54 a year.

SIDNEY WEBB,
Chairman.

- (5) The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Comtee, just held, was given verbally by the Chairman:- It was agreed:-
- (a) To grant £2. to the Entertainments Comtee for Ball for gathering for new members.
 - (b) To print Local Govt Group resolutions on the Licensing Bill in the news.
 - (c) To notify in the news the results so far of the Election Fund, & to put down Report thereon for the ~~com~~ Annual Meeting
 - (d) To approve the Balance Sheet for the year.

6. H. G. Wells on the N.W. Manchester Election. On reference from the Finance & Com^{tee} letter from the S. D.P. asking us to state that the letter of Wells in the Daily News of April 21st was not officially sanctioned of the Society was read. -

After full discussion it was moved by Webb that as the letter of Mr H. G. Wells in the Daily News neither mentions the Fabian Society nor in any way purports to be written on behalf or in the name of that Society and quite obviously expresses his own personal opinions, no action be taken.

This was unanmously agreed to. -

7. The Report of the Propaganda Com^{tee}, in the absence of the Chairman, & as the Vice-Chairman was not a part to it, was moved by the Secy Mrs Sanders. -

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted

Items 5(a) + 5(c) were adopted

5(b) was adjourned.

Item 6 was adopted ^{referred} ^{but with} subject to the

Meeting 13th. April, 1908.

Present: Bland (in chair) Dodd, Headlam, Miss Murby, and Sanders.

1.- By an oversight the meeting at Essex Hall on April 24th. was not announced in Fabian News as being open to Members, Associates and Subscribers only. Decided that postcards should be sent announcing this to members &c. in London District.

2.-, New Societies and Groups. New Society opened in Cardiff by Organising Secretary. New local groups formed at St. Pancras and Ilford. Women's Group established. Preliminary steps being taken to form Societies in Leicester and Bristol.

3.- Suburban Lectures. Courses completed at Hampstead, Balham and Walthamstow. Twelve courses given this season as compared with nine last year. Decided to give a course of four lectures in Nottingham in January next.

4.- Queen's Hall Meeting.

Receipts to date	£187.11. 6
Expenditure	<u>66.14. 7</u>

Balance	<u>£120.16.11</u>
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Cash outstanding	<u>1.10. 0</u>
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5.- Meetings at Essex Hall.

(a) Present arrangements

May 8th. Olivier "The Faith I hold".

Should Olivier fail to arrive in time it is recommended that Pease act as substitute and give lecture on Licensing Bill. Rutherford written off for May 8th. and asked for June 12th. Failing him it is recommended that G. P. Gooch, M.P. be asked to lecture on "Ireland and Protection". May 22nd. Annual Meeting. June 28th.

No meeting at Essex Hall on account of Sciree.

(b) Recommended that J. A. Hobson be asked to lecture upon "The Swiss Republic and the Referendum"

(c) Temple agrees to lecture on "Waste in Education" December 11th. next.

Present: Bland (in chair) Dodd, Henshaw, Miss Murray and

Meeting 12th. 1908.

6.- Annual Soirée. Recommended that the Soirée be held at the Rooms of the Society of Painters in Water Colours, Piccadilly, Friday June 26th. Tickets 2/6. Special efforts to be made. (17)

7.- Annual Conference. Recommended that the Annual Conference take place on Saturday 27th. June.

8.- Programme of Propaganda Work. Recommended that the following programme of Propaganda Work be approved and reported to the Annual Meeting of members.

- (a) Suburban Lectures to be continued next autumn especially in connection with local Fabian Groups and Societies.
- (b) Big meetings to be arranged in the provinces under the auspices of local Fabian Societies with prominent London members as speakers.
- (c) Educational courses to be arranged for members. A small registration fee of one shilling to be charged.
- (d) Two Queen's Hall meetings to be organised between October 1908 and March 1909.
- (e) Large meetings to be organised in suburbs under auspices of local groups.
- (f) Local Groups to be encouraged to sell literature by offer of a prize.

9.- Medical Group. Recommended that endeavours be made to form a Group consisting of members of medical profession.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

7. Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} (Cont^d)

recommendation that the Com^{ee} arrange if possible for cheaper tickets. -

Item 7 was adopted

Item 8 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) were adopted.

(f) was adopted with the deletion of the words "by the offer of a prize".

Item 9. was adopted. -

8. Social Democratic Party. Reply to our letter re Socialist Unity was read & noted.

9. Annual Report & Accounts. ~~The~~ Procs circulated were generally approved: Webb said he had suggested a number of small amendments, to wh. no objection was taken. It was agreed to alter passage as to new office.

(10) Chairmen. For Miss Wark, Sanders. For Oliver, Webb.

(11) Next Meeting. Teebeey was directed to call the new Com^{ee} for May 8th
Mar. 1908. H. P. Partridge Secretary

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First Meeting of the 1908-9 Executive
Com^{tee} at the Office on Friday 8th May '08
at 5 pm.

Present, Granville Barker (in the chair) & all except
absent - Rev R. J. Campbell. -

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The existing Standing orders were con-
firmed without discussion.
3. The References to the ~~Spec~~ Sub. Committees
were also confirmed, subject to the
Amendment, agreed to that
The control of the Society's Essex Hall
meetings & lectures be transferred
from the Propaganda to the
Finance & General Purposes Committee.
4. H. L. Wells moved that the three Committees for
propaganda, publishing, & finance &
General Purposes respectively shall consist
of two members only, whose names shall

(4) cont^d.

be published on appointment in "Faham News". - after full debate the resolution was rejected, 2 voting for it + 9 against. -

(5) Ten Three Standing Sub. Committees were then appointed as follows: -

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Propaganda</u>	<u>Publishing</u>
Bland	Dodd	Barber
Mrs Reeves.	Ensor	Mrs Antclins
Weht	Headlam	Shaw
Ensor	Hobson	Mrs Shaw
Hobson	Money	Mande
Miss Murly	Miss Murly	Guest
Shaw	Mrs Snowden	Headlam
	Bland	Money
		Dodd.

