

FABIAN SOCIETY

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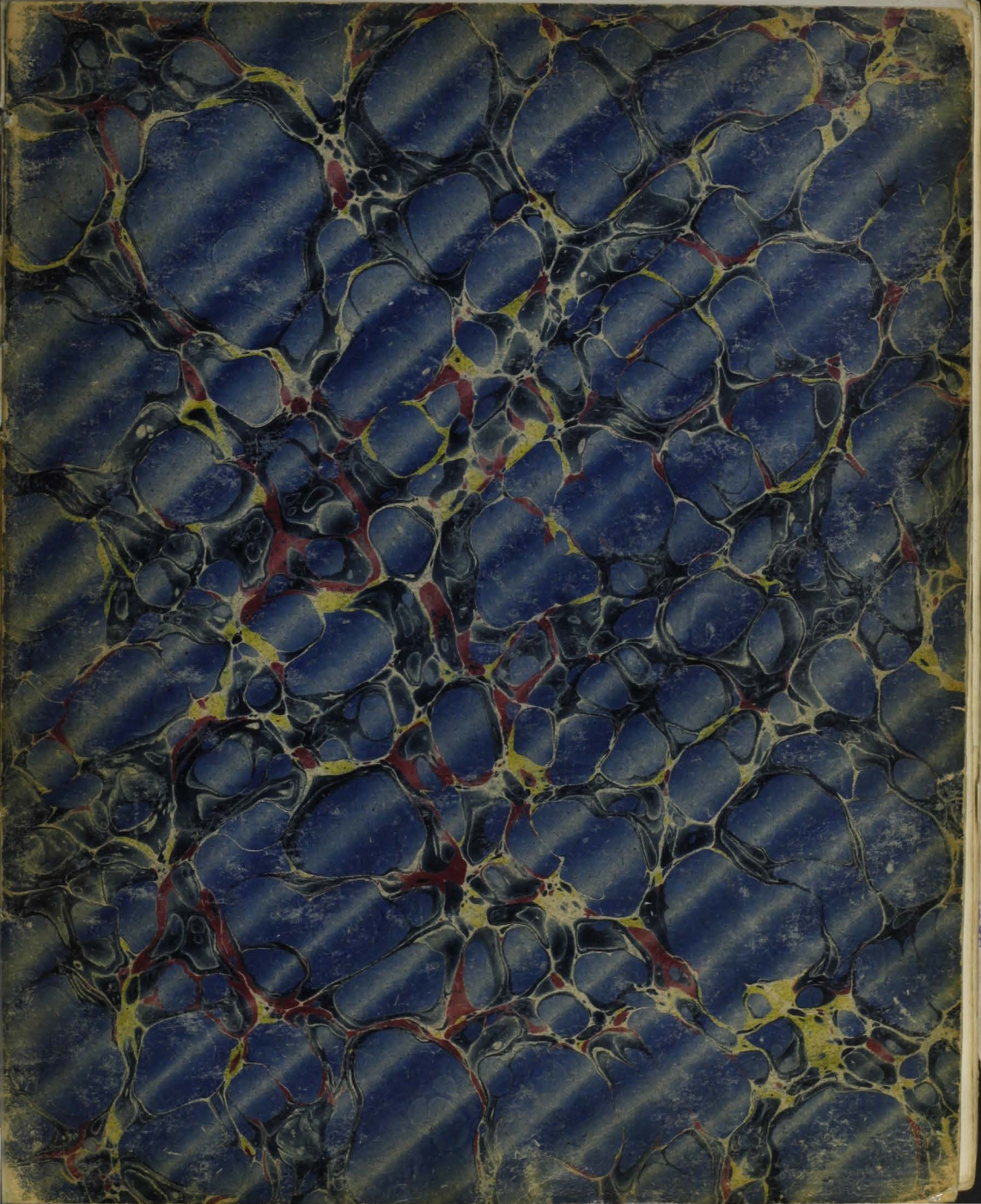
FABIAN SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

From 17th November, 1899
To 26th June, 1903

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Executive of the Fabian Society.

Minute Book.

from

17 November 1899.

to

26 June 1903.

276 Strand,

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Executive at Office, 17 November 1899.

Present, H. W. Macarty, in chair, Anderson, Oakeshot, Charrington, Green, Shaw, Webb, Standing, Oliver, Mrs O'Brien, Macdonald, Pease.

Absent, Mrs Shaw, Bland. Walew.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The following were elected, subject in the case of Miss Grace Thompson, to completion of attendances. It was agreed to write Shallard as to the subscription 2/6, of his nominee, pointing out that it is unduly small.

Elected Dec 99.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Henry M. Bernard, 27 Haydon Park-road, Wimbledon, S.W....	A. Halliday and Chas. Charrington.
W. C. Jenkins, 33 Terrace-road, Swansea	S. D. Shallard.
Mrs. Annie Ladd, 92 Talbot-street, Dublin	Mrs. J. Duncan.
Morarji V. Naik, c/o The Lakshmi Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Sholapur, India	General Secretary.
Miss Julia Sullivan, 17 Birchfield-street, Limehouse, E.	John Scurr and Alf. Graham.
Miss Grace Thompson, 23 Stoke Newington-road, N.	Edw. R. Pease and J. F. Green.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
George S. Adams, Balliol College, Oxford	R. C. K. Ensor & A. D. Lindsay.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
W. P. Elwy-Jones, 21 Queen's-road, Aberystwyth	David J. Saer & B. Scott Williams.
John E. Parry, Board School, Aberystwyth	Do. do.

3. Glacier's Irish Tour. Reports & letters
read & approved.

4. Shallards Tour. Report approved.
after discussion it was agreed to
approve his plans viz: -

Jan 7 Birmingham & Dist

Feb Belfast & Dist.

March. Scotch Towns near Glasgow.

5. Hutchinson Trustees.

The secy reported Grant of £140 for
Lectures made, as requested, accompanied by the following:

That the attention of the Fabian Executive be called to the fact
that the expenditure on lectures will this year amount to about £440
that the Trustees doubt whether so large a sum can usefully be spent
on this service every year; that the Irish expenditure is of course,
exceptional, though apparently very successful; and that the Trus-
tees suggest, for the consideration of the Executive, that it might
be better for the future, to confine the work to one lecturer, en-
gaged for the whole year, and aided in his work as far as possible,
by the system described as "Intensive Culture"

6. Correspondence.

Galeshead Womens Coop Guild Thanked for Shalldad.
Poplar Labour League, asking for a 10/-
advt. agreed. -

7. McCarthy Fund. Letter from Ben Tillet. Secy.
Agreed to put another par. in next
News & to take no other action.

8. Annual Dinner. Charrington reported
on Frascati. agreed to
fix it here, & to ask about Veg. -

9. Publishing Comtee Report.

- (1) Agreed to fix Thursdays if Warden agrees.
- (2) Agreed to have 13 weeks advt. in
the Railway News.
- (3) Reference in Tracts. Resolution approved.
- (4) Checking figures. Agreed that the
Pub. Comtee consider the point
on each new Tract. that they be
authorised to expend 20/- on checking
Macroship London Borough Figures.

10. Agreement for sale of Lease of 276 Strand
to the London County Council.
Moved by G. Bernard Shaw, seconded
by Mrs. Standring & unanmously
agreed to :-

That the Executive Committee of the
Fabian Society hereby approve the
contract for sale of the lease of
their offices at 276 Strand, to the
London County Council, as prepared
by their solicitors, & the Honorary
Treasurer Aubert Bland & the General
Secretary Edward Reynolds Pease
are hereby authorised to execute
a proper assignment of the said
lease upon payment of the
purchase money to the said
Honorary Treasurer.

11. Our Solicitors. The Secy was instructed to
remind our Sol^{rs} that the ~~modus~~ agreement
is that all their charges be paid by
the L.C.C. -

12. "Our Education Muddle". -

- (1) Letter of Catholic Fabian. Referred to drafting Com^{ee}
- (2) Com^{ee} of Revision. Agreed that Wallas + Macrosty be the Com^{ee}
- (3) Proposal of Webb for 6 Committee debates. - Deferred. -
- (4) Motion, per written notice; G Bland That in future no tract or leaflet shall be submitted to the Society until it has been discussed & agreed to paragraph by paragraph at a meeting of the Executive. Agreed
- (5) Macrosty reported offer of Wallas to assist in January & it was agreed to defer the matter for the present. -

13. New Offices. Sec. reported he had agreed to give vacant possession at Xmas. After discussion, it was agreed that other members should view proposed offices & report next week. -

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14. Members Housing Meeting. Report annexed was approved. Letters from Mrs Phillimore, Udale + Dodd accepting, more or less, agreed to write Mrs Phillimore we don't want to publish at present & to Udale Udale that he must decide one way or other. Webb recommended tract with Bibliography. —

15. Trade Union Congress Confere No rep^y. Report on the Housing Confere not ready

16. Transvaal War Meeting. Hobson's final Resolution submitted. It was agreed that Shaw report on it. Chairman, agreed to ask Headlam & Failing Grim, Dell.

17. Fabian Series. Letter from Welden, countersigned of Grant Richards. — Resolved of b-4 that the letter, as embodying the terms agreed upon, be approved. Resolved letter to be stamped b. —
J. F. Oakescott.

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Report of Committee on Housing Conference.

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Post-war Housing

1. The Committee met on Tuesday 14th. November, all present.
2. The annexed program was adopted, and with speakers as indicated.
- 3.-The Committee recommend the Executive to authorise the printing of the papers for the Conference.
4. Consideration of the Trade Union February Conference was adjourned.

Draft Programme.

Four printed papers of 1500 words each to be discussed:

Small

Suggested syllabus of Fabian Conference on London Housing to be held at Essex Hall on Friday 15th. December 1899.

1. The Existing Situation: Statistics of Problem. by Mrs. Phillimore.
Sanitary statistics. Figures of over-crowding. House famine, or conscience awakened? Rents. What has been done.
Urban Emigration and Immigration.
Practical conclusions and recommendations.
2. Powers of Local Authorities and their Legal Difficulties. by Stanley Udale and failing him Ald. Thompson.
Brief statement of the Law. Period of loans. Number of authorities to be consulted. Confinement to area of authority. Cost of Compensation. Inefficiency of L. G. B.
Conclusions and Recommendations.
3. Building Difficulties. by H. C. Lander.
Death rate per floor. High cost of production. High standard required by L. G. B.
Conclusions and Recommendations.
4. General Principles. by F. Lawson Dodd.
Should Municipalities make profits? How should rents be fixed? Whether by cost of construction and maintenance alone.
Cheap locomotion and high rents. De-centralisation for its own sake. Effect of Rating of Land Values and of Vacant Land.
Conclusions and Recommendations.

Resolution to be moved by S.G. Hobson.

That in view of the character and tendencies of the political and economic ideas which have conduced to the present South African war, involving as they do embittered antagonism to industrial Democracy and to Socialist principles, the Fabian Society deems it essential to the furtherance of its special aims and within the scope of its work to declare: -

(1) That the war is not caused by the Franchise quarrel but by the British intention to establish supremacy from the Cape to the Zambesi clashing with the set purpose of the South African Republics to maintain their independence;

Resolved That the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society hereby

(2) That the Society is therefore not called upon to criticise either the 'Outlanders' political claims or the Boers' policy in regard thereto;

(3) That no justification for the war has been shown; and that the plea that it was inevitable, if British paramountcy in South Africa were to be preserved, can only satisfy a debased national conscience informed by incapable statesmen;

(4) That the Imperialist passion of the moment, the chief cause and support of the war, has swept aside all interest in liberal ideas; has distracted the attention of the country from domestic progress; has debased the conscience and leered lowered the democratic spirit of the English people; has effected a sinister co-operation between professional financiers and the military power; and in consequence threatens to involve us in political responsibilities, which we cannot meet save by the establishment of militarism as the predominant element in our national life.

The Fabian Society therefore resolves, through its Executive, its publications, and by all available means, strenuously to work for the revival of a sane democratic public temper as the necessary basis of all Socialist progress.

Executive at office 24th Nov. 99. -

Present Takeshott in chair, Macrosty, Webb,
Macdonald Pease, Anderson Wess
Miss O'Brien Mrs. Shaw, Charrington,
Oliver, Shaw, Standing. - Green
Absent Bland *Green*.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Lrish Campaign. Reports received.

3. English - Do - - Do -

4. Correspondence

Smith & Hudson. Satisfactory reply re costs.

Wellington Trades C. (N. 3.) Thanks for box

Bland on Education & Carriage accidents

5. New Offices. Agreed to offer £75 for top floor:
& to ask about Terms. - Macrosty
Anderson & Takeshott to view. -

6. Old age Pensions. Central Group Resolution. Deferred

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report

Report approved.

Re. Ont - relief Trade. After discussion
I referred back to Pub. Com^{ee} to amend
as indicated. Webb to be consulted.

8. Annual Dinner

Sec. reported Frascati
Restaurant available for Jan 6
or Jan 5. - on motion of Anderson
agreed to hold it on Jan 5, Oliver
to be the guest. Re Chairman
Hoasts, referred to a Com^{ee}
of Anderson, Charrington + Pease

9. Trade Union Cong. P. C. ^{L.R.} Conf^{ee} Preliminary Com^{ee}

Shaw + Pease appointed delegates
for Dec 6th at 11. -

10. Fabian Honoring Conf^{ee}

Sec. reported Progress.

11. Trade Union Honoring Conf^{ee} - Report was considered
& amended as indicated: - It was then
referred back to the Com^{ee} for fuller report. -

Second Report of Housing Committee held on

21st. November, all present.

Requirements of health and comfort - the limits of high building.

1. Fabian Conference. No further action taken.

5. Some principles of Municipalisation involved.

2. Trades Union Congress Conference.

The following recommendations were agreed to

- (1) That the Parliamentary Committee (to meet on Dec. 15th.) be asked to sanction our action, and send out our circular with theirs.
- (2) That it be held in Memorial Hall on the day after the T. U. Conference, i.e. early in February.
- (3) That the Conference be public; and platform Tickets be sent to all members of the L. Govt. Information Bureau.
- (4) That there be morning and afternoon sessions, 3 papers at each.
- (5) That there be two Chairmen: ~~names suggested S. Webb, Logan M.P., Channing M. P., G. W. E. Russell,~~ *who shall be Fabians.*
- (6) That writers of papers be requested to submit resolutions to be ~~printed and circulated in hall.~~ *the Executive, for printing.*
- (7) The following syllabus was approved

Morning Session - The Problem.

1. Social.

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a. Rural.- overcrowding - lack of cottages; sanitation, Landlord and farmer housing policy.

The rural exodus. Suggested H. Samuel.

b. Urban.- overcrowding - sanitation - Rents. Bowmaker

c London. - do - Mrs. Phillimore.

2. Difficulties in the way.

a. Legal and administrative. Number of authorities to be consulted - conditions of loans and finance - inefficiency of Housing Acts - The L. G. B.

12. Parliamentary Meeting

Re Resolution, it was agreed that Headlam accepted chair. Re Resolution, he pointed in his name, & Shaws as subject to alterations in time for publication in

H. Samuel Shaws

11/2/99.

b. Building. Cost, compensation, materials, labour &c. - the requirements of health and comfort- the limits of high building. (6)

3. Some principles of Municipalisation of involved.
What is meant by municipal "profit"? What services should be paid for from the rates? What should determine the standard of municipal rents? What would be the effect of taxation of ground rents and values upon the housing problem ?

Lawson Dadd.

Afternoon Session. The Solution

1. Some examples of what has been done.

Ex Alderman Thompson.

2. A Land and Locomotion policy.

How far the Housing question is a land question. Land reforms necessary - Powers that should be given to public authorities.

The Housing problem as a locomotion problem.

How far free trams are justifiable on the same grounds as free roads. A municipal tram policy.

3. Reform of the Law.

The main provisions of a new Housing Act especially regarding

The main provisions of a new Housing Act especially regarding
(a) the slum landlord and houseowner (b) ~~the powers of the~~
local authorities (b) the finances of building schemes
(c) the powers of the local authorities (d) the position
of the L.G.B. The amendments of the Public Health Acts and
the better enforcement of sanitary inspection. The position
of the sanitary inspector under the Factory and Workshops
Acts.

Ald. Jowett of Bradford.

8. Other speakers suggested

~~Alfred Smith L.C.C., Ex Councillor Hickmott, Bernard Shaw,~~
J. R. Macdonald, Robert Williams, E. Bowmaker, Logan M.P.,
Herbert Samuel.

Wakerlow L.C.C. C. N. Knowles

*Several have been
mentioned that
the Resolution, it was agreed
that Shaw's
name, & Shaw's as
subject to alterations
for publication in
Headlam accepted chair.
Herbert*

*By
Bernard Shaw
11/2/99.*

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Transvaal War Meeting

Secy reported that Headlam accepted chair.
Re Resolutions, it was agreed that Hobson's
be printed in his name, & Shaws as
his amendment, subject to alterations
sent in in time for publication in
Fabian News. —

G. Bernard Shaw
1/12/99.

TRANSVAAL WAR MEETING.

Suggested Modification of Hobson's Resolution.

That in view of the character claimed for the South African war by the Government as a disinterested struggle to secure democratic institutions for the Outlanders of the Transvaal, the Fabian Society ventures to remind the public:

1. That the time has gone by for regarding the acquisition of a parliamentary vote as alone worth a war. If it were, about a third of the adult male population of these islands, and all the adult women, would be justified in resorting to armed revolution.

2. That Democratic Institutions in the modern sense imply:-

(a) the recognition of public rights in the natural resources of the country, and the effective safeguarding of these rights against aggression from the private corporations and individual speculators to whom it may be advisable to grant concessions for commercial purposes.

(b) the protection of wageworkers by legislation making due precautions for their health and safety compulsory.

3. That the country is therefore entitled to expect that

3. That the country is therefore in the event of the war being carried to a successful issue, the Government will take steps to:-

(a) secure the rights of the Transvaal population in the valuable mines of the Rand by either placing them in public hands, or else exacting in royalties their full economic rent to be expended on public works for the development of the country, after recoupment of a reasonable share of the expenses of the war.

(b) impose a stringent Mines Regulation Act for the protection of miners of all races and their fellow workers underground.

4. That failing the above Imperial precautions, the only effect of victory will be to deprive the Transvaal of its present institutions under the Boer Republic, and make it the prey of the commercial speculators of all nations and races whose avowed object is to make private fortunes out of the mines without regard to the public welfare. Such a result would expose the British Government to the charge of being the dupes of these speculators, and of having spent the nation's blood and treasure, and outraged humanity by a cruel war, to serve the most sordid interests under the cloak of a lofty and public-spirited Imperialism.

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5. And finally, since the spokesmen and newspapers of both our political parties, without a single exception, declared before the war that the constitutional grievances of the Outlanders must be remedied in any case, every member of these parties, whether he approves of the war or believes that it might have been avoided by more skilful diplomacy, is bound to insist that the advance in liberty and good government for which we are professedly fighting shall not be lost sight of in the hubbub of party recrimination, theatrical patriotism, and financial agitation.

The Fabian Society pledges itself to do its utmost to recall public opinion to the realities of the situation as set forth above, and to abstain from factious expressions which can only introduce party divisions on a matter which demands and admits of complete unanimity among disinterested and politically conscientious Englishmen.

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Executive at Office 1 Dec^r 1899. -

Present Shaw (in chair) & all the others except
Whelen & Webb. -

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Irish & English Campaign letters & reports read.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received; but par.
in regard to proposal to prepare a Housing
Bibliography at cost of 20% was referred
back (by a majority vote) for reconsideration.
4. Candidates. F. Victor Fisher, having completed
his attendances, was elected.
December Candidates. It was formally
agreed that the Pub. Com^{ee} on Thursday
next be empowered to elect all Candidates,
provided that they are in order, &
with the exception of Mrs Polkinghorne.
5. L.C. Compensation. Sec. 7 presented the deed &
Bland signed the same.

6. Transvaal War Meeting. ~~Sec~~

Suggestion of Oliver that Essex Hall be taken. - Negatived. -

Sec. 7 instructed to get in extra Chairs.

Order of debate. Agreed to advise the

Chairman as follows: -

Seconders of Resolution & Amendment to be pro forma. -

Speakers to be as far as may be alternate.

Openers to have $\frac{1}{4}$ hour each.

~~Two~~ Four speeches of 10 minutes to follow.

Subsequent speakers 5 minutes each

Hobson to have right of reply on debate on amendment, but not to speak on amendment as well as on resolutions.

That the Exec. do not collectively oppose adjournment to Dec. 22nd. -

7. Trade Union Congress Prel. Comtee Dec 6th -

Macdonald reported on proposed scheme, which was generally approved. No specific instructions were given to the delegates.

8. Old age Pensions. Agreed that Pease
open discussion at members meeting
on Jan 26th. -

9. Spring Lectures. Arrangements: -
Jan 12 - Oliver Paper
26 Old age Pensions
Feb 9. Hobson Far East
23 Bland India.

Other suggestions not considered: -

Glacier on Ireland

Macdonald America

Reeves

Macrot

Hobhouse.

Geo. Standing
Dec. 8/99

Executive at Office 8 Dec '99
Present, Standing in the chair & all the others.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Shallard's Tour. Letter from Carlisle Coop.
sending a Donation of £ 3.3.-
Send in return Essays & Bound Tracts.

3. Irish Campaign.

Slowly letter from J.F. Shee M.P.

Letter from O'Mahony re Irish C.C. Gazette of
of 27/- for adot. Agreed to pay it.

4. Correspondence.

Mrs. Morgan Brown re Women on Dinner Com^{tee}
ask her to attend.

Sam Woods M.P.

Re Housing Conf^{ee}

Herbert Osborne

Reputed resignation.

Refer to Aberystwyth Soc^y

John Orr.

Resignation per A Ford F.S.
Accept.

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received
Housing Bibliography. With to prepare one.

6. New Offices. See. reported that the Adams St. Owners refused £100 a year. Agreed that Green Macroty & Paine report on Clements Inn. -

7. Candidates. The Pub. Com^{ee} reported all elected except Mrs Polkinghorne, Miss Williams & Egerton Truman. - Agreed that Mrs Polkinghorne & Truman stand over till in order. Miss Williams elected

Miss A. K. Williams, Board School, Morning-lane, Hackney, E. ...	L. E. Zimmerman and M. E. Macdonald.
John Farquharson, 66 Pentonville-road, N.	A. G. Matthews and A. Halliday.
Mrs. H. S. Polkinghorne, 46 Lynette-avenue, Clapham Common, S.W.	L. E. Zimmerman and M. E. Macdonald.
Fred Sheppard, 66 Pentonville-road, N.	A. Halliday and A. G. Matthews.
Wm. R. Titterton, 66 Pentonville-road, N.	Do. do.
Egerton Truman, 13 Churchfield-road, Ealing, W.	Edw. Norton & Chas. G. Lowman.
Cyril B. Byles, 'Chilworth,' Halboro-road, Ashton-on-Mersey, near Manchester	Rennie Byles.

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Charles Moore, Abbotford, Bournbrook, Birmingham	A. D. Lindsay and A. P. Hardy.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
J. P. Millington, B.Sc., Ketley, Wellington, Salop.....	E. Fleure and F. G. Solloway.
F. R. Parkes, U.C. of Wales, Aberystwyth	Do. do.
V. Spencer Ellis, Llansannan Rectory, Abergelle.....	Gwilym Davies and B. Scott Williams.
G. A. Parry, B.A., U.C. of Wales, Aberystwyth	Chas. Elsdon and H. J. Fleure.
J. S. Davies, U.C. of Wales, Aberystwyth	Gwilym Davies and B. Scott Williams.
Robert T. Jenkins, Aran House, Bala, N. Wales	Gwilym Davies and B. Scott Williams.

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8. Meeting for the Transvaal

It was agreed to divide at 5 minutes to 10. - A proposal to refer the resolutions to a Com^{ee}, if the vote was close was approved, but the exact wording was objected to, & no decision arrived at. -

9. Trades Union Conference Congress Labour Rep. Conf^{ee} Prel. Com^{ee}

Delegates reported verbally & report was discussed, but no decision come to.

10. Webb's Com^{ee} Scheme, Adjourned

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 15 Dec: 1899. -
Present, all, Sidney Webb in the chair. -

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Letter from J.W. Martin, on his engagement &c. -
3. Shallard's Reports, received. -
4. Glasier's Letters & reports received.
5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received.
Agreed to decline leaflet of Theodore Dodd
on Pub. relief, with cordial thanks
6. Old Age Pensions Meeting: after discussion
it was resolved that the ~~discu~~ debate
be on formal resolutions, & that the
Pub. Com^{ee} consider ~~the~~ the form to be proposed
7. Elections. Sec. reported he had notified E. Truman of his election
Approved. Mrs Polkinghorne. After debate, elected.
Miss Hutchins. Letter on law. Agreed that she be not blackballed
thereon. -

8. New Offices. Sec. reported that date for
Completion of removal was Jan. 25th
Approved.

Council (Greenback & Sec.) reported in favor
of a half-basement rooms at 3 Clements Lane
at $\frac{1}{2}$ 95. — It was agreed that these Offices
be taken on lease for 7. 14. & 21 years,
& that the above Council furnish. —

9. Transvaal War. Letter from S. G. Hobson
asking a Referendum on his
resolution. after debate it was
resolved by 10 - 5 that Sec. 7
write Hobson pointing out that he
cannot demand a Referendum under
the Rule, & that the majority of the Exec.
do not consider it expedient to grant
his request. —

10. Oliver's Resignation. Letter read, he being present,
& hereupon it was agreed to
accept his resignation from the Exec. as from
Dec. 23rd, & to notify in F. news the Bye Election.

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11 Housing Meeting tonight-

Agreed that Webb be Chairman & open
the discussion. -

Letter from Mrs Phillimore to say she w^d be absent.

12. New Standing Com^{ee} - On the motion of Sidney
Webb, the following ^{three resolutions} ~~resolutions~~ were agreed to. Three
struck out were withdrawn.

That with a view to lighten the work of the Executive Committee there
~~shall~~ be appointed, in addition to the Publishing Committee, a
"Lectures and Organisation Committee."

That there stand referred to such committee all business relating to
(a) Provincial and other Lecturing,
(b) Society meetings and functions,
(c) Conferences of all sorts,
(d) Groups.

That the two standing Committees (Publishing and Lectures & Organisa-
tion) be authorised to carry out, without further reference to the
Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive,
reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance
only.

That the reports of such Committees be presented in a written form,
distinguishing between matters reported for information only, and
those requiring further authority, including in the latter case the
actual terms of the resolution recommended; and that such reports be
read to the Executive.

That until otherwise arranged each committee shall meet once a week.

13. The following were appointed the Com^{ee}
Bland, Charrington, Macdonald
Esreen Miss O'Brien, Mrs Shaw, Webb.

14. It was referred to the Pub. Com^{ee} to consider
reprinting the map in the Vestries tract.

Federick Mellor
12.1.1900.

Executive at office 12 Jan. ~~19~~ 1900
 Present. Whelan (in chair), Shaw, Mrs Shaw
 Pease Cakeshott, Green, Macroft, Slankring
 Charrington Miss O'Brien Bland Anderson
 Absent. Webb, Macdonald. -

1. Minutes confirmed. -

2. Correspondence.

Prof. Herron. Offer of lectures G. - Referred ^{the} to Com^{ee}
 Seddon Treasuries for Wire.
 Mrs. Widdrington. Loan repaid.
 Dr. Aichinger of Silesia. Sending £5. sub.
 Cleveland Numer. Wanting H. T. lectures.
 Refer. to other Com^{ee}

3. The following were
 elected, subject to receipt
 of letter in case of Dewey
 & of sub. from Numro.

Elected
 13/1/00

Miss B. L. Hutchins, 48 Holland-street, Campden Hill, W.	Edith Bell and Helen Chisholm
J. W. Jackson, 96-98 Leadenhall-street, E.C.	C. G. Lowman & Edward Norton
Miss Julie Moore, 73 Petherton-road, Canonbury, N.	Edw. R. Pease and Sidney Webb
<u>Hector Munroe, M.B., Fowlis Cottage, Barkerend-road, Bradford</u>	S. G. Hobson and C. A. Pease
Mrs. Marie Pooley, 13 South-place, Kennington, S.E.	J. F. Green and H. Douglas Kerr
Arthur Priestman, 6 Birr-road, Park View-road, Bradford	S. G. Hobson
Henry G. Bennett, 43 Ashfield-road, Harrogate, Yorks.	A. W. Waddington
William David Dacey, "Sunny-side," Friar-road, Feltham, Middlesex.	A. Clark and H. B. Holding
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Robert Cunningham, c/o J. Robertson, 14 Lumsden-street, Over-Newton, Glasgow.	John Reid and A. M. Macmillan
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
E. C. Cawston, 25 Lyndewolle-road, Cambridge.	C. W. C. Barlow and Maziere Irvine

4. Fabian Lectures. -
Feb. 23rd - Agreed to have Shaw on
Imperialism in place of Bland on India.
5. Publishing Com^{ee} report received -
Agreed to defer Romeike + Parish Councils.
6. Purge of Members. Agreed to send out ~~proposed~~
expulsion letter to members on list,
except Mrs Kennedy. -
7. New Age Report of Members Transval Meeting
Letter from G. Turner proposing that writer be
asked to resign. - Agreed not to do this
but to put a par in Fabian News, giving
no names, but expressing Executive regret
that private meetings are reported. -
8. New Office. - Sec. reported that door wd be made for £6.15.
Draft lease agreed to, but sec. ordered to
get the 9/- charge for attendance reduced, key
clauses deleted, window cleaning &c. altered, &
amends. suggested by Solicitors made. -

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9. Lease of New Offices. - It was hereupon formally moved, seconded & unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society hereby approves the draft lease for the new offices at 3 Clements Lane Strand, with such alterations in detail as may be agreed upon, & requests Hubert Bland + Edward R. Pease to execute the same on behalf of the Society. -

10. Housing Conference. Report of Com^{ee} as annexed was presented ^{& generally approved.} - ^{Chairmen to be Webb + Brackleyhurst.}
It was then discussed whether it should be referred to the Special Housing Com^{ee} or to the Other Purposes Standing Com^{ee} for completion. - On a division 5 voted for the Existing Com^{ee} + 6 for the Standing Com^{ee} & it was accordingly so referred. -
~~It was agreed~~

11. - Trade Union Congress. Lab. Rep. Com^{ee}.
Draft program (printed) was presented.
Discussion deferred.

Housing Conference
DRAFT REFERENDUM
proposed by W. Macdonald.

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Report of Committee 11/1/00, with many amendments by House

Members are requested to vote in both divisions of this Referendum.

(Present Peace and International)

to be held in Library, Memorial Hall, (opposite F.A.S.S.)

Referendum on the Transvaal War and its
bearings upon the Socialist Movement.

Announcements are to be made by T. G. ...

Division I

Chairman: Are you in favour of an official
pronouncement, on the war being
made by the Fabian Society?

*Imperialism in relation to
at the present time*

Here write
'yes' or 'no'

Agenda.

In the event of the 'noes' being in a majority, that will settle the matter. Should the majority favour a pronouncement the votes on the following questions will be counted. It is therefore necessary that whether you are in favour of a pronouncement or not you should vote in this Division.

Division II

Are you in favour of a resolution declaring the war to be the result of capitalism, pointing out the antagonism which must exist between the spirit of imperialism and socialism, and declaring that it is necessary that the Socialist movement should strenuously oppose the national temper which attempts to justify this war, or

Are you in favour of a resolution applying socialist ideas

Are you in favour of a resolution applying socialist ideas to the settlement when the war is over - e.g. the nationalisation of the mines on the Rand, and a Mines' Regulation Act, and declaring broadly what form of government should be established in South Africa. or

Are you in favour of a combination of both.

Put a X opposite to the resolution which you prefer.

As it is quite impossible to put all the possible points that might be emphasised upon either resolution, in the event of a pronouncement having to be made, a committee of the Executive will draft the resolution to which a general assent has been given, and it will consider any suggestions which members may make in brief communications.

Resolution: -
Mr. Macdonald was discussed.
it was resolved 27-5
referendum be taken. -
it was resolved ^{by 7-2} to add
to after "or" therefore the word
"nationalism" in relation to -
agreed to add the word "now"
to the order. -
was then moved that the
the proposed Referendum
Motion was carried 27-3.

P. Wherry Anderson

Divided on at 12. 55.

Afternoon. *Tea Solution*

- 1. Examples of Work Done 15 minutes
Speech by Ald. Thompson
- 2. General Principles 15 "
Parts of Paper by Dodd
Rest taken as read

Resolutions

Resolutions 1/2 hour each.

