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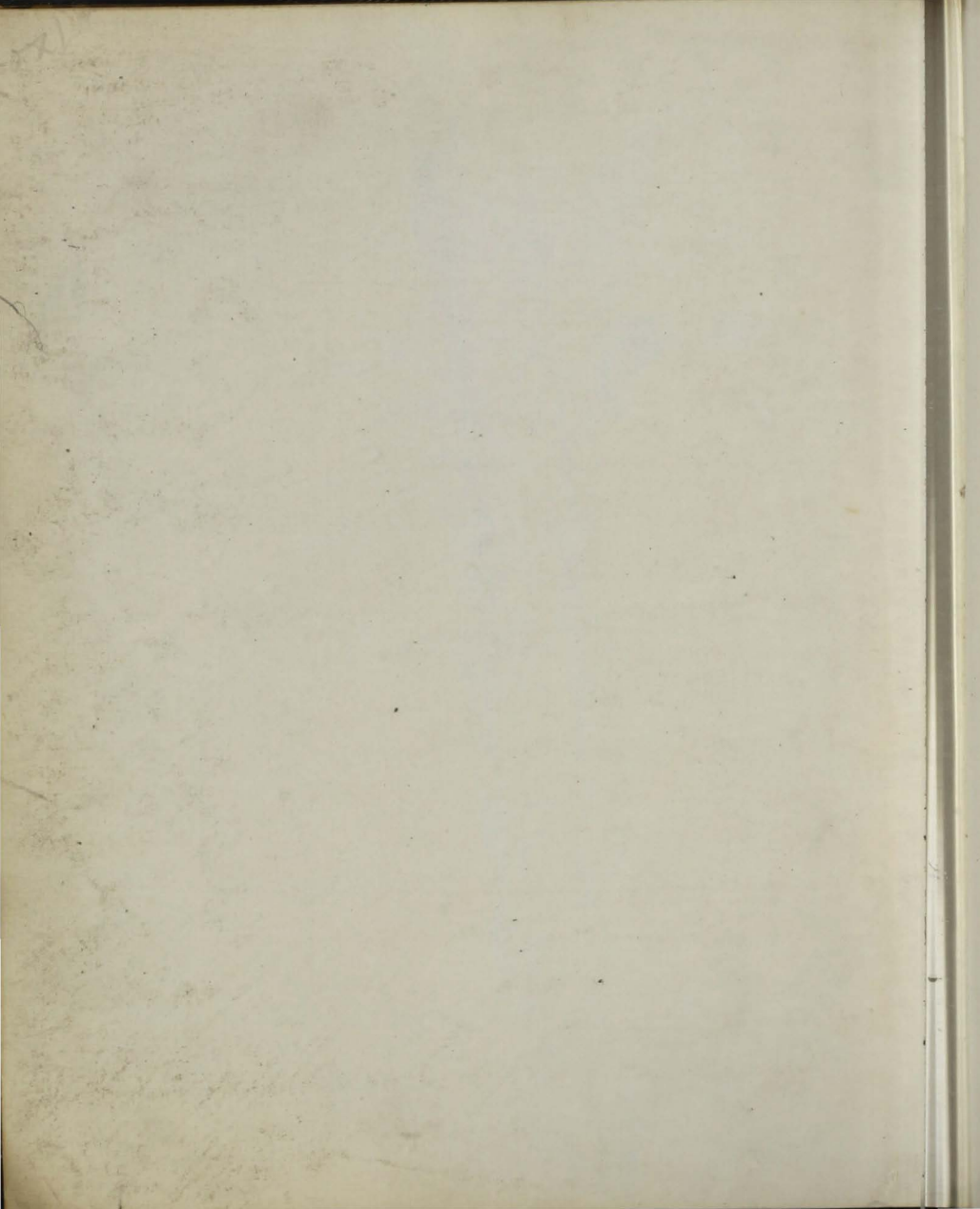
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Meeting 10th March 1911.

Present Mrs Reeves (in chair) + all except
Absent Webb, Guest, Miss Hutchins Money, Barker.

(1) The Minutes were confirmed

(2) Apologies. Webb in country, Miss Hutchins abroad, Guest

(3) The Organising + Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted
Items 1 + 3 were received.

Item 2. Fabian Dinner. It was agreed
at the desire of the Chairman (Bland) that
Webb be asked to ~~move~~ speak to the first
toast; failing Webb the chairman to speak.
Also that Miss Murry ~~be~~ ~~not~~ speak to
the Hardie toast as well as Gussor.

Songs were discussed + a further
report ordered. - Otherwise the
report was accepted.

4. The Finance + General Purposes Com^{ee} Report
was submitted + the whole was accepted.

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Private. Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday March 2nd. 1911.

SOUTHAMPTON. Lectures (4) were held in conjunction with the I.L.S. Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkin. In every way Schloesses, Headlam, Sanders, Standing and Pea.

1.- Lecture Courses.

- Its members work in close co-operation and have secured most excellent headquarters for (a) Organising secretary made a Report - which is appended - on Lecture Courses he had given at Southampton, Coventry, York, Sheffield and Walsall in connection with local Fabian Societies.
- (b) In reply to a request for a confidential report on H. Beaumont's capacity as a lecturer the secretary of the Glasgow Fabian Society sent his personal opinion which is favourable and promises to place the request before his E. Committee.
- (c) That Snell had had a successful Course at Ilford under the auspices of the Ilford F. S.

2.- Fabian Dinner.

We have considered further the arrangements for the Fabian Dinner on March 31st. and recommend:-

- (a) That Mrs. Crooks and Miss Crooks and Arthur Henderson, M.P. be invited as guests.
- (b) That there be two toasts, one congratulating Crooks and the other Fabian victors, to be proposed by Bland and responded to by Crooks; the other to be "the Socialist movement throughout the world" proposed by Emsor and responded to by Keir Hardie.

We have instructed the office to circularise members with regard to the dinner and sciree if it is thought necessary.

3.- New Societies.

The Organising Secretary will visit Birmingham on the 17th. inst. to address the first meeting of the Birmingham University F. S., which starts with 22 members. The proposed new Society at Leytonstone met on Tuesday 8th. March.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Report on Lectures given at Southampton, Coventry, York,
Sheffield and Walsall Fabian Societies by Organising
Secretary and on the position of the Societies.

SOUTHAMPTON. Lectures (4) were held in conjunction with the I.L.P. Audiences about 100; considerable proportion middle class. In every way satisfactory. The Society has concentrated this winter upon the Minority Report and done a large amount of propaganda in connection with it. Its members work in close co-operation with the I.L.P. and have secured most excellent headquarters for that body. A considerable number of doctors in the Society.

COVENTRY. Lectures (4) were not very well attended, audiences ranging from 30 to 45. Town exceedingly busy working overtime. The Society is chiefly run by Widdrington who concentrates on the Coventry "Sentinel". Good secretary is needed but difficult to get. Society works cordially with the I. L. P.

YORK. Lectures (4) were excellently attended; audiences 200 to 300. Father Vaughan gave a lecture in York against Socialism which stimulated interest. The Society is run mainly by Frank Rowntree. It is entirely middle-class and works with the I.L.P. and the Labour Party.

SHEFFIELD. Lectures (2). Second well attended about 100 present: first meeting small. Audience entirely middle-class. Society works in close touch with the I.L.P. and Labour Party and gives many propaganda lectures during the season.

WALSALL. Lectures (2) fairly well attended, about 35 present. The Society is run chiefly by Dr. Layton who has got together quite a good circle of middle-class men-teachers, municipal servants and lawyers, who have influence in the town. The Society works in co-operation with the I.L.P.

My general impression is that these five societies are "alive" and that they draw into the Socialist movement men who are not touched by the I.L.P. or the S.D.P. I was struck by the greater proportion of business men, ministers of religion, doctors, teachers and clerks in the audiences than used to be the case a few years ago in the provinces.

Meeting 9th. March 1911.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Bland, Sharp, Miss Murby,
Shaw, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Membership.

The month's candidates, 25, were elected, and 13 resignations were accepted, including Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and another on account of our Election Manifesto.

2.- Finance

- (a) Accounts for February were submitted showing substantial increases in receipt for the month compared with the previous year.
- (b) Rough estimate to end of financial year was submitted, showing probability we can pay our liabilities, including exceptional printing account for tracts, if the whole of the lecturing be defrayed out of No. 2 a/c.
- (c) The latter proposal was agreed to, and £300 Derby 3% was ordered to be sold in order to provide therefor.

3.- Socialist Co-operation.

Letter was read from the S. D. P. intimating that the I.L.P. had declined to join an Advisory Committee and the proposal was therefore dropped.

4.- Delegates.

It was decided to authorise the Women's Group to send a Group Delegate to the International W. Suffrage Conference at Stockholm, and to appoint the Secretary delegate to the Labour Party Dinner to the Australian Premier.

5.- Executive Election.

Shaw submitted a memorandum for the Executive and at his request it was ordered to be printed.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

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5. The Publishing Comm^{ee} Report of Meeting Mar 3rd was submitted & the whole was accepted.

a verbal report of meeting just held was also submitted to the effect,

(a) That the proposal to print a 6th Edn. of Sharp's Referendum Tract was deferred sine die.

(b) That the Referendum Tract was to go out with Fabian News.

(c) That a Ms. on Philosophy of Socialism was rejected. —

The Verbal report was accepted.

6. Cooperation with the I.L.P. . The Secy reported:—

The Committee on Joint Action with the I.L.P. has met in consultation with the chairman of the I.L.P. and agreed on a report, not yet completely drafted, recommending a joint Committee of the two Executives to arrange co-operation.

The Report will be submitted at the next meeting.

7. Executive Election . The Secy reported on the members who proposed to withdraw, & on nominations received, including Dodd for Treasurer in place of Bland. —

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8) Executive re-constitution

Letter from Webb deprecating resignations and proposing that notice be given to-night of the following new rule to be proposed at the annual meeting

Consultative Members.

Any member who has served on the Executive Committee (uninterruptly ?) for seven years may, on resigning his seat or completing a year of office without being again a candidate for election, be appointed by the Executive Committee to be a Consultative Member thereof.

Consultative Members shall be appointed for a term of three years from the date of appointment, and shall be eligible for re-election.

Consultative Members shall be entitled (i) to receive notices and agenda of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of its Standing (and Special ?) Sub-Committees (ii) to attend any such meetings and take part in the proceedings in all ways except voting; (iii) to have circulated to the Society, with or without a report by the Executive Committee, any memorandum which in the judgment of any two such Consultative Members, concurring therein as joint signatories, it is of grave importance to the Society to have circulated.

No action was taken.

10 Exec. Reconstruction

Memorandum of Shaw annexed was read, & considered.

11. Members Meeting. It was agreed that Bland be chairman & Shaw make a report on the proposed re-constitution.

Henry H. Scholten

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 3rd. March 1911.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Shaw, Sharp, Headlam, Mrs. Reeves, Dodd, Barker, Guest, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

The following are the facts to be faced.

1.- Tracts in Press.

- (a) Tract 154. School Clinics was ordered to be printed.
- (b) Tract 155. Referendum (at least 20 pages) was ordered to be published at 1d. and sent to the Executive for completion.
- (c) Tract 156. Education. This was reported to be about 36 pages. It was agreed to issue it as a 3d. Tract in a special cover, without design, blue book style, and that it be sent to the Executive for approval.

2.- Fifield Series.

Suggested reprint of Sharp's Referendum Tract. The Secretary was ordered to obtain estimate and opinion from Fifield as to issue of a 6d. Edition, 2,000 or so, of this Tract, and to report to a special meeting of the Publishing Committee before the Executive.

3.- Proposed Tracts.

- (a) The Women's Group Tract by Miss Hutchins was ordered to be set up.
- (b) Nine other MSS. or projected tracts were considered and referred to members for report or otherwise dealt with.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

24th March 1911

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Retirement of Bland and Shaw with Ensor from the Executive Committee.

MINUTE DRAFTED BY SHAW FOR DISCUSSION BY THE
COMMITTEE.

The following are the facts to be faced.

Shaw and Bland, after twenty-seven years of service on the Executive Committee, will not offer themselves for re-election. There is no likelihood of their reconsidering their decision, for the following reasons.

The operation of Democracy in the Society has produced what is practically a House of Lords: that is, an Old Gang on the governing body which, as the figures at every election shew, is irremovable and therefore irresponsible. This Old Gang is worse in one respect than the House of Lords. The Lords do not occupy seats in the House of Commons to the exclusion of Commoners. But the members of the Fabian Old Gang do push every young candidate at an Executive election half a dozen places further down the list than he would be if there were no Old Gang; and this, as a look at the lists will shew, mostly means pushing him off. For this there is absolutely no remedy except the voluntary withdrawal of the Old Gang from the competition.

The objection to such a withdrawal is that the reputation of the Society is now so bound up with the personal reputations of the members of the Old Gang, that their withdrawal might create a panic and even wreck the Society. It may justly be said that if the Society cares so little for its principles and so much for personalities as this, it is hardly worth preserving. Nevertheless it would be affectation on the part of the personalities to deny that no society could remain unaffected by a sudden bolt of its most conspicuous leaders.

Besides, the members of the Old Gang do not wish to desert the Society. Retirement is being forced on them by the plain fact that the average age of the Executive Committee is becoming far too high, and that they are keeping younger men off. If a means can be found by which they can continue to share in the management of the Society, and keep their names before the public as prominent official members, whilst at the same time making room for the new generation and abandoning all power except the power of counsel and persuasion, they are quite willing to remain in harness. But if the means cannot be found, or if, being found, the Society refuses to adopt them, then the Old Gang must vanish, be the consequences what they may, if the Society is to be saved from fossilization.

It should be remembered that when the Fabian Society began in 1884, it was led by men and women not one of whom was over thirty. Also, it was surrounded by societies of Positivists, of Liberals, of Freethinkers, of Reformers of all sorts, even of Socialists, who were led by veterans of approved ability, established authority, and high repute for wisdom and experience. The results are a matter of history. The Fabian Society went ahead; whilst the veterans in the other societies marked time, and explained to their young disciples that the Fabians were fools. And these young disciples never became leaders, because they never got a chance of leading; and leading is the only occupation in which leadership can be learnt.

The following scheme for dealing with the situation can be put forward at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

It is proposed that the Executive should be empowered (not compelled) to select from those of its members who have served for not less than seven years, a body of Senators, who shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Executive and the Standing Committees, and to exercise all the powers and receive all the notices of ordinary members of such committees except only the power to vote. They shall also have the right to meet officially if and when they desire, and to have their meetings minuted as part of the proceedings of the Society. They shall have the right, further, to submit projects to the Executive Committee, and to issue reports or present memorials to the Society and have them printed and circulated to members at the Society's expense, but not to address the public directly in their official capacity. They shall be members of the Fabian Conference ex officio, but shall not vote unless they are present as delegates as well as Senators. They shall, in short, have no votes as Senators on any question of policy, though they may vote as members at all meetings, and may vote at

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The objection to the scheme is that it does not do away with the power the members of the Old Gang now have of sitting on the heads of the younger members with the dead weight of their presence as Panjandrums. But at all events, the young ones will be there to be sat upon, whereas now they have not even that melancholy privilege. The alternative of making the Senators sit only as a separate Second Chamber would be intolerable. There is not time enough to do Fabian Committee work twice over.

The advantages are that instead of the panic which a withdrawal of the Old Gang might create, with its possible consequences of reduction of membership, disheartening of old members, disruption, reduction of the staff to destitution, loss of the prestige given by the names of the Old Gang, etc., etc., we should have merely an interesting and exciting new move, a stroke of statesmanship, a provision against the senile decay of the Society, engineered by the old leaders with their front still unbroken. It would actually strengthen the Society by rousing the members and making them once more admire the foresight and political resource with which they are still being led.

Further, it might establish a valuable political precedent; for it may prove that this expedient of a voteless Senate is the right solution of the Second-Chamber difficulty. Men desire the counsel and conversation (if not at too great length) of the wise and clever; but they have a mortal dread of being in their power; and they are quite right.

The interpretation of the term Old Gang can be according to circumstances when once the inevitable Bland-Shaw-Webb point is passed. The other three are Headlam, Pease, and Standing; but there was a long break in Headlam's service on the Executive; and Pease and Standing, as secretary and printer, may plead technical reasons for exceptional treatment. But as these are really reasons for their serving without votes, their retention as ordinary members of the Executive Committee must be regarded, not as a thing desirable in itself, but only as a means of avoiding more vacancies than we can find desirable candidates for. It should, however, be quite easy to fill six vacancies. Emil Davies,

Shaw 2

St. John Irvine, Sidney Herbert, R. A. Bray, Ashley Dukes, and Mrs. Wilson can be suggested straight off. It must be possible to find two or three more among the debaters at the meetings whose names we do not know. On the whole, it ought to be quite possible for the entire Old Gang to be made Senators at once, even if Ensor, Barker, and Guest persist in their withdrawal.

One or two minor points may be mentioned. It has been suggested that the Old Gang should withdraw gradually and unobtrusively, one per annum. The first objection to this is that it is impossible. Bland, Shaw, and Webb cannot slip out unnoticed: we might as well propose to fire a royal salute unobtrusively, one cannon every half-hour. Our object is to remove the Old Gang obstruction without shock or panic, not to have a shock and panic every year. The second objection is that the thing must be done when there is no political crisis, either in the Society or in the country, which could give the transaction a political complexion. Such a Fabian calm prevails this year. It may not recur for another ten.

Instead of the terms Senate and Senator, Aldermen or Consultative Members of the Executive Committee might be used. To the latter there are four objections: (1) It is very cumbersome; (2) it has no collective term to denote the whole body of Consultative Members; (3) it does not cover the privileges claimed for the Senators; (4) it would not reassure the Fabians, as it suggests virtual retirement, and almost contradicts the notion of a continuous and active part in the direction of the Society. Alderman would be much more accurate, and better English; but it also lacks a collective term, and might strike the Society as comic. The remaining alternative is Council and Councillor. But Councils, as distinguished from Executive Committees, are now always understood to be deadheads. The same objection applies to Vice-President, which is also impossible in a Society which has no President. On the whole, Senate is not only the most accurate and convenient term, but the one that will best convey the idea that the Old Gang is still in the forefront of the Society.

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King 24th March 1911
Schlaeger (in chair) + all except

tem 4 was adopted except that the proposal for a Rank or Domestic Economy was rejected last.

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Meeting 24th March 1911

Present Schloesser (in chair) + all exact

Absent Welt, Enez, Mow, Barber, Miss Hutchins, Dr. Berkham.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apology from Welt. Wtd.
3. The ~~Pub~~ Organising Com^{ee} Report was submitted, & the whole was accepted.
Miss Mow reported on arrangements as to the Dinner, & her proposals were approved.

(4.) The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted

Item 1 was accepted

Item 2 (a) Rejection of advt. of the Theosophical Soc^y.

This gave rise to a long discussion: various opinions were expressed; & the matter of the class of advs. to be refused, if any, was referred to the Com^{ee} for report.

Items 2, (b) (c) (d) 3, 5, + 6 were adopted.

Item 4 was adopted except that the proposal for a tract on Domestic Economy was referred back.

5. Report of Committee on Cooperation with the I.L.P.
This was agreed to unanimously + ordered
to be transmitted to the N.A.C. of the I.L.P.

6. Lawson Dodd introduced the
Report of the Summer School Comtee

Item 1. The chairman reported he was proposing
to take on Penryallt for £10. for one
quarter with a view to arranging a
~~forth~~ let for our furniture.

Item 2. Report was made that an hotel
at Saas would probably be taken.

Item 3. This was discussed at some
length, + the view was expressed that
the Exec. must have full opportunity
for exercising control over the appoint-
ment of Directors. It was reported that
Shaw, Wallas + Holson had refused.
The other names on the list were
after discussion accepted

Items 4 + 5 were approved + it was agreed
that notices go out with May news,
+ a notice in the April news.

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Private. Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.

Meeting 16th. March, 1911.

Present: Miss Murby (in chair), Mabel Atkinson, Dr. Bentham, Schloesser, Standing and Org. Sec.

1.- Fabian Dinner

- (a) Webb not being able to attend Bland will propose principal toast.
- (b) Number of tickets sold, music, and other details will be reported on at the Executive Meeting.
- (c) Members are being circularised with regard to Dinner and Soiree.

2.- New Societies.

- (a) The Org. Sec. has opened the New Fabian Society at Birmingham University with a membership of 30.
- (b) The new Society at Leytonstone has been formed.

3.- Lecture Courses.

The organising secretary had had good audiences at a course organised by the Bolton Fabian Society and fair attendances at courses at Birmingham, Brixton and Wood Green.

4.- Northern Fabian Conference

We have instructed the org. sec. to attend the Northern Fabian Conference in May on behalf of the Executive Committee.

5.- Cambridge University F.S. and the membership sub.

The Cambridge University F.S. have written that they are compelled to reduce their members fee to the parent Society from 2/6 to 1/- owing to heavy local expenses.

M. B. Murby
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee on
with the I.L.P. half of the Executive. March 1911.

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Present: H. E. Schlosser, Meeting 17th, March 1911, Mabel Atkinson, Sanders,
Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Mrs. Reeves, Dodd, by
Standing, Sharp and Secretary. The I.L.P.,
Jess. Hill

1.- Fifield Series.

Advance copies were submitted of the New Volume, The Theory and Practice of Trade Unionism, to be published in 3 or 4 days.

2.- Tracts in the Press.

- (a) No. 154. School Clinics. The committee declined to accept an advertisement of the Theosophical Society and ordered the Tract to be printed.
- (b) No. 155. Referendum. It was decided that 10,000 should be printed and that the author be allowed to use the English instead of the American spelling for words ending in "our" or "or".
- (c) No. 156. Education Tract. Under revision.
- (d) No. 157. Women's Group Tract. Being set up.

3.- Eight Tracts in preparation or under consideration were further discussed.

4.- Women's Group Series.

The Chairman reported that the subjects proposed for further Tracts were

- Domestic Economy. By Mabel Atkinson
- Education of Boys and Girls. By Dr. Bentham.
- Prisons and Women. By a Committee.

5.- Women's Group Annual Report.

The Committee authorised the use of the list of members for sending out this to the members, but refused permission to send therewith any circular on behalf of candidates for the Executive Election.

6.- Advertisements.

Proposals for Exchange Advt. with the National Labour Press (I.L.P.) were approved and it was agreed to raise the price for insets from 15/- to 21/-.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Co-operation
with the I.L.P. held at the Office on 8th. March 1911.

Present: H. H. Schloesser (in chair), Ensor, Mabel Atkinson, Sanders, Arnold Maude, H. Snell, and the Secretary. Also, by invitation, W. C. Anderson, Chairman of the I.L.P., Jas. Mylles, I.L.P. London Organiser.

The Committee was appointed by the Fabian Executive "to consider in what way the work of the F.S. and the I.L.P. can be co-ordinated and to suggest if thought fit proposals to that end".

After discussion the following resolutions were agreed to:-

That in the judgment of this Committee it is advisable that the Fabian Society and the I.L.P. should co-operate whenever possible in work which is common to both, and that a report in that sense be presented to the Executive Committee.

That we recommend that the N.A.C. of the I.L.P. be invited to appoint four delegates from their number to form with four members of the Fabian Executive a standing joint Committee with power only to recommend joint action to their respective Societies.

That it be referred to this Committee to report on the following matters:-

- (1) Any methods by which the existing co-operation of I.L.P. and F.S.s in the provinces can be strengthened.
- (2) Increasing the number of Fabian Societies in the Provinces, in co-operation with the I.L.P. branches, wherever desirable.
- (3) Methods of co-operation in extending the usefulness of educational courses of lectures, both in the fundamentals of Socialism and in local Government.
- (4) To enquire into the possibility of lecture training for young members of both bodies.
- (5) To arrange, if thought fit, for national campaigns on the lines of those in favour of the Minority Report, for example in favour of Municipal coal supply, Nationalisation of Coal Mines, &c. and to endeavour to get leaders of the two societies to appear on the same platforms.
- (6) To arrange jointly for urgent political agitations, in relation to foreign policy, to promote or oppose important bills presented to Parliament.
- (7) To arrange for joint action in the production and sale of literature, exchanging of advertisements.
- (8) And in any other way to co-ordinate the work of the two bodies.

The above decisions were unanimously agreed to and were fully concurred in by the invited representatives of the I. L. P.
The Committee adjourned sine die.

H. H. Schloesser
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Provisional Committee of
the Fabian Summer School.

Meeting 15th. March 1911.

Present: F. Lawson Dodd (in chair), Mabel Atkinson,
Mary Hankinson, E. R. Pease, W. Stephen Sanders,
and J. W. Shaw (Secretary)

1.- The Chairman reported that Mr. Mitchell of the Regent Street Polytechnic, might take Pen-yr-Allt, and hire the furniture from us for £25. or so.

2.- Swiss Scheme.

Replies from various Swiss Hotels were read and considered and four of the most likely selected for further consideration, and the Chairman authorised to enter into negotiations with them in rotation.

3.- The following were suggested as possible Directors - three being required (one for each fortnight) - Graham Wallas; J. A. Hobson; Professor Thomas Jones, Belfast; R. C. K. Ensor; F. M. Cornford, M.A., Cambridge; Mabel Atkinson; Mrs. Reeves; and Bernard Shaw.

The Chairman was authorised to consult them as to the possibility of acceptance.

4.- Mary Hankinson and Lawson Dodd were suggested as Managers - each for a part of the time -

5.- Prospectuses were ordered to go out with the May "News".

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

7. Womens Group Delegate to Copenhagen Congress. It was pointed out that the delegate was a Formal Delegate only, & on the motion of Mrs. Reeves on behalf of the Group, it was agreed that the delegate can be sent on behalf of the Society.
8. Proposed notice in news recommending Meetings on Disarmament
 Proposal of F. Bowman was submitted as urgent - after discussion, a resolution that the advice as proposed ^{not} be published was carried defeated by 8 votes to 6. -
9. Resolution of J. J. Dodd. The resolution carried at the members meeting & printed memorandum thereon, already circulated, was after a short discussion, adjourned.
10. Executive Election. The Secy reported on the attendances, on the Candidates, &c. -
 It was agreed that the attendances be printed on the ballot paper.
11. Chairman for Mrs. Reeves. Standing. Clifford D. Sharp.

Meeting at Office 7 April 1911
Present: Shorpe (in chair) Standing, Mrs Shaw—
Dodd Guest Maude Schloesser Mabel Atkinson
Dr Bentham Shaw Euseb Sanders & Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies were received from Welch lecturing
Miss Murly (ill) & Miss Hutchins, abroad.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Mrs Shaw reported
verbally on the Com^{ee} just concluded,
her report was accepted, in particular
the refusal of the Com^{ee} to accept any sort
of admt. of Burgess's book on Burns
on account of its objectionable tone of the
preface by Mr Hyndman.
4. Resolution & Memo. of J. J. Dodd. It was agreed to
refer the Resolution to the Com^{ee} on Policy appointed
in October 1910, & that the Sec. enquire of Dodd
what he wants done with his memorandum

5. Summer School Com^{ee}. The following Com^{ee} was appointed.

(a) Provisional Com^{ee} Dodd, Sharp, Mabel Atkinson reappointed. Wehr refused to be nominated. Miss Hankinson (previous coopted) was elected in his place.

(b) Nominations from London Groups vs.
Miss Enid Steele ~~Ed. Group~~ Nursery, Elected
Gerald Hankin Ed. Group. "
Harry Snell (Ed. Group) Not elected

(c) Provincial + Unversat
C. R. Allen (Cambridge), Elected
C. H. O'Donoghue (London) "
a. Watkins Cam Not elected
H. Blackman Lond. " "

b. Amendment of Rules.

(a) Summer School. It was agreed that these remain as bye-laws.

(b) New Regulations.

The proposed amendments as on next page were submitted & gave rise to a long debate. Ultimately

(a) Proposal by Webb:-

Consultative Members.

Any member who has served on the Executive Committee (uninterruptedly ?) for seven years may, on resigning his seat or completing a year of office without being again a candidate for election, be appointed by the Executive Committee to be a Consultative Member thereof.

Consultative Members shall be appointed for a term of three years from the date of appointment, and shall be eligible for re-election.

Consultative Members shall be entitled (i) to receive notices and agenda of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of its Standing (and Special ?) Sub-Committees (ii) to attend any such meetings and take part in the proceedings in all ways except by voting (iii) to have circulated to the Society, with or without a report by the Executive Committee, any memorandum which in the judgment of any two such Consultative Members, concurring therein as joint signatories, it is of grave importance to the Society to have circulated

(b) Motion by Shaw.

That the following new rule be proposed by the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting, to follow the existing rule 4 under the new heading of The Advisory Council.

RULE 5. The Executive Committee shall, if and when it thinks fit, and not otherwise, select from the members of the Society who have served on the Executive Committee for not less than seven years consecutively an Advisory Council with the following privileges and limitations.

