

FABIAN SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

From 29th April, 1890  
To 1st September, 1891

C/R/C/2



WHITTMANN, 187, EDGWARE ROAD, W.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1

To meet monthly (First Tuesday at 5.30 p.m.?)

2

Monthly notice of meeting to be sent (with any important agenda) to each member: stating also particulars of all Sub-committee meetings fixed. ✓

3

To have sole power:

- a of issuing anything on behalf of the Society ✓
- b of spending anything over £1 ✓
- c of bringing propositions before Society ✓

4

have permanent Chairman. ✓

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SUB-COMMITTEES

That three permanent Sub-committees be appointed,

- a Literature and publishing ✓
- b Political and Lecture ✓
- c Finance and General Purposes ✓

Each to meet usually once a month and oftener if required.

6

That 5 members be specially nominated to each Sub-committee, and be held responsible for its work - but that all members of the Executive be entitled to attend any Sub-committee meeting if desired. ✓

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That the business of the Sub-committees be as follows:

Literature and Publishing

to manage the issue of the Society's publications: to promote sales of literature: and to devise new tracts &c

Political and Lecture

To suggest and coordinate the political action of the Society and its members: to promote the Society's political influence: and to manage the Lecture Week.

Finance and General Purposes

To administer the finances: to promote the Society's fortnightly and social meetings: to supervise the admission of members: and general business.

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That no Sub-committee have power to issue anything on behalf of the Society, or to incur any expense in excess of £1 at a time, without the previous sanction of the Executive Committee.

That

*brief* That minutes be kept of all Sub-committee meetings, and that a ~~brief~~ abstract of these minutes for the month be read at **each** meeting of the Executive Committee, for the information of its members.

10.  
That members be allotted to the various Subcommittees as follows

with	<u>Finance and General Purposes</u>	
power	H. Bland (Treasurer)	} (meeting 4th. Tuesdays)
	E.R. Pease (Secretary)	
	Miss Grover	
	Rev. S.D. Headlam	
to each	W.S. de Mattos.	} <del>Red Lion Court - Fleet St</del> <del>Verinda</del>
to attend	<u>Political and Lecture</u>	
the	<del>Mrs. Besant</del>	} (meeting 3rd. Tuesdays)
	S. Webb	
	G.B. Shaw	
	Mrs. Mallet	
other	R.E. Dell	} <u>Fleet St.</u>
meetings	<u>Publishing and Literature</u>	} (meeting 2nd. Tuesdays)
	S. Olivier	
	W. Clarke	
	G. Wallas	
	Miss Hoatson	
	J.F. Oakeshott	} <del>Verinda</del>

The above is the scheme of organisation adopted without amendment (except in hour of meeting) at the Executive Committee held 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1890.

Executive Minute  
Book

II

29 Aug 1890

to

1 Sep 1891

# Finance & Gen. Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup>

at 2 Hyde Park Mansions on 29 April 1890. 4.30

Present Bland, De Mattos, Peace

# Lecture & Political Com<sup>ee</sup>

Same place at 5.30 pm. -

Present Mr. Busant, Mr. Mallet, Shaw, Webb, Dell.

Also Olivier, -

(The two Committees sat continuously)



1. The Secy was authorised to include in the printed list the following candidates, agreed to by the Exec. viz:-

Mr. Radford

Miss Johnson

H. Roberts

A. Buckhurst

R. W. Reynolds

Miss Ethel M. Mallet

} list for May 2

} not sent yet.

Subject to usual conditions. —

2. List of Group. Secs. was gone over & the following agreed to :-

Central	I. S. Fraser
S. W.	Mr Sandham (vice Wallas)
Western	(to be merged in S.W.)
N. W.	Miss Dell, (Vice Oliver) or Dell
Hampstead	Miss Brooke
N.	H. M. Hart, (vice McCormick)
S. E.	Bland.

to include Croydon }

S.	De Mattos (vice Phillip)
E.	G. Samuel (vice nobody)

Secretary to arrange these. —

3. Secretary authorised to get <sup>the list of members</sup> ~~his~~ headed paper printed at the New Fellowship press.

4. Agreed to sell Tracts on May 4<sup>th</sup> & Sec. instructed to write to Rev. W. A. Morris asking him to get a man on hawkers terms, the Society to guarantee him 10/- if his profits for a weeks work are less than this sum. —  
One man only to be employed, & 500 tracts sent.

5 Sec. reported that Wm Morris had consented to



Lecture on "Gothic Architecture" vice Radford. Approved.

- 6. Agreed to recommend to the Executive to grant 20/- to the eight hours Central Com<sup>ee</sup> -
- 7. Agreed (in respect of issue of report) to advertise <sup>Business</sup> Tract No 11 under the name, "The Workers Political Programme"
- 8. Agreed to hold Exec. meeting at the West. Pub. H<sup>l</sup> (as offered by Miss Warley) Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup> at 63 Fleet St, & Finance & Publishing at Verinders office if he agreed thereto.
- 9. Agreed to summon a private members meeting to consider Tract 11 for 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar at the Rev. S. P. Headlam, if possible.
- 10. Financial schemes were brought forward by Oliver & Bland, & the following were agreed to: -  
- See over. -

## Financial Arrangements: -

a. That the Secretary & Treasurer alone be the accounting officers of the Society: all payments to its funds to be made to one or other of them: both of them to sign the formal receipts for all subscriptions, & for all donations over 5/-: subscription & donations to be payable to either of them, but all receipts for literature to be paid to the Secretary & passed through his accounts. -

(b) That all payments ~~for~~ on a/c of the Society be made by the Secretary alone: and that he shall be at liberty to make payments up to £2. in amount in cash out of any moneys of the Society that may be in his hands at any time, for any purpose authorized by the Exec. Comm<sup>ee</sup> or by any sub-comm<sup>ee</sup> having power to authorize expenditure, & that at the end of each month he shall pay over to the ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer the balance if any remaining in his hands.

(c) That the Treasurer shall keep an account with a Bank approved by the Executive, in the name of the Society & shall pay to the credit of the Society all subscriptions & donations, & the Treasurer's monthly Balances, as soon as he receives them; and shall draw & hand to the Secretary all cheques that the latter may require for making payments approved by the Executive or any sub-Comm<sup>tee</sup> acting within its authority. And that no payments shall be made by the Treasurer to the Secretary except by cheque. -

(d) That the Secretary & Treasurer shall each keep a cash account, that kept by the former to include all the accounts of the Society; & that the Secretary shall also keep a Ledger, & shall present to each Executive a statement of Ledger Balances at the close of each month in a book kept for the purpose: & that this book, with the accounts on wh. it is founded, & the Society's pass book from the Bank, entered up to the end of the month, be laid before <sup>each</sup> Executive <sup>meeting</sup> signed by both Officers of the Society.

(e) That ~~he~~ all postage stamps received by the Secretary for tracts be entered as cash receipts: that he shall keep a register of all stamps used for letters & parcels, & also of all stamps received in payment for postage: that at the end of each month he shall enter the Balance of these accounts ~~so~~ in his cash book as payments for stamps for the month.

(f) That the Secretary shall keep books showing the liabilities of the Society for Literature printed & its Dr. & Cr. acc with the Free Thought Publishing Co: & that these accounts shall be produced whenever required. -

(g) That twice in each year a circular be sent (subject to the approval of the Executive) to all members who have not paid a subscription for more than a year, reminding them of this fact: this circular to be signed by Treasurer & Secretary.

(h) That in January of each year a full financial

statement be laid before the Executive for its consideration

11. Agreed that the Treasurer open an account at the London & County <sup>Bank</sup> Branch where he keeps his own account.

12. Agreed that the Sec. draft & send to Shaw for criticism a letter to Country members, asking them to arrange for meetings & ~~that is~~ saying that if necessary the travelling expenses might be paid by the Society.

13. The Treasurer & Secretary were ordered to bring an estimate of probable receipts & expenditure before the next Exec. Com<sup>o</sup>

in abstract  
Read at meeting  
27/5/90  
& approved.

Executive at Westminster Palace Hotel

on Tues. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5, H Bland in chair

Present all except Rev. S. Headlam.

1 Minutes of last meeting read & signed.

H. B.

2 Abstract of Sub-Comm<sup>ee</sup> minutes given by Sec.

3. Agreed to print 2000 of Report for 1889-90.

4. Agreed to prop arrangements, Hampstead to go with Harrow.

5. Approved of grant recommended of 20% to the Central Comm<sup>ee</sup> Eight Hours Dem<sup>n</sup>: fund.

6 Agreed to accept the Finance Comm<sup>ee</sup> Financial scheme.

7. Draft letter to County members, not having been brought by Shaw, agreed to let him & Sec. settle it: to be cyclostyped & accompanied by note when desirable.

8. Estimate for year amended & accepted viz:-

Over.

Receipts

Balance	£ 74
Subscrip <sup>ns</sup>	90
Donations	10
Tracts sold	65
Essays "	90
	£ 329.

Expenses

Postage	£ 40
Stationery & Printing	20
Hire of Halls	35
Secretary	52
Binding & Stap	12
	259.
Balance.	70
	329.

against wh. the Society is committed,  
 for reprinting Tracts 5.7.9.10.11 } £ 40. —

9. Reprinting Tracts: agreed to order
- No. 5. 5000 of Bomer
  - " 9. 5000 of Coop. Printing Socy (or other firm)
  - " 10. 5000 more (= 10000) of Standing
  - " 11. 200 proofs of Standing
  - " 12. Leaflet on Land Nat<sup>n</sup>, of Coop. Printing Socy

10. Agreed to send out special notice re Robertsons amendments to Land Bill.

11. Agreed that Shaw ask Shorter to contradict <sup>in Star</sup> statement that the Essays will be reprinted at 1/-

12. Resolved "That there be no dancing at  
the soiree".

13. Agreed that Reading Circle be called together.

G. Bernard Shaw.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1890.



# Literature & Publishing Sub-Comm<sup>ee</sup>

at 32 St. Ormonde St on Tuesday 13 May 90

Absent Miss Holton & W. Clarke. Addit<sup>l</sup> G. B Shaw

## Abstract

1. Letter from Mr. Besant read & agreed that Simpkin & Marshall be allowed 5% on the 8<sup>d</sup> for pushing Essays over country.
2. Re Press Notices: agreed to offer to Simpkin & that Executive be asked for lists of names
3. Agreed to send out on next notice list of gratis Tracts, & that members receive Nos. 1, 10, & 12 on demand gratis.
4. Prop<sup>s</sup> of Workers Pol. Programme considered & amended.
5. Sec. directed to complain to Coop. Print<sup>g</sup> Society about paper used for Tract 9. reprint.

Simpkin & M.  
to receive 5% over 8.

Leaflets gratis.

G. Bernard Shaw

with June 1890.

# Political Subcommittee

at 32 St. Ormonde St. on Tues 20/5/90. -

~~Pres.~~ Albert Shaw, Dell: ~~two~~ <sup>additional</sup> Clarke, Miss Grover, Wallas.

Recom. to  
Exec. re  
N.P. + Pol. Prog.

1. Agreed to recommend Exec. to send out a copy of Workers Pol. Prog. + of Pres Notices of Resign to N.P.'s, Peers (elected) + Candidates
2. Further conferences on Political work discussed

Register of  
Constituencies

3. Agreed to make a register of all the Constituencies, England + Scotland to begin with.

4. Agreed to make Register of <sup>Fabian</sup> members with Particulars qualifications for work.

Proposed  
Track on  
Local Powers

5. Agreed to issue cyclostyled letter to members + others, with a view to get up a track on the powers of local Bodies.
6. Agreed to send materials for Country Prog. to Anderson + ask him for a minute on them.

7. List of Persons to be invited & at Cost of Society to Soiree, & private members drawn up: to be submitted to Bland.

8. Agreed to ask Carr for Loan of his room for next Pol. Meeting: Sherwin Sec. to settle

W. S. de Mattos  
June 17<sup>th</sup> 1890

Finance + Gen. Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at

32<sup>nd</sup> St. Grand St. on Tues. 27/5/90. -

Absent. Bland & Headlam. Additional present. Wallas.

1. Minutes were read in abstract. -

2. Election to membership: -

W<sup>m</sup> Partridge

A. C. H. Graham

W<sup>m</sup> B. C. P. Jones

Ethel M. Wallt

R. W. Reynolds.

G. A. Beresford.

3. Some minor amendments to Tract 11  
were approved of. -

4. Decided that the Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup>s sh<sup>d</sup> if possible  
meet at the same place & if convenient  
at Podmore. -

5. Decided to sell for waste paper Tracts  
3 & 4. Remnants, except a few dozen.

Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup>s  
Meetings }

6. Resolved that Sec. wife & P. Manning advising him to apply for any lectures he wants to see.

7. Resolved, That the Soirée Committee be instructed that all free tickets must be paid for if possible, out of the Soirée account, & that an Estimate of Receipts & expenditure be read & laid before next Executive.

8. Resolved that, for reasons given, Shaw send free tickets to <sup>Mr & Mrs</sup> Paul Lafayere & wife, & Mrs Broke to Mrs Bowling, & W. Thom.

9. Resolved that Minutes of Members Meetings sh<sup>d</sup>. be read at next Executive.

10. Hudson's draft tract (Agricultural Labourers) & minute, & letters thereupon were read & sec. desired to obtain Wells opinion & report to Executive

Soirée Estimate  
to be laid before  
Executive.

Additional free  
tickets

Members Meeting  
Minutes to be read

Agricultural  
programme  
referred to Exec

M. C. D. C.

# Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> at West. Pal. Hotel

on Tues. June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890, G. B. Shaw in chair.

Absent, Mrs Besant, Miss Hoatson, Bland Clarke Dell  
De Mattos Headlam

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed & those of the Business Meeting, & of the Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup> meetings gone thro'. -
2. Details of Register of Constitutions were referred to Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup>, & G. Wallas was desired to bring <sup>amended</sup> draft letter to members about their clubs, Societies &c, to the Literature Com<sup>ee</sup>.
3. Agreed to send Workers P. Prog. to N. P.'s selected peers, & candidates, & Press. notices where desirable.
4. Agreed that a Com<sup>ee</sup> be appointed to consider the Agricultural Programme, viz:- Hurst, Wallas, F. C. Barber, F. Hudson, J. R. Macdonald, W. Clarke, R. Scutter, with power to add to their number. \*
5. The following were elected members, subject to the Secy when necessary, obtaining signatures  
\* added 18.6.90 Crinkley, Snell, Roberts, Petherick, Murray.

of acceptance of Basis etc., viz:-

- |                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| R. R. Steele      | Wm Griffiths        |
| J. H. Buckingham  | P. R. Pratt         |
| A. O. Barron      | Harry Somerfield    |
| Mrs. W. W. Barket | Henry H. Hutchinson |

6. Agreed to allow sale of "Free Russia" at next meeting.

7. Secy made financial statement, with ledger Balances. Treasurer was absent & Bank Book was not laid on Table. - Agreed, That the Treasurer present the Bank-Book to the next ~~Executive Meeting~~ Finance Council meeting.

8. Agreed that the Secy obtain cheque from Treasurer to pay the Coop. Printing Society (their offer to reduce estimate for Tract 9 (5000) to £8.- on account of inferiority of paper, being accepted) £8. & that he get in other accounts & pay them, when they are correct. - Monthly Balance (£ 10.16.5) to be sent to Treasurer.

9. Grants of Literature approved as follows:-

50 Eight Hours Bill to Eleusis Club & G. Wallas  
500 Figures for Londoners & Xian Socialists. S. Olivier  
1 Fabian Essays to Toybee Hall Library. Sec. 7

10. Resolved, after discussion on Hart's letter, not to remove Reeves name as agent, from our Tracts.
11. Resolved, That quotation marks on p. 7 ~~Facts~~ Tract 11 lines 8 & 9 be removed; & that the last page be utilised to print list of Socialist literature as is on back of Webb's "Progress of Socialism".
13. Reprint of Fabian Essays:- Walter Scott's (Dirch's) letter read. Sec. ordered to ask if they are a fair house, & if they are, to send copy Essays as asked. Also to write to Alexander & Shepherd to get estimate for cost of printing with block supplied, 5000. Also to Simpson & Marshall to ask if they wd undertake publication, if we print, & ask their charge.
15. Sec. instructed to reply to International Labour League & Fed'n, that we can't attend this Con<sup>ee</sup> but may attend future ones.



16. Letter from R. E. Dell & H Bland read, in reference to Minute 7. 27/5/90, to the effect that the Socie's com<sup>ee</sup> do not ~~propose to~~ see any reason to alter their estimate, & proposing a Social Meeting for July 7<sup>th</sup> at 81<sup>a</sup> Queen Victoria Street.

~~15.~~  
17. Resolved That the Socie's Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup> be authorised to act till after the first Social Meeting that the date & place<sup>s</sup> proposed be approved: and that a report of their proposals with reference thereto be laid before the General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> for approval. \* (July 7<sup>th</sup> 81<sup>a</sup> Queen Victoria St.)

18. Re Tract-12 Shaw reported disagreement with Headlam Para. drafted to meet both parties & Sec. instructed to submit same to Headlam. If he approves, to print Tract. If he does not, to report to Lit. Com<sup>ee</sup>—

Miles Bland  
1/7/90

Literature Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank St. S.W.

on Tues. 10 June 1890. - G.B. Shaw in Chair.

Absent Oliver Clarke, Miss Hoatson, Additional Present Shaw,  
Wells, Pease. -

1 Minutes 13/5/90 read & signed

2. Wallis reported draft letter to members  
re census, not prepared: deferred to  
Gen. Com<sup>ee</sup> -

Reprint of Essays

3. Sec: reported estimate from Alexander  
& Shepherd, & offer from Sedt of 1½% Royalty.  
Sec. directed to ask Sedt for higher offer.

4. Grants agreed to.

1 Essay to New Church Review for review  
~~250~~ 500 w/o 10 & 500 w/o 12 to McCormick for Fair Parts Union  
& to exchange value in tracts for  
250 Main Economics (a Spicer) & 250 Indiv. & Soc.  
(Grant Allen) with Eng. Land Rest. League, if  
they approve. -

5. Sec. reported in hand in all

1140 Revs of Essays, & about 30 names & addresses received. Agreed that notices be sent to these. —

b. Agreed that a non-member receive notices of meetings etc. in return for a donation of not less than 5/- per ann.

7. Newfellowship Press ap was explained by Cakeshott, & it was agreed that the same be paid. (List of members etc)

8. Agreed that Wallas & Shaw draft a leaflet on Soc<sup>m</sup>, general statement & abstract of figures in Facts for Socialists

Leaflet on Socialism

9. Agreed that Shaw ~~prepare~~ examine Webb's Eight Hours Contemporary article with a view to publication.

Eight Hours Tract.

10. Agreed to recommend Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup> to appoint a sub-com<sup>ee</sup> to draw up a Representation of the People Bill

Tract on Representation

Olivier to  
draft Tract  
on  
Compensation

11. Agreed that Olivier be asked to  
prepare Tract on Compensation  
Where, How + when.

Miles Placid  
Chairman - 8/7/96

Political Subcommittee at 12 Millbank St.  
on Tuesday 17 June 1890. De Mattos in chair.

~~Pass~~ Absent. Mrs Besant, Shaw, P. S. Dell. Additional, Wallas, Cakeshitt,  
Miss Groves, De Mattos, Secy. -

1. Minutes of 20/5/90 read & approved
2. Agreed to send Tracks 11 & 12 & press notices  
etc of essays to Liberal M. P. s, first.  
Then to Lib Candidates: then to Conservative  
members etc. -
3. Agreed to get 2 Ledgers, 300 leaves 600 p.  
not ruled, for Register Constituencies.
4. Draft letter to members brought up by  
Wallas, & approved with additions: 500.  
To be printed, probably 4<sup>5</sup> - 250
5. Agreed to submit to Exec. suggested draft  
of Facts about Bristol, to be prepared by Secy.
6. Agreed to recommend Exec. to reprint 1000 No 1.

