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FABIAN SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

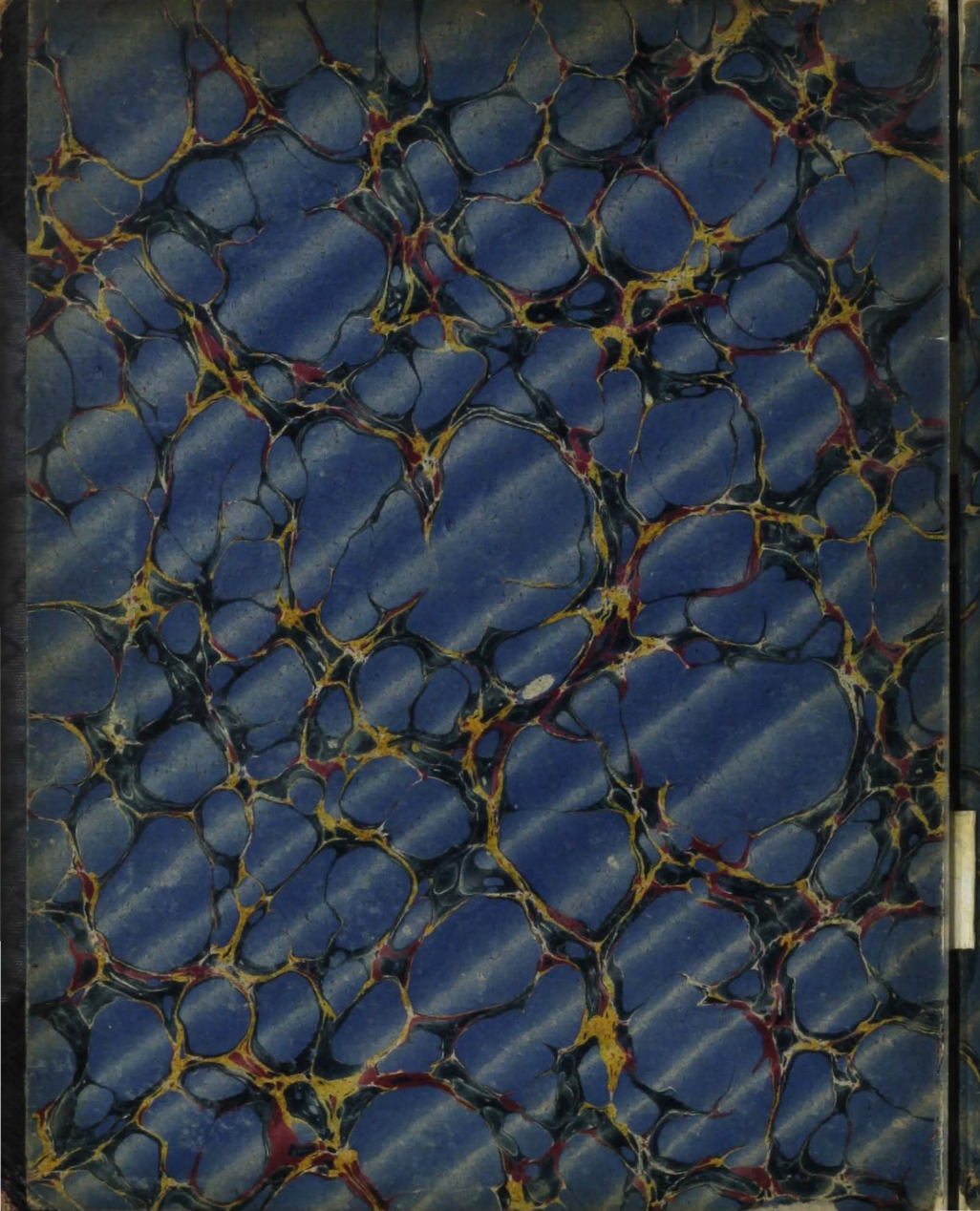
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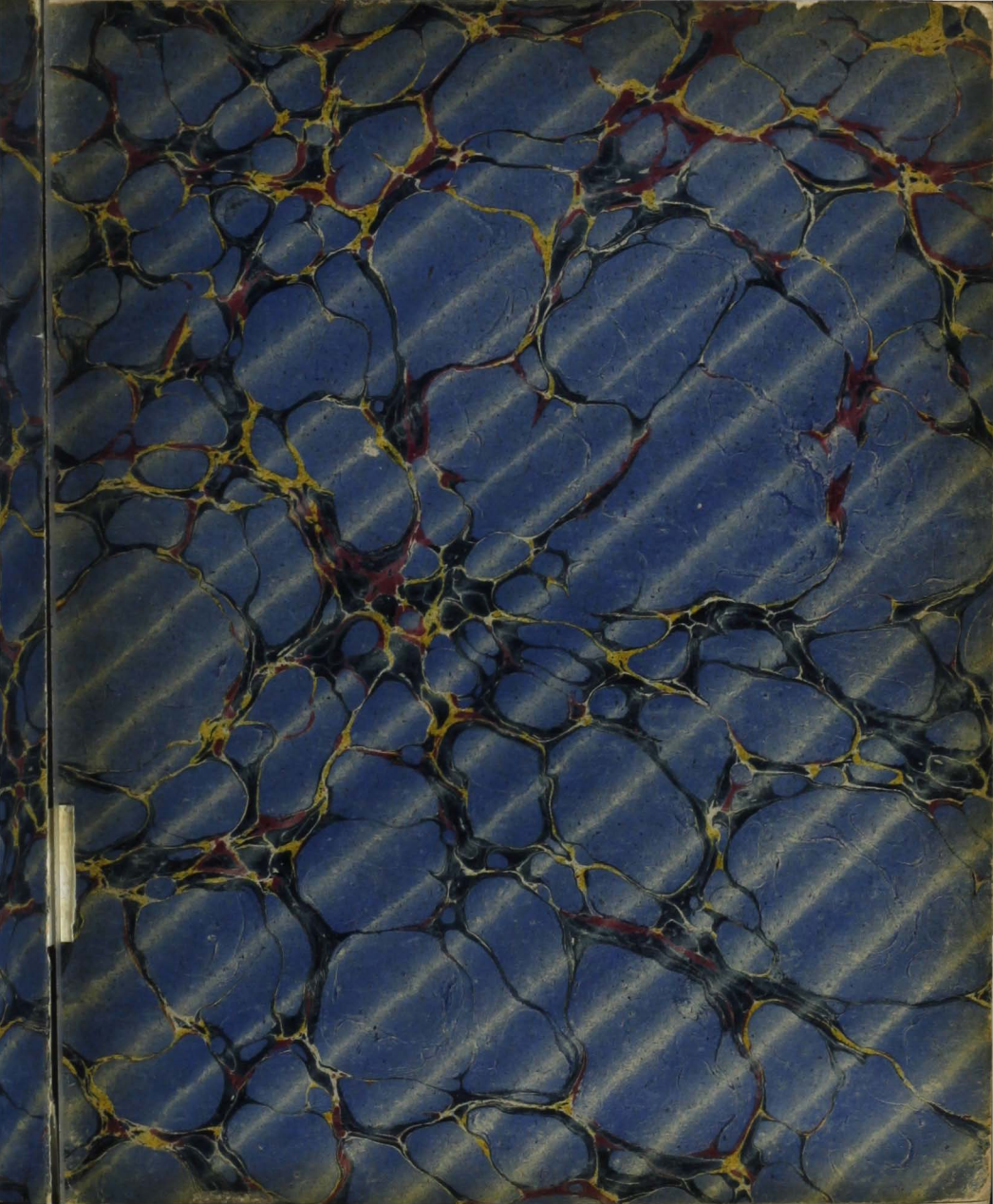
From 11th September, 1903
To 20th July, 1906

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Fabian Society

3 Clements Lane

Shard London W.C.

Executive Committee

Minutes.

11 Sat 03
20 Tues 06

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 11th Sept: 03

Present. Whelen (in chair), Headlam, Galtow
Macrosty, Pease, Alden, Hobson
Dodd

Absent: Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Bland, Charrington
Standring, Muggerridge. -

1. Minutes of last meeting not read. -

2. Candidates elected viz:

Aug

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
G. Granville Barker, 8 York-buildings, Adelphi, W.C.	G. Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb.
Charles Coates, "Ferndene," Linthorpe, Middlesborough	S. G. Hobson.
Dr. John R. Haynes, 945 South Figueroa-street, Los Angeles, California, U. S. A.	H. Gaylord Wilshire.
E. Furnivall Jones, 95 Savernake-road, Hampstead, N.W.	S. G. Hobson and Edw. R. Pease.

Previously elected.

Sep.

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
W. Hector Thomson, 3 Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. ...	Frederick Whelen and G. Bernard Shaw.

subject to payment of subscriptions by Dr. Haynes & E. F. Jones. -

3. Resignation. R. F. Backwell. accepted.

4. (over)

(4) Correspondence.

Mrs. Stanbury asking us to support Women as Connellors Bill. Reply we will do anything we can when the time comes.

Charles Home Defence Fund. appeal for help. (Bottoms Libel) send sympathies & say we have no fund available.

French Ministry of Commerce. asking to be put on Free List. agreed.

South Wales Labour Annual. asking adob. at 25/- as before - agreed.

Death of Mrs. Widdrington. Sec. Y ordered to write on behalf of Society.

(5) Sanders Lectures. Report of arrangements made & approved. Fiscal Policy syllabus submitted & approved.

(6) Book Boxes. Sec. Y reported on proposal to extend the circulation of these,

(6) cont^d.) & submitted Webb's letter thereon. His action was approved. It was agreed to defer decision of the question whether members should be asked to contribute the funds required, in addition to proposed Grant from Hutchinson Trust a few novels & lighter class books were suggested. -

(7.) New Tracts.
Dymond's State Aid to agriculture.

Sec. reported that this was promised shortly by the author.

Education (London) act. Sec. reported

he had written Wallas for advice to Wallas, who sent no reply, to Christopher Phillips, who said he must resign, on appointment as a School Inspector, & to J. T. Mustard, head-teacher, who promised help. -

Agreed that Cecil Chesterton be asked to make the draft. -

(7) cont^d. Fiscal Policy Tract. Sec. reported that Gilbert Slater, at request of Publishing Com^{ee} had prepared M.S. - : that he had informed Slater that in his opinion the Executive would be prepared to pay for such a M.S. - that the M.S. had been read by Macrosty, Hobson, & Galton, the first two of whom submitted written comments. -

Letter from Bland on proposed tract was read. -

After discussion it was agreed to request Slater to make additions & deletions as recommended by the critics; that the M.S. be then set up: & that it be put down for discussion by the Society on October 23rd. -

(8.) Fabian Lecture Course. Sec^o reported as follows.
Oct 9th belled F. W. Headley on Social Implications of Wessermanian.

8 (cont^d)

Ceb 23. Tract meeting.
Nov 13. Peace on alcoholism if
necessary.

Other acceptances:-

Podmore, provisional, Owenism. Later
Dodd Insant --

Refusals

Dr. Newsholm. Racial degeneracy
E.M. Bowden --
Thorogood Freights.
Dr. V. Poore. No reply, but
reported ill. --

Sec-7 instructed to ask:-

R. E. Thomas on Municipal
Affairs.
Will Reason on Population.
Dr. Collie on Segregation of Nigrit.
Percy Alden undertook to invite
Bolton King on Rural Depopⁿ

Sidney Webb

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Executive at Office 2 October 1903. -
Present Welch (in chair) Pease, Macrosty, Standing,
Hobson, Dodd, Muggersidge, Wheeler,
Headlaw, Galton
Absent: Bland, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Charmington,
Alden. (lecturing)

1. Minutes of two last meetings were confirmed.
2. Education Tract. The Sec'y reported that Chesterston had undertaken to draft it. Welch reported on conversation with Chesterston; the general line adopted was approved. -
3. Tariff Tract. Letter read from Bland disapproving of most of the proposed tract. Memorandum from Shaw, circulated to members of Exec. was also considered. - After a prolonged debate, it was agreed

- (a) That the track as drafted be rejected.
- (b) That a new track on lines of syllabus drawn up by Webb be approved.
- (c) That Hobson undertake to prepare the re-draft, using what he can of the old draft.
- (d) That the redraft, if possible, be considered at the next Exec. —
- (e) That it be given as a lecture on Oct. 23rd, if it cannot be taken as a track in the usual way. —
- (f) That the Secy write Slater that the Exec. consider his draft an excellent piece of work.
- (g) That Slater be paid at the rate of 2/- per 1000 words, say £7.7.— for the track. —

Pring

Executive Office Oct 9th 1903. —

Present, (Alden in chair) Webb, Macroft, Pease,
Standring, Hobson, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Walsen
Dodd, Nuyseridge Bland
Absent Headlam, Charrington Galton

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Candidates elected viz: —

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Wm. Llanwarne Cribb, 9 Westgate-place, Louth, Lincs.	Edw. R. Pease.
Joseph Fels, 39 Wilson-street, E.C.	S. G. Hobson and Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur E. Wright, Bon Marché, Stafford- street, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks	General Secretary.

subject to payment of Messrs Cribb + Fels. —

3. Resignations: Geo. Coker: poverty: renewed: accepted
Christopher Phillips: become a school
inspector: accept. if
it be not withdrawn.
4. Railway Nationalist Socy: asking us to take over
their publications + carry on their work.
Agreed. —

- (5) Correspondence. Gilbert Slater. Thanks for pay to Humanitarian League: asking us to assist in Slaughterhouses & L.C.C. election. Reply we will bear matter in mind. Internat. Soc. Bureau asking for pamphlets on Fight-apt. Protection. Sec. 7 instructed to write to each Society for a dozen sets.
- (6.) Positivist Conference Nov 1st Essex Hall, on India. Delegate asked. Send S S Teohum, & failing him D. Naoroji.
- (7.) Labour Repⁿ Com^{ce}. Delegate & resolutions invited for Bradford Conf^{ce} Feb 4th 40. - Agreed that Pease be delegate & that no resolutions be sent. -
- (8) British Institute of Social Service. Pease stated he had been invited to be a convener. Agreed that he accept.

9. International Socialist Conference Amsterdam 11.

14 Aug. Letter saying our resolutions were ruled out, except that - re Trade Unionism + Socialism; and asking report etc. on this before Dec 31st
Agreed that Holson + Base draft report etc.

10. Lectures to Society

Refusals since last meeting Dr Collie + B. King. 12.

Acceptances Will Reason, Underpopulation,

fixed for Jan 7 & 8th

R. E. Thomas on Municipalities

fixed for Nov 27, but now uncertain.

Unfixed lectures in scheme

Racial Degeneration

Rural Depopulation

Unhealthiness of modern towns

Segregation of Unfit.

Agreed to ask

Dr. Shirley Murphy L.C.C.

Dr. Kerr L.S.B.

11. Tracts in Preparation &c. -

Tract 7. Sec. reported sales small. agreed that it be revised & reprinted -

Tract 5. Facts for Socialists. agreed to revise, & that-oakeshott be asked.

Education Tract. no report.

Shaw's Tariff Speech. Shaw to report on its fitness for a tract.

12. Tariff Tract. draft syllabus of Holson

was submitted & discussed. & it was agreed that he prepare a lecture on these lines. —

Julius Bland

22/10/3.

Executive at Office 23rd Oct. 1907

Present - Bland (in chair) Headlam, Shaw, Alden,
Wells, Wm. Shaw, Standing Macrost Pease
Holson, Dodd Welen Muggidge

Absent Charrington Salton

- (1) Minutes were conformed
- (2) Aprising from Minutes, Sec 7 reported
 - (a) subscription of £25 from Joseph Fels
 - (b) Acceptance of S.S. Tribunal of delegation to Positivist Indian Conf^e
- (3) Railway National Socy. Sec. reported suggestion by late Sec 7 that the late members of the late Socy be asked to subscribe to no. agreed to ask them.
- (4) Labour Rep^y Com^{ee}. Shaw reported on Conference in London. Letter from Lambeth Trade Council re refusal of L.R.C. to recognise Dadabhai Naoroji, or to give a reason for refusing. Pease undertook to re-open the question at the L.R.C. Sec^y Mtg.

- (7)
- (5) Publishing Com^{ce} Report approved.
Shaw's Tariff speech. Referred to Muggidge
for further report.
- (6) Fabian Series, 2nd Vol.
Suggested volume of Geo. Turner
Report thereon & Whelen not ready.
- (7) Fabian Lecture Course. -
Agreed to ask Prof. Long on Rural
Depopⁿ & to pay his travelling
expenses. -
Arrangement of dates deferred till
next Friday. -
- (8) Meeting of members: agreed on Whelen as
Chairman: Welch as introducer of Education
Tract. - Education M.S. referred to Alden
for further report. -
- (9) Country Lectures. In response to appeal from Oxford,
agreed that Shaw give them a lecture.
Holson offered to lecture at Aberystwyth if needed
Stewart & Hallam

Executive at Office 30th Oct: 1903.

Present Headlam (in chair) Webb, Shaw, Macroft,
Pease, Alden, Bland, Hobson Wre
Shaw, Muggersidge
Absent Wheeler, Charrington, Galton, Standing
Dodd. —

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. London Social Halls. delegates asked.
Pease & Standing appointed.
3. Resignation. Mrs. Mace Matthews accepted.
4. Re D. Naroji & the L.R.C.. Pease reported that
on his motion the L.R.C. Executive had
agreed to assign a reason for refusal of
Naroji as a candidate on their list,
& that the reason assigned was that ~~in~~ they
interpreted the provision for promotion by an
affiliated association to mean substantial
financial support. —

5. New Volume Fabian Series. Waelen absent: no report.
6. Shaw's Tariff M.S. No report.
7. Education Tract M.S. Alden reported that it would not do. after debate, Wehl undertook to do what he could with it.
8. Tariff Tract. after prolonged debate, Shaw undertook to draft a Tract.
9. Lecture arrangements. agreed:-
 Nov. 13.th to ask Dell to open a discussion on Tariff.
 Failing Dell, H. W. Wilson (Navy League)
 .. 27. Peace, Alcoholism.
J. Lawton Brad.

Exec. ab. Office 13th November 1903. —
Present Dodd (in chair) Macrost, Headlam, Shaw
 Mrs Shaw, Webb, Mufferidge, Pease
 Standing Hobson
Absent Whelan, Alder, Charrington, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. November Candidates were elected, viz: —

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Clasma S. Darrow, Chicago, U.S.A.	S. G. Hobson and Edw. R. Pease.
John Kirkby, 321 East India Dock-rd., Poplar	W. R. Titterton and Edw. R. Pease.
Hugh C. Lewis, B.A., Trem Aran House, Bala, North Wales	B. Scott Williams.

3. Correspondence

Crawley Coop. Thanks for lectures
 F. S. Green Request to send notes of lecture
 on Meredith. Refuse.
 Workmen's Nat. H. Council. Agreed to renew sub. 5/-

4. Publishing Comtee Report.

Dymonds State Aid. To be 20pp. if necessary
 Title amended. —
 Financial Ref. Ab. Agreed to take advt at £3.3.—
 (offer to)

I On the number available: Boxes only, not books. (9)

Number purchased from 1892 to July 1903 99
Less Lost, destroyed &c. 4
Old square boxes not }
now in use } 7 11
88
New boxes purchased 1903 }
15 delivered, 9 on order } 24
112

II Subscriptions current at date 110

III Orders. 1st. April to 12th. Nov. 1903 64
" " " " 1902 30
" " " " 1901 51
~~1900~~ " " " " 1900 30
About nine-tenths are for a year

Expenditure.

1st. April to 12th. November 1903 paid \$55
" " " " " " incurred but not paid. 17
72
Estimated cost ~~for~~ buying books
for ten Boxes to be filled 40
say £110

Subscriptions during November
12 days. 12 subscriptions
Orders waiting to be executed 10

Since the start only one box has been lost, and that was paid for. The loss in books is very small and is decreasing. At present no box is more than 2 or 3 weeks overdue.

5. First May Celebration. Circular announcing Hyde Park Demonstration, agreed to concur, as the day is Sunday.

6. Executive. Letters from Ch. Charrington offering to resign, owing to change of residence to remote country, & from F. W. Galton, owing to temporary engagements on Friday afternoons. — After discussion, agreed that a contested election is not at present necessary, & that both members be requested to retain their seats till the end of their year of office.

7. New Tracts. Education. Welch reported nothing yet done
Tariff. Shaw reported his ms. $\frac{1}{3}$ rd written.

8. Book Review. Sec. 7 presented the annexed report. Agreed that he write privately to Mrs. Fels & any others for special subscriptions.

(10)

9. International Socialist Congress. Report on the Trade Unionism & Socialism resolutions drafted by Holson, was agreed to.

10. Fabian Lectures Sec reported

Dr. Shurley Murphy	Finally refuses
Dr. Gas Kerr	Refuses
R. G. Thomas	Off.
Prof. Long.	Refuses for present: possibly later. -

Pending arrangements:-

F. Podmore, Very doubtful
Lawson Dodd Late on.

Agreed

Dec. 11. To accept offer of F. Montague Lecture on Neumannism & Social Reform, provided it be written.

Jan 22. That Shaw read paper on Fabian Society & German part, as a memorial lecture on the Society attaining its 20th year. Arrangements to give way to Tariff Trade, if this be ready.

10 (cont^d)

Other arrangements.

Rural Depopulation. Sec to write about the Sec. of the Small Holdings Assn, Surrey, as a possible lecturer.

Racial Degeneration. Sec. to interview Rosenbaum of the school.

Modern Towns. Try Dr. Newman M.O.

11. Fabian Series. After Chairman + many members had gone, report from Wheeler arrived, strongly commending Turner's M.S. on Commercial Efficiency. Agreed that he be informed that we will probably take it up, if submitted, but that he sh^d. not refuse offer of any other publisher.

Sy Hobson
27/7/1903

Exec. Com^{ee} 27th Nov^r 1903. —

Present Hobson (in chair) Macrosty, Alden, W^{ms}
Shaw, Welch, Pease, Headlam, ~~Dodd~~,
~~Shaw~~, Charrington, St-andring Bland-
Absent Waleen, Galton, Musgrave.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. New Tracts. Dymond's State aid - Printing Education. Welch. Reported not ready yet. —
3. Resignations Hon Bertrand & W^{ms} Russell on reversion to Liberalism. Accepted.
4. Fabian Series. Letter from Turner declining offer made. —
5. L.C. Progressive Com^{ee}. Pease's joining approved.
6. Book Boxes. Report of orders answered. Sec. reported £10. received from W^{ms} Felo, + large sum from H. Tract.

Second Report on Book Boxes.

Orders to date from 1st April 1903	85
Do. Do. 1902	34
Orders in November to 26th.	53
Do. Do. last year	7
Orders in past fortnight	21
New Boxes equipped since August	24
Do. Do. ordered	12
	<u>36</u>
Unexecuted Orders for Boxes now in hand	15
Expenditure to date, 36 Boxes &c.	£24
.. .. Books	93
	<u>£117</u>
Sum required to complete 12 new boxes ordered at least	43
	<u>£160</u>

No reply from Mrs. Fels.

Analysis of 1903 Orders.

Socialist Societies and Ruskin Hall Classes	27
Co-operative Societies	24
Trade Unions, and Branches thereof	12
Trade Councils	10
Miscellaneous	12
	<u>85.</u>

7. Correspondence.

St. M. Bernard. Complaining of Dells Debate.
Say we wanted to give members a
chance, & can't help speakers.

Cliffords Linn. Notifying use of price to 37/6
Finance. Ref. al. Advt-offer refused.

8. Fabian Meetings.

Dec. 11. F. Montague accepts.

Jan 8. Reason on Popⁿ

Jan 22. Agreed to take Tariff Tract.

Other arrangements:-

Shaw onaveling - Deferred.

Dr. Newman declines

S. Whitley suggests, Brooks of Lingfield
on Rural Depopⁿ - agreed not to ask him.

S. Rosenbaum. See reported conversation:
agreed to accept lecture on Jews
& Social Problem, if he offers it.

9. Fiscal Tract. Prof of introduction by Shaw
discussed, & approved with
tolerable unanimity. The

Form of publication 1^o. Book, 2^o. pamphlet
or 2 penny pamphlets was discussed.
Agreed to reject the last named,
& for the rest, to see how the Ms.
turns out when complete. —

Henry W. Macroby

Executive at Office 11th Decr 1903.
Present, Macrosty in chair, & all except-
Absent Alden, Galton, Wheelw. -

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignation, Mrs Sanger, accepted.
3. Election of Candidates: all elected
subject to payment of subsc by
Edgar Jepson: -

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Muriel M. C. Calthrop, 24 John-street, Bedford-row, W.C.	J. McKillop and Jas. Elder.
Huntley Carter, 8 Stanhope-terrace, Regent's Park, N.W. ...	F. J. Furnivall and Edw. R. Pease.
Dr. K. E. Dadachanji, Ardeshar Dady-st., Khetwady, Bombay	Joseph Baptista.
William Lloyd Davies, 80 Drayton Park, Highbury, N.	Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur L. Dorer, Tennyson-aven., King's Lynn	Harry Lowerison.
Edgar Jepson, Bovingdon House, Elm-road, Wembley, Middx. ...	Cecil Chesterton & Conrad Noel.
Aylmer Maude, Great Baddow, Chelmsford	Wm. Sanders.
C. Morgan Webb, Sett'l'mt. Officer, Rangoon, Lower Burma ...	General Secretary.

4. Correspondence: -
John Martin on Tammany
Higher Edⁿ Working men. Confes at
Toynbee. No delegate.
F. Montague Re London Socialist.

4. New Tracts etc. — Provincial
 Dymond's State Aid. Printer delaying
 Cap. & Land. Nearly ready.
 Tract 5. Facts. Oakeshott in hand.

5. Book Boxes. Report as follows: —

Orders in December to 10th.	10
Do. last year	2

Orders not yet executed	11
Boxes available (on order)	13
Subscriptions Hutchinson Trustees	£190
„ Mrs. Fels	10
	<u>£200</u>
Expenditure to date	
Sufficient for 4 of above boxes	180
Books required for 7 more boxes	
at least	20
	<u>£200</u>

The Sec. reported he had asked the Colden Club for a donation: — Sec. instructed to write to other bodies for books. — A number of new books were suggested for the boxes; + the Soc. approved of application for £100 more, if necessary from the

Hutchinson Trustees, whose Trustees present not signifying dissent. -

6. Fabian Lectures: arrangements made & conformed as follows:-

Jan 8. Reason Population

22 Tariff Tract Meeting

Feb 12 L.C.S. Election, members meeting. Address of Welk.

26. Offer of Lecture on Russian Jewish Question of Mrs. Kellgren per Miss Bell accepted: lecture to deal with Antisemitism -

Letter from Rosenbaum declining to take part in Biological Series. agreed not to ask for any other lecture. -

Shaw on awelinq deferred.

Sec. reported Lieut. Col. Pedder asked on Rural Depopu -

7. Purge of members. Sec. submitted the annexed lists, & he was authorized to send final circular, & to strike off:-

Name	Last Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Date.
W. Ballance	Westminster	Feb. '92	5/-	Mar. '01
W.H. Brown	Hanley	Jan. '97	5/-	Mar. '99
W.W. Brown	Hythe	Sep. '90	£1.0.0	Jan. '99
E.S. Burchett	Hammersmith	Jan. '92	£1.1.0	June '99
J.W. Caruth	Warrington	Nov. '01	7/6	Oct. '01
Lawrence Cowen	Westminster	Nov. '90	£1.1.0	May '01
G.H. Davis	Oxford	Feb. '97	5/-	May '98
A. Dennistoun	Kensington	?? '89	10/-	Feb. '99
E. Fraser	Glasgow	May '96	5/-	June '00
Mrs. A.H. Guest	Stratford-on-Avon	Nov. '95	5/-	Apr. '00
C.B. Mallock	Bangor	Dec. '00	1/-	Nov. '00
Henry Murphy	Glasgow	May '97	5/-	Apr. '99
Miss E. Newcombe	Stranraer	Jan. '98	1/1-	Sep. '00
F.R. Parkes	Loughton	Feb. '92	5/5-	Jan. '00
Harry Parnaby	Aberystwyth	Dec. '99	1/-	July '00
Touzeau Parris	Bradford	Oct. '01	4/4-	Sep. '01
Miss M.R. Phillips	Hammersmith	July '92	1/15-(3 yrs)	Jan. '01
Mrs. H. Putz	Bangor	Dec. '00	1/-	Nov. '00
Geo. Raby	Bedford Park	Sep. '90	10/-	Feb. '97
Rev. John Reid	Dalston	Mar. '92	5/-	Feb. '01
Basil G. Richings	Uddingston, N.B.	Mar. '97	3/-	Oct. '01
Wm. Routh	Dorchester	Sep. '99	5/-	Aug. '99
Miss A. Smith	Fleet Street	Dec. '00	1/-	Dec. '99
Miss Warley	ware	Aug. '95	2/6	Nov. '99
Rev. T.W. Wright	Hanover Sq.	May. '88	3/6	Dec. '98
Robertson	Shoreditch	Feb. '96	1/-	Nov. '99
Scott-Harris	Galston, N.S.	Apr. '96	1/1-	Oct. '99

II- Proposed to be removed from list.

II Members who have not paid for years for no known reason.