It was resolved (2 voting against) to invite the Rev R.J. Campbell to join the Propaganda Com^{tee}, + it was agreed that Pease + Sanders be members of all three Committees, ex. officio. -

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Standing Orders and Orders of References to
Sub-Committees, proposed by the Reference Committee.

- 1.- Each member of the Executive Committee shall preside in turn at its meetings, in alphabetical order, (the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he will then retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as a member of the Committee but no casting vote.
- 2.- The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Society's office, and normally at 5 or 5.30 p.m. on such Fridays as may be fixed from time to time. A Special meeting may be called by the Secretary whenever required. An Agenda, (including as far as may be practicable, such reports of Sub-Committees as may have been prepared) shall be sent by post to each member so as to reach him not later than the morning delivery of the day of meeting. Any member of the Executive Committee wishing to move a resolution on any subject (other than matters arising out of the report of a Sub-Committee, or other item in the agenda) shall give notice thereof to the Secretary two clear days before the date of meeting. Except by the unanimous consent of the members present, no resolution (other than aforesaid) shall be moved without notice.
- 3.- That proceedings of the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees, and any statements made thereat, are to be regarded as absolutely private and confidential, except in so far as any

publication thereof may be made in "Fabian News" by order of the Executive Committee; and in that case, until such publication. (m)
Provided that on the demand of any five members present the terms of any resolution put to the Executive Committee and the names of those voting for or against it shall be specially entered upon the minutes and shall thereupon cease to be confidential.

- 4.- Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.
- 5.- Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.
- 6.- It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee, to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an

expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject. (107)

7.- The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolution come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.

8.- Any member of the Executive Committee may subject to notice move that any subject be referred for consideration and report to the appropriate Sub-Committee; and any such motion, if adopted, shall be taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee at its next meeting, when the member moving shall be entitled to attend.

9.- Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not vote, nor, except by permission, speak.

10.- Each Sub-Committee shall elect a standing chairman for the year (or such shorter period as it may decide); who shall be responsible for moving at the Executive Committee the reception of the report of the Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee may, if desired, elect a standing Vice-Chairman.

11.- Each Sub-Committee shall conform to the Standing Orders for the time being in force; shall deal only with matters within its reference and act by a majority. It may fix its own time and place of meeting, and its own quorum.

12.- Each Sub-Committee shall be empowered, (in addition to any authority specially given to it by a resolution of the Executive Committee and to the specific authorities in the Orders of the Reference),

- (a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on, any matter within its own Order of Reference
- (b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Committee on matters within its own Order of Reference
- (c) To take on the matters within its own Order of Reference any action urgently required in the interests of the Society, which will not permit of the delay involved in awaiting the next Executive Committee; but subject to the foregoing, no Sub-Committee may, without having first obtained an explicit decision of the Executive Committee,
 - (x) incur any expense or liability exceeding £10;
 - (y) make any new departure in policy or practice;
 - (z) publish anything in the name or on behalf of the Society.

13.- The Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, shall be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking Business of the Society, and the said Edw. R. Pease shall be authorized to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

Orders of Reference.

A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the F. & G. P. Sub-Committee for consideration and report all matters relating to

(a) Finance

- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
 - (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;
 - (3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.
- (b) The election of new members and associates.
- (c) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.
- (d) The preparation of the Annual Report.
- (e) The management of the Society's office and office staff.
- (f) The supply of information in response to enquiries;
(1) The Local Government Information Bureau.
- (g) All Bills and other Parliamentary matters.
- (h) The Circulating Book Boxes.
- (i) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the Propaganda and Membership Sub-Committee for consideration and report, all matters relating to:-

(a) The Society's Meetings:

- (1) The arrangement of lectures, &c., at the meetings of the Society

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(b) ~~also~~ Lectures:

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. to report in each case to the
- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other to the organisations.
- (c) The means to be taken to maintain and increase the membership;
- (d) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the Publishing Sub-Committee for consideration and report all matters relating to:-

- (a) The Tracts, reports and books that the Society places on sale.
- (b) The preparation of new Tracts, reports and books for publication by the Society.
- (c) The literary property of the Society
- (1) The Sub-Committee shall, before taking steps to commit the Society to any new Tracts, &c. submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation as to the subject, authorship and other details.
- (2) The Sub-Committee shall circulate to the members of the Executive Committee in good time complete proofs of all publications which it proposes to recommend the Executive Committee to issue.

(3) The Publishing Committee shall be authorized to decide (subject to report in each case to the Executive Committee) the details as to the reprinting, revising, and re-issuing of the tracts, books, reports, &c. already authorized by the Executive Committee to be placed on sale. But it shall not, without the explicit authority of the Executive Committee in each case, issue or publish any new matter, or commit the Society to such issue or publication

(d) The control of Fabian News.

*Resolutions of the Publishing Committee
passed at the Annual Meeting of the Society
held at the Albert Hall, London, on the 12th
of October 1884. - Printed and Sold by
the Society, 1, Broad Street, London, W.*

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6. Cooption. The Publishing Com^{ee} on the motion of Shaw, was empowered to coopt George Standring as a consulting member without a vote. —

7. Finance Com^{ee} Report, was moved by Wells, who stated that the Candidates had been elected, that S. Herbert had been informed that a discussion of H. G. Wells' letter on the N. W. Manchester election would be in order at the Annual Meeting, on the Annual Report, & that an offer of £20. for circulating Wells "New Worlds for Old" had been received. The Report was adopted. —

8. The Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} was moved by Bland. —

On the Soiree after full debate it was agreed that the Soiree be at the Portmap Rooms on Friday July 10th, tickets 2/- Refreshments at 1/6 per head. — The Conference was on Saturday 11th Items 2. 3. & 4 were adopted. —

9. Parliamentary Fund.

The Secy presented the annexed analysis of replies to date. -
Esuet moved that it be referred to a Special Com^{ee} to prepare report in time for the Annual Meeting. The motion was not recorded.