Letter to Members  
for "Dossier"

Facts for Bristol.

Reprint Track 1

7. Agreed to get card "Fabian Meeting here"  
& to consider card re sale of Tracts. —

8. Agreed to pay Foulgers printing of

9. Agreed that Graham Wallas (who attends for  
Science Club) report to Exec. on the Eight  
Hours Organisation.

10. Provincial Lecture course was discussed

11. Agreed that Sec. draft & submit to Webb  
letter handing Eight Hours Bill to the three  
recalcitrant Lancashire Cotton Unions

12. On recommendation of Lit. Comtee agreed  
to summon Exec. members to a meeting  
on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. at 2 H. P. Mansions  
to consider a Representation of People Bill.  
Clauses on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot to be prepared by E. R. Peare  
" " Payment Members " " " G. Wallas  
" " " Elect. Exp " " " Oakeshott  
" " Extension of Franchise " " " Webb.

Eight Hours  
Organisation

Representation of  
People Bill

13. Agreed that on next notice members sh<sup>d</sup>. be advised to take Tracts on sale, especially when lecturing. -

14. Sec. brought up draft of circular to members re lectures, in order to prepare new lecture list. Agreed that 500 250 be printed, as amended: Sec. to arrange details with ex Lecture Sec. (Webb)

Lecture List

15. Agreed to prepare Newspaper List: Please to send to present list to Wallis & Shaw.

16. Answers to provincial Members circular laid on table. Sec. instructed to prepare abstract, & to lay letters before Rural Com<sup>tee</sup>:

draft Replies to prov. Circular

17. Miss Cameron's: agreed to send 50 of Tracts for sale or gift: to send letter to Gore: and to advise Miss C. that plan w<sup>d</sup> be carried out.

18. A. G. Buchhurst's: agreed to send lecturer to Chesham in due course, if detailed arrangements are made.

M. J. Clark  
Chairman

General Purposes Sub. Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Mullbank  
Street on Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. -

Albert Headlam. Additional present, Wallas.

1. Minutes of 27 May read & approved.

2. Bank-book produced by Treasurer showing balance  
of about  $\underline{\underline{£80}}$ . -

3. Bland (as Sec. of Socie Com<sup>ee</sup>) reported that the a/c were  
not yet closed; probably there will be a small loss. -

4. Moved by Graham Wallas, & approved That a copy of  
Essays be sent to Albert F. Earnley.

5. Agreed that Harry Lowerson, who for private reasons  
cannot in name join the Society, shall receive notice  
& be at liberty to attend all meetings, but not to vote.

6. Resolved that action cannot be taken in regard to  
forth-coming meetings of Univ. Soc. Students at  
Oxford & Cambridge.

7. Agreed that Sec. make enquiries re' larger hall



for Shaw's paper on July 18<sup>th</sup>, & also in respect of hall  
for autumn course (Willis's essay, St. James's Parliament)

Larger Hall

8. Agreed to consider whether to sell Mr. Gaskell's Tract on Population Question

Gaskell's Tract.

9. Agreed to employ J. W. Niklett to sell Tracts, to the extent of 10/-

Sale of Tracts

10. Agreed to ~~propose~~ offer Tract 12 to Land Nationalisation Socy for Distribution

11. Agreed to send letter to Group Secs. as drafted by Webb, with additions.

Group Letter.

12. Agreed that a reporter for each Sub-Comm<sup>ee</sup> be appointed, to make report to Ordinary Meeting. Bland to act for General <sup>purpose</sup> Comm<sup>ee</sup>

Comm<sup>ee</sup> Reporter.

13. Agreed to hold 1<sup>st</sup> Social Meeting at 8.30 July 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Nicholas Club: question of refreshments at 6<sup>th</sup>. a head to be left over. -

Quarterly Social

W. S. de Mattos

Meeting of Executive members called by  
Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup> on Monday 30 June at 2 P. Mansions  
Present Webb Wallas, DeMatto, Caheshdt, Miss Grover Peau

1. Draft Represent<sup>n</sup> of Peoples Bill was considered,  
Further clauses were ordered to be drafted  
Mode of Conducting Elections & Pease  
Payment of members     " Caheshdt Wallas  
Registration             " Caheshdt

2. It was decided that the Members of the Society  
- be invited to further discuss Bill on Sat  
July 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. at 2 P. Mansions.

Executive Meeting at West- Palace Hotel  
on Tuesday, July 1890. -

Absent Miss Groves, Mrs Besant, Miss Horton, Mrs Mallet  
Headlam, Dell, Clarke. -

1. Minutes of June 3<sup>rd</sup> read & signed

2. Precis of minutes of Sub. Comtee Read.

3. Treasurer laid Bank Book on Table, showing corrected  
Balance with cheque £7.7.0 for monthly balance from Sec. 7)  
of £83.12.11. Sec. 7 read balance sheet to 30 June  
agreeing therewith. -

4. Reprint of Essays. Sec. 7 read Walter Scott's reply to his  
last letter, declining to offer more than 1 1/2 d. per copy  
Royalty. It was resolved after discussion that the  
Secretary write accepting offer, subject to stipulations  
viz:- That the agreement be for 5 years, during which  
time W. Scott shall keep the book continuously on  
sale at 1/-

That we supply plate for cover, & be consulted  
thereon.

That we be supplied with a <sup>special</sup> handbill on good paper

That we be at liberty to go on selling & to reprint if desired, the 6/- Edition.

That if Scott ceases to keep the 1/- Edition on sale, all rights revert, de facto to us. —

Agreed also to ask Scott if he intends to print from our plates: and also that the agreement before signature be submitted to Miss Brooke for criticism. —

5. Bland raised discussion on query whether Rule 2 deprives the Society of the right to appoint Com<sup>ees</sup>. — It was arranged that he should raise the subject again at a meeting of the Society.
6. Bland reported that 232 tickets for the Soiree were sold, & 238 persons attended. a loss of £ 3.4.8 was the result, against adv. wd be set the balance in hand of £ 1.5.8, and a disputed amt of £ . . . . . Agreed that he try to get the amt reduced, but do not go to law. —
7. Agreed that the Society pay 25/- for Refreshments at the Quarterly Social meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Queen Victoria St. —

8. The following were elected, subject to the usual conditions, viz:-

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| W <sup>m</sup> . Scudamore | W. H. Harland      |
| Louis Cohen                | E. Frank Plowright |
| W. Saunders (Battersea)    | Cecil R. Phillips  |
| Grant Allen                |                    |

9. Agreed to bind the remainder of the Essays, & pay up for previous lot at once.

10. Agreed not to take action upon circulars from International Labour League  
Tramways Union  
Saunders' Right of Procession Com<sup>ee</sup>

11. Correspondence from J.H. Wilson M. P., Grant Allen, Billamy, Dr. Robertson, & Zarnish, read & mentioned

12. Letter from Eng. Land. Res<sup>t</sup>: League read & agreeing to exchange of Tracts. Agreed to take 300 of G. Allen's, + 300 of Spicer's, to be sent to members.

13. Abstract of replies to provincial circulars read

14. Autumn course of lectures discussed, and Shaw's amended scheme generally approved, & wh. several short papers w<sup>d</sup>. be read at each meeting. Agreed that Shaw draw up a scheme in detail & submit to next sub-Committee meeting.
15. Offer of Banqueting Hall (St. J. Rest) for £4.4/- for Shaw's Ibsen lecture & seven autumn lectures read, & agreed that recy offer = £26.5/. For 8 lectures to St. Jas Hall Rest. For the Banquet Room.
16. Group letter & Samuel's action thereon approved
17. Resolved that Tract No. 1 be reprinted in style of Tract 10, 10,000 to be done. —
18. Agreed that Wallas & Clarke prepare scheme for series of lectures in Manchester in Sept.
19. Plan of Com<sup>ee</sup> Reporters approved, Bland for Gen. Com<sup>ee</sup>, Wallas for Lit. Com<sup>ee</sup>, Webb for Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup> —
- 20 New tracks in preparation discussed: —

Approved, that Just draft Facts for Bristol:

Oliver on "Compensation"

Shaw .. "Eight Hours"

Wallas & Shaw "Leaflet on Soc<sup>m</sup>"

That Pease & Anderson submit draft leaflet to  
Bural Com<sup>ee</sup> on July 10<sup>th</sup> &

That the Society be asked to discuss Representation  
of People Bill on Sat July 12<sup>th</sup>

Hubert Pland

July 25 1890

Literature Sub-com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank St  
on Tues. 8 July 1890. -  
Absent Clarke. Additional Present Bland, Shaw, Pease.

1. Minutes read & confirmed
2. Correspondence with Walter Sedt read & approved. Sec. ordered to send plates, & to refuse any change in title. -
3. Shaw stated that he had wd made draft of Autumn course: deferred to Pol. Com<sup>ee</sup>
4. Sec. ordered to opt Standring to reprint Tract 1 in 4 page form. His apc passed.
5. Sec. instructed to tell League Branch that Essays will be published cheap.
6. Agreed that the S.D.F. have four of our Literature course but he vehemently asked to defer till Autumn.
7. Sec. ordered to ascertain cost of Bloomsbury Hall



(19)  
for autumn session.

8. Miss Cameron's letter on St. Dues read,  
& resolved that John Stevens be granted  
a copy of Essays.

9. On Webb's proposal the following were  
appointed a Com. to collar Cooperators  
viz:- McEwen      Cox      Varley.  
    Rlandford      Webb  
    Wallas      Peace  
    Graham      Laurie

Cooperative Com.

10. Shaw read draft "Socialist Leaflet", &  
Wallas criticised: agreed that Wallas prepare  
another draft, & both circulate round Sec.

Soc<sup>y</sup>. Leaflet.

Sydney Jones

9. Sept.

Political Sub-Committee at 12 Mullbank St.  
on Tuesday July 15<sup>th</sup> 1890. —  
~~Present~~ Albert Webb, Mr. Mallat, Sell, Additional, Bland,  
Wallas, Miss Grover, Oakeshott, De Mattos. Sec 7

1. Minutes 17 June ~~to~~ read & signed
2. Agreement with Walter Sell read & approved  
with amendments: resolved, that we obtain  
moulds from Bonner & Sell, if they have not  
been kept.
3. Agreed to negotiate with Putnam re  
his proposal.
4. Sec 7's action re <sup>numerous</sup> Labour League, & Land &  
Labour League approved.
5. Agreed to take Bloomsbury Hall for the  
Autumn Course @ £2.12.6 subject  
to include gas + warming, but the Sec 7  
to write attempting to get it cheaper. Send  
cards to absent members of Exec. Hereupon.

Hall for Autumn

- 6. Lecture list to be printed as amended, subject to revision with Webb.
- 8. Provincial Lecture Course, + Autumn Syllabus deferred to next meeting, proposals being not ready.
- 9. Proof of Tract I approved & amended
- 10. Progress in Tracts was reported.
- 11. Agreed to send out Election circular in August, if necessary. -

Election Circular

Sidney Webb

General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> on Tuesday 22 July '90  
 at 12 Millbank Street, De Mattos in chair  
absent. Bland, Headlam. Additional, Wallas, Cakeshott, Shaw.

1 Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> June read & signed.

2	Elected	George G. Wynne	by	E. R. Pease & Graham Wallas.
		Mrs. Morgan Thomas	"	Miss Grover & Miss Henry.
		Sydney E. C. Burrige	"	R. E. Dell and E. R. Pease.
		Miss Harriet Block	"	Miss Warley and E. R. Pease.
		Nelson Palmer	"	E. R. Pease and R. E. Dell.
		Frederick E. Green	"	G. B. Shaw and E. R. Pease.
W. Critchley (Twytford)	"	Miss Hoatson.		
Thos. Ritchie (Edinburgh)	"	Miss D. Foster.		

Waiving attendance 3  
 for Candidates.

Letter from Rev. A. Jephson read & also  
 from Rev. Kennedy. Resolved to defer  
 question of waiving the rule about attendance  
 till next Executive Meeting.

Autumn Course 4  
 Provincial Course

Shaw reported Autumn Course not prepared &  
 Wallas that Clarke had not ~~been~~ prepared  
 Provincial Scheme. Deferred to Executive.

5 Resolved, that an Exec. be called at  
 Podmore's on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

6 Wallas appointed to acknowledge both

from Germany with account of Fabian Socy

German books

- 7. Grants approved: Essays &c to D. G. rail for Paris  
 Essays to Alliance Cabinet-makers  
 if applied for.
- 8. Donation of 1000 Tract 12 to Land  
 Nth. Socy per Resolution, reported.
- 9. Agreed to take possession of contents of  
 purse found on June 20, in the meantime
- 10. Agreed to pay Burns A/c.
- 11. Letter from J. S. Robertson re pamphlet  
 on Scotch Church Monies read & referred  
 to Webb.
- 12. New Reform Bill referred to Cabellott
- 13. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edu. Essays. Letters & progress  
 reported: agreement as amended  
 to be sent forward.

- 14 Letter from Bloomsbury Hall Read, & agreed  
not to take Hall for year.
- 15 Sec. directed to write 5 members asking  
them to send Shaw list of commonest  
objections raised to Soc<sup>m</sup>
- 16 Lecture list gone thro' and Sec. directed  
to write to some members re lectures.
- 17 Letter from Sec. Eastern Group read.  
Resolved (a) to print 200 Bills of Tracts as  
proposed.  
(b) To obtain List of books to loan  
by notice or circular to members  
(c) to defer list of books fit for  
public libraries.  
(d) That Sec. send general reply.

Jules Plau  
Chairman  
23/9/90.

Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street on Tues.  
July 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Bland in chair.

Absent, Mrs Besant, Mrs Mallet, Dell, Leadlam  
Clarke.

1. The minutes of 1 July 1890 were read & signed.
2. Abstract of Sub. Com<sup>ee</sup> minutes were gone thro'.
3. Abstract financial statement was read by the Secy showing for end July, about £37 on Bank, & about £31 due. Liabilities of about £14 additional had been incurred.
4. Agreed that the Sec. send out a list of candidates including Rev. A. Jephson, Rev. A. H. Kennedy, Miss K. Dodd, Claude Burton, P. Curran, J. Rogers, Geo Ellis, W. E. Ellis, Miss M. Crowder, & any others, with an intimation that they w<sup>d</sup>. be elected in absence of any objection. Miss Sellers to be deferred.
5. Agreed to waive attendance rule in the case of the Rev. A. Jephson & the Rev. A. H. Kennedy.

6. Agreement with W. Scott, as amended, ordered to be signed & satisfactory progress of the negotiations for the cheap Edu. Fabian Essays reported.
7. M.S. Lecture list gone thro' & 2000 ordered to be printed & Standing. -
8. Sec. 7 ordered to prepare list of books suitable for Public Libraries, & submit to W. H. K.
9. Proof of Bill for adot. of Fabian Lit. submitted & 200 ordered to be printed.
10. Wallas appointed deputation to British Labour League Conference.
11. Sec. 7 ordered to get Political Map for 7/-
12. Agreed to take Bloomsbury Hall for next term, as cheap as possible.
13. Letter from F. Hammill read re Candidature & Sec. ordered to reply offering help, but not money.



- 14. Letter from Mrs Besant re change of publisher read, & Sec ordered to write explanatory letter in respect of application for a/c, & to say that other matters w<sup>d</sup> be best discussed at an Exec. when Mrs Besant is present.
- 15. Shaw handed in report of Conversation with H. Hutchinson in wh. latter offered £100 or £200 for propaganda, & approved of Shaw's suggestion that it sh<sup>d</sup> be chiefly used for lectures in country centres.
- 16. After considerable discussion, Wallas undertook to arrange with Clarke to push actively the Manchester plan.
- 17. Letters read from Mrs Brownlow, Cambridge, T. Pritchard, Edinburgh, Banckhurst, Cheltenham, &c. -
- 18. Shaw not having draft Autumn course, it was agreed that the Exec. meet at 32 Great Ormond St. on Friday 15 Aug. at 5.30 pm. for dinner & discussion.

• Helen Reed.  
Chairman.

Executive Committee at 32 Gt.  
Ormond St. W.C. at 5.30 p.m. 15 Aug '92

Absent: Mrs Mallet, Dell, Headlam,  
Clarke, Oakshott, Miss Grover  
Pease.

1. The minutes of 29 July read &  
confirmed
2. Letters read from Mrs Gostling (Bentley)  
A. L. Dohavigerie, & W. Crane (as  
to block for essays)
3. Letter read from Mr. Hutchinson  
enclosing £100.
4. Lancashire campaign discussed,  
~~Resolved~~ letter read from  
Symonds (Nat. Reform Union):  
Resolved: Print 1000 Circulars  
to Lancashire bodies  
Print 2000 Circulars  
to Cooperative Societies  
Send lecture lists  
with Tracts to  
Lancashire &  
Cooperative bodies

4 cont.

Marshall Steele to be engaged as Advance Agent: to see Webb & Olivier.

Course of 4 lectures for Fabian Society itself to be arranged in Manchester.

Abstracts of lectures to be prepared ~~and~~ & printed in advance, as well as an account of the Society

5. Proposal for lectures in Plymouth (Slater) and St Ives (Miss Cameron) Resolved that Wallas be directed to arrange for a Western Tour in the Autumn.

6. Proposal by Girdlestone for a member to go to Birmingham on Sept. 22 to inaugurate the Branch - Shaw appointed to go.

7. New members:  
Frank A. Huckle (Shest) by De Mattos.

8. Autumn Course discussed  
on Shaw's draft and  
finally settled: to be  
printed by Standring at  
once

Graham Wallas

#### PROPOSED FOR ELECTION:

Rev. Arthur W. Jephson, M.L.S.B.	by	Mrs. Besant and S. D. Headlam.
Rev. H. A. Kennedy	"	Rev. W. E. Moll and H. H. Gore.
Claude Burton	"	J. C. Foulger and T. I. Wallas.
P. Curran	"	W. S. De Mattos and W. W. Bartlett.
Joseph Rogers	"	W. S. De Mattos and G. Wallas.
Miss C. M. Hutchinson	"	H. Hutchinson and E. R. Pease.
Geo. E. Ellis (New Romney)	"	Alfred E. Earnsly.
Wm. Ellis	"	Alfred E. Earnsly.
Alex. Stewart (M.S.B., Newcastle)	"	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Kate Dodd (Reading)	"	Miss Brooke.
G. A. Gaskell (Bingley)	"	Miss Clapperton.

The above, by order of the Executive, will be considered elected, unless objection is made by a member of the Executive within seven days.

2L, HYDE PARK MANSIONS, N.W.  
6th August, 1890.

EDW. R. PEASE,  
Secretary.

Executive at 12 Millbank Street on Tues.  
Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 99 G. Wallas in chair. -

Absent Bland, Miss Hoatson, Mrs Mallett, Mrs Besant,  
With, Olivier, De Mattos. -

1. Minutes of ~~the~~ Aug. 15 read + confirmed.
2. Sec. reported a/c for August incomplete, but about £150 in hand
3. Agreed to print 1500 (2000 don) Programmes of Autumn Course.
4. Agreed to confirm action of Sec. + others in refusing to allow Scott to ~~bind~~ sell cloth Essays at 2/- unless at a 4<sup>d</sup> Royalty.
5. Agreed the Sec. + Shaw arrange a handbill for Scott, to contain Essays only.
6. Question of Agent for Publications when the F. P. Co. gave up business discussed & deferred to Lit. Com<sup>ee</sup>

7. Agreed to print 2000 Shaw's "Sed. Leader" Article.
8. Agreed to grant 6/- Essays to G. A. Symonds Nat. Ref. Min.
9. Agreed to send one or two doz<sup>each</sup> Tracts to N. L. C. Sec.
10. Wallas undertook to get Fabian name inserted in Club + Dist. Union circular.
11. Agreed to send Tracts to Church Congress Speakers.
12. Agreed to lecture in D'edlington for expenses.
13. Sec. instructed to write Gaskell explaining difficulty of accepting his Tract.
14. Question of Grant of 6/- Essays to Free Libraries deferred.
15. Steele's reports from Lancashire read & approved.
16. Sec. instructed to hold Sub. Com<sup>ee</sup> mtgs as usual.