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Date.
A. St John Adcock	Milns Hampstead	Nov. '00	10/-	Oct. '00
F.R. Andrews	Adels Battersea	Oct. '96	10/-	Feb. '99
J.E. Broadbent	Bow Oldham	Oct. '90	2/-	Sep. '90
Roger Buxton	Nottingham	Aug. '94	£1.1.0	Nov. '99

Name	Address	Electd	Rate	Term	Date
A. J. Cottridge	Tottenham	Feb. '94	£1.0.0	(4 yrs)	Jan. '00
R. W. Crawford	Edinburgh	Feb. '98	2/6		Jan. '01
Miss E. M. Deverell	Strand	June '95	5/-		Apr. '00
Mrs. J. Duncan	Dublin	Sep. '92	2/6		Apr. '00
A. E. Evans	Liverpool	Feb. '98	2/6		Feb. '00
H. S. Fisher	Canning Town	Aug. '98	5/-		May. '99
Edw. Fletcher	Romford	July '98	10/6		Jan. '00
Martin Handon	Beckenham	Feb. '01	10/-		Jan. '01
J. Farquharson	Cape Colony	Dec. '99	5/-		Dec. '99
Rev. G. H. Havard	Islington	Dec. '00	1/-		Dec. '00
J. M. Headley	Yarmouth	Apr. '97	3/-		Oct. '99
H. W. Heller	Budapest	Oct. '00	10/8		Sep. '00
W. Cresswell Howle	Birmingham	July '99	£1.1.0		July '99
J. W. Jones	Bangor	Dec. '00	1/-		Nov. '00
J. E. Ingham	Leek	Jan. '96	5/-		Apr. '98
W. C. Jenkins	Swansea	Nov. '99	2/6		Oct. '99
Mrs. Bart Kennedy	Rickmansworth	Feb. '93	5/-		Feb. '96
Campbell Macmillan	Glasgow	Mar. '99	1/-	Retained pro tem.	Feb '01
F. McQuire	Woodford	Oct. '96	5/-		Jan. '98
E. E. Metivier	Hornsey	Dec. '01	5/-		Jan. '98
David Morris	Leek	June '96	5/-		Jan. '99
Jas. O'Grady	Finchbury	Dec. '98	10/-		Nov. '98
W. F. Phillips	Cardiff	Dec. '00	1/- 2/6		Dec. '00
H. S. Philpot	California	Dec. '90	2/6		Feb. '99
Ald. J. C. Powell	Swindon	Jan. '93	10/6		June '99
J. F. Rayner	Southampton	June '03	5/-		July '01
C. W. Ryan	Dec. '00	1/-			Mar. '96
Rev. E. L. Roberts	Chester	Apr. '96	1/-		June '97
Alex Robertson	Galston, N.B.	Oct. '88	£1.1.0	Provisional	June '97
Miss Adeline Sergeant	Bournemouth	Nov. '94	10/-		Feb. '00
Mrs. Scott-Harris	Lymington (Hants)	July '98	5/-		Oct. '99
John Scurr	Poplar	Nov. '99	5/-		Oct. '99
Mrs. J. Scurr	Poplar	Apr. '98	2/6		Nov. '99
J. Evans Smith	Rochester	Apr. '99	5/-		June '00
David Soskice	Brook Green, W.	Jan. '98	1/-		Jan. '98
S. Horsfall Turner	Bradford	Apr. '91	2/-		Previous to 96
P. Valera	Milan, Italy	Mar. '91	10/-		Jan. '00
T. E. Webb	Adelphi, W.C.	Dec. '00	2/6		Nov. '00
John Wilks	Southport	Aug. '91	10/-		Feb. '99
J. A. Worsnop	Halifax	Jan. '93	5/-		Feb. '99
Ernest Wright	Northampton				

paid

paid

resigned

paid

resigned

Full Task
 Spec. Meeting
 with
 all those who
 will be
 94-

8. Tariff Tract. It was agreed to hold an
Exec. Meeting on Monday Dec. 21st
to discuss the Tariff Tract, if Shaw ~~is~~ were
able to have proofs of them. -

H. J. Meyer.

Executive at Office Monday Dec 21. 1904
Present Mylneridge (in chair) Bland
Shaw, Macrosty, Standing Alder
Dodd, Webb, Pease, Mrs Shaw, Holson.
Absent Wheeler, Galton, Charrington, Headley.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignation. Miss Spooner Accepted
3. Report on Tracts. Dymond's State Aid
almost ready.
Revised No 7. Cap & Land nearly ready
5. Facts. In hand
4. Lectures to Society. -
Feb 12. Webb on L.C.C.
" 26. Lieut. Col. Pedder Accepted
agreed to fix for this date
Mar 11. Mrs. Kellgren.
agreed to fix. -
5. Lecture on Weismannism by F. W. Headley.

5 (cont^d) . On report of his letter to Podmore that he desired to publish it, after debate, agreed that he be asked to submit his paper, ~~if he w^d.~~ for consideration if he w^d. like us to issue it, & to say that, in default of the Fabian Socy G. Standing may be willing. —

(6.) Tariff Tract. Amended & completed proof submitted. A prolonged & warm debate on various points followed. Shaw took note of the amendments suggested and agreed to do his best to embody them in a final further revise. No divisions were taken. —

Sidney Webb
8/1/41

Executive at Office 8 Jan. 7 '04
Present - Webb (in chair) & all except
Absent, Charrington.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The following were elected subject to pay:
of subscription of C.A. Mitchell

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
George H. Jackson, 9 Buckingham Mount, Leeds	Edw. R. Pease.
C. Ainsworth Mitchell, 5 Verulam-build- ings, Gray's Inn, W.C....	Noel Griffith and Hubert Bland

3. Tracts. Headley Weismannism. Letter
from him, & report of interview of
Secy. Bland reported on M.S. that
it was too long & could not be cut.
Agreed to return the M.S. with
his explanation. —
Dymond. Done. — Expected soon.
Reverses of Nos. 5 + 7. In hand still.
4. American Social Progress Year Book. Report
that article had been written at
request of Bliss & Webb & Pease.

- 5. American Municipal Affairs - Request by Martin, now editor, for articles on Working of Bd's act & Municipal Coumpet-Practicis. Sec. to do what he can.
- 6. G. S. Matthew. Conference on Labor & Liberalism Jan. 20th - Delegates. Agreed that any members of Exec. be delegates. -
- 7. L.C. Election. Letter from Wallas. Agreed that notice in F. News will be early enough, & that names of our candidates & urgent request for help be therein set out.
- 8. Education Tract. M.S. from Welch, copies of which had been submitted to Headlam Weelen & Wallas was considered. Also Amendment from Wallas & Headlam. It was ultimately agreed: (1) to circulate the three copies round the Exec. (2) to send copy of amendments to each member of Exec. (3) To meet on Jan 14th -

9. Tariff Tract. Further revise was considered, amendments suggested, + finally approved.

10. Tariff Tract Meeting. It was agreed

- (a) to nominate Headlam as chairman
- (b) to meet at 7.30. —
- (c) not to order in extra chairs
- (d) to send proof to all members
- (e) to ask for amendments in writing. —

11. Lectures. Letter from Mrs Kellgren regretting that she cannot lecture on Mar 11. owing to illness

12. Meeting Jan 8. Agreed to propose Alden as Chairman.

G. Bernard Shaw —
14/1/04.

Executive at Office 15 Jan. 7 1904.

Present, Shaw (in chair), + all except
Absent. Charrington, Galton, Dodd.

1. Minutes were conformed.
2. Chairman for Jan 22nd. Headlam stated that he could not attend, + it was agreed to ask Thorogood, + then Bakeshott.
3. Education Act Tract. A prolonged discussion took place on this draft Tract. The Rev. S. Headlam proposed a number of amendments, many of which were accepted, in whole or in part: others were withdrawn: divisions were taken in four or five cases, but the mover ~~was~~ in only one case obtained a vote in addition to his own, + all were therefore rejected. - Webb undertook to make the alterations decided on, + the Tract was ordered to be set up. Amendments by Wallas were also considered. It was agreed to submit the Tract to the Society on Feb 12.
Geo. Standing meeting at 7.30 pm.
22/1/04

Executive at Office 22nd Jan. 7 1904

Present Standing (in chair) Shaw Mrs. Shaw
Macrosch Dodd Pease Headlam,
Holson Newgeridge Bland Wether.
Absent Charrington, Gallon, Alden, Webb.

1. Minutes confirmed
2. Municipal Conference at Manchester
agreed to appoint Holson
& J.W. Shaw delegates.
3. Labour Representation Conference.
Agreed after debate that
Pease vote in all cases in
accordance with his own discretion.
4. Lectures to the Society. Sec. reported Podmore
off, & Dodd declines
to lecture early. -
Agreed to refuse Dr. Wetherhouse's offer,
& to ask Kidd for a lecture on
his view of the Fiscal policy. -

5. Education Act- Tract. Webb reported that he had handed it to Shaw to complete.

6. Meeting on Tariff Sec. reported Throgood wd be chairman. agreed to take 2nd Reading at end. -

7. Tariff Tract. Agreed that title be Fabianism & the Fiscal Question. Shaw reported on a number of amendments. A Division was taken on a passage relating to Gladstone, & its deletion was rejected by 5 to 4. - Other amendments were agreed to. -
Charles Channington
29th 1904.

Exec. at Office 29th Jan'y 1904
Present Charrington (in chair) & all exapt
Absent Waelen, Alden, Mysseridge.

1. Minutes confirmed
2. Peel Memorial Fund. Sec. authorised to apply for grants.
3. Graham Wallas. Resignation. Accepted. Agreed to publish letter in "News" as desired by him. —
4. Education Tract Meeting. Agreed to nominate Hobson for chair.
5. Tariff Tract. Agreed to publish a 1st Edition on superior paper, with paper cover, 1000 copies. Agreed to add "Edited by Bernard Shaw" to this edition. Resolved on division of a ~~manuscript~~ not to add this to the 1st edition. —

6. Fabian Lectures.

Mar 14 Letter from Kidd half accepting. agreed to press him to book it.

Mar 25 ~~agreed to~~ Resolved to ask Alder to lecture on Unemployed.

Biological Course. agreed to ask McCleary again.

Ray Alder

Exec. at Office 12 Feb. 04. -
Present Alden (in chair) & all except
absent Wheeler, Galton, Charrington.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Candidates elected viz:

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Wm. Catmur, 23 Terrace-road, South Hackney, N.E. ...	W. C. Steadman and Will Crooks.
GLASGOW F.S.	
J. Adam, 33 Elmfoot-st., Glasgow	
Geo. Christison, 13 Cambridge Drive, Kelvinside, Glasgow ...	
Wm. Lester, Whitefield Lodge, Lennoxtown, Glasgow ...	
Dr. McKee, Hillside-ter., Spring- burn, Glasgow ...	Robert Pollok.
Mr. Mitchell, Drummother Drive, Parkhead, Glasgow ...	
J. M. Warrington, 20 Broompark Drive, Dennistoun, Glasgow ...	
Llew. W. Williams, 3 Park-ter., Crosshill, Glasgow ...	

3. Correspondence.

Manchester Women's T. U. Council. Agreed they
can use Tract 104 altered
to suit their purposes.

P. Cluik. News.

Haden Guest. Appeal for Poor orphanage.
Sec.'s action in referring it
back to him was approved.

(3) Corresp. contd.

Lambeth T. Council.

Re Labour Candidate for
L.C.C. Secs. report approved.

Doer, Kimp Lynn.

Good report of H. T. Lectures.

4. Death of Rev W. A. Morris. Sec. instructed to
write condolences to
Mrs Morris.

5. Lab. Rep. Conference. Secs. report - received
+ expenses £1.7.5 ordered
to be paid.

6. Fabian Lecture Course.

Mar 11. Kidd accepts -

25 Alden "

McCleary refuses. -

Agreed to ask

1. Geddes

2. J. B. Atkins thro' Holrow.

7. Education Tract. Webb reported on amendments.
Agreed to print 5000 -

8. Tariff Tract. Ready for press.

speed to print

5000 at 1^d. - + moulds

1000 at 1/- Leaded: title
page blue submitted to Shaw.

Allen Bland

Executive at Office 26th Feb. 7 1904

Present Bland (in chair), Pease, Mrs Shaw, Dodd, Standing
Holton, Macrae, Muggersidge Webb, Shaw.

Absent Alden, Charrington, Galton, Wælen, Headlam,

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Auditors. Agreed to ask Lumsden & Co. as before.
3. Correspondence Lab. Rep. Com^o - Agreed to renew advt.
on Annual Report at £4.4.0
Italian Ministry of Commerce. Agreed to put
on Free List & send Board Sec.
4. Resignations G. W. Johnson. Accept with regret
E. Cooke " " "
Rev. A. Webster. Decline to accept.
5. Municipal Drink. Agreed that the Secy can describe
himself as Sec. of F. S. in his forthcoming
book, if he state in the preface that
the Society is not committed to his views
on the question.

6. Exec. Election. The Secy ask for notification of any member intending to retire, in addition to Charrington. No such notification was made.

7. Fabian Lecture Course. - The following was approved. -

Mar 11. Kidd

25. Alden

Apr 8. No meeting

22. Abstracts on Degeneration.

May 13. Annual Mtg

27. A lecture.

Agreed that Dodd ask J.W. Taylor of Birmingham on Population.

Also to ask Marsow. -

Secy reported that Geddes refused as he was leaving London but offered to lecture next session. -

8. Tracts. Education. Ready. -

Webb's suggestions for circulation approved. -

8. Tracts (cont'd)

Tariff. Agreed not to issue P. Edu. before the 1/- Edu is out. -

9. L.C.C. Election. Discussed.

10. A new Program. Scheme for a new program was discussed generally. -

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Exec. at office 11th March 1904

Present, Dodd (in chair) Pease, Headlam, Bland, Mr. Shaw,
Shaw, Macrosty, Webb, Waelew.

Absent. Muggidge, Galton, Charrington, Standing, Alden
Holson.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. The Sec. announced that he had nominated all the sitting Com^{ee} except Charrington. Chesterton was nominated & a member. —
3. The following candidates were elected, subject to payment of a sub^{ty} & Gerbild Bishop, viz^t:

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Gerald M. Bishop, 34, Queen's-square, Bloomsbury, W.C. ...	John Kirkby and W. R. Titterton.
Mrs. Hodgkinson, Boxgrove, Chichester ...	Gen. Sec.
Harold J. Pickering, Langley Fitzurse, Chippenham, Wilts.	Dr. Lawson Dodd.
Henry B. Schultz, 7, Park-road, Glasgow ...	Geo. Ogilvie and Wm. Boyd.
Chas. H. Viggers, Border House, Sealand, Chester ...	R. F. E. Willis.

4. Fabian Lecture. Sec. reported that Kidd had cried off owing to urgent private affairs out of London & he had arranged for Chesterton to open on Chinese Labour. Approved. —

5. Correspondence.

- Brotherhood Church. asking grant of books for Bazaar.
Offer to supply on sale or return.
- W. Sanders. Refailure of lectures at Manchester.
Agreed to pay him notwithstanding
- John Edwards Success of lectures at Liverpool
Middleton G.P. " " " " Middleton
- Miss A. Sergeant. agreeing to remain a member
at 2/6 per annum.
- Fred G. Nash. Resignation, accept.
- Mrs. E.T. Hamel. Reporting death of her husband.
Secy to send letter.

6. London Education Tract. Sec. reported distribution as follows:-

To Methop. Boro Council members	1540
" " " " Clerks	28
" London West Ham M.P.s	60
L.C.C. Progressive Candidates	116
" Moderate "	120.
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He reported that the last lot were sent to the London Municipal Alliance to distribute & the Sec wrote cordial thanks for same.

7. Tariff Tract. After discussion agreed to continue to withhold the 1st edition until the 1st Edn is ready.

8. Meetings of the Society.

May 27. Agreed to ask Kidd for any subject he pleases.

June 10. Agreed to accept offer of lecture on Municipal Milk, who prepared by Lawson Dodd & Dr. McCleary.

June 24. Agreed to ask Marson for a lecture.

Also to ask for the present or a future session Prof. Oliver Lodge. —

Dodd reported that Dr. J. W. Taylor of Birmingham declined.

9. Future Policy. After discussion it was agreed

(a) That the next session be devoted to lectures on a further advanced policy

(b) That a Comtee meet on Electrical Supply, A. M. Davies & H. G. Wells to be invited: the modified in Fabian News. — H. G. Galton
25. 1. 04

Executive at office 25th March 1904. —

Present. Galton, ^(in chair) Macrosty, Headlam, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw,
Bland, Alden, Standing, Hobson, Pease
Dodd.

Absent. Charrington, Whelen, Webb, Muggersidge.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Exec. Election. Sec. reported that Cecil Chesterton + Alderman Saunders were the new nominees: that Alderman Mitchell had been nominated, but declined to stand. And that Bland had been re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. — After discussion it was agreed that in the absence of any question of policy, a contested election between sixteen candidates for fifteen seats is not worth the expense: and that Whelen be invited to withdraw his nomination candidature.
3. Report on Exec. Attendances submitted. — Agreed

that the ^{sub}Committee meetings are too few
to make a record of. -

4. The annexed preliminary report on Finance
was submitted & received.

5. Tariff Tract. Practically ready.
Agreed to add a leaded advt
pages & to print at earliest.
About 200 were sent to the press.

6. Correspondence

W. Wareing. asking grant of Bound Set.

Rt. Hawken — do —

Refuse both.

Late Rev. W. A. Morris. Invitation to join in
memorial. ask for further
information of proceedings.

7. Resignations. Wm. Morgan Thomas. accept.
H. G. Wells, on dissatisfaction with
Tariff Tract. ask him to withdraw
as members are not bound of the Tract.

Reports on Accounts for Year.

To End of February.

	1904.	1903.
Subscriptions	269	274
Donations	31	36
Sales of Tracts	76	90
Book Box Subs.	38	16
	<u>414</u>	<u>416</u>
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Estimate to End of March.

Subscriptions for year are likely to show a decline. At present a sum of £30 is required to pay debts, leaving certain liabilities which will make a small debit balance, a result by no means unsatisfactory in view of the large expenditure on unproductive reprints, and on the Tariff Tracts.

The Eight members of the Executive, whose subscriptions are due (or long overdue .) are politely and particularly requested to bring their cheque books to the meeting.

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8. Lectures to the Society

Sec. reported no further action taken.
Letter from Dr. McCleary promising help,
but desiring that his name do not
appear in connection with the milk tract
lecture. —

9. Guardians Election. Sec. proposed to send
letter at suggestion of J. Theodore
Dodd to papers re plan of making
medical relief into loans. Draft
letter submitted & approved. —

10. The Forward Policy. Sec. reported that G.H.
Morgan promised lecture & tract
on minimum wage. —

11. Manchester Municipal Conference & Association.
Agreed to send 5/- Delegates
fee & 10/- affiliation fee. —

Rowntree & Keenan

Executive at Office April 22nd 1904
 Present: Headlam (in chair) Webb Pease Macros
 Standing Galton Mrs Shaw Dodd
 Hobson Muffordge Bland
 Sanders + Chesterton.
 Absent: Shaw, Charrington, Welen, Alden

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Sec: invitation to the newly elected members to be present was confirmed.
3. Candidates elected as follows:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Lily Gair Aitken, Gartcows, Falkirk	Edw. R. Pease.
E. H. Harrison, Mayfield, Selborne-road, Sidcup, Kent ...	Geo. Crosoer and H. D. Pearsall.
A. M. Hocart, Exeter College, Oxford	S. Seguin Strahan.
Walter Hudson, 35, Melrose-avenue, Fairview, Dublin ...	A. W. Hildreth.
Harry Hunt, 75, Quebec-road, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich ...	H. A. Day.
E. R. S. Taylor, Clears Corner, Reigate	Edw. R. Pease.
Frank Ackroyd, 391, Barking-rd., Plaistow, E.	Percy Alden and Edw. R. Pease.

4. Tariff Tract, 1/- Ed: Sec reported circulation as follows

Press 150	150
Sold or on Sale	282
Stock	<u>568</u> 1000

5. Correspondence Aldroth re B. S. T. Coy & Newcastle.

Sec. to write to Comptroller Cairns
Internal: Soc^y Confce. In action at present
Mar Day Demorehⁿ No action.

6. Memberships. H. G. Wells. Resignation withdrawn
& subscription paid

D. Soskice. Accept resignation

H. S. Phelps -" -"

Sec. reported to members struck off
according to last list. -

7. Lectures to Society. Arrangements made:-

May 27. Kidd. Fiscal Evolution

June 10. Dodd Municipal Milk

June 24. Agreed to accept offer

of Rev C. L. Marson of Lecture

on "Folk Song Collecting in

Somerset" to be illustrated with

selections to be arranged by

C. G. Sharpe of Hampstead Conservatory.

Offer of Lecture on Slate Mining in Wales

of Sheridan Jones. Agreed to decline.

Agreed to ask Sir Frank Swettenham next year.

8. Reprint of Tract-5. Agreed to add extracts from S. B. Poonjee's Poverty.
9. Lieut. Col. Pedder's Lecture on Rural Depopⁿ Sec. reported that he had asked & received his consent to its publication as a tract, & that he had got a typed copy made. Action approved, & proposal agreed to. —
10. Finance. Sec. reported subscription of ₹100 rec^d. from Mr & Mrs Fels, & the position of the Society with ₹150 & no debts unparalleled since 1894. — Approved: ordered to be kept secret: & that thanks be given to Mr Fels.
11. List of members. Agreed that one be printed.
12. Diamond Workers Strike in Amsterdam. Letter from H. Polak read asking help to obtain a loan of ₹3000 on second mortgage. — Also letter of Sec. to Mr Fels laying matter before him. Agreed that the letter be sent. —

13. Forward Movement. Sec. reported he had been interviewed by Geo. Haw for the Daily News. Instructed to see proof if possible.

Com^{ee} on Electricity & Transit

The following were appointed:—

S. G. Hobson } Chairman

G. B. Shaw

H. T. Muggersidge

F. L. Dodd

W. Sanders

C. S. Chesterton

A. M. Davies

H. G. Wells

C. H. Crumphy

G. Slater

B. Dawson

F. Ackroyd.

With power to
add.

Also the Secy,
& any other
members of the
Exec. —

Com^{ee} on Feeding School Children.

agreed that the following form part
of a Com^{ee}:— Headlam, Sanders
Mrs Shaw, Chesterton: that a notice
be put in Fabian News: that a

circular be issued asking ~~of~~ members with expert-knowledge to join or to give evidence & that it be sent to

C. H. Brinkley

Mrs. O'Brien Harris

Sister Kerrison

Mrs. Neville

Tom Norris,

& any other teachers, C.O.S. members

& other experts. —

14. Annual Meeting. Agenda: —

Report & accounts.

Brief speech from Webb on Hutchinson Trust.

Discussion, but no resolutions on

Licensing Bill, the Opened & Peace

Forward movement. Report on

Proposals.

15. Agreed to Charge 5/-, cost price, for sending out candida circulars.

16. Next Meeting April 29th for Annual Report.

A. W. Macrosty

First Meeting of 1904-5 Executive
Com^{ee} at Office Friday 29th April 1904.
Present Macrosty, (in chair) Standring, Headlam,
Shaw Pease, Hobson. ~~Wells~~
Absent Chesterton Sanders Wells, Bland Alden
Galton, W^o Shaw Dodd, Muggersidge

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. It was moved by Headlam & seconded by Shaw, that the existing Standing Orders be confirmed. Agreed nem con.
3. Committees appointed as follows:-
Publishing, Macrosty, Shaw, Standring,
Alden, Galton, Chesterton Sanders,
Gen. Purposes. Bland Wells, W^o Shaw,
Hobson, Headlam, Dodd, Muggersidge
4. Diamond Workers. Letter read from Joseph Fels
requesting loan of £2000, but offering
£500 without interest, & apparently
without security. Noted.

5. Newcastle Trams & the B. & T. Co. Letter read from Concellor Cairns. saying the T. Co. were unannionsly opposed to the B. & T. Co.

6. Forward movement - No action taken.

7. Draft Annual Report. Amendments from Walsb received, & all accepted = from Mr Shaw, one accepted, the other not. Other amendments were made & the report adopted. =

over

J. W. Gutter
17.5.04

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 the each member of the Executive} on matters of importance on
- 6.- That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease be authorized to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

Executive at Office 13th Mar 1904. —

Present - Galton (in chair) Bland, Chesterton
Tobson, Pease Macrae, ~~Woodson~~, Standing
Dodd, Muggerridge, Sanders.
Absent Webb, Headlam Alden Shaw Mrs. Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

Polak re Felo + Diamond Workers.
Van der Veer " " " "
British Institute of Social Service.
Agreed to send out circular with news
St. Pancras Labor League. Repudiation
of Candidature of V. Fisher
Dr. McCleary asking omission of his
name from printed list.
agreed.

3. Candidates. The following were elected
subject to payment of subⁿ & the last two :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Arthur C. Burge, 32, Sunderland-road, Forest Hill, S.E.	Alfred J. Thorogood and H. T. Muggerridge.
Miss D. Still, 157, Broadhurst Gardens, W. Hampstead, N.W.	F. Lawson Dodd and E. R. Pease.
Charles Warren Mellor, J.P., 66, Stanford-avenue, Brighton	F. Lawson Dodd.

4. Resignations. Mr. J. Baker. Decline to accept
& excuse sub^d
Rev. R. T. Galbot — Do —

5. Rules. Letter from J. E. Matthews giving notice
of proposed alteration to rules to the
effect that notice of forthcoming Exec.
election be prominently placed in news,
& be given out at^a meeting of the Sec. &
Sec. reported the amendment was sent
in too late. Agreed that Matthews
be informed that the Sec. has been
instructed to act on his proposals,
& that the Sec. & be so instructed.

6. Colporteur. Agreed to supply Walter Oxford
with tracts to the value of 5/-

7. Fabianism Supplé. Agreed to offer Jones
& Evans 1200 copies (out
of 1459 total stock) for £5.-
Sec. reported the outstanding cost
of the lot was about £5.1.4.

8. Annual Meeting. Agreed that the Sec. select a chairman, & that Hobson make report on the Constructive Policy Com^{ee} - Secs. action in inviting Rev. W. H. Paine was approved. -

9. Constructive Committees. -

Hobson reported on satisfactory meeting of Transit & Electricity Com^{ee} -

Underfed Children. Agreed that Bland be chairman & the first Com^{ee} be on Friday 20th at 5 pm. - Exec. members. Sanders, Mrs. Shan - Chesterton, Dodd.

Other members accepted :- Miss Atken, T. Norris, Mrs Macpherson, Mrs Polkinghorne, F. Kettle Mrs R. Petty.

Agreed to accept offer of Mrs. Milne, non. member, to join. -

Refusals. Mrs O'Brien Harris & C.H. Grinling.

10. Committee on Civil Servants. Discussed & adjourned.

~~Wm. Jones~~ 27/5/1904.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 27th May 1904.

Present - Sanders (in chair) Macrosty, Galton,
Dodd, Holson, Standing, Chesterton
Muggeridge Pease

Absent - Webb, Shaw, W^o Shaw, Alden, Bland
Headlam.

1. Minutes confirmed.
2. Colporteur. Sec. reported that W. Oxford had sold $\frac{1}{2}$ doz tracts in a few hours, had abandoned the enterprise, paying^{tr} & returning the tracts supplied.
3. Falirium & Empire. Sec. reported no reply to request for offer of remainder.
4. Correspondence.
Haden Guest. Decline to appoint him lecturer.
Lab. R. Conell Agreed to pay all dues
W.A. Morris Memorial Agreed to insert notice in news.

5. Guest's paper on S. Africa. Chesterton to report.
6. Promo for Mason's Lecture. Agreed to ask Sharpe to get a Cottagebrand.
7. Licensing Bill. Agreed to insert in News a substantial report of proceedings of Annual Meeting on the Bill, & that Tolson & Macroby act as a Com^{ee} of Consultation on the report. -
8. Pedder's Tract. Agreed to propose as title "The Secret of Rural Depopulation"
9. Liquor Municip^{al} in Selby Man. Sec. reported on interview with Col. Moore, & it was agreed to send Sanders to the Selby for 3 or 4 lectures on the subject in the autumn.
10. Constructive Com^{ee} Underfed Children. a satisfactory preliminary meeting was reported. -

10. Constructive Com^{ee} (cont^d)

Population. G. Standring proposed to convene a meeting of members to discuss a paper by him. After debate it was agreed that there was no reason for treating the question apart from the usual practice: that Standring prepare a preliminary report to submit to the Exec. at a Com^{ee} in June, with a view to determining whether it formed the basis of a lecture suitable for the Society. —

Local Govt Com^{ee}. It was agreed that notice be given in February next of a Com^{ee} to consider the Areas + Functions of Local Government + its relation to the Central authority. —

Simey Webb

Exec. ab Office 10th June 1904. -

Present - Webb (in chair) Chesterton, Standring,
Mrs Shaw, Sanders, Pease, Alden, Bland,
Shaw-Dodd

Absent - Seadlam, Muffering, Gulton.

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

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
David W. James, 3 Craig-road, Alltwen, Pontardawe, R.S.O., Glam.	General Secretary.
A. J. Newton, 85 Lebanon-road, East Croydon	Will Crooks and Edw. R. Pease.

subject to payment of subⁿ in both cases.

3. Amsterdam Conference. Agreed to appoint
Wm Sanders, S. G. Holson, & Miss
Aitken as delegates.
4. Facts for Socialists. Agreed to print
11,000 & to send a copy to members.
5. Guests' Paper on S.A. Labour. - On report
from Chesterton, agreed to defer till October.

6. Labour newspaper. Circular from Trade Union Congress
Parl Com^{ee} + others. Agreed that Pease reply
to the effect that we favour a paper, if
professionally edited, ^{with} proper paid contributors,
but think it a risky spec. —

7. Newcastle Tramways. Correspondence &
reports of interviews was submitted.

8. Underfed Children Com^{ee}. Sec. reported
progress made at first meeting
of the Com^{ee}. It was agreed
that Percy Alden be added
to the Com^{ee} & that he report on
Peck's essays. —

9. Electricity & Transport Com^{ee}. Sec. reported
that 6 Reports had been prepared.
The Amendments proposed to the Supply of
Electricity Bill were considered on the
Report of G. R. S. Taylor, & it was agreed
to ask Lord Lytton to move them.

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10. Local Govt. Comm^{ee}. It was agreed to appoint -
W^m Sanders, chairman,
S. G. Hobson, G. B. Shaw, & F. W. Galton
with the Secy from Helixce. -
and to appoint - J. A. Throgood, H. G. Wells,
G. R. S. Taylor, F. Ackroyd, & A. S. Lander.

11. Population Question. On report from Staudring,
it was agreed that Peace draw up
& submit to Wells, Staudring & Macrosty
a memo. of the Statistical Data required,
& that he ask G. H. Wood if he
will undertake the investigation.

12. Hutchinson Trust. Wells reported that the
Trustees proposed to terminate their
trust, & to transfer the balance (after
providing for a continuance of the subsidy to
the School of Economics), to the F. S. ni
trust for continuance of the work on the same
lines as before. It was proposed that Bland,
Hobson & Macrosty be trustees, but decision
was deferred till the next meeting.

H. W. Macrosty

Executive Com^{ee} at Office
24 June 1904.

Present: Macrae (in chair) & all except
Absent: Alden, Galton Headlaw. —

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Meeting. Sec. reported that Sharpe had obtained a piano gratis & that he had hired extra chairs. Agreed that Bland be chairman
3. Correspondence. Simple Life Press, Refuse proposed adot. —
Coop. Typewriters. Say we can only advertise on the usual terms. —
4. Tract-Pubⁿ. Padders Tract. Sec. reported 20 pages was the lowest. agreed. Sec. reported strong objections of Murson. Reply too late.

(4) cont? - Dodds Milk. Agreed to ask leave to print as tract, at meeting in the evening. -

Humanising Poor Law. Sec. reported that he proposed to reprint with statistics corrected to date. After some debate the motion was approved, subject to consultation with Holson, if any points of policy contentions be involved. -

5. Electricity Supply Bill. Sec. reported that Lord Lytton declined to undertake the proposed amendments: that Galton had written to Earl Beauchamp that Taylor was agitating in Municipal Journal. + ~~through~~ the Durham C.C. was moving. On letter from Galton, it was agreed that Pease write to the general press on the lines on wh. the Bill should be amended. -

6 Constructive Policy

Local Govt. Com^{ce} Sec. reported a good meeting had been held.

Birth-rate Enquiry - Sec. reported the annexed draft had been prepared by himself & Wehlt. that Wood had undertaken to work on it, if an assistant could be found, & that one Sweetlove an accountant, had consented provisionally to act. -

7. Next Sessions Lectures.

It was agreed that the Constructive Policy does not furnish material for a course. Wehlt suggested the National Minimum, & Peace undertook to see what course he could make of it. -

8. Tom Clerk, Newcastle. Sec. reported letter asking for assistance in preparing list of M.P.s interested in B. E. F. C. C.

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Enquiry into the statistical facts of the alleged
decline of the Birth-rate.

The purpose of the enquiry is to ascertain:-

- (1) How far (if at all) the apparent fall of the birth-rate is due ~~to~~
to an actual decline in the number of births or to an increase in
the number of living owing to diminished mortality.
- (2) If there be a positive decline in the number of births, whether it
be due to a decline in the number of married women of the child-
bearing age, and whether this is due to fewer marriages, or later
marriages.
- (3) If the elimination of these factors leave an unexplained residuum,
to ascertain by comparison of counties and countries whether the
decline be due to general or local or racial or economic causes;
whether there is a decrease in fertility, or whether it can be as-
cribed to some other cause such as a deliberate limitation of
families; or anything else.

