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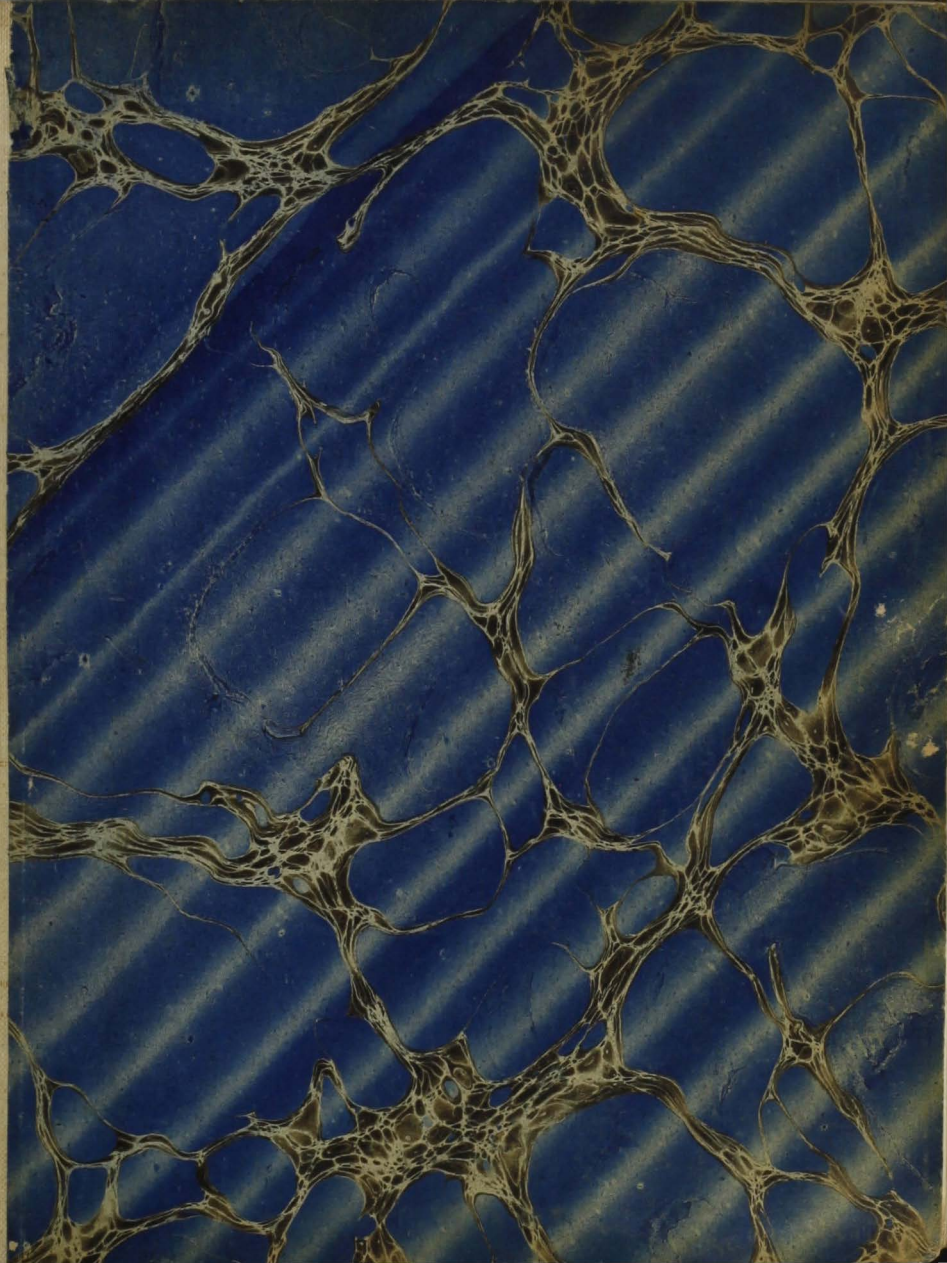
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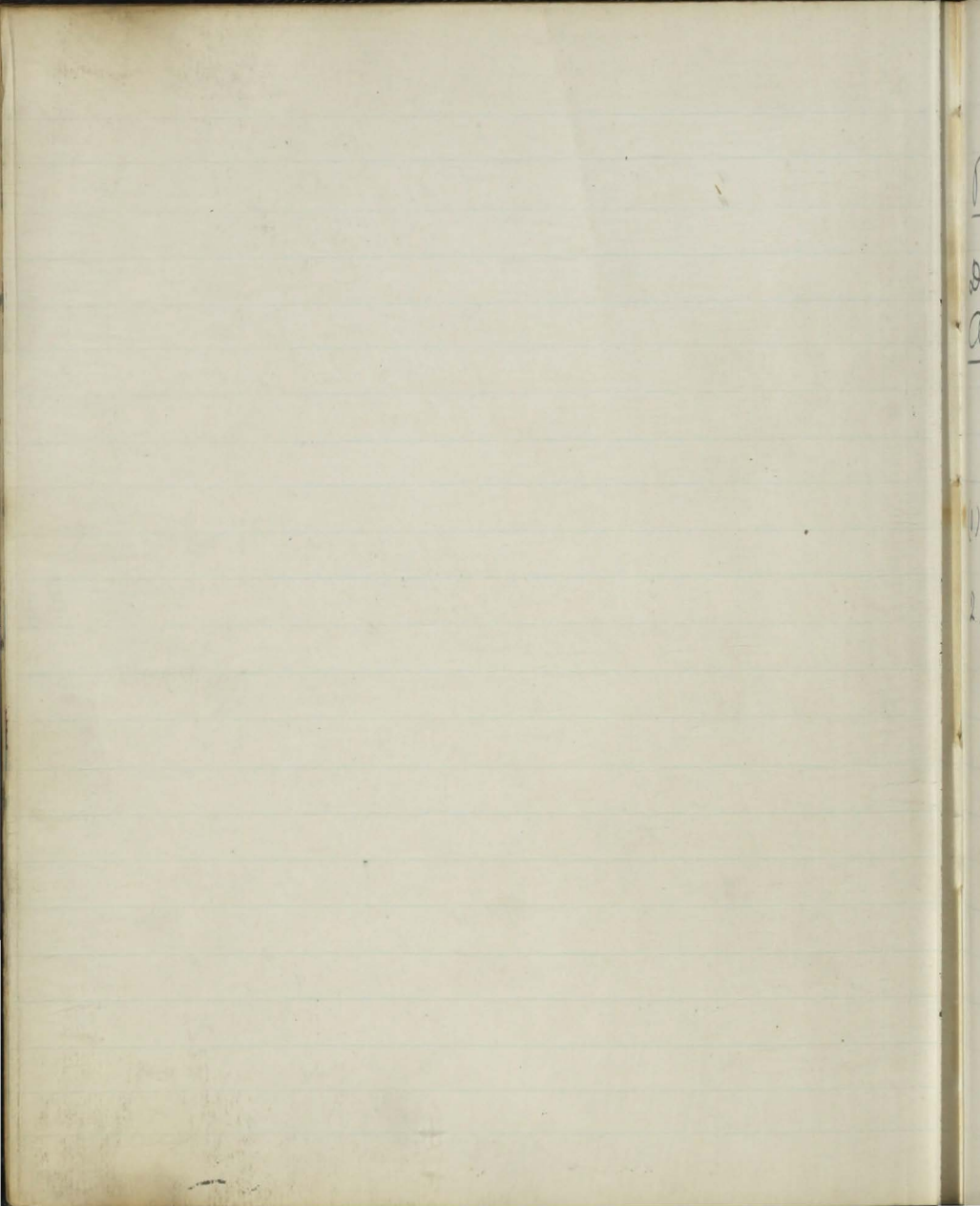
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Fabian Society
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Minutes of the
Executive Committee



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Meeting Friday 25 Sep. 1908.

Present- Guest-(in chair) Maude, Sanders
Welch, Hobson Miss Murly Mrs Wells
Dodd Mrs Reeves, Miss Hutchins & Sec-y
Absent- Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Bland, Ensor,
Money Mrs Snowden, Headlam,
Campbell, Barker, & (resigned) Wells.

- 1) The minutes of July 3rd were confirmed.
2. The Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} was presented by Maude. -
On (1) Six-penny Essays, the Sec-y presented Correspondence. It was agreed that the proposed paper for cover be approved, that extra page for adverts be accepted if not offered in error, & that the old preface must be retained.
Items (2). (3). (4). & (5) were agreed to.
Item (6) was discussed on the Finance report & it was agreed that it is not necessary to print the Guest report for presentation to the Loc.

(2)

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Two meetings have been held, 17th. July, present Maude, (in chair), Headlam, Sanders and Secretary, proceedings of which have already been reported by circular, and sept. 17th when Maude (in chair), Guest, Miss Hutchins, Headlam, Standing, Dodd and Secretary were present.
The following business has been done:

- (1) Sixpenny Edition of Fabian Essays are to be issued on our terms about October 15th.
- (2) Fifield Series.
Common Sense of Municipal Trading is selling well considering season.
No. VI. Women and Factory Acts is in preparation under Miss Hutchins' editorship.
- (3) Tracts printed.
No. 139. Socialism and the Churches, 20,000
No. 5. Facts for Socialists. Revised Edition. 20,000.
- (4) Tracts in preparation
 - (a) A Welsh Translation of Tract 139 (above) will be made
 - (b) Pan-Anglican Congress. A Tract of Extracts &c. is being drafted by the Rev. A. J. Carlyle, which it is proposed to send out to the Clergy.
 - (c) Child Labour. A MS. on this subject by Mrs. Hylton Dale is under revision.
- (5) Catalogue Raisonné of Tracts is in type.
- (6) Guest's Report on Lambeth School Feeding.
It was decided to put this in type, in the first place to provide copies required by the L. C. C.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

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(3) The Finance & P. Comtee Report - was submitted
by Mrs Pember Reeves.

Items (1) (2) (3) Group Grant, & (4) Advance
of Balance of the cost of the School Feeding
experiment were approved after some
debate. -

Item (5) Autumn Lectures. on this the
Sec. submitted letters ~~from~~ & telegrams
from Bland urging the Exec. to let
him off his lecture owing to somewhat
serious uncertainty of health. -

After debate it was agreed :-

- (1.) to let Bland off.
- (2.) to ask Shaw to take his place.
- (3.) If he declined to replace the
lecture of Sanders on the
Social Democratic Crisis in Germany
- (4.) If he accepted, that Pease
take his place & lecture on
Capital.

Items (6) & (7) were approved

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting September 23rd. Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair)
Miss Murby, S. G. Hobson and Secretary. Also, for a
time, Guest.

- 1.- Membership. Forty-four candidates (two months) were elected;
average subscription of 37 ordinary members, 15/-
Resignations of H. St. Maur, D.L., H. Hamilton Fyfe,
Miss Dorothy Richardson and 5 others received.
- 2.- Finance. Bank Balance reported £164. It was agreed to recommend
grant of ~~£~~ 21/- to the Salvation Army Sweating
agitation.
- 3.- Group Grant. Application from the Education Group for grant to
cost of Clifford's Inn for 6 lectures and for
advertisements in Educational Papers was considered.
It was agreed only to grant the cost of four
lectures at Clifford's Inn £5.10.0 for the present.
- 4.- Dr. Guest's School Feeding Experiment. On report from him it was
agreed to advance deficit of £14.2.10 (subject to
audit) making total of £39.2.10. Against this come
utensils expected to be sold for £5. and proceeds of
any article in the magazines, (subject to any pay-
ment to be made thereout to the author,) It was
decided not to make any public appeal for/ the
present. A vote of thanks to him was ordered to
be recorded on the minutes.
- 5.- Autumn Lectures. List, as printed, was approved, including Shaw
who had agreed to do "capital".
Proof tickets were approved. Arrangements as to
visitors suggested in "News" were approved.
Arrangements for 1909 were deferred.
- 6.- Draft list of Committee meetings drawn up by the Secretary
was approved.
- 7.- Mrs. Reeves and Miss Murby were appointed delegates to the
Women's Industrial Council Conference at the
Guildhall, October 6th.

Maude Reeves
Vice-Chairman.

[Handwritten notes: in par 2, These were to report, to report, in par 2, I suggest, in par 2, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Murby +]

(4) Propaganda Comtee. The annexed report was presented by Miss Murly & approved. -

(5) H. G. Wells. The letter (annexed) from him was read. After a long debate it was agreed to accept his resignation from the Comtee with regret, & to express the Comtee sense of the loss to the society in view of the great services he had rendered to it. - It was further agreed to publish his letter but to request him to make alterations. These were discussed in detail, & the following were carried: -

That he be requested to delete in par 2, the words "and a revived propaganda", & secondly the two concluding paragraphs. -

[The letter as first written by Wells (typed copy) & as amended by him for publication, is annexed.]

25/4/1911

Meeting July 13th. 1908.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Headlam, Sanders and Pease. (The main proceedings were reported at length by circular)

- 1.- Provincial lecturers. Holbrook Jackson, Clifford Sharp, and H. H. Schloesser were appointed provincial lecturers on terms already fixed by the Executive Committee.
- 2.- Lectures in Bavaria. It was agreed that the Org. Sec. should accept invitation from the Socialist Party of Bavaria to give lectures on the English Socialist Movement and that the Society pay expenses less any sum that might be paid by the Bavarians.
- 3.- Organising. (a) New Group formed at Harrow.
(b) Organising Secretary to hold a fortnight's lecturing tour under the auspices of the Glasgow Fabian Society in February-March 1909.

M. Murby
Chairman.

The following Report will be presented to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee:

- (a) Provincial lectures. Arrangements are being made for Courses of lectures to be given by Messrs. Jackson, Sharp and Schloesser at Letchworth, Hitchin, Luton, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Bootle, St. Helen's, Cardiff, Manchester, York, Sheffield, Hull, Newcastle, Bath, Yeovil, Coventry and Brighton. Applications from other places are under consideration. In most cases the lectures will be given under the auspices of the local Fabian Societies.
- (b) Suburban Lectures. Arrangements have been made for courses to be given at Kensington, Lewisham, Croydon, St. Pancras, Clapham, Forest Gate, Paddington, Wallington, Wood Green, Ilford, and Harrow. Other places are under consideration. In all places cases except one the courses are to be given under the auspices of Fabian Societies or Groups.
- (c) New Societies. A Fabian Society is to be formed on the 30th. inst. at Bristol. Steps are being taken to form a Society at Reading.
- (d) The Organising Secretary has lectured at Nürnberg-Furth, Bamberg, and Hof. He also addressed the German Social Democratic Congress as representative of the Fabian Society, the Labour Party and the I. L. P.
- (e) Letters offering lectures to Societies have been sent to 250 Newspapers and Journals.

*Amended
by H.S.W.*

Spade House,
Sandgate, Kent.
September 16th. 1908.

My dear Pease,

I shall be obliged if you will tell my colleagues on the Executive and the Society generally that I am resigning my position upon the Executive now and that I propose to become a subscriber instead of a member at the end of the current year. I have had this course of action under consideration for some time and it is only after much hesitation that I have decided to take it. It will, I think, save much misunderstanding if you will print this letter, in which I am stating as compactly and simply as I can, my reasons for withdrawing from an active participation in Fabian affairs.

*slit
attached*

Essentially the position is this; I find myself disagreeing with the Basis which forms the Confession of Faith of the Society and discontented with the general form of our activities. So long as I could consider the Basis a document that might presently be altered and the policy of the Society as a policy that would develop and change, I have remained a member. I have had it in my mind that I might presently take part in a vigorous campaign for a revised Basis, and a revived Propaganda. But when I calculate the forces against such a campaign, the inevitable opposition and irritation that must ensue and the probable net results of what would certainly be an irksome and distressful conflict, I am forced to conclude that the effort is, for me at least, not worth making. Moreover I want very much to concentrate myself now upon the writing of novels for some years, and so I have taken the alternative course and sent in my resignation.

My chief objection to the Basis is its disregard of that claim of every child upon the State which is primary and fundamental to my conception of Socialism. A scheme which proposes to leave mother and child economically dependent upon the father is to me not Socialism at all but a miserable perversion of Socialism. It forbids the practical freedom of women and leaves the essential evils of the Individualist system untouched. I see the hopelessness of any attempt to force this recognition upon the Fabian Society at the present time, and I do not care to remain permanently identified with formulae that misstate my views by this tremendous omission.

In addition I think the repudiation of compensation in the Basis is opposed to all those ideas of orderly social development inherent in modern Socialism. And I realize also more and more the need for insistence upon the immense educational and administrative reconstructions that are necessary to save Socialism from futility. I see ^{have lost my} no hope of the Fabian Society, entangled as it is in all sorts of immediate political and personal complications, contributing effectually to the education of the movement in this direction and ~~to~~ borrow an convenient Americanism I have no use for a Fabian Society that is not developing and spreading ideas.

*agreed
to
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idea*

[Moreover] Let me add that I think the period of opportunity for a propaganda to the British middle classes on Fabian lines is at an end. That opportunity came and found us divided in theory and undecided in action. The petty growth that is going on is a mere mockery of the things we might have done. It is however no good lamenting our might-have-beens and it is to the other media and other methods that we must now look for the spread and elaboration of those collectivist ideas which all of us have at heart.

signed

Very sincerely yours,
H. G. Wells.

*very truly yours
H.G.W.*

[Let me add that in thus liberating myself from the unconsulted Fabian membership I hope to leave none of the many personal ties that welcome to your society. I have been...]

(b) Nomination of Candidates S. G. Holson proposed
that the Exec. should ask the Society
to re-introduce the system of requiring
nomination of candidates by members.
After discussion the matter was adjourned.
Holson agreed to bring it up at a
later date. —

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Com^{ee} Oct. 9th 1908 at 5.30pm.

Present - Headlam (in chair) Guest Mrs Shaw
Maude Miss Murby Miss Hutchins
Hobson Webb, Mrs Wells, Mrs Reeves,
Dodd, Shaw, Sanders & Secy

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed except minute 6 omitted in error. —
2. Mrs Wells resignation. His letter, consenting to certain alterations but not to all those requested, was read. —
3. The Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} was moved by Miss Murby & adopted.
Further Business. The Org. Sec. reported that he understood that Prince Henrys Room was let by the S.C.C. for 10/6 a night for a series whilst we paid 12/6. —
Agreed we write asking who put on the same terms. —

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee.

Meeting 28th. Sept. 1908.

Present: Miss Murby, Headlam (in chair), Hobson,
Pease and Sanders.

- 1.- Reports as to provincial and Suburban lecture Courses; formation of new Societies; letters to press offering lectures; were received. These reports have already been presented to the Executive Committee.
- 2.- Queen's Hall Meetings. Queen's Hall not being available for meetings before Xmas, it was decided to invite Webb to give his lecture on the Unemployed at St. James's Hall. It was decided to recommend that no steps be taken at present to hold the second large meeting.

(Webb has since written that ~~he steps~~ cannot give the lecture before the Poor Law Commission Report is published and when that will be is still uncertain.)

Stewart D. Headlam
Chairman.

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Sept.	53,635
Less 100 Members and 10 Parish Councils	19,300
	<u>34,335</u>

Meeting October 2nd. 1908.

Present: Aylmer Maude (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Guest, Sanders, Standing, and Secretary.

Previous six months (including 25,000 Workmen's Compensation Tract)	70,000
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1.- New Tracts.

Child Labour by Mrs. Hylton Dale was considered on report from Miss Hutchins. (Later: Miss Hutchins proposes that it be set up).

Pan-Anglican Congress and Medical Profession. Progress being made.

Old Age Pensions. Proposal by Webb for Tract was considered and held over for further report from him after the regulations had been seen. It was thought that our Tract would not sell, ~~lose~~ in competition with many other penny issues, and that any special information should be put in an article in "Fabian News".

2.- New Welsh Tracts.

No. 139. Socialism and the Churches. By Dr. Clifford. Translation arranged for.

Special Welsh Tract. Recommended that the offer of a MS. on Socialism and the Old Testament, reported as quite unfit for English readers, but well adapted for Welsh, be accepted, the author undertaking to cut it down and translate into 7000 Welsh words.

3.- Fifield Publications. New Volumes.

Women and the Factory Acts. Progress was reported. Wastage of Child Life by Dr. Johnston.

It was agreed to ask the author if he would cut to the right length, and omit passages laying excessive stress on the evils of alcohol. (The author has since consented to do this. The action of the Committee should therefore be confirmed or otherwise)

4.- Fifield Publications. Accounts of sales were presented showing

Sales 16,645 of Nos. 1-4 out of 20,000 printed	
2,076 of Commonsense " " 6,000 "	
475 of Ballads " " 3,000 "	

The last two are exclusive of 650, and 1300 copies on sale by Smith & Son.

The cost of all six, already paid to Fifield is £274

Receipts from Fifield of sales to 30th. Sep. £227

Sales by F. S. estimated at 49 £276

Rough Estimate of value of Stock in hand (and paid for) £150

5.- Tract Sales for Six Months.

Distributed for six months to 30th. Sept.	53,695
Less free to Members and to Parish Councils	<u>19,300</u>
Sales about	<u>34,395</u>

Previous six months sales about	<u>66,000</u>
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Same six months 1907 (but this included 25,000 Workmen's Compensation Tract)	<u>70,000</u>
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Proceeds of sales including <u>our</u> Fifield sales	£146.
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Same period 1907 (including £65 for Workmen's Compensation Tract)	£208
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Total Receipts, six months: our Sales	£146	
Fifield payments	<u>226</u>	<u>£372</u>

6.- Tracts nearly out of print.

117. London Education. Agreed to drop.

120. After Bread, Education. Out of date owing to new
legislation. On report by Sanders, agreed to drop.

29. What to Read. Nearly out of print.

7.- Payment for New Tracts. It was agreed to recommend the Executive
that a standing offer be made at intervals in "Fabian News"
of the sum of £5. for any MS. accepted for publication as
a tract.

8.- The New Age Company Prospectus. It was resolved by a majority
of one after considerable debate, that a list of members and
others on our books, who are possible subscribers to the
Company, be supplied to the promoters.

9.- International Meeting. St. James's Hall. October 14th.
As a matter of urgency, Ald. Sanders was appointed to
represent the Society.

4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was
moved by the Chairman
On 1. par 1 (Child Labour) it was agreed
that Webb do the last passage as
to reforms, & that Miss Hutchinson
complete before setting up.

Par 2 ~~was~~ was agreed to.

Par 3. was approved, & it was
agreed Webb concurring, that
no action be taken. —

On 2. Par 1. agreed to

" 2. agreed to subject to the
assent of Mrs Shaw & S. G. Hobson
being obtained, after they had read
the ~~the~~ MS. —

Item 3. Publication approved.

Item 4. Noted

" 5. Noted & referred to the
Pub. Com^{ee} to consider how
Local Societies & Groups can be
encouraged to increase their
sales of tracts. —

4 Publishing Com^{ee} (cont^d)

Item 6. Agreed to in respect of dropping tracts 117 + 120. —

No 29. Revision agreed to + the Pub. Com^{ee} instructed to consider adding reading courses on special subjects, + payment for work to be done. —

Item 7. Proposed offer ~~of~~ of £5. for Tracts, after a long discussion, + a division which showed the Com^{ee} to be ^{almost} equally divided, it was agreed that the subject be taken back by the Com^{ee} for further report. —

Item 8. After debate it was agreed ~~that~~ not to confirm the proposal to grant facilities to the New Age for issue of their prospectus to our members + to reply that our rule not to allow our list of names to be used for promoting Companies must be adhered to.

(4) Publicity Com^{ee} Repoh (Cont^d)
Item 9. approved. —

(5.) Chairman. For Shaw Headlam
" Headlam, Shaw.

(6) Urgent business. Letter from a Metin
leader of delegation of French
Workmen from the French Ministry
of Labour. A speed that a
courteous repl^y be sent.

Sy. Hobson.

Exec. Comm^{ee} at office on
Friday Oct. 23rd 1908 at 5.30 pm.

Present. S. G. Hobson (in chair), Ensr, Maude
Bland, Mrs Reeves, Headlam, Dodd,
Miss Murby, Miss Hutchins, Mrs Wells, Barker,
Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Webb, Guest, & Secy
Sanders absent lecturing.

Absent. Campbell, Money. Mrs Snowden.

1. The minutes of the last meeting & the omitted
minute of the preceding meeting were
read & confirmed.
2. The propaganda committee report was
submitted by Miss Murby:-
The whole was approved. As for the
subjects of the St James Hall lectures
Maude suggested one shd be on
the answer of Tolstois indictment of Society.
Webb suggested Children & the Home
for the second, & Industrial efficiency
for the third. -
The Sec. was instructed to visit other Halls &
report.

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**Report of Propaganda Committee.
Meeting October 18th. 1908.**

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dodd, Ensor, Hobson & Sanders.

2.- Suburban Lectures

1.- Provincial Courses: definitely fixed:-

Lecturer.	Place.	Date.
Sharp.	Liverpool Clarion C.) Birkenhead I.L.P.) New Ferry I.L.P.)	Commenced October.
Jackson	Hull Fabian Society) Driffield I.L.P.)	Commenced October
Schloesser	Letchworth F. S.) Hitchin I.L.P.)	Commenced October
Jackson Jackson	York F. S.) Sheffield F.S.) Manchester F.S.) Halifax I.L.P.)	Commence in November.
Sharp or Schloesser	Bath I. L. P.) Yeovil I. L. P.) Radstock I. L. P.)	Commence in January
Jackson	Liverpool F. S.) Bootle I.L.P.) St. Helens S.S.)	Commence in January
Sanders	Brighton F. S.	Commence in

Provincial Courses: arranged preliminarily.

Sharp or Schloesser Four or five Courses in neighbourhood of Newcastle. Commence in November or December.

Sharp or Schloesser Three Courses in North Wales. Commence in January.

Sharp-or-Schloesser Three-Courses

Sharp or Schloesser Dundee, Perth, Glasgow, Edinburgh. Commence in December

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dodd, Ensor, Hobson, Sanders, Shaw

Sharp or Schloesser Courses in Cardiff & South Wales. Commence in February.

1.- New Tracts. Mrs. Shaw and Hobson having withdrawn their objections to the proposed Welsh Tract on Socialism and the Bible, it was resolved to ask the author to proceed with it.

2.- Hildfield Series. The subject of Mrs. Dodd's tract on some of the ... was discussed and it

2.- Suburban Lectures

Courses definitely arranged

Lecturer.	Place
W. Sanders	Croydon F. S.
H. Snell	Forest Gate F.S.
Palmer & H. Snell	Palmer's Green F. S.
W. Sanders.	St. Pancras F. G.
W. Sanders	Paddington F. G.
H. Snell	Wallington S. S.
H. Snell	Ilford F. S.
H. Snell	Kensington F. G.
W. Sanders.	Harrow F. G.
Lewisham W. Sanders	Lewisham F. G.

Courses booked but dates not definitely fixed

W. Sanders.	Sidcup F. G.
	Dulwich F. G.
	Tunbridge Wells
	Clapham F. S.
	Norwood.

3.- New Societies. Society formed at Bristol. Org. Sec. addressed the new organisation on October 19th. Org. Sec. to visit Reading on Oct. 29th. to form Society. Enquiries from Walsall and Huddersfield as to forming Societies.

4.- Large Meetings. The question of holding meetings at either Queen's or St. James' Hall has been considered and it is recommended:- That three meetings be held after Xmas on Friday evenings in place of three meetings at Essex Hall; at each of the meetings one of the most prominent Fabians to be in the chair and two good Fabian lecturers to give propaganda addresses on some aspect of Socialism. Admittance to the meetings to be free to the members, associates and subscribers and a charge to be made to strangers.

This recommendation was sent to the Finance and G. F. Committee who are reporting concurrently upon the subject.

(St. James's Hall holds about 1100 people; the charge for hire is 14 guineas per evening; the cost of the three meetings would be about £34 above that of three Essex Hall meetings plus cost of advertising if any. Available dates - It is probable that a sufficient number of tickets would be sold to strangers to cover the extra expense. Available dates at St. James's Hall are January 22nd, February 26th, and March 19th.)

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

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Meeting 16th. October 1908.

Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Headlam, Sanders, Shaw
Mrs. Shaw, Standing and Secretary.

- 1.- New Tracts. Mrs. Shaw and Hobson having withdrawn their objections to the proposed Welsh Tract on Socialism and the Bible, it was resolved to ask the author to proceed with it.
- 2.- Fifield Series. The advice of Mr. Fifield that no more of the Series be issued before Knas was considered and accepted.
- 3.- Sixpenny Essays. It was resolved to propose the issue of copies in boards at 1/- net, Scott to be asked what royalty he can offer.
On the intimation of an American piracy, it was resolved that Scott be written to saying we wish the preface copyrighted in America, asking what the cost will be and what delay it will involve.
- 4.- "This Misery of Boots". On the intimation of a proposed American pirated edition it was resolved that Mr. Wells be informed.
- 5.- Circulation of Tracts by Local Societies.
The Secretary was ordered to get information as to the terms on which the I. L. P. supplies its branches.
- 6.- Payment for Tracts (Reference back)
It was decided to consult the Nursery on this subject.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was moved by
The Chairman of the Com^{ee} : -

Item 1. was approved

Item 2 was approved & a new X^{ian} Volume
to include lecture of Headlam on
early X^{ian} Socialists was suggested.

Item 3 was approved

Item 4 was noted, & the Pub. Com^{ee} was
instructed to apply to C. T. McCarter
The Ball Pub. Co. 683 Atlantic
Avenue Boston, for 25\$ or some
such sum for the copyright of
this history of Boots, technically on
the right to issue an authorized edition

Items 5 & 6 were approved.

4. The Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} Report was
submitted by Sidney Welsh.

Items 1. 2. 3. & 5 were
adopted.

Item 4 was adopted, except that
the subject for the last
suggested lecture was altered

(4) (cont^d) Finance & P. Comtee Report-
Compulsory Training for National
Defence, & it was agreed in the
first place to ask Spencer Wilkinson
& failing him a member who would
get up the subject.

Item 6. Parliamentary Fund. The
Paragraph drafted was
slightly amended & approved.

(5) Tchaikovsky Bail Fund. The Chairman
was authorized to make an appeal
for subscriptions & the Sec. was
authorized to pay on L.O.U.'s of members
if necessary. -

(6) Vote of approval of Mr Grayson. Sec. stated
that Clifford Sharpe notified he would
move urgency for this. Shaw as
Chairman said he should decline to
allow the discussion, this intention
was approved. -

Hyacinthe Claude
13 Nov. '08

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 14th, October, 1908.

Present: Webb (in Chair) Mrs. Reeves, Miss Murby,
Ensor, Hobson, Sanders, Shaw & Secretary.

- 1.- Fifty candidates were elected, with average subscription for 39 ordinary members of 16/3. Three resignations were accepted. Letter from Hamilton Fyfe stating he resigned because he did not believe in No Compensation, was referred to Shaw.
- 2.- Conference to form a Central London Right to Work Committee. Three delegates were appointed.
- 3.- New Offices. Secretary was authorised to see what he could get for £150 a year.
- 4.- Spring Lectures.
The proposal to hold 3 meetings in St. James' Hall to replace three Essex Hall Meetings was considered and approved, so far as the G. P. Committee is concerned. For the remaining dates the following were proposed:-
Keeling to be invited to suggest a subject
Lord Milner to be asked on his return to speak on Sane Imperialism.
Railway Nationalisation Society (Galton) to be asked to suggest lecturer on Practical Plans for Ry. Nationalisation
J. O'Grady, M.P. or Josiah Wedgwood, M.P. (tion on Compulsory Military Service.
- 5.- Labour Party Nominations:
For Executive Committee E. R. Pease
For delegates to the Portsmouth Conference
G. B. Shaw
W. Sanders
& E. R. Pease.
- 6.- The Parliamentary Fund was discussed, and Webb undertook to draft a paragraph outlining the policy to be pursued, for publication in "Fabian News".
The proposed paragraph is annexed.

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman.

Fabian Parliamentary Fund.

The total amount promised for this Fund, payable in five annual instalments, is now £2655, contributed by 343 subscribers. It will be remembered that the Trustees of the Fund are Hubert Bland, E. R. Pease and Sidney Webb.

The Executive Committee have carefully considered the steps to be taken. In view of the fact that no General Election is likely to occur for at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ years (and probably not until ^{January} 1912), before which time the situation may have considerably changed, it is felt that there would be no advantage in coming to any general plan of action at present. In the meantime, however, there may be bye-elections at which the Society, in friendly co-operation with the Labour Party and with all Socialist forces in the locality, may possibly be able to render service, the exact nature of which must plainly be left to the determined according to the circumstances of the particular constituencies, and the wishes of those on the spot. Any information or suggestions with regard to the possibility of such political service in any constituency - and, indeed, any information as to local electoral conditions - should be at once communicated, in strict confidence, to E. R. Pease.

The Executive Committee have already had under consideration the names of some members who might prove suitable and acceptable candidates, if and when opportunities occur. It would be useful if the names of members likely to be eligible were communicated to E. R. Pease.

Com^{ee} at Office 13th Nov^r '08

Present, Maude (in chair), Welch, Mrs Reeves,
Miss Hutchins, Headlam, Euser
Bland, Mrs Murry, Mrs Wells,
Shaw Hobson & Sec. 7

Absent, Sanders (lecturing), Campbell, Money
Barber Dodd, Mrs Snowden,
Guest, Mrs Shaw.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. The Pub. Com^{ee} report was submitted

Item 1. noted

Item 2. a. & b. noted

on c. after discussion & division
the title was settled as Socialism
& National Minimum.

Items (3) a. b. c. d. e, accepted

Items (4) (5) (6) (7) approved.

(3) The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was
submitted by Mrs Murry
over.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 6th. November 1908.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Dodd, Guest, Headlam, Shaw, Standing, and Secretary.
(Maude and Sanders absent lecturing).

- 1.- Sixpenny Essays. An error (Sidney Olivier) in the Cover-back having been noticed, it was resolved that it must be corrected.
- 2.- Fifield Series (a) Proposal to sell 100 copies of "Socialism and Individualism" to Australia for at 3d. (Smith's price) was approved, and also, in consequence, a reprint of 3000 copies.
(b) Sales. Secretary reported errors in account sales rendered, as to stock only, which is 1120 copies larger than reported.
(c) Factory Legislation. Ready to set up, waiting title. After debate "Socialism and the Minimum Wage" was approved. (Fifield since suggests "Socialism and Wages:" or "Socialism and Women's Wages".)
- 3.- New Tracts.
 - (a) Child Labour. Mrs. Hylton Dale. Revised and completed by Webb. Ordered to be set up.
 - (b) Welsh Tracts. Agreed that Standing print them on Special Terms. (Translation of No. 139 in his hands.)
 - (c) Medical Profession. Adverse report of the Committee on Layton's MS. was received, and the paper was referred to Guest for additions on lines suggested.
 - (d) Dr. Sudekum's offer to get us a Tract on State Insurance in Germany was accepted.
 - (e) Rent and Interest. Tract by Mrs. Shaw, being version of the first Fabian Essay was considered and approved. It was agreed to set up after certain alterations by the author.
- 4.- "What to Read" Reprint. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Hutchins were appointed a Committee to draw up list of Courses of study and suggested compilers.

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4.- "What to Read" Reprint. Mrs. Shaw and Miss Hutchins were appointed a Committee to draw up list of Courses of study and suggested compilers.

5.- Catalogue raisonne. It was agreed that it be called "Tract Index (large type) and Catalogue Raisonne (smaller)", and that price be 3d.

6.- Circulation of Tracts.

It was agreed to report that the P.S. already gives better terms to its Locals than the I.L.P. to its branches, and that no further reduction of price is practicable. Further that the sales by Local Societies appear on examination to be satisfactory.

7.- "Those Wretched Rates". It was agreed to print a new edition of 3000.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Vice-Chairman.

Report of Propaganda Sub-Committee.

Meeting Monday Oct. 26th. 1908.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Dodd, Ensor, Hobson and Sanders.

- 1.- New Societies. Organising Secretary has visited Bristol and Reading and formed Societies at those places. Arranged to visit Walsall and Huddersfield to form Societies.
- 2.- Northern Conference. Arranged for Organising Secretary to attend the Conference at Manchester on November 20th. to deliver an address and to take part in proceedings.
- 3.- Suburban Lectures. Further courses arranged at Hornsey, Richmond and Grays.
- 4.- Meetings at St. James's Hall.

The following subjects and speakers are recommended for these meetings:-

Jan. 22. The Politics of Socialism
 Shaw (in chair) -
 Sanders
 Ensor

Feb. 26. Socialism and Christianity
 Bland (in chair) -
 Lilley
 Conrad Noel.

March 19. Socialism and Physical Welfare
 Victor Horsley (in chair) -
 Dodd
 Dr. Ethel Bentham.

It was further decided to recommend that the lectures be free to members, associates, and subscribers; and that strangers tickets be issued at 1/- for each lecture, or 2/6 for the course.

M. Murby
Chairman.

(4)
 Clear names for
 Memoranda for
 members of
 own vol.

St. James Hall
 to be held
 at 8 o'clock
 in members
 own vol.
 Tills was made
 following
 lecture
 Tills
 Speakers
 Tills
 Tills
 Tills
 Tills
 Tills

(3) Propaganda Com^{ee} report (cont?)

Items 1. 2. 3. were approved.

Item 4. St. James Hall Lectures.

This was fully discussed & the following amendments were made:—

Lecture Feb 26.

Title Socialism & the Church

Speakers. Temple in place of Lilley
Wells' fares to be paid

Lecture Mar 19

Title Socialism & Race Welfare.

It was agreed to advertise the three together.

Admission. It was resolved to instruct the Com^{ee} to arrange for 2/6 seats, reserved: allowing 1/6 off to members & associates for their own use. Carried by 8-3. —

Otherwise the proposals were adopted. Motions by Mrs Wells to alter the subject of two lectures were not seconded.

(4) Chairmen for the lecture: Hobson.

- (5) Old Age Pensions. Letter on the working of the act drafted by Webb was approved & ordered to be sent to about 200 papers. —
- (6) New Years Letter. It was agreed to send out ~~as~~ a letter as last year, the draft of Webb to contain references to the abolition of the Poor Law, the St James Hall meetings, Members Bookshelf, &c. Letter to be sent separately. —
- (7.) Members Meeting. After a considerable debate, it was resolved to hold a members meeting on Jan. 7th in place of the lecture arranged for that date.
- (9.) Lecture at Essex Hall. It was agreed to recommend the Chairman to consent to a division on motion to be moved by Mrs C. M. Wilson for urgency

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to allow a resolution relating to the treatment of Suffragettes in prison, provided the meeting consented that the resolution be put without any discussion whatsoever. -

It was also agreed that the Chairman make reference to the St Tchaikovsky Loan for Bail fund, & that the members meet on Jan 7th 8th be announced.

Wilkes Meeting

Committee Friday Dec: 18th 1908 at 5pm.

Present - Miss Murly (in chair) Miss Snowden
 Bland, Sanders, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Reeves
 Miss Hutchins, Ensor, Mrs Wells
 Headlam, Maude Shaw Holson
 Money & Secy Dodd

Absent - Webb, Guest, Barker &
 Campbell. -

- (1) The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed
- (2) The Reports of the Propaganda Committee
 for Nov- 23rd + Dec. 14 were
 submitted by the Chairman:-
 - Item 1. was adopted
 - On Item 2 the Organising Secy reported more fully on the Conference & stated that no demand was made or mentioned for provincial representation or control over the affairs of the Parent Societ.
 - Items 3. 4. & 6 were adopted
 - On Item 5 after discussion Bland &

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Report of the Propaganda Committee.
Meetings held November 23rd. & December 14th. 1908.

Present Nov. 23rd. Miss Murby (in chair), Dodd, Ensor, Hobson,
and Sanders.

" Dec. 14th. Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Hobson & Sanders.

1.- New Societies.

Organising Secretary has visited Walsall and formed a Society; also Huddersfield and advised formation of a Fabian Group. Steps are being taken to form a Society at Aberdeen. A proposal is on foot to form a Cardiff University Fabian Society but authorities refuse permission; the org. sec. has advised the students to join the London Society and form a Cardiff University Students' Fabian Group.

2.- Northern Conference

The Org. Sec. attended the Northern Fabian Conference. A report of the proceedings appeared in December Fabian News.

3.- Provincial Lectures.

Favourable Reports have been received of Schloesser's lectures at Hitchin and Letchworth; and at Perth, Glasgow, and Edinburgh where he acted as substitute for Sharp who could give one lecture only. Sharp reported only fair attendances at Liverpool, Birkenhead and New Ferry. Jackson had good audiences at Driffield and Manchester; large audiences at York, Sheffield and Halifax; poor audiences in Hull. Proposed courses at Newcastle and district have been abandoned by the local people. Lectures ~~at Leicester~~ at Leicester by the Org. Sec. were attended by about 400 persons; at ^{successful} Brighton he had a very ^{course}. In addition to courses reported arranged others have been fixed for Maldon, Midhurst, Coventry, Walsall and Leeds.

4.- Suburban Lectures. Lectures at Wood Green, Forest Gate, Wallington and Ilford by Snell drew excellent audiences. The Org. Sec. has had good audiences at Hornsey, St. Pancras, Harrow, and Paddington. The proposed courses at Clapham and Sidcup have been abandoned by the local Groups.

5.- St. James's Hall.