(a) The members shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Executive and Standing Committees and to exercise all the powers and receive all the notices of ordinary members of such committees except only the power to vote.

(b) They shall be members of the Fabian Conference ex officio but shall not vote unless they are also elected delegates.

(c) They shall not be elected for a longer period than the term of office of the Executive Committee which elects them.

(d) They shall not become members as of right after the required seven years service on the Executive Committee but only if elected by the Executive so that it shall be possible for the Advisory Council to disappear through the simple omission of its re-election by the Executive Committee.

(e) The names of the Advisory Council shall appear in the Annual Reports and other documents which are used for circulation to the public as prospectuses of the Society.

(f) The Advisory Council shall act solely by the influence of its members on the Committees it is privileged to attend, and shall not vote on such committees except on questions of privilege defined as such by the Chairman.

(g) The average age of the Advisory Council shall at no time exceed sixty-five years. There shall be no other statutory limit to the numbers of the Council.

(c) Proposal by E. R. Pease.

Consultative Members

Any member who has served on the Executive for 5 years may on resigning his seat or on completing a year of office without seeking re-election, be appointed by the Executive Committee a Consultative Member thereof.

Consultative members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee and to take part in its proceedings, in all respects except by voting.

(4). New Constitution (cont.) The following resolution was moved
 "That it is desirable that the new Executive
 " should have the power of retaining the services
 " of members who have retired after serving on
 " the Executive for a number of years, as
 " advisory members without votes."

On this being put the voting was equal,
 & after some further discussion, the Chairman
 announced that he voted for it, & it was
 therefore adopted 2/6 votes to 5. -

5. The following resolution was not dealt with
 & the request that it be published in the news
 was not considered :-

Resolution adopted by the Nursery on April 5th.

"That the Nursery is of opinion that any
 departure from the democratic system of a
 directly elected and solely responsible Executive,
 free from any recognised advisory body would be
 vicious in principle."

6. Chairman for Guest. Susor

7. Book Box & Osborne Case. The Secy reported that

7. (Contd.)

a branch of the Railway Servants had been compelled to ask for a return of a Book Box subscription because a member claimed it was ultra vires under the Osborne case. Agreed that it be returned.

8. Next meeting. It was resolved to meet on April 21st to settle the Constitution

S. W. West

Conce 21st April 1911.

Present: Welch (in chair) & all except

Absent: Guest, Money, Miss Atkinson, Bland, Mr. Reeves,

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Guest in Wales, Money, Miss Atkinson.
3. Annual Report was considered in proof, & adopted with very few amendments.
4. The Finance & L.P. Conce Report was submitted & the whole adopted.
5. Amendment to Rules, Re consultative members.
 Letters from Guest, Money & Miss Atkinson favouring the proposed new rule were read. Headlam moved that consideration of the matter be adjourned. Dr. Bentham seconded. After discussion the motion was defeated 5 votes to 9. The discussion then turned on the amendment proposed by the Secy

5. Amendment to Rules (Consultative members) cont.
as in last meetings minutes, & the other
draft amendments were not considered.
On the question of years, ~~2~~ none voted for 5,
6 for 7, & ~~10~~ a large majority for 10.
An amendment that consultative members
shall be entitled to attend when invited
& resolution of the Exec. to do so was
defeated by 4 votes to 8. An
amendment to make 10 years read
10 consecutive years was defeated by a
large majority. Several verbal amendments
were made, & the rule as amended
was settled as follows:—

Consultative members

Any member who has served on the Executive
for 10 years & who has resigned his seat or
completed a year of office without seeking
re-election may be appointed by the
Executive Committee a Consultative member thereof
for the current year.

Consultative members shall be entitled
to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee

(5) Amendments + c (could)

& to act as members thereof in all respects except of voting.

This was put to the vote, as an amendment to the rules proposed on behalf of the Executive Committee & was carried by 9 votes to 2.

6. Nursery Resolution. It was agreed that the above be printed after the Annual Meeting. Agenda in Fabian News.

7. Summer School Com^{tee}. The report was submitted by the Chairman. Letter read from Miss Albion objecting to the proposed Directors. The passing over of names for directors on the list already approved. A long discussion ensued, but no amendment was moved, & the Report was adopted by 6 votes to 1.

8. Fabian News. It was agreed to send out free an order form offering cheap edition of new volume by W. & W. Webb. Hamstead.

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 20th. April 1910.

Report of the Summer School

Present: Ensor (in chair), Miss Murby, Dr. Bentham, Maude, Sharp, Money, Sanders and Secretary.

- 1.- Membership. Present: Dodd (in chair) 48 candidates were elected, an increase of 20 on last year, including W. C. Anderson, Chairman of the I.L.P. 9 resignations were accepted, including Mrs. H.G. Wells: one, Rev. Alex Webster, was ordered to be kept on.
- 2.- The accounts for the year were passed.
- 3.- J. Jonas Dodd having replied that he could not supply copies of his circular to us free of charge, it was decided not to issue it.
- 4.- Correspondence.
 - The Joint Board. It was agreed to pay £6.15.0, the pro rata charge for the Osborne Appeal Case.
 - B. D. P. Invitation to consider joint action on the Savakar case was declined.
- 5.- Delegates &c.
 - I. L. P. Dr. Bentham and Sanders were appointed to Conference on L.C.C. Policy.
 - International Races Conference. A subscription of 7/6, to obtain the Report was ordered.

R. C. K. Ensor
Chairman.

Handwritten notes:

First Meeting at the office of Money, Mrs. Money, Mrs. Money

Free Minutes of the 2 with a verbal account

Standing Orders of the Secy to a (a) To insert p. 11 "Specify in (b) To have a copy of the Report at the office of the Secy to a

Orders were given

at the office of the Secy to a

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Report of the Summer School Committee.

Meeting 10th. April 1911.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Mary Hankinson,
C.H. O'Donoghue, Pease, Sanders and
J. W. Shaw (Secretary).

1.- Swiss Scheme.

The Chairman reported he had taken the whole of
Hotel Monte More, Saas Grund, for six weeks.

2.- Directors.

The following were recommended for appointments:
F. Lawson Dodd, Edw. R. Pease and Percy Alden M.P. -
one for each fortnight of the School.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

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First Meeting of the 1911-12 Com^{ee}
at the office on
Friday April 28. 1911.

Present Dodd (in chair) & all except
Albert. Miss Alkerson, Barker, Mr Bentinck, Bray,
Money, Mr Reeves, Guest.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed with a verbal amendment. -
2. Standing Orders . It was agreed on the motion of the Secy to amend the Standing Orders as follows:
 - (a) To insert p. 3. Rule 11, line 3, after reference, "except in cases of urgency".
 - (b) To transfer The Election of new members & associates from the Finance & General Purposes to the Propaganda & Organisation Com^{ee}With these amendments the Standing Orders were agreed to.
3. The Standing Committees were appointed as follows: -

3. Standing Committees (cont'd)

<u>Finance.</u>	<u>Publishing.</u>	<u>Organising & Propaganda.</u>
Mabel Atkinson	Barker	Mabel Atkinson
Dr. Bentham	Bray	Dr. Bentham
Davies	Dodd	Mrs. Bentinck
Dodd	Guest	Harben
Maude	Miss Hutchins	Miss Murby
Miss Murby	Mrs. Reeves	Schloesser
Sharp Schloesser	Mrs. Shaw	Sharp.
Sharp	Mrs. Wilson	
Mrs. Shaw.		

Resigned
12/5/11

Transferred
12/5/11

(4) Joint Com^{ee} with L.H.P. It was agreed that the four be Schloesser, Sharp, Miss Murby, & the Sec. or the Org. Sec. alternatively & that the Com^{ee} be in the Department of the Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee}

(5) Trustees of Woz. of. It was resolved that Dodd & Sharp be appointed to replace Bland & Ince, & that the Stock Bank of be transferred.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Standing Orders and Orders of Reference to Sub-Committees.

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

private and confidential, except in so far as any publication may be made in "Fabian News" by order of the Executive Committee; and in that case, until such publication. Provided that on the demand of any five members present the terms of any resolution put to the Executive Committee and the names of those voting for or against it shall be specially entered upon the minutes and shall thereupon cease to be confidential.

4.- Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.

5.- Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.

6.- It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee, to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or

merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject. (18)

7.- The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.

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

9.- Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not vote, not, except by permission, speak.

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

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

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

(a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on, any matter within its own Order of Reference.

(b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Committee on matters within its own Order of Reference

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

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

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

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

13.- The Honorary Treasurer, F. Lawson Dodd, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, shall be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking Business of the Society, and the said Edw. R. Pease shall be authorized to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

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The means to be used to increase the membership of
Professional Societies and the Union Groups.
A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

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

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.
(a) Finance

- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
- (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;
- (3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.

(b) The election of new members and associates.

↳ (c) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.

↳ (d) The preparation of the Annual Report.

↳ (e) The management of the Society's office and staff.

↳ (f) The supply of information in response to enquiries;
(1) The Local Government Information Bureau.

↳ (g) All Bills and Parliamentary matters.

↳ (h) The Circulating Book Boxes.

↳ (i) The arrangement of lectures, &c. at the regular meetings of the Society.

↳ (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Lectures:

(1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.

(2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.

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

(c) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.

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

- (a) The Tracts, reports and books that the Society places on sale.
- (b) The preparation of new Tracts, reports and books for publication by the Society.
- (c) The literary property of the Society

- (1) The Sub-Committee shall, before taking steps to commit the Society to any new Tracts, &c. submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation as to the subject, authorship and other details.
- (2) The Sub-Committee shall circulate to the members of the Executive Committee in good time complete proofs of all publications which it proposes to recommend the Executive Committee to issue.
- (3) The Publishing Committee shall be authorized to decide (subject to report in each case to the Executive Committee) the details as to the reprinting, revising, and re-issuing of the tracts, books, reports, &c. already authorized by the Executive Committee to be placed on sale. But it shall not, without the explicit authority of the Executive Committee in each case, issue or publish any new matter, or commit the Society to such issue or publication.

(d) The control of "Fabian News".

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(6) Lease of Office. It was agreed that the Hon. Treasurer take the place of the late Hon. Treasurer, & the lease be altered accordingly.

(7.) Parliamentary Fund. The Sec. reported that the Fund amounted to £12.14.11 in the current a/c: that the Trustees were Bland Webb & himself: that the Guarantee of wh. they were trustees had practically been exhausted; & he therefore moved that the trustees be discharged & no others appointed for the present. — The motion was agreed to.

8. Fabian Delegate to International Congress Com^{tee}
It was agreed to appoint Sanders.

9. Summer School Com^{tee} Report.

The Committee met on 26th. April: present, Lawson Dodd (in the Chair), Sharp, Sanders, Pease, O'Donoghue, Miss E. Steele, and J. W. Shaw (Secretary).

- (a) The program was passed for the press
- (b) Bookings were reported amounting (at latest date) to 36

The report was adopted

10. Dinner to Australian Premier.

Invitation to the Executive Com^{ce} to the dinner, Mar 25, Tickets 5/- was reported.

11. Annual Fabian Conference. This was fixed for July 8 at Cliffords Inn.

12. Annual Meeting. It was agreed that Theodore Harris be invited to be chairman, & that Schlosser's Resolution be taken as an amendment to the proposed new Rule. Further that the Executive Com^{ce} will grant a Referendum provided that Schlosser be not prevented from claiming it by the technical & difficulty due to this method of procedure. —

13. Chairman for Peace. Schlosser.

13. Next Meetings. Propaganda May 14. Publishing May 5. Finance May 11. Executive May 12th —

Edmund Benham

Meeting 12th May 1911.

Present - Dr. ~~Edith~~ Bentham, in chair, & all
the others except
Absent Miss Alkinson & Money

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. apologies. Miss Alkinson (University Con^{ee})
Bray for last time, ill, accepted
3. The Publishing Con^{ee} Report was submitted
by the chairman
Items 1 to 6, including report on Censorship
of ads were agreed to. -
Item 7. Advert in the "Young Liberal" £5.-
The Sec. said he had just heard a
poor report on the paper from Fifield, who
had found ads. unprofitable. It was
thereupon agreed that the proposal be drop^d.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Con^{ee} report was submitted
Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 were agreed to.
Item 7 Scheme of Propaganda lectures was taken into

(4) Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} (cont'd.)

Item 7. Fabian Dinner. Tre Sec. reported that the auditor would not admit the account in the form indicated.

Item 8: L.C.C. Election Conference.

Report of the conference already held was considered. It was resolved

(a) That we send two delegates
to Voting Mem-con.

(b) That Sanders & Guest be
our delegates. -

New Item. Tre Sec. reported that the D. L. P. had agreed to the proposed joint Com^{ee} & had appointed Anderson Miss MacArthur Holmes & Duberry had been appointed with F Johnson as Secy - Accordingly he had varied the exact terms of the appointment of the Fabian Delegates making it Miss Mury, Sharp, Schlosser, & himself, with Sanders as Secy - action approved.

Meeting 5th. May, 1911.

4.- Tract Sales for year.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in the chair), Dodd, Miss Hutchins, Barker, Bray, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wilson, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Mrs. Shaw was elected chairman and Mrs. Reeves Vice-chairman for the year; the meetings were fixed for Fridays.

2.- Tracts in the press.

- (a) No. 157. "The Working Life of Women" By Miss Hutchins. The foregoing title was selected, and 7,000 ordered.
- (b) No. 158. C. O. S. Reported partly set up.

3.- Tracts proposed.

- (a) The Necessary Basis of Society By Sidney Webb. Copy, revised by the author, was ordered to be set up.
- (b) Women's Lodging Houses. The decision that Mrs. Hylton Dale's paper could not be printed in its present form was approved (and she has since concurred and decided to print it herself)
- (c) Medical Profession. Dodd agreed to revise his paper of some years ago with a view to publication forthwith.
- (d) Seven other papers or proposals were dealt considered and in most cases referred for further reports.

4.- Furnivall Memorial Volume. It was agreed to send out an advt. with "Fabian News" free.

5.- Censorship of Advts. Referred by the Executive for Report
The following was agreed to:-

That the unanimous decision of the Executive on the advice of Publishing Committee (since the question was raised) not to accept any sort of advt. of a recent publication of John Burns indicates that a censorship is necessary, and they cannot recommend any improvement on the present method by which all cases where the sec. is in doubt, or proposes to refuse are referred to the Publishing Committee and as a rule reported to the Executive



6.- Tract Sales for year.

On consideration of the Stock, it was agreed

- (a) To drop the following, nearly out of print:
 - No. 23. The Case for an Eight Hours Bill (1891)
 - No. 40. Election Manifesto, 1892.
 - No.126. Abolition of Poor Law Guardians (1906)

- (b) To reprint 1000 each of
 - No. 70. Report on Fabian Policy (1896)
 - No. 79. A Word of Remembrance and Caution (Woolman) (1897)
 - No.122 Municipal Milk. (1905)

- (c) In view of the stock of No. 139 "Socialism and the Churches" by Dr. Clifford, now standing at 12,919 and the sales for the year, 253 only, to prepare a portrait Cover.

- (d) The best sales of old Tracts for the year were
 - No. 146. "Socialism and Superior Brains" 9664
 - " 5. "Facts for Socialists" 3541
 - " 133. "Socialism and Christianity" (Dearmer) 2156
 - " 148. "What a Health Committee Can do" (pub. March 1910) 1155.
 - " 51. "Socialism True and False" 1393and the worst
Those Wretched Rates. Increase of Stock 43.

7.- Advts. It was agreed to take an advt. in the "Young Liberal" 12 issues 1 year for £5.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

Meeting 4th. May 1911.

Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Miss Murby,
Dr. Ethel Bentham, Schloesser, Sharp,
Herben, Sanders, Pease and Mrs. Shaw.

1.- We have elected Mabel Atkinson as our Chairman and H.H.Schloesser as our Vice-Chairman.

2.- Membership

The month's candidates, 18, were elected, and 2 resignations were accepted.

48 members (including Frank Smith) not having replied to final notice, were ordered to be struck off unless they reply to the special letter which they will receive in due course.

14 members whose addresses cannot be traced were ordered to be struck off.

3.- New Societies.

The Org. Secretary has formed a new Society at Crewe and visited Dover on May 10th. to form a Society in that town.

4.- Suburban and Provincial Lectures.

We have agreed that the Org. Sec. should give Courses of lectures for the Manchester (3), Newcastle-under-Lyme, and Brewe Fabian Societies and for the Hanley I.L.P. in October.

5.- Propaganda Activities 1911-12.

We have considered the question of expenditure in connection with propaganda for 1911-12 and recommend that about \$400 be spent as in the last three years for this purpose and that a grant of this amount be made, if necessary, from the No. 2 Account. We do not propose to adopt the usual method of expending the whole of this sum upon Suburban and Provincial Lectures, although a number of Courses will be arranged, but to use it in part for other forms of propaganda which will in due course be reported to the Executive Committee for its approval.

6.- Annual Fabian Conference.

Cliffords Inn has been secured for the Conference on July 8th. and notices sent to Societies and Groups.

Conference on L.C.C. Elections 1913.

Report of Org. Sec. as delegate.

7.- Fabian Dinner Account.

The Receipts amounted to £62.19.0 and Expenditure attended on Ag to £62.18.0. exclusive of printing and postage.

8.- Conference on L.C.C. Elections 1913.

The Org. Sec. made the report attached on the above Conference.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

the holding of quarterly conferences and defining the powers of
County Council Electoral Administration and also submit a scheme for
further conference to be held in October as to the present London
It was further decided that this Committee should report to a

e.- A new lecture. it back for re-consideration.

of the L.C.C. election

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Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Conference on L.C.C. Elections 1913.

Meeting 11th. May 1911.
Report of Org. Sec. as delegate.

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Present: Mauds (in chair), Davies, Miss Murby, Dodd,
Sharp, Schlösser, Dr. Bentham, Sanders

I attended on April 29th. the Conference at the Food Reform

Restaurant called by the I.L.P. to consider what steps should

be taken to prepare for the running of Labour and Socialist

candidates at the next County Council Election, March 1913.

It was decided that a Central Committee be formed as follows:-

- 4 from the Divisional Council of the I.L.P.
- 2 from the Fabian Society
- 2 from the Women's Labour League
- 1 from each of the local Trades Councils,

Labour Parties, or other properly constituted

Labour and Socialist organisation which puts

forward a candidate at the Election.

It was further decided that this Committee should report to a further Conference to be held in October as to the present London County Council Electoral situation and also submit a scheme for the holding of quarterly Conferences and defining the powers of the Conferences and the Committee.

Although I did not vote on any resolutions before the Conference I took part in the discussion and made several suggestions which were adopted.

Wm. Stephen Sanders.

Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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7.- Tracts to M. P.S. Meeting 11th. May 1911.

Present: Maude (in chair), Davies, Miss Murby, Dodd, Sharp, Schloesser, Dr. Bentham, Sanders and Secretary.

8.- Government

1.- Aylmer Maude was elected Chairman and Emil Davies Vice-chairman for the year. Thursday was selected for the day of meeting.

2.- The Auditor's report on the Balance Sheet was received. His alteration, charging the printing and postage for the dinner to the dinner a/c, was considered and accepted.

3.- Accounts for April were submitted showing a fall in Members' subscriptions for the month from £136 last year to £88. Explanations relative to this were given.

4.- A Subscription in kind.

Two pieces of silk sent by a member from Central China to be sold as a subscription were submitted, and offer of 25/- from Dodd was by resolution accepted.

5.- Financial Scheme of the Organising Committee.

This was discussed and doubt having been expressed whether the proposal of the Organising Committee was tightly formulated, it was agreed to recommend that the Chairman of that Committee be asked to take it back for re-consideration.

6.- A new Lecture.

On a suggestion from New Zealand it was resolved to endeavour to get Dr. Findlay N.Z. Attorney General to lecture to the Society at the end of June on New Zealand.

(The following are possible (and impossible) dates.

- Friday May 26. Mrs. Besant's lecture
- " June 2. (End of Destitution Conference. Insufficient notice)
- " June 9. (
- " " 16. Barker's Lecture
- " " 23 (Coronation)
- " " 30

Which date ?

Present: Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Sanders, Davies, Mrs. Murby, Dodd.

Meeting with Mr. Tall.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

7.- Tracts to M. P.s.

It was resolved to send out the Referendum and New Reform Bill tracts to M.P.s. with a covering letter.

8.- Government Insurance Bill.

It was resolved on Webb's suggestion to recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider amendments to this Bill and to prepare if thought fit, a letter to be addressed to Trade Unions thereon; and that

- Dr. Bentham
- Dodd
- Schlosser
- Mrs. Wilson and
- Sanders

be members of it with any others of the Executive who desire to serve.

Further that the Committee be announced in Fabian News.

9.- Next Session's Lectures.

Miss Murby, Dodd, Davies and Schlosser were appointed a Committee to draft proposals.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

of the Publishing Comtee -

Finance and General Purposes Comtee Report

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(5.) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report
was considered.

Items 1. 2. 3. 4. & 5 were accepted.

Item 6. Lecture of Dr. Fridlay. - approved
to agreed that he be asked for
June 30th -

Item 7. Tracts to M.P.'s. Approved but
ordered to be kept back pending
the issue of a memo. on the Insurance Bill.

Item 8. Gov. Insurance Bill. The
Com^{ee} was agreed to, & the names
of Harben, (Chairman) Mrs Reeves,
Miss Hulchins, Webb & Guest were added.
It was resolved to meet on the 15th inst.

Item 9. approved. Mr. Shaw, ~~Mrs Wilson~~
& Barber were added to the Com^{ee} ^{em^a}
& the meeting fixed for Friday 5pm.

(6) Appointment of Standing Com^{ees} - It was
agreed that Mrs Shaw be transferred
from the Finance to the Propaganda,
& that Dodd cease to be a member
of the Publishing Com^{ee} -

7. Meeting tonight

The Sec. reported that Theodore Harris accepted nomination as chairman.

The Sec. proposed to take the amendment to Rules first, but the proposal was negatively, + the order on the paper approved.

8. Summer School. The issue of a second edition of the Syllabus with the June News was sanctioned

9. The Social Com^{ee} Report was presented showing work done, & account of expenditure.

It was unanimously agreed

(a) That the Com^{ee} be reappointed with power to add.

(b) That a further grant of \$5. be made as before

10. Next Meeting May 26th -

M. B. Pring

Special Executive Committee held at the Office
on Monday 22nd May 1911 at 5.30pm

Present R.A. Bray in the chair, Tall except
Absent Dr. Benham, Guest, Webb.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Fabric News. In view of the large number of insertions
it was agreed to hold over Guest School Clinics
Tracts.
3. Chairman for Mr. Besant. The Sec. was directed
to apply to Mrs Webb, Webb, + Olivier
in that order.
4. Meeting for Dr. F. Malloy. It was agreed to hold
it in the Library. -
5. Report on next Session's Lectures. The Secy reported that the
Committee on the above had adopted a Report &
wished it submitted direct to the Exec. on May 26th.
There was a long discussion as to whether the
Sub. Com^{ee} to which the Exec. had added members

(5) (cont?) Com^{tee} on Lectures

should or should not report to the Executive ~~directly~~.
Ultimately it was resolved that the Report
of the subcommittee be referred back for
further consideration.

(6) Insurance Bill. Manifesto or Memorandum
on this Bill in its relation to Trade Unions, re-
drafted by Harbison, & just adopted by the
Com^{tee} was further considered at great
length. Ultimately the form of the report
was agreed to.

"Resolution that the ~~Rep~~ memorandum
be sent ^{at once} to Labour M.P.'s & a few others
only" was adopted unanimously -
an amendment to add the words
"and to the Press" was defeated.

The Com^{tee} sat till 7.45.

Emil Davies
9/6/11

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Special Executive Meeting

9 June 1911.

Present Emil Davies in chair, + all except
Absent Sanders Webb, Guest, Dodd, Bray.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Insurance Bill: Womens Group, Amendments.

It was agreed that the Womens Group be allowed to publish a Memorandum of Amendments on the Bill, prot of which had been circulated.

3. Insurance Bill. Proposed article of Shaw.

Letter from him read, urging an attack on the Contributory clauses of the Bill, as a Fortnightly Review article. After discussion a resolution favouring a frontal attack on the Bill on the lines proposed was rejected by 8 votes to 7, + a resolution to accept Shaw's offer was rejected by 5 votes to 7. The Sec. was directed to thank Shaw for his offer, + write explaining refusal.

4. Insurance Bill. Report of the Committee.

This was considered at great length & a number of decisions taken.

A paragraph drafted by Sharp, severely critical of the Bill was rejected by 5 to 4.

A paragraph referring to the contribution as a tax was carried by 6 votes to 1 or more.

A ~~paragraph~~ proposal of money to delete certain references to Trade Unions was ~~it~~ defeated one only voting for it.

Finally the resolution to Publish as amended was adopted, one vote only being recorded against it. —

It was decided that it be issued as

Prepared by the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society, & be sent

to (a) Delegates to the Labour Movement Congress.

(b) Members of the Commons

(c) Members of the Society.

The Comtee sat from 5 to 8.15. —

L. Haden Guest

Committee June 16th 1911

Present- Haden Guest (in chair), + all except
Absent- Wehh, ~~Dr. Bentham~~ Sharps, Miss Hutchins
Harben Barker Braz Money Sanders.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Wehh asking who excused for the rest of the year, or otherwise. Unanimously agreed to excuse him for the rest of the year. -
Sharps, Miss Hutchins Harben Barker, all excused.
Dr. Bentham, excused for last meeting.

2. The Organizing + Propaganda Com^{ee} reports were submitted by the chairman.
Report for May 18, was adopted in full.
Report for June 1st

3. Item 1. accepted
2. Resignation of Bland. The recommendation that he be requested to withdraw it was unanimously accepted.
3. Annual Fabian Conference.
 - a. Conference Resolutions approved.

3. Organising + Prop^a Com^{ee} (Cont^d)

Fabian Annual Conference.

- 3 Item (b) I Resolution re Joint action with L.P. Approved
II Insurance Bill. It was agreed that instead of the suggested resolution, a general discussion take place after the other business & that Money be requested to speak in addition to Harbore & the Women's Group Secy.
III Resolution re Workers Ed. Assn. accepted.

3. Item (c). Social Com^{ee} 'at home' approved.

Item 4. Suburban + Provincial Lecture Grant.

On a motion to refer back moved by Todd, a discussion took place. Ultimately the resolution was withdrawn & it was agreed that the Com^{ee} be instructed to endeavour to make more use of voluntary lecturers.

Item 5. Standing Joint Com^{ee}

Resolutions 1, 2, 3, (Grant of 10/-) 4 (Title) & 5 were agreed to. Resolution 6 was dealt with under the Finance Com^{ee} Report.

Resolution 7 was approved, & it was left to the Joint Com^{ee} to appoint them. Resolution 9, noted.

Item 6 + 7. approved.

Private.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting 18th. May 1911.

Present: Harben
Miss Murby, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Bentinck,
Sanders, Dr. Bentham and

- 1.- Membership. Resignations. Two resignations were received and accepted.
Letter from Sland giving reasons for his resignation read. It was agreed to recommend E.C. to urge him to withdraw his resignation.
- 2.- New Society. The Org. Sec. visited Dover on May 10th. and addressed a good meeting promoted by a new Society.
(a) The application for the Conference have been received.
(b) We recommend that the following resolutions be placed on the agenda by the Executive Committee:
- 3.- Local Government Group.
(1) An excellent secretary, A. E. Lauder, has been secured for the L. G. Group which will resume activities in the autumn.
of the Joint Standing Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society comprising delegates
- 4.- London Labour Committee for D.C.C. Elections.
Invitation has been received to appoint recommends two delegates on this Committee promoted by the I.L.P. The Executive Committee the I.L.P. has already appointed delegates.

H. D. Harben
Acting Chairman.

... recommend that the sum of £250 be voted for Suburban
... Provincial Meeting 1st. June 1911. against £390 and
Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Dr. Benthall, Mrs. Shaw,
H.H. Schloesser, Mrs. Bentinck, Miss Murby,
... Leaders and Pease. ... We have sent
... to report on ...

1.- Membership.

The month's candidates, 31,

... were accepted. ... and 2 resignations
Four members were struck off for non-
address.

2.- Bland's Resignation.

Letter from Bland giving reasons for his resignation
read. It was agreed to recommend E.C. to urge him to
withdraw his resignation.

3.- Annual Fabian Conference

(a) The appended list of resolutions for the Conference
have been received.

(b) We recommend that the following resolutions be placed
on the Agenda by the Executive Committee:

(i) Joint Action with I.L.P.