- (1) Reforms of Law of Housing Hickmott
- (2) Land Taxation and Revival of Agriculture
- (3) Free Trams &c. J. R. Macdonald
- (4) National Railways
- (5) Sanitary Reforms *ald. Jowett*

C. M. Knowles.

Referendum. - Ald. Jowett
Mr. Macdonald was discussed.
it was resolved 27-5
referendum be taken. -
it was resolved to add
to after "or" before "the War"
referendum in relation to. -
agreed to add the word "now"
to the order. -
it has been moved that the
the proposed Referendum
this was carried 27-3.

Flintshire Auderton.

on Friday 1st of July 1897 - 10:20 - I and S. 20 - 2:20

Conference ... (Present Bease and Anderson*)

report of committee ... with many additions by Bease

(2)

Dear Sir, or Madam,

I sent you a letter in July last pointing out that you had not subscribed to the Society at any rate during the years 1897, 1898 and 1899.

I am instructed by the Executive Committee again to remind you that the rules of the Society require members to pay a subscription at least once a year, and to say that unless for special reasons they cannot allow this rule to remain longer in abeyance in your case

The Executive Committee request your prompt attention to this letter, and instruct me to say add that they will be forced to interpret the absence of any reply from you before the end of the present month as an indication that you do not wish to retain your membership, and will therefore remove your name from the books of the Society.

If however your failure to answer be due to illness

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absence or any other such cause, the Executive Committee will be only too glad to re-instate you

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Transmitted War Referendum.

Letter from J.R. Macdonald was discussed.

After debate it was resolved 27-5

That a Referendum be taken. —

On clause 1 it was resolved ²⁷ to add

~~the words~~ after "or" before the word

the words Imperialism in relation to. —

It was further agreed to add the word "now"

to arrange the order. —

A resolution was moved that the

wordings of the proposed Referendum

be decided. This was carried 27-3.

I am,

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease

P. Whitney Anderson

12. Transvaal War, Referendum. -

Letter from J.R. Macdonald was discussed.

After debate it was resolved $\frac{7}{5}$

that a Referendum be taken. -

On clause 1 it was resolved $\frac{7}{2}$ to add

~~the words~~ after "on" & before "the War"

the words Imperialism in relation to. -

It was further agreed to add the word "now"

& to re-arrange the order. -

A resolution was then moved that the

remainder of the proposed Referendum

be deleted & this was carried $\frac{7}{3}$. -

R. Wherry Anderson.

Executive at Office, 3 Clements Inn

26 Jan. 1900. —

Present. Anderson in chair, & all ^{including Dodd,} except
Absent. Macdonald.

1. Minutes were confirmed. —
2. Executive Vacancy. Sec. reported F. Lawson
Dodd elected unopposed. —
3. Resignations. J.W. Crowfoot. accept.
Mrs Chew (ada neild). Letter that
she can't par. Accept politely
send literature, & say we
will gladly re-elect at future time.
4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received. —
5. General Purposes Com^{ee}. Fabian Lectures. —
Bland Declined —
ask Morgan. Browne for India —
Housing Conference draft approved. —
Report annexed.

Report of the Organisation Committee 19 Jan'y 1900

1. Present - two and the Secretary.
2. We have to report that we have deferred the question of whether or not to appoint a permanent chairman of the Committee.
3. We have considered and given necessary instructions as to the following:-
 - (a) Progress of Shallard's high lecturing and arrangements for ensuing lectures by Glazier;
 - (b) Arrangements for Shallard to lecture after Easter in Cleveland;
 - (c) Other lecture fixtures;
 - (d) New Office Furniture.
 - (e) Housing Conference, provisional arrangements; to be reported later when more nearly settled.
 - (f) Binding for preservation some complete sets of Fabian News, and a volume of miscellaneous papers printed by the Society.

4. We report for the information of the Executive that the Dinner Accounts have been closed, showing a deficit of 7/6, which will be carried to the Society's general account, to which was credited the surplus of previous years.

5. The Society's meetings for March 9th and 23rd have to be arranged for. We recommend - for the decision of the Executive - that these be filled by Bland on India and Glazier on Ireland.

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman

*Continuing the
Course on Impediment*
That Hubert Bland be asked to take
March ~~9~~²³ for his promised address on India
& Glazier be invited to ~~the~~ lecture
on The Position in Ireland on March 9

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6. New Offices, Lease approved & signed.
Sec. reported nonseclearing
reduced to 6/- & other amendments
made as desired. -

7. Vote on the Transvaal &c. -

- (1) Introduction drafted by Webb
agreed to except in regard to
insertion of words a majority of
the Society. On a vote it was
resolved that these stand part
of the sentence, & 10 votes to 4. -
- (2) It was agreed nem. con. to
give reasons for a yes & no vote,
as prepared by the two parties.
Wording of ~~the~~ reasons was generally
approved. -

8. Trade Union Congress Lab. Rep. Confere -
After discussion it was agreed
that either Peace or Shaw be
delegate, & that they themselves settle which.

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Executive at office of Feb. 1900. -
Present. Bland, in the chair & all except

Absent J. R. Macdonald & F. Waalen.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The following candidates were elected, subject, in case of S. Garrity, to letter from Holding, subscription, & evidence of attendance, & in case of Miss Harper, to subscription: -

Count Erwin Batthyany, 2 Montague-st., Russell-sq., W.C. ...	Chas. Charrington and S. Webb
Edw. Garrity, 368 City-road, E.C.	A. Clark and H. B. Holding.
Miss Annie M. Harper, 19 Endsleigh-street, W.C.	M. E. Macdonald & J. Edwards.
Miss Edith Kerrison, 87 Barking-road, West Ham, E.	M. E. Macdonald and J. R. Macdonald
Miss Julia H. Pitts, 41 Granville-Square, W.C.	Augusta E. Harrington and E. J. Harrington
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
J. Glyn Davis, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth	Gwilym Davies and B. Scott Williams

3. Resignations. F. Hilton. Accepted.
4. Publishing Comtee Report, adopted. -
5. Purge of members. Report of Secy. after discussion, adopted. -

Report of Gen. Purposes ^{Chce} 4 Feb, 1900

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1) Present - two members & the Secretary.

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2) We have considered the arrangements and reports as to Glasier's Irish Campaign, and have given the necessary direction

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3) We have further considered the provisional arrangements for the Housing Conference on 1st March, proof of syllabus of which is submitted - We have directed tickets for the Conference to be offered to the Vestries & District Boards, the Socialist & Land Nationalisation Societies, ~~the~~ ^{all} Women's organisations, the Charity Organisation Society, and various Co-operative societies, as well as to all Fabians and London County Councillors.

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We have invited, to read one paper, Mr. Bowmaker, the author of a book on the Housing of the Working Class. He lives, it appears, at Sunderland, and it may be necessary to pay his railway expenses, say two guineas. We recommend,

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That any necessary payment of ~~the~~ ^{the} nature of travelling expenses for the Conference, be authorised.

4) We have again considered the question of the Furniture

for the Office, as follows:-

- (a) We have authorised the purchase, as urgently required, of
a Hearse rug
an Oak Coal Scuttle
a solid Office Table for Clerks
room
a Green Baize Notice Board
- (b) We have also authorised the Secretary to employ a Carpenter to make certain plain Shelving in Clerk's room, and minor carpentering work, and also to get repaired a desk & other furniture.
- (c) We recommend that the question of a Carpet be further deferred.
- (d) We consider that, as far as possible, accommodation for ~~our~~ papers to be provided in bookcases with glass doors, rather than in open shelves or pigeonholes, which accumulate dirt; and that the bookcases should be of handy size so as to be moveable, rather

than fixed to the walls. (30)
We recommend that the Secretary be authorised to purchase three or four such bookcases, of good design and manufacture, secondhand if possible.

5) The Society having received from the L.C.C. the cheque for £300 as compensation for removal, the question arises how to dispose of this sum. The expense incurred in removal may be ~~divided~~ put under 3 heads:

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| (a) Actual cost of moving, &c. | £ ? |
| (b) Cost of installation, including new furniture, about | ? |
| (c) Excess of rent, ^{etc} over that of old office for the unexpired period of old lease, viz 7 years - at say £30 - present value of such an annuity, about | 190 |

(d) Probable surplus

£ 300

The Executive should, we think give directions as to the

Report on Purge of Members.

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A. T. Marles, J. Swift, L. E. Fraser, Sidney Dark,
Rev. E. P. Hall, Robert Steele, Mrs. Campbell,
Joe Clayton, & W. Webster. _____ 44
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*Executive should give
freedom on the point.
Sidney Dark
Accountant*

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investment of all or part of the
 £300, at any rate so far as concerns
 the equivalent of the 7 year interest
 grant. It would be possible
 to buy a 7 year annuity of
 £30 a year, for about £190; and
 the Hutchinson Trustees would
 probably be willing to sell that
 an amount if desired.
 The recommendation that the
 Executive should give
 directions on this point.
 Sidney Webb
 Acting Chairman

6. General Purposes Comtee Report considered.

Housing Comtee Agreed to pay Bonmahers expenses. -

Instructions as to issue of syllabus given. -

Proposal as to Compensation Money. after debate it was approved in principle.

7. Fabric Lectures Sec. reported refusal of Morgan Browne

Agreed that Lawson Dodd ask Prof. Murisow

Adjourned debate on Pensions.

Agreed to take at annual Mtg. Room for Shaw's "Imperialism".

Agreed to hire extra chairs. -

8. Transvaal War Vote. No special arrangements as to comit made

Letters from VSten submitted.

Secs. action in allowing members to change their votes was approved. -

Charles Channing
23 Feb 1900

Executive at Office 23rd Feb. '00.
Present, Charrington (in chair) & all except
absent Macdonald, Welt, Dodd. -

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Transvaal War Poll. Sec. 7 reported the result,
No 259. Yes 217. Majority for No. 42.
Form of Report in news was approved.
3. Resignations Rev. S. Harneselin & Miss M. Colgrove.
Accepted. -
4. Correspondence. Xmas Card from Premier Seddon.
Report of attendance at Sawroff's
Funeral of S. M. Peartree.
5. Exec. Election. The Sec. stated that he chose
to nominate the present Com^{ee}, in the
absence of any request to the contrary.
6. Howell's Salary. Agreed to accede to his application
to raise his wages to 35/- a week.

General Purposes Committee

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- 1) Present - 4, including Secretary.
- 2) We have considered reports from our lecturers in Ireland and the Midlands, and given necessary directions.
- 3) We have considered the dates of future Fabian meetings, and we recommend

That the Annual Meeting be fixed for the first meeting in May, namely May 11th.

- 4) We have considered the arrangements for the Housing Conference on 1st March, and given various instructions on details. We are glad to report that great interest is being shown in the Conference.

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman

7. General Purposes Com^{ee} Report received. -
Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported that Prof.
Munson accepted for March 23rd
Agreed to ~~arrange~~ instruct Ke & P.
Com^{ee} to arrange Literary Lectures if possible.

8. Housing Conference. Clement Edwards attended,
& submitted proposals for resolutions on
the Government Housing Bill, & for
forming a national Com^{ee} to watch &
amend the said Bill, Pease & himself
the Secretaries thereof. - after
debate, cordially approved. -

9. Labour Rep. Conference. Shaw & Pease reported
on preliminary Com^{ee} - No instructions
were given to the delegate, Pease.

10. Publishing Com^{ee}, ^{Repat.} Received. "Women as Councillors was
read over & ordered to be put forward on Mar. 9th
Soc^{ty} & Millionaires, & G.B. Shaw. It was agreed to
ask the Hutchinson Trustees to guarantee the
Society against loss on it. -
J. F. Gates

Executive at Office 9th March.

Present, Galeshott (in chair) & all except
Absent Dodd, Green, Macdonald. -

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignations. J.R. Ellam & A.S. Hodge
accepted.
3. McCarthy Fd. Amt, £7.0.6 ordered
to be paid to the Treasurer
of the Fund.
4. Fabian Lecture. Agreed that Chas. Charrington
lecture on Recreation & Municipalities
on April 29.
5. Publicising Com^{tee} Report considered & approved.
"Questions for Guardians" discussed & amended
Agreed to advertise Metropol. B Councils
(tract 100) in Municipal Journal &
"London Argus". Also to send to
London L. & Cons. assoc^{ns}

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6. Housing Conf^{ee} & Report. Agreed to print
Report of papers as a Tract, under
title "The House Famine & how
to Relieve it." -
Agreed that the Housing Comm^{ee}
can use our type, for Report
to be issued by King & Sons at 1/-
on basis of half profit to F.S. -

7. Labour Rep. Conference. - Peace's election
of himself as delegate on the
Committee was approved & it was
agreed to affiliate. -
H.W. Macroby

Executive at office 23rd March 1900.

Present Macrosty (in chair) & nine others.
Absent Green, Macdonald, Dodd, Wieden, Miss O'Brien.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates elected viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss Raissa Rosenberg, 8 Myddleton-square, Clerkenwell, E.C....	S. Rapoport and Edw. R. Pease
Gustaf Siosteen, 28 Bedford-place, Russell-square, W.C.	J. McKillop and Edw. R. Pease
OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Arthur R. Lord, Balliol College, Oxford.....	A. D. Lindasay & R. C. K. Ensor

3. Resignations.

- Rev F. M. Clayton
- F. R. Coulson
- Miss M. Lacey.

Accept, but say we don't think adequate reason for each. —

4. May Day. Delegates report received. Agreed to put par in news. —

5. Factory Act Circular Sec. reported it issued on authority of 2 standing Com^{es} approved.

6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Received. —
after debate resolved not to print Resolution
in the Honoring Tract. —

Agreed to print Shaw's Socialism for
Millionaires, & to propose it on
April 27th —

Agreed also to put in news the opinions
of new candidates on the War, if
demanded by them. —

Agreed also to issue circular

7. ~~Correspondence~~ letter to new candidates
re election addresses, but that it
be worded less formally than as drafted.
Agreed also that the Sec'y write
J.R. Macdonald & J.F. Green to
ask if they mean to stand. —

7. Correspondence Edw. Cadbury, sending copy of his
reply to letter from J.F. Green, asking
him to resign. —

H.G. Willshire, on Imperialism U.S.A.

J.B. Glaser. Proposed Grant of Tracts

Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} with power to act.

8. Stop the War Free Speech Circular. Sec. reported receipt of circular asking assistance, but that it had been lost or destroyed, possibly by an Imperialist Office cleaner. - Directed to write for further particulars.

9. Housing Com^{ee} Sec. reported progress.

10. Labour Rep. Com^{ee} - Further letters from Hon Sec. + Report of Conf^{ee} - Sec. ordered to pay affiliation fee.

11. General Purposes Com^{ee} -

Finances. Sec. reported a Spec. Subⁿ of £100, & a probable small cash balance.

S. D. Shallard. Recommendation of Com^{ee} that he be engaged at 50/- a week during summer. That he study & work at Office. Agreed to approve plan, & that Sec. settle details as to other work (if any) to be done by Shallard, instead of ours, with Shallard & to his satisfaction.

12. Hutchinson Trustees. Secy reported :-

(a) that they refused to guarantee publication of Shaw's Soc^m for Millionaires

(b) that they renewed grant of £300 for lectures 1900-1. -

(c) that they made the following offer
"Annuity to equalise Rent."

That in consideration of the payment of (£190) one hundred & ninety pounds before March 31st, 1900 the Hutchinson Trustees agree to pay to the Fabian Society the sum of £30 thirty pounds, a year for a period of seven years from 1st April 1900, & half yearly installments of £15, the first installment to be paid on 1st October 1900. -

Moved & Shaw, seconded & Oakeshott, & unanimously agreed to :- That the above offer be accepted, & the money paid as herein proposed.

13. Fabian Lectures. + S. Africa

Letter from Miss Brooche suggesting:

(a) action in regard to S.A. settlement.

Repl^y it is under consideration.

(b) Lecture of Cromwright Schreiner

Suggestion of Sec. of another lecture

of Edmund Garrett.

After debate agreed that consideration

be deferred till after enquiries as

to possibility of lecturers accepting.

14. Sec. 7 reported on candidates, ^{for exec} nominalled
for attendances of members. -

J. F. O'Keefe

Exec. at Office 20 April 1900. —

Present Oakeshott in chair, Macroft, Shaw, Standing
Anderson, Miss O'Brien Pease, Bland,
Charrington.

Absent. Webb, Mrs Shaw, Weelen, Dodd.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Candidates elected; subject to completion of
attendances & in case of E. G. Goldie:—

Miss Gertrude Beckett, 6 Elm-gardens, Rowan-road, W.	William Betts and Henrietta Betts.
Charles Tattersall Dodd, 3 Lansdowne- place, W.C.	F. Lawson Dodd and H. C. Lander.
Ellis G. Goldie, 47 Grosvenor-park, Camberwell, S.E.	J. E. Stratton & E. R. Pease
Osborne Graham, Fairview, Boxmoor, Herts	Gen. Sec. Robert Jackson.
John E. Jones, 10 Thomas-st., Chester	William Betts and Henrietta Betts.
Miss Mary Phelps, 74 Harvist-road, Kensal-rise, W.	

3. Resignations. Sec. reported that the ¹³resignations sent
collectively had been published in news
& order of the Pub. Comtee approved
& ordered to be accepted with:—

RESIGNATIONS.—M. Adams, G. N. Barnes, ~~Rev. F. H.~~
~~Clayton~~, ~~E. Raymond~~, ~~Caulson~~, Walter Crane, Pete
Curran, ~~John E. Jones~~, J. Fred Green, A. Halliday,
Arthur Hickmott, A. S. Hodge, ~~Miss Mary Jones~~, J. R.
MacDonald, Mrs. J. R. MacDonald, Mrs. Jeannie Mole,
Mrs. Pankhurst, H. S. Salt, Miss L. E. Zimmerman.

D. J. Evans & W. P. Emerson. accepted.

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Resignations (contd)

J. W. Scott. Ordered to be accepted, if intended.
G. C. B. Hawes. Pending 20/- - agreed to ask him
to let his name remain on books

- (4) May Day Celebration. Delegates reported. Agreed that
20/- ^{already} sent be a donation, & not merely
a guaranteed fund contribution.
- (5) Stop the War Free Speech Scheme. Sec. reported
he wrote for information & had no reply.
- (6) Steadman's Wages Fund. Anderson proposed assistance.
Referred to him to seek further information
as to the special needs of the fund.
- (7) Invitation to Socialist Students Congress at Paris.
Agreed to send on to the University F.S.
- (8) Publishing Com^{tee} Report adopted. Agreed that
the Bakeries Tract be a 4 pp leaflet.
Other items approved.

9. Meetings of Society.

Sec. reported that Edmund Garrett was too ill to lecture, & that for reasons given he had ~~not~~ taken no steps in regard to Mr. Cromwright Schreiner. - He proposed that the suggested lectures be not further proceeded with. Agreed. Education Tract. It was agreed that this cannot be taken May 25th -

May 25. It was agreed that Welch be asked to invite Mr. Deakin of Victoria to speak at Essex Hall, & failing him that Stanton Coit be invited to do a literary lecture.

10. Balance Sheet approved.

11. Annual Report. Portions in type were amended & approved. Paragraph about the War was read in M.S., ordered to be altered, & set up as amended. -

Hawthornth.

First Meeting of the New Executive at Office
Apr 27th 1900. —

Present. Dodd (in chair), Mrs Shaw, Mrs Macpherson
Miss O'Brien Caheshott, Staudring, Webb,
Macrost Shaw Holson, Anderson Pease
Charrington. Bland.
Absent. Welden.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Resignation Edward Rose accepted.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted.
Metrop. B. Councils prof. deferred.
4. Steadman Wages Fund. Deferred.
5. Manchester Labour Press aff. Sec. reported that
Solicitors, who had written for the aff of order
of the G.P. Com^{ee}, were about to issue a
writ. A plea that this action be deferred,
that Brocklehurst be asked to report
on the Comp. Y

6. Standing orders. Secy presented draft of existing orders, with verbal alterations. After debate, it was carried nem con that No 1. relating to smoking be deleted. The remainder were agreed to, the last being formally adopted on the motion of H.W. Macrosty seconded by Bernard Shaw.

7. Standing Committee appointed: -

Publishing: Anderson, Macrosty, W. Macpherson
Galeshott, Shaw, Standring
& Secretary.

Additional member. On recommendation of Pub. Com^{ee}, it was resolved by 5-2, after debate

That R.A. Peddie be invited to join the Committee. -

General Proposes. Charrington, Bland, Hobson, W. Shaw, Webb & Secy Whelan to be added, if willing. Miss O'Brien & Dodd were excused at their desire, from membership of either Committee.

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Draft Standing Orders.

(The alterations are verbal only)

1
That no member smoke at the Executive meetings, but this shall not prohibit the smoking of cigarettes after 8 pm.

2
That the Chair be taken by members in alphabetical order: in the absence of the appointed chairman at the beginning of business his place shall be taken ~~by~~ and retained by some other member then present. The chairman has a vote as a member of the Committee, but no second vote.

3
That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on Fridays: that the absence of any item from the agenda-paper do not prevent its being discussed and decided without notice and that the absence of an agenda-paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place.

4
That the preliminary committee meet at 5 O'clock and the formal Executive at 5. 30 O'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (by and with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing order 3.

5
That two Standing Committees be appointed
(a) for all Publishing business
(b) for General Purposes, specially for Provincial and other lecturing, Society meetings and functions, Conferences of all sorts, and Groups.

6
That the two Committees be authorised to carry out, without further reference to the Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive, reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance only.

7
That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland and the ~~Secretary~~ General Secretary Edward Reynolds Pease be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society and that the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

8. Meetings of Society. Sec. reported no reply
from Deakin for May 25. -
Agreed to ask ~~Professor~~ Prof. Gilbert
Murray at once for lecture on
Native Races. -
Failing him, Stanton Coit on Howells
or some other literary subject.
June meetings were referred to the
L. P. Comtee -

9. Annual Meeting. Agenda approved viz:-
(1) Annual Report & a/c.
Usual Hutchinson's Statement
& Webb.
(2) Adjourned debate on old age Pensions
This to be discharged.
(3) Melhop. Poor Councils Questions.
(4) Hobson intimated that a resolution
on Policy wd be moved. after
debate it was agreed
(a) To state in news a resolution dealing with
the policy of the Society may be moved on a
vote of urgency, notice of which will

be given on the cards to members in the London districts
ph) That the Exec meet next Friday to
consider the said resolution, + amendments
hereto.

10. The Prof Annual Report was considered,
amendments made, paragraphs added,
& ~~the~~ the report as amended was adopted.

Geo. Stansbury
May 4/00

Executive at Office 4 May 1900. —
Present. Standing in chair, & 11 others.
Absent. Hobson, Wælen, Macrosty. —

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Resignation W. F. F. Robertson. Accepted.
3. Meetings of the Society. Sec. reported that Deakin declined regretfully, & that Ex. Prof. Murray accepted, subject to contingent ill-health. Sec. ordered to try Mrs Blatch on Municipal in U.S.A. in case of need.
4. Steadman Wages Fund. Anderson reported. after debate, agreed to further adjourn for Anderson to procure facts.
5. Publishing Comtee Report, including abandonment of Poor Law Tract approved. Agreed that a 25/- admt. in Tract on D.A. Pensions pub^d. by Rogers be ~~not~~ ordered.

6. Internat. Soc^l Congress. Referred to G. P. Com^{ee}

7. Greenoch S. D.F. Report of loss of 50/- on
Shallards Lectures. agreed to
send 50/- + a letter saying it is
no precedent.

8. Bills to assimilate L.C.C. + Metro. B. Councils
Franchise. Support asked of Mrs. W. Elmy
Do. to make Women eligible for B. Councils.
Support asked of H. W. Hill.
Say we can't do anything +
bills have no chance, tho
we cordially approve.

9. Annual meeting. - Sec. 7 reported

Resolution to be moved by F.E. Green

"That in view of the approach of a General Election the
"Executive issue its statement of policy as a Socialist
"Society."

Formal amendment suggested: omit "issue" to end, and inser
"prepare for issue a statement of the Society's policy
"as a Socialist body."

That Green had agreed to the amendments indicated.

It was agreed to accept urgency of
the following amendment, to be moved
by Webb on behalf of the Executive
was unanimously agreed to:—

"That on the approach of the next General Election the
Executive prepare for submission to the Society and publication a constructive criticism
from the Socialist standpoint of the actions and programmes of the various political
parties in their connection with social and economic questions."

10 Chairman.

Agreed to nominate J. E. Matthews,
& failing him R. A. Peddie. —

11. Exec. Metropolitan Boro Council Questions
These were considered *verbatim et literatim*
extensively amended & ordered to be
sent out to members.

Sidney Webb

Executive at office 11 May 1900

Present, Wecht (in chair) & all except
Absent Wahlen

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Candidates were elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
R. F. Backwell, 16 Penge-rd., South Norwood, S.E.	John Tenney & H. T. Muggerridge
Miss Louise Salom, 19 Portsdown-road, Maida Vale, W.	S. K. Ratcliffe & Frederick Kettle
Harry Phillips, 44 Gladstone-rd., Walford	John Penny

3. Correspondence:-

F. Volkhovshy: re subⁿ to monument to Lavroff. Decline politely.

Mrs. Cotton, on Imperialism & the War.

4. Steadman Wages Fd. - Anderson absent at time: no report.

5. Manchester Labour Press. Brocklehurst report came to nothing. - Agreed that Steadman enquire when in Manchester, & failing result, that S.S. Holson write to Smart informally.

6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, adopted.
7. General Purposes Com^{ee}:- in reference
to Hutchinson Trust Lecture Campaign
Meetings for June. viz (June 8. nil.
June 22 Education)
Socialist Congress.
approved. -
8. Hutchinson Trustees Annual. Document
approved + ordered to be stamped
9. Women as Councillors. Bill on May 23rd. agreed
to send copy to all M.P.'s
10. Labour Rep. Com^{ee}. Sec. 7 as delegate reported.
11. Ventilation. Referred to G.P. Com^{ee}

R Wherry Anderson

Executive at Office 25th May 1900. —

Present. Anderson (in chair) Mrs Macpherson, Mrs Shaw, Webb, Shaw, Gakeshott, Pease, Macroty, Holson, Standing.

Absent. Dodd (lecturing), Bland Wicksen, Charrington, Miss O'Brien. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Guardians Letter from Theo. Dodd. After discussion, agreed that it be used for ^{next} new tract.
3. Rent-Act. Sec. reported charge for Electric Light - at rate of £13. a year; agreed she get it reduced. Also Coal 40/- per ton. Ask them to produce contract, as they have no right to charge more. —
4. Publishing Com^{rs} Report. approved:
 Agreed that 7000 ^{of this} Tracts be granted to Steadman, & that the Education Tract be not taken on June 22nd, but be circulated in M.S. to the Exec. —
5. Resignation. C. I. Money. Accepted

6. Steadman Wages Fund. Anderson gave a Report. It was agreed that the proposed grant of tracts would do for the present, & it was referred to the Gen. P. Com^{ee} to report on the subject of Wages Funds for the G. Election.

7. Manchester Labour Press. Standing reported an unsatisfactory attempt at interview. Tolson reported no reply from Smart. Adjourned.

8. June Meetings. Agreed to none on June 8th. For June 22nd agreed to by Sarche on Municipal Trading & failing him Bradley. -

9. Parliamentary Com^{ee} Municipal Trading. Agreed that no action be taken.

10. Election Manifesto. Discussed & adjourned sine die.

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12. National Liberal Fedⁿ. Draft letter re no

Hudson's statement that they printed no list of members, submitted to Pub. Com^{ee} - after debate, resolution adopted :-

That the letter be not sent. -

Charles Churston
22nd June 1900.

Executive at office 22nd June 1900.
Present Charrington (in chair) & all, except
Absent, W. Lewis.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. The following were elected:-

James Overnell, Brunswick Villa, Hanover-rd., Tunbridge Wells	H. C. Lander.
H. Serebriakoff, 53, Siddons-rd., Forest Hill, S.E.	D. Soskice and Dr. R. Schwartz
Mrs. Katherine Serebriakoff, 53, Siddons-road, Forest Hill, S.E.	Do. do.
Percy Wallis, Queensbury-road, Kettering	S. D. Shallard

It was also agreed that E. G. Goldie be
elected, if he ~~do~~ has not attended his meetings.

3. Resignations. Miss Duff, C. A. Pease, Mrs
C. A. Pease, Dr. Munro. -
Accepted. -

4. W. K. Burton, of Tokio. Sec. reported
he had received news of his death
last August. -

5. Manchester Labour Press. Sec. reported more dilatory letters. (9)

- (45)
6. Correspondence. Osborn Graham Re Com^{ts} Councils
Ruskin Hall. Conference English Speaking peoples.
No action.
School Board Com^{ee} for West? - Charrington + another
to be delegates July 2nd
Home Office. Letter re Factory Bill
Circular. Noted
F. Volkhovskoy. Asking help for Russian
Strike. Put par. in news
if not too late.

7. Labor Rep. Com^{ee}. Pease reported.

8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Generally approved.
Agreed (a) to grant Steadman 6000 at 5/103
(b) Not to reprint lecture list
(c) to reprint tract 101 House Famine,
if necessary, at lowest possible
figure, & altho' it be a loss. -
(d) to get Liberal + Conservative
reports on the present govt. -

(9) Doctors Strike. Discussion & no action.

10. General Purposes Comtee - Report.

- (1) Re Charge for coals: agreed to pay extra, in reason for cellarage &c.
- (2) Next session's lectures: - plan approved, on a vote, unanimously. - viz: Socialists Abroad, their parties & ideas.
- ~~Mr~~ Beard of Rushin Hall for America & Mrs. Kufferath for Belgium were approved & other suggestions referred back. It was agreed that a memo be sent to each member of the Exec. for observations.
- (3) Labour members Maintenance Fund. Draft proposal ~~was~~ as amended was adopted & referred back for further elaboration.

Sidney Webb

Proposed Financial Committee to provide Maintenance for
Socialist and Labour Elected Persons.

I have been requested by the General Purposes Committee to draw up the following statement. It commits nobody.

At the last Executive, Anderson reported upon the Steadman wages fund. It was pleasant to be assured that there was no immediate anxiety so far as Steadman was concerned but the desultory discussion that followed showed very clearly that the sustenance of Labour and Socialist Representatives- especially in Parliament - was likely to become a serious and perplexing problem in the near future, particularly as the General Election cannot be long delayed. The subject was accordingly referred to the General Purposes Committee.

I venture to suggest to the Executive that the time has come to constitute a thoroughly representative Finance Committee whose special function should be to collect and distribute money for the maintenance of successful Socialist and Labour Candidates, without regard to sectional politics. It is well-known that Labour Members of Parliament (unless they are paid officials of their Trade Unions) are subjected to many hardships, if not indignities, in consequence of the absence of some such Committee, sufficiently strong to obtain money from Trade Unions and influential enough to secure the confidence of all concerned. It is comparatively easy at a time of political excitement and enthusiasm to raise moneys for an Electoral campaign; it is vastly more difficult to maintain Labour members in reasonable comfort after their election, and for a prolonged period. The results are deplorable, both in a positive and negative sense. Positively, in that Labour members with no reliable or regular income are harassed, sometimes even to the bounds of temptation. Negatively, in that many suitable Labour men and Socialists, of sterling character and healthy influence, are precluded from promising candidatures, because they cannot be assured of a reasonable income, in the event of their election. This breeds a class of political adventurers.

Labour and Socialist candidates may broadly be divided into three classes:-

(a) Trade Union officials, who are sometimes paid extra for their Parliamentary work, but who in any case have assured incomes. Such men need not concern us.

(b) Men of middle-class origin who, by conviction or otherwise, have identified themselves with Labour politics. We may assume that with a few exceptions such men will not be chosen unless they can maintain themselves.

(c) Nondescript Labour Candidates, particularly those who belong to small unions or spring from badly organised trades. This third type is growing in numbers and will need steady financial support. A few more of

the large trade-unions may decide to maintain in Parliament one or two of their members. In the main, I think, Labour and Socialist candidates will more and more be drawn from the smaller unions or chosen for reasons other than their adherence to Trade Union principles. Although John Burns is an engineer and receives a yearly donation from the A. S. E., yet he is essentially a nondescript candidate in that he does not specifically represent any particular trade. The same remarks apply (in part) to Steadman, whilst in the past such men as Howell, Cremer, Arch and (possibly) Broadhurst would have done their work more effectively had they been able to rely upon a strong representative financial committee. A number of Socialist and Labour candidates will contest seats at the forthcoming election, who have nothing to look to should they by chance win. They are estimable persons, but stronger candidates would in many places have been chosen, if only there were some comprehensive scheme to maintain them. Nor does it enhance their reputation or strengthen the Socialist movement that our elected representatives should eke out a precarious livelihood by incompetent and fugitive journalism and exhausting platform work. The Socialist and Labour Movement, in this way, eats up alive these of its active workers whose poverty is their destruction.