- (a) We have re-considered the title of the subject to be dealt with at the second St. James's Hall meeting and we recommend that it be "Socialism and the Churches" instead of "Socialism and the State Church". Further that Dr. Clifford be asked to speak with Conrad Noel and that Headlan be asked to take the chair. For the third meeting we propose that Bland should be chairman.
- (b) We recommend that £10 be spent on advertising including press and posting bills on Tube Stations.

6.- Fabianism in America.

A letter has been received from John Martin stating that Socialists in America will have nothing to do with Fabianism but other people will who won't call themselves Socialists or Fabians.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 27th. November 1908.

Present: Maude (in chair), Dodd, Guest, Shaw,
Mrs. Shaw, Standring and Secretary.

- 1.- Tract Index. This was passed for the press and 5000 ordered to be printed.
- 2.- Payment for Tracts. It was resolved by 4 to 2 to report that the Committee had invited the opinion of the Nursery on the proposal to offer £5. for approved MS. for Tracts and the Nursery replied that they approved the plan and considered the £5. sufficient; that the Publishing Committee recommend that a special offer be made in Fabian News for six months only, as seen an experiment of a payment of £5. for any approved MS. submitted by a member.
- 3.- Much other business was transacted, which was advanced a further stage in the next report.

Meeting 11th. December 1908.

Present: Maudie (in chair), Dodd, Guest, Headlam,
Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring
and Secretary.

1.- Fifield Series.

- (a) Socialism and National Minimum was passed for the press and 5000 ordered.
- (b) Wastage of Child Life was ordered to be set up in Galley and sent to Exec.
- (c) Christian Socialism. It was agreed that Dearmer's "New Age" articles are not good enough and that the proposal for a volume be dropped for the present.

2.- Tracts in preparation.

- (a) Child Labour under Capitalism. It was agreed to print 10,000 of this.
- (b) Rent and Interest. It was agreed that this, being a version of Fabian Essay No. 1, be published without a name, and that it be put down for the Members' Meeting January 8th, but that proofs be only supplied for the meeting

- (c) Pan-Anglican Congress Extracts. On reports it was agreed that (unless Dodd dissents) Rev. A. J. Carlyle be thanked for his services and informed that we do not think it possible to make an effective tract out of the extracts from this report.
- (d) MS. on the Coal Trade and the Medical Profession were reported nearly ready.

3.- Six-penny Essays.

It was agreed to ask Scott to notify date of publication in order that the date may be the same in England and U.S.A. (The date was December 16th., and 500 copies are already in stock here.)

4.- Reprints. Resolved that

- No. 116. Fiscal Policy, be reprinted
- " 86. Municipal Drink, be reprinted
- " 47. Unemployed by John Burns M.P., be dropped.

5.- Unauthorised Program.

A MS. from P.J. Reid of Middlesbrough was received and considered.

6.- Courses of Study.

This project was further discussed and the decision was deferred.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

(2) Protaganda Report (cont?)

moved to delete the name of Dr. Clifford, but only one vote was recorded for the motion. -
It was resolved that failing Dr. Clifford, the Rev R. J. Campbell be invited. -

(3) Tree Publishing Com^e Report ~~was discussed~~ for Nov. 27th & Dec 11th were moved by the Chairman Aylmer Maude. -

~~#~~ November 27th

Items 1 + 3 were approved.

Item 2. Payment for Tracts was very briefly discussed, & was then voted on, & adopted with one or two dissentients

December 11th

Item 1. (a. b. c) was approved

Item 2 (a) was approved.

(b) was amended by agreement, the tract to be issued with the name of Mrs Shaw, as adapted from Fabian Essays.

Item 2 (c. & d) were approved, as also Items 3-6
On Item 3. It was agreed to sell 6^d essays for 1000.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Report of the

Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Private.

Meeting 18th. November 1908.

Present: Bland (in chair), Mrs. Reeves, Miss Murby, Ensor, Hobson, Shaw, Webb, Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- October Candidates (101) were elected.
Average subscription of for 66 ordinary members 8/2.
- 2.- Resignations of G. M. Trevelyan, Miss Smedley, and 7 others were accepted.
- 3.- Lectures.
Spenser Wilkinson: on Compulsory Military Service.
Conditional acceptance for March.
Clifford Sharp. Offer of lecture on the Fabian Society as viewed from the Nursery was accepted.
- 4.- Finances.
Report to 31st. October presented.
Proposal to ask the Trustees of No. 2 A/c for a grant of £200 towards the estimated cost of 20 Suburban Courses (£160) and 30 Provincial Courses (£300), if and when required was approved.
- 5.- Parliamentary Fund.
Correspondence was submitted:-
From Hull Fabian Society on a possible opening for a Fabian Candidate.
From Portsmouth Members suggesting Sanders as a proper Fabian Candidate.
and a message from Dr. G. B. Clark, now in India, vaguely offering to stand.
No final action was taken.
- 6.- The School Feeding Fund.
A report was ordered to be sent to the subscribers with an appeal for further contributions towards the deficit of £32.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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(4) The Reports of the Finance & General Purposes
Com^{tee} for Nov. 18th & Dec. 9th were
moved by the Chairman

Nov. 18. -

Items 1 to 6 were all adopted & on
Nov. it was agreed to try to get the
deficit on Guests School Feeding Fund
from the S.C.C. -

December 9th

Items 1, 2, & 3 were adopted.

Item 4 (Lecture Hall) was briefly dis-
cussed, & no action being
immediately necessary, none was
taken.

Item 5 was discussed, as reported on
the members meeting agenda
further on. -

Item 6. (Members Meeting Resolutions) was
also discussed. -

Item 7. New Offices. It was agreed
to consult Pettlich Lawrence
& to adopt the proposal
subject hereto. -

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 9th. December 1908.

Present: Hubert Bland (in chair), Miss Murby, Mrs. Reeves, Ensor, Shaw, Webb and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates for November. (86) were elected: average subscription of 23 ordinary members 8/6; last month 8/2. Nine resignations all of recently elected members were accepted.
- 2.- Finance. Report on accounts to Nov. 30th. was presented.
- 3.- New Year's Letter. was passed for the press.
- 4.- Lecture Hall. The Secretary reported that the Memorial Hall seemed suitable for our meetings. The Great Hall holding 1050 costs £6.6.0, and the Library holding 500 £4., in both cases for a series; we could change from one to the other in accordance with the expected attendance. The Report was received and the proposed change was ordered to be reported to the members' meeting.
- 5.- Executive Attendances. A report on members of the Executive Committee who had rarely if ever attended was presented, and it was agreed that Bland draft an amendment to the rules rendering failure to make a proportion of attendances without accepted excuse a disqualification for re-election, and that the Exec. be recommended to support this, and it be put down for the January members' meeting.
- 6.- Members' Meeting. Resolutions by Sharp and others were considered, and ordered to be printed, with a view to the Exec. deciding on the form of opposition to them. Copy enclosed.
- 7.- New Offices. Offer (firm for 7 days) of three rooms, same block, also basement, with a floor space of 976 feet (present offices 483 feet) at £150 (present rent £90) was considered; the rooms were inspected; and the Secretary was ordered to write provisionally accepting it, subject to agreement as to details.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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(5.) Anti-poverty Campaign. Notice of motion of Dr. Esuet, was withdrawn in his absence at his request. -

(6) Education Group. Urgency request for a further Grant for Cliffords Inn Meetings for Lectures of Prof Geddes, Dr. Rose, & R. Bray S.C.E. was adopted. -

7. Members Meeting Jan. 7th The following agenda was adopted: -

- (1) Report on New Offices & on taking the Memorial Hall. - To be made by Secy
- (2) Executive attendances. The following ~~new~~ addition to the rules was proposed by Bland on behalf of the G.P. Comtee: -

" No member of the retiring Committee shall be
"eligible for re-election unless he shall have
"attended half the meetings of that committee
"and half the meetings of any sub-committee of
"that committee to which he may have been
"appointed.
" (That on receiving a nomination to the Execu-
"tive Committee the Secretary shall write to
"the candidate nominated and draw his attention
"to the above rule)".

7. Members Meeting (cont^d.)

Letter from Wells suggesting alternative. After much discussion Bernard Shaw moved that the amendment be as follows:-

Any member of a Committee not attending four consecutive meetings of that Committee without obtaining leave of absence shall vacate his seat on that Committee. Bland accepted his amendment, & it was adopted with one dissentient. It was agreed that Bland move it on behalf of the Exec. -

- (3) Motion of Clifford Sharp & others re Constitution. It was agreed that Ensor move as an amendment that the proposals contained in the Resolution be referred to a Committee, to include the movers, & to be appointed by the Executive.
- (4) Motion of S. G. Hobson proposing to withdraw from the Labour Party.

7. Members Meeting (cont^d)

(4) Motion of Hobson (cont^d)

This was discussed at some length & the consideration of it adjourned.

(5) The Secy reported that L. H. + H. R. Gould had sent in a notice to amend the Basis & omitting "without Compensation" but had withdrawn it on his pointing out that amendments to the Basis were only in order at the Annual Meeting, altho' a resolution approving of such an amendment could be taken.

It was decided to send admission tickets to members. - The Chairman was not nominated.

(8) Miss Murly was appointed chairman for the Essex Hall meeting, Dec. 15th.

(9) It was agreed to meet again on Jan 7th

M. S. Reeves
Jan 8. 1909

Com^{ee} at office on Friday Jan. 7 8th 1909
at 4.30 pm.

Present Mrs Reeves, in chair, Shaw, W. Shaw
Miss Hutchins, Maude, Sanders, Hobson,
Mrs Snowden, Guest, Miss Murly, Bland,
Sanders & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. New Office. Secy submitted draft lease wh.
he reported to be in order, subject to some
details. He pointed out that the charge
made for it was £5.5.0. agreed to accept
lease, but to try to get the charge reduced.

3. Poor Law Com^{ee} Minutary Report. Letters from Wells
were read offering no reprints from Stereos plates
of their 12/6 Library Edition, (without the notes to)
1000 pp, paper, at 2/- absolutely net. To be
sold at 3/- or as two vols at 2/- + 1/- net
to be sold to the Trade. after full debate

- it was agreed
- (1) To accept offer
 - (2) (unanimously) To take it in 2 vols
 - (3) To take 3000.

(4) St. James Hall. Offer of Wiltch to lecture on Remedy for Unemployment in March. - after debate it was agreed :-

- (a) to accept offer
- (b) to charge for admission in every case.
- (c) to ask Shaw to take the chair. He accepted.

(5) Essex Hall. Offer of Wiltch that Mrs. Wiltch & Lansbury address Members Meeting in April or May on the Com^{tee} & its report. Agreed to accept.

b. Members Meeting at Essex Hall.

(a) Tre Sec. reported he had asked Macrost Chairman & Holding, who declined & Muggidge who accepted. approved.

(b) On proposed move to Memorial Hall, the Sec. was instructed to say it would probably be taken.

(c) Amendment to rule. Sec. reported that a. D. Macpherson suggested that the wording sh^d. be "any member absent from" & "shall be deemed to have vacated". Agreed to accept this.

b (cont'd) Members Meeting

(d) Colgate + Others Res. resolution, Agreed that (in the absence through business of Ensor) Sanders move as an amendment That the resolution be referred to a Com^{ee} to be appointed by the Executive to include the proposers of the resolution, which shall prepare a report thereon to be submitted to the Society & the Executive Committee.

(e) Blanco White Resolution.

Miss Murly to oppose.

(f.) Hobson's Resolution. Letter ~~read~~ of Ensor stating his view was read. Sec. reported he had printed draft amendment prepared by Shaw.

Shaw moved that the Exec. adopt it. After debate it was carried, two opposing, Miss Hutchins (who also objected to Hobson's resolution) & Hobson.

Secy stated that Shallard had proposed to move omission of the first paragraph, but he wd. not be able to attend.

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FABIAN MEMBERS' MEETING
JANUARY 8th.

On motion by S. G. HOBSON.

Amendment by BERNARD SHAW. To substitute :—

That this meeting, whilst approving the affiliation of the Fabian Society to the Labor Party ; congratulating the Party on the accession of half a million members to its ranks during the year just ended ; and recalling with undiminished satisfaction the active part taken by the Society in the formation of the Party, is of opinion that the time has come for the Party to give immediate consideration to the following propositions, namely :

1. That parliamentary parties in England no longer depend for support on the strength of their names or of the class from which their members are drawn, but stand or fall by their programs.
2. That a party without a program may influence legislation in the House of Commons but can do nothing to influence public opinion in the country.
3. That a Labor Party, in order to justify its detachment from the two Capitalist parties, and its calls upon the funds of the Trade Unions, must put forward a Labor program which not only differs from the programs of the Capitalist parties, but consists mainly of measures which cannot conceivably be added to those programs.
4. That until these conditions are recognized and complied with by the Labor Party, it will be increasingly difficult for the Fabian and other definitely Socialist societies to secure the unanimous support of their recruits for continued affiliation with the Labor Party, and to combat that tendency to break away and form new sections which has impaired the solidarity of the Labor movement in France, and may easily do so in this country if the views of the Labor Party in parliament remain indistinguishable from those of the left wing of the Capitalist parties.

(6) (cont?) Members Meeting

(g) Macpherson Resolution. It was agreed that no action be taken thereon.

(h) Fordham Resolution Agreed that mandate accept on behalf of the Exec. —

(7.) after the meeting had partly dispersed the Secy notified that a letter had arrived from the Rev R. J. Campbell resigning his seat on the Exec. on account of his inability to attend. It was agreed to accept it. —

Samuel Webb

Committee 12th Feby 1909.-

Present Webb (in chair) Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Miss Murly
Headlaw, Ensor, Guest, Bland, Maude
Dodd, Miss Hutchins Barker, Sanders + Sec. - -

Also, for a short time, Holson. -

Absent- Mrs Reeves, Mrs Snowden. Money, Mrs Wells.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Apologies were read from Mrs Reeves + Mrs Snowden
of leave of absence was given to them.
3. The Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} (2 meetings) was
presented by the chairwoman.
 Items 1. - accepted
 .. 2 accepted, & the title page of Tract 142
 was amended. -
 Items 3 + 4 accepted.
 (Basis) Item 5. Par 1. Referred back for further report.
 .. 2 accepted.
 6 + 9 Accepted
 7. Accepted, except that the term is to be permanent.
 8. Referred back for further report.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting Jan. 15th. Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Dodd, Guest,
Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Sanders, Standring, and Secretary.
Meeting Feb. 5th. Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Dodd,
Headlam, Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring & Secretary.

1.- Fifield Series.

- VI. Socialism and National Minimum. Ready for Press.
VII. Wastage of **Child** Life. Proof undergoing revision.
Miss Muirhead engaged to check the statistics, which
have proved to be inaccurate.
Publication to be made as soon as possible.

Volume on Reform of Local Government promised by Local
Government Committee.

2.- New Tracts

- No. 140. Child Labour under Capitalism. Published.
No. 141. Socialism and the Churches in Welsh. Published.
No. 142. Rent and Interest. Proofs sent out for approval by
Executive.
No. 143. Welsh Biblical MS. Being set up.

3.- Reprints.

132. Guide to Books for Socialists. 2000 ordered.
41. Early History of Fabian Society. 3000 ordered
126. Abolition of Poor Law Guardians. 1000 ordered.

Preparation of new edition of "What to Read" in hand.

4.- MSS. offered under the £5. scheme

Twelve have been considered and rejected one (by Schloesser on
Machinery) is still under consideration.

5.- **Basis** Lectures.

A proposal to reprint the reports in "Fabian News" as a
commentary on the **Basis** was rejected.

It is proposed to publish Ensor's lecture and perhaps others.

6.- Tracts proposed.

Emil Davies' lecture on Railway Nationalisation, if good enough.
Coal Trade by Miss Gardner.
Many others in hand.

7.- Shaw's letter to "Times" on Mallock.

It is proposed to reprint this and circulate for the
information (and edification) of members.

8.- Granville Barker was deputed to draft a proposal for Sub-Committees
on Tracts: draft annexed.

9.- A large amount of detailed business has been transacted, not of
sufficient importance, or not far enough advanced for report
to the Execo.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.
C. F. Shaw
Vice-Chairman.

Proposed amendment of the £5 offer for a tract.

The result of the offer of £5 for a tract has been unsatisfactory. The MSS. sent in, whether their quality rose above second-class journalism or not, were never distinctively Fabian in character. The Executive proposes therefore to amend the offer.

A new series of tracts is projected under the general title of Socialism and (The Staple) Trade(s) to deal with such subjects as the Socialism of the Coal Trade, of the milk trade, of the bread trade, such a subject as Socialism and the small trader.

It is proposed to prepare these by the method of a Committee of Enquiry. A chairman and four or six members will be nominated and a secretary.

The Secretary's duty will be to convene meetings, procure expert evidence either from within or without the Society, and ultimately to draft the report in the form of a tract. For this work the sum of £ is offered.

Applicants for the secretaryship should write or interview E.R.Pease.

4. The Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} was
submitted & Miss Murly

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Items 1. 2. 3. 4 adopted.

On Item 5 Constitutional Amendments

Committee, the names of
Money, Headlam & Holson
were deleted, & the names of
Bland, Dodd, Webb, Guest & Shaw
were inserted. It was agreed to
appoint Allan Glasgow & J^W.
Brooks of Delchworth: the Secy
& Coy. Secy to be ex officio. -

As thus amended the
proposal was agreed to. -

Jan 25th.

Items 1. 2. 3 accepted

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Special meeting Feb 1st.
Report accepted.

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Report of the Propaganda Committee.

- 2.- St. James's Hall Meetings. Meeting January 11th. 1909. (Jan. 22nd.)
The Propaganda Committee amounted to £25. Expenditure about £20. Total
Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Ensor, Headlam, Hobson, and Sanders. 869/110
- 1.- Suburban Lectures. Org. Secretary arranged at Richmond, Edinburgh on
Courses were arranged at Thornton Heath; also a special course by the Organising Secretary at Westminster. (Since P. S. Westminister. read.)
- 2.- Provincial Lectures. Excellent Report received from Glasgow on Schloesser's lectures.
- 3.- St. James's Hall Meetings. Special Meeting February 1st. 1909.
It was decided to hold on March 5th. the meeting to be addressed by Webb on "The Remedy for Unemployment". Tickets to be 2/6 (2/- to members) 1/-, and 6d.
- 4.- New Societies. New Society formed at Huddersfield following visit from Organising Secretary. After a long discussion Fordham proposed to submit a pamphlet
- 5.- Constitutional Amendments Committee. for publication by the Society
It is recommended that the members of the Propaganda Committee plus the 6 supporters of the amendments with Miss Hutchins and Miss Atkinson form the Committee.
(Members of the Exec. Committee 7. Miss Murby, Miss Hutchins, Dodd, Ensor, Headlam, Hobson and Chiozza Money; Non-members of the Exec. Com. 7. Miss Atkinson, Colegate, Herbert, Sharp, Schloesser Keeling and White).
The Org. Sec. was instructed to write Allan of Glasgow, Hallsworth of Manchester, and Edwards of Liverpool asking if they would serve on the Committee if requested by the Exec. Committee.
(Allan willing, Edwards and Hallsworth cannot serve)
The Org. Sec. was also instructed to prepare statistical and other information for the use of the Committee and to obtain the views of the local Societies as to proposed changes.

Meeting January 25th. 1909.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Ensor, Headlam, Sanders.

- 1.- Suburban Lectures. Courses were arranged at Finchley and Kingston.
Proposed Course at Dulwich postponed till Autumn.

2.- St. James's Hall Meetings.

The receipts for the first meeting (Jan. 22nd.) amounted to £28. Expenditure about £20. Total cost ~~for~~ of four meetings (estimated) £70. Tickets sold to date for four meetings £60.11.0

3.- New Societies.

Org. Secretary arranged to visit Edinburgh on Feb. 9th. to form Edinburgh City F. S. (Since meeting of Committee the Manchester University F. S. has been formed.)

Special Meeting February 1st. 1909.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dodd, Ensor, Hobson, Pease, and Sanders, and by invitation, Montague Fordham.

Rural Propaganda.

Fordham urged that the Society should take advantage of the present stir in rural districts in connection with small holdings. After a long discussion Fordham proposed to submit a pamphlet embodying his views for publication by the Society further action being postponed until the production of the pamphlet.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

5. Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} -

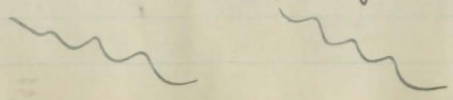
Report of Jan. 13. was submitted
by the Chairman, Bland. -

Item 1 was accepted, but Mrs Shaw
undertook to write to Arnold Bennett
asking him to withdraw his resignation.
Items 2 (Finance) 3 (New Office) &
4 (Society Meeting) were agreed to.

On Item 5 (Referendum on Essex Hall
vote) S. S. Hobson expressed dissent
& stated he should resign his
membership of the Society. He then
left. The Item was agreed to.

Item 6. (Alteration of Referendum
Rule) was agreed to. -

Item 7. (Publication of addresses
of Candidates) was discussed.
The Secretary was instructed
to differentiate between London
District & other ordinary members
& the Item was agreed to.



Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. I. Meeting 13th, January 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Ensor, Hobson, Miss Murby, Mrs. Reeves, Sanders, Shaw, Webb, & Secretary.

1.- Membership.

January candidates, elected, 23 ordinary, 19 other, total 42.

Average ordinary subscriptions 10/3, increase of 2/1 over last month.

Resignations (in most cases on application for subscription) of Arnold Bennett, F. Brocklehurst, A. R. Orage, and 19 others nearly all/ elected in 1906 or 1907 were accepted.

J. F. Matheson was asked to remain and subscription excused.

A Committee to consider a list of 120 defaulters was appointed.

2.- Finance.

Accounts to 31st. December were presented.

Subscriptions showed a decrease of £60, accounted for by the absence of a payment of £100 made in 1907.

3.- New Office.

Draft lease, including payment of £5.5.0 for same, which was found to be the minimum charge, was approved and ordered to be signed.

A Committee on Furniture, (Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Shaw, and the two Secretaries) was appointed with power to expend reasonable sums.

4.- Society Meetings.

It was agreed to migrate to Memorial Hall, and in addition to arrangements notified in "Fabian News", to arrange

Spenser Wilkinson on Compulsory Military Training

& Mrs. C. M. Wilson on the Economic Disintegration of the Family

Suggested lectures by

Miss Atkinson on Communal Housekeeping

& F. W. Hayes on Confiscation were held over.

5.- The Essex Hall Vote on the Labour Party. On a letter from S. G. Hobson claiming a referendum of the Society on the vote of 68 against the amendment to his resolution, after a full debate it was resolved, (with Hobson alone dissenting)

That the Exec. be recommended to reply that a referendum cannot be granted because the case does not come within the rule giving the right to claim a referendum. JF JB

6.- Rule as to Referendum.

On the proposal to raise the minimum vote and to alter the form it was agreed to refer the matter to the special Committee on the Constitution.

7.- Publication of Addresses of Candidates.

It was agreed that the addresses of candidates be no longer printed in the "News", for the same reasons which led to the cessation of the publication of the printed list of members.

(5) Finance & G. P. Committee (cont'd.)

Report of 10th Feby was presented
by Bland in the absence of Mrs Reeves.

Item 1) Membership & subscriptions
was discussed & adopted.

Item 2. Finance was adopted

Item 3. Grant to the Social Comtee was
discussed at some length, for
a division over the question of the use
of the grant for refreshments, it
was resolved unanmously,
That no conditions be attached
to the grant. —

Item 4. ~~Members~~ Meeting in July for
Mrs Atkinson) was agreed to —

Item 5. Committee on Program - adopted.
(Reids Program was handed to Bland)

Item 6. Summer-School Comtee. Letter read
asking two nominees to be appointed
one of them Pease. Maude declined
& indeed was already ex officio member.
Mrs Reeves & Pease were appointed.

Item 7. Noted. —

Private.

Report of the Finance & General Purpose Committee.
Meeting 10th. February.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Bland, Ensor,
Miss Murby, Shaw, Webb and Secretary.

1. - Membership: 74 candidates were elected: average subscription of 45 ordinary members 8/2: 20 university @ 1/-.
9 local @ 2/6. Average of total 5/6.
Five resignations were accepted.
- 2.- Finance. Accounts incomplete owing to large takings including nearly £80 for Minority Report. Subscriptions £56 less than last year, owing to one special subscription of £100 last year.
- 3.- Social Committee. A grant of £5 for period to end of July was voted.
- 4.- Society Meetings. It was agreed to fill the remaining date (to end of June) with lecture by H. D. Harben on Endowment of Maternity (Report of a Committee, suitable for a Tract) and to hold a meeting in July for a paper on Communal Housekeeping by Miss Atkinson, complementary to Mrs. Wilson's paper.
- 5.- Program. A Committee was appointed consisting of Shaw, Bland and Ensor to draft a political program.
- 6.- Summer School. On information that an invitation would probably be received to nominate two representatives on the Committee, it was agreed to recommend Mrs. Reeves and Maude.
- 7.- Taunton Election. Special Report annexed.

Maud Reeves

Vice-Chairman

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(6) Tamilton Bye Election. Special Report annexed was considered. -

The Secretary stated that Frank Smith was willing to stand.

It was ~~unanimously~~ agreed, mem. con.

- (1) To nominate Frank Smith as Labour Candidate for Tamilton -
- (2) To inform the Labour Party that the Society accepted full financial responsibility
- (3) To appoint Shaw, Sanders & Secy to advise the candidate on his address.
- (4) Not to appoint any Committee (as suggested)
- (5) To issue at once the annexed letter to the Parliamentary Fund subscribers, immediately on the decision of the P. Trustees of the Fund, all being present, concurred.

7. Chairman for the Evening. Dodd.

8. Proposed Deputation to Germany Deferred

9. Executive Election. Briefly discussed.

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Strictly Confidential.

Bye-Election at Taunton.

This will take place within the next fortnight owing to the resignation of the sitting Conservative Member. At present the Hon W. Peel (C), leader of the Moderates on the L.C.C., is to have a walk over. The Electorate is about 3600, and the Conservative Majority in 1906 was 339.

The Labour Party Officials asked us (unofficially) some time ago if we would be disposed to put up a candidate: now again they say that there is a strong demand local demand by the Socialists, and in the absence of a Liberal Candidate a good vote for a Labour Candidate is probable. There is said to be local dissatisfaction with Mr. Peel.

The election could be well fought for £250, being one of the cheapest in the country, and the fight would be short.

The I.L.P. would raise a fund, (from which little could be expected) and the L. P. would contribute perhaps £25 ($\frac{1}{2}$ Returning Officer's fee) and send speakers and literature free.

The candidate at present suggested is Frank Smith, L.C.C.; he would fight a fellow London County Councillor, (who is much disliked) with effect: would be agreeable to Liberal Nonconformists, and is believed to be make a good candidate. He is popular with the I.L.P. and is Hon. Secretary of the Right to Work Committee. The Election would be largely fought on Unemployment question. But his consent has not been obtained, and any other candidate could be considered. He has been a Fabian since 1891, with an interval.

The General Purposes Committee after consideration of the above were of opinion that the subscribers to and supporters of the Parliamentary Fund would be glad to see action taken, and that the constituency is in many respects a favourable one; they therefore unanimously agreed to inform the Labour Party that they would recommend the Executive to put forward Frank Smith or some other candidate, if a fight was decided on.

The Executive of the Labour Party, which has absolute power under the new rules, to decide whether a Labour Candidate shall be run at a Bye-Election, will meet on Monday next.

If the foregoing Report is adopted the Secretary suggests that a Committee be appointed with full power to conduct the election, either the General Purposes Committee or a smaller Committee to be selected forthwith.

The Society (which would be required to undertake to find all the election expenses, apart from the L. P. Contribution, say £225) has at present £240 in the bank.

For the General Purposes Committee
Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

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The Fabian Society.

Dear Madam, Sir or Madam,

Taunton Bye-Election.

You have no doubt already seen in the Press, that the Executive Committee has resolved to act upon the decision of the members, and to exercise their right of nominating a candidate for Parliament under the auspices of the Labour Party in the approaching bye-election at Taunton. ~~against the Moderates.~~

They have adopted this course with the cordial approval of the Labour Party Executive, and our candidate receives its endorsement and hearty support. ~~will chiefly take.~~

The Fabian Executive considers that this is a favourable opportunity for the first Fabian Parliamentary Contest on several grounds.

The constituency is a very small one, and the cost will be extremely moderate. The local Socialists are eager to take part in the contest, but the place is not suitable for a Trade Union Official and the Fabian Society is the only body able ^{willingly} ~~generally~~ to bring forward a candidate. The Conservative nominee, the Hon W.R. Peel, L.C.C., Leader of the Moderates Party is a bitter opponent even of the small instalments of practical Socialism which find a place in the program and policy of the London Progressives, and it would be a victory for the ~~reactionary~~ forces of reaction if he were returned to Parliament without opposition.

We are fortunate in having available at a moment's notice a candidate admirably suited for this particular constituency contest.

Frank Smith, L.C.C. was elected to our Society so long ago as 1891. He has since 1892 served four terms on the London County Council and at the last election in 1906 he ~~wrested~~ *won* North Lambeth ~~from a Moderate~~ as a Labour-Socialist Candidate and scored the only victory against the Moderates.

As Honorary Secretary of the Right to Work Committee he has made a special study of unemployment, and it is on this great problem that the contest will chiefly turn.

The Executive Committee is confident that it is the desire of the subscribers to the Fabian Parliamentary Fund that their willingness to contribute towards the promotion of Parliamentary Socialism should not be fruitless, and therefore with confidence calls on them for their promised support.

We are aware that some of the offers of contributions were conditional, but we do not consider it our business to decide whether this contest comes within the conditions specified, or whether any member concerned will continue to stand by them. We therefore send to all those ~~pe~~ who promised, the request that they will forthwith pay up one year's contribution, and we believe that the amount so received will be amply sufficient for the present contest.

We are,

Yours truly,
Hubert Bland
Edw. R. Pease
Sidney Webb

Trustees
Treasurers of the Fabian Parliamentary Fund.

The Amount promised by you for one year (one fifth of the total) was

£ _____

10. The Minutes Report. On a report that the Solicitor to the Treasurer had written notifying that he regarded our publication as an infringement of copyright, it was agreed to call a special meeting on Wed. next, Feb 17, at 5-30, & to notify absent members by placing the matter on the agenda in due course. —

By Bernard Shaw
12th March 1909.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

To the Members of the Executive.

- (1) The Special Meeting called for Wednesday 17th. inst. will not be held.
- (2) The Minority Report. The following letter has been received from the Treasury Solicitor.

"Treasury,
Whitehall, S. W.,
15th. February, 1909.

"Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th. instant with regard to "the proposed publication of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission, I am directed to inform you that the question has "been fully considered by the Treasury, and that although the "proposed publication involves a risk of financial loss to the "Government, yet having regard to the desirability of making "every portion of the Report readily accessible to the public "their Lordships do not propose to press their objection further.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Signed)

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Edward R. Pease, Esq.,
Secretary of the Fabian Society,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C."

- (3) Taunton Election. Everything is going well. The Labour Party Executive received our proposal cordially; sanctioned the contest unanimously and without a word of demur, appointed their Agent to act for our Candidate, ordered the usual manifesto to be issued, and decided to send at their own expense as speakers, the Chairman of the Party, A. Henderson, the Chairman of the Executive, J. Keir Hardie, and the Secretary, J. R. Macdonald.

Bernard Shaw wrote a long passage, which I believe forms the bulk of Smith's Election address: the rest was considered by Sanders and myself, with Shaw.

I have given Peters £150 for the Returning Officer's fee, &c. and am issuing the call to the Parliamentary Fund Subscribers. Already £30 has been received and letters come in by every post. Sanders will be at Taunton most of the week. Other speakers will be arranged for as necessary.

- (4) The New Offices will be ready for us on Thursday.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
15th. February, 1909.

Handwritten notes:
Committee
Pease
Sanders
Keir Hardie
Henderson
Macdonald
Shaw
Peters
Desart
Pease
Secretary
15th. Feb. 1909

Committee at new office on
Friday 12th March 1909. at 5.30pm.

Present - Bernard Shaw (in chair) &

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Apology for absence from last meeting ~~was read~~ from
L.G. Cluozza money was read, & no action taken therein.
Sanders, absent lecturing, was excused.
3. The Report of the Propaganda Com^{ee} was submitted
by Miss Murby.
Item 1. adopted. Agreed to suggest to the Glasgow
F.S. that they engage & pay an organising Secy
& enquire ~~whether~~ if they know one Gillies.
Items 2. 3. & 4 were approved. Also Items 7 & 8.
Item 5. abandonment of Annual Soirée. To this
an amendment was moved that a Soirée
be held, & on a division it was carried by
8 to 4. It was thereupon agreed that Dodd,
Mrs. Snowden, Barker & Mrs. Wells be a Com^{ee}
to arrange it, with power to add. —

Private.

Report of the Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday March 8th. 1909.

present: Miss Murby (in chair), Bland, Ensor,
Pease and Sanders.

1.- Organising Secretary's Scotch Lecture Tour.

Organising Secretary reported that he had held ten lectures under the auspices of the Glasgow Fabian Society with fairly satisfactory results.

2.- Arrangements are being made to hold the Annual Northern Fabian Conference at Sheffield on May 1st. During the week previous to the Conference Mrs. Webb and Sidney Webb will address meetings under the auspices of the local Fabian Societies at Liverpool, Manchester, Hull, Leeds and Sheffield, on the Poor Law Report. The Org. Sec. will probably hold similar meetings at Burnley, Darwen, York and Huddersfield.

3.- New Societies. The Organising Secretary has visited Edinburgh and formed a Society.
A Society is in course of formation at Llandudno as a result of Clifford Sharp's lectures.

4.- The date of the first meeting of the Constitution Committee has been fixed for Monday March 22nd.

5.- Annual Soiree. In view of the comparative failure of last year's Soiree and the increased facilities for meeting each other now open to members of the Society, it is recommended that the Annual Soiree be abandoned.

6.- Annual Conference. It is recommended that the Annual Conference be held on Saturday July 10th., place to be fixed after it has been ascertained how many representatives will attend.

7.- St. James's Hall Meetings. The receipts to date for the four meetings amount to about £116., of which sum about £65 was received for Webb's meeting on March 5th. The total cost of the four meetings will be about £70. Net profit will probably be over £50.

8.- Provincial Lecturers. Reports on Sharp, Schloesser and Jackson from persons of judgment.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

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Meeting 19th. February. Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring & Secretary.

Meeting 5th. March. Present: Maude (in chair), Dodd, Guest, Headlam, Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring, and Secretary.

1.- Fifield Series. Wastage of Child Life. alterations
Extensive and expensive corrections and additions
in hand, but causing delay.

2.- Tracts Published. No. 142. Rent and Value. 10000 printed.
" 143. Welsh Old Testament. 5000 ordered, and
about to be published.

3.- MS. submitted under £5. Offer.
A large number have been considered and so far
not one has been found suitable and only one is
still under consideration of a volume on this

4.- Shaw's "Times" Letter on Mallock has been under consideration.
After further consideration and consultation with
the author, the Committee adheres to its former
decision to issue the letter as an occasional
publication "for the information of members" only.

5.- Covers of Tracts.
It was resolved by a majority to recommend that suitable
tracts be issued in covers: each cover to have the
same carefully prepared design, but to be different
in colour: the cover to be independent of the body of
the tract, so that it can be removed for binding and
copies to be sent to members need not have the cover.
Standring's estimate of cost of cover is £1. per 1000.
The cost of a first edition

10000, 20 pages, cost £23.12.6. Proceeds, 7000 @ 8½d.
per doz. £19. Loss £4.10. With covers on 7000, Loss
£11.10.0

20000, 16 pages, cost £32. Proceeds 17,000 @ 8½d.
per doz. £46.0.0. Profit £14. With covers on 17,000
Loss £3.

6.- Interpretation of Basis.
Proposed reprint of the reports of Basis Lectures in
"Fabian News" with author's corrections. Referred back.
The Committee reports that on full consideration it
adheres to its former decision to reject the proposal.

7.- Minority Report.
The number ordered by us was 2000 of each. Webb printed
and sent 3000.

Despatched to date:- 1600 1950 Part I Poor Law
2150 Part II Unemployment.

Receipts in cash £174. Many accounts not rendered.
Paid to Sidney Webb £150. Leaving £50 to complete
payment for 2000 and £150 for 3000

8.- American Royalties. The Ball Publishing Co. of Boston has paid £7.10.
for moral right to publish "Fabian Essays" and "This
Misery of Boots."

9.- "An Unauthorised Program".

A proposal by P. J. Reid for a volume on this subject has long been under consideration. His draft outline has been approved and he has been invited to complete the book. We have promised to do anything we can to assist in getting it published and circulated.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

4. Report of the Publishing Com^{ee} was presented
of a general nature. —

Items 1. 2. 3. & 4 were received & approved.

Items 6. 7. 8. & 9 were also received & approved.

Item 8. Coloured Covers for Tracts. This was
discussed at great length, & ultimately
adopted in an amended form, viz:

That an experiment be tried with three
old tracts, to be reissued with covers.

- (1) Tract 51 Socialism True & False, with portrait
of Webb
- (2) a Tract of Shaw, with his portrait.
- (3) a Tract of the F.S. with a design only.

H. Resignation of S. G. Hobson. Letter from him
resigning his membership both of the
Exec. Com^{ee} & of the Society was read.

It was agreed to accept his resignation
& to inform him that, if he so desires, his
letter will be published verbatim in the News.

5. Executive Election - Secretary reported on the candidates
already nominated & on the attendances of members

b. Address by Joseph Fels. Secy presented as urgent business a letter from Mr Fels asking that a meeting be arranged for him + others at ~~St.~~ St. James Hall on the prevention of unemployment, it is understood, by Land Tax + Small Holdings. after discussion it was agreed to decline a St. James Hall meeting, but to offer him a Memorial Hall meeting as soon after Easter as convenient.

7. Notice of motion. Mrs Bernard Shaw gave notice that she wd move on the first opportunity that the new Exec. be recommended to decide that membership of one of the Sub. Committees be compulsory on all members of the Exec.

Signed. Ethel Snowden



Com^a at Office Friday April 2nd 1909.

Present. Mr. Snowden, in chair, Mrs Wells, Miss Antclinis, H. Bland, Mr. Reeves, Maude, Headlam, Gold Guest, Esor, Miss Murky, Sanders, Barker, & Secy

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The Publishing Com^a Report of Mar. 26th was submitted of Aymer Maude
The whole was accepted, & it was resolved that Guest's MS. be referred to Dr. McCleary for Report.
3. The Finance & General Purposes Com^a Report of Mar. 17th was submitted of H. Bland.
The whole was approved.

On Item 7. Mr. Reeves & Mrs C. M. Wilson were appointed delegates to the International W.S. ~~Conference~~ Alliance & it was referred to the Womens Group to take part in Womens Freedom League Demonstration, if they think fit, in the name of the Society but without committing the Society to financial liabilities.



Meeting 26th. March 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Dodd, Guest, Headlam, Money, Standing, and Secretary.

- 1.- Croydon Election. As a matter of urgency the publication of part of a letter from the Secretary to the Liberal Agent (F. W. Galton), and the reply of the Secretary thereto was discussed, and a resolution fully endorsing the reply was adopted. Particulars are in "Fabian News".
- 2.- Fifield Series. Elections Editions of 4000 only of Vols. VI & VII were agreed on, and publication of these vols after Easter was approved.
- 3.- Shaw on Mallock. Format of this as an occasional paper was approved.
- 4.- Tract No. 143. Welsh Biblical MS. was announced as published.
- 5.- Coloured Covers. It was agreed to ask Gill to prepare a design: to issue Tract 8, "Facts for Socialists", with design only; No. 51, "Socialism True and False" with Webb's portrait on design; and to defer selection of Tract with Shaw's portrait.
- 6.- Medical Profession. MS. by Guest was submitted.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Private.

Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Report of Meeting 17th. March, 1909.

Present: Bland (in Chair), Ensor, Sanders & Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates. Number elected 52. Last year 88.
Average subscription 28 ordinary members £1.4.1. Average of all 13/11.
Resignations of 7 members were accepted, and report received that 112 including Cecil Chesterton, R. E. Dell, and T. R. Marr had been struck off for non-payment of subscriptions.
- 2.- Accounts, to end of February were reported, subscriptions showing decline from £1044 to £1027, and Tract sales from £456 to £251.
- 3.- Office Furniture. Purchases and estimates to the extent of about £52 were approved.
- 4.- No. 2 A/c. In consequence of the resignation of S. G. Hobson and the desire of H. W. Macrosty to be released from the of the duty; it was resolved to recommend that R. C. K. Ensor and E. R. Pease be appointed trustees together with Hubert Bland who retains the post.
- 5.- Election Fund. It was agreed to place the balance in hand (about £140) to a deposit account in the names of the Trustees.
- 6.- Croyden Election.
A proposal from Croyden Fabians that we join the I.L.P. in promoting Frank Smith's Candidature was considered and rejected.
- 7.- Delegations. Invitations to send delegates to an International Women's Freedom League Demonstration were referred to the Women's Group for Report. (Report has been received and will be submitted).

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

4. Propaganda Com^{ee} - No report was presented, as a special Constitution Revision Com^{ee} had replaced the regular meeting, & at this no business was transacted suitable for a report. But Mrs Reeves was appointed, vice Guest, who c^d no longer attend on the date fixed. -

5. Soiree Com^{ee}. Letter was read from A. J. Thorogood suggesting dinner to the Wabbs. After discussion it was agreed to combine this with the Soiree, & to hold both on Mar 19th if possible. Dodd reported progress made in the arrangements. It was resolved to put on the invitation cards that the Exec. will reconvene. Dinner to be at the Holborn Restaurant, & the reception to be afterwards.