That this Conference welcomes the formation
of the Joint Standing Committee of the I.L.P.
and the Fabian Society comprising delegates
from the National Administrative Council of
the I.L.P. and the Fabian E.C., and recommends
that local joint Committees be formed by the
local Fabian Societies and Groups and the I.L.P.
Branches.

(ii) A resolution embodying the views of the E.C. on
the Insurance Bill.

It is suggested that the whole afternoon be
devoted to the Insurance Bill and that there
be two speakers to introduce the resolutions
and explain the Bill: Harben and a representa-
tive of the Women's Group.

(iii) A resolution (to be drafted by Mabel Atkinson)
recommending affiliation of Fabian Societies
with the Workers Educational Association

(c) The Social Committee propose to organise an At Home
with Refreshments at the New Reform Club on
July 8th. to the provincial delegates to the Con-
ference. Other delegates and members of the F. S.
ninepence. We recommend that this action be ap-
proved.

4.- **Suburban and Provincial Lectures.**

We recommend that the sum of £250 be voted for Suburban and Provincial Lectures this year as against £390 and £372 in the previous years. The lectures to be given under the auspices of Local Fabian Societies and Groups only except under special circumstances. We have sent this recommendation to the Finance Committee for them to report concurrently.

5.- **Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P.**

Report of the First Meeting 19th. May 1911.

Present: Anderson and Holmes (I.L.P.), Miss Murby, Schloesser, Sharp, Pease and Sanders (Fabian Society).

- 1.- **Chairman.** W.C. Anderson was elected Chairman of the Committee.
- 2.- **Secretaries.** It was agreed that F. Johnson and W. Stephen Sanders be joint secretaries.
- 3.- **Finance &c.** It was agreed that application should be made for a grant of 10/- from each constituent Society for expenses, and that the secretaries obtain a suitable minute book.
- 4.- **Title of the Committee.** It was agreed that the title of the Committee should be "The Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society".
- 5.- **Co-operation between I.L.P. branches and local Fabian Societies.** Anderson and Sanders were appointed to draw up a circular giving suggestions with regard to methods of co-operation between the two organisations.
- 6.- **Joint Lectures.** It was agreed to recommend that a course of propaganda lectures be held jointly by the I.L.P. and Fabian Society on Friday evenings next session in place of usual Fabian lectures: suggested subjects, "Next Steps to Socialism". Lectures to be held at Queen's Hall or large Memorial Hall. Number of lectures six or eight. Lecturers suggested, Shaw, Snowden, Mrs. Webb, Macdonald, Clynes, Ensor, Anderson, Hardie. Tickets to be issued for reserved seats to cover cost.
- 7.- **Nationalisation of Industries.** It was decided to recommend that a Joint Committee be appointed to draw up a scheme for the Nationalisation of the Coal Supply and to plan a joint campaign.
- 8.- **Literature.** The question of joint action in producing and distributing literature and exchanging advertisements was deferred until next meeting.
- 9.- **Next Meeting** was fixed for June 20th. at 5.30 p.m.

We recommend that 3, 4, and 7 be approved; that the principle of Joint Lectures as suggested in No. 6 be approved without committal to number and other details. Nos. 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9 are informative.

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6.- Conference with London Local Group Secretaries.
We propose to hold a Conference with the London Local Group Secretaries during the first week in July next.

7.- Hull Fabian Society.
The Org. Sec. has visited Hull Fabian Society which was threatened with extinction. A new secretary was secured at the meeting he attended, a plan of work adopted for next season, and the Society is now likely to recover.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

8.- Golders Green F. S.

"That this Conference is of opinion that it is desirable for the Fabian Society and as many local Societies as possible to take an active part in the promotion of Town Planning schemes and in the formation of local Committees under the Housing and Town Planning Act 1909. Further, that the Fabian Society should publish a tract at an early date on the practical application of the Town Planning Act".

considerable discussion was reported by 15 15 5

Resolutions for Conference.

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1.- Clapham and District F.S.

"That this Conference recommends the Executive to enquire into the subject of economic equality with a view to emphasising the principle in Fabian propaganda".

2.- Fabian Women's Group.

"That this Conference, whilst cordially accepting the proposal of State-aided National Insurance in sickness and maternity, considers that the Bill now before Parliament needs drastic alteration to safe-guard the interests of women".

3.- Golders Green F. S.

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Further, that the Fabian Society should publish a tract at an early date on the practical application of the Town Planning Act".

consequence of situation now reported by G.S.S.

Private.

Summer School Committee Report.

REPORT of the PUBLISHING COMMITTEE

Meeting 21st. May, 1911.

on 26th. May, 1911.

Present: Mrs. Wilson Dodd, Miss Edith Steele,
Nobel Atkinson, Pease, Sanders and
C. F. Shaw (Secretary).

PRESENT: Mrs. Shaw (in chair) Mrs. Wilson Dodd, Mrs.
Reeves, Bray, Guest, Barber, Sanders, and
Secretary.

(1) TRACTS in PRESS:

- (a) Tract 157. Working Life of Women was ordered to be printed.
- (b) Tract 158. The Case against the C.O.S. Title approved and amendments suggested ordered to be sent to author.
- (c) Tract 159. Necessary Basis of Society. Being set up.

(2) PROPOSALS for TRACTS:

- (a) Dodd's Medical Profession. Ordered to be set up.
- (b) Education by Webb. After full discussion it was declined with thanks.
- (c) Two other papers offered were rejected.
- (d) Seven other proposals were dealt with.

(3) GEO. STANDING: It was decided that the Committee could not co-opt him as on a former occasion but would ask him to attend in his professional capacity.

(4) SONG BOOK COMMITTEE: It was decided to grant 10/- to this Committee for out of pocket expenses, this decision carrying with it approval in principle of publication.

(5) INSETS: It was agreed to charge for heavy insets at a higher rate, and to make the charge read "21/- and upwards."

C. F. SHAW,

Chairman.

Private.

Summer School Committee Report.

Meeting 31st. May, 1911.

Present: Dodd (in chair), O'Donoghue, Miss Enid Steele, Mabel Atkinson, Pease, Sanders and J. W. Shaw (Secretary).

1.- Pen-yr-Allt.

It was reported that Mr. Mitchell of the Regent Street Polytechnic did not propose to take Pen-yr-Allt. In the circumstances it was agreed that the best course to pursue was to sell the bulky furniture and store the remainder - To save time it was decided to proceed with arrangements pending the sanction of the Executive.

2.- Prospectus.

This was passed containing the Scheme of lectures.

3.- It was recommended that a donation of £1.1.0. be given to the Coronation Celebration at Llanbedr, one of the objects being to build a bridge over the Atrre.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

considerable discussion was reported by 15/5/11

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Resolutions Committee Report's were submitted.

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4. The Publishing Committee Reports were submitted.

Meeting May 26. -

The whole was approved.

Meeting June 16.

This was reported verbally by the chairman:

It was agreed ~~on~~ inter alia: -

That the new Tract-159, Necessary Basis of Society be not sent to the Exec. in proof as no alterations can be made now that the author is abroad.

That the Clifford Portrait Block be proceeded with. Resolution to refer back was not recorded.

That the National Land & Home League circular go out free.

That arrangements re sending out Tracts be approved.

That offer to pay extra postage of Mrs. Wilson be accepted.

Other matters were confirmed.

5. The Summer School Com^{ee} report was submitted by Lawson Dodd.

Items 1 & 2 were adopted.

Item 3. Grant to Planned Coronation Fund, after considerable discussion was rejected by 5 to 5.

6. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report
was submitted by Emil Davis.

- Item 1. Approved
- .. 2. Grant for Lectures. Already dealt with.
- .. 3 adopted
- .. 4 approved, but nobody was nominated
for the B. Assn of Lab. Leqr. -
- .. 5 approved. Name of F. Norman added.
- .. 6. Joint Lectures with L.L.P. After

a long discussion it was resolved to amend
this to read thus: ~~in the line~~ 2 of them to be
Demonstrations in Queens Hall, to delete
"2" & substitute "one at least". As amended
the Item was accepted.

Item 7. Resignation of J.W. Shew.
The Secy was instructed to express to him
the Com^{ees} great regret at the prospect
loss of his services.

7. The Report of the Special Com^{ee} on Lectures

This was adjourned except the recommendation
on page 6, dealing with next session Lectures, as
annexed hereto.

G.- (Continued)

Meeting 8th. June 1911.

Present: Davies (in chair), Mabel Atkinson, Dr. Bentham,
Miss Murby, Sharp, Dadd and Secretary.

- 1.- Accounts for May were submitted, showing an increase of £32 in members' subscriptions for the month, which with small increases on other accounts makes a total of receipts for 2 months slightly in excess of last year.
- 2.- Estimate for Country Lectures.
The Organising and P. Committee proposal for a grant of £250 from No. 2 a/c for lectures for the year was approved.
- 3.- Sub-Committee Agenda Papers.

It was agreed to recommend that the agendas of the three standing Sub-Committees be sent to all members of the Executive.

4.- Delegates.

Labour Movement, on the National Insurance Bill, &c.

H. D. Harben was appointed.

British Association of Labour Legislation.

June 29. 3. 30 p.m. 2 Delegates wanted.

5.- Civil Service.

On a letter from Mrs. O'Brien Harris it was resolved to recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the terms of entrance to the Civil Service: that Mabel Atkinson be chairman, Miss Murby a member, and the following be invited:- Mrs. Harris, S. Herbert, J. Gibson, H. W. Macrosty, W. G. Gilbert and W. R. Southard.

6.- Lecture Courses.

The following recommendation from the Standing Joint Committee with the I.L.P. was considered on reference from the Organising and P. Committee

Joint Lectures.

It was agreed to recommend that a course of propaganda lectures be held jointly by the I.L.P. and Fabian Society on Friday evenings next session in place of usual Fabian lectures: suggested subjects, "Next Steps to Socialism". Lecturers suggested, Shaw Lectures to be held at Queen's Hall or large Memorial Hall. Number of lectures six or eight. Lecturers suggested, Shaw, Snowden, Mrs. Webb, Macdonald, Clynes, Ensor, Anderson, Hardie. Tickets to be issued for reserved seats to cover cost.

6.- (Continued)

It was resolved by 5-1

That the recommendation for Joint lectures with the I.L.P. be adopted provided that there be not more than 6 in all, that 2 of them be Demonstrations in Queen's Hall and the rest of the proposed series be lectures followed by discussion at the Memorial Hall.

Amended to "one at least"

7.- J. W. Shaw.

Letter was submitted tendering his resignation from Sept. 30th. (or other date to be arranged) on account of the routine character of his work. No action was taken.

Emil Davies
Vice-Chairman.

and Hardie of the I.L.P. would take part, together, it is hoped, with Shaw and Mrs. Sidney Webb (on her return a year hence) and others of the F.S. The meetings might be held in the Queen's

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NEXT SESSIONS LECTURES:

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As regards next Session's Work, the Standing Joint Committee of the F.S. and I.L.P. have decided to recommend that a series of lectures be given under the auspices of the two bodies by their leaders on "Next Steps to Socialism and how to take them."

They propose that these Lectures be held once a month in place of one of the regular Fabian Lectures. They consider that this will attract to the meetings the regular Fabian audience and acquaint them with the point of view of the I.L.P. and Labour Party of which some of them are by no means well informed. On the other side it will bring members of the I.L.P. to our meetings, to our mutual advantage.

It is believed that Snowden, Macdonald, Clynes, Anderson, and Hardie of the I.L.P. would take part, together, it is hoped, with Shaw and Mrs. Sidney Webb (on her return a year hence) and others of the F.S. The meetings might be held in the Queen's

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Hall, if big public advertisement is desired: otherwise in the large Memorial Hall. The scheme would make public the alliance between the F.S. and I.L.P. and have many incidental results of value.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposals of the Finance Committee on this subject be approved.

That a second series of lectures on Equality on the lines of the enclosed Report be considered, and if approved the promoters to requested to work it up.

of what we desire in this matter has a very direct bearing upon our
If the spectacle of a struggle for the right to set our
action in practical politics and becomes every more pressing every day.
each possible of society to know
our hesitating attitude, and the hesitating attitude of other Socialist
now a struggle of so-called for the sake of a consistent element into
social, with regard to the Insurance Bill is merely one instance in
the community need to be but rather we a struggle of so-called for the
policy. The question of the economic relation of the individual to

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working hypothesis of socialism must be evolved. Probably amongst Fabians are some at least of the kind which will take to heart the object of Fabians to work upon the subject of economic equality as an ideal to be aimed at. Do we really want complete economic equality between individuals? If we do, in what form do we want it?

If these questions were set before every member of the Society and carefully considered by him or her, the diversity of answers would be great, because we are only now waking up to the consideration and Fabians have not made up their minds on the subject. Yet the question of what we desire in this matter has a very direct bearing upon our action in practical politics and becomes very more pressing every day. Our hesitating attitude, and the hesitating attitude of other Socialist bodies, with regard to the Insurance Bill is merely one instance in point. The question of the economic relation of the individual to the community used to be put aside as a problem of to-morrow; it is now a problem of to-day, for it enters as a constituent element into every measure of social reform.

It is therefore a matter of urgency for us Fabians to set our mental powers to work on this question, if we are to retain an intellectual grasp of the rapid social evolution of our times. The Socialism

of persons to work upon the subject of economic equality as the result of
the object of the promoters of this scheme is to set the minds
V POSSIBLE RECIPIENT SCHEME FOR THE SOCIALLY*

out its part in the intellectual sphere. Fresh theories for a working hypothesis of socialism must be evolved. Probably amongst Fabians are some at least of the minds which will take active part in this process, and it is time we set about it.

Lecture V. Economic Equality in relation to the psychological evolution of the last four centuries, the development and the claims of individual personality.
As a mental stimulus the promoters of the following economic equality out of the confused issues of popular controversy and pose it on the intellectual plane, - not as an abstract proposition, but as a universal social tendency, which may be recognised, differentiated and studied as a fundamental fact in social and mental development. The object of the course of lectures is not to thrash out but to pose the question.

Course of Lectures

Lecture I. Economic Equality in various shapes, as a world-wide tendency.

(The lecturer must be an expert sociologist, not a mere generaliser)

Lecture II. Economic Equality as a tendency in Great Britain in past ages.

(The lecturer must be an expert in our social history.)

Lecture III. Economic Equality as an ideal in literature - the great Utopias. (By a literary expert.)

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Lecture IV. Economic Equality as advocated by schools of modern socialism.

(This might include some of the experiments in community life.)

Lecture V. Economic Equality in relation to the psychological evolution of the last four centuries, the development and the claims of individual personality.

The course should have a chairman, a Fabian, who can finish the series of lectures by drawing together the contributions to the general idea of economic equality which have resulted from the various points of view from which we have been regarding it.

(Lectures 3 and 4 might be drawn into one, and so might lecture 5 and the chairman's conclusions - if we get the right sort of lecturers to do this effectively.)

Handwritten notes:
Lectures (book 1)
Lecture 1
Lecture 2
Lecture 3
Lecture 4
Lecture 5
Chairman
Fabian
Community life
Psychological evolution
Individual personality
Economic equality
Drawing together
Points of view
General idea
Various points of view
Regarding it
Lectures 3 and 4
Lecture 5
Chairman's conclusions
Right sort of lecturers
Effectively

7. Report on Lectures (contd)

Recommendation 1 ~~was~~ had been already dealt with.

Recommendation 2. Lectures on Equality.

This was approved & the Committee which prepared the Report - was authorised to proceed with the arrangements & the selection of lectures.

8. Chairman for Barber. Bernard Shaw.

Stymer Claude

8. 7. '11

Meeting 7th July 1911.

Present include in Chair, & all except
Absent Welch, Sweet, Harben, Mrs. Shaw, Sharp,
Money, Davies, Borg, Barker,

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
& the whole was approved.

Women's Group Publications The Secy drew
the attention of the Com^{ee} to the fact that
the Women's Group were authorised on June 7
& issue a memorandum of Amendments on
the National Insurance Bill & had in
fact issued two publications, one Amendment
+ one a tract against the Bill. - after
debate it was agreed

That the Committee considers that every
group should take care on any future
publication not to exceed the authority
given them by the Executive Committee

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE AT OFFICE ON JUNE 30th. 1911. (15)

Present, Barker (in chair), Mrs Wilson, Dodd, Bray and Secretary.

1. New Tracts: 7000 each of The Case against the C.O.S., and The Necessary Basis of Society were ordered, and 5000 of the present. Miss Atkinson (in chair) Dr. Bentham, Schlosser, Sanders and trait cover for Dr. Clifford's Tract.

2. National Labour Press: In reply to query about the tracts for the Conference, July 8th, and we make the following recommendations. I. L. P. month's propaganda on 30/- Legal Minimum Wage and the Eight Hours' Day, it was agreed that it be reprinted

(a) To allow them to reprint Tract 28 from our stereotypes subject to any alteration deemed necessary by Macrosty and the Secretary.

(b) To sell them our No. 128, The Case for a Legal Minimum Wage, at an extra 5% discount, and to add a slip to be drafted by Sanders, re the Wages Boards Act, etc. word "proposal" in No. 9 be altered to

3. Other minor matters were considered dealt with and proposed tracts considered. Some business which was not pressing was postponed.

H. Granville Barker,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING, 28th JULY 1911. (6)

REPORT OF THE ORGANISING AND PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE

MEETING ON FRIDAY JUNE 30th. 1911. 10. 0 towards the rent of

Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair) Dr. Beatham, Schloesser, Sanders and Pease. Also Mrs Wilson and Dodd.

1. Annual Conference. We have considered the Agenda of the Fabian Conference, July 8th. and we make the following recommendations: (a) That H.H.Schloesser be nominated as Chairman of the Conference. (b) Resolutions. (I) That 3, 5, 7 & 8 be left as open questions. (II) That 2 be moved by Miss Murby. (III) That the following amendment be moved to No. 6: That all words after the word "against" ~~be deleted~~ in the first line down to and including the word "older" in the fourth line be deleted, and the following words be substituted therefor:- "the present narrow and illiberal provision for higher education, which results in the restriction of the higher branches of the Civil Service to men who have received their education in the great public Schools and Universities; it urges that provision be made whereby men and women of all classes who are fit to benefit by it may have access to it". (IV) That the word "proposal" in No. 9 be altered to principle."
2. Donation from Hampstead Group. The Hampstead Group has donated £5. 5. 0 to the Society as an expression of thanks to the E.C. for help given in speaking for the Group. We have sent a resolution of thanks.
3. Conference with Secretaries of Local Groups. We held a Conference with the Secretaries of the London Local Groups, and will report later as to the proceedings.
4. Suburban Lecture Course. We have agreed to the request of the Ilford Fabian Society for a Suburban Course to be given by the Ofg. Secretary.

Mabel Atkinson.

REPORT OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING, 28th JULY 1911.

1. Proposal that Mr Mitchell pay £7. 10. 0 towards the rent of Pen-yr-Allt for last quarter, (taken at his request) was approved.
2. It was resolved that guests who had promised lectures, Prof. Ward (2), Mabel Atkinson (2), Clifford Allen (1), Miss Simon (3), be given three days hospitality (valued at about 21/-) per lecture.
3. It was reported that the furniture at Pen-yr-Allt had been sold for £92 net and that arrangements had been satisfactorily carried out by West at a cost for expenses of £7. 3. 0d, and that the house is now vacated.
4. Bookings reported numbered 178: a Communal Chalet, accommodating 18, had been taken: very little room for women is now available.
5. Arrangements were ordered to be made for the storage elsewhere of the boxes now in the Office.

Lawson Dodd,
Chairman.

PRESENT: Maude (in chair), Miss Murby, Miss Atkinson, Dr. Bentham, Davies Schloesser, Dedd, Sanders and Secretary.

1. (a) Accounts for June showed a reduction in subscriptions of £16, and a net reduction of £17 on three months receipts for the chief accounts: but the month was exceptional, no reminders were sent out owing to the absence of J.W. Shaw on holiday.
(b) It was reported that £93, proceeds of the Llanbedr sale had been received, and £100 placed on deposit.
2. Woolwich. Letter received asking help for registration. The Committee appeared to concur in thinking that the necessary action should be taken, but ordered a full report on the situation.
3. Case of Miss Malecka. It was decided to refuse to take part in a Trafalgar Square Demonstration, and to recommend the S.D.P. to defer it, as likely to injure Miss Malecka.
4. Delegates. It was decided to appoint
(a) Miss Murby, Mrs Wilson and Miss Atkinson as delegates (at 5/- each) to the Womens International Council of Labour and Socialist Organisations and,
(b) Aylmer Maude to a Joint Board Trafalgar Square Demonstration, to Jaurés on August 13th.
5. Next Sessions Lectures. Letter from Mrs Wilson saying that the following was the proposed course on Equality.
Edw. Jenks, Principal of the Law Society,
Ensor,
Miss Murby,
and if possible, Graham Wallas, and Lowes Dickinson.
It was agreed
(a) That the above be approved.
(b) That the Equality course be taken one a month.
(c) That the Memorial Hall be taken again.
6. Trade Union Label. On letter from the Secretary (an old Fabian) of the Boot and Shoe Operatives asking help in popularising a Trade Union Label, which carried with it an agreement between the Trade Union and the Employers to arbitrate on all disputes, it was agreed to get further information and to publish our approval.

Aylmer Maude,
Chairman.

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3. The Report of the Organising & P. Com^{ee} was considered.

Item 1. Annual Conference.

a. Accepted

(b) 1. Agreed to except in respect of Resolution 7. Nursery. Re restriction of membership to those who support the Labor Party. It was resolved 2/10-2 that this be opposed by the Executive & that Dodd speak against it for the Committee.

It agreed to.

Civil Service III No 6. It was agreed that the Exec. leave this an open question, & Miss Atkinson move her amendment on her own behalf.

N. Agreed to.

Items 2, 3, & 4 were agreed to

4. The Summer School Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the whole adopted.

5. The Finance & G.P. Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the whole adopted.

b. The Special Report on Lectures was next taken:-

- Page 1. Agreed to
 - " 2 do -
 - " 3. } This was amended as indicated
- to end of par 2. } & as amended was adopted.
- The discussion of the remainder of the report was adjourned.

Clifford D Sharp

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REPORT of the COMMITTEE on LECTURES.

The reference of the Committee was to draft proposals for next session's lectures.

The first thing necessary to put the whole question of the organisation of our lectures in systematic order is to consider the reasons which prompt us in holding Public Lectures at all. They may be briefly stated as follows:-

AIMS of LECTURES and MEETINGS:

- (1) Educational for (a) our own members and (b) the general public.
- (2) Publicity - i.e. to make the work and objects of the Fabian Society known to the public directly or through the Press.
- (3) To give an opportunity for general discussion on important public questions, or on matters relating to Socialist opinion.

The Recommendation or Scheme of Lectures to be here outlined by the Sub-Committee will have in view how best to forward the Education of Members, to emphasise the existence of the Society on the mind of the public, to furnish an opportunity for a good discussion of the subjects dealt with, and finally to promote the best means of producing debates and lectures.

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1. LECTURES TO THE SOCIETY:

These may be divided into two kinds called for convenience Class "A" and Class "B". First those given by distinguished persons whether Socialists or not with the object of educating ourselves and the public on questions of general public interest, such as - India and Colonial questions - Literary questions bearing on Socialism - Military Service - Municipal Administration - the Relation of Philosophy and Religion to Socialism and criticism, hostile or friendly, of Socialist Theory and Methods. There should be four to six of such lectures in the year and only the best known and accredited persons should be asked to give them. The public should be admitted when thought advisable.

The second kind of lecture, viz. Class "B", of which there might be the same number as Class "A", should be given by approved lecturers, including Members of the Executive, the Groups and the Society generally, and others. Long notice should be given to those lecturers chosen, and the kind of thing wanted should be indicated to them. These lectures might deal with the untrodden path in Socialist theory and practice, such as the application of Socialist theory to Insurance, Banking, Local Taxation, Wholesale and Retail trades, Manufactures, Public Health problems, etc., A small strong Sub-Committee should be appointed to arrange the courses of lectures well in advance.

THE OBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS:

In order to raise the standard of discussions at public and Society Meetings it is suggested that ^{2 or 3} ~~three or four~~ speakers (15) be requested ^{by the Chairman in consultation with the Secretary} ~~by the Executive Committee~~ in advance to take part in the debates when called on for ^{short} ~~ten minute~~ speeches, ~~and notice of the need for studying the questions dealt with might also be given to the Groups and Local Societies, with an invitation to select a speaker for the evening.~~ ^{if that the chairman for each lecture be appointed a fortnight in advance.}

~~With a view to increasing the time available for discussion, questions should be as a rule, limited to ten to fifteen minutes.~~
PUBLICITY: ^{And that notice of the need of studying the questions dealt with might be given in advance to Groups & local Societies.}

It is of great importance that the public lectures should be well advertised by newspaper announcements, advertisements, particularly in the "Forthcoming Events" column, and also that they should be widely reported. To this end an official report should be prepared for insertion in the press. Invitations should be sent to persons well known as being interested in any special subject dealt with (such as India, when officials from the India Office might be invited), and when thought advisable these should be asked to take part in the discussion.

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Special Executive Meeting.
Tuesday - July 12. 1911

Present. Schloesser (in chair) Miss Hutchins,
Mr. Bentinck, Sanders, Mr. Wilson, Miss Atkinson,
Sharp, Miss Murby, Money, Mr. Reeves, D. Bensham.
Apologies from Doad, Warben, Pearr, Barker

The Annual Fabian Conference and the Insurance
Bill. arising out of the vote of the Conference on the Bill was
Moved and seconded That a ^{public} meeting to
oppose the Bill be held either at Gaxton Hall
or Memorial Hall.

Money moved and it was duly seconded,
"That a meeting of protest against the Insurance
Bill would be a protest against a socialist
measure of great importance approved by the
great majority of the Labour Party and by the
responsible Trade Unionists, and calculated
not to ~~discourage~~ ^{injure} the Bill but the prestige of the
Fabian Society."

On Money's amendment there were for:
one (Money); against: the ~~rest~~ ^{majority} rest.

On the motion there were for: 8; against: 2. carried
The suggestion that the question be laid before
a meeting of the London members was not
accepted.

It was agreed that Memorial Hall should
be taken in preference to Caxton Hall; that
the following be invited to speak: Keir
Hardie, Lansbury, Snowden, Jowett, Mr^s Reeves,
Sanders, Harben.; that the London I.L.P. be
invited to cooperate; that the meeting be
held not later than July 29th and if
possible on July 25th; July 27th to be avoided.

It was agreed that Sharp, Mr Wilson Sanders draw up
resolution.

Insurance Bill and the Workers It was decided
that this be not printed.

Chas D Sharp.

Special Executive Meeting

Friday, July 14th 1911 5. p.m.

Present Clifford Sharp (in chair) Mr. Wilson, Mr. Pember Reeves, Schloesser, Maude, Pease, Dodd, Sanders, Miss Atkinson, Miss Murby, Harben, Miss Hutchins, Barker, & D. Bensham.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Apologies were read and accepted from Mr. Bentinck and Guest.

Meeting in opposition to the Insurance Bill. ^(a) It was agreed ^(a) that the meeting be held on Friday July 28th. ^(b) That the meeting be held in conjunction with the London and South Eastern Division of the I. L. P. ^(c) That W. Stephen Sanders be chairman and G. Lansbury, M.P., Philip Snowden, M.P., Mr. ...

Pember Reeves, H. Harben, R. C. K. Ensor and
H. Dubery speakers. (d) That the London members
be circularized and notices sent to all London
branches of the I.L.P. and ads: placed in "Labour
Leader," "New Age," and "Clarion." (e) That reserved
seat tickets be issued @ 7/6 and 1/-. (f) That the
resolution drawn up by the sub:com: be generally
approved after certain amendments had been
made. (g) That all Societies and Groups be notified of
the meeting.

Memorial Hall Lectures. The proposal of the secretary
to take the large Hall for the joint lectures
with the I.L.P. and the Library for other
lectures was agreed to.

C. H. Wilson

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Com^{ee} 21st July 1911

Present Mrs. Wilson, in chair, & all except
Absent Welch, Money, Guest, Mrs. Shaw &
Miss Murly, & Barker.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. The Summer School Report was adopted,
& their Budget approved.
3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was
considered.

Items 1 + 2 were approved.

.. 3(a) proposing a Press Com^{ee},
was referred back for further details

.. 3(b), Social Com^{ee}, was discussed
& it was agreed that Harben, Davies
& Sanders be added to the Social Com^{ee}
& requested to report ~~on~~ on proposals
for increasing the usefulness of the Com^{ee}.

.. 4. 5. 6. 7. & 8 were considered
& all adopted. —

4. The Finance & General purposes Comtee
Report was considered.

- Item 1. Payment to Woolrich L.R.C. was approved.
- .. 2. Grants was approved.
- .. 3. Professional Lecturing & Office Staff.