For these amongst many other reasons, I suggest that the Executive should charge itself with the business of calling together a number of prominent and representative Trade-Unionists and Socialists and submit a carefully devised financial scheme. It is futile to leave this in the hands of the Labour Representation Committee. That body has yet many serious obstacles to overcome and its best chance of success lies in leaving money matters severely alone. Nor need we expect the initiative to come from the Trade-Unions; they have other work to do. The Fabian Society, by reason of its influence among Socialists and Trade Unionists, is, par excellence, the right body to start the movement.

At the General Purposes Committee, Pease made a suggestion, which I would gladly adopt. He pointed out that the proposed Committee, when duly constituted, would not require money in hand before an election, but that it should be in a position to guarantee support to a given number (say ten) of successful candidates. It would be the work of the Committee to obtain guarantees from the Trade Unions large and small, each according to its numerical strength or financial strength, from the electoral and political Societies directly concerned, and from the growing constituency of fairly well-to-do folk, who now interest themselves in Socialist and Labour politics. The guarantees thus obtained would be redeemed in proportion to the number of successful candidates. Thus, basing the guarantee upon (say) ten, if two men were elected, the Committee would call up one-fifth of the amounts guaranteed. It should be clearly understood that this Committee would have nothing to do with the payment of election expenses, whilst the essence of its success would lie in the catholicity of its disbursements. Any elected Labour or Socialist member, without regard to

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his particular position in the advanced movement, should look with confidence to this Committee for support should he bona-fide require it. This The Committee would of course work in harmony with the Labour Representation Committee, or with any other Society or political party having the same ends in view. Further, the work herein suggested would relieve the various Trade-Unions from making different levies or donations for this or that Labour member. They could pay in a lump sum to the proposed Finance Committee, upon which they would be represented.

It would be easy to multiply reasons in favour of the constitution of some such body as that I have dimly outlined. I think the Fabian Society would substantially strengthen its own position by taking the initial steps. It is felt in certain quarters that many prominent Fabians are losing sympathy for Democratic methods. If we were to carry this scheme through and create a permanent machinery for the financing of our elected persons, we should effectually silence give the lie to this widely prevalent rumour.

S. G. Hobson.

16th. June 1900.

Executive at Office 13 July 1900. —

Present Webb, Anderson, Charrington, Pease, Hobson
Standing, Miss O'Brien, ~~Hobson~~, Mrs Shaw-
Shaw, Cakeshot.

Absent Bland, Mrs Macpherson, Macrosty, Dodd, Whelan.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected ~~on~~, subject to pay^t. of Miss Dodd
(Elected)

Miss Agnes Frances Dodd, 3 Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.	S. G. Hobson and Mary A. Macpherson.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
R. B. Henderson, New College, Oxford	A. D. Lindsay and R. C. K. Ensor
Frederick Nash, Pembroke House, St. Aldate's, Oxford	W. H. Dixon and J. H. Morgan
J. B. Stoughton Holborn, Merton College, Oxford	A. D. Lindsay and J. H. Morgan

3. Resignations :- G. G. Desmond accepted
Geo. Cocher. on ground of poverty. Declined.
C. F. Bailey. accepted (but see Exec. Rep 7)

4. Manchester Labour Press. Further correspondence. Sec. ordered to write that if money be not sent within week, Sol: will be instructed to proceed: & to act accordingly.

5. Members without known addresses. The Sec. was authorized to strike out the annexed list of members at his discretion.

List of Members whose addresses are lost.

Date of Election	Name.	Amount & date of last Sub.
Donald-Banks-(Ed,U,F.S.)		
Feb. 1898	Donald Banks (Ed.U.F.S.)	1/- 25/1/98
June 1898	Joseph Baptista (C.U.F.S.)	1/- 10/5/98
Oct. 1887	W. A. Carlile	Previous to '96.
March 1893	Miss C. Clifford	6/- 23/11/97.
Feb. 1898	Ian D. Colvin (E.U.F.S.)	1/- 25/1/98.
April 1898	Miss A. M. Gouthorn	15/- 26/3/97
Feb. 1898	E. C. Crossdell (Leicester)	10/- 11/2/98.
Feb. 1898	R.J. Cross (E.U.F.S.)	1/- 25/1/98.
May 1897	Boyd Dawson (Barrow-in-Furness)	5/- 9/1/99
Oct. 1888	W. S. De Mattos (Klondike)	Previous to '96.
Jan. 1891	Joe Dyson (last address Durban)	7/6 23/10/96.
Mrs. Feb. 98.	Mrs. G. Etchison (Ex-E.U.F.S.)	4/- 24/11/98.
March 1899	S. G. Green (Ealing)	1/- 15/2/99
Feb. 1896.	F. P. Hardwick (C.U.F.S.)	1/- 4/2/98.
June 1895	W. Johnson (Shop Assistants)	2/6 14/10/98
Jan. 1897	J. Morgan Jones (O.U.F.S.)	Paid through O.U.F.S
Sep. 1896	J.W. Jones (Stoke-on-Trent)	3/- 25/5/97.
Feb. 1898	W.R. Kirby (E.U.F.S.)	1/- 25/1/98
June 1892	Mrs. A. C. Lillingston (Bloomsbury)	5/- 4/3/98
Dec. 1897	W. H. Nickson (U.C.W. F.S.)	1/- 25/11/97
July 1896	Herbert Osborne U.C.W. F.S.)	1/- 2/6/96.
Oct. 1896	Mrs. R. W. Parker (Portsmouth)	2/6 9/10/96.
March 1892	Geo. Raby (Dalston)	Previous to 1896.
Aug. 1898	J.S. Rhys (Aberdare)	2/6 18/7/98.
April 1896	Spencer W. Richardson (C.U.F.S.)	1/- 25/8/98.
Feb. 1898	George Robertson (E. U. F.S.)	1/- 25/1/98.
May 1896	Miss S. M. Robertson(G.U.F.S.)	Paid through G.U.F.S
Jan. 1896	Thos. A. Rose (London)	10/- 12/3/98.
Jan. 1894	Mrs. Ruding (Battersea)	7/6 3 years 25/7/98
April 1895	Chas. Smythe (Leeds) Ex-O.U.F.S.	1/- 19/2/96.
Sep. 1897	Philip Watkins(U.C.W. F.S.)	2/- 13/8/97
April 1896	Wm. Webster (G.U. F.S.)	Paid through G.U.F.S.
April 1896	E. R. Weir (Do. Do.)	Do. Do.
Dec. 1898	Peter Williams (U.C.W. F.S.)	Paid through U.C.W.
Oct. 1892	H. Ernest Wilson(Ex-O.U.F.S.)	£1.1.0. 18/2/96.
May 1894	J. W. Woodroffe (Haverstock Hill)	2/6 22/7/97.
Jan. 1893	J. H. Yarwood (Hornsey)	£2.2.0 19/3/97.

not to be struck off -

6. Correspondence.

Labour Representation Com^{ee} Reports &c.
Leicester Engineers. Thanks for Factory Circular
London School of Economics. Apology to members
of Exec. not invited to Foundation Laying
Elected Persons Conference. Application for
17/4i, half Balance of Loss. Par. —

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report:

Municipal Bakeries &c in hand.
Questions for Parl. Candidates. Pub. Com^{ee}
to revise & bring up to date. —

8. General Purposes Com^{ee} Report. Next Session's Lectures.

Italy. Sec. to ask Borsa & failing him
Malapodi.

Denmark. No. Strinberg

Austria. Charrington to enquire.

International Socialist Congress at Paris. Sec.
was authorised to issue credentials to
members of the Exec. & other members who
intended to be present. —

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Labour Candidates Fund.

when in Parliament by large numbers, particularly those connected with the mining industry, it is proposed by G. P. Committee candidates will come

before the electors, who are members of the smaller and financially weaker unions, whilst others will be selected upon more distinctively political grounds. If Labour reforms are to be effectively promoted in Parliament, it is obvious that every elected Labour representative must have good security for his maintenance, quite apart from the payment of election expenses. It is further to be remembered that in the present condition of advanced politics in Great Britain, it is idle to expect that

The next step would be the general issue of such a circular with a view to a conference.

PROOF CIRCULAR.

The Fabian Society does not run candidates at Parliamentary or other Elections but always cordially supports well accredited Socialist and Labour Candidates. It may therefore be regarded as being entirely disinterested in so far as the following proposal is concerned - a proposal for which it bespeaks the careful consideration of Trade Unionists, Socialists, and all other who are directly or indirectly concerned in the successful return of Socialists and Trade Unionists to Parliament. It is because of its complete disinterestedness that the Fabian Society ventures to bring forward the matter.

For many years past, the Labour and Socialist movements have been seriously hampered in the selection of candidates for Parliament by the difficulty which such candidates would find in maintaining themselves if elected. Although a number of Trade Unionists have already been maintained

when in Parliament by large unions, particularly those connected with the mining industry, it is felt that in the future many candidates will come before the electors, who are members of the smaller and financially weaker unions, whilst others will be selected upon more distinctively political grounds. If Labour reforms are to be effectively promoted in Parliament, it is obvious that every elected Labour representative must have good security for his maintenance, quite apart from the payment of election expenses. It is further to be remembered that in the present condition of advanced politics in Great Britain, it is idle to expect that Socialist and Labour Candidates will be the nominees of only one organisation. And although every one of the different sections has its own special point of view, there is substantial agreement on all points of immediate policy. It is therefore to the interest of all to get elected as many Socialists and Trade Unionists as possible, no matter to what section they may belong. Indeed, the more widely representative a Parliamentary Labour party is the stronger it must be.

The Fabian Society, therefore ventures to make the following suggestions

- (1) That a conference of Socialist Trade Unionists and Socialists Labour and other electoral bodies be held in order to constitute a representative Finance Committee.

(2) That it shall be the special function of this Committee to take steps to obtain and administer funds in order to maintain in reasonable comfort any Labour or Socialist candidate who may be successfully returned to Parliament.

(3) That it shall be understood that equal consideration be given to every elected representative without regard to his special views, the sole tests applicable being: (a) That he is a Labour or Socialist representative (b) That he needs maintaining

(4) That the Committee shall proceed to obtain guarantees from all the organized Labour and Socialist Societies and from private persons, on the following plan, viz:-

To assume that ten Labour and Socialist candidates may be elected. To decide what would be a suitable income. (The sum of £200 is suggested). If the Committee fixed upon that sum, next to proceed to obtain guarantees upon the basis of £2,000 per annum for the duration of Parliament. This should not be a difficult task in view of the wide constituency to which the Committee could appeal. If, however, less than ten Labour Candidates were returned, say five, the Committee would then call up only half the guaranteed amount, or if only three, then three-tenths, or whatever might be the proportion required.

It will be observed that this plan entirely obviates the main difficulty hitherto met with, that of raising ready money upon an indefinite basis. If the Trade Unions and other bodies concerned were to

proceed on this system of guarantees, there would, upon the one hand, be no unnecessary drain upon funds, whilst, upon the other hand, there would be reasonable inducements offered to suitable and representative men of recognized probity and good influence to offer themselves as Parliamentary Candidates.

The Fabian Society offers the foregoing suggestions because there is unfortunately no immediate likelihood of payment of members and the Labour and Socialist movement cannot wait for this most desirable Parliamentary reform. It therefore becomes necessary to make due provision, on a reasonable, if not a generous, scale for the maintenance of those of its representative men who are sent into Parliament to fight its battles. It is notorious that Labour Members in the past have been subjected to positive indignities because they had no assured income, fully guaranteed by a strong and fully representative Committee, such as that herein outlined.

It is needless to add that the Fabian Society will gladly take the preliminary steps to call into being some such Committee, if a general endorsement of the principle of the scheme be forthcoming.

Dear Sir,

The Fabian Executive Committee desire to know your opinion of the project set forth in the above draft. Would you be good enough to say

(1) Whether you approve the project.

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(2) Whether you are willing to allow your name to be printed
in the list of the promoters.

(3) Whether you will recommend your Union to send representatives
to the proposed Conference.

(4) Whether you suggest any alterations in the scheme and if so
what.

Begging the favour of a reply,

I am,

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease.

9. Labour Members Maintenance Fund

Typed report (annexed) was considered
amended & ordered to be revised.
100 blue printed, & sent to the Labour
Rep. Com^{ee} & others. — Also to print in news.

10. Next meeting. Agreed to adjourn to
1st week in Sept^r, subject to
electoral contingencies. —

S. J. Hobson
8/viii/1900

Executive at Office 7th Sept 1900. 4.35 pm

Present Hobson (in chair) Gakeshott, Standing,
Mr Shaw, Mrs Macpherson, Miss O'Brien,
Anderson Dodd Pease. Shaw—
absent Bland, Webb, Macrosty, Charrington, Wadlin.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. ~~at~~ Candidates elected viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
John William Benson, 30 Brook-street, Ilkley	Edw. Garrity.
Harry G. Keene, 68 Albert-road, Newport, Mon.	Gwilym Davies. ————
Isaac Mitchell, Gen. Secretary Federation of Trades Unions, 181 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.	Mary A. Macpherson and S. G. Hobson.

subject to letter

3. Resignations J. M. Stundrick . Held over, on report from Shaw that ^{Stundrick} ~~he~~ so desired.

F. W. Barford. on going to France. Oxford F.S. accepted.

Dr. Bailey. Sec. reported that in consequence of letter, Dr. Bailey withdrew, ^{his resignation} as it was only on acc of his previous large sett. ~~that he res~~ which he c? not took up, that he resigned. —

4. Manchester Labour Press. Sec. reported further correspondence & no money received: that the lawyers had taken proceedings & the case was down for Oct. 11th -
5. Labour Rep. Com^{ee}. Peace reported on meeting. Nearly 300,000 members. A.S.S. declining to take part.
6. Labour Rep. Guarantee Fund. Sec. submitted about 20 Replies to circular, most favourable, & reported, that in response to a letter, the Lab. Rep. Com^{ee} had unanimously disapproved of the plan. Agreed to defer consideration pending receipt of formal letter from the Sec^y of the Lab. Rep. Com^{ee} -
7. Financial Situation. Sec. reported £150 due to Standing £46 in Bank, being unexpended H. Trust Lecture grant: annexed account was presented. Agreed to refer to G.P. Com^{ee} to report on the reduction of subs., & on the subs paid by new members, & other aspects of the question.

Accounts for 5 months April to August.

The financial stringency appears to be due to the following circumstances.

RECEIPTS.

	<u>1900</u>	<u>1899</u>
Free balance from previous year	8	78
Subscriptions	79	94
Tract sales (special order of £45 last year)	32	89
	<u>119</u>	<u>261</u>

Deficiency of income £142

EXPENDITURE.

	<u>1900</u>	<u>1899</u>
Salaries	102	94
H. Trust Lectures	58	32
Printing	108	123
	<u>268</u>	<u>249</u>

Excess of Expenditure £19.

8. University Fabian Societies.

Aberystwyth, nauting lectures. Holson
agreed to go ^{about} Oct 21 or 24.
Edinburgh, explaining that they are
very little alive. —

9. Office Book Case. Sec. reported recommending
either an alleged second hand at £10.10,
or a new green oak & heat at £15.10.—
after discussion it was agreed to
give order for latter.

10. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

What to Read in hand.

Parl. Questions in proof. —

Leibeneck's Funeral wreath. action of
Com^{ee} approved: agreed that the
cost be paid out of the funds, &
that no further notice appear in the news.

11. Shaw's Draft Manifesto. After discussion
(a) it was agreed unanimously "That
a manifesto be issued.

(11.) Shaw's Manifesto (cont'd.)

(b) After further discussion on the alternatives of a 1/2 book & G. Richards, a tract, & a magazine article, it was resolved ~~new~~ ^{con} That it take the form of a 1/2 book to be published by Grant Richards.

(c) The draft, which had been read by a ~~lot~~ all present except Dodd, was then discussed Shaw giving a resume of the arguments. - After a long discussion, it was resolved by a vote of 8-1 (Standing having gone away) "That Shaw be authorized to arrange with Grant Richards for the publication of his draft manifesto." It was understood that approval of special points was reserved for future discussion on the proof. -

Letters from Webb, Bland, & Charrington had been read, & criticisms of Macrosty & Miss O'Brien submitted to Shaw.

Mary G. Macpherson.

Executive at Office 21st Sep. '00 at 4.30pm.

Present. Mrs Macpherson (in chair) Dodd, Holson,
Charrington, Anderson Pease Shaw, Mrs
Shaw, Standing, Miss O'Brien. -

Absent Webb, Whelen, Gahelst, Bland, Macrae.

- (1) The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
- (2) Letter from Whelen, offering to resign from
Exec. - Unanimously declined the offer.
- (3) The election of candidates (taken contrary to rule
last week) was confirmed. -
- (4) Workmen's Housing Com^{ee}. Shallard appointed
delegate for Sep. 24. -
- (5) Autumn Meetings :- Sec. reported the
following arrangements :-
Oct 12. Tract Meeting for 3 leaflets.
26 Bliss on America
Nov 9. Education Tract
.. 23 Mrs Kufferath on Belgium
Approved.

(5) (cont'd.) Letter from Terence, ~~and~~ replying to a request for lecture on Holland. Agreed to confirm Anderson's request, & accept lecture.

(6) Labour Maintenance Guarantee Fund. Formal reply from Lab. Rep. Com^{ee} was read. - After discussion, debate adjourned.

7.) Pub. Com^{ee} Report made.

(a) Parl. Questions, & Bristol T. Council remarks thereon were considered. Ordered for Press, as amended. Print 3000 & send out with News. -

(b) Fritan Labor Club. After long debate, agreed to send them an Irish Reference Book Box.

(c) Trade Union Leaflet. Ordered to be set up & sent out for members meeting 6d 12. -

(d) Priestman's Municipalⁿ - Agreed to decline politely. -

(8) Agreed that next Exec. be Tuesday 5.30pm

(9) Gen. Election

(a) Sec. reported requests for aid from
Steadman F.S.

Jowett, L.P.

Lausbury S.D.F.

Walker Pndsey.

Agreed that Shallard can speak for
Jowett: That 2000 leaflets can be
sent to Pndsey.

(b) W. M. Thompsons Democratic Group.
Request for delegate. Deferred.

(c) Shallard. In view of impossibility
of lectures in October, agreed that
he have leave of absence when
required, to do election speaking.

(d) Parl. Questions. Agreed to send out
to our members to L.P. Branches.

(e) Agreed that the office report
on Publications & any other
suggestions for election activity

(f) Taking Candidates: Steadman (Lib)
Cover (Coventry), Brockslehurst (L.P.)
Ken Hardie (Preston) & ? Tillet.

10. Manifesto.

- (a) Chairman. Headlam, Shallard, Holding, Wallas, Webb.
- (b) Agreement with Grant Richards. approved.
- (c) "Edited by G.B. Shaw", approved.
- (d) Shaw's Preface generally approved: 200 ~~100~~ copies to be printed for meeting.
- (e) Chairs to be got for meeting.
- (f) After a long discussion, it was agreed, with one dissentient, that the Manifesto as amended by Shaw, be submitted to the Society.

J. F. Oakes

25: ix: 00.

Executive at Office Tuesday Sep. 25th -

Present. Cabeshott (in the chair) Dodd, Mrs Macpherson
Miss O'Brien Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Standring
Pease Weelen.

Absent. Macrosty, Welch, Bland, Anderson, Hobson, ^{Chamington}
etc.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Election Fund. Sec. 7 reported 37. cent of R.F.S. Willis
After discussion it was agreed to have
no fund, & to write Willis for instructions
as to his wishes. -
3. Election Leaflets. Agreed that the Sec. have power
to make grants of leaflets in
stock, in his discretion.
4. Manchester Labour Press. Letter from H. Stanley,
the new manager, asking us to take
work instead of cash. Agreed that this
is impossible. -
5. Mainifesto Agreement. Ordered to be stamped 6.

6. Manifesto. Sec. reported on Chairman. Agreed that Paddie be asked.

Arrangements for meeting were drawn up.
Sec. reported on letters received, & on amendments to be moved. —
The Manifesto was further discussed. —

7. Business further adjourned, viz:-
Labour Members Maintenance Fd.
Thompson's new party. —

Strongwell

Spec. at Office 5th Oct. '00

Present Webb (in chair), Hobson, Charrington,
Miss O'Brien, Dodd, Mrs Macpherson,
Anderson, Hobson.

Absent Oakeshot, Macrosty, Bland, Standing,
Shaw, Mrs Shaw.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Electric Light in Office. Sec. reported an agreement at £4. per ann. approved
3. Hardie's Election. Agreed to send him a vote of ~~thanks~~ congratulation from the Spec. —
4. Thompson's New Party. After discussion it was agreed (at the end of the meeting) to ask for further information.
5. ~~Prop~~ Labour Members Maintenance Fund. Agreed to further adjourn debate till after Xmas.

6. Autumn Lectures

Education Tract. Agreed to discuss it
next week with a view to completing
it in time for 9th Nov. meeting.

A. M. Davies. Offer of lecture on Water Supply
Agreed to decline as too dull
a subject

Prof. Bickerton. Offer of lecture on Evolution
& Socialism; agreed to decline
on ground of want of room.

Lord Emly. Agreed to ask him to lecture
when next in London.

7. Manifesto. Secy reported sales to date of publisher
about 1000. -

Proposed penny edition. Deferred.

Mr. Tomshend's £100. - Agreed
to send out to 100 Provincial papers,
if possible at joint expense with
publisher; & to send others to
clubs, M. P. s Free Libraries &c. -

8. Publishing Com^{rs} Report :-

8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

What to read. To be completed

List of members. To be deferred.

Municipal Bakehouses. Agreed to

Trade Unions Agreed to

— H. W. Macroby

Exec. at Office 12th October 1900. -

Present A.W. Macrosty (in chair) Webb, Charrington
Anderson, Shaw, Mrs Macpherson, Bland
Hobson, Standing Peace, Miss O'Brien,
Mrs Shaw.

Absent Cakeshott, Waelw, Dodd

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignation. F. W. Heydon accepted
3. Election :- The following were elected
subject to payment of subscription
of Messrs Lander & Rayner.

Henry W. Heller, 5 M. I. Aka- demia, Budapest, Hungary ...	E. Batthyany.
A. E. Lander, 62 Church-road, Croydon	H. T. Muggerridge & S. D. Shallard
R. T. Manson, 27 Williamson-st., Liverpool	John Edwards.
J. F. Rayner, Ivy Bank, High- field, Southampton	D. Bicker-Caarten.

4 Manchester Labour Press. Sec. reported
cheque sent the day before hearing.

5. Manifesto. Sec. reported 1200 sold + 250 out.
Proposal for expenditure of the £10. ^{sitt} ~~grant~~ approved.

6. Thompson's New Party Convention.

Further report read re meeting on 27 Oct.
After discussion it was decided with
2 dissentients that no delegate be sent,
& it was resolved by 5. 15 + that a
letter be written to this effect. —

7. Evening Meeting agreed that Macrao conduct
the Hospitals & Bakeries Tracts.

8. General Purposes Com^{tee} — Report submitted.

(a) Finances. — Agreed that circular
drafted by Webb, & amended be
set up & circulated for next Exec Mtg. —

(b) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Report in
that two months in Ireland were
approved, was repatriated, & it was
agreed on further information,
that a month in South Wales be
substituted for one of the Irish months.

(c) On Lectures it was agreed: —
• to ask Siosten in formally on Sweden.
• that Bland ask Malayodi on Glasgow

- (4) that Brakstad be not asked.
- (5) .. Mr. Stumberg be asked, address of J.R. Macdonald.
- (6) .. Chinese Ambassador & be asked, but not thro' Lawrence Cowen
- (7) .. Lord Curzon be asked.

(8). South Wales Lecturing Hobson proposed that we pay expenses of ^{explaining} local lecturers. after debate it was agreed to refer to G. P. Com^{tee} -

9. Book Boxes. agreed to send circular to Coop. Societies & Mutual Imp. Societies.

10. Correspondence Classes. agreed to drop them.

11. Education Tract. Webb reported in hand.

Geo. Stansbury
Oct. 22/1902

Executive at Office 24 Oct '00. -

Present. Standing (in chair) Webb, Macrost, Mrs Macpherson,
Charrington Peas Bakerishot, Bland, Shaw, Mr Shar,
Miss Brien Anderson, Hobson.

Absent. Whelen, Dodd,

1. Minutes confirmed. -
2. Manifesto. Sec. reported sales said to be about 1500. - Also that copies had been sent to subscribers of 57 upwards.
3. Gloucester T.C. Election. Sec. reported that on Webb's suggestion, questionis &c. had been sent to every candidate & some leaflet to Councillor Evans to distribute
4. Boro Councils Election. Sec reported on things done
5. Leeds. Report of New F.S. - Question of putting them on same terms as University Societies was discussed & it was agreed to wait further report from them. -

6. Prof: Burrows. Letter asking Travelling expenses
to Glasgow F.J. - Agreed that the Glasgow
N. F. S. be written that we will pay
half only: or the whole, if they arrange
another lecture at the S.L.P. & for
Prof: Burrows. -
7. Resignation. C. G. Oliver. accepted
8. Circular re subscriptions. Prof ready.
after discussion agreed to
refer back to Pub. Comtee to
extend passages on activities.
9. Labour Members Maintenance Fd. Resolution of Lab. Rep. Comtee
saying that action now wd. be inimical. -
Agreed that Sec. write to ask if the conclusion
of the General Election alters the situation.
10. Publishing Comtee Report
Agreed to put down Parish Councils Tract for Dec 7.
11. School Board Election. Considered. -
9th Nov 1900 Charles Chumpton

Executive at Office 9th Nov^r 1900.
 Present Charrington, in chair) T Shaw, W^r Shaw,
 Bland, Tolson, W^r Macpherson, Standing
 Macrosty, Pease, Wells, Miss O'Brien Anderson
Absent: Weslen, Dodd, Calashok.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Election of Candidates:—

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Arthur St. John Adcock, 25 Downshire-hill, Hampstead, N.W.	H. D. Pearsall and H. Brazel.
Miss Amy Blore, 137 Mornington- road, Bolton	General Secretary
C. F. Earle, 71 Carlisle-road, Southsea, Portsmouth	G. W. Hales
Miss Fanny Johnson, 27 Marga- retta-terrace, Chelsea, S.W.	Charles V. Burton and L. R. F. Oldershaw
Gampal Rao Lothe, Nagpur C.P., India	Dhoondi Raj Thengdi
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES FABIAN SOCIETY.	
Evan D. Griffith, 44 Bridge- street, Aberystwyth.....	H. McPhail Third and F. G. Solloway
Herbert S. Loarridge, 44 Bridge- street, Aberystwyth	Do. Do.
Benjamin Morgan, Athlone House, Cliff-terrace, Aberyst- wyth	Do. Do.
G. B. Perrett, 21 Portland-street, Aberystwyth	Do. Do.
G. P. Williams, Penygroes, Four Crosses, Carnarvon	Do. Do.
George A. Wood, 14 New-street, Aberystwyth	Do. Do.

all elected subject to letter re C. F. Earle. —

3. Manifesto. Sec. reported that publishers stated
the sales were not large. —

4. Correspondence.

Coop. Union, promising to send out 1500 Book Exp. Cues.
 R. R. Whitehead sending £5.-
 Glasgow U.F.S. Excellent syllabus.
 Bangor. Society forming of Guest, & newly
 lecturer, agreed that Holson
 go on 23rd Nov. & we pay fares.

5. S. D. Shallard. Report on Cheshire lectures.

6. Boro Councils. Sec. reported 6 Fabians elected, & 9 copies of Tract 100 sold as result of sending 500 Order-forms.-

7. Labour Representation Com^{tee}. Sec. reported progress. -
 Letter from Sec. 7 saying that the question of our proposed Labour Members Maintenance Fund was adjourned till after their Conference in Feb'y
 Donation proposed was adjourned.

8. Annual Dinner. agreed to ask in News that members should express opinion.

9. Society Lectures. Sec. reported nothing fixed for
Jan 7: Siosten reported unfitted
to lecture: "Mrs Stringberg" a myth, no refer
from Lord Engh, Chinese Ambassador, or Madagodi
(per Bland). - Metin at Easter, Sanders
in March. - Agreed to ask Burns
to lecture on LCC, at Essex Hall for
one meeting in Jan'y -

10. Publishing Com^{ee}. Report received
Education Muddle. Welch's M. & W. set up.
Five Years P.C. 50 Progs to be sent out.
Review of Subscription Appeal. Shaw to revise

11. Housing. Gilbert Slater attended & explained
his proposal as set forth in
the Manifesto. Agreed that he
can move a resolution thereon
at a members meeting. -

12. Leds S.B. Election. Proposal to help in Manifesto.
Carl do it. -

L. Bernard Shaw.
23/11/00

Executive at office 23rd Nov. 00. —

Present - Shaw (in Chair) Mrs Shaw, Anderson, Dodd, Pease, Mrs Macpherson, Macrosty, Charrington Bland, Miss O'Brien Sakschott, Wolt.
Absent - Holson (lecturing), Whelen, Standing

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Chester Lectures. Shallard's report received
3. Pub. Com^{ee} Report, adopted. Amended version of with addition drawn & order of the Executive subscription appeal approved. — to all members of the Society.
Agreed that Tract 76 be 20 pps. —
£ 5. from Day for circulating 105 approved

4. Correspondence.

Scott. Williams on proposed Group instead of Society at Bala. approved.

Middlebrow. Local Society proposed.

Labour Rep. Com^{ee}. Delegate wanted for Manchester, 1st + 2nd Feb. Sec. to enquire electio if he can be present ex. officio.

L.C.C. Progressive Com^{ee}. Agreed that Sec. join.

5. Workmens Housing Com^{ee} On letter from Miss Green
it was resolved,

- (1) That she be asked to obtain the
Other delegation she speaks of
- (2) That Shaw be our delegate on
Dec. 15th —

6. Society Lectures. Letter from Mrs Kufferath
declining Jan 9th.

Resolution from Slator re Rating.
Letter from Miss Brooke proposing Garden
City lecture. Letter re Burus away.
No reply from Lord Emb or Chinese
Ambassador. — Recommendations
from Publishing Com^{ee} —

On these after debate it was agreed :-
That the application to Lord Emb & the Chinese
Ambassador be not again referred to:
That the following be asked.

S. Howard Garden City. Burus and C.C. as
before, Wardle on Rly. Service, Vaughan
Nash on India, & that Macroski do
Grants in aid, Slators resolution to be on same day.

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7. Resignation. J. Bullock. Correspondence read & explained & Sec-7 - after discussion it was resolved & b-2 that the resignation be accepted, but it was understood that the Exec. would permit it to be withdrawn, should Shaw be able to ~~reconcile~~ persuade Mr. Bullock to do so. -

8. Labour Leader Adol. Correspondence read. Agreed to offer to pay half of the amount in dispute. -

9. New Tracts. Consideration deferred.

10. Boro. Councils. Proposed & Anderson that Board Municipal Tracts be sent to Boro. Council Clerks in London. Agreed. -

R. Wherry Anderson

Executive at Office 7 Dec. 3 1900. —

Present Anderson (in chair) Hobson, Dodd,
Oakeshott, Macroty, Shaw, Standing,
Welt, Mrs Macpherson, Pease,
Mrs Shaw, Charrington, Miss O'Brien.

Absent. Bland Whelw.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.
Traubers from Ellesmere Park, Wallace Warrington.
3. Labour Leader Advt. Sec. reported matter amicably
settled on terms proposed.
4. Election of candidates. Miss Brodmeier held over
in view of her subscription of 1/-
Rest elected: —

Miss Blanche Brodmeier, 31 Albert-road, Alexandra Park, Manchester	L. Haden Guest.
Francis Turner Frost, 28 Ashbourne-road, Derby	H. W. Macroty and Edw. R. Pease.
Francis Duerdin Perrott, 6 Middle Temple- lane, E.C.	W. C. Steadman and F. W. Galton.
Cecil J. Sharp, Principal's House, Hamp- stead Conservatoire of Music, N.W.	C. E. Rice and G. Bernard Shaw.
Edward J. Shellard, 18 Elliston-rd., Red- land, Bristol	S. G. Hobson and Paul Stacy.
Mrs. Miall Smith, Dartmouth Park Lodge, N.W.	Jessie Currie and Edith Maybury.
John Wilks, 3 Rosehurst-terrace, Pannal, via Leeds	General Secretary.

BANGOR F. S.