To elucidate this the following tables are suggested:-

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- (a) Variations of the nominal birth-rate over a term of years (a) in the U. K. (b) in parts thereof, (c) in the Colonies, (d) in U.S.A., (e) in other countries. *(f) in particular classes & groups.*
- (b) Variations of length of life in the same.
- (c) Variations in the proportion of women of child-bearing age in the population due to change in proportion of (I) Children (II) Aged.
- (d) Variations in the marriage rate.
- (e) Combination of (a) with (c) giving the birth-rate per female.
- (f) Combination of (a) with (d) giving fluctuations in rate of children per marriage.
- (g) Variations in the age of marriage for women.
(That for men may be disregarded.)
- (h) Figures (if they can be found) of number of children per marriage of those married below (say) 25 at present, and 20 or 30 years ago.
- (i) Equivalent figures of all tables for other countries, especially Australia.

(j) Comparative figures of all tables for

England and Wales

Scotland

Ireland.

(k) The same for

(a) a typical agricultural county (Wilts)

(b) a typical wealthy residential county
(Rural Middlesex)

(c) a typical manufacturing county (e.g. Lancashire)

(d) a typical mining county (e.g. Durham)

The conclusion should show whether the apparent fall in the birth-rate appears to be due to:-

- (1) Reduction in proportion in marriages of women of child-bearing ages, to the total of such women.
- (2) Increase of age of such women.
- (3) Decrease in number of children per marriage at equivalent ages.

9. Hutchinson Trust. Letter from the Trustees as annexed was read, and it was agreed:-

- (a) To accept the offer made on the conditions embodied in the letter.
- (b) That Hubert Bland, S. B. Hobson + H. W. Macrosty be the three Trustees for the Society.
- (c) That the proposal of the Hutchinson Trustees to pay £90, being the remaining three years of the Fabian Annuity in full to the said Trustees on behalf of the Society be accepted.
- (d) That a new Banking account Fabian Society c/o 2 a/c be opened and any two of the three trustees sign cheques thereon.
- (e) That the total sum to be received
viz: ~~the~~ Fabian Annuity £ 90. -
Balance from H Trust 1242.0.4
Total £ 1332.0.4
be accepted in the form of

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(9)(e) cont? Derby Corporation Stock, £1300 @ 88 $\frac{5}{8}$ cum. div
= £ 1152.2.6

cheque
179.17.10
£ 1332.0.4

↓ that the said stock be transferred to
the names of the Trustees, & the cheque
paid to Fabian Society no 2 ac. —

- 10) H. W. Macrosty moved, S. G. Hobson
seconded, & it was unanimously
agreed: That the Executive Com^{tee}
of the Fabian Society desires to place
on record its appreciation of the
services rendered by the Hutchinson
Trustees to the work of the Fabian
Society, & its approval of the
manner in which they
have administered the Hutchinson
Trust Fund. —

Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Application
for Adhres & Sanders at Chelmsfd.
After discussion, it was

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

3 CLEMENT'S INN, STRAND,
LONDON, W.C.

SECRETARY:
EDWARD R. PEASE.

17th. June 4
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Dear Pease,

In closing up the business of the Hutchinson Trust, the Trustees desire to make provision for the continuance of the work which the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society has carried on by the aid of their grants, namely the provision of short courses of educational lectures, the circulation of book-boxes, and the special distribution of tracts (as a means among other things, of enabling new tracts to be published). With this object, the Trustees propose, if the Executive Committee will by resolution express its assent to the arrangement, to transfer to three trustees, (to be appointed by the Executive Committee), Derby Corporation Stock 3% Stock of the nominal amount of £1,300, and £88. 17. 10 in cash, being the final balance of the Hutchinson Trust fund, in trust to apply both income and capital of the same in such amounts from time to time as they may think fit to continuing the work of the Fabian Society in the directions above referred to, and as near as may be, in the manner in which this work has been carried on during the past five years or more; it being expressly stipulated and agreed

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as a condition of the trust that the said trustees shall keep all the said funds apart from the funds of the Fabian Society, and shall not use any part thereof for assisting work already being carried on by the Society out of its ordinary funds. The Hutchinson Trustees have always aimed at so administering their trust as not in effect to relieve the subscribers to the Fabian Society of the necessity of maintaining their subscriptions as heretofore and the present transfer is made in full reliance that this policy will be continued. But if at any time it is desired, by a majority not less than two-thirds in number of the Executive Committee for the time being, that the Trustees should assist by a grant from their ^utrst-funds any new or extraordinary development of work of the Society, the Trustees may, if they think fit, in their uncontrolled discretion, accede to the request.

AS soon as a vacancy occurs among the Trustees the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society for the time being should nominate a person to fill the vacancy, and the person so nominated should be formally appointed a trustee by deed executed by the two surviving trustees.

On receipt of a letter conveying an acceptance of this proposal

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by the Executive Committee, together with the names of the three
trustees, the Hutchinson Trustees will transfer the fund.

Yours truly,

Sidney Webb
Administrator

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agreed that the Secy arrange for Chelmsford,
+ accept any other proposals made
for Sanders Services, (including the Lake
of man Tour) which seem desirable,
but that no effort to undertake
systematic lecturing on a large scale
be made this year —

J. G. Hobson

July 15 - 1904

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

3 CLEMENT'S INN, STRAND
LONDON, W.C.

SECRETARY:
EDWARD R. PEASE.

1st July 1904.

To the Editor.

Sir, THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL

I desire to call the attention of your readers to the amendments which ought to be made in the above Bill, recently introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Wolverton on behalf of the Government.

The effect of the Bill as drafted is to empower "any person or company" to supply electricity in bulk to "any local authority, company or person," and the Local Authorities for the purposes of the Electrical Light Acts are the Municipal and Metropolitan Boroughs and the District Councils.

It is now well known both that electricity can only be supplied cheaply by concerns dealing with very large areas, and further that the use of electricity for the purposes of power is only prevented from becoming almost universal by the fact that most existing concerns have capital locked up in steam engines. If the supply of electricity in bulk is allowed to be monopolised by Companies we shall be creating a great system for our children and grandchildren to destroy, just as our fathers created the Company system of providing water and gas and tramways which we have to buy out at enormous cost. In order to give local authorities a chance of competing with private monopolists, County Councils, the only authorities with suitable areas, must be made local authorities under the Electricity Acts and Local Authorities as well as companies and individuals must be allowed to obtain



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Provisional orders for supplying electricity in bulk to other local authorities, companies and individuals. (10)

Our view is that County Councils might well take up the position of the Co-operative Wholesale Society which supplies its affiliated Co-operative Distributive Societies with goods direct at cost price, and indeed distributes the small margin of profit amongst its clients in proportion to their purchases. County Councils which manufacture electricity in bulk should be able to supply Boroughs and Districts within their areas at about cost price, leaving the minor local authorities to make such profits on their tramways, lighting and sales to private consumers as they in their wisdom think fit.

Some objection has been raised in the press to the power given by the Bill to the Local Government Board to override the veto of the Local Authority in the matter of Provisional Orders for the supply of electricity. We do not share in the objection made to this clause. Whilst every consideration should be given to the wishes of each locality as expressed by its elected representatives, we consider that the interests of the consumer in obtaining a cheap article must be considered first and the jealousies of small Local Authorities must not be allowed to stand in the way of the wholesale production of what is now a necessity of life in the most efficient possible manner.

But it is of the highest importance that the County Councils should be empowered to make and sell electricity in bulk, and I trust that your readers will use all the political power at their disposal to promote the necessary amendments on this vitally important point.

I am, &c.

EDWARD R. PEASE,
Secretary.

Executive Meeting 15 July 1904

Present ~~was~~ ~~Holson~~ (in chair) Blant
Alden, Standing, Chesterton

Absent ~~Macrosy~~ ~~Pease~~
Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Sanders,
Muggeridge, Headlam, Galton, Dodd.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The Secy reported that the No 2 Bank ac had been opened, the cash as arranged & also the July dividend £18.10/6 paid in. Also that the Stock had been transferred. Form of receipt drawn up was signed by Macrosy, as chairman on June 24th.

3. Election of Candidates:—

F. Pellatt Elkington, 35 St. James's-place, ...	A. M. Scott and
St. James's, S.W.	Harry Snell.
G. E. O'Dell, 8 Ludgate-circus, E.C.	Wm. Sanders and
	Harry Snell.
Miss E. Storr, 40 Mecklenburgh-square, W.C.	A. D. Lindsay and
	Dr. F. Lawson Dodd

Miss Storr & G. E. Odell were elected. Mr. Elkington was deferred, unless he has a larger subn. than 2/6, & the Sec. was instructed to take steps

(4) August candidates. I have agreed
to elect Albert E. Bishop
Arthur H. Lawrence
& Wm. Neilson
when formalities have been completed.

(5) Electricity Comm. Report of progress made.

(6) Dodd's Milk Tract Agreed that the
Sec. ask his permission to
publish parts of the lecture as
a tract, & that the Sec. prepare
the m.s. for the press. —

(7) British Institute of Social Service.
Sec. was appointed delegate.

(8) Dartford Coop. Agreed to send Sanders
to lecture there, if he considers
it good business. —

(9) Lectures for next session. —
Sec. prepared scheme on National

Minimum: It was agreed as follows:-

Wages. Lecture promised by Morgan.

Education. Defer. Probably too dull.

Sanitation " " " " " "

Factory Legislation. That suggestion of Headlam
Mr Lyttelton, Miss Truskwell
or Miss McArthur be invited,
Wells to be consulted as to which.

Food. (i.e. Feeding School Children)

Take report of Sub Comtee

Income. Old age Pensions. Defer.

Amusement. & Headlam, to
be embodied in lecture offered
Dangers of Municipal Punitarianism
Offer cordially accepted.

British Born Sailors in Ships. Suggested lecture
by A. S. Cowie. Decline.

New sources of Revenue. Bland to consider.

Other lectures

Transport + Local Govt Comtee Reports.

Literary Lectures Secy suggested a
series on False Prophets of
the Victorian Era, being

a re-examination of the teachers of our
youth, such as

Carlyle,

Shelley,

Ruskin,

Mill

Cobden

Weirman

+ others. -

Agreed that Chesterton do Shelley
+ that the other writers be
arranged, if possible. -

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Exec. at-Office 30th Sept 1904. —

Present- Dodd (in chair) Holton, Salton, Alden,
Macroby Headlam, Standing Cheekston
Pease

Absent: Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Bland, Musselridge
Sanders. —

1. Minutes of 15th July Confirmed.
2. Candidates elected as follows:-

Rev. J. Lowther Bouch, 78 Foulden-road, Stoke Newington, N.	Rev. J. C. Pringle
Albert E. Bishop, 25 Melbourne-street, Hebden Bridge	Gen. Secretary.
Arthur H. Lawrence, 6 Vicarage-pl., Sunderland	Charles Coates.
William Neilson, 736 Pollakshaws-road, Strathbungo, Glasgow... ..	Gen. Secretary.

Previously proposed
elected.

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
John M. McLachlan, 22 Birch-grove, Levenshulme, Manchester	T. H. Drinkwater.
Archibald Ramage, Sheep-st., Campden, Glos.	General Secretary.

Sec. reported that H. P. Elkington had paid willing a further 2/6. —

3. Resignations. W. B. Hodson & Mrs Hodson Accepted
Miss Aitken, on joining
the Socialist Labour Party. }

H. Correspondence:—

Local Govt. Reform League. Asking us to call a L.G. Reform Conference. Reply that they sh^d. summon the Conference, as a central body: if they do, we will send delegates & cooperate. Perhaps later on we might be prepared to summon such a conference on terms to be arranged later.

Connecticut State Library. Asking for o.p. Tracts. Sec. presented report showing a number of o.p. Tracts, the smallest being 5 of no 3. — Agreed to send the Connecticut Library a complete set.

Internat. Soc. Bureau. Asking Report of Soc^y in England. Agreed to send them our Annual Reports. —

Re Report of Congress. Agreed to order 10 copies.

J. Timewell Re his "Police Work" agreed that we can sell but cannot allow our name to appear as agents.

Q. O. Bai & Coresp: Cont?

J. McKillop. Suggesting grant of our copy of Triumph of Labour to the School of Economics. Adjourn to next meeting.

Birley L.P. Application for Hutchinson Trust Lecture. After debate agreed to refuse.

(5) Tract-printing.

Dodds Municipal Mill. He reported he had arranged to revise his lecture as a 1/- Book, & he promised to write within 2 or 3 months a tract for the F.S. -

Humanising of Poor Law - Letter from Oakeshott stating he proposed extensive revision. Approved.

(6) Labour Rep: Com^a

Question of appointment of delegate & of resolutions to conference was discussed, & it was agreed that Hobson give notice of amendment for our next Exec meeting & that the debate be adjourned.

(7.) Housing Bill. Sec. presented letters
from H. A. Day & draft of a
new housing Bill prepared by
him. After debate it was
agreed to appoint a Com^{ee} to consider
the preparation of a Housing Bill
suitable for actual introduction
into Parliament & that

Dodd

Galton

Macrosty

Sanders

Pease

Taylor

& Day

be the Com^{ee} with power to add.

(8) Lectures to Societ:—

Agreed to ask W. W. Crotch on Peoples
Banks for Dec. 9. —

Dr. Wheeler's proposal re Leather Com^m

Agreed to consult Emery Walker.

9. Socialist Bureau . Agreed to consider
at next meeting proposal of
S. S. Hobson to subscribe to
the International Bureau
& that this be on the agenda. —

Cecil Chestnut

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 14 Oct '04
Present - Claxton (in chair) Shaw, Headlam
Mrs Shaw, Holson, Alden, Dodd,
Standing Macrosty Pease Webb Sanders
Absent - Bland Muggidge, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following candidates were elected:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
R. Gibbs, 101 Constantine-road, Hampstead, N.W.	F. W. Galton and Edw. R. Pease.
Frederick H. Keeling, 27 Lexden- road, Colchester	Gen. Sec.

3. Correspondence:—

F. S. Green. Asking for adob. of Love & Hunger
to be sent with news. Agreed

Brougham Villiers: notifying that the author of
Opportunity of Liberalism
is J. F. Shaw, late Fabrian,
of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

West Australian Labour Party. Sending program.
Sec. ordered to print in news.

Sister Madeline (Morant). asking to be put on
Free list. Agreed.

(3) cont: Correspondence.

J. McKillop = suggesting gift of Triumph of Labour to School of Economics "Common Room". Agreed that Shaw write to Walter Crane asking gift. -

4) Local Govt. Reform League. Further letter re Conference. Agreed to reply that we are not disposed to call one at present.

5) Lectures to the Society -

Sec. reported W.W. Crotch accepts for Dec. 9th on Peoples Banks. -

Oct 28. Sec. reported that Morgan could not fulfil his engagement & further that neither Crotch nor Miss Tuckwell could take his date.

Agreed (1) To ask Olivier for a lecture.
(2) Failing him, that Chesterton lecture on Gladstonian Ghosts. -

Australian Labour Party. Agreed to ask Reeves to lecture thereon.

(6) Fabran Lectures (cont'd)
Leather Com^{ee} Sec. reported that
Emery Walker did not think
a lecture of general interest
could be arranged on this topic,
& it was agreed to drop it.

7. Labour Rep. Com^{ee}. Proposal by S. G. Hobson
that the F.S. propose amendment
to rule & addition of words "or Labour
& Socialist" (Rule II last line, to
insert before word "only") was discussed
& ultimately withdrawn.
It was agreed that E. R. Pease be
the delegate to the Annual Conference
& be nominated for the Exec. Com^{ee}.

8. Constructive Com^{ee}.
Local Govt. Com^{ee}. Progress Reported.
Housing Com^{ee}. Friar Meeting Oct 18.-

9. Agreed to grant Bound Vol. of Tracts to
S. H. Wood for the Labour Dept. Library.

10. International Socialist Bureau.

In accordance with notice (omitted
in error from agenda) S. G. Hobson
moved that a grant of £2.2.- be
made to this Bureau, & the resolution
was agreed to. —

J. W. Galton

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Executive Com^{ee} at Office 28th Oct. 1904
Present, all except Bland, Dodd, Sanders
F. W. ~~Salton~~ in chair -

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Resignation: T. Norris, Ealing: too busy to attend.
accepted.

3. Lectures. -

Jan 13. Sec. reported J. H. Morgan
Booked. -

Letter from Edw. Erulkar offering a
Lecture on Prison Reform. -

Agreed to accept, & to ask him as far
as possible to deal with the principles
of penology. -

4. Leaflet on T. Unions (Tract 104) The stereos being
worn, agreed, after debate, to reprint
without amendment & make copper coated stero
South Wales Lab. Annual. - Agreed not
to advertise.

5. Unemployed. Draft memorandum prepared by Sec. was submitted & discussed. He was instructed to complete, & it was agreed to issue it as a paper, & not as a tract. —

6. New Tracts. Unemployed by P. Alden. Discussed & agreed to postpone for further report, in view of Alden's intended book.

Trade Union Law. Galton agreed to allow his ms. to be considered & it was agreed that Webb & Macrosty report on it. —

7. Letter to Newly Elected Members. Revised proof. — agreed to put on the Fabian motto & print. —

8. Triumph of Labour. Shaw reported that Crane had presented copy of smaller edition, the only one in print, to the school, & an original drawing to himself! Agreeing
Hunt & Hawks

Executive at Office

5.30pm 25th November 1904. —

Present Headlam (in chair) & all
absent ^{except} Webb, Nuggidge, Galton. —

1. Minutes were confirmed :
2. Candidates elected, subject to payment of Messrs Dexter & Hastings :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Harrison Barrow, 13 Ampton-rd., Birmingham	Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. P. M. Crosthwaite, Park-gate, Petersham, Surrey	S. G. Hobson & C. E. Chesterton.
Walter Dexter, 12 Girdler's-road, Kensington, W.	S. G. Hobson and Edw. R. Pease.
G. W. Gillbanks, 5 Canning-st., Bury, Lancs.	Gen. Sec.
Rev. J. H. Hastings, The Manor-house, Halton, Lancs.	Percy E. T. Widdrington.
Jas. J. Mallon, 153 Great Clowes-street, Broughton, Manchester.	T. H. Drinkwater.
T. R. Marr, Manchester Art Mus. Ancoats Hall, Manchester	T. H. Drinkwater.
Miss C. Isabel Morison, 49 Bullingham-man., Kensington, W.	B. L. Hutchins and C. S. Mactaggart.
Young Pickles, 55 Heywood-st., Moss Side, Manchester	T. H. Drinkwater.
James Timewell, 141 Gower-st., W.C.	Bernard Shaw and E. R. Pease.

3. International Socialist Bureau. —
Circular & question. Agreed that Chesterton, Macrosty, Sanders, Hobson & Pease be a

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Com^{ee} to report to the Exec. —

4. Correspondence -

Jos. Edwards: agreed to send out Reformers
J. B. circular as requested.

Workmens Housing Conf^e - Delegate for Dec. 3rd -
Chesterton appointed.

L.R.C. Report. Agreed to take ad^ot again
at £ 4.4. —

5. Lectures to the Society

Jan 27. agreed to take Children +
Meals Com^{ee} Rep^t.

Offer. Mrs O'Brien Harris. Agreed to accept
& request her to devote lecture
to what, + not how, to teach.

W. Cunningham of Dunfermline. Offer
on Rey Nat^l - offer it to
London S. of Lon. Students Union.

Dr. Haden Guest. Offer of lecture on
Mistakes of Milner
agreed to accept.

G. P. Gook. Suggested on Farm Colonies + Seqⁿ
of Utilit. Take sometime

6. Tracts &c.

Galton's MS on T. Union. Report from
Webb + Macrosty that it needs
re-writing. Agreed to ask another
to undertake this. -

Unemployed memo. Copies of
MS. presented.
Agreed to set up, subject
to any alterations.

7. Constructive Com^{ms}

Feeding School Children.

Chesterton preparing Report. -
National Conference hereon.
Agreed to send Bland &
Chesterton as delegates &
to pay two fees for them.

Local Government. Progress Reported

Housing Report in hand

Bitterate. Wood has it in hand.

Allotments + Small Holdings. At request of J.K.

Hardie M.P. agreed that Alden Macrosty
Hardie, Hobson Taylor + Sec 7 be a Com^{tee}

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8. Times. In absence of Galton, who had given notice of motion, agreed that the Times be taken & filed - also that Sec. prepare list of Socialist Papers. -

9. Cliffords Linn & L.C.C. on proposal of Emery Walker, agreed to support any proposal that the L.C.C. purchase the Linn. -

J. J. Hobson.

9/12/1904

Exec. at Office 9 Dec^r 1904. —

Present Hobson (in chair), Sanders, Galton,
Dodd, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Macrod-
Pease Headlam, Bland

Absent ~~Bland~~, Standring, Webb, Muggidge, Alden
Chesberton.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The following candidates were elected:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
J. C. Croall, 14 Lonsdale-rd., Ley- tonstone, Essex... ..	Fredk. G. D'Aeth & Walter Read.
R. H. Hooper, N. Zealand Govt. Offices, 13 Victoria-st., S.W. ...	Sidney Webb and E. R. Pease.
T. E. Humberstone, 208 Bruns- wick-st., Manchester	Jos. B. Williams.
Rev. Leigh L. Orton, Sacred Tri- nity Clergy House, Salford ...	Percy E. T. Widdrington.
Charles H. Spencer, Thornfield- house, Partington, Manchester	General Secretary.

3. Correspondence:-

Workmen's Nat. A. Council. affilⁿ renewed.

Deputation on

Rural Bylaws. Agreed to appoint
Pease, Lander & Dodd. —

L.R.C. Conference on Unemployed. Pease delegate
W.A. Morris Memorial. Pub par in news.

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4. Report on State Hotel in W. Wash. - Pearce reported receipt of this, an official document & it was agreed that it be published in F. news. -

5. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported he had suggested a lecture by Rd Higgo Jr. (Fabian) on Large v. Small Holdings. Proposal approved & sec. ordered to offer Jan 27th (vice Feeding Children deferred) or Feb 24. -
Guest. Agreed to pay his travelling expenses if desired.

6. Book Boxes. Sec reported orders as follows

	1992.	1903.	1904.
Nov	8	34	35
Dec - 1.8	2	6	12

Agreed that the Trustees of A/S 2 a/c be asked to vote £25, or any less sum required for further purchases. The trustees, being present, concurred.

7. Report of Transit Com^{ee} agreed that the Report be set up, if the resolution to issue as a tract is adopted.
8. Unemployed Memo. Prof submitted & approved.
9. International Bureau Com^{ee}. Sec. reported that Anderson desired to be a member of the Com^{ee} Unanimously agreed.
10. Loan of Books. Sec. reported that Welch had suggested that new books on our subject might be purchased (out of C. Hutchinson Trust Funds) & loaned to members at 1/- to cover postage. - Project approved.
A.W. Macrosky.

Exec. at Office 13th Jan. 7 1905. —
Present Macrosty (in chair), & all except
absent Sanders

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Election of candidates:— The following were elected.

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Janet D'Aeth, Harold Wood, Romford...	F. G. D'Aeth and E. R. Pease.
Mrs. Llewellyn Hacon, Oversteps, Dornoch, Sutherland, N.B. ...	Julie Moore.
Robert Hertz, 12 Bisham-grdns., Highgate, N. ...	Lawson Dodd and F. W. Galton.
F. B. Kirkman, 19 Dartmouth park-hill, N.W. ...	Wm. Sanders and Harry Snell.
W. O. Peake, Dinthill Hall, near Shrewsbury ...	Holbrook Jackson.

3. Resignations.
 J. K. Derfel Poverty } agreed to keep
 Miss R. Hatfield " } on & excuse
 subscription for the present.

4. Correspondence
 Prof. Howard Swan. on Books, Constitution &c.
 First May Celebratⁿ. — Take no action.
 Cobden Club Conf^{ee} — Do —

5. See over.

5. Labour Rep. Com^o Agendas of Conference.
agreed that Sec 7 as delegate to vote
according to his discretion.

6. British Inst. of Soc. Service. Sec 7 as delegate
gave a brief Report of his action.
Report Received.

7. Fabian Socy Lectures. On postponement
of Morgan on minimum Wage,
Letter from Mrs Shaw deprecating postponement
- was read, & explanation from Morgan.
After discussion agreed to write
Morgan not on any account to fail
again, & to take no further action.
Mar 10. Sec. reported Mrs O'Brien Harris
looked.

.. 24. Agreed to ask Miss Truckwell
for her deferred lecture.

Other Lectures.

Crotch on Peoples Banks. Take at early date.
Australian Labour Movement - ask Reeves
for early date, & failing him, Cokburn

7 (cont^d) Fabian Lectures.

Small Holdings. Suggested lecture of
H. a. Day. No.

Farm Colonies G.P. Hooch. Deferred.

Literary Lecture

Chesterton on Shelley

Jepson on Olive Schreiner.

Defer till Summer.

8. Publishing Com^{tee} Report.

after discussion agreed to reprint
Tract 75. Labour in the Longest Reign.

Grant Richards, & other matters

Report adopted.

Macroty's Control of Trusts. On report {

Pease & Holson agreed to

ask permission of Board to publish as
a tract with his name. —

7. Absence of Sec 7 at Liverpool. Macroty undertook to
act for the Sec 7 at the
meeting on Jan 27th —

10. Municipal Enabling Bill. Letter read from
F. W. Hayes suggesting
his - agreed that the idea is a
good one. Sec. ordered to write
to Ferri for the Italian act. -
Shaw undertook to look for the
Charing & parliament Bill.

(11) The Coming Election. Webb suggested
a tract might be written as a
circular from the Premier instructing
his new cabinet what to do. Idea
enthusiastically approved, & Webb
promised to take it in hand.

G. Bernard Shaw
10/2/05.

Executive at Office 10th Feb. 1905. -
Present, Shaw (in chair) + all except -
absent Alden, Chesterton, Muggersidge. -

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. British Institute of Social Service. Sec reported Offices had been taken at 3 Clements Inn. -
3. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported that Ferri had not replied + he had written to the Agricultural Dept. in Rome, which had offered help. -
Shaw reported that he thought the Charing X Parliament Bill wd. not be of much use.
4. Allotments Comm^{ee} agreed to add Walsen.
5. Book Loan Scheme.
Only formal application from one Ramage, for copy of Arch's ~~life~~ autobiography. Also one for loan of Sociological Papers. Mrs Shaw offered to get the former, if possible, + to give the latter.

6. Election of Feb. candidates. The following were elected, subject to payment of subscription by A. G. Harrison:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
A. K. Constantine, 41 Crescent-road, Wood Green, N. ...	F. W. Galton and S. G. Hobson.
Miss Mary L. Cunningham, 40 Bromgate-st., Lanark, N.B. ...	Robert Cunningham.
Miss Clara T. Doubell, 120 Belsize-road, Swiss Cottage, N.W.	T. Sweetlove and G. Standing.
W. T. Fletcher, 12 Campsie-road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone ...	General Secretary.
A. E. Harrison, 3 Wellington-rd., Boverton, Lancaster ...	Percy E. T. Widdrington.
F. H. Killick, 32 Manor-road, Stoke Newington, N. ...	Lawson Dodd and E. R. Pease.
Robert Shaw, 33 Pemberton-road, Harringay, N. ...	Geo. Standing and Rigby Pratt.
A. J. H. Moffat, Dongalston-terr., Milngavie, near Glasgow ...	Robert Maclaurin.
GLASGOW F. S.	
Robert Brown, 391 Gt. Vincent-street, Glasgow ...	J. C. Wilson.
Thomas Friel, 2 Fulden-drive, Partick, Glasgow ...	Robert Maclaurin.
Robert Hardie, 75 Waterloo-st., Glasgow ...	J. C. Wilson.
Gilbert Ramsay, Glelee, Kilmacoolm, Renfrewshire ...	Campbell Macmillan.
Wm. Twaddle, 2 Monteith-row, Glasgow ...	

7. Correspondence.

Aford N. F. S. Wanting Lecturer. Headlum to go.
 Clarion Van. Asking help for London. - Do anything Standing to go to Conference. -
 S. Driver. Asking help for Tones. Send it.
 State Maintenance Conference. Order 2 doz. reports.
 International Labor Leqrs assoc. - Ask m to Society's joining
 A. D. Pearsall. Report of Lecture on India. Received.

8. New Tracts.

Underfed Children. Letter from R. H. Hooper re referring to Land Taxation. Agreed to refuse

Humanising of P. Law. Letter from Oakeshott re changes to be made. Defer consideration till proofs are ready. -

F. B. Kirkman. Suggested tract on Educational Efficiency. Referred to Sanders for further report.

Dodd on Milk. Promised by next Exec. -

9. Lectures to the Society. Sec. reported

Miss Truckwell declined altogether, too busy. Reeves, on Australasian Labour. Consented for October. Agreed to accept.

Agreed to ask :-

- (a) Tchaikovsky on Russia.
 - (b) Miss Bondfield, or Mrs H. A. Oakeshott for Minimum Womens Wages.
 - (c) Crotch on Peoples Banks.
- Book on Farm Colonies to be struck off the list.

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10. Russian Revolution - The informal consent taken in absence of Sec. at request of Mrs Shaw, to cooperating in calling the Queens Hall Protest Meeting was confirmed.

The Russian Freedom, & L.R.C. Funds. Agreed to send the £22.- received & any other money sent to the latter as it is for the Revolution as well as the sufferers. -
Agreed to take no other steps.

11. Howell. Application for a rise. - after discussion it was moved & carried nem con. that his salary be advanced from 35/- to 40/- a week, & that he be notified that that is the maximum.

12. Delegation to Liverpool. Sec.'s account of expenses for delegation, Tues. to Saturday, net, 38/- was approved.

of International Socialist Congresses.

Present: Anderson, Chesterton, Hobson, Macrosty and Pease.

The following draft, presented by Anderson was amended and agreed

to:-

- (1) The Fabian Society is in favour of the proposal to form a British Committee to attend to International Congress business.
 - (2) It considers that such a Committee should be established at a Conference composed of delegates from those bodies that were represented at the Amsterdam Congress.
 - (3) The F.S. will contribute annually to the funds of the Bureau.
 - (4) With regard to the Hodge proposals, the F.S. agrees in principle to
- No. 1 "That each nationality be responsible for the scrutiny and
"acceptance of the credentials of the delegates of their own
"nation with the right of appeal against rejection to a
"Standing Order Committee proposed to be appointed as here-
"inafter set forth."
- No. 5 "That all resolutions must be in the hands of the Bureau two
"months previous to the date fixed for the meeting of Con-
"gress, and must within one month from such receipt be

issued. No new resolutions to be accepted, issued or placed before Congress not so received, matters of urgency excepted. All amendments to resolutions must be in writing and submitted to the Standing Orders Committee who shall decide as to whether such amendments are vital and not attempts to substitute new resolutions under the guise of amendments.

No. 7 That our members on the Bureau be responsible for the proper issuing of the invitations and the resolutions being sent out in good time to all known eligible associations.