On this it was moved by Sharp as an amendment that the subject be considered forthwith. After some discussion, the officers withdrew. A long discussion followed & ultimately, on the return of the officers the Chairman stated that the Report (a. b. + c) had been adopted by 6 votes to 5.

Item 4. Lecture Course. It was reported that Wallas & Louise Dickenson had declined, & the Hon W.P. Reeves had consented to lecture on Utopias. The report was approved

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Private.

Report of Summer School Committee.

Meeting 10th. July 1911.

Present: F. Lawson Dodd (in chair), Mary Hankinson,
Mabel Atkinson, G. T. Hankin, Miss Enid
Steele, Wm. Stephen Sanders and J.W. Shaw
(Secretary).

- 1.- The Committee accepted the offers of Lawson Dodd and Miss Enid Steele to store part of the furniture.
- 2.- The Chairman and Secretary were instructed to draw up an interim budget for submission to the Executive.
- 3.- Statement of estimated Receipts and Expenditure in connection with Swiss Session was presented and passed.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

Presented to the Executive Committee for sanction

21st, July 1911.

Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure from
1st. April to 30th. September 1911.

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Receipts.

Expenditure.

	£		£
1.- Cash Balance from Old Committee)	12	1. (a) Rent & Rates Pen-yr-Allt £14	
2. Private opening of Pen-yr-Allt at Easter	11	(b) Coal, Light- ing &c. 4	18
3. Guarantee of part rent of Pen-yr-Allt from Polytechnic	7	2. Arranging for temporary ex- tension of Lease at Pen-yr-Allt	5
4. Swiss Session (es- timated on basis of all accommoda- tion taken being occupied	2226	3. Vacation of Pen- yr-Allt, and re- metal and storage of furniture	15
Note I. Detailed statement of items 4 presented to Summer School Com- mittee		4. Swiss Session Cost	2052
Note II. Postage & Typing are not allowed for, being included at present in the expenditure of the Society.		5.-Printing &c. (a) Prospectus £15 (b) General 5	20
		6. Salary of Secretary	8
		7. Sundries	3
		Surplus	135

CAPITAL A/c.
Net Proceeds of Sale
of part of Furniture £93.

£ 2,256

£ 2,256

J. W. Shaw (Secretary)

F. Lawson Dodd (Chairman).

Meeting 13th. July 1911.

Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Dr. Bentham,
Mrs. Bentinck, Miss Murby, Schloesser
and Sanders.

1.- Membership.

The month's candidates, 7, were elected and five resignations were accepted.

Letter was received from Bland withdrawing his resignation.

2.- Cambridge U. F.S.

A request has been received from the Cambridge University F.S. that the London Society should pay the cost of printing their Annual Report for the past year which contains account of important work during the period covered. We consider that the E. C. might agree to meet part of the expense as the Report will be of value for propaganda purposes. We therefore recommend that the E. C. pay a sum not exceeding £2. towards the cost of printing the Report.

3.- Webb's suggestions.

Certain suggestions for extended activities were made by Webb to the Special Committee on policy. We have considered these and recommend ~~the E.C.~~ that the E.C. adopt the following:-

- (a) That a Press Committee be formed to organise propaganda through the newspapers &c.
- (b) That the duties of the Social Committee be made more important and the social evenings organised by them be occasionally carried out on a larger scale.

Other suggestions dealing with the University Societies are being considered and we will report upon them later.

4.- New Society.

Steps are being taken to form a Fabian Society at Portsmouth.

5.- Lecture List.

We have given instructions for the Lecture List to be revised and re-issued.

6.- Report of the Conference with secretaries of London Local Groups
 Wednesday July 5th. 1911.

Present. Members of Executive: Mabel Atkinson (in chair),
 Schloesser, Harben, Miss Murby, Sanders. (B)
 Secretaries: Tiffen (Deptford, Kratzel (Hampstead),
 Anderson (Lewisham), Mrs. Schloesser (Chiswick),
 Miss Challenger (Clapham), Miss Hayland (Paddington)
 Gilbert (Streatham).

All the London local Groups were represented at the Conference which lasted about 2½ hours. The difficulties of Group work were discussed at considerable length. The chief one seems to be the slackening of interest of the Group members after the first two or three sessions. Most of the Groups are able to hold successful propaganda meetings for a year or two and then they begin to drop off in numbers. It was generally felt that the holding of lectures should be supplemented by other activities which should be stimulated by the Executive. The following suggestions were adopted by the Conference

- 1.- That the local Groups be asked to nominate members of special Committees. *Chairmen.*
- 2.- That financial and other assistance be given to local Groups by the E.C. in getting up occasional big meetings.
- 3.- That the local Groups be set to work on a town planning campaign in connection with their districts.
- 4.- That the local Groups be urged to take up the question of Local Taxation.
- 5.- That the local Groups be urged to promote the work of the Workers Educational Association.
- 6.- The Lecture List should be revised and Groups to use it in securing invitations to lecture to other organisations.
- 7.- That a Conference of the Committee and Secs. of London local Groups and Societies within the greater London area be held periodically in June and December.
- 8.- That Sunday evening indoor meetings be held at Deptford if possible next session by the local Group, the E.C. to assist in finding speakers.

We recommend that the E.C. agree to No. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8, but that No. 4 be not adopted.

Secretary: Ellen (Berkeley) Clarke (Manchester)
Secretary: Helen West (London) Secretary
Members of Executive: Mabel Atkinson (in office)
Secretary Julia Ann Hill

2.- Report of the Conference with resolutions of London Society groups

3.- The Annual Conference of July 8th, 1911.

We have considered the proceedings of the Conference and think that immediate action is required only on resolution No. 4 (Joint action with the I.L.P.) the E.C. having already dealt with resolution No. 9 (on the Insurance Bill). We have accordingly given instructions for resolutions No. 4 to be sent to all Fabian Societies and to the "Labour Leader".

4.- Meetings to be addressed by Bernard Shaw.

Bernard Shaw has agreed with the Org. Sec. to address five big meetings outside London to be organised by local Fabian Societies.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

(1) to be arranged for the Secretary to arrange a number of meetings to be held in the coming season and to be

Meeting 20th. July 1911.

Present: Maude (in chair), Miss Murby, Dr. Bentham,
Mabel Atkinson, Dodd, Sharp, Schlessner,
Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Woolwich.

On the report of the Org. Sec. that a small sum could be usefully expended on registration work it was agreed that £12. 2. 11, the balance at credit of the Election Fund be paid the Woolwich L.R.A. for this purpose.

2.- Grants.

Workers National Housing Council. Usual 5/- Subscription.
F. Montague (our Huddersfield election agent Jan 1910)
Donation to Presentation Fund 10/6.
Workers Educational Association. On various grounds proposal to "Affiliate" was dropped.

3.- Professional Lecturing and Office Staff. It was resolved

- (a) To appoint a small sub-committee to report on the whole subject in the autumn
- (b) Meantime to retain existing arrangements as to lecturing for the coming season and, as far as possible, as to office staff.
- (c) To authorise the Secretary to engage a junior at not exceeding 21/- a week, if necessary.

4.- Autumn Lecture Courses.

The matter was further considered.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

HOW TO PRODUCE LECTURERS:

The Committee has considered the Production of Lecturers by classes and other means, which has hitherto been left too much to chance. The Society must turn its mind to the production of a large body of efficient lecturers and speakers, and encouragement is needed by beginners as well as guidance.

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up the number and quality of our volunteer propagandist speakers, and our old lecture list is obsolete.

How then can we produce efficient lecturers and speakers? We note that something has been done in this direction by the Fabian Nursery, but as yet no efforts have been made by any branch of the Society to teach the technique of public speaking and Propaganda. For this work teachers should be appointed and paid by the Executive and the classes and lectures arranged at convenient times to be announced in the "Fabian News."

These classes on Elocution and Propaganda should be held not only in London but at the chief centres of Fabian - or Socialist Activity - at the Universities, Oxford and Cambridge, etc., and perhaps in some of the great towns of the North, or in Suburban Centres. In many places there are small Fabian Groups or local Societies, too small to make it worth while to send a lecturer down. In these centres voluntary classes might be organised by the Secretary of the local F.S., assisted from headquarters, and could be held in place, at least of some, of the thinly attended lectures which are held perhaps too frequently at present.

Reports should be sent in from these classes and the names

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of promising speakers noted by the Organising Secretary with a view to strengthening the lecture list of the Society.

It would be an advantage to allow non-members, even non-Socialists, to join these classes, and especially to encourage membership on the part of the I.L.P. and S.D.P. branches.

It is recommended that the Propaganda Committee be instructed to draw up the necessary scheme for this instruction, and submit it to the Executive on the earliest opportunity.

At Bristol Meeting.
on arrangements

1. asking if Mr. Lee & the members to

2. Treas. was directed
usual Conference
born in taking action

3. agreement debate
reports on Nov 10
was considered.

4. was agreed that
report be referred
the Executive of the
5. Comtee to bring
a instruction of Education

6. Publishing Comtee
was agreed that
we any needs any
lower Bill meeting

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over.

5. National Insurance Bill Protest Mtg.

The Org. Sec. reported on arrangements made.

Letter from J.S. Middleton, asking if the Exec. had been authorised by the members to take action on Policy. The Sec. was directed to reply that the Annual Conference decision justified them in taking action.

6. Special Report on Lectures: adjourned debate

The remaining paragraph on how to produce lecturers was considered.

After discussion it was agreed that this paragraph of the report be referred to a joint Com^{ee} of the Executive of the Nursery & the O. + P. Com^{ee} to bring up a scheme for the instruction of lecturers.

7. Next Meetings, Executive: Sept^r: Publishing Com^{ee}

Friday July 28, & it was agreed that the Pub. Com^{ee} determine any necessary details of the Insurance Bill meeting over.

8. Crystal Palace. It was agreed that the Society support the proposal for obtaining this as a ~~pub~~ for the public.

9. Dodd's Tract on Medical Profession. It was agreed that this be sent to members of the Socy. & that it be published unless objection is made & after any amendments have been considered.

Mabel Atkinson.

Meeting 6th October 1911

Present Miss Atkinson (in chair) Miss Hutchins, Miss Hunt
Mrs Wilson, Mrs Shaw Mrs. Reeves, Schlosser, Maud
Dodd, Harben, Sharp, Davies. + Sec. 9

1. Minutes of 31st July were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Mrs. Bentinck, abroad: accepted
3. Resignation of Dr. Haden Guest. Letter read stating he resigned through pressure of other business. It was stated that he had finally made up his mind to it. Agreed to accept with regret.
4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted. Items 1, 2, + 4 were accepted. Item 3. Biographical Series of Tracts, was referred back for a fuller scheme.
5. The Organising & P. Com^{ee} Report was submitted. The whole was accepted. Item 2(a) was briefly discussed.

(6) The Summer School Report was submitted & accepted.

(7) The Finance & General Purposes Com^{tee} Report was submitted
Item 1. was accepted.

Item 2^(a) National Insurance Bill - after discussion it was agreed that the Resolution be adopted as follows: -

That a sub. Com^{tee} be appointed to carry forward, subject to the approval of the Exec., the agitation against the Nat. Insurance Bill in its present form, with instructions to ascertain the present position of the Labour Party Executive & the N. A. C. in relation thereto.

It was further agreed that the Com^{tee} consist of Mrs Wilson, Mrs Reeves, Harben Schloesser & Sharp, with power to co-opt.

Item 2 (b) noted.

Item 3. Railway Natⁿ - Davies reported he had not drafted the manifesto. It was agreed to approve the proposal & to take the manifesto at the next meeting of the Exec.

Meeting 29th. September 1911.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Tracts in Press.

No. 160. Dodd's Medical Service.

Held over for final settlement of criticisms, and decision as to price.

2.- Proposals for Tracts.

MS. offered by one Scott of Glasgow on "Christian Socialism" was rejected as not good enough.

MS. by Mrs. Townshend on "The Church and the People" was rejected because the subject as treated was outside our scope.

Six other projected tracts were further considered.

3.- A Biographical Series.

Proposals for a series of Tracts made to another Committee by Webb sometime ago were considered.

It was agreed to recommend that a 2d. Series of Biographical Tracts should be undertaken: the series to have a special cover, and to be by competent Fabian writers.

Mrs. Townshend, Miss Hutchins, and Miss Murby were suggested: Sanders offered to Lassalle.

4.- Registering the Word Fabian as a Trade Mark.

In order to carry out instructions (given long ago) the Secretary was authorised to apply for registration in his own name.

M. S. Reeves
Vice-Chairman.

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Meeting Thursday 28th. September 1911.

4.- Shaw-Chesterston Debate.

Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Mrs. Bentinck,
and approved Dr. Ethel Bentham, H. H. Schloesser,
Pease and Sanders.

Sometimes approved a Resolution passed a
prize from G. K. Chesterston to debate with Bernard Shaw

1.- Membership.

The candidates for July (14) and August (7) were elected
and ten resignations were accepted.

2.- Lectures.

- (a) We have passed a resolution asking the Special Committee on the Staff and Lecturers to report as quickly as possible so that arrangements for professional lecturing may be expedited.
- (b) Provincial and Suburban. The Org. Sec. will give courses at Hanley, Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S., Ilford F.S., Southampton F.S., Sevenoaks F.S., Ipswich; and H. H. Schloesser at Forest Gate F.S.
- (c) The Fabian Nursery has arranged with the I.L.P. to give 80 lectures in Courses to I.L.P. branches in London.
- (d) The Org. Sec. will visit and lecture to the Bristol F.S. Oct. 29, Edinburgh F.S. on Nov. 2nd., Liverpool F.S. on Nov. 6th. and at Dundee on Nov. 5th.
- (e) Arrangements have been made for Bernard Shaw to address two large meetings, one at Aston, the other at Forest Gate.
- (f) The Nursery has arranged to give a course of lectures on Political History from a Socialist point of view. They will be able to meet some of the cost and ask for a grant to meet the rest.
We recommend that a grant be made to meet the balance of the cost of the lectures.

3.- New Society. The Org. Sec. is to visit Loughborough, Leicestershire on Oct. 4th. to form a new Society.

Meeting 2nd. October 1911.

- 4.- Shaw-Chesterton Debate. (in chair), Mabel Atkinson.
We considered the following Report from the Org. Sec. and approved his action and the details of the meeting.

1.- Session
Sometime ago the S.W. London I.L.P. Federation secured a promise from G. K. Chesterton to debate with Bernard Shaw on Socialism providing Shaw agreed. The Federation then approached Shaw through the Org. Sec. and he consented. The Org. Sec. proposed that the Debate should be held under the joint auspices of the Fabian Society and the I.L.P. and Shaw made that one of the terms of his consent; also that Chesterton should be offered one half of the surplus, the other half to be divided between the Fabian Society and the I.L.P. Shaw was willing for the debate to be held at the Queen's Hall, but Chesterton would not venture on a hall larger than the Memorial Hall. The Org. Sec. has booked Memorial Hall for the date agreed upon vizt. Nov. 30th., and commenced to advertise the event. Shaw and Chesterton both wanted Belloc to be chairman and he has been secured. Chesterton has not decided whether he wishes to share surplus. The Org. Sec. has advertised seats @ 5/-, 2/6, 1/-. The gross proceeds ought to reach £100 and the expenses ought not to be more than £12, including hall.

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- 5.- Scheme for Instruction for Lecturers.

We have appointed four of our members to form with four of the Nursery Executive to draw up a scheme as instructed by the E. C.

- 6.- Conference on Socialist Unity.

As an urgent matter we dealt with an invitation from the S.D.P. to attend a Socialist Unity Conference at Salford on Sept. 30th. and Oct. 1st. We decided to decline the invitation.

We recommend that our action be approved.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

Private.

Report of Summer School Committee.

Meeting 2nd. October 1911.

Meeting 5th. October, 1911.

Present: F. Lawson Dodd (in chair), Mabel Atkinson,
Mary Hankinson, G. T. Hankin, Clifford D. Sharp,
Edw. R. Pease and J. W. Shaw (Secretary).

1.- Session in Switzerland.

The Guests numbered about 200. The arrangements were carried out, except that Percy Alden was unable to go, and E. R. Pease took his place, and acted as Director for the last two fortnights. Mabel Atkinson acted as Conductor for the Third Party. The financial results will shew a surplus of about £160, nothing having been yet charged for postage and office expenses.

2.- The Committee is now proceeding to enquire regarding a suitable house in this country.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

4.- Resolved.

If any surplus of the Executive Committee is to be used for the Executive Committee to consider.

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Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Chairmen and Arrangements.

For Anderson Oct. 18. (1) Bland, (2) Barker, (3) Maude
Meeting 5th. October, 1911.

For Equality Series. Agreed to ask Shaw to be Chairman
Present: Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby,
Mabel Atkinson, Davis, Dodd, Schloesser,
Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1.- Accounts to Sept. 30th. were presented showing a decline in subscriptions and tract sales.

2.- National Insurance Bill.

(a) Notice of Motion by Mrs. C. M. Wilson

"That a sub-committee be appointed to carry forward the agitation against the National Insurance Bill in its present form."

It was resolved on the motion of Schloesser by 4 to 3 that the Exec. be recommended to resolve instead:-

That a sub-committee be appointed to consider the advisability of either agitating against the Insurance Bill or of pressing for drastic amendments to it, and be instructed to ascertain the present position of the Labour Party Executive in relation thereto.

(b) Notice of motion by Chiozza Money was withdrawn by wire

3.- Railway Nationalisation.

It was agreed that Emil Davies draft a Manifesto in time for the Executive Committee to consider.

4.- Lectures.

Joint I.L.P. Series.

Nov. 10. Probably Clynes on Labour Party

Jan. 12. Snowden on Idle Rich.

Wanted

Abolition of Poverty (or some such title)

Shaw vaguely declined. Harben willing.

Anarchy-e Harben accepted.

Anarchy of Competition. Agreed to ask Shaw.

Miscellaneous Lectures.

Richard Higgs. Collectivist Agriculture. Accepted.

Holmes on Necessary Reforms in Education. To be asked.

Walter J. Read. Equal Pay for Equal Work.

Reply we can't decide pending Equality Series.

Dr. G. B. Clark. Offer of "History of Labour Movement" for Sept. Ask him to do it later.

5.- Chairmen and arrangements.

- For Anderson Oct. 13. (1) Bland, (2) Barker, (3) Maude
to be asked
- For Equality Series. Agreed to ask Shaw to be Chairman
of the whole Series with special
recommendation to speak in debate.
- For Equality Series. Agreed to ask the Special Commit-
tee to suggest speakers for debate.

6.- Proposed Labour Party Paper.

Agreed to send out Circular with "News", and to give
all facilities for using our list of members.
The Secretary proposes to put a par. in "News" commend-
ing (not recommending) the plan to our members.

7.- Labour Party Testimonial to MacDonald.

Agreed to subscribe 42/- for the portrait.

8.- Death of Mrs. MacDonald.

The Secretary was directed to write on behalf of
the Executive.

9.- London Labour Electoral Committee.

Delegate Meeting Sat. Oct. 7th. 3 p.m.
Agreed

That H. H. Schloesser be appointed with Sanders
to the Executive vice Haden Guest.

That ~~Sharp and another~~^{two}, to be selected by the Exec.,
be the delegates.

10.- Labour Party Annual Conference.

On the motion of H. H. Schloesser it was agreed that
the following resolution be sent in, if the following
Mover and Secretary, after consulting with the Labour
Party office, decide to do so:-

That a Labour Party legal fund be established
and administered by the Executive and that the
various bodies affiliated to the Labour Party
be invited to co-ordinate their legal work
under one central organisation.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

7. Finance Comtee (cont'd.)

Item 4. Lectures. The whole of the arrangements after discussion were approved.

Item 5. Chairmen - accepted.

Item 6. Labour Party Paper. Accepted: The Secy. proposal for Par. in news agreed to: agreed to propose to Allen that he address groups & Social Societies.

Items 7, 8, + 10 approved.

Item 9 approved as amended. Agreed that - Mrs Wilson + Mrs Reeves be the delegates.

8. Next Exec. Meeting fixed for Oct 20.

BB Bray

Conc^l Oct 20th 1911

Present Bray (in chair), Miss Mabel Mrs. Wilson
Miss Hutchins Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs
Shaw, Dr Bentham Davis, Dadd, Sharp, & Secy

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Apologies were accepted from
Schloesser, Maude, Mrs. Benthick Barber
& Harben

3. Nat. Lustrance Bill. Sharp reported for
Harben (absent) that Shaw proposed to
draft a new manifesto, & in view of this the
other manifestos would not at present be pro-
ceeded with. -
It was agreed to meet again on Monday
next to consider the new draft. -

4. Publishing Conc^l Report was submitted
& the whole was adopted.

5. The Summer School Conc^l reported a meeting held &
wishing to report...

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 13th. October 1911.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wilson,
Miss Hutchins, Standing and Secretary.

1.- Twopenny Tracts.

The Secretary presented a report on Sales of recent tracts which indicated that 2d. tracts sell as well as 1d. Five out of 8 Tracts, (3 @ 2d. and 2 @ 1d.) sold at the approximate rate of 100 a month. One penny Tract (School Clinics) sold at 300 a month, and 2 (Twentieth Century Reform Bill and Referendum) had sold very badly.

2.- Tract 160. A National Medical Service.

It was decided to adopt this title for Dodd's Tract and to publish in the 2d. Series with cover.

3.- New Tracts.

Afforestation. MS. by Grenfell, revised by Ensor was received and ordered to be typed.

Five other proposed Tracts were dealt with.

4.- Fifield Series.

Sales for 6 months were reported:

864	paper sold
236	cloth "
360	sheets "
31	Mrs. Bland's Poems sold
275	Supplied to F. S.

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Proceeds of sales, net, £19.

Of the last Volume, Trade Unionism, 660 copies were sold in the 6 months, which is only moderate.

5.- Suggestions by Harben for tracts on the Right to Strike and on Municipal Theatres were considered.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

(b) Govt Bill for abolition of Half Time.

The Secy submitted proposals for a public meeting sent in by the Education Group (per R. Hyams) & by the Half Time Abolition Com^{tee}, & reported that the two had agreed on a policy embodied in a draft resolution. After discussion it was agreed

That the Ed. Group be asked to draw up a scheme to be submitted to the Exec^{tee}: he authorised to engage a hall & incur liabilities not exceeding £5, in conjunction with the Half T. a. Com^{tee} (a. D. Lewis) & further that a conference instead of a public meeting be suggested.

7. Railway Nat^l Manifesto. Draft of Davies was considered & a few verbal amend^{ts} made. Emil Davies was authorised to alter the first par. in accordance with the report of the Commission when issued & it was agreed to print & issue the draft so amended with the least possible delay.

7. Staff Sub. Com^{ee}. Miss Murch reported that a member of her staff desired 3 weeks other work, & the Com^{ee} proposed that this lady be engaged, for this period at ~~25/-~~ as an experiment. Also that a Roneo machine & fittings be hired at 30/- for 3 weeks. This was agreed to, the typist to be paid 25/- a week (her other salary running on.)

8. Bernard Shaw & Parliament Notice in the paper in the name of H. D. Harber was considered:
" That Bernard Shaw be formally invited to authorise the F.S. to send his name to the Labour Party for their list of candidates at large, thus undertaking to be financially responsible for his candidature for any seat approved by all parties concerned "
This was unanimously agreed to.

Ruth Burtinck

Meeting (Special) on Monday Oct. 23rd 1911 @ 5.30pm

Present Miss Murg (in chair) Dodd, Money, Mrs Wilson,
Miss Hutchins, Sharp, Maude, Dr. Bentham
Danis Schloesser, Mrs Reeves & Secy

- (1) National Insurance Bill. It was reported that Shaw had written to Harben (as chairman of the N. I. Bill Com^{tee}) explaining that he had after consideration & consultation with Sharp, decided to write in his own name on the Bill, & that the Times had agreed to publish his letter. Therefore the Manifesto drafted by Sharp remained when considered, & a copy had been circulated by Sharp. - This was considered & a number of divisions were taken on passages; some amendments were agreed to, some carried, some, owing to a tie, not carried, & many rejected. - The last section was ordered to be altered, & as altered, the whole printed in time for consideration by the Exec. on Friday of the last section.

Robt. Matthews

Committee at Office 27 October 1911

Present ^{Mr Bentinck} ~~Bentinck~~ (in kitchen) & all except

Absent Welch, Money, ~~Bentinck~~ Dr. Bentinck Beulter
Sanders, & Davies.

1. The Minutes of Oct 20 & Oct 23 were confirmed

2. Meetings. The Secy submitted

- (a) Report that Prof. Jenks is unable to lecture through illness: that an emergency Committee called by telephone on Wednesday - (Present, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Bentinck, Miss Atkinson, Maude, Sharp, Davies, Dodd, Schloesser and Secretary) resolved to ask Dr. Salter, on Recent Strikes, and failing him to accept offer by Aylmer Maude on Tolstoi. Dr. Salter is unable to accept.

~~(b)~~ Report was approved

- (b) The Secy reported he had asked Jenks for a Friday ~~pro~~ preferably Dec 1st. It was resolved that Nov 17 is a better day: that Jenks be requested to take that day, & that the Large Hall be taken, if the Small Hall cannot be obtained.

4. Chairmen, for Maude, Bray, for Clynes,
Sanders, for Tickers, Mr. Reeve

5. Railway Manifesto. The Secy reported this out to the press. - Letter read from Davies & his suggestions approved. It was resolved to send to M.P.'s, & to send separately from the Insurance Manifesto: & to send to Trade Unions ~~not~~ (one copy) with the Insurance Manifesto. Also to print 1000 or 20 extra. -

6. The Insurance Bill Manifesto.

Prop. submitted. -
 Proposal to reconsider a passage passed at the meeting of Oct 23rd was lost 5-6. A long discussion followed. -
 A resolution to embody ~~an appeal~~ an appeal to the workers to "demand an equivalent higher wage even at the cost of a strike" (so as to make the workers contribution fall on the employers) was carried 9 votes to 4, but was not carried out, as the Committee subsequently agreed unanimously to call a meeting of the Society to discuss action to be taken on the Bill.

(6) National Insurance Bill (cont²²)

The discussion on the final clause was continued till agreement was reached, & the Manifesto, as amended was approved.

(7) Proposed circulation of Insurance Manifesto.

It is proposed that 30,000 copies should be printed at once and copies should be sent out by post as follows :-

1 copy each to members of the Society	3,500
5 copies each to 1,300 Trade Union Secretaries	6,500
ditto. to 900 I.L.P. Secretaries	4,500
ditto. to 250 Trades Council Secretaries	1,250

15,700
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It is also proposed that with each of the above should be enclosed a letter offering to supply any reasonable number of further copies gratuitously (or for a small charge?)

Estimated cost of postage (at $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) = £5.

The report - was approved & the Sec. 7 ordered to decide as to price to be charged for quantities.

(8) Enclosures with News.

It is necessary to have penny stamps in order to send -
Labour Paper Circular, 2 Manifestos, 2 (or 3) paid
circulars @ 21/. Lecture List Circular, Book Box
Circular, Education Group syllabus.

Approved

(9) Next Meeting. It is hoped that meetings may resume the normal course, that the Executive will not meet till Novr. 10th, but a Publishing Committee will be called for Novr. 3rd.

Flannery Bill 10. XI. 11

Concl. 10th Nov = 1911 at 5.30pm.

Present Dodd (in chair) + all except
Absent Webb, Money Davies Mande Barker

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Dr. Bentham for last meeting; Davies.
3. Resignation. L. G. Chiozza Money M.P. sent letter resigning his seat on the Exec. He continued inability to attend. Agreed after discussion that his resignation be accepted with regret.
4. The Publishing Comtee Report was submitted, & the whole was adopted. The wording about of the Par. on the invitation to Fabian poets was criticised, but no amendment was moved. It was agreed that Harben be appointed to the Pubg Comtee & resign from the Organising Comtee
5. The Organising + Propaganda Comtee Report of Oct 30th was submitted & the whole was adopted.

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b. The Organising & Prop: Com^{ce} Report of Nov 9th
was submitted

Items 1. 2. 3. & 4 were adopted.

Item 5 ~~was~~ (a) was adopted. It was agreed
that Miss Alkison, Mr. Reeves, Sanders, Schlosser,
Mr. Shaw & Sharp be the deputation, & that
the words "In the event of the Reform Bill being
introduced in time for voting before the next
General Election to ask them to vote for the Conciliation
Bill going thro' unamended." - be added

Item 4 (b) was ^{approved &} referred to the Finance Com^{ce}
to make arrangements.

It was agreed to refer to the Finance Com^{ce} the
question of sending the 20th Century Reform Bill
to M.P.s.

7. Report of the Joint Com^{ce} on Training Teachers, was sub-
mitted & considered. After a long discussion
Recommendation A. proposing the formation of a class in
Jan. next was referred back for reconsideration,
with instructions to enquire if the Lec. will provide a
class -
Recommendation B. re submitting names of teachers was adopted.