Mrs. A. H. Guest, Pen-y-bryn, Bangor ...	
J. W. Jones, 25 Orme-road, Bangor ...	All proposed by
Miss M. E. Phillips, 19 College-rd., Bangor	L. Haden Guest.
Miss Alice E. Smith, 9 Menai-view, "	
T. Hodson Williams, University Coll. "	

GROUP AT BALA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Gwilym H. Havard, B.A., Frondeg, Bala	
John Hughes, B.A., Llys Gwilym, "	
D. J. Lewis, B.A., 34 College-view "	
W. F. Phillips, 3 York-terrace, "	
Edward Pierce, Gwylfa "	All proposed by
E. L. Roberts, Trem Aran House, "	B. Scott Williams.
J. E. Roberts, 41 Trem Aran, Tegid-st. "	
R. Silyn Roberts, Bronawel, "	
J. C. Rowlands, Mount-place, "	

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.

6. Annual Dinner only repl^y from Miss Wright.
Agreed to mention at Members Meeting
& to abandon dinner unless some
objection is then raised.

7. Workmens Housing Conference Letter from Miss Grove,
who was not the Fabrian delegate. —
After discussion, agreed
(1) That she be our delegate
& be asked to send Reports
(2) That Shaw also be delegate
to meeting on Sat. 7

8. Thompsons "Democratic Party" Letter from Mrs Macpherson
calling attention to the fact that
R. A. Peddie is described as a Fabrian
in the list of Com^{ee} of this party. —
Agreed after discussion to put a fear in
New under what members are doing
mentioning names of Fabrians on Com^{ee},
& stating that the Society is not represented officially

9. Correspondence. Johnson Pasha of Cairo an unconscious
Fabian.

First May Celebration Com^{tee}
Delegates wanted. Agreed on
Anderson + Staudring +
Fee ordered to be paid.
Ulweed Pomeroy. Asking us to
look lectures. No action.

10. Society Lectures:-

Jan 11. Garden City. Howard. - Agreed
that it be an ordinary lecture

25. L.C.C. - Burns declined.

Wells agreed to do it at Cliffords Ln.

Feb 8. Macrosty on Grants in aid

Wardle + Wash to be asked. -

11. Labour Rep. Com^{tee}. after debate agreed:-

That Hobson be our delegate at the
Manchester Conf^{ee}. -

That notice be given of Resolution on
our ~~own~~ Labour members Maintenance
Fund. Resolution to be drafted

11 (cont'd) of him & Sec. 7

(3) That Pease also attend as member of Executive. -

12. Meeting Dec. 11. - Peddie to be nominated as chairman. -

Alfred Blau

Executive at Office 11th Jan. 7 01

Present H Bland (in chair) & all except
Absent Wheeler. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Candidates. Elected except Pooley, who was passed provided he subscribed & letter was received from his sponsor.

Horace Edwin Easton Howlett, 48 Cheriton Square, Upper Tooting, S.W.	J. McKillop and C. S. Mactaggart
Alfred Edgar Pooley, 103 Sand- mere Road, Clapham, S.W.	A. Bacot and M. Pooley
OXFORD UNIVERSITY FABIAN SOCIETY.	
John Ewart, Manchester College, Oxford	A. D. Lindsay and A. R. Lord
J. B. Stoughton Holborn, Merton College, Oxford	A. D. Lindsay and J. H. Morgan

Sec. reported Miss Bowdmeier had paid an increased sub. she had regarded her as elected & approved.

3. Workmen's Housing Council. Report from Miss Grove approved.
4. Labour Rep. Conference. Resolution sent in by Sec & Holson on the Lab. members Guarantee Fd. was approved viz:-

That this Conference expresses general approval of the scheme for a Labour Members' Maintenance Guarantee Fund, as framed by the Fabian Society, and instructs the Executive Committee officially to assist in its formation by all suitable means.

To be Moved by S.G. Hobson

Fabian Society

Agreed to reprint the prospectus if required.

(5) Correspondence :-

Mrs. J. Fawcett Harris : notification that she is no longer
Miss Mary O'Brien.

Rev. W.R. Morrison. Wanting slides for Sydney
N.S.W. - Can't send them

F.A. Smith Hednesford. Wanting lecture. Hobson
agreed to go if possible.

Mrs. T. Place. Death of her husband. Reprint.

Cecil B. Harmsworth Promising some money.

Mrs. Waller Edwards, suggesting soirée. No.

Gas Consumers League. Standing to be delegate

L.S. Amery on the Transvaal Lockport.

6. Butchinson Trust Lectures

Shallard's Report of S.W. Tour. Received.

Weymouth F.S. Wanting lecturer. Send.

Buckfastleigh Coop. Soc. Donation of 2/-

Agreed that Shallard keep a similar donation to himself which he proposed to credit to the Soc.

Plymouth F.S. - donation of £2.2.0.-

Re next year. Agreed to refer to the C. C.

concern the proposal to offer £150

a year to Shallard for 1901-2.-

7. Manifesto. Letter from Publishers. Sales over 2000.
Stock 20ms 1460.

8. Publishing Con^{ee} Report received, & approved.

What to Read. ~~Proposed~~ Offer of Macarty to prepare list of Soc's. Friction was withdrawn.

Trade Unions (104) Agreed to send a letter to all Welsh Unions offering to make a Welsh Trans. if ~~or~~ 5000 were ordered.

Circular to accompany Tract 105 was approved.

9. Society Lectures

Sec. reported that Vaughan Nash refused, & that Wardle was booked for Feb 22nd -

Letter from H. D. Peareall suggesting Sir C. Lyall.

Agreed he is too dull. academic.

Dr. Oldfield offering Antivivisection & Capital Punish^{ts}

Agreed to decline as outside our scope.

H. T. Holmes. Sec. reported offer of lecture on State Reformatories. Provisionally approved,

Agreed he be asked to deal with the subject on Broad Lines -

Sir C. Wedderburn on India. Suggestion referred

to G. P. Com^{rs}, together with the question of lectures generally.

Agreed that Wardle be asked to deal with Railway men's grievances. -

10. Circular re Subscriptions

(1) Promises of £64 reported by the Sec^y

(2) Letters from J. K. Hardie M.P. Miss Brooke, Mrs D.G.

Ritchie Mrs. E. C. Townshend & others laid before Exec. -

T. Wright, proposing getting outside subs. Referred to G. P. Com^{rs}

Miss Grove: on an obscure subject. Referred after division to Pub. Com^{rs}

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Resignations as result of circular.

Ernest Radford.	Inability to pay	Accept
Mrs Ernest Radford.	" " "	"
Rev. C. Harris	" " "	"
Mrs Shuttleworth	" " "	"
W. D. Clayton	" " "	ask to defer
S. D. Westmore	" " "	- Do. -
Hugh Stannus.	Too much L.H?	Accept.
Miss Nicholson	General disapproval	- " -

Charles Charrington
25th Jan 1901.

(A)

Executive 25 Jan '01. —

Present Charrington (in chair) Oakeshott, Welch, Pease
Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Blant, Holton, Standring, Dutt
Macrosty, Anderson Mrs Harris.

Absent Mrs Macpherson, Walew.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Butchinson Trust Lectures.
Reports & letters from Shallard re Ireland were received.
3. Circular re Subscriptions. The Secy reported £80 promised
4. Lectures - Weymouth F.S. Charrington to go.
Aberystwyth F.S. - Letter asking for lecturer on Settlements. After debate, agreed to pay expenses of a lecturer, provided it be for the F.S. & that P. W. L. Ashley be asked.
- 5) National Housing Com^{tee}. Sec. reported that there was a deficit on printing of 42/- & nothing to repay postage already expended by F.S. amounting to some £4. - Agreed to grant it.

6. L.C.C. Election. Agreed to send out a circular
to the authorised candidates
asking help from members.

(7) Pub. Com^{ee} Report approved.

"Education Muddle" to go out this month,
notwithstanding extra postage.

Trade Union Leaflet. Required alteration
reported on. -

Theodore Dodd's Poor Law proposals. No
action to be taken: Pub. Com^{ee} to consider
Poor Law facts.

Municipal Insurance. Leaflet approved

Municipal Steamers " "

Welsh Ministers. Agreed to accept
Scott Williams offer to address
wrappers & to send out up to 500
of Welsh Clifford & Five Years P.C.

What to Read. Agreed to offer Paddy
a fee not exceeding 42/-
for completing M.S. for
press. -

8. General Purposes Comtee Report.

(a) Autclinson Trust Lectures Estimates for current year showing expenditure about equal to receipts.

Proposal to offer Shallard £150 a year for a year was confirmed. -

(b) Circular for money from non-members. Deferred.

(c) Society Lectures. -

Earl Barnes on Education

Percy Alden on Labour Party in West Ham
Approved.

H.T. Holmes on State Reformatones
Approved, if good enough.

Also. Agreed to ask A. Sherwell to lecture or open a debate on the application of municipalisation of Drink Traffic to a large town, or London, at an early date after the G.C.C. Election. -

A. Holmes
8/II/1901

Executive at Office 8th Feb. 1901. -

Present Hobson (in chair) Pease, Anderson
Charrington, Mr Macpherson
Mrs Harris, Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Dodd
Macrosty Baker & St. John.

Absent Waelen, Webb, Standing.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures
Report from Shallard & Mack.
Letter from Shallard accepting our
Offer for year 1901-2. -
3. Candidates: Elected subject to letters
re Cheserton & Handon.

Cecil E. Chesterton, 11 Warwick Gardens, Kensington, W.	Lucian R. F. Oldershaw and Fanny Johnson
George Cooke, The Gables, Gosport	A. J. Wyatt
Martin Handon, "Rosemead," Kent House Road, Beckenham	Wm. Baster
Robert F. Mack, Fernbank, Victoria Road, Cork	S. D. Shallard
John Morgan, Upper Boat, Pontypridd	General Secretary.

(4) L.C.C. Election. Agreed to send out a special whip a week before the election, with lecture notice

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(5) Publishing Com^{ce} Report - approved.

Education Tract - to be sent to 200 ~~Teachers~~ or
20 principal School Board Clerks, & to the
Clerks of the T. E. Boards. -

Price of Tracts, Bound & in etc. after debate,
agreed that price be raised after
3 months from date, as proposed.

(6) Labour Representation Com^{ce} Sec. reported that
he was present & most of his expenses were
paid by the Com^{ce} - S. S. Holson, delegate
reported that the Lab. M. Maintenance
Fund scheme was sympathetically
discussed, but shelved by the Previous
Question. Agreed to refer it to the G. E. Com^{ce}.

(7) Meetings of the Society

March 8. Sec. reported that Sherwell accepted for
this date. After discussion agreed that it be
a debate, & the Opener have $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

Mar. 22. Sanders on Germany. Apr 12. No meeting.

Apr 19. Hold meeting in another Hall (Cliffords
Linn not being free), if Meteor can speak or travel.

(7) (cont'd)

Apl 26

Mar 10

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Try Alden on West Ham,

Kolnes on Reformatives

Headlam on Evening Schools

or Miss Noble on Education in India

for these or later dates. —

May 24th

Annual Meeting.

Earl Barnes declines to lecture. —

D W Macrosby.

Executive at Office 22nd Feb. 1901. —

Present Macroft (in chair) Shaw, Standing, Hobson,
Mrs Harris, Pease, Cakeshott, Bland, Mrs Macpherson,
Charrington.

Absent Mrs Shaw, Webb, Warden. Anderson, Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Thanks from Cork. Noted.

Report from S. Wales "

April Lectures. Sec. ordered to consult
Shallard. —

3. Auditor Agreed to ask Limbeer & Co. again

4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report

Fair Sales of Five Years Fruits, including
837 sent out & order of Sir S. Verney.

Education Tract. High praise from Wills & B.

Labour Rep. Advt. Agreed to pay 5/- for
page advt on cover Report.

M.P. Co. Agreed to send them 86 + 106. —

(5) Grant Richards "Fabian Series". - after discussion it was agreed that we have no objection to the re-publication of some of our Tracts in a volume in this series subject to a satisfactory arrangement as to details. -

(6) Correspondence

Tremma Congress on Alcoholism - agreed that Pease ~~send~~^{write} a paper.

Miss Grove more letters on Housing. - agreed to take next business.

Wm. A. Ladd - apparent resignation. Accepted.

(7) Executive Election. Charrington intimated that he wd. retire, a proposal received with dissent. It was generally agreed that Wheeler should attend or retire. Sec. stated he wd. announce in news at least one retirement. agreed.

(8) Society Lectures

- March 8. Sherwell accepted, but sent unsuitable resolution. Agreed that Pease draft another & urge him to come.
- .. 22. Sanders. accepts.
- Apr 19. Metin. no reply.
- 26. Headlam Continuation Schools.
- May 10. Agreed to ask Alden on West Ham in preference to Holmes or Miss Noble.
- May 24. Annual. Agreed to hold meetings on June 14 & 28 that Bland lecture on Kipling. Sec. reported that he had written Miss Noble, but had no reply.

J F Oakley

Executive at Office 8th March 1901.
Present Gakeshott (in chair), Well, Bland,
 Macrost, Anderson, Charrington,
 Holson, Mrs Harris, Pease, Dodd
Absent Mrs Shaw, Mrs Macpherson, Waelen
 Shaw, Standing. -

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Candidates, elected subject to payment
 of subⁿ £ Davidson, viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Jno. Davidson, 429 Lawnmarket, Edinburgh	Horace W. Crawford and Rev. John Glasse.
John M. Greig, 7 Rupert-street, Glasgow	R. B. Greig.
Miss Edith Neville, Banstead- place, Banstead, Surrey ...	Graham Wallas.
Thomas Reed, 1 Maryville, Mar- dyke-road, Cork	S. D. Shallard.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Miss L. Lochhead, The Laurels, Castlehead, Paisley	A. M. Macmillan and Thos. Jones.

3. Correspondence.

Percy Ashley on lecture at Aberystwyth. Agreed
 to write formal thanks.
 Newcastle T. & B., Surrey T. & B. & Arch-
 Deacon Wilson on Education Tract
 Premier Seddon of N. Zealand, an
 Imperialist Xmas card

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4. Butcher's Trust Lectures. Report from Shallard that he does not consider a course of lectures in April w^d. he successful. agreed. —

5. Society Lectures.

Sec. reported that Metin cannot take special lecture proposed for April 19th: so date drops.

May 10th Percy Alden agreed to lecture if we still think it desirable. — Agreed that we do, that the meeting be strictly private, & that Alden be written to this effect. — Subject "Difficulties of a Labour Majority".

June 14. Bland on Kipling.

" 28. Miss Noble accepted: declined, as she had to go to India; & then wrote again that she wished the date kept open, to send ^{Romealy} ~~the~~ Dutt in her place if necessary. — Agreed after discussion, to write her that we can't leave matter in doubt, & ~~to~~ she must accept or decline

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report received.

After discussion it was referred to the Com^{ee} to consider Tracts on, Income Tax, Taxation of Ground Rents, & Electricity.

6. Weymouth F.S. Sec's action in offering to pay expenses out of pocket, for the lecture which had been cancelled at the last moment was approved.

7. Office Electric Light. Notice from Landlords that they proposed to put in a metre, for which we w^d have to pay the rent. approved.

8. Labour Rep. Com^{ee} Pease reported, inter alia, that the Com^{ee} had passed a resolution approving of recent Irish obstruction. After discussion agreed to take no action. -

9. Meeting tonight. Sec. reported Mr. Sherwell c^d not come & Webb w^d take his place. -

10. Exec. Election. Letter from Mr. Macpherson withdrawing & Charrington agreeing to stand. - Geo. Standen 22/01

Executive at Office 22nd March 1901
Present, Standing in chair, & all except
Absent Whelen, Bland, Calveshott, Dodd.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

2. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Report from Shallard
was received.

3. Correspondence. Miss Grove, stating (inter alia) that
she had paid the affiliation fee to the
Workmen Housing Council. Agreed
that the Societ pay & that notice of the
Housing Journal be put in the News.
F. S. Green asking advt. in "V. Searchlight". No money.

4. Societ Lectures. June 28. Miss Noble, as desired,
had abandoned lecture.
Agreed that Bland be requested to
ask Mr. H. S. Wells.

5. Publishing Com^{rs} Report Received

6. Finances. Sec'y presented reports & showing an expected deficit of £230, less estimated receipts, General £30, Special subs, £120. - He also presented accounts explaining the causes of the deficit. - The matter was discussed at some length.

7. ~~Sec'y~~ Report of Executive & Comm^{ee} attendances was presented.

8. New Executive. Letters were read from Mr Macpherson & F. Wheeler withdrawing their nominations, & the Sec'y stated that Dr. Haden Guest, R. A. Peddie & H. D. Fearal had been nominated. Other nominations were then handed in,
H. W. Mearns

Executive at Office 26 April 1901. -

Present Macroft (in chair) Standing, Matthews, Galton, Gakeshott, Bland, Holson, Anderson, Chorington, Mrs Harris; also Pease till 5.30, when his place was taken by S. D. Shallard. -

Absent Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Dodd. -

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Standing Orders & Committees deferred; agreed that the present orders & Committees be provisionally confirmed till next meeting; & that meanwhile Galton sit on Publishing Comtee, & Matthews on G.P. Comtee.
3. Candidates for April, elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Mrs. J. Baker, 24 Victoria-avenue, Norton-hill, Stockton-on-Tees..	S. D. Shallard.
Alexander Grant, 13 Buchanan-street, Edinburgh.....	Horace W. Crawford and John Davidson.
Edward Mooney, 7 Eldred-terrace, Douglas-road, Cork.....	S. D. Shallard.
Raymond Unwin, The Quadrant, Buxton.....	Lila H. Watt.

4. Resignation withdrawn. R^d Whiting: letter that he desires to become a member again, without publicity. Agreed that this be approved of.

- (5) Resignations Miss Williams, disagreeing with Educational policy. Accept.
Dr. C.F. Bailez. Renewed resignation Accept.

(6) Correspondence

Wm. Wolstonholme Esq. = re sending out our Tract 94
Women as Councillors to House of Lords
Agreed to send to selected Peers chosen
by Galton.

Sir E. Verney, on the effects of our Tract in his
parishes.

Public House Trust Acct. Agreed to put par. in news.

7. Publishing Com^{tee} Report. Approved except as stated :-
Grant Richards &c for Proofs &c of Manifesto:
Approved & ordered to be paid
Bound Volumes of Tracts for Melhop. B. Council
Clerks. Agreed to receive resolution in so
far as Publishing is concerned, but that
Pub. Com^{tee} be instructed to send
Unbound, 2 Municipal Series, 84, 100 &c.

8. Annual Meeting Agenda. Nothing decided on.

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9 Fabian Lectures. Offer from Herbert Burrows of lecture on
S. D. F. + Fabianism. Deffered. -

Meantime Sec. instructed to write to Wells. -

10. Meeting in evening. Matthews to take chair & Shallard
to act for Sec. -

11. "Election Manifesto" Letter from Publishers re Stock in
hand. Deffered in absence of Editor

12. Balance Sheet. Passed. -

13. Russian Demonstration. Invitation from J. F. Green to
take part. Agreed to decline, stating that
the May Day resolution is all that is necessary.

14. Draft Annual Report Amended & passed. -

R. Wherry Anderson.

Executive at office 10th Mar 1901. -
Present Anderson (in chair) & all exapt
Absent Welch, Oakeshott & Charringtons.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Publishing Com^o Report received. -

Fabian Series No. 1. No Fabian advt. - Letter
 from Publisher & editor promising to
 insert advt. in future copies bound.

Agreed that it be a literary advt. only.

Cliffords X'tian Socialism. - Urgently wanted.

Agreed to reprint 5000 with alterations on
 page relating to X'tian Soc^l Societies.

3. Election of Candidates: - Dealt with as follows:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
(1) Bert Carpenter, 7 St. Mark's Sq., Regent's Park, N.W.	H. Carpenter and Chas. Char- rington.
(2) H. L. Jackson, 24 Arlington Rd., West Ealing, W.	Tom Norris.
(3) P. J. Reid, "North Eastern Daily Gazette" Office, Middlesbrough	S. K. Ratcliffe.
(4) Humphrey Taylor, Glen Villa, Collis Street, Stourbridge	Larner Sugden and Mary Clodd.

(1) Held over for letters & sub^o

(2) Held over. (3) Elected.

(4) Held over for letters. -

(4) Local Gov: Information Bureau
F. Wadlen & E. R. Pease were re-appointed
to be Executive of the Bureau.

(5) The Death of Wm Clarke. Agreed that the Sec. write
Miss Clarke on behalf of the Exec. & the
Society. -

(6) Meeting for Alder's Lecture. Holson to be chairman.

(7) Fabian Lectures Borea offering on Italian Socialism.
Accept for June 28th
Letter from Wells declining
Burrows offer. Decline politely because
we do not think a discussion of the
character suggested w^d. be useful.

8. Standing Committee elected viz:-

Publishing. Anderson, Galton, Cakeshott Macroft
Paddie, Shaw, Standring & Secy

Gen. Purp. Bland, Charrington, Dodd, Holson
Matthews, Mrs Shaw, Wells & Secy

Excused from Com^{ees} Mrs Harris. -

Standing Orders

- 1 - That the Chair be taken by members in alphabetical order: in the absence of the appointed chairman at the beginning of business his place be taken and retained by some other member then present. The chairman has a vote as a member of the Committee, but no second vote.
- 2 - That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on Fridays: that the absence of any item from the agenda-paper do not prevent its being discussed and decided without notice and that the absence of an agenda-paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place.
- 3 - That the preliminary committee meet at 5 O'clock when necessary and the formal Executive at 5. 30 O'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (by and with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing Order 4.2
- 4 - That two Standing Committees be appointed
 - (a) for all Publishing business
 - (b) for General Purposes, specially for Provincial and other lecturing, Society meetings and functions, Conferences of all sorts, and Groups, and financial matters.
- 5 - That the two Committees be authorised to carry out, without further reference to the Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive, reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance only.
- 6 - That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary Edward Reynolds Pease be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

9. Standing Orders, as annexed, were adopted. -

10. Fabianism & Empire. Publisher offered stock of 1718 copies at 3d, cost price, or less. Sec. reported sales for 4 months perhaps 20. - after debate agreed that we can make no offer, & Sec. instructed to ask Publisher if he can make any suggestion. -

11. Womens Suffrage Bill Letter from Mrs Elmy asking us to help in getting dates for its discussion. Agreed we can't. -

12.

Education B Tract.

Letter from Surep C.C. See read. -

13. Agenda for Annual Meeting

Nationalisation of Steam Coal. Pass to draft resolution.

Factory Bill & Education Bill. Letter read from Webb.

Agreed to prepare Resolutions on Education Bill:

That Macrobert, Wilson, Webb & Secy be a Comtee,

Macrobert to convene: that Resolutions be sent out

to Exec. & discussed on Friday 17th -

The Todd's Pension Scheme. Referred to G. P. Comtee. -

Miss Wood

Executive at Office 17th May 1901. —
Present, Bland (in chair) + all except
Absent Webb, + Parkeshott. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.

Gasworkers Piration of our Tract 104. agreed that
they are not guilty, but must not do it again.

Education Tract. Agreed to send out to L.C.C.

Tract 1109. Eight Hours Bill. Agreed to omit from
Bound sets.

3. Candidates held over:—

H. Carpenter Elect when ^{sub.} paid.

H. L. Jackson Elected.

Humphrey Taylor — u —

4. Fabian Lectures. Letters from Dr. Bosa, that he does
want to lecture in June. agreed to let
him defer it till autumn, + to ask
Dr. Romesh Dutt on Indian famines. —

- 1 - The Fabian Society expresses its satisfaction that the Government has, through the speeches of the Duke of Devonshire and Sir John Gorst, declared in favour of the principle that in each locality there should be one educational authority for all kinds and grades of education, and that this authority should be a committee of the administrative county or county-borough.
- 2 - The Fabian Society regrets that the Government has restricted the present bill to the creation of authorities for secondary education, and considers that the bill should only be accepted in its present form on condition that the complete unification of educational machinery in each county borough and county-borough will be undertaken not later than next year.
- 3 - No measure dealing with primary education can be regarded as satisfactory unless it empowers the local authorities not only to maintain and improve the present board schools, but also to raise the efficiency of those existing public elementary schools which are not under school-boards by bringing them under the control of local committees of a public character, and by making grants to improve their teaching staff; and, further, unless the present partial incidence of the school board rate in counties is entirely got rid of.
- 4 - The Fabian Society disapproves of the proposal in sec.1 subsec. 3 to allow the creation of "a separate education committee for any part of a county", on the ground that administrative counties and county boroughs are the smallest areas suitable for bodies dealing with education above the elementary grade.
- 5 - The Fabian Society regards any statutory limitation of expenditure on education as reactionary, and considers that while the central authority should have power to insist on a national minimum of efficiency in every district, it should in no way limit the endeavours of a local authority to meet the needs or desires of its district above that minimum. The Fabian Society also considers that the bill should be amended so as to make the application of the whole of the "whisky money" to education compulsory.
- 6 - The Fabian Society considers that the bill should be further amended in order to confer on the education authority (a) a simple and expeditious power to acquire compulsorily land required for educational purposes; and (b) power to inspect all schools and institutions in

which education of any kind is being given and to report publicly as to their condition and educational efficiency. (2)

- 7 - The general meetings of the educational committees should be open to the press and the public.
- 8 - The Fabian Society considers that the best way of meeting the "Cockerton difficulty" is to confer on school boards power to continue (but only until next session, when a comprehensive measure dealing with primary education should be passed):-
- (a) Day schools and classes, not recognised as Higher Elementary Schools, in which instruction is at present being given beyond that authorised by law (but without increase);
 - (b) Evening classes conducted under the Evening Continuation Code, without restriction of age;
 - (c) Other evening classes, not under the Evening Continuation Code, in those cases in which adequate and suitable provision is not made by the Technical Education Authority.
- 9 - The Fabian Society considers the Government open to grave censure for not having already systematically unified and organised on an intelligent plan its central authority for education of all kinds and grades, without which it can neither give the local authorities proper criticism and guidance, nor effectually enforce on stupid or reactionary recalcitrant local bodies that national minimum of education of every kind and grade which is imperatively needed for national wellbeing.

5. Labour Representation Com^{ee} Letter from Secy
J.R. Macdonald, asking authority of Pease as
a member of the Com^{ee} to attend Education Conference
as delegate of the L.R. Com^{ee}, to protest against
the Govt Bill. After discussion agreed
that Secy write Macdonald

- (1) That we object to the ~~the~~ L.R. Com^{ee} being
represented at a conference on a subject
which has no connection with L. Rep.
in Parliament.
 - (2) That we do not consider such a matter sh^d
be decided except by the Com^{ee} itself.
 - (3) That we disapprove of the object of the
Conference & consequently object to
a delegate from the L.R. Com^{ee} attending it.
- (6). Agreed to buy a clock for the Office
at not exceeding 10/-
- (7.) Annual Meeting. Education Bill resolutions, as circulated,
were discussed, amended largely & passed. —
Coal Nationalisation Resolutions, drafted by
Pease, were amended & adopted. —
- 24 May 1901 Charles Chompton

Exec. at Office 24th Mar 1901. -
Present Charrington (in chair) & all except
Absent Standring, Oakeshott & Matthews. -

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Fabian Lectures. Secy reported that Prof
Ramesh Dutt accepted for
June 28th -

3. Correspondence

- Miss Jessie Clarke, Thanks for condolences.
- Wm Cox. Re election at a low subscription.
Defer for report of Standing.
- South Salford S.D.F. Sending Horrocho Testimonial Fd.
Agreed to put par. in news provided
Brocklehurst thinks it a good case
- Parnelton F.S. Report of dissolution. -

4. Local Fabian Societies. Application for Lectures.
Referred to G. P. Com^{ee}

5. Next Sessions Lectures. G. P. Com^{ee} to include Bosa.

6. Comtee of Socialist & Labour Elected Persons. Agreed to pay half share of deficit, £1.1.10.
7. Annual Meeting
Education Resolutions. Amendments were considered & some agreed to.
Agreed to nominate Paddie for chairman
Other arrangements made. —
Circulation of Resolutions. Referred to the G. P. Comtee.
8. Pewsham Strike. On application of Hampstead Group agreed to put par. in news & to appeal at annual meeting.
9. Clock. On letter from P. R. Pratt, Clock merchant, agreed to purchase one regardless of price.
10. French Miners in England. Sec. authorised to take any steps which he deems expedient.

J. Lawson Todd.

5. Publishing Com^{tee} Report, & Business.

Revised Edition of W. Comp. Act (No 52) published,
reduced to 20 pp & 2200 sold.

Annual Report, reduced to 20 pp. —

Tract 48, Eight Hours. Reprinting 1000. —

What to Read. Sec. reported that Peddie had been
paid 42/- To revise m.s. the now talks of
completing by August. Agreed that he has
done enough for the money & that Shallard
complete in our time. —

Manchester Libon Press Request for permission
to reprint our 104. After discussion it
was agreed that we offer to supply them
at usual price & nothing else. —

6. Death of Miss Florence Grove. Sec 7 reported.

Agreed to make no reference thereto at meeting.

Agreed that the Sec. appoint delegate
in her place to Workmens Housing Com^{tee}

7. Miss Holhouse's Meeting Agreed that bills be
distributed at our meeting as desired.

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8. Labour Rep Com^{ee}. Sec. 7 as delegate reported especially that the Com^{ee} had adopted a resolution denouncing the Education Bill. After much debate it was agreed:-

(as delegate to the Labour Rep. Com^{ee})

That the Secretary, on his report, be instructed to point out to the L.R.C. that its action on the Education Bill is ultra vires, and that the Committee's practice of travelling beyond the purpose for which it was appointed by passing and publishing general political resolutions, is likely to lead to the ~~depression~~ withdrawal of constituent bodies and the disruption of the Committee.

9. Secretary's Holiday, on the suggestion of Charrington it was agreed that the Sec. 7 take a month's holiday, if he wishes it. —

10. Reports of General Purposes Com^{ee}, especially
(a) Finance. Receipts for 2 months £97
Compared with £67 a year ago. —

(h) Fabric Lectures. It was agreed to have 5 Literary Lectures, & the annexed scheme drafted by Charrington, was amended & approved:—

Social Tendency in Modern Drama

A Series of Ten Lectures

Norway	}	Philip Wicksteed or
Denmark		Bernard Shaw
Sweden		
Belgium		Alfred Sutro
Holland		J I Grein
France		A B Walkeley
Austria		Janet Achurch
Germany		William Archer
Spain		Edmund Gosse
Italy		Malagodi
Russia		Kropotkin
England		Bernard Shaw

*Cum gratia
Graham*

Greek Drama

G. Murray

It was agreed that 5 meetings take the form of debateable resolutions on Economic Topics on the lines of the following suggestions:-

Modern Industrial Developments

- # Limitations of Modern Industrialism Hobson
- Is English Trade Decaying Morgan Brown
- Trusts Macrost.

It was agreed to have Borsa on Italy & to defer decision as to Mrs Macmillan on Education & Theodore Dodd on our own Relief.

(c) Hutchinson Trust Lectures Scheme approved

- Oct. Ireland S. #
 - Nov. England S. Plymouth &c
 - Jan Dec " W. Bristol & Newport
 - Jan Durham
 - Feb Scotland
 - March East Anglia or Teesside
- Later months subject to revision.

S. J. Hobson
19/VII/1907

Exec. at Office 19 July 1907. —
Present Hobson in chair & all except
Absent Shaw, W. Shaw, Galton, Dodd, Matthews.

- (1.) Minutes were confirmed. —
- (2.) Sec. reported that E. Norton had arranged to send Box of Books to Brisbane S. D. Vanguard free of charge. Vote thanks. —
- (3.) Fred Hammill. Death reported. Send ~~the~~ letter of condolence. —
- (4.) Cooperative Societies. Proposal to send Tracts of H. A. Day, who promised contribution. Decline, unless in special cases. —
- (5.) Housing. (a) Delegate to Workmen's Council for July 20. —
No one appointed. —
(b) Nat. Housing Com^{ee}. Sec reported thanks to Galton, subs. had been collected sufficient to pay debt. —

(5) Houseing (cont^o)

(c) Agreed to the proposal of F. W. Salton that the F.S. invite selected persons, (e.g. Penny, Kneel, Aldridge) to form a small Com^{ee} for next session to examine all private bills and suggest amendments. Estimated cost, nil. —

(6) H Snell. Proposed tour in U.S.A. —

Letter desiring authority to print circular in our name, as in previous cases. Agreed. —

(7) Publishing Com^{ee} Reports, including acceptance of Mrs Sinclair's resignation, approved. —

(8) Letter from Wellington Trade Council, N.Z., sending £15, + asking us to expend same in books. —

Please to do so + consult the pub. Com^{ee} + others as he thinks fit.