(5) With regard to the other proposals, the F.S. considers that the system of Commissions (or sub-committees) ought to be retained, as being the method of Congress work most familiar to all delegates save the British, and as corresponding to British methods outside Congresses (as, for instance, in Parliamentary and municipal work). To avoid the inconvenience hitherto caused by the simultaneous sitting of Congress and Commissions, the F.S. recommends that the order of business shall be as follows:- On the Sunday, the locally appointed chairman shall welcome the delegates, who, after the preliminary courtesies and announcements, shall separate to meet in their national sections to nominate representatives to the Commissions; that on the Monday, the Congress proper shall not sit, the morning and afternoon being given up to the various Commissions.

Incidentally, this would prevent the scandal of taking money from the public for admission to the gallery to hear nothing worth hearing, as happened more than once at Amsterdam, when the Congress sittings were stopped at the end of half-an-hour, in order that Commission work should be continued.

(6) The F.S. is not at present prepared to commit itself to any particular limitation of speeches, but is in favour of educating the Congress in a more vital belief in the virtue of the cloture.

(7) The F.S. disagrees with No. 4. (Ballot to decide order of subjects for discussion).

(8) The F.S. recommends that the payment of interpreters be settled by the Committee before each Congress in accordance with circumstances.

that the number of interpreters, who should all be professionals should be increased in order to do away with the scandal caused in

(9) The F. S. recommends that Resolution No. 7. read "That each national Committees, wherever constituted, be charged with the issuing of the invitations and resolutions to the delegates

"eligible." The F. S. approves of the idea of having British credentials verified in advance in England by the British Committee.

(10) The method of voting by nationalities is objectionable in its present form. At Amsterdam the single Japanese delegate had

former congresses of the exhaustion of the interpreters after the first few sittings.

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two votes and was thus able to neutralise the votes of Great Britain or Germany. Similar excess of influence was exercised by miniature delegations from libertarian parties in Serbia, Bulgaria, Argentina, the British Colonies, &c. It would be better to give each nation a voting power in Congress at the rate of one vote for each five delegates or *with a maximum of 20.* part of five. In this case, the strength of the nation which is host to the Congress should be calculated on the basis of five-fourths of its numbers at the preceding Congress, the extra fourth being added to meet the objection that the movement in the particular country had ~~gone~~ grown in the interval.

13. Reorganisation of Internat. Soc^l Congress.
Report of Committee was considered:
amendments giving each nationality
a maximum of 20 votes, & proposing
more than one interpreter were
accepted, & the report adopted.

14. Fabian News. It was agreed to have an
extra size number, & that
the Secy obtain from Joseph
Fels a special account of
his Unemployed Colony schemes.

George Standing
22/II/05-

Exec. of office 24th Feb. 7 1905. —

Present. Standing (in chair), + all except-
absent. Webb, Alden, Chesterton.

1. Tax numbers were confirmed.
2. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported still no up^d from Minister of Agriculture or Ferri, at Rome.
3. Agricultural Com^{ce}. agreed to add Ensoe.
4. Resignations. W. Nelson, Glasgow, once more. accept final^y.
 Rev. R.S. Roberts: dissatisfied with Educⁿ policy. accept.
 L. Cazamian: Paris, not returning to England. accept.
5. Building Bye-laws. The Sec. reported that he had attended Deputation to Long.
6. Internat Assocⁿ for Labor Legn — The Sec. reported that Webb was chairman.

7. Correspondence. First Mar Celebration. No action.

G. N. Barnes. Subscription to his mag. No.
Sozialischen Monatshefte. Re German
Clubs in London. —

Labour Review of Reviews. Put on exch. list.
Leicester L.R. re Lecture on Popⁿ & Question
No suggestion.

Higher Edⁿ: for Working men. Send anybody
to Conference at Ilford.

8. New Tracts & reprints.

Municipal Red Covers. Drop first Series. —

Humanising Poor Law. Not set up yet.

Underfed Children. Nearly ready for press.

Control of Trusts. Waiting for type.

Electricity & Transit. Nearly ready. —

Agreed to accept proposal of Local Govt^s

Council to make a sub-series of Con-

struction Tracts, to be called

The New Hesperus Series, Electricity
to be No 2.

Corporate Expenditure. Article of Sir O. Lodge. —

Proposal of Webb to print as a tract

8 (cont.)

approved. Agreed to set up, + ask author to
expand: agreed also to give notice
in news. —

9. Lectures to Societ.

Sec. reported: —

Mar 24. Ordeh in France: Tchaikovsky
refused + recommended Sostice:
Latter looked for Russian Revolution.

Apr 7 + 24. Curt refusal from Miss Bondfield.
Agreed to ask Mr. Oakeshott
on same subject.

The Simple Life. Letter from Mrs. Webb
suggesting (a) Lecture of Eustace Miles.
After a long debate it was agreed
that the proposal be adjourned.

(b) suggesting that advt of "a Pop Control"
be sent out with news as an advt for pay.
Resolution that the circular be not sent out
was defeated by 5-2, + it was agreed
to send it out, clearly marked as Advt.

Proposed Lecture of Winston Churchill.
On proposal after a long debate

a proposal to adjourn discussion was defeated by 6-4, & the proposal to ask him to lecture on

Way support the Liberal Party,
bar Tariff was adopted by 5-2.

10. Executive Election. No response was made to the question of the Sec'y whether any sitting member did not intend to offer himself for re-election. —

Mildred P. [Signature]

Exec. at Office 15th March 1905. —
Present- Bland in chair & all except-
Absent- Aldew. Also Oakeshott & request.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported in absence of report Borsa had promised to procure a copy of the Italian Bill
3. Internat. Assoc for Labour Protection. —
On report from Welch, it was agreed to affiliate & pay fee of 2/-
- 4 The following candidates were elected:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
W. Cunningham, Dunfermline	Edw. R. Pease.
David Lowe, 264 Bath-street, Glasgow ...	Dr. J. Stirling Robertson.
Phillipi Millet, c/o G. T. Warner, Esq., Harrow-on-the-Hill	F. W. Galton and R. Wherry Anderson.
Arthur William Shepherd, Ivy Cottage, Darnall, Sheffield	General Secretary.
W. Kendall Smith, 34 Brixton Hill, S.W.	G. Bernard Shaw and F. Kettle.
GLASGOW F. S.	
Dr. Donald J. G. Grant, "Molendinar," Cathedral-square, Glasgow	J. C. Wilson.

5 Executive Election . Sec. reported all the sitting members, & J. S. Matthews as candidates.

(4) cont? G.R.S. Taylor was nominated.

(5) Tract-Publishing Sec reported:-

Electricity. In type

Humanity P.L. Do.

Wandered Children. In S ready

Municipal Milk - -

Control of Trusts - -

Corporate Expenditure - -

Agricultural reorganisation. About-ready.

Agreed to take Wandered Children
next in order. -

(6) Correspondence.

Grant Richards. Accounts showing
12/6 due. -

Bristol Soc. Soc. Resolution re United
Socialist party.
Noted.

L.R.C. - Agreed to renew affiliation.

Baldon Col. Par. Council. Agreed to send
Books.

Clarion Van Confere Galton to go.

(7) Russian Revolt. Letter from Green reporting deficit of £ 13. 7. 4 on Queens Hall Meeting. Agreed to send 2/-

(8) Humanising of Poor Law. Cakeshott attended to discuss amendments. He agreed to accept an addition suggested by Webb, & otherwise the Resol was approved.

(9) Letter to papers re Q Guardian's Election. Letter from J. T. Dodd. Agreed to do nothing.

(10) Fabian Lectures. On Minimum Wage, & letter from J. H. Morgan it was agreed that - Mrs Shaw, Macrosty, Holson & Pease be a Comtee to draw up a syllabus & make recommendations for further lectures. Letter from Mrs H.A. Cakeshott declining. -

Eustace Miles. Adjourned debate. Agreed that he be not asked.

10 Fabian Lectures (cont.)

Winston Churchill. Sec. reported, he had not asked him yet, after debate it was agreed that the resolution to ask him be rescinded. —

F. Kettle. Sec. reported his offer withdrawn April 7. Agreed to take Report of agricultural Com^{tee}

Apr 28. W. Crotch on Peoples Banks asked.

Mar 12. Annual meeting. agreed.

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Executive at Office 24th March 1905.

Present, Alden in chair + all. —

Also G. R. S. Taylor + J. W. Hardie M.P.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Resignation. Miss Pitts. Accepted
Election. Sec. reported a S. Harrison,
Sec. of Carlisle Trade Council,
offered 1/- only as a subscription.
Agreed to accept it.

3. Auditors. Sec. reported that Messrs. Lombers
& Trilking agreed to audit again on
same terms as before. Agreed
to accept offer.

+ Shaw's Lecture on Schools. Letter from Miss
Watt suggesting publication.
Mr Shaw reported that the Lecture
was not a written one, + G.R.S.
was too busy to write it. — Agreed
to write to this effect to her. —

5. Municipal Stewardship Leaflet. Agreed that though out of date for London, it need not be withdrawn. (35)

6. Italian Municipal Enabling ~~Bill~~ ^{Act} Sec reported ~~Bill~~ Act procured at last thro Dr. Borea. Agreed to ask Mrs Townshend to translate & to suggest that she write an article on it for the Municipal Journal or other paper.

7. Finances. Sec. presented the annexed Report & it was agreed that the Trustees of ~~the~~ the Trust accounts be requested to grant £25. for Educational Lectures. -

8. Local Govt Com^{tee}. Agreed to Elect Eason here to. -

9. Womens Local Govt Bill. Request for help from Miss Leigh Brown. Agreed to write good wishes.

Memorandum on Finances.

Comparative Receipts.	Year to March 23.	Year to March 31
	1905	1904
Subscriptions, ordinary	297	315
" special	100	125
Donations	39	32
Tract Sales	74	89
Advt's.	4	10
Book Box fees	43	40
Grants for ordinary funds for H. T. Lectures	0	50

Present Position.

Payments due to 31 March

Cliffords Inn	30
Rent	30
Salary	12
Standing ?	128
	<u>£ 200</u>

Estimated Resources to 31 March 1905.

Cash March 23rd.	98
Grants for Lectures from No. 2 A/c. Expended £22.7.3.	25
Subscriptions hoped for Special	100
General	20
	<u>£ 243</u>

N.B. The printing a/c for the next quarter will be something like £100.

10. Executive Election. Sec. presented report on attendances & on Candidates. It was agreed to alter Bland's attendances which he stated were inaccurate.

11. Lectures to the Society.

Minimum Wage. Sec. reported the Comtee not called waiting draft scheme. Macrobert presented a draft he had made.

April 28. Sec. reported no paper from Crotch. — Percy Alden promised to lecture on Japanese Wage-Workers if required.

May 10. Annual Mtg
28. Nothing fixed. —

12. Bill for Feeding School-Children. Sec. reported he had been asked to draft a Bill to be introduced by members of the Labour Party, & submitted

drafts prepared by himself & Taylor, & by
Wells, J. Keir Hardie M.P. & J. H. G. R.S.
Taylor attended & request. - after a
long debate a form of bill was
adopted to be sent to the L.R.C. -

Cecil Chesterton

7/4/05

Executive Meeting at Office 7 April 1905
Present Chesterton (in chair) + all^{the} others. -

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The following candidates were elected subject to completion of formalities in cases marked with *:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Helen Fisher, Moss-lane, Bramhall, Stockport	R. C. K. Ensor.
Arthur Lea, 24 Albert-rd., Whalley Range, Manchester	Y. Pickles.
Francis Nunn, Colwyn Bay, North Wales	Gen. Sec.
GLASGOW F.S.	
* — Allan, 5 West Regen t-street, Glasgow	Robert Pollok.
* — Thomas Johnston, Eastside, Kirk- intilloch, N.B.	Wm. Boyd.
* — McBride, 68 Cambridge Drive, Glasgow	Robert Pollok.
* — McLaren, Glasgow	Robert Pollok.
Miss Murray, 7 Gt. George-street, Hillhead, Glasgow	Robert Pollok.
Hugh A. Reyburn, St. David's U.F. Manse, Kirkintilloch, N.B.	Wm. Boyd.

Elected Apr '05

3. Labour Day + L.C.C. School Children. Proposed appeal for holiday. agreed to take no action.

4. L.C.C. + Cliffords Lm. Letter + copy of Memorial from art. Workers Guild, urging L.C.C. to purchase. Ald. Sanders undertook to do anything possible.

5. Bishop of Hereford's Reactionary Ed'n Bill. Noted for opposition if necessary.

6. New Tracts.

Humanising of Poor Law. Ready - a greed to send out to members -

Public Control of Electric Power + Transit. Ready. Title settled as aforesaid, & passed for press. -

Underfed Children. Being set up.

Of other tracts it was agreed to take Corporate Expenditure next, & to sell at 1/- if only 8/6p. -

Municipal Milk & Control of Trusts to follow.

It was agreed to refer to the new Publishing Com^{ee} to report on proposals for pushing the sale of our tracts especially amongst L.P. Branches. -

7. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Application from Ireland. Referred to the new General Purposes Com^{ee} to report on

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arrangements for next session.

8. Electric Supply Bill. Agreed that Galton Holson, Taylor, Dawson & Pease be a committee to report on this Bill.
9. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. submitted Translation of Italian Law, with notes & comments prepared by Mrs. Townshend. As she did not appear to adopt the suggestion of writing, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Secretary to prepare article for a Review or Paper, & to thank Mrs. Townshend for her valuable services.
10. Finances. Sec. 7 submitted annexed report on Balance Sheet & the annexed statement of the No. 2 a/c. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that in view of the fact that the No. 2 a/c is held by trustees for specific purposes, & is

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Grant from Hutchinson Trustees	Balance Sheet.	£ 1242. 0. 4
Balance of Annuity for Rent	-----	90. 0. 0
Interest on Investments		37. 1. 0
	Year ending 31st. March	<u>£ 1369. 1. 4</u>

Grants to Fabian No. 1 A/c.	100	50. 0. 0
Annuity one payment	122	15. 0. 0
Balance	40	
Annuity A/c	75. 0. 0	
Trust A/c.	<u>1229. 1. 4</u>	<u>1304. 1. 4</u>
Receipts	3	£ 1369. 1. 4

Advertisements	4	
Profits on Sales	5	
Bank Balance	42	
Credit Balance		
	Balance Sheet.	
Hutchinson Trust Lecture Grant	<u>12</u>	- 140
Cost of Lectures	22	- 24
£1300 Derby 3%	70	1152. 2. 6
Cash in Bank	47	<u>151. 18. 10</u>
New Printing	50	£ 1304. 1. 4
General	30	
Balance	242	
Trust A/c	26	1229. 1. 4
Annuity A/c.	76	75. 0. 0
	26	<u>£ 1304. 1. 4</u>

Director of Public Instruction
 Government of Madhya Pradesh
 Bhopal

Report on Balance Sheet.

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	Year ending 31st. March	Difference with previous year.
	₹	₹
Special Subscriptions	200	+ 75
General ..	322	+ 7
Donations	40	+ 7
Tract Sales	76	- 13
Book Boxes	44	+ 4
Royalties	3	-
Advertisements	4	- 6
Profits on Sales	3	+ 4
Bank Balance	62	+ 44
Credit Balance	55	+ 48
Hitchinson Trust Lecture Grant	25	- 140
Cost of Lectures	22	- 93
Hire of Halls	30	+ 6
Tract Printing	87	- 75
News Printing	50	+ 4
General ..	30	+ 3
Salaries	242	-
Office Expenses	28	-
Postage	76	- 23
Book Boxes	25	- 230
Grants to other bodies	8	+ 4

not under the unqualified control of the Executive Committee & the Society it is not necessary to print particulars of it in the Annual Report and Balance Sheet. -

11. International Socialist Congress. Meeting of English Section. Agreed to appoint the Subcommittee on the Reconstitution of the Congress to be delegates of the Society.
12. Lectures & meetings. The following were approved.
- Apl 28. Alden on Japan. Letter from Crutch excusing himself for his session.
- May 12. Annual meeting
- May 26. Report of local Govt Comtee
- June. Two Literary Lectures, by Cheberton & Jepson.
- F. B. Kirkman. Offer of lecture on Teachers Salaries &c for next session.

agreed to write him that the subject is inevitable.

Minimum Wage Com^e. Not met yet. a meeting was fixed for April 13. -

Paper on Housing by Pearsall. Referred to Minimum Wage Com^e for Report.

Suggested Lecture for next Session. Coghlan on Birth-rate.

J. Lawson
April 28th 1905

First Meeting of New Executive
at Office 28th April 1905.

Present, Dodd (in chair) Holson, Sanders
Taylor Chesterton Shaw, Mrs Shaw
Standing Galton Pease Macrae
Absent. Webb, Alden, Headlam Bland -
Muggeridge also present for discussion
of Report

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Scrutiners Report of Election was received
3. Standing orders. It was agreed to confirm these till next meeting.
4. Auditors Report. Secy submitted letter from auditor & his explanation of the points noted. It was resolved that his explanation is satisfactory & the view he takes be confirmed

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5. International Socialism. The Report of the delegates was received.

6. New Tract.

It was agreed that Lodge's Corporate Expenditure be set up in type the same size as that of Tract No. 1. —

7. Agricultural Com^{ce}. Report made of proceedings recommending the Exec. to set apart June 9th for a debate on the necessity or otherwise of preserving the rural population for race-purposes. — after discussion it was Resolved 4 to 2 that the proposal be adopted, *Enacted*

8. Society Meetings: it was agreed after debate that the decision to ask Jepson to lecture on Feminism be rescinded so that the fixtures stand

May 12 Annual Meeting May 26. Local Soc^y Report
June 9 Debate as above. June 23. Open.
It was agreed to decline suggested lecture of A. Bronson.

9. Annual Meeting It was agreed that Sanders, Chesterton Galton Pease & Taylor be a Com^{ee} to prepare resolutions on & amendments of the Unemployed Workmen Bill & the Aliens Bill for the agenda paper of the Annual meeting -

10. Electricity Supply Bill. Report of Com^{ee} recommending amendments, & that copy of circular annexed be sent to each M.P. & to the Press with our Tract was adopted. - Taylor, Galton & Pease were appointed a Com^{ee} to amend the circular as indicated in the debate, & Galton undertook to advise as to an M.P. to move the amendments.

11. Minimum Wage Subjⁿ Com^{ee} Report & draft scheme annexed was approved, & the recommendation of Sanders as lecturer was adopted.

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Fabian Society,
3, Clements Inn,
Strand, London, W.C.

Sir,

The Electricity Supply Bill.

I desire to call your attention to amendments which ought to be made in the above Bill, which has recently passed through the House of Lords.

The effect of the Bill as drafted is to empower "any person or company" to supply electricity in bulk to "any local authority, company or person", and the Local Authorities for the purposes of the Electrical Light Acts are the Municipal and Metropolitan Boroughs and the District Councils.

It is now well known both that electricity can only be supplied cheaply by concerns dealing with very large areas, and further that the use of electricity for the purposes of power is only prevented from becoming almost universal by the fact that most existing concerns have capital locked up in steam engines. If the supply of electricity in bulk is allowed to be monopolised by Companies we shall be creating a great system for our children and grandchildren to destroy, just as our fathers created the Company system of providing water and gas and tramways which we have to buy out at enormous cost. In order to give

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local authorities a chance of competing with private monopolists, County Councils, the only authorities with suitable areas, must be made local authorities under the Electricity Acts and Local Authorities as well as companies and individuals must be allowed to obtain Provisional Orders for supplying electricity in bulk to other local authorities, companies and individuals.

Indeed the area of County Councils is by no means sufficiently large for the purpose, and the only proper solution for the purpose is to empower or indeed require County and Borough Councils in suitable areas to form Statutory Joint Committees for the purpose of producing electricity in an economical manner.

Our view is that such Statutory Joint Committees or at any rate County Councils might well take up the position of the Co-operative Wholesale Society which supplies its affiliated Co-operative Distributive Societies with goods direct at cost price, and indeed distributes the small margin of profit amongst its clients in proportion to their purchases. These Joint Committees or County Councils which manufacture electricity in bulk should be able to supply Boroughs and Districts within their areas at about cost price, leaving the minor local authorities to make such profits on their tramways, lighting and sales to private consumers as they in their wisdom think fit.

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I am, &c.

Edward R. Pease
Secretary.



12. Draft annual Report was considered
& amended in several points.
Finally it was agreed that the
Report & accounts as amended
be adopted. —

J. W. Linton
12/5/05.

A National Minimum Wage.

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1. The Problem.

- 1.- A national minimum wage may be defined as that necessary to maintain a worker and his family in healthy existence, certainly so that he and they shall not degenerate, but not necessarily that they shall progress (at least without great care and frugality). Or it may be limited to maintenance of the worker alone.
- 2.- The problem of the minimum wage must be differentiated from that of wage regulation, which may and probably will be necessary for reasons quite different from those which urge the necessity for the former.
- 3.- At present we enforce a minimum of education; we compel all persons of all ages and both sexes to conform to a certain sanitary minimum; we compel all employers to conduct their businesses according to a certain measure of safety and healthfulness; we accord to women, young persons and children a minimum of leisure under the Factory Acts.
- 4.- These fragments of a Standard of Life are limited in their utility, because we do not insist that every person industrially employed shall be ensured a minimum of remuneration. So far, the only provision which we make towards the minimum of subsistence is to provide a maintenance in prison or/ workhouse for all who care to

4.- (Continued)

qualify, and to extend to children some protection from parents who starve them.

5.- We may secure the national minimum indirectly by

- (a) Maintenance of children (school meals, scholarships, &c.)
- (b) Old Age Pensions, Sick, Accident, and Invalidity Insurance.
- (c) Labour colonies open to all who may apply for work at the minimum wage.

Inadequacy of (c); economic and political objections.

6.- It is therefore necessary to proceed by enactment applying to the whole country, so that there may be no low-wage district with a de-based advantage over the others. Assuming that it is possible to determine a national minimum of real wages i.e. such a wage that by working out its equivalent in cash all local variations in cost of living may be equalised, we must next consider the following questions.

- 7.- (a) Shall the minimum wage be based on the cost of maintenance of a single adult man, or of an average family? Possible substitution of unmarried for married men.
- (b) Shall there be the same standard for working women as for men? If so, will women be employed? Relative cost of maintenance, at subsistence level, of men and women - is it really different? If cost of man more, how far is this balanced by superior efficiency?

7.- (Continued)

- (c) Possible substitution of labour of young persons (apprentices or improvers) for adults. Shall wages of apprentices and improvers be regulated, and, if so, how and on what basis? Shall their numbers be limited?
- (d) Relation of piece-work rate to minimum wage in piece-work trades.
- (e) Difficulty of enforcement especially in sweated trades. Prior or simultaneous abolition of home-work.
- (f) Importation of sweated goods.
- (g) Effect of minimum wage on prices; available margin in sweater's profits.
- (h) Effect on rents; rents in country customary, in towns determined by supply and demand - both independent of wages; case of tramway extension, rents increased on account of greater demand and in return for advantages in accommodation, health, &c., economic friction.
- (i) Shop-workers - Shall living-in be abolished; or how to be valued?
- (j) Domestic service - Is a minimum possible?

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II. The Solution.

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- 1.- Ascertainment of by a Commission, or by the Labour Department, of the minimum of food and clothing necessary for the healthy subsistence of (a) and adult man, (b) an adult woman, (c) an average family.
- 2.- Under this plan the widow with a family will be paid the same wage This will be estimated in kind, as by Mr. Rowntree &c. as a single woman, leaving the children, in default of other sources
- 2.- It shall be enacted that the minimum wage shall be such as will provide the above maintenance plus the rent of a house complying with the legal requirements of sanitation and accommodation. Such wage shall be in two categories: (a) for adult men based on subsistence cost of an average family with husband as worker; (b) for adult woman supporting herself only.
- 3.- It shall be referred to the local authorities - county councils, borough councils, and urban sanitary district councils - to translate into cash the national minimum of real wages according to local variations in prices and rents. The period of time for which such rates would hold should be at least a year, and might be longer.
- 4.- To enforce the law factory inspectors should be empowered to examine wage-books. Employers breaking the law should be heavily fined for the first offence and imprisoned for the second.

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- 5.- By this plan the same minimum standard of life would be established all over the country, while at the same time cash wages would vary according to local circumstances. The information in Rowntree, Booth, and the Fiscal Blue Books might enable the writer to give some general indications or estimates of what the cash equivalent of the national real wage would be in different parts of the country.
- 6.- One effect of the varying cost of manufactures would be a tendency - so far as any a greater cost was not compensated by market advantages or proximity of raw material - for certain industries to move from the high-cost to the low-cost districts. That would really be a move from the high-rent to the low-rent districts or from the large factory town to the small rural town or to the country, and it is to be welcomed.
- 7.- Another effect would be to relieve factory industry from the low-grade (because low-wage) competition of domestic industry - again an advantage.
- 8.- Under this plan the widow with a family will be paid the same wage as a single woman, leaving the children, in default of other sources of income, to be maintained by the State. Yet if her wage was fixed on a family basis, the widow would not get work, the woman without a family would be preferred owing to her cheapness - and

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in that case both widow and family would have to be maintained by the State. The case for paying unmarried men the same wage as married men is different because the proportions of those working are different from those which obtain in the case of women.

9.- Only the average family is legislated for. The man with a family above the average in number will still earn below the minimum family subsistence. Practical difficulties compel us to leave this defect unremedied.

10.- In fixing the minimum wage we regard the husband as the supporter of the family - earnings of wife and children are not taken into account. This simplifies education problems.

11.- Risk of substitution of adult labour by apprentices &c. would be prevented by regulation of number of apprentices, improvers, &c., by Labour Department according to needs of individual trades. If the current regulation of wages were taken in hand by the State, the fixing of the wages of non-adult workers would help, but only partly help, to solve the difficulty.

12.- Straining after scientific precision absurd; rough measure only of justice necessary.

13.- General effects of national minimum. Abolition of "residuum".

Peroration!

Henry W. Macrosty.

7. New Tracts. 121 Lodge's Public Expenditure -

Sec. 7 submitted Title. agreed to ask the author to select, & to indicate that the Exec. consider "Public Wealth or Private Luxury" the best -
No 120. after Bread Education. agreed to send copy, with covering letter to L.C.C. & its Edn. Com^{tee} & copied members. -

8. Electricity Supply Bill. Sec. reported that the circular w^h he sent out direct^{ly}, as Burns had consented to move amendments. -

9. Society Meeting June 23rd. agreed to have a lecture, on India & a Nat. Conf^{er}ee Delegate, if possible. -

10. Audit. - Sec. reported receipt of the accounts, duly signed.

11. Annual meeting. -

agreed that - Terogood or Dodd be chairman.

Annual Report, Secretary to conduct. -

Unemployed Bill. - Salton to conduct.

Amendments approved, - ^{except one abandoned or one added.} Letter

from Slater referred to Salton.

Alieu Bill. - Letter from Cheslerton
regretting his inability to attend
& conduct discussion on Bill.

The Com^{tee} resolutions were con-
sidered, & after debate it was
resolved by 9 to 4 that the
2 resolutions on the paper be
not moved on behalf of
the Exec. -

It was agreed that Macrot
move a resolution in their
place. -

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THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS ONLY will be held at CLIFFORD'S INN
(next 187 FLEET STREET), E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 12th, at 8 p.m.

AGENDA :—Motions by the Executive Committee :—

(1) That the Annual Report and Accounts be adopted.

(2) The Unemployed Workmen Bill :—

That the Fabian Society cordially welcomes the Unemployed Workmen Bill as an embodiment of the principle of State responsibility for the welfare of its citizens, and expresses the belief that it will do something to mitigate the evils caused by the private ownership of the means of production.

It considers that the bill should be so amended as to provide that the Exchequer should contribute a share of the cost of administering the Act; and also in the following particulars :—

Clause I. (1), page 1, line 7, and elsewhere :—Substitute "Unemployment Board" for "body."

Clause I. (2), page 1, line 23. Alter "may" to "shall."

Clause I. (5), page 2, line 15. After "provided," insert "that the rate of wages shall not be less than the Trade Union rate of the district but" Delete "weekly," and insert after the word given, "in any one week."

Clause II. (1), page 3, lines 23-6. Delete all words after "may" (which render optional the constitution of "Bodies" in county boroughs) and insert "by order include such county borough in the area of the county board as constituted Section II. (2)."

Clause II. (2), page 3, line 27. Insert after word county, "or borough," and after the words guardians, "or otherwise."

Clause II. (3), page 4, line 11. After the words "of a" insert the word "county."

(3) The Aliens Bill :—

That the Fabian Society, while recognizing that the exclusion of aliens is, in itself, no solution of the problems created by low-priced labor, and will not even substantially mitigate the evils of unemployment, yet recognizes the importance of maintaining the standard of life in the ranks of unskilled labor, and therefore sees no objection to the exclusion of alien labor where such labor maintains a lower standard than that which obtains among British workers. It therefore does not oppose the Aliens Bill, but suggests the following amendments :—

Clause I. (3), page 2, line 5. To insert a new sub-section :—"If he has been brought over to this country by an employer in order to take the place of British workmen during an industrial dispute."

Clause II. (1), page 2, line 26. (Qualifications of members of Immigration Boards). Insert after "business" "Trade Union."

Clause III. (1, b, 1), page 3, line 23. (Expulsion of undesirable aliens). Insert after "over-crowding" "or has been employing labor or working under conditions which violate any provision of the Factory and Workshops Acts."

Your attendance is requested.

EDW. R. PEASE,

Secretary.

FABIAN OFFICE,

Respected.

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Executive at Office 26th May 1905.

Present Webb (in chair) Standing Alden Blaud
W^o Shaw, Pease, Taylor, Hobson, Chesterton
Macrobert Shaw.

Absent Beadlam, Sanders, Galton Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Factory Inspector. Labour Record Petition
No action.
3. Meeting June 23rd. Sec. reported that the Hall
had been allotted to us in error.
Also that the Indian Delegate wd. not
be here. Letter from Sir W. Wedderburn
Offering date in July. Agreed to
arrange for July. -
4. International Soc^{ty}. Sec. reported he had offered
the Fabian Office for Internat^l Soc^y Conv^{ee}
on Thurs. July 13 at 3.30. Approved.
5. Appeal from S.D.F. for Ramsay March Fund. No funds.

b. Publishing Com^o Report.

No 121. Lodge's Public Exp. - Title approved
& tract & read for press.

No 122. Dodd's Municipal Mill. In press.
Bibliography w^o. make it
too long. Agreed to print
Bibliography by reference
to McCleary one. -

No 123. Macrochry's Trust. Title set up.
Advertising Tracts. Proposal approved,
list to be printed on cards to
hang up. Agreed to sec.
suggestion to offer 7 doz Tracts
free for 9. -

7. General Purposes Com^o Report. agreed
Book Boxes That the Libary work
be again extended by a wider
issue of circulars in autumn; that
the Trustees of No 2. be requested
to grant £50 for 10 more boxes
if & when required. - Sec. instructed
to put lists of publications in every box.

7. G. P. Com^{ee} (cont^d)

Lectures for 1905/6. That the scheme be the same as proposed for last year :-

- (1) Minimum Wage
- (2) Com^{ee} Reports
- (3) Prophets of the Victorian Age. That Chesterton & Sec. prepare scheme for the last named. -

Also Reeves on Australian Lab. Party - -

Also that Alden suggest lectures on Continental methods of dealing with social problems. -

Minimum Wage That W. Sanders be offered £20. for one lecture prepared in form suitable for publication as a tract, & similar sums for other tract-lectures, with a maximum of £60. to be paid out of a special fund to be provided by Mrs Shaw. - also that any necessary books be bought for him. -

Educational Lectures. That no action be taken at present.