It was agreed that it be referred to the Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} to ~~prepare~~ a report on the ~~the~~ Fund, & that Webb report on the subject to the Annual Meeting. -

10. Womens Suffrage. Resolution from the Central Group (referred from the Finance & G. P. Com^{ee}) asking the Executive to issue a ~~press~~ manifesto was considered. - After full discussion it was agreed that the Secy write in reply, reciting the pronouncements already made by the Society in tracks &c., & stating that in the opinion of the Exec. the present is not a suitable moment to issue a manifesto. -

Present: Bland (in chair), Ensor, Headlam, Miss Murby,
Pease and Sanders.

1.- Soiree. Reference back from Executive Committee was considered.

Decided to recommend:-

- (a) That the price of Tickets be 2/-
- (b) That the Soiree take place at either the Portman Rooms or New Gallery.
- (c) That a small orchestra be engaged.

Particulars of Portman Rooms.

Hire of Large Suite capable of accommodating 750 persons, 8 guineas. Proprietors retain right to supply refreshments at following tariff for a minimum of 300 persons:-

- (1) Tea; Coffee; White and Brown Bread & Butter; Madeira Cake; Genoa Cake; various Dessert Biscuits 9d. per head
- (2) No. 1 with addition of French pastries; Macaroons; Home-made Lemonade and Orangeade 1/- per head
- (3) No. 1 & 2 with addition of Sandwiches various; Maids of Honour; Strawberry Cream ices 1/6 per head

Tariff No. 3 would be reduced 1d. per every hundred by which the minimum is raised ^{up to 600.}

Assuming the refreshments cost 1/6 per head, and the tickets are 2/- each, and 600 tickets are sold and the holders attend there would be a sum of £15 left after paying for refreshments to meet hire of hall £8.8.0; orchestra say £3.3.0; piano 10/6; artistes' expenses (x) printing and incidentals (x). This would probably mean a slight deficit.

Guaranteeing 400 would raise balance to £17.10.0; 500 to £20; 600 to £22.10.0; providing always that 600 tickets are sold and the holders attend. (Last year "over 400" attended).

Particulars of New Gallery.

Hire of the whole suite of rooms 15 guineas. Proprietors make a condition of letting that Messrs. Searcey, Tansey & Co. be employed as refreshment contractors. This firm will not quote for anything below 2/- per head; with ices 2/3; minimum 500 persons. As the price of tickets would no more than cover cost of refreshments it would be necessary, in order to engage the New Gallery, for the Executive Committee to be prepared to meet a deficit of over £20.

2.- Difficulties with the authorities have arisen in connection with the formation of Fabian Societies at the Victoria (Manchester) University and the Birmingham University. We are taking action in the matter and will report again, ~~in the next issue~~.

3.- We have considered a memorandum from Montague Fordham on the subject of Socialist propoganda in Rural Districts. We understand that the N. A. C. of the I. L. P. will consider the matter shortly and we recommend that we approach that body for the purpose of holding a conference on the subject.

4.- The Organising Secretary has arranged to visit York and Leicester to form Fabian Societies.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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Fabian Society.

Parliamentary Fund.

May 6th. Total answers, a few possibly from

Associates.

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Analysis.

For with promises

281

without promises

52

333

Against

60

Doubtful

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Promises, in many cases only minimum promised,

in a few, subject to conditions,

1 @ £500, 1 @ £150, 1 @ £125, 6 @ £50,

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9 @ £25, 28 @ £10 to £20, and

or

£458 a year.

235 for less than £10.

11. Annual Meeting - Agreed to invite Gerald Bishop to be chairman.

12. Fabian News - The following was moved by H.G. Wells:

B. That the reviews in the Fabian News be discontinued, and that subject to the Editorial control of the Publishing Committee, Correspondence shall be admitted to its columns.

after considerable debate, it was agreed to refer the resolution to the Publishing Com^{ee} for further report. -

13. Two other resolutions put on the paper at the request of H. G Wells were adjourned.

14. It was agreed to meet again on Friday May 22 at 5 pm.

Arthur Elton
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Executive Com^{tee} at Office
Friday Mar 22nd 1908 at 5 P.M.

Present Bland (in chair), & all except
Absent Mrs Reeves, Rev R.G. Campbell, &
E.S. Chozza - money. —

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. —
2. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{tee} Report was moved by the chairman & adopted in full. —
3. The Propaganda Com^{tee} Report was moved by the chairman, & the whole of it was adopted except that in regard to Item 7. Welch ~~etc~~ expressed the opinion that the Poor Law Commission Report would not be published & not: —
The Org. Sec. gave a verbal report of the work done by the groups.

Private.

Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 14th. May 1908.

Present: Bland (in chair), Ensor, Hobson, Miss Murby,
Shaw, Webb, Sanders and Pease.

- 1.- Bland was elected Chairman and Mrs. Reeves Vice-Chairman for year.
- 2.- Annual Meeting. It was agreed that any discussion on Wells and the N. W. Manchester Election would most conveniently be taken on the Parliamentary Fund Report.
- 3.- Meetings of Society. Arrangements reported as made:-
June 19. Rutherford M.P.
Dec. 11. Temple on Waste in Education
(since cancelled)
It was agreed to consider a scheme for next session at the next meeting.
- 4.- "New Worlds for Old". It was agreed to put par. in "News" asking names of small Libraries to which copy might be presented out of the fund offered.
- 5.- Parliamentary Fund. In view of the fact that only 400 out of 2,000 members have replied to the circular, it was agreed to send out with "News" another copy asking for more replies.
- 6.- Members' Bookshelf. It was decided in view of the funds now available to procure a supply of books to be kept in the office as a circulating Library for members, and with that object:-
 - (a) to sell or destroy useless books on the shelves
 - (b) to print a catalogue of the books most likely to be wanted.
 - (c) to prepare rules for issue in the "News".