6. The Joseph Fels Meeting. The Secy reported that the Mtg was fixed for May 7th = that Fels insisted on calling it "Not the remedy for but prevention of Unemployment". That he (Secy) demurred to this as non-descriptive, & unsuitable in view of a

(5.) Fels' lecture (cont^d.)

former lecture of Well. after discussion,
it was agreed that Guest & the Secy
arrange a suitable title & proper lectures
with Fels.

b. Executive Sub-Committees

Moved by Bland on behalf of Mr. Shaw
(absent abroad) :-

That the new Exec. be recommended
to decide that membership of one of
the Sub-Committees be compulsory
on all members of the Executive Committee.

7. Next meeting April 23rd

8. Chairman for Clifford Sharp. Bland.

Sidney Well
23/4/9

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Meeting April 23rd 1909 at 5pm.

Present Webb (in chair) Miss Hutchins, Maude, Mrs Wells,
Miss Murly, Granville Barker, Smeor, Headlam,
Guest, Bland, Sanders & Sec'y

- (1) The Minutes were confirmed
- (2) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was presented by the Chairman, H. Bland, & the whole was adopted.
The Report on Reminders for subscriptions was approved
The agenda for the Annual meeting was amended in respect of order of items & adopted.
- (3) Lawson Dodd reported for the Soirée Com^{ee}, Tickets for Dinner of ~~Soirée~~ to include Soirée, & for Soirée alone of. It was agreed that Dodd report to the meeting at the Memorial Hall.
- (4) The Fels Lecture Com^{ee} reported that Fels would not fall in with their proposals as to title. It was decided to let him take what title he pleased.

Meeting 22nd. April 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Webb and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates for Month were elected.
17 ordinary average subscription 8/2.
Average of all candidates, 35 candidates 4/10.
- 2.- Resignations were accepted from
F. W. Galton, who will probably become an associate,
and 8 other members.
- 3.- A Report on the method of reminding members in arrears with
subscription was ordered to be prepared.
(As reminder forms must be reprinted at once the
Report is annexed).
- 4.- Minority Report.
In view of the new cheap Government 8vo. Edition it was
decided with Webb's approval to reduce the price of the
2/- Volume to 1/- from April 26th. Webb to be paid at
a correspondingly reduced rate.
- 5.- Auditor. It was agreed to accept Hector Thomson's offer to
audit the accounts and to place his name with the
other officers.
- 6.- The Annual Meeting agenda was considered and adopted.

H. Bland
Chairman.

(5) Constitution Revision Com^{ee}. The Secy reported that the Com^{ee} had adjourned sine die the suggestion to make a members ~~not~~ incapable of voting for a period, had adopted the proposed alterations of rule for the Referendum, as in the Annual Meeting agenda. —
The report was received.

(6) Annual Report. Prof of draft report & of accounts was considered. The opening passage was re-worded at the suggestion of Mrs Wells, & a few other phrases were altered or deleted. As amended the Report & accounts were adopted

(7) Chairman appointed as follows:—
For Mrs Wells & Lansbury Dodd
" Fels & others Headlaw.

(8) The first meeting of the new Exec. was ordered to be summoned for ~~April~~^{May} 7th, & meantime the Pub. Com^{ee} was ordered to meet on April 30th as before. —

Julius Blau

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Reminders re Subscriptions.

The system hitherto in force has been to remind members, associates and subscribers the month following that in which their subscription falls due (Form 1 annexed). In the case of subscribers if there is no response, say within a month or so, their cards are removed from the list. Associates (whose minimum subscription is 10/-) are allowed a little longer grace.

Until December last year, members generally speaking were allowed to remain on the list and reminded again in the following year.

It is now suggested that in addition to the ordinary reminders in the month following that in which the subscription becomes due, members should receive say three months later a second reminder marked "second application" (Form 2 annexed). Should they fail to respond to this, within say two months, the special letter (Form 3 annexed) should be sent. Failure to respond reply to this should be followed by report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Executive for removal from the list. Members six months in arrears would thus come up for review periodically.

The present practice regarding ordinary subscribers might be continued. In the case of associates, the form No. 3 might be sent say after 3 months, failure to respond being followed by removal under report.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

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PAPIAN SOCIETY

Executive Committee
1909-1910.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1909-10.

MISS MABEL ATKINSON.	L. G. CHIOZZA MONEY, M.P.
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MISS B. L. HUTCHINS.	GEORGE STANDRING.
AYLMER MAUDE.	SIDNEY WEBB.
	Mrs. H. G. WELLS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance and General Purposes Committee.—AYLMER MAUDE (Chairman), R. C. K. ENSOR (Vice-Chairman), Dr. ETHEL BENTHAM, HUBERT BLAND, L. HADEN GUEST, L. G. CHIOZZA MONEY, CLIFFORD D. SHARP, G. BERNARD SHAW, SIDNEY WEBB.

Organizing and Propaganda Committee.—Miss M. B. MURBY (Chairman), CLIFFORD D. SHARP (Vice-Chairman), Miss MABEL ATKINSON, Dr. ETHEL BENTHAM, F. LAWSON DODD, R. C. K. ENSOR, Rev. S. D. HEADLAM, Mrs. H. G. WELLS.

Publishing Committee.—HUBERT BLAND (Chairman), Mrs. BERNARD SHAW (Vice-Chairman), H. GRANVILLE BARKER, L. HADEN GUEST, Rev. S. D. HEADLAM, Miss B. L. HUTCHINS, Mrs. W. P. REEVES, G. BERNARD SHAW, G. STANDRING.

Hon. Treasurer:
HUBERT BLAND.

Hon. Auditor:
W. HECTOR THOMSON.

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First-Meeting of the 1909-10 Executive at
the Office on Friday 7th May 1909
at 5pm. -

Present - Hubert Bland in the chair & all
except Mrs Reeves, Mrs Wells
& Miss Bentham.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Absentees. Mrs Reeves, absent on the advice of Dr. Lawson Dodd, because engaged in nursing cases of Measles was by resolution excused. -
Miss Bentham, out of town & Mrs Wells wrote apologies, but gave no sufficient reason & were not excused.
3. Standing Orders. The Secy reported the existing standing orders had been sent to the new members. It was agreed to confirm them provisionally, & that the Secy send a copy to the other members before the next meeting.

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4. Title of Committee It was agreed to refer to the Propaganda Com^{ee} to propose for themselves a new name conveying the idea that they are concerned with the National Organisation.

5. Annual Meeting. The Secy was directed to ask the following to be chairman in the order named W. J. Brooks, S. K. Ratchiffe, Holbrook Jackson P. Vaughan.

Annual Report + Amendments to Rules.

The Secy was directed to propose these

(b) The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted by the Chairman.

Item 1 a + b. were adopted. (c) Dealing with Tract with Shaw's portrait, was referred back.

Item 2. Adopted.

Item 3. Adopted, & it was agreed that the Tract on Public Nurseries by Townshend be set-up.

Item 4. ~~Also~~ noted.

Meeting 30th. April, 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Barker, Dodd, Guest, Miss Hutchins,
Standring and Secretary.

1.- Coloured Covers for Tracts.

A. E. Gill was interviewed and design offered by him was considered. It was agreed:-

- (a) That the heavy border proposed would be suitable for a Tract without portrait, and he be asked to complete it for Tract 5, "Facts for Socialists".
- (b) That no such design is technically possible in combination with a half-tone portrait block, and a line design for No. 51, "Socialism True and False" be prepared by Standring for the new edition now required.
- (c) That as none of the Tracts actually but not nominally by Shaw is suitable for wide circulation, he be asked to allow his portrait to be used on a cover for No. 142, "Rent and Value".

2.- The following Tracts practically out of print were ordered to be dropped:-

- No. 28. (Leaflet) Rural County Council Questions.
- No. 97. (") Municipal Steamboats
- No. 102 (") Questions for Metropolitan Boro' Councils.
- No. 111. Reform of Reformateries.

No. 15. English Progress Towards Social Democracy (1888)
Sec. reported quite out of date in style, though the substance is of value.

Agreed that Webb be asked whether he would be disposed to re-write.

No. 107. Socialism for Millionaires.

Edition of 3000 to be reprinted

No. 76. Houses for the People. To be suspended and revised when new Act is passed.

No. 122. Municipal Milk. Dodd to be asked to report on what revision is needed.

3.- New Tracts.

Socialism and Machinery By Schloesser and Game.

Approved and ordered to be set up. First-fruits of £5. offer.

Public Nurseries. Mrs. Townshend.

Generally approved but ordered to be further read.

Tracts on Education (by the Group) and on

Medical Service by Haden Guest were further considered.

4.- A large amount of other urgent business was considered, none of which need be reported yet or at all.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

7. Committee to Consider the Coal Supply. Recommendation of the Pub. & Com^{ee} (omitted from the Report) that the Exec. appoint a Com^{ee} to consider the material collected by Miss Gardner & others on the Municipal Coal Supply, was agreed to, & the following were appointed:—
Haden Guest (Chairman), Miss Atkinson, Granville Barker, W. Sanders, Miss Gardner, Baylis, Houston, Billson & Secy.

8. Sub-Committees. Minute No 6. of April 2nd '09 relating to the service of every member of the Exec. on a sub-Committee was unanimously confirmed.

9. Appointment of Committees. After full discussion the Sub-Committees were appointed as follows:—
Finance & G. Purposes. Miss Bentham, Bland, Enson, Guest, Maude, Money, Sharp, Well-Shaw
Publishing Barker, Bland, Headlam, Miss Hitchins
Mrs. Reeves, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Standring

9 Appoint^l of Committees (cont^d)

Propaganda Miss Alkerson, Miss Bentham,
Dodd, Cusor, Headlam, Miss Murly,
Sharp, Mrs. Wells.

10. Dates of Meetings of Committees

Finance	Tuesday	20 th	
Publishing	Friday	14 th	at 5.30
Propaganda	Monday	17 th	
Executive	Friday	21 st	

11. Soiree & Dinner

Dodd reported on arrangements & it was agreed to have speeches at the dinner & not at the Soiree.

12. Treatment of Women in Prison. It was agreed to

refer to the Womens Group this question, & to ask them to prepare a tract thereon: & further to mention this in Fabian news.

H. Powell Barker

May 21.

Meeting Friday 21st May 1909. at 5^{pm}.
Present Granville Barker (in chair), & all except
Absent Mrs Reeves, Miss Bentham, Money, Miss Hutchins

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Mrs Reeves, absent because in quarantine, was excused.
3. The Standing Orders were confirmed without debate.
4. The Propaganda Committee report was moved by Miss Murbly. an amendment to refer back No 3. The title of the Comm^{ee} was defeated, & the whole of the Report was adopted as presented.
5. The Publishing Committee Report was moved by Hubert Bland, & the whole was adopted. On Itemy Public Medical Service: the following Committee was appointed: Chairman, Sanders. Members, Guest, Miss Bentham Sharp, Webb & Mr. Wheeler.

Standing Orders and Orders of Reference to Sub-Committees.

- 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 shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as 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) 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 the 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

and in that case, until such publication. 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 recommendations, 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.

Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.

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- 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.

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.

A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the F. & G. P. Sub-Committee 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 preparation of new Tracts, reports and books for publication by the Society.
- (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 arrangement of lectures, &c. at the regular meetings of the Society.
- (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Lectures:

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.
- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.

- (c) 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
 - (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".

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 14th. May, 1909.

Present: Bland, Barker, Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw,
Standring, and Secretary.

Also Guest.

- 1.- Bland was elected Chairman and Mrs. Shaw Vice-Chairman for the year, and Friday at 5. 30 p.m. was fixed as the regular time for meetings
- 2.- It was agreed to request the Executive to add Haden Guest to the Committee.
- 3.- Absentees. ~~Miss~~ ~~Webb~~, and Mrs. Reeves (infectious) were excused.
- 4.- Reprint. It was resolved to reprint 2000 "Municipal Milk" from Stereos.
- 5.- Coloured Covers for Tracts.
~~Further arrangements were made~~ arrangements were made
It was agreed to accept Shaw's offer to write a tract on Socialism to be issued with portrait cover.
- 6.- Tract submitted by the Education Committee.
On further reports that this was too solid to print as drafted, it was agreed to ask the Group to re-write it in a style suitable for publication.
- 7.- Public Medical Service.
It was agreed to ask the Executive to appoint a Committee consisting mainly of laymen, and to include Dr. Wheeler, to consider this subject, and the draft tracts thereon.
- 8.- Care-Committee Leaflet.
It was agreed to send out with "Fabian News" a leaflet drafted by Webb, approved and to be signed by a number of L. C. Councillors, and members of the Education Committee. Guest was authorised to consult Webb as to amendments proposed by him, to be adopted if approved.
- 9.- Fabian Poster Form.
A suggestion by Letchworth F. S. that a design for posters be prepared, was considered and rejected.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Propaganda Committee.
Meeting Monday May 17th. 1909 at 5.30 p. m.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair) Miss Atkinson, Dodd, Ensor,
Sharp and ~~Sanders~~. Sanders.

- 1.- Chairman and Vice-Chairman. We have re-elected Miss Murby as our Chairman and elected Clifford Sharp Vice-Chairman.
- 2.- Day and hour of Meeting. We have decided to meet on the 2nd. and 4th. Mondays in the month at 5. 30 p.m.
- 3.- Title of Committee. We have considered this matter referred to us by the Executive Committee and recommend that the title of the Committee in future be "The Organising and Propaganda Committee".
- 4.- Preliminary Proposals of Committee on Amendments to the Constitution. We have received a request from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution that certain preliminary proposals drawn up by them should be submitted to the various Societies and Groups for them to consider and to give their views thereon. We have ordered the preliminary proposals to be printed and recommend that they be circulated to the Societies and Groups as requested.
- 5.- Conference of Group Secretaries. We have decided to call a Conference of the Secretaries of London local and Subject Groups with the object of increasing their efficiency and preventing overlapping of work.
- 6.- Poor Law Report Campaign. Arrangements have been made for Mr. & Mrs. Webb to address meetings on the subject of the Poor Law Minority Report at Hampstead, Oxford, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Newcastle.
- 7.- Suburban Lecture Courses. Preliminary steps have been taken to hold Suburban Lecture Courses at Greenwich, Bethnal Green, (middle class portion) Dulwich, Southall, Chiswick, Camberwell, Willesden, Cricklewood and Wood Green.
- 8.- Provincial Societies. Preliminary steps have been taken to form Fabian Societies at Bolton, Nottingham, Watford and Hale. Interesting enquiries as to forming Societies at Yokohama, Budapest and Vienna were reported.
- 9.- Provincial Courses. We have received an application from the Llandudno I.L.P. which organised the Provincial Course recently held in that town for a contribution toward the local expenses of the Course which was somewhat heavy. As the course resulted in the formation of a Fabian Society we recommend that the Society pay the sum of £3. being about half the local expenses.

M. Murby
Chairman.

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6. The Report of the Finance & General Purposes

Committee was presented & Aylmer Maude
& the whole of items 1-8 were adopted.
On Item 6. Appointment of Committee on
Land Clubs & Rural Program
Aylmer Maude was appointed Chairman,
Sanders & Euser of the Executive, & Matayne
Fordham, A.P. Greenfell, Mrs. Hodykinson
& R.C. Phillimore were appointed.

The Special Report on Electoral Policy was
read & fully considered. after discussion
Paragraph I Tamerton was agreed to.

Pokemouthe Paragraph II Recommendations 1.2. & 3
were voted on & adopted nem. con.
The recommendation to publish in the
news was approved. -

Hanson ~~Dr~~

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee Meeting on May 20th. 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Bland, Guest, Sharp, Shaw, Webb,
Sanders and Secretary.

Absent: Ensor (excused) Miss Bentham and Money.

- 1.- Maude was elected Chairman and Ensor Vice-Chairman, and the meetings were fixed for Thursdays at 5 p.m.
- 2.- Candidates were elected.
Average subscription of 11 ordinary candidates 19/9. Last month 8/2: average of all 40 candidates 7/1: last month 4/10.
- 3.- Outline Accounts for April were submitted showing subscriptions of members and associates £143: last year £63.
- 4.- Auditor's Report.
This not being quite ready, was ordered to be brought before the Executive direct.
- 5.- Soiree and Dinner.
An expected profit of about £2. was reported.
- 6.- Fordham's Resolution on Land Clubs and Rural Program.
It was resolved to ask the Executive to appoint a special Committee to consider and report on this subject with a view to a tract.
- 7.- ~~4~~- Chairman for Spenser Wilkinson at Memorial Hall. Bland.
- 8.- Parliamentary Fund.
Balance on hand of £171 and about £18. shortly expected was reported.
- 9.- Political Policy.
The important decisions arrived at are embodied in a special Report annexed.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

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Report on proposed Electoral Policy.

(prepared by the Secretary).

T. A. Brassard

Lib. 10,500

I. Taunton.

Sir John Baker

10,236

Letters from the Taunton L.R.C. asking whether we proposed to put a candidate into the constituency for the General Election, from the Labour Party Chief Agent advising us to do so, and from others were considered. The Secretary reported that Frank Smith put himself entirely in our hands, would stand if invited, or stand aside for any other candidate. The suggestion that the constituency was suitable (by its cheapness and otherwise) for a Fabian Candidate of the rising-young-man type, was considered.

Finally in view of the hopelessness of winning the seat it was agreed that the Executive be recommended to inform the Taunton L. R. C. that the Fabian Society was not at present disposed to take any responsibilities in the matter of a candidature, and to express the hope that they would be able to obtain a suitable candidate otherwise. Also that Frank Smith be informed of the decision and thanked for his courtesy in the matter.

II. Portsmouth.

In response to requests from local Fabians a report was submitted (by order) by Sanders to the following effect:- He has been adopted as Labour Candidate for Portsmouth on the nomination of the I.L.P. who have accepted technical responsibility for the election expenses: at the last election the figures were

T. A. Bramsdon Lib. 10,500

Sir John Baker (aged 81) " 10,236

Sanders Lab. 8,172

Hills Con. 7,970

Whitelaw " 7,752

Jane (Navy) 1,859.

Baker will not stand again, and may die before the General Election. There is no local Liberal obviously suitable for their second candidate, no steps have been taken to select one, and it may be anticipated that the Liberals will not put up a man against Sanders either at the General or at a Bye-election. On the other hand the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists have embarked on a bitter quarrel, the last phase of which is that they have each repudiated the other's candidate.

At the general election Sanders' expenses (with 5 other candidates in the field) were £205, all raised locally except £17 sent through the Fabian Society. On December 31st. 1908 £127 was in hand, collected for the next contest by the local organisation which is in many ways far more efficient than in 1906 and has

secured a seat on the Town Council against a combined Liberal and Tory.



It was stated that the I. L. P. would probably be glad to be relieved of the financial ~~liability~~ burden of this candidature, and would thus be free to put forward another candidate elsewhere; and that as Sanders is an official of the F. S. it is more appropriate that he should look to it, rather than the I.L.P. for financial support.

Further he stated that a paid registration agent and local organiser ought to be engaged, and neither the I. L. P. nor the local organisation could find funds for this.

On these and other considerations the Committee unanimously agreed on the following recommendation to the Executive:-

- 1.- That the I. L. P. be informed that the Fabian Society is prepared to take over from the the responsibility for Sanders' candidature at Portsmouth.
- 2.- That, on receipt of their consent, the Labour Party be asked to transfer the nomination of Sanders to the Fabian Society, and be informed that the Society accepts full financial respnsibility therefor, in accordance with their rules.
- 3.- That the Portsmouth Labour Party be notified of the Change, (to which it understood that no objection will be made) and informed that the Fabian Society has put aside the sum of £200 for Portsmouth, and that this sum may be used during the next two years for paying a Registration Agent and organising Secretary, (selected subject to our approval) on the understanding that every effort be made locally to replace this sum in the election fund during this time.

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1909
Chairman
Secretary
Committee

It may be added that a local workman is available and in Sanders' opinion very suitable for the post.

If these recommendations are adopted and the necessary negotiations completed, it is proposed that the decision be reported in "Fabian News".

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Com^{ee} at Office 25th June 1909.

Present Lawson Dodd, in the chair, & all
except

Absent Shaw, Money, Miss Atkinson, Headlam.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence. Miss Atkinson, returning for the Society in the evening, was of resolution excused. -

3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved & Miss Hurly.

Items 1. 2. 3. 5. & 7. were adopted.

Item 4. Annual Conference, was adopted: the ~~program~~ agenda of the Conference was submitted & generally approved: the ~~Res~~ O. & P. Com^{ee} was authorised to complete it, & in particular directed to make the motion on the Labour Party the penultimate item. -

Item 6. Grant of 300 Tract 140 was referred back, with instructions to the Com^{ee} to prepare & print a circular letter to accompany the tract.

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Private. Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday June 7th. 1909.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson,
Dr. Ethel Bentham, Dodd, Headlam, Mrs. Wells
and Sanders, and Sharp.

1.- Suburban and Provincial Lectures.

- (a) We have instructed the Org. Sec. to prepare a new Course of lectures for next session based upon the doctrine of the National Minimum and the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission.
- (b) Provincial Courses have been booked at Plymouth and Glasgow and District.
- (c) Suburban Course booked at Forest Gate.

2.- New Society.

A Society has been formed at Bolton (Lancs) by organising secretary. Tunbridge Wells F. S. revived by Dodd.

3.- Newcastle Fabian Society has been wound up and its cash balance handed to the parent Society.

4.- Annual Conference

- (a) It was decided to book University Hall for the Annual Conference on July 10.
- (b) It was decided that the proposed Amendments to By-laws relating to Groups and Societies, and the Minority Report Campaign should be discussed at the Conference (Proposed Agenda for the Conference will be submitted)

5.- Request for Literature from Liberia was considered and suitable tracts ordered to be sent.

6.- Request from the Society for the Promotion of Physical Welfare of Children that they might be granted 300 copies of Tract No. 140 (Child Labour Under Capitalism) to send to 300 selected members of Parliament was ~~conceded~~ and granted considered and granted.

7.- Lectures by Shaw.

Arrangements have been made for Shaw to give lectures during the winter at Walsall, Leicester, Huddersfield and Llandudno under the auspices of the local Fabian Societies; also at Sidcup under the auspices of the local Fabian Group.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

4. The Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} Report - was moved & Aylmer made. -

Items 1. 2. 3. 4, + 6 were adopted.

Item 5. Parliamentary Candidatures was also adopted. The Secy reported letters from A. W. Barnett Secretary of the Portsmouth Labour Representation Com^{ee} saying he had been appointed Registration Agent & Organising Secy, subject to our approval, & suggesting that the £100 he already promised be payable in quarterly sums in advance to the Hon. Treasurer. Both proposals were unanimously agreed to. -

Item 7. Hyde Park Land Demonstration. In view of the change of the date of this to July 24 this recommendation was withdrawn & it was agreed to appoint Lawson Dodd & Clifford Sharp Delegates, & to put a note in Fabian News recommending members to attend the demonstration.

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Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 10th. June, 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Bland, Ensor, Guest,
Sharp, Shaw, Webb, and Secretary.

- 1.- The 33 Candidates were all elected.
Average Subscription:- ordinary members 10/5, all members 6/-.
- 2.- Accounts to May 31st. were submitted, showing Subscriptions £173
(last year £155). Sales £30. (Last year £64).
- 3.- A circular letter was ordered to be issued to the local Societies
and Groups asking information in relation to their sales of
our literature.
- 4.- Auditor's Report.
Letter from Auditor was read approving the accounts, but
commenting on the outstanding balance (£27.9.8) of the loan
to the School Feeding Fund. After discussion Guest desired
to be put on record that he accepted personal liability for
the amount and he undertook to send a letter to the subscribers,
to be drafted by the Secretary, asking them to pay the out-
standing balance.
- 5.- Parliamentary Candidatures.
Portsmouth. It was reported that our proposals were accepted
by all concerned.
Oldham. An invitation from the local L. R. C. to provide
a candidate was discussed at some length, and
adjourned pending receipt of further information.
- 6.- Autumn Fabian Lectures.
Proposals for a course of 5 lectures by Nursery members on
"A Restatement of Socialism", and for a course on "A Political
Program" were considered.
- 7.- Delegates. It was decided not to send delegates to the Committee
for the Hyde Park Demonstration on Land and the Budget,
because the Demonstration was on July 10th. the date of
our own Conference.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

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5. Tree Publishing Com^{rs} Report - was presented
by Hubert Bland.

On Item 1. It was agreed that the
color for the Webb Portrait Cover be
the Blue already in proof, & that
the Red & Yellow selection of Shaw be
reserved for his own portrait. -

The second paragraph was adopted.

Item 2. "Machinery" Tract, after some
discussion was adopted, & the
Tract ordered to be printed.

Item 3. "Public Nurseries". It was
ordered that the members be allowed
a week to send in comments on
this tract. -

Item 4. Voted. -

6. Harben's Lecture on Endowment of Husbandhood. Secy
reported ~~has~~ Harben wrote from the
Continent asking that this be deferred
from July 9 to the Autumn, owing to his illness,
& that on the advice of the Chairman of
the G. P. Com^{rs} he had assented &

Reports of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 4th. June 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Barker, Headlam, Mrs. Reeves,
Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw and Secretary.

Meeting 18th. June 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Barker, Headlam, Sanders, Shaw
Mrs. Shaw, Standring and Secretary.

1.- Coloured Covers for Tracts.

A red and yellow Cover with Webb's portrait has been decided on, subject to details to be settled by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Shaw.

A design for cover without portrait by A. E. R. Gill has been accepted subject to some possible modifications.

2.- Machinery, its Masters and its Servants.

This new tract has been ~~pre-pared~~ passed for press: 7,500 ordered, and the sum of £5. was ordered to be paid to the authors.

3.- Public Nurseries.

Proof of Tract on this subject by Mrs. Townshend is sent herewith for the comments of the Executive Committee.

4.- A large amount of detailed business has been transacted but no matters beyond the above are ripe for report.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

6. Harben's Lecture (cont?)
decided to cancel the lecture in July altogether. His action was approved.
8. Chairman for Miss Atherton. Mrs. Bernard Shaw was appointed.
9. The Czar's Visit. On letters from the Nursery asking the Exec. to take action to express the opinion of the Society, from the Sidcup Group on the same subject, & from H. Bland - it was resolved, Mr. Wells alone dissenting that the Secy move urgency on behalf of the Exec. The following resolution:-
- "That this meeting of the Fabian Society regrets that it has been decided to offer to the Czar of Russia on the occasion of his visit to the Isle of Wight any official reception or public recognition calculated to obscure or disguise the feelings of abhorrence with which the cruel and tyrannical action of the Russian Autocracy is regarded in this country."
10. The Secree & the Social Comtee. Letter from the Social Comtee Secy regretting that the Comtee was not invited to cooperate with the in the management of the Society, & pointing out the mistakes made. It was agreed that the Secy write to the

(10) Social Com^{tee} (Cont^d)

effect that it had not occurred to the Exec.
that the Social Com^{tee} would be willing to
help, & their services would be worked on
the next occasion. —

11. Book Case presented & Mrs Bernard Shaw
was acknowledged. —

12. Members List. It was agreed that Dr. Guest
can make use of this for sending
out prospectus of the Repertory
Theatre. —

Stewart Headlam

Meeting 9th July 1909 at 5.30pm.

Present Headlam (in the chair) & all except absent. Money, Guest, Mrs Wells.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. An apology from Money for absence on June 25 giving no reason, was received, & no action taken thereon.
3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{tee} Report was moved by Clifford Sharp, & the whole of it was adopted.
4. The Publishing Committee Report was moved by Bland & the whole was adopted.
 - On Item 1. Coloured Covers, it was agreed to try for ads to from Fifield, King, New Age, Conelable & Locant Richards.
 - On Item 3. Public Nurseries, it was agreed to insert recommendation not to turn out children under 3 from P.S. Schools in large towns until day nurseries are ready.
 - On Item 4. It was asked not to get maps of Stamford.

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(5) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} was submitted by
Clymer Maude, & the whole was
accepted. -

(6) The Sub-Committee on Political Program, Bland
Inzor & Shaw, submitted verbal report
through the last-named to the effect
that the Minority Report appeared to
them to cover the ground in the matter
of an immediate program, but the
Com^{ee} was willing to consider a
further elucidation of the principles
of Socialism, possibly leading to a
suggested revision of the Basis &
perhaps taking the form of a series
of lectures, if they were reappointed
for that purpose.

The Report was received & the
Committee reappointed in accordance
herewith.

(7) The next meeting was fixed for
July 23rd

L. Haden Guest

Meeting June 28th, 1909.

Present: Sharp (in chair), Dr. E. Bentham, Miss Murby,
Miss Atkinson, Dodd, Ensor, and Sanders.

1.- Fabian Conference.

We have approved Agenda, copies of which have been circulated, and propose to nominate Sharp to take chair.

2.- Periodical Conferences of London Groups.

We have arranged to hold periodical Conferences of the London Groups in order to co-ordinate and strengthen their work and to exchange with views with regard to extension and improvement of activities.

3.- Provincial Lecture Courses.

We have agreed to the Organising Secretary giving two lectures for the Leicester Fabian Society on the Minority Report.

4.- Toronto Fabian Society.

We have received an interesting letter from McKillop with reference to the Fabian Society in Toronto and steps are being taken to keep in touch with it.

5.- New Society.

The Organising Secretary will open a new Fabian Society at Golders Green on July 9th.

6.- Fabian Law Group.

A suggestion by Webb that a Fabian Law Group be formed has been discussed. An unsuccessful attempt has been made to form a Socialist Law Society. We have decided that no useful purpose would be served by the formation of the proposed Group. Certain legal persons, however, were to be approached with the view of getting them to join the F. S.

Clifford Sharp
Vice-Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.
Meeting End. July 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Barker, Guest, Headlam,
Miss Hutchins, Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, all
Standing and Secretary.

- 1.- (a) Sixteen members of the Executive was re-instated.
(b) Robert Bell was re-instated for unpaid subscription and resignations of Jerome K. Jerome, George Samuel and three

1.- Gill's design for Coloured Cover for tracts without portrait. On report that he was not inclined to re-out the pillars, it was agreed to accept his design with thanks, and to proceed to issue 10,000 "Facts for Socialists" therewith.

2.- Tract by Shaw on Mallock. On report of readers, it was agreed to re-publish a "Fortnightly Review" article of some years ago by G.B.S., which he undertook to revise, to be issued with portrait cover in red and yellow.

3.- Tract No. 146. "Public Nurseries". It was agreed to ask the Executive to send in comments on this, and to proceed with completing for press unless substantial objections were made.

4.- "Facts for Kensington". Letter from Mrs. Townshend re MS. on above subject by various writers, estimated at 15,000 words, and proposed to be published with map at 3d. Rough estimate by Fifield that 3,000 would cost £13. without map, and would sell for £25.

Agreed to inform Mrs. Townshend that the Executive is prepared to approve the project in principle: to proceed with the completion of the work and to get quotations for the map.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Meeting 1st, July, 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Miss Bentham, Bland, Ensor, Guest,
Sanders, Sharp, Shaw, Webb and Secretary.

- 1.- (a) Sixteen candidates were elected, last year the number was 48. Average subscription of ordinary members 13/- and of all members 9/6, which compares with 10/5 and 6/- last month. (28)
- (b) Robert Dell who sent £10 for unpaid subscriptions was re-instated, and resignations of Jerome K. Jerome, George Samuel and three others were accepted.
- (c) A list of 25 defaulters was considered, and a typed personal letter was ordered to be sent them before they were struck off.
- (d) The Secretary was authorised to elect candidates during the holidays, reserving any cases as to which any sort of doubt arose

2.- Finances to date were considered. Members' Subscriptions for quarter £283, an increase of £53. Associates £38, an increase of £18. Tract sales £49, a decrease of £36.

3.- Labour Party Anti-Czar's Visit Demonstration.
Bernard Shaw was appointed speaker for the Society at Trafalgar Square on Sunday July 25th.

4.- Constituencies.

Oldham. Mr. Peters, Election Agent of the Labour Party, attended and further correspondence was considered. It was decided, with his complete concurrence, to decline to offer a candidate to Oldham.

Hammersmith. Proposal for a Fabian Candidate was considered and rejected.

5.- Next Session's Lectures.

a. Hall. It was decided not to revert to Essex Hall and to continue at the Memorial Hall unless something preferable could be found.

b. Socialism in the future. Offer by the Nursery of the following course was accepted:-

The Heart of Socialism.	Colegate
The Future of Industry.	Sharp
The Future of National Finance.	Blanco White.
The New Environment.	Herbert.
The Political Future.	Schloesser.

All lectures to be written by the lecturers in consultation, and with a view to publication.
Lectures to be monthly.

c. The proposed Political Course was not yet ready for consideration.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Exec. Com^{ee} Mtg at Office 23rd July 1909.

Present. Guest (in chair) Banks & all except-
Absent. Money, Mrs Wells, Dodd.

- 1. The minutes were confirmed
- 2. Apologies. Lawson Dodd, gone to summer school.
Excused. Card from Money saying he was absent on June 25th & July 9th because compelled to take rest. No action taken.

- 3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved by Miss Murby.
Item 1. Noted
Item 2. After discussion the recommendation of the O. & P. Com^{ee} was agreed to.
Item 3 was fully considered & agreed to.
Item 4. Noted.

- 4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was presented. ↗
Items 1. 2. 4. & 6 were noted & agreed to.
Item 5. was approved & it was resolved to make a grant of 10/- to the Half Time Com^{ee}.

Private.

Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee

Meeting Monday July 18th. 5.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Dr. Ethel Bentham, Dodd, Ensor, Sharp and Sanders.

1.- Letter from Headlam absent on L.C.C. Business. Excused.

2.- We have considered the following recommendation referred to us for report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee:-

"That the Executive raise the subscription of 1/- per annum asked from University Members and that this resolution be reported to the Propaganda and Organising Committee: and they be requested to forward it to the Executive with their opinion".

and we recommend that the Executive should make no change in the subscription charged to members of Universities other than Oxford and Cambridge and that Oxford University Fabian Society be asked to fix the subscription to the parent Cambridge University F. S. *members of the*

3.- Suburban and Provincial Lecture Courses.

We have carefully considered the question of meeting the cost of these courses for the next session for which there is already a heavy demand although very little advertisement of them has yet been made. Last session 52 Courses were given in all, the total cost being £456 - £176 for Suburban and £286 for provincial Courses. Towards this sum £100 was advanced by the Trustees of No. 2 account. We are of the opinion that at least the same number of courses should be given next session and that the Trustees of No. 2 account should be requested to make a grant to cover any portion of the cost which cannot be met out of the ordinary income of the Society. We would point out that the proposed courses will in the main deal with the proposals of the Minority Report of the Poor Law Report and will therefore not only be educational but will be of assistance in an agitation for immediate ends. With regard to grants from No. 2 account it was understood that the Trustees were prepared in 1907-8 to meet cost of Suburban Courses given but it was not necessary to apply to them and no grant was made in that year. The £100 paid last session was much under the amount that the Trustees agreed would be advanced if necessary. We recommend

- (a) That the Courses of Suburban and Provincial lectures should be arranged at least to the same number as last year
- (b) That the Trustees of No. 2 Account be requested to make a grant sufficient to cover that portion of the cost which cannot be met out of the ordinary income of the Society

4.- New Societies.

The Org. Sec. has formed a new Society at Golders Green and arranged to visit Rochdale to form Society there.

M.B. Murby (Chairman).

(4) Publishing Comtee Report (contd)

Item 3. It was resolved to print 7500 instead of 5000 of Mrs Townshend's Tract & to ask her to take the title Tea Case for School Nurseries, or failing that Tea Case for Public Nurseries, in place of that selected of the Comtee. Her observations on the amendments were considered, & it was agreed that the Secy arrange details with her. -

(5) The Finance & General Purposes Comtee Report was presented. ~~It~~

Items 1. 2. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8 were approved.
Item 3. Decision to stop subscription to the British Assocⁿ for Labour Legⁿ.
This was fully discussed & by a vote it was resolved to reverse the recommendation, & continue the subscription.

6. Womens Group. Letter saying they think Groups should not raise publications without the sanction

My dear Mr. Secretary of the Society. I have the pleasure to inform you that the Proceedings of the Council will be sent to you as soon as they are ready. I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Private.

Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting held, July, 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Miss Bentham, Bland, Esser,
Guest, Sanders, Sharp, Webb and Secretary. (2)

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- 1.- Membership. One resignation was accepted, and the Secretary reported that T. F. Richards M. P. had paid up arrears.
- 2.- Circular on Tract Sales by Local Societies. It was agreed that Sanders draft a letter of advice based on the replies to this circular, to be sent to Local Societies after the holidays.
- 3.- British Association for Labour Legislation. It was agreed to stop our annual subscription of 21/-.
- 4.- The Czar's Visit. It was agreed to send out the Labour Party leaflet with "Fabian News".
- 5.- Constitution Committee. It was agreed to call this directly after the holidays to consider a report to the Executive.
- 6.- Parliamentary Candidatures. A request from East Northants for a candidate was considered and ordered to be refused.
- 7.- Autumn Lectures. The following were decided on:-
 - Oct. 8. H. D. Harben. Endowment of Maternity
 - " 22. L. Haden Guest. A year in a Slum Dispensary.
 - Nov. 12. Colegate. Nursery Course. 1
 - " 26. Members' Meeting. Constitution Committee Report.
 - Dec. 10. Sharp. Nursery Course 2.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

" 17. A Lecture.

Meeting 16th. July, 1909

8.- The Committee adjourned over the holidays. Headlan, Miss Hutchins,
Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw and Standing.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 16th. July, 1909

Present: Bland (in chair), Barker, Headlam, Miss Hutchins,
Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw and Standing.

- 1.- The Secretary absent through illness, sent apology.
- 2.- It was decided that 10,000 copies of Tract No. 146 (Shaw on Mallock) should be printed when ready. Arising from this and the further fact that we are reprinting 5000 of No. 51 and 10,000 of No. 5 we have decided that efforts be made to secure advts. in the whole issue of 25,000 to the value of £10.
- 3.- We have decided that the new tract by Mrs. Townshend on public Nurseries should be entitled, with her permission, "National Nurseries" and that 5,000 be printed.
- 4.- We have considered replies to the circular on Sale of Tracts sent to Societies and ~~Groups~~ Groups and have decided to print and issue to Groups and Societies posters advertising Tracts.
- 5.- As a matter of urgency we have appointed Miss Hutchins as a representative of the Society on a Committee dealing with Half-Time and instructed the secretary to secure another representative (Mrs. Hylton Dale has accepted appointment).
We have also appointed Headlam as the speaker to represent the Society at the Hyde Park Demonstration on Saturday July 24th.
- 6.- We have considered letter from Webb pointing out that the heavy cost of printing the additional 1,000 copies of the Minority Report entailed a loss to him if the Society paid less than 9d. per copy for each volume and we recommend that 9d. per copy be paid.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

- (6) Womens Group (cont'd) of the Exec. & asking that they be authorized to publish at their own expense with their own imprint, provided that proofs have been submitted to the Exec.: also that facilities for sale be afforded.

Resolved that the Sec. reply that the Exec. entirely concurs with their first proposition: & as to the second they would like to reserve decision in view of the fact that publications in the regular series have a much wider sale. — On seeing the proofs they would be in a position to advise as to the best course to pursue.

- (7) - Census for Middle Class Budget Miss Atkinson obtained leave to send a census paper with Fabian news.

- (8) Next Meeting - The Sec. to fix date at end of September.

M. B. T. P. H. G.

A Committee 8th October 1909 at 5pm.

Present, Miss Murby (in chair) & all except
Absent Money, Dodd, Maude, Mrs Reeves

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Apologies:-

Maude, in Russia for a month from Sep 14: asking to be excused from all committees - agreed.

Dodd, housemoving &c. Excused for this meeting.

3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted, considered, & adopted in respect of every item.

4. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted -

Items 1. 2. 3. 4 were agreed to.

Item 5. Resolution on Spanish Riots was discussed, & it was resolved, with two dissentients, that a resolution be moved. The resolution as drafted was amended & as amended was agreed to.

Private. Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday September 20th. 1909 at 5. 30 p. m.
Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Bentham, Mrs. Wells,
Headlam, Dodd, Sharp, Pease and Sanders.

1.- New Societies.

Society formed at Christchurch, N.Z. with a Basis slightly different from that of the parent Society, asks for recognition. Org. Sec. instructed to point out omission and suggest amendment. Societies formed at Waitaki N.Z. and at Melbourne (Victoria). Steps are being taken to form Societies at Ossett, Colchester and Marple.

2.- Suburban Eoecture Courses.

Courses on The Abolition of Poverty have been booked at Cricklewood, Willesden, Chiswick, Dulwich, Forest Gate, Wood Green, Greenwich, Bethnal Green, Camberwell, Golders Green, Catford, Streatham, Brixton, Putney, Merton, Sydenham Croydon, East Dulwich, Clapham (2 Courses), New Cross, Ilford, Woodford and Walthamstow.

Provisionally only at Southall, South Hackney and Bernondsey.

3.- Provincial Lecture Courses.