8. Birth rate. Sec. reported that G. H. Wood would not do any work. - ~~Agreed~~ Letters read from Miss Hutchins suggesting a Com^{tee} - after debate agreed that a Com^{tee} be appointed to consider

Birth-rate + Infant-Mortality Statistics

That Bland be chairman with the following members of the Exec
then present :- Shaw, Chesterton
Standing ~~Members~~ Peace Taylor.

That the following be invited :-

Gallon + Dodd of the Exec. -

Miss Hutchins H. G. Wells

Dr. Mc Cleary Dr. Sweet

G. Turner G. H. Wood

H. W. Macrosty

Executive at Office 9th June 1905.

Present: Macrae (in chair) & all except
absent: Webb, Galton, Sanders. —

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Election of candidates: all elected, viz:—

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Herbert Russell Baylis, Wyss Wood, Kenley, Surrey ...	H. T. Muggerridge & E. R. Pease.
Robert Casson, 8 Laburnum-avenue, Wallsend-on-Tyne ...	Gen. Sec.
Sydney C. Herbert, 9 Adelphi-terrace, W.C. ...	Cyril Burrage and E. R. Pease.
Thos. Wilson, 30 Red Lion-square, W.C. ...	A. G. Matthews and Rose Armstrong.

- 3) Resignation. H. W. Gust. - accepted
- 4) Nat. Dem. League. Invitation to Conference on Democratic Unity. Take no action.
- 5) L.R.C. Invitation to send Delegates to Unemployed Bill ~~Co~~ Demonstration Conference. —
Agreed that Alden & Chesterton be delegates, she instructed to vote in favour of a Demonstration & to advocate a Resolution more decidedly in favour of the Bill,

& shorter preferably of the omission of
the first part of the draft. And that
the Secretary write to the same effect.

(b) Correspondence.

Mexico Trade Council. Asking advt. in Year-Book.

Agreed to take outside cover at 20/-

Mrs. Pankhurst. Proposing to send "after Break"
to all Educⁿ Com^{es} - agreed
that Sec. prepare estimate of
cost + draft circular.

Evangelical Council. Re Book Boxes: proposing
circular to ministers, & to the
Colleges. Agreed to send letter
& that Alden see what he
can do with the Churches.

Kelmscott Club. Crane Lithograph. Suggest
advt. in F. news. —

Royal Arsenal Coop. Asking lecture list.
Agreed that a new one
be formed

7. Antislavery Trust lectures. on application received

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it was agreed definitely to abandon lectures
for ~~two~~ ~~season~~ next season. —

8. Birth-rate Com^{ce} Sec. reported a circular issued
& arrangements well in hand. —
Agreed to elect Councillor Willmson,
A. Levine, & A. B. Donald (Edinburgh)
as members. — Agreed to buy any Bluebooks ^{required.}
9. Indian Delegation. Letters from Mrs Ratchiffe
S. R. Ratchiffe, & Sir W. Wedderburn.
Agreed to have Delegate on July 14,
but not on 28th. — If he fail to
arrive, to hold a Tract-meeting
on July 14. —
10. Tracts in Preparation.
No. 121. By Lodge. Sec. reported the bill
altered by the author, & the Tract
practically ready for publication.
No. 122. — Agreed after discussion to make
this a 20 pp. Tract, & to print
the Bibliography. —

10 (cont'd) Tracts. —

Sanders Report on areas

Macroscopic " " agriculture.

Agreed to print & submit

to Tract Meeting on July 14. —

No 122. Title selected

Municipal Milk &
Public Health.

11. Resolution proposed by Bernard Shaw,
That a report be prepared on
the results of the Society's political
recommendations during the
past 10 years. —
Debated & debate adjourned

~~Wm Sanders~~
23/6/1905.

Executive Comtee 23rd June 1905. -

- Present - Sanders (in chair) Chesterton Bland,
 Holson, Macrost Taylor Peace
- Absent: Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Alden,
 Salton Standing, Headlam, Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Unemployed Bill. Delegates reported. -
 Circular re subscription. Sec. directed to
 reply that the Society is prepared to
 contribute, & will determine the
 amount later, in accordance with
 the necessities of the case. -

Speakers. Agreed to nominate
 Holson, Chesterton, & (if willing)
 Bernard Shaw. -

3. Hutchinson Trust - Lectures. Letter from Snell offering
 set of lectures on the colonies - agreed
 that the Sec. reply that notwithstanding
 previous decision, we will consider
 proposal if Snell will submit syllabus.

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Report by the Secretary on Distribution of
Tract No. 120 ('After Bread, Education')
to Education Committees.

The Tract has already been sent to the L.C.C. Education Committee.

It is proposed to omit 61 Ad. Counties (Education Committees about 2,300)

143 Boroughs over 100,000 (Education Committees 2,612). ~~Urban Districts~~

58 Urban Districts (Ed. Committees 1,145 and to send only to

71 County Boroughs. Members of Ed. Committees 2,032

But it is not at present clear that the members of the Education

Committees can be distinguished from the other Councillors, the total number of whom is 3,600.

The reason for confining the distribution to the County Boroughs is that the large towns (including London) on whom the difficulty chiefly presses must solve the problem: the smaller towns and the counties will follow their example if necessary.

The cost of 2,032 packets at 1d. is	£8. 9. 4
Envelopes	2. 0. 0
Circular	3. 0. 0
Tracts at 50/- per 1,000	5. 0. 0
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If it prove necessary to send the circular 3,600 Councillors, the cost will be at least

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Frank

H. H.

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Draft Circular.

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Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand,
London, W. C.
September, 1905.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am desired to transmit to you the enclosed pamphlet dealing with the provision of meals for children in elementary schools. As this question admittedly requires some prompt and satisfactory solution, and as ~~the attention of~~ Education Committees in our great towns, ^{must now be considering} ~~is certain~~ to be drawn to it during the coming winter, I venture to think you may find some facts and suggestions in our Tract which ~~would~~ may be useful to you, and on the other hand should you care to offer us any observations on our proposals, my Committee will receive them with grateful consideration.

I am,

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Joseph Blane
Haden - Evans

Mr. Pease -
Sir Elias E.

Haden

Distribution of
minutes Sept 25

(4) Distribution of Tract 120. Sec. presented annexed Report, & recommendations which were adopted. Draft-letter was amended & approved. He was instructed to send a circular letter to Ed. Com^{rs} Seco. asking list of members. —

(5) Haden Guest. Letter offered for publication in F. News, on the policy of the Society. After discussion by several members who had read or tried to read it, it was agreed that Bland & Chesterton report on it to the next Exec. —

(b) Correspondence.

Sir Chas. Ellist, Letter re Tract-120. —
Agreed that Chesterton & Pease draft reply. —

Haden Guest. Asking use of Office for Black-men's Conference. Agreed.

Joseph Edwards. Asking permission to send circular re Reformers Hall with News. Refuse unconditionally.

Project of Lectures on
'PROPHETS OF THE PAST CENTURY'

Drafted by Chesterton and Secretary.

Lecturer.	Subject.	Remarks.
H. Bland	Geo. Eliot	Accepts
C.E. Chesterton	Shelley	
Mrs. Esther Wood	Ruskin	Agrees to lecture on some subj
R.C.K. Ensor	Carlyle	Not asked
E. Jepson	Emerson	do. do.
Rev. C. L. Marson	Whitman	do. do.
R. E. Dell	Mazzini	do. do
Rev. S.D. Headlam	Matthew Arnold	do. do.

Reserves.

- Miss Brooke S.M. Peartree
- C. Charrington Dr. Lawson Dodd
- Rev. Conrad Noel H. T. Muggerridge
- Richard Whiteing Miss Murby.

Resignation

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7. Literature Lectures. The Sub-Com^{ee} (Chesterton & the Sec. 4) presented the annexed report. The report was adopted with the following modifications :-

- To add Lecture on Marx & Bernard Shaw
- To delete Name of S. D. Headlam who wired declining & substitute Conrad Noel. -
- To transpose the subjects allocated to Jepson & Marson.

It was agreed that Bland consult Wintling & that he have choice of subject, if he consent. -

8. Resignation. E. Sheering. accepted.

9. Agricultural Com^{ee} : report accepted, viz^t :-
- (a) That the Chairman's report, already given as a lecture, & since amended, be printed & submitted to Society on July 14. -
 - (b) That, in regard to offer of Riggs to do a further paper on agriculture, he be asked to submit a syllabus, with a view to a lecture, & be urged to deal with his own experience.

10. Birth-rate Com^{ce}. Chairman reported progress.
& first meeting fixed for July 6.
11. Result of Political Recommendations of Society.
Resolution (adjourned from last
meeting) that a report on above
covering the past 10 years
be prepared by the Secy
was agreed to. —
12. International Socialist Com^{ce} agreed that
Holson, Sanders & Pease be
delegates on behalf of the Society.

Allen Bland
14/7/5

Executive Com^o at Office 14th July 1905.-

Present Aubert Bland in chair, & all except absent, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Headlam.

Present also as visitor John Martin now of New York

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

F. Death, suggesting lectures on Native Races. Reply we have had enough for the present, & refer to 'Guests' Committee.

H.S. Griffith asking us to exchange 70 old unsaleable Tracts for new ones. Send 50 new, including After Bread, Education.

Stamford Public Library. Request to be put on Free List. agreed

Small Holdings Assn. Proposed conference accept.

H.A. Dar. Proposing to send the Lodge Tract to Town Councillors. agreed to put par in News asking subs. & to do the work in my case.

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2 (cont^d) Correspondence.

A. S. Howlett, suggesting action on Industrial Assurance. Write we will appoint a com^{tee} if he will prepared report or other material for its consideration. Refer him to the Coop. Undertaking.

3. News-Lecture List. Sec. reported only 16 London Replies. Agreed that he put a par in News asking for more. -

4. Bound News. Sec. reported gift from Mrs Shaw of a set of News beautifully bound. Give thanks. Agreed to put a par in News inviting members to apply for bound sets, & to reprint the scarce number or numbers, if necessary & the applications justify it. -

5. Times. On report of Sec. 7 agreed to discontinue it.

6. Resignations - L.S. Amery: sending £2.- Acapt
J. Overnell. - -

7. Elections: - The following were elected

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Mrs. Badley, Bedales School, Petersfield, Hants	Edw. R. Pease.
Thomas Bond, "Newlands," Old Park-road, Palmer's Green, N.	J. T. Gumersall & S. D. Shallard.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
Edward S. Kiek, Wadham College	S. Seguin Strahan.
L. E. V. McCarthy, Keble College	S. Seguin Strahan.

also, in advance, & when in order
R. W. Pringle
+ Henri Louis } Ang. news. -

8. Purge of members. Agreed that H. W. Macrae + C. E. Chesterton be a
Committee to ~~also~~ go through the list
of members + report on names
to be struck off. -

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. On letters from Aylmer
mande, agreed that Sanders give the
lecture desired on usual terms.
Snell. Syllabus provisionally approved.
Agreed that he be engaged on

9. (cont^d) same terms as Sanders last year
(21. a lecture + Exes) & that notice
be given in News & any engagement
that offer, ~~or~~ be accepted, if suitable,
but that a regular syllabus be not
printed & circulated. — and that he
be asked to consult Holson as to syllabus.

10. Housing Com^{ee} Report. Sec. reported he had
prepared a report, & proposed that it
be published as an extra to Falrain
News, if the Housing Com^{ee} approve
both the report & the proposal so to
publish. Agreed that the Housing
Com^{ee} have the suggested power.

11. Publishing Com^{ee} Business. Sec. reported that
Taylor had advised Levin that the
word "revelations" in Tract 121 (p 15. line 20)
might be libellous, that he had ordered
it to be altered to "Proceedings", & that the
printers (in the absence of Mr. Stanning
in Paris) had failed to make the
alteration. Stanning accepted the

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Full responsibility. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that no action be taken, & the tract be sold as printed. -

Sec. reported sales for three months to June 30th very satisfactory. Three tracts circulated, exclusive of leaflets numbered 12,340 wh. compared with 20,528 in the whole of the previous year.

Advt. card. Sec. reported delay of printer; proofs presented of latter & approved.

12. Finance Sec. reported cash in hand £64, & ~~an~~ account from printer to end July about £110. Agreed that he write Felo. -

13. Unemployed Demⁿ Sec. reported that the ~~unemployed~~ L.R.C. proposed to use the surplus contributed to the Demⁿ Fund for agitation in the autumn. Agreed to contribute 2/-

14. Hadon Quest. On report from Bland it was

14 (cont^d) agreed that he be asked to give a lecture on his syllabus (or off it), in early in next session. —

(14) Report on Political Recommendations. Sec. reported that on consideration he ~~is~~ was of opinion that any objective report was impossible: any report must be written with a view to some purpose: further that Shaw ~~also~~ had suggested two Reports taking opposite sides. After some discussion, it was agreed to adjourn debate till Shaw could be present. —

15. Birth-rate & Com^{ce} Sec. reported successful first meeting, + proposal to issue a census paper to the Societ: also draft paper prepared by himself. Letter of protest by Headlam read. — It was agreed to make the census on the lines proposed: to send a stamped envelope: to draw up a Breast-feeding paper: & that the Exec. approve of final draft. —

Recommendation of the "Baby" Committee.

Census paper (drafted by the Secretary) proposed to be sent in October to all the men members and to married women whose husbands are not members, excluding all resident outside Great Britain.

It is proposed to enclose this with covering letter and (? stamped) envelope with printed address. The questions are so drafted that they can (if desired) be answered by yes or no or figures. Thus any identification of the respondent can easily be made impossible.

The papers will be divided into 4 series by deletion of three of the four letters on each paper, in order to show whether those who do not return papers are men or women, married or probably unmarried.

The Series will be

- a. men known to be married
- b. ,, believed to be unmarried
- c. ,, men of whose marital condition the Secretary is ignorant.
- d. women.

It is proposed to particularly request members not to yield to the temptation (if any) to send in replies intended to be amusing.

It is suggested that a second paper asking particulars in regard to breast feeding of infants be added.

COMMISSION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Fabian Birth-rate Census.

September 1905.

Series A. B. C. D.

- 1.- Sex (M. or F.)
- 2.- Age last birthday
- 3.- Married or unmarried. (M. or U.)
- 4.+/ (All who have been married should return themselves as married).
- 4.- Date of Marriage
- 5.- Age of Wife at Marriage
- 6.- Number of children born, including still-born children
- 7.- Date of birth of eldest child
- 8.- Date of birth of youngest child.
- 9.- Do you expect to have any (or any more) children?
- 10.- Have you (or your wife or husband) limited the number of your children voluntarily ?
- 11.- If your marriage is childless, is it so voluntarily or involuntarily ?
- 12.- Is the limitation of the number of your children due to any special cause (such as the death or serious illness of husband or wife): if possible state the cause ?
- 13.- Observations. Any member willing to add any remarks throwing light on the above return, is requested to do so:-

- (16) Haden Guest. Bland reported on paper,
son syllabus of lecture of Haden Guest.
Agreed on his motion that Guest be
allotted a date early in the session
for his lecture. —
- (17) Rd. Higgs Letter offering to submit a
new lecture for approval -
agreed. —
- (18) Literature Lectures. Bland reported
he had not consulted Weitzing
Letter from Shaw, offering lecture
on Marx + Darwin. after
debate, agreed to ask Linn
to reconsider his proposal
as Marx is enough for one lecture.
- (19.) Chairman for members meeting. agreed
to nominate J.W. Martin.

28. Feb. 1905

Fred Allen

Executive Comm^{ee} at Office 28th July 1905.

Present Alder (in chair), Pease, Headlaw,
 Chesterton Standing, Macroty, Holson
 Taylor Bland Galton, Sanders
Absent Webb, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Dodd
 ? Holson. Macroty.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Ten following candidates were elected
 some having been previously agreed to,
 subject to completion & in due course :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Elizabeth Dutcher, 39 Pierrepont-st., Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A.	Edw. R. Pease.
Henri Gans, 47 Avenue d'Iena, Paris	Edw. R. Pease.
W. Moon, 12 Vicar's Hill, Ladywell, S.E.	Edw. R. Pease & H. W. Macrosty.
Miss Mary Alice Muir, 11 Lingwood-road, Bradford	A. E. Bishop.
C. A. Pease, Trowbridge	Edw. R. Pease.
R. W. Pringle, 18 Rutland-square, Edinburgh	J. C. Pringle.
H. Sylvester Williams, 50 Hamilton-gdns., St. John's Wood, N.W.	L. Haden Guest & Edw. R. Pease.

also subject to larger sub^{ns} from Williams
 (paid 2/6) or report hereon of the Secy

3. Finances. Letter from J. Fels declining to send money just now. — Agreed that the Secy borrow from No 2. etc if necessary. —
4. International Socialism. Delegates reported meeting in his office at wh. a scheme for the English Branch of the Internat^l Organisation was adopted, & S. G. Hobson elected a member. Also that Hyndman undertook to bring before the Int. Bureau the Fabian scheme for reforming the method of voting of nations at the Congress.
5. Census of Families. Letter from Shaw suggesting question as to the method adopted for securing a childless marriage. Agreed after debate that the proposed question is not relevant to the subject of the enquiry.

6. Publishing Business. The following titles were approved:-

- Municipalization of Provinces
- The Revival of Agriculture
- State Control of Trusts.

It was agreed to accept with pleasure the offer of W.P. Reeves to write a new tract on New Zealand.

7. Autumn Lectures. Letters read:-

Mr Wood accepting Ruskin
 & Jepson " " Weitzman
 Enso consenting to do Carlyle if urged.
 Agreed to ask him to say if he ^{prefers} ~~wants~~ anything else.

Shaw offering saying Marx can be disposed of in 5 minutes.
 Agreed to await E Shaw's return

Headlam. after debate he agreed to open the session with a lecture on Maurice & Kimpsey

Marson. agreed to ask him on Arnold in place of Emerson.

8. The Political Situation. In view of the
^{then} apparent approach of a
General Election, it was agreed
after considerable discussion,
that Bland + Chesterton
draft a Manifesto for
submission to the Exec. Com^{ee}

H. W. Cullin
22/4/05

Com^a 22nd Sep. 1905. —

Present Galton (in chair) Dodd, Holson, Taylor,
 Sanders, Chesterton Pease, Standing Macroft.
Absent Headlam, Alder, Webb, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Bland.

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Election of Candidates. Sept: List elected :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
George Browne, "Navenby," Gerard-rd., Rotherham	Arthur W. Shepherd.
Charles Sayers Heap, 11 Highfield Villas, Kendal	John Edwards.
Fred. Marquis, 12 Myrtle-grove, Manchester	Y. Pickles.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Andrew D. Cowan, Benroy, Kirkintilloch, N.B.	Thomas Johnston.

3. Resignations Hugh Limebeer & Mrs Limebeer, now out of it. Desires to continue to subscribe & to do audit. accepted.

F. G. D'Veall for technical reasons: will continue to subscribe. Accepted.

4. "After Bread Ed." Sec. reported that 1500 names of Ed. Com^a members had come in from 55 County Boroughs: one refusal: 14 no repl. —

5. Book Box Enamel Labels. Further supply for 50 boxes approved.

6. Minutes of British Com^{tee} of Lab. Soc. Congress Submitted.

7. Correspondence.

Sale of Halifax Municipal Tax Distillery. Sec. reports his action. No suggestions made

The Message. Asking adot. - Take $\frac{1}{4}$ page 3 mos.
Edmund Kelly sending £10. in recognition of advice on Book received.

Brisbane Social Vanguard. asking grant of Book Box extracts. after debate agreed to write we will send books to value of £5. - if they will remit 50/- -

8. Lecture List. Sec. presented very meagre lecture list in galley proof. after debate, agreed that ^{it be} distributed & no copies whatever printed. Further that no notice of this be put in the News. -

9. Headlam's lecture. Agreed to hire chairs & not to confine to members etc.

10. Conference on Unemployed. Sep 30. agreed that Sanders be delegate.

11. Poor Law Commission. Letters from Dodd & allotments assoc. - Pease reported Paper on abolition of Guardians nearly ready. Agreed to appoint as a Com^{ee} with power to add Taylor, Standring, Galton, Welch, ~~Dodd~~, Oakeshott, Pease, Buswell. That Theodore Dodd & Miss Sellers be invited. That notice be given in news.

13. Lectures to Society.
Sir E. Verney. Lecture on "Conspiracy of Rich against Poor." Refuse offer, because full up.
H. B. Lees Smith. Offer on Economics of Minimum Wage. Say we will take it after Sanders, if there be scope for it.

14. Delegate from India. On correspondence presented
it was agreed to summon a
special meeting on Monday
Oct 9th for lecture of Keston
G. K. Gokhale C.I.E. on the Indian
Problems. Lecture to be open to
non-members, & chairs to be hired.

15. Ethical School Syllabus. agreed to send with news.

16. List of Members. Sec. presented Report
that he had gone thro' list
with Macrosty: -

29. Obscure members, address lost, were
struck out.

73. Obscure defaulting members to receive
circular No 1. ~~and~~ intimating
that they w^d be struck off in
default of reply.

9. Oxford U. members to be written about.
7. Well-known & old members to
receive Circular No 2. inviting them
to subscribe forthwith.

16 (cont'd) 17 members were reported individually. -

Agreed to strike off

J.B. McCarthy address lost

W.S. Demattos presumed dead

Percival Clulick

Mrs Stanton Blatch

To send No 1 (final) Circular to

G.A. Gaskell

Mrs & Mrs Scott Stokes.

To send No 2 - (mild) circular to

Miss Simon

W.G. Pincombe

Rev J.F. Matthews

Jules Mayry

Miss Jacobi

H.R. Aldridge

C. E. Allen.

To retain on the list

D'arcy W. Reeve

H. D'arcy Power

W. Lunn Jr. -

Of the "free list" it was reported

23 old cases taken off.

(16 cont.) Of the 4 cases reported on it was decided
to drop

W. P. Byles

Sir Hickman Bacon Bt

Herbert Samuel M.P.

& to retain

R. C. Hawkins (Fighting Club)

Of subscribers in arrears it was decided
to strike of 5 obscure cases. —

14 Other cases were left to the Secy
to deal with in his discretion.

Allen Glad
Chairman.

Executive Com^{tee} at Office Oct 13th 1905.

Present- Bland (in char) + all except
Absent Alden.

(1) The Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected, subject to completion of formalities & W.S. Mackenzie:-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Wm. Stewart McKenzie, Annfield, Larkhall, N.B.	Tom M. McKenzie.
Mrs. A. Pitkin, 2 George-st., King-st., Watford	General Secretary.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Robert M. Davie, Ellisland, Kirk-intilloch, N.B.	Hugh A. Reyburn.
J. W. Pratt, 10 Possil-rd., Glasgow	Wm. Boyd.

3. On the Minutes the Secy was instructed to write to Sir Hickman Bacon before dropping him from the subscribers' list.

4. Conference on Unemployed. Delegate reported an unsatisfactory meeting.

5. Both Boxes. Sec. reported subscribers to date 53 against 42 to same date last year. New Circular not yet issued. £40 out of £50 spent.

6. Tract Business. — Sec. 7 reported: —

All tracts in press completed.
No 42. Xtan Socialism, 4 120 after Bread, Reprinted
No 88 Growth of Monopoly, 4 74 State Functions
in New Zealand out of print + dropped.
The former already replaced by No. 124, & the
latter to be replaced by the Agent-General.
Also Leaflets 27 Questions Town Councils,
31 London's Heritage in City Guilds &
31 Municipal Water, — to be dropped
Distribution last quarter of tracts
(besides leaflets) 15,756, against
12,390 in previous quarter, & 20,528
in ~~year~~ year 1904-5. — Proceeds
6 months £ 57 against £ 35 last year.
No 5. Facts Socialists. 11,000 printed June
1904. Sold last quarter 2025. Only
6 months supply left. agreed to reprint
when necessary without revision. —
Error. Duplicates given per Mullin living.
Agreed that Standring print through
the superfluous words. —

7.) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. -

Leicester. agreed to arrange this if possible. -
Rochdale. Referred to Holson for report. -

8.) L. R. C. Conference at Belfast. -

agreed to appoint Pease Delegate + to nominate time for the Exec. -

9.) Lectures to Society. arrangements made as follows: -

- Nov 24. Sanders. Minimum Wage
- Dec. 8. Bliss. Socialism in Athens
- Jan 12. ~~St~~ Jepson on Whitman. -

10. Baby Com^a Proof census papers were discussed. Passage re amusing answers was, on division deleted. Other amendments in details were made. -

1. Political Manifesto. This was discussed vaguely. -

Cicely Chesterton

Executive Com^e at Office

27 October 1905. —

Present: Chesterton (in chair) & all except
Absent - Alden, Sanders. —

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence. Sir Hickman Bacon

Handing £5. for 10 years' sub.

Harry Roberts. Resignation accepted

British Institute. Agreed to grant

B² Set & unbound

set as complete as may be

3. Reprint. What Socialism is. agreed to
alter figures to correct ones.

4. Educational Lectures.

Rochdale. Hobson reported: referred back
for further report.

Lancaster. Headlam to be here.

Glasgow. Dodd to go.

Northampton. Referred to Hobson for report.

4 (Cont^d) Oxford. Webb said he could not lecture.

5. Birth-rate & c. Com^{tee} Revised census paper, submitted by the Com^{tee} was discussed at some length, & ultimately it was agreed to issue it as amended? the Com^{tee} B. Com^{tee}

6. Lectures to Soci^{ety}

Proposed lecture on Darwin & Shaw was discussed & ~~was~~ ultimately it was resolved by 9-2 that he be invited to lecture on Darwin. -

- Agent General of N. Z. - The Sec^y read a letter agreeing to defer lecture till Feb. or March, and asking whether we preferred a tract on N. Z. or on Australasia. Reply "as he pleases, the latter & preference".

Harrison Dods.

Executive Office 10th Nov: 1905.
Present Dodd (in chair) Welch, Galton, Mrs Shaw
all Shaw Taylor, Macrost, Headlam Pease
 Bland Standing Alden Holson Sanders
 Chesterton.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The candidates were elected subject to payment of subscription & Miss Marchant.

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Miss Mary Hankinson, 19 Briston-grove, Crouch End, N. ...	A. G. Matthews & Lawson Dodd.
Ernest Manning, Joy-st., Barnstaple	J. Littlejohns.
Miss E. V. Marchant, 52 Lower Sloane-street, S.W.	Mary G. Burnett & Edw. R. Pease.
J. Geo. Morley, 6 Sussex-place, South Kensington, S.W. ...	H. Lowerison and Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur S. Tebbutt, 54 Laurie Pk-road, Sydenham, S.E.	F. Lawson Dodd and H. R. Baylls.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F.S.	
Ernest H. Pickering, Exeter College, Oxford	A. M. Hocart.

- 3 Resignations. F.W. Donaldson: sending 2/1. accepted.
 Miss Mary Evans: going to China as a
 missionary: Refuse & keep on list
4. Birth-rate Com^{ee}. Good progress reported.
5. Fabian News. Agreed to have double number.

6. Correspondence:-

Workmans Nat. Housing Council. Delegate for Monday. Please to get any one he can.

Theodore Dodd on Extension of Poor Law. Will do whatever we can.

Free Church + Labour. Conference. Delegates. Agreed that G.B. Shaw, + S.G. Hobson be delegate.

7. Central Unemployed "Right-to-Work" Com^o - Pease reported that he had accepted as an individual invitation to join the Executive. Agreed that his action be approved.

8. MSS + Books.

Ll. Williams offer up to 100 copies of Disciplinary Education for Book Boxes. Agreed that Bland + Dodd report.

E. D. Girdlestone, suggesting reprint from Wallace's Autobiography of passages re Owen's schemes. Card from Podmore stating the passages is a paraphrase of Owen's Autobiography. Reply we can't now, but some day may reprint Soc^l works & will not forget this. -

8. MSS. & Books (cont.)

W. Moon. MSS on Socialism. Sec reported fair to middling stuff. Agreed he suggest Westminster review.

9. Educational Lectures.

Rochdale & Northampton. Hobson. No report yet.

Oxford F.S. Sec. reported he had offered to send Guest, F.S. to pay fare. Approved.

Bury. Agreed that Chesterton be asked to do a week in the north.

10. Lectures to Societ.

John Kirkby. Offer on The Cocherer. Refuse.

Lawson Dodd. Suggestion of Harrison on Provinces. Withdrawn.

Bliss. Letter saying Dec. 8th impossible, & offering Dec. 15. Agreed that we do not accept Dec. 15. —

Shaw. Agreed it be for Members & subscribers & Sec. report on larger hall than Clifford's Inn

Wells. Offer of Lecture on Pithaganda in Jan 7

10) (cont^d)

The following were agreed to

Dec. 8th Report of Com^{ee} on Poor Law Reform to be presented by Pease as a lecture

Jan 12. Jepson on Weitman, fixed

Jan 26. Private meeting for Wells.

Feb 9, 23, + Mar 9. Reeves + Weitman.

Mar 23rd. Shaw on Darwin.

1). Book Boxes + No 2 a/c. Sec. at request of Macroft, a trustee, presented the annexed reports. after discussion of the account, + of special books required, it was agreed to make formal application to the Trustees of No. 2 a/c for a further grant of £25 (if required) for the purchase of new books + boxes on the same lines as before. —

J. Kobson
24/11/1905

Report on Book Boxes.

9th. November 1905.

Subscriptions to date since 1st. April 1905		63
Do.	1904	<u>55</u>
Boxes in use	160	
Purchases since 1st. April	<u>12</u>	
Orders waiting execution		7
Boxes in hand, partly awaiting books		3
Question of Special books		
Little advertisement yet		
Expenditure to date about		\$47
Grants to date		\$50

No. 2. A/c.

Capital (excluding annuity for Rent)		\$1242. 0. 6
Interest since June 1904		<u>55.11. 6</u>
		\$1297.11.10
Grants year 1904-5	\$50	
" Current year	<u>\$50</u>	
		<u>100. 0. 0</u>
Capital remaining		\$1197.11.10
Capital expended 17 months		<u>44. 8. 6</u>
		\$1242. 0. 4.
Balance in Bank		<u>£ 90. 9. 4.</u>

Executive at Office 24th Nov. '05.

Present: Holson (in chair) Taylor, Bland, Chesterton
Dodd Pease Shaw Mrs Shaw
Macrosty — Galton

Absent: Webb, Sanders, Headlam, Alden, Slandring

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Free Church Conference. Holson & Shaw reported

3. Correspondence

Independent Review requiring us to abstain from giving notice of proposed republication before Jan. 1. —

Councillor Pincombe. Re Rating. Agreed to ask him to submit proposals.

A. G. Gaskell. Too poor to subscribe. Agreed to continue him in membership. —

4. Adots. Reformers J. B. agreed to send out adot. for 10. fee only
Bradford T. C. Year Book. Refuse

5. Reviews in Fabian News.

Formal protest from Miss Hutchins & two others, proposing that a notice be inserted that the Society is not responsible for ~~some~~ opinions expressed in reviews. After debate the Sec. was instructed to point out in reply that Fabian News has no sensible circulation beyond the members, that the signature of reviews with initials is perfectly well understood to mean that the writer alone is responsible for the opinions expressed, & that therefore the Executive does not consider any alteration necessary.