The Library would not be separate from the Book Boxes, books being interchangeable, and used for both purposes.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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Meeting May, 18th. 1908.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Hobson, Mrs. Snowden, and Sanders.

- 1.- Chairman. We have elected Miss Murby as Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.- Soiree. We have engaged Portman Rooms and arranged for an Orchestra and settled other details in connection with the Soiree.
- 3.- Suburban Lectures. Eight courses of Suburban Lectures have been arranged to be held in connection with Fabian Groups and Societies during the Autumn, and a course in connection with the Wallington Socialist Society.
- 4.- General Lectures. We have decided to send a letter to about 300 Newspapers and Journals offering to supply lectures during the autumn and winter on Socialism and Social Reform subjects.
- 5.- Provincial Propaganda. (a) Arrangements have been made to hold a large public meeting at Liverpool in October under the auspices of the local F. S. to be addressed by G. R. Shaw.
(b) New Fabian Societies have been formed at York and Marlborough. Org. Sec. visits Leicester on June 15 to form Society there; also Hull F.S. to address public meeting; also Leeds to try to form a Leeds University F.S. Steps are being taken to form Society at Bristol.
- 6.- London Groups. (a) New Group is being formed at Norbury and Thorn-ton Heath, and another at Streatham.
(b) Dr. McCleary advises postponement of formation of Medical Group; Dr. Eder is forming a Socialist Medical Society.
- 7.- Meetings at Queen's Hall and St. James' Hall. We recommend that one of the two meetings arranged for Queen's Hall be held at St. James' Hall instead. That meeting the meetings take place in November and March next. That the subjects dealt with should be "The Unemployed", and "Sources of Socialist Revenue". Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Webb to be asked to deal with the first subject.
- 8.- Annual Conference July 11th. Decided to ask Fabian Societies and Groups to send in subjects for discussion at the Conference. Decided to ask L.G. Chiozza Money to open a discus-sion on the subject of "Sources of Socialist Revenue"
- 9.- Pioneer Boot Works. We have asked Miss F. Underwood to represent the Fabian Society at the opening of the S.D.P. Pioneer Boot Works Northampton, and agreed to pay her fare. Millicent Murby (Chairman)

Private.

Publishing Committee Report.

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Meeting 15th. May 1908.

Present: Maude (chairman), Barker, Guest, Shaw,
Mrs. Shaw, Secretary and Standing.

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- 1.- Aylmer Maude was elected Chairman and Mrs. Shaw Vice-Chairman for the year. Geo. Standing was co-opted as a consulting member.
 - 2.- Tracts in Press
Municipalisation. Criticisms from members were referred to Maude.
Those wretched Rates. Ordered to be paged and circulated to the Executive.
 - 3.- Fifield Publications.
Mrs. Bland's Poems. Agreed that Fifield publish on our behalf and that 3,000 be printed.
 - 4.- MSS. (a) Medical Service. MS. received from Layton was referred for report to a Committee consisting of Dodd, Guest, McCleary and Wheeler with power to add.
(b) Albany Review article on House of Lords offered by E. Carpenter was referred to Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Shaw for report.
(c) Shaw's Queen's Hall Speech. Agreed to abandon proposal for publication, and that Shaw's offer to pay cost of transcription (£5.6.0) if it were not used, be not ~~accepted~~.
 - 5.- Unauthorised Program. New draft received from P. J. Reid proposing re-arrangement of Cabinet Ministers. Agreed to tell him any scheme must be on existing basis.
 - 6.- Fabian News. Wells' proposal was further considered and adjourned.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

4. The Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} was moved by the Chairman.

Items 1. 3. 5. & 6 were agreed to.

On Item 2. Pease objected to a passage in "Those Wretched Rates". After a long discussion it was agreed that the tract he referred to Wells ensure the Chairman of the Pub. Com^{ee} to suggest amendments. —

On Item 4. (a) & (b) were agreed to. & (c) was taken back by the chairman for further consideration in respect of the proposal for publication.

(5) Other Publishing Business. It was agreed

(a) to send out with the news gratis the prospectus of the Railway Nationalisation Society.

(b) to send out adob. of Trevelyan's "My Quest for God" as a paid insert.

(6) Appointment of Organiser i.e. H. G. Wells in accordance with notice, moved

(b) Appointment of organizer cont?

"That the Organizing Secretary and all similar salaried officials that may be hereafter appointed, shall be appointed for one year only and that the posts shall not be tenable for longer than three years altogether; that applications for these appointments shall be invited in the "Fabian News", and that as far as possible these posts shall be reserved for members of the Society who are still below the age of eight and twenty."

After discussion, the motion was withdrawn + the following, moved by Webb, was adopted unanimously, viz:-

That the Executive Committee places on record its conviction that it is not desirable that lecturers appointed by the Society should become permanent officials; that all such appointments should be considered afresh annually; that except under special circumstances the terms should not exceed three years; and that when any such lecturers are to be appointed, application should be invited in Fabian News -

7. See over

7. Q. No 2 a/c etc. H. G. Wells in accordance with notice then moved the following resolution :-

"That for the information of the newer members an account of the administration of the Hutchinson Trust, including the terms of bequest, and an explanation of the No. 2 Account referred to in the Annual Report, and a statement of any reserves held by the Society shall be drawn up by Mr. Pease and circulated to the Executive before the end of May."