Muller Black

4/11/90

Literary Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street on  
Tuesday Sep. 9<sup>th</sup>, S. Oliver in chair. (1890)

Present Miss Hoatson, Wallas. Additional Miss Grover, Well-Shaw. Sec.

- 1 Minutes July 8<sup>th</sup> read & Signed
2. Sec. Reported a/c with Bank Balance  $\pounds 134$   
Aug 31.
3. Agreed to order India Rubber Stamps for P.M.
- 4 Agreed to circulate Slater's article re Plymouth
5. Agreed to ask Sedler to do Economics for Labor League
- 6 agreed to negotiate with Fortlper for an office
7. Manchester Campaign reports read.
8. agreed to prepare comprehensive Book List.
9. Agreed to negotiate with Nottingham N.S.S.
0. Agreed to sell for Waste Paper Turn Rad. Program

Steele part.

11. Agreed to pay F. S. M. Steele £5, -  
for his Socialist Work in Lancashire  
in organising lecture course
12. Agreed to hold Com<sup>ee</sup> on new Reform Bill  
at 2 1/2 P. M. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 8<sup>pm</sup>.
13. Agreed on prod<sup>r</sup> Handbill from Sect.
14. Agreed to send notice to members  
re Xthn Socialist. —
15. Shaw reported Stock of Tracts from  
Mrs Besant, wh. appeared enough.

Miles Bland

11/11/90.



Special Executive Meeting with others present,  
to consider the new Reform Bill &c. — about 12 Sep.

Present: Gaheshott, Shaw, Webb, Dell, Miss Crowe, Mrs Baleon, G. Samuel, Price.

1. Agreed to write at once to Davitt, offering to advertise in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> first number of Labour World, at £1. - or less.
2. Gaheshott's draft of Representation of People Bill considered & referred to another special Exec. —

Muller

Political Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street on  
Tues. Sept: 16<sup>th</sup>, S. Webb in chair

Present absent. Mr: Bisant, Mr: Mallett, Dell. Additional  
Miss Groves, De Mattos, Oakeshott, Sec: 7

1 Minutes 15 July confirmed

2. Re Office, Sec. reported Forger's offer to take the  
<sup>an other</sup> work for £20 or £30, provide boy & room, & sell  
Tracts. Sec. instructed to write to King & Sons,  
Camden Place, King St  
to Heywood & to Sedt, & report. —  
Chertsey 50p

3. Sec. read F. E. M. Steele's letter asking for  
£6.11/-, balance of £20 paid, over & above  
expenses, as his fee. Agreed to. —

4. Progress of new Reform Bill discussed. Left  
to Oakeshott to arrange with Sec. date  
of next Com<sup>ee</sup>. —

5 Agreed that Webb take chair on 19<sup>th</sup>, &  
Bland & Oliver make reports on General  
& literature business. —

6. Agreed to send 6/ Essays to W. & Howells.

7. Agreed to advertise for esp. in Nat. Reform Union circular, asking them to include our Tracts in list.

8. Lancashire arrangements discussed. Agreed that Treasurer pay lecturers on a/c at rate of £5. a week. —

9. Agreed on next circular to give notice "19 days" as per rule, & to hold Special Meeting on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss

- Facts for Bristol
- What Soc<sup>m</sup> is
- New Reform Bill
- Eight Hours Leaflet
- Progress Soc<sup>m</sup>
- Unearned Increment
- Labour Programme

10. Agreed to grant 4/ Essays to J.S. Little

11 Correspondence. Hutchinson, approving of Lancashire course, & offering more money: J.C. Kennedy offering hospitality: Attercliffe L.C. Sheffield asking Lecture from Mr. Besant: James Pocherigill re Branch at W.P. &c. &c. Sec. instructed to answer with his usual discretion.

12 Agreed to accept Tracts for sale from Gaskell in lieu of Sub. 11

13. Agreed to Grant 1/6. Essays & set of Tracts to Labor League No. 122. Battersea.

14. Agreed to lay on table & refer to, Sub. list of Australian Strike Fund

15. Sec. instructed to write sympathetically about Bombay Branch.

Arthur Clarendon

21/9/90.

~~Sp~~ General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank St  
on Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

~~Person~~ Absent Miss Crover, Headlam. Additional Wallas, Oliver

1. Minutes of 22 July read & confirmed

2. Elected: -

Harry Lowerison	by	Geo. Samuel and E. R. Pease.
Miss Crowder	"	Miss Clapperton and T. R. Wright
W. W. Brown	"	A. Howard and Mrs. Bland.
T. C. Davidson (Carlisle)	"	E. R. Pease.
James C. Kennedy	"	" "
Frank A. Huckle (St. Neots)	"	" "
Dr. George Brown (Bury)	"	" "
Henry Hill (Newcastle)	"	" "
Hugh Sinclair	"	Alex Stewart
Charles H. Kelly, Kelly	"	" "

3. Bank Balance 31 August, £ 134.4.8 agreed.

4. Agreed to sell Rev. A. W. Jephson 120 Tract 9 @ 2s each

5. Letter from Mr. D. Reeves offering £ 50. read,  
approved.

6. Branch at Newcastle authorised

N/C. Branch.

7. Reports from Birmingham & Lancashire read

8. Agreed to send copy of Essays to Post Magazine,  
& to allow Author a further copy each of Essays.

Copy Essays to  
Author

Ch. W. S. Essays  
@ 2/.

9. After debate, & a protest from Shaw by letter it was Resolved to allow Scott to bind Essays & sell at 2/- subject to a royalty to us of 3d -

Office

9. After discussion on Agency for Tracts it was resolved to recommend Exec. to take an office in Fleet St. or Paternoster Row, & to ask Foulger to offer an arrangement, we paying some £30. - or 20. -

10 Letter from Manning, W. Ingham read & resolved not to give course to Secularists there.

11 Various country lecture courses discussed.

Wm. P. Black  
Oct 28. 1890.

Executive Meeting at 12 Millbank St

7<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> present: Shaw, Wallas, Headlam, Webb, De Mattos, Dell, Oakeshott, Mrs Mallet

1. Secretary's absence reported: <sup>Miss Brooke, Roberts, Mrs + Miss Mallet at the work</sup>
2. Wallas appointed to go on Thursday at 11 to meet Heywood's representation as to publishing our tracts
3. Correspondence discussed: arrangements for office to stand over.
4. Agreed to pay £5 to Birmingham Fabians for Clark's lecture in consideration of their advertising of Shaw's previous lecture + this one.
5. Agreed to reprint list of Lancashire fixtures, + a notice for the press that no more could be made.

Robert Wallis

4/10/5.

Lit. Committee Meeting at 12 Millbank St, 14<sup>th</sup> October 1890. Present, Shaw, Webb, Babcock, de Mattos & M<sup>r</sup> Mallett.

1. Heywoods proposal to publish tracts. Resolved to ascertain whether H., who is a large printer, is a fair house. Then to write to Heywood stating that our present publishers give us  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in the shilling, & asking whether he can give us that. Not to deal with him without stipulating for his taking our existing stock & contenting himself with an india rubber stamp imprint. Also to reserve right of the Soc<sup>y</sup> to keep a stock for ourselves.

2. Resolved to advertise remaining Manchester lectures in the Manchester Guardian. Webb to undertake this.

3. Agreed to postpone Birmingham business until Blake returns & reports.

Miles & Blake  
11/11/90.



Political Committee at 12 Millbank St.  
on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 5.30 pm.

Absent Mrs Besant, Mrs Mallet, Shaw, Sell. Additional  
Bland Miss Grover, De Mattos, Caheshott, & Sec.

1. Minutes 16 Sep. read & signed
2. Heywoods offer to take tract agency: Sec. ordered to write in terms of Minute 1, 14 Oct.
3. New Tracts. Agreed to hold Com<sup>ee</sup> of Exec. & others on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to pass New Reform Bill & other Tracts.
4. Agreed on amended motion to alter rule about Com<sup>ee</sup> appointments for Special Meeting Oct 31<sup>st</sup> -
5. Agreed to summon Lancashire Lecturers to meet at 4.30 on Tuesday to prepare report of Lancashire Campaign, paras. to be sent in previously to Gen Sec.

West Tour

6. Western Tour. Bland agreed to go about 8-15 December.

Birmingham

7. Birmingham F.S. - Agreed that tracts sent already be free, & that other arrangements, including £5. granted, stand over till Shaw reports.

Peoples Press

8. Hutchinsons offer to give F.S. £100 or £200 to be expended on Peoples Press considered & Sec. instructed to write that we think the money c<sup>d</sup> be better expended otherwise. —

Shaw v. Forte

9. Agreed to recommend Exec. to guarantee one half expenses of proposed debate between Shaw & Forte on Eight Hours at St. James' Hall.

10. Correspondence read. De Mattos, re Southern Branch Meeting: Hardy, Hyde, re lectures, Snell, re Nottingham: Broadbent, Abraham, re Branch: Carlisle: re Deficit Mrs. Besant &c.

W. S. de Mattos

Special Executive at 2<sup>nd</sup> Hyde Park

Mansions, on Friday 24 Oct. at 8 pm.

Present, Webb, Cahelst, Miss Grove, Sec. & Shaw (part)

1. Resolved that circular re Nat. Liberal Fed<sup>n</sup> be signed as proposed by Webb.
2. Alterations in new Tracts 'What Soc<sup>m</sup> is' & 'New Reform Bill' agreed to, & tracts ordered to be printed at once. Agreed also to bring before meeting on Oct 31 amended copy of Progress of Socialism, & 'Unearned Increment', & Eight Hours leaflet.
3. Sec. authorized to print application for membership form.
4. Copy Essay (1/-) granted to G Duncan for Review.

Miles Bland

4/1/90.

PROPOSED FOR ELECTION.

Ramsden Balmforth (Huddersfield)	by	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Richardson (Cheltenham)	"	"
John S. Hamilton (Devizes)	"	"
J. B. Towerson (Cumberland)	"	James Pickersgill.
J. H. Penny (Newcastle)	"	"
Whitehead "	"	Alex. Stewart.
Wm. Hill, M.S.B. "	"	"
Frank Drummond "	"	"

copy

General Election Report

General Purposes Comtee at 32 Great Brunswick St.  
on Tue. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1870.  
~~Present~~ absent none. Additional Mr. Swan Mr. Muller's son,  
Clarke, Malles, Gushelart.

1 The General Election Lectures met at 4.30 & disrupted  
Reports to be completed & Malles.

2 Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept read assigned.

3. State of Candidates dated Sep 27 & Sep 24 read  
& a letter provided that in every case they  
accept Basis. (see end)

4. Balance sheet to 30 Sep. read & approved &  
agreed with Treasurer & donation of £50 from  
Barnes Green accepted.

5. Letter from Heywood read, & agreed to  
accept his offer of 7<sup>th</sup> pub. was price named &  
Malles). Sampson & Co. to be offered by Sdr.  
also 3/6 with & remainder in hands of Mrs  
Barnes (F. S. Coy) to be sent to 25 H. P. Mans.

6. Draft Tract on Eight Hours by R. Balmforth  
~~was~~ handed over to Lit Comtee to report on.

7. Sec. instructed to ask G. Samuel & H. N. Hart  
to undertake regular sale of literature at meeting

8. Agreed to donate £15. to Birmingham Fabian  
in consideration of special expenses incurred for  
our lecturers: (recommendation to General Exec.)

£15. to  
Birmingham

9. Application for membership form approved.

10. Sec. instructed to prevent S. D. F. & anarchists  
from selling lit. in our Lobbies. -

11. Correspondence read: no great importance.

12. Agreed to sell to members, & to offer to S. D. F.  
& others Tract 8 at 16/8<sup>d</sup> per hundred.

13. Various members agreed to lecture at L. S. B.  
Evening classes. -

W. S. de Mattos

Executive at 2 Hyde Park Mansions on ~~Fr~~ Tues.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. H. Bland in chair.

Absent Webb, Sell (ill) Wallas, Miss Hoatson (away) Clarke, Bradlam  
Senior

1. Minutes Sep. 2, + 12, Oct. 7, + 24 were read  
+ confirmed.
2. Balance Sheet & Bank Book laid on Table + approved.  
A/c for to 31 Oct. agreed.
3. Minutes of Oct 21<sup>st</sup> + 8 Oct 28, approved.
4. Lancashire Report approved, with amendment, +  
Sec. instructed to send it to Lanc. Clubs, papers + print<sup>press</sup>.
5. Heywood's acceptance of proposals approved.
6. Resignation of Mme de Beritua + Mrs Besant reported.  
Sec. instructed to write latter that before accepting it,  
the Sec. desired to know that it is due to no cause they  
can remove.
7. Resolved not to propose Tract on Unearned Increment.

- 8. Agreed to send out New Fellowship Syllabus, & to defer to next Com<sup>ee</sup> meeting request from Mrs. Donald about a tract.
- 9. S. W. Group Meeting, & Ex. Com<sup>ee</sup> meeting on Reform Bill notified.
- 10. Hutchinson's letter re Peoples Press read & Dell's letter thereon, & agreed to write H. that we can't take the job of P. P., but wish it well, & that we are open at any time to receive cheques from him.
- 11. Applications for Lectures from Derby, Peterboro', Darlington, Newcastle & Nottingham received, & Sec. ordered to reply favourably, except as regards N.S.S. at Nottingham.
- 12. Correspondence from Mrs. Dyhurst, Bambley Coop. Grant Allen, Birmingham Bar., &c. read, & Sec. instructed to reply. —

Graham Wallas

Literature Comtee at 12 Millbank St on Tuesday  
11 November 1890. Bland in chair.

Absent Miss Houston, Olivier, Clark, Wallas, Additional Shaw  
Bland, DeMatto, Secy

1. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> Sep. & 14 Oct read & signed
2. Agreed to send out A. K. Donald's tract & notice of Consumers League
3. Agreed to grant 6/- Essays to Mrs Holt & Sturath.
4. Correspondence with Manchester people reported: Bland to write to Hall & agreed to send a man to open the Branch.
5. Agreed to defer Jan'y campaign <sup>in Lancashire</sup> DeMatto's at any time, & Bland for a week.

Bloomshury Hall

6. Agreed to take Bloomshury Hall for spring.
7. Agreed not to act on minute ordering sellers of papers to be removed from Hall at our meetings, unless necessary.



8. Sec. S.E. Group reported that Group suggested to Exec. that Webb's Poor Law article be published as a tract. Sec. ordered to write Webb.

9. Correspondence read: Mrs Besant, resigning with great regret: ordered to be read at next public meeting. Barnley Coop. sending £4.4/6. Mrs Henry re social meeting, (referred to G. P. Com<sup>tee</sup>) e, &c.

10. Sec. ordered to send 6/ essays & set of Tracts to University Lib. (Cambridge), Bodleian (Oxford) Advocates, (Edinburgh) Guildhall (City) & Trinity Coll. (Dublin)

11. Agreed to ask <sup>Guild St. M.</sup> ~~S. L. L.~~ for copies Bishop Durham's tract on <sup>or return</sup> ~~the~~ ~~subject~~

12. Agreed to print 5000 Reform Bill (? with stereo plates) 20000 What S<sup>rs</sup> is, & 10000 Prog. S. Democracy.

13. Bombay Report read: agreed that Bland ask Rev. Morris to prepare clerical documents asked for.

14. Decided to announce in next notice the article on the F.S. in Review Socialiste

15 Country lectures. A need to ask W. R. Hamilton  
+ Upper College St. W. Birmingham to get up 4 Fabian  
lectures here, in conjunction with N.S. —

Summaries, considered too far. Winnington, deferred  
till Lancashire Campaign is settled. Peterborough  
De Mattos to go Dec. 4 vice Webb.

16. Spring Session. Sec. instructed to  
write to Howells (Eight Hours), Asquith  
(Socialism), Labouchere, Stuart (Future of  
Labour), Moley, Pickersgill, & ? Cawston  
asking them for lectures.

By Bernard Shaw.

9/12/90.

Political Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank St. Tues. 18 Nov. 1890  
Albert Webb (ill). Additional Miss Cross, De Mattos, Wallas, Sec.

1. Minutes Oct 21<sup>st</sup> read & signed.

2 Sec. reported a/c of Stock hereunder

Six Shilling Essays	<u>Z. H. P. n.</u>	Haywards (18 incomplete)	Total
Tract No 1	3500	2000 <small>at Standings</small>	5500
5	250	500	750
7	1200	2000	3200
8	1050	1000	2050
9	120	500	620
10	2000	-	2000
11	2100	1500	3600
12	600	-	600.

3. Agreed to reprint at once 10000 c/o of (8  
Standings if possible) 10000 c/o. 12, & 10000  
c/o. 5 to be revised at once by De Mattos & Wallas

Reprints  
of Tracts.

4 Sec. reported cost of Stereos plates quoted by Standring 1/9 per page

5. Agreed to grant Authors of Essays 1/2 dozen 1/- Copies free.

- b. Agreed to hold a members meeting to pass Leaflet on Right Hours &c, on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> as usual.
7. Webb's letter read consenting to reprint of his Poor Law Article, subject to consent of Contemporary Review (32 p.)
8. Correspondence from Symonds of Manchester read re Haughton Green meeting, & Steele's demand of 15/- for revival, wh. was not given. Steele later appeared to explain. Agreed that the claim for 15/- be on no account enforced: that Steele submit any further correspondence received, to the Exec., & that Shaw draft letter, to be approved by Wallas & Secy, explaining & apologising to Haughton Green. Wallas undertook correspondence with Symonds. —
9. Agreed to grant £2 to N. W. Group to enable them to arrange local <sup>public</sup> meetings.
10. Correspondence read: from Sheffield, re proposed Branch: from Manchester re meeting for Branch this evening (Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>) & appointment of Fodor as Sec. Agreed to get them if possible to arrange Lancashire

campaign. From B'ham. agreed to accept their proposal re donation of Tracts. H. Pritchard, agreed to urge him to attend. F. Van der Goe, Amsterdam asking permission to translate Essays into Dutch. (Agreed to). Hines, Oxford agreed to send Tracts. Hamilton, Nottingham, stating a Com<sup>tee</sup> was forming to arrange lectures; C. Trevis, asking course of lectures at South Place Inst. on Tuesdays, agreed to.

11. Question of lecturers expenses discussed. Agreed that provided Exec. or an Exec. Com<sup>tee</sup> be consulted previously, it be understood that expenses of lecturers going out of London be paid by the Society. Recommend<sup>n</sup> to Exec.

Expenses  
of  
Country  
Lectures.

Adela Clark  
16/12/90.

General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street  
on Tues. ~~at~~ Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 5.30. De Mattos in Chair.  
~~Present~~ absent Bland, Hadlam. Additional Shaw, Mr Mallet, Dell, Galesher.