6. Educational Lecture. Sec. reported Chestertons tour in Land.

Northampton. On Hobson's report, it was agreed to arrange a course of lectures & Suell through the S. D.F.

7. Resignations W. G. Cox, on Census. Accept.
D. E. Jones (Bala)

(15)

8. Birthrate Census. Sec. reported great success so far.

Letter of protest from Mrs Carr. Agreed ~~to~~ the Sec send an explanatory reply.

9. Electricity Powers Bill. Agreed that the Electric & Transit Com^{ee} report on the situation.

10. Impending Dissolution. Agreed to call Exec for Dec. 1 if dissolution be announced.

11. Lectures to the Society.

Sec. reported he wd. be at Belfast on Jan 26. Correspondence with Wells, saying Sec. sh^d. be present at his lecture.

Agreed thereupon as follows:-

Jan 12. Wells

26 Jepson (who asked to take this date.

Writing proposed decision to defer his lecture.

Wells meeting (who at Cliffords

12. Lm for members only.

12. Wello Tract - ["]This misery of Boto" . Sec
instructed to haul him for
his offer + to ask what he
proposed.

13. Election Manifesto . Discussed + agreed that
in the event of an immediate
dissolution its issue was impossible.

14. Report on Political Recommendations
of Soviet + their results. after
discussion, it was agreed that
Shaw bring the matter over
+ report. — Stewart D. Keallan

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 8th Dec. 1905.
Present Headlam (in chair), Chesterton, Macrosty
 Hobson, Galton Taylor Pease Saunders
 Shaw Standing Dodd Bland W. Shaw
 Webb.
Absent Aldew.

- Minutes were confirmed
- The following were elected subject to payment of subscription in cases of R. Bray T. H. Davies & Jackson

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Wm. Ashmore, 68 Exeter-street, Ardwick, Manchester	Y. Pickles.
Mrs. Mary B. Berrill, Green Heys, High-road, South Woodford ...	H. M. Bernard.
Reginald Bray, L.C.C., Shere, Guildford	Sidney Webb.
Thos. Huws Davies, 34 Clarence-road, Wood Green, N.	Edw. R. Pease.
Arthur Hargreaves Heap, Grammar School, Rotherham ...	A. E. F. Horniman.
John Jackson, 9 Bridge-road, Lancaster	Percy Widdrington and A. E. [Harrison.]
C. B. Jones, c/o City Safe Deposit Co., Throgmorton-avenue, E.C.	Mary Forster and Edw. R. Pease.
Edmund Osborne, 29 Lovely-lane, Warrington	Gen. Sec.
Miss Dorothy Richardson, 140 Harley street, W.	H. G. Wells and Edw. R. Pease.
Tempest H. Riddeth, 39 Arnold-road, Tottenham, N.	Edw. R. Pease & H. Bond Holding.
Daniel Robinson, 8 Woodfield-avenue, Ealing, W.	Frank Ackroyd & G. R. S. Taylor.
Miss Estelle Ross, 28 Gloucester-crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.	[M. C. Calthrop.]
Clifford Sharp, 39 Victoria-street, S.W.	Richard Whiteing and Muriel Edw. R. Pease and Boyd Dawson
Mrs. H. G. Wells, Spade House, Sandgate, Kent	H. G. Wells.
Mrs. A. Wills, Brewod, Stafford	H. M. Bernard.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Maxwell Struthers Burt, Merton College, Oxford	A. M. Hocart.
Reginald M. Hewitt, Ripponden, Halifax	A. M. Hocart.
F. W. Kolthamminer, Brasenose College	A. M. Hocart.
Eric W. Sutton, St. John's College	A. M. Hocart.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Thos. Robertson McRorie, West Manse, Strathaven	Hugh A. Reyburn.

* Not elected by 5 April. '06
 no sub. paid

3. Correspondence:-

Miss Evans, Gladly accepting continued membership

Miss Clapperton, asking us to send out advt. of her book. Yes.

Rev J. F. Matthews: Offering to resign on acc of Poverty. Agreed to excuse from subscription for present.

4. County Lectures

Chesterton's Tour Jan 14.21. - agreed after discussion, in view of General Election, to cancel arrangements made, & defer tour to later date.

Northampton - Sec. reported no action taken for same reason.

5. Internat. Socy. Com^{ee}. Hobson reported

that the Com^{ee} had met, & that the Socy was liable for $\frac{1}{7}^{\text{th}}$ of the cost, estimated not to exceed £8.

Agreed that the Sec. be authorized to pay not exceeding $\frac{1}{7}^{\text{th}}$ + £8. -

6. Minimum Wage.

Sec. reported fee of £20. received from Mrs. Shaw. Agreed after discussion that the same be paid to Ald. Sanders. - Agreed further that the paper be set up at convenience & referred to the old Minimum Wage Com^{tee} (Mrs Shaw Macrosty, Hobson + Secy) with Webb, Chesterton + Guesor added, for report.

7. Election Business

Review of questions. Agreed that there be none. Election Manifesto: (Bland etc). Deferred till after election.

Candidates + appeal. Sec reported 1 Socialist org, 8 L. R. C. 2 Liberal-Labour + 2 Liberal, (so far as yet reported) to be the members standing. - Agreed after discussion to print list in News, & ask for subscriptions. Further to point out that of these only two S. G. Hobson (Soc^l) + W Sanders (L.R.C.)

7 (cont') were dependent on local subscriptions alone, apart from any central fund, & that in default of allocation, any funds contributed would be given to them. —

appeal re Sanders from Portsmouth. Answer ~~was~~ stating above named proposal. —

8. Letter to Cabinet. Webb announced that the MS. was nearly ready. His suggestion to publish first in a magazine was approved. Failing that, decision as to date was deferred. — It was agreed to call a members meeting for Lower Essex Hall on Friday Dec. 15, & to send notices to all members of Society.

9. Meetings &c of Society. —
Lecture on charity offered by Dr Whitehouse & refused.

9. Meeting & cont'd.

Letters read from Wells - agreed

- (a) To hold his Faults of Fabian meeting at on Jan 12th as proposed.
- (b) To call meeting for 7.30.
- (c) To ask leave to reprint This Inquiry of 1905 (Lond. Rev. Article) on Jan 12. -
- (d) Reformat, to write Wells that we will print it in any form agreed upon with him, & if necessary will print another edition for our series.

Belfast Conference. Sec. reported this off.

Feb 9. agreed to keep this date open for a while

Les Smith's offer of lecture on Minimum Wage. Sanders reported the lecture to be doctrinaire economics, & it was agreed that offer be declined.

(10) next meeting fixed for Dec. 15.

D. R. Macrosty

Executive Office 15th Decr 1905.

Present. Macross (in chair) Standring Galton
Dodd, Bland Shew, Mr Shew,
Taylor, Headlam Peace Chesterton
Holson Webb

Absent Alden Sanders.

7. Present.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Workmens Nat Housing Council. Agreed to
renew affiliation of 5/-

Sanitary Inspectors Assn. Protest against an
charge that Inspectors are corrupt in
published in our Municipal Milk Tract.

After a long & confused debate
it was agreed that the Sec. send
a provisional reply: that he submit
draft of full reply on ~~lines~~ the
numerous lines suggested to the next
meeting, & that his reply be sent
also to the press. —

3. Report on abolition of Poor Law. senior
 Sec. reported it received with out-^{er} opposition
 by a crowded meeting. Also letter from
 Mrs Townsend. agreed that he adopt
 her suggestion, & have Ms. set up.

4. The "Intercepted Letter". Ms. was read &
 well & generally approved.
 Webb reported that the ~~XXX~~ Century
 refused permission to republish
 & he had arranged with the
 National to print it.

5. It was agreed to call the next meeting
 on ~~Jan~~ ^{Dec} 29th

Melville Board
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Exec. at Office Dec. 29, 1905. -
Present: (Bland in chair) Macrosty, Deadlam,
Chesterton Holson Pease Shaw Standring
Sanders.
Absent: Webb, Mr. Shaw, Taylor Galton Dodd Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

Dr. S.R. Jones re offer of ¹⁰⁰ family budgets.
Agreed to ask him if he
can get information on
lines of our census.

The Tribune. Asking for Tract. Send
Bound Set.

L.R.C. List of Candidates re.
Knows Noble. Legacy of £5 from
R. S. F. Willis dec^d.

3. Purge of members. Requests to be excused sub:
J. B. Williams. Libel action. Grant
F. Bower Alcock Financial losses Refuse
H. W. Eslyne Bankruptcy Grant.

4. Municipal Nth Letter. Deferred

5. Two Intercepted Letters.

Letters re Women's Suffrage. Mr. Rowe. noted.
Re Publication of Tract. Agreed after
discussion not to do so.

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6. Lectures to the Society.

Arrangements as reported by Sec. approved.
Wells on Boots; agreed to have open
meeting & extra chairs.

Higg's Paper. Deferred.

F. Death. Suggested Lecture on French
Socialism in French. Refuse.

7. New Tracts Agreed to give notice for
Jan. 12 to publish.

Two Misery of Boots.

Minimum Wage

Abolition of Poor Law.

8. General Election. Draft par. for
News was discussed, amended,

& adopted.

It was agreed that the Secy with cordial good wishes of Exec. to Hyndman at Burnley & that this be announced in F. News. —

9. Business of Wells' "Faults" Meeting.

This was discussed at some length, & it was ultimately agreed that Bland request Wells to send the form of his resolution before the Exec on Jan 12, & that notice be placed on the agenda of proposal that the Exec. concur in proposal so to alter the rules as to defer the Exec election till after the Report of the Com^{ee} proposed by Wells. —

G. Bernard Shaw.

12/1/06.

Executive at Office 12 Jan. 1906. —

Present Shaw (in chair), Hadlam, Bland, Maerdyk
Wells, Staudring Pease Chesterton
Dodd Mrs Shaw

Absent, at Electioneering, Sanders, Alden Holson Taylor
Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Resignations.
 Miss Neville ? C.O.S. accept.
 W. D. Clayton " "
 Mrs J. M. Robertson " "
 Joseph A. Harris. Excuse from sub.
3. Rules. Sec. authorised to reprint.
4. Municipal Milk. Deferred.
5. Election Fund. Sec. reported £ 37.
 received. Agreed that he pay out
 as allocated by donors & balance
 divided between Holson & Sanders.

6. The following were elected except
Stanton Coit, Form not received
 & subject to subscription in case of
Mrs J. E. Stratton &
Mrs Lion Phillimore
 & letters in case of
H. Harullon Fyfe : —

Henry Adkins, M.A., B.C.S., New University Club, St. James' street, S.W.	F. Pellatt Elkington & H. Snell.
W. J. Baker, 1 Chestnut-grove, Balham, S.W.	Ben Cooper & Wm. Sanders.
Mrs. W. J. Baker, 1 Chestnut-grove, Balham, S.W.	Ben Cooper & Wm. Sanders.
W. H. Bean, 158 Briggate, Leeds. Stanton Coit, Ph.D., 30 Hyde Park-gate, S.W.	Holbrook Jackson.
William A. Colegate, 206 Denmark-hill, S.E.	W. Sanders & S. G. Hobson.
Mrs. L. E. Constantine, 41 Crescent-road, Wood Green, N.	Clifford Sharp & Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. Cunningham, 93 St. Martin's-lane, W.C.	A. K. Constantine & Thos. Bond.
Thomas Freeman, 93 Wanstead Park-avenue, Manor Park, E.	Edw. R. Pease.
H. Hamilton Fyfe, 16 Cheyne-row, Chelsea, S.W.	Walter J. Read & Edw. R. Pease.
B. S. Gilbert, Ivy House, Billinghay, Lincoln	H. G. Wells & A. C. Wells.
Gerald Gould, 7 Elm Gardens, Beck Green, W.	H. G. Wells.
R. Valentine Crover, 51 Rolling-ton-park, N.	J. McKillop & Clifford Sharp.
Miss Constance Low, M.A., 92 Christ Church-road, Tulse-hill, S.W.	E. Norton & Chas. G. Lowman.
Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, 5 Verulam-buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C.	Clifford Sharp & Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Rose Moore, 45 Hillfield-road, West End-lane, Hampstead, N.W.	C. A. Mitchell & Noel Griffith.
Mrs. Lionel E. Newton, Hill Brow, Caterham	Julle Moore & Edw. R. Pease.
Mrs. R. C. Phillimore, Kendals, Elstree, Herts	A. J. Newton & Lawson Dodd.
John W. Price, 161 Clarendon-road, Whalley Range, Manchester	Charlotte F. Shaw.
G. H. Purney, 44 Weymouth-st., Watford	Thos. Foster.
Miss Gladys Scott, 52 Sydenham-road, Croydon	Secretary.
Rev. C. Wm. Steffens, 13 Wrotham-road, Camden Town, N.W.	E. F. Harrison & H. A. Oakshott.
Mrs. J. E. Stratton, 141 Jamaica-road, Bermondsey, S.E.	J. C. Pringle & R. W. Pringle.
Wm. Taylor, 61 Burnley-road, Padiham, Lancs.	J. E. Stratton & Ellis G. Goldie
Mrs. T. Wilson, 30 Red Lion-square, W.C.	Thos. Foster.
	Harry Snell & Thos. Wilson.

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William S. Alexander, Sunnyside Cottage, Kirkinthloch	Hugh A. Reyburn.
Geo. Fletcher, Glencarn, Kirkinthloch, N.B.	" "
John F. Macdonald, 262 Bath-street, Glasgow	" "
R. W. Roxburgh, 6 Levenford-terrace, Dumbarton, N.B.	" "

7. Correspondence.

J.G. Loraine. Death of Mrs Loraine
Bristol Soc^y Soc^y Resolution re Soc^y Unit^y
Acknowledge.

M.E. Lange. asking permission to revise
Tract 8. Facts Londoners, who
issued by L.R.U. - Grant it

S. Peere asking permission to translate
F. essays into Russian. Say we
have no rights, as Russia is outside
copyright-convention, & period has
expired.

H.M. Hyndman. Cordial thanks.

J.B. Williams Thanks for retention on list

A.W. Gloyne " " " "

National Review. Sending £20.

Hon. D. M. Charleston. Cordial letter.

8. Strand Improvement. Memorial to L.C.C. re
Kingway Island. -

after discussion it was resolved
by a majority after division, that
the Sec. sign on behalf of the Soc^y

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9. International Soc^y Proposal to S. O. F that
we support meeting at Memorial
Hall on Jan 22 to protest against
Russian repression, as desired by the
International Com^{ee} - agreed
that Standing & Chesterton
be speakers & that 2/- be
sent. -

10. Soc^y Meetings . agreed not to
fill Mar 9 at present.

11. Shaw's Lecture Mar 23. On report
of Sec. 4 agreed to take Essex Hall

12. Well's Meeting Feb 9. Sec. ordered not
to allow any non-members to attend,
but in view of Hooper's recent services,
this letter, not to officially notice
Mrs Hooper. -

His resolutions re Exec. Election.
Discussed & journeyed for
draft. -

13. Poor Law Tract. Agreed that the P.L.
Com^{ee} with Shaw + Chesterlow
added, complete the Tract for press.

J. R. J. Taylor

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 26 Jan. 1906
Present Taylor (in chair), Hobson, Dodd, Macrae,
Peace Headlam, Sanders Slandring
W^{rs} Shaw Bland Chesterton Webb Shaw
absent- Alden M.P., & Salton.

- (1). Minutes were confirmed.
- (2). Election Fund. Sec. reported a further ~~come~~ donation of £ 7/6^d. received, which he deemed too small to divide. The chairman, by order, tossed a coin, & ~~is~~ the verdict thereof allotted the sum to Hobson's Fund.
- (3). Elections & Resignations
Dr. Stanton Coit. application form submitted.
Elect on payment.
W^{rs} Mole, asking to be reinstated on death of her son
agreed.
Miss F. M. Stewart. Resignation. accept
Dr. Aug. Walker. Resignation on account of
poverty, after debate, agreed to
excuse sub, but express hope it will come.

4) Correspondence

F. S. Green offering to lecture at 21/- & withdrawing offer.

F. W. Hayes, suggesting reprint of Hefetarchy Tracts without word Soc^m on adob. page.

Sec. instructed to send a civil refusal.

Arthur Pitson, asking if an attempt to attend a meeting frustrated & overcrowding, counts. Yes.

C. W. Beckett. Re sending Garden City Suburb Circular. Charge 10/-.

Boyd Dawson, suggesting lecture on Mill. ask Univ.

John Burns Forwarding letter of man who wants to borrow books. Agreed to lend them.

J. Andrews. Suggesting dinner to Fabian M. P. Discussed at some length, & adjourned to next meeting.

5) "This Nursery of Bols" Sec. reported cheque for Peds. received from Wells. Indtd

Also that he desired to defer printing this till series be ready

6) "Reprint of Rules" - Agreed instead of Ninte 3 Jan 12 to reprint the whole of the Annual Report

(7) Municipal Milk correspondence. Draft prepared by Sec. 7 + extensively amended by Shaw was adopted, & ordered to be sent.

(8) Adopt. on Cover of L.P.C. Report. Agreed to take vers again at £4.4.0 as before.

(9) Election results. Sec. reported results to date.

(10) Wells' Meeting Feb 9th. Agreed to take Essex Hall.

Wells resolutions. Sec. presented resolutions as drafted by Wells after correspondence. — Agreed that the Exec. Com^{ee} ~~concern~~

~~in both~~ welcome both. Chairman. Olivier to be invited.

Time 7.30. — Debate to be "in Com^{ee}"
Adjournment. To be avoided if possible

(11) Place of Meeting In view of Crowding the Sec. was instructed to take Essex Hall for Ruskin (Feb 23) & for other dates

unless there be reason to the contrary -

(12) Reprint of the "Intercepted Letter"

Letter from Newton suggesting this -
after prolonged debate, it was agreed
nem. con. to reprint 2000 copies headed
Reprinted from the National Review, &
to send 1000 thereof to members
of the Society. -

(13) Socialist Policy of Labour Party in Parliament

on the motion of Bland, after a
long debate, it was agreed that
a Comtee (on Executive Business only)
be appointed consisting of Hobson
Bland, Sanders, Macrobert, Shaw
Taylor, Chesterton, Peace, & to prepare
a tract on the above subject: that the
Comtee meet on Feb 2: that Bland prepare
draft scheme: & that notice be sent
to the other members, ^{of the Comtee} who shall have
power to attend.

F. W. Galton
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Executive at Office 9th Feb. 1906.

Present Galton (in chair) & all except
Absent Aldew, Mrs Shaw, Sanders, Wells

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed, & it was agreed to send thanks to Wells for his £20.—
2. Election of Candidates. all elected, subject in several cases to payment of sh^{rs}, or provision of letters from nominators. Sec. instructed to write Miss Hooke (subscriber of 2/-) that the Exec demurs to elect subscribers of less than 5/-
For list see opposite.
3. Resignations ~~to~~. Mrs Clare Jerrold. accepted.
4. Purge. The following list (see next page) were ordered to be struck off, subject to reinstatement of any who pay up. —
5. Donor to M.P. Referred to the Comtee who appointed ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~Comtee~~ hereafter

CANDIDATES

Miss Marion Berry, 11 Bedford-place, W.C.
 Mrs. Raymond Nesbit Bland, 11 Weal Hall, Eitham, Kent
 Harold C. Booth, 11 Lavenham-road, Southfields, S.W.
 Charles E. Burbridge, 58 Churston-avenue, Plaistow, E.
 Miss Sophia Cardozo, 148 Drake-fall-road, Brockley, S.E.
 Geo. Bernard Cole, 4 Writtemberg-street, Clapham, S.W.
 H. Yeats Edwards, 7 Park-road, Watford
 Mrs. Sydney King Farlow, 26 Emperor's-gate, S.W.
 Miss Rose Gardner, Bertram House, Sidcup, Kent
 A. E. R. Gill, 20 Black Lion-lane, Hammersmith, W.
 Mrs. L. Haden Guest, 62 Cambridge-mansions, Battersea Park, S.W.
 L. Haden Guest & E. R. Pease.

L. Haden Guest & E. R. Pease.
 Hubert Bland & Cecil Chesterton.
 Daniel Robinson & F. Ackroyd.
 M. O'Brien Harris & W. G. S. Coad
 M. Grover & H. Snell.
 J. Andrews & Wm. Sanders.
 Geo. H. Purney.
 M. McKillop & J. McKillop.
 H. G. Wells.
 F. Stuttgart & C. W. Beckett.
 L. Haden Guest & E. R. Pease.

Miss Beatrice Hooke, 28 Solon New-road, Clapham, S.W.
 R. Basil James, 225 Croxeted-road, Dulwich, S.E.
 Stephen S. J. Knight, 26 Ingatestone-road, Woodford Green, Essex
 Miss A. L. Low, 11 Bedford-place, W.C.
 Rev. E. G. Maxted, 14 Langley-mansions, Vauxhall Park, S.W.
 Alex. Miller, Braithwaite House, Campden, Glos.
 E. W. Nicholls, 18 North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.
 P. W. Peacock, 15 Cheyne-row, Chelsea, S.W.
 Thomas Phippen, 183 Norwood-road, S.E.
 Wm. Ramsden, Harrogate
 Mrs. W. P. Reeves, 22 Prince of Wales-terrace, Kensington, W.
 Cosmo Rowe, 41 Mason's-avenue, Wealdstone, Middlesex
 F. Gurney Salter, 40 Labroke-road, W.
 Thomas Bayard Simmons, 5 Heathfield-road, Croydon
 Frederick Thoresby, 99 High-bury-quadrant, N.
 Rev. S. Claude Tickell, St. Mary's Rectory, Stamford, Lincs.
 Thos. Turner, 1 Caledon-road, East Ham, E.
 Thos. Walker, Midland Printing Works, Charles-street, Shipley, Yorks.
 Joseph T. Whitehead, 937 Ashton Old-road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester
 GLASGOW F. S.
 Thomas Lockrie, 103 Annfield-street, Glasgow
 David Richmond, 2 Station-road, Busby, N.B.
 Wm. Roxburgh, 16 Wardlawhill-street, Rutherglen, N.B.
 George P. Young, Burnside Cottage, Colston, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow
 John R. Orr, 135 Bellfield-street, Dennistoun, Glasgow
 Andrew Patterson, 5 Kilbowie-cottages, Clydebank, Glasgow.
 R. W. Sutherland, 3 Queen Margaret-place, Kelvinside N., Glasgow
 M. B. Murby & F. Kettle.
 J. W. Shaw & E. R. Pease.
 T. C. D. Williams & C. W. Beckett.
 J. W. Shaw & L. Haden Guest.
 L. Haden Guest & E. R. Pease.
 Archibald Ramage.
 Mary Forster & Rose F. Petty.
 F. Kettle & M. B. Murby.
 J. F. Dodd & T. A. Leonard.
 E. R. Pease.
 Catherine Wells & H. G. Wells.
 Harry Phillips & Wm. Sanders.
 R. C. K. Ensor & R. V. Vernon.
 Ernest Williams & Mary Groves
 Edgar Jepson & E. R. Pease.
 Secretary.
 John Andrews & C. B. Jones.
 Secretary.
 Secretary.
 Robert Pollok & Thos. Johnstone
 Robert Pollok & J. McLaren.
 Robert Pollok & Robert Hardie.
 Robert Pollok & R. McLaurin.
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 Hugh A. Reayburn.
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List of Members to be purged.

Bartlett, Mr. & Mrs. W.W.
Benson, J. W.
Bicker-Caarten, D.
Bradley, Harold.
Buckingham, J.H.
Carpenter, Bert.
Clark, Andrew
Cox, Mr. & Mrs. A.
Currie, Miss Jessie
Edds, J.
Garrity, Edw.
Gorniot, Thos.
Guthrie, Herbert
Hardy, A. P.
Henderson, F. R.
Hildesheim, Oscar
Hirsch, Dr. Albert
Holland, A.W.
Horsnail, Miss Grace
Mundell, Ben
Peeley, A. E.
Stokes, Mr. & Mrs. Scott.
Taylor, Humphrey
Wolfner, Dr. Paul
Wright, Rev. G. C.

Ex-University Members.
25 Ex-University members of Glasgow, Bala and
The University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

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6. Correspondence

T. Porter Suggesting republishing G. B. S. on the
Tactics of the Future.

Say it is not exact on line.

S. D. F. Asking further grant to Russian
Meeting wh. cost £14. Send 2/-

Art Workers Guild. Re cancelling of ~~line~~ ^{bookings} of Hall
Thank for letting us off.

Boyd Dawson. Accept offer of Mill,
subject to future arrangements
for lectures.

John Edwards. Agree to put Liverpool notices in
news. —

Rider Haggard. Re lectures. Ask him to
lecture to us on Mar. 16. —

7. Dinner to M. P. O. Letter from Machar.
After discussion, agreed to
refer to the new Com^e to be appointed

8. Program Com^e Good Progress reported.

9. Reprint Track 51. Agreed to. —

10. The Wells agitation.

(a) Letter from him desiring that his Paper be printed in full in the news, & offering to contribute towards the expense.

Discussed, & deferred.

(h) Sec. 7 ordered to write Wells:-

(A) that the Exec. Com^{ee} desire all to be members of the proposed Com^{ee}.

(B) that we will put on any members he nominates within reason as to numbers.

(Y) Date of next Exec. - In view of the L.R.C. Conference the next week, & the inconvenience of any other day, it ^{was} resolved to meet again on Mar 23rd

11. Lecture Arrangements : agreed as follows:-

Mar 9. Members' meeting for the Police Track at Cliffords Inn.

Literary Lectures. Agreed that no more be booked, except waiting for the present.

W. H. Wells

To the Members of the
Executive Committee.
Executive Committee.

(5)

Wells and the Executive.

Wells wrote me after the issue of the last circular, asking if he could confer with the Executive.

Bland and Macrosty have objected to asking Wells to attend on the 23rd. The rest (I think) concur with the proposal.

In view of the already considerable delay, and of Wells's projected visit to America in March, it seems important to meet him (in both senses) at once, and as suggested by Chesterton I now propose:-

That the Executive Committee assemble at 5. 0'clock on the 23rd. and that Wells be asked to attend at 6. 0'clock to confer.

I shall act on this proposal unless objection be made by Friday morning.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, W. C.
13th, February, 1906.

To the Members of the
Executive Committee.

(12)

(1) It seems to me that the best way to settle two points in dispute with Wells, viz.

(a) Whether the Committee consist of (roughly) 10 or 30 members and who they are to be

(b) Whether his paper be printed in full in Fabian News (with or without correction of historical errors) is to invite him to be present at the next Executive Meeting on February 23rd.

Will you please let me know your view by Wednesday morning ?

Absence of reply by that date will be held to signify acquiescence

I shall not act if there is serious divergency of opinion.

(2) I understand that no objection is raised to my sending the Intercepted Letter to Members of Parliament.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Society,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
10th, February, 1906.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 23rd Feb. '06
Present Wells in chair & all except
Absent. Sanders absent.
H. G. Wells was present at intervals. -

1. Minutes were conformed.

2. Correspondence. W. L. Thomas: on Prop^o Repⁿ Noted.
Priscilla Haggard. Declining to lecture.
Herbert Day on result of circulating
Lodge's Tract. Noted.
Sanitary Inspectors Assn, asking list
of Convictions. Referred
to Lawson Dodd.

3. Tract 85. Liquor Licensing. After discussion
Pease directed to bring up to
date in respect of law, or a
postscript or otherwise &
reprint a few from stereos.

4. Noel's Book on Labor. Add. to go out free.

5. New Local Societies reported

Cam. Univ.	Formed
Victoria Univ. Manchester	Contemplated
Manchester City	- -
Derby	- -

6. Typewriter

Sec. reported the old one bought 1892
 c? he no longer repaired.
 Agreed that he buy a new one. -

7. Society Lecture

Mar 9. After discussion, Bland reported
 that the Labour Program c? not be ready.
 Agreed to ask Josiah Wedgwood to give
 the lecture offered on Municipal
 Capital: failing him Reeves on Australian
 Labour Party. -

Mar 23rd. Shaw on Darwin. Agreed
 that members & subscribers alone
 can attend. -

8. International Soc^y Com^o

Letter from Green asking
 for £14 per annum. Sec. to make enquiries.

9. The Wells Com^{ee} - This was discussed at length, & it was ultimately moved by Bland: -

That the Executive adhere to its determination to appoint a Committee of 30. -

For the resolution Bland, Chesterton, Macrosty, Galton, Shaw. 5

Against: - Taylor, Holson, Mrs Shaw, Headlam Standing Webb, Pease. 7. -

Resolution therefore lost. -

Shaw moved

That the Exec. refuse to appoint any of its members to the Com^{ee}. -

For this only 3 voted, & it was declared to be lost. -

It was then agreed that Wells be informed that in view of his ~~objections~~ ^{objections} unwillingness to accept any other plan, the Executive consented to appoint the Com^{ee} on his nomination: and that it would not object to any of its members willing to do so, serving on the Com^{ee}. - It was further

The opinion of the Executive that the Secretary should not be a member of the Comtee -

Wells ~~has~~ on being informed of this (except the last clause) then proposed the following names; the members of the Executive nominated accepted nomination, except Pease who declined:

- Sydney Olivier
- Stanton Coit
- A. G. Colegate
- Haden Guest
- H. G. Wells ^{Mrs Pease}
- Mrs Wells
- Mrs Shaw
- Rev. S. D. Headlam
- G. R. S. Taylor -



Committee appointed.

accepted {

10 in all.

declined. Pease.

It was agreed that Wells be convenor, & that the office, & office staff be entirely at the service of the comtee. : further that any member of the Exce. would attend to give evidence if desired. ~~Wells~~ Wells asked that the Exce. empower

the Comtee to add to its number: but this was declined, ~~as~~ on the ground that the Executive was instructed to appoint the Comtee & they could not relinquish this power. —

10. Faults of the Fabian Paper. ~~There was~~

The proposal to print this paper in full in Fabian News was then discussed (in the absence of Wells).

It was agreed to decline his offer to pay for the printing, though any subscription to the funds would of course be accepted. —

After a long debate the proposal to print in Fabian News was negatived, & as a compromise it was resolved by 9-3

That the Executive offer to Wells to print the paper in full for circulation to members of the Society only. —

This was communicated to Wells, & he declined to consent, stating

that he should himself publish the Paper. —
Wells then left. —

It was then agreed that Wells be asked to
prepare for Fabian News a summary in the
ordinary form, not exceeding 1 1/2 columns,
& failing that, that he allow the Secretary
to make such a summary in the
usual way. —

Julius Ward

(14)

Memorandum sent at the request of Sidney Webb.

On Saturday night (14th) I received from H. G. Wells
the following telegram:-

"Have been reconsidering recent discussion will arrange
"lecture abbreviated and corrected in friendly spirit
"as considered pamphlet to members only provided it
"can be printed forthcoming to go to members at latest
"March 15. Can you arrange with Executive and let me
"know Tuesday Wells"

I have replied by letter merely saying that I would send
his telegram to Pease for circulation to Executive on Monday but
that I did not see how a decision could be given before Friday's
meeting, when he should have a telegram; and that if the
Executive so decided, it would be possible to circulate the
pamphlet as soon as it could be printed.

(My view is that we should accept this withdrawal of his
hasty refusal of the Executive proposal; and proceed to carry it
out (i.e. send his revised version in pamphlet form to members
only, specially so marked, as enclosure to March Fabian News,
delaying issue for this purpose.