Courses booked (in some cases provisionally only) at Plymouth, Chelmsford, Leicester, Hanley, Tunbridge Wells, Colchester, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool, London, Elland, Leeds, Otley, Halifax, Portsmouth, Pontypool, Abergavenny, Griffithstown, Newport, West Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Sunderland, Darlington, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bath, Taunton, Swindon, Olney, Bangor, Mold, Yeovil, Newton Abbot, Merthyr, Aberdare, Treharris, and Cefncoed.

4.- Cost of Suburban and Provincial Lectures Courses.

It is estimated that this will amount to about the same as last ~~year~~ session viz. £456.

5.- Provincial Lecturer.

Owing to the uncertainty as to the amount of time for lecturing that could be given by Jackson, Sharp and Schloesser it was decided to advertise in Fabian News for persons willing to do professional lecturing in the provinces.

(Since the meeting, with the consent of the Committee, the office has engaged a member, Hubert Beaumont, who has had a wide experience as a lecturer, to take courses for a month on probation. The advertisement has therefore not appeared).

6.- Education Group Meetings.

The Group, as an urgent matter, applied for a grant to cover hire of Clifford's Inn for a Course of Lectures. As the Exec. Com: had on a previous occasion made a similar grant we acceded to the request and recommend that our action be approved.

7.- Dates of Meetings

We have decided to meet as a rule on the 2nd, and 4th. Monday in the month.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

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Meeting ~~30th.~~ 30th. September, 1909.

Present: Sharp (in chair), Miss Bentham, Sanders & Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates for 3 months elected, total 28. Last year 94.
Average subscriptions 10/10 for ordinary members, 8/9 for all.
- 2.- Resignations of Dr. McCleary, purely professional reasons, Mrs. Badley (W.S.P.U.) and 8 others were accepted.
- 3.- Purge. Secretary reported that, of 27 members listed to be struck off in July, 11 had paid or promised to pay.
- 4.- Accounts. Subscriptions £405 (increase of £62). Tract Sales £72. (de-
crease of £118). Report Sales £118. Increase £118.
- 5.- Spanish Repression. Letter from International Bureau.
Proposed that the Executive authorise resolution of Censure on vote of urgency (Draft resolution prepared by the Secretary) is annexed).
- 6.- Parliamentary Fund.
 - (a) Taunton. On letter from ~~London~~ L.R.C., asking us to reconsider our refusal to put forward a candidate and other correspondence it was ~~decided to~~ recommend the Exec. not to alter its decision.
 - (b) Rochdale. It was agreed to decline a suggestion that we should nominate a candidate.
- 7.- The position of L. G. Chiozza Money
The Secretary reported: "That Money was absent from 4 consecu-
"tive meetings of the Executive Committee, May 21, June 25,
"July 9, and July 23rd., without leave of absence granted
"by the Committee, further that he was absent from 4 con-
"secutive meetings of the Finance Committee, May 20, June 10,
"July 1st., and July 22nd., also without leave of absence
"granted; and that by Rule 3, last sentence, he appeared
"to have vacated his seats on both bodies".
Letter from Money read expressing his desire to retain his membership, and urging exceptional parliamentary duties as reason for absence.
It was agreed to recommend the Exec. to grant Money leave of absence for July 23rd. and that leave of absence from the Finance Committee for July 22nd. be granted to him.
- 8.- Constitution Committee. It was agreed to ask the Exec. to fix a date for this Committee.
- 9.- Day of Finance Committee Meetings. It was decided to ask the members to fix this at the Executive Meeting.

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Item 6. Parliamentary Fund, (a) Taunton,
" " & (b) Rochdale, were adopted
On this item the Secy reported that the Labour
Party, in view of the election, desired us to
fix a second candidature, if we contemplated
one: that he had discussed, unofficially,
with the L.L.P. whether we should take
over one of the 5 Fabians now on the
L.L.P. list = & stated that Philip Snowden
M.P. for Blackburn had himself suggested
that he should be transferred to our
list. A long discussion followed, &
ultimately the debate, on the motion of
Bland, was adjourned.

Item 7. The position of Chiozza money. The
recommendation of the Committee
was agreed to.

Item 8. The Constitution Comm^{ee} was
fixed for Friday at 5.30

Item 9. The Finance Comm^{ee} was
fixed for Friday at 4.-

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 24th. September 1909.

Present: Barker, Miss Hutchins, Standring, Sanders
and Secretary.

- 1.- Fifield Series. Reprint of 2000 each of
No. 1. Socialism and Religion, and
No. 4. Basis and Policy of Socialism.
- 2.- New Tracts. No. 145. "The Case for Public Nurseries" has been
published.
No. 146. Shaw's "Socialism and Superior Brains".
Proof sent to Executive. To be authorised for press
No. 147. "Capital and Compensation" by Pease, ordered
to be set up.
- 3.- Coloured Covers.
No. 51. Socialism True and False. Webb's Portrait. Blue.
No. 5. Facts for Socialists. Gill Design. Red.
Both ready for Press.
No. 147. Socialism and Superior Brains. Shaw. Portrait.
Orange. Block in preparation.
All awaiting advertisements.
- 4.- "What to Read" Reprint. Practically ready.
Miss Hutchins and Sanders to be a Committee to
revise and draft prepared by Secretary.
- 5.- Ensor on Liberty.
Letter read saying that he has no time to write it.
- 6.- "Summary of Seven Papers read to the Women's Group".
(Copy of which has been already sent to Exec. Members)
Request by Mrs. Shaw that it be sent out with the "News"
"After a long debate it was resolved by three votes
"to / one (one being neutral) That in view of the
"fact that circulation with the "News" is practically
"certain to lead to publication in the press, and
"that certain passages might be liable to certain
"serious misconstruction if regarded as the opinions
"of the Society, the Committee is unable to recommend
"the Executive to send out the Summary in its present
"form with Fabian News".
"The action of the Women's Group in printing 5000 copies of
"the Summary without consulting the Executive was on the
"agenda, but no action was taken."

(See Executive Agenda for further developments)

Granville Barker
Acting Chairman.

~~The~~ Committee 29th October 1909.
Present Webb (in chair) + all except
Absent Dodd, Mr. Reeves, Clifford Sharp.

1. The Minutes of last mtg were confirmed
2. apologies for absence. Dodd: housemoving &c. accepted
3. Organising + Propaganda Com^{ce} Report, was moved by Miss Murby + adopted
4. The Report of the Constitution Com^{ce} was considered + adopted. It was agreed that Webb introduce it at the members meeting.
5. The Finance + General Purposes Com^{ce} Report was submitted by Sidney Webb.
Items 1, 2, + 3^a + 3^b were adopted.
Item 3.c. The adoption of the Candidature of Harry Snell for Huddersfield was discussed + agreed to without a division.
The Secy was authorised to write to the Labour Party that we accept full financial liability for the contest.

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Report of the Constitution Committee.

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A meeting was held on Oct. 15th. '09.

Present: The Finance Committee before named, and Miss Hutchins,

J. W. Brooks, G. R. Blanco White, H. H. Schloesser,

and W. A. Colegate.

- 1.- The annexed Report and Regulations were passed with minor alterations and ordered to be reported to the Executive, with a view to their being sent out with the "News".
- 2.- It was agreed to recommend to the Executive that the Fees for Delegates Expenses (Regulation III) be paid from the ordinary funds of the Society on behalf of London local and Subject Groups.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

(A letter has been received stating that the Hudders- acceptance
Private. Report of Organising and Propaganda Committee.)

Meeting 11th. October 1909.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Bentham,
Miss Atkinson, Headlam and Sanders.

1.- Provincial and Suburban Lectures.

The Organising Secretary reported that he had commenced courses at Forest Gate, Golders Green, Plymouth, Chiswick, Sydenham and Leicester. Satisfactory attendances had been secured. H. Snell had commenced courses at Southgate and Merton. Details in connection with other courses arranged were approved.

2.- New Societies and Groups.

Org. sec. reported that a new Society was in course of formation at Colchester as the result of a lecture he had given in that town, and that a new Group had been formed in Chiswick. Members of Group now number 34).

3.- Other business of a routine nature was done not requiring report to Executive Committee.

M. Murby
Chairman.

Meeting 15th. Oct. 1909.

4.- Parliamentary Fund.

Present: Webb (in chair), Bland, Ensor, Guest, Shaw, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Two resignations were accepted, and three defaulters provisionally held over, John Davidson, W. J. Pincombe, and H.G. Eastwood were struck off.

2.- Accounts to 30th. September were presented, showing subscriptions £463. Last year £408.

3.- Parliamentary Business.

- (a) Portsmouth. Satisfactory Report from the Agent of organising work was received.
- (b) Blackburn. Courteous letter read from Snowden thanking Exec. for considering his proposal that ^{we} take over his candidature and stating that owing to the opposition of his I.L.P. colleagues, he had decided to withdraw it.
- (c) Huddersfield. Harry Snell attended and his candidature was considered. In 1905 the figures were Woodhouse (Lib) 6302. Williams (Lab) 5813. Fraser (C) 4391. In 1906 A. Sherwell 5762. Williams (Lab) 5422. Fraser (C) 4844. (Lib)
- The contest is thus in effect between Liberal and Labour only. Snell has been promoted by the I.L.P. and approved by the Labour Party. After full discussion it was agreed unanimously:
- (a) That the Exec. be recommended to adopt Harry Snell as Fabian Candidate.
- (b) That the I.L.P. be asked to give their consent (it is understood that they will do this willingly)
- (c) That Snell be authorised to consult his Committee informally forthwith as to the following Basis.

That provided that the sum of £150 is deposited in the Bank by 31 December 1909, the Fabian Society would for an election in January 1910 bear the remainder of election expenses not exceeding £250.

That provided that a suitable man can be found, an assistant agent be engaged at the expense of the Fabian Society to give his full time at £2 a week month's engagement.

(A letter has since been received stating that field Election Executive has recommended to of our offer to a meeting of "the 200")

4.- Parliamentary Fund.

The Secretary presented report showing about £2,500 promised over 5 years, and one year called up (together with payments in advance) £478. Expenditure. Taunton £274. Portsmouth £50. In hand £154. It was agreed that the Exes. be recommended to authorise a further call of one year, and an appeal to other members, at an early date. (N. B. Notice in Fabian News to be approved).

5.- Fabian Lectures.

For December 17 it was agreed to invite Miss Bondfield to lecture on Married Women in Industry. (Miss Bondfield accepts, but not for Dec. 17: her offer for Jan. 14 provisionally accepted. Letter from Mrs. Stepniak offering lecture from Mrs. Veraigner on her imprisonment in Schlüsselburg. She wishes to give us the first offer in London).

6.- Labour Party.

The Committee propose

- (a) Nomination for Executive Committee Pease.
- (b) Three Delegates to Newport Conference.
Bland, Shaw and Pease.

Resolutions for Agenda.

- (c) Agreed to send in resolution in favour of employing professional auditors for the L. P. Accounts.
- (d) Women's Local Government Society: Letter asking us to send resolution in favour of Bill qualifying women as Town and County Councillors.
Agreed to decline.
(A resolution has been since received from the Women's Group asking the Exes. to send in this resolution.)

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman.

(5) Finance & P. Com^{ce} Report (contd)

Item 4. Parliamentary Fund Call was agreed to & the Par. for news approved.

Item 5. Fabian Lectures, approved. It was decided to ask Miss Figner for Dec 17, & failing her to take Blanes White's lecture. if possible. Miss Bondfield to be booked for Jan 14. -

Item 6. Labour Party. (a)(b)(c). nominations & resolutions re auditors agreed to.

On Item 6 (d) Local Gov: (England & Wales) Bill, it was reported by the Secy that the Women's Group had sent in a Resolution asking the Exec. to support the Bill. It was pointed out that the Bill qualified men as well as women of residence. It was hereupon agreed to reverse the decision of the Committee, & to send in a resolution to the Labour Party in support of the Bill.

(6) The Publishing Com^{ce} Report was submitted by Hubert Bland.

6. Pub. Com. Report (cont'd)

Item 1. New Tracts was approved, & it was agreed that Tract 147. Capital & Compensation by E. R. Pease be published after criticism had been considered by the Pub. Com.

Item 2. was agreed to & it was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com. to consider the Pub. of the ^{"English"} Review Poor Law article by Webb.

Item 3. Sales of Tracts, was regrettably noted. The Proposal to give away "Those Wretched Relics", was considered & rejected.

Item 4. agreed to

Item 5, after some discussion, this was (Direct notice in news) adopted..

7. Report of Conference with Women's Group. This was introduced by Hubert Bland.

Item 4 was first considered. Mrs Shaw reported that the author of the lecture referred to desired to insert the words "or other" between economic & compulsion, but did not insist on doing so. After discussion it was agreed,

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting on Oct. 22nd. '09. W's Group
Present: Bland (in chair) Barker, Guest, Headlam,
Miss Hutchins, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Spandring
and Secretary.

1.- Tracts in preparation.

No. 146. Socialism and Superior Brains. Cover with
Shaw's portrait was approved, and it was
agreed to send copy with cover to the
members.

The three tracts with coloured covers are now ready,
except for advertisements on covers.

No. 147. Capital and Compensation by Pease.

Sent out to the Executive. Consideration
deferred.

2.- MSS. under consideration.

~~2.- Tracts in preparation.~~

New Facts for Kensington. Mrs. Townshend and others.
Unemployment by Webb. Offer accepted
What a Health Committee can do. MS. offered by McCleary.
Leaflet on Newspaper Correspondence. By a Manchester
Editor.

3.- Tract Sales for 6 months to 30th. Sept.

Report of great decrease. Number of Tracts (1d. & over)
circulated for six months 25,448. Same six months
last year 45,695.

Those Wretched Rates. Sales in 6 months 15 copies

Agreed to give away the remainder.

Shall it be put in "News" ?

4.- "What to Read". It was agreed to set up the New Edition.

5.- Personal Notices in "News". On request of Mrs. Withington of
U.S.A. to insert notice of her successful divorce it
was resolved by a majority not to do so.

6.- Conference with Women's Group. See separate Report.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Conference of the Women's Group
Delegation with the Publishing Committee.

Present: The Publishing Committee as before. For Women's Group,
Mrs. C. M. Wilson, Secretary, Miss Atkinson, Miss Bentham,
Miss Brooke, Miss Murby and Mrs. Bernard Shaw.

It was agreed to submit to the Executive the following proposals:-

1.- That the Group be given permission to use the list of addresses in order to post the Summary (as amended) to the members of the Society and to other persons on the list, known to the Group Secretary, to be selected by her with the advice of the Secretary.

2.- That the word "Private" be printed on the cover of the pamphlet.

3.- That the word "private" be printed on the postal wrapper or envelope, if the Executive wish this to be done.

4.- That the phrase on p.17 (amended in MS) which read

"Economic independence which the lecturer holds can alone
"make sexual relations free", should read

"can alone free sexual relations from economic compulsion",
subject to the consent of the lecturer, which the Secretary
will do her best to obtain.

A draft letter to accompany the Summary has been subsequently
submitted by the Women's Group Secretary.

Hubert Bland.
Chairman.

7. Conference with Womens Group (contd.)
 That as the author consents his' reluctantly to the form of words proposed at the Conference, those words & no others be approved.
 Items 1. & 2 were then agreed to.
 Item 3. Use of word "Private" on postal wrapper, it was decided that the Committee do not desire that this be done. —
8. Social Com^{tee}. The Sec'y drew the attention to a fear about a Social Com^{tee} Entertainment proposed to be inserted in the news, & the fear was approved.
9. Members Meeting. Guest was ordered to be nominated as chairman.
10. The General Election. A discussion on this took place, & no decision on any matter was come to. —

Clifford D. Sharp

Meeting 10th November 1909 at 5pm
 Present, Sharp (in the chair) & all except
Absent Barker, Money, Mr. Reeves.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Apologies for absence were received from Barker & Money, both lecturing in the provinces & both were excused
3. The Publishing Committee Report was presented & the whole was adopted.
4. The Organising & Propaganda Committee Report was presented & the whole was adopted, except Item 4 on which the Secy reported, in his capacity as a member of the Labour Party Executive, that that a subcommittee of that body had unanimously decided to abandon the proposal for an election paper.
5. Members Meeting. Guest being unable to attend, the Secy was ordered to elect chairman.

Meeting 5th. November 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Mrs. Shaw, Dasher,
Headlam, Shaw, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Tract Covers.

The Secretary reported advertisements obtained to the value of £8.10.0. Half page required for ourselves. Total £10. All now ready for press.

2.- Tract 147. Capital and Compensation.

After further criticisms by Shaw, which were discussed at length, the Tract was passed for the press.

3.- Advertisements.

It was agreed to take a page in the I.L.P. Year Book for £3.10.0.

4.- "Facts for Kensington". Mrs. Shaw reported the MS. excellent.

Mrs. Townshend attended to confer with the Committee upon it. It was agreed to have a map and to consult Fifield as to publication: that it be issued with a good title at 3d. or 6d. to sell in Kensington: and that an index be added.

5.- A number of other tracts in preparation were briefly discussed,

but none were sufficiently advanced for further action.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Meeting 9th. November 1909.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Dr. Bentham,
Dodd and Sanders.

1.- Suburban and Provincial Lectures.

Reports were given of Courses finished or in progress at Chiswick, Forest Gate, Sydenham, Golders Green, Wood Green, Raynes Park, Ilford, Cricklewood, Willesden, Catford, Croydon, Leicester, Plymouth, Chelmsford, Otley, Elland, Leeds and Halifax. Generally audiences had been good and considerable interest had been aroused in the subjects dealt with.

2.- Societies and Groups.

It was decided to recommend that a special circular be issued to London members urging them to join existing local Groups and to help form Groups where they do not at present exist.

3.- We have considered a proposal sent in by Shallard that the Society should secure from the Labour Party a list of its candidates standing at the next General Election together with full particulars as to election headquarters &c. &c. and issue the information with the December "News" to members with a request that they should indicate whether they can offer assistance in canvassing, speaking, &c. to to any of the candidates.

4.- A letter from T. D. Benson, Treasurer I.L.P. asking the Society to send out an appeal for supporters for a guarantee fund for Labour daily paper to be issued at the General Election. It is recommended that the request be granted.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

(b.) Urgent Political Business.

a. Huddersfield. Letter re organiser, asking if we expect to find him employment for more than three months, because the best man would have to give up his job.

Agreed to write that we do not approve of Mr Weirly abandoning a permanent job: we withdraw the offer made for a full time organiser, & ask what arrangement can be made to increase Weirly's efficiency between now & the election.

b. Portsmouth. Approaching contest.

Date, end of November or early in December.

Returning Officer's Fee £600

Cost of Contest for 2 Candidates say £550

Less payable by Labour Party 75 £475

for 3 Candidates say £450

Less payable by Labour Party 50 £400

Cash in hand at Portsmouth		
Cash in hand at Portsmouth		£100
Fabian Parliamentary Fund		<u>156</u>
		<u>£256</u>

(Money also promised to Huddersfield)

The contest was sanctioned & the annexed circulars, ^{as} submitted above, were ordered to be sent out.

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(7.) Fabian Summer School. Lawson Dodd submitted a proposal that the School be taken over by the Society & the Comtee made a Statutory Comtee of the Exec. - After discussion he stated he wd. not press the proposal if the Exec. would appoint Webb Sharp & Pease as representatives on the Summer School Comtee -

This was agreed to.

Charlotte F. Shaw.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Portsmouth Bye-Election and the General Election.

As explained in a Circular issued to all members of the Society a contest has been forced upon us by the death of Sir J. Baker, Member for that town, and the Executive Committee has to appeal to those who promised subscriptions to this fund to send their second instalment . In view of the probable approach of the General Election, a very considerable sum will be required within the next two months, but after that date owing to altered circumstances it is not expected that any large expenditure will be necessary. We therefore venture to ask the Guarantors of the Fund to pay if they can without serious inconvenience/, not only one year's instalment, but as many more as they can afford either now or in January.

We are,

Yours faithfully,
Hubert Bland,)
Edw. R. Pease,) Trustees.
Sidney Webb)

Fabian Society.

To the Members and Associates.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Bye-Election at Portsmouth.

Through the sudden death of Sir John Baker, a vacancy has occurred for Portsmouth, and our Candidate Ald. W. Stephen Sanders will be compelled to fight for the seat.

It will be recollected that at the Election of 1906 the figures were

Bramsdon (L)	10,500
Baker (L)	10,236
<u>SANDERS</u> (Lab)	8,172
Hills (Con)	7,870
Whitelaw (Con)	7,752
Jane (Naval)	1,859

7.970

In these circumstances the Labour Candidate's claim on the second seat was so good that at the coming General Election the Liberals would probably not have adopted a candidate to replace Sir John Baker, who did not intend to stand again.

This Bye-election alters the situation, and Ald. Sanders is compelled to fight in order to retain his claim on the seat, whether he is opposed by both the other parties or only by one of them.

It is unlucky that we have to appeal to our members at once for funds for this bye-election, although we may have to fight the same election again in a few weeks time. But in the circumstances no other course is possible. It is expected that the election will take place at the end of November or early in December.

The cost of the contest will be £450 or £550 according as there are two opponents or only one. (13)

Part of this will be provided by local contributors. Another part, £50 or £75 will be paid by the Labour Party: and a certain amount is already in hand. But during the next two months we shall require to raise a sum of about £1000 for electoral purposes for the two candidatures to which we are pledged, and therefore we must ask our members to contribute every penny they can properly afford to this purpose.

It is hardly necessary to point out to our members the claims of Alderman Sanders to Fabian consideration. At our last Executive Election he stood 9th. on the poll out of 21 successful candidates, and his name was on 881 out of 1148 voting papers. He has sat on the Executive Committee since 1904, has been Organising Secretary since 1907 and Educational Lecturer since 1905. He has served on the London County Council as Alderman for the past six years, and has specially interested himself in their Educational work. He is a member of the I.L.P., and was an official in their Metropolitan District till his Fabian engagement occupied all his time. He is Secretary of the British Section of the International Socialist Bureau.

His return to Parliament will add a life-long Socialist; a man of exceptional administrative experience, to the Labour Party, and little doubt can be entertained that he will rapidly make his presence felt not only in the Labour Party, but in the House of Commons and in the whole country.

I am,
Yours truly,
For the Executive Committee
Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Com^{ee} meeting at Office on Friday Nov. 26th 1909 at 5. -

Present. ~~Shaw~~ Mrs Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Dr. Bentham,
G. Standing, Miss Murly, Miss Attemion, Maude
Headlam, Bland, Ensor, Barber, Guest, Secy
Absent. Webb, Money, Shaw, Mrs Reeves, Didd, Sanders,
Sharp, Mrs Wells.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. apologies for absence for Money, & for Shaw, lecturing
for the Society, were accepted.
3. Letter from Mrs Webb, on behalf of the National
Com^{ee} for the Break-up of the Poor Law, ~~was~~
thanking the Society for assistance & sending
£5. was read.
4. The Proposed par. in F. news relating to the
Voluntary Work Com^{ee} was amended in
respect of the name & approved.
5. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted &
adopted in full. -

6. The Finance & G. P. Com^{ee} Report was submitted by
Aylmer Maude.

Items 1 + 2 were approved

Item 3. Lecture on Care Com^{ee} was approved,
& the first choice allocated to Mrs. Townshend

Item 4. Studdersfield Organiser. Approved.

Letter from Snell suggesting F. Montague London G.P. Organiser. -
Sec. reported interviews & opinion that a local man wd. be better. Agreed to wire Whiteley that he & Riley may appoint Montague, if there is none more suitable to be found. -

Item 5. Approved.

Item 6. On this it was resolved that the reply to the Home Office be an acknowledgment of receipt of the letter & the statement that the resolution was passed at a meeting of members as stated in the press.

7. Portsmouth Election. The Sec^y reported Receipts to date for the Parly Fund £ 468.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 19th. November 1909.

Present: Bland (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Barker,
Guest, Headlam, Standring, and Secretary.

1.- Facts for Kensington.

Fifield submitted a very pessimistic opinion as to probable sales; stated that a preface was necessary; and suggested a 2/6 book would probably yield better results. It was decided that the MS. must be read by more members of the Committee before further action.

2.- Webb's "English Review" Article on Minority Report.

On adverse report by Mr. and Mrs. Shaw (absent lecturing in Wales) and others, it was agreed not to proceed further with this project.

3.- Newspaper Correspondence.

Brief MS. by Lake on the way to write letters to newspapers was read and it was agreed that it was suitable to send to members with the New Year's letter and not for any other more permanent form of publication.

4.- Eight other proposed Tracts were considered and action in ~~real~~ relation thereto ordered.

Hubert Bland
Chairman

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting November 18th. 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Bland, Sharp,
Ensor and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates and Resignations. 40 elected: Last year 86.
Resignations of Miss Tina and 14 others accepted.
Three pleading poverty, retained. W. J. Pincombe recently struck off, reported to have paid up and been re-instated.
- 2.- Accounts to 31 October presented.
Subscriptions £545. Last year £505.
Parliamentary Fund at date £186.
- 3.- Lectures to Society.
Agreed to ask Mrs. Tonshend or Dr. Marion Phillips to lecture on Care Committees.
Agreed to defer date of Miss Bondfield's lecture fixed for January 14, if she be busy electioneering.
- 4.- Huddersfield.
Telegram read saying local Executive had decided subject to our approval to appoint special organising Agent as per our original offer: already in touch with likely man.
Agreed to accept this proposal.
- 5.- Portsmouth.
Proofs of circulars appealing for funds submitted and ordered to be sent out at once.
- 6.- Resolution at Members' Meeting on Forcible Feeding of Prisoners.
Secretary reported that Miss Atkinson, mover of the resolution requested that it be sent to the press and the Government. He had done the former, and asked instructions as to the latter.
After debate agreed that the matter be referred to the Executive.
Dr. Bentham intimated she would give notice of resolution on Resolutions carried at Members' Meetings, but has not done so.
(Since then the annexed letter has been received from the Home Office, and published widely in the press.
Instructions for answer required.
Copy of reply by W. S. P. U. ~~to be sent.~~)

Submitted.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Home Office, Whitehall.

22nd. November, 1909.

Sir, The following Resolution was passed by a large majority at a

I am directed by the Secretary of State to say that his attention has been drawn to a Resolution on the subject of forcible feeding which is said in the "Times" of the 19th. instant and other newspapers to have been passed "by a large majority at a Meeting of members of the Fabian Society", and which contains falsehoods and misrepresentations of such a character that he does not think it would be right to pass them over in silence. He has not received a copy of the Resolution from yourself or from any official of the Fabian Society, and he trusts that the association of the Resolution with the name of the Fabian Society is unauthorised, disgusting to be

The Resolution in the first place contains a statement to the effect that the reason why Lady Constance Lytton was released from Prison was that forcible feeding is "an outrage too disgusting to be offered to a woman of rank".

In view of the repeated statements which the Secretary of State has made in Parliament, he can only regard the statement that Lady Constance Lytton's release had anything to do with her rank or social position as a wilful and deliberate misrepresentation. She was released solely because she was suffering from serious heart disease, and because violent resistance on her part to the medical treatment appropriate to her case would have involved some risk to her life. It was on this ground, and this ground alone, that she and three other prisoners were who were confined at the same time in Newcastle Prison, were released from custody.

The statement that forcible feeding is a "disgusting outrage" is a further misrepresentation, though possibly one proceeding merely from ignorance. Forcible feeding by tube is a regular form of medical treatment which is constantly applied in appropriate cases in hospitals, asylums and prisons; and the fact that in most cases it has to be applied to persons who are insane or of weak mind does not affect its character. In no sense can the process be described as torture or an outrage. The brief discomfort it involves is nothing compared to the self-inflicted torture of starvation.

The Resolution concludes by calling on the Government to give the suffragists "the benefit of any distinctions that may be in use between different classes of prisoners." Here again there is a grave misrepresentation implied if not expressly stated. It is absolutely untrue to say that the suffragists have not received the full benefit of the distinctions made between different classes of prisoners. At first they were generally committed by the Magistrates to the First Division - an order to that effect was made in no less than 132 cases - and it was only when they abused the privileges of the First Division that the Magistrates felt themselves compelled to commit them to the Second Division where the discipline is more strict, but where they have still the advantage of not associating with ordinary criminals. In recent cases where acts of grave violence to property or acts involving danger to life have been perpetrated, the prisoners have in a few instances been sentenced to imprisonment in the Third Division, or to imprisonment with hard labour; but this has only been done when their offences had degenerated into mere acts of hooliganism, which in the case of male prisoners would have been even more severely punished.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

Edward Troup.

Resolution as sent to the Press.

The following resolution was passed by a large majority at a meeting of the members of the Fabian Society on November 12th.

That in view of the surrender of the Home Office to Lady Constance Lytton on the evident ground that forcible feeding is an outrage too disgusting to be offered to a woman of rank this meeting assures the Government that public opinion makes no such class distinction and is equally revolted when the same outrage is offered to poorer women. Also, that the meeting recognises that the discontinuance of forcible feeding will compel the Government to choose between allowing the prisoners to starve to death and allowing the law to be defeated. It therefore invites the Government to avoid this intolerable situation by giving the Suffragists the assurances they demand and giving them the benefit of any distinctions that may be in use between different classes of prisoners.

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8. Next Exec. In view of the Labour Party Meeting at Manchester on Dec. 17 it was agreed to hold the next Executive Meeting on Dec. 10. & the next Pub. Meeting on Dec 3. -

9. Chairman for Colegate Guest

10. Urgent Business

LCC Elections. Invitation to Conference from Southwark T.C. to avoid three cornered contests. Agreed that Sanders or the Secy or both attend with the cordial approval of the Exec.

Hyde Park Land Demⁿ. Comⁿ. Further Budget project proposed - agreed to take part.

11. Parliamentary Policy Letter from Mr. Neilson read & referred to the General Purposes Comⁿ

A. M. Barker
Dec 10. 1904.

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Committee at Office 10 Dec: 1909.

Present Barker (in chair) Dr. Bentham, H Bland,
R.C. K. Enser, Haden Guest, Miss Mulchinis
A. Maude, Miss Murly, W.S. Sanders
Clifford Sharp, G. Standing, Sidney
Webb, & Sec'y

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Todd. Honeymooning & wife ill. Accepted
Headlam. L.C. Com^{ee} "
Miss Atkinson. Engagement when date was for
Accepted.
Shaw, Lecturing for Society "
Mrs Shaw. Ill "

3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was
moved by Bland.

Items 1, 2, + 3^d were accepted. — On item
3^d, sec. 7 read wire from Mrs Shaw demurring
to printing Harben's tract. Agreed that Mrs Shaw's
objections be ascertained & Sec. + Miss Murly decide if
printing can be proceeded with

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 3rd. December '09.

Present: Bland (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Guest, Shaw,
Standing and Secretary.

1.- Facts for Kensington was reported on unfavourably by Guest.

2.- The following offers of Tracts were declined:-

Dr. Vipent Brown on the Medical Profession

Dr. Lionel Tayler on Individualism.

3.- In regard to the Tracts considered the following
decisions were come to:-

Harben's Endowment of Maternity. After conference with
Miss Murby that the Secretary have power to set
up if it be the right length.

Mrs. O'Brien Harris's Education. That the Education
Committee be consulted thereon.

Hubert Bland
(Chairman).

Private.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting End. December 1909.

Present: Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Bland, Ensor,
Sharp, Shaw and Secretary.

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1.- Membership.

December "News" list elected, 106. Last year 86.
Four Resignations were accepted.
Fifty one names were submitted for final letter of expulsion.

2.- Accounts were submitted to 30th. November.

Subscriptions £673. Last year £597.
Tract Sales for month £25. Last year £24.
Parliamentary Fund £300 on Deposit.

3.- Parliamentary Fund. The Secretary presented estimate of position.
The following is a corrected estimate to date, as the
estimate presented proves to be wrong.

Dec. 8	Cash in hand	£368
	Premises for January &c.	80
	Labour Party's share	80
		<u>£528</u>

	Banders' estimate of further cost at Portsmouth	£200
	Huddersfield. Cost	250
	Organising at Huddersfield	30
		<u>£480.</u>

4.- L.C.C. Elections. It was resolved that any appeal for funds for
our Women Candidates must be deferred till after the
General Election.

5.- Labour Party Demonstration at Manchester.

In response to requests of the Labour Party it was
agreed to send our two Candidates.

6.- Lectures to the Society.

It was decided to recommend that Hilaire Belloc be asked to
lecture on his alternative to Socialism after the Election.

7.- New Year's Letter

It was agreed to ask Webb to write it again.

8.- Political Policy.

It was agreed to insert in "Fabian News" an Election
Manifesto recommending our members, in the absence of
a Labour Candidate, to vote Liberal at this election:
and that Shaw prepare a draft for the next Executive Meeting.

Aylmer Maude
(Chairman).

(4) The Finance & P. Comtee Report - was moved
by Maude. -

Items (1), (2), (3) were agreed to.

Item (4) (Appeal for L.C.C. Women Candidates)
was adopted but it was agreed that the scope
of the appeal should not be confined to Women
Candidates.

Item (5) was agreed to

Item (6) Proposal to ask Hillaire Belloc to
lecture was objected to but on
a division, was adopted.

Item (7) was agreed to

Item (8) Recommendation on Political Policy,
a memorandum in opposition ~~was~~ by
Miss Attenison was read. After debate
it was agreed that the form ~~be~~ a
Paragraph in Fabian News in black type:
that the recommendation take the form of
advice to vote against the House of Lords:
that it be brief, & therefore drafted by
Webb, & that it be reported to the
next Executive Meeting, to be held
on Wed Dec. 29th

5. Huddersfield. Letter of thanks for his adoption as Fabrian Candidate from Harry Snell was read.
6. Memorial to Bebel. In response to letter from Germany it was agreed that the Secy draft memorial & the Exec. sign it.
7. Chairman for Sharp. Headlam.
8. South Leeds. Wire from Shaw was read proposing that we adopt Holbrook Jackson as Candidate. After discussion it was agreed to wire Shaw: -
"Executive are agreed unanimously that they are not disposed on your information to undertake the candidature so near the election."
9. Next meeting - Wed. 29th Dec. -

Julius Klauke

Exec. Mtg on Wed. Dec. 29. 1909 at 5.30pm
Present Bland (in chair) Barber, Dodd, Guest,
 Miss Hutchins Maude, Miss Murby, Sharp
 Standing Webb, & Sec. Y

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Letters from Mrs Reeves explaining her absence, & asking to be excused. It was agreed, after discussion to accept her apology. A further letter stating she would be unable to attend till after March & was willing to resign. It was agreed to excuse her further to the end of March.
3. South Leeds. Sec. reported letter from Holbrook Jackson ~~asking~~ dated Dec. 20th asking for a Special Exec. to reconsider his candidature, in view of the facts that Fox had retired, & also that the Labour Party Exec. had considered the situation this caused, & had resolved that they could not ~~be~~ approve of a contest.

3 (cont'd.) The Sec. reported that he had written Jackson that he could see no probability of the Exec. reversing their decision not to take part, especially in view of the fact that he had ascertained that the three Trustees of the Parl. Fund (Bland Webb & himself) were opposed to putting forward a Candidate in South Leeds, ^{as he refused therefore} a letter from Shaw was read ^{to give a special meeting just before Xmas.}. After a long discussion it was moved, ~~and~~ that the Executive Comtee sees no reason to depart from its previous decision in regard to South Leeds; & the motion was adopted, Haden Guest alone dissenting.

(4.) Fabrics for Parliament - The Sec. reported on the list, & stated that several desired their names not to be mentioned. Letter from H.C. Chancellor explaining that Burrows showed no signs of standing whilst his (Chancellor's) nomination as candidate for Haggerston was pending.

(5) Harber's Endowment of maternity. Sec. reported that he had authorised extracts to appear in the Xian Commonwealth: that they asked leave to issue the extracts, if desired, as part of a tract; that Mrs Shaw had withdrawn her objections & he proposed to announce the matter as a forthcoming Fabian Tract. Action approved.

(6.) New Years Letter. Proofs submitted of Webb's draft. approved.

(7) Political Policy. Webb reported that Shaw had sent a par, which Webb considered better, & had got set-up. It was agreed to take Shaw's new draft in place of Webb's (wh. had been circulated with the agenda) & Shaw's draft was discussed, amended in a few details, & unanimously agreed to. It was ordered to be printed across the front page. - Letter from Ensor was read.

(8) Enclosures. The Sec. reported he proposed to send out the Labour Party Election Program & List of Candidates. approved.

(9) Parliamentary Fund. The Secy reported
that he estimated ~~to~~ as follows:-

Portsmouth	£ 200	
Huddersfield	250	
Organisation	<u>50</u>	£ <u>500</u>

Cash in hand	£ 421	
Labour Part (Estimate)	80	
Promises for January		
£ 115. Estimated to yield	<u>95</u>	£ <u>596.</u>

(10) Lectures to Society.

Feb 25. Vacant - agreed to fix for
that date another Nursery course
lecture.

Mr. Aino Malmberg. Offer on Finland
per Miss Heath + Shaw.

After a long discussion it was resolved
by a majority not to invite the lady
to lecture.

Letter from Dr. Broda of the International
Institute for Lectures & offering a list
of lectures of foreigners, all special

(10) Lectures to Society (cont'd.)

expenses to be paid by the Institute, the Lectures to be announced by the F.S. & the Institute jointly.

It was agreed to accept on these terms Dr. Erich Weidl. Municipal Socialism in Vienna, Jan for March.

Dr. Broda. Coop. Societies in France for March April or May.

E. Bernstein Social Assurance in Germany for Autumn.

(11) Wells offered a memo on ^{getting up} Public Meetings to be printed if approved

(12) Next meeting Jan 14.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman

Com^{ee} 14 Jan. 7 1910

Present Miss Atkinson (in chair) Bland,
Miss Bentham, Guest, Headlam, Eneor
Miss Hutchins Barker Maude, Miss Munk,
Shaw, Mrs Shaw Standing Webb, Mrs
Wells, & Sec. 7
Absent Alectonering. Mory & Sanders.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Letter of thanks from Mrs Reeves was read. Lawson Dodd, canvassing was excused.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the chairman
 - Item 1. a. b. c. d. e. was approved & on (c) Bernard Shaw agreed to prepare a new version of Tract 70.
 - Items 2. 3. + 4 were agreed to.
 - Item 5. Harbans Tract was in the main approved but the price was fixed at 3d. Ordered to be set.
 - Items 6. 7. 8. + 9 were approved.

Meeting 7th. January, 1910.

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Present: Bland (in chair), Guest, Miss Hutchins, Barker, Standing and Secretary.

1.- Tracts out of print.

- (a) No. 123. Revival of Agriculture.
Reprint of 1,000 ordered.
- (b) No. 48. Eight Hours by Law. By H. W. Macrosty.
Agreed to drop it.
- (c) No. 70. Report on Fabian Policy.
Agreed to reprint 500.
- (d) Agreed also to recommend that a new edition be prepared for the Copenhagen Conference, including the first part of the old tract and more, if possible by G.B.S., on the same lines, and omitting the second part now out of date.
- (e) No. 146. Socialism and Superior Brains. By Bernard Shaw.

Secretary reported as follows:-

Sent to members	3,500
Sold	5,200
Stock	1,300
Total printed	<u>10,000</u>

Cash Receipts when all sold (including £8.10.0 advts.)	25. 0. 0
	<u>-----</u>
	£11. 0. 0

Cash loss

Value of 3,500 to members at wholesale price	9. 0. 0
	<u>-----</u>
	£2. 0. 0
	<u>-----</u>

Loss on production

Agreed to reprint 10,000 and to try to get a further payment for the advertisements.

2.- Tracts in the Press.

Revise of "What to Read" and "What a Health Committee can do"
Printer reported not ready.

3.- Revision of Tract No. 76. "Houses for the People".

The Secretary reported he had re-written the legal part: as altered by the new Act, and it was agreed to re-issue the Tract with the descriptive part, as in the old edition of August 1906, reprinted from stereotypes.

4.- Facts for Kensington was further considered, and adjourned for another report.

5.- Harben's Endowment of Maternity.

Length roughly 12,000 words, i.e. 28pp.
(Tract 146 above reported on is 24pp.)
Estimated cost of production of 10,000 with cover,
would be roughly
Estimated receipts for 6,500 at 2d.

£38.

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£ 6

Cash loss

Large and rapid sale unlikely.

The Committee considered four alternatives:-

(a) To publish at 2d. with cover	Estimated <u>cash</u> Loss	£ 6
(b) To publish at 2d. without cover	Estimated <u>cash</u> Loss	£ 2
(c) To cut into two penny tracts as was done with the Municipal Drink Paper	Estimated cash Loss	£ 2
(d) To publish at 1d. without cover	Estimated cash Loss	£22.

The Committee recommends the first of the four,
the cover design to be that used for Tract 5.

6.- Railway Nationalisation. By Emil Davies.

Another MS. of 10,000 words !
Received and under consideration.

7.- Art. Vernon Lee. Courteous letter from her declining to write a Tract, and indicating that the proposed reprint is impracticable. She makes alternative suggestions which the Committee regarded as futile.

Proposal therefore abandoned.

8.- Advertisement Agent.

It was resolved to try to find through "Fabian News" a member who is an advertisement agent, who will advise the Committee.

9.- Urgency Business. Request from A. K. Bulley (Member of Liverpool Fabian Society only) asking use of our list of members to send out appeal for money and help for himself as Women's Suffrage Candidate for the Rossendale Division of Lancashire.
Refused.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Meeting 13th. January 1910.

Present: Maude (in chair), Webb, Shaw, Guest, Dr. Bentham,
Ensor, Sharp, and Secretary.