1 Minutes of Oct 28<sup>th</sup> read & signed

2 Elected :-

Richard Whiteing	by	Hubert Bland and Edith Bland.
James Hudson Dew	"	S. Henderson and R. E. Dell.
J. G. Grenfell	"	Ernest Radford and Alice Grenfell.
G. E. Bottle	"	J. F. Oakeshott and Nelson Palmer.
Robert Banner	"	F. Green and Graham Wallas.
F. W. King	"	H. Lowerison and John Burnell.
A. H. Burn	"	William Sanders and W. S. de Mattos.
Laurence Cohen	"	Lous Cohen and Graham Wallas.
H. B. Holding	"	E. R. Pease and Graham Wallas.
Leonard Jordan	"	Edw. R. Pease and H. M. Hart.
Harry Sandilands	"	Ernest Radford and E. R. Pease.
E. M. Shepherd	"	General Secretary.
G. F. McCleary	"	Wm. Scudamore.
John Howden	"	General Secretary.
George Shepheard	"	"
T. M. Watt	"	H. B. Holding.
Miss L. H. Watt	"	"
R. A. Reeve	"	General Secretary.
G. B. Hawes	"	W. S. de Mattos.

3. List of books for publication was presented by Rec<sup>ee</sup>  
& handed to Shaw to send round sundry Exec. Members.

4. Sec. announced Bloomsbury Hall was taken by us for <sup>spring</sup>

5 Correspondence read: Hutchinson sending £100, 4s.  
Sd. on omission of our advt. in 2<sup>d</sup> Edition, Bates, on new

Economic Society: J. Petyler, H. Pitchard (whom it was agreed to elect as country member) Burn, the binder, on sheets short delivered, Slater on Western Town (agreed to guarantee cost of Hall in Plymouth) &c. &c.

- 6. Re Tracts printing No 5. Sec. reported Bonner had in hand with Wallas & De Maltos revisions. No. 9. Staudring in hand. No 13. Agreed to print 3000 as amended by Shaw. 14 Gaheshott agreed to send tomorrow to Staudring. 15. Agreed to accept offer of £3. from Sonnenschein for page advt of Social Science series: Sec. to write to Macmillan & K. Paul for another p. advt. - No. 17. Sec. to get Contemporary Review with Wells article. He reported Wells & Contemporary agreed to our republishing provided we acknowledge to latter. No. 12 Forlger reprinting: title to be submitted to Shaw.

Advt  
in Tracts

7. Course of lectures at South Place Institute arranged subject to approval of their Comtee -

8. agreed to grant back to E. A. Earnley.

9. Sec. read letters from Asquith & Howell refusing to

lecture for us. also from John Moly, regretfully declining. Decided to propose at the Exec. a special meeting for J. Moly.

J. Moly.

10. Sec. instructed to ask Frank Smith (on General Bodhis scheme) Arthur Arnold (on Free Land) Auberon Herbert (on Individualism) G. W. Foster on Eight Hours, & Mrs Fawcett on things in general. —

11. Secy reported conversation with Robinson of Nottingham to effect that course here wd. certainly be arranged.

12. Sec. read letter from Manchester Br: that meeting wd. be held tonight. Agreed to approve of Walter going & that Manchester Br. be informed that we will pay if they get up a good meeting. —

Alfred Wood  
16/12/90.



Executive Committee at 12 Millbank Street on  
Tues. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> '90, Wallas then Bland in chair.  
Absent Headlam, Clarke, Rivier (away), Wild (ill).

1. Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> read & signed

2. Sub. Com<sup>tee</sup> minute No 11 of Nov. 18 confirmed.

3. Accounts + Bank Books presented & agreed.  
Balance in Bank Treasurers hands 30<sup>th</sup> Nov £ 260.13.8

4. Agreed that Sec. write J. Moly saying we hope to  
invite him to a Wed 4 meeting to suit his convenience.

5. Sec. reported that Mrs Fawcett, Messrs Howells, Asquith,  
Labouchere, Stuart, J. Moly, Pickersgill & Arthur Arnold,  
had declined to lecture, & replies had not been received  
from Frank Smith, Auberon Herbert, & G. W. Foste. Sec.  
was instructed to invite Miss Potter, Dr. Pankhurst,  
J. H. Levy, Leibrecht, Davitt, Augustine Birrell, (per Mrs.  
Mallet), & David Schloss & Burns.

6. Agreed not to advertise in Tract 15, except <sup>for</sup> Sonnenschein

7. Tract printing. Agreed to  
Tract 5, agreed to proceed with figures as altered.
  9. Proceed
  12. Get Folger to procure type uniform with Dun
  13. Proceed with amended figures, 30,000.
  14. Cahrelitt to arrange all additions etc.
  15. To wait Webb's recovery
  16. To be got into proof & then Com<sup>ee</sup> fixed
  17. Webb's & P. Law article: to wait.
8. Agreed to hold Exec. & Ex. Com<sup>ee</sup> meetings at  
8 5 pm. & to omit next Gen. Prop. Com<sup>ee</sup> (Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>)
9. Agreed that Mrs. Pankhurst be asked to become Secy  
of Central Group.
10. Agreed to fix Jan 19<sup>th</sup> for next Social Meeting.
11. Agreed that Webb & Wallas discuss tract on  
Sabbath Church Surplus, ~~and~~
12. School Board Section discussed. Agreed that the Society  
cannot provide the £150 election expenses necessary.

13 Correspondence read :- Mrs Pankhurst, Spring help: J. P. Moore, Australia, G. Brown (Bury), J. F. v. Soes (Amsterdam) Holding (re work) Broadbent, Dizon, re Branch at Huddersfield, Birmingham Br., reporting success caused by Shaw's cranky news, Manchester Br. reporting poor attendance at meeting & decision to postpone indefinitely public opening. —

14 Lancashire Jan. Campaign. Agreed that: Moon = Branch, & failing them, that Brown of Bury be asked to arrange.

15. Webb's letter read re Manifesto: decided to defer & hear further, from Webb & Wallas. —

16. It was agreed that in future all Tracts be cut & sewn. —

Albert Hand  
16/12/90.

Literature bon<sup>et</sup> at 12 Millbank St. on Tues.

9 Dec. 90. Wallas or Shaw in chair.

Absent. Oliver (away), Clarke; additional De Mott, Shaw, & Mallet, Sec'y.

1. Minutes 11 Dec. read & confirmed.
2. Agreed to pay for G. S. M. Tracts taken on sale.
3. Agreed that Wallas be Sec'y of Central Group.
4. Agreed to reprint Report (1000) Election Letter (to be revised by Wallas & Webb), Lecture List (revised), dozier paper, Lecture paper, & list of members (revised)
5. Re: Tracts agreed as follows:  
    No. 5. (Ready) 15000. No stereo plates  
    " 9. --- 15000 Stereo plate  
        alter ~~st~~ "may" to shall in Clause 7.  
    " 12 Ready. 10000 stereo plate.  
    " 13. Sec. to see if there is a mistake in note.  
        To alter & refer to next mtg, question of  
        copies printed.  
    " 14 Ready soon. Nos 15, 16, 17 waiting.

B.

- 6. Agreed to pay Walker & B.'s a/c.
- 7. Letter read from Steele to Haughton Green W. L. A. <sup>of 11/12</sup>  
After discussion agreed that Shaw draft reply  
& comments thereon to H. S. W. L. A. & Sec. send it unless  
he decides to hold it over for next meeting.
- 8. Agreed to grant W.C. Branch F.S. to the tract  
already rent, & to send lectures on usual terms  
to preach eight hours in Northumberland & Durham.
- 9. De Mattos agreed to take lecture with Lye L.A.
- 10. Next session. Progress reported. Sec. ordered  
to write, in order named to Wickstead, H. Spender,  
Burns, Prof. Flint. Geo White.
- 11. Letter from Manx Branch read: Sec to write we will pay  
expenses as before: ask for estimate of cost of public Fabrian  
meeting. Re Bland's letter, campaign must go on as arranged.
- 12. Letter from Clarke, Preston, read.
- 13. Agreed that minutes of last mtg be read at Com. ev.

Miles Bland  
16/12/90.

Political Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street  
on Tues. 16 Dec. 1890, H. Bland in the chair  
Absent Webb (ill) Mr. Mallet. Additional Bland Miss Grover, De Mello, Palmer  
Sec. 4

1. Minutes of Nov 18, 25, Dec 2, + 9<sup>th</sup> read & signed.
2. Draft letter to Sec. Haughton Green W.L.A. read & approved.
3. Next session. Sec. reported progress ordered to proceed.
4. Agreed that the 17000 wrongly printed copies of Tract  
13 be not destroyed (value £5)
5. Agreed to pay Bell 10/- for his Farnworth Lecture Exp.
6. Correspondence read. Mr. Grenfell, Anderson, J.S. Hamilton (Derby)  
Eastern Br. (recommendation to publish present course) Standing  
(re incorrect Tracts) R. Balmforth re new Branch at Huddersfield  
Division ~~South~~ & Dr. A. Fleischman re German trans. of Tracts. Manchester  
Br. re progress. S. Wienowski re membership: G.L. Manning  
re Nottingham course. In respect of last it was agreed  
we must pay if required, & the lectures proposed  
were agreed to. —

7. Bland gave notice:-

- (1) to propose to republish Man: Chron. articles.
- (2) " " " publish monthly circular with report of Fabian lectures specially for country members.

Alfred Bland  
 6/1/91.

Executed at 12 Millbank Street on Tues 8 Jan 1891  
Per Albert Olivier (secy) Headlam Dell W. Willet, Clarke Balchett Webb.

1. Minutes 16 Dec. read & signed.

2. A/c read, Balance £196.5.2, agreed by Treasurer except 2/6 -

3. Elected:	Walter Reed	by	A. C. H. Graham and W. C. B. P. Jones
	Alfred B. Seel	"	David Fraser and M. Grover
	Harcourt C. Barnard	"	A. W. Jephson and G. Wallas
	Jules Maguy	"	G. B. Shaw and G. Wallas
	Percy Brabazon	"	R. E. Dell and Lena Wardle
	Sidney E. Dark	"	Leonard Jordan and S. M. Peartree
	Alfred Barnard	"	W. H. Coffin and G. Wallas
	Wm. Bullock	"	G. Wallas and Sidney Webb
	Rev. Edw. P. Hall (Trowbridge)	"	H. Bland
	Wm. Baster (Bristol)	"	H. H. Gore
	Percy Dearmer (Oxford)	"	"
	A. Ernest Pope (Cambridge)	"	Edw. R. Pease
	Henry Pritchard (Tottenham)	"	General Secretary
	H. S. Philpot (Worthing)	"	"
	Mrs. H. Philpot (Worthing)	"	"
	E. W. Bookey (Houghton Le Spring)	"	"
	Fredk. J. Shaw (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	"	"
	Samuel Maund (Worcester)	"	"

4. Resignation of Geo. Samuel, Sec. Eastern Group, received,  
& declined with enthusiasm.

5. Webb's Poor Law Article: in reference to report from "Members Meeting",  
agreed that we publish Webb's article as written.

6. Prop. Eight Hours Leaflet brought up. Agreed to call Special  
Pot. Sec. Meeting Tues. Next, 6.30 at 12 Millbank St. to pass it.



7. Blands notice (Minute 7 Dec. 16) discussed & deferred.

8. Bland undertook to draft circular to defaulters.

9. Agreed to include Branch members, & lecturers in respective lists.

10. Agreed to issue in next circular following notice.  
"In view of the 19 days notice required by Rule 5 notice is hereby given that the Executive have in preparation Tracts & other literature necessary for election purposes, & in the event of a dissolution, will bring same before the Society ~~at short notice~~."

11. Minute of Webb & Wallis was partially read & discussed.  
Agreed: that their proposal to devote Summer session to Private meetings for consideration of Tracts be adopted.

12. Lectures discussed Nottingham course: South Place: agreed to have stall for literature. Birkhead, Rochester, St. Michaels Institute (De Mattos to take) Sutton (also De Mattos). Agreed to write Foddy for list of Manchester fixtures, Fraser, proposing R. Griffiths or Cox for Economic course, Derby approving. &c &c.

13. Correspondence read:- Chas. Eyre, Burslem (re Local Socy)  
A. T. Marles (Leeds) re ditto. - Ex Com: Frank Smith -  
North West Suffolk Workmans L.A. asking for Tracts, & re Lambton  
Slides: agreed to consider latter. - Pasteur Xavier Koenig (re article  
Revue du Christianisme Social. A. W. King, re Fabian spelling  
Stewart Headlam (re Aberdeen & Carlisle) Rev. H. C. Shuttleworth  
refusing Jan 19<sup>th</sup> for social meeting & sec. ordered to fix another  
date, perhaps Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>) Cardiff Soc. Sec. ordered to offer  
more speakers. R. A. Reene, re free copies of Essays to book-sellers.  
Ordered to be sent, &c &c. -

14. Sec. to write N/C. Society not to propose more members for Loder.

15. Letter read from Liebknicht: agreed to arrange special meeting

16. Agreed to hand over to Miss Brooke negotiations in respect  
of 196/- Essays shot from Binder.

Graham Wallas -

Exec. Lit. Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Mullbank St on Tues, 13 Jan 91.  
Absent Oliver, Clarke. Additional Miss Sower, De Mattos, Webb, Shaw, Sec.

1. Minutes of 6 Jan. read & signed
2. Correspondence re lectures read. Dublin (addressed to C. Graham), left over. Farnmouth, agreed to send four lectures. Exeter, agreed to let Hudson go. Bristol, agreed to proposal. Oxford: sec. to write that later in year w<sup>d</sup>. suit open air audiences letter.
3. Manchester Tour. Letter read. Northern campaign: agreed to begin it about April 6<sup>th</sup>, De Mattos, Bland, Shaw, Wallis &c. to go.
4. Sec. to bring up draft of new Members Order.
5. Agreed to tip Podmore's Horsemaid 5/-
6. Correspondence read: Manchester Br: re lectures & tracks M. Prentice, re slides, Slder re diagrams, Dyson, stating formation of new Branch at Huddersfield; Bland, re S.S. Group; offer of clerical assistance. - agreed to get quotation from Stamford for diagrams.

7. Drafts of Tract proposals discussed:  
Agreed to ask Foulger & Burton to draft Scheme  
of leaflet for Vestry reforms: Calverly to undertake  
Socialist Budget; <sup>for report</sup> to bring up to Allen's draft-  
paper. Crinling to ~~take~~ prepare leaflet for  
Guardians Election + notes on the Unemployed  
Report; also to arrange County Council literature for the  
Summer.

8. Letters read re German Translation of Essays. Agreed  
to ask Dr. Fleischmann for £25 down, or for a  
Royalty of 10 Pfennig if published at 2 marks & a  
Reputable House.

9. Proof of Eight Hours Leaflet No 16, discussed &  
agreed to be amended. —

Miss Black  
1 June 27/91

(4)

Spec. Political Committee at 12 Millbank St. on Tues  
20 Jan. ~~Present~~ absent. Dell. Adls. Bland, Miss Grover, Wallis,  
Gaheshott, Miss Houston, Sec. 7 -

1. Minutes of 13 Jan were read & signed
2. Correspondence read :- 'Furnouth, re lectures; Manning, re Birmingham, Hovden, re Darlington Town Council, Foddy, Shuttlesworth (agreed to have short programme of music on 30th at Social Evening) Whitehead asking for lecturer, (agreed to ask if they will pay expenses) Palmer (<sup>Griffiths</sup> ~~Gaheshott~~ to go).
3. Agreed to send Foddy  $\frac{1}{2}$  5. to cover ~~Law~~ Manchester Fabian Socy outlay for Bland's meeting.  
Re candidates
4. Agreed that ~~where~~ in the provinces, where there are Fabians, they be consulted, & ~~no~~ candidates be requested to ~~be~~ consulted local members.
5. Agreed that Miss Brooke represent the Socy at Brooke Lambert's Poor Law Conference.
6. Prosp of election letter, & Dossier passed.
7. Sec. reported that Stamford m<sup>d</sup>. charge 10/- 2.15/- for

for mounted diagrams. Sec. instructed to consult Standing  
& authorized to expend £5. for 1/2 dozen blocks.

8. Tracts. 14. Baker left reported it sent for review.
  16. Agreed to print 5,000. Labor Note & Peoples Press to  
have advance copy.
  17. Sec. reported in the press.
  18. Agreed to print Facts for Bristol
  19. Vestries & Guardians. Draft generally approved.  
Forger also to draw up questions for Vestries.
- Unemployed Report & Guardian Questions. Sec. reported that  
Erwinning & Sell declined. Bland agreed to attempt to persuade them.  
Grant Allen's draft: to stand over.
9. Agreed to refer to Com<sup>ee</sup> of Webb-Wallas Peace Bland,  
to draw up list of dozen tracts for summer course.  
Wallas to summon, if it c<sup>d</sup>. not be on 27<sup>th</sup>. —
  10. Agreed to pay Sell's expenses to Wolverhampton.
  11. Sec. ordered to take Barnards Inn at 1/2 2. or less;  
failing that to enquire about Clements Inn.

- 12. Agreed that Secy call Executive together the day after the dissolution.
- 13. Agreed that Bland & Pease draw up scheme for Monthly Circular, & make proposals for printing, designs etc.
- 14. Agreed to send out letter to defaulting members, & to proceed as proposed in minute of Webb & Wallas.

M. G. G. G.

General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street  
on Tues 27 Jan 1891 Miss Groves then Bland in Chair  
Absent. Headlam, De Mattos (in Lane). Additional Will Shaw-  
Dell, Mrs Mallet Wallas Miss Goatsen, Oakeshott.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

2. New members elected, viz:-

Frank Smith	by	Graham Wallas and E. R. Pease
Harry Brazell	"	J. Henderson and E. R. Pease
Miss Mary M. Belcher	"	Mrs. Fagan and Mrs. Henderson
John F. Runciman	"	E. R. Pease and G. B. Shaw
Wm. Crooks	"	A. C. H. Graham and W. C. B. P. Jones
Alb. Tho. Marles (Leeds)	"	General Secretary
John Earl (Leeds)	"	"
Joe Dyson (Huddersfield)	"	"
Tom Lockwood	"	"
Moorhouse Dyson	"	"
Charles Merrifield	"	"
Henry Calasca (Newcastle)	"	James Pickersgill

3. Agreed (1) To grant Tracts <sup>to Messrs</sup> to Fitzgerald of Australia  
(2) That Pease attend Eight Hour Conference as delegate.  
(3) To ascertain if Barnard's Lim can be had on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays

4. List of members was called over, & list of defaulters  
to be circularised agreed to.

5. Bland reported that Grimling & Snell decline to  
undertake Poor Law Report, & Guardians leaflet.



6. Northern Campaign. Agreed that we send out circular to be drafted by ourselves on same lines as Lancasterine. -

8. Resolved after a division, that the Title of the Monthly Circular be "The Fabian Circular".

9. The following minute was agreed to:

Date of Issue, 1st day of each month & whenever specially ordered by Exec.  
Joint Editors ~~Peace~~ & Dand & Peace  
One copy to go to each member, & copies to Local Fabian Societies as they require.

- Contents. Summaries of London Society's Meetings
- Reports of Political Work of F.S.
- Notices of Fabian Lectures & Courses
- Reports of Provincial & Foreign Fabian Societies
- Signed notices of Books.
- Lists of Candidates
- Notices of forthcoming Lectures & Courses.
- General Instructions to members
- London Group Reports
- Clippings from the Press (Facts for Socialists)
- Draft Resolutions for Clubs &c, as ordered by Exec.
- Letters from members, not to exceed 200 words.