9. House-cleaning. Sec. was authorized to sell as waste paper parcels of Election Records, Newspaper cuttings, & Hutchinson Trust Lecture Bills, subject to selection of the London School of Economics, & by Anderson or any other member of the Exec. of any desired who kept. —

10. Sec. reported on dramatic course of lectures for next session as follows:—

Result of applications

Wicksteed	Scandinavia	Declines
Sutro	Belgium	No reply
Grein	Holland	Declines: suggests Thieme
Walkeley	France	No reply accepts.
Archer	Germany	Declines
Cunningham Graham	Spain	Says Mrs C G will
Malagodi	Italy	No reply
Kropotkin	Russia	Declines
Murray	Greek Drama	Accepts

Further suggestions. Irish Drama. Geo. Moore.
 Mrs Cunningham Graham approved. —

Economic Series

It was ^{resolved} agreed after a long debate by a majority to rescind the resolution that these meetings sh^d.

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he debates, on the understanding that this in no way precluded debates on other suitable subjects.

Sec. reported no reply from Morgan Brown. On proposal of H. D. Pearsall, agreed to ask S. S. Thorburn, author of "Punjab Law" to lecture on India. —

It was agreed to ask Oakeshott to open debate on Taxation, & to have a debate on Education. Also to ask Earl Grey on his Public House Scheme. —

Also to ask S. K. Ratchiffe to lecture. —

11. Factory Bill. On motion of Welch, it was agreed that in view of the scanty attendance of Liberal & Labour members at the Grand Con^{ee} on Trade & of the importance of strengthening the Factory Bill & securing the adoption of amendments restricting overtime, a letter be written to all sympathetic members of the Grand Con^{ee} requesting them not to fail to be in attendance when these amendments come on & to support them: & Welch undertook to send list of persons to be written to. —

List of Member who have not paid subs for a long time

Date of Election	Name	Amt last sub	Date
Original	<i>Kept</i> P A Chubb (Brooklyn)	5/-	Before '96
July 91	<i>Subscribed</i> Dr A H Walker (Cambridge)	1/-	4/2/98
Miss- May '96 x	Miss A S Goulden (<i>Decorbury</i>)	5/-	22/4/96
Sep '90	<i>subscribed</i> F A Huckle (New Oxted)	7/6	16/9/96
Feb '96	<i>out</i> A Brownfield (Ad Iest)	10/-	20/1/97
July '90	<i>out</i> Louis Cowen (Fetter Lane)	21/-	Before '96
May '94	<i>out</i> A J Richardson (Clapham)		
	(Address lost)	6/-	2/3/97
March '93	<i>out</i> Chas Turner (Brixton)	10/-	3/5/97
August '92	<i>out</i> J J Buckland (Birkenhead)	5/-	3/4/97
	(Address lost)		
Sep 1894	<i>out</i> Tom Foster (Grays Inn)	7/-	7/4/97
Jan '93	<i>out</i> Ferd Rees (Wigan)	5/-	29/3/97
June '96	<i>Kept</i> Miss H Simon (Berlin)	20/-	24/8/97
August '91	<i>out</i> J G Gibson (Plumstead)	7/6	12/8/97
	(Address lost)		
Sept '96	x Wm Ranstead (N Zealand)	5/-	12/10/97
G-S April '95	<i>out</i> C T Davis (Ex O F S)	10/-	4/12/97
June '91	<i>subscribed</i> E H Davies (Holloway)	10/-	4/4/98
Nov 1895	<i>resigned</i> Miss Lowrie (Leeds)	2/6	5/10/97
	(Address lost)		
Ms Sep 94	<i>out</i> Miss A Tilley (Dalston)	7/6	17/7/97
Nov '96	<i>out</i> R C Stafford (Newport)	1/-	7/2/98
Oct '95	<i>out</i> F G Wixey (Bristol)	5/-	4/12/97
	(Address lost)		
Jan 97	x W S Page (India)	5/-	25/7/97
April 1895	<i>out</i> T F Crickmay (Ex O F S)	1/-	19/2/96
	(Address lost)		
Feb '97	<i>out</i> T M Evans (Ex Ab U F S)	1/-	20/1/97
June 1896	<i>out</i> C R Chapple (De Do)	1/-	June 1896
June 1895	<i>out</i> A P Golden (Manchester)	10/-	13/10/96
March 1896	<i>out</i> Ellis Mann (T Wells)	5/-	7/10/97
July 1891	<i>out</i> Ben Riley (Huddersfield)	5/-	4/12/97
	(Address lost)		
August 96	Mrs C P Stetsen (N York)	5/-	13/5/99
	(Address lost)		
July 1896	<i>out</i> J T Cattle (Oxford)	5/-	4/10/98
Jan 1896	<i>out</i> T A Rose (City E C)		
	(Address lost)	10/-	12/3/98

12. Purge of members. The Secy was authorised to send circular to the annexed list of defaulting members & to remove from the list the names of all except Percival Clubb, & Mrs Stetson, now believed to be Mrs Gilman. -

13. Election: The Secy was authorised to elect the following subject to the fulfilment of the regulations :-

- Geo. Haw
- Rev. C. E. Teornely
- G. C. Binyon
- Miss Firmin
- Miss Jeeves.

H. W. Macrosty

Executive at Office 11 Oct. '01.

Present Macrot (in chair) Shaw Mrs Shaw, Charrington
Anderson, Pease, Matthews, Webb
Standing Galton.

Absent Dodd, Holson, Mrs Harris, Gakesholt Bland

- (1) Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
- (2) On minor items Sec-y reported
 - (a) That Snell was not going to America
 - (b) That Proctor had sent & insured Box of Books to Wellington free of charge. -
Agreed to vote him thanks
 - (c) That - he (Sec) had forgotten to buy leathings.

(3) Correspondence.

Plymouth Coop. Asking lectures in addition to the Shallard Course. No.

South Place Debates. Asking delegates. Say we will communicate to members.

Westhalian S. D.F. Asking Tracts. Send to value 20/-
Gravesend S.D. Offering to arrange lecture for 7/6.
Agreed to send Guest or another.

(4.) Report on Members listed for exclusion.

Subs. received from Dr. Walker, E. H. Davies, & F. A. Hubbs.

Resignation received from Miss Louie.

It was agreed

That Miss Simon be kept on

That W. Rautstead, W. S. Page & Mrs Bach (Miss Golden) be written to.

That the remainder be struck off. -

See previous page. -

5) Election of Candidates: the following were dealt with:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Cyril Burrage, 11 Courtland-terr., Merthyr Tydfil	Rev. Stewart D. Headlam.
Miss Anne H. Firmin, Plevna, Sydney-parade, Dublin ...	C. E. Chesterton.
Geo. Haw, 34 Linzee-road, Horn- sey, N.	F. W. Galton and W. B. Hodgson.
Miss Katie M. Jeeves, 43 Belgrave- square, S.W.	S. G. Hobson and S. K. Ratcliffe.
Rev. C. E. Thornely, 3 Sutton- place, Homerton, N.E. ...	H. Carpenter and Bert Carpenter.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.	
G. C. Binyon, Exeter College ...	A. L. Lord and J. B. S. Holborn.
Henry Justin Charles Pereira, "Normanhurst," Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo, Ceylon.....	John Edwards.
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY F. S.	
C. W. Pearsall, 13 Upper Merrion- street, Dublin	Maziere Irvine and Mary Irvine.
Percy Alden, Mansfield House, Canning Town, E.	Bernard Shaw and Edw. R. Pease.
Haslam Mills, 3 Essex-court, Middle Temple, E.O.	R. Wherry Anderson and Edw. R. Pease.
Rev. A. Ryland, The Elms, Shot- tery, Stratford-on-Avon	J. A. Fallows.
Harry Paraby, M.A., 45 Mann- heim-road, Bradford.	Thos. Rook.
J. W. Shaw, West View, Wood- ford Green, Essex.	Edw. R. Pease and S. D. Shallard.

Elect on receipt of letter. Elected 18/10/01

Elected in July

— " —

Elected in July subject to sub. not yet recd.

Elected in July. -

Elect when sub paid.

Elected.

Elect on receipt of sub Elected 19/10/01

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Elected

Elected

Elect when attended mtg.

(6.) Resignations. John Richardson . Accepted
J. M. Studwick . Do. —

(7) Frist May Celebration Com^{ee}. Statement of accounts showing deficit of £72. & appeal for a loan or other help. After debate agreed that the Sec^y write
(a) that we cannot make a loan.
(b) that provided the deficit is assessed in a reasonable way on the Societies concerned, we will pay our share.

(8) Trade Union Cong. Parl. Com^{ee} on O.A. Pensions Delegate invited. Sec^y action in sending provisional acquiescence approved & himself appointed delegate.

(9) Publishing Com^{ee} Report considered.
(a) What to Read. nearly ready. £5. of adob
(b) Homey Tract & Raymond Unwin. After a prolonged debate it was agreed
I That notice for members meeting in the evening be withdrawn, & the announcement

(9) (cont.)

made that we hope to have a lecture on the subject
II that Unwin be asked if he will consent
to lecture to the Society on Dec. 20th or in
January, with a view to a had-after discussion.

(c) Labour Annual. Resolution proposed by the
Pub. Com^{ee} was discussed at length.
Shaw moved an amendment:

That the Secy of be instructed to give
such official information as he can
(not being confidential information) to
R. Waery Anderson, to assist him in
the conduct of the Labour Annual
in the event of his undertaking its
future publication. -

The amendment was carried by
5 votes to 4, & adopted as a substantive
resolution. -

10) General Purposes Com^{ee} Report considered

(1) on Shallard's Lectures in Cork. -

(2) on Finances. -

(3) on Appeal to Outsiders. It was agreed
that this be approved. -

10 (cont.) G. P. Com^{ee} -

(4) It was agreed

(a) That Webb's offer to give a lecture on the Policy of National Efficiency on Nov. 8th be accepted: the lecture to be at Cliffords Inn, & confined to members.

(b) That the lecture be published as a tract with his name.

(c) That the (informal) offer of the Hutchinsonian Trustees to vote £100. to the Society for the purpose of sending out this & other tracts to 10000 selected addresses be accepted on the understanding that matters are so arranged as to yield £50 profit towards the deficit. -

(5) Recommendation of the G.P. Com^{ee} that the Publishing Com^{ee} be instructed not to undertake the publication or revision of unprofitable tracts, was ordered to be "received".

(11) Country Lectures.

Oxford U.F.S. It was agreed to send lectures, & that the Society pay fares if necessary, altho' it was considered that the O.F.S. ought to pay. Sec. to discuss point with Oxford Secy

Weymouth F.S. Agreed that it is too far to send lecturers.

(12) Society Lectures, 1902.

S.S. Throburn. India Jan 10th if possible
 G.B. Shaw. discussed.

Dr. Mc Cleary on Sub. merged Teeth, Agreed.
 Ben' Fillett Debate on Compulsory arbitⁿ
 ? with Curran. No.-
 Other suggestions Deferred.-

G. Bernard Shaw
 25/10/01.

Exec. at Office 25th October 1901. -

Present - Shaw (in chair) Webb, Charrington, Anderson
Standing Mrs Shaw Pease, Macrost Galton

Absent Matthews (owing to error in address) Holson,
Mrs Harris (resigned), Bland, Oakeshott, Dodd.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Correspondence. Norton: saying he will send
parcel to W. Australia gratis. Thanks.

1st May Com^{ce} saying situation easier.

Wallis, wanting evidence Re L. G. B. &
Officers Tenure of Office. Put
par in news.

Greenland S. D. Vanguard. Thanks for books.

3. Pub. Com^{ce} Report. Noted. -

4. S. D. Shallard. Sudden Serious illness.

Sec. reported he had ~~an~~ arranged
with Charrington to do week's lecturing
for expenses & £ 5. fee. - Action approved.

(5) Future Action re H.T. Lectures. After discussion agreed that Sec. arrange with Charrington & Guest to complete Western Tour, & that subsequent months if necessary be abandoned.

(6) Executive Com^o. Letter from Mrs O.B. Harris stating that owing to change in locality of her school she cannot attend Exec. & offering to resign membership. Agreed to accept & give notice of bye-election.

(7) Raymond Unwin's Lecture. After debate agreed to ask Morgan. Browne to defer + Unwin to take his place, Nov. 22nd. Lantern lecture approved.

8. Tract ~~Efficiency~~ Circulation Scheme.
Draft notice for F. News amended & adopted.
Report of available tracts received.
Estimate for cost of 20000 Tracts (1 16 pp 1,20 pp) at £ 26.15. approved.

(9) (over)

- (9) List of Tracts. Agreed to prepare a
classified list of Tracts for back
of Circular to Non-members. -
- (10) Letter from Miss Curran re Tract on Laundries.
Agreed that W. T. N. L. ~~sh.~~ ought
to issue leaflet on State of law
with list of books, & that
we ask Mc Cleary to do a tract.
- (11) Drink Problem. Anderson proposed we
subscribe to the Public House
Trust Assn. A long discussion
followed, & no conclusion
was arrived at. -
J. Hawson Doad.

Executive at Office 8th Nov^r 1901.

Present Lawson Dodd (in chair) Webb, Charrington,
Macrosty, Standring, Gakeshott, Bland,
Anderson, Shaw, Matthews, W^o Shaw, Pease.
Absent Holson, Galton,

- (1) Minutes confirmed
- 2) Candidates elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
John Wesley Caruth, Frodsham, near Warrington	Robt. Jackson and Joseph Crew
Miss M. Bazett Jones, Sunnyside, Fulwood Park, Preston, Lancs.	Edwin J. Syer
Rev. E. J. B. Kirtlan, B.A., B.D., 127 Abington-av., Northampton	Rev. P. Widdrington

3 Resignation. W^o Sebiakoff. accepted.

4 Correspondence.
 Land Law Reform Assⁿ. Conf^o on Housing Dec. 3.
 Agreed to send delegates, perhaps Shaw.
 White M.P. on Municipalisation.

5. Publishing Com^o Report.
 Re What to Read & Public Libraries. Referred back.
 Eight Hours By Law. Op. Proposal not to
 reprint. Referred back

6. S. D. Shallard. Great improvement. Operation not yet taken place.
Financial Position Deferred.
Guest as substitute. Deferred.

7. Book Boxes. Sec. reported 12 orders since Nov-1st: also that there was plenty of ear-marked money, but the expenditure of it had not been contemplated. Agreed that he can expend up to £20 on books.

8. Lectures at Princeton stopped at last moment by Prison authorities who control the room. appeal made to Home Office. Also of Charrington direct to Prison Commissioners. Negative reply promised. Defer till official answer received. Question in Parl: Deferred.

9. Labour Rep. Com^{ce}. Sec. reported meeting at Leeds Nov-15 + 16. Agreed he go or not as he pleases.

10. Webb's Ind. Dem. & Hist. T. U. Agreed to send with news circular offering cheap editions. -

11 Coal supply. Sec. reported he c^d. not get answer to demand made by order of Exec. as to basis of ~~an~~ extra charge: that he had held over payment of coal till supply was stopped. After discussion agreed to await next aft. -

12. Society Lectures

Nov. 22. Agreed to have lantern slides as suggested by Union

Jan 10. S. S. Thorburn India. Acapts. Agreed to ask Sir W. Wedderburn & Indicus, but not Martin Wood.

Jan 24 G. B. Shaw.

Sec. reported Mrs Cunningham Graham had cried off, but he had written asking her to fix later date - Wait reply.

Col. Hinton, offer of lecture on Whitman Refuse.

Bosa. Sec. reported he had not replied, George Standring, 22 Nov. 1901

Executive at Office 22 Nov. '01.

Present. Standing (in chair) Macroft Bland,
Anderson, Pease, Charrington, Mrs Shaw
Matthews Dodd Holson, Shaw.

Absent. Webb (lecturing to Oxford F.S.) Galton, Cakeshott

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Sec. reported more orders for Book Boxes.

3. Correspondence.

Miss Lucy Adams, Honolulu, wanting to join.
Bristol Soc. Soc. asking books. Refuse
Hon W.P. Reeves sending n.3. Debate.

4. Membership. Sec. reported Tom Foster paid & reinstated
Mrs Bach. no Reply to letter. Off.
Frank Smith ex ~~l.c.~~ " " " "

5. Puricetown Lectures. Reply from H. Office, mere
negative. Agreed to ask Haldane
to put question in H. of C. & that Sec.
draft letter to him for next year.

6. Office Coal. Sec. pointed out that the two alternatives were legal procedure + unconditional surrender. Agreed that he submit matter to the Hon. Solicitor.

7. Pub. Comm. Report.

- (1) Questions referred back still unsettled.
- (2) Tract 108 already published
- (3) Draft circular by Welch read + approved
- (4) Decision to omit doctors: after debate, resolved by 5 to 2 that doctors be included in the scheme.
- (5) Decision to send to certain Wesleyan Ministers. After debate, + two divisions, the voting was declared equal, + no resolution was carried. It was then agreed that the question be deferred.
- (6) Sec. reported 1300 newspapers addressed.
- (7) Decision to pay fares for lecturer to Aberystwyth F.S. was approved.

8. Executive Bye-Election Candidates nominated Rev. S. D. Headlam, Dr. Guest, + R. A. Pettie

(9.) S. D. Shallard. Good Reports. Request
for definite information as
to financial position. Unanimously
agreed that the Society pay ^{his salary or} all his
out of pocket expenses in Ireland,
including the Doctor's fee for operation.
It was further agreed that, in case
he be too ill to see letters, a general advice
not to worry over money be written him.

(10) Substitutes for him. It was agreed that
the December & January
lectures be dropped.

11. Society Lectures.

Feb 14. Unfixed

Feb 28. Suture on Belgium

Sec. reported no further letter from
Mrs Cunningham-Brabant. No action.

Sec. reported offer from Dr. Guest of
lecture on Segregation of Degenerates
agreed to accept

Miss Maynard Buller, of U.S.A. Offer

(11) cont'

of lecture on Education in Germany
& Belgium. Decline + suggest
Sesame Club. -

(12) Unwinnis Expenses for lecture. agreed to offer
to pay them. -

13. Porters' Offer to pay for 1000 wrapper-addresses
accept.

Siron Webb

Executive at Office 29th Nov. '01. -

Present. Webb (in chair) Anderson Pease Standing
Mrs Shaw Matthews Macrat, Tolson
Galton Shaw Charrington Bland
Absent Oakeshott. Dodd.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Labour Rep. Com^{ee} Report on Dewsbury Election.
Debated, & no action taken
S. D. Shallard. Cordial thanks. -

3. Resignation Dr. Gumpelwicz. Accepted.

4. Exec. Bye-Election. Sec. reported Dr. Guest &
Rev. S. D. Headlam over the candidates.

5. Princeton Prison. Sec. reported The Question &
letter not yet drafted.

(6) Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Noted.
Circular to be sent out with Tract D. Scheme approved.

(6) Pub. C. Report. (cont^d)

Raymond Unwin's Housing Lecture. Recommendation

of Pub. Com^{ee} that it be published as a Tract & notice be given for next meeting in Fabian News was discussed. -

after a long debate the recommendation was adopted by ^x5 votes to 2. -

(six)

Sending Tracts under Scheme to Wesleyan Ministers

after debate it was agreed to negative this proposal & to adhere to the University Lists. -

Arthur P. Wood

Exec. at Office 13 Dec. '01.

Present, Bland (in chair) Standing
 Macrocy, Webb, Matthews, Mr. Shaw-
 Charvinton, Holson, Pease, Shaw-Dodd

Absent. Oakeshott, Anderson. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Sec. presented report on progress of
 the Tract-Distribution Scheme.
3. Candidates elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Iris Bland, Well Hall, Eltham, Kent	Hubert Bland & H. W. Macrocy.
Burford Hooke, 39 Cathles-road, Balham-hill, S.W.	S. K. Ratcliffe and E. R. Pease.
Miss M. B. Murby, 26 Canterbury-road, Brixton, S.W.	Wherry Anderson & S. Ratcliffe.
Ambrose Parsons, Said House, Chiswick-Mall, W.	J. McKillop and Chas. Spooner.
Mrs. Frances E. Rowe, 11 Hammersmith-terrace, W.	Chas. Spooner and E. R. Pease.
D. M. Stevenson, 9 Doune-terr., Glasgow	General Secretary.

all elected

4. Book-Boxes. Sec. presented report showing that 5 new boxes were required & announced that the Hutchinson Trustees had granted £25 to purchase them with. Report accepted.

5. Correspondence.

Moral Instruction League. asking that petition lie on table. agreed.

B. H. Shaw Proposed Glasgow F.S. noted Mrs Maynard Butler on her knowledge of English Education. noted.

Plymouth Coop. Donation of 42/-
J. W. V. Milne . Reply to circular, being on Private Schools. Defer consideration till more replies come in. —

6. Prince Tom's Prison. after further debate, it was agreed that E. J. Manton be asked to put question in House of Commons & form of question was discussed, amended & adopted.

7. Publishing Com^{ee} Business

Tract 70. Report on Fabian Policy. agreed to reprint 1000 from Stereo.

Tract on Housing proposed by Tom Jones. —
on Report of Macrae, Webb & Pease, Declined.

7. (cont'd)

Raymond Unwin's Housing Tract

Agreed that title be

(a) Cottage Plans & Common Sense

(b) To use indents instead of
cross-headings

(c) That M.S. be set up.

8. Resignation. Letter from Mrs. Cotton.
Deferred till Bland
had written her. —

J. Lawson Todd.

Executive at Office 10th Jan. 7 1902. -
Present Dodd, in chair, & all including Headlam
except
Absent Webb, Cakeshott, Bland.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Louis Cazamian, 5, rond-point Bugeaud, Paris	F. W. Galton.
Julius Wilkinson, 81, Wellesley- road, Croydon	H. T. Mugeridge and A. J. Thorogood.
BALA GROUP.	
David E. Jones, 43, High-street, Bala	B. Scott Williams.
Richard Roberts Parry, Bryn- tirion, Nantmor, Beddgelert, N. Wales	B. Scott Williams.

Elected subject to payment by Cazamian,
& receipt of letters re Wilkinson
R. M. Theobald. Letters re candidature
read. Agreed that he can be elected.

3. Ponicehoun Prison. Sec. reported no reply received
to letter written to E. J. C. Moton

4. Annual Dinner. Letter from J. H. Mackay. -
Agreed to reply that we will
dine on the first suitable occasion.

5. Correspondence.

Baillie Stevenson Sending £5.-
Mrs. Mallet on Indian Lecture
Athelstan Rendall re Factory Girls for Somerset.
West Austr. S.D. Thanks for Tracts.
Greenland S.D.F. Thanks for box of books

6. Alex. Grant Edinburgh. Resignation.

7. Labour Rep. Com^{ee} Annual Conf^{ee}
Agreed that Pease go as
Delegate & no resolutions
be proposed.

8. Workmens Housing Council. Delegate
Jan 13. Pease.

9. Trade Union O.A. Pensions Conf^{ee}
Sec. reported no further communication.
Agreed that Charrington be delegate.

10. S. D. Shallard. Home at last. appeared
in Person. no report.

11. Pub. Com^{ce} Minutes approved. Agreed to ask Holmes to lecture.

12. Social Lectures: Sec. reported Guest gone to Africa, & that Morgan Browne could not lecture (as given in news without his authority) on Feb 14th on England's Trade. Offer of Bacon-Shakespeare refused. -

Dates open

Feb. 14. Mar 14. Apl. 11 & 25. -

Resolution of J. E. Matthews, moved, but not put: -

That 3 or 4 meetings of the Fabian Society should be held so as to discuss thoroughly the question of Imperialism and its bearings on the war in South Africa in particular and that the members of the Fabian Society be given an opportunity of declaring whether they are in favour of peace offering the Boers reasonable conditions for peace or whether they are favour of a policy of extermination. "

After discussion agreed to refer this resolution, W. W. Browning (Lecturer on Canada) Holmes, &c. to G. P. Com^{ce} - Peace to ask Holmes to lecture & to interview Browning with a view to that end. -

H. W. Macrosty

Exec. at Office 24th Jan '01.
Present, Macrosty (in chair) & all except
Absent Webb + Oakeshott.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

T. Jones on Glasgow Corporation Homeing Commⁿ
S. Olivier Letter

Sam Woods saying that political Assoc^{ns} had
not been invited to the Pensioners Conf^{er}

J. W. Martin on Fabian Thrift.

Nat. Ed. Assⁿ offering Annual Meeting
tickets. Get some.

H. B. Kerr on Biological aspect of Sociology

A. H. Brunling offering to send Tract 1085
Bos' Councils, agree.

R. M. Tholald. Enthusiastic acceptance of membership.

Glasgow F. S. Proposing that we elect their
members at committed value
of 2/- a head. agreed.

3. S. D. Shallard. Letter reporting Surgeons Fee 25 guineas.

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4. Clements Im Charge for coal. Letter from Sol: saying
action w^o probably not succeed. Agreed
to ask him to write for excess money.

5. Proposals for Tracts. (a) Sec. proposed Theoburn's lecture.
Agreed to ask him, & suggest addition
specifying remedies. -

(b) Wallas proposed tract on How to use the
God: Bill. Ask him to lecture when
the Bill becomes an act. -

6. Resignations. John Tenny. Macrost to write.
Mrs Cotton. Try on our letter &
otherwise accept. -

7. Unemployed Com^{tee}. Hobson reported proposal
to form Com^{tee} to investigate powers
of local authorities for dealing with un-
employed, & cognate subjects.
Agreed that he have the use
of the office & that Pease be
authorised to act as Secy

8. General Purposes Com^{ee} Report.

- (a) Report on Tract Distribution received.
- (b) Proposal to accept offer of Hutchinson Trustees to provide funds for further distribution of 5000 packets, was approved.
- (c) Proposed lecture scheme approved.
- (d) Letter to Press on Imperialism
After long debate it was resolved that the letter proposed by the G. P. Com^{ee}, with verbal amendments, (which were agreed to) be sent to the Press. Voting 8 for 3 against.

J. W. Coulton
14. 2. 902

Executive at Office 14th Feby
Present, Galton (in chair) & all except
about Webb, Matthews, Oakeshott.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence. Aberdeen S.D.F. asking remission of
8/-, cost of broken slides.
Ask them to pay 4/-

Spencer Wilkinson, enclosing 2/-

Mrs Fred Hammill, asking for subscription of
£10. - ask her to send
name of somebody who knows
her circumstances.

C. Charrington, Successful lecture at Aberystwyth
Rt. Hon R. Seddon, Xmas card.

W. W. Moodie, complaining of packed lectures.
Agreed to write that we will confine
popular lectures in future to members
& special guests, & that for Sutho
we can make no special arrangements
beyond ordering chairs as before.

(3.) The following were elected:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
James Elder, Grove Lodge, The Grove, Hampstead, N.W. ...	J. McKillop and W. W. Moodie.
Alfred John Singer, 3 Aelybrynvillas, Abercynon, Glam. ...	General Secretary.
Robert Masters Theobald, M.A., 32 Lee-terr., Blackheath, S.E.	General Secretary.
CAMBRIDGE F. S.	
L. Isserlis, 6 Melbourne-place, Cambridge	Maziere Irvine.

(4.) Resignations:-

- Mrs Cotton. Final letter.
- Dr. Frost Letter from sister "Lill".
Accept.
- Ernest Hart. Referred to Galton
- John Tenney. No further report from microsc.

(5.) Lectures to the Society:-

- H. G. Wells. Refusal
- Wallas. Very conditional acceptance
- Mar 14. Gilbert Chesterton. acceptance
- Apr 11. Holmes. Reform of Reformatories
- .. 25. Tole kept open pro. tem.
- May 16. Annual meeting
- .. 30. a lecture. -
- J. W. Mackail. negatived

(6) Labour Rep. Conference. Sec. presented agenda, & reported that his expenses w^d. be 5/- . Agreed that he go.

(7) Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Decision to send to Town & Industrial Com^{ty} Councillors approved. —

(8) London Water Bill After debate, agreed that Macroft, Webb, Galton & Pease be a Com^{ee} to draft resolutions for a members meeting, to be submitted to the next Ex^{ec}. —

John J. Matthews
28/12/02

Exec. at Office 28th Feb. 7 1902.

Present- Matthew (in chair), Galton Hobson
Charrington, Macrot, Peace, Standring,
Shaw, Anderson, Bland

Absent- Oakeshott, Webb, Mrs Shaw, Headlam
Dodd

(1.) Minutes were confirmed

(2.) Secy reported on Minutes

- (a) No reply to letter ~~from~~ rec^d. from Mrs Hammill
- (b) Aberdeen S.D.F. had paid 4/- asked
- 4 (c) On resignation J. Tenney Macrot had no report
- (d) " " E. Hart Galton " "

(3) Correspondence. F. Hudson, Correspondence on Coal
with Cliffords Lane

G.P.O. Refuse offer of Telephone
Weymouth F.S. Sending 5/- & asking
lecture: accept ~~first~~ former
& decline latter, unless someone
in neighbourhood.

1st May Celebration Com^{tee}: Anderson &
Standring to be delegates

(4) Labour Rep. Confere at Birmingham. Sec. reported his expenses were only 20/11. - That our proposal for a Labour members maintenance scheme was adopted on motion of Gasworkers, & that he had initiated a debate on Education & an amendment to the L.L.P. resolution, which however was carried.

(5) Publishing Comm. Report. generally approved, except agreed that the title of Thorburn's tract be "Problems of Indian Poverty".

(6) Executive Election Letter read from J. F. Oakeshott announcing with much regret that he was unable to attend & wd not therefore stand for re. election.

(7) Society Lectures. agreed after debate to ask W. P. Reeves on Imp. Fed. Dr. Archdall Reid on Wesmamism for apr 25th & May 30. Also to have an extraordinary meeting if the Budget is exceptional & comment is necessary. Agreed to have one meeting in June.

8. Tract Dist. Scheme. Sec. reported slow progress.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Report from Shallard & received.

Sec. reported that the Birmingham Sec. Centre had engaged Shallard as Sec. from April

Sec. reported that partly owing to engagement of Shallard through the summer & partly owing to his illness, the lectures we

cost £35 or £40 in excess of Grant.

Agreed to ask Hutchinson Trustees for a further grant of £50. —

10. London Water Bill. The Comtee reported recommending that no meeting be called but that resolutions be inserted in news & sent to press. — Resolutions were amended & agreed to, as per contra. —

Sp. Ramad Shaw

14/3/02.

The London Water Bill.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Fabian Society, while regretting that the Government has not made the London County Council the water authority, welcomes the acceptance by the Government of the two cardinal principles that the water supply should be under public control and that no special payment should be made for compulsory purchase.

It is of opinion that when the Bill is in Committee the Government should introduce amendments

- (a) Reducing the unwieldy size of the Water Board, and placing the dominant control in the hands of the representatives of the London County Council as the only body representing the common interests of all London;
- (b) Making the terms of payment the average market value in cash of the companies' stock, instead of giving the shareholders new stock yielding the old income but of a higher market value, thereby conferring on them the whole benefit of the superior credit of a public body, that is, a large cash bonus to which they have no claim;
- (c) Empowering the new water authority to redress the inequalities in the present system of charge in certain districts.

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Executive at Office 14 March '02.
Present, Shaw (in chair) & all except
Absent Webb & Bakeshott.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates, elected, subject to payment
of sub^s & Mrs Robertson:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
A. W. Holland, Northwood Park, Winchester	R. C. K. Ensor.
A. B. Newall, Colne Weavers As- socio., 2 Hall-st., Colne, Lancs.	General Secretary.
Miss Amy E. Otter, 21 Hyde Park Mansions, N.W.	R. W. Anderson and G. Standing.
Mrs. J. M. Robertson, 80 Baker- street, W.	R. W. Anderson and G. Standing.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Tom M. McKenzie, Students' Set- tlement, 10 Possil-rd., Glasgow	Thomas Rook.

Glasgow F.S. Reports & letters read. -
Agreed to elect Messrs Shaw & Forson &
any others who desire it, under the 2^d rule.

3. Resignations & Reinstatements

John Turner. No report from Macrosty

S. Hart " " " Salton

Dr. Frost. Sec. reported he had called & had
been re-instated.

Kentish More. Sec. reported sub^s of £5. + reinstatement

(3) cont.

W. Ranstead & W.S. Page. No reply to letters: agreed they be struck off.

Messrs Berrio + Benzaguen of Tangier. See reported no subⁿ since election in '99. Agreed they be written to + struck off in default of reply.

(4) Indian Famine Council. Letter from Mr. Thorburn. Agreed to put par. in News: to send out Landbill. & provide as far as possible Dodd to go. Shaw refuses.

5 Society Lectures

- W.P. Reeves. Refusal. Too busy.
- Dr. A. Reid. No reply. Write again.
- T.W. Russell M.P. Agreed to ask him for early date on Land Purchase + that it be a meeting for members + subscribers only.

6 Publishing Com^{ee} Business

See reported Tract 48. Eight Hours, Reprinted in July & overtake Problems of Indian Poverty. Just ready.
 Cottage Plans. Nearly ready. Illustrations passed.