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Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting
3rd November, 1911.

Present Mrs. Shaw (in the chair) Mrs. Reeves,
Mrs. Wilson, Standing & Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press. A beautiful but somewhat expensive cover was selected for Dodd's National Medical Service (2d)
2. Projected tracts.
 - (a) Afforestation. by A.P.Grenfell, revised by Ensor, was submitted typed out, and referred to the Secretary for further re-arrangement.
 - (b) Women & Prisons. by Miss Blagg. Revised MS. was submitted and referred to Mrs. Wilson and Miss Hutchins for further report.
 - (c) Minimum Wage. Suggested Tract by Keeling. He was asked to send syllabus.
3. Song Book.

Report from the Committee was submitted as follows:-

List of Songs was presented, vizt:-

72 Socialist & Revolutionary.
23 Ethical & Devotional.
26 Popular & Traditional

131 Total

The second group includes some hymns, suitable for Sunday meetings, lectures &c., and others for "rationalists and secularists".

The third group is suitable for friendly gatherings of Socialists, meetings of welcome, farewell &c.

The list includes the best songs "associated with the early days of the Socialist movement and now undeservedly fallen into disuse": also the work of "Modern Socialist poets which is to be as fully represented as is consistent with a high literary standard, and a certain minimum of soundness as to do doctrine and sentiment" : 20 songs by living writers, mostly Fabians, are included. Copyright is being satisfactorily arranged. (58)

Proposals:-

- (a) That the book be issued at about 3d. with words alone.
- (b) That it be issued with music at a higher price.

The Publishing Committee recommend that the report indicating the general lines adopted and the recommendations, be generally approved.

The Secretary reported consultation with Fifield who thought well of the project though there is already much competition.

- (c) The Publishing Committee also recommend that the book be published through Fifield on the usual terms, subject to detailed arrangements.

The Song Book Committee wish to notify in Fabian News that any person desirous of publishing his metrical or musical compositions or of assisting in correcting and improving those of other authors, be invited to submit his work to the Committee.

- (d) The Committee by a majority ordered the notice to be published.
- (e) The Committee granted 10/- for expenses.
- (f) And ordered that the MS. be submitted to them in due course.

5. Biographical Series of Tracts. Proposal referred back by the Executive for a fuller report.

The following report was adopted :-

Proposed Biographical Series.

In the first place it must be remembered that Literary Tracts which do not rapidly become out of date, (as is the case with most statistical and Local Government tracts) bring back their cost sometime, even if slowly, and are therefore no ultimate charge on our funds.

We suggest some such series as this:-

Robert Owen and Socialism by private enterprise.
Robert Owen, the Pioneer of National Minimum.
Karl Marx and Social Democracy.
F. Lassalle and the policy of Opportunism.
William Morris and the Higher Communism.
Charles Kingsley and Christian Socialism.
Henry George and Land Nationalisation.
Francis Place and the Secret of Organisation.
John Ruskin and Tory Socialism.
Leo Tolstoy and Philosophic Anarchism.
Richard Wagner and Revolutionary Socialism.

(We beg that our colleagues will not devote themselves to criticising the titles of tracts which are not even written: they are merely suggestions!)

We propose 2d. tracts, of 10,000 words, in special coloured cover.

Each tract should give a sketch of the life of the subject, and draw a lesson from his failure or his success. We think this is possible in nearly every case, and of course the list above given is larger than we could for some years complete. We should make a start with a series of 3 or 4, and would only go on if these proved commercially successful and commended themselves to the Executive Committee.

It is a sine qua non that this series must be well written. Only those who are known to be able to write with style should be invited to contribute. As competent writers are not numerous this proviso alone will prevent a very rapid issue of tracts.

We recommend that the Publishing Committee be authorised to proceed with the plan

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6. Tract 127. Socialism and Labour Policy now out of print and out of date in that the prophecies have not been fulfilled and the proposals have become law, was ordered to be dropped.
7. Resignation of Guest. The Committee desires that Harben be appointed to take the place of Guest, especially as he has some projects for tracts to be considered.
8. Sanders and the L.C.C. Bye-Election for Woolwich. The Committee, as a matter of urgency, recommend that his candidature under the local Labour Party be cordially approved.

CHARLOTTE F. SHAW,

Chairman.

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Report of the Organizing and Propaganda Committee.
November 9th, 1911.

Present. - Miss Atkinson (in chair), Sharp, Schloesser,
Mrs. Bentinck, Dr. Bentham, Mrs. Shaw,
Miss Murby and Sanders.

1. Membership. The candidates for October (32) were elected and 7 Resignations were dealt with.
2. Organising Secretary's Report on his lectures in provinces.
The following Report was received :-

I visited Edinburgh Fabian Society on Thursday November 2nd and lectured to fair audience. A special effort to prevent the Society being overshadowed by the University Society is being made. The latter body is quite flourishing and maintains its special rooms as a club and for lectures. I lectured at Liverpool to a meeting of the local Fabian Society on Monday. The audience was fair. The Society is much encouraged by the results of Municipal elections in which they took considerable part. On Tuesday I lectured to the Liverpool University Society. It is a small and struggling group which suffers from the fact that its members are the able people in the University who are full up with other work. I also lectured for the I.L.P. at Dundee to a large audience and for the I.L.P. at Arbroath.

3. Shew-Chesterton Debate. Verbatim Report. After consulting Shew, we have decided not to arrange for a Verbatim Report of the proceedings.
4. New Society. The Organising Secretary will open a new Society at Bournville on Friday, November 24th. Edward Cadbury is to be first president. "Many influential people will join."

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5. Mr. Asquith's Statement with regard to the extension of the Franchise.

As a matter of urgency we have considered Mr. Asquith's statement that the Government intends to extend the franchise on what is practically the basis of manhood suffrage. We think that the Executive Committee should take steps to secure the inclusion of Women's Suffrage in the proposed legislation, and for this purpose we recommend that :-

- (a) That the Executive Committee send a deputation to the Parliamentary Labour Party to urge upon them to press for amendments giving the vote to women on the same terms as to men; and, failing that, to move for the inclusion of women and support amendments for the inclusion of women on the widest possible terms.
- (b) That a Conference be held between the Executive Committee and M.Ps. who are Fabians to discuss ways and means of securing the inclusion of women in the proposed legislation.

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Report of the Organizing and Propaganda Committee
October 30th, 1911.

Present. Miss Atkinson (in the chair), Miss Murby, Harben, Sharp, Mrs. Bentinck and Sanders.

1. Membership. The candidates for September (14) were elected and 5 resignations were dealt with.
2. Organizing Secretary's report on Lecture tour. We have received the following Report :-

- (a) Hanley. Course of 4 lectures on "Socialism of Today". The lectures were given at Wolstanton Labour Church in a new suburb of Hanley. The audience, averaging about 40, were composed of fairly well-paid artisans.
- (b) Newcastle-under-Lyme. Course of 4 lectures on Socialism and Local Government. The lectures were held under the auspices of the Newcastle Fabian Society.

The audiences ranged from 40 to 60 composed entirely of middle-class people including local aldermen, councillors, &c. The Conservative candidate for the constituency took the chair on one occasion; on the other evenings it was taken by a councillor, and alderman and a Nonconformist minister respectively.

- (c) Oldham. Course of 4 lectures on "Socialism of Today". The lectures were held under the auspices of the local I.L.P. Audiences ranged from 100 to 150 mainly well-to-do artisans with a sprinkling of middle-class. Ministers of religion attended including the Rector of Oldham.
- (d) Marple. Course of 3 lectures on "Socialism of Today". Lectures held under the auspices of the Manchester Fabian Society. Marple is a middle-class distant suburb of Manchester. The audiences ranged from 40 to 100 mainly middle-class. The local Fabians say that the course was the most successful held in the district. Schoolmasters and business men occupied the chair.

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- (e) Didsbury. Course of 3 lectures on "Socialism of Today". Lectures held under the auspices of The Manchester Fabian Society. Didsbury is another middle-class Manchester suburb. Audiences small, about 20 to 25, all middle-class. A professor of Manchester University and a big business man occupied the chair. Charge made for admission.
- (f) Sale. Course of 3 lectures on "Socialism of Today" Lectures held under the auspices of The Manchester Fabian Society. Sale is another middle-class Manchester suburb. Audiences about 200, all paying for admission, mostly middle class. Local minister, a business man and the chairman of Urban District Council occupied the chair.

The Courses for the Manchester Fabian Society have been useful to the local Fabian Society which has started the session in a very promising manner with its own meetings in the centre of Manchester. The Society is now in a much more healthy condition than it has been for two or three years. The members are endeavouring to secure a distinguished audience of Manchester financiers for Pease's promised lecture on Banking to be held in November. The Society is running a course of lectures on the Fabian Basis on lines similar to the course held by the London Society.

taken £100 by us and £24 by the I. L. P. The platform seats (50) are still to be allotted. We propose that each member of the Executive of the Fabian Society and the West London Federation of the I.L.P. may have one ticket for 2/6; the price of other tickets to be 5/-.

4. New Society. The Organizing Secretary visited Loughborough on October 4th and formed a Fabian Society.

LABEL ATKINSON,

Chairman.

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Report of Training of Lecturers Joint Committee.

Meeting, Wednesday November 1st 1911.

Present. - H.H.Schloesser (in chair), Mrs.Bentinck, Miss Atkinson, Sharp and Sanders (E.C.), Gibson, Kelsey (Nursery) and Dodd (by invitation).

We have carefully considered the instruction given to us to draw up a scheme for the training of lecturers and are agreed that the following methods should be adopted. In order to test the possibilities of training, an experiment should be made with a class limited to say 20 persons. They should all be accustomed to speaking and have had experience in lecturing on socialist subjects. The class should have two courses: one in voice production and the proper use of the voice; and the other in methods of propaganda, the art of interesting an audience, preparation of lectures, the way a meeting should be run, duties of chairman, &c., &c. The two courses should comprise from 10 to 12 lessons, the number of lessons to each course to be settled in consultation with the lecturers or teachers. The first course should be given by a paid professional expert who would be expected to give individual instruction and criticism to the members of the class. The second course might be undertaken by a volunteer who has a wide knowledge of propaganda work and who can impart information effectively. If such a volunteer cannot be found, professional service should be obtained. Individual instruction and criticism should also be given in the second course.

We think that it would be well to make a small charge of say one shilling to each member of the class.

The details of the two courses should be drawn up by the instructors in consultation with this Committee, and a start made in January next.

We should be instructed to approach suitable persons to take the two courses and submit names to the Executive Committee for appointment, as early as possible.

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We therefore recommend :-

- (a) That a class for the training of lecturers on lines similar to those sketched above be commenced in January next; that the charge for the class be one shilling; that the number of the class be limited to 20.
- (b) That the Training of Lecturers Committee be empowered to submit names of suitable persons as instructors for the class and to draw up details of instruction &c. and generally to be responsible for the class.

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- 8 Urgency Recommendation of the Office Sub Committee that the Nero Duplicator, hired for 3 weeks, be purchased at £4.5.6. net price to us.

Recommendation approved.

- 9 Decision of the last Executive Committee.- to call a members' Meeting to discuss -

(?) Action to be taken on the Insurance Bill.

Date

Subject, and

Other particulars.

After discussion, adjourned sine die.

10. Woolwich L.C.C. Bye-Election - It was resolved that an appeal for help + money be sent to local members, to rich members, + to active members in order to assist Sanders: Office to settle details.

- 11 Conference on Half time + Continuation Schools. R.S.
Ayans + K.H. Vickers attended + explained proposals for projected conference just drawn up - The proposals were approved.

Henry B. Harben.

Nov. 24th 1911.

Com^{ee} at Office, 24th Nov. 1911 at 5pm.
Present Harben (in chair) & all except
Absent Webb, Maude, Sanders, Mrs Bentinck

1. Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed
2. Apology for absence from Maude was reported.
3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted & adopted. -
4. The Organisation & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted & adopted with a minor correction
5. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted.

Items 1. & 2 were noted.

Item 4. Braz was appointed chairman for Prof. Ballard.

Items 5. Labour Party Conference, including amendments to Resolutions, &

Items 6. 7. 8. & 9 were agreed to over. -

Private.

----- Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee -----

Meeting 23rd. November 1911.

Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Dr. E. Bentham,
Mrs. F.C. Bentinck, Miss M. B. Murby,
Mrs. Bernard Shaw, H. H. Schloesser,
E. R. Pease and W.S. Sanders.

1.- New Societies

- (a) The Org. Sec. opens new Society at Bournville this evening (November 24th.)
- (b) A new Society has been formed at St. Andrews University.
- (c) A new Society has been formed at Montreal, Canada.
- (d) Brighton F.S. has been dissolved and the members invited to join the London F.S.

2.- Hull Fabian Society.

We have pleasure in reporting that the Hull Fabian Society's Tract on Housing has been the cause of a strong local agitation on that subject.

3.- Albert Hall Meeting against Servants being included in the Insurance Bill.

Invitation to send delegates to the meeting was received. We have decided to decline ~~invitation~~ *send no 2/3*

4.- Reform Bill Agitation.

We have asked the Joint Committee with the I.L.P. to consider the holding of a big demonstration on the promised Reform Bill and to bring forward recommendations.

5.- Taken as Urgency Business. Conference on the Franchise. Steps are being taken to arrange the Conference between the F. C. and Fabian Members of Parliament on a Wednesday or Thursday at 5 p.m. at the House.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

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Report of the Publishing Committee

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Meeting 17th. November 1911.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reeves,
Miss Hutchins, Harben, Standing & Secretary.

- 1.- Tracts in Press
No. 160 National Medical Service. Reported completed for press.
- 2.- Tracts Projected.
Afforestation. Grenfell. Pease promised re-arranged version by next meeting
Women and Prisons. Miss Blagg. Promised by Mrs. Wilson by next meeting if possible.
The Right to Strike. Harben undertook to arrange for a tract.
Life on £1. a week. MS. by Mrs. Reeves ready and to be considered.
Aliens. Harben. MS. as a basis of a tract submitted and ordered to be reported on.
- 3.- Biographical Series.
A list of members to be invited to write tracts was drawn up.
- 4.- Advertisements.
Page in the I.L.P. Year Book at £3.10.0. was ordered.

Charlotte F. Shaw
Chairman.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Meeting 16th. November 1911.

Present: Maude (in chair), Mabel Atkinson, Miss Murby,
Dr. Bentham, Schloesser, Dodd, Sharp, Davies,
and Secretary.

- 1.- Accounts were submitted showing an increase of £20 in October subscriptions compared with 1910, and a net decrease in receipts under several heads of £48 for 7 months compared with last year.
- 2.- Office Sub-Committee. It was agreed to authorise this Committee to report direct to the Executive Committee.
- 3.- Meetings and Lectures.
 - (a) The following arrangements were approved:-

Feb. 9	Joint I.L.P. Lecture. Competition To ask (1) Bland, (2) Tom Jones, (3) Geo. Wood.
" 23.	Equality Series. Miss Murby.
Mar. 8.	To ask Holmes on Education Reform.
" 22.	Equality Series Lloyd.
Apr. 12.	To be kept open
" 26.	Equality Series. Ensor
May 10.	To be kept open.
" 17.	Annual Meeting.
 - (b) Other lectures.

Richard Higgs.	Agriculture. Not to be fixed yet.
Dr. Clarke.	History of Socialism. No to be asked yet.
 - (c) Offer by H. H. Schloesser of a lecture to members only on Fabian Political Policy was discussed, and it was resolved by 4 to 2 that the offer be not accepted.
- 4.- The Chairman for Professor Pollard, Dec. 8, was not selected

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5.- Labour Party Conference

- (a) Nomination for 4 Delegates was deferred
- (b) Nomination for Executive. Agreed on E.R. Pease
- (c) Nomination for Secretary. On the recommendation of Pease it was resolved by 6-3 to sign a nomination paper for Arthur Henderson M.P.
- (d) Amendments to Resolutions at Conference.
It was agreed that Sharp should bring to the Exec. a proposed amendment to the Insurance Bill Resolution, and Mabel Atkinson a proposal for amendment to the Suffrage Resolution.

6.- Proposed Nomination of Bernard Shaw as Parliamentary Candidate.

His refusal was reported.

7.- Right to Strike.

Rev.

Proposal for action by Egerton Swann was referred to the Publishing Committee which is considering a Tract.

8.- Adult Suffrage.

It was resolved to send again our Tract "The Twentieth Century Reform Bill" with an appropriate covering letter to Members of Parliament.

9.- J. J. Dodd's Resolution.

It was decided that if question be asked, it be replied that the enquiries recommended in the resolution adopted at the Members' Meeting on March 10th. have been carried out by the Sub Office Staff Committee and other Committees.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Amendments to Resolutions Labour Party Conference.

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p. 5.

Resolution deprecating Labour Party action in
supporting the Government on the Insurance Bill

To omit all words after "That" in the first line
and insert

"This Conference urges the Parliamentary
Labour Party to continue to demand from
Parliament the reduction of the contribu-
tions payable under the National Insurance
Bill by workers and by employers with a
view to their ultimate extinction".

Suffrage. p. 9. (b)

Resolution. "That this Conference is of opinion that
the enfranchisement of all adult men and
women should be included in the next
Electoral Reform Bill (and urges that
the Party should lose no opportunity
of pressing this upon the Government)"

Amendment. To omit all words after "Bill"
and insert
"and declares that no bill can be
acceptable to the Labour Party
which does not include women."

15) Finance & General Purposes Comtee Report - (cont. a)

Item 3. Lectures & meetings.

On the proposal that Feb 9th be allocated to a lecture of Bland or others, Mrs Wilson moved That Feb 9th be allotted to a members meeting at wh. Mr Schloesser be invited to put forward his views of the Future of Fabianism, as explained by him last Sunday (Nov 19) & the Chelsea Fabian Group, & to take the sense of the Meeting thereon & resolution. A discussion followed.

Finally it was agreed:-

That Schloesser's criticisms of the internal organisation of the Society be discussed at the next Executive meeting on a report from him. -

It was further agreed:

- (a) To defer fixing a lecture for Feb 9.
- (b) To ask Holmes to lecture forthwith
- (c) That the other proposals in a & b be approved
- (d) That ~~proposal~~ (c). Rejection of offer of lecture of Schloesser be noted

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b. Office Staff Com^{ce}. This was submitted & the Secy withdrew during the greater part of the discussion. On his return the chairman stated that Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 were accepted. That the allocation of duties was approved. That the proposals as to remuneration of officers were approved, save that it was decided that the increase of Salaries payable to Pease & West were to date from October 1st instead of Dec. 1st as proposed. -

The Secy expressed his thanks to the Com^{ce} for the proposals affecting himself. Howell - It was further agreed that a sum of £5. be paid to Howell in consideration of the press of work in the past months, with an intimation that a no rise in salary was to be expected.

The remainder of the Report, from the paragraph headed Finance, to the end was deferred to next meeting. It was agreed that Davies should settle in consultation with the Officers the terms of the advt. for the new officials.

PRIVATE.

REPORT OF OFFICE COMMITTEE.

STAFF.

As the result of inquiries made of the principal members of the staff, we are unanimously of opinion that the existing staff is inadequate for the work the office has to deal with. As a necessary consequence there are always arrears of work, including such important matters as sending out the customary letters to new members after their election. Perhaps the most serious feature of this inadequacy of staff is the fact, stated by the Secretary, that the constant arrears caused a reluctance on the part of the principal officers to take up new ideas involving additional activities. It is felt also, that the aspect of the office conveys the idea of arrears of work, and that, with a sufficient staff they might present a less untidy appearance.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We are unanimously of opinion that the principle of members of the staff being employed on half or partial time is unsatisfactory, and should be discontinued. We recommend:-

- (1) That the resignation of J. W. Shaw be accepted, and the Executive place on record their full appreciation of the zeal he has displayed.
- (2) That the Organizing Secretary be a full-time officer, and that his absences from the office should as far as practicable be restricted to such as may be necessary for organizing work.

(3) That a woman shorthand-writer and typist, able to do duplicating work, should be engaged at a salary of say 30/- per week.

(4) That an office junior should be engaged at a salary of 8/- or 10/- per week.

We recommend that the duties of the staff be re-allocated as follows:-

Pease.

As at present, with a recommendation however, that, at his discretion, he should delegate as much of the minor work as possible to other members of the staff, thus setting him free to bestow more individual attention to the more important work and new activities.

Sanders.

Duties as Organising Secretary.

Take over Secretaryship of the Summer School.

West.

Keep books and accounts, under supervision of Secretary.
Receive, acknowledge and enter subscriptions, etc.
Send reminders re overdue subscriptions and prepare lists for exclusion.
Assist Sanders in routine work of Summer School.
Charge of library and assisting in selection of book boxes.

Howell.

Manage Book Boxes, keep records of dispatch and return of boxes.
Charge of geographical list of members
ditto Occupational ditto.
Make up and invoice literature orders by post.
Sell tickets for meetings
Arrange literature for meetings.
Act as auxiliary typist.

Typist.

Correspondence
Duplicating work
Address wrappers for "Fabian News", etc.
Address special manifestos, notices etc. to
press, appeals for help at elections, etc.

Office Junior.

Telephone work
Going messages
Visitors and counter sales and entering up latter
Stamping and entering up letters for post.

The result of the re-adjustment of duties will be that West will take over most of the work at present performed by Shaw ~~Pease~~, retaining that portion of his present work relating to the library and Book Boxes, that Howell, (whose work gives every satisfaction and whose zeal is fully appreciated by us) is relieved of most of the typing he now does and has time for other and more responsible work; the junior and routine work at present done by West and taking up so much of his time being in future performed by an office boy.

Sanders, becoming a full-time officer will not only result in the organising work being extended but will also relieve Pease who, during Sanders' frequent absences on course lecturing, has to do some of his work.

As a result, both Pease and Sanders, whose services are so valuable to the society, will be set free.

We suggest that all the above recommendations come into force on the 1st. December 1911, subject, as regards J.W. Shaw, to its suiting his convenience.

REMUNERATION.

We recommend the following changes:-

Pease.

----- Salary to be increased from £250 to £300 per annum.

Sanders.

----- To become a full-time officer at a fixed salary of £260 per annum instead of £120 per annum for half-time, and £1.1.0. per lecture from the Hutchinson Trust, as hitherto.

West.

----- To be increased from £65 to £80 per annum.

Adding to these salaries the cost of a typist (50/- per week) and an office-boy at say 10/- per week, the total annual expenditure in salaries will be £861 as compared with £822 last year, although it should be added that £127 (Sanders's lecture fees) of this £822 came out of the Hutchinson Trust.

Thus at a net increased annual cost of £39 (or £166 if payments from Hutchinson Trust are ignored) the Society, at against the loss of J. W. Shaw, converts Sanders from a half-time to a full-time officer, and secures the additional services of a typist and an office junior.

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7. Motion of H. H. Schlosser.

That a members' meeting be summoned as soon as convenient to discuss the agenda of the Labour Party Conference and to give instructions to our delegates thereon.

Deferred.

8. Motion of Mr. Wilson:-

That the Executive pass a resolution, to be sent to the Press, identical with that adopted by the I.L.P., viz:-

"That, in view of the Prime Minister's statement in regard to proposed franchise reform, the National Council of the Independent Labour Party insists strongly that no measure will be acceptable which does not include both men and women, and urges that proposals for franchise extension which do not confer citizenship upon women should be definitely opposed. The council therefore calls upon the Government to introduce not a Manhood Suffrage Bill, but a genuine measure of Adult Suffrage, establishing political equality between the sexes. The council resolves to inaugurate a national campaign throughout the country in favour of full and complete political democracy."

It was agreed after considerable discussion that acceptable, above, be altered to satisfactory & should be definitely opposed to should not be accepted, & in this form the resolution was agreed to nem con. —

9. A verbal report on the deputation to the Labour Party was made.

Com^{ee} at Office on Friday Dec. 15th 1911
Present. Miss Murby in chair, + all except
Absent Welch, Maude, Davies, Bray

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Apologies: Mrs Bentinck for last meeting + Bray.
3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted + the whole adopted. On Item 1 it was agreed that the title be "Afforestation + Unemployment". —
4. The Summer School Com^{ee} Report was submitted + the whole adopted, including the recommendation as to the constitution of the Com^{ee} for the coming year.
5. The Report of the Organisation + Propaganda Com^{ee} was submitted

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, + 5 were approved.
Item 6. (1) Albert Hall Dem^o was approved.
agreed that Shaw, Miss Murby + failing her.

Private.

Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting December 8th. 1911.

Present: Mrs. Shaw (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reeves
Miss Hutchins, Bray, Harben, Sanders and
Secretary.

1.- Tracts in Press.

"Afforestation and Unemployment" : or "The Case
for Afforestation. It was agreed that the
Executive be recommended to approve this:
that 7,000 be printed: that it be a ld.
Tract, without cover: and that it be com-
pleted as quickly as possible.
Name not settled.

2.- Tracts nearly ready.

(a) Life on £1. a Week. By Mrs. Reeves.

It was agreed that this be set up as soon
as the suggested "moral" has been written,
that it be issued in the Women's Group
series and 7,000 printed.

(b) Women and Prisons. By Miss Blagg.

It was agreed that Miss Hutchins complete
this, and that it be set up as soon as
possible.

(c) Aliens. By H. D. Harben.

It was agreed that the material is excellent,
and would make a good tract; Harben was re-
quested to complete for press, embodying the
recent census figures if possible.

3.- Biographical Series.

Secretary reported that

Miss Hutchins agreed to write on Owen and
the National Minimum.

and Mrs. Townshend on Morris and the Revolt against
Commercialism.

C. F. Shaw
Chairman.

Private.

Report of the Fabian Summer School Committee.

Meeting 13th. December

Present: Dodd (in chair), Mabel Atkinson,
Miss Hankinson (part of time), O'Donoghue,
Sanders and Pease.

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1.- The Summer School Committee has to be constituted in December on the following scheme.

Four members chosen by the E. C. not necessarily from its own members.

Two members nominated by the E. C. to represent London members after considering names suggested by Nursery and the various London and subject Groups.

Two members nominated by the E. C. to represent the various University and other Fabian Societies after considering names suggested by such societies.

The Secretary and Organising Secretary as ex-officio members.

The Summer School Committee so appointed may add to its members by co-option not more than two other persons at any time during the year.

We suggest that the E. C. choose the following four members, Dodd, Mabel Atkinson, E. Davies and Miss Hankinson, being the same as before excepting that we suggest Davies instead of Sharp.

The following nominations have been received for representatives of the London members.

From Fabian Nursery.	Jack Gibson
" Women's Group	(Miss Hankinson
	[Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson
" Hampstead F. Group	(Miss Ruth Sandham
	(Miss Beatrice E. Thomson

We suggest that the E. C. nominate Jack Gibson and Miss Ruth Sandham.

To represent University and other Fabian Societies the following nominations have been received.

From Cambridge U. F. S.	A. W. Watkins
" Letchworth F. S.	C. F. Townsend.

We suggest that the E. C. nominate A. W. Watkins and C. F. Townsend.

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If our suggestion be adopted by the F. C. the Summer School for 1912 will consist of Dodd, Mabel Atkinson, E. Davies, Miss Hankinson, Jack Gibson, Miss Ruth Sandham, A. W. Watkins and C. F. Townsend and two to be co-opted.

- 2.- Accounts were submitted showing a balance of income over expenditure for the Swiss session amounting to £159.1. 2½. To this is to be added the sum of £1. 7. 9. received since for ticket money refunded. We recommend that a sum of £80 for office expenses and postage be charged against this balance.
- 3.- In accordance with the practice of previous years we have voted the sum of £6. out of the above balance to Miss Hankinson as Manager of the Summer School, being at the rate of £1. per week.
- 4.- We have a number of houses under consideration for the purposes of the Summer School 1912 and expect to be able to report definitely as to a proposed tenancy shortly.

F. Lawson Dodd
Chairman.

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Meeting December 7th, 1911.

Present: Mabel Atkinson (in chair), Sharp,
Schloesser, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Murby,
Mrs. Bentinck, Sanders and Pease.

1.- Membership. The month's candidates, 39, were elected, and 13 resignations accepted. 15 members who have not replied to final notice, were ordered to be struck off unless they reply to the special letter which they will receive in due course. 27 members whose addresses cannot be traced were ordered to be struck off.

2.- New Society. The Org. Sec. formally opened the new Society at Bournville on November 24th.

3.- Suburban and Provincial Lectures.

We submit the following report on Suburban and Provincial lectures:-

(a) The organising Secretary has given courses at the following places. Owing to the Woolwich L.C.C. By-election he had to secure substitutes for several of the lectures at short notice and he arranged with Miss Murby and Alban Gordon R.Sc. to take lectures at Ilford, Leytonstone and Gravesend.