9 (cont<sup>d</sup>) [ N.B. The Editor subject to appeal to the Exec. shall have absolute ~~right~~ power to accept or reject ]

10. After discussion agreed not to issue circular re 'Star'

11. Agreed to reprint 10,000 Tract 10.

12. Agreed to refuse application of Mr. Wilson to send out Freedom with our next notice.

13. Correspondence read: Belfast. Buckhurst resigning. Sec. ordered to request withdrawal. Wisbeach re lectures: De Mattos to go if possible, De Mattos & Rylett re Manchester. Phipson re Tract. Bedington, Wolverhampton re Branch. Rickett, re Birmingham. Chicago, Re, Luton. Lab. Congress &c. —

14. Sec. instructed to write to Foady that the £ 5. sent is not meant to pay for his services —

15. Report of Tract Comtee. —

1) That the following Common Objection Papers be prepared as tracts, viz:

(a) Calvin on Huxley & Grant Allan on Natural Selection.

- (7) Wallas on Failure of Socialistic schemes in Part.
- (8) Cohen on Efficiency of Management of Industry
- Wells " Democracy
- Shaw " Jobbery + Corruption

The further recommended the following selection for summer course viz:-

- Nationalisation of Railways draft & Kentish Moore
- Work of the County Council " " [ Wells ]
- How to organise for Social Reform " " Shaw
- Eight Hours " " Wells + Cox
- Unemployed Report " " [ Hampstead Group ]
- Population Question " " Roberts
- Compensation " " De Melton
- Anarchism " " Shaw as in our Corner
- History of Parties " " Wallas

The Report was approved.

Leaflets were also discussed.

Graham Wallas

Executive at 12 Millbank Street on Tues Feb 3, 1890.  
Absent: Bland, Headlam, ~~Watts~~, Dell, Oliver Clarke.

1. The Minutes of 27 Jan were read & signed.
2. Accounts agreed & read over: Bank book laid on Table: Balance £186.7.9
3. Re title of circular: resolved that Barron be thanked for his design, & requested to be good enough to prepare one entitled "Fabian News" instead of Fabian Circular previously decided upon.
4. Resolved that John F. Pinciman be Sec. of the Southern Group.
5. Agreed that one set of black diagrams & one of red be prepared by standing of coloured paper as proposed: solid Black letters.
6. Agreed that Exec. & Group Secs. be summoned to meeting on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> next 8pm. at the Carrs, or 2 H.P. in. —
7. Agreed to take Galeshilds' notice for Tract 14. —
8. Office discussed. Agreed that Foulger must secure good rooms if we join with him. Sec. ordered to make enquiries. —

Sh. Clements Dames, &c.

9. Re New-Tracts: allotted:-

Unemployed Report to Hampstead Group.

Guardians, Poor Law leaflet, + sub-door Relief leaflet to St. Grov.

Mrs Mallett's leaflets, Unarmed Inc. + S. Board, to Webb

Compensation W. S. de Mattos.

County Council Webb.

10. Sec. ordered to bring up to next Exec. list of attendances of Exec. + index of minute of Webb + Wallas.

11. Correspondence:- Miss Groves + Clarke, offering resignation of Executive seats; Slater, re New-Branch Plymouth. Pearce, re L.S.B. Elections: Bland, U. Coll. London (re lecture) Barnardo's Inn agreed to take same for 2<sup>nd</sup> + fourth Fridays. — Cardiff re lectures, Cambridge, do. &c &c.

12. Agreed to congratulate John Horden on his election to Darlington P.C.

13. Agreed to ask Gabriel Bordenave terms of proposed French Translation of Recap

14. Agreed that we send Northumberland circular, + draft approval

15. Agreed to write Rev. B. Snell about Manchester F.S.,  
 & to ask Faddy to call Executive to meet Gen Sec in Feb.

16. Agreed that Bland & report on Olivier's Auxiliary Paper.  
 That Shaw prepare his Anarchism papers. That Cohen's  
 paper stand over.

W. S. de Mattos

Attendances at Executive Meetings.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Executive</u>	<u>Gen Com<sup>tee</sup></u>	<u>Other Com<sup>tee</sup></u>	<u>Total</u>
Shaw	13	6	12	31
Gaheshilt	12	8	10	30
Miss Groves	12	6	10	28
Wallas	11	6	11	28
De Mattos	10	7	10	27
Webb	10	6	6	22
Bland	8	5	6	19
Mrs Mallet	6	5	5	16
Miss Hoar-	7	4	2	13
Dell	5	3	3	11
Olivier	5	3	2	10
Clarke	2	1	2	5
Headlam	2	1	0	3

Possible 38.

Executive (Lit.) Committee at 12 Millbank St on Feb. 15th  
~~Present~~ Absent Oliver, Clarke, Additional Bland Miss Groves  
De Matos, Webb, Shaw, Mrs Mallet, Dell, Sec. 7

1. Minutes of last meeting read & signed.
2. Agreed that for the present Local Societies have no "New" grants.
3. Agreed to print 20000 Tract 10, & not to supply copies to Chelsea Lib Assn.
4. Agreed to have Exec. & Corp. Sec. meeting ~~the~~ Thurs. 19th Jan. 1900.
5. Northern Tour Circular approved.
6. List of attendances of Executive members read over -  
see opposite page - -
7. Sec 7 reported Barnards Ln Hall taken
8. Agreed to print 10000 copies Basis & addit on 2 p.
9. Agreed to print 2000 admission forms for Branches.

10. Agreed that Lowmison be joint Sec. Eastern Group.
11. Agreed to discuss proposal of Eastern Group re Trade  
11 at Group Secs meeting.
12. Agreed that independent Offices be taken,  
preferably in Savoy Mansions.
13. Correspondence read, Van de Goe, S. Brooke, Holding,  
Irish Labour Advocate (refer to Reynold) Mrs. Carter,  
Miss Bloch. Sec ordered to reply.
14. Agreed to print 15,000 Trade 14.
15. Agreed to hold Members Meeting at Headbarns  
to pass Facts for Bristol, Agricultural Programme,  
Bibliography etc. on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.
16. Agreed that Dell's expenses to Blam & on Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> be paid.
17. Branches. Letter from Wellington N.Z. read.  
Manchester Br. Sec reported his visit to Liverpool off.  
Agreed that Bland go to meet Man<sup>ch</sup> Sec. on Tuesday next.



Letter from Snell + Trade read in Manchester.

Letter from Leeds in Branch read.

" " Wolverhampton announcing formation of Branch

Report " Bombay Branch read.

Letter announcing formation of Bristol Br. read.

Agreed to arrange lectures there + at Cardiff as proposed.

18. Agreed that Fabian News contain reports of Executive Meetings. —

Graham Waller —



- 8. Lectures proposed + approved: Cambridge (2) + Wisbeach, Cardiff (3 proposed for Clarke), Plaiston Secularist Soc. &c.
- 9. Sec. 7 reported Reports recd from Local Societies, viz:-  
Manchester, Plymouth, Huddersfield, Clifton, Tyne-side.
- 10. Sec. 7 read proposals for new Local Societies from Leeds, Hyde, St. Helens, Belfast, Swinton, & verbally from Reading.

11. Tracts in hand.

Anarchism. Shaw reported indication: was encouraged.

Huddersfield Trans. Letter from Biddeford. Sec. ordered to write him to wait & watch.

Jobbery &c. Shaw reported indication.

~~Woods~~ Unearned Increment. Sec. for Wells reported that it sh<sup>d</sup> wait quinquennial valuation figures.  
(Mr. Mallet)

School Board. (Mr. Mallet) Wells reported (for Sec.) that see cattle was won for Free Educ<sup>n</sup> & heaf<sup>d</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> go farther.

How to organise. Shaw reported nothing done

Compensation De Mattos " " "

High of Parties, + Schemes in '48 Wallis " " "

Guardians Election Questions S.W. Group Sketch presented. Wells to put into shape

12. Webb + Wallens minute gone over.

(a) Sec. ordered to write to Julia re Press Sec.

(b) Sec " " prepare outline sketch of report for 1890-1

(c) Scheme of Essays for Autumn 1891 considered

(d) Sec. ordered to send to Locals exchange letter in terms of the minute. -

Muller & Clark  
Nov 24. 1891

Meeting of Exec. & Group Secretaries at 28 Ashley Gardens on Thursday 19 Feb 7 at 8pm. H. Lowerson in the chair.

Present. ~~Our~~ Group Secs:- Mr Sandham (W) Miss Brooke (H'stead) H. N. Hart, (W) J. Pinciman (S), H. Lowerson & Samuels (E) Substitutes, Mrs Mallett (for Dell, N.W) Miss Hoalson (for Bland, S.E.) G. Turner (for Wallis, Central) Executive Minister, Miss Erver, Webb, Secy - Also Mr Carr.

1. The secretary read a portion of the Webb Wallis Minute, & spoke a few words of exhortation.
2. Group Secs & Subs. gave severally reports of work done.
3. Resolved to recommend to the Executive to appoint Mrs Bateson N.W. Group Secy in place of R. E. Dell.
4. Resolved that the Exec. be recommended to reprint form for advising N. P. o. re. of Fabian Lectures.
5. Resolved to recommend the Exec. to constitute two new Groups, Croydon with A. B. Seel for Secy & Hammersmith, Brentford & Haling with Wm Bullock for Secy

+ + Wimbledon: also? Harold.

\* & Richmond & Haling.

6. Resolved that Group Sec. be recommended to follow the example of the Eastern Group in taking 500 copies of Tract II for distribution sale.

7. The following forms of Group activity were discussed:-

Tract preparation: the ~~Southern~~<sup>Eastern</sup> Group agreed to prepare a small leaflet on "Household Emancipation"

Lists of Clubs in Group, possibly to be printed

List of newspapers.

Sending tracts &c. for review to Local papers

Translation of French German works

Organisation of local social Gatherings.

&c

&c.

8. The Group Sec. undertook to prepare report of Group activity for the Fabian News.

Walter P. Blaud

Feb 24. 1891.

General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank St. Tues. 24 Feb. 91.  
Albert Headlam, Additional, Webb, Shaw, W<sup>m</sup> Mallet, Walter, Miss Horison, Babushkin.

- 1. Minutes of last meeting + of meeting of Group Secs. Secs. read + signed.
- 2. Sec. reported that he had not yet made abstract of Report on ~~sec~~ sent letter to Branches.
- 3. Minutes 3, 4 & 5 of Group Meeting confirmed.

4. Members elected unanimously viz:-

Bower Marsh	proposed by	H. Bland and N. L. Griffith
George Turner	"	G. Wallas and S. M. Peartree
D'Arcy W. Reeve	"	Sidney Webb and E. R. Pease
Olaf F. C. Block	"	Sidney Webb and Miss Warley
Miss Mary Lacey	"	Miss Sergeant and H. Bland
Miss B. Walter	"	Rev. S. D. Headlam and R. E. Dell
William Chismon (Thames Ditton)	"	E. B. Bishop and J. F. Oakeshott
Gustaf F. Steffen (Harrow)	"	G. Wallas and G. B. Shaw
Mrs. Oscara Sydow Steffen (Harrow)	"	G. Wallas and G. B. Shaw
Harriot Stanton Blatch (Basingstoke)	"	Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Mallet
John Coles, jun. (Frome)	"	General Secretary
William Routh (Bedale, Yorks.)	"	"
Alfred Mattison (Leeds)	"	"
David Rhys Jones (Cardiff)	"	"
William Henry Blythe, M.A. (Cambridge)	"	Sidney Webb

- 5. List of members was gone over + sec. ordered to print + issue a second letter asking for subs. -
- 6. Agreed to give two more South Place lectures.

7. New Branches:- Leeds Letter read from <sup>New</sup> Branch at Leeds + proposing new ones at Harby, Reading, + Straton.
8. Correspondence read:- Darcy Reeve Handing, £50.-  
Kelf: reporting from Cork: Provident Servants League; J. Vander Lee.  
Folkestone Lib. Assn: (Sec to send magniloquent reply)  
Just, refusing post of press Sec. (Sec. to ask Griffiths)  
Hammermith Soc. Sec, order for 1000 Tract 1. (Sec to charge 10/-, being near cost price) Dr. Cullen, Fife, on our policy. Sec. to suggest his drafting tract for us.
9. Draft Manifesto of W.A. Morris for Bombar laid on Table + handed to Bland to report on.
10. Material for Fabian news laid on table.
11. Sec. reported that he had seen office in Savoy ~~House~~ Strand, 2 rooms fourth floor £40. ordered to enquire more.
13. Draft Tracts on organisation prepared by Beade of Manchester handed over to Shaw to report upon
14. Bland's report, + Beade's letters from Manchester read + accepted.

Julius Bland



Executive Committee at Westminster Palace Hotel  
on Tues. 3 March 1891.

Absent De Mattos, Sell, Headlam, Clarke, Olivier

1. Minutes of last meeting read & signed
2. Accounts agreed with Bank Book: Balance £ 243.17 8
4. Agreed that Bland sh<sup>d</sup> write to Freshlight P. Co. re a/c.
5. Agreed to print 10,000 Tract 17 + stereo plates.
 

5,000	"	19	"	"	"	"
5,000	"	20	"	"	"	"
6. Northern Tour. Agreed to send Tracts 16 & 9 or 5
7. Agreed to send lecture list + Tracts 14 to Lib Assoc<sup>ns</sup>
8. Agreed to ask John Morley for a Wednesday for Tract meeting
9. Abstract of Report read. Agreed that Wells draft pars. re  
Essays + Tracts, Waller re Political Work, + Bland re  
country towns &c.

10. Sec. agreed to go over Beades Organisation paper, which Shaw reported worth printing after revision.
11. Agreed to send lecturers to Oxford & to accept invitation of Wolverhampton Trades Council to deliver series of lectures.
12. Agreed to call meeting of Group Secs. Monthly if they desire it.
13. Bland undertook to get Morris's letter for Bombar hypewritten signed by cleric.
14. Office further discussed.
15. Agreed to print 1000 Bills for two additional South Place lectures.
16. Agreed to advertise for 25/- in Nat Reform Union Circular.
17. Agreed to order 1 dozen Diagrams of Standing.
18. Correspondence read. Belfast (New Local Society) Chelsea L. Assn., Limerick, Beade re Manchester F.S. &c.

Nathan Bland  
10/8/91

Literature Committee at 44 Dean 12 Millbank St. on  
Tues, 10 March 1891.

Absent: Oliver, Clarke. Additionals: Bland, Mrs Gross, Sehatten,  
Wells, Shaw, Wm. Mallet, Pease.

1. Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> March were read & signed.
2. Bland reported he had returned Morris's draft for Bomlay  
to him for copying & signature.
3. Resolved that the Working Men's College at Grand St.  
be authorized to form a Group & nominate a Group Sec.
4. Sec. reported that Mrs Bateson accepted appointment  
from the N.W. Group & no reply was rec. from Croydon  
& West<sup>n</sup> Group Sec. nominees.
5. Lectures. Agreed to send Radford or Partee vice Crane  
to Oxford. Cox & Cohen to Wolverhampton & Stanley.

6. Summer Course agreed to. April 24 Gr. Unemployed. Hampstead &  
 May 8. Compensation St. Marks June 12 C. Council Wells  
 " 22 Eight Hours. Wells & Cox " 26 Hist of Partee Wallas  
 July 10 1/2 Population Roberts July 24 Nat. of Rats, K. Moore.

7. Resolved that the Exec. Election Ballot papers be arranged alphabetically, the old members be started, that the papers be issued at the meeting to those members present, who only are entitled to vote.
8. Correspondence read. British Economic Assoc<sup>n</sup>, accepting Meryd paper + suggesting Webb, Romer re aff. T. Walker, Skipton, Dr. Cullen, J. Robertson, Gaskell, suggesting magic lantern, J.P. Maurice, S. Australia, &c &c.
9. Agreed to subscribe 2/- to Legal Eight Hours Com<sup>tee</sup>.
10. Agreed to take 2 doz. Christian Socialism 6<sup>d</sup>.
11. Agreed to send some one to Russell Club Oxford, name later on.

Walter Dand  
Chairman

Political Committee 17 March 9/12 12 Millbank Street  
Absent: Wilt, Sell, Additional, Bland, Grover, DeMatto,  
Wallas, Hoatson, Caheshott, Sec

1. The minutes of Mar 15th were read & signed.
2. Agreed that Hampstead Group Proposal for additional members to Lit. Pol. Comm. is impracticable
3. Agreed that persons other than members should ~~not~~ be admitted to the Summer meetings only by means of tickets to be obtained from the Sec.
4. Agreed not to propose any amendments to Rules
5. Agreed that an Eight Hours Tract be issued if possible.
6. Agreed to state on return of attendance that Oliver was absent on Government Service.
7. Agreed to not to pay expenses of proposed visit of Sec 7 to Birmingham Branch.

8. Correspondence read:- J. Waddington: (send Tracts)  
Samuel. (8 Hours report), Labor Tribune, Coghlan  
N. C. London, re lecture, S. Bullock, refusing post  
of Group Sec. Oldham re Branch J. Morley M.P.  
refusing to lecture W. Tickers, re Hyde Branch  
P. & Stacey Clifton F.S. Arthur Wilson  
resigning, Heade, re Manchester F.S. 1881.

10. In absence of Secretary, minute on his  
work, & proposing salary of £100 was  
discussed, & ordered to be printed in  
next issue of News. —

Graham Waller —

General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at 12 Millbank Street  
on Tues, 24 March 1891. -

Absent Headlam. Additional Webb, Shaw, Mr Mallet, Wallas  
Pakehurst, Mrs Hoatson.

1. Minutes of 17 Mar. read & signed -
2. Order for 5000 Tract 20 given.
3. Purge of members arranged. Bland announced that Jas. Nicholls had resigned.
4. Agreed to provide seats for 100 at Annual Mtg.

b. Members elected :-

Candidates.	Proposed by
H. W. Massingham ...	Graham Wallas & Sidney Webb.
Thomas E. Webb ...	S. M. Peartree & Geo. Turner.
E. E. Williams ...	W. S. De Mattos & E. R. Pease.
Ben Tillett ...	Miss Sergeant & Mrs. Bland.
James Watson Grice	H. Lowerison & A. C. H. Graham.
Fred Butler	do. do.
Tom A Hannam (Stafford) ...	J. W. Buttery.
Arthur C. E. Parr (Cardiff) ...	General Secretary.
Benjamin Hill (Stockton) ...	do. do.
Wm. T. Anderson (Belfast) ...	do. do.
Wm. Mayne Knox "	do. do.
George Cummings "	do. do.
Robert Aickin "	do. do.
Alfred Dugdale (Manchester) ...	do. do.
H. M. Reade "	do. do.
Rev. Dr. John Cullen (Fifeshire) ...	do. do.
Mrs. Cullen "	do. do.
Miss Annie R. McDougall (Reading)	Miss Kate Dodd.
Miss C. E. D. Martyn "	do.





14 Correspondence read. Corinne Brown, (Internat Lab. Congress Chicago) Bomlay, FS, Reade, re Manchester; Slater (agreed to grant 1000 Tract 20) Wolverhampton; South Shields Sailors Union; T. Mann, giving reasons why Tract 9 is insuitable, Hine Oxford (grant him Tract 11) etc.