(6) cont^d Pub. Com^a

Laundries. M.S. & McCleary. Peace & Macrot reported good but the constructive conclusions wanted adding to & strengthening. — Agreed to ask McCleary to do this & to put Tract down for Annual Meeting to a South Tract Municipal Milk. Agreed to ask McCleary to revise & to defer question of re-setting.

Airdrie P. Library. Request for Books. Send the list & loose ones

(7) Tract Dist. Scheme. Agreed to send some to Trade Union Secs. —

(8) Accounts. Sec. reported as follows on page below

Subscriptions to 13th. March	£295.	Last year	£304.	But this is not so good as it looks.
Estimated amount to be paid by 31 March			<u>£467</u>	
Against this	Cash	64	64	----
Amounts anticipated		293		
Balance to be collected in 12 days		<u>110</u>	<u>467</u>	
Limebeer & Co consent to be audit.			---	

Report considered & noted. Agreed that Sec. 7 in his discretion send out further notice.

(9.) Exec. Election. Sec. reported no new candidates. R. G. Dell, R. A. Peddie & F. Wheeler were then nominated.

G. Bernard Shaw.
11/4/02.

John
this

Executive at Office 11 April 1902
 Present all except Shaw in chair.
Absent Webb, Standring, Oakeshott

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Candidates were elected as follows:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Charles Godfrey Gumpel, 3 Elm-road, Beckenham	John Glass and Edw. R. Pease.
Ernest Williams, 28 Heathfield-road, South Croydon	M. Grover and E. J. Harrington.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Miss F. M. Stewart, B.A., 19 Parkville-rd., Dowanhill, Glasgow...	Thomas Rook.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.	
E. B. Forrest, 6 Longworth-rd., Oxford	G. C. Binyon and A. R. Lord.
H. B. Lees Smith, Ruskin Hall, Oxford	G. C. Binyon and A. R. Lord.
S. Séguin Strachan, Keble Coll., Oxford	G. C. Binyon and A. R. Lord.
GLASGOW F. S.	
Arthur Gilfillan, 98 Trongate ...	} B. H. Shaw.
Jas. McGlashan, 114 Candleriggs	
David McNaught, Great Eastern-road, Glasgow	

3. Resignations &c. -
 John Tenner + S. Hart. Accepted on reports from Macrosty + Galton
 L. S. Allsworth + J. M. M. Greigg. Accepted.
 Sec. reported R. Bell M.P. a new subscriber
 On report of Sec. it was agreed to write to inform F. Linderberg of Copenhagen, that he must pay a nominal subscription, if he wishes to be a member.

4) Publishing Com^{ce} Report.

Agreed to reprint Red covers omitting ofp. Leaflets.

Tract-sales reported.

Tracts on Reform of Reformatories + on Lunatics considered, + no decision taken.

(5) Correspondence.

F. W. Frankland on the stupidity of business men in the U.K. + Colonies, + the ^{reality of political party} consequent ~~success of democracy~~ ^{working class}.

S. D. Shallard. Report on concluding lectures. Agreed to send him a vote of thanks for his services.

Workmen's Nat. Housing Com^{ce}. Agreed to subscribe again 5/-

(6) Form of Bequest, as advised of counsel, was approved, viz: -

give to the Fabian Society of London England now of 3 Clement's Inn
rand, in the County of London for their general purposes a legacy
£ free of duty, payable to the Treasurer for the time being
ose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

Meeting at Office 11 April 1902

Present

(7) Balance Sheet for year was presented
of Sec. 7 & passed. Sec. reported
that D'Arcy Reeve, having given £10,
would be no longer a "Special" subscriber,
as the limit of distinction had hitherto
been £20 + over. Agreed after debate,
that precedent be adhered to. —
Sec. 7 also reported £27 already
received in April. —

(8) Education Bill. Letter from Webb read.
after discussion agreed

- (1) That a members meeting be
called for Friday May 2nd
- (2) That Macrosty, Webb, Wallas,
Headlam & Pease be a Com^{tee}
to draft resolutions therefor.

(9) Meeting of Society. Sec. reported
T. W. Russell not
yet asked for reasons given.

(9) cont? - agreed as follows:-

- Apr 25. Dr. Archdall Reid accepted.
 May 2. Members Mtg on Education Bill
 May 16. Annual Meeting. Laundries Tract.
 Mar 30 } Lectures by
 June 18 } T. W. Russell + Selwyn
 Image on Irish Land,
 + "Art & Modern Life" respectively.

(10) Hutchinson Trust Lectures -

Norwich L.M. Request noted.

Agreed that Hobson enquire of P. Snowden whether he wd. be open to lecture, occasionally or otherwise, if desired. -

Agreed to refer to the General Purposes Com^a for Report on the subject of continuance of the lectures. -

S. J. Hobson
 25/iv/1902

First Meeting of the 1902-3 Executive at Office
on 25th April 1902. -

Present Hobson (in chair) & all the others, also
Graham Wallas & request. -

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence. Glasgow Coop. Don of £2.2. for
Shallard's Lectures

Laud Nat. Socy Conference May 10th -

Agreed to send out handbill with
news & that G. B. Shaw & any others
be delegates. Also to put note in News.

L.L.P. Invitation to hear Snowden April 30.

Noted with thanks.

Communist Club Building Co. Send
courteous ack^t. -

3. Labour Bureau Bill. Agreed to send resolution
in favour thereof, the form to
be drafted by Secy in consultation
with F. W. Galton.

Standing Orders.

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- 1 - That the Chair be taken by members in alphabetical order: in the absence of the appointed chairman at the beginning of business his place to be taken and retained by some other member then present. The chairman has a vote as a member of the Committee, but no second vote.
- 2 - That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on Fridays: that the absence of any item from the agenda-paper do not prevent its being discussed and decided without notice and that the absence of an agenda-paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place.
- 3 - That the preliminary committee meet at 5 O'clock when necessary and the formal Executive at 5.30 O'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (by and with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing Order 2.
- 4 - That two Standing Committees be appointed
 - (a) for all Publishing business
 - (b) for General Purposes, specially for Provincial and other lecturing, Society meetings and functions, Conferences of all sorts, Groups, and financial matters.
- 5 - That the two Committees be authorised to carry out, without further reference to the Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive, reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance only.
- 6 - That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

(4) The Standing Orders, as last year, were taken
as read & adopted.

5. The Secy presented Report on Standing
Committees as follows.

Standing Committees, as existing

Publishing Anderson, Galton, Macrosty, Shaw,
Standring, Secretary
also specially appointed, R. A. Peddie

General Purposes Bland, Charrington, Dodd, Hobson,
Mrs. Shaw, Webb, Secretary.

Unattached Headlam, Whelen, Mrs. Wood.

It was agreed that Mrs. Wood & Whelen
be added to the Publishing Com^{ee} &
Headlam to the General Purposes Com^{ee},
& that Peddie be invited to join the
former, as before, it being understood
that he is willing to serve. —

b. Annual Report for 1901-2. This was agreed
to without discussion. —

That this meeting of the Fabian Society, whilst recognising the ^{many serious} ~~grievous~~ defects in the Education Bill, 1902, ~~welcomes~~ the approach which it makes towards:-

- (1) ^{Empowers} Comprehensiveness in education, in that it ~~enables~~ local authorities to provide from the rates, for all children, not elementary or technical education alone, but all forms and grades of education in secular subjects, from the lowest to the highest: being, in respect of this great advance in national policy, a measure not less epoch-making than that of 1870.
- (2) Unification of all forms and grades of education under one authority, which will thus be able to provide complete co-ordinated and systematic educational machinery adapted to local requirements, for all classes of the community, from the creche to the university.
- (3) Unity of local government so that the ^{ultimate} ~~entire~~ responsibility for all local services and local rates in each district shall be ~~concentrated~~ in a single elected body, representative of the whole people at large.
- (4) Equality of educational efficiency, especially in strength and salaries of teaching staff, in all public elementary schools, whether denominational or subject to the Cowper-Temple clause, thereby enabling an immediate raising of the scandalously low standard which, in at least a third of all our schools, at present disgraces the nation.

But this approach to comprehensiveness, unity and equality is,

as the Bill now stands, marred by serious defects, on the remedying of which in committee all effort should be concentrated. (12)

(a) The 'option' given to particular towns to remain outside the scope of the Bill is illogical and seriously detrimental to educational efficiency; unfair to the children in such towns who may thereby be deprived of the enlarged educational opportunities allowed by the Bill; and destructive of the unity and equality at which it aims. This 'option' clause should be ~~simply~~ rejected.

(b) The power given to non-county boroughs (over 10,000) and urban districts (over 20,000) to take themselves, as regards elementary education, entirely out of their respective counties is calculated to impair the educational efficiency of the county as a whole, and to create undesirable inequalities of rating. It would seem preferable to limit this option as much as possible - perhaps only to such boroughs and districts as have now school boards - and to restrict its effect so that, whilst the small town manages the schools within its area, the scheme of educational provision is made with regard to the needs and circumstances of the county as a whole, the little market towns serving as educational centres not for themselves alone but also for their respective neighbourhoods.

(c) The freedom given to the town or county council in the formation of its education committee is unduly wide. It seems preferable to require that at least a majority 2 should be members of the Council.

(d) The position of women in the Bill is, if not open to equivocation, at best highly anomalous. The only satisfactory solution of this difficulty would be the insertion of a clause making women (married or single) eligible for membership of town and county councils on the same conditions as men. A clause ~~that~~ to this effect would be within the scope of the Bill (as affecting the constitution of the proposed education authority), and it should be moved.

(e) The proposed delegation of details of school administration to bodies of managers, whilst good in itself, requires to be more definitely provided for. The local authority should be required

- (1) In all cases itself formally to appoint ^y/_x all the managers, provided that where the school buildings are maintained by private trustees, these shall nominate to the local authority one half of the managers to be so appointed.
- (ii) Where a school board has existed, to include the present members of that board among the first managers for the schools which it maintained; and in all other cases to include at least two members of the parish or urban district council, where such exists.
- (iii) In all cases to include an adequate proportion of women amongst such managers.
- (iv) To prepare and submit to the Board of Education for comment (though not for approval) a precise statement of the powers

(g) the borrowing of money in the Bill that it does not expressly make proposed to be delegated, which shall never include (a) the levying of a rate, the borrowing of money, or the expenditure of any funds provided by the local authority except by its express sanction:

(b) any alteration of curricula or of the conditions of service of any teacher or other employe of the local authority:

(c) the formal appointment or dismissal of teachers or their conditions of employment, - provided that the managers shall in all cases select the candidates to fill vacancies, according to the scale of salaries laid-down and qualifications laid down by the local authority in each case, and subject to its approval, which shall not be withheld on any grounds but those of educational qualifications or personal character. - Provided that it shall be the duty of the managers to make such representations as they may think fit, for the consideration of the local authority, on these or any other matters relating to the schools under their charge.

(d) The position of the teachers in the schools maintained by the local authority, is not clearly defined. It should be expressly laid down that, in all such schools whether denominational or subject to the Temple Cowper-Temple clause, the teachers will be officers of the local authority itself, from whom they will receive their salaries.

(e) It is a defect in the Bill that it does not expressly make it the duty of (as distinguished from a power) of a local authority to provide any higher education at all; and does not even allocate the 'whisky money' to education of any kind.

Hence,

- (1) The 'whisky money' should be definitely allocated exclusively to education other than elementary.
 - (ii) It should be declared to be the duty of every local authority to provide for all parts of its districts a sufficient and suitable supply of education in secular subjects of all forms and grades, adapted to the requirements and circumstances of all sections of its constituents.
 - (iii) Every local authority should be required, within a year, to prepare and submit to the Board of Education, to be laid before Parliament, a complete survey of the provision for such education in its district, with accounts of the gaps and deficiencies, and with its own suggestions for their amendment.
- (f) No direction is given as to increasing the provision for the training of teachers.

It should be made the duty of every local authority to make and sufficient suitable provision, without distinction of creed or any religious test, for the education and training of teachers, proportionate to its own requirements.

(e) It is a defect in the Bill that it does not expressly make

(g) The limitation to 2d. in the § of the expenditure on all education other than elementary - including, as it now must, the cost of evening continuation schools, pupil-teacher centres and all instruction of persons over 15 - will tend to limit the work of progressive districts. It would be highly desirable to omit this invidious discouragement of local effort.

(h) The absence of any provision of a grant in aid of secondary education, proportionate to the efficient expenditure of each local authority, will, it is to be feared, cause the backward districts to fall still more behind those which are progressive. This defect could be cured without legislation, by a mere executive extension of the present science and art and evening school grants; and such an extension should be pressed for, as an integral part of any effective reform of secondary and university education.

7. Meetings of the Society. The Secy reported
the list completed as follows:—

May 2. Education Resolutions

16 Annual Meeting

30 Selwyn Image

June 13. T. W. Russell.

8. Agenda for Annual Meeting approved,
Annual Report, (including
Statement of Well- of H. Trust work)
Reform of Reformatories. Agreed that
it be a named Tract.

Laudries. a Society Tract, but it was
agreed that it is not necessary to
send proofs to every member.

9. Chairmen. For Education Meeting, Sanders or
Teddie
For Annual Meeting, Teddie or Sanders.

10. Draft Resolutions on the Education Bill
were then considered at great length.
A resolution to omit the word "Welcome"

in line two was defeated, 4 voting for it.

It was resolved 9 7 to 5 to add an amendment proposing the removal of the disability of ministers to serve on Town + County Coms. - a motion to adjourn the discussion was rejected 9 7 to 5.

Other amendments were made ^{as amended} & ultimately the resolutions were adopted with one dissentient. -

Frederik Melen

16 May 1902

Executive at Office 16th May '02.
Present, F. Whelen + chair, + all except
Absent Dodd, + Charrington.

1. Minutes were confirmed, with one amendment.
2. Auditors report was received
3. The following were elected subject to payment of F. Taylor, of his sub-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Herbert Carden, 30 Old Steyne, Brighton	General Secretary.
Thomas Foster, 48 Blackburn-road, Padiham, Lancs. ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Joseph A. Harris, 11A Northgate, Blackburn	Gen. Sec.
Mrs. K. Tar, 20 Regent-sq., W.C.	Isaac Mitchell and Edw. R. Pease.
Fred Taylor, 1 Hampden Villas, Weymouth	Gen. Sec.
Dr. Paul Wolfner, Budapest, Aradi u 68, and Trinity College, Cambridge	Edw. R. Pease.
John Crewe, 9 Patten-st., Withington, Manchester	Joseph Crewe.
GLASGOW F.S.	
S. Frame, Brownside, Paisley; Alex. Gilchrist, 7 Queen Mary-av., Crosshill, Glasgow; Robert Pollok, Walden Villa, Broomfield, Springburn, Glasgow; Miss B. A. Smith, 57 Montgomerie-st., Kelvinside N., Glasgow ...	B. H. Shaw.

4. Labour Representation Com^{ee}. Delegate reported on Deptford + Garrow candidatures &c.

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5. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec-7 reported he had interviewed Snowden who would not be available for us. agreed to consider Fallows. -

6. Education Bill. Sec: reported offer from Haldane to move our amendments. Webb explained that Haldane meant any cunning amendments specially devised by us, & that he wd take the matter in hand. agreed. -

7. Pub. Com^{tee} Report -

Proposed Tract on Child-Labour approved.

Sec. reported 670 Education Resolutions sent to M.P.'s & 100 to press. approved & agreed to send out to members & with news. -

8. International Labour Office. Proposal to ask B.H. Wood to prepare reports wanted, with a view, inter alia, to tracts. Agreed to pay £5, & resolved by a majority, that the Sec. offer him £5 to do the job. -

9. Correspondence.

Dr. Archdall Reid, proposing to join us.

F. W. Walbran, stating that Mrs. Fred Hammill is deserving of assistance, after debate agreed that Sec. write we will endeavour to assist, if there is a project for something permanent.

F. W. Hays proposing alteration in Basis, after debate agreed that we cannot propose an amendment, but we do not object to his doing it. Point out however that by rule, nothing can be done except at Annual Meeting after notice.

10. Enid Stacy.

Request for loan as in 1899 to enable her to start on American Tour. —

After debate ~~resolved~~ ^{resolved} to lend her £25, but that this must not be regarded as precedent for use on another occasion.

11. Annual Meeting.

Order of business was adopted.

13. Lanndris Tract. Taken as read + approved.

14. Late Correspondence.

Rural Housing Com^{ee} June 6. Pense to attend Conf^{ee} + report.

Extend International Conf^{ee} Agreed to send a paper on Old age Pensions, Turner to prepare same.

15. Notices of Motion of S. D. Headlam:—

- (a) That rules be prepared for the conduct of the Meetings of the Society
- (b) That the paper of business be sent out in time for members to send in amendments which shall be typed in the office and distributed at the meeting.

after debate, agreed to refer them to the G. P. Com^{ee}, Headlam to draft the rules desired of him.

M. L. Bland
20/7/2

Executive at Office 35th May 1902. —

Present Bland (in chair) Standing Shaw, Mrs Shaw,
Mrs Wood, Galton, Pease, Headlam,
Holson Dodd

Absent. Webb (lecturing) Macross, Anderson,
Charnington, Weale.

1. Minutes were confirmed

(2). Sec. reported arising herefrom:—

- (1) That Wood agreed to prepare Labor Reports.
- (2) Re Mrs Hammill, no reply.
- (3) That Turner will prepare C.A. Pensions paper
- (4) Headlam's motions. S.P. Com^{tee} not yet met.

(3) F. W. Donaldson. Resignation on acct of Poverty.
Sec. reported no sub. since 1899. —
Agreed to accept.

(4) Correspondence. Re Guild of Social Dubercourse. No action.

(5) Meetings of Society. T. W. Russell's lecture. agreed
that it be an ordinary meeting.

(6) Pub. Com^{ee} Report: -

Annual Report to be reduced in size
Reformatories & Laundries in hand.

Re Fabian News. Referred to Exec: -

Suggested scheme: -

Fuller reports of lectures

More and Longer Reviews

Occasional articles of information

Publication in News of such circulars as Education Bill

Procedure: -

Application for grant from H. Trustees:

£50 would double News. £25 would give 6 double numbers.

Suggested referendum of readers by paragraph.

Agreed that Paragraph to this effect be put
in Fabian News.

(7) Free Trade + Protection. Agreed to have a lecture
early in July on this subject & to ask
Newins or Ashley. -

(8) Action on Reform of Reformatories considered.

(9) Wm. Morris on Communism. On proposal of Shaw
agreed to consider publication of Mr.
lecture, if offered

Charles Claxton
13 June 1902

Executive at Office 13th June 1902. -
Present Charrington (in chair) Shaw, Webb
 Bland, Standing Dodd, Woe Shaw
 Galton, Macrae anderson Woe Wood,
 Holson, Pease
Absent Wrelen, Headlam.

- Minutes were confirmed
- Election of candidates. The following
 were elected subject to receipt of
 proper letters for T. P. Stewart

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
F. Bower Alcock, Ruskin Hall, Birkenhead	R. F. E. Willis.
Rev. F. G. D'Aeth, Harold Wood, Romford, Essex	Edw. R. Pease and M. G. Pease.
Albert V. Hirsch, Váci-Körút, 22, Budapest	P. Wolfgr.
T. P. Stewart, Post Office, Shiney- row, Houghton-le-Spring, Co. Durham	A. W. Hildreth.
Harry Sykes, 99 Industry-road, Darnall, Sheffield	Enid Widdrington and Charles Charrington.
J. C. Van der Veer, 113 Howard- road, Walthamstow	John Edwards and E. R. Pease.

GLASGOW F. S.	
David Dunn, 22 William-street, Helensburgh	R. Maclaurin.
Robert Gill, 257 St. Vincent-st., Glasgow	B. H. Shaw.
W. R. Lester, Lennoxtown	J. C. Wilson.
Roland E. Muirhead, Vinona, Bridge of Weir	R. Maclaurin.
Miss Jane Meldrum, "Cochrane- field," Milliken Park	James Meldrum.

3. Resignation. F. W. Donderson. Sec. reported that he was in error in reporting no sub since 1899. In fact- he had subscribed 2/- recently, & Shallard reported him a valuable member. Agreed to rescind previous resolution, & refuse to accept resignation for reason stated: & to excuse from subscribing.

4. Referendum on Fabian News. Sec. reported about 30 replies, two only against enlargement. Agreed to insert a paragraph in next News saying no change w^d. be made unless a further expression of opinion was received.

5. Labour Representation Com^a. Sec. reported on Jarrow Election.
Labour Members Maintenance Fund. - Adjourned.

6. Mrs Hammill. Letter from Mrs Wallbran saying she proposes to start a club. Repl^d we shall be glad to hear of & will subscribe to any fund got up for Mrs Hammill. -

7. Lectures current session. Sec. reported
News accepted for July 11th agreed
to ask him to speak on Free Trade
up to date.

8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.
Reprint of Municipal Mill. Agreed after
debate that this be done
regardless of cost. —

9. Chairman for T. W. Russell. Charrington.

10. General Purposes Com^{ee} Report.

(a) Proposed new Standing Orders.

Resolved nem. con. to adjourn
sine die. (see next page)

(b) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Jovett
to be asked to do occasional
work.

(c) List of Members to be circularised
with a view to expulsion, approved,

(d) Draft list of lectures for next session
was considered & amended as follows: —

I Fiscal Control.

Modern Theory of Foreign Trade

~~Protection from the American Standpoint.~~

The Case for unmitigated free Trade

Protection and organisation for agriculture:

needful as a race-preserver; Home-grown food supply:

organisation in Denmark, Colonies, &c.

~~Protection of Manufactures.~~

Percy

~~Prof.~~ Ashley

Harold Cox

C.F.W. Maskeraman

~~F. W. Galton~~

~~Mr. Byng (author thereon)~~

II Regulative Control

Shipping - Subsidies: Trusts: Organisation

The Future of Trusts and the State as Trader

~~The Handicap of British Individualism~~

~~Private Railways. Mining Royalties~~

~~Unregulated financing. Trade Secrecy~~

J. E. Matthews

S. G. Hobson

~~H. T. Madderidge~~

III State Management

State Trading in Europe and our Colonies

Commercial Education

~~Areas of Governmental Trading and disposal of Profits~~

~~State Banking~~

a. m. Davies

~~H. W. Macrosty~~

✓ S. Webb

A. M. Davies

~~F. Whelen or~~

~~J. W. Shaw~~

IV Special Labour topics.

~~Black and Yellow Labour Abroad: Protection of
it and against it~~

~~Organised Labour in Politics~~

~~Alien Immigration.~~

~~Prof. Murray~~

~~Frederick Rogers~~

It was agreed to ask F. Rogers to lecture on "The
"Influence of Trade Unionism on Politics" as a
separate lecture. — Also Literary Lectures.
F. Hanson Dodge.

(18)

New Standing Orders. *adjourned sine die.*

- (a) That the agenda of all Business meetings at which it is proposed to take a vote of the Society be posted to members at least a week before the date of the meeting.
- (b) That members who have amendments to move be requested to send them in writing to the Secretary at least two days before the date of the meeting.
- (c) That the following be submitted to the chairman of business meetings as rules of debate:-
 - (a) The mover of a resolution to be allowed not more than a quarter of an hour unless by leave of the meeting.
 - (b) The mover of an amendment to be allowed not more than 10 minutes and other speakers not more than 5 minutes.

was agreed to ask F. Rogers to lecture on "The
influence of Trade Unionism on Politics" as a
separate lecture. — Also Literary Lectures.
F. Lawson

Executive at Office 11 July 1902.

Present, Dodd (in chair), Webb, Mrs Shaw, Whiden
Bland, Pease, Deadlam, Standring, Shaw
Absent Holson, Macrogly, Mrs Wood, Galtow
Anderson Charrington

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Candidates were elected, subject to payment of Sub: & T. C. D. Williams, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Walter Coates, 6a Maddox-st., W.	Mary Macpherson & Keir Hardie.
Mrs. Jos. Fels, 6a Maddox-st., W.	Do. Do.
Fernando Linderberg, Sagasvej 14, Copenhagen, Denmark ...	General Secretary.
T. C. Duncan Williams, 49 Clo- velly-mansions, Gray's Inn-rd.	Wherry Anderson & J. W. Shaw.

3. Referendum on Enlarging F. news. Sec. reported only 10 more $\frac{2}{3}$ replies, all favourable. It was agreed to put a par. in news stating that the enlargement scheme would not be adopted as a regular thing, but the Exec. would order it an occasional enlarged number when it seemed to be ~~very~~ desirable.

(4) Labour Repⁿ Com^{ee}. Sec reported on current
eye elections. -

Labour Members Maintenance Fund. The
adjourned debate was resumed, & it
was agreed to concur with the proposal
to promise payment, if the scheme be
carried, & to recommend that a
higher rate of contribution than 1^d
be adopted.

5. Correspondence.

National Dem. Fedⁿ. Conference against the
Education Bill. Agreed to return tickets
& to decline to send delegates.

Dr. Duncan Gravesend. Application for hire
of hall for lecture as previously
promised. Sec. ordered to pay.

International Soc^y Bureau. Invitation to
conference. Sec. ordered to write
for details & to put notice in views
asking if members are going. -
It was left to his discretion to appoint
suitable members delegates for the Soc^y.

6. Pub. Com^{ee} Report, Received :-

decisions as to Petavel, Edwards, Free Life, &c
confirmed.

Re Jones' Paper, Welsh Survey suggested.

Re Wood's Reports, Recommend him to
publish in Economic Journal or Review.

Tract 110. Reform of Reformatories. Construction
par. approved.

.. III Laundries. Resolved that the
title be "Life in the Laundry"

7. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

J. W. Jowett. No reply thro' Holrow

S. D. Shallard. Proposal to do some
lectures in Lancashire

Coops. After discussion
it was agreed that the Sec.
have power to arrange them,
at a cost not exceeding £10,
with a marked preference for
courses of at least 2 lectures
in any one place.

8. Purge of Members. Sec. reported as follows:-

- 1 Resignation. Miss Haycraft. Accepted.
- 8 Paid subscription: viz. H. Morgan Brown
Mrs. F. Charles, F. V. Fisher, H. H. Harris,
J. B. Owen, A. D. Lindsey, Norman Leys
Kenneth Leys.
- 1. Promised F. McQuire
- 1. asked to be excused for poverty,
F. Coleman. agreed.
- 1 Member of Oxford U.F.S, Rev. V. Herford.

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Agreed that the Sec. have power to remove them from the list of members, subject to reinstatement for sufficient cause.

9. Chairman for News. Webb. -

10. Next Meeting of Exec. Agreed to adjourn to October, subject to need for meeting if important business arise; & that the pub. Comtee have power to elect candidates, in non-contentious cases, during the recess.

11. Lectures for the New Session.
The Sec. reported as follows:-

Fixed.

October 10th. Modern Theory of Foreign Trade. Percy Ashley.

Acceptances, dates unfixed.

Harold Cox	Free Trade
J.E. Matthews	Shipping Subsidies &c.
S. G. Hobson	Future of Trusts
Sidney Webb	Commercial Education

No reply

C.F.W. Masterman Agricultural protection &c.

Refusal.

A. M. Davies State Trading Abroad.

It was agreed:-

That Webb take "How we Tax Trade in England", in place of above.

That Wheeler be asked to take "State Trading"

For other lectures:-

That F. Rogers be asked to do Trade Unions & Politics

That Malapodi be not asked.

That Wheeler or another be asked to do Alien Immigration.

J. H. Sutton
10/10/02

Executive at Office 10th Oct: 1902. -
Present Galton (in chair) + all except
Absent Charrington. -

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Purge of Members. Secy reported that the following ~~excluded~~ listed for exclusion had paid up:-
Mrs Lucy Moise + D. M. Charleston (South Australia)
Miss Jessie Currie, J. Potbury, G. C. Beresford,
Miss Colthorn; also that Miss Simon had paid.

3. The following were elected, subject to reception of proper letters from Boyd, viz:

Wm. Sheowring, London Institution, Finsbury-circus, E.C. E. F. Errington and Augusta E. Harrington.
James Rodger, Schoolhouse, Rat-tray, Blairgowrie, N.B. ... Wm. Boyd.

4. Resignation Walker W. Moodie, on a/c of "shifting of interests." Accepted

5. Fred Hammill Fund. Sec. reported 3/- only received. A speed to put report of amt. in Fabian News, & to ask for more.

(6) Correspondence. G. W. Shipway on Shaw, X^{tant} & the Ed. Bill. 8

P. G. Andrews on Soc^m in New Zealand.

Dr. Haden Guest on moral customs of Boers
Washington Nat. Fed. for May. Rule, on use of "Questions"

E. Bernstein. Long letter sent by request
on Munich Congress. Agree to type
cut down, & publish in F. news.

International Soc^y Bureau. Invitation to Congress
of 1903, & application for Resolutions
by Nov 1st. Referred to Pub. Comm^{ee}
to wh. Hobson was added ad hoc,
for report to next Exec. —

7. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported no
regular lecturer to be obtained,
but W. Sanders had been asked
& had agreed to lecture in the
Home Countries. Agreed that this
provisional arrangement be confirmed.
That the Sec. make proper financial
arrangements, offering £100 - a lecture
& expenses, in the first place. —

8. Publishing Com^o Report, approved as noted viz: -

Candidates elected during Aug & Sept:

Bernard Cuzner, The old Farm Inn

Bourneville, prop^r of Geo. Shaw

Tros. Williams, 41 Regid St, Bald " " B. Scott Williams

Allan Taylor

16 Grady Court - R^d Sloke Newington

" " H. T. May judge
& J. Wilkinsons

Reformatory Tract.

H. a. Day's offer accepted
& agreed that it sh^d. not be
sent out before Feb. 7

Tract-12. Practicable L. Natⁿ - agreed to drop.

New Tracts proposed

Registration Salton

Direct Employment Burns in ~~the~~ Century

Child Labour Turner

Dangerous Trades Wood.

Communism. Ms. of Wm Morris. Agreed
to put it down for 1st lecture
for approval.

Re the publication of Clifford's Xmas Soc^y in newspaper,
agreed that as we have no legal right to it,
Mr. Morgan must be told to apply to Clifford

9. Coronation Procession. Agreed that this need not be expected to affect our meeting on Oct 24th.
10. Education Question After debate agreed that Webb, Shaw, Macroft, Headlam & Secy be a Com^{ee} to report on the best scheme for organising London Education: and that it rest with the Com^{ee} to report when they think fit.
11. Lectures to the Socy. Arrangements as published were approved. —
- Nov. 28. Agreed to ask
Edw. Dicey on England & Egypt
or
Alain Péllet on The Spirit of Rousseau in Modern Politics
or
one Montaur
- Dec 9. Matthews on Shipping
Re proposed lecture of J Wilkinon on Denmark, agreed that the subject is too severe. —
- H.W. Macroft

Exec. at Office 24th Oct: 1902

- Present. Macroy (in chair), Wuelen, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Wood,
 Standring Pease Tolson, Bland
- Absent. Webb, Shaw, Dodd, Charrington (ill) Anderson
 Beadlam, Galton.

1. Minutes Confirmed

2. Correspondence John Willis, offering resignation on
 acct of Poverty. Excuse sub:
 for present:
 May Day Celebration, asking \$ fee.
 send \$-

3. Publishing Com^{tee} Report approved.

Tract 45. Anarchism. To be reprinted.

" 7. Cap. & Land " " revised

" 83. State arbit: " " "

" 26 L.C. Questions " " dropped.

Morris's Communism. Shaw to write
 a preface. —

4. L.N.P. Tract Circular. agreed to pay \$- for 2 pp. adit. monthly.

Draft Resolutions for the Socialist Congress of 1903.

Trade Unionism and Politics.

Compulsory Arbitration.

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That this Congress notes with satisfaction ~~the progress of the~~ ^{also} workers, especially the women and children, and in addition to other persons indirectly deprived of their livelihood, and ~~considering~~ the injury ~~caused~~ to industry ^{and} the waste of productive force, this Congress condemns such methods of settling industrial disputes as barbarous and antiquated, ~~more appeals to brute force in place of reason,~~ and instead thereof urges the workers to unite in using their political power to improve their conditions by legislation, and especially to obtain the establishment of Boards of Compulsory Arbitration composed of equal numbers of employers and employed such as those already existing in the New Zealand and New South Wales countries where organised labour has for many some years had a large share in shaping legislation for its own protection.

The Universal Strike.

That in view of the vast and growing power of trusts and combines which now control the world-market in many industries, and which have at their command untold resources of capital, this Congress condemns the universal strike as a weapon unfitted to cope with the force of modern capitalism and impotent to secure reforms which can only be obtained by improved organisation, and earnest political action.

^{Legal}
The Minimum Wage.

That with a view to preventing the reduction of wages and of the standard of living which competition always produces in times of bad trade, this congress recommends the workers to stand fast to the principle of a minimum wage, and urges them to endeavour to obtain its recognition by means of legal enactment, such as the Victoria Wage Law for Sweated Trades, or by formal agreement with the employers, such as those made by powerful Trade Unions in England, or finally, in case of municipal and national employment, by resolutions and standing orders adopted by the public authorities concerned.