- 1.- Forty-seven candidates were elected, 5 more than in the corresponding month last year.
- 2.- Sixteen resignations were considered, mostly of members of one or two year's standing, resigning because they no longer cared to pay subscriptions. Two were adjourned over the election; two were allowed to remain without payment for a year. H. A. Day was to be invited to become an associate. Eleven (including Geo. Haw) were accepted.
- 3.- Accounts to December 31st. were submitted showing increase of subscriptions for 9 months £92.
- 4.- Parliamentary Fund

Report was submitted showing balance of £178 in cash (in addition to about £40 of promises for January) after payment of sums asked by Sanders and promised to Snell. Letter read from latter saying more than £250 could be usefully spent. Secretary's action in informing both candidates that if money was really required, they could exceed the proposed limits was approved.

- 5.- It was decided (somewhat informally) to change the day of meeting to Wednesday.
- 6.- Haggerston Contest. By-Election 1908. C.2867. L.1724. S.D.P. 986.
Letters from Rev. Egerton, and several others were read *Swann* *com* explaining

- (a) That H.G. Chancellor, a Fabian, was running in opposition to Herbert Burrows (S.D.P.)
- (b) That it was reported that Chancellor had issued a placard with the words
"Socialism is a dream".

It was generally agreed (though not by formal resolution) that under the constitution and practice of the Society no objection in principle can be taken to a Fabian opposing a candidate of the S.D.P.

The allegation about the poster was regarded as serious, and the Secretary was directed to ascertain the facts.

Later developments.

Further letter from Rev. E. Swann with more details. Chancellor's Election Agent states by 'phone that he put out one issue of the poster in question without consulting Chancellor, and Chancellor had instructed him not to attack Socialism.

Chancellor himself by 'phone confirms the above: states that he ordered that and another poster to be stopped; that he instructed his agent as above; and when questioned in public about the poster replied that Socialism was a dream he had been trying to realise for 25 years.

6.- (Continued) Haggerston Contest.

Webb wrote on his own initiative suggesting Chancellor's resignation. Chancellor informs the Secretary that he is willing to resign forthwith (and will confirm by letter) provided no public use be made ~~to~~ till after Monday. He leaves the matter in the hands of the Executive.

The Secretary suggests:

- (a) That this resignation be not accepted.
- (b) That the annexed statement be sent to objectors,
- (c) That it be read at to-night's meeting.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman

The Secretary alone is responsible for drafting this report and for "The Later developments" of the Haggerston Case.

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copy of minutes presented
no submitted & the

4. The Report of Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee}
was submitted & the Chairman

Items 1, 2, 3, & 4 were approved.

Item 5. It was agreed that Thursday
be retained as the day of meeting

Item 6. Haggerston Election. On this
a very long discussion took place.

Ultimately Bernard Shaw moved
& Miss Murby seconded: -

"That the Executive requests Mr. Chancellor
& to resign his membership of the ~~Society~~

" Fabian Society as the logical consequence
" of the election placard used on his
" behalf that Socialism is a dream."

On a division this was lost by
8 votes to 7, including the Chairman.

The proposals (a) (b) (c) were considered.

~~(a)~~ (a) That his resignation be not accepted
was carried by 8 votes to 4

(b) Draft Statement, was amended &
ordered to be sent to objectors

(c) Proposal to read statement was rejected.

4. Haggerston Election (cont'd)
a proposal that the names of those voting
be taken down was made & withdrawn.

5. Chairman for the Townshend. Guest.

Ethel Bentham

Statement as amended by the Exec. -



...born of long prac-
 tising and avoiding awkward
 questions. The "Socialist Dream" poster
 at Haggerston has so completely floored
 them that they no longer dare face it, but
 take refuge in falsehood. At the Brotherhood
 Church meeting they denied that the Liberal
 agent's name was on the bill. Beaten on
 this, they tried to divert attention to other
 things. They thought to score a point by
 demanding the name of the *official* Liberal
 who stated that Herbert Burrows was paid
 by the Tories. As is well known, the state-
 ment was made by *Liberals* at the Cat and
 Mutton Bridge meeting early in January.
 The assertion as to mine investments and
 sweated miners was also made by Liberal
 canvassers. It is an old trick to demand
 names. There would immediately be a
 denial on the same lines as Mr. Chancellor's
 denials. Then there was a large amount of
 talk on another side issue, a letter which
 Fred Hanham wrote, as secretary of the Shore-
 ditch L.R.C., simply saying what course
 would be likely to be taken if Mr. Chancellor
 persisted in his candidature. This was
 trumpeted as "threats and veiled intima-
 tion." The whole of this Liberal bluff was
 simply to divert attention from the main
 issues—the bringing in of Mr. Chancellor
 at the last moment in opposition to Burrows,

already in the field, and "Socialism a
 Dream." To this the Liberals have no pos-
 sible answer, so they wriggle and equivocate.

Comrades should lose no opportunity of
 asking Mr. Chancellor whether, if his asser-
 tion be true that he "withdrew" the posters,
 he will say how it came about that they went
 on the walls and on his committee-rooms?
 How was it that some of them, towards the
 end of the campaign, were specially ordered to
 be posted in Whitmore Ward; and whether,
 if he disagrees with them, he will publicly
 disclaim them and apologise for them?

THE FABIANS AND HAGGERSTON.

DEAR COMRADE,—On learning from the
 "Fabian News" that Mr. Chancellor was
 contesting Haggerston as a Liberal in opposi-
 tion to a Socialist, I sent a draft resolution to
 a reliable member of the Fabian Executive,
 the object of which was to call upon the
 gentleman named to resign the society. A
 similar motion, however, had already come
 before the Executive Committee, and after a
 heated discussion was, I gather, defeated by
 some eight votes to seven. Mr. Chancellor
 is therefore by the barest majority allowed to
 run amok in the Socialist movement. For the
 benefit of inquirers, a statement of the situa-
 tion has been issued, but as this contains
 neither a reference to the resolution in ques-
 tion, nor the identity of those who voted for
 and against it, the only effective form of pro-
 test is to ignore the ballot papers for the
 election of the new Executive until the names
 of those who voted in this highly-important
 division have been divulged.

Though by virtue of a clause in their
 Tract No. 70 the Fabian Society appear to
 have been technically justified in refusing to
 endorse the motion, the voting on the Hag-
 gerston issue was sufficiently close as to serve
 as a warning to compromising politicians and
 to superior snobs of the pseudo-"practical"
 school, whose sole object in joining the
 Fabian Society is to be in the fashion—
 "quite the ticket, don't you know"—and
 who are apparently unaware that the authors
 of "Fabian Essays" are described in the
 preface to that work as being Social-Demo-
 crats, that they cannot with impunity betray
 the society's constitution at the polls.—
 Fraternally yours,
 H. G. S.

Haggerston Election.

Candidates: Guinness (C) H. G. Chancellor (L) and
Herbert Burrows (S.D.P.)

Last Election 1908.

Guinness 2867

Lib. 1724

Burrows 986.

The attention of the Executive Committee has been called to the statement:

- (a) That H.G. Chancellor, a Fabian, is running in opposition to Herbert Burrows.
- (b) That a poster has been issued on Chancellor's

~~behalf with the words~~
"Socialism is a dream".

Before the campaign opened Chancellor wrote to the Secretary stating that he was nominated by the Liberals on September 7th. and adopted on September 28th. and that this fact was well known in that the division through the local press, and had the S.D.P. made a move in this period he (Chancellor) would not have run against Burrows. Burrows' candidature was not announced till two days after Chancellor's ratification when it was too late for Chancellor to withdraw.

- (a) The Executive Committee is of opinion that objection in

principle cannot be taken to a member of the Society standing in opposition to another Socialist candidate when there is a genuine division in policy or principle between them. The Society has never pretended to exercise control over the political action of its members in their individual capacity and the principle that a candidate cannot claim Fabian support merely because he is a Socialist, is forcibly stated in Tract 70, issued and confirmed by the authority of the Society as a whole. (102)

It is not for the Executive Committee to decide whether in any particular instance this principle is wisely applied.

(b) On the other hand the Executive Committee regard it as a serious matter that a member of the Society should issue a poster describing Socialism as a dream. Inquiries were consequently instituted and Mr. Chancellor stated that this poster and another of the same character were issued without his authority or knowledge: that on seeing them he gave directions that they should be stopped and that no attacks on Socialism should be made on his behalf. His agent, to whom inquiries were first addressed had already made the same statement. Mr. Chancellor adds that when questions in public about the poster he replied that Socialism was a dream which for 25 years he had been trying to realise.

The Executive Committee regards the incident as most unfortunate, but especially as Mr. Chancellor informed them that he immediately withdrew the poster in question, does not see any advantage

in pursuing the matter and directs this communication to be forwarded to enquirers.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn,
Strand, W. C.
14th. January, 1910.

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Com^{ee} 28th January 1910.

Present - Dr Bentham (in chair), Miss Alkerson, Bland
Dodd, Euser, Headlaw, Miss Hutchins, Maude
Miss Murly Sanders, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Sharpe
Standing Wells, & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Guest, absent on urgent professional duty was excused.
3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was considered, & after a full discussion of the proposed appointment of Mrs Stanbury, was agreed to in full.
4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was moved by the chairman.

Items 1. 2. 3. & 4 were agreed to, on the understanding, as to 3, that Wells' amendments be incorporated in the tract "What a Health Com^{ee} can do."

4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report (contd)

Item 5. Facts for Kensington. This led to a long discussion, & ultimately it was agreed that Shaw read the MS. & unless he demur, the Pub. Com^{ee} be authorised to proceed on the recommendations as proposed, & to print the tract.

Item 6. Price of Tracts. The recommendation that Tracts be 2d was approved & the Pub. Com^{ee} was directed to report on a special design & cover for the 2^d series of Tracts.

Item 7. Shaw reported he had not consulted ^{Leitch} Fifield & he consented to the issue of Socialism & Superior Brains in the Fifield Fabian Series. He offered to try to find more comr.

This plan was in principle approved & the Com^{ee} authorised to carry it out

Item 8. noted.

5. Chairman for Blanco White, Sharp.

Private.

Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting Monday Jan. 24th. 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkinson, Clifford Sharp, Headlam, Dodd and Sanders.

1.- Provincial Lecturers.

Replies to the notice in "Fabian News" that provincial lecturers might be required after General Election were considered. They were from Mrs. Stanbury, Miss R. Gardner, J. H. Greenwood, and S. D. Shallard.

It was decided to recommend that Mrs. Stanbury be offered one course and if satisfactory she be engaged whenever necessary. Other replies held over for further consideration.

2.- Provincial and Suburban Lectures.

(a) Courses have been arranged for February and March as follows:-

- (1) Newton Abbot, Taunton, Yeovil. Beaumont
- (2) Walsall, Coventry, Stourbridge. Beaumont
- (3) Merthyr Tydfil, Aberdare, Treharris, Cefncoed. (not definitely fixed)
- (4) Manchester.
- (5) Clapham, Sidcup, Hanley, Ashford. Sanders.
- (6) Greenwich. Snell

(b) It was decided that Courses be continued if possible through April.

3.- New Societies.

New Societies have been formed at Southampton, and Chesterfield; Toronto Fabian Society accepts our Basis. Steps are being taken to form Societies at Plymouth and Beaconsfield and Gerrards Cross.

4.- Society dissolved.

Southport Fabian Society dissolved. Cause, Graysonism and other Impossibilisms.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 21st. January 1910.

Present: Bland (in chair), Barker, Guest, Miss Hutchins,
Shaw, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.
Also Dr. Bentham.

1.- Endowment of Maternity.

It was decided to get this through first, and to defer the new edition of "What to Read".

2.- Tract No. 76. Houses for the People (Revised Edition).

It was agreed to print 2000, partly from Stereos and partly reset. The new part was passed.

3.- What a Health Committee Can do.

Proofs submitted and passed. Title approved. Number to be printed 6000. Proofs ordered to be sent to the Executive.

As this must be a Society Tract, it was agreed to move a vote of urgency and take authority to print at the next ordinary meeting of the Society.

4.- Railway Nationalisation. MS. further considered.

Length 10,000 words.

5.- "Facts for Kensington".

After full discussion, it was agreed to recommend as follows:-

- (a) To omit the map and all special attempt at large sale in Kensington.
- (b) To issue as an ordinary Tract in the form of a study of a London Borough (Title perhaps "The Anatomy of a London Borough").
- (c) To cut down. Sec. reported he had cut out some 6200 words out of 18,800 both perhaps under estimates. Action approved, the Secretary ordered to cut further and complete for press.

6.- Price of Long Tracts.

On report of Dr. Bentham that experience shows that 2d. tracts sell much better than 3d. it was agreed

That the Executive be recommended to rescind the decision to issue "The Endowment of Maternity" at 3d., and that a line of 2d. tracts be tried, to include, (probably) "Endowment of Maternity", "Facts for Kensington", and Railway Nationalisation.

7.- "Socialism and Superior Brains".

Report on a proposed edition de luxe of this, made by Fifield was considered. Fifield recommended a 1/- volume and gave particulars as to cost. Shaw demurred to publication as a separate volume by Fifield, as this implied he was changing his publisher. It was agreed that he consult Constable as to publication.

(Subsequently Fifield recommends inclusion in Fabian Series (64 pp. thick paper is enough matter) a plan to which Shaw had expressed willingness to consent.)

8.- "News". It was agreed to insert free an order form for the New Land Club organ, "Our Land".

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

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6. L.C.C. Election. On the motion of Wells, the Finance & L.P. Com^{ee} was authorized to issue an election appeal in the usual form, allowing subscribers to allocate subscriptions to special candidates, & stating that the Com^{ee} wd. allocate ^{them} in the absence of instructions.

7. W.S.P.U. - Copy of letter from Lady C. Lytton re her second imprisonment was presented to the Com^{ee}.

F. Lawson Dodd.

Committee 25th Feb. 1910. -

Present Dodd (in chair) Miss Alkison Maude, Money
Miss Murby, Sharp, Shaw, Mrs Shaw
Standing, Sanders & Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies :- Bland, lecturing
Barker rehearsing
Dr. Bentham electioneering
Gurson --
Guest Honeymooning
Money illness last meeting
Wells lecturing
all accepted

3. Finance & General Purposes Com^{ce}

This was moved & adopted in full.

On 5, Lectures it was agreed

(A) That Dr. Veidle be dined at expense
of Society

(B) That Sec's arrangements, Crooks April
8th & Bellevue April 22 be approved.

Meeting 3rd. February, 1910.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dr. E. Bentham, Bland, Maude, Shaw, Sharp, Webb and Secretary.

- 1.- Candidates Elected 26 (last year 74) with high average subscription of 13/10 for ordinary and 10/6 for all members.
- 2.- Resignations &c.
Mrs. D. G. Ritchie, and two others accepted.
Fourteen members in arrears were ordered to receive the final letter: Walter Coffin was excused.
- 3.- Accounts to 31st. January were submitted, showing subscriptions for 10 months £990, and increase of £83 on last year.
- 4.- Parliamentary Fund.
Report from Sanders recommending that Portsmouth be abandoned was considered. It was agreed to terminate the Portsmouth Agent's engagement on March 31st.
Snell's position at Huddersfield was also discussed.
It was agreed that the Trustees of the Fund present a report to the Sub-Committee on further activities.
- 5.- Lectures to the Society.
The following were fixed:
March 4. Dr. Veidl. Municipal Socialism in Vienna.
May 27. Dr. Broda. Co-operative Societies in France.
- 6.- Newport Labour Party Conference.
Shaw reported he could not leave London and Sanders was appointed in his place.
- 7.- Julius West.
His application for a rise from 21/- was agreed to and his wages fixed at 25/-.
- 8.- Social Committee.
A grant of £5. was made on a good report of useful work done.

R. C. K. Ensor.
Vice-Chairman.

Private.

Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee.

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Meeting Monday February 14th. 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. E. Bentham, Ensor, Sanders. Headlam and Dodd excused.

1.- Provincial and Suburban Lectures.

(a) Difficulty has been experienced in booking lectures beyond March, organisations considering it to be too late for indoor meetings.

(b) Courses have been arranged at Bath, Swindon, Sevenoaks and Sidcup for March. Courses in South Wales have been cancelled by local people.

(c) It is recommended that the Society organise professional lecturing in the open air this summer.

(d) The Organising Secretary, as a result of a highly successful lecture course at Hanley, is likely to be invited by the local Socialist and Labour bodies to undertake a month's lecturing campaign in June next, the local people to pay expenses. It is recommended that if the invitation be received the organising secretary be allowed to accept it.

(e) Sunderland I.L.P. request assistance towards the local expenses in connection with Fabian Course last November. Appeal caused by heavy cost of General Election.

It is recommended that they be granted £1. 2. 0. being about half the amount outstanding.

2.- New Societies.

A Fabian Society has been formed at the Liverpool University. Its inaugural meeting will be addressed by Webb. At Newcastle-under-Lyme the org. sec. has formed a Society. J. Wedgwood, M.P. is president.

3.- How to organise a big public meeting.

A draft circular by Webb on this subject has been considered and it is recommended that after certain amendments have been made it be printed and circulated among Societies and Groups.

M. Murby
Chairman.

3. Finance + C.P. Com^{ee} (Contd.)

On ~~Resolution~~^{newspat} the conference the Secy reported that the Fabian Resolution on the Local Govt Qualification Bill was carried unanimously, + the resolution on auditors was withdrawn of him + Bland at the request of the Exec. - because the Party might be forced to use funds for electoral purposes on account of the Osborn decision in ways not strictly in accordance with the rules. -

(4) The Organising Com^{ee} Report was moved by Miss Morley.

Item 1. (a) + (b) were accepted.

(c) was opposed. Letter read of Dr. Bertram. It was finally ~~of~~ decided with two dissentients that the recommendation be adopted to the Com^{ee} present a report on the proposed expenditure on open-air speaking.

(d) + (e) were approved.

Item 2. was approved

3. was opposed, + an amendment carried that the circular be typewritten + not printed.

5. The Publishing Committee Report was moved

Item 1 was agreed to & it was resolved to offer the copy to Prof. Geddes.

Item 2. (Advertisements) was opposed & after discussion was rejected, & it was decided to confine adob. in tracts to books &c as before.

Items 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9 were adopted.

6. L.C.C. Election Fund. Secy reported £26.156. received. It was agreed that the Finance Com^{ee} allocate the amount.

7. Executive Election. The Secy reported that Mrs Wells had intimated she ~~would~~^{shall} withdraw - no one else had done so.

8. Chair

8. Chairman for Schlosser. Miss Atkinson

Stewart & Healdam

Meeting 4th. February. Present: Bland (in chair), Headlam, Miss Hutchins, Sanders, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw Standing and Secretary.

Meeting 18th. February. Present: Bland (in chair), Headlam, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

(I. & II. after an item indicate the meeting at which the decision was taken).

1.- Facts for Kensington.

On a strongly adverse report from Shaw it was agreed to recommend that this MS. be not issued by the Society in any form. (I)

2.- Advertisements.

L. J. Burke, an expert member, attended to confer with the Committee and on his advice it was agreed to recommend

(a) That the practice of the Society of confining advertisement in tracts to literary subjects be discontinued and that the ordinary (Cocoa and Soap) advertisements be accepted.

(b) That an agent be employed to obtain advertisements at a commission of 10% or 15%.

Mr. Burke undertook to arrange for an agent if so desired. (I)

3.- The 2d. Tracts.

It was agreed to use the old Walter Crane design for the covers of these Tracts and a superior paper was selected. (I)

Endowment of Maternity. Proof sent herewith for approval.

Edition to be 7,000 and advertisements for cover to be obtained by the office.

Railway Nationalisation. On a favourable report by Bland, it was agreed that this tract be set up forthwith. Edition to be 7,000.

Advertisements for the cover to be obtained by the office.

4.- What a Health Committee Can Do.

This having come out 17½ pages, it was decided that it be cut down to 16pp. (II).

5.- Fifield Series.VIII.Shaw's Superior Brains.

It was resolved to publish the Tract and nothing else,
as Vol VIII, edition to be 4,000. (I)

Details as to cover, portrait &c. were dealt with.

6.- Tract 131. "Decline of the Birthrate".

It was agreed to reprint 1,000.

7.- Socialism for the Aristocracy.

Subject to approval of chairman (since accorded) it was
agreed to ask Mrs. F. C. Bentinck to enlarge a MS.
submitted by her with a view to its issue as a Tract (II).

8.- Minority Report.

The Secretary reported that the Profit on 4000 copies
was £87, including £26 outstanding accounts, and not
allowing for postage, carriage &c. £23. of this had
been taken credit for last year.

9.- Infringement of Copyright.

On report that "The Liberal", weekly ld. paper, had
reprinted in full "Socialism and Superior Brains",
it was agreed to ask Shaw to demand (or give us
authority to demand) £5. for infringement of Copyright.
(Shaw has since authorised us to demand £25.) (II).

Hubert Bland

Chairman.

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Chairman, Mrs Bentinck, Shaw, Miss...

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 18th March 1910.

Present. Headlam (in chair), Maude, Shaw, Miss Murby
Dodd, Mr Shaw, Miss Hutchins, Standring,
Sharp, Guest, Bland, Miss Atkinson, Dr. Bentham
Barbers, Sanders, + Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. None.

3. Memorandum on Publishing was submitted.

The bill proposed for Tract 150,
State Purchase of Railways, a
Practicable Scheme was approved,
& the publication of the Tract was
agreed to.

4. The Organising + Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was
submitted by Miss Murby.

(a) was agreed to.

(b). On this, it was decided to omit Beaumont, &
that Sanders take Tonbridge & Maidstone
instead, in order to save Beaumont's expenses.

(4) Organization &c. Report (cont'd)

Item (1.) (cont'd) The recommendation re Dr. Marion Phillips was adopted.

Item (2.) was adopted

Item (3) was noted & the Sec'y was ordered to write a suitable reply.

(5) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report
was submitted by the chairman.

Item 1. Noted

.. 2. Miss Atkinson & Geo. Standring were appointed delegates to the British Assn for Labor Legn

Items 3 (Finance) 4 (Copyright) + 5 (I.C.C. Election Fund) were adopted.

Item 6. (Annual Meeting) A. D. Macpherson's motion was discussed at some length, but ultimately the action of the Com^{ee} as reported was approved.

Item 7. was noted...

Meeting of the Society. It was agreed to decline with thanks offer of lecture on legal position of women in Norway by J. Castberg ex-minister of Justice.

Report of the
Organising and Propaganda Committee

Private - This Committee has not met, because, though there is plenty of work in hand, it is all arranged for.

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President - Dr. Beathan, Miss Atkinson
and Sanders. Secretary and Secretary.

Tract No. 148. "What a Health Committee can do" is published.

Lectur - Tract No. 149. "The Endowment of Maternity Motherhood" is

(a) Satisfactory progress has been made with regard to courses given by Beathan and Sanders awaiting advertisements for cover and will be printed as soon as these are obtained. Remaining courses of the session being given at Walsall, Stourbridge, Uxbridge and Hidcup by the Org. Sec. and Bath by Schlosser.

Tract No. 150. "Railway Nationalisation" is set up, and a copy is sent herewith for the approval of the Executive.

The Reprint of "What to Read" is set up, and awaiting revision.

Fifield Series VIII. "Socialism and Superior Brains" is published.

"Facts for Kensington". Professor Geddes has accepted offer of MS. with cordiality.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Private.

Report of the
Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Meeting 26th. February 1910. (6)

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkinson
and Sanders. Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Resolutions adopted 33. Resignations accepted 11.
Proposals struck off 2.

1.- Lectures.

- (a) Satisfactory Reports were received with regard to courses given by Beaumont at Taunton, Newton Abbot, and Yeovil. Remaining Courses of the session being given at Walsall, Stourbridge and Coventry by Beaumont; Swindon, Sevenoaks, Uxbridge and Sidcup by the Org. Sec; and Bath by Schloesser.
- (b) Outdoor Lectures. It was decided that as an experiment four courses of outdoor lectures be arranged - ~~two~~ courses in London and 2 in the provinces; that Beaumont be asked to take the 2 courses in the provinces and that Dr. Marion ~~Hunter~~ *Phillips* be asked to take the two courses in London; and that the Executive Committee be recommended to vote the sum of £25 to meet the expense of these four courses.

2.- Fabian Conference.

It is recommended that the Annual Conference be held on Saturday July 2nd. at Cliffords Inn Hall.

3.- Haggerston Election.

A letter from Burnley Fabian Society protesting against the action of H. G. Chancellor in standing at Haggerston against Herbert Burrows and calling on the Executive Committee to take action on the matter. It was decided to report the reception of the letter to the Executive Committee.

M. Murby
Chairman.

5.- Annual Meeting.

Meeting Thursday 10th, March 1910.

Present: Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Bland, Ensor,
Guest, Shaw, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership. Candidates elected 33. Resignations accepted 11.
Defaulters struck off 2.

2.- British Association for Labour Legislation.
Delegates wanted April 13th. Caxton Hall, 4 p.m.

7.- Parliamentary. Left to the Executive to appoint.

3.- Finances. Account was presented showing £ over £400 expended on Lectures, chargeable to No. 2 a/c, and of which £200 or £250 would be required to meet liabilities and to leave a working balance. It was agreed that the Trustees of No. 2 a/c be requested to sell £300 Derby Stock worth £250, leaving £800 still in hand, and that the necessary amount be drawn from this a/c.

4.- Infringement of Copyright.
The Secretary reported that Simpkin & Co. after correspondence and an interview disclaimed responsibility for the action of "The Liberal", and Shaw undertook to conduct further proceedings in the matter.

5.- L. C. C. Election Fund.
It was resolved in accordance with precedent, that the expenses of printing and postage be not paid out of the fund. It was further agreed that the unallocated part be divided equally, giving £1.3.9 to each candidate. The result was as follows:-

Dr. Bentham	£2. 3. 3
Miss Bondfield	25. 14. 3
J. Gilbert Dale	1. 3. 9
R. C. K. Ensor	4. 9. 9
G. Lansbury	15. 0. 9
F. Smith	1. 8. 9
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	£ 40. 0. 6
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6.- Annual Meeting.

Letter from Shallard indicating the possibility possible calling of a special meeting on Election Policy was submitted.

Notice of Motion by A. D. Macpherson on the use of titles was considered. Proposal that the Executive should refuse to accept it on the ground that the matter had been discussed and decided, was negatived, and it was decided to write Macpherson that his motion is too long to print and if he will not shorten it, notice can only be printed stating the subject thereof.

7.- Parliamentary Fund and Future Policy.

Report was submitted by the Trustees with memorandum by Bland on one point was considered. The opinions expressed were favourable to the proposal of the report to adopt Crooks as a candidate for any approved and hopeful by-election, but no resolution was adopted, and the Report as presented was referred to the Executive. The Secretary was ordered to consult Snell as to the proposals relating to him, and specially as to the payment of the deficit on the Huddersfield Election Account, the Committee being favourable to repayment if Snell approved.

The Report referred to is annexed.

Aylmer Maude.
Chairman.

6. Report on Parliamentary Policy submitted of the Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} -

The report was received & discussed at length.

Page 1. was received.

Page 2. Huddersfield (par 2) It was agreed that the deficit £28.19.2 be paid.

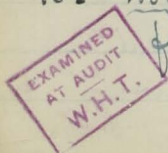
" 2. Huddersfield (par 4) This recommendation was not accepted & instead it was decided to write the Huddersfield Com^{ee} that we do not think we can raise money for a contest this year, & if a General Election takes place this year we cannot undertake financial responsibility for it.

" " par 5 & 7. Crooks. Deferred for further consideration after consultation with him.

page 3. Received. -

(7) Requisition for Special Meeting. S. D. Shallard attended & interviewed the Com^{ee} on the requisition he had handed in for a special meeting. It was

- (7.) Requisition (cont'd)
 agreed to hold the special meeting on Friday April 15, a date which was approved of by Shallard on behalf of the signatories of the requisition.
8. Report on attendances was presented & it was agreed to print it on the back of the Ballot papers.
9. Nominations for the new Executive were reported on.
10. Scrutineers. Tee Secy was authorised to select them.
11. Auditor. It was agreed to ask Hector Thomson again.
12. Chairman for Miss Bondfield. Bland.
13. Workmen as J. P. s. Tee Secy submitted a letter asking for evidence for the Parly Com^{tee}, but none was offered.



L. Haden Guest 8.4.10.

Report on Parliamentary Policy submitted by the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund to the General Purposes Committee and transmitted by them to the Executive Committee.

 Parliamentary Fund.

Income and Expenditure to date.

Total promises in 1908 for 5 years	£2,637. 0. 0
<u>Deduct lapsed</u>	<u>361. 0. 0</u>
	2,276. 0. 0
<u>Add</u> Subscriptions to fund not included in promises	<u>154. 0. 0</u>
	2,430. 0. 0
Deduct receipts	<u>1,130. 0. 0</u>
	1,300. 0. 0
Totally uncalled say	1,250. 0. 0
Of this £400 is due from Allfrey.	
Amount in hand	66.11.10
Possible promises (payable in 1911)	<u>1,250. 0. 0</u>
say	1,300. 0. 0

 It should be observed that when the fund was proposed, we contemplated re-imbursing the Labour Party for the salary of any elected member. This contingency need not now be considered.

The Expenditure has been as follows:-

Frank Smith at Taunton	274.12. 8
Harry Snell at Huddersfield	216.13. 4
W.S.Sanders at Portsmouth By-Election	200. 0. 0
Do. Do. General Election	270. 0. 0
Organising at Huddersfield	26. 0. 0
" " Portsmouth	75. 0. 0
Manchester Conference	<u>3. 7. 6</u>
	1,065.13. 6
Cash in hand	<u>66.11.10</u>

£ 1,132. 5. 4

General Election Results.

Portsmouth.

In view of the drop in Sanders' vote, he has decided definitely not to contest the seat again, and there is no reason why we should run another candidate there.

Huddersfield.

Snell did better than was expected and the local people wish him to stand again. The expenses to us were extremely moderate and the additional £50 which we authorised Snell to expend was not claimed. The election account closed with a deficit of £28.19. 2., which the local people proposed to pay. The Executive might consider whether they should not send a cheque for it.

Candidates.

Three Candidates have been under consideration

Harry Snell Huddersfield.
Will Crooks
W. S. Sanders.

Proposals.

(1) In the event of a General Election this summer:-

Huddersfield.

We suggest that Harry Snell should be encouraged to continue his candidature and that a small contribution if necessary, be made to organising expenses, say in the first case for 6 months. It is possible, if Snell remains in the field, that the Tories will not run a candidate. In that case Snell's candidature would be very promising. If thought fit, we might arrange with Snell that he should withdraw at the last moment, unless prospects seemed exceptionally good.

Crooks.

At the General Election he would presumably stand again for Woolwich. We might arrange to supplement local funds, and promote general appeal.

Sanders.

He has some idea of standing again but it is too early yet to come to any decision.

II. If there be no General Election in the Summer.

Snell.

The candidature at Huddersfield should be kept simmering.

Crooks.

He is by far the best fighting candidate available for the Labour Party, but he has no funds behind him, because the Coopers' Union which nominally supports him is too small to provide even a ten pound note.

It is therefore suggested that the S. S. should intimate to Crooks and to the Labour Party that the Society will be ready to come forward in the event of a by-election which offers reasonable

prospects of success. His strong personality and wide popularity would enable the Society to appeal for help beyond its own immediate circle, and we think the few hundred pounds required for a reasonably cheap seat could be obtained without difficulty.

Sanders. As he has nothing definite to suggest at present, his case must stand over.

We suggest that Mr. Allfrey should be asked whether his promise of £400 still stands good.

Hubert Bland (subject to memorandum below)
Sidney Webb
Edw. R. Pease
Trustees.

I agree with the Report except in the matter of our financing Crooks at a By-Election.

If Crooks will personally announce himself as the Candidate for Woolwich and will at once begin to work the Borough I think we might undertake to finance that Candidature. He would be practically certain to win. We could do that job pretty thoroughly and could pour in a lot of canvassers etc. when the time came. But I should not care to do even that unless it were made quite clear that he was a Fabian candidate - a Labour Party Candidate too of course - but the Fabian name must be made quite prominent. I want the Fabian name to be associated with victory next time. The election is sure to take place soon - and I have no doubt whatever that he would win. I think we might well wait for the General Election and not bother about by-elections especially doubtful ones. Let us concentrate on one election and win it.

Unless Crooks fight Woolwich I don't think I care to back him. He is not a Fabian candidate of the "Fabian Type" in any way, and the fund was specially raised for that type of candidate: but I would overlook that disqualification for the sake of a winning fight.

Hubert Bland.

List of Attendances of Executive and Sub-Committees.

Name.	Possible	Executive.	Finance.	Publishing.	Propaganda.
Atkinson, Miss		14.	11	14	11
Barker		11	-	21	-
Bentham, Dr.		10	8	-	10
Bland		13	9	13	-
Dodd		8	-	-	7
Ensor		12	9	-	4
Guest		11	7	7	9
Headlam		10	-	9	4
Hutchins, Miss		12	-	10	-
Maude		13	9	-	-
Money		3	0	-	-
Murby, Miss		14	-	-	11
Pease		14	11	13	1
Reeves, Mrs		3	-	1	-
Sanders		11	6	10	11
Sharp		12	10	-	7
Shaw		10	8	10	-
Shaw, Mrs.		12	-	8	-
Standring		14	-	13	-
Webb		12	7	-	-
Wells, Mrs.		6	-	-	2

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8 April 1910 at 5.45pm

Committee Friday 8th April 1910 at 5.45pm

Present Guest (in chair). Miss Hutchins, Miss Morly, Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkinson, Webb, Maude, Sharp, Dodd, Ensor, Money, Sanders, Standring, Bland, & Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. S. D. P. Demonstration at Green Hall. Platform tickets were assigned to Sharp, Bland & Maude.
3. Publishing Com^{tee} Report, made verbally, was considered.
 - (2) Advertisement of 2 books on marriage & sex, offered by Redman & Co. & The Pub. Com^{tee} reported in favour of accepting, but the Exec. Com^{tee} after a very long & confused discussion & a number of divisions ultimately decided by 8 votes to 2 to decline it.
 - (4) Decision to print report on Coal Trade in News, after ~~the~~ submission to the Exec. was approved.
 - (5.) (6) (7) Noted.
 - (8) Decision to reprint 133 with portrait of author approved.
 - (10) Decision overruled, & resolved to send with 4p. news in June.

Other items noted. -

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(4) Members meeting : The following arrangements were agreed upon: -

- (a) Chairman . Harris or Thorogood
- (b). Reply for the Executive = Wells
- (c) "Manifesto" to be read by the Secy
- (d). Amendment to be moved: -

To omit all words after the word "before" in line 2,
and insert

"any manifesto on Electoral policy is published
"by the Society, and this meeting endorses the
"advice given to the members by the Executive
"Committee before the last General Election to
"vote for Labour and Socialist Candidates and
"against the House of Lords."

(e). It was agreed that Miss Atkinson be at liberty to express her dissent from the action of her colleagues. -

5. Crookes + Woolwich . The annexed memorandum of Bland was considered, & it was agreed to take no ~~further~~ action pending receipt of further particulars, tho' it was generally approved.

Private.

Agenda for the Publishing Committee at
Fabian Office on Friday April 8th. at 5 p.m.

7.- Distribution (Executive at 5. 45 p.m.) (12)

Report -----

47,828

25,650

1.- Minutes of last Meeting.

78,512

2.- Apologies, if any. Year 1909-1910

3.- Tracts in press.

No. 149. Endowment of Maternity

89,198

A doubtful advt. offered.

2 1/2 pages sold for £4. 5. 0.

1 page unsold.

8.- Tracts near

"This N. Otherwise ready for Press. 723. Stock 244.

No. 133. Dearmer's Soc. & Christianity.

No. 150. State Purchase of Railways.

Final revise in printer's hands.

4.- Tracts on hand. have list of Publishers &

Education. Abandoned.

10.- Weight Coal Trade. etc. Do. Report thereon (if ready)

Medical Service. Report (if received)

Unemployed. Webb's with tract & id. (26. extra)

Mrs. Bentinck's Letters. In active preparation.

5.- Results of Sale of Tracts with covers:-

11.- ME. on Principles of Socialism offered. 1909. 1910.

March to Sept. Oct.-March.

No. 5. Facts for Socialists 1340 2988

" 51. Socialism True and False 361 1528

Tracts without covers.

No. 42. Christian Socialism 489 560

" 69. Difficulties of Individualism 317 496.

6.- Cost of Tracts with Covers.

10,000 Socialism and Superior Brains

24 pp. and cover from Stereos

£26. 5. 0

Proceeds @ 8d. per doz. (average price)

£25.13. 0

Advts. on this edition £2. 2. 6. extra.

No. 51. Socialism True and False 20 pp.

5000 with wrappers cost

£13. 7. 6

Proceeds 5000 @ 8d. per doz. (average price)

£12.16. 6

Loss 11/-.

7.- Distribution of Tracts (other than leaflets)

Report of sales for six months

Oct. to March 1910

April to Sept.

47,862

25,650

Year 1909-1910

73,512

Year 1908-9

89,196

8.- Tracts nearly out of print.

"This Misery of Boots". Year's sales 729. Stock 244.

No. 133. Dearmer's Soc. & Christianity.

Year's sales 1946. " 274

9.- Revise of "What to Read"

Shall we have list of Publishers ?

10.- Weight of 2d. Tracts.

Three courses they would be able to raise another £500.

To send usual "News" with tract @ 1d. (26. extra)

and the " 4 page "News" making the rest.

To defer sending tract till Sept. when "News" is half size.

They would guarantee the other £500 but the worth of

11.- MS. on Principles of Socialism offered.

Report by Pease and Sanders. consideration.

No good. General Purpose Committee

They are further of opinion that if the tract is to be

12.- The Case for Municipal Drink Trade by E. R. Pease

Offer by King of remainder, 1067 copies, @ 3d. = £13.

13.- Any other business.

Memorandum by Hubert Bland.

Mr. Crooks has undertaken to stand if called upon within six weeks. months.

It is quite possible however, and even likely, that the local people will not without help, be able to raise funds sufficient to contest the seat as their resources have been greatly depleted by the parliamentary election in January and the L.C.C. election in March. A Parliamentary election in Woolwich seat costs about £1000.

They are of opinion that if £500 were forthcoming from any other source they would be able to raise another £500, and they are confident of winning the seat.

They would guarantee the other £500 but the worth of their guarantee is a matter for consideration.

They are further of opinion that if the seat is to be contested the candidate must take the field at once with the assurance that the necessary funds will not be lacking.

Meetings of the Executive and
Sub-Committees in April, &c.

Friday April 8th. Publishing Committee 5 p.m.
Executive Committee 5. 45 p.m.

Monday April 11th. Organising and Propaganda Committee

Friday April 15th. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Friday April 22nd. Last Meeting of Old Executive
to adopt Annual Report.

Monday April 25th. Organising and Propaganda Committee

Friday April 29th. Publishing Committee.

Thursday May 5th. Finance and General Purposes Committee

Friday May 6th. First Meeting of the New Executive
to appoint Committees &c.

6. Chairman of Books. Maude

7. Arrangements for Executive Meeting. Wted.

Stephen Maude

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Committee April 22nd 1910:

Present, Maude (in chair) Standing, Sanders
Welch, Barber Guest Headlam,
~~Woods~~ Sharp, Eusor Blanch, Miss
Atkinson Miss Murly, Miss Hutchins
& Sec'y

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Apology from Dr. Bentham was read.
3. The Organising Com^{ee} Report was submitted.
Items 1. 2. 3 were passed.
Item 4 was discussed & resolution
to refer back for a fuller scheme for
consideration of the Exec. was agreed to.
4. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was
submitted by the chairman
Items 1 & 2 were adopted
Item 3. Amendments to rule. Both were
adopted, but the wording of the amendment
to rule 6 was altered in accordance with draft by Welch.

Private.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 15th. April 1910.

Present: Maude (in chair), Bland, Webb, Ensor, Dr. Bentham, Sharp, Guest, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership: 28 Candidates were elected. Last year the number was 35 for same month. Average subscriptions, ordinary members 8/10. All members 4/11.

Resignations accepted 12: not accepted 3.

2.- Lectures to the Society.

It was agreed in view of probable election not to fix any lectures yet for June and to decline suggestion of lecture on the Feeble-minded by Mrs. Pinsett.

3.- Amendment to rules.

The following amendments were ordered to be recommended to the Executive for proposal at the Annual Meeting

Rule 6. Present rule (part)

"Resolutions of which due notice has been given shall be placed on the agenda of the first private meeting of the Society after which such notice has been published."

Amendment, to add: "but when any resolution has been discussed and decided the same or a similar resolution shall not be placed on the agenda before the expiry of one year without the consent of the Executive Committee".

Rule 8. Present Rule.

"When a requisition signed by not less than twenty-five members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolution, the Executive Committee shall order the resolution to be printed in "Fabian News", and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter.

When a requisition of urgency, signed by not less than fifty members, is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss a specific notice of motion, he shall summon such a meeting for a date within fourteen days from the receipt thereof, and shall within seven days notify the same to all members by circular or otherwise".

4.- Amendments to rules (continued)

Amendments. Paragraph 1. Line 1. To delete the word "twenty-five", and insert "fifty"
Paragraph 2. Line 1. To delete the word "fifty", and insert "one hundred".

4.- Parliamentary Candidates.

Woolwich. The Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund reported the substance of an interview with Messrs. Grinling and Barefoot on behalf of the Woolwich Labour Representation Committee.