Miles / Claud  
Chairman  
7/4/91

Last Meeting of 1890-1 Executive  
 at 12 Millbank Street on Tues. Apr 7. 91  
 Present Bland Miss Groves, Le Matton, Welch  
 Shaw Mrs Mallet, Wallis, Miss Hoatson  
 Bakerlist, Secy

1. Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> March read & signed

2. Accounts for year agreed with Bank Book & approved

3. Members Elected :-

P. Valera ... ..	Wm. Clarke and Sidney Webb
Ernest Scott... ..	Percy Brabazon and Geo. Palmer
Wm. A. Jones ... ..	Edith Bland and Alice Hoatson
Holland Crompton ... ..	E. R. Pease and Hubert Bland
A. E. Porter... ..	H. Lowerison and G. Samuel
Samuel Herbert, jr... ..	do. do.
James T. Dunlop ... ..	do. and G. B. Shaw
Wm. Aug. Steward... ..	S. M. Peartree and H. Somerfield
Geo. J. McCarthy ... ..	do. and G. Turner
Frank W. Galton ... ..	George Turner and H. Roberts
Wm. Edwin ... ..	do. and S. M. Peartree
Thos. Gorniot ... ..	do. do.
Ernest Jones ... ..	H. Roberts and H. Somerfield
Wm. Hazel ... ..	do. do.
Arthur L. Dawson ... ..	do. do.
Charles V. Burton ... ..	Claude Burton and J. C. Foulger
Wm. R. Wells ... ..	H. B. Holding and E. R. Pease
George Perry ... ..	J. F. Runciman & Harriet Blook
Francis J. Coles ... ..	do. do.
George Willing ... ..	A. C. H. Graham & W. C. B. P. Jones
Fredk. Wm. Hayes... ..	F. Podmore and E. R. Pease
Jas. H. Stirling (Belfast) ... ..	W. T. Anderson & R. Aiekin
Wm. F. Purvis (Northampton) ... ..	W. Scudamore
Geo. D. Grey (Weston-s-Mare) ... ..	E. J. Watson & H. H. Gore
Thos. Walker (Shipley) ... ..	General Secretary
F. Sydney Morris (York) ... ..	H. B. Holding

4. Prof report for 1890-1 considered & amended.  
 Wallas to write political report & Sec. to accept any

amendments from new Exec. in his discretion

5. Sec. ordered to get into type "How to organize"

6. Revision of members list: agreed that the following who have not replied to letter asking if they desire to retain membership be expunged viz:-

- |                  |              |               |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| J. A. Chalmers   | [A. L. Lake] | A. G. Stevens |
| Miss Edmondstone | D. Patterson | W. Tucker     |
| W. H. Fry        | E. Rhye      | S. Ward       |
|                  |              | J. H. Walk.   |

unless letters be received to the contrary from any of them. Sec. announced that F. Jesson had resigned [P.S. ~~But~~ A. L. Lake since wrote that he desired to continue + w? subscribe.]

7. Tract 21 discussed: Shows proposals + Wallace's generally approved.

8. Agreed to advertise in Tract 11, Methuen, F. Union, + Macmillan. Agreed to print 10,000 of.

9. Agreed to send news to Jubilee Hall.

10. Offer from Darcy Reeve of Office at 276 Strand rent free for a year accepted with thanks: Sec. to ask for a formal agreement in ordinary form, submitting to Society.
- 11 Offer from D. Reeve of £500 for the purpose of starting a Review discussed: agreed that the Expanding Exec. sh<sup>d</sup>. not come to a definite agreement on a matter so important: that Willis make a statement to the Annual meeting of the matter & that the Exec. unanimously recommends the acceptance of the plan. And that Sec. write to D. Reeve to this effect.
12. Agenda for Annual Meeting ~~of~~ settled. Agreed that number of votes be announced.
13. Agreed to grant 100 Tract 17 to Eastern & 50 Tract 17 to W. M. C. Groups for Guardian Election purposes.
14. Agreed to advertise in Trade Unionist 51<sup>2</sup> shillings ads. for 50p.

- 15 Correspondence read or laid on table: -  
 Kelp, Cork, re activity  
 Ben Tillelt  
 P. Valera (Sec's reply approved)  
 F. Nitti  
 Major Edwards.
- 16. Sec. ordered to accept Good Trade League Challenge to Webb.
- 17. Sec. reported attendance at Clifton Fabian Society Meeting, at Bristol Socialist Gathering & lecture at Westbury
- 18. Northern Campaign reported, De Mattos to go on Saturday. Sec. to make arrangements for later lectures.
- 19. Plan of Sec. to lecture in Stafford & Hanley after his visit to Birmingham approved. Society to pay half fares (other half B.F.S.) & exps. -

Graham Waller -

Executive 1891-2.

Sidney Webb

G. B. Shaw

Graham Wallas

J. F. Salvestadt

Sydney Olivier

W. S. De Mattos

S. R. Pease

Hubert Bland

Miss M. Grover

Mrs Mallet

H. W. Maddingham

Mrs Saraham

H. Lowerison

Miss Hoatson + R. S. Dell.

Elected 10 April 1891

Exec. Meeting 14 April 1891 at 14 Deans Yard.  
Graham Wallas in chair.

Present also, Webb, Caheshit DeMatto, Pease  
Bland, Miss Grover, Mr. Mallet,  
Mr. Sandham, Loverison, Miss Hookton.

1. Minutes of last Exec. Mtg read & signed
2. Annual Report. Agreed that it stand over for further additions from Wallas.
3. New Tracts. Household Inf. ~~and~~ Prof. brought up.  
Tracts 18 & 21 reported in progress.
4. Draft agreement with S. Reeve re Office brought up.  
Sec. instructed to add name of Treasurer + get stamped + signed as proposed.
5. Sec. ordered to buy furniture as quickly as possible.
6. Resolved that Sec. write S. Reeve that we accept his offer of £500 for the purposes & on the conditions named in his letter of 27 March 1891 to Sec. 7.

7. Northern Campaign. Sec. reported that R B Steele is at present in district. Agreed that De Mattos return on Friday, & make a tour to be arranged for a fortnight.
8. Agreed that draft Vestris Tract be deferred, that questions be prepared by N.W. Group and printed for next Exec. meeting, & that N.W. Group report on Vestris Draft Tract.
9. New Groups. Agreed that Bolas be asked to be Sec. of Group comprising Hammersmith, Kingston, Brentford, & Ealing. That Croydon Group (H.S. Williams Sec) Dulwich, Norwood, Croydon, Wimbledon, & all Surrey except Kingston: That Woolwich be made a separate Group, as proposed in letter from F.S. Green, that he be asked to call meeting, to nominate Sec.
10. Group membership discussed, but no resolution carried.
11. Letter from Holding read, & agreed that a notice appear in the F. news that the Exec. have decided to accept that two attendances at the meeting of the group in which a



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candidate resides may, on the recommendation of the Group Secretary, be accepted as compliance with rule 8, in respect of attendances as a visitor at meetings.

12. Agreed also that a notice appear in F.N. that the Exec. grant to Group Secs. ~~is~~ any sum not exceeding £2. - a year for Group Postage, <sup>etc.</sup> of the Group Secs. are requested to apply ~~to the Secy.~~ to the Exec. for <sup>a special grant of</sup> any further sums necessary for carrying on any special work, before such work is undertaken. -

3. Correspondence read:-

Samuel re Eight Hours: agreed that Shaw, Wallas, Mann, Tillet, Banner, Curran, Hammill, Burn, Morris, Cox, Lowrie, N. Palmer, Tom Walker, Holding F Smith, Bottle, Foulger, Pankhurst, Sanders & any others be asked to speak on the 3<sup>rd</sup>/Jan

Mrs Robins. Agreed to ask her not to resign.

Pinnerman Agreed to grant cyclostyle (30/3) to Southern Group

Brisbane. " " reply

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Walter Bland  
Chairman

21/4/96.

Meeting 20 April 91 at 12 Millbank St.

Present. Webb Shaw Wallas Calverly Bland  
Massingham Loverison Mr Mallet Miss  
Grove, Miss Hoatson Secy Mr Sandham  
Absent Dell (ill) Oliver (abroad) De Mattos (lecturing)

1. Minutes April 14 read & signed.
2. Sec. reported purchase of office furniture, & ap ordered to help.
3. Lectures. Webb agreed to take Oxford on April 29.  
Wallas Beckenham, as asked by Frank Anderson  
De Mattos: agreed that he act on his discretion  
as to returning note &c.
4. New Tracts. Sec. reported progress of Vestry Questions  
& Leasehold enfranchisement ready: also a  
case for Eight Hours Bill. Webb's arrangement with  
Scott, offering him advt. page in exchange for the  
enfranchisement of copyright approved.
5. Sec. reported demand from Birmingham for Shaw's

Anarchism. Shaw agreed to revise report to next Exec.

6. Sec. reported draft Scotch Disendowment Tract read by S.S. Williams. Lowrie undertook to revise + report on same.

7. Agreed that Tract 18 be P. —

8. Agreed to publish in Fabian News report of annual Mtg.

9. Agreed that S.W. Group Sec. take charge of answers to Guardians Questions + N.W. of answers to Vestries Questions.

10. Agreed to proposal (a) that Just sh. send no Xmas Soc. in exchange for Tracts: (b) that advt. of Xmas Soc. + of Annual Mtg. sh. be put in News as an advt.

1. Resolved that Calverly, Holding, Pinciman, Lowrie, Turner, Pearce + Samuel be a Comtee to make arrangements for distribution of literature at the Hyde Park Demonstration May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with powers to expend 20/- + to add to their number. Draft notice for News approved. Comtee fixed for Tues. 2<sup>30</sup> pm. Office

12 Correspondence read.

Bidwell re review.

Miss Foster & Somers, re sales in America of Esso.

Agreed to refer to Scott.

Stewart etc. Agreed to write out to spare  
cash for campaign & offering aid  
to Toyruide F.S. for demonstration

13 Groups. Bland's resignation of Sec. of S.S. Group  
rec. - Bolte to be asked to take his place.  
Letters from Green announcing appointment  
& Bolas accepting appointment read.  
Agreed that Miss Walter be asked to be Sec.  
of Central Group.

14. Private meetings. Agreed that tickets issued be available  
for two meetings only. -

15. Chairman of Exec. discussed: agreed to give notice  
of decision at next meeting.

16. Editor of Review discussed: agreed to give notice  
that it may be decided at next meeting.

J. F. Oakes to B.  
28:11:91

Executive Meeting at 276 Strand on Tues. April 28. 5pm.  
 Present Gaheshott (in chair) Webb, Shaw, Wallas, Peace, Bland  
 Miss Groves Mrs Mallet, Mresingham, Mrs Sandham,  
 Lowerison, Miss Hoskew. Absent Dell (ill) De Maltos (dictating)  
 & Olivier

1. The Minutes of April 21<sup>st</sup> were read & signed.
2. New Tracts: agreed as follows:-
 

21	Vestry Questions	10000	+ Stereo plates
22	Leasehold enfranch.	10000	+ do.
23	Case for Eight Hours Bill	20000	+ do.
18	Fact for Bristol	5000	
3. Shaw reported Anarchism not ready & Lowerison reported Disendowment in Scotland not ready. Agreed that Bibliography be typewritten.
4. Agreed that W. Crane's picture be framed.
5. Agreed that Office Hours be 10-5, Sat 10-1, that stock be insured for £200, & a notice board outside be prepared. Office agreement with D'Arcy Reeve signed.

b. Agreed to send back ~~for~~ on Leasehold Subfranchisement  
to all M.P. Board.

7. Correspondence read

Darcy Reeve on proposed Review

Heywood. Sec. to see him & propose closing a/c.

Miss Robertson Resignation accepted

Bolas. Agreed to replace Burton on List

Mrs Keddell. Agreed to send her

Scott, re American sales

Harborough Division refusing to circulate "Form Labourers"

Oldham F.S. Agreed to offer lecture from Wallas

on 15/4 April & £2. for expenses  
of Hall & advertising.

Newcastle F.S. Agreed to grant Tyne & S. £10.-  
£5 for demonstration & £5 for Campaign.

Rumanian (not read) Agreed to leave trip  
in the Southern Group.

Sunderland Re proposed ~~to~~ Local Fabian. Agreed  
to grant £2. towards preliminary expenses.

St Malto re Tom Agreed to pay him £2 a week  
for 5 weeks, in addition to travelling  
expenses. —

Reform Societe. agreed to exchange publications.

8. Agreed, That the chair at every Executive Meeting shall be taken by the member whose initial follows in alphabetical order that of the member who took the chair at the previous meeting, & that the chairman shall attend at the office at 4.30 to go thro' the correspondence & other agenda before the meeting, & shall introduce all official business without troubling the secretary.

9. Agreed that the joint editorship of the proposed Review be offered to Webb + Marseingham & that they be appointed a Comtee to bring up proposals for conducting the Review. —

Sydney Davis

is the Chair

5 May 91.

Spec. at Office on Tues. May 5<sup>th</sup> 5pm.

Present Oliver (in chair) Webb, Shaw, Wallas, Pease Bland  
Miss Groves Mrs Mallet, Mr Sandham, Miss Watson Lowerison  
Absent Dell (ill) De Mattos (lecturing) Massingham & Cahelhot.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. The following members were elected :-

Montague D. Eder ...	Louis Cohen & Laurence Cohen
Mrs. Camron ...	Mary Cameron and G. Wallas
Mrs. D. McEwen ...	D. McEwen do.
Isaac Geo. Rogers ...	Wm. Crooks & A. C. H. Graham
Richard Wall ...	W. B. P. Jones do.
John Evans ...	A. C. Graham & W. B. P. Jones
William Robinson ...	Do. do.
Henry Guy Bentley ...	Frank Podmore & Thos. Bolas
John Naylor ...	H. B. Holding & Nelson Palmer
H. Finnis Johnson ...	Do. do.
Edwin Thos. Marriott... ..	Olaf F. C. Block & Harriet Block
Thomas Robinson ...	William Edwin & Geo. Turner
Miss A. E. F. Horniman ...	J. H. Skilbeck & C. O. Skilbeck
Edward J. Morgan ...	J. Watson Grice & F. Butler
John Wm. Martin ...	George Samuel & E. R. Pease
Walter Porter ...	Harry Lowerison & G. Samuel
Thomas Porter ...	Do. S. Herbert
Edmund Houghton ...	Claude and Charles Burton
Richard Runciman ...	J. R. Runciman & Harriet Block
Percy Greenstreet ...	Do. do.
Thomas Hepple (Newcastle)... ..	James Pickersgill
A. E. Taylor (Oxford) ...	Adolphus Ballard
Robert Jones Derfel (Manchester) ...	H. M. Reade
Frederick Geo. Walton (Darlington) ...	A. E. Hirstwood
Miss C. E. Skeritt (Wokingham) ...	General Secretary
E. A. Coghlan (Brighton) ...	Do.

3. The Aps were read & agreed: Bank Balance £ 149.7.10

4. Agreed to print report for 1890-1 with amendments  
by Webb, Oliver, & Wallas



- 5. New Tracts:- Anarchism: agreed to propose on Friday to print as a Tract & Show. Natural Selection etc. Agreed that S. Olivier consider & report. Poor Law Leaflet: Olivier to report. Scotch Disendowment: write that subject deferred for present.
- 6. Agreed to wait report from Delegate before making further donation to Eight Hours Demonstration.
- 8. Webb reported conversation with Gordon of W. Scott on proposed Review & that he was well disposed to take it up.
- 9. Agreed to take de Mattos paper on Compensation on 8 May.
- 10. Agreed to have Group Sec. Exec. Mtg at office on May 23<sup>rd</sup> 97.
- 11. Sec. ordered to send copy of Webb. ~~to~~ Wall as proposals re Autumn Course to each Exec Member.
- 12. Exec. desired copies of all group Publications

### 13. Correspondence.

- Inlet: reporting publication of Facts for Bristol in Bristol paper  
R. A. Reeve - - - Branch forming at Hasley  
Joseph King: re Farm Labour Leaflet in Harro: Landed & Webb  
Leeds Sec. Sec. 3 write suggesting that Exec w?  
like to see draft leaflets prepared by locals.  
Pickersill: re resignation from Secy ship of Tyne-side F.S.  
W. Parker: offering draft leaflet on Sunday work.  
Verinder: re Church Reformer: agreed to take a dozen  
on trial.  
Holding: re Manchester F.S.  
Reade: asking for cash: to be declined courteously  
with suggestion that their rate is too low.  
Mrs Sandham: sending resolution urging Exec. to work  
more harmoniously with S. D. F.

14. The last letter was discussed at much length, and the  
action of the group in sending such a resolution to the  
public press (Justice &c) before it had reached the Exec.  
was disapproved. Reply drafted to the effect that  
the policy of the Exec. has always been in accord with  
resolution, asking for suggestions & that such resolutions sh<sup>d</sup>. be  
sent to Exec. before publication.

15. Application for grant of £1.12.3 from S. W. Group  
for deficit on Poor Law Work before Easter (three public  
meetings &c) was acceded to.

Isabel Sandham.

Executive at Office on Tues. 12 May '91

Mr. Sandham in chair

Present - Mr. Sandham, Miss Groves, Miss Houston, Mr. Mallet,  
Wallas, Galesholt, Webb, Loverson Pease, Massingham.  
Absent - Olivier, Dell, Bland, Shaw, De Mattos (lecturing)

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
2. New Tracts :- Anarchism : Shaw sent report of progress  
Nat. Selection  
Poor Law Leaflet } Olivier absent : no report.  
Shaw's Sunday Chronicle article : agreed to  
get copy & consider.
3. Draft circular for Group Mtg May 23<sup>rd</sup> approved  
with amendments
4. Agreed to reprint 50,000 Tract 13
5. Agreed to accept Solly as Country member
6. Agreed to have office cleaned daily at 3/- a week.

7. Agreed to have no meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Mar.

8. Webb - Wallas proposal for autumn course discussed. Agreed to send copy to each Exec. Com<sup>ee</sup> member to be returned to Sec. with amendments, and nomination of lecturers for each subject.

9. Correspondence

Hanley notifying formation of Hanley F.S.

Sunderland " " " Sunderland "

Halifax " proposed " " Halifax "

Culham Col. Oxon re debate

Slater re Facts for Plymouth &c. Sec. to write that we will publish it. -

Webb. Grants of set books to Mrs Green & Lord ? Frymanier & to Barry & Brin for Parnell, or set books & 1/2 essays.

Reade, Manchester, repl to our refusal of cash.

Marks, Leeds re demonstration

Fallows: re lecture

Miss Sherritt, lecture at Wokingham. Wallas to go if possible

De Maltos, re Tyne-side &c. lectures, & settlement of affair with late Sec. of cash.

Goetting, Bombay, landing subse -

Correspondence (cont'd)

Fair Trade Club: re Debate with Wells: Sec'y to write suggesting deferring ~~the~~ debate to autumn unless a meeting can be made.

10. A need to insert in News if there be room, suggestion as to members reading literature, & possibly Wells's article in So. Group Circular. These to be reconsidered next meeting.

11. The coming syllabus was discussed & Wells reported that he c<sup>d</sup>. not have ready a Track on the S.C.C. by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Final settlement was deferred.

G. Bernard Shaw.

Meeting of Executive Committee + Group Secs. + Delegates at the Office on Sat. 23 May 8pm.

Present Executive :- Webb, Massingham Mrs Sandham  
Miss Grover, Secy

Groups Central : nobody. Miss Walker sent letter apologising for absence thro' illness.

Croydon H. E. Williams Sec.

Eastern J. W. Grice del.

Hammersmith T. Bolao Sec.

Hampstead Miss Brooke Sec.

Northern H M. Hart Sec.

N. West Mrs. Bateon Sec. Miss Belcher

Southern Runciman Sec. Miss Black

S. Eastern Bittle Sec. K. Moore

S. Western (Mrs Sandham) S. M. Peckee del.

Woolwich Green Sec.

W. M. Coll. Turner + Walton Secs.

S. M. Peckee  
in the chair.

1. A series of suggestions for Group Secs. Work were discussed + adopted with slight amendments.

2. It was agreed that members taking part in

local Political affairs should take counsel with Group Secretaries of the district as far as possible.

3. It was agreed that members having lectures arranged in any district should communicate with the Group Secretary.

4. It was agreed that the Group Secretary report, as occasion requires, to the General Secretary on the work of individual lecturers in the Group.