Draft Resolutions for the ... of 1923

Trade Unionism and Politics.

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That this Congress notes with satisfaction a growing disposition on the part of trades unionists to co-operate with Socialists in current politics; *declares its* ~~but whilst evincing the utmost friendliness towards all~~ working-class organisations, *but since reactionary Trade Union candidates have in certain cases been chosen,* ~~it cannot lose sight of the underlying principles of Socialism, and it therefore urges upon all national and local Socialist bodies the importance of maintaining their distinctively Socialist policy and keeping intact their special Socialist organisation, with the object of securing the adoption of enlightened and progressive~~

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~~men as working-class candidates for governing bodies.~~

intoxicants to the moral and physical well-being of the people, and of the protection which accrues to those concerned in it, especially where they are protected by monopoly licences, this Congress urges the workers to promote in every country the direct management by public authorities of the production and sale of intoxicating liquor, in order that both the responsibility for, and the profits of, the trade may be transferred from private persons to the state or municipality.

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working-class organizations, ^{and in certain cases upon individuals} ~~to~~ ^{not} lose sight of the underlying
politics: ^{and in particular} ~~but~~ ^{the} utmost friendliness towards all
the part of trades unionists to co-operate with socialists in current
that this Congress notes with satisfaction a growing disposition on

Additional Resolution, drafted as ordered,

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Municipal Drink Traffic.

That in view of the dangerous characteristics of the trade in
intoxicants to the moral and physical welfare of the people, and of
the great profits which accrue to those concerned in it, especially
where they are protected by monopoly licences, this Congress urges
the workers to promote in every country the direct management by
public authorities of the production and sale of intoxicating liquor,
in order that both the responsibility for, and the profits of, the
trade may be transferred from private persons to the state or municipality.

(5) Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Sec. reported that Sanders had agreed to terms offered, had sent an excellent syllabus, & that arrangements would be put in hand at once. Agreed to ask for a grant of £100 from the Hutchinson Trustees.

(6) Education Question for London.

No report from Com^{ee}. Card from Headlam. After discussion agreed to appoint Sec. 9th for discussion of subject.

(7) International Socialist Congress Resolutions

Report of Com^{ee} with (re draft resolutions) as annexed was considered, with letter thereon from Anderson. — It was agreed (a) to amend resolutions 1, 3, & 4 as indicated. (b) to delete (2) on Universal Strike, as proposed by Anderson. (3) to insert instead a resolution on Municipal Drink, to be drafted by Sec. 7, also as proposed by Anderson. Agreed to publish resolutions in F. News.

(8) Lectures to the Socy.

Secy reported no reply from Dicer to letter of 17th. Oct. Also no reply yet from Belloc to recent letter. —

Agreed to shift Matthews to Dec 28th if necessary.

Jan 9. Future of Trusts. Agreed that Macrosty take this subject & date in place of Wilson.

Suggestions:

Masterman on Agricultural Protection
Paul Montaux (address from Galton) on
Soc^m in France.

J. Mc Cann M.P. on Irish Congested Boards,
~~per Macrosty.~~

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(9) Education Tract. Agreed to order a Tract:
explaining the Bill: to ask Brocklehurst
& failing him to refer to the Education
Sub Com^{ee}

Robert Stoddard

Executive at office 14 Nov. 02. -

Present - Beadlam (in chair) Macrosty, Galton, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Wood, Standring, Anderson Pease
Wheeler Bland Hobson

Absent - Charrington Dodd, Webb.

1 Minutes were confirmed

2. Report, annexed, on accounts, was received.
Bad Debt. S. T. Robinson, 22/6. agreed to write it off,
& to strike his name off list of members.

3. Election of Candidates. all duly elected :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Ralph H. Pearsall, 21 Parliament Hill, Hampstead, N.W. ...	H. D. Pearsall & E. B. Pearsall.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
Barthold S. Kisch, Exeter College, Oxford	G. C. Binyon and S. Ball.
John Hartman Morgan, Ivy Cottage, South End-road, Hampstead, N.W.	Edw. R. Pease & J. McKillop.

4. Correspondence. G.A. Gaskell asking permission to send leaflet by Mrs Gaskell on Chemicalised Food with news. after debate it was resolved by 4 to 3 to grant permission. -
Penrhyn Relief Fund. Circulars. No action.

Report on Accounts to 30th September (6 months).

<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>to 30 Sep. 02</u>	<u>30 Sep. 01.</u>	<u>Difference.</u>
Subscriptions	134	88	- 46
Donations	19	12	+ 7
Tract Sales	53	70	- 17
Book Boxes	5	8	- 3
 <u>Debts</u>			
George Standring	153	203	- 50
 <u>Cash</u>			
	61	56	+ 5
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Tract Printing	54	76	- 22

Other items much the same.

(4) Correspondence (cont^d)

A.S. Lander. Suggesting letters & articles to the Press on Municipalisation. Pnt- par in news.

Humanitarian League. Re Slaughterhouses & L.C.C. Reply we will consider nearer the election.

Joseph Baptista. reporting resolution carried on Bombar Town Council re Municipal Fire Insurance, & ordering 2000 Tract 110

Workmans Nat. Hous. Council. Asking renewal affiliation Par 5/- fee.

South Wales Labour Annual. asking page advt. 25/-

Reformers Year Book " " " 60/-
After debate agreed

- (a) To take these advts. at price named
- (b) To refer to Pnt. Comm. to present a Report on Advertising.

Leeds Fabian Socy asking lecturer. Proposal to pay Sanders to do negatived ^{unless the local rep. pay fares!} Agreed to get Charrington & one to pay fares if absolutely necessary

Central Bureau Socy Letter asking for op. Tracts. Report on Stock. Agreed to bind them a complete set in 2 vols. —

(5) Extra size No. of Fabian News. Sec. reported a
big supply of reviews & he was
authorised to issue double no. of
News. in Dec. —

(6) Fabian Lectures

Jan 9.

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Macrosty on Trusts.

Hilare Belloc. Letter
agreeing: like "What a man
wants" Reply subject all
right, but like won't do.

(7) Hammill Fund. Sec. reported £5.5. in
all. agreed that fund be
closed. —

(8) Report of Educ. sub. Com^{ee} — as annexed. —
after debate agreed that Webb give
lecture as proposed: that a Com^{ee}
be called at 2 pm on Sat. Nov 22,
to consist of Exec., a number of members
nominated, & any others selected by
Sec. & or other members of Exec. —

Report of London Education Sub-Committee (Webb, Shaw, Macrosty, Pease & Headlam) all present except last.

Printed proposals submitted by Headlam considered.

Agreed to recommend: That Webb give an address on Reform of London Education to Members' Meeting on Dec. 12th.

That a Committee of Exec. and added members (in accordance with Rule 5) meet thereafter at office to draw up scheme.

It is proposed that members intending to take part in Committee be requested and almost required to be present at Webb's Lecture.

Tract explaining Bill. Brocklehurst undertakes it after Dec. 17th. Proposed Notice in News in advance that Executive be empowered to issue such a Tract.

Sec. ordered to hire room if necessary.
Agenda to be Headlam's "Head Teacher" paper.
Brocklehurst's offer accepted. 15.10.04

9. Suggested letter to Haldane. Deferred to next meeting.

H.W. Macrosty

Special Com^{ee} of Exec & others held
at in the Library, Essex Hall on
Sat. 22nd Nov. at 2 pm. —

Present. S. G. Hobson (in the chair) S. Welch,
G. B. Shaw Mrs Shaw, H. W. Macrosty,
F. Weelen, F. W. Salton & E. R Pease of the Exec
also Mrs Polkinhorne, Mrs O'Brien Harris,
P. R. Pratt, G. W. Shaw, T. Norris, H. T. Muggersidge
Cecil & Chesterton, F Kettle, Mrs Macpherson
A. J. Thorogood, R. E. Dell, Miss G. Beckett,
Walter Coates, Mrs Felo, Chrus. Phillippo
Miss R. Petty, Miss F. Johnstone J McMillan
H. D Pearsall, Mrs Pearsall W. Saunders
O. E. Rice & Croser. —

The Chairman stated that the Rev. S. D. Headlam
was unexpectedly prevented from attending =
Graham Waller also regretted inability to be present.
Sidney Welch introduced the subject of the
London Education Bill, & a discussion followed
mainly on the questions of the advantages or other
wise of an ad hoc elected body for all education,
& ~~what~~ whether ~~district~~ Metropolitan
Board councils could be entrusted with

Executive at Office 28th Nov '02
Present Macroby (in chair) Webb, Galton, Anderson
Dodd, Weelen, Headlam, Mrs Shaw, Standing
Pease Bland Shaw-Hobson
Absent Charrington Mrs Wood.

1. Minutes of the last Executive, & of the Special Education Com^{ee} were confirmed
2. Fabianism & Empire. Sec. reported interview with Clerk of G. Richards, who offered to supply copies of above at 4^d. agreed to sell it at 5^d post free. —
3. Fabian Series. Sec. reported conversation with above named clerk, & it was agreed that Weelen bring up report on a second Volume.
- (4) Resignation Lina Marston. Accepted
- (5) R. B. Haldane Suggested testimonial on his Education Policy. Next business agreed to.

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(6) Jas. Trimwells' Protection against Police Society.
Agreed to put par. in news.

(7) Fabian Lectures. ~~Nov~~^{Feb}. 13. agreed to accept
Charles Charrington on Alien Immigration.
C. F. G. MacLerson. Refusal to do State & agriculture
His suggestion of Prison negatived.
Agreed to ask Rider Haggard
What state can go for agriculture.
Also that Anderson see Baron V. Sedlitz
as to a lecture on West-State ^{Free} does for trade
also to ask H. W. Hill if he can get Lord
Hugh Cecil to lecture on
The Political Future of the Church
Bland to do Rocky in June

8. The Unemployed. agreed that Hobson prepare a
Memorandum for the S. P. Com^{ee}
for report.

(9) Education (London) Bill. Agreed (a) That Webb draft resolutions.
(b) that Education Sub-Com^{ee} consider them on Dec. 4.
(c) that Wheeler be added to Com^{ee}. - (d) that Spec.
Exec. be held to settle them, on Dec. 5th. -
Ed. Bernard Shaw.

Special Exec. at Office Dec. 5th at 5pm.

Present - Wadlen (in chair) & all except
Absent Anderson, Bland, Charrington, Mrs Wood.
Present Also Wallace by Invitation - -

1. Agreed that the Meeting on Dec. 12th be at 7.30
2. Agreed that it is not necessary to order extra chairs.
3. Agreed that S. G. Hobson be nominated as chairman
- (4) Letter from Van de Veer asking subscriptions for an Amsterdam Election. Agreed we can do nothing.
- (5) Resolutions as annexed were discussed, amended & ordered to be printed.

G. Bernard Shaw
12/12/02.

Phot with a view to preserving the legibility of notes and of the specimens.

Draft Resolutions on the London Education Bill, 1903,

for the Members' Meeting Friday December 12th. at 7.30 pm.

as amended by the Education Com^{tee} 4 Dec. '02

Urgency of Legislation.

1.- That in view of the unsatisfactory and disorganised condition of education in the metropolis, and of the anomalous situation created by the omission, from the Education Bill, 1902, of any provision for London, (which thus alone remains subjected to the limitations of the Cockerton judgements), any delay in passing an Education Act for London would amount to a grave calamity.

Democratic Object of Public Education.

2.- That it is important to bear in mind that the object and purpose of the public provision of education is not the pleasure or advantage of the individual scholar, or even the equalisation of individual opportunities in life, but the training, in the interest of the community as a whole, of the most efficient and most highly organised-civilized body of citizens.

London is One. It is desirable to supersede the

3.- That in order to make accessible to every London citizen the particular kinds and grades of education that the interest of the com-

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nity requires us to provide, according to his particular capacity,
it is indispensable that the organisation of London education should
be dealt with as a whole, neither dividing one grade or kind of
education from another, nor one part of London from another.

Wanted, a Complete Educational System.

- 4.- That what London needs is not different sets of schools confined to particular social classes, but a deliberately organised regularly graded and widely differentiated educational system, including both physical and mental training, and literary, scientific, artistic, commercial and technological instruction, extending from the kindergarten to the post graduate college, providing for both day and evening students, with each grade made effectively accessible, by maintenance scholarships and otherwise, to every person, according, not to his pecuniary resources, but to the kind and degree of his ability.

Wanted, a New Authority.

5. That in order as far as possible to get rid of the prepossessions, rivalries and irrelevant controversies which have hitherto hampered educational administration in London, it is desirable to supersede the dual system of administration and to commit what is essentially a new problem to a newly organised body.

if it is intended that the organization of London education should be
responsible to the electors.

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6.- That it is indispensable that the educational authority for London, charged with an annual expenditure of no less than four millions pounds and requiring the levy of a heavy rate, should be directly and completely responsible to the electorate.

The L. C. C.

7.- That the educational authority for the whole of London, and for all grades and kinds of training and instruction, should be the London County Council whose Education Committee should be appointed annually by the Council itself, and be effectively subject to its instructions and control.

The Education Committee of the L.C.C.

8.- That in order to secure (pending a much-needed alteration of the law) the presence of women and also the assistance of members of the existing School Board and the co-operation of persons experienced in other kinds of education, the County Council should be required to place upon its Education Committee a large number, a majority of non-councillors; and for such places all the persons now qualified for membership of School Boards should be eligible.

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9.- That it is indispensable that, so far as freedom to expend whatever sum may be necessary on education, the London County Council should be put in the same position as a County borough.

Delegation of local details.

10.- That with a view to decentralisation of administrative details and local supervision, the London County Council should arrange for the delegation, subject to proper limitations and conditions, of such part of the routine administration of the present Board Schools as can safely be entrusted to local Committees.

The Metropolitan Borough Councils.

11.- That for such local administration of the present Board Schools, the co-operation should be evoked of the Metropolitan Borough Councils that the local area adopted should be that of the Borough, with a division, in the case of the larger Boroughs, according to either wards or to County Council constituencies; that the local education committees for such purpose divisions should be annually appointed, half by the County Council preferably from among the present managers, and half by the Borough Council; and that they should work according to general rules framed by the L.C.C., to whom they should report.

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Duties of the Local Education Committees.

- 12.- That the Local Education Committees so appointed should take over, not only all the duties of the existing managers (including the nomination, subject to veto, of duly qualified assistant teachers, and, from a panel formed by the central London authority, of head-teachers); but also as much else as can safely be entrusted to them; they should, for instance, be empowered to execute (within a fixed sum) all ordinary repairs to the school premises, to arrange (under general rules) for the letting of school halls; to organise such school functions as prize-givings &c; to grant leave of absence to the teachers; and generally to supervise the current routine in accordance with the rules framed for London as a whole.

Denominational Schools.

- 13.- That in view of the peculiar conditions of London life, particularly its highly congested population and the complete absence of personal contact between clergymen, school managers and children, it is desirable that in undertaking the maintenance of denominational schools:-
- (a) the London County Council should appoint a majority of the managers
 - (b) coupled with necessary legal guarantees that religious education be given in accordance with the terms of the trust deeds, or, if none exist, according to the tenor of religious education at present obtaining.

The Rev. Stewart D. Headlam gave notice that he would move the following amendment on clause 7 of first draft which is now omitted. Presumably he will move it on clause 7 of present version.

"That therefore a London Educational authority should be elected
"every three years on as wide a franchise as that which elects
"the London School Board and with the same rights of candidature;
"one member for each Parliamentary constituency and no cumulative
"voting."

Original Draft of S. Welch, sent out to the Executive - -

Urgency of Legislation.

1.—That the present condition of education in London is so unsatisfactory as to make it imperative that it should be dealt with at the earliest possible moment; and that failure to pass the London Education Bill next session would amount to a grave national calamity.

Democratic Object of Public Education.

2.—That it is important to bear in mind that the object and purpose of the public provision of education is not the pleasure or advantage of the individual scholar, nor even the equalization of individual opportunities in life, but the training, in the interest of the community as a whole, of the most efficient and most highly civilized body of citizens.

London is One.

3.—That in order to make accessible to every London citizen the particular kinds and grades of education that the interest of the community requires us to provide, according to his particular capacity, it is indispensable that the organization of London education should be dealt with as a whole, neither dividing one grade or kind of education from another, nor one part of London from another.

Wanted, a Complete Educational System.

4.—What London needs is not different sets of schools for different social classes, but a deliberate organized, regularly graded and widely differentiated educational system, including both physical and mental training, and literary, scientific, commercial and technological instruction, extending from the kindergarten to the post-graduate college, providing for both day and evening students, with each grade made effective, accessible, by adequate maintenance scholarships, to every person, according, not to his pecuniary resources, but to the kind and degree of his ability.

Wanted, a New Authority.

5.—That in order, as far as possible, to get rid of the prepossessions, rivalries and irreconcilable controversies which have hitherto hampered educational administration in London, it is desirable to supersede both the School Board and the Technical Education Board, and to commit what is essentially a new problem to an entirely new body.

Responsible to the Electors.

6.—That it is indispensable that the educational authority for London, charged with an annual expenditure of no less than four million pounds, and requiring the levy of a heavy rate, should be directly and completely responsible to the electorate.

Failure of the "Ad Hoc" Body.

7.—That whilst there is much to be said for the separate election of a distinct educational authority (*ad hoc* body), experience shows that in London such a body does not evoke the interest of the electors, is not really representative of public opinion, affords insufficient public control, is gravely subject to the manipulation of particular sects or interests, and, most prejudicial of all, is made, at election time, the battleground of rival religious denominations and theological controversies.

Unity of Local Government.

8.—That the best expedient for London appears to be that adopted for the other counties and city boroughs, namely, making education a municipal service.

The L.C.C.

9.—That the educational authority for the whole of London, and for all grades and kinds of training, should be the London County Council acting by an Education Committee, which shall be appointed annually by the Council, and be effectively subject to its instructions and control.

The Education Committee of the L.C.C.

10.—That in order to secure (pending a much-needed alteration of the law) the presence of, and also the assistance of, members of the existing School Board and the co-operation of persons expert in other kinds of education, the County Council should be required to place upon its Educational Committee a large minority of non-councillors.

No Limit to Rate.

11.—That it is indispensable that, so far as freedom to expend whatever sum may be necessary for education, the London Council should be put in the same position as a county borough.

Delegation of Local Details.

12.—That, with a view to decentralization of administrative details and local supervision, the London County Council should arrange for the delegation, subject to proper limitations and conditions, of such details of the routine administration of the present Board Schools as can safely be entrusted to local bodies.

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13.—That for such local administration of the present Board Schools, the co-operation should be evoked of the Metropolitan Borough Councils; that the local area adopted should be that of the borough, with division, in the case of the larger boroughs, according either to wards or to County Council constituencies; that the local committees for such divisions should be annually appointed, half by the County Council, preferably from among the present managers, and half by the Borough Council; and that they should work according to general rules framed by the L.C.C., to whom they should report.

Duties of Local Education Committees.

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Denominational Schools.

15.—That, as regards the relations of the public authority to the denominational schools, in view of the recent settlement by the legislature for the rest of the country, there is no practical alternative to accepting, for London, for the present, the same conditions as those imposed elsewhere.

The Fabian Society.

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A MEETING FOR MEMBERS ONLY will be held at Clifford's Inn (next 187 Fleet Street) on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th**, at **7.30 p.m.**

Agenda:—

I. Notice of Motion by the Executive Committee: "That the publication of a Tract explaining the working of the Education Act, 1902, be authorized."

II. The London Education Bill, 1903:—

Introductory Address by SIDNEY WEBB.

Resolutions proposed by the Executive Committee:—

Urgency of Legislation.

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A **AMENDMENT** by the Rev. STEWART D. HEADLAM, to substitute for No. 5 the following:—

"That therefore a London Educational Authority should be elected every three years, for the purpose of managing education and for that purpose only, on as wide a franchise as that which elects the London School Board, and with the same rights of candidature; one member for each Parliamentary constituency, no cumulative voting."

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Rating Powers.

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9.—That for such local administration of the present Board Schools, the co-operation should be evoked of the Metropolitan Borough Councils; that the local area adopted should be that of the borough, with a division, in the case of the larger boroughs, according either to wards or to County Council constituencies; that the local education committees for such divisions should be annually appointed, half by the County Council preferably from among the present managers, and half by the Borough Council; and that they should work according to general rules framed by the L.C.C., to whom they should report.

Duties of Local Education Committees.

10.—That the local Education Committees so appointed should take over, not only all the duties of the existing managers (including the nomination, subject to veto, of duly qualified assistant teachers, and, from a panel formed by the central London authority, of head teachers), but also as much else as can safely be entrusted to them; they should, for instance, be empowered to execute (within a fixed sum) all ordinary repairs to the school premises, to arrange (under general rules) for the letting of school halls; to organize such school functions as prize-givings, etc.; and generally to supervise the current routine in accordance with the rules framed for London as a whole.

Note the hour of the Meeting.

3 CLEMENT'S INN, STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.
8th December, 1902.

EDW. R. PEASE,
SECRETARY.

Exec. at Office 12th Dec^r 1902.

Present. Shaw (in chair) Pease Webb, Bland
Galton Mrs Shaw, Wheeler, Charrington
Hobson Macrosty Standing Anderson
Absent Mrs Wood, Dodd, Headlaw.

1. Minutes of Nov 28th & Dec 9th confirmed

2. Candidates Elected, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Robert Cursons, 35 Lee-street, Plumstead	C. H. Grinling and Gilbert Slater.
Frederick Stuttig, 149 Wardour-street, W.	C. W. Beckett and C. T. Dodd.
T. Sweetlove, 60 Woodstock-road, Finsbury Park, N.	H. D. Kerr and Edw. R. Pease.
CAMBRIDGE F.S.	
H. A. Sykes-Bickers, M.N.R.V., 24 St. Andrew-st., Cambridge ...	Ignatius Knaster and L. Isserlis

Subject to payment of sub^{ty} & receipt of proper letters where required.

3. Correspondence:-

C. H. Grinling. Re Crooks for Woolwich. No action.
J. B. & V. Faxon, N 3. Request for tracts. Send.
Internat-Soc. Bureau Brussels. Asking Tracts Send.
Board Lib.

Mayor Sullivan, Hartford, Conn. re Municipalisation
Dump, "Diary of Week". Send notices of lectures.

4. Education Resolves

Amendments by T. Norris.

Agreed to send Resolutions to

Press 100

L.C.C. 139

London M.P.s only.

L.S.B. 50.

50 to Galton for Progressive Met B. Councillors

L.R. N. Exec.

Front Benches of Parliament.

& specialists. —

Also to print in F. News.

Also to send to all M.P.s when Parliament is about to meet.

5. Wheeler's report on Fabian Series. Not ready.

6. Fabian Lectures. No progress made.

7. Unemployed. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} with Hobson added instead of G. P. Com^{ee}

8. Next Meeting Jan. 7th 9th Leaves standing
9th Jan 1903

Executive at Office 9th Jan 7 1903.
Present Standing (in chair) Dodd Galton
 Pease, Macroft, Mrs Wood, Headlam,
 Bland Hobson
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Anderson, Wheeler
 Webb, Charrington.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Election: Candidates elected, subject to payment of Conrad Noel, viz:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Thomas Dunkerley, Lincoln Villa, Lady Margaret-road, Southall, Middlesex	H. L. Jackson & Edw. R. Pease.
E. Goodchild, 134 Brockley-road, S.E.	A. J. Thorgood and H. T. Mugeridge.
Rev. Conrad Noel, 15 Paddington-green, W.	Cecil E. Chesterton and Louise Salom.
Francis C. Ralph, Lincoln Villa, Lady Margaret-road, Southall, Middlesex	H. L. Jackson & Edw. R. Pease.

3. Correspondence. H. Polak, on his Election as councillor at Amsterdam
 Internat. Anti-Militarist Conference
 Ask them to send particulars
 May Day Celebration Com^{ee}
 Anderson standing to be delegates.

4. Resignations:-

a. Gollo Tunbridge Wells. no reason. deferred
for report from Dodd.

H. Stanley (Mans) Too Poor. Accept.

Miss Brodmeier (-"-) no reason Do.

A. Harbord (Farnmouth) do do.

Harold Warren Too busy Do.

Rev J.F. Matthews Too Poor. Decline to accept.

a. Fairweather (Sittingbourne) Discouraged. Accept.

G. Reeve Jr. Catford. Too poor to increase sub.
Decline, if he does work.

5. Fabian News. Decided to have double
number in March.

6. Education Resolution. Error in grammar to
be condoned, & resolutions to be sent
to M.P. without additions.

7. Unemployed Cou^{ee}. Sec. reported that Hobson
& he were on Exec. of Cou^{ee} for
calling Conference etc. Report received
& Reference to our Cou^{ee} discharged.

8. Lectures to the Society. Sec. reported Feb 27 wanted
also later dates.

Letters received. Rider Haggard refusing: too long.
Lord H. Cecil. provisional refusal.

Sec. reported he had replied he wd
ask again later. Approved.

T. S. Dymond (Ex-Ex C.C. Lecturer)

Consent to lecture May 22nd on What
States do for agriculture abroad. Accept.

Ash also.

Lloyd George. Political Future of Free Churches
Bolton King Agriculture Protection &c
See Druce, Farmers Club, on same.

Spencer Wilkinson. n

Nat Defence + Food Supply

Also Kidd on Wessismann
&c. —

9. Crooks' Candidature for Woodwich appeal from Girdling
to take it up specially. Reply favourable,
subject to absence of Lord C. Beresford,
but say it is too soon for us.

10. Labour Rep. Com^{ee} Conference. Agreed that
Peace be delegate.

11. Sec. reported that Howell had paid 5/- to a
fraudulent director in his absence. Agreed
that we pay, + that Hudson be asked
to write as solicitor.

13. Pub. Com^{ee} Reports.

Morris' Communism. nearly ready. Proofs ready.

Facsimile of M.S. agreed to.

Education Act-Trade. Sec. reported that Webb
had M.S. —

Advertisements Agreed to pay £4.4/- to Labour
Rep. Com^{ee} for page report —

Question Tracts. Agreed to drop them as they
run off. —

California Copper Mines. Request to send out their circular
to Shareholders: 20/- cent. — Sec. reported
new circular prepared: nearly 3000 share
holders. Cost some £20. — Agreed
to send them draft, report cost etc.
+ await instructions

Frederick Melen. 5 Feb. 1903

Exec. Com^{ee} 6 Feby '03. —

Present - Whelan (in chair), Shaw, Galton, Dodd
Charrington, Holson Standing Pease
Headlam, Mrs Shaw

Absent - Bland, Mrs Wood, Macrosty, Anderson
& also Webb (lecturing)

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. London Educⁿ Bill. Draft circular urging members to write to Parl. Representatives prepared by Webb, was approved, & ordered to be sent to Fabians in "Greater London" & a few selected Country members. —
Circular to M.P.s. — Agreed to send out on 16th — with draft letter to be prepared by Webb, Galton & Pease. Motion by Headlam that letter should suggest the desirability of an additional County Councillor in each constituency was defeated by 5 votes to 3. —
Proposal to circularise Clergy was

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referred to above. named sub'com^s for report.

3. Correspondence.

Xmas card from Seddon
Letter from Rev. J. F. Matthews expressing
pleasure at ~~his~~ decision of exec.
to keep him as a member.

Haden Guest on S. Africa
John Martin, in slump in Fabian
Lecturers in U.S.A.

Glasgow F.S. Probable collapse.

4. Membership Resignations

Mrs. Miall Smith on ap of Education Policy
ask her to defer.

A. Golds. No report from Dodd. Deferred.

5. Election. agreed to take it in advance of due date. All elected, subject to payment of Wells & Howick

Mrs. Janet Achurch Charrington, Bourne Cottage, Beenham, near Reading ...	Beatrice Webb and G. Bernard Shaw.
Mrs. Marion Coates Hansen, Oakdene, Phillips Av., Linthorpe, Middlesboro'	S. G. Hobson.
H. Honwick, 113 Howard-road, Walthamstow	J. C. Van der Veer and Edw. R. Pease.
R. E. Hughes, Cartrefle, Uplands, Swansea	Gen. Sec.
Mrs. A. J. Thorogood, 36 Ravensbourne-road, Catford, S.E.	A. J. Thorogood and Mary A. Macpherson.
H. G. Wells, 6 Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C.	Graham Wallas and G. Bernard Shaw.

6. Labour Representation Com^{ce} Conf^{ee}
agreed that no specific instructions
on the agenda be given to the delegate.

7. National Unemployed Conf^{ee} agreed
that all the Exec. be delegates.

8. Central Tract Selling Com^{ce} agreed to concur
in the proposal & that Standing
Peace be delegates.

9. Publishing Com^{ce}

Education Tract. Chesterton has it in hand.

Morris. Agreed to Shaw's request
that his name be taken
of title page. —

Agreed to Frank Walker & Cockerell
for gift of Block & report same in news.

Agreed to print 5000. —

10. Lecture arrangements: deferred.

J. W. Clutton

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Exec. at Office 13th Feby 1905. —

Present Galton (in chair) Dodd, Mrs Wood, Standing
Charrington, Pease, Hobson, Macrost, Shaw, Bland,
Mrs Shaw,

Absent. Anderson, Welch, Wahlen, Headlam

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Resignations. Mrs Greenwood. Change of opinion accepted.
E. C. B. Hawes. Renewed. "
A. Golds. No report yet from Dodd.

3. Correspondence.

Long letter from Mrs Kate Glasier, on Education.
Taken as read.

4. London Education Bill. Sec. presented a batch
of replies to circular.

Sub-Com^{ee} on circular to Clergy reported against
action. Agreed.

Other action discussed, & agreed that
nothing further need be done. —

5. Adots. Report presented of Mr. Wood recommending carefully selected adots of new tracts in ~~forwards~~ publications specially appropriate &c. after discussion Report was received & referred to the Pub. Com^{ee} with instructions to carry out recommendations, & when \$5. has been spent, to report to the Exec. as to results & further action.

6. Jos. Guyot & the Siecle. Sec'y reported an article challenging the F.S. on Municipal Socialism. Agreed that he & Holson be a Com^{ee} to prepare & send a reply.

7. The Case of the Fraudulent Director. The Sec'y reported that Messrs. Smith & Hudson had taken the case into Court, without his instructions, & that at the last moment, the Director people had paid into Court \$1- claimed + 1/2 cost. —

8. Publishing Com^{ee}. Morris Tract. Writing date of lecture to be supplied of Walker.

8 (cont'd) Sec. reported suggestion of Walker that a good paper 4 or 6 edition, limited or otherwise, be issued: after a long debate his motion to this effect found no seconders. -

9. Lecture Arrangements. The following were agreed to.

- Mar 13. H. G. Wells, if possible
- 27. London Educⁿ Bill.
- Apr 24 Vacant.
- Mar 8 Annual
- 22 T. S. Dymond.
- June 12 Bland

Offers & proposals:-

- Miss F. Johnson Education & Drama. Decline
- C. S. Jones Bellusda Slide - - -
- Muggeridge & others. Shaw on Perfect man. Shaw refused

Arrangements pending.

- Lord & Cecil Bruce (Farmers Club)
- Spencer Wilkinson or War time food Com^o. -
- Bolton King & Co. -
- Lloyd George. no reply to letter. Drop him.

Allen Bland
Chairman -

Executive at Office 27th Feby '03.

Present, Bland (in chair) & all except
Absent Anderson, Headlam, Weelen, Mrs Wood.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Executive Election. Mrs Wood wrote that she did not intend to stand again.
3. Labour Rep. Com^{ee}. Delegate made a verbal report which was received & discussed.
4. Ives Guyot & Sieck. Sec. submitted copy of ~~his~~ letter drafted by the Com^{ee} translated by Caganian, & published with comments by M. Guyot.
5. Resignations
A. J. Snyer. accepted
L. G. Burchett - "
A. Golds. No report. deferred.
Mrs Miall Smith. no rep^y. again deferred.

6. Publishing.

Morris' Communism. Sec. reported tract waiting for date from Walker. Shaw urged members to wire Walker for it.

Education Tract. Sec. reported the MS. just received. Agreed that Shaw take it in hand, & that Wallas be asked to add Bibliography of documents. -

7. Clarion Tract-Selling Com^y. Sec. reported it formed.

8. Workmens Nat. Housing Com^y. Appeal for more money. No.

9. Woolwich Election. Agreed to issue appeal for funds as drafted, with amendments. All members of Exec. present put down their names, which were then printed.

10. London Education Bill. Sec. reported further letters received from London M.P. O. - Agreed that meeting on Mar. 27 is not needed.