Southampton F.S. and I.L.P. The lectures were well attended, audiences averaging over 100.

Ilford F.S. The course was held in different halls, opening at the Town Hall with an audience of 150. The other places were not so well attended.

Forest Gate F.S. This Course is not yet completed. It is being held in Canning Town. The audiences have been about 60, including Town Councillors and other local notabilities.

Gravesend I.L.P. A most successful course in an unpromising town. The meetings were well organised with local persons of importance in the chair and Aldermen, councillors and local clergy in the audience. Average attendance over 200.

3.- Suburban and Provincial Lectures (Continued)

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(a) (Continued)

Leytonstone F.S. Course in progress.
Audience about 40.

(b) The following is a list of the Courses arranged up to date.

Courses given or in progress

Hanley I.L.P.	Southampton F.S.
Newcastle-under-Lyme F.S.	and I.L.P.
Oldham I.L.P.	Leytonstone F.S.
Didsbury)	Ilford F.S.
Marple) Manchester F.S.	Forest Gate F.S.
Sale)	Gravesend I.L.P.

Courses to be given.

Bromley I.L.P.	Ipswich I.L.P.	Guildford I.L.P.
Louth I.L.P.	Sutton	Wandsworth I.L.P.
Grimsby I.L.P.	Dorking I.L.P.	Loughborough F. S.
Scunthorpe I.L.P.	St. Pancras	(2 lectures)
Lewisham F. G.	Deptford F. G.	

Approximate cost of Courses given
and arranged

£200

4.- Statement on Adult Suffrage.

We received a request from the Women's Group to be allowed to send out a statement on Adult Suffrage (sent to all members of the F.C.) in their own name. The document deals with the promised Reform Bill. They also asked that it might be sent out with the January "News". We have decided to comply with both requests and recommend that our action be approved.

5.- Shaw-Chesterton Debate.

We submit the following provisional statement of Receipts and Expenditure in connection with this debate.

<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Expenditure.</u>
Cash received for tickets £132.12. 6	Hall £6. 6. 0
Amount outstanding 3. 9. 6	Police and Attendants 17. 6
	Printing 2.10. 0
	(approx)
	Postage, Tele-grams and tele- phone (approx) 1.15. 3
	Fares 5. 0
	Sundries: Numbers for seats &c. 2. 6
	Office Overtime (approx) 3. 0. 0
	<hr/> Balance 121. 5. 9
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One half the balance (about £60) is to be paid to the I.L.P. The I.L.P. sold tickets to the value of £24.15.6 and have paid in that sum which is included in the amount of cash received. The balance of the tickets were sold through the Fabian Office

(Note by Org. Sec. Since the meeting of the Committee the exact account has been prepared which shows account

Receipts £136.14.6 and Expenditure £14.11.9. Balance £122.2.9. A cheque for one half the balance has been sent to the S.W. London Federation of the I.L.P.)

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6.- Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.
We have considered the following Report from this
Committee

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We recommend

- on (1) That the Fabian Society agree to take part in holding the proposed Demonstration and be responsible for one-third the cost. It is however anticipated that the cost (estimated at £300) will be met by the sale of tickets.
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7.- Fabian "Reform" Manifesto.

We have received enquiries from the Bristol F.S. and Sidcup F. S. with regard to this Manifesto and its origin. We have given instructions to the office to reply that the F. C. is in no way responsible for the document. In order to avoid further misunderstanding we have given instructions that the Labour Party be written to pointing out that the manifesto has been issued without consultation with the F.C. and without its consent.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

6.- That the class be limited to 30.

7.- That it be advertised in "Fabian News" and the "Labour Leader", with the statement that preference will be given to members of the F. S. and I.L.P.

H. H. Schloesser
Chairman.

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Meeting 11th. December 1911.

Present: Schloesser (in chair), Dodd, Mabel Atkinson,
Gibson, Pease and (in part) Sanders. (15)

It was agreed to recommend:

- 1.- That Mrs. Manson, of Garden Suburb, L.C.C. Teacher of Voice Production, a Socialist and interested in the scheme, be engaged for 6 lessons (unless she considers more necessary) at her price, 10/6 per lesson = £3.3.0.

- 2.- That Graham Wallas be asked to give one lecture on the Psychology of Propaganda and be offered £2.2.0
- 3.- That Sanders give 5 lectures on the practice of propaganda.
- 4.- That the lectures be held at the Fabian Office.
- 5.- That the fee be 1/- for the whole
- 6.- That the class be limited to 30.
- 7.- That it be advertised in "Fabian News" and the "Labour Leader", with the statement that preference will be given to members of the F. S. and I.L.P.

H. H. Schloesser
Chairman.

(5) Org. & Prop. Comm. Report (Cont.) - Standing Jb. Com. Report
 d. Dr. Phillips be nominated as speaker.

Item b. (2) Deputation re School Clinics. agreed to put
 on the agenda for next ~~time~~ J.C. mtg.

" " (3) Manifesto on Fabian Policy. It was
 agreed that it be recorded in the minutes
 that Schlosser, in the course of debate
 at the last Executive Meeting, mentioned
 that a Manifesto was about to be issued,
 or perhaps was already issued by a
 Committee.

Of the recommendations, No 1 was accepted &
 No 2 ordered to be reconsidered. -

Item 7. noted.

(6) Training of Lecturers Joint Comm. Report was
 submitted & the whole adopted.
 It was stated that Graham Wallas wd.
 give the proposed lectures free & it
 was agreed that Cliffords Lun
 be taken for the purpose. -

7. Conference of Exec with Fabian M.P.

Apology from Crooks for absence
Report by Goldstone, stating that the following
Resolutions were adopted:-

- (a) That it is desirable that the F.S. should co-operate with Suffrage Societies in a National Campaign to agitate for the extension of the suffrage to women on broad lines.
- b) That the Exec. of the F.S. be recommended to appoint delegates to any conference which may be convened for the purpose of accomplishing the object set forth in recommendation (a).

On the above it was agreed to appoint one delegate, viz: Miss Atkinson, & failing her, Mrs Wilson.

8. The Finance & General Purposes Comtee Report
was submitted :-

- Item 1 was approved.
- Item 2, appointment of Mrs Chayton was approved & it was agreed to make enquiries as to a Trade Union Rate of Wages.
- Item 3. Labour Party Delegation was approved, & Miss Nurbly stated that she could act as delegate.
- Item 8. Woolwich was approved, but it was agreed to insert para in News on subject.
- Item 9 was approved.

Private.

Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Meeting 14th. Dec. 1911.

Present: Sharp (in chair), Miss Murby, Mabel Atkinson,
Dr. Bentham, Schloesser, Dodd, the Secretary,
and (for part of the time only) Maude.)

- 1.- Accounts were reported on showing an increase of £7.
in the Subscriptions and decreases in other
items on the month. The profit on the Swiss
Session of the Summer School was reported at
£155, and on the Shaw-Chesterton debate, our
share, at £63. The cost of the two Manifestoes
was reported as £53., and receipts under 10/-.
- 2.- Office Staff. The appointment of Mrs. Chaytor was
approved.
- 3.- Labour Party Delegates.
It was agreed to recommend that Sanders, Sharp,
Dr. Bentham and Miss Murby be appointed,
Mrs. Reeves to take Miss Murby's place if
necessary.
- 4.- The Fabian Reform Committee.
 - (a) Mrs. Wilson's resolution proposing allocation
of Feb. 9th. to a meeting for Schloesser was
not dealt with.
 - (b) It was resolved to recommend the Exec.
to grant the request of the F. R. Com-
mittee for access to the list of mem-
bers for the purpose of sending their
Manifesto to Members.
 - (c) It was resolved that the Sec. prepare
a paragraph for the "News", to be
submitted to the Executive.

5.- Members' Meeting January 19th.

(a) Agenda. Resolutions

On the Insurance Bill
On the Suffrage Bill
On Inspection of Minutes by H.W. Wells,
if confirmed by him.
On Labour Party Agenda by ~~Schlösser~~ *Erwin*
On Suffrage, by the Women's Group.

Schlösser

(b) Resolution sent in by Allen on the Joint Committee letter in the "Labour Leader". ~~He~~ agreed to get this withdrawn, if Sharp wrote for Fabian Members to L. L. that the word "previous" meant "previous to issue".

6.- Lectures to the Society.

No arrangements were made.

Letter by Bland offering a lecture was read and no action taken.

Letter from Holmes reported. Agreed to accept his refusal.

7.- Chairman for Snowden Jan. 12

Members' Meeting Jan. 19.

No action taken.

8.- Woolwich L.C.C. Election.

Agreed to decline request of Grinling for access to Members List for purpose of appealing for funds for the L.C.C. Election deficit.

9.- Mrs. Wilson and Miss Berry were authorised to describe themselves as delegates of the Society to Chancellor's Suffrage Conference at the H. of C.

Clifford D. Sharp
Acting Chairman.

The Reform Committee has been allowed to send their manifesto to members of this society, but this must not be taken as signifying official approval of the whole or any part of it.

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"The Fabian Reform Committee". A manifesto issued by a body with this name parts of which have appeared in the Press, has been sent to our local Societies and groups and to some of our members, and has been thought to be an official or semi-official document.

The Executive Committee therefore desires to inform members that the "Reform Committee" was not constituted with their knowledge or consent, the Manifesto was not submitted to them before publication, and the Committee has no official status



The Members' Meeting. to follow agenda.

Members are reminded that matters of considerable importance come before the above meeting. Proposals for changing the constitution of the Society have been formulated by certain members calling themselves the Fabian Reform Committee, and some items in their program will probably be discussed on January 19th. It is therefore earnestly hoped that the members who desire to maintain as well as those who wish to alter the Society's Constitution, will make a point of attending the meeting.

Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report (Cont^d)

Item 6. Lectures was deferred

" 7. Chairmen " "

Item 4. Fabian Reform Committee

This gave rise to a long discussion, which led ultimately to the following results.

(a) Mr Wilson's Resolution was in principle agreed to, viz: That a members meeting be fixed for Feb-9th for the discussion of resolutions on Political Policy.

(b) It was agreed to allow the Reform Com^{ee} access to the list of members, for the purpose of sending out their Manifesto, provided that the names of their Executive Com^{ee} be added thereto.

(c) The paragraph for the "news" annexed was approved, with the omission of the words "or consent". The paragraph proposed to be added to the members meeting agenda was negatived, but the sec. was ordered to insert a brief general appeal for a full attendance

over.

(8). Finance & General Purposes Com^{tee} (~~Finance Reform~~) contd.

Item 5. Members Meeting agenda

approved. ~~It is the agreement to get~~
v. allowance of ~~expense~~ ^{withdrawing} ~~for~~ ~~expenses~~ -

(9) Resolution continued from last meeting of Schlosser re members meeting was withdrawn by him.

(10). Memorandum on Internal Policy of Schlosser.

It was agreed to refer this to a
v. ~~committee~~ Com^{tee} to be appointed at the
next meeting.

(11) Office Staff Com^{tee} Remainder of Report
Deferred

12. Next Meeting It was agreed to hold a
Special Meeting on Thursday
next Dec 21 at 5.30. -

Clifford D. Short

Special Meeting Thursday 21st Dec. 1911.

Present Sharp (in chair) & all exapt

Absent Wells, Dodd, Miss Hutchins, Barker, Maude, Mrs Bentinck & Bray.

1. The Minutes were confirmed, as amended.
2. Apologies accepted, Maude for last time & Miss Hutchins.
3. Albert-Hall Demⁿ. Sanders reported on the arrangements made & the report was approved.

4. Correspondence left-over & the Finance Com^{ee}
 International Bureau on Russian Spies & Persian Peril. No action.

First of May Celebration. Invitation notice refused.

Geo. ~~Thomas~~ Thomas, Manchester, offering £5. for life membership. Refuse as it is not expedient to give grant membership for life.

Twentieth Century Press. Bankruptcy. £ 37.9. due us.

National Peace Council, asking support. Say we should be willing to pass resolutions.

4. Publishing Com^{tee} Business

Agreed to take exchange adot with Creelable
in Edition of 25000 Man + Superman . —

5. Schlosser's Memo. on Internal Policy.

It was agreed that the Com^{tee} consist
of 5 members of the Exec. + 4 of the
Fabian Reform Com^{tee}, in addition to the
two officers who shall not have votes.

The election of the ~~four~~ five members
was taken by ballot, with the following
result.

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| Harden | 11 | } Elected |
| Sharp | 10 | |
| Davies | 9 | |
| Dodd | 8 | |
| <u>Miss Mord</u> | 7 | |
| Mrs. Reeves | 6 | |
| Mrs. Atkinson | 6 | |
| Dr. Bentham | 3 | |

Schlosser nominated C. Allen, St. John Ervine
+ Phillips + myself + it was agreed
that he might replace them if there is need.

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ADDITION TO THE AGENDA. ITEM 8.

Letter from the Reform Committee as follows:-

FABIAN REFORM COMMITTEE.

41, Vale Court,
West Hampstead, N.W.
December 19th 1911.

Edward R. Pease,
The Fabian Society.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Executive of the above Committee to forward the enclosed documents etc.

1. A resolution to be tabled in the name of our Vice-Chairman, Dr. Marian Phillips. (attached)

2. A copy of the Manifesto to be sent to all members of the Society. We wish to add to the original document the names of the members of our Executive; also certain statements by Members of the Labour Party. I am instructed to say that we desire the right to add to the list of members of our Executive now enclosed, the names of any other members of the Labour Party that may be sent to us before the final issue of the Manifesto, and to withdraw any of their statements if thought desirable.

3. Regarding the resolution already tabled in my name for the Members' Meeting on January 19th, 1912, I wish the word "statements" substituted for the word "misstatements" in the first line of that resolution.

4. Re addressing envelopes or wrappers, we propose sending a professional envelope addresser to the offices of the Fabian Society for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Clifford Allen.

Hon. Secretary.

P.S. We also desire the right to enclose the following letter with each copy of the Manifesto.

NAMES OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE.

41, Yale Court,
West Hampstead, N.W.
Date.



Dear Sir or Madam,

The Fabian Reform Committee has been formed to carry into effect the proposals outlined in the enclosed Manifesto, together with the recommendations for the Internal reform of the Fabian Society, as appear in the January number of the Fabian News.

If you are in general sympathy with the proposals of the Committee, you are requested to sign the appended form and forward it to the Secretary.

Yours faithfully,
CLIFFORD ALLEN,
Hon. Sec.

I desire to become a member of the Fabian Reform Committee.

Signed
Address
Date

Dr. Phillips' resolution embodies the whole of Schloesser's memorandum. It is proposed we deal with Dr. Phillips' resolution by appointing the Committee tonight.

The Reform Committee is as follows:-

To be appended at foot of the Manifesto. p.4.

On behalf of the Fabian Reform Committee.

Henry H. Schloesser. Chairman.
Marion Phillips. Vice-Chairman.
Boyd Dawson. Treasurer.
W. C. Burns.
Christine Challenger.
Mrs. Boyd Dawson.
L. M. Ervine.
St. John Ervine.
Aline Fernor.
Jack Gibson.
Alwyn Lloyd.

F. James Matheson.
F. J. Osborn.
J. Pointer, M.P.
Margaret Schloesser.
Rev. Egerton Swann.

Clifford Allen, Secretary.
41, Yale Court,
West Hampstead, N.W.

b. Chairman for Snowden, ~~Gordon~~ Harhen
" Members Meeting, Gordon Palm.

7. Agenda for members meeting.

Proof submitted.

On the concluding paragraph a resolution to omit all reference to a vote of censure was defeated 4 to 3. It was agreed to insert the words "Went is tantamount to", to alter "concealed" to "did not reveal", & to replace proposed wording of "three members of the Executive".

It was resolved to insert the paragraph as amended, three voting against it. On the proposed addition to the agenda it was agreed

Resolutions at Members Meeting

That a resolution sent in for discussion at a member's meeting proposing action which has been already taken is not in order. -

Following this, it was agreed that Dr. Phillips' resolution as proposed cannot be inserted; but Schlosser stated she would be willing to alter it to That the Meeting approves of the

7. Agenda for Members Meeting (cont^d)
action of the Executive in appointing a
Com^{ee} to consider the following proposals
of the Fabian Reform Com^{ee}: - The proposals
to follow; but not the other matter in the
memorandum. -

This line of action was agreed to.

(8) Fabian Reform Com^{ee}

(a) Tree Secy reported that the directors of
the forthcoming Labour Newspapers Ltd had
requested Allen to resign public connection
with the Reform Com^{ee} as a condition of
appointing him Secretary of the Company.

(b) Members Meeting Feb 9. Schlosser
agreed to move a resolution on Fabian
the policy of the Society relating to Liberal Candid-
atures + memberships of the Executive.

(c) Alterations in Manifesto. These were
consented to: it was agreed that the list
of members be used here, & the circulars posted
from his office; that the Manifesto be
sent to members only.

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(9) Lectures to the Society.

(a) Letter from Bland with outline of lecture. -
Agreed to accept it for April 12th provided
the L.S.P. approve.

(b) Harben Mar 8.

(c) Higgs May 10

Holmes, Agreed ~~to~~ not to press him to lecture
this session, but to say we would see him later.

10. Office Staff Com^{ee}. Deferred consideration
of the conclusion of the Report

11. Members Meeting. Agreed to send out tickets
C. F. Shaw
12 Jan. 1912

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Con^{ce} Jan. 7 12th 1912.
Present, Mrs. Shaw, in chair, + all except
Absent Webb (abroad) + Dodd, also abroad.

- 1. The Minutes were confirmed.
- 2. apologies, Mrs. Bentrich, for last time.
- 3. The Publishing Com^{ce} Report was submitted & Mrs. Reever + the whole adopted
- 4. The Organising + Propaganda Com^{ce} Report was submitted & Miss Mink + the whole adopted
- 5. The Finance + General Purposes Com^{ce} Report was submitted & Maude.

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Items 1, 2, 3, + 5 were approved.
 Item 4, Members Meeting, was approved + on
 (a) Sanders was appointed to speak for the Exec.
 Item (b) Typewriter was approved, provided the offer of the company was as stated on the Report.
 Item (c) was corrected + approved.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JANUARY 1912.

Harben, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE MEETING 5th JANUARY 1912.

Present. Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hutchins,
Harben, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press.
 - (a) No. 161. "Afforestation" was passed for press.
 - (b) No. 162. Family Life on £1 a week. By Mrs. Reeves. The concluding passage which had been circulated, advocating remedies for low wages was discussed at great length. The author undertook to rewrite the passage in the light of the discussion.
2. Tracts nearly O.P.
 - No. 135. Paupers + Old Age Pensions, by Webb. It was agreed to drop this out of the list.
3. Tracts in preparation.
 - (a) Women & Prisons was promised soon.
 - (b) Minimum Wage. A memorandum by Keeling was considered. It was agreed that the Committee should write down their observations on Keeling's proposals and he be asked to prepare a tract in the light thereof.
 - (c) A M.S. by Allen of Glasgow was rejected.
 - (d) Five other proposed tracts on the list were dealt with.
4. Tract Boxes.
 - Order was given for 250 boxes to cost 2d each, and to be sold at 3d.

Maude Reeves.

Vice-Chairman.

Meeting of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee

Thursday January 5th 1918.

Present. Miss Murby (in chair), Sharp, Pease and Sanders.

1. Membership.- The months candidates, 48, were elected and 6 resignations were accepted, 2 members who had not replied to final notice were struck off.
2. Conference with the secretaries of London Local Groups and Societies near London on Dec. 20th last.
The following Report was received:

Present: Mrs. Shaw and the Organizing Secretary representing the Organizing and Propaganda Committee.
Miss Hayland (Marylebone F.G.) Ellis (Woodford F.G.)
Mrs. Edwards (Finchley F.S.) Anderson (Lewisham F.G.)
Gent (Ilford F.S.) Osborn (Forest Gate F.S.) Mrs.
Bracegirdle (Chelsea F.S.) Sydenham (Golders Green F.S.) Hope (Palmer's Green F.S.)

Apologies were received from Miss Atkinson, Miss Thomson, (Hamstead F.G.) Mrs. Bentinck, Mrs. Kelsey (Golders Green F.S.) and Dr. Bentham.

The Conference renewed suggestions made at the meeting held last July and the representatives of the Groups and Societies expressed their satisfaction with the way in which the Executive Committee had dealt with the proposals then agreed upon. They strongly approved the formation of the Speakers Class. It was suggested that a handbook for secretaries of groups and societies be compiled giving particulars of the various activities carried on by Fabian organizations. A general interchange of experience took place which indicated that success of the work of the Groups depends largely upon the energy and ability of a few members in every instance.

3. Provincial Lecturing.

It being necessary to secure a lecturer for three courses of lectures in Lincolnshire we decided to ask H. Beaumont and failing him C.M. Lloyd to take them.

4. Albert Hall and the Fabian Society.

The Albert Hall authorities having stated they were unable to let their Hall at any time to the Fabian Society the officers of the Society requested to be supplied with the reasons for this decision. An interview took place between the Organizing Secretary and the manager of the Albert Hall which resulted in the objections of the Hall authorities being withdrawn.

5. Speakers' Class.

We have to report that at the date of our meeting 18 members of the Society had applied to join the class. (The number of applicants up to 10th Jan. was 30, 24 being members of the Society). A considerable number of further applications is expected from the I.L.P. The arrangements for the Course have been advertised in the News. We decided to ask Dodd to take the chair at Graham Wallas' opening lecture at Clifford's Inn Hall on Jan. 24th.

6. Publicity Committee.

We have discussed further the proposals referred to us for the formation of a Publicity Committee and we recommend that they be now referred to the Joint Committee appointed to consider and report upon the "Reform" memorandum.

7. Debate between Maude and Dr. Tunzelmann.

As a matter of urgency permission was given to Maude to represent the Society in a debate between himself and Dr. Tunzelmann, a representative of the Anti-Socialist Union, on "Socialism".

M. Murby.

Acting Chairman.

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes
Committee Meeting 11th January.

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Present. Maude (in chair), Miss Murby, Schloesser, Sharp,
Dr. Bentham, Miss Atkinson, Davies, Sanders and
Secretary.

1. Finance to Dec. 31st.

Accounts presented showing a slight improvement in
the position, though subscriptions are still
£27 behind last year.

2. National Peace Congress.

Miss Murby and Maude were appointed delegates at
a fee of 2/6 each.

3. Office Staff.

On report from the Office it was agreed to defer
the appointment of a Junior for 2 months.

4. Members' Meeting Agenda.

The following arrangements were recommended:-

- (a) National Insurance Bill. Harben to open.
- (b) Suffrage Miss Atkinson to open.
- (c) Allen's Motion. That the Chairman be informed
that in the opinion of the Executive it would be
in order for any other person to move the
resolution if Allen be absent.
- (d) Ervine's Resolution (Labour Party Agenda)
Resolved by 6 - 2 that the Executive oppose it.
Appointment of speaker not made.
- (e) Women's Suffrage. No action by Executive.
- (f) Dr. Phillips' Resolution. do. do.

5. Fabian Reform Committee.

Letters from Schloesser were read submitting
J.R. MacDonald's views on transactions at Executive
(communicated by Schloesser to MacDonald) and
replies from MacDonald saying inter alia that any
opinion of his on the Committee "must be treated
as private and indeed non-existent."

6. Typewriter.

It was resolved to buy a new typewriter for £10
instead of having our own, now 5 years old, repaired
at a cost of £3.13.0.

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7. Home Rule & the Factory Acts.

Keeling

Letter from ~~Schlosser~~ submitted urging the Executive to press for the exclusion of Factory Acts from the matters transferred to Irish control by the Home Rule Bill. ~~The project was approved (with one dissentient)~~ the policy of action through progressive Tories or the Labour Party was discussed and the Secretary was directed to take an opportunity of discussing the matter with MacDonald and others.

Aylmer Maude,

Chairman.

to direct them into appropriate groups - local or subject. The Organizing Secretary will, under the new arrangements we propose, have more time for this sort of work, which can be done by letters and as far as possible by conversation with those new members who attend the meetings organised by the Social Committee. Special efforts might be made by personal letters to induce new members to attend these receptions which should be attended by the Organizing Secretary.

FINANCE.

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annual To gain an idea of the capacity of the Society to bear the additional charge entailed by our recommendations, we went into the question of finance. The annual Abstract of Accounts published we find to be of little use, the totals given being gross and not net. We accordingly deputed one of our number - E. D. Harben - to examine the books. His memorandum is attached as an annexure to this report, and shows that the income of the Society is much more stable than might be imagined. We are of opinion that the Society can afford the additional expenditure suggested, and that much more revenue could be raised by special appeals for particular objects.

Arising out of Harben's valuable memorandum, and while quite recognising that it may not be expedient to reveal to the world the whole of our financial position and resources, we recommend the adoption of a simplified annual statement of accounts on lines suggested by him.

OFFICE WORK.

We make the following recommendations with regard to the work of the Office :-

- (1) All current work - and in particular letters to new members - to be kept up-to-date. Should it fall behind the Secretary to report to the Finance Committee who should arrange for such temporary or other assistance as it deems necessary.
- (2) The Office to keep in closer touch with new members and to direct them into appropriate groups - local or subject. The Organizing Secretary will, under the new arrangements we propose, have more time for this sort of work, which can be done by letters and as far as possible by conversation with those new members who attend the meetings organised by the Social Committee. Special efforts might be made by personal letters to induce new members to attend these receptions which should be attended by the Organizing Secretary.

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- (3) A complete occupational index of members should be compiled forthwith.
 - (4) A new set of members' name and address cards should be made - preferably typed.
 - (5) All agendas and documents of which more than ten copies are required should be duplicated.
 - (6) Wrappers for the Fabian News & Co should be addressed by typewriter in triplicate, and a spare set should always in hand.
 - (7) Consequent upon the proposed increase in the staff, we think a telephone silence box might be advisable.
 - (8) A corps of voluntary workers should be organized who could be called upon to help addressing &c., in times of pressure, arranging for sales of Fabian literature at conferences of other bodies &c. ~~Given~~ Given such a corps of workers, and time for Pease and Sanders to look round, and numerous fresh useful means of employing the activities of such voluntary workers will be thought of.
 - (9) We have examined the various Stock letters which are sent to members on election, in arrears &c., and consider them to be excellent. With more time at the Secretary's disposal, we think that some of the more important ones might with advantage be specially typed and more of a personal character, in lieu of the printed or duplicated communications now employed.

LECTURES.

The placing of Sanders upon full time will restrict his provincial travels and lectures to such as are necessary to link up the Society with provincial Societies. In this connection we would urge upon members of the Executive the duty of paying occasional visits and lecturing as frequently as possible to the provincial societies.

We suggest that the Propaganda Committee should consider whether it is necessary to fill up the gap created by the withdrawal of Sanders from course lectures involved by his devoting all his time to his duties as organising Secretary, bearing in mind the view expressed by him that with more time at his disposal he can look out for promising lecturers among the Nursery, the groups and provincial societies themselves as well as the speakers' class.

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Location of Offices, etc.

We consider the present offices of the Society to be in many respects unsuitable, badly placed (in basement), depressing and not conducive to good work. We think that the Society should have bright, cheerful offices, including a Members' Room and a Committee Room. The extra expense would probably be compensated for by an increase in membership attracted by this means. The lease of the present offices can be determined at December 1914 by six months' notice (and might possibly be sub-let before that date) and we recommend that this matter should be taken in hand by the Executive at once

Emil Davies (Chairman)

F. Lawson Dodd

H. D. Warben

M. R. Murby

Clifford Sharp.

21st. November 1911.

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b. Conference on Half-Time. - The resolutions submitted by the Com^{ee} for approval were agreed to with the verbal amendments noted :-

Proposal

1. That this Meeting thanks the Government for their recent attempt to abolish "Half-time" and urges them to press forward in the coming session a bill to extend the age of compulsory attendance at school to 14 years without any exception whatever.

Proposal

2. That this meeting also desires to support the Government in their attempt to institute compulsory continuation classes up to the age of 16, provided that the total hours of labour of the child shall be strictly limited and shall include the time spent at continuation schools.

7. The Office Staff Com^{ee} Report. Consideration was resumed. -

Paragraph on Finance was discussed & finally referred to the Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} with Harben added, for further report.

Office Work. Items 1 & 2 were agreed to.

Item 3. Occupation index, approved. It was agreed that a circular to members be drafted for the approval of the O. & P. Com^{ee}, including a question as to knowledge of special combis or towns.

Item 4. New card catalogue. It was resolved instead of this, that obscured cards be re-written.

7. Office Staff Com^{ee} Report Cont^d

Office Work Items 5 + 6 were approved

Item 7. Telephone Silence Box,
after discussion, deferred indefinitely.

Item 8. Voluntary workers. Approved
& list ordered to be prepared.

Item 9. approved.

Lectures Two paragraphs were
approved.

Location of Office. The paragraph after
consideration, was voted on
& adopted mem. con.