5. It was agreed that a meeting of Group Secretaries should be held once in three months, in an evening. -



Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office on 26 May '91. -

Present. Shaw - (Chairman) Wells, Wallas, Caheside, Peace, Bland  
Miss Groser, Mr Mallet, Mr Sandham, Loverson, Miss Watson  
absent, De Matto (lecturing) Maccingham, Bell, Oliver.

1. Minutes of May 12 + 23<sup>rd</sup> were read & confirmed.
2. Agreed to print in News Wallis par. as to members reading tracts re. -
3. Re Syllabus. Agreed that Wallas read paper on June 12<sup>th</sup> & Roberts on June 26 - July to be deferred. -
4. Agreed not to publish S.W. Group Resolution (17.14<sup>th</sup> of 5 May)

5. New Tracts discussed:-

Anarchism. Shaw: progress reported.  
 Nat. Selection. Oliver, absent no report.  
 Poor Law Leaflet " " " "  
 Sunday Chron. Article of Shaw: not yet obtained.  
 Organisation of Unemployed. Hampstead Group.  
 Economic Justice Guildford } Com<sup>ee</sup> of Bland  
 Society Classified - " - } Shaw + Wallas  
 Socialism for Tramway Men. N. Group. Handed to Wallas.

b. Correspondence, given in abstract of chairman: -

- John Heywood: agreeing to terminate contract: agreed  
Mrs. Arnold Forster: explaining why cheap Edn. of *Indust. Rev.* is not  
R. E. Dell: explaining absence.  
Mrs. Costing: re Bondage work  
Cornell Washington Territory  
Biederlach Amsterdam re politics  
Belfast Society re Progress + resignation of Sec. going to New York

8. Bland, resigning co-editorship of *Fabian News*:  
agreed that Oliver take the post

9. Walter Scott, offering to take proposed Review at 10% on  
Sales + other terms: agreed that Editors  
conduct negotiations, + have special regard to  
proposal for unlimited advts to Scott gratis.

10. Labour Literature Society: asking special terms: agreed  
to sell at 8<sup>d</sup> for 13, + 10% off for cash.

11. G. D. Eridleston: offering to write *Facts*: agreed that  
it be suggested that he prepare exact  
information about Birmingham, after examples

(70)

of Plymouth ~~the~~ Bristol.

12. Samuel, re Eight Hours Demands: - agreed to pay a further £4. - if enquiries are satisfactory.
13. F. Hutchinson. Sec. read letters, & explained state of affairs: agreed that he be asked to take one of the July Fabian Meetings with a paper. -
14. Reade Manchester, re Oldham character: - agreed: state that handbills ~~are~~ for Gen. Election are being arranged for, & other suggestion noted.
15. Re Lectures &c. Agreed to wait return of De Mattos in respect of lectures from Balmforth at Stockton &c.
16. Agreed to ask Anderson to draft Rural C.C. Questions
17. Agreed to call S. S. F. 1000 Tract 5 at 7? for 12/3.
18. Proposal of Northern Group re meetings of members in Political Areas: - agreed to publish in news, & write approval

19. Grants approved 6/ Essays + tracts of Card. Manning  
Sel. Tracts to Jöelch  
" " " Sir W. Bacon  
2 " " + 50 cts to S. Webb for G. P. Cong.

20. Miss Brooker's letter + proposals read: Sec. to send suitable reply.

21. Agreed to print in News Webb Group Sec. proposals after revision + par. on Factory Bill.

22. Agreed that Report be in same form as last.

23. Secretary's candidature for Manselton Vestry approved

24. Autumn Syllabus: Agreed that the remaining Fabian Essays to be a com<sup>ee</sup> to consider new course + all the ways. —

Graham Wallas-

Exec. ab Office on Tues. 2 June '95 pm

Present Wallas (chair) De Mattos, Webb, Mrs Sandham, Oakeshott, Loverison Pease Miss Grover, Shaw-Marringham, Mrs Mallet.  
Absent Bland, Oliver, Miss Hoatson del.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. Accounts in the absence of the Treasurer were deferred.
3. The following were elected members, viz:-

Miss E. W. Allen, 39 Lombard-street, E.C.	Sidney Webb and Mrs. Henderson.
E. H. Davies, 32 Aubert-park, Highbury, N.	E. R. Pease & H. M. Hart.
Arthur R. Gridley, 4 Galves- ton-rd., Putney, S.W.	Olaf F. C. Bloch and - Harriet Bloch.
Eustace D. Hartley and Mrs. Hartley, 8 Bedford-road, Bedford Park, W.	- J. F. Oakeshott and - C. Sisterson.
Fredk. Haywood, 40 South-st. Park-lane, W.	- E. E. Williams and - John F. Runciman.
Fred. Knee, 3 Smith-street, - Chelsea, S.W.	- H. G. Barnard and - Mrs. Sandham.
Mrs. Eugenie Lineff, 14 Mel- rose-terrace, West Kens- ington-park, W.	E. R. and M. G. Pease.
James Solley, 87 High-street, Notting Hill Gate, W.	W. S. De Mattos and - Edith Bland.
David Bell, 34 Dundas-street, Monksw'th, Sunderland.	- General Secretary.
George Cocker, 18 Church-st. Burnley.	- do. do.
Rev. Edw. E. Cleal, Pineside, Winton, Bournemouth	- do. do.
Rev. Chas. Peach, 32 Conduit- road, Sheffield	- - Edw. P. Hall.
Rev. J. Tait Scott, The Parson- age, Lynton, Hants.	- General Secretary.
Eugene Teesdale, 16 Park- villas, Park-avenue. Hull	- do. do.

#### 4 New Tracts:-

Anarchism	Shaw	Reported Progress
Stat. Selection	Shirin	absent
Too. Law-Leaflet	do.	do.
Sunday Chron. Art. Shaw.	Handed to Inasingsham	
Org. of Unemployed Economic Justice Society Classified	Com. of Bland Shaw Wallas	} No report } yet made.
Tramway Leaflet.	Wallas reported had: agreed to get Basset Hopkins tracts.	
Organisation of Fabian.	agreed to print as a supplement to News: Wells to improve it.	
Rural C. C. Question.	Letter from Hudson agreeing to prepare: to be ready by June 30 <sup>th</sup> .	
Questions for Municipal Councillors.	suggested by Hyde F.S. agreed to ask of Peach to do this, & to ask all local Fabian S. to send suggestions.	

5. Autumn course. Wallas appointed Secy, & ordered to call a meeting.

- 6. Welsh Tracts: Sec. 2 write to Dyer proposing to make translations, & asking suggestions.
- 7. Proposed advert. Board in black bold at £2.18.9 approved.
- 8. Agreed to congratulate B'ham Socy on their report.

9. Correspondence read:-

- Hutchinson: agreeing to take 10<sup>th</sup> July with National Capital.
- F. S. Green: asking grant of fare 1/- to speak near Southampton for Tenants Def. League. Sec. 3 refuse on ground that we only pay for Fabian lecturers, but to pay if outlay was already incurred.
- Major E. S. Edwards: Candaa
- Samuel: re Eight Hours Dem. Subscrip<sup>n</sup>: recommending grant of £4. - payment ordered.
- F. M. Wilent: asking permission to take up leave to translate Esap into Dutch already granted to Van der Goes; approved.
- Miss Foster: re possible pirated Edition in N.Y. re. Show to with Secy.
- Labour Literature Socy: thanks for special terms
- Buttery: proposing Midlands autumn campaign: deferred.

Sidney Webb

Exec. Com<sup>ee</sup> at 276 Strand Tues. 10 June 91

Present Wells (Chairman), Galeschick, Bland, De Mattos  
Massingham, Shaw, Wallas, Miss Grove, Mr Mallet  
Mr Sandham. Secy. Absent Oliver, Dell, Miss Watson *Secretary*

1. The Minutes were read & confirmed
2. Also agreed to 30<sup>th</sup> May. Bk Balance £137.8.4.
3. Proposal from W. Scott that we reduce Royalty on sheets we supplied to Somers, New York, to  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Agreed that  $\frac{3}{4}$  is the lowest we can take.

H. Tracks in progress: -

Anarchism	Shaw	Dr Phillips
At Selection	Oliver	Absent
Pop. Law Leaflet	"	"
Shaw's Sunday Chron Art.	Massingham	"
Org. of Unemployed	Com <sup>ee</sup> of	} no report
Economic Justice	Bland	
Social Clarified	Shaw Wallas	
Fabian Organisation	Bland to revise	

Wells draft: to be printed as sup. to July "News."



Tracts (cont.?) Part. Questions Caheshitt to revise Welles revision  
To be sent to members in Proof 1<sup>st</sup> July.  
Tramways. Wallis in hand.

- 5 Correspondence J. W. Martin: offering lecture tour: send letter to Verinder  
give him lecture & send a reporter.
- E. A. Phipson re Hours of Labour. Reply.
- N/C F. S. re parlous state
- Belfast F. S. Prop par. in news re Trams.
- Manchester. Re Home Missions &c.
- Halifax. Review Socialists & Volksblatt which  
Dr. Wallis recommended.
- Dr. Walker new Society at Brighton
- Derfel: ask him to translate Tract 1 or 19.
- Biederlach: re Vander Goes
- A. T. Marriott re Zone System: polite reply.
- Samuel. : no report of Cit. sermon
- Liddlestone : re all sorts of things.
- Dr. Robertson : re tract on Pensions.

See 7 to proceed to Firmish. Office

Agreed that De Mattos undertake lectures at Ashington Station Halifax &c.

11. Short copies of b/p. Essays. agreed to offer to pay  
at less  $3/6$  a copy for 19 copies short.
12. Agreed that Mr. Randall M.P. be permitted to introduce  
the Fabian Eight Hours Bill
13. Re French German Trans. Sec. 7 reported  
present position: agreed that he offer the  
right to translate to the Revue Socialiste.
14. Autumn Course. after long discussion + report  
from Com<sup>tee</sup>, it was agreed: That the matter  
be referred back to the Com<sup>tee</sup>: that each member  
of the Exec. be instructed to send to Sec. 7 list  
of 13 names: that quidam of them the Com<sup>tee</sup> select  
13 members who shall be asked to select a subject  
for a paper from the proposed syllabus or otherwise:  
that the Com<sup>tee</sup> dine with Wallas on Friday next to  
prepare further report.
15. Revue. Wallis draft circular + list of contributors  
read. Maccingham to revise at once.

Adolf Pland  
10/6/91.

Executive at the Office on Tues. June 16. - 1891.

Present Bland (in chair) Mrs. Mallet, Miss Grover, Loverison  
Gabelshut, Shaw, de Mattos, Oliver, Massingham Pease  
Absent Webb, Wallis, Bell, Mrs Sandham, Mrs Hoatson.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

2. New Tracts in hand:-

Anarchism in Shaw	reports progress.
Nat. Selection Oliver	reports to be dropped
Vesby Tract	" in hand
Poor Law Leaflet	" proofs on July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Shaw's Sunday Chr. Art; Massingham	in hand.
Org. of Unemployed	done
Social Classification	Bland
Economic Justice	Shaw Wallis.
Budget.	to be set up for 1892

3. Autumn Course. Draft letter to select 13 contributors approved.

4. Fabian News: pars. re Fair printers & Webb's paper passed.

5. Agreed to write Wicksteed that we will circulate 1000 of his paper as proposed by Wallis.

6. Fabian Perrin: after discussion, agreed that it is premature with <sup>only</sup> £500 in promised to send out circular to contributors. Masingham undertook to obtain 3 estimates of cost of printing.
7. Brussels Congress in Aug<sup>t</sup>: Agreed to defer for further information
8. Agreed to Wells' proposal re Congress of Congregationalists.
10. Lectures: - Application from Portsmouth Secular Society: refused.  
" " Bury: to ask re expenses  
Agreed that De Mattos take lectures at St Helens, &c, &c, for about 10 days.
11. Agreed to hold special meeting to pass Tracts on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Barnards Inn.
12. Agreed to publish Syllabus of suggested course in News.
13. Correspondence read: - Peach, agreeing to draft T.C. Questions  
Dorset agreeing to translate Tracts into Welsh.

13 Correspondence (cont'd) Miss Henry, re turning anarchist.  
Scott accepting '1/4' on American Edn.  
Bliss, Bolton, announcing two pirated  
American editions.

Notice S. Australia

Burns election fund; agreed to lay  
collecting sheets on table

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14. Letter read from Burn, binder, saying the custom of  
the trade is to pay for short copies: Sec. ordered  
to write that we can't pay for what we have not  
received.

15. Massingham undertook to get Welsh tract revised.

M. Grouch

Executive at Office on Tues. 23 June 91 Spur.

Present, Miss Gower (in the Chair) Mrs. Mallet, Mr. Sandham

Shaw, Calverly, Bland, Loverson Pease.

Absent, De Mattos (lecturing) Webb, Wallas, Oliver, Dell, Miss Hoatson  
Maccingham

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

## 2. Correspondence

read viz:- Replies re Autumn Course, Sell, Clarke, Ritchie, Steffen.

Dorfl, Landings Welsh Trans of Tract 1.

Samuel, Landings Balance sheet of

Sight Trs. Demonstration:

agreed that he attend or not as  
he please.

Graskell: agreed to ask Drs. Vichery &

Drysdale to hear Roberts.

Spurich Labour League, asking for open. on  
speaker: referred to Verinder.

4. Brussels Congress, agreed to put notice in "News" (P. A. Smith)

5. Burn the Binder. Bland agreed to see Bomor & report.

6. Sec: reported that H. Hutchinson was unable to read his paper. Agreed to take New Tracts on July 10<sup>th</sup> & Nat<sup>n</sup> of Rails on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

7. New Tracts. Anarchism Shaw: in progress  
Vestris Olivier: no report  
Sund. Chron. art. Grassington " "  
Org. of Unemployed }  
Economic Justice } Shaw, in hand.  
Soc. Classified }  
List of Books. Sec. reported that Walt & Wallas desired Galley proofs at once, & that a large number of publishers catalogues had been received. Agreed to defer printing till catalogues had been reported on by G. Turner, & that his suggestion of lines of comment be not adopted.

8. Agreed to hold Autumn meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays & to defer re Bloomsbury Hall.

9. Agreed after debate & division to grant copy of essays (6/-) to So. Bermondsey Club.

10 Re News: agreed to defer Webb & Wellas's syllabus, & to circulate Poor Law Society's circular re pensions. -

11 Mrs Mallet brought forward suggested ~~new~~ lectures for course from Com<sup>ee</sup> of Fabian Women. Agreed that subject be referred to the Autumn Course Com<sup>ee</sup>.

Harry Lowerson



Executive at Office on Tues. 30 June 1891. -

Present. Lovverson (in chair) Mrs Sandham, Miss Grover,  
Shaw, Olivier, Oakeshott, Peace

Absent. Mr. Mallet, Miss Houston, Dell, Maddingham, Bland  
Wells, Wallas, + De Maltos (last lecturing)

1. The Minutes of each meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts. Anarchism. Shaw reported to be ready  
for July 15th. -  
 Vestries. Olivier reported in hand  
 Shaw's S. Chronicle article Maddingham no report  
 Gr. of Unemployed }  
 Economic Justice } Shaw - do -  
 Society Classified }
3. A question of taking Bloomsbury Hall for autumn, deferred.
4. Agreed that for circular to Branches ordered some  
time ago, a paragraph in news abt. be substituted  
with suggestion in Wells Wallas Minute. -
5. Agreed to reply cordially to Polish Socy Circular.

6. Agreed that May Sparling have three copies of -  
Groups if she desire them

7. Correspondence read:

Headlam, declining course unless on Xthm Soc<sup>m</sup>  
agreed that that is what is wanted.

Miss Sherritt re Branch Society at Nottingham re.

De Mattos, re his lecture tour

Green re Ground Values: refer him to  
Land Reston<sup>m</sup> League.

8. In absence of Treasurer Secy made report on  
Finances: & it was resolved that he write to  
D. Reeve explaining what had been spent on  
Northern Campaign. —

L. M. Allen

Exec. at Office on Tues. 7 July 1891.

Present, Mrs Mallet (in chair), Miss Groves Mrs Sandham  
Bland, Shaw, Oliver de Matta, Calcehol, Pease Macclesham  
Absent Miss Watson, Webb, Wallas, Dell, Lowerison

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed
2. The following were elected members

Candidates.	Proposed by
Frank Haywood, 40 South-st., Park-lane	E. E. Williams and H. G. Barnard.
William B. Lewis, 23 Harold-road, Upton-park, E.	Geo. Samuel and Harry Lowerison.
J. G. Lorrain, 30 Queen Anne's-grove, Bedford-park, W.	Fred Hammill and E. R. Pease.
Richard Russell, 1 Woodquest-avenue, Herne-hill, S.E.	Geo. Palmer and Nelson Palmer.
H. Halliday Sparling, 8 Ham-mersmith-terrace, W.	Graham Wallas and G. B. Shaw.
Alfred G. Wiggins, 88 Tyne-mouth-road, Tottenham	G. A. Gaskell and J. F. Oakeshott.
Wm. Livingston, 53 Jasmine-terrace, Aberdeen	Thomas Ritchie.
Dr. Augustus H. Walker, 2 York-villas, Brighton	E. R. Pease.
Benjamin Riley, 4 Agnes-street. Elm-grove, Brighton	R. E. Dell and J. A. Coghlan.
J. Reginald Dowson, 20 S. Aubyns, West Brighton	R. E. Dell and J. A. Coghlan.
A. Evelyn Gurney, Jesus Coll., Cambridge	General Secretary.
M. C. Irvine, 3 Carlyle-road, Cambridge	William Scudamore and G. F. McCleary.
Samuel G. Hobson, 98 Rich-mond-road, Cardiff	A. C. E. Parr.
Geo. Wm. Pollard, 54 Burdett-street, St. Michael's, Liver-pool	H. B. Holding.
James N. Fraser (Balliol), 170 Walton-street, Oxford	Graham Wallas.
F. Lightfoot, 10 Monk-st., Monk-wearmouth, Sunderland	David Bell.
Major E. G. Edwards, Kings-ton, Canada	General Secretary.
John C. Reed, Atlanta, Ga., U.S.A.	Do. do.
Geo. Crosoer, Clifford-road, New-Barnet	E. B. Bishop and Wm. Chismon.
C. E. Rice, 18, Manor-road, Rich-mond, Surrey	E. R. Pease and Marjory Pease.

3. Accounts to June 30<sup>th</sup> were presented, showing balance of £75.10.2 in the Bank. Bank-book agreed. - The Treasurer reported also due for £93, £25 of which had been paid since 1<sup>st</sup> July. - He also reported that an estimate of income & expenditure showed that the Society has spent already, or is pledged to spend, the whole of the year's probable Income. - After discussion it was agreed that a notice be inserted in the News, reminding members of the need for prompt payment of subscriptions. -

5. New Tracts considered:-

Anarchism: Shaw: To form one of Autumn course.

Vietris: Oliver: To be referred back to N.W. Group

Shaw's Sunday Chron. Art. - To be adjourned sine die, in view of financial situation

Organ of Unemployed

Economic Justice

Society Classified

} Shaw. Reported that he had removed the wrapper of the parcel during the past week.

Budget. Agreed that this will occupy (with other Tracts) the whole meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst.

6. A need to take Bloomsbury Hall for autumn course.

7. Shaw undertook to read & return Hutchinsons Essay.

8. Autumn Lectures: - Replies read from Salt, Wood, & Headlam. Agreed that Sec. write members who have not replied & that the Com<sup>ee</sup> meet on Friday at 6.30 pm. at Bellas, Hollow.