10. Lectures to the Society

Mar 13. H. S. Wells on Municipal
areas. — agreed that

the mtg be confined to members
^{and visitors} & that chairs be got.

Mar 27. Secy to apply to
Lord H. Cecil
Spencer Wilkinson
Druce, Farmers Club,
Bolton King &c. —

Frederick Melen

6.3.05

Executive at office 6th March '03. -
Present Wheeler in chair & all except
Absent Mrs Wood, Anderson, Dodd,
 Headlam, Galton.

1. Minutes confirmed.
2. Lectures to Society. Letter from Lord
 Hugh Cecil saying July, if at all.
 Spencer Wilkinson offering address
 on Food Supply & War. Agreed to
 accept.
3. Ald. Thompson's Housing Manual. Sec -
 authorised to order 1 doz at 2/6
4. Morris Communism. Sec. reported in Press
5. Crooks Fund. Sec. authorised to consult
 Brinkley whether Fund had not
 best be applied to his Wages Fund.
6. Education Tract. Considered, amended, & ordered to be re-galleysd.
 Flammisod.

Exec. at Office 13 March '03 -

Present Dodd (in chair) & all except
Absent Anderson, Mr. Wood. - Present also Wallas & Chesterton.

1. Minutes of March 6th confirmed.

2. Election of Candidates:- Durs elected:-

Harold Bradley, 121 Victoria-st., Grimsby	General Secretary.
Martin Lamm, 4 Belvedere-terr., Cambridge	L. Isserlis.

3. Resignations &c. Mr. Marles Thomas, on acct of going to Ceylon. accepted.

A. Golds. no report from Dodd.

Sec. reported that the Hon Alfred Lyttelton K.C.M.P. had subscribed of-

4. Preliminary Report on Finances. Sec. reported subscriptions

to Feb 28th when £25 in excess of 1902. -

Other receipts had for various causes. -

Estimated ~~deficiency~~ amount necessary to cover all debts (including £65 from last year) due March 31st : £200. -

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5. Exec. Election. Sec. reported that he had nominated all the sitting members except Mr. Wood, & that Percy Alden was the only new candidate yet nominated.

6. Lectures to Societ. Sec. reported Apr 24th unfilled, & that Bruce, Farmers club, refused. — Agreed that he invite Alfred Inskip, & failing him Bolton King to do Agricultural Depopulation. Letter from R. S. Thomas & S. S. Hobson offering lecture on Municipal areas. Agreed that it is impossible to have two lectures so near together, & that we accept for a later date.

7. Education Act Tract. Revised proofs were considered. Letter from Inspector R. S. Hughes carefully dealt with. — The Tract was gone through again & further amended: the concluding paragraphs were deleted, & the tract ordered to be printed, with Bibliographical matter prepared mainly by Wallas. — Title to be Education Act 1903. How to make the best of it.

8. Auditors. Lumber + Co, as before.
9. Scrutineers J.W. Shaw + Cecil Chesterton.
10. Crooks Fund. Sec. reported no reply from
Grinning. Fund £27.7.9.
11. Crooks Victory Suggestion of Fabian Dinner
made by J.W. Shaw. Negatived.
12. S. D. F. Invitation to Andaman Celebration.
Agreed that Sec. arrange
for delegates.

J W Carlton

27. 1. 03

Exec. at: Office 25th March 1903. -

Present- Galton (in chair) Dodd, Mrs Shaw, ~~Standing~~
Macrae Pease, Welch, Standing Hobson
Bland, Shaw.

Absent- Anderson, Mrs Wood, Welen, Headlam, Channing

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Exec. Election. Sec. reported that Anderson, thro inability to attend had withdrawn his nomination: that Percy Alden & H.T. Muggerridge were the only new candidates & nominated: that there would therefore be no contest, they replacing Anderson & Mrs Wood: also that he had invited Alden & Muggerridge to attend. Letter from former read & saying he wd not wish to attend before taking office, without formal invitation. Agreed (1) To ~~to~~ invite Mrs Alden & Muggerridge to attend any meetings of the Exec. before the new Exec. comes into office (2) To print in Fabian News the usual record of attendances. -

3. Sec. reported on accounts; - Receipts since last meeting £186, including £100 from Mrs. Shaw + £25 from Mrs. Felo, + 5/- from Dr. Clifford. Also that Mrs. Felo offered more if required, agreed not to ask more now. - Sec. reported only £27 estimated to be required in order to pay cash debts due by 31st inst.

4. Membership. Mrs. Miall Smith. Letter consenting to defer resignation till end of year. John Curle J.P. Offer to resign for poverty. Agreed to refuse to accept it for present. - A-Golds Cambridge Wells. No report from Dodd.

5. Glasgow F.S. Revised. Wants advice as to lectures of Shaw, Webb + Burns. None to offer. - Webb declined.

6. Crooks Fund. Sec. reported that Grindling declined proposal to hand amount to the Wages Fund. She had paid Grindling £30.16.11.

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7. Night Porter at Clements Inn. Agreed to give 10/6 to
Testimonial

8. Annual Meeting May 8th. In discussing possible
Tracts it was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com^{ee}
to report on Macintosh's recent lecture on Trusts,
about to be pub^d in the New Liberal Review, wh.
he is willing to allow the Socy to republish.

9. Lectures to the Socy.

June 9. Letter from Bland agreeing to lecture
on Strky, subject to certain conditions

Apr 24. Proposed Lecture on Village Depopulation.
Alfred Inskip, Fulham C.C. declines.
Bolton King declines, & suggests a
Warwickshire farmer.

Agreed not to ask the Warwickshire farmer,
& to ask Sir John Cockburn on "Coloured Labour
in Australia" Failing him Samuel
on Uganda, Millin on Rural Depop^u.
Offer of paper on Teaching by F. Kettle, for
autumn. Agreed to accept provisionally

10. Antchinson Trust Lectures Sec. reported courses concluded very satisfactorily. Sanders Report presented. Grant from Trustees £100. Out of pocket expenses £48.19.11. Trustees present consented to the Society retaining the Balance, as grant of former years towards Office Expenses. Sec. reported Sanders willing to lecture more extensively in the autumn, & that Snell, his colleague in other work, was also willing to lecture again. Agreed that he be authorised to make arrangements with both of them to cooperate in a ~~two~~ series of courses. —

11. Education Tract. Sec. reported done. Agreed to send out with circular & order form to the 370 Education Authorities —

12. Next Executive. Sec. stated that another meeting would ~~not~~ probably not be required till April 24th when the Annual Report w^d be ready.

Stewart & Heald

1902-3

Last Meeting of the 1892-3 Executive 24th April 1903.

Present. Beadlam (in chair) Galton, Hobson, Standring, Macrosty Pease, Dodd, Bland. Also Aldew.

Absent. Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Webb, Waelen, Charrington Anderson Mrs Wood.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Election of Candidates: - Elected,

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Fay McLaren, 43 Belgrave-square, S.W.	M. B. Murby and Katie M. Ratcliffe.
Miss Ellen Pocock, 18 Buckingham-street, Strand, W.C. ...	A. W. Oxford and G. Bernard Shaw.
Rev. J. C. Pringle, The Rectory, Poplar, E.	Will Crooks and Robert Hilditch.

subject to letters from Miss Murby + Rev. Oxford in the ~~two~~ first ^{two} cases. -

A. Golds. No report.

3. Education Tract. Sec. reported copies + circular sent to 314 local authorities. Only 3 replies known. Sales 770. Distributed free 1580. - Stock 2650. Few Reviews. No other action ordered except: -

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4. New Tract Distribution Scheme. Note from
Wells, ^{suggesting} offering that Hutchinson Trustees shd.
be asked to pay for another distribution of Education Act Tract
& others. Agreed to accept offer.

5. Proposed Sociological Review to be edited by Prof. P. Geddes.
Sec. reported that Mr. Branford wanted our opinion
Repl. that we will assist by informing our members
thro' circulars, but we cannot express opinion
on prospects, contributions &c, till we know
the scheme in greater detail. -

6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Very favourable report of
Sanders from Portsmouth. Received.

7. ~~Hutchinson Trust~~ Labour Representation Com^y -
Agreed to pay to the Parliamentary Fund,
& to pay the usual affiliation fee.
Circulars noted & no repl. ordered.

8. Bank Ac.. Removal to Strand Branch of L. & Count
Bank approved.

- 9. Circular from Free Russia. Agreed to send with Stows.
- 10. Chairman for Meeting Alden. Sole proposed.
- 11. London Education Bill.
Agreed that Headlam, Webb, Pease & Macrost
be a Com^{ee} to draft resolutions for the Annual
Meeting on May 8th, & that the Com^{ee} confer &
Correspondence, & report to an Exec. on May 1st.
- 12. Agreed to take power at annual Meeting for a Registration
Tract
- 13. Draft Annual Report was considered, amended,
& approved.

W.H.H.

Sg. Hobson.
1/14/1903

Executive at Office (First Meeting of new
Committee) on 12th Mar 1903. —

Present - S. S. Hobson (in chair) Alden Webb,
Macrosty, Galton Race, Muggersidge
Dodd.

Absent - Charrington (celebrating Labour Day) Headlam,
Wheeler, Shaw, W. Shaw, Bland Standring.

1. Minutes confirmed, after amendment.
2. Standing Orders & Committees. Agreed that
these continue in force till next meeting
Mar 8th, & then be re-considered.
3. Chairman for Annual Meeting Agreed to propose
Thorogood, & failing him, Buttery.
4. Meeting of Society. Letter from Bland saying
that Gosky did not lend himself to
a Fabian lecture: agreed
(a) To ask Bland what subject he will take instead?
(b) To ask Wilson Fox C.B. for lecture, or advice
for lecturer on Rural Depopulation

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5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report - approved viz:
Lancashire Tract. Proposed to print special
Edition with supplement - prepared by
H. J. ~~W.~~ Tennant M.P. to be paid for by Union
at a profit.

Tract Dist. Scheme. Proposal to send out
10,000 packets containing each 2 Tracts,
viz:- 10000 Education Act
5000 Twentieth Cent Politics
in special editions +
5000 assorted out of Stock
to County Councillors + such ^{within} District
as can be got, the balance to
be large Borough Councillors.
The H. Trustees to be asked to buy at
the rate of 1/- a copy, say £84. -
The cost in cash to the F.S. to be about
£50. -
Reprints of Tracts approved. Adverts to
be got when possible.

6. Education Bill Resolutions. Agreed that Webb
give an introductory address on

6 (cont') The Bill. Resolutions as prepared by Macrosty
 for the sub. Com^{ee} were presented. Also
 fresh draft prepared by Webb. —
 The introduction of the former was added
 to the latter, & after discussion &
 verbal amendment, the resolutions
 drafted by Webb were agreed to & ordered to be sent out.

H. W. Macrosty

What will be done to present on the resolution of Macrosty and of the resolution

While recognising the great advance in educational administration secured by the constitution of the L.C.C. as the local education authority for all forms and grades of education without any restriction of its rating power, the Fabian Society regrets that in applying the Education Act, 1902, to London modifications have been made which seriously impair its utility. The chief defects are:-

- (a) The large size of the education committee which makes it ineffective either for administration or for the supervision of administration. So large a body must be divided into sub-committees themselves large with the risk that they would claim and exercise powers impairing the unity of education.
- (b) The Structure of the Committee:- The L.C.C. though charged with the task of finding the money for education and responsible as the local education authority for the efficiency of the educational system is to appoint from its own members little more than one-third of the Education Committee to which in the first instance all educational business must stand referred. In the sub-committees where the real work will be done its power will be still more attenuated. Without confidence in its education committee - where its representatives might be permanently outvoted - the L.C.C. would view the proposals

(b) (continued).

of the committee with suspicion, constant friction and conflict might arise between them, and the Council would be driven to revise in detail the work of the committee to the detriment of the functions of both bodies. Good administration can only result where there is perfect harmony between a local governing body and its committees, and that is improbable where a large majority of the committeemen consist of outsiders. All the local education authorities in the country have, under the Act of 1902 taken care that their own members should form a substantial majority of their education committees.

(d) Representation of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Thirty one persons elected originally for small wards of 27 'boroughs' and 2 'cities' for local or personal reasons, are to be chosen by indirect election to a one-third share in the administration of the education of the whole of London - including secondary and technical instruction which are in no way local interests. They would be independent of popular control and could not be made responsible either for mismanagement or extravagance, while coming from independent local authorities they would be naturally in a position of antagonism to the directly elected representatives of the County Council for the same area. All local interests can be sufficiently guarded by the members of the L.C.C. elected for the respective districts.

(d) The Managing Committees: Although nominally bound to act under general regulations laid down by the L.C.C., the Management Committees, being appointed by the Metropolitan Borough Councils which are independent of the L.C.C. and are constantly claiming an equal position in the government of London, will tend to assert to assert their independence of the L.C.C. and constant friction must ensue. This tendency will be enhanced by the provision compelling the L.C.C. to submit disputes as to its general regulations to the arbitrament of the Board of Education. In particular the grant of statutory powers to the Borough Councils to appoint teachers and to select school sites is thoroughly bad. The former will prevent the constitution of an efficient teaching staff for London by confining teachers to a limited local area. The latter will result in sites being chosen for any but educational reasons.

The Fabian Society therefore strongly urges the following amendments:-

- 1.- The Education Committee must consist as to a substantial majority of directly elected members of the London County Council and as to a minority of persons appointed by the L.C.C.
- 2.- The L.C.C. must have untrammelled power to frame general regulations for the management of education and to enforce observance of the same.

3.- Committees of Management must be appointed as follows:- The local area adopted should be that of the borough, with a division, in the case of larger boroughs, according either to wards or to County Council constituencies; the local education committees for such divisions should be annually appointed, half by the County Council preferably from among the present managers, and half by the Borough Council; and they should work according to general rules framed by the L.C.C. to whom they should report.

4.- In the event of the Government refusing to withdraw the 31 representatives of the Borough Councils from the Education Committee, then, purely as the smaller of two evils, the Committee should be so increased in size as to enable a substantial majority of its members to consist of members of the L.C.C. To allow this to be done it would probably be necessary to increase the numbers of the L.C.C. by electing ~~three~~ three instead of two representatives for ~~each~~ each constituency but no attempt should be made to earmark any of these members for educational purposes.

Fabian Society.



The ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Clifford's Inn, next 187, Fleet Street, on FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, at 8 p.m. *Members only can attend.*

Agenda:

MOTIONS BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. That the Annual Report and Accounts (already sent out in proof) be adopted.
2. That the publication of a Tract on the need for and methods of organizing the Registration of Electors be approved.
3. Sidney Webb will explain the provisions of the London Education Bill, and will move the following Resolutions thereon:—

1. That the Fabian Society, whilst recognizing the improvement involved in the adoption of the L.C.C. as the Local Education Authority, with unlimited rating powers for all grades and forms of education, regrets that, in proposing to apply to London the principles of the Education Act, 1902, the Government should have made modifications which would render the scheme unworkable in practice and seriously detrimental to educational progress.

(a) THE CENTRAL BODY.

2. That all experience proves the impossibility of any good administration of a complicated public service unless the elected authority trusts its committee, and that such trust is psychologically impossible when the members of the Elected Authority are in a minority upon their own committee.

3. That the people of London will not permanently endure the inevitable rise in the Education Rate unless they, through their directly elected representatives, not only control the expenditure, but also feel that they control it.

4. That it is, therefore, indispensable, in view of the importance of securing effective control to the L.C.C., and of enabling it to trust its Education Committee, that this Committee should (a) be chosen freely by the Council, and (b) consist, to the extent of at least a clear majority, of members of the Council itself.

(b) LOCAL MANAGEMENT.

5. That in order to insure educational unity and financial efficiency, it is essential that the necessary decentralization of Board school administration should proceed by way of delegation from the Central Body to subordinate local committees, and not by way of giving independent statutory rights to the Borough Councils.

6. That the best practicable form of delegation would be the establishment for each Borough area of one to five Local Management Committees, acting for districts coinciding with local electoral areas and reporting to the Education Authority; one half of the members to be appointed by the Borough Council and one half selected by the County Council, preferably from among the existing local managers, and so that not less than one quarter of the whole should be women.

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7. That the Central Body should be required within twelve months to submit a scheme, for the approval of the Board of Education, defining the functions of such Local Management Committees, which should include (a) the selection of duly qualified assistant teachers for first appointment, subject to confirmation by the Central Body; (b) the filling of vacancies among head-masters or head-mistresses from a panel to be formed by the Central Body; (c) the execution of current repairs within a total estimate approved by the Central Body; (d) the powers and duties of the existing committees of managers.

8. That it be left to the Central Body to make separate arrangements for the management of (a) evening classes; (b) schools for blind, dumb, crippled and mentally defective children.

9. That it is indispensable that all teachers in schools provided by the Local Authority should be members of a united metropolitan service, formally appointed by the Central Body, from whom they will receive their salaries, and dismissible only by that body.

10. That, whilst Local Management Committees would be free to suggest improvements, it is of the highest importance that all questions of school curriculum should be decided by the Central Body.

(c) OTHER AMENDMENTS.

11. That the Central Body should be given the same powers of compulsory purchase of sites for pupil-teacher centres, evening classes, science and art schools, training colleges and institutions for secondary and higher education, as for elementary schools.

12. That the selection of sites should, subject to final decision by the Board of Education, rest with the Central Body, but Borough Councils should be given (a) prior opportunity to criticize or object, and (b) power to submit, by way of appeal, alternative proposals to the Board of Education.

13. That it is necessary expressly to provide that, where governors or managers are appointed by the Local Education Authority on the governing bodies of institutions aided by grant, the religious or other qualifications required by the scheme or trust shall not apply to such public representatives.

3 CLEMENT'S INN,
STRAND, LONDON, W.C.

EDW. R. PEASE,
Secretary.

May 4th, 1903.

(12)

Resolutions on the Education Bill
prepared by Sidney Webb.

That the Fabian Society regrets that, in proposing to apply to London the principles of the Education Act, 1902, the Government should have made modifications which would render the scheme unworkable in practice and seriously detrimental to educational progress.

A. The Central Body.

- 1.- That all experience proves the impossibility of any good administration of a complicated public service unless the elected authority trusts its committee, and that such trust is psychologically incompatible with being in a minority upon it.
- 2.- That the people of London will not permanently endure the inevitable rise in the education rate unless they through their directly elected representatives, not only control the expenditure, but also feel that they control it.
- 3.- That in view it is therefore indispensable in view of the importance of securing effective control to the L.C.C., and of enabling it to trust its Education Committee, that this should (a) be chosen freely by the Council, and (b) consist to the extent of at least a clear majority, of members of the Council itself.

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Fabian Office,
3 Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
7th. May, 1903.

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Fabian Executive Committee.

There is no business of urgency or importance for which a meeting of the Committee to-morrow is necessary.

Notice of two amendments to details of the Education Resolutions have been received, particulars of which have been sent to Webb and Macrosty.

I propose to act on advice of Webb as to circulation of Education Bill Resolutions; presumably they should be sent to the Press & to all M. P's

The only important business is the Lecture of June 9th. No replies have yet been received to proposals of the last Executive, and on receipt of them I intend to proceed with arrangements in consultation with any members available.

J. A. Thorogood will act as chairman for the Annual Meeting.

The next Executive Meeting will probably be on May 22nd.

Edw. R. Peace

Executive Meeting 22nd May, 1906.

Present - H. W. Macrosty, (Chairman) Welch, Mrs Shaw, Shaw,
Charrington Peace, Deadlam, Standing Mungford & Dodd }
absent Weelen, Aldew, Holson }
Bland, Galton }

1. Minutes confirmed
2. Standing orders as annexed, were adopted.
3. Publishing. Sec. reported a small edition (2000) of the
N. Comp. act was in the press: only 1 year's sub-
supply printed in view of Amendment Bill promised.
Also reprint of Municipal Dirich. Approved.
4. Tract-Dist. Scheme - Revised Circular approved. agreed
to put in advts. in any case in
new edition of No 114. —
5. Education Resolutions. Sec. reported them sent out.
6. Fraudulent-Tracting Sec. reported 4/9 out of 57-
recovered, returned to Smith & Hudson.

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24th May 1906

Standing Orders.

- 1 - That the Chair be taken by members in alphabetical order: in the absence of the appointed chairman at the beginning of business his place to be taken and retained by some other member then present. The chairman has a vote as a member of the Committee, but no second vote.
- 2.- That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on Fridays: that the absence of any item from the agenda-paper do not prevent its being discussed and decided without notice and that the absence of an agenda-paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place
- 3 - That the preliminary committee meet at 5 O'clock when necessary and the formal Executive at 5.30 O'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (by and with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing Order 2.
- 4 - That two Standing Committees be appointed
 - (a) for all Publishing business
 - (b) for General Purposes, specially for Provincial and other lecturing, Society meetings and functions, Conferences of all sorts, Groups, and financial matters.
- 5 - That the Two Committees be authorized to carry out, without further reference to the Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive, reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance only.
- 6 - That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

7. Labour Institute. Circular & scheme. Agreed to let it lie on the table.

8. Membership. J. McNeill. Resignation accepted. May Candidate elected:-

PROPOSED BY
Geo. T. Prior, 24 St. Oswald's-road, West Brompton ... Henry M. Barnard and Edward R. Pease.

9. Standing Committee appointed viz:-

- Publishing :- Shaw, Macarty, Standing, Galton
Wheeler Alden Pease
- Gen P. - Welch, Mrs Shaw, Bland, Holson
Dodd Charrington Headlam
Mungford Pease.

10. Meetings of Society. Sec. reported no reply from Bland.

Wilson Fox too busy: had asked Rider Haggard who again refused: suggested Sir E. Clarke. Promised to speak in autumn if permitted. Agreed to ask for June 12

- (1) Zangwill on Jewish factor in Politics: (2) Emmanuel (3) Herbert Samuel on Uganda.
- Agreed also to ask Lord Hugh Cecil for July.

11. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Letter from Sanders with titles of lectures & days available: proposals approved. Agreed to pay same terms as before. a) - a lecture + expenses. - Agreed also to ask him to prepare a lecture on The meaning of modern Socialism. Agreed to defer offer to Snell for the present.

12. Lecture Scheme for next session:-
Agreed to refer to G. P. Combe to prepare scheme on Physiological aspects of National Progress or something to this effect. Also on Content (as opposed to Machinery) of Education.
Reform of Poor Law Machinery also suggested.

G. Bernard Shaw
12/6/03

Exec. Office 12 June 1903.

Present: G.B. Shaw, (in chair) Macrostalden Hobson
Pease Standing, Muggenidge Dodd.

Absent: Mr Shaw, Webb, Waleen, Charrington, Bland, Galton, Headlam.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, approved.
3. Election of Candidates :- all elected, ~~except~~ subject to receipt of letter re Miss Parry :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
J. Theodore Harris, 37, Newington Green Road, Canonbury, N.	M. O'Brien Harris and S. G. Hobson.
Francis Henry Rowntree, York.	S. G. Hobson.
J. Jacob, 63b, Hamilton Terrace, N.W.	A. Levine and Graham Wallas.
Miss Mary Parry, B.A., 10, Compton Road, Highbury, N.	R. Silyn Roberts and Agnes F. Dodd.

4. Freedom of Thought. Sec. reported in that in response to request of a member Count E. Ballyhany, he had wired to a com^{ee} formed to protect against the removal of a Professor charged with Atheism + Republicanism, that the Society regarded Free thought as essential to Education.
Action approved.

(5.) Resignation a. & Pent. Change of opinions adopted.

(6.) Pewrhyn Quarry Dispute. Request for Cooperation in demonstration July 11.

After a long debate it was agreed that the Secy write we consider Lord Pewrhyn's action the natural result of Private Property in Land: & that as the Com^{ee} does not take the proper course of protesting against this, we cannot cooperate.

(7.) Fabianism + Empire. Letter from Grant Richards offering copies at 1? Agreed to take 500, & to ask how many he has.

(8.) C. Godfrey Gimpel. Letter on Education sent to Fabian News. ~~The~~ Sec. reported he had declined to put it in, as there is not room for correspondence. - approved & ordered to write polite confirmation.

(9.) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported he had suggested a lecture on the New Fiscal Policy for Sanders course. Deferred -

(10.) Employment of Children Bill. Letter from Mrs Morgan Thomas asking Exec. to pass resolution against optional character of Bill, as proposed, & against girls being allowed to trade in streets under 16 years. Agreed to pass resolution, but not to submit it to the Society for fear of debate.

11. Meeting of Society. Sec. reported Zangwill refused for ill-health, Samuel was abroad, & he had secured Dr. Reuter on Finland. approved. Lord Hugh Cecil not yet asked. - Offer of Webb to open debate on June 26th on Fiscal Policy of Empire accepted. agreed to admit subscribers, if Webb consents. also, if he does not object, to have a short-hand report of the debate taken.

Hobson
24/vi/1903

Exce. at Office 26th June 1903. -

Present, Hobson (in chair) Webb Pease, Muggenidge
Macroby, Galton, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Wheeler
Dodd. Bland

Absent. Alden, Charrington, Standring, Headlam.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Secy reported that Keir Hardie M.P. was about to introduce our "New Reform Bill" Tract 114 into the House of Commons. -
3. Telegram to Hungary. Letter of thanks received.
4. Resignation. G. R. L. Kelsey gone to S. Africa }
Miss L. Kelsey married years ago }
Correspondence from Mrs. Kelsey read.
Agreed to strike them off list.
Lawrence Cohen - To be treated in the ordinary course.
5. Fabianism & Empire. Offer from Grant Richards of 1000 more at 1st less 5%. Resolved

To accept the offer, (one dissentient vote)
+ to sell at 34^d. -

(6) Labour Representⁿ Conf^{ee} July 11. Essex Hall.
G. B. Shaw appointed delegate.

(7) German Social Democrats. Agreed that Sec. with
congratulations of Exec. to Vonäarts. -

(8) Sec Meeting. Agreed that Weiden be chairman.

(9) Return of Sydney Olivier. Agreed to ask him if
he wd. like to address

10. Report of General Purposes Com^{ee} adopted: + following course approved.

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See next page

Lecture Course for 1903-4.

<u>Title.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>
1 Social Implications of Weismannism (1)	F. W. Hedley
2 Insanit + Imbecilit. Causes + Remedies (5)	Dr. Lawson Dodd.
3 Rural Depopulation as a cause of Race Degeneration (4)	H. Wilson Fox
4 Is Racial Degeneration a fact. (6)	
5 The Unhealthiness of Modern Towns Its extent, causes + Remedies. (7)	Dr. Newsholm M.O.H. Brighton or Bowden.
6 Alcoholism + Race Progress (2)	Dr. McCleary.
7 Segregation of the Negrit, Limitations of marriage (8)	E. R. Pease
8 The Under Population Danger + its Social Implications (3)	H. G. Wells.
also The Overite Train of Education + its modern Justification	? W. R. ... F. Pease

W. R. Pease

Executive at Office 17 July 1903. -

Present Alden (in chair), Macroft, Standing, Dodd,
Shaw, Pease, Galton, Hobson, Mrs Shaw -

Absent Webb, Headlam, Weulen, Nungesser, Bland,
Charrington.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Tract Distⁿ - Sec reported good progress. -
Correspondence with G. P. Fuller, ex-M.P., presented.

3. Pub. Com^{ee} Report adopted viz: -
State aid to agriculture tract approved.
Registration Tract + Leaflet abandoned

4. Election of Candidates: elected subject to payment
by Miss Townshend: -

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Dadabhai Naoroji, Washington House, 72 Anerley Park, S.E.	Sidney Webb and R. Wherry Anderson.
Miss Caroline Charlotte Townshend, 29 Oakwood Court, W.	Emily Townshend and Emery Walker.

The Secy was empowered to elect H G. Barker in due course. -

Calder

5. Resignations. Dr. C. J. Waddy. Growing faint
G. C. Bunyon. Prefers C. S. U.
Accepted.
6. Labour Rep. Conference at Essex Hall. Report made
by G. B. Shaw & received.
7. International Soc^y Conference at Amsterdam. The
Sec. was empowered to appoint any
responsible member in his discretion,
on consultation with available members
of the Exec., to represent the Society.
8. Sander's Lecture on Fiscal Policy. Agreed that
he be asked to do a lecture & that the
syllabus be sent to Exec. for criticism
or submitted to the Pub. Com^{ee}.
9. Headlam. Suggested insert of a dot. of
Henry George's Free Trade.
Agreed to send it. —

10. Fabian Lecture Course. See reported
Refusal from Lord Hugh Cecil.

For autumn the following accepted viz:-
F. W. Headley. Duplic. of Wersmann's Act.
Lusambz Sodd.
Alcoholism Peace
Owen + Education Podmore.

Refusals. Rural Depopulation Wilson Fox
Unhealthiness Modern Towns. Mc Cleary
Segregation of Unfit. Wells.

No repl. etc.

Racial Degeneration. Dr. Hausholm
Underpopulation ?

Agreed as follows:-

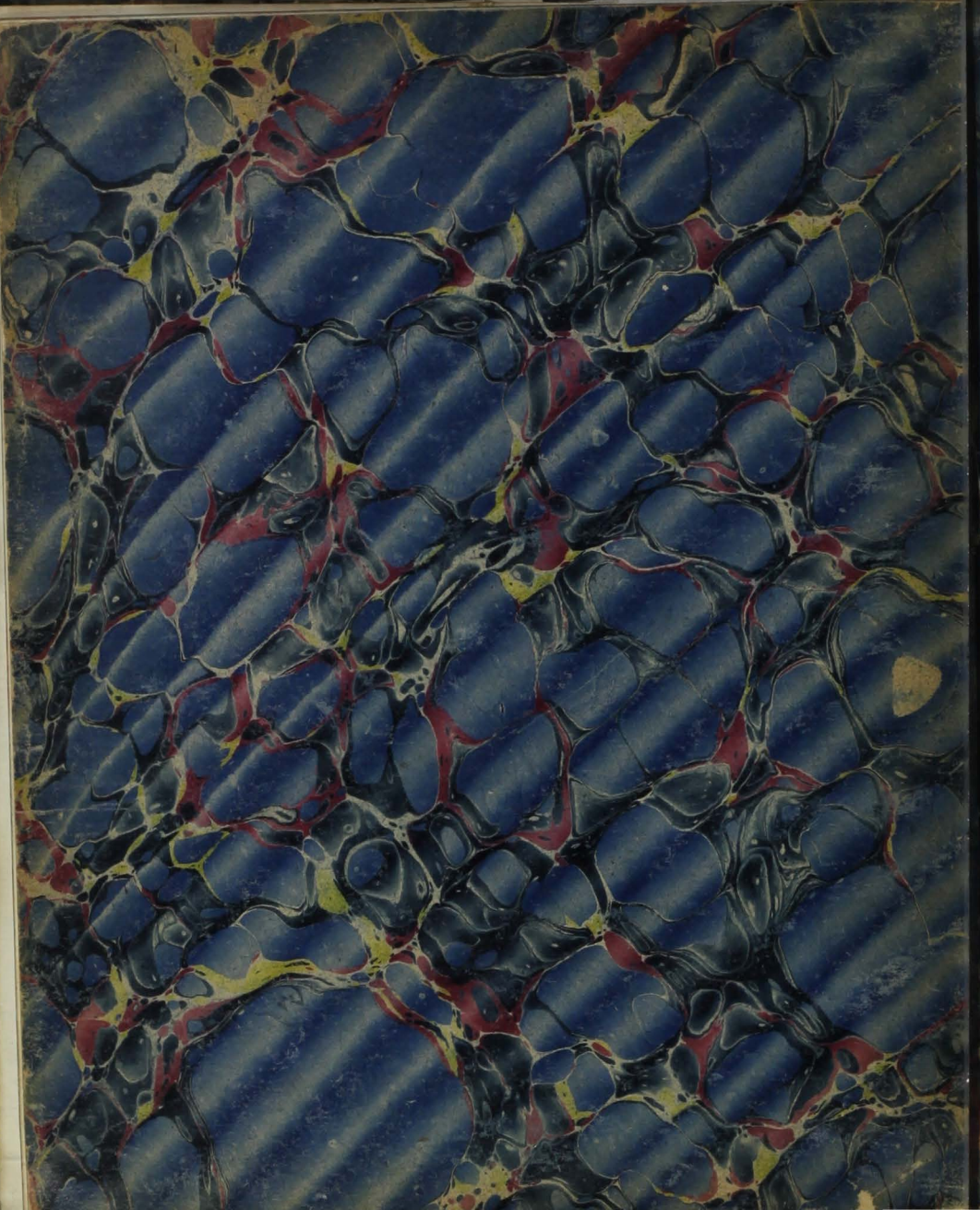
October (1) Headley (2) Podmore

Nov. (1) Thoroood, to be asked on
Freights + Tariffs

Unhealthiness of Towns. Dr. V. Poore discussed

S. M. Webb
2/10/13

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