C. M. Wilson

9 Feb. 1912-

Executive Comm^{ee} 9th Feb. 1912 at 5.30pm

Present. Mr. Wilson (in chair) + all except
absent. Welch, Bray, Barker, Harben, Mr. Reeves,

1. The minutes were conformed
2. apologies - Bray - Received
3. The Publishing Comm^{ee} Report was submitted,
+ after a discussion on Item 1 (b) re
publication of names on Tract 163, the
whole was adopted.
4. The Summer School Comm^{ee} Report was submitted.
Item 3 was discussed, + the whole
was adopted.
5. The Organising + Propaganda Comm^{ee} Reports were
submitted.
The Report of Jan 18. Item ~~1~~ 1. Letter of
R.S. Dell re French Fabian Society was
discussed, + the Sec. was instructed to consult
Dell + Hertz on the proposal to consult the French party

5. Organising & P. Com^{tee} (Cont^d)

The remainder of the Report for Jan 18
& the whole of the Report for Jan Feb 1
were agreed to.

(b) The Finance & G.P. Com^{tee} was submitted by
F. Lawson Dodd.

Items 1 & 2 were received.

Item 3. New Typewriter. after discussion
it was resolved in place of the
recommendation that the Sec. be
authorised to buy a new machine
on the best terms practicable.

Item 4. Members Meeting etc. It was
agreed to alter the time suggested
for the mover & seconder from 30 to
35 minutes.

Sharp proposed that the Sec. support
the following amendment: ~~the committee~~

**That this meeting declines to support any proposal
to limit the right of the Society to choose its Executive
Committee freely from amongst the whole body of the
members, considering that such a limitation would be
contrary to the most elementary principles of democracy.**

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Report of the Publishing Committee.

Meeting 19th January. Present Mrs. Shaw (in chair),
Miss Hutchins, Barker, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wilson,
Standring and Sanders acting as Secretary.

Meeting 2nd February. Present Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Reeves,
Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hutchins, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press.

(a) No. 161. Afforestation & 162 Family Life on £1
a Week have been completed and sent out with
Fabian News.

(b) No. 163. Women & Prisons is being set up, and it
is hoped to complete it for the March News. It was
decided to print the names of seven women as
authors: to fix the price at 2d: cover proposed,
dark brown with white lettering: 7000 to be
printed.

(c) It was decided to set up the paper on Gold &
State Banking read to the Society by Pease.

2. Tracts in Preparation.

Tracts on Minimum Wage, The Right to Strike,
Aliens, and German Socialism, are in preparation,
as well as Biographical Series Tracts on Robert
Gwen and the National Minimum (Miss Hutchins),
Wm. Morris (Mrs. Townshend), Francis Place (Ervine)
Lascalle (Sanders).

3. Tracts out of print.

No. 85 Municipal Hospital (Leaflet) and
No. 84 Economics of Direct Employment (out of date)
have been ordered to be reprinted.
No. 131 Birthrate; 1000 to be reprinted from Stereos.
No. 62. Parish Councils is to be revised and
reprinted, partly from Stereos.
No. 119 Electric Power. Under consideration.

4. State Medical Service by Dodd.

It was decided to send out 1000 copies to representative
medical men with a circular asking opinion.

Charlotte F. Shaw,
Chairman.

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SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Meeting. January 29th. Present - Dodd (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Miss Sandham, C. F. Townsend, A. Watkins, J. Gibson and Sanders.

Meeting. February 6th. Present - Dodd (in chair), Miss Hankinson, J. Gibson, Miss Sandham, E. Davies, J. Mylles and Sanders.

1. Chairman.

We have elected Lawson Dodd to be chairman of the Committee.

2. Co-opted Members.

We have co-opted J. Mylles and C.H. O'Donoghue on to the Committee.

3. Place of Summer School 1912.

We have had before us numerous offers of houses and other properties and have selected two places which appear suitable, one in Yorkshire and the other in the Lake District, for further consideration. We will report further at a later stage on the results of our enquiries and negotiations.

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Meeting of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

January 18th 1912.

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Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair), Miss Murby, Dr. Bentham, Mrs. Bentinck & Sanders.

1. A French Fabian Society.

A letter from R. E. Dell (enclosed) was read and it was decided to recommend that before any action be taken the French Socialist Party be consulted.

2. Speakers Class.

The following Report of the Joint Committee was received and we report it for information:-

"We have gone through the list of applications numbering in all 51. We have selected 35 names, 5 of which are to be held in reserve in case applicants drop out. We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to write to the selected students asking them to give an undertaking that they will attend all meetings of the class subject to any unforeseen hindrance. Also to write to applicants not selected stating that if the present class is successful further classes will be formed to which they will be invited. We trust that members of the Executive Committee will attend the classes as visitors in order that they may be in a position to make suggestions for the improvement and extension of the scheme.

3. Suburban Lectures.

Request for a Course was received from the Hounslow I.L.P. and granted.

4. University Fabian Societies.

Letter was received from Alban Gordon giving outlines of a scheme for extending and strengthening Fabian Societies at Universities. Also a letter from the Manchester Fabian Society stating it was calling a University Fabian Conference in March. It was decided to instruct the Organizing Secretary to consult Allen (the originator of the idea of a Conference) as to whether the Executive Committee could assist in promoting a successful Conference. Considerations of Alban Gordon's proposals was adjourned until more information was to hand about the Conference.

5. Presentation of Map.

G. Standring presented a wall map of Great Britain to the Society. We have thanked him for the presentation.

6. Letter to Prime Minister.

As a matter of urgency it was agreed that a letter with regard to the composition of the Civil Service Commission be drafted by Miss Atkinson and Pease and approved by as many of the members of the Executive Committee as possible and sent to the Prime Minister.

7. University Fabian Societies.

Letter was read from the Manchester F. S. asking if the Executive Committee would help defray expenses of the Conference. Adjourned consideration until details of the Conference are obtained.

4. Albert Hall Demonstration.

Organizing Secretary reported on arrangements and stated tickets were not going well. Several suggestions were made for consideration of the Demonstration Committee.

5. Chairman for Feb. 9th.

It was decided that Mr. Gurdon Palin be asked to take chair again on Feb. 9th. Failing him Pease, Sanders and Schloesser to agree on a chairman.

Meeting of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee
February 1st 1912.

Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby, Schloesser, Mrs. Bentinck, Mrs. Shaw, and Sanders.

1. Speakers Class.

Organizing Secretary reported successful opening of Class by Graham Wallas and Mrs. Manson. Certain regulations were made with regard to attendances of students etc. It was decided to await result of present class before another is started.

2. Provincial Courses.

Ipswich Course given by the Organizing Secretary. Audience 200 - 250, chiefly lower middle class, teachers, clerks, etc.,

Grimsby. Letter on course given by Beaumont was received expressing thanks to Society for lectures which were largely attended.

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Private. Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee
on 8th February 1912.

Present. (Sharp (in chair), Miss Murby, Dr. Bentham, Dodd,
Miss Atkinson, Sanders and Secretary, and, for
part of the time, Maude.

1. Accounts. were submitted to Jan. 31st, showing for the month, an increase of £10 in Tract Sales, and small declines, amounting to £10 in other accounts.
2. Annual accounts. The form of these, on reference from the Executive, was discussed and the discussion was adjourned.
3. Typewriter. The Secretary reported a revised offer of a new machine for £15.0.6. The old machine will cost £3.14.0. to repair so that the choice is between the old machine repaired, and a new machine instead for £11.6.6. extra. Letter from Davies was read strongly advocating the new machine. The Committee decided to recommend repairing the old one.
4. Chairman for Members Meeting. The action of the Secretary in inviting Palin on authority of C. & P. Committee was approved. Palin accepts and suggests 30 minutes for the opener. It was agreed to recommend him to allot 30 minutes to the opener: the seconder to make no speech: or alternatively, 30 minutes to opener and seconder: subsequent arrangements to be at the discretion of the Chairman.
5. Question to Chairman of F. & G. P. Committee. Notice of question by Ervine re action of Executive on Cambridge resolution at Labour Party Conference, and draft of answer prepared by Secretary were considered. It was agreed that Maude alter the draft in the light of the discussion and submit to the Executive.
6. Lectures and Meetings. As all dates are filled to the end of May it was decided to defer consideration of offers of lectures till next meeting.

7. Factory Acts & Home Rule. Secretary reported that Macdonald considered the Labour Party would probably be ~~able~~ to take up this question, and he was understood to concur in the suggestion that Progressive Conservatives would be most likely to move in it effectively. It was agreed that the Secretary can approach this section unofficially through the usual channels.

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8. Royal Commission on Civil Service. The action of the Secretary in writing to the Premier advocating the inclusion of women on the Commission and the consideration of school curricula was approved.

9. Anglo German Understanding. It was agreed that Sanders draft a resolution to be passed by the Executive and sent to Sir E. Grey.

10. Women's Labour League Conference on Babies. Saturday March 16th. It was agreed to send as Delegate Lawson Dodd and Mrs. C. M. Wilson at 1/8d each.

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Lawson Dodd
~~Mrs. C. M. Wilson~~

Acting Chairman.

(b) Finance & Com^o Report cont^d

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Motion that any amendment moved be on individual responsibility was rejected 3 to 11. Suggestion of a Conference on policy, proposed as a further amendment was discussed but was ~~not~~ withdrawn as an amendment.

Resolution proposed by Sharp was then carried by 11 votes to 2.

Item 7. Factory acts, was referred back for consideration of the end as well as the means.

Item 8. Agreed.

Item 9. Agreed, & the following was approved

The Executive Committee of the Fabian Society is satisfied that there is no cause whatever for enmity between the peoples of England and Germany and calls upon the British Government to do all in its power to bring about an understanding between the two countries for the prevention of rivalry in armaments and for the establishment of permanent friendly relations.

Item 10. Conference on Babes. approved except that Mr. Bentinck was appointed in place of Mr. Wilson, who was unable to attend.

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7. Fabian Reform Committee.

Letter from Philip Snowden asking that par. be inserted
in Fabian News to the effect that the statement
that he approved of the scheme is "unauthorised".

Letter read: it was agreed to insert paragraph
as proposed, & also that the letter be read
at the members meeting.

Mabel Atkinson.

Feb. 23. 1912.

Com^{ee} 23rd Feb. 1912. -

Present, Miss Atkinson, in chair, + all except
Abeut Webb, Schlosser, Bray, Davies.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
by Mrs Shaw - & the whole was agreed to.
On 1(a) it was agreed that the Com^{ee}
consider a 1st Edition of 2^d Tracts, esp.
Mrs Reeves "Family Life" when reprints are
required.
3. The Organising & Propagand^a Com^{ee} Report
was submitted & after discussion
of some items, the whole was approved.
4. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted
by the chairman
Item 1 was approved.
Item 2. Lectures, was approved, except (d)
proposal to ask Holman to lecture on Referendum
wh. was referred back to consider a symposium

4. Finance Report (cont.)

Item 4. Fabian Council was discussed & agreed to & it was resolved that the report be issued if possible at the same time as the Internal Reform Comtee Report.

Item 3. Factory acts, was discussed & agreed to

Item 5. Sleeping Sickness, was approved.

Item 6. Local Taxation Comtee was approved & it was agreed that the terms of reference be settled & Miss Alkmin & the Secy & that notice be given in Fabian news. -

5. Abolition of Half Time Comtee. On a letter from them it was agreed to appoint Kenneth Vickers & Miss Huletius to a deputation to the Premier on the subject.

J. Marshall Parker
March 8.

Private.

Publishing Committee Report.

Meeting 10th February 1912.

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Present. Mrs. Shaw (in Chair), Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hutchins,
Mrs. Reeves, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press.

(a) No. 163. Women & Prisons.

Proof considered: 26 pp. Letter from Sharp complaining that insufficient time is allowed for Executive to consider tracts. Resolved that Secretary send circular to the Executive saying that this tract can go out with March News, and cannot with April: Therefore it must be paged before the Executive and asking for amendments affecting paging by Wednesday
Resolved after much discussion that the cover be white ink on dark slate.

(b) Tract No. 164. Banking. Being set up.

2. Circulation of Dodd's "State Medical Service".

Circular letter was approved and it was agreed to send to the Secretaries and Chairman of the British Medical Association and to the Association of Hospital Officers, about 450 in all.

3. A number of other items were considered.

Charlotte F. Shaw.

Chairman.

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Private. Organizing & Propaganda Committee Report.

Meeting Thursday February 15th 1912.

Present. Clifford Sharp (in chair), Mabel Atkinson,
Mrs. Shaw, Miss Murby, Mrs. Bentinok and Sanders.

1. Membership.

This month's Candidates, 42 were elected (at the meeting held Feb. 1st) and 8 resignations were accepted. We do not propose to continue the monthly analysis of the subscriptions paid by new members.

2. Social Committee.

The Social Committee reported

(a) That a most successful At Home was held on Monday Feb. 12th at the Gardenia Restaurant, attendance being over 100.

(b) That they recommend that a Reception be given by the Fabian Society to Mr. & Mrs. Webb on their return from the East; this to be the big social function of the year.

We are in agreement with this recommendation but propose to report further as to whether the function should be a Dinner or a Reception. We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to write Mr. & Mrs. Webb as to whether they would be willing to be "received" or "dined".

3. Lecture List.

We have ordered 2,000 copies of the new lecture list to be printed.

4. Circular to Members.

We have approved circular to members in connection with the projected Occupation Index and list of voluntary workers, and ordered it to be issued with the Fabian News at the earliest opportunity.

5. Inter University Fabian Society Conference.

We have received application from the Manchester University Fabian Society for the payment of the travelling expenses of delegates from the University Fabian Societies to a Conference called at Manchester by the Manchester University F. S. and to be held in April. We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to endeavour to obtain definite information with regard to the object of the Conference and will report further after our next meeting. The Executive Committee is invited to send a delegate to the Conference.

6. Panel of Professional Lecturers.

We recommend that the following form the panel of professional lecturers for the Society under the Suburban and Provincial scheme.

H. Snell, H. Beaumont, Miss Murby,
Dr. Marion Phillips, Alban Gordon & Sydney Herbert.

7. Albert Hall Demonstration.

The Organizing Secretary presented the following provisional financial statement in connection with the meeting:-

	<u>Receipts.</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>
	£		£
Tickets sold (est ^d)	188	Hire of Hall	150
Collection	70	Printing, Advertis- ing, postage, etc.)	95
	_____	(estimated)	
		Balance (estimated)	<u>13</u>
	<u>£258</u>		<u>£258</u>

Clifford Sharp.

(Acting Chairman).



Present. Maude (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Dr. Bentham,
Dodd, Sharp, Miss Murby, Sanders and Secretary.

1. J. W. Shaw.

It was decided to pay him £5 for about a fortnight's
regular work at the office after his salary
ceased on Nov. 30th.

2. Lectures.

It was resolved

- (a) To book the Hall for June 7th and 21st.
- (b) To fill only one of these dates at present.
- (c) To accept Ervine's offer of lecture on
Ulster & Home Rule for that date.
- (d) To consider asking J.A. Hobson to lecture on
the Referendum in the autumn.
- (e) To adjourn consideration of suggested lecture
on Industrial Unionism.
- (f) To inform Jack Gibson that we have no time
this session for lecture on British Seamen.

3. Factory Acts & Home Rule.

Question of policy referred back. The Committee
after full discussion agreed that the policy of
endeavouring to retain Imperial control over the
Irish Factory Law was sound and that therefore the
progressive Conservatives be approached unofficially
as previously proposed.

4. Fabian Council.

After discussion of the plan outlined by Sharp
it was resolved by 7 to 1 that a Committee of 4
be appointed to prepare a draft scheme to be
submitted direct to the Executive.

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5. Paper on Sleeping Sickness.

On report by Sharp and Secretary it was agreed to write to Vandervelde asking if he would like to see the paper.

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6. Local Taxation.

It was resolved that the Executive be recommended to approve the appointment of a Committee to prepare a tract on this subject, in view of the published intention of the Government to legislate thereon.

Aylmer Maude.

Chairman.

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2 Com^{ee} at Office 8th March 1912
Present, Barker in chair, & all except
Absent Welch, Bray Mr^s Reeves, Miss Hutchins

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Miss Hutchins, in country, Mr^s Reeves, returning Sheffield F.S.
3. The Summer School Com^{ee} Report was adopted.
4. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the whole adopted.
5. The Finance & A.P. Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the whole was approved. —
On Item 8. Select Com^{ee} on Cottage Pears, the Secy was directed to suggest the name of Mr^s Pease, if Mr^s Christopher Turner invited the Society to suggest a proper person.
6. Falrain Council. The Report on this was considered at considerable length.

b. (cont'd.) Falrain Council

No final decisions were come to,
& the debate was finally adjourned
till the next meeting, when it was
arranged that Barber should again
be chairman & the meeting should
be at 5 o'clock. The Report of the
Com^{tee} on Internal Administration was
not considered.

Francis Mackay
&
March 22.

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Private.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
Meeting 7th, March 1924.

Present: Maude (in chair), Miss Murby, Dodd,
Schloesser, Miss Atkinson and Secretary.

- 1.- Accounts were presented to end February showing a small decline on the month.
- 2.- Estimates to end of Financial Year were presented showing a probable deficit of £109, apart from £100 capital of Summer School which it was agreed to keep apart.
- 3.- Summer School A/c. It was agreed to carry forward the credit balance of the Summer School a/c about £40, to next year, and to reserve the £100 on deposit as capital a/c.
- 4.- Sale of Stock No. 2 A/c. It was resolved that £250 Derby Corporation be sold to pay for lectures.
- 5.- Office Staff. On report from the Secretary that routine work is in arrears, it was unanimously agreed that he be directed to get an office junior forthwith.
- 6.- Railway Nationalisation.
On the request of Davies it was agreed that the new Society be given access to our list of members for issue of a circular.
- 7.- Lectures. It was agreed to try to get Vernon Hartshorn to lecture on Labour Unrest.
- 8.- Select Committee on Cottage Plans.
At the request of the Women's Group it was agreed that the Secretary write the Chairman of the Committee privately suggesting the appointment of a woman.

Aylmer Maude
Chairman.

Private.

Organizing & Propaganda Committee
Meeting Thursday February 25th 1912.

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Present, Miss Atkinson (in Chair), Dr. Dentham,
Mrs. Bentinck, Schloesser and Sanders.

1. Proposed French Fabian Society.

Letter from Robert Hertz (which has been circulated)
was considered and it was decided

- (a) To instruct Organizing Secretary to consult Shaw with regard to the suggestion that he should lecture at the Ecole Socialiste, Paris.
- (b) To ask Robert Hertz whether we might send a copy of his letter to Robert Bell.

Further letter from Bell was read from which it appears that he really desires to form a non-Socialist society for the study of social and political questions. It was decided to recommend

That no action be taken on Bell's proposal as a society of the type he suggests could be formed without our help.

2. Inter-University Fabian Conference.

We instructed the Organizing Secretary to attend a meeting at Manchester of the Committee organizing this proposed Conference in order to ascertain and discuss the objects of the gathering. A report and recommendations on the subject will be presented to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

3. A Nursery and I.L.P. Lecture.

A complaint was received from the Bermondsey I.L.P. that H. Weston Wells has given a lecture under the auspices of the branch which was in complete variance with the syllabus provided by the Nursery and I.L.P. Joint Committee. We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to express our regret to the Bermondsey I.L.P. and to write to Weston Wells admonishing him in suitable terms.

4. New Societies.

A new Society has been formed at Dover and steps are being taken to form one at Oldham.

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5. Albert Hall Demonstration.

The Organizing Secretary presented final Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in connection with the Demonstration showing receipts amounting to £273.13.1. and expenditure £249.13.2. leaving a surplus of £23.0.11. The Demonstration Committee have passed the accounts, and out of the surplus voted £5 each to the Womens Labour League, Fabian Women's Suffrage Committee, I.L.P. Adult Suffrage Campaign and the People's Suffrage Federation. The balance, after paying some small items, to be given to the I.L.P.

2. Lectures.

We have considered the lecture scheme for the School and appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange details. A report will be submitted in due course.

Sd/ F. Lawson Dodd,
Chairman.

4 The Organizing Sec? see requested to

FABIAN SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Meeting February 27th 1912 at
Fabian Office.

Present. Dadd (in chair), Miss Hankinson, J. Gibson,
E. Davies, C. Townsend, Watkins, Miss Sandham
and Sanders.

Meeting March 5th 1912 at
Fabian Office.

Present. Dadd (in chair), Gibson, Watkins, Miss Hankinson,
Myllie, Miss Sandham, D'Donoghue and Sanders.

1. School House 1912.

We have further considered various properties submitted to us and have had two places inspected, one in Yorkshire and the other in the Luke District. The latter appears to be suitable for the purposes of the School and we are negotiating with the owner with regard to terms. We hope to submit a definite report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. Lectures.

We have considered the lecture scheme for the School and appointed a Sub-Committee to arrange details. A report will be submitted in due course.

Sd/
E. Lawson Dodd,
Chairman.

" + the Organising Sec? as requested to

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Conc^e at office 22nd March 1912.

Present: Barker (in chair) & all except-

absent: Welch, Miss Hutchins, Bray, Harben

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. The Publishing Com^e Report was submitted, & the whole adopted.

On Item 2. Com^e on Minimum Wage, it was agreed (1) That the Publishing Com^e prepare a list of the Committee proposed for report to the Exec. & (2) That the Com^e be one for Executive business only.

3. The Organising & Prop^a Com^e Report was submitted, & the whole was adopted.

On Item 3. Inter-Universal ^{Specialist} Fabian Conference.

It was agreed that this be approved, subject to the addition to the title "being a Federation of Universal Fabian Societies"

Item 6. Groups & Fabian Nursey, a motion to refer back the recommendation was defeated, two only voting for it, & at the end was added " & the Organising Sec^y be requested to

(3) (cont.) Org + Prop: Com^{ce} Report
correspond. with the nursery for the
purpose of carrying out the amendments
desired.

(4) The Summer School Com^{ce} Report was
submitted + approved.

(5) The Finance + General Purposes Com^{ce} Report
was submitted.

Item 1 was noted.

Item 2. Syndicalist Arrests &c. - As Lawson
Dodd could not be present, Miss Murly
was appointed chairman; Maude not
having ^{been able to} prepare a draft, the subject was
fully discussed & it was ~~agreed~~ ^{resolved} that
no resolution be considered before the
lecture & the chairman be instructed
to rule accordingly. A proposal
that a resolution be moved on
Prosecutions based on political motives
was supported by 2 votes only & was
therefore defeated.

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Private. Report of the Publishing Committee on
15th March 1912.

Present. Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reeves, Standing,
Sanders and Secretary.

1. New Tract.
Gold & State Banking. Very few criticisms. Agreed to print 7,000. Title to be improved if possible.
2. Tracts in Preparation.
Minimum Wage. Resolved to recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider this subject, with special reference to the U.S. by Keeling, if prepared.
3. Reprints.
 - (a) No. 119. Electricity. On report by Boyd Dawson agreed to drop this, and to get a new if possible.
 - (b) No. 60. Tenants Sanitary Catechism. 4 pp.- 3,000 to be reprinted.
 - (c) No. 37. Labour Policy for Public Authorities. Agreed to refer to the officers to reprint 1,000 if it be correct enough.
 - (d) No. 102. Family Life on £1 a week. 2d. Report that to sell at 1d would involve an out of pocket loss. Agreed to reprint 3,000 at 2d.
4. Circulation of Tracts.
Offer from H. A. Day of Norwich of £50 towards sending "Family Life" to Oxford and Cambridge, and "Prisons" to English J.P.'s, at a cost of £150 or £250. Agreed to put par. in News asking contributions.
5. Prison Tracts to M.P.'s.
Agreed to print circular and send copy of this tract to all M.P.'s, the Women's Group to arrange for addressing envelopes.

Charlotte F. Shaw,
Chairman.

Private. Organizing & Propaganda Committee.
Meeting March 14th 1912.

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Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair), Miss Murby, Mrs. Bentinck, Sharp and Sanders.

1. Membership.

- (a) The month's candidates (41) were elected.
- (b) 3 Resignations were accepted.
- (c) 10 Members were ordered to be struck off if no reply is received to final letter sent to them.
- (d) 14 Members who have not supplied us with their change of address were suspended.
- (e) 135 University Members who have gone down and not replied to letter asking them to join the London Society were ordered to be struck off.
- (f) 31 Members who belong to local Societies and no longer appear on the lists of those Societies were ordered to be struck off.

2. Proposed French Fabian Society.

Letter was received from Robert Hertz advising against Shaw lecturing in English in Paris.

3. Proposed Inter-University Fabian Society.

We have considered the Organizing Secretary's Report (which has been circulated) of the proceeding of the Conference Committee held at Manchester Sunday March 3rd and have decided that we cannot recommend the Executive Committee to contribute towards the cost of the proposed Conference if it is held in Manchester on March 30th and 31st. We think, however, that if the Conference were held in London at the same time as the Fabian Conference, the Executive Committee might agree to bear the extra cost over and above the expenses in connection with the Fabian Conference usually borne by the University Societies and we recommend accordingly.

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4. Circular to Members.

We submit the enclosed proof of the circular to members for approval.

5. Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. & Fabian Society.
The following Report of the above Committee was received and adopted. Meeting Monday March 11th. -

(1) Local Government Bureau.

It was decided that the management of the Bureau should be taken over by the Committee and carried on under the present system, the Fabian Society doing all necessary clerical work, replying to most of the enquiries and sending all its publications to subscribers, the I.L.P. supplying the tracts it issues on Local Government topics (last year none were supplied). The Accounts for the past year (1911) were as follows:-

Receipts.

Jan.	Balance in hand	£5. 4. 10
To Dec. 31st	Subscriptions	20. 2. 6.
		<u>£25. 7. 4.</u>

Expenditure.

Acts of Parliament bought	11½
Receipt books	1. 0
Steps towards Socialism	5. 6. 3
Notepaper	11. 0
Application Forms	1. 2. 6
Postage (Fabian Society)	4. 4. 1
Tracts (Fabian Society)	10. 0. 0
Balance carried forward	<u>4. 1. 6</u>
	<u>£25. 7. 4.</u>

It was decided to issue Steps Towards Socialism again and to appoint Sanders editor in place of Johnson.

- (2) It was decided to consider the question of reviving the First Sunday in May Labour Demonstration and Sanders was instructed to draw up a scheme of organization and submit to the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

6. The Fabian Nursery.

We have had under consideration the constitution of the Fabian Nursery which, under the Regulations for the Annual Conference, has a voice in the government

of the Society. According to the Fabian Nursery Rules "All members and associates of the Fabian Society who are under 28 years of age shall be eligible for membership; but this limiting of age may be extended at the discretion of the Committee". "Members shall be elected by the Committee: two black balls to exclude". It is stated that the rule giving the Committee of the Nursery power to extend the limiting age has been used freely and that persons considerably over 30 have been elected members while others have been rejected. When the Fabian Nursery was founded this method of admitting members was unobjectionable as the Nursery was then simply a number of young people meeting together for mutual instruction and entertainment and naturally desirous of having the right to select those with whom they associated. But now that the Nursery has a voice in the management of the Society it is obviously anomalous that it should have the right to decide arbitrarily as to its membership, and it is moreover entirely out of order for it to elect associates of the Society as members.

We therefore recommend

That the attention of the Nursery be called to the anomalous character of its constitution and rules and that it be requested to place its terms of membership on a proper basis.

Fabian Conference.

We have considered the question of the date of the Annual Fabian Conference and we recommend it be held on Saturday July 6th next.

Mabel Atkinson,

Chairman.

Private.

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Meeting. Monday March 11th 1912.

Present. Lawson Dodd (in chair), Miss Hankinson,
Miss Atkinson, Watkins, Gibson, Pease, Sanders,
O'Donoghue, Townsend and Lyles.

School House 1912.

As stated in our last Report we have been in negotiation with the owner of Barrow House, Keswick, for the tenancy of the property consisting of a large house and 50 acres of grounds situated on the banks of Lake Derwentwater, and on receiving a definite offer we appointed a Sub-Committee to meet the owner to arrange final terms if possible. The Sub-Committee will report to us at our meeting on Monday next.

Lawson Dodd.



of the notes prepared after meeting

Thursday 31st March 1912.

Present. Maude (in chair), Miss Murby, Sharp, Dadd, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Finance &c.

Report that the estimate of deficit on Mar. 31st is now less than £100: and that the Derby Corporation Stock had been sold at a good price, and that an office junior had been engaged.

2. Syndicalist Arrests.

Lawson Dadd was appointed chairman for Lloyd's lecture and it was agreed that the Executive be recommended to ask for Urgency to submit a resolution on the arrest of the Syndicalists to be moved by Maude. Draft will be submitted.