(Signed) Sidney Webb (25/2/06).

I assume that Wells' proposal will be accepted, and shall,
unless objection is made, get on with the printing of the paper.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
26th. February, 1906.

Edw. R. Pease

[Handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, including "Cy", "Edw", "Pease", "Fabian", "Office", "3, Clements Inn", "Strand", "W.C.", "26th. February, 1906."]

Exec. at Office 2nd Mar. 1906.
Present- Bland (in chair) + all except
Alden, absent.

(1) Minutes were confirmed.

(2) Circular letter annexed. The Secs. action as proposed therein, was approved.

(3) Correspondence:-

First May Celebration. Agreed to take no action on Circular, but to write that 11/3^d is due to the Society for Tracts supplied.

British Institute of Social Service. Appointment of Delegate. Peace confirmed.

Mrs Grover suggesting tract on Adulterated Foods agreed to refer to Mrs Hodgkinson.

(4) International Soc^y Bureau. On Report of Enquiries of Sec. agreed to send £7. to state that our undertaking was limited to £8.

and any further grant beyond this must be the subject of a fresh application. (6)

(5) Wells & his Com^{ce} The Special Com^{ce}

- (a) Proof of ~~the~~ Reprint of the Wells lecture was submitted. It was agreed to delete one line in the introductory paragraph, & the whole of the report of the meeting. —
- (b) Proof of Report of Meeting &c. for the News was submitted, amended & approved.
- (c) ~~and~~ The Sec. reported that several newspapers had sent interviewers & that he had used his discretion in giving them information. — After discussion it was agreed that the Exec. give the Secy no instructions in the matter. (7)

(6) Meeting of the Society. Sec. reported that for Mar 9th Wedgwood was engaged + W. P. Reeves was

16) Meeting of Societ (cont^d)

unable to be read. We had therefore looked up Mr W. P. Reeves on Womens Franchise in N. 3. approved.

Mar. 23rd Show on Darwin. —

Agreed that the ~~to~~ lecture cards have printed on them

For operators

This meeting is confined to members + subscribers

Not transferable

No admission without production of the ticket.

April 6 - agreed to ask Wedgwood

23. Conrad Noel offered lecture on Tennison. agreed to ask him for this date.

May 11. Members Meeting on Policy.

7) Associates On motion of Bland it was agreed to write the ^{Special} Wells Com^{tee} that

the spec. desires to take advantage of the Room covered by the Genl. Election etc, to form ~~a~~ a new order of Associates of those in general sympathy with Fabian

(7) Associates cont^d

objects, as suggested by Mr. Simmons, & to ask the Com^{tee} their opinion on the proposed action. —

Recd (Rev) P. M.

Executive Com^e Meeting 9th March 1905

Present, Chesterton (in chair) & all except
Absent - Alden. -

- 1. Minutes were confirmed, with one amendment.
- 2. The candidates on the next page were elected subject to payment of subscription & completion of formalities in one or two cases. -

3. Correspondence.

Invitation to Strand Sup. Conference. Headlam to go.
Green Further letter on Int. Soc^y Com^e noted.
Libary Assocⁿ on Governmental areas. No delegate would offer. -
F. Brocklehurst on the old & the new.

- 4. Associates. Reply from the ~~the~~ Special Council to the effect that they regarded the proposal as premature. On the motion of Bland, it was agreed that the Exec. Com^e approve the proposal in principle, & the Sec. was instructed

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

Mrs. Grant Allen, 35 St. Thomas's-mansions, Westminster Bridge, S.E. ... C. Wells & Fred Whelen.
 Miss Bidlake, 12 Great Ormond-street, W.C. ... Mary Forster & L. Haden Guest.
 Cecil E. Catford, 15 Phelp-street, Waltham, S.E. ... M. O'Brien Harris & J. T. Harris.
 Henry Clemens, 77 York-road, East-Ham, E. ... W. A. Colegate & E. R. Pease.
 R. W. Coit, 3 Green-street, Cambridge ... L. Haden Guest.
 H. G. Corner, 4 Helix-gardens, Brixton Hill, S.W. ... E. W. Nicholls & Rose Gardner.
 Miss C. R. Emery, Howardene, Garden City, Letchworth, Herts. ... P. R. Pratt & Rose Armstrong.
 R. Lord Gifford, Blackburn ... Thos. Foster.
 Aubrey Goodes, Ferndale, Stanley-road, Hornchurch ... F. W. Galton.
 B. Kirkman Gray, 6 Christchurch-place, Hampstead, N.W. ... F. Lawson Dodd & Sidney Webb.
 W. S. Clayton Greene, 2 Garden-court, Temple, E.C. ... Edw. R. Pease & F. W. Galton.
 Mrs. N. L. Griffith, 30 Montague-street, Bloomsbury, W.C. ... Hubert Bland & Noel Griffith.
 James Hodgkinson, 50 Lower Greaves, Lancaster ... Percy E. T. Widdrington.
 Ernest G. Inman, 8 Canterbury-road, Leyton, Essex ... E. F. Jones & T. H. Ridpeth.
 Lionel Kingsley, 26 Bassingham-rd., Wandsworth Common, S.W. ... Edw. R. Pease & G. H. Wood.
 Rev. C. F. Kite, Clergy House, Chislehurst, Kent ... Edw. R. Pease.
 Miss E. C. Macrone, 126 Adelaide-road, N.W. ... Amy Spencer & F. H. Spencer.
 Miss Milner, 15 Quernmore-road, Lancaster ... Percy E. T. Widdrington.
 R. Barry Parker, Baldoak, Herts. ... F. Lawson Dodd.
 W. H. Perkins, 16 Ebberston-terrace, Hyde Park, Leeds ... Fred Marquis.
 W. Chas. Potter, 17 Union-road, Vicarage-lane, West Ham, E. ... W. A. Colegate & Edw. R. Pease.
 A. G. Reynolds, 24 North-villas, Camden-square, N.W. ... Wm. Betts & Mrs. Betts.
 Oswald B. Richardson, Mosscroft, Gateshead-on-Tyne ... Paul Stacy.
 F. B. Sinclair, Market Place-buildings, Sheffield ... Secretary.
 Miss Maud Smith, 6 Hall-road, Rusholme, Manchester ... Fred Marquis.
 F. H. Spencer, 17 Tiverton-mansions, Gray's Inn-road, W.C. ... A. Spencer & Edw. R. Pease.
 Louis Williams, 61 Dudley-road, Tipton, Staffs. ... Secretary.

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Miss Allan, 2 Vinicombe-street, Hillhead, Glasgow ... John McLaren & A. J. H. Moffat.
 Geo. W. Clarke, 4 Melrose-avenue, Rutherglen, Glasgow ... R. McLaurin & John McLaren.
 Thos. Collinge, Brier Bank, Potterhill, Paisley ... John McLaren & James Meldrum.
 Rev. Chas. Hall, "Meersbrook" Meikleriggs, Paisley ... James Meldrum & John McLaren.
 Mrs. C. A. Hall, "Meersbrook" Meikleriggs, Paisley ... James Meldrum & John McLaren.
 Miss Jessie M. King, 101 St. Vincent-street ... John McLaurin & Robert Pollok.
 Niman Macwhannell, 1, 366 Pollokshaw-road, Glasgow ... W. Twaddle & J. McLaren.
 A. E. Clarke White, 10 Bothwell-terrace, Shawlands, Glasgow ... John McLaren & Robert Pollok.
 Allan H. Wilson, 122 Balgray-hill, Springburn, Glasgow ... Robert Pollok & John McLaren.

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James B. Galbraith, I Wenderow-crescent, Mount Florida, Glas.
 Jas. Jack, 6 Donaldson-street, Kilmarnock, N.B.
 David K. Platen, Ashburne, Parkhill, Glasgow

Hugh A. Reyburn.
 Hugh A. Reyburn.
 Hugh A. Reyburn.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.

Wm. Burridge, Christ Church, Oxford ...
 A. M. Eocart.

(4) Associates (cont^d)

to bring up a draft alteration of rules & form of application for signature, ~~emph~~ embodying General agreement with the objects & a 10/6 subscription. —

(5). Country Lectures. On the motion of Macroby the country lecture plans abandoned at the time of the Gen. Election were reconsidered & it was agreed that it is too late to attempt them this season. — After further discussion it was agreed that Sanders Macroby Galton Chesterton & Pease be a com^{ee} to report on lecture schemes for the autumn. —

(6.) Fabian Festival or Dinner. Sec. reported that the Special Com^{ee} declined to take over consideration of the matter. After discussion it was agreed that Lawson Dodd be a com^{ee} to prepare a report & project for a ~~the~~ Soiree or other entertainment ~~at~~ other than a dinner. —

(7.) Circular to M.P.'s. - after discussion it
was agreed that Sec. 7 prepare draft
circular to M.P.'s regarding the Poor Law
Act, & inviting subscriptions & purchase
of bound Tracts &c. - with order form.

(8.) Lectures. Sec. reported arrangements complete
to Mar 11. agreed that he ask
Writing for Mar 25. -

Lawson sold
March 27th 06.

Executive Com^o at Office 23rd March 1906.

Present- Dodd in chair + all except

Absent- Webb, Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

S. Webb. Apology for absence

Hutchinson & Co. Re adob. Podmore's Life of Owen.
Send free with News

Mrs Macpherson. Re Womens Labour League
Same as before. -

Mrs Bliss Turner Wanting lecture of Shaw on Socialism

Councillor J. Walker. On value of Fabian Tracts.

Harold Shawcross. On the danger of innovation
in Fabian methods

C. A. Parsons on Propaganda in Herefordshire,
Refer to Propaganda the
Special Com^{ee}

Paul Cocho. Wanting help for a Swansea F. S.
Sec. authorized to arrange lecture
by S. G. Hobson or some other.

Stand Improvement. More papers.

(2.) (cont?) Correspondence

Essex Hall. Offering Hall at £3.3.0 for each for a dozen. Accept.

Long Eaton Library. Askew Books. Send Bound Tracts & Essays.

S. K. Ratchiffe. Offering Lecture on Lord Curzon Accept on India.

(3.) Minimum Wage. Tract. Agreed that Com^{tee} report hereon to the Exec.

(4.) Local Govt. Bureau. Agreed to appoint Taylor, vice Wheeler deposed.

(5.) Fabian News. Double no. approved.

(6.) Country Lectures
Circular to M. P.'s } Report not presented & deferred to 30th Mar.

(7.) Fabian Festival.
Report presented by Dodd & deferred to March 30th

Proposed New Rule.

Rule 15.

Associates.

An Person may become an Associate by signing a statement that he is in sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Society.

Associates must pay an annual subscription of 10/-: and are entitled to attend all the meetings of the Society and to receive all its ordinary publications. But they are not entitled to ~~speake or vote on resolutions dealing with the business of the~~ society or its policy: or to take any other part in the management of its affairs.

Form of Application for Associates.

general
I am in sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Fabian Society, and desire to be enrolled as an associate. I will pay an annual subscription of at least ten shillings.

8. Associates. Draft scheme presented, amended, adopted, & ordered to be notified in F. news.

(9) Spec Faults of Fabian. Protest from Wells as to deletion of the report of debate appended to his Faults of the Fabian paper. Sec. ordered to reply that he did not ask the Exec. to publish his report: that in their opinion it was not accurate, & he preferred to delete it rather than correct it.

(10) Special Com^{tee} Deputation Wm Wells, Wm Reeves, H. B. Wells, Sydney Oliver, Z. Haden Guest & W. A. Colegate attended to confer with the Exec. on proposed re-draft of the Basis, in accordance with the amended scheme. A long discussion ensued. No resolution was proposed or adopted.

J. W. Galtton
30/3/06

Memorandum from Special Committee.

The most serious of these is the fact of any prominent association

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one chief aim of socialism is the enlargement of human freedom. It does indeed assert "If these measures be carried out without any association with the society should rest, your committee came to at once to the question of the basis, subscription to which is at present obligatory upon all candidates to membership. Your committee has decided to offer a detailed criticism of this and certain suggestions arising out of that criticism. Your committee is unanimously of opinion that a positive declaration of faith in socialism should remain obligatory upon all full members and that some compact and sufficient definition of socialism must be combined with the declaration, but it considers that in the past the Society has been unduly content to accept such declaration alone as a satisfactory proof of sound faith in socialism without the confirming evidence of adequate contributions to the work and funds of the society. Your committee considers that in consequence it has been possible for light minded persons to whom subscription to any sort of basis presents little or no difficulty, to join the society, while conscientious socialists, eager and able to be of service to us may have found difficulties in doing so.

It is certainly possible to make grave objections to the Basis as it stands at present.

In the first place your committee remarks certain omissions. The most serious of these is the want of any prominent assertion that one chief aim of socialism is the enlargement of human freedom. It does indeed assert "If these measures be carried out, without compensation (though not without such relief to expropriated individuals as may seem fit to the community), Rent and Interest will be added to the reward of labour, the idle class now living on the labour of others will necessarily disappear, and practical equality of opportunity will be maintained by the spontaneous action of economic forces with much less interference with personal liberty than the present system entails." But your committee is of opinion that this is by no means the clearest and most striking phrasing possible, and that as a statement of Socialistic aims in this direction it is incomplete.

Your committee considers it a defect in the present Basis that it ignores the express aim of socialism to secure an ampler and nobler type of individual life, and a more beautiful way of living for all men. Objection has been made to the basis that its tone is materialistic and litigious, and your committee is of opinion that this charge is a justifiable so far as these omissions go.

Passing from these omissions to the general phraseology of the basis your committee has to observe that it is not, as it might very well be, of such a texture that our members may quote it with

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pleasure, learn it by heart for help and support, or re-read it with refreshment. It is dry in manner without being succinct, and it mingles aims and beliefs with theories and explanations that are now in some cases out of date and superfluous. For example, note the second sentence of the first paragraph, "In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people." A sentence clearly aimed, at the date of composition, at some school of communism or anarchism which may now be ignored. Your committee does not think that the basis is the proper place for attempting to confute or repudiate the many and various forms of human error that may be in conflict with socialism.

Proceeding to a detailed examination, your committee would point out that the second paragraph and the first sentence of the third paragraph repeat and elaborate without extending, the declaration made in the first sentence of the first paragraph. Your committee is of opinion that the merengoes whatever they may have been, that once made the repetition necessary, no longer obtain and that the first sentence of the first paragraph standing alone is now adequate for our needs. "It therefore aims at the re-organization of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit." The second sentence

of the third paragraph certain members of your committee consider to be an unnecessary challenge to imputations of fact. For whilst (156) be historically inaccurate and your committee does not regard its the Society, in the course of its 22 years activity, has constantly as an essential article of socialistic belief. It is quite advocated, and claims which to have done what to bring about, the trans- possible for a good socialist to believe that a capitalistic organiza- tion of industrial capital to the state it never has advocated such a beneficial phase in social development, and that monopoly was neither its prime cause nor its distinctive feature. Your committee is indeed of opinion that the word 'monopoly' is used in the basis in some erroneous sense, such as people use 'decimate' to indicate the slaughter of the larger portion of a fighting force. ('Private ownership' would appear to be a more suitable expression). No serious injury can be done to socialism if this incorrect use of ~~monopoly-is-abandoned~~ the word 'monopoly is abandoned.

The next paragraph seems designed to present form the state of human happiness to be attained under socialism. Your committee believes this might be more alluringly put.

The pronouncement that expropriation must be "without compensation," followed immediately by a weakening qualification seems to your committee, in the first place to be the intrusion of a ques- tion of revolutionary detail of secondary importance, and one not of essential value to the Socialistic faith, and in the second place

be reformed... committee does not regard the
of the... members of... committee consider to
an unnecessary challenge to imputations of insincerity. For whilst

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the Society, in the course of its 22 years activity, has constantly
advocated, and claims ~~such~~ to have done much to bring about, the trans-
fer of industrial capital to the state it never has advocated such
transfers without compensation, but has, on the contrary, continuously
document, that may only be touched at a peril to the unity of the
society. This your committee begs leave to question. Your con-
framed and suggested measures for effecting them with compensation.
Your committee finds no serious objection to the accepted text to compensate

The suggestion that we have advocated pauper allowances to the
for its real defects, and is strongly of opinion that the extremest
tramway and water shareholders, or to the landlords expropriated for
cases of invasion do not tend to frequent re-approval. On the other
public building schemes is a species of cant that deceives nobody and
hand it has been asserted that there is a ~~great~~ real loss of
produces on your committee a most disagreeable impression.

enthusiasm and of members to the society... its unstimulating,
Your committee finds the last sentence of the Basis inadequate as
dogmatic and now rather old-fashioned tone. Under the circumstances
a statement of the general aims and methods of the Fabian Society and
your committee has ventured to revise the basis with a view to render
they miss any concise indication of the need and direction of individ-
ing it simpler and clearer, retaining nevertheless and even emphasiz-
ing its strictly socialist tone.

Your committee regards as unfortunate the use of such words as
Rent, Capital and Interest in a technical sense. It is not desirable
to present Socialism as exclusively an outcome of political economy
nor is it only to be understood by students of economics and de-
pendent on the validity of that science; the broad idea of
socialism may be grasped by all and is, your committee thinks, best
expressed in language used and understood by all.

advocated' and certain members of have done much to bring about the trans-
formation of the society' in the course of its 25 years existence' has consequently

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Your committee is informed that to many members of the Fabian Society the basis has by association, become an almost holy document, that may only be touched at a peril to the unity of the society. This your committee begs leave to question. Your committee finds no sacred splendour in the accepted text to compensate for its real defects, and is strongly of opinion that the extremest cases of devotion do extend to frequent re-perusal. On the other hand it has been asserted that there is a ~~fresh~~ real loss of enthusiasm and of members to the society through its unstimulating, dogmatic and now rather old-fashioned tone. Under the circumstances your committee has ventured to revise the basis with a view to rendering it simpler and clearer, retaining nevertheless and even emphasising its strictly socialistic tone.

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Proposed Revised Basis.

The Society in accordance with these views seeks to bring
The Fabian Society consists of socialists.

Its purpose is to forward the progress of Socialism by all
available means.

It aims at increasing the liberty, security and well-being of
all - by the freeing of land and industrial resources from private
ownership and the vesting of them in the community. It holds that
the institution of private property in these public necessities
and their control for the profit and satisfaction of individual
proprietors, involves the degrading and hopeless poverty of
great masses of mankind and a narrow baseness of outlook, a waste
of human capacity and a universal insecurity in all classes of
Society. It subordinates all private rights of property to
the public welfare.

The Society in accordance with these views seeks to bring about a reconstruction of the social organization.

By the systematic promotion of all reasonable proposals to transfer land, monopolistic enterprises and all other such undertakings as may be practicable, to properly constituted public ownership and control.

By sustaining a socialistic propaganda.

By organizing and facilitating the study of all questions arising out of the development and application of socialistic principles.

Each member holds himself bound to forward these ends to the full extent of his power/ and means and particularly to make new members and associates whenever opportunity occurs.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office

30th March 1905.6

Present Galton (in chair) & all except
Absent Alden

(1.) Minutes were confirmed

(2.) Correspondence

John Baker Gift of 15 Slides
1st May Cel. Com^{ee} Payment of old acc.
Miss Gorton, suggesting lecture on
India & Sir D. Robertson
(subscriber.) Agreed to ask
him to attend & speak at
Ratchiffe's lecture.

(3.) Socialism & Public Health. . Draft lecture
offered by Dodd. Agreed that
an open Com^{ee} be formed
Dodd, McCleary, Standing,
Galton, Shaw, Dr. Guest Dr.
Newman & Pease be the
Com^{ee}

- (4.) Finance. Sec. reported debts all paid.
- (5.) Draft-Circular to M.P.'s was ~~amended~~ approved & amended by Shaw.
- (6.) Annual Report - It was agreed to issue the usual Report. -
- (7.) Comity Lectures. Report of the Comtee in MS. was read & considered. after debate it was agreed that the discussion be adjourned & the report sent to the members of the Exec. It was further agreed to put a preliminary notice re suburban lectures in Fabian News.
- (8.) Fabian Entertainment - Report was further considered & it was agreed
- (a) To have an entertainment on the lines proposed.
 - (b) Date 18th May.
 - (c) Tickets 1/6 for members or visitors
 - (d) No speeches. -

(8) Falian Entertainment (cont^d)

- (e) Exec. members to wear rosettes
& receive in turn
 - (f) Sharp. to manage the music
 - (g) To put a par in the News asking
for subscriptions to a Guarante Fund.
 - (h) To have a list of Official Guests
 - (i) That Mr. Townshend, Taylor
Standing Dodd & Pease be
a com^{tee} to make arrangements.
- Pleasant Steelam

Executive Meeting at Office 6 April '06
Present, Headlam (in chair), + all except
Absent Webb, Aldew, Hobson.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

Queensland Vanguard, accepting offer of £5. of
Books in return for 50/- rent.

Womens Local God's Society - Action of Peace in signing
petition on behalf of Society
was approved.

Womens Coop Guild. Agreed to sign their
W.S. petition as a Society.

Miss Otter, asking re L.C.C. Childrens Byelaws.
Peace + Sanders when a Comtee
to take any action thought useful.

3. Candidates for April. List on next page elected
subject to payment of
subscriptions in cases of Miss Oliver,
E. Morgan, Miss Chaplin, Burdett, + the
sending of letters for Miss Chaplin

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

John Archibald, Cranbrook-buildings, Ilford, Essex	Thos. Freeman.
Sidney J. Berry, Linnyshaw Farm, Walkden, nr. Manchester ...	Secretary.
T. A. Bourne, 106 Tufnell Park-road, N.	H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
Osbert H. Burdett, King's College, Cambridge	Edw. R. Pease & J. W. Shaw.
Miss Helen Burgis, B.A., 3a Clifton-road, South Norwood ...	Ernest Williams & A. S. Tebbutt.
Miss Eva Chaplin, 50 York-street, Portman-square, W.	F. P. Elkington & H. Adkins.
William Day, 40 Belvedere-road, Norwood, S.E.	J. Archibald & Edw. R. Pease.
N. R. Dharmavir, 48 Osborne-terrace, Padiham, Lancs. ...	Thos. Foster.
Albert C. Elsdon, 83 Macomara-road, Plumstead	Lily Hodgkinson & E. R. Pease.
Christopher C. Fagg, 66 Church-road, Upper Norwood, S.E. ...	Joseph Edwards & E. R. Pease.
Miss Fernie Fletcher, 81 Osborne-road, Forest Gate, E.	Frank Death & J. E. Matthews.
Mrs. F. W. Hayes, 12 Westcroft-square, W.	F. W. Hayes & H. Guy Bentley.
G. R. Hayes, 12 Westcroft-sq., W.	F. W. Hayes & H. Guy Bentley.
Mrs. R. H. Hooper, 5 Amberly-road, Sydenham, S.E.	R. H. Hooper & Edw. R. Pease.
Horace Horsnell, c/o H. G. Wells, Spade House, Sandgate, Kent.	Sydney Olivier & H. G. Wells.
Tennyson Large, 16 Manchuria-road, Battersea, S.W.	H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
Mrs. R. C. Lambert, 83 Ladbroke-grove, W.	E. D. Girdlestone & J. A. Fallows.
H. Light, 100 Nelson-rd., Crouch End, N.	E. R. Pease & Lily Hodgkinson.
Albert E. Martin, 52 Marlborough-road, Bowes Park, N.	George Haw & Thos. Sweetlove.
Edward Morgan, Langley Croft, Watford	E. Norton.
Basil J. Nagle, 62 Drew-road, Silvertown, E.	Wm. Betts and Mrs. Betts.
Edward O'Gorman, 41 Mantilla-rd., Tooting Bec Common, S.W.	T. H. Ridpeth & Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Margery Olivier, The Champions, Limsfield, Surrey ...	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Miss Brynhild Olivier, The Champions, Limsfield, Surrey ...	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Maitland Radford, 1 Portland-villas, East Heath-road, Hampstead, N.W.	Gerald Gould & Clifford Sharp.
Harold H. Rothery, 120 Clarence-road, Clapton, N.E.	Edw. R. Pease & Hubert Bland.
Mrs. Marion Ryan, 5 Nevern-square, Earl's Court, S.W. ...	R. W. Anderson & Amy E. Otter.
Richard Arthur Roberts, 244 Barry-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.	Edw. R. Pease & F. W. Galton.
Peter Sandiford, 19 Lime-grove, Oxford-road, Manchester ...	Fred Marquis.
A. H. Spiers, 23 Melrose-gardens, Shepherd's Bush-road, W. ...	H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
Percy C. Vaughan, 8 New-square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.	Stanton Coit & Richd. Whiteing.
George F. Wilson, 9 Fenchurch-street, E.C.	H. Guy Bentley & F. W. Hayes.
Miss Mary E. Wilson, 147 Hamlet-mansions, W.	E. McEwen & W. A. Wilson.
Arthur Geo. Watts, 3 Fitzroy-st., Fitzroy-square, W.	H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.

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Robert M. Brown, Brookvale, Strathaven, nr. Glasgow ... Thos. Johnston.
 Wm. Galloway, 135 Cardross-st., Dennistoun, Glasgow ... John McLaren & Wm. Twaddle.
 Robert W. Murdoch, Alisa Cottage, Irvine, N.B. ... John McLaren & Thos. Johnston.
 James Gunnison, University Settlement, 10 Fossil-rd., Glasgow Hugh A. Reayburn.

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Stanley Mellor, Manchester College, Oxford A. M. Hocart.

(4) Fabian Entertainment. Dodd reported progress, & it was agreed to add the names of Cecil Sharp to the Com^o

(5) ~~Sec~~ - Accounts. Sec. reported as follows - (amounts since corrected)

General Subscriptions	£ 408	Increase	86
Donations	£ 75	..	35
Tract Sales	£ 140	..	64
Magazine Articles	£ 20	..	<u>20</u> 20 5
Cost of Tracts	£ 214	..	127
Special Subscriptions	£ 120	Decrease	<u>80</u> 20 7
Cash Balance	£ 25	..	37.

b) "Fabian Nursery". Sec. reported he had granted office to Miss Bland for a meeting to form a society of Junior Fabians. - Action approved, & agreed that Miss Bland be informed that the Exec. will grant all facilities to the new Society, including notices in the news, & will make a grant of cash for hiring a Hall for meetings, &c, if required.

(7.) Public Health Com^{ee}. Dodd proposed to ask Sir John Gost + other distinguished persons to join the Com^{ee}. After discussion his proposal was negatived, & it was agreed instead to elect Mr. Hodgkinson.

(8.) Tracts. The sales & question of Bound Sets was discussed & it was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com^{ee} the question of Binding sets of special classes of Tracts.

(9.) Circular to M.P.'s. Proof approved, & agreed that it be issued after the Easter recess.

(10.) Lecture Campaign. The annexed report was considered, & with the amendment indicated, was unanimously adopted. —

J.W. Coulton
20/4/06

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Country Lectures 1906-7.

The Committee Macrosty, Galton, Sanders, Chesterton and Pease met twice, Chesterton being absent from the first and Galton and Sanders from the second meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted.

- (1) That the lectures be directed in the first place towards promoting the influence and extension of the Fabian Society.
- (2) That a course of 4 lectures be prepared on
 - I The Moral Basis of Socialism
 - II The Material Basis of Socialism
 - III Present-day Socialism and the Labour Party
 - IV When Socialism is in Power.
- (3) That Local Fabians, Ethical Societies and other such organisations and persons be communicated with in such places as
Wimbledon Kingston-on-Thames Watford Richmond
Harrow Wanstead Flats Ilford Romford Ealing
Enfield Acton Chelmsford
and any other middle class resorts in the London area.
- (4) That each course of 4 be given by one and the same lecturer.
- (5) That Snell and Sanders be asked to draft a syllabus for the use of the lecturers.
- (6) That the lecturers be divided into 3 classes:-

(I) Professional lecturers, (i.e. persons who ~~occasin~~ habitually make a substantial part of their income from lecturing) who shall be paid 21/- a lecture and expenses.

(II) Marginal lecturers, (i.e. persons who occasionally lecture for money) whose cases shall be considered on their merits.

(III) Amateur lecturers, who shall be paid out-of-pocket expenses only.

(7) That ~~the bulk of~~ ^{where necessary} the work be done by Professionals and the remainder ^{under this scheme} by the others. *but that the Secy be instructed to obtain efficient voluntary lectures where possible.*

(8) Names of lecturers:-

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|----------|---|--------|------------|---------------|--------|
| Sanders | | | | | |
| Shallard | | | | | |
| Snell | } | | | Professionals | |
| Galton | | Guest | Ensor | Coit | |
| Hobson | | O'Dell | Chesterton | } | Others |

Possible lecturers to be tried.

Colegate Sidney Herbert R. V. Vernon ~~Rev. G. H. ...~~

be given in the inner ring of London suburbs e.g. Hampstead Norwood Dulwich Stoke Newington Wandsworth Blackheath Croydon Lewisham by such lecturers as

- Shaw Coit Bland Webb Wells Olivier

to be arranged by expert advance agents such as Galton.

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 20th April 1906

Present Galton (in chair) Bland, Alden Staudring
Chesterton Taylor Pease Macrosty Hobson.

Absent Webb, Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Sanders Dodd.
Headlam.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

Dr. M. D. Eder asking re-admission after
10 years abroad. agreed.

Chozza Mory M.P. asking insertion in news
of letter confirming our review plus book.
Secs. reply refusing was approved.

Mrs Stewart. applying for associateship & asking
advice re sale of house for Convalescent
Home. Refer to B. T. Hall.

W. J. Baker - Re Postmen. Handed to Chesterton
for Claude Boy

British Assⁿ for Industrial Legislation.

Galton & Pease delegates.

Frank S. Edwards. Testimonial Blind.
Par in news.

- (3) Associateship - Sec. reported three applications. Amendment proposed by J. F. Harris. Agreed to put in news - -
- (4) Fabian Nursery. Formation reported.
- (5) Native Question in Africa. Suggestion of lecture by Guest. Deferred.
- (6) Fabian Soiree. Fixed for June 15th, as the Hall could not be had on May 18.
- (7) Next Session Lectures. Draft scheme of Macrae referred to the S. P. Com^{tee}.
- (8) Labour Policy Track. Proofs discussed, & with verbal amendments, approved. Further parts to be considered at next meeting. -

J. F. Harris
27/iv/1906

Executive Com^e at Office

27th April 1906. —

Present Holson (in chair) & all except
Albert Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Alden, Macrae.

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Correspondence

Chozza Money M.P. Further Letters.

After discussion it was
agreed that the Sec. send
no reply to the last received.

Woolwich Clarion Scouts. Bazaar for Woolwich
Labour League. Agreed to send
tracts to the value of 5/-

Women's Local Govt. Secy. Agreed to write we will
make known the proposed
demonstration to our members.

Labour Party. Agreed to pay fees as usual

E. T. Robinson. Sending 20/- for old
debt long ago written off.
Agreed to remit him on
payment of Subⁿ

- 3. Typewriter. Sec. reported new one purchased for £17.17.0 + the old machine
- 4. Book-Buyer. Sec. reported a steady demand in excess of supply. Agreed that he may expend to the amount of £30. - during the year.
- 5. Arrangements for Session. Agreed as follows

June 8	Reeves
15	Soree
29	Ratchliffe.
- 7. Socialism + Labour Party. Agreed to hold over the News till it is ready.
- 8. L.C.C. Children's Byelaws. Agreed to write to the Home Office urging it to hurry up. -
- 9. Lectures for Session 1906.7.
The following course, recommended by the General purposes Comtee was approved, & names of suggested

lectures were agreed to viz: -

Socialism & the Middle Classes.