Huddersfield. A letter from the Labour Party Executive was read asking the Society to reconsider their decision to drop Huddersfield on the ground that Snell had done well, the seat would have to be fought again by Snell, and if candidatures were taken up and dropped by the bodies affiliated to the Party, without full consideration of all issues concerned, much confusion would follow.

The Committee after full consideration adopted unanimously the following recommendations.

- 1.- That any action with regard to Crooks' candidature be conditional on satisfactory guarantees being first produced that £500 will be paid in to the L.R.A. before nomination day and that the Woolwich L.R.A. undertakes to hold us harmless beyond £500 as a maximum.
- 2.- That subject to satisfactory undertakings being given as aforesaid, the Executive Committee be recommended to nominate to the Labour Party Mr. Crooks as a Parliamentary Candidate for Woolwich
- 3.- That a strong appeal be made by the Executive, jointly with the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund, to the subscribers and to the members generally, to raise £500 for Crooks and also £250 for Snell; and an appeal be also made to the subscribers to the Tchaykovsky Fund to allow the whole or part of any funds returned to be allocated to this purpose.

The delegates of the Woolwich L.R.A. promised to send in by the 22nd. inst. a report on the results of their attempts to obtain the guarantees above mentioned and it is probable that action on the resolutions can therefore be taken forthwith.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday 13th. April 1910.

Present: Lawson Dodd (in chair), Miss Atkinson,
Dr. Ethel Bentham and Org. Sec.

- 1.- Lectures. Reports on Lectures Courses as follows were received
- (a) Bath. Schloesser had held a most successful Course with large audiences. Walsall and Coventry. Beaumont's Courses in these towns had been highly successful especially at Walsall. Stourbridge. Beaumont's course had been fairly well attended. Sevenoaks and Uxbridge. The Org. Sec. had held well attended courses. Swindon. Course by Org. Sec. had secured moderate attendances.
 - (b) Open-air Propaganda. Arrangements have been made definitely with Dr. Marion Phillips to hold open-air courses during the summer, the two trial courses to be held at Streatham and Willesden.
 - (c) The Org. Sec. had arranged to give a Course of lectures in Colchester (indoor) during April and ~~and~~ single lectures for the Ruddersfield, Chesterfield and Sheffield Fabian Societies.
- 2.- Societies and Groups. Org. Sec. will form a new Society at Dover this month. Groups have been formed at Chelsea, Streatham and Deptford.
- 3.- Annual Conference. Clifford's Inn Hall has been secured for July 2nd. for the Conference.
- 4.- Annual Soiree. We recommend that a Soiree be held this year and that we be instructed to carry out the arrangements.

Lawson Dodd
(Acting chairman)

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4 (cont'd) ~~Part~~ General Purposes Com^d Report.

Item 4. Party Candidatures. -

The Report was fully discussed & ultimately the recommendations as to Woolwich & Huddersfield, (Paragraphs ¶1. 2. + 3) were put to the meeting & unanimously agreed to.

On par. 1. it was agreed that the Trustees be authorised to determine whether the guarantees offered by Woolwich are to be deemed satisfactory. - Letter from Barefoot had already been read.
It was agreed

- (a) To put notice in news if the matter of Woolwich was settled in time.
- (b) To report to the Annual meeting & put matter on the agenda.
- (c) To issue circular without delay
- (d) That the Trustees draft the circular
- (e) That nothing be said formally to Huddersfield at present, & the matter be informally explained to the L.P. if necessary.

5. Annual Meeting. The agenda paper
was submitted & approved.

6. Urgent Correspondence

Chatham Labour Party

asking party candidate

none now to offer

Leith Labour Party

asking for Sanders. He
refuses. Repl 20.

7. Annual Report - after verbal amendments
it was approved.

8. Chairman for Beloe. Bland.

9. Report on the coal supply. Gally slips were con-
sidered, & after debate, the report was re-
ferred to the Com^{ee} to amend.

10. Photograph of Seamer for block. Specimen
submitted was approved.

Mar 5/1911

L. G. Curzon Secy

First Meeting of the new Executive Com^{ee}
at Office on Friday May 6th 1910

Present Money (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Webb, Maude,
Shaw, Eusor, Schloesser, Miss Miry Sharp,
Mrs Shaw, Headlam, Mrs Reeves, Miss Hutchins
Bland Miss Atkinson Guest. Sanders, Secy, Todd.

Absent Standring Barker

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Money for last meeting, noted.
Standring, urgent work = accepted.
3. The Publishing Committee Report was accepted in full
4. The Organising Com^{ee} Report was accepted in full
5. The Finance Com^{ee} Report was made verbally by
the chairman, & contained no business
of moment. It was agreed to.
6. Over. —

6. Special Report on Fabrian Teachers Candidate.

The annexed Report of the Officers was discussed in full, & put to the vote when it was unanimously adopted.

7. Crooks at Woolwich. Welt for the Trustees reported on the progress of negotiations & on the form of guarantee the Trustees proposed to ask from the Woolwich L.R.A., & from C. H. Grinling. It was discussed & agreed that the Trustees of the Park & Fund be empowered to issue the appeal for subscriptions to the fund, & also to the & subscribers to the Tebaykovshy Bail Fund: & arrangements as far as made were approved. --

8. Infringement of Copyright. Correspondence with between the author Society, Simpkins Marshall & Co. Sherridan Jones, & B. B. Shaw was submitted, & Shaw reported he did not advise action against Simpkins because they were not morally responsible. It was agreed to drop the matter.

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Proposed Fabian Teachers' Parliamentary Candidate.

Private

F. W. Goldstone, a member of the Executive of the National Union of Teachers, also a member of the Sheffield Fabian Society has been adopted by his Union as a candidate to be run under the auspices of the Labour Party. The National Union of Teachers is not affiliated to the Labour Party and therefore cannot nominate a person to be a candidate of that Party. Goldstone has approached the Fabian Society through the Organising Secretary with a view of the Society acting as the nominating body, that is to say, he wishes to be put before the Labour Party as a candidate of the Fabian Society. The National Union of Teachers will provide the election expenses as it does in the case of Yoxall (Liberal) and Gray (Tory), who are the Union's other two candidates. There is some slight difficulty in connection with the signing of the Labour Party Constitution by Goldstone, which, however, is purely technical in character and it is understood can be overcome. Goldstone is a Socialist of some years' standing, is the leader of the Socialist Society formed among teachers and is the recognised spokesman for the teacher class-teachers throughout the country. In the opinion of the Organising Secretary he would make a creditable candidate and if the Fabian Society put him forward it would undoubtedly be a good stroke of business for the Socialist and Labour movement. It is very desirable that we should secure a footing among the teachers and the promotion by us of Goldstone's candidature would help considerably to secure this.

Of course the Fabian Society would require an official guarantee from the National Union of Teachers that it would be responsible for the Election Expenses before any official steps could be taken. Goldstone has been informed of this and he will no doubt secure the necessary document.

It will be remembered that the Chatham Labour Party have requested us to find them a candidate for the next election. If nothing better can be obtained, Goldstone is prepared to fight the constituency, his Union recognising that he can hardly expect to run for a fairly safe seat on the first occasion.

There seems to be every reason why this plan should be assented to. In so far as the Fabian Society appears at all as responsible for the candidature, it will gain political kudos free of cost and risk and may assist in returning another Socialist to Parliament.

Edw. R. Pease
Wm. Stephen Sanders.

Private.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Monday April 25th. 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. E. Bentham,
Miss Atkinson, Headlam and Sanders.

1.- Sciree. We have decided to consult the Social Committee and with regard to the occasion, place and date of proposed Sciree and will report later upon the matter.

2.- New Groups and Societies.

New Groups have been formed at Strestham and Deptford. A new Society has been formed at Dover and steps are being taken to form a Society at Cambridge (Town).

By Robert Jones. on Taxation. Adverse reports: to be further considered.

M. B. Murby

By Mrs. P. C. Bentham. Letters on Democracy and Socialism. Ready for Press. Right length. To be further considered.

Hubert Bland
Chairman.

Standing Orders and Orders of Reference to Sub-Committees.

- 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 shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as 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 the 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

may be made in "Fabian News" by order of the Executive Committee; and in that case, until such publication. 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. (M)

- 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 recommendations, 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 resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution. (100)
- 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.

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A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

There shall stand referred to the F. & G. P. Sub-Committee 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 arrangement of lectures, &c. at the regular meetings of the Society.
 - (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Lectures:

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.
- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.

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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".

Statement of choice of Sub-Committees by members of the Executive.

Name.	Finance & G. P. (9)	Publishing (9)	Organising (8)
<u>Barker</u>	1	2	1
<u>Bentham, Dr. E.</u>	1	-	2
<u>Bland</u>	1	-	1
<u>Ensor</u>	1	-	1
<u>Maude</u>	1	-	2
Miss Murby	1	-	1
<u>Sharp</u>	1	2	2
<u>Webb</u>	1	1	1
money	1		
<u>Dodd</u>	-	1	-
<u>Miss Hutchins</u>	-	1	-
<u>Shaw</u>	2	1	1
<u>Mrs. Shaw</u>	-	1	1
<u>Standring</u>	-	1	2
Mrs. Reeves	2	1	-
<u>Miss Atkinson</u>	2	-	1
<u>Guest</u>	2	-	1
<u>Headlam</u>	2	2	1
<u>Schloesser</u>	2	-	1

appointed

appointed

appointed

The Members underlined are those who select a Committee on which they already sit.

The present numbers of members is attached to each Committee, in all cases apart from the two officials who are members ex-officio.

The following have not replied: their present Committees follow their names.

~~Money~~ Finance

~~Mrs. Reeves~~ Publishing.

9. Appointment of Sub. Committees -

The annexed report on ~~proposals~~ selections of the members was submitted. - It was agreed as follows:

Finance Committee: all first choices, & of second choices Shaw only.

Publishing Committee: all first & second choices except Headlam.

Organising Committee: all first and second choices.

10. Standing Orders. The existing orders were confirmed.

11. Leave of absence. The Organising Secy applied for leave of absence for about a fortnight without salary. It was agreed to grant leave on full pay.

12. Annual Meeting. The following arrangements were made.

(a) Chairman - Schloesser.

(b) Annual Report - Secy to move.

12. Annual Meeting (Cont'd)

(c) Verbal amendments of Womens Group
agreed to

(d) Parliamentary Report to be made by Webb

(e) Amendments to Rules "moved by Secy

(f) Resolution on Fabians & Liberalism.

To be accepted by Exec. after
debate, Ensor to speak
for Exec.

(g) Women's Suffrage. Objection having
been taken to the wording of the
resolution, Miss Atkinson agreed
to get it simplified, as she was
to second it. No action was taken
by the Exec. as such

(h) Printing Basis in news. It was
agreed that it be moved that
his proposal be referred to the
Exec. to deal with. -

W. D. H. Murray

Committee at Office Friday May 27th 1910

Present Miss Murby (in chair) & all except

Absent Headlam, Mower, Sanders & Well.

1. The minutes were read & confirmed
2. Apologies. Barker for last meeting.
Well, absent for lecturing. Excused.
3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted & Sharp.

Items 1, 2, & 3 were noted

Items 5 & 6 were approved.

Item 4, as to Robert Jones's Tract on Taxation
it was approved

" .. as to Mrs Bentinck's letters, was approved, & on the motion of Maude it was agreed that the Tract be set up forthwith, though the Sec^y reported that Mrs Bentinck consented to the use of her name & refused the use of her portrait.

4) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report

(4) Finance Com^{ee} Report

This was made verbally & made & accepted.

(5) Lectures to the Society arising hereout, it was agreed to accept offer of Miss Murby to lecture to the Society on Friday 10th June on ~~the~~ Bergson & future Social Philosophy.

(6) The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report & the Special Joint Com^{ee} Report on the Proposed Soirée were submitted & Miss Murby a long & intricate debate took place on this. It was first resolved by 8-5 that a soirée be held: Barber expressed willingness to read the Sentimentalists or other play, but by 8 to 7 it was resolved that he be not asked to do so. — Thereupon a motion for "the previous question" proposed in order to cancel the decision to hold a soirée, was carried by 8 votes to 6. —

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 13th. May, 1910.

Present: Sharp (in chair), Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Reeves, Shaw,
Dodd, Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- Mrs. Shaw was elected Chairman and Sharp Vice-Chairman: the day of meeting was fixed for Fridays at 5. 30 p.m.
- 2.- Haden Guest, at his request, was co-opted a member, subject to Executive approval.
- 3.- New Tracts.
It was reported that Tract No. 149, Endowment of Maternity was published, and No. 150, State Purchase of Railways was finished in all respects except printing.
- 4.- Tracts in preparation.
Mrs. Bentinck's Letters. Shaw reported it would do, if published with her name and portrait.
Agreed to ask her about this.
Robert Jones on Taxation. On favourable report by Bland it was agreed to ask the author, who attended, to alter the tract on the lines indicated.
- 5.- Hayes' "United Kingdom Limited". Printed copy submitted by author, with offer for leave to reprint. Length 32pp. Agreed to decline, in view of length, and the poor sales of "Those Wretched Rates".
- 6.- Urgency Business.
It was agreed to accept invitation by S. D. P. to take part in Trafalgar Square Demonstration on Finland on Sunday May 29th. Secretary to find a speaker.

Clifford Sharp
Vice-Chairman.

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Reports of Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Meetings May 9th. and May 18th. 1910.

Present: May 9th. Miss Murby, Miss Atkinson, Schloesser,
and Org. Sec.

Present: May 18th. Miss Murby, Miss Atkinson, Dr. E. Bentham,
G. Standring, Pease and Org. Sec.

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- 1.- Chairman and Vice-Chairman. We have elected Miss Murby Chairman and Miss Atkinson Vice-Chairman.
 - 2.- We have Day of Meeting. We have decided to meet usually on the 2nd. and 4th. Mondays in each month.
 - 3.- Seiree. We have considered the following Report from the Social Committee and recommend that its proposals should be generally adopted. It is hoped that Granville Barker will help to provide the entertainment.

Report of the Social Committee to the Organising and Propaganda Committee of the Fabian Society.

At a meeting of the Social Committee held on Thursday 5th. May, the Hon. Sec. stated that she had been requested by Mr. Sanders to ask her Committee for suggestions for the annual entertainment.

The Committee agreed to the following suggestions:-

- 1.- The proceedings to be from 8-12 p.m. and to consist of
 - (a) Reception of guests
 - (b) A short play (? How he lied to her Husband), to be acted by members of the Society, and 3 songs to be sung by members or professionals (if by the latter, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck has offered to pay the cost:) with a string band which would play in the intervals and
 - (c) from 10.30-12 for dancing.
- 2.- The date to be the day before the Annual Conference, viz on Friday July 1, to enable provincial representatives to attend.
- 3.- The entertainment to be given at the Suffolk Street Galleries, Haymarket.

On this basis the minimum cost of the whole entertainment for 300 people would be as follows:-

Hire of Suffolk Street Galleries	£12. 12. 0
Hire of Band	£. 14. 6
Refreshments at 1/4 per head (if 300 people were guaranteed)	20. 0. 0

£37. 6. 6.

This represents nearly 2/6 per head.

With regard to refreshments it is recommended that, if possible, a tariff on the lines of the 1/6 or 2/- tariffs herewith be followed rather than the 1/4. This might be regulated according to the number of tickets sold, for the cost of the other items would be constant.

The cost of postage and stationery has not been allowed for.

If the above report is generally adopted it is necessary to decide

- (a) Price of tickets. 2/6 seems the minimum that can be charged.
- (b) Refreshments. It would not be safe to go beyond the 1/4d. tariff.
- (c) The form of entertainment.

4.- New Society. The Org. Sec. has visited Cambridge and formed a Fabian Society for that town.

5.- Lecture Courses. The following have been arranged

+ Summer (Open air)

Autumn and Winter (Indoor)

Maidstone
Tonbridge
Fulham
Surbiton
Streatham
Willesden
Marylebone
W. Ealing
Forest Gate
Westminster

Acton
Kensal Rise
N. Ealing
Streatham
Chiswick
Hanley
Portsmouth
Nottingham
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Sevenoaks
Carlisle
Whitehaven
Maryport
Workington

* Whether all of these will be given depends upon the success of the four trial courses.

6.- Annual Conference

Cliffords Inn Hall, Saturday July 2nd.

(a) The following resolutions have been received. Others are expected from the Women's Group.

Resolution from the Chiswick Fabian Group.

"That the Conference deprecates the use of the
"London Meeting for the passing of Resolutions
"on matters affecting the political policy of the
"whole Society, and is of opinion that the proper
"place for the passing of such resolutions is, in
"the first place, the Fabian Conference."

Resolution from Golders Green F. S.

"That in the opinion of this Society it is desirable
"that the Conference shall be held, in future, in such
"place as will permit the members of the Parent Society
"Societies and Groups to attend".

Resolution from the Local Government Group.

"That the Conference requests all Fabian Societies
"and Groups to follow the example set by the Hull,
"Bristol and other Fabian Societies and to prepare a
"report on the social conditions, housing and other
"deficiencies in their district and the activities
"(if any) of the various local authorities in combat-
"ting these evils, and further requests each local
"Society and Group to forward all such information to
"the Local Government Group in London, and, in addi-
"tion the Conference requests the Local Government
"Group to keep a register of all such information for
"purposes of propaganda or publication."

(b) We propose that Miss Atkinson should read a paper upon
the place of a Second Chamber in the constitution.
Actual title to be settled later.

(c) Any resolutions from the Executive ?

7.- Resignation of Haden Guest as a member of the Committee has been
received with regret.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

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Report of a Special Meeting of the Organising
and Propaganda Committee and the Social
Committee on the proposed Soiree, on
25th. May, 1910.

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Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson, H.H.Schloesser,
Mrs. Hylton Dale, Mrs. Townshend, St. John G. Ervine,
T. Wilson, Ashley Dukes, and E. R. Pease.

The following recommendations were agreed upon:-

- 1.- That a Soiree be held on Friday July 1st. at the Suffolk Street Galleries from 8-12 p.m. if Granville Barker will consent to read a play, but unless he will do this, or some other equivalent characteristically Fabian attraction can be provided, no Soiree be held.
- 2.- Subject to the above, that a band be engaged at £5.5.0., Lady Sybil Smith be asked to sing two songs and H. G. Baynes one.
- 3.- That tickets be 2/6, and the price be raised to 3/- a week before the date.
- 4.- That refreshments be provided at not exceeding 1/4d. per head for 300; Miss Atkinson to get another estimate from Miss De Vere of Hampstead by Friday.

The other proposals are made in the Organising Committee Report of May 9th. and 18th. annexed.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

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(b) Organization etc. - Report (Cont'd)

Items 1, 2, 4 were adopted

Item 5. Courses of lectures, was noted, & not discussed.

Item 6. Annual Conference. a. + c. deferred

.. b. (b) Lecture by Miss Atkinson. approved

.. 7. accepted.

Dismissal Tchaykovsky - Letter from Miss Low submitted.

Sec.'s answer that it was not our affair approved.

7. Chairman for Broda. Guest.

8. Annual Meeting.

Reference re Fabian News. Referred to
the Publishing Com^{ee}

Re Political Policy. Deferred.

M. S. Lewis

June 17, 1910.

Com^{ee} at Office on Friday 17 June 1910
at 5.30 pm.

Present Mrs Reeves in chair + all except
Absent Webb, Money, Headlam, Sharp

1. The minutes of last meeting were conformed
2. Apologies. Webb. Abroad for June. Excused.
Money Old lecture engagement ---
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted by
Mrs Shaw.

On Item 1. it was agreed to issue the
Tract, + to suggest as title

"The Point of Honour: a fashion-
able Correspondence on Socialism"

Items 2. 3. 4. 5. 6 were adopted.
Fabian Socialist Series. On letter from Fifield
re sale of 500 Socialism + Superior Brains
to America, it was agreed to say that Shaw
insists that the sub title (a Reply) of Fabian
Socialist Series" be retained somewhere on the
title pages, but does not insist on the Fabian Basis.

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Meeting Monday June 13th. 1910.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Schleesser, Pease and Sanders.

1.- Open-air Lectures.

Favourable Reports have been received from Dr. Marion Phillips, H. Beaumont and Org. Sec. on the experiment of open-air lectures on "The Abolition of Poverty".

2.- Autumn and Winter Courses of Lectures.

We have instructed the Org. Sec. to announce as usual in the press that the Society is prepared to supply lecture courses between October and March.

3.- Lectures by Bernard Shaw.

Shaw has promised as in previous years to give a number of lectures under the auspices of local Societies and Groups next autumn and winter.

4.- Fabian Annual Conference

(a) Agenda annexed.

(b) Chairman. We recommend that Ensor be Chairman of the Conference.

(c) Does the Executive desire to place any further business upon the Agenda ?

5.- International Socialist Congress, Copenhagen, Aug. 28 to Sept. 5th.

(a) We recommend that the Congress fee of 8/- per delegate be paid for a limited number of delegates.

(b) That no credentials be given to any member unless the Society pays his ~~own~~ Congress fee.

(c) That no instructions be given to delegates.

6.- Lantern Slides.

We have received a request from the I.L.P. for the loan or gift of lantern slides. We recommend that our stock of lantern slides be presented to the I. L. P.

Mabel Atkinson
Vice-Chairman.

Fabian Annual Conference.

Agenda as arranged by Organising and Propaganda Committee.

- 1.- Election of Chairman.
- 2.- Chairman's opening remarks.
- 3.- Report of the Work of the several Societies and Groups since the last Conference.
- 4.- Notice of Motion from the Local Government Group.

"That the Conference requests all Fabian Societies and Groups to follow the example set by the Hull, Bristol and other Fabian Societies and to prepare a report on the social conditions, housing and other deficiencies in their district and the activities (if any) of the various local authorities in combatting these evils, and further requests each local Society and Group to forward all such information to the Local Government Group in London, and, in addition the Conference requests the Local Government Group to keep a register of all such information for the purposes of propaganda or publication."

- 5.- Notice of Motion from Clapham F. S.

"That the Conference is of opinion that the policy of running Fabian Parliamentary Candidates has been a failure and recommends that it should be abandoned in order that the energies of the Society may be set free for more effective work".

- 6.- Notice of Motion from Golders Green F. S.

"That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that the Conference shall be held, in future, in such place as will permit the members of the Parent Society, Societies and Groups to attend".

7.- Notice of Motion from Women's Group.

"That, in the furtherance of social reform Socialists
"should oppose legislation tending to increase the
"economic independence of women."
(Note. Examples to be given if possible)

8.- Notice of Motion from Local Government Group.

"That, having regard to the existing confusion of
"the areas of local authorities and the inefficiency
"of administration resulting therefrom, this Con-
"ference of Fabian Societies and Groups urges the
"President of the Local Government Board to
"appoint a departmental Committee to inquire into
"the question, giving special attention to the
"desirability of instituting larger areas for
"urban administration."

9.- Notice of Motion from Local Government Group.

"That in the opinion of this Conference the
"Government should treat the reform of local
"Taxation and of imperial subventions to local
"authorities as a question of urgency."

10.- Notice of Motion from Chiswick Fabian Group.

"That the Conference deprecates the use of the
"London Meeting for the passing of Resolutions
"on matters affecting the political policy of
"the whole Society, and is of opinion that the
"proper place for the passing of such resolutions
"is, in the first place, the Fabian Conference".

11.- Miss Atkinson's paper on "The place of a Second Chamber
in the Constitution".
Actual title to be settled.

*at a few verbal alterations made
the motion as amended was adopted &
referred to a committee*

*motion
on the subject of
for the Conference*

4. Copenhagen Congress Report. Procs were submitted, a few verbal alterations made, & the Report as amended was adopted & 1000 ordered to be printed.

5. Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee, was submitted by Miss Atkinson.

Items 1, 2, & 3 were adopted.

Item 4. Fabian Conference.

(a) Agenda. Approved, but it was agreed after discussion that the Womens Group be requested to make their resolution clearer.

(b) Inscr. Chairman. Agreed, & he was directed to explain the changed nature of the Conference.

(c) Agreed that no more resolutions are needed.

Item 5. International Congress.

(a) Payment of Conference Fee. Agreed.

(b) No other credentials. Agreed.

(c) No instructions to Delegates. This was referred back for the Comtee to report ~~on~~ on the subject of instructions.

Item 6. Lantern Slides. Agreed to give them to the I.S.P.

b. The Finance + General Purposes Comtee Report
was presented by the Chairman.

Item 1. adopted

" 2 do. , except that the
address of Mrs. Wilkinson
was supplied.

Items 3. 4. 5. + 6 were adopted

Item 8 was considered + adopted.

Item 7. Lecture Course 1910-1911.

(a) Bernstein's Lecture. Recommendation
was adopted. -

Sub Committee Report was considered
+ generally approved: -

Title. Unsettled.

Lectures offered by Maude, Sanders
+ Pease were accepted.

Socialism + Crime was approved
as a subject + Bland agreed to consider it

Socialism + Equality - G. B. Shaw - offered
lecture wh. was accepted.

Socialism + Subject Race. Guest was said
(in his absence) to be willing to take
his + it was agreed to ask him.

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes
Committee at Office 9th. June, 1910.

Report of the following was reported
to date:-

Present: Ensor (in chair), Maude, Dr. Bentham,
Miss Murby, Bland, Sanders, and Secretary.

1.- Candidates, 36 were elected. Last year 33. Average subscription
of ordinary members 10/6: of all members 4/11.

2.- Purge of members.

Addresses of the following members were reported as lost
in addition to 3 supplied by the Committee. The follow-
ing are still wanted:

Thos. J. Bennett, W. B. Bridges, Miss F. E. Christien,
J. R. Crawford, Miss L. Fletcher, Hardress O'Grady,
Dr. A. C. Rainer, F. B. Sinclair, Miss Gertrude Stewart,
Fred Taylor, Miss F. M. Towers, F. J. W. Whipple,
Mrs. Wilkinson.

It was agreed to strike them off unless they are found and
pay up.

Letters notifying their removal from the list were ordered
to be sent to 8 members.

H. G. Wells, subscriber, 5 months in arrear was ordered to
be dropped out.

One resignation was accepted.

3.- Men's and women's Subscriptions.

Return ~~only~~ ordered by the Committee was presented, showing
the average subscription of 200 men and 200 woman, taken
at random, omitting members of local and university
societies, married couples both members and any subscrip-
tions exceeding £5.

Men, average of 200,	13/9.
Women, " " "	10/6.
June Candidates	
Men, average of 4	11/4
Women, " " 8	10/1.

4.- Accounts for two months.

	1910.	1909.
Members' Subscriptions	£195	£173
Associates "	18	28
Subscribers "	7	10
Book Boxes	8	12
Tract Sales	30+	30

+ Includes Minority Report.

The Secretary reported the audit was completed satisfactorily.

5.- Tchaykovsky Bail Fund. The following was reported
(corrected up to date:-)

Repaid to Lenders	£149. 14. 1
Transferred to Parliamentary Fund	30. 11. 0
" " Other Funds	3. 2. 2
No reply yet received	15. 1. 0
Interest	11. 7. 3

Total repaid	<u>£209. 15. 6</u>

6.- Parliamentary Business.

Woolwich. All settled except formal consent of
Labour Party.

Huddersfield. Nothing fresh.

Sunderland. Correspondence as to signature of Labour Party
Constitution still in progress.

7.- Lecture Course 1910-11.

Lecture on State Insurance of workpeople arranged for
Bernstein. On Dr. Broda's report that he now wanted
£5. for expenses, it was agreed to decline the lecture.
It was agreed to adopt Shaw's suggestion of a course on
What the Socialist Movement is neglecting.

and that the officers (Ensor and Shaw) be requested to
draft a set of lectures in consultation with the officials.
Maude's offer of one on "The Change of Heart" (i.e. Tol-
stoyism) was accepted.

8.- Annual Meeting Resolution.

It was agreed, after Ensor left, that he be requested
to draft the Report on the Political Policy of the
Society.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

6. Finance Com^{ee} Report. Lectures 1910-11. (contd.)

Other suggestions

Graham Wallas on Guarantees of Liberty

Socialism + Geography

Socialism + Insurance

The Irish Problem was postponed.

Socialism + Handicrafts was suggested.

As a separate Lecture it was agreed to consider

International Labor Legislation suggested

by Miss Hutchins.

7. Next Meeting July 1. approved.

Clifford D. Thompson.

Comee 1st July 1910 at 5.30pm.
Present Sharp, in the chair, & all except
absent Dr Bentham, Grest, Money, Ensor, Welch.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. An apology from Headlam for absence last time was read.
3. The new Summary of Lectures of the Womens Group was considered & it was agreed that it can go out with Fabian news. The Sec. reported that its weight if printed on thick paper with cover as before would exceed the available margin even with a 4pp news. - It was agreed that a reduction in weight or payment by the Womens Group or other arrangement can be settled subsequently.
4. The Organising & Propaganda Comee Report was presented by Miss Murby & the whole was agreed to after a discussion on some items.

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Meeting Monday 27th. June 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson,
Schloesser and Org. Sec.

1.- Offer of Banner. We have considered an offer of a design and materials for a banner from Mrs. Cole (Member of Sevenoaks F.S.) and recommend that the offer be accepted and silks purchased to the value of £5. to complete the work providing workers can be found to carry out the design. Miss Townshend is thought to be the best person to approach.

2.- Conference Agenda.

- (a) The Agenda for the Conference is submitted herewith for the Executive to consider whether united action should be taken on any of the proposals.
- (b) We recommend that the Conference be asked by the Executive Committee on a motion of urgency to allow the following resolution to be brought forward:-

"That this Conference calls upon the Government
"to grant facilities for the Women's Suffrage
"Bill now before the House of Commons to pass
"through all stages during the present session".

3.- Lecture Courses &c.

- (a) Further courses to be given in the autumn and winter have been arranged at Cambridge, Southampton, Watford, South Hackney, Tottenham, Wood Green, S. Parnora, Forest Gate, Deptford, Dulwich.
- (b) Arrangements have been made for Shaw to address large meetings at Reading, Bristol, Manchester, Cambridge University, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Sevenoaks and Streatham.
- (c) The Org. Sec. has informed us that he has been invited to lecture occasionally (professionally) by the Free Trade Union on the subject of "Germany". We consider that there is no objection to his accepting the invitation.

M. E. Murby
Chairman.

5. Annual Conference. The agenda was discussed & it was agreed as follows:-

That no special attitude or action be taken by the Exec., as such, on Resolutions

4. 6. 7. 8. & 9.

Resolution 5, by the Clapham Group recommending that the policy of running Parliamentary Candidates be abandoned. It was agreed after discussion that Shaw oppose this on behalf of the Exec. Com^{ee} -

Resolution 10. It was agreed that this be opposed.

6. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted verbally by the Chairman Sharpe.

The title of Mrs Bentinck's Tract. It was agreed that The Point of Honour be again strongly commended when.

Translations of Copenhagen Report. approved.

Wreat to Read. Proposal to offer copies to members free through Fabian News was also approved. —

7. Candidature for Sunderland. The Sec-y reported that the Fabian ~~Club~~ Society would probably drop out, as the Exec. of the Labour Party tho' perfectly friendly would not be able to take on the candidature as a completely regular one. —

8. Lectures to the Society On letter from Dr. Brode it was agreed to accept his offer of a lecture on Nov. 18th by Paul H. Loison on the Syndicalist Movement & to pay £2.2. — towards his expenses.

9. Letter from S. D. P., asking us to confer. as to taking steps to secure a common platform for Socialists. After discussion it was agreed that Miss Murly & Schlosser be appointed to meet the S. D. P. & ascertain what they propose, with power to report only. —

Henry W. Schlosser

Committee 22 July 1910. -

Present - Schlosser (in chair) + all except

Absent - Money, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Miss Atkinson.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. An apology ~~for~~ from Money, not very explicit as to date, was noted.

3) The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was presented in the absence of the chairman, by Miss Hutchins. -

Item 1. Tract 151. a Point of Honour. Bland proposed that it be issued with a cover, + after discussion it was referred to the Pub^y Com^{ee} to consider & report on the point.

Tract on Taxation of Jones. Agreed to set this up.

Items 2 & 3 were noted.

Item 4. Publication of Education Tract was approved. -

Item 5. Price of What to Read was approved. Correspondence with King was considered.

Clause 1. 2 & 3. ~~4~~ were agreed to

Clause 5. after debate, it was agreed that

3. Pub. & Com. Report (cont.)

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"What to Read". King's offer cont.

The sec. & endeavour to get a higher price if he can, but failing to do so, conclude the arrangement. —

Clause 6, after some demur, was agreed
Clause 5, was agreed to, the sec. having read a letter explaining that it was meant to disallow undercutting but not to prevent sales to the trade at the ordinary rates. —

On the next par. Webb agreed to the use of his name, & those of the Exec. present also agreed that their names might be used if desired. — The Sec. was directed to obtain consents from any absent, if their names were wanted.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Com. Report
was submitted by Miss Hurley. —

Items 1 & 2. were agreed to —

Item 3. "Common action amongst Socialists"
was discussed & the recommendation approved.

Meeting 15th. July, 1910.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Dodd, Guest, Mrs. Reeves, Sharp, Shaw, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Tracts in Press.

No. 151. The Point of Honour.

Passed for press: 7,500 ordered.

No. 152. Jones on Taxation.

It was agreed to issue this in the 2d. Series, with a cover.

2.- Reprints &c. The following were reported as done or practically so

No. 133. Reprint with Dearmer's Portrait Cover.

Annual Report.

Copenhagen Report, translated into French by Jules Magny and into German by Mrs. La Chard.

3.- Sales. Fifield Series. Last Volume. "Socialism and Superior

Brains" by G. B. Shaw. Cost £31.10.0. Proceeds of sales by Smith & Co, to 30th. June, paid us by Fifield £26.10.0. Our Sales £4.10.0. Result, we have covered cost and have in stock 1,800 out of 4,000 copies.

Two-penny Tracts. The Sales of the Tracts on "Endowment of Maternity" (459) in 4 months and Railways (400) in 2 months are considered fairly good.

4.- New Tracts. MS. on "What an Education Committee can do"

prepared by the Education Group, and transmitted by Webb with high commendation, in which Sanders concurred. It was agreed to recommend

(a) That it be set up

(b) That it be published "for the Education Group", and not "in the name of the Society" thus avoiding the necessity of waiting till the autumn.

5.- "What to Read". On report that P.S. King & Son would probably take agency of the new edition if the price be 1/-, it was agreed:-

(a) that the price be 1/-

(b) that every copy (except those reserved for binding) be interleaved.

(A copy of King's proposals in response to this is annexed.)

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Proposal from P.S. King & Son.

"We shall be glad to have our name on "What to Read", as co-publishers, and to place it on sale on the following terms:-

1. The book is to be published at 1/- net, and to have the price shown on the cover.

We think it would be a good plan to state on the cover also the cost of Inland Postage.

2. The name of the Fabian Society to have less display on the cover and title-page, than at present.

3. This we think desirable for selling purposes, and we would suggest that it should appear at the bottom somewhat in this form:

London, 1910 King & Son
Published by P.S. King & Son
Orchard House, Westminster, S. W.
for the Fabian Society
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W. C.

3. We to have free of cost one page of advertising in lieu of our usual fee for imprint.

4. We to account to you for all copies sold at 6d. per copy nett.

- 5.- You to be free to give away to your Members or Associates ~~test~~ or sell to them at any price you please, as many copies of the book as you like, but to undertake not to sell the book to others than Members or Associates of the Fabian Society at less than 1/- net.

6. You to send out copies for review, and we to refer to you all requests for free copies for that or other purposes.

We think that in appealing to the general public, the saleability of the book would be considerably increased if you would include in your Introductory matter a list of the Members of your Committee who accept responsibility for the compilation.

We favour the proposal for interleaving with blank pages, if you can afford the additional expense, as adding to the appearance of the shillingsworth, and as having real utility for students.

Private.
"We would suggest that it might be worth your while to bind 200 copies or so (say 50 at a time) in whole cloth, with gold lettering issuing them at 2/- net. We would do this for you, if you liked, at 5d. per volume.

We shall not need to see any more proofs, except those for cover, title-page and our own advertisement.

I shall be glad to discuss with you before or after your committee meeting, these or any other points to which you may care to give further consideration.

Sincerely

(Signed) F. James Matheson

for P.S. King & Son "

In reply the Secretary demurred to the terms of No. 5, because it appears to prevent us from selling to the trade. The reply from Matheson will no doubt be submitted to the meeting.

Meeting 18th. July 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Headlam, Schloesser,
Standing, Pease and Sanders.

1.- Annual Conference.

The following report with regard to the Annual Conference was received:

Attendance:- Members of Executive 17; 15 Groups represented by 21 representatives; 17 Provincial and University Societies represented by 23 representatives. Total number of representatives 61.

Expenses: The return of expenses of delegates from provincial Societies is not yet complete but it is not expected that the whole expenses of the Conference will amount to more than £20, about one-third of which will be due from provincial Societies under the regulations.

2.- Outdoor Lectures.

Favourable reports have been received from Dr. Marion Phillips on courses taken by her at Fulham, Marylebone, Harlesden and Forest Gate; and from the org. sec. with regard to courses by him at Kingston and Battersea.

The Org. Sec. has arranged to give this month 4 lectures at Northampton and District and 1 lecture at Rugby and 1 at Derby.

3.- Common Action among Socialists.

As a matter of urgency we have considered a circular letter from a Committee entitled "Provisional Committee for the Promotion of Common Action among Socialists", asking a series of questions with regard to our willingness to co-operate for certain purposes with other Socialist bodies. We consider that a self-constituted committee formed without the cognisance of the national Socialist Societies has no claim to serious consideration. This letter has, we understand, been also sent to our Groups and provincial Societies as well as to branches of other Socialist organisations. We consider that action on enquiries of this nature should not be taken without the approval of the central bodies of the national Socialist organisations and we therefore recommend that no action be taken on the letter and that our Groups and the provincial Societies be informed of this decision.

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4.- Christchurch F.S. New Zealand.

We have received a letter from the Secretary of the Christchurch F. S. reporting election of herself (at the top of the poll) and another Fabian to a local authority; and other interesting matters.

5.- Copenhagen Congress.

The Executive Committee decided at its last meeting to postpone consideration of the question of giving instructions to our delegate attending this Conference until the Agenda had been received. The Agenda is not yet to hand and it is now necessary for the Executive Committee to ~~consider~~ to come to a decision as to whether it will adopt our recommendation to give our delegate a free hand.

M. B. Murby
Chairman

Meeting 14th. July 1910.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Bland, Barker, Maude, Miss Murby,
Sharp, Shaw, Webb, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership.

- (a) The candidates, 31 were elected, an increase of 15 on last year. The general average of subscriptions was 3/1, a decline of 1/5d. on last month.
- (b) Resignations of Mrs. Grant Allen, F.T.H. Henle, and six others were accepted.
- (c) A list of 33 members, including Mr. and Mrs. Charrington Martin, Prof. J. H. Morgan, and E.B. D'Auvergne were ordered to be struck off, if they did not reply to final letter.

2.- Finance.

Accounts to 30th. June were presented showing a decline of £34. in Members' Subscriptions and also declines in other items. The Secretary gave some explanations, and presented a table of monthly subscriptions showing the remarkable variations from year to year.

3.- Members' Bookshelf.

It was agreed to reprint the Select Catalogue of the Members' Bookshelf and to send it to members.

4.- Post Office Savings Banks.

On a letter it was decided to appoint a Committee in the autumn to consider how Post Office activities could be extended.

5.- Women's Group.

Information that the Group was arranging a Hyde Park Demonstration Platform practically representing the Society; and was offering evidence to the Royal Commission on Divorce, was received.

6.- International Socialist Bureau: English Committee.

Resignation of his seat by Bland was accepted and Pease was appointed in his place.

Sunderland. The Secretary reported that after protracted negotiations the Labour Party had arranged that Goldstone shall be an outside but approved candidate, and the agency of the Fabian Society in the matter therefore comes to an end.

Woolwich. Bland and Sanders were requested to investigate allegations that registration and local work was being neglected, and will report verbally to the Executive. A letter was received from Crooks, asking if Fabian support would be extended to him in any other constituency either at a bye or at the general election. Reply was ordered to be sent that special conditions enabled the Society to accord him support at Woolwich, and no undertaking could be given to do so elsewhere.

8.- Next Session's Lectures.

- (a) The Hall was discussed and it was resolved to remain at Memorial Hall for the present.
- (b) The following meetings apart from the course were settled

November 18. Epison on Syndicalism

November Meeting for discussion of Report on Fabian Electoral Policy.

Education Group. It was agreed that Lectures by Cyril Jackson, and R. Blair arranged for the Group should be taken on Fridays as part of the regular program.

Regular Course.

Some open Questions of Socialism.

Fixed:-

Maude. The Change of Heart
Sanders. Socialism and Voluntary Co-operation.
Pease. Socialism and Currency
Guest. Socialism and Native Races
Shaw. Socialism and Equality.
Bland. Socialism and Crime.

Proposed:-

Socialism and Liberty. Graham Wallas.
Socialism and Geography. Ensor
(including Ireland)

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

4. Organising + P. Com^{ee} (Cont.)

Item 4 was noted

.. 5. ^{Instructions to International Congress Delegates.} was extensively discussed. -

It was finally agreed as follows
That whilst the Exec. does not
give formal instructions to the delegates
it trusts that they will all act
together, + in accordance with the
traditions of the Society.