9. Bland reported that Borno regarded Burn as liable for ~~the~~ soap shot. Agreed to send Cheome to Burn deducting 10 copies only at 3/6 each. -

10. Fabian Review: after further discussion it was decided that we must try to get  $\approx 1000$  before starting. Agreed that Shaw sound Hutchinson, Di Matteo Lister, & Sec. write to Wood re Walker. ~~at~~ Miss Walker re Watsons.

11. Correspondence read viz:-

Lowerison: explaining absence; & asking aid for Free Library work: refer to W. M. Coll. Group.

A. R. Reese: re Local F.S. Names on Tracts & asking re Vider's Qualification. Not space for former. For latter no single vol. Seager's best.

Alexander: re Blatchford's candidature: write congratulations.

## 11 Correspondence (cont<sup>d</sup>.)

Calasco } Re Newcastle Society & asking further  
Stewart } aid, Reply we can do no more.  
Ritchie } re Fair printers.

Samuel } Report of Eight Hours Dem<sup>t</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> -  
Green } resigning Woolwich Group Sec<sup>y</sup>ship. Agreed to  
ask for nomination of successor. Re payment  
of local fares for Snell. Reply impossible to  
recommend selling tracts.

Replao on Headed Group Paper.

E. A. Phipson, offering to pay for printing an Essay.  
Agreed to ask him to send it along.

Asking an Artist Assistant & Executive. Baron suggests

Bristol, asking a Lecture: refused.

Kelf, asking latest parliamentary suggestions send tract 25

Miss Sheritt, offering £5. for delegate to be sent to  
Brussels. Deferred till next week.

12. Miss Groves on behalf of Women's Meeting brought Resolution  
& par. re Women's Suffrage for News. After discussion agreed  
that par. with modifications be inserted.

Mr. Macauliffe.

Arec. at Office on Tues. 14 July 91.

Present, Massingham (in chair) Miss Crowe, Mrs Sandham,  
Mrs Mallet, Wallas, Caheshott, De Mattos, Loverison, Pease

Absent Dell, Bland, Miss Watson, Webb, Shaw, Oliver.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
  2. Adolphe Smith was present & gave information about the Brussels Congress. after a prolonged discussion it was resolved that a Delegate be sent to the Congress, & the Secy write to Brussels to this effect, & to Miss Skerritt accepting her offer of £5 for expenses. —
  3. New Tracts: Organ. of Unemployed,  
Economic Justice } Shaw no report.  
Social Classes. }
- Massingham reported favourably of Shaw's ~~Sunday~~ Sunday Chronicle article, & Wallas gave notice that he wd. revive the subject next meeting.
4. Autumn Course. No report from Com<sup>ee</sup> rec<sup>d</sup>. Repl accepting from Weiting. Wallas undertook to act as Secy of the Com<sup>ee</sup> & to bring up a report to next meeting.

5. Fabian Review. Sec. reported only reply received was from Miss Walker saying her knowledge of Worsley of Halifax was no slight to justify her proposal that she sh<sup>d</sup>. ask him for money.

6. Trades Union congress considered. No steps taken

7. Sec. reported receipt of £50 from D'Arcy Reeve, & £76 in Bank with £42 also rendered & due. - Paragraph for news submitted & approved

8. Reprints: agreed to defer question of Track 7, & to reprint lecture list after putting notice in news & advising each member already in the list.

9. Agreed to allow Caheshott to reprint Frank Allen's lecture, provided the author does not object.

10 New Tracts: No 24 Parl. Cand. Quest. 10000 + Stereo  
" 25 Budget 10000 + casts  
" 26 Poor Law Leaflet to be passed on July 24  
" 27 Bibliography: Wallis to report.



11 Wallas undertook to prepare School-Board Questions. -

12 Correspondence.

1. a. R. Reeve Re Midlands Campaign deferred

2 Miss Sherrill re Women's Union re.

3 A. C. Poire re Blatchford Candidature

4 R. M. Reade. " do. do. re.

agreed to write Blatchford offering  
aid in any way.

J. F. Outshott

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Executive Meeting at Office on 21<sup>st</sup> July 91.

Present. Caheshott (in the Chair), Mrs Mallet, Mrs Sandham,  
Miss Grover, De Mattos, Loverson, Wells, Wallace Shaw,  
Bland, Pease.

Absent Dell, Massingham, Olivier, Mrs Houston

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. New Tracts. No. 24, ordered to be printed  
25 Budget. Wells to revise  
Org. of Unemployed }  
Economic Justice } Shaw. No Report.  
Society Classified }  
Shaw's Sunday Chron. Art. Defered.  
Bibliography. Wallace to report on eye to next mtg.
3. Trade 7. Agreed to ask Olivier to revise same.
4. Trades Union Congress discussed: agreed that no  
steps be taken at present
5. Brussels Congress. Agreed that Pease be delegate & be paid £5  
(amount of donation) for expenses. Other members going can also act

as delegates. -

6. Note for News re Visitors to Executive, approved.

7. Meetings of Exec: none for August. Assemble approx on Sep 8<sup>th</sup> unless Sec. finds a mtg on Sep 1<sup>st</sup> necessary.

8. Gen. Sec. granted leave of absence for about 3 weeks from Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> or so, the boy to remain in charge & executive members to look in occasionally.

9. Correspondence:-

Charles : asking to be on? from Lecture List: agreed

Crane : " " " " " " " " Do.

Shuttleworth " " " " " " " " : enter name

S. D. Erdlestone " " " " " " " " - Do -

Bradford Locom League,

H. M. Reade } re aid for Blatchford: agreed

To send leaflet, To send speakers if possible when election comes on, To refer to Leeds & Halifax F. Soc?

& To decline to pay delegates Railway fares.

9. Correspondence (contd.)

Miss Skerritt re Congress in London, India &c.  
refer letter to Bombay Branch.

Buttery re Wolverhampton <sup>F.S.</sup> Expenses

Shaw re Year Book: approved.

10. Question of a Fabian Conference was considered & deferred for present.

11. Letter from Southern Group with Resolution about the Tracts in passing Tracts. Agreed to send a soft answer.

12. Autumn Course. No Report from Comtee. Sec. reported Bloomsbury Hall c<sup>d</sup>. not kept. Ordered to apply for Banqueting Chamber, St James West. Letter from R. Balmforth offering paper referred to the Autumn Course Comtee, vol. 2<sup>d</sup>. meet after Exec. —

13. Fabian Review. Agreed on Report by Webb that the project be deferred as the fund promised is not sufficient. Letter from Walker offering £20. — Agreed to put par. in News to wife S. Reave & to mention matter on Friday at Meeting.

G. Bernard Shaw 28/7/91

Executive at Office on 28<sup>th</sup> July '91.

Present Shaw (in the chair) Lowrieon, Wells<sup>min</sup>, Hoaton<sup>min</sup>, Groves

De Mattos, Maddingham, Cahusht, Wallas, Bland Pease

Absent. Dell, Oliver, Mr. Sandham, Mr. Mallet

1. The minutes were read & signed.
2. The list of Candidates in August News, (except last) were gone thro' & approved. *see ~~near~~ end of minute*
3. It was resolved to withdraw altogether the drafted leaflet on Poor Law Reform.

4 New Tracts considered.

Budget No. 25 Referred to Com<sup>ee</sup> of Wells, Wallas, Cahusht, Shaw, with instructions to add a Budget.

Eq. of Unemployed	}	Shaw.	No report.
Society Classified			
Economic Justice			

Shaw's Sunday Chron. Art. Withdrawn for the present.

Publicity apply. Wallas reported it 15 1/2 p. Agreed to set it up. Wallas to report on cost of cloth etc.

School Board Questions No Report

~~Printing~~ New Tracts (contd):

Questions for Rural C.C. Send Round  
Socialism Explained to fools. Wallas to Report.

5. Brussels Congress. Instructions given to delegate  
to lobby against availing etc etc.
6. Fabian Conference in autumn: deferred.
7. Fabian Review. Shaw reported no cash from Hutchinson
8. Furniture for outer office: all ordered to be paid.
9. Agreed to send Eight Hours Bill to Cabinets of N.S. Wales,  
Queensland & New Zealand & to Newspaper Editors.
10. Autumn Course. Com<sup>tee</sup> reported course party  
arranged. - Sec. reported St James Restaurant  
Banqueting room available except for Dec. 4. agreed  
to take it at £4.4/- on nonal nights & on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Gwyther Hall was not available.
11. Sec. ordered to get cost of covers for Tracts. -

12 Correspondence.

F. Sinclair: saying he is possible President T.N. Congress. Write offering help in any way: Tracts to be granted to delegates

Blatchford: Thanks for offered aid.

Mr. Cotton: re S. Board candidate Write suggesting herself.

Polytechnic L.M.C.A. Grant of - See says.

Dowson: suggesting separate Questions for Compt. M.P.'s &c. - Agreed impossible. Write to Teach re T.C. Qu.

Leeds F.S. Re Yorkshire Conference, approved.

Hull Asking Lecturer, expenses paid, agreed & settled.

Stewart Re N/C F.S. a good so.

Grabstone re Tracts &c &c

Reade Manchester F.S. re Snell: write to J.B. Bartlett suggesting him as S.B. candidate re Manchester plan of using Parliamentary Questions at cost of £1.18/- - Esrant agreed to. -

13 De Mattos undertook to see to lecture list re. during absence of Secretary.

Candidates elected 28 July 91

Candidates for Election.

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William Betts, 26 Limes-gr., Lewisham  
James Burrell, 17 Eldon-st., N. -  
J. G. Gibson, 5 Gossage-rd., Plumstead  
Miss Amy Linnett, 14 Fitzroy-street, W.  
E. Cabitt Sayers, Rosenberg, Ealing, W.  
G. H. Watson, Endowed School, Sonning  
T. Woodman, Lorrimore-rd., Walworth  
A. Peddle, Mangotsfield, near Bristol -  
John Nicklin, Kingsfield-villa, Basford -  
J. A. Worsnop, Cheapside, Halifax -  
John Lister, Shibden-hall, Halifax -  
Wm. Hutchinson, 5 Norfolk-pl., Halifax  
F. W. Swale, 24 Clare-road, Halifax -  
A. C. Poiré, 18 Portland-place, Halifax  
C. H. Worsnop, Cheapside, Halifax -  
Rev. D. Jenks, M.A., Heene, Worthing  
E. L. Haywood, Cross-st., Larne, Antrim  
William Aberdeen, 19 East Dale-street,  
Denton Holme, Carlisle - -

Proposed by

G. E. Bottle and H. Bland  
W. Jones and A. Graham  
F. E. Green and H. Snell  
W. Scudamore and E. Scott  
Harold Cox and S. Webb  
Wm. Critchley  
E. Williams & F. Haywood  
General Secretary  
W. S. De Mattos  
Do.  
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Do.  
H. S. Philpot.  
Ernest E. Williams  
T. C. Davidson

Julius Bland



Special Executive at Office on August 11 at 5 pm.

Present G. Wallis (in chair) Bland, Shaw, Webb, deWatts, Wessington, Miss Gower, Dell, Olivier.

1. J. W. Grace was appointed delegate to the Brussels Congress in the place of Mrs. Pore. Credentials of appointment were signed.
2. deWatts reported that lecture lists were being sent out with leaflets 1, 10, 12, 13, 16, 24 & 20 & 21 for India. Detroit and with leaflets W? 1, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 24. for Germany.
3. Provincial autumn course. Correspondence was read from Hutchinson and the services and some 50 letters were perused by those present. Agreed that

the work should be largely on the Fabian  
Policy in view of the coming general election  
the work to be entitled "Fabian  
Program for the coming general election"  
and to include

What Socialism Is

Municipal Socialism

Labour Representation

Political Duties of Trades Unions

Eight Hours Bill

New Reform Bill

Reform of the Poor Law

Taxation Reform

Agreed that de Wetters organise the

campaign for a few weeks at a salary  
of £2. weekly & travelling & other expenses.

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4. de Wether to thank Hutchinson on behalf of the Exec. for his donation of £100 towards provincial course and the offer of himself and daughter to give more if requisite. And to give particulars of campaign.

5. A committee consisting of Bland, Olivier, Shaw, Webb, Wallis, Murphy and Dell was appointed to assist in organizing another provincial course.

6. Candidates for the General Election. de Wether was instructed to obtain through local Febian Societies and other sources the political opinions of candidates, by whom and in what interests the candidates were being run, and

by whom & from what sources the necessary  
funds were being obtained. also any other  
information bearing on this question. To obtain  
this information questions for Parliamentary  
Candidates were to be sent to candidates  
asking for answers. These subsequently to be  
forwarded to the Trade Office of the Society  
with all other information obtained.

Salut. Board

# Provincial Lecture Committee

at office on August 10<sup>th</sup> 1991

Present Webb (in chair) Waller, Bland, Shaw  
de Matis, Warrington, Dell.

## 1. Correspondence

Bell - Sunderland F.S. report - for 1916  
money on literature granted.

National Reform Union . agreed to abolition  
as suggested at a cost of £1 for advertisement.

Steele re Bedford lectures agreed to read.

Croydon Trade Council agreed to read lectures  
and help with expenses of Hall or if necessary to make  
meeting successful.

2. Tracts Shaw to revise No. 11 and  
10.000 to be printed. Shaw also to  
revise leaflet 13 and to be printed.

3 Lectures letters to be drafted to send to  
Group secretaries informing them of names of  
lecturers in their districts

4 Autumn Provincial Campaign Agreed  
that de Meates organize and lecture till  
end of year 1991 at a fee of £20  
and travelling and out-of-pocket expenses when  
lecturing. This in lieu of the salary of £2  
weekly as per minute 3 of August 1980.

5. Autumn Provincial Campaign - Agreed  
that where necessary to ensure the success  
of lectures the Finance Society bear the  
whole or part of the expenses of hiring of

Halls and advertising & billing. The  
organizers to use discretion as to the  
amounts to be granted, and to require  
local societies to produce receipts for  
these expenses.

6. Meeting of Group Secretaries re Political  
information as to candidates for next  
General Election. A meeting to  
be called at Office on Thursday  
the 24<sup>th</sup> of Sept. and notice to be  
given in Tribune News for Sept.  
The time of meeting to be 8 P.M.

Julius Ward

Executive at Office on Tues. 1 Sept: 1891.

Present - Bland (in chair) Webb, Wallas, Fabishoff, Dell, Mrs Sandham, Lowrie, Miss Grover, Peace, De Mattos.  
Absent Shaw (lecturing) Oliver, Massingham, Mr. Mallet, Mrs. Halden.

1. The Minutes of Exec. 28 July, of Spec. Exec. & Lecture Comtee. were read & signed.

~~2. For~~

2 Budget Tract Comtee: had not yet met. Wallas appointed Secy -

3. Bibliography. Agreed that 2000 be printed: that the price be 3s: that a paper cover be prepared & that Wallas report to future Exec. -

4. Agreed that Special Meeting be called at Headlanie on Friday Sep 10th to pass Questions for School-Board

" " Rural County Council

" " Town Councillors

" " London C. Council

all of wh. tracts have been prepared. -



5. M.S. "Socialism for fools" was reported on by Wallas + others, + ordered to be returned courteously to S.S. Group Sec. as unfit for publication.
6. Furniture etc ordered to stand over till return of Percy Reeve.
7. Webb promised to supply names of Cabinets in Australia per Minute of 28 July '21.
8. Sec. reported breach of understanding of St. James Restaurant people, & his failing to obtain the Banquet Hall for two evenings, he had secured French Room.
9. Sec. reported that owing to absence he had not yet made arrangements for a cover for Tracts.
10. Sec. reported that F.W. Grice had written explaining that he was unable to attend Brussels Congress as second Fabian delegate.
11. Sec. reported (on Minute 2 of Aug 18th) that a large stock of Tracts 11 + 13 were on hand. Question of reprint of Tract 12 deferred.

12. Bland reported Norwich members desirous of merging their Group in the S.E. Group, agreed to wait more formal report.
13. Diagrams of Dist. Wealth: agreed to sell at 5/- & to alter no 3.
14. Profs Fabian news for Sep: approved
15. Correspondence:-
- Adelaide S.A. from J.P. Morris re Labour Party.
  - F. M. Wilbank, re Dutch Tracts
  - A. Marques Honolulu ordering tracts
  - x C. Sype Brisbane re Queensland Labour Party.
  - M. W. Richmond, Wellington N.Z. re Nationalist Club re.
  - E. G. Ellis: re Competition: exp. no such paper known.
  - Re S.L. Manning re duties of Fabian re Political Parties
  - J. W. Bunting: re season tickets to Wolverhampton: refuse
  - Hodgett re Tracts. Grant Leaflets.
  - Shaw re syllabus + Grand Lectures
  - Waters Cr. re New Capital.
  - Stewart + Hill re Eight Hours movement at N/E T. N. Empire.  
agreed to grant 100 ea Tracts 9 & 21, 500 Tract 16, & to

correspond (cont)

urging Stewart to go for Trade option.

Vickers Re pensions scheme Book: advise W.H. Dawson German Sat Day

Hobson re ~~the~~ Brussels Congress Report. Reply that we will pay our share not exceeding £2. - if majority decide to print but we are not keen on it.

Steele, with thanks for Fabian aid at Lewisham election  
Sunderland F.S. re proposed demonstration on 8th Nov  
Wallsfax F.S. re progress made

16 W. Scott's letters & accounts read. agreed to ask for an exact a/c of sales during six months, wh. sh<sup>d</sup> be treated separately, & special explanation & a/c rendered of errors in last account. agreed that de Mattos inspect a/c's when he goes down.

17 Sel of Tracts & if Essays granted to unknown Russian on recommendation of Wallas.

Robert E. Dill

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PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Sidney M. Peartree	by	Graham Wallas and J. F. Oakeshott.
John Tenny	"	C. K. Shorter and Sidney Webb.
Miss Edith Richardson	"	E. R. and M. G. Pease.
Miss Helen Pütz	"	Miss Warley and Miss Block.
John Burnell	"	H. Lowerison and G. Samuel.
M.F. Price	"	" " "
E. B. Bishop	"	J. F. Oakeshott and E. R. Pease.
Geo. Palmer	"	N. Palmer and Mrs. Wardle.
Dr. R. M. Pankhurst	"	Mrs. Fagan and Sidney Webb.
Mrs. R. M. Pankhurst	"	" "
Dr. Furnivall	"	H. S. Salt and G. B. Shaw.
H. B. Shrewsbury	"	H. Roberts and E. R. Pease.
H. E. Williams	"	W. S. de Mattos and Edith Bland.
Mrs. Williams	"	" "
Miss A. Williams	"	" "
D. Fraser	"	" "
J. W. Straughan	"	" "
Mrs. J. G. Grenfell	"	Miss Henry and Mrs. Bateson.
W. G. Kemp	"	T. Bolas and F. Podmore.
A. D. Williams	"	E. R. Pease and S. Olivier.
Albert Cochrane	"	"
A. W. Barneveld	"	G. Wallas.
E. G. Field (Manchester)	"	"
J. E. Broadbent (Oldham)	"	"
J. Laidler (M.S.B., Newcastle)	"	James Pickersgill.
Albt. E. Hirstwood (Darlington)	"	Edw. R. Pease.
E. E. T. Irons (Richmond)	"	W. H. Harland.
J. W. Buttery (Stafford)	"	Edw. R. Pease.
Tom Gidley (Plymouth)	"	Gilbert Slater.
W. S. M. Knight (Bristol)	"	H. H. Gore.
Thomas B. Elliott (Jarrow)	"	Alex. Stewart.
Joseph Child (Altrincham)	"	E. R. Pease.
Rev. R. S. Clarke (Preston)	"	Hubert Bland.
F. Glanville (Bristol)	"	E. R. Pease.