- I Psychology & Economics of the Middle Classes — Bland.
 - II Small Capitalist — Macrosty
 - III The Salaried man — Olivier
 - IV Socialism & the Professions — Wells
 - V Socialism & the Arts — Shaw
- Special Lecture
Socialism & the Press — Chesterton.

Carl Chesterton

Exec. Com^{ee} at office 4 May. 06.

Present Chesterton (in chair) Galton, Standring
Headlam Taylor Bland Hobson Pease
Wells

Absent: Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Dodd, Alden, Sanders
Macrosty.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Lectures for June.

See reported Essex Hall not available
for June 8th - Agreed to ask
Reeves for June 29, & to take
Ratcliffe in July.

Dr. M. D. Eder. Offer of paper on
Cost of Death. Agreed to accept.

3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved except in respect
of Tract 79. -

- (1) That sets bound in 2 vols. be put on sale.
- (2) That Tract 5 be partially revised & reprinted.
- (3) That an appendix to West to read be issued as a tract.
- (4) That certain tracts be dropped, but as to

No 79. a Word of Caution re. Mrs O'Brien
Harris be consulted on her return as
to whether any c^d. be sold to or by the
Society of Friends. —

5. Ernest Radford. Agreed to restate him
on payment of a sub^{sc} —

6. Socialism & the Labour Party. Letter from Shallard
read + amendments not accepted.
New passages approved.
Agreed that Webb draft a par. on
Education.

Agreed that Muffridge be asked
to take the chair.

(7.) Library List. Agreed that the Sec. be ordered
in due course to prepare a new
list of books for Public Libraries
Stewart Healdan

Meeting May 11th 1906.

Present- Headlam in chair & all except.

Absent- Webb, Sanders, Aldew, Macrosky, Holson.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates, all elected; -

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES

PROPOSED BY

Miss Baines, 38 Wellington-street, Strand, W.C.	Miss Bidlake & Edw. R. Pease.
W. W. Hickson, ... Meadowside, Marlborough	Secretary.
Edward J. Howell, 60 Avondale- road, Peckham, S.E.	Edw. R. Pease & J. W. Shaw.
S. Cecil Lait, 71 Coningham-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W.	T. Ridpeth & Edw. R. Pease.
Miss F. B. Low, 165 Croxted-rd., West Dulwich, S.E.	L. Haden Guest & Barbara Low.
C. E. Kenneth Mees, "Ryelands," Caterham, Surrey	H. G. Wells & L. E. Newton.
Alfred R. Orage, 57 Weltje-road, Hammersmith, W.	Holbrook Jackson.
Rev. Samuel Proudfoot, "Wood- side," Westhoughton, nr. Bolton	J. H. Hastings & P. Widdrington.
John Stocker, 89 Wellwood-road, Goodmayes, Essex	John C. Croall & E. R. Pease.
H. E. Weaver, jun., Worcester House, Sanderstead-road, San- derstead, Surrey	F. W. Hayes.
E. W. Woodcock, Carleton-grange, Pontefract	T. A. Leonard & Fred Marquis.

GLASGOW F.S.

Davidson Berry, 4 Newlands- park, Newlands, Glasgow	Robert Hardie & Wm. Roxburgh.
John Bremner, 507 Alexandra- parade, Glasgow	David Richmond & T. Lochrie.
Alfred Dalziel, 10 Albert-road, Crosshill, Glasgow	Robert Hardie & Wm. Roxburgh.
Matthew Kerr, 2 Tulliallan-place, Paisley-road West, Ibrox	John McLaren & R. Pollok.
Joseph A. McGowan, 2 Rosslyn- ter, Rutherglen, nr. Glasgow ...	David Richmond & T. Lockrie.
Neil McKillop, jun., 50 Scott-st., Bridgeton, Glasgow	Robert Hardie & Wm. Roxburgh.
Wm. C. Ward, 3 Marlborough-gar- dens, Cathcart, nr. Glasgow ...	John McLaren & R. Pollok.
L. MacNeill Weir, "Catriona," Milngavie, Glasgow	John McLaren.

May 25th

(3.) Meetings. Sec. reported that Weiting had asked to be excused for ill-health. That Reeves had refused, & Dr. Eder agreed to take his place. Agreed to ask Reeves for June 29th -

(4.) Application for Membership Forms. Agreed to insert notice re associates & subscribers above the extract of Rules. -

(5.) Poor Law Commission. Sec. reported that Theodore Dodd wanted no to organize evidence & offered to contribute to cost. Agreed to ask Mrs. Webb whether she thinks we should do anything by way of obtaining evidence.

(6.) Library for Members. Webb sent in suggestions. Matter referred to Bland to bring up a proposal.

7. Socialism & Labour Part.

Amendments to the Tract F. W. Hayes,
L. W. Cribbs & others were considered.
It was resolved to amend passage
relating to Liquor Licences, & other
alterations were agreed to. —

J. R. S. Taylor .

Exec. at office 18th May 1906.
Present Taylor in chair & all except
Absent - Dodd, Mr Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Circular to M.P.s. Sec. reported 5/- subs. & 5/- for Tracts received from E. H. Holden M.P. W. Runciman M.P. & Mrs J. H. Tennant: also order for Tracts from W. Dorset & Co^{rs}.
3. W. Suffrage ~~Com~~ Deputation. Sec. reported that in accordance with circular sent to the members of the Exec. & in the absence of any reply he had appointed S. G. Holson to represent the Society. Action approved.

(4) Correspondence

H. G. Wilshire on the Countess
Womens Soc. - Gov. Society - Put in news.
B. F. Hall repropoed reprint of Soc^m

* Sailors. Offer to supply copies printed from Stereos plates. -

5. Associates, Application form approved.

6. Submission of Tracts to Society. Bland & Peare suggested that the privileges of members to make verbal amendments needed curtailment. After debate the proposal was adjourned sine die. -

7. Library for Members. On the motion of Bland, Taylor, Chesterton, himself, & sec. 7 were appointed a Com. ee -

8. Socialism & Labour Policy. Amendments were further discussed & the Tract passed for press.

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Exec. Comm^{ee} on Friday May 25th 1906 at 5.30pm.
Present Chesterton (in chair) + all except
absent Alden Mrs Shaw Welch.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Lecture June 29th Sec. reported Reeves
refused, & he proposed to
ask Ratchiffe. agreed.

3. Tracts in Press. Facts for Socialists. Agreed
to defer in order to get revised death-
rate & over-crowding figures
from Dr. McKeown.
Socialism & Labour Policy. Passed.

4. Correspondence

Tom Norris applying for reinstatement
agreed.

Southwark T.C. asking subⁿ for
L.C.C. Election Fund Refuse.

John Edwards. Wanting high class lecturers.
Headlam Chesterton Holson Bland to be asked

5. Associates. Sec. instructed to send form to all subscribers. After debate, it was agreed that the names of associates be not printed in Fabian news. —

6. Soviet . Dodd reported good progress. It was agreed

- (a) To state time from 8 to 11 o'clock.
- (b) To contract at 1/- for refreshments
- (c) To hire extra chairs if necessary
- (d) To use the old Crane block for tickets
- (e) To raise price from 1/6 to 2/- after first post on Monday 11th June.
- (f) To approve arrangement of music & Sharp
- (g) To state "Evening dress optional"
- (h) To authorise Dodd to arrange ~~details~~ re Sharp's expenses ~~of catering~~ & telephone.
- (i) To print a separate program of music
- (k) To call Soviet Comtee for Thursday Mar 31st at 5.30. —

7. Poor Law Com^m. Letter from Mr. Webb re our offer of to procure evidence was read & the consideration deferred.

8. Minimum Wage Tract. Revised proofs were discussed & amendments by Macrost & others considered. Sanders was requested to make the amendments indicated & the consideration of the tract as amended was appointed for a future date. —

J. W. Crutcher
8/6/02

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Executive at office of June 1906.
 Present, Galton (in chair) Headlam, Taylor
 Standring Pease ~~Hobson~~ Blount.
Absent Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Webb, Dodd, Alden
 Chesterton, Sanders, Macrot.

- Minutes were confirmed.
- The following were elected subject to payment of subⁿ + necessary letters in cases of Harold Murray, A. Walker D. Thompson, & L. C. Harrison :-

CANDIDATES	PROPOSED BY
Eleazar Davis, 29 Commercial-street, Newport, Mon....	Secretary.
Ashley Dukes, 180 Brecknock-road, N.	Harry Snell & W. H. Perkins.
Miss Florence A. Fenton, 5 West-street, Haslemere ...	L. Haden Guest.
Mrs. Grainger, Hill House, Maldon, Essex ...	F. Lawson Dodd.
A. Romney Green, Foundry-road, Haslemere ...	L. Haden Guest.
L. C. Harrison, "Downside," Farthing Down, Coulsdon, Surrey	H. A. Oakeshott & R. A. Richards
A. Hickmore, 6 Birchington-ter., Queen Bertha-road, Ramsgate	Catherine Wells.
Miss Olive O. Hooper, 196 Uttor-eter New-road, Derby ...	R. T. Manson & John Edwards.
Thos. J. Hooper, 1 Bullth-villas, Castlebar-road, Ealing W. ...	H. L. Jackson.
Mrs. La Chard, "The Bungalow," Foundry Meadow, Haslemere	L. Haden Guest.
Mrs. Leatham, 83 Tranmere-road, Earlsfield, S.W. ...	Lionel Kingsley & Edw. R. Pease.
Harold Murray, King's-road, Haslemere ...	L. Haden Guest.
Miss Jessie Newsham, 8 The Avenue, Haslemere ...	L. Haden Guest.
Capt. Arthur St. John, 7 Holly-village, Highgate, N. ...	Lawson Dodd & G. R. Armstrong.
Daniel Thompson, 1 Montague-road, Sale, Cheshire ...	T. A. Leonard & J. Fletcher Dodd.
Arnold Walker, Spring-villas, Hayfield, near Stockport ...	T. A. Leonard & F. Marquis.

Correspondence.

- Mrs O'Brien Harris re Soc^m in N.S.A.
A. Hickmore. Socialist 6^p reprints. Reply
it is impracticable.
Ceil Chesterton. No charge for anti-journal
insert.
Chas. Farmer. Offer for Shaw remainder
Agreed not to sell Fabian
ism + Empire, & to offer
him 200 s/- Fricals
at 1^p. —
J.C. Wedgwood M.P. Sending 21/- + rejoining
H. a. Dar. Resignation on account
of Tract 124 + proceedings
at meeting. Sec. ordered
to write persuasive request
to withdraw.
Miss B. Jones. Letter from her house that
she has gone. Strike off.
W. Teignmouth Shore. application for
election without attendance.
Agreed to elect.

4) Dr. Eders Cost. of Death. Referred to Bland
to report on suitability
for publication.

5) Falun Census Report.

Sec.'s pay^t of Howell overtime for
typing it approved. —

Report of Com^{tee} recommending that
it be issued as a magazine article
& subsequently as a tract. —

After debate it was agreed

That the report be set up, &
sent to members as a prop
with the agenda of June 29th
& that authority be asked as
unopposed business for the
Exec. to publish it as they
think fit. Meantime that

prop be circulated to the Exec.
in time for further discussion
on June 22nd. —

6. Next meeting. June 22nd. —

7. Sovree. Sec. reported tickets sold
to 8th June 103. — also the
following recommendations of
the Sovree Comtee —

- (1) To use the Receipt form in place of the
Orange Block for tickets. This
being already done was approved.
- (2) Mrs Linds to sing Folk Songs at
£3.3.0. — approved.
- (3) Bechstein piano at £1.10. — " "
- (4) Complimentary Tickets:—
29 Labour M.P. O. : approved
8 Prominent S. D.F. " "
5 " G.H.P. " "
W.C. Steadman M.P. Rejected.
Verinder approved
3 or 4 Clarionettes. added

Agreed in each case to invite
wife, & to send two tickets with
letter (typed) ~~at~~ asking an
early reply. Sec. authorised
to get letter typed. —

7 (cont^d.)

It was further agreed that Dodd be Master of Ceremonies, & issue orders as to procedure, & that the Exec- wear small rosettes. —

8. Next-Session Lectures.

Sec. reported that Wells declined. Shaw accepted. Bland said he w^d report later. Further consideration deferred.

9. Minimum Wage }
Poor Law Comm^{ee} } Deferred.

Walter Bland
21/10/6

Exec. at Office 22 June 1906.
Present- Bland in chair, & all except
Absent: Alden Dodd Macrosty Galton

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Auditors Report approving Balance Sheet as prepared, was submitted.
3. Souree. Secy reported that the cost was estimated as follows:-

Refreshments 272 @ 1/- chairs &c	£15.0.6
Fire of Hall	7.7.0
" " Prains	1.1.0
Fee to Singer	3.3.0
Types	- 12 -
in addition to printing. -	<u>27.3.6</u>

Receipts

Cash taken	£21.7.0	
" dne	1.11.6	22.18.6
Deficit		<u>4.5.0</u>

(3) Soiree (cont^d.)

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He reported that about £2-14-6 had been promised to Guarantee Fund. —
It was agreed that the Guarantee Fund be not called up: & that the amounts paid be returned to the donors.
It was further agreed that the thanks of the Com^{ee} be given to Dodd & Sharpe for their work in making the Soiree a success.

4. Correspondence.

Mrs Stewart (Ramsgate) offering £5. loan Election Fund. ask her to send it us a nest eqq. —

B. Ass^{ns} for Labour Legn. agreed to renew 21/ Sab^{ns} Herbert A. Day. Holding over resignation.

Cambridge F.S. Reports. Print-in news.

Croydon Group. Program of work.

L. W. Baker. Proposals repress activity. Impossible.

Stanley Udall. Suggesting sending tract to Income Tax Com^{ee} agreed.

5. Parish Council Treat. Webb's proposal to re-issue
Five Years Frints of P.C. act under
new name revised to date, was
approved in principle. —

6. Fabian Census. After a long discussion the
following resolutions were adopted
in substitution of those provisionally ap-
proved at the last meeting viz:—

- (a) That the results of the Census be
issued in the first place as a
magazine article. Unanimous.
- (b) That the work be described as ~~of~~
done by a Com^{tee} of the Fabian Socy. Unam.
- (c) That it be not directly stated that
the subjects of the enquiry were the
members of the Fabian Society.
non-com. Unanimous except Bland dissenting
- (d) That Webb be requested to write the
article. —

Webb undertook to consult the Exec.
about the article, reserving however
his veto as author on ~~the~~ details,

4 further in his letter making the proposal (which was read) agreed to give the proceeds of the article to the Society. —

From the above it follows that the report in type is held over sine die. —

7. More Books to Read. No comments offered. Secy to complete.

8. Next Session Lectures. Deferred.

9. Dr. Eder's Paper. Bland reported it good in parts + recommended that it be published if author will revise sufficiently. Sec. instructed to write him. —

10. Poor Law Com^{tee} - Mr. Webb's suggestions were considered, especially that ~~the~~ wealthy members of Exec. might provide funds. Sec. instructed to write that funds might be forthcoming, if further particulars, + a suitable person were forthcoming.

Cecil Chesterton

Executive at Office 29th June 1906.
Present - Chesterton in chair & all except,
Absent Alden, Macrosty, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Resignation W.T. Roper. accepted.
3. Fabian Autumn Lectures.
Sec. read letters from Wells
agreeing to open the course.
Agreed to ask Dodd to do
a lecture on Socialism & Doctors.
4. Minimum Wage Treat. This was
debated at much length; it was
agreed to delete phrase about a
7/- a week wage for Women
& the discussion was adjourned
to July 6. -
5. Autumn Propaganda. Adjourned

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(6.) Poor Law Enquiry. Sec. reported a donation of £5.5/- from J. T. Dodd. - Mrs Shaw promised £20. - a par. was drafted for F. news asking for other contributions. -

(7.) "Boots" article It was referred to the Pub. Com^{ee} to arrange for printing (1) an ordinary edition (2) if necessary a special edition (3) or an ordinary edition with a special cover. Wells' approval in any case to be obtained. - also to ask Arthur Watts for his design for cover. -

Hanson ^{Dodd}

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 6 July 1906. —
Present: Dodd (in chair) Hall except
Absent: Alden, Macrosy, Headlam, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Minimum Wage Tract. Shaw's additions were approved, & the tract passed for publication. A few amendments were made, & on the proposal to delete the phrase ~~other~~ spending on more questionable ways, a division was taken on the motion of Bland, but only 3 voted for the resolution & it was defeated.
3. Poor Law Enquiry. It was agreed that a letter, drafted by Mr. Webb, be sent asking subscriptions from other members.

(4) Manchester F.S. Inaugural lectures asked. Shaw agreed to go on ~~from~~ Oct 20th -

(5) Autumn Propaganda. Sec. was ordered to draft circular for next Exec.

(6) Error of £16,000,000 in Trade-127. Sec. reports this. Correction slip ordered.

7) Minimum Wage Com^{ee}. It was agreed that Mrs Shaw & Sanders be delegates to Miss Truckwell's Sweating & M. Wage Com^{ee}. -

8) Next-Meeting. Agreed to meet July 20th

J. W. Linton
20/7/06

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 28th July 1906.
Present Galton in chair & all except
absent. Welch, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Alden
Chesterton Standing

1. Minutes confirmed
2. Candidates elected subject to pay^{nt} of Service.

Miss Hilda N. Collar, 63 Sandrock-road, Lewisham, S.E. ...	L. Isserlis & Edw. R. Pease.
J. Hazelip, Sunny Bank-avenue, Horsforth, Leeds ...	A. W. Waddington.
Harry Lavender, 53 Kyrle-road, Clapham, S.W. ...	L. Haden Guest & S. G. Hobson.
J. S. Middleton, 28 Victoria-st., S.W. ...	Albert E. Martin & E. R. Pease.
Miss J. Amplias Read, Forest Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex	Walter J. Read.
W. Teignmouth Shore, 26 Craven-terrace, Lancaster Gate, W. ...	Secretary.
J. C. Squire, St. John's College, Cambridge ...	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Amy Wellington, 1379 Commonwealth-avenue, Allston, Boston, Mass., U.S.A. ...	Catherine Wells.

Secy was authorized to elect August ^{1st} members if no exception to be taken to them. —

3. Poor Law Enquiry. Sec. reported annexed letter sent to list also annexed. Agreed to add Lange & Mrs Cotton.
4. Correspondence. Postmens Fedⁿ re lost book box. Take action. Sir Donald Robertson. Accept offer of lecture on India Glasgow F.S. G. Ramsay gone to America strike off Labour Party. Appeal for Cokermouth.

Members List.

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Proposed that the following members who were warned of their arrears in December be dealt with as follows:-

(1) 4. "Gone no address". To be struck off.

Transfer to cl/6
F.D. Perrott.

Wm. Edwin. Miss Gerda Jacobi. Wm. O'Mahony.

(2) 23. To be informed that in the absence of a subscription their names will be removed.

H. R. Aldridge.	Chas. R. Allen Junr.	Rev. W. Busby.
Rennie Byles.	H. Carpenter.	H. E. Chew.
Miss A.M. Corthorn.	Frederic Hudson.	Mrs. Morgan-Browne.
T. Dudley Morgans.	L.R.F. Oldershaw.	Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Peddie.
John Penny.	H. D'Arcy Power.	J. C. Reed.
R. A. Reeve.	H. H. Roper.	Chas. Spooner.
W. R. Titterton.	Robert Waite.	W. R. Wells.
	G. P. Williams.	

(3) 15. (Ex-members of Executive &c.) to be informed that no more communications can be sent them until they pay a subscription.

R. Wherry Anderson.	Walter H. Coffin.	Robert Dell.
Mrs. Bruce Glasier.	Mrs. Grace Goodall.	A.C.H. Graham.
F. T. H. Henle.	E. Furnival Jones.	John Lister.
Hubert Morgan-Browne.	E. Cubitt Sayers.	Miss H. Simon.
Adolphe Smith.	S. Seguin Strahan.	Frederick Whelen.

Miss B.

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In December, 1911, the following names were listed as persons likely to be affected by the Poor Law:

List of People to whom the letter re Poor Law Enquiry has been sent.

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| Harrison Barrow | J. Jacob |
| G. C. Beresford. | Mrs. King-Farlow |
| James Billson | Miss E. M. Kitson |
| Edward Cadbury | A. Levine |
| Dr. Stanton Coit | Miss J. T. Mander |
| Walter Coates | Miss May Morris |
| Herbert A. Day | Henry J. Nicholson |
| J. A. Fallows | H. D. Pearsall |
| Mrs. Joseph Fels | Harold Shawcross |
| Joseph T. Gumersall | Mrs. Stewart |
| P. C. Glubb | Edwin J. Syer |
| Mrs. Hemon | Mrs. Townshend |
| Miss B. B. Hutchins. | Richard Whiteing. |

By P.M. sent - signed - 2. now - id. - L. - id - E. - ink - ink - ink - ink - ink

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Dear Sir,

You will have noticed a paragraph in "Fabian News" as to the desirability, at this juncture, of providing funds for some special enquiries into the effect of insanitary conditions and low wages on destitution. This arises in connection with the Royal Commission on the Poor Law, of which Mrs. Sidney Webb is a member.

It seems that there is a great chance of important forward steps being made in three directions, if carefully directed investigation can be made, and the facts brought to bear.

1.- A vast amount of pauperism is being created, year after year, by the evil conditions of employment (especially of women and young persons) - the low wages, long hours and insanitary workplaces. If this could be statistically and graphically demonstrated, we might get greatly improved Factory Acts, including a Legal Minimum Wage.

2.- The incessant ill-health and premature old age from which the victims suffer is at present dealt with mainly by the perfunctory service and obsolete medical practice of the Poor Law Medical Officer. This is so futile and objectionable that efforts are being made to restrict or abolish it. But what is wanted is a great expansion of the superior Public Health service, using prevention rather than cure, and relying on regimen rather than on bottles of physic. A skilled investigation on this point might

lead to an organised medical service on a public basis.

3.- The care of the children. This is at present considered only with reference to the 50,000 in Poor Law Institutions. We ought to learn what is happening to the 200,000 children now being maintained on Outdoor Relief, about whom practically nothing is certainly known. (15)

Mrs. Sidney Webb asks for the means of organising competent investigation into these matters, none of which are likely to be adequately dealt with except at private expense. Mrs. Webb undertakes to direct the work, but cannot pay for the services of the three investigators, involving anything between £100 and £500. A fund is being raised for this purpose, towards which only £20. 1. 0. has as yet been received.

The opportunity is an exceptional one, and it is believed that some of the richer members of the Society, if they understood the merits of the case, would be prepared to subscribe the money necessary to enable us to take advantage of it.

If you are willing to help, will you kindly inform me up to what amount you would be prepared to contribute; and which enquiry you would prefer to support.

I am,

Yours truly,

Publications. Minimum Wage. Done.

Museum of Bodo. Design & Walls approved.
Agreed to leave to Pub. Com^{ee} to raise
after the holidays. -

Eder's Cost-of Death. McCleary reported adversely.
Referred to Headlam & Doid for report.

J. Vukobeh. Offer of Paper on Gambling. Referred to Dalton

Purge of members. Sec.'s report approved with
alterations in lists as indicated. -

Autumn Propaganda. Draft circular extensively altered
& approved. Chesterton's letter read. -

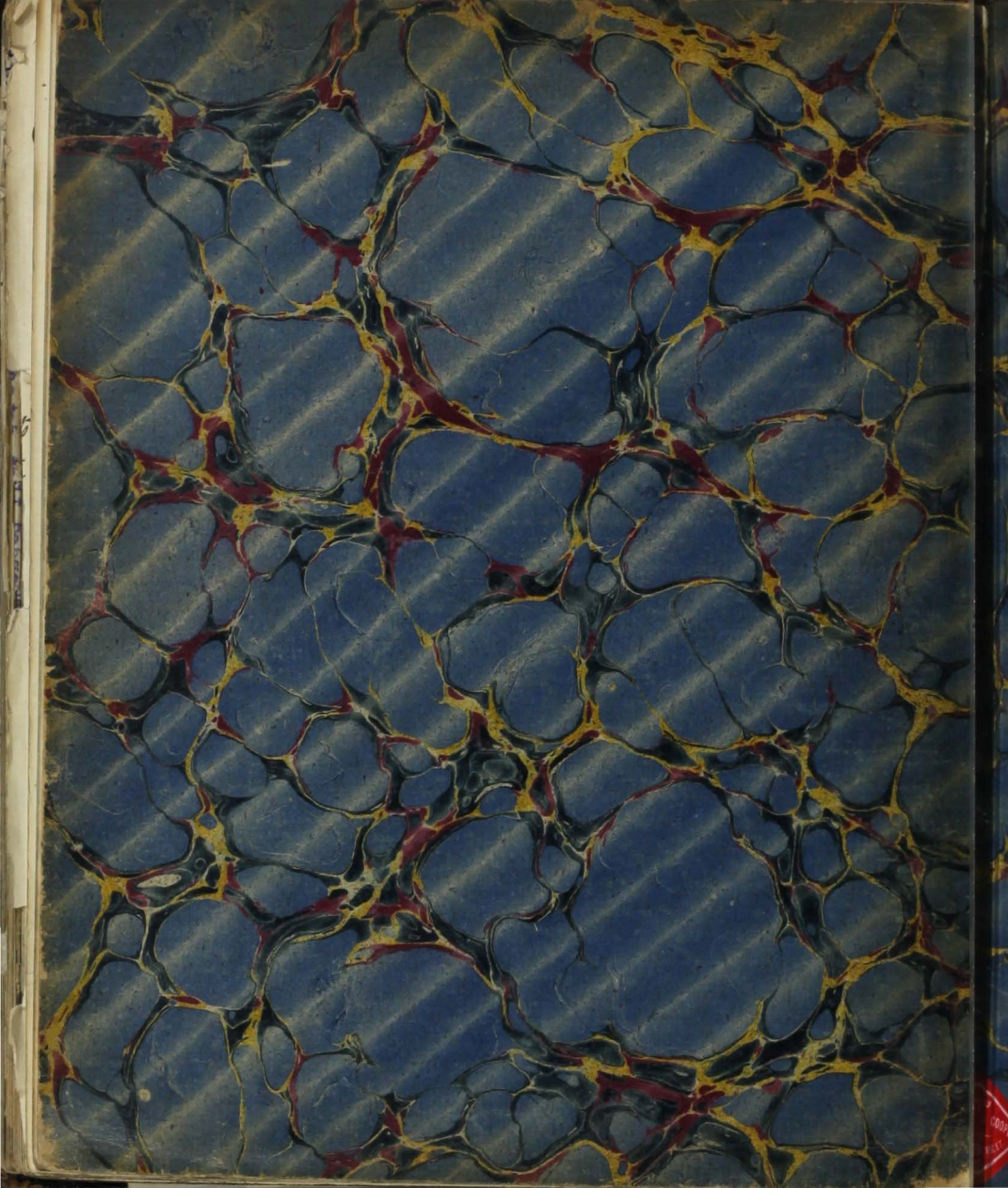
Annual Report approved with some amendments.

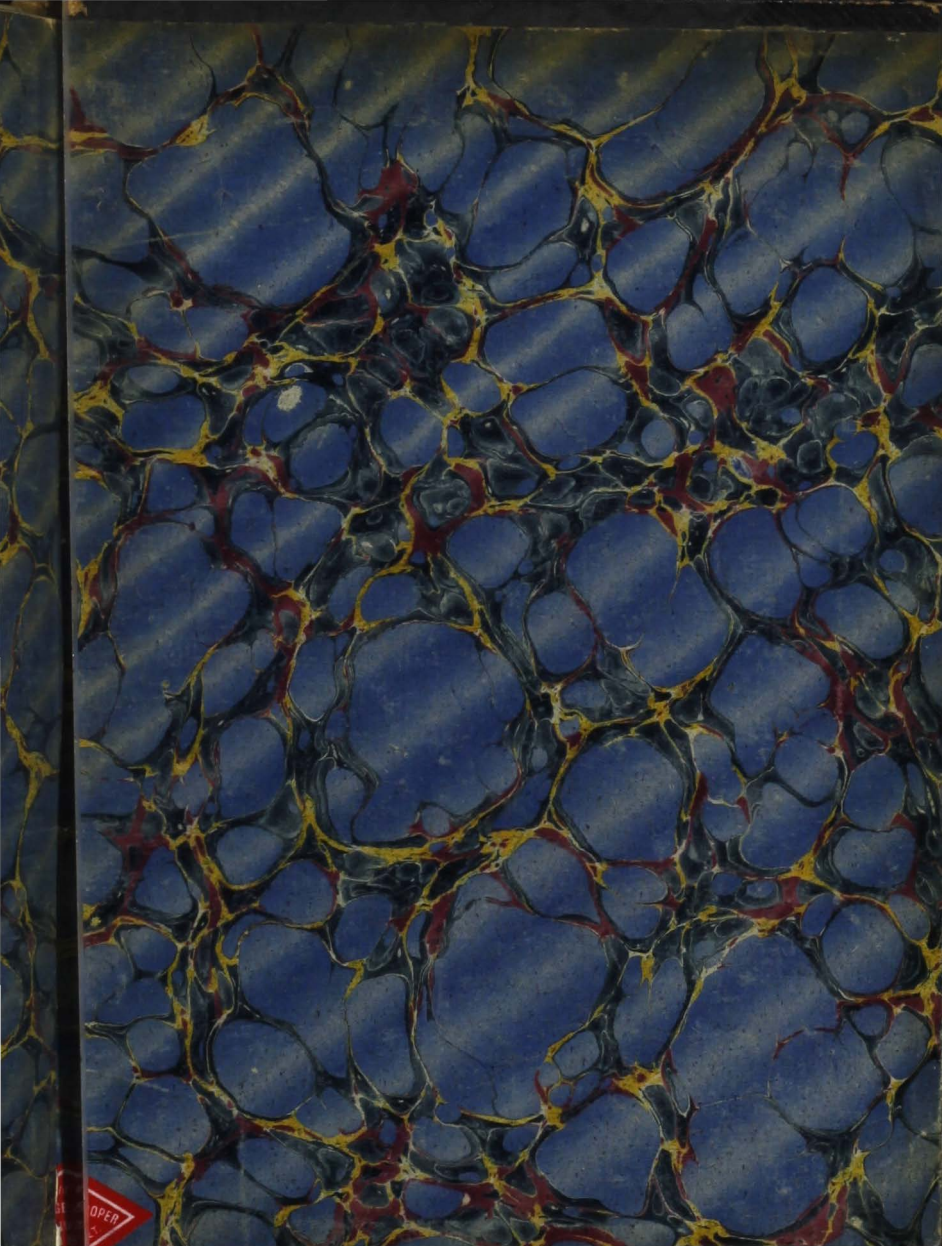
Passage re issue of Intercepted letter deleted.
Proposal of Taylor to delete reference to Steadman
as member of Trade Union Group lost 4-2.
Agreed to alter word South if Webb desires.

Autumn Lectures. Sec. reported Enns accepted. -

Hobson agreed to take lecture assigned
to Macrochi. agreed to ask Cort
to lecture on ~~the~~ Socialism as a new life.
(Hobson & Headlam)







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