Wells as administrator of the late Hutchinson Trust gave an account of the origin of the trust & outlined its administration. ~~Then~~ He also mentioned the Constance Hutchinson Trust. The Secretary read the minutes of the Executive Comm^{ee} relating to the initiation of the No 2. a/c, & the ~~two~~ terms of the trust under which it was constituted. - Wells by consent then withdrew his resolution.

8. The next meeting was fixed for June 19th -

H. G. Wells

(200)

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office
Friday 19th June 1908
at 5pm.

Present Lawson Dodd in chair + all except
Absent Barker, Campbell, Wells, Mrs Wells
+ Miss Hutchins.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. The Publishing Com^{ee} Reports of Mar 29 + June 12 were presented by the chairman + adopted without amendment.
Hayes Dialogue - The Secy submitted amendments made by Ensor + Wells, + objections thereto, with alternatives, drafted by the author. It was agreed that Ensor be asked to confer with Hayes, represent the view of the Com^{ee} + if possible, arrive at a settlement.
Fifield Series The Secy presented a late report showing 4000 out of 20000 now on hand, + sales estimated at £215.

Private.

Publishing Committee Reports.

Meeting 29th. May 1908.

Present: all except Dodd and Money.

- 1.- Six-penny Essays. The preface approved.
- 2.- Shaw's Common Sense of Municipal Trading.
The preface was reported completed and progress being made.
- 3.- New Tract No. 138. Municipalisation.
10,000 ordered after revision.
- 4.- Fabian News.
The insertions letter by Wells was unanimously approved.
- 5.- Wells' Proposal re Fabian News.
Annexed report was adopted.

Meeting 12th. June 1908.

Present: all except Guest, Headlam and Money.

- 1.- Tract 119. Electric Power & Transit.
After careful discussion it was resolved to reprint 1,000 from Stereos, and to defer revision for a Fifield reprint.
- 2.- Catalogue Raisonné of Fabian Tracts
It was resolved to recommend Executive to authorise printing the abstracts and index of the tracts, prepared by Mrs. Nursery and revised by Mrs. Shaw.
- 3.- Elegant Extracts.
It was resolved not to publish the quotations from Fabian tracts prepared by the Central Group, but to use them for projected postcards, of which, later.
- 4.- Article by E. Carpenter on the House of Lords.
It was resolved to decline with thanks his offer of "Albany Review" Article as a tract, and [by a majority] that the House of Lords is not an appropriate subject for a tract at present.
- 5.- Mrs. Bland's Poems.
Advance copies were submitted. Publication on June 18th.

Report of the Publishing Committee

on Motion Aylmer Maude 11s.
Chairman.

Report of the Publishing Committee

on Motion by H. G. Wells.

The following resolution moved by H. G. Wells was referred to the above Committee for report, viz:-

"That the Reviews in the Fabian News be discontinued, and that subject to the Editorial control of the Publishing Committee, Correspondence shall be admitted to its columns."

The Committee has carefully considered the resolution in view of the following facts:

(a) The reviews are useful and popular; they bring substantial additions to our bookshelves in the shape of review copies; they require little or no editing; they are suited to the monthly form of publication; and they are the kind of work that voluntary contributors do best.

(b) A correspondence column could be used either for letters on subjects of public interest, or to ventilate grievances and to make suggestions as to the work of the Society. Several members of the Society publish letters from time to time on subjects of public interest; but they never use "Fabian News" as their medium, naturally preferring one of the great dailies. The use of the proposed correspondence column would therefore be limited to internal matters, including criticism of the executive and the office staff. It would be necessary to appoint an editor quite independent of both, and possessed of considerable judgement and experience in selecting letters for publication out of the large quantity that would probably be sent in.

(c) Owing to the long interval between the numbers, monthly publications are not suitable vehicles for correspondence.

(d) There is at present no difficulty in securing the publication in "Fabian News" of any proposals or suggestions that may be available, though the form employed is not that of a letter.

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday June 1st. 1908.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Ensor,
Mrs. Snowden and Sanders.

- 1.- New Societies and Groups. Arrangements were made to open a new Fabian Society at Leicester and for a meeting to be held at Leeds to be addressed by the Org. Sec. with the object of reviving the Leeds F.S.; also for the formation of a new Group at Sidecup. A Manchester University Students' Fabian Society to be formed as soon as new Union buildings are finished.
- 2.-Provincial propaganda. Bland to address a large meeting in Liverpool for the local P. S. Consent given for the Org. Sec. to spend a fortnight in Glasgow for the local P. S. if dates can be arranged.
- 3.- Suburban Lectures. Twelve courses arranged to be given at the following places. Lewisham (F.G.) Kensington (F.G.) Croydon (F.S.) St. Pancras (F.G.) Clapham (F.S.) Forest Gate (F.G.) Paddington (F.G.) Dulwich (F.G.) Wood Green (F.G.) Ilford (F.S.) Wallington (S.S.) and Tunbridge Wells. Decided that further courses be arranged in profitable districts if desired.
- 4.- Annual Conference. Decided that the Annual Conference be held at University Hall, Gordon Square.
- 5.- Annual Soiree. Recommended that the following be invited to attend the Soiree:- H. M. Hyndman, Keir Hardie, Graham Wallas, Sir Oliver Lodge, H. Burrows, and Victor Grayson.

Millicent Murby
Chairman.

(3) The Report of the Propaganda Com^o
was presented by W. Sanders
Items 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 were all
agreed to. -

Educational Lecturing. The Secy stated that
he intended to propose resumption of
Educational Lecturing in connection
with the Provincial Societies. - The
proposal was discussed, & provisional
approval generally expressed.

(4) The Finance & General Purposes Com^o
Report was moved by H. Bland.

Items 1. 2. 3. 4 were approved.
On Item 5 a further letter was read,
& Maude was appointed to
represent the Society.

Items 6 & 7 were adopted.

Item 8. Next Sessions Lectures.