It was further agreed to appoint Miss
Murdy to act as delegate to the Womens
Conference before the general conference

5. The Finance + G. P. Com^{ee} Report was presented
by Ensor.

Items 1. 2. 3 were approved.

Item 4. P. O. Savings Banks. It was
agreed that Miss Murdy be chairman
of the Com^{ee}, + Maude + Schlosser
members.

Item 5. Womens Group activities was noted.

.. 6. was confirmed

.. 7. Sunderland. Report accepted.

5. Finance Com^{ee} Report (contd.)

Woolwich. (Item 7)

Recommendation was approved. Sanders reported he had found registration fairly well in hand. Bland said Grinling was away, & he had failed to see him.

Item 8. Next Session Lectures

(a) approved

(b) Generally approved. Ensor said he could not do lecture allotted to him after he left the Com^{ee}, & it was agreed to drop this lecture.

State Endowment of Science. Schloesser said he c^d. possibly get Prof Ray Lancaster to lecture on this & he was authorized to do so. —

6. Report of Com^{ee} on Coal Municipalisation. This was approved & ordered to be printed in the news.

7. Coventry Sentinel. It was agreed that no help can be given.

8. Adjourned till after the holidays. J. Bernard Shaw.

7th Oct. 1910.

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Committee 7 October 1910.

Present - Shaw, in chair, + every member except
Absent - Barker.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Barker. Not read in error. -
3. The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report - was presented. &
The whole was adopted.
It was referred to the Com^{ee} to report on
the issue of a printed list of the Lectures
arranged. -
4. The Finance & S. P. Com^{ee} Report was presented &
the Chairman.
The whole of it was accepted.
For the delegation to meet the S. D. P. it was
agreed that Standing ~~to~~ take the place
of Miss Murby, who cannot attend.
Fabian Policy - Suggestion of a Com^{ee} of
Bland was referred to the Finance
& S. P. Committee for report.

5. The Publishing Com^d Report was submitted by C. Shap.
& the whole was accepted.

6. Draft Report on Fabrics Policy. Annexed Report,
submitted by Ensor was considered.
After debate it was agreed

That Ensor be requested to read this
paper on behalf of the Executive as a reply
to the resolution of Sydney Herbert, & that
a discussion be invited on the reply.

Some minor alterations were
suggested. —

Julius, Secy

Meeting 26th. Sept. 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Schloesser and Sanders.

1.- Day of Meeting.

It was decided to change day of meeting from Monday to Thursday alternating with the Finance Committee.

2.- Nursery Lectures.

It was decided to print and distribute to London members a syllabus of a course of Educational Lectures to be given by the Nursery.

3.- London Groups.

Meetings have been arranged to re-constitute the St. Pancras and Central District, and Kensington Groups.

4.- Provincial and Suburban Lectures.

Lecture Courses have been arranged as follows:-

Provincial.

Hanley
Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S.
Nottingham
Cambridge F.S.
Coventry F. S.
York F. S.
Aston Manor
Sevenoaks F.S.
Southampton F. S.
Sheffield F. S.
Glasgow & District F.S.

(4 Courses)

Whitley Bay
Ashington
Seaton Delavel
Blyth
Byker

Suburban.

Marylebone
Barnet
Ealing
Kensal Rise
Dulwich
S. Hackney
Acton
Wood Green
Chiswick F. G.
St. Pancras
Streatham F. G.
Richmond
Deptford F. G.
Watford
Forest Gate F.G.
Tottenham
Enfield

5.- Liverpool University F.S.

This Society desiring that a member of the E. C. should lecture at the first meeting of their session H. H. Schloesser has agreed to go.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Meeting 29th. Sept. 1910.

Present: Webb (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby,
Bland, Maude, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Candidates.

September and October lists of candidates were elected, 27, compared with 24 last year. Average subscription 31/6 ordinary members, 18/6 all members.
10 Resignations were accepted: Dr. Harry Roberts was re-instated.

2.- Finances to August 31st. Report showed decrease of receipts on last year, but no increase thereof since June 30th.

3.- Delegations.

It was resolved to pay for 8 delegates to the I.L.P. Destitution Conference and not to re-appoint delegates to the Socialist Women's Bureau.

4.- Society Lectures.

Loyson on Syndicalism. Owing to a mistake of Dr. Brode it was decided to hold this lecture at Essex Hall on November 25th. and to cancel the Memorial Hall for November 18th.
State Assets by Emil Davies. It was agreed to accept this.

Fitzherbert on Land Nationalisation in New Zealand.
Sent by Shaw. Rejected.

Dr. Saleeby. It was agreed to ask him to lecture on December 2nd. or 16th.

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman.

Meeting 23rd. September

Present: Sharp (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Dodd, Guest,
Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Cover for The Point of Honour.

Reference back for report on this was considered. The Secretary reported that the Chairman of the Committee and the author of the tract were both opposed to a cover and that the cost would be about £5. It was unanimously agreed to report to the Executive that in the absence of a settled policy that all tracts should have covers, the Committee is of opinion that the tract in question is not a suitable one to select for exceptional treatment.

2.- Education Tract. Proofs presented. Length 24 pages.

It was agreed to send round proofs to the Executive, and that Sanders undertake editorship. Further, that the tract be ld., and without a cover.

3.- "What to Read"

The action of the Secretary on various points taken in accordance with circulars to the Executive and the Publishing Committee was approved.

4.- Other Reprints.

(a) Socialism and Superior Brains. Another edition of 10,000 was ordered, and the Secretary was directed to get payment for reprint of advertisements.

(b) Tract 14. The New Reform Bill. It was agreed on the suggestion of Webb and Middleton (Labour Party) to prepare a revised edition by the of this, to be re-issued by the Executive, and that the Secretary get together a Revision Committee.

5.- Edward Carpenter.

A request that we send out an advt. of his books at the usual charge (15/-) an advt. of his books including one entitled "The Intermediate Sex" was considered, and it was resolved by 4 votes to 3 to recommend the Executive to decline to advertise this book. (Subsequently Carpenter, hearing that opinion was divided on the matter wrote that he would rather let the proposal drop)

6.- Proposal by the Fellowship Press, Manchester, for joint publication of a tract by Frank Rose was considered and not entertained by the Committee.

7.- School Clinics.

It was agreed to consider re-publication of articles in "Daily News" by Haden Guest.

Clifford Sharp
Vice-Chairman.

By R.C.K. Ensor.

Neither the Fabian Society nor the British Socialist movement of which it forms a part were born yesterday. Twenty-six years of development lie behind us and have made us what we are. A body of such respectable antiquity is exposed to two evils. It always runs some risk of stagnation. The best of its old virtues may become vices as the times change. It may be frightened out of needful innovations by the recollection of their failure in earlier days and under other circumstances. On the other hand it throws away its heritage in a very real sense if it tries to act as though it had no past behind it. The lessons of experience are too dearly bought to be wisely ignored, and abstract unhistorical theorising is a poor guide to choose between whenever a better is obtainable.

The first of these dangers besets more naturally the Fabian Executive; the second, the Society's rank and file. The Executive includes leading members who have been leading members since the Society's foundation, and even its newer acquisitions are probably far more steeped in its traditions and its literature than the average Fabian. Such a body is the better for constant promptings from fresh minds. But it has necessarily to take a more sustained view than its prompters. It cannot forget that most of the problems agitated to-day have long histories, and have repeatedly been the subject of careful consideration by strong committees. And it is bound to insist on the worth of an acquaintance (which of course does not

necessarily mean an agreement, with the principles elaborated in Fabian Tracts; a very large proportion of which are to-day as valid, as apposite, and as unfamiliar to most Socialists as on the day when they were enunciated.

The question more particularly brought before us by the members who moved for this Report was how far the old policy of "Fabian Toleration" should now be discontinued. In the "Report on Fabian Policy", which was presented to the International Socialist Congress in 1896 and now forms No. 70 in our series of tracts, this policy is thus defined:

The Fabian Society, far from holding aloof from other bodies, urges its members to lose no opportunity of joining them and permeating them with Fabian ideas as far as possible. Almost all organisations and movements contain elements making for Socialism, no matter how remote the sympathies and intentions of their founders may be from those of the Socialists. On the other hand, unintentionally reactionary proposals are constantly being brought forward in Socialist bodies. Fabians are therefore encouraged to join all other organisations, Socialist or non-Socialist, in which Fabian work can be done.

This declaration can only be understood if we recall others made in the same Report. It is there stated that the Fabian Society exists to persuade the English people to do something, but does

not ask the English people to join it; that it does not claim to be the Socialist party, and therefore does not seek political representation at elections, although it loses no opportunity of influencing elections and inducing constituencies to elect Socialists as their candidates; again, that it is critical towards the pleas for a specifically Socialist Press, and "in securing journalistic expression for its ideas has no preference except for the largest circulation". The picture is one of a society which does not aim at being more than a society; which cares much about developing ideas and getting measures carried, and little about multiplying the proselytes of a formula; and which believes that the energies of its small but select membership will be more economically and effectively applied towards influencing the parties and party newspapers which already exist than towards originating new ones. The sharp lines of the picture only appear sharper when we remember that it was painted for exhibition at an international congress of Socialist bodies, practically every one of which had long held it the prime duty of Socialists to form an organisation apart ~~from~~ and to boycott all others.

The idea thus expressed in 1896 had been uppermost in the Society ever since it found its feet, and to this day it has rendered possible a large proportion of the Society's most peculiar and most valuable work. But from an early period another idea competed with it, - the idea that the Fabian Society should take part in forming a separate political party for Socialist purposes. Hints of this appear in the manifesto of the Fabian Parliamentary League

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(1891), it is developed in the last (Mr. Bland's) of the "Fabian Essays" (1889); it is re-emphasised in Mr. Bernard Shaw's review + of the Society's first Eight years (1892). In the "Plan of Campaign for Labour" x (1894) it is strongly and carefully argued, and elaborated into a detailed scheme not very unlike that actually followed six years later in the constitution of the Labour Party. If we ask why this goes unmentioned in the Report of 1896, we may perhaps find part of the answer in the very discouraging General Election of 1895. The workers had quite failed to take up the "Plan of Campaign"; Mr. Keir Hardie had lost his seat; not a single independent Labour representative had been returned. On the other hand the rudderless condition of the storm-tossed Liberal ship seemed to re-invite Fabian attempts to take it in tow. The ideas of "permeation" and "Fabian Toleration" naturally assumed first place.

But the idea of forming a new party was not dead. At the conferences which in 1899-1900 formed the Labour Representation Committee (now the Labour Party), the Fabian Society was represented. It was affiliated to that body from the beginning; it had always had a representative upon its Executive Committee; it has fought three elections under its auspices, and is undertaking to fight more. The full implications of this adherence were not felt for some years. It was only after the General Election of 1906 that the Labour Party began to y loom in the politics of Fabians as of

+ Fabian Tract No. 41.
x Fabian Tract No. 49.

other people as a force unquestionably to be reckoned with. A contradiction in Fabian theory then became evident. On the one side was the idea of Fabian toleration. People were told that their membership of the Liberal or the Conservative party was not only tolerated but welcomed, and that the Society aimed at getting-gathering together upon the broad platform of the Fabian Basis, irrespective of party, all who under whatever ~~glag~~ and with whatever weapons were eager to extend the triumphs of the Socialist principles. On the other side were the hard facts, that the Society was affiliated to one of the four definite parties in the British Parliament, that it subscribed to the party fund, that it was represented on the party executive. It would be somewhat awkward if the Labour Party were to run a candidate in any particular constituency with the Society's blessing, and a prominent Fabian engaged in "permeating" the Liberal or the Conservative camp were to take the leading part in opposing him, and securing his defeat.

It must be acknowledged that these awkwardnesses have occurred rarely in practice, though at least one prominent Liberal Fabian has never shrunk from opposing Labour Candidates and in several instances has been the decisive factor in their defeat. But some of the loudest protests that from time to time have been evoked have not been over Labour Candidates or Fabian Candidates, but over Socialist Candidates run quite apart from the Labour Party or the Fabian Society, with perhaps little reasonable prospect of polling well. To these last cases it is evident that no hard-and-

fast rule has yet been approved, but for
the declaration of 1896 as still binding.

It says: 124

No person can obtain the support of the Fabian Society
or escape its opposition by merely repeating a few
Shibboleths and calling himself a Socialist or
Social Democrat. As there is no second ballot, &c.&c.

In short, such cases must be judged on their merits,
and until ^{all} the Socialist forces in England have emerged from the
irresponsible stage it would be impracticable to lay down a rule
that Fabians should never oppose any self-styled Socialist Candi-
date. At the same time for a Fabian to go out of his way to op-
pose a well-known Socialist of any standing should come more and
more to be recognised as an improper course and one calculated to
confuse the popular mind.

With regard to Labour Candidates the difficulty may
well become more acute, particularly since the Society has adopted
the policy of forming a Fabian Parliamentary fund and running candi-
dates off its own bat. This is a complete departure from the doc-
trine of 1896 that the Society "does not seek direct political repre-
sentation by putting forward Fabian Candidates at elections". As
such, it encountered some opposition in the discussions of 1906-7,
where it originated; and the well-known report of the Executive
Committee in 1906 was so much alive to the dangers, that its actual

... was not for the Society to run candidates but for
the Society to father local political societies which were to do
so. This plan was perhaps too elaborate to be then adopted;
anyhow it fell through, and the candidates run have been run (in
every case under Labour Party rules) by the Society itself. The
extent to which the Society's action in running them binds its
members is only limited by the fact that they are financed from a
special fund to which none need contribute unless they like.

The policy of running candidates seems at present to enjoy
a firm though not very enthusiastic approval among the majority of
Fabians. We very seldom hear protests against it from Fabian
Liberals, and few who have left the Society have assigned it as
their reason. Perhaps it discourages some from joining, but in
the nature of things that is very hard to find out. Criticisms
have proceeded rather from the other wing of the Society, from
militant minds who think our methods too tame or are dejected by
our run of bad luck. But taking one indication with another we
see little likelihood that the Society will abandon the policy at
present, nor do we think it desirable that it should do so. The
difficulties occasioned to the Labour Party by the Osborne decision
afford an extra reason at the moment, why those of its affiliated
bodies who like ourselves are not trade unions and therefore are
not affected by the decision should rather increase than relax their
efforts. Are we then to go solely and rigidly along this path?
Are we to make the winning of seats by Fabian or by Labour Candidates
our exclusive aim? Are we in the last resort to drum out of our

willing and able they may be to do sincere and valuable work for Socialism in other directions ?

To these questions we answer No. Fruitful as we hope the Society's corporate intervention at elections may become, it would be a mistake to sacrifice to it other spheres of usefulness which are more peculiar to the Society. The British Socialist movement does not need only that Parliamentary seats should be won. It needs no less that Socialist ideas should be studied, developed, threshed out in their applications, tested in practice; that collectivist institutions and habits should be brought increasingly into actual being to render practicable wider and wider embodiments of the Socialist principle. Such work is at least as vital to the progress of Socialism as the persuading of thousands of electors to don any verbal label whatever or vote for candidates wearing any verbal label whatever. In England the Fabian Society is the only Socialist Society to attempt it on any systematic scale, the others having nearly always found party-building and electioneering too potent a distraction. And in doing this work the Fabian Society has gained an incalculable deal from its policy of "Fabian Toleration". It is not merely, or so much that this policy gives it a chance of "permeating" all parties and wielding influence in every camp. It is that the Society is thus enabled to draw from all sources, and to obtain the co-operation in the sphere of ideas of people who will not co-operate on the field of party. It cannot be too clearly realised not only, as was realised in 1896 and is still

true to-day, that reactionary proposals are often the offspring (and still oftener the fosterlings) of Socialist bodies, but that the Socialist idea sprouts in nearly every soil, and that a society which is to be first and foremost a nursery and a ripening-ground for that idea must admit as few impediments as possible to the membership of all who are intellectually Socialists. How many of our members have fully faced this and thought it out, we cannot say; but the majority have constantly shown a practical recognition of it. To take quite a recent example, Mr. Chiozz Money stood twice for the Executive Committee while he was a Liberal Member of Parliament, and each time he was elected high up on the list. Mr. Stewart Headlam, again, is always very near the top at elections for the Executive; yet he holds his seat on the London County Council as the candidate of the Liberal and Radical Association of Bethnal Green.

From such indications we draw the conclusion that whereas the Society is resolved to pursue its newer election policy (a resolution with which we are, as we have said, in full sympathy), so also is it resolved to maintain its policy for people of all parties provided they sign the Basis, and with this resolution also we entirely concur. What then of the contradiction that may arise between the two attitudes? Our answer is for the present, at all events, that it must be left to the common-sense and good feeling of the members to prevent their developing upon more than the present very moderate scale. We give this answer, not as a pious but hopeless aspiration put forward to cloak our impotence, but

in the full light of the fact that during the past 26 years the personal relations of members of the Society have been, thanks to the exercise of these very qualities, conducted with a degree of harmony and an absence of unpleasantness unhappily too rare among Socialist bodies. It is true that to a large and probably a growing proportion of our members the work of organising a party separate from the Liberals or the Conservatives takes a much more central place among the duties of Socialists than it took in the Report of 1896. Many of the members believe that this work cannot be overlooked in any all-round appreciation of the Socialist idea, and that those who overlook it cannot be all-round Socialists. Without disputing over this conviction, we may all be content to agree that, in so far as it is valid, it may be expected to prevail by the ordinary methods. Nothing would be gained and much lost if a majority tried to supplement these by methods of excommunication and bigotry.

We would remind those who would prefer a tidier and more geometrical scheme, that a world of real men can seldom be arranged on tidy and geometrical lines. The position which we have outlined is obviously a transitional one, and this particular transition may be expected in time to pass. But other transitions will succeed it; as fast as one breach in our logic is healed, others will be opened; and success will be ours in proportion as we are

able to be the masters and not the slaves of our own reasoning,
to be far-sighted without becoming one-eyed and to use the
guidance of principles without developing into doctrinaires.
To strike this happy mean on important occasions has more than
once been the Fabian achievement in the past; and on it not less
than on showier things depend the hopes of the future.

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Ex. Meeting at Office on Oct. 21st 1910.

Present Bland, in chair, Miss Antelmo, Mr Shaw, Sanders
Standing, Dodd, Schloesser, Shaw, Headlam
Miss Murly, Mr Pease, Enos Dr. Bentham
Sharp, & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies: Moyer, Wells, Maude, Guest all
lecturing & Miss Alkerson. Accepted
3. Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was
submitted & ~~accepted~~, Shaw.

Items 1, 2, 3, & 4 were accepted
 Item 5. Delegates. a, b, & c. were adopted.
 (d) Appointment of Shaw & Sanders was
 approved. Dodd moved & Headlam
 seconded that the delegates be instructed not to
 support the complete reversal of the Osborne judgment
 & to support the payment of members. -
 This was supported by 2 votes only & was rejected.
 Schloesser moved & Pease seconded
 That the delegates be instructed to support

3. Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} cont'd
The general policy of the Labour Party.
This was carried by a large majority.

Item 7. Moved

Item 8. Headlam was appointed in place of Sharp who c^d. not attend

Item 9. Committee on Policy. This was adopted, & the Committee appointed with the additions of Miss Murby & the Secretary.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was moved & the whole was adopted after some discussion of Item 5. -

5. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was moved by Mrs. Shaw & the whole was adopted. On Item 1 it was resolved by a majority to insert a slip giving some books which Miss Hutchins wished to be included.

Meeting 20th. October, 1910.

Present: Shaw (in chair), Bland, Sharp, Miss Murby,
Dr. Bentham, Maude, Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- Three resignations were accepted, two of them on account of our connection with the Labour Party.
- 2.- Accounts to 30th. September were presented.
Members subscriptions are down £34, Associates £16, and non-members £5 and Book Boxes £11 on last year. But Tract Sales are up £1, and the whole position has slightly improved on last month. It was agreed to draw £100 from No. 2 a/c for expenditure already incurred on Lecture Tours.
- 3.- Nursery Educational Lectures.
It was agreed to defray cost of hall for the Series reckoned at £6 or £7.
- 4.- It was agreed to renew subscription to the British Association for Labour Legislation and to the Annales de la Regie Directe.
- 5.- Delegates &c. It was agreed:-
 - (a) To send in no resolutions to the Labour Party
 - (b) To appoint Dr. Bentham Fraternal Delegate to the Women's Labour League Conference.
 - (c) To decline politely to attend the London Trades Council Demonstration.
 - (d) To appoint Shaw and Sanders delegates to the Joint Board (Labour Party) Special Conference on the Osborne Case and payment of Members on Nov. 10th. (no fees) and to leave to the Executive to give instructions to the delegates if thoroughly thought fit.
- 6.- Lectures. Arrangements made as follows:-

Dec. 2. Shaw. Equality. Large Hall booked.
Shall we confine Lecture to members &c. ?

Dec. 16. Dr. Saleeby. Methods of Eugenics.
Cannot have Large Hall
Lecture should be confined to members &c.

Offer of lecture by S. K. Ratcliffe on India was declined.
- 7.- Politics. The Secretary reported that the various statements in the press as to the part to be played by the Fabian Society in the proposed candidature of Crooks at South Shields were fabrications.
- 8.- Cyril Jackson's Lecture to-night.
Sharp was appointed Chairman with instructions to bar out discussion of L.C.C. Education policy.
- 9.- Committee on Policy.
On the motion of Bland, it was agreed to recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the Policy and Methods of the Society and to report to the Executive thereon: and that the Committee be the following: Bland (Chairman), Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Sharp and Money.

G. Bernard Shaw
Vice-Chairman.

Meeting 13th. October 1910.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Headlam,
Schloesser and Sanders.

1.- Lecture Courses.

- (a) Satisfactory reports were received of lectures given by the org: sec: at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Hanley, Barnet, Marylebone, Kensal Rise.
- (b) Courses have been booked for H.H. Schloesser at Chatham, Worthing and Southall.
- (c) Dates have been booked for Shaw's meetings at Streatham, Bristol, Reading and Hanley under the auspices of the Local Fabian Societies.

2.- New form of Syllabus.

We have considered the new form of syllabus referred to us by the Exec. Committee and are of ~~p~~ opinion it would not be suitable for the Society's purposes and we therefore recommend that it be not adopted.

3.- New Societies.

A new Society has been formed at Finchley and renewed steps are being taken to form a Society at Bradford.

4.- Annual Conference.

We beg to report that the cost of the Annual Conference was £16.17.4, of which £11.6.7. is the share of the London Society, the balance being due from provincial Societies at the rate of 5/3 per delegate.

5.- Song-book Committee.

It was decided to form a Committee to consider the compilation of a Socialist Song-book with music. It was agreed that Miss Hankinson, Mrs. Behrend, Miss Ruth Sandham, Mrs. Esther Wood, and Kemmis be asked to serve on the Committee if the project is agreed to by the Executive

Mabel Atkinson
Vice-Chairman.

Meeting 14th. October 1910.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Mrs. Reeves,
Barker, Dodd, Guest, Sharp, Shaw, Standring
and Sanders.

1.- "What to Read". Will be published in a few days.

2.- New Tracts and Revisions.

- (a) Jones and Taxation. *Being set up* → *Committee*
- (b) "What ~~an~~ Education can do": necessary alterations in statistics being made.
- (c) An essay on "Liberty" has been declined as unsuitable.
- (d) A tract on School Clinics offered by Guest has been accepted.
- (e) Tract No. 14. A New Reform Bill, is being revised by the Committee which is making good progress
- (f) Leaflets Nos. 68 & 71 (Tenants Sanitary Catechism) have been revised.
- (g) A third edition of 10,000 of "Socialism and Superior Brains" has been ordered.

3.- Requests for Publications, have been received from the Portsmouth League of Young Liberals and from the League of Young Conservatives. It is recommended that they be acceded to.

4.- Renewal of Advt.

We recommend that the advt. in the I.L.P. Year Book be renewed, price, £3.10.0.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

3. bodies named, in order that united action might, whenever possible, be taken in regard to such matters as public demonstrations, &c. After arriving at this agreement the meeting adjourned sine die

Witnessed & signed
Henry H. Schlessner,
General Standing.

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7. Conference on Unity with S. D. P. & I. L. P.

Two delegates, Miss Mury, Schlessner & Standing ~~also~~ reported verbally, & outlined the proposals made. It was agreed: That the Report be reduced to writing, & entered on the Minutes, & we instruct our delegates to say that the proposal made is constitutionally inadmissible. -

8. Members Meeting. Nov. 4th

The form of announcement of ~~the~~ Ennis paper was submitted & amended.

Letter from A. D. Macpherson giving notice of motions (a) as to the style of address of members (b) as to Womens Representation -

The Secy was directed to write Dr. Macpherson that both subjects had been discussed within the last year, & the notice could not be accepted.

Hausman Dodd.
~~for~~ Nov. 4th 1910

Meeting 4th Nov. 1900 at 5.30 pm.

~~was~~ Present. Dodd (in chair) & all except
absent. Webb, Guest, & Money.

1. The Minutes were conformed
2. Apologies for absence. Money. Accepted.
3. Publishing Com^{ce} Report was moved by Mrs Shaw.
 All the recommendations were adopted.
 On 5. Farnival Memorial Volume, it was agreed to offer to put a notice in Fabian News, & send out a leaflet when the volume is published.
 On "Went to read" Selbesser mentioned that the New Age Press took exception to a line therein. - In the absence of letter from them, and of notice on the agenda, the subject, after some discussion dropt. -
4. The Finance & G. P. Com^{ce} Report was moved by Ensor, & the whole was adopted. -
 Barker undertook to give the lecture proposed for him. -

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 28th. October at 4 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Sanders and Secretary.

1.- In view of the exceptional time fixed to suit the Chairman and Secretary, it was agreed to excuse all absentees.

2.- "What to Read". Agreed that the advantage of free copies be confined to the members, associates and subscribers of the parent Society.

3.- Revises. No. 14. The New Reform Bill (part only). No. 68 & 71. Tenants Sanitary Catechism, all in the printer's hands.

4.- Tracts in the press.

"What an Education Committee can do"

Revise of figures reported ready.

It was agreed to consider printing with additional matter as a larger tract.

Revenue and Reform.

To be sent round the Executive for approval.

5.- Correspondence

Request from Furnivall Memorial Volume to send out notices to Fabians. Refer to Executive.

P. C. Glubb. Request that Archdall Reid's Laws of Heredity be reviewed, and order form sent with the "News". Agreed to recommend that the latter be refused, and Glubb be asked to do a review.

6.- Account Sales.

Scott, 6d. Essays. Sales for year to 30th. June 3895, yielding royalties £13.5.0. Last year, first of publication, 9442 copies.

Fifield. Sales to 30th. Sept, 3 months for Shaw's "Socialism and Superior Brains", 6 months for rest. Sales by Fifield 685 copies of Series and 128 of Mrs. Bland's poems: total £13, compared with 1685 last year. Deliveries to F. S. 250 copies. The estimated receipts from the start, £480, more than cover total cost, and we have in stock 14,000 all paid for: 1,000 "Socialism and Superior Brains" have been sold to America in October.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Private. Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

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Meeting 3rd. November.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Maude, Sharp, Miss Murby,
Bland, Dr. Bentham, Sharp, Sanders & Secretary.

- 1.- October Candidates, 32 were elected, 8 less than last October. Four resignations were accepted. It was reported that of 34 members scheduled for final letter in July, 5 had paid, 5 had resigned, and the rest, including Mr. & Mrs. Charrington Martin and Prf. J.H. Morgan had sent no reply.
- 2.- Accounts were presented to Oct. 31st. Receipts under several heads showed decline, except in advertisements, on last year amounting to £67, being £16. more than a month ago.
- 3.- Tchaykovsky Bail Fund. Final accounts presented showing

Repaid to Lenders	£155.17. 1
Transferred to Parliamentary Fund	35. 1. 0
" " Other Accounts	4. 4. 8
Balance	<u>14.13. 9</u>
	<u>£209.16. 6</u>

It was agreed that the balance chiefly interest be transferred to the General Account.

- 4.- Labour Party Delegates.
It was decided to invite John Edwards to be one of the four delegates to the Leicester Conference, as a provincial delegate. member.
It was resolved to nominate Pease for the Executive
- 5.- Lectures to the Society.
Jan. 13. Webb to be asked to lecture on
Trade Unions and Politics (Osborne Case)
at the earliest available date.
" 27. Guest on Subject Races.

With a view to providing lectures likely to attract members the following were also recommended for approval.
Chiozza Money
Granville Barker on Public Management of Theatres
Lady (Carl) Meyer on School Clinics
or some other subject.

The latter proposal, advocated for a variety of reasons, was adopted by the casting vote only.

- 6.- Members' Meeting.
It was agreed that Bland be Chairman.
The subject of resolutions, if any be moved, was discussed: a vote of urgency is necessary by the rule, and no resolution affecting the constitution of the Society can be moved even with urgency.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

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FABIAN SUMMER SCHOOL.

and expenses from _____

The Fabian Summer School Committee having decided by a majority vote and a meeting of Guarantors unanimously, that the Executive of the F. S. be asked to take over the School as a going concern, it seems fitting to place before the members of the Executive a brief statement as to the work done at the School, its present financial position, and some suggestions as to its future organisation.

The School at Llanbedr was opened on 27th. July 1907. There have been four Summer Sessions, Easter Conferences, and smaller gatherings at Xmas and Whitsuntide. The total resident students has been over 1,000. The following have acted as Directors, F. Lawson Dodd, E. R. Pease, Sidney Webb and Mrs. Webb, and lectures, either in courses or single lectures have been given on various aspects of Socialism and cognate problems by well-known Socialists and non-Socialist lecturers.

In addition a considerable amount of propaganda work has been done in the neighbourhood of Llanbedr with the result that local prejudice and opposition has been overcome, and a certain amount of Socialist opinion created.

Present Financial Position.

At the present time the School stands free from all debt with its loan capital repaid, and a fund in hand for expenses to date of termination of the lease. A brief statement of receipts

and expenses from 1907 to 1910 is annexed. It is unlikely that
this. The School is not only free from debt, but has valuable
assets. First, its furniture at Pen-yr-Allt estimated value
£250. Second, its goodwill as a going concern, its clientele
may be now be said to number about 2,000 persons and it is well
known to a still larger circle of people. Committee with power

It will thus be seen that the School which started a
private enterprise assisted by the Executive has now so far
justified its existence. The Committee are therefore offering
to hand over to the Society an institution of commercial as well
as educational value. Should this offer be declined the Summer
School Committee foresees some dangers in continuing the present
system of management. The School may grow and might continue
to use the name "Fabian" without adequate guarantee that it will
still be fulfilling the aims of the parent Society. It might ~~fall~~
fall into the hands of a Committee whose management would not
reflect credit on the Society or on the cause of Socialism. It
might be turned into a limited liability Company under the
Friendly Societies Act, and become the victim of the cantankerous
small shareholder. Under proper management however its member-
ship and utility are sure to increase. It is important that the
ultimate control of the School should rest in the hands of a body
of experienced and responsible in the work of Socialist propaganda

of the most sane type. Further, it is not unlikely that this great responsibility - even with its somewhat homely accompaniments may be of service to the Fabian Executive. It is suggested by many of those who have prominently worked for the School in the past that the Executive might make the Fabian Summer School Committee a Statutory Committee with power to co-opt a minority of experienced persons from outside their ranks. The Executive would then stand in the place of the present guarantors and would have the financial and educational control while handing on the details of management to the Summer School Committee.

The Summer School Committee is now engaged in working out a fresh scheme and in finding new quarters for the School, and the present time seems an opportune moment for a change in the ultimate control.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman, Fabian Summer School Committee.

Brief Statement of Profit and Loss for the four financial years ending 31st. October 1910.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Profit or Loss.</u>
1907	£575	x £396	+ £179
1908	992	905	+ 87
z 1909	899	933	- 34
z 1910	971	827	+ 144
Profit for four years			£376

E&O.E.

x Expenditure for 3 months only.

z Still to be examined and audited.

During its four years existence the takings at the School have amounted to £3437, and the expenses including interest on loans £3061. Gross profits £376 as above. The capital outlay has amounted to £350.

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5. Fabric Summer School Report. This was submitted
to Dodd & discussed. Ultimately it was
decided that Dodd was atkinson, Minottankin,
Webb, Mrs Webb + Sec. J. (Pence) to be a Com^{tee} to
prepare a scheme to be submitted to the Exec. -

6. S.D.P. Letter was presented giving an official report
of the Conference on Unit. The Sec. was
ordered to reply that our delegates had received
instructions thereon.

A. Parville Sackal
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Nov 18. 1920.

Comee Friday 18th Nov: at 5.30pm

Present: Granville Barker in chair, and all the others except Webb, Guest, Mowry + Miss Hutchins,

- 1. The Minutes were confirmed
- 2. apology from Webb, lecturing, was accepted.

3. The ~~Final~~ Publishing Com^e Report was submitted
by Mrs. Shaw

Items 1, 2, + Item 3(a) were approved
Item 3(b) Enson's paper on Fabian Policy.

Dodd moved that it be printed in full.
An amendment that the only notice in the Dec. news be that the Report is deferred was after a long discussion carried by a large majority + adopted by a large majority as a substantive resolution.

On Item 4 the Secy reported that the new age Press was satisfied, + the Item was approved.

Item 5 was noted.

Meeting 11th. November 1910.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Shaw, Sharp, Guest,
Mrs. Reeves, Miss Hutchins, Sanders, Standring
and Secretary.

1.- Taxation Tract.

Diagram ordered to be prepared, and the tract
to be completed.

2.- Revises. Tracts 68 & 71, Tenants Sanitary Catechism.
Proofs were presented and the matter deferred.

3.- "Fabian News".

- (a) On a proposal made it was agreed to alter
"What Members are doing" to "Personal Notes".
- (b) After discussion the Secretary's proposal that
Ensor's paper on Fabian Policy be printed in
full was rejected by 4 votes to 3 and the usual
abstract only was ordered to be made.

4.- "What to Read".

unissued
Letters read from the New Age Press objecting to the
statement in our list of Publishers that the Press
was wound up, and asking for a correction in the
~~unissued~~ copies and an apology in "Fabian News", it
was decided to act as requested, and that the
terms of the slip be settled by the Secretary in
consultation with Sharp.

5.- Dr. Archdall Reid's "Laws of Heredity".

The Secretary reported that Glubb had paid 15/-
for an advt. to be sent out, had promised to
do the review, and had given £5.5.0. with which
six copies had been purchased and that he
desired influential members (vizt. the Exec.)
to have the first offer of the book.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
Meeting 17th. Nov. 1910.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Shaw, Sharp, Maude,
Bland, Miss Murby, Dr. Bentham, Sanders
and Secretary. Also Miss Atkinson.

- 1.- Membership. Three resignations were accepted. In Reply to Resignation of Percy Braby because he was refused admission to the Summer School, the Secretary was directed to request him to withdraw, because the Executive had no cognisance of the doings of the S.S. Committee or responsibility therefor.
- 2.- Lectures.
Reported that Webb accepted for Jan. 13 on Osborne Case. Emil Davies was authorised to expend up to £5. on providing slides to illustrate lecture on National Productive Undertakings, and the question whether his lecture to the Society should be illustrated with them was deferred.
It was resolved to issue tickets for Shaw's meeting on Dec. 2nd. to members, associates and subscribers.
- 3.- Labour Party Leicester Conference.
John Edwards having declined to be a delegate, it was resolved to invite the Liverpool F. S. to nominate somebody.
- 4.- The Coming Election.
 - (a) Charles Whitley of Liverpool. Request that he be nominated to the Labour Party as a candidate at large not available for a year. To be deferred till after the General Election.
 - (b) Woolwich. Going ahead
 - (c) Huddersfield. It was unanimously resolved that Snell be nominated to the Labour Party, with full financial responsibility. It was further agreed that we reserve power of veto over the agent. Sanders offered to act as agent, and the offer was cordially approved. Snell attended for consultation and stated that it was possible or even probable there would be no Conservative candidate.
 - (d) It was resolved that the proof appeal to members for subscriptions to the Election Fund be approved, with a few additions and be issued forthwith. It was agreed to ask the members to subscribe £500 for Crooks and £300 for Snell, with power to allocate subscriptions. Amount in hand £112.
 - (e) George Lansbury. It was resolved not to refer George Lansbury in the special circular, but to make a special appeal for him in Fabian News.
 - (f) "Manifesto" in the News. It was agreed that Shaw draft this and that the Executive meet on Nov. 25th. to pass it.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.
Meeting 10th. November 1910.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Stabdring, Dr. Bentham,
Schloesser, Miss Atkinson and Sanders.

- 1.- Lectures. Organising Secretary reported (a) that he had completed courses at Barnet, Kensal Rise, Marylebone, Ealing, Hanley and Newcastle-on-Tyne-under-Lyme F.S., generally with good audiences; Snell had completed courses at Enfield and Watford; additional courses had been arranged for Bermondsey, Brixton, Tooting, Ilford (F.S.), Croydon, Sydenham, Worthing, Southall and Chatham; the org. sec. had commenced courses at Nottingham, Cambridge (F.S.), and Hackney; a full list of courses arranged to take place between September and April is attached (b) The org. sec. has given single lectures for the Leicester F.S., the Southampton F.S., and the Oxford University Social Study Society. (c) Shaw has agreed to address a large meeting at Hanley in February for the Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S. (d) The educational course being held by the Nursery has been so far highly successful.
- 2.- The British National Committee of the International Socialist Bureau. The whole question of the method of appointing the British National Committee (which acts as a means of attachment between the English Socialist and Labour Movement and the International Socialist Bureau) will soon have to be settled, together with the question of the financial responsibility of the various Societies having representatives on the British National Committee. At present the British National Committee consists of representatives from the Labour Party, the Independent Labour Party, the Fabian Society, the S.D.P., the Gas Workers Union, and the Dockers' Union. Each of these bodies pay £14 per annum affiliation fee to the British National Committee amounting altogether to £84 per annum. Of this sum £80 has to be sent to the International Socialist Bureau. The British National Committee has to meet other charges, including the travelling expenses of the British delegates on the Bureau. These charges have been met up till now from balances in the hands of the British National Committee which accrued owing to the annual amount paid to the International Socialist Bureau being only £50 prior to 1909. This source will soon be exhausted and the new British National Committee will have to raise £100 per annum at least.
- We have carefully considered the whole matter and also the relation of the Fabian Society to the British National Committee with the contingent financial responsibilities. We think that in future the amount to be paid by each organisation affiliated to the British National Committee should be based upon the voting strength at the International Congress of each affiliated organisation. At the Congress Great Britain has 20 votes as a nation. These 20 votes are divided

up as follows: Labour Party and the Trade Unions 10 votes; Independent Labour Party 4 votes; S.D.P. 4 votes; Fabian Society 2 votes. On this basis the Fabian Society would pay £10 per annum instead of £14 as at present.

Another point to be considered is the representation of Great Britain on the Bureau. At present there are two delegates selected by the British section meeting at the triennial International Socialist Congress and one elected by the British parliamentary Party Labour Party. With regard to the two elected by the British section, the S.D.P. claims the right to have one. The British section refuses to acknowledge this right but the matter is under consideration of the International Socialist Bureau. If the S.D.P. contention is upheld we think that the whole question of paying affiliation fees should be reconsidered as the Fabian Society would then be practically without the possibility of ever having a representative on the Bureau. It may be mentioned that it is not necessary for the Fabian Society to pay fees to the British National Committee in order to secure representation at the International Socialist Congresses, because being affiliated to the Labour Party our delegate could go as representing a section of that Party. But in that case we should lose our identity and our two votes out of the British twenty would be lost to us.

We have also discussed the methods of the International Socialist Bureau and we consider that they are in need of improvement. For instance, the Bureau should meet more frequently instead of only once a year as at present and that notice should longer notice should be given of the business to be discussed at the Congress.

A meeting will shortly be held consisting of two delegates from each Society affiliated or desiring to be affiliated to the British National Committee, together with the Secretary of the British National Committee and the British representatives on the Bureau. At this meeting the above questions will be discussed and we recommend

- (1) That two delegates be sent to this meeting
- (2) That the delegates be instructed to move

- I. That the affiliation fee be in proportion to the voting power of the affiliated bodies at the International Socialist Congress,
- II. That the S.D.P. claim to the right to have one representative on the Bureau be repudiated,
- III. That the necessary steps be taken to secure more frequent meetings of the Bureau and longer notice of the business to be transacted at the International Socialist Congress.

3.- London Groups.

Org. Sec. reported that a meeting of St. Pancras members had decided it was undesirable to take further action to revive the St. Pancras and Central District Group.

M. B. Murby (Chairman).

Lecture Courses arranged for the season 1910-11.

(15)

Marylebone
Barnet
W. Ealing
Kensal Rise
S. Hackney
Dulwich
Acton
Wood Green (F.S.)
Chiswick (F.G.)
Croydon
Sydenham
St. Pancras
Streatham
Bermondsey
Brixton
Tooting
Watford
Enfield
Tottenham
Richmond
Deptford (F.G.)
Forest Gate (F.G.)
Ilford (F.S.)

Hanley
Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S.
Nottingham
Cambridge (F.S.)
Sevenoaks (F.S.)
Southampton (F.S.)
Coventry (F.S.)
York (F.S.)
Aston Manor
Sheffield (F.S.)
Chatham
Worthing
Southall
Whitley Bay
Ashington
Seaton Delavel
Blyth
Byker
Glasgow and neighbourhood
(Several courses)

(4) The Finance & General Purposes Com^o Report was moved & Enscr.