The scheme was approved, & names
amended as follows:
Lecture (1) Snowden (2) Tom Jones who asked
(3) Money accepted. (4) Holton accepted
(5) Webb accepted (6) Enos accepted 7. Page who asked

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Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 15th. June 1908.

Present: Bland (in chair), Hobson, Miss Murby,
Mrs. Reeves, Shaw and Secretary.

- 2.- Resignations of G.R.S. Taylor and 3 others were accepted.
- 3.- Labour Party Mees. It was agreed to pay £3.15.0. being fees on the 450 Fabians who are not members of the London Society, and to refer to the Conference in July the question of recoupment by the local Societies concerned.
- 4.- School Feeding Experiment. It was agreed (the former loan being repaid) to advance £25. to Guest to pay outstanding accounts, and to collect it by circular letter when the accounts can be made up.
- 5.- L. C. C. Sales of Land
It was agreed to take part in deputation against the proposed sale of land acquired for housing.
- 6.- "New Worlds for Old".
Applications for 16 copies for Libraries were approved.
- 7.- S. D. P. It was agreed to recommend that their Invitation to take part in promoting a Conference in favour of adult Suffrage &c. be declined.
- 8.- Next Sessions Lectures.
Syllabus of lectures on Socialism drafted by Shaw was considered, and it was finally resolved to recommend a Course of lectures on the Fabian Basis as follows:-

- 1. "Consists of Socialists"
(and therefore not Liberals,
Fories, &c.) P. Snowden M.P.
- 2. "Emancipation of Land"
"Private Property" } R.C.K. Ensor
- 3. "Industrial Capital" L.G.Chiozza Money, M.P.
- 4. "Industrial Inventions"
(in relation to private initiative) S. G. Hobson
- 5. "Without Compensation" Sidney Webb
- 6.- "Interference with Personal Liberty". A. R. Orage.
- 7. "Leads to the Spread of
Socialist opinion" G. M. Trevelyan

Foreign Policy.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

(4) Next- Sessions Lectures (cont?)

It was further agreed that a syllabus be drafted of the whole course of lectures. -

(5) Lawson Dodd was appointed chairman for the evening's lecture.

(6) Next meeting was fixed for July 31st

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Com^{ee} at Office 3rd Jul 1908
at 5.30pm -

Present - Ensor (in chair), Maude, Mrs Shaw, Bland,
Miss Murly, Dodd, Mrs Reeves, Miss Hutchinson
Holson, Shaw, Sanders, & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, moved by Maude
was adopted in its entirety. -

"Twice wretched Rates" Correspondence read
to the effect that Hayes refused to
accept additions made by Ensor &
Wells & most of their amendments:
& that he offered an alternative passage
advertising to Rent Courts, & refused any
further concessions. After debate
it was agreed (1.) that the new passage
cannot be accepted & (2.) it was
resolved that the tract as proposed
by Hayes, excepting the new passage, be
printed. -

The Coal Trade. Sec. reported this in hand. -

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting Friday June 26th. 1908.

Present: Maude (in chair) and all except Barker
and Money.

- 1.- Sixpenny Essays. Design for cover by A.E.R. Gill was cordially approved.
- 2.- Common Sense of Municipal Trading. Fifield Series No. 5. This was reported done.
- 3.- Women and the Factory Acts. On further report from Saunders and Pease it was resolved to reprint Mrs. Webb's Article, subject to amendment in respect of the introductory passages, now rather out of date, and to complete the volume with other matter to be selected.
- 4.- Municipal Trading. It was agreed to adopt that title for the new Tract.
- 5.- Catalogue Raisonne. It was agreed that this be not a tract in the series.
- 6.- Liquor Licensing at Home and Abroad. Agreed to reprint 2000 from stereos.
- 7.- Unauthorised Program. On reports by Shaw, Ensor and Dodd it was resolved to consult Ball, and if he is favourable, to invite Reid to complete one section and give it as a lecture to the Society.
- 8.- New Elementary Tracts. In order to get more tracts explaining Socialism to new converts, it was agreed to ask Schloesser and Sharpe to prepare MSS. and to put a suggestion in the "News" with full warning that MSS. are mostly rejected.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 1st. July 1908.

**Present: Bland (in chair), Shaw, Miss Murby, Sanders
and Secretary.**

- 1.- Candidates were elected subject to any objection made.
Average subscription 12/3. Last month 12/4.

- 2.- Parliamentary Fund.
Report of result of second appeal (See "Fabian News")
A long memorandum by Webb was discussed, and ultimately
it was decided to take no action till after the holidays.

- 3.- Next Sessions Lectures.
Letter from Mrs. Snowden saying goodbye to her colleagues
and that Snowden provisionally accepted.
It was decided that owing to arrangements made and other
reasons offers of lectures by
A. Maude on Tolstoi
Dr. Lionel Taylor on Franchise
W. Peel on National Theatre
be declined.

- 4.- The Committee decided to meet as a rule on Wednesdays.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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(3) Finance & General Purposes Comtee Report was moved by Bland & adopted in its entirety. -

(4) Propaganda Comtee Report was moved & was moved & adopted in its entirety

(5) Tea Soirée. Sec 7 reported sales of Tickets about 216 & Guests about 9. - Agreed that no special action can be taken. -

Reported that Miss Tina had withdrawn offer to perform. Agreed to ask Miss Mury (who had gone) to give the performance she offered. Agreed also to invite Dutt, Gokhale, G. Chesterton & Loch.

(6) Port of London Bill. Letter from Taylor re Labour clauses = + from Welsh Merion. Agreed that Sec. write with Welsh's suggestions to Russel Rea MP. Forthwith.

(7) Next Meeting to be in October, unless urgent business arises.

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Report of Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday June 22nd 1908.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Ensor, Pease
and Sanders.

- 1.- Ensor was elected Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee.
- 2.- Interesting letter was received from Kelly relating the results of his efforts to introduce Fabian methods in New York.
- 3.- Provincial Propaganda
Organising Secretary has visited Leicester and formed a local Fabian Society; and re-constituted the old Society at Leeds. He also lectured for the Hull F. S.. Arrangements **have** been made for Shaw to lecture at Edinburgh, York, Cardiff (or Hull) in addition to Liverpool. Also for Bland to lecture at Liverpool and Hull.
- 4.- Acting on the sanction given at the last meeting of the Propaganda Executive Committee the Sub-Committee has decided to revive the professional provincial lecturing scheme and that a notice be inserted in the July Fabian News that applications for the post of lecturer were invited.
- 4.- Local Groups. A new Group has been formed at Sidcup.
- 5.- Suburban Courses. A Suburban Course is to be given at Sidcup.
- 6.- Conference.
List of delegates, together with proposals to be discussed, sent in by Societies and Groups will be presented. It is recommended that the Conference should ~~be~~ not be asked to discuss the question of payment by the local Societies of their proportion of the affiliation fee to the Labour Party as it would raise in a difficult form the subject of the Constitution of the Society and its relations to the local Societies.
- 7.- It is recommended that the Society pay the cost ~~of~~ not exceeding £5 of a hall in which to hold the Fabian Inter-University debate.
- 8.- It has been arranged to hold the ordinary meetings of the Committee on the 2nd. and 4th. Mondays in the month.

Millicent Murby
Chairman.

8. Annual Conference -

It was agreed that the hours be 11 to 1.30 + 3 to 6. - also that Miss Murdy take the chair. -

9. Comes to Meetings

On the motion of Lawson Dodd it was agreed that a plan of the ordinary meetings of the Executive + also of the sub. Comes be prepared + printed for the use of members of the Executive, the resolution to come into effect after the recess.

L. Haden Guest



DELEGATES APPOINTED TO CONFERENCE.

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London District Societies and Groups.

- Central District Society: Miss Berry, 5, Brunswick Square, W.C.
- Clapham F.S.: R. Basil James, 225, Croxted Road, Dulwich, S.E.
- Croydon F.S.: H. J. Corner, 4, Helix Gdns., Brixton, S.W.
- Dulwich F.G.: H. A. Oakeshott, Downside, Coulsdon.
- Forest Gate G.: E. F. Harrison.
- Hampstead F.G.: W. A. Colegate, 206, Denmark Hill, S.E.
- Lyceum Club F.G.: J. W. Buttery, 21, Ruskin Walk, Herne Hill, S.E.
- Paddington G.G.: E. Dixon, 23, Idmiston Road, Stratford, E.
- St. Pancras F.G.: L. Isserlis, 305, Shrewsbury Road, East Ham, E.
- Sidecup F.G.: Emilie Cohn, 45, Hillfield Road, W. Hampstead, N.W.
- Kensington G.: O. Montague Peartree, 45, Haverstock Hill, N.W.
- Subject Groups: Miss S. Walker, Southlands Cottage, Battersea, S.W.
- Arts Group: Miss Mapplebeck, 18, Waldemar Ave. Mans., Fulham
- Biology: R. F. Farley, 11, Algernon Road, Kilburn, N.W.
- Education: A. D. Lewis, 73, Westbourne Terrace, W.
- Local Govt.: Miss K. Cowen, 22, Regents Park Terrace, N.W.
- University Fabian Societies: H. H. Schloesser, 8, Primrose Hill Studios, N.W.

Subject Groups.

- Arts Group: Miss Rosa Stringer, Scadbury Villas, W. Chislehurst
- Biology: Mrs. Townshend, 9, Hannington Street, Fulham, S.W.
- Education: P. Hyndman, 5, Warwick Road, Kensington, S.W.
- Local Govt.: David Isaacs, 64, Elizabeth Street, Hull.
- University Fabian Societies: E. T. Wilson, 30, Red Lion Square, W.C.
- Arts Group: Holbrook Jackson, The Crossways, Mill Hill, N.W.
- Biology: Dr. J. Lionel Taylor, 8, Adys Lawn, Willesden Green.
- Education: Cyril Kelsey, 80, Cambridge Mans., Battersea, S.
- Local Govt.: Dr. Rose, 3, Tanfield Court, Inner Temple, E.C.
- University Fabian Societies: Miss B. Low, 46, Pickwick Road, Dulwich Village.
- Arts Group: G. R. Blanco White, 331, Upper Richmond Road, S.W.
- Biology: Boyd Dawson, 30, Bridge Ave. Mansions, Hammersmith

University Fabian Societies.

- Cambridge: F. Keeling, Trinity College
- London: G. F. Shore, Kings College.
- Oxford: V. Serebriakoff, 25, Bower Street, Stepney, E.
- Oxford Women's: G. S. Whitby, A.R.C.S., B.Sc.
- University Fabian Societies: Royal College of Science, S. Kensington, S.W.
- University Fabian Societies: J. C. Walton, Brasenose College, Oxford
- University Fabian Societies: A. D. Lindsay, Balliol College, Oxford.
- University Fabian Societies: Miss Eva E.E. Bessin, Highcombe Edge, Hindhead, Haslemere, Surrey.

University Hall, Gordon Square, July 11th.

Monday Evening 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Provincial Societies.