- Item 1. Resignation was adopted.
- " 2. Lectures, was adopted.
- " 3. Leicester Conference Delegate, was adopted.
- Item 4. The Coming Election: ~~is~~

- (a) The candidature of Wenley, was adopted
- (b) Woolwich, was adopted
- (c) Huddersfield. Nomination of Snell to Labour Party, Sanders to be Election agent. After some discussion unanimously agreed to.
- (d) Proof of appeal for Funds. agreed to.
- (e) Geo. Lambury. Amendment of Sharp & Dr. Berkhams to include his name in the appeal was rejected & only voting for it.
- (f) Manifesto. agreed to.

On the Election it was agreed That the Secy write to our two candidates to remind them that the Society has decided in favour of the immediate removal of Sex disabilities, & to say that it would be agreeable to many of our members if they would refer to it in their Election addresses.

It was also agreed that the Secs. draft a letter to Dr. Clifford to lay before the next meeting.

Organising &

5. The Finance & Propaganda Com^{ee}

Report - was presented & Miss Murby.

Items 1 & 3 were approved

Item 2. The British National Com^{ee} of the
International Socialist Bureau

This was agreed to except in so far
as it was agreed that the form of the resolution
b II be altered so as to read

That the claim of any one organisation
in place of "the claim of the S. D. P."

R. C. K. ^{Evans}
25/11/10

Committee at Office, 25th Nov. 1910.

Present - Enos (in the chair) + all except
Absent - Money, Miss Hutchins, Heatlam, Sanders (electioneering).

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. General Election + Dr. Clifford. Draft letter ordered at the last meeting was considered, largely amended, & ordered to be sent.

3. Election "Manifesto".

Resolution of the women's Group, asking the Soc. to urge upon members the vital importance of the enfranchisement of Women was read.

Letter from Miss Brooke complaining of the absence of reference to W. S. in the appeal for Funds was read & an appropriate reply ordered.

Manifesto, (which it was agreed not to so call), drafted by Shaw was ~~read~~ considered in proof. Amendment to the extent of 2/3rds was proposed by Sharp: and a passage on women's enfranchisement was also proposed by Miss Abernison. A long and

3. Manifesto (cont.)

animated discussion followed. Ultimately it was agreed unanimously :-

To use the middle part of Sharp's amendment

To insert at the end a list of 4 other questions to be advocated, in addition to constitutional reform, of which Womens Emancipement was to come first

The substance of the "Manifesto" was settled without a division. Votes were taken on minor points only. -

4. The altered date of Shaw's Lecture. The Secs. action was approved.

5. Election Finance. The Sec. reported appeals all rent out, & promises & cash received so far amounting to £252, including £112 in hand at start. The Sec. was authorised to borrow £30 from the No 2 of, £50 from the Summer School of, & on £500 Derby Corp. belonging to the No 2 of if required.

b. Ensor's Paper on Poetry. Miss Hurly moved

"That the decision of the last meeting to postpone publication of Ensor's address be rescinded & that the usual abstract appear in the forthcoming issue of the News" - The resolution was unanimously adopted.

7. Par about Bishop Herford's Garden City Scheme. The Secy was ordered to insert it.

8. Lady Meyers' Lecture. ~~Ent~~ Letter consenting to lecture at end of Jan'y on Public School Education. Ordered to be accepted.

1. Chairmen. Lyson:- Miss Atkinson.
Shaw:- Barker.

o. Next meeting, Dec. 9. -

L. Haden Guest

(79)

Committee 9th Dec. 1910. -
Present. Guest (in chair) + all except
Absent Money + Inscr.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Money, electioneering was excused.
3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
by Mrs Shaw, & adopted in full.
It was agreed to refer to the Com^{ee}
suggestion of Welch that op. Tracts
be included in the bound volume. -
4. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee}
Report was submitted by Maund.
Items 1. 2. & 3^(a) were approved.
Item 3^(b) Rejection of proposal to ask
Mrs Besant to lecture was discussed,
& it was resolved by 10 to 6 that
Mrs Besant be invited to lecture
on India.

Meeting December 2nd. 1910.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Barker, Shaw, Miss Hutchins,
Mrs. Reeves, Guest, Standring and Secretary.

- 1.- Rejected. A MS. by Frank Rose on Women's Employment and a syllabus by Guy Robson for a tract on Municipalisation were rejected.
- 2.- Revises. The Tenants Sanitary Catechism for London and the Country (Nos. 68 and 71) revised by C. M. Lloyd, were finally passed in proof and ordered to be printed as 4 page leaflets.
- 3.- Tracts in Press.
- (a) Taxation. It was decided to call this "Taxes as they are and as they ought to be", and to print 7,000 in brown linen covers.
 - (b) Education. Copy for the remainder dealing with medical inspection &c. was submitted.
- 4.- Reprints. It was decided to reprint
Tract 45. The Impossibility of Anarchism and
" 70. The Report on Fabian Policy.
- 5.- "What to Read". The Secretary reported 350 copies had been given to members free.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Meeting 1st. December 1910.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Shaw, Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby,
Maude, Sharp and Secretary.

1.- Membership.

- (a) Candidates for December (60) elected (last year 106) including J. Pointer just elected for Attercliffe, Sheffield.
- (b) Resignations of E. Phillips Oppenheim and three others accepted.
- (c) Letter from Percy Braby sending £10.10.0. for Crooks and insisting on resignation, accepted.

2.- Parliamentary Fund and Candidatures

- (a) Report on these were made, all now out of date.
- (b) In answer to complaint from Burnley F.S. that J.C. Wedgwood M.P. was speaking for the Liberal against Hyndman, the Sec. was directed to refer the writer to Ensor's Paper ~~an~~ "Fabian News".

3.- Fabian Lectures.

- (a) Letter from Emil Davies saying he did not propose to use Slides for his lecture to the Society on State Trading was received.
- (b) Proposal by Haden Guest that Mrs. Besant be invited to lecture on India and her Educational work there was discussed and negatived.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

Report adopted by a majority of the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to prepare a scheme.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Webb, Miss Atkinson, Pease and Miss Hankinson.

The Summer School as an institution was founded with the concurrence of the Fabian Executive, by an independent committee, consisting in effect of the Guarantors who at present are Mrs. Townshend, Mrs. Bernard Shaw, Miss Hutchins, Miss Atkinson, Miss Morison, F. Keeling, G. Bernard Shaw and Lawson Dodd.

They guaranteed the Rent, arranged to take Pen-yr-Allt on lease, and raised a loan of £291 to purchase furniture. This loan has now been wholly repaid.

The Guarantors now propose that they should hand over this property (valued at £250) and the Goodwill to the Fabian Society in its corporate capacity.

This gift should be gratefully accepted in principle and there seems no good reason why the Society should not accept financial liability for the future management of the School.

But there is a serious objection to the Society directly undertaking the management of the School. Already two cases have occurred in which members have been excluded from the School. If the Society and its members' meetings have the right to criticise the management, and aggrieved members can bring their cases before the members' meetings and move resolutions affecting the management, needless difficulties may arise.

We are therefore of opinion that for formal purposes, something like the existing arrangement should be maintained.

We suggest that the Guarantors should be regarded as the founders, should be offered the privilege of nominating a proportion, not necessarily from among their own number, of the Managing Committee of the School.

The Committee Executive Committee should appoint the rest of the Managing Committee, and financial responsibility for the School and therefore all important proposals involving finance should be submitted for its approval.

Questions of manners and morals and domestic arrangements should be left to the Managing Committee, and should not be reported to the Executive, as such, for its approval.

The Executive and the Society as such could then disclaim responsibility for the decisions of the Committee and discussion of them at the members' meetings could be ruled out.

Voting For the Report Miss Atkinson, Webb, Pease
" Against " " Dodd, Miss Hankinson.

The report was ordered to be submitted to the Guarantors
for their opinion:-

The following is a summary of their replies

(15)

For the Report.

Miss Hutchins

Miss Morison with a query

Miss Atkinson (at the meeting)

F. Keeling or for Mrs. Townshend's plan.

Proposing an alternative.

Mrs. Townshend

Against the Report.

Dodd ~~at~~ at the Meeting

Miss Hankinson at the Meeting.

No reply.

(771)

(5) Election Finance. The Sec. reported receipts, including
 £112 balance at start, + £15 (Promises) = £681
 Paid to Woolwich £250
 Required ? 210
 Paid to Huddersfield 200
 Required ? - 660
 Expenses £17 to £20. -

(6) New Years Letter. Agreed to drop for this year.

(7) Chairman for Saleby. Guest.

(8) The Summer School ^{special} Com^{ee} Report was submitted & fully
 discussed. Ultimately the following resolutions
 was adopted by a large majority, with only
 three against it: - That subject to satisfactory
 arrangements as to management being arrived
 at, + to the approval of the Society at a members
 meeting, the offer of the Guarantors to hand over
 the Summer School to the Society be accepted.

It was further agreed that the matter be referred to the
 Finance + General Purpose Com^{ee}, with the Executive
 members of the Special Com^{ee} added, for further report.

Stewart D. Callan

Comtee 13th Jan. 7 1911.

Present Headlam in chair, & all except
Dodd, Money, Bland, Shaw, Mr. Shaw.

- 1. The Minutes were confirmed.
- 2. Apologies, Lawson Dodd, Shaw, & Mr. Shaw, abroad
Money in his constituency, Bland in Council
all excused.

3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{tee} Report
was submitted.

Item 1. 2. 4. 5. 6. 7. (including
Proposal for Sanders to organise
in Staffordshire) were approved
Item 3. Fabian Dinner. This
was agreed to in principle, but amended
in detail, viz That a dinner & soiree
be held in Feb or later to celebrate the
Woolwich Victory & the Gen Election: that
tickets of two kinds, for dinner, & for the soiree
only, be issued: that arrangements be made for
all to hear speeches: & that the Social Com^{tee} be asked
to cooperate.

Present: Meeting 22nd. December 1910. Miss Shaw,
Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Geo. Standing,
and Sanders.

1.- Lecture Courses.

The org. sec. since last report has completed courses at Nottingham, Cambridge (F.S.) and S. Hackney. Courses at Deptford and Forest Gate by Snell were interrupted by the General Election and will be re-started this month. Courses at Tottenham arranged for Snell was completed by Beaumont. Schloesser had a highly successful course at Worthing. Courses arranged at Chatham and Croydon were abandoned owing to the General Election; Courses at Wood Green and Chiswick have been transferred owing to the same cause to other dates. A Course has been arranged at Bolton F.S. to be given by the Org. Sec. and a Course at West Ham (Forest Gate F.G.) for Schloesser by request of Group.

2.- New Societies. Steps are being taken to form Fabian Societies at Belfast, Lancaster, Stirling and Dundee.

3.- Dinner to celebrate Woolwich Victory.

We recommend that a Society Dinner & Soiree be held in Feb. to celebrate the first Fabian parliamentary election Victory; only one kind of ticket to be issued to include Dinner and Soiree.

4.- Huddersfield Election. Org. Sec. reported that the election expenses would amount to £375 (as compared with £592 in Jan. last) of which sum the Society would pay about £220.

5.- Request for services of Org. Sec.

The N. Staffordshire I.L.P. Federation have asked the Org. Sec. to undertake a month's work of organising in the Potteries during June, the Federation to pay expenses. A similar request was made last year and the E. C. agreed to the Secretary undertaking the job, but the arrangements fell through. We recommend that the Org. Sec. be given leave to spend a month in the Potteries in June to organise the N. Staffordshire I.L.P.

6.- Anti Fabian Attack on Tottenham.

Several leaflets attacking the Society and Alden's connection with it were circulated to every elector in Tottenham at the December Election and copies have been forwarded to the office. We have given instructions for a course of lectures to be arranged in Tottenham if possible to exploit the advertisement the F.S. has received (Alden doubled his majority as compared with January 1910).

7.- Anti Socialist Union of the Free Churches.

This body has offered to supply lecturers and debaters to us and the offer has been sent by the org. sec. to all local Societies and Groups, several of which will take advantage of it.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Private. Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 15th. December 1910.
Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Sharp, Maude, Shaw,
December 1 Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby, Sanders, and Secretary.
Also for special subjects, Dodd, Miss Atkinson
and Schloesser.

- 1.- Membership: 4 Resignations were accepted and 17 Defaulters were ordered to receive final letter and in absence of reply to be struck off.
- 2.- Leicester Labour Party Conference.
It was resolved to appoint Schloesser, Pease, J. Airey, nominated by the Liverpool F.S. and Will Crooks, failing whom, F. W. Goldstone (The two last having declined, as they had other credentials, the Secretary has nominated W. S. Sanders, who was invited but stood aside.)
- 3.- Accounts to 30th. November were presented showing decline in subscriptions, (members and associates) of £71 for 8 months, and increase of £200 in Parliamentary Fund. Also showing that in the Parliamentary Fund receipts and expenditure would nearly balance.
- 4.- Electoral matters.
Complaints from the Burnley F.S. re speech by J. C. Wedgwood, M.P. for Philip Morrell at Burnley, where Hyndman was a candidate, were received and appropriate reply ordered. Also notification from Percy Alden of attack on him at Tottenham on account of his membership.
- 5.- Lectures to the Society.
It was agreed to accept the suggested lecture of Mrs. Pember Reeves on Working Class Budget in Lambeth, and to defer proposal of lecture on Finnish Education by Mme. Malmberg.
(The Publishing Committee accepted offer of a tract on the Referendum by Sharp, and proposes that it be given as a lecture on Feb. 10th.)
- 6.- Co-operation with the I.L.P. On the motion of H.H.Schloesser it was agreed
"That a Committee be appointed to consider in what ways the work of the F.S. and I.L.P. can be advantageously be considered co-ordinated and to suggest, if thought "fit, proposals to that end", and further that the Committee be
H. H. Schloesser, (chairman), Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkinson, Ensor, Arnold Maude, C. M. Lloyd, Sanders and the Secretary.
- 7.- The Summer School. Webb moved a report, which, with minor modifications was adopted unanimously. The Report is annexed.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

Report, adopted by the Finance Committee on
December 15th. 1910 on the proposed taking
over by the Society of the Fabian Summer
School.

(Those responsible for the administration of the Fabian Summer School, which is now free of debt or liabilities, have offered to hand over the furniture and "good will" to the Fabian Society - an offer with which the Executive Committee has accepted.

The School was opened at Llanbedr on 27th. July, 1907. There have been four Summer Sessions, Easter Conferences, and smaller gatherings at Xmas and Whitsuntide. The total of guests in residence, the majority members of the Society, reaches over 1,000. The following have acted as Directors, F. Lawson Dodd, E. R. Pease, Sidney Webb and Mrs. Webb; and lectures, either in courses or single lectures have been given on various aspects of Socialism and cognate problems by well-known Socialists and non-Socialists. The total receipts have been £3,437 and the total expenditure, including purchases of about £400 in furniture has been just under that sum. The tenancy of the premises at Llanbedr has expired, and the School is free to make any new arrangements for its accommodation that may be desired.)

In order to put the future administration on a definite constitutional basis, the following resolutions will be moved on behalf of the Executive Committee; and it is proposed that, if

for the Fabian Summer School.

1. That the Society expresses its warm appreciation of the work and devotion which has been thrown into the administration of the Summer School during the past four years, during which it has been of so much value to the Society; and that it gratefully accepts the proffered transfer of the property to the Society.
2. That the management of the Fabian Summer School be entrusted to a separate Summer School Committee, to be appointed in December of each year by the Executive Committee as follows:
- 4 members chosen by the Executive Committee not necessarily from among its own members
 - 2 members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the London members after considering names suggested by the Fabian Nursery and the various London and Subject Groups, as reported not later than 30th. November by the Secretaries thereof.
 - 2 members nominated by the Executive Committee to represent the various University and other Fabian Societies, after considering names suggested by such societies as reported not later than 30th. November in each year by the secretaries thereof.

The Summer School Committee so appointed may add to its number by co-option not more than two other persons at any time during its year of office.

3. That the Summer School Committee shall obtain the approval of the Executive Committee for (a) its general expenditure; (b) any supplementary estimates that may become necessary; and (c) the person whom it is proposed to appoint as Director, together with the general scheme of lectures to be arranged; but shall subject to these limitations, itself exercise the whole executive management of the School.
4. That the invitation and admission of guests at any meeting of the School, the duration of their stay, the arrangements for lectures and other proceedings at the School, the appointment of the necessary staff, and all housekeeping and other details of management shall be entrusted entirely to the discretion of the Summer School Committee.
5. That separate accounts be kept for the School, which shall be presented by the Executive Committee to the Annual Meeting of the Society, together with a brief general report on its progress. Such accounts and report and any matter of administration for which

the Executive Committee is responsible shall be open to question or discussion at the Annual Meeting, or at any other business meeting of the Society.

6. That, in the present year the Summer School Committee shall be appointed before Easter 1911, and the names suggested from the Fabian Nursery, the London Groups and the various University and other Fabian Societies shall be sent in before 28th. February 1911.

- 7.- That resolutions 2 to 5 above ^{be} recorded as By-laws for the Fabian Summer School.

4. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted
& the whole was adopted.

Item 2. Leicester Conference. The action of the Sec-y in
.. 5. appointing Sanders was approved.

.. 5 Lecture on Referendum on Feb 10th was approved.

.. 6 Com^{ee} on Cooperation with S. L. P. It was
agreed to add the name of Snell.

.. 7. Summer School Report. This was
considered & agreed to, & it was
resolved that the work of the School
must be carried ^{by the Com^{ee}} on without waiting
for the authorisation of the Society. —

5. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted

Item 1, (a), (b), (d) were accepted

.. .. (c) Tract on C.O.S. — It was agreed on
reports that the Pub'y Com^{ee} be authorised
to go on with this tract. —

.. 2. (a), (b), (c) were accepted

.. .. (d) It was agreed that the Tenant's San-
itary Cakechim be sent to members
with Fabian news.

.. .. (e) The Twentieth Century Reform Bill —

5. Pub. Com^{ee} Report (cont^d)

Item 2. (e) cont^d. - It was agreed per sub. item

I (a) that Schlosser be authorized to decide on suggestions sent in by the Exec. members.

II (b) That the tract be issued with the name of H. H. Schlosser as chairman of a Com^{ee} - & as a new tract.

III That the offer of money be accepted with thanks. -

Item 3. Bound Sets. accepted

.. 4. Tracts of p. accepted, but the subject of Municipal Hospitals was referred to the Pub. Com^{ee}

5. Accepted. -

b. Japanese Trial. Tarkenton reported that at suggestion of Mr. Bentruck he had got information, & he suggested a resolution. It was agreed that the meeting in the evening be asked to pass the resolution as amended. Resolution & letter annexed.

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Chairman for Wahl. Maude

Lynner Maude
in the Chair

Meeting 16th. Dec. 1910.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Mrs. Reeves, Sharp, Shaw, Standring, Guest, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Proposed Tracts.

- (a) Medical Profession. This proposed tract ordered by the Executive to be prepared some years ago, was after several other attempts referred to a Committee in May, 1909, for which Dr. Bentham undertook soon afterwards to make a draft. The Committee has lapsed, and the Publishing Committee has been in direct communication with Dr. Bentham at intervals ever since. Dr. Bentham has now informed the Committee that she can name no date for producing a draft, and has resigned the commission.
- (b) Referendum. Sharp has offered to prepare a tract, to be given first as a lecture. The offer has been cordially accepted and the Committee suggest that the lecture be fixed for Feb. 10, vice Sanders by consent deferred.
- (c) C. O. S. A Tract on this subject by Mrs. Townshend has been received and referred to various members to read. (The Tract in the opinion of all who have read it is excellent and subject to amendment, will undoubtedly be recommended for publication).
- (d) A paper offered by R. P. Chattock was declined.

2.- Tracts in press.

- (a) No. 152. "Our Taxes as they are and as they should be" in cover, 2d., is passed for publication.
- (b) Education Tract: is still in hand.
- (c) School Clinics. A Tract by Guest has been set up.
- (d) The Tenants Sanitary Catechisms, for London and for Provinces (Revised leaflets 68 & 71) are ready for the Press.
- (e) The Twentieth Century Reform Bill. The Committee recommend that the revise of the New Reform Bill (Tract 14) be issued as Tract 153 under the above title, and as "Prepared by a Committee of the Society" in order to allow the Executive to publish at one. (any (Rule 9 requires tracts "proposed to be issued in the name of the Society" to be "submitted to the members at a private meeting" before publication, but allows the Executive to issue "tracts bearing the ~~author's~~ name of the author".) Objection having been taken to the action proposed in a circular letter by the Secretary, the matter

must be decided by the Executive vitz.

- (a) Shall Schloesser (Chairman of the special Committee) be authorised to deal with the various amendments suggested by members of the Committee ?
- (b) Shall the tract be issued under the old name as a revise only, (a course which will spoil its sale) ?
- (c) If as a new Tract is the proposal of the Committee approved or the amendment (by Bland and others) that it be issued in the name of the Society and held over for a private meeting. (It is quite irregular to take it at a public meeting as unopposed business (see rule 1).)
- (d) If at a members' meeting, when ? The matter is urgent as the tract will be out of date in a few months.
- (e) Chiozza Money M.P. offers to introduce the Bill at once into the House, an offer which should presumably be accepted.

3.- Bound Sets. The Committee adopted the following report:-

"Bound Sets. The Secretary reported on Proposal referred to the Committee, that out of print tracts be bound up with sets. Tracts o.p. number 70. From 200 to 250 bound sets and about 50 unbound sets of the 80 in print tracts are sold annually. Stock of out of print tracts varies from 100 to 2 copies. Of our tracts on sale in 15 out of 70 the stock did not exceed 600 on 30th. Sept., and they would have to be all withdrawn from general circulation for bound sets, or reprinted at once, to secure a 2 years' supply for bound sets.

The proposed bound sets could only include some out of print tracts: some are very scarce, others (e.g. questions for School Boards) are utterly out of date.

The Committee is of opinion that the present system of selling bound sets "of all the tracts in print" at any time is in all respects the only practicable and convenient one!

4.- Tracts out of print.

It was agreed to reprint A Word of Remembrance and Caution to the Rich, and to drop Liquor Licensing at Home and Abroad by E. R. Pease, hopelessly out of date, and two municipal leaflets, Hospitals and Bakeries, out of date and useless for sale.

5.- Complete Set of Publications.

This was ordered to be supplied to the Pennsylvania State Library at face cost.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

National Liberal Club,
Whitehall Place, S. W.
January 7th. 1911.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, asking if the Fabian Society could do anything usefully for the benefit of the Japanese Socialists now being tried in Tokyo for conspiracy, I think much good might be done by the passing of a resolution protesting against the methods now being employed to crush Socialism in Japan, as the Japanese Government is always greatly influenced by criticism in England.

Like yourselves, I have no sympathy whatever with political crime, and I agree that those who embark on political crime cannot complain if the State retaliates. The difficulty is to discover what evidence of criminal intentions there is against these 25 men and 1 woman who stand accused of a dynamite plot in Tokyo. As I stated in a letter to the "Times", when the arrests took place the newspapers received peremptory instructions that no mention of the reasons for the arrest should be made. This did not prevent the police authorities some weeks later issuing a statement, while the persons were still under secret trial in Tokyo, declaring that they were guilty of complicity in an atrocious dynamite plot. No particulars were given - even the subsequent allegation that the plot was directed against the Emperor was not mentioned - and the nature of the evidence against the accused was not given, or at least was extremely vague. After being adjudged guilty by the Preliminary Court the men are now being tried, again in secret, by the Court of Cassation. No opportunity has been afforded of learning the nature of their defence and if that defence were to leak out in any way a newspaper giving publicity to it would be prosecuted. It is against such methods that I have protested, not as a Socialist, for I am an Individualist, but simply in the interest of elementary justice.

The very word Socialism appears to drive the Japanese authorities into a state of abject terror. When the small band of Socialists in Japan asked for permission, according to law, to organise into a political party, it was refused. When they endeavoured to hold a meeting, it was prohibited, the meeting was broken up by the police. When, on several occasions, they endeavoured to publish a newspaper, it was suppressed. A person who is believed to be a Socialist becomes a marked man; his goings out and his comings in are watched; he is watched wherever he goes; his friends or acquaintances are noted and become subject to enquiry by the police; he is prevented by the police from obtaining

any employment, for his would-be employer at once receives notice that he is a dangerous character. It would not be surprising in these circumstances, if, driven to desperation, such an individual should take to criminal courses. As I have said, however, it is impossible to say whether the persons accused in this case have really been guilty of any criminal practices or not, as every endeavour has been made to prevent their defence from becoming known.

There is a strong belief in Japan that the accused are the victims of a police plot devised with the object of extirpating Socialism. In an article published recently in one of the most important Japanese reviews, Mr. Inukai, a leader of the Nationalist party (corresponding in some measure to our Radical party) ventured to suggest that the Government secret service was trying to instigate Socialists to some drastic measure by means of its detectives and political spies, who skilfully disguised themselves as Socialists and thus accelerated the explosion from inside, thus bringing the Socialists within the grip of the law. Mr. Inukai says that he had several such experiences in the earlier days of his political party, when it was looked upon by the Government with somewhat the same feelings as is the case now with Socialists.

A protest by the Fabian Society, directed especially against the secrecy with which the trial is being held, would doubtless have some effect on the Japanese Government.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Robert Young

E. R. Pease, Esq.,
Secretary, Fabian Society.

Resolution on the Japanese Political Trial.

That this meeting of the Fabian Society respectfully reminds the Japanese Government that in England political trials have been held in public for the past ~~three~~ ^{two} hundred ^{& fifty} years, and that no small share of the political stability of this country has been due to this practice, and the accompanying freedom generally allowed for the expression of political and social opinions, ~~of whatever character.~~ ^(the concealment of the indictment &)

Further that this meeting cannot but regard the secrecy of the trial of the twenty six ^{political prisoners} ~~Socialists~~ for an alleged plot against the Emperor as some indication that the evidence for the plot would not if disclosed appear convincing to the public; ^{submits} and that it lends colour to the allegation that the prisoners are being prosecuted because they advocate political opinions to which the government objects, and not because they have conspired to use violence.

This meeting further begs the Japanese Government to remember that in self-governing countries attempts to suppress by force the proper expression of political opinions have usually resulted in disaster to the party and the nation undertaking them.

Meeting 29th January 1911. -

Present: Maude (in chair), & all exact
Absent. Webb, Barker Bland Money.

- (1) The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed
- (2) Apologies from Webb, Barker & Bland were accepted
- (3) The Finance & General Purpose Com^{ee} Report was submitted.
 - Items 1 & 2 were approved.
 - Item 3. Fabrian Summer School. (a) The Com^{ee} proposal was approved subject to the addition of Miss Hankinson.
 - (b) Addition of Officers was approved & the scheme ordered to be altered to this effect.
 - (c) & (d) were approved. -
 - Item 4. Salaries. (a) Salary of J.W. Shaw: a motion to refer back on the ground that the increase was inadequate was fully discussed, & rejected by 7 votes to 6.
 - (b) was approved.
 - Item (5) approved.
 - Item (6) approved: Guest & Miss Atkinson appointed delegates to the L.C.C. Conf^{er}

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(4). The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
Item (1a) was approved + Miss Hutchins
appointed to confer with the author
1(a) approved.

Item (2). was approved, + the publication
of School Clinics authorised.

Items (3) + (4) were approved.

Item (5) Publication of Greenwoods
"Theory + Practice of Trade Unionism"

This was fully discussed on a favourable
report by Fifield, + the publication
was authorised. The Sec. was given
power to select the cover. The author's
terms were agreed to. —

(5.) The Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted.

Item 1 agreed to

.. 2. Every item agreed to except the
the name of Graham Wallas was deleted

.. 3. approved with thanks. —

(6). Meeting. Shaw to be Chairman. Campbell lecture tickets to be

Minced Money.

Meeting 19th. Jan. 1911.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Musby, Webb,
Maude, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership.

- (a) Defaulters List. Of 17 members scheduled, 16 have paid, and 1 was excused.
- (b) Resignations of W.S. Glynn Jones, M.P. (but not Mr. Glynn Jones) of H. M. Hallsworth (University Lecturer) and seven others were accepted including Mrs. King Farlow to become an associate.
- (c) Candidates numbering 45 (compared with 47 in 1910) were elected. Average subscription for all classes 5/-. Last month 4/3.

2.- Accounts to Dec. 31st. were submitted, showing continued decline, on last year, £63 in subscriptions, £8 in Tract Sales, £14 in Book Boxes. But as £1300 had been raised for the Parliamentary Fund within 12 months, this was easily explicable.

The Parliamentary Fund showed £695.11.4 expended, all accounts paid and £2.4.5. in hand.

3.- Fabian Summer School. The Committee recommend

- (a) That Miss Atkinson, Dodd, Sharp and Webb be provisionally appointed the representatives of the Executive on the proposed Committee.
- (b) That the Secretary and Organising Secretary be ex-officio members of this as of the other Committees.
- (c) That the above Committee be authorised to proceed with the arrangements for carrying on the School.
- (d) That J. W. Shaw be secretary of the Committee.

4.- Salaries. (a) On an application from J. W. Shaw for an increase of Salary from £125 to £150 it was agreed to recommend that he be paid for his work as Secretary of the Summer School Committee an additional sum of £15. for the current year, to date from January 1st. subject to the adoption of the proposal to take over the School.

- (b) Other salaries were considered: no change was recommended, but the Secretary was directed to report on salaries in January of each year.

20th. Jan. 1911. (10)
5.- Arrangements for Meetings:- The following were fixed.

March 10. Members' Meeting. Summer School &c.
" 24. Mrs. Reeves.

Offers of Lectures by J. J. Dodd on the F. S.
and Capt. St. John on American Penology were
declined.

6.- Delegates.

Labour and L.C.C. For delegates invited to hear Ensor,
Lansbury and Smith, 3 p.m. Sat. Feb. 4th. Fee 1/-.

Agreed to send Dr. Bentham, Sanders and any two
other members of the Executive.

International Committee of British Women Socialists.

Agreed to appoint to the Provisional Committee, Miss
Murby, and Mrs. C. M. Wilson.

British National Committee International Socialist Con-
gress. To Delegate Meeting Feb. 17th. Dr. Bentham
and Pease.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee

Meeting 20th. Jan. 1911.

Present: Sharp (in chair), Mrs. Reeves, Miss Hutchins, Barker, Guest, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Tracts in preparation.

(a) Charity Organisation. It was ordered that the Author be asked to consider criticisms.

(b) Referendum. The Sec. was authorised to have Sharp's MS. set up, if no doubt was entertained of its suitability for a tract.

2.- Tracts in Press.

No. 152. Taxes. Published.

" 153. Twentieth Century Reform Bill. Passed for press.

Nos. 68 & 71. Revised Tenants Sanitary Catechism. Published.

School Clinics. Proof ready. Ordered to be sent to the

Exec. with the next agenda for approval. (Sent herewith) Education Tract. Being set up.

3.- "What to Read". The Secretary reported that the net cost of each copy (excluding the bound copies) worked out at 4 1/8 d. for 5,000. Allowing 10% given free, the cost would be a little over 4d. The price is 1/- net, and Kings account for every copy sold at 6d. net.

4.- "News" and Enclosures.

It was decided to send out the Twentieth Century Reform Bill this month, and also to send free the Syllabus of Mr. & Mrs. Webb's "National Committee" lectures at Caxton Hall.

To enable both to go, the "News" is to be 4 pages only.

5.- New Volume: Fifield Series.

Webb submitted MS. of 20,000 words by J. H. Greenwood, (Fabian) being an abstract of "Industrial Democracy" as a volume in the Fifield Series; Greenwood to have half the net profit. The Secretary reported that Fifield regarded the proposal favourably provided a suitable title such as "Webb's Industrial Democracy in brief" be adopted.

The Committee decided to adopt the proposal subject to a favourable report on the style of the MS. from Barker. His report to be submitted.

(Barker's report is favourable. The Secretary has asked Fifield to submit by Friday an estimate of cost and an opinion as to the prospects of the venture: he has also written Greenwood for his consent).

Clifford Sharp
Vice-Chairman.

Meeting 26th. January 1911.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Schloesser,
Dr. Bentham, Standring and Sanders.

1 - Lectures.

- (a) Org. Sec. has given courses at Sevenoaks (F.S.) and Tooting to good audiences; at Sydenham to small attendance.
- (b) Snell has had good audiences at a Course at Ilford (F.S)
- (c) Beaumont has worked up good meetings at courses given at S. Shields, Whitley Bay, Byker and Ashington; at Blyth meetings small.
- (d) Courses have been booked at Barking and Epping.
- (e) Streatham Group has arranged debate between Belloc and Org. Sec; G.K. Chesterton in the Chair.
- (f) Shaw will lecture for Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S on Feb. 15th.
- (g) Open-air Lectures. We recommend that no open air courses be held this year.

2.- Fabian Dinner. We recommend that the following arrangements be agreed to:

Date. Friday 31st. March

Place. Holborn Restaurant.

Tickets. Dinner and Soiree 5/-; Soiree only 2/-.

Guests. Besides Crooks as principal Guest all Fabian members of Parliament; I.L.P. members of Parliament who are not Fabians; Graham Wallas.

Speeches. Arrangements to be made for Soiree ticket holders to hear speeches.

Entertainment. Small band: Dancing to be arranged if possible. One or two Socialist Songs to be sung by those present.

The Social Committee has been invited to co-operate in running the dinner and have cordially agreed.

3.- Donation from Groups.

Clapham F. G. and Streatham F.G. have voted £2.10.0. each from profit on Shaw's meeting at Streatham.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Committee Meeting 24th Feb. 1911

Present. Miss Murly (in chair) & all except
absent Miss Hutchins.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Miss Hutchins. abroad accepted
3. Finance & Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted
by Shaw.

The whole was accepted, & Barber promised to
lecture in June.

4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted by Mrs. Shaw.

Items 1 & 2 were accepted
 Item 3 Rural Program was accepted together
 with Ennis offer to re write Grenfell's
 paper on afforestation.
 Item 4. Women's Group Series, was accepted,
 but it was agreed that the W. Groups be
 requested to submit the subjects of their
 tracts before preparing them.
 Item 5 was discussed & adopted.

5. The Organising & Propaganda Com^o Report was submitted by the chairman

Items 1, 2, 3 & 4 were agreed to
.. 5. Condolences to Countess Tolstoi. It was agreed that this be sent through Aylmer Maude.

6. The Summer School Com^o Report was submitted by Dodd.

Items 1, 2, & 3 were accepted.
Item 4 Swiss Project was discussed & ultimately adopted with one dissentient. -

7. Theosophical Lecture. It was decided with 2 dissentients not to announce a lecture on Theosophy by Miss Macmillan.

8. Executive Election. Ensor notified he wd. not stand again in order to make room for the younger members. Bland spoke to the same effect. Money proposed to retire from inability to attend.

EXAMINED
AT AUDIT.
W.H.T.

M. S. Thoms
March 10 1911

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting February 9th. 1911.

Present: Shaw (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby, Bland,
Maude, Ensor (part time), Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership.

- (a) Twenty-five candidates, one less than last year, were elected, at an average subscription of 6/6, an increase of 1/6 over last month.
- (b) Five members were ordered to receive final letter, and to be struck off in default of reply.
- (c) Eight members, special cases, only one of whom had subscribed since 1907, were ordered to be dealt with appropriately, and struck off in default of satisfactory reply.
- (d) Eight resignations, including A. E. R. Gill, J. C. Wedgwood, and F. G. Abbiss were accepted, but Shaw undertook to write to Gill, who resigned from excess of religion, and the Sec. was directed to write Abbiss that the Committee regarded his reasons for resignation as inadequate. Wedgwood resigns because he is no longer a Socialist, and the Secretary proposes to announce his resignation in "Fabian News".

2.- Accounts to Jan. 31st. were submitted showing subscriptions £900, against £990 last year, and a net decrease in certain other items of £31. Of this decrease of £121, £32 had accrued during the present month.

3.- Meetings. The following were fixed:-

April 7. Guest on Socialism and Subject Races

" 28. Pease or Sanders.

May 12. Annual Meeting.

" 26. Mrs. Besant.

June. Granville Barker on State Theatre.

4.- International Bureau.

It was agreed to instruct our delegates to vote for the Labour Party Scheme, vizt. to divide the cost in proportion to voting power - a reduction to the F. S. from £14. to £10 - and to vest the Secretaryship in the Labour Party. (The scheme was in the main adopted)

5.- Members' Meeting March 10th.

The following was settled

- (a) Summer School Report to be printed in the "News" and introduced by Maude.
- (b) Swiss project to be submitted by Dodd.
- (c) Macpherson's resolutions held over from last time:
 - That he be informed the first on Socialist Representation is now out of order, and the second on use of titles can be put down.
 - (He has since accepted this)
- (d) J. Jonas Dodd. Correspondence and syllabus read.
 - It was agreed to ask him to move his resolution on proposed reforms in the Society at the Annual Meeting, and to suggest deletion of phrase "Social Fellowship".
 - (He declines the latter suggestion and desires his resolution put down for March 10th., to be taken if time permits. He is within his rights in so doing.)
- (e) Chairman. A member of the Executive to be selected later.

G. Bernard Shaw
Vice-Chairman.

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Meeting 10th, February 1911.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hutchins, Mrs. Reeves, Dodd, Guest, Shaw, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.
Also Ensor, and, for an interview, A.P. Grenfell.

1.- Lectures.

1.- Tract No. 154. The Case for School Clinics. This was ordered to be completed for the press and 7,000 printed.

2.- Fifield Series. New Volume on the Theory and Practice of Trade Unionism.

Draft agreement between the Author, the Webbs and the Society was submitted and with minor amendments approved. The Secretary reported that a new chapter had been added, in addition to the copy estimated for.

3.- Rural Program.

A. P. Grenfell submitted proposal for a number of tracts on afforestation, on agricultural Engineering, Canals, &c. It was agreed to publish such tracts, provided MSS. were produced up to our standard and otherwise suitable. MS. on Afforestation was submitted and ordered to be reported on by Ensor and Mrs. Shaw.

4.- Women's Group Series.

The Chairman reported that the Group desired the Society to publish a series of Tracts in our numbered series, and in the regulation format, but with a special cover, design for which was submitted, showing "Fabian Women's Group" very prominently. The Tracts would be in all respects subject to the ordinary conditions of publication, that the Women's Group sub-series would be reserved for tracts submitted by the Group. MS. of a tract on Women's Life and Work by Miss Hutchins was submitted as No. 1 of the new sub-series.

The plan and the design were approved and the MS. was ordered to be reported on by Dodd, Guest and the Secretary.

5.- Registration of the name Fabian.

The Secretary reported that Registration of the name Fabian as a Trade Mark would cost about 35/-, for a period of 7 years: and that it would give us no legal security not at present enjoyed. The Committee by a majority resolved to recommend registration.

Private.

Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.
Meeting 16th. February 1911.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Mabel Atkinson, Dr. Bentham,
Headlam, Schloesser, Standring and Sanders.

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1.- Lectures.

- (a) Org. Sec. reports good meetings on the whole at his
lectures at York, Southampton, Coventry and Sheffield.
- (b) We have appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up a new
Course of lectures for next season.

2.- Fabian Dinner.

We recommend that Bland be Chairman at Fabian Dinner on
March 31st. next.

3.- New Societies.

Steps are being taken to form Societies at Birmingham Uni-
versity and Leyton. (Since the meeting of the Committee
Society has been formed at Birmingham University and the
Org. Sec. will address its first meeting on or about
March 1st.)

4.- University Fabian Societies.

We have considered what steps should be taken to promote
the efficiency and growth of the Fabian Societies at
Universities and recommend that the E. C. offer to
supply the Societies free with a circular describing
the aims of the Societies and inviting to membership.
Also that E. C. offer to supply free a printed calendar
of the lectures given at the Universities on subjects
of interest and value on social reform subjects if the
matter be supplied by the University Societies.

5.- The Christchurch (N.Z.) Fabian Society request that we send
its condolences to Countess Tolstoi on the death of
Count Tolstoi.

We recommend that their request be acceded to.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Report of the Provisional Committee
of the Fabian Summer School.

Meeting: 30th. January. Present: Dodd, Miss Hankinson, Webb,
Sanders and J.W. Shaw, Secretary. (5)

Meeting: 14th. February. Present: Dodd, Miss Hankinson, Mabel
Atkinson, Pease and J.W. Shaw, Secretary.

Also Sub-Committee, Dodd, Miss Hankinson, and
J. W. Shaw, Secretary.

- 1.- Lawson Dodd was elected (provisionally) Chairman of
the Committee.
- 2.- It was decided not to renew the Tenancy of Pen-yr-Allt
which expires on March 25th., and as a consequence
not to make arrangements for Easter or Whitsuntide.
- 3.- The Chairman and J. W. Shaw, Secretary, were appointed to
arrange for the storage of furniture.
- 4.- The Committee recommends that for this Season, pending the
finding of a suitable place for permanent occupation
in the country the School be carried on at a Swiss
Centre, and provisional arrangements are at present
in hand.

The intention is to engage all the accommodation
at some Hotel or Pension capable of putting up from
50 to 70 guests at a time, for a period of six weeks
from about the end of July to the beginning of
September.

Parties would be taken out once a fortnight, and t
this would be the minimum length of residence.

The charge for a fortnight inclusive of travelling
and hotel would be from £7.10. 0. to £8.15. 0. accord-
ing to the locality, and the rate charged by the
Hotel. This charge would allow for a margin of at
least 5/- per person to cover the expenses of
management.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