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- Bedales F.S. R. Scott, "Dunhurst", Petersfield, Hants.
- Burnley F. S. Thos. Foster, 48, Blackburn Road, Padiham, Lancs.
- Bute F. S. T. Smythe Paterson, Mount Park Studios,
Port Bannatyne, N.B.
Mrs. Smythe Paterson Do. Do.
- Chelmsford F.S. W. G. Smith, Galley Hall, Galleywood, Chelmsford.
C. B. Snelling, Great Baddow, Chelmsford.
- Glasgow F. S. J. A. Allen, 25, Bothwell Street, Glasgow
L. McNeill Weir, Catriona, Milngavie, N.B.
- Hull F. S. W. Bramwell Bridges, 19, Nicholson Street, Hull
Dr. J. Nelson, Clare House, Baker Street, Hull.
- Manchester F. S. David Isaacs, 64, Elizabeth Street, Cheetham, Mer.
- Marlboro F. S. L. C. Miller, 31, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough
W. W. Hickson, Crabbs Close, Marlborough
- Newcastle F.S. Miss Mabel Atkinson, 35, Carlingford Road,
Hampstead, N.W.
- York F. S. E. L. Cooke, Clifton Manor, York.
- Sheffield F.S. H. M. Hallaworth, ~~ee~~, Havelock Square, Sheff

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

between the Fabian Executive and delegates from Provincial Societies and Local and Subject Groups.

University Hall, Gordon Square, July 11th.

Morning Sitting ^{11.0}~~10.30~~ a.m. to ^{1.30}1 p.m.

Afternoon Sitting 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

AGENDA.

Morning.

- 1.- Chairman's opening address.
- 2.- Discussion as to methods of promoting Fabian Parliamentary candidates
- 3.- Motion by Forest Gate G. as to Political Action (terms not sent in)
- 4.- Motion by Sheffield F.S.: "That it is desirable to have a clearer understanding of the relationship of individual members of Fabian Societies to their Societies in respect to candidates at Elections."
- 5.- Motion by the Forest Gate Group: "That a series of lectures for the benefit of the Groups should be inaugurated dealing with local government and its bearings towards reforms on Fabian lines, such as Distress Committee work, means of utilising the various Committees of Councils and Boards of Guardians and details of law and procedure for carrying reforms into effect. Lectures to be delivered to private meetings of the Groups and arranged by the Organising Secretary, preferably by Fabians who have had actual experience of the kind."
- 6.- Motions by Clapham Fabian Society:
 - (1) "That the Society should prepare additional special leaflets advocating Socialism, for distribution by local Groups and Societies at their expense. The addresses of all Society and Group secretaries to be printed thereon."
 - (2) "That the Society should start a Van for a special country campaign, or for suburban outdoor work".
- 7.- Motion by St. Pancras G. as to Group boundaries. (terms of motion not sent in)

Afternoon-Sitting.

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Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W. C.
27th. July, 1908.

To the Members of the Executive.

As the Executive Committee resolved not to meet till after the recess, I think the members would wish to know the somewhat important actions taken by two of the Committees, in virtue of the powers delegated to them.

The Publishing Committee.

New Tract by Dr. Clifford.

He has been asked and has consented to our reprinting an admirable paper on

"Socialism and the Churches" published in the Westbourne Park Record for July. Proofs will be shortly sent to members of the Executive.

Pan-Anglican Congress.

The Rev. J. A. Carlyle has consented to prepare a Tract of Extracts &c. from Pan-

Anglican Speeches and papers, which it is intended to send to the 12,000 incumbents, or 25,000 Clerks in Holy Orders, with a circular. It is not probable that it will be necessary to proceed further than the setting up of this tract before the Executive meets.

Child Labour.

The preparation of a Tract by Mrs. Hylton Dale is proceeding.

Women and Factory Acts.

It has been virtually decided to put in hand a volume to consist of Mrs. Webb's paper (already discussed), a paper by Miss

Hutchins from "The Case for the Factory Acts" in the Economic Journal, and our "Minimum Wage" Tract.

Finance and General Purposes Committee.

This Committee has not met. I may report that A. R. Orage has refused our request to lecture on "The Spread of Socialist Opinion" and Bland has agreed to take his place. Tom Jones has also refused to take "Land".

After consultation with the Chairman the following arrangements have been made for the Autumn Lectures.

Oct. 9. The Society Consists of Socialists and works for the spread of Socialism.	Bland.
Oct. 23. The Emancipation of Land.	Headlam. (invited)
Nov. 13. And of Industrial Capital.	L.G. Chiozza Money M. P.
No. 27. together with Industrial Inventions	S.G. Hobson
Dec. 11. Without Compensation	Sidney Webb
Dec. 18. without interference with personal Liberty	R.C.K. Ensor

(Titles merely indicative)

The lecturers concerned are requested to book the dates named, and to communicate with me, if alterations are necessary.

I may add that Fifield has repaid ^{almost} the whole of our advance for No. 1-4 of his series, and after meeting all substantial liabilities, a balance of £130 or thereabouts should be in the bank at the end of the month.

Propaganda Committee.

Provincial Lecturing. The Propaganda Sub-Committee has considered the applications of candidates for the work of provincial lecturing in connection with the scheme adopted by the

Executive Committee, and has selected Holbrook Jackson, Clifford Sharp and H. H. Schloesser. These candidates have agreed to prepare lectures on the lines of the syllabus of the Suburban courses and to place certain days in each week from October to March at the disposal of the Society on the terms fixed upon by the Executive Committee, namely one guinea per lecture and travelling expenses in addition. The Society does not guarantee more than three Courses of four lectures to each of the lecturers although doubtless more will be arranged.

Lectures in Bavaria. The Propaganda Sub-Committee also agreed ~~to~~ that the Organising Committee Secretary should accept an invitation from the Socialist Party in Nuremburg to lecture in that city and in Fürth, Hof and Bamberg, on the "English Socialist Movement". The lectures (in the German tongue) will be given during the third week in September, ~~the date of the German Socialist Democratic Congress in Nuremburg.~~ The Sub-Committee agreed that if necessary the Society should pay the whole of the travelling expenses in connection with the lectures; the Bavarian Socialists have however, since offered to meet the greater part of the sum required.

In the absence of reply from any member I shall assume that serious exception is not taken to the above.

Both Sanders and I will be on holiday during the greater part of August.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