3. Lectures.

- (a) Eland. On letter objecting to his lecture being in the I.L.P. joint series, and asking to be let off, it was decided to reply that he can lecture under what title he likes, and to ask if he really objects to the co-operation of the I.L.P.
- (b) Herbert French. Offer of lecture on The Key to all Social Values. Agreed to accept this for the last date in June.
- (c) On letter from G.B.S. it was agreed to ask Graham Wallas if he will lecture on Syndicalism.

4. Reorganisation Schemes.

- (a) Scheme drafted by Miss Murby was discussed and withdrawn.
- (b) Scheme drafted by Mrs. Wilson was discussed and it was agreed to recommend that the consideration of it be deferred till after the proposal for a Council has been dealt with.

5. Theatrical Employees.

Appeal re dispute at His Majesty's Theatre. Referred to the Executive to decide.

Aylmer Maude.
Chairman.

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PRIVATE. FABIAN SOCIETY.

COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

COMMITTEE.

H. D. Harben (Chairman), Emil Davies, Lawson Dodd,
Miss Burby and Clifford Sharp for the Executive.

Clifford Allen (who never attended), St. John Ervine,
Dr. Marion Phillips and H. H. Schloesser for the
Reform Committee..

E. R. Pease and W. S. Sanders, Secretaries, without votes.

This Committee has met four times, and the discussions were thorough and prolonged.

The memorandum by H. H. Schloesser was considered paragraph by paragraph, and every point raised by the Fabian Reform Committee was most fully gone into

The main principle underlying the proposed reforms is a desire to bring the ordinary member of the Society into closer touch with the working of the Society, to enlist his interest in all the Society's activities, and to prevent the tendency on the part of the Executive to act irresponsibly and oligarchically.

Without admitting that the alleged tendency exists to any serious extent, there is a unanimous agreement of the Committee with the aims of the proposals, and we feel that it is desirable to take some steps, if possible to secure the co-operation and interest of the Society as a whole in much of the work that is now performed by the Executive. The difficulty, however, is in the fact that the Society has become so much larger than it used to be, and a distinct difference of opinion exists in this Committee as to the wisdom and practicability of the proposals suggested by the Reform Committee.

The cleavage of opinion, which ran more or less through the whole discussion, may be summed up as follows:-

On the one hand, it was thought that when all is said and done, the Executive, elected annually by Universal Suffrage is after all the most representative body that the Society possesses; the Conference and the Members' Meeting being necessarily composed in a rather hap-hazard way of those persons (mostly Londoners) who can afford time to attend them. It would be a retrograde step to transfer to either of these bodies any responsible work which can better be done in a small body with a continuous policy.

On the other side, it was felt that these objections would be more than counterbalanced by the increased interest and reality which would be given to the Conference and to the Members' Meeting, and that the Society would be more likely to benefit by new activity than to lose in impaired efficiency. It was urged with force that it would bring home to the Executive still greater responsibility if they were in closer touch with the members at large. The whole discussion has been of real interest, and not without value as illustrating the problems of democracy in the working; and we feel that the questions at issue have an importance beyond our own Society and a bearing on the practice of representative government.

The following proposals of the Reform Committee were rejected by a majority vote.

- (1) That the delegates to the Labour Party Conference should be appointed by the Conference instead of by the Executive as at present.
- (2) That election addresses should be issued by Candidates for the Executive in the News or elsewhere.
- (3) That members of the Society should have the right, with due safeguards, to circularise their fellow-members.
- (4) That members of the Executive should be permitted to give lectures on policy to the Society. (In this connection our Committee call attention to the fact that it is open to members of the Executive to raise discussion at private meetings, and we think that such discussions might with advantage more frequently take place.)

A scheme laid before the Committee by Clifford Sharp, as an alternative to some of the Fabian Reform Committee's proposals, for the establishment of a Council of about 70 members with certain deliberative and executive powers was withdrawn after an interesting discussion.

The following are the recommendations of the Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

- (1) That in addition to the Annual Meeting in May, two regular Members' Meetings should be held every year, one during the last quarter and one during the first quarter; and the first business of such meeting should be to receive a report from the Secretaries on the work of the various Committees of the Society.

Provided that it be within the discretion of the Executive to cancel any such regular meeting, should a special meeting have been held during the same quarter.

- (2) That questions should in future be allowed at meetings without notice.

Provided that the Secretary shall be entitled to ask for delay if notice be not given and that members be advised that there is more chance of a satisfactory answer to their questions, if notice be given.

- (3) That the attention of members be called in the News to the fact that they can, and are invited to, move resolutions in accordance with Rule 8, and to their right to ask questions without notice.

- (4) That the decisions arrived at by the Executive at their meetings be regularly published in the News; and that it be open to members of the Executive to have their names published as dissenting from such decisions, if they so desire.

Adopted by Majority.

- (5) That a special correspondence sheet be issued with the News every month, or as often as warranted by the correspondence sent in.

Provided that the Editor should make plain that the Society takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed in the letters, and that a small editorial Committee be appointed, if necessary, to share the responsibility of editing the correspondence.

- (6) That a bye-election shall take place if any member of the Executive resign earlier than the month of October.
- (7) That the Annual Conference should be called in the winter, immediately after the issue of the Agenda of the Labour Party Conference, in order to discuss it.
- (8) That, previous to the appointment by the Executive of the delegates to the Labour Party Conference, a notice should be put in the News inviting nominations.
- (9) That in the case of a tract involving an important question of policy, the Executive should first submit by Resolution to a Members' Meeting the general principles involved; and if that principle be endorsed, they should then issue such tract in the name of the Executive instead of a private member. The same procedure should be followed, where possible, in the case of other publications.
- (10) That the rule imposing secrecy on Committee meetings should be abolished, secrecy being imposed on special occasions as required.

Drafted by the Chairman

and approved by the members.

28th February 1912.

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(5) Report of Finance Com^{tee} (contd.)

Item 3. a. v. e. Lectures. - on this the Sec. reported that Bland declined to lecture, save to a meeting of members. After debate it was resolved:-

- (a) That an I.W.P. lecture be held on the day arranged, the subject to be Wallas on Syndicalism, or Irvine on Home Rule.
- (b) That Bland's lecture be given on the next possible date.
- (c) That Trenth's lecture be taken after Bland's.

Item 4. Reorganization Schemes. - noted.
" 5. Theatrical Employees. Referred to Barber for Report.

b. Committee on Internal Administration

On this Report, pages 1. 2. & part of 3 were not considered. -

On page 3. Recommendations:-

1. (Three members meeting) was agreed to
2. (Questions) was agreed to with the addition of the word "members" before meeting

b. Comm^{ee} on Internal Administration (cont^d)

3. (Notice of possible business) was agreed to
(4). (Report of Executive Proceedings) was amended thus. In Line one in place of the words "the decisions" was substituted "A general report of the proceedings of" & at the end was added "Such report shall be submitted to the Chairman of the meeting."

The resolution as amended was carried by 10 votes to 1.

5. (Correspondence Sheet) after a full debate this was carried by 7 votes to 6.

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b. Bye-elections. Lost by 8 votes to 4.

- (7.) At this point the discussion was adjourned till Friday 29th at 5.30, & it was agreed that Barber be again Chairman.

Henry D. Barber
March 27 1922

Com^{ee} 29th March 1912.

Present, Harben (in chair) & all except-

Absent, Welch, Barker, Bray, Davis, Mr Reeves.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apology from Barker was received
3. The Summer School Com^{ee} Report was submitted & the chairman received
4. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ee} Report was submitted

The whole, dealing with the Inter-University Fabian Conference was approved with the following additional clause, which was adopted by 12 votes to 1, viz:-

- (e) Provided that, as suggested by the Conference Committee, the Executive have the right to ~~send~~ ^{have} one of its members to ~~the Conference~~ in an advisory capacity on the initiative of the proposed Federation

5. The Publishing Com^{ce} Report of meeting earlier in the afternoon was submitted verbally by Mrs. Shaw to the following effect:-
- (a) That Tract of Labour Policy for Public Authorities, (Leaflet) had been dropped as out of date. - approved
 - (b) That Mrs. Wilson Mrs. Rees, Miss Hutchins, Sanders & Pease were appointed & to be the Minimum Wage Com^{ce} with Mallon, Miss Moorhouse & Keeling as consultative members. The Exec. Com^{ce} resolved that Miss Atkinson be added & that Harben be Chairman; & the report thus amended was approved.

- (b) Scrutineers. It was agreed that J.M. Shaw be proposed as Scrutiner with power to appoint a staff.

7. Strike of Theatrical Employees. On ~~the~~ report from Barber it was resolved to reply that the matter is too technical for us to take up.

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SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Meeting, Monday March 25th 1912 at the Office.

Present. Dodd (Chairman), Miss Atkinson, Miss Hankinson,
Watkins, Mylles, C'Denoghue, C. F. Townsend,
E. Davies, Jack Gibson and Sanders.

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The chief business of the meeting consisted in drawing up the details of a definite offer to the owner of Barrow House. The offer agreed upon by the Committee has been submitted in writing to the owner and if his reply is received in time it will be reported to the Committee tomorrow.

F. Lawson Dodd,
Chairman.

No copy of the next conference without any recommendations

ORGANIZING & PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

Meeting, Thursday, March 28th 1912 at the
Fabian Office.

Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair), Schloesser, Dr.
Bentham, Mrs. Bentinck and Sanders.

Inter University Fabian Conference.

The Organizing Secretary reported that the proposed Inter-University Fabian Conference to be held at Manchester had been postponed from March 28th and 29th to April 19th and 20th and that he had had an interview with the promoters of the Conference who had decided that it should be of a private nature for the purpose of drawing up a scheme of Federation of University Socialist Societies. The promoters renewed their application to the Executive Committee for contribution towards the expenses of the Conference (estimated at £50) and for general support of the objects of the Federation which were generally to promote the Socialist movement at the Universities. Clifford Allen attended the meeting of the Committee and discussed with us the objects of the proposed Conference and Federation. We have carefully considered the matter and providing that

- (a) The Conference is called for the purpose of forming a Federation of Fabian Societies;
- (b) that the title of the Federation (if formed) should include a statement that it is composed of Fabian Societies;
- (c) that the question of admitting other Societies to the Federation be a matter for further consideration if any other Societies apply for admission,
- and (d) that the Federation should have for its main purpose the organizing of Socialists at Universities into Fabian Societies;

we think the Executive Committee might contribute the sum of £10 towards the cost of the Conference, agree to approve the _____ proposal for a Federation of University Fabian Societies and to consider favourably any suggestions which may be made from _____ time to time for rendering assistance in the work of such a Federation.

Mabel Atkinson, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON REFORM OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION.

COMMITTEE.

H. D. Harben (Chairman), Emil Davies, Lawson Dodd,
Miss Hurby and Clifford Sharp for the Executive.

Clifford Allen (who never attended), St. John Ervine,
Dr. Marion Phillips and H. H. Schloesser for the
Reform Committee..

E. R. Pease and W. S. Sanders, Secretaries, without votes.

This Committee has met four times, and the discussions were thorough and prolonged.

The memorandum by H. H. Schloesser was considered paragraph by paragraph, and every point raised by the Fabian Reform Committee was most fully gone into

The main principle underlying the proposed reforms is a desire to bring the ordinary member of the Society into closer touch with the working of the Society, to enlist his interest in all the Society's activities, and to prevent the tendency on the part of the Executive to act irresponsibly and oligarchically.

Without admitting that the alleged tendency exists to any serious extent, there is a unanimous agreement of the Committee with the aims of the proposals, and we feel that it is desirable to take some steps, if possible to secure the co-operation and interest of the Society as a whole in much of the work that is now performed by the Executive. The difficulty, however, is in the fact that the Society has become so much larger than it used to be, and a distinct difference of opinion exists in this Committee as to the wisdom and practicability of the proposals suggested by the Reform Committee.

The cleavage of opinion, which ran more or less through the whole discussion, may be summed up as follows:-

On the one hand, it was thought that when all is said and done, the Executive, elected annually by Universal Suffrage is after all the most representative body that the Society possesses; the Conference and the Members' Meeting being necessarily composed in a rather hap-hazard way of those persons (mostly Londoners) who can afford time to attend them. It would be a retrograde step to transfer to either of these bodies any responsible work which can better be done in a small body with a continuous policy.

On the other side, it was felt that these objections would be more than counterbalanced by the increased interest and reality which would be given to the Conference and to the Members' Meeting, and that the Society would be more likely to benefit by new activity than to lose in impaired efficiency. It was urged with force that it would bring home to the Executive still greater responsibility if they were in closer touch with the members at large. The whole discussion has been of real interest, and not without value as illustrating the problems of democracy in the working; and we feel that the questions at issue have an importance beyond our own Society and a bearing on the practice of representative government.

The following proposals of the Reform Committee were rejected by a majority vote.

- (1) That the delegates to the Labour Party Conference should be appointed by the Conference instead of by the Executive as at present.
- (2) That election addresses should be issued by Candidates for the Executive in the News or elsewhere.
- (3) That members of the Society should have the right, with due safeguards, to circularise their fellow-members.
- (4) That members of the Executive should be permitted to give lectures on policy to the Society. (In this connection our Committee call attention to the fact that it is open to members of the Executive to raise discussion at private meetings, and we think that such discussions might with advantage more frequently take place.)

A scheme laid before the Committee by Clifford Sharp, as an alternative to some of the Fabian Reform Committee's proposals, for the establishment of a Council of about 70 members with certain deliberative and executive powers was withdrawn after an interesting discussion.

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The following are the recommendations of the Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

- (1) That in addition to the Annual Meeting in May, two regular Members' Meetings should be held every year, one during the last quarter and one during the first quarter; and the first business of such meeting should be to receive a report from the Secretaries on the work of the various Committees of the Society.

Provided that it be within the discretion of the Executive to cancel any such regular meeting, should a special meeting have been held during the same quarter.

- (2) That questions should in future be allowed at meetings without notice.

Provided that the Secretary shall be entitled to ask for delay if notice be not given and that members be advised that there is more chance of a satisfactory answer to their questions, if notice be given.

- (3) That the attention of members be called in the News to the fact that they can, and are invited to, move resolutions in accordance with Rule 6, and to their right to ask questions without notice.

- (4) That the decisions arrived at by the Executive at their meetings be regularly published in the News; and that it be open to members of the Executive to have their names published as dissenting from such decisions, if they so desire.

Adopted by Majority.

- (5) That a special correspondence sheet be issued with the News every month, or as often as warranted by the correspondence sent in.

Provided that the Editor should make plain that the Society takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed in the letters, and that a small editorial Committee be appointed, if necessary, to share the responsibility of editing the correspondence.

- (6) That a bye-election shall take place if any member of the Executive resign earlier than the month of October.
- (7) That the Annual Conference should be called in the winter, immediately after the issue of the Agenda of the Labour Party Conference, in order to discuss it.
- (8) That, previous to the appointment by the Executive of the delegates to the Labour Party Conference, a notice should be put in the News inviting nominations.
- (9) That in the case of a tract involving an important question of policy, the Executive should first submit by Resolution to a Members' Meeting the general principles involved; and if that principle be endorsed, they should then issue such tract in the name of the Executive instead of a private member. The same procedure should be followed, where possible, in the case of other publications.
- (10) That the rule imposing secrecy on Committee meetings should be abolished, secrecy being imposed on special occasions as required.

Drafted by the Chairman
and approved by the members.

28th February 1912.

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8. Tea Report on Reform of Internal Administration.

This was been considered, & in the first place the recommendations on p. 3 were taken: -

- (1) Two regular Annual Meetings. Agreed to.
- (2) Questions. In line 1, the word "members" was inserted before "meetings" & so amended the resolution was agreed to. -
- (3) Notice of Members Meetings. Agreed to.
- (4) Report in news of Executive Proceedings. This was amended & the insertion of the words "a general report of the proceedings of" in place of the words "the decisions arrived at" in line 1, the alteration of "such" to "any" in line 4, & by the addition at the end "Such report shall be submitted to the chairman of the meeting." As amended the recommendation was adopted & 10 votes to 1.

5. Correspondence Sheet with "News." After debate this was carried & 7 votes to 6. -

- a. Bye-elections. Rejected & 8 votes to 4
7. Annual Conference in Winter. Resolved to put this on the agenda of the next conference without any recommendation.

- (6) Report of the Reform of Adm. Com. (contd.)
 & the Executive". Proposal for adding
 a favourable recommendation had
 only 2 supporters
- (8) Nominations for Labour Party Delegates Rejected
 by 7 votes to 3
- (9) Members Meetings & Tracts. This was
 withdrawn by Schlosser in view of
 the discussion on the Council referred
 to the new Executive
- (10) Abolition of rule of Secrecy. This was
 amended by the addition of the words
 "on the request of any single member"
 & as amended was carried by
 a majority

The resolutions on p. 2 were then considered

- (1) Appointment of Labour Party Delegates. Only 2 votes for:
 + consequently rejected
- (2) Election Addresses. Rejected by 9-4 - a proposal
 of Miss Alkison that candidates be allowed an
 election address in the News, 1/3rd column,
 with joint addresses if desired was rejected
 by 7 votes to 4. -

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PROPOSED FABIAN COUNCIL.

Report of Sub-Committee appointed by the Finance &
General Purposes Committee, and ordered to report
direct to the Executive.

Miss Murby, E. R. Pease, W. S. Sanders and Clifford Sharp.

Up to about 1906 when the Society grew suddenly in numbers above the limit of 700 to 800 at which it had stood for many years, the meeting of members, numbering usually about 75 or 100 were the body which finally determined policy, both by the full and detailed discussion of tracts in proof and by authorising political manifestoes, such as Fabianism and the Empire, Fabianism and the Fiscal Question, and the long series of manifestoes, tracts, and amendments to bills which made up the Education Policy of 1901-3. All these matters were discussed in detail before the members and hammered out into a solid collective policy.

When the Society became too numerous to meet in Clifford's Inn, we were driven to Essex Hall and the mere size of the room transformed our conferences between the Executive and the members into gatherings of the character of public meetings and so made the detailed discussion of any document line by line a practical impossibility.

In effect the Executive has been forced to the practical conclusion that the choice lay between deciding policy for itself, and having no collective policy at all. In the matter of politics it has adopted the former alternative: in the case of tracts, the latter, in that they have been issued as a rule under names of individuals. The policies for the Parliamentary Elections of 1910 issued to members only, and on the Insurance Bill were adopted without technical sanction by the Society; the issue of tracts in the name of the Society has ceased since the publication of The Case for the Legal Minimum Wage in July 1906, except for wholly uncontroversial subjects, such as Municipal Trading and What a Health Committee can do.

Many both of the older and the newer members regret the change that has been forced upon us, and the present proposal is made with a view to reviving that wider control over policy by the Society and the fuller discussion of our publications which was so valuable in old days.

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Another consideration which weighs with us in recommending this proposal is the importance, long recognised by many members of the Executive, of drawing a larger number of our members into close touch with the business of the Society. There are many active members, keenly interested in our work, who fail to get elected to the Executive and for various reasons are unable to devote themselves to group work or other activities. And many of those who take part in local or subject groups would be glad to be associated with the management of the Society. We should thus prevent members likely to be of use to us from taking up other lines of activity and should find out valuable capacities amongst members hitherto outside the Executive circle.

To sum up: the reasons for creating the Council are:

1. To secure the co-operation of a greater number of members in the practical work and government of the Society.
2. To ensure thorough discussion of Tracts.
3. To keep the Executive more closely in touch with the feeling of the Society.
4. To spread the responsibility for important decisions, especially on matters of policy, over a wider circle of members.
5. To give a wider publicity than is at present practicable to the views and actions of individual members of the Executive on points of policy and administration.

Suggested constitution of Council.

The Council should consist of

1. The Executive Committee 21

2. Twenty-five members to be elected by ballot of the members present at the Annual Meeting; candidates to be nominated in advance: names to be in the May News, but list to be open to a week before Meeting. . . . 25
3. Representatives of the Local Societies and Subject and Local Groups to be elected at a general meeting of the Society or Group by the Members of the London Society who are present and to hold office for twelve months. No Society or Group having less than 25 such members to be entitled to representation. There are at present 6 local and subject groups, 3 Local Societies and 6 University Societies so qualified. 15
4. Ten members who may be co-opted during the year. 10
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The Council would thus consist almost exclusively of members resident in or around London and would number about 70 persons altogether.

Powers and Functions of the Council.

1. To sanction all tracts issued in the name of the Society.
2. To sanction all Manifestoes or other public pronouncements on policy issued in the name of the Society.
3. To make recommendations on the programme of the Society's lectures and meetings.
4. To consider questions of future policy with a view to the preparation of tracts or otherwise.
5. To appoint Committees for special purposes.

3. To consider any other business submitted by the Executive Committee, or by member of the Council.

Meetings of the Council.

The Council should meet ordinarily about once a quarter and meetings would be called at any time by the Executive or by any twelve members of the Council.

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18) Report of Internal Reforms Com^e (cont^d)

- (3) Circularising fellow members. Rejected, 2 voting for.
- (4) Executive right to Lecture Rejected 2 voting for.

9. Proposed Fabian Council. It was resolved to refer this to the new Executive.

10. Action on Decisions arrived at. The Secy was directed to prepare a report of the ~~no~~ decisions arrived at, & of the steps taken for carrying them into effect, & to submit this to the next meeting of the Exec., having obtained the approval of the Chairman of the present meeting.

11. The following was carried with one dissentient & ordered to be sent to the press:—

That this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society protests against the unwise and unnecessary severity of the sentences recently passed on the militant suffragists.

Arthur M. B. [Signature]

19. 4. 12



Com^{ee} Meeting, the last of the Old Executive,
on April 19th 1912. -

Present. Dr. Bentham (in chair) + all except
Absent Webb, Barker, Bray, Mr. Reeves, Miss
Atkinson, Mrs Wilson, + Mrs Shaw.

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1. The Minutes were conformed
2. Apologies: Mrs Wilson, + Miss Atkinson.
3. The Finance + General Purposes Com^{ee} Report
was submitted.

Items 1. 2. 3 were received + adopted.

Item 4. Lectures - after discussion
this was varied as follows: -

Mar 10. Wallace, Joint L.S.P.

June 7 + 21. One day Evine: the Rev
V. Harkhorn, on his view of the Labour
Movement. Fabian meeting: Expenses to be paid

July, Bland. Trench to be deferred.

Item 5. Chairman for Higgs. Maudie.

.. b Dinner + Soiree after much debate it
was finally agreed to approve the proposals.

Private Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
18th April 1930.

Present. PROFIT AND LOSS A/C. Miss Hurby, Sanders

<u>Receipts.</u>		For the year was submitted	<u>Expenditure.</u>	
£. s. d.			£. s. d.	
Subscriptions of all sorts	1380.12. 5½		Printing & Publishing	18. 0. 9.
Book Boxes	54. 0. 5		" Fabian News	90. 5.10.
Shaw - Chesterton Debate	65.16.11		Lecture Halls	107. 2. 0.
Summer School			Salaries	747. 6. 0.
Including £92 sales of				236 12 11½
Furniture.	221.11. 0		Stamps & Carriage . . .	238.17. 0
			Rent.	186. 3. 6
			Other Office Expenses	150.17. 3½
			General Printing. . .	119.17.10
			Organising Expenses .	25.17. 7
			Grants.	71. 8. 4
			Deposit at Bank	
Loss on year	136.15. 4	(22. 11. 3½)	a/c Summer School	100. 0. 0
	<u>£1858.16. 2.</u>			<u>£1858.16. 2.</u>

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
18th April 1932.

Present. Sharp (in chair), Dr. Dentham, Miss Hurby, Sanders
and Secretary.

1. Balance Sheet for the year was submitted and one alteration ordered.
2. Profit and Loss A/c for the year was submitted showing a (corrected) loss on the year of about £120.
3. Proposal to circulate Women's Group Tract.
On the report that only £5.14.0. had been promised, it was agreed to ask Mr. Day if he will give money to use as far as it will go.

4. Lectures.

It was resolved to recommend as follows:-

- May 10 Wellas, on Syndicalism, jointly with I.L.P.
- June 7 Irvine, Home Rule.
- 21 Trench, Social Values.
- July 5 M'and, on Policy, the day before the Annual Conference.

It was decided not to take further steps for a lecture on English Syndicalism.

5. Chairman for Higgs (tonight) and for Ensor (next week) were not appointed.
6. Dinner & Sciree to the Webbs.
 - (a) It was resolved to recommend that prices of tickets be higher than before with a view to making a profit: viz. 6/- for Dinner
2/6 for Sciree.
 - (b) The Officers were directed to bring up recommendations on other matters: they recommend:
 - I. Chairman - H. D. Harben.
 - II. Toast. Guests of the evening.
Proposed by Chairman
Responded by Guests.
Nothing more.
- III. Music. Small orchestra as before and dancing.

Clifford Sharp. Acting Chairman.

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(4) Webb Dinner The following report on the agenda paper was approved:—

Webb Dinner or Reception.

The Executive Committee on Feb. 23rd decided to give a dinner or reception to Webb and Mrs. Webb on their return with their consent. Letter from Webb agreeing to proposal on behalf of himself and Mrs. Webb.

It is proposed that a Dinner, to be followed by a Soiree (with light refreshments), be held on Monday May 20th at Holborn Restaurant.

Recommendations with regard to

- (a) Chairman
- (b) Toasts and proposers and seconders.
- (c) Music &c.
- (d) Prices of tickets

will be made by the Finance Committee.

5. Draft Report on Com^o on Internal Reforms. Proof of this were considered + a few amendments made. It was resolved that the recommendations as to the 2 Private Meetings be embodied in the rules + the Secy was ordered to bring up a draft amendment.

b. The Annual Report. This was considered in proof, a few amendments + one addition ordered, + as amended it was approved.—

Henry O. Starbuck
April 26th

Year 1912 - 1913
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First Meeting of the New Executive Comtee  
at Office on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1912

Present Harben (in chair) Mrs Wilson, Allen, Lloyd,  
Schlaesser Snell, Dr. Bentham, Dr. Phillips,  
Evan Dodd Mrs Bentuck, Miss Murg, Davies  
Sanders & Secy

Absent Webb & Mrs Webb (abroad) Miss Atkinson, Mrs Reeves  
Sharp. -

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. The Standing Orders of Last year were  
submitted & confirmed with the  
following exceptions: -

No. 1. Chairmanship. Referred by a vote of 5-4  
to the Finance & General Purposes Comtee  
for Report.

No. 3. New rule drafted by the Sec. was approved  
as drafted.

a new order (No 9) was agreed to, from the Report of the

4. That a general report of the proceedings of the executive at their meetings be regularly published in the News; and that it be open to members of the Executive to have their names published as dissenting from such decisions, if they so desire. Such report shall be submitted to the chairman of the meeting reported before publication.

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3. The Summer School Report was submitted & approved.

4. The Standing Committees were appointed as follows

Finance & General Purposes

Dr. Bentham

Jarvis

Jodd

Ch

Ensor

Miss Murby

Dr. Phillips

Schlosser

V.C.

Sharp

Webb.

Publishing Com<sup>tee</sup>

Dr Bentham

V.C.

Harber

Lloyd

Ch

Mrs Reeves

Sharp

Mrs Shaw

Mrs Wilson

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Standing Orders and Orders of Reference to Sub-Committees.

*Deferred*

1.- Each member of the Executive Committee shall preside in turn at its meetings, in alphabetical order, (the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as member of the Committee but no casting vote.

2.- The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Society's Offices, and normally at 5 or 5.30 p.m. on such Fridays as may be fixed from time to time. A Special meeting may be called by the Secretary whenever required. An Agenda (including as far as may be practicable, such reports of Sub-Committees as may have been prepared) shall be sent by post to each member so as to reach him not later than the morning delivery of the day of meeting. Any member of the Executive Committee wishing to move a resolution on any subject (other than matters arising out of the report of a Sub-Committee, or other item in the agenda) shall give notice thereof to the Secretary two clear days before the date of the

meeting. Except by the unanimous consent of the members present, no resolution (other than aforesaid) shall be moved without notice.

Rule 5: ~~old text.~~

~~3.- That proceedings of the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees, and any statements made thereat, are to be regarded as absolutely private and confidential, except in so far as any publication may be made in "Fabian News" by order of the Executive Committee; and in that case, until such publication. Provided that on the demand of any five members present the terms of any resolution put to the Executive Committee and the names of those voting for or against it shall be specially entered upon the minutes and shall thereupon cease to be confidential.~~

~~Rule 5: Form of proposed alteration drafted by Secretary.~~  
Any matter under discussion by the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees and any statements made thereon shall on the demand of any one member present be treated as private and confidential, except in so far as any publication may be made in Fabian News and in that case until such publication.

4.- Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only



on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.

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5.- Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.

6.- It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee, to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject.

7.- The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.

8.- Any member of the Executive Committee may subject to notice move that any subject be referred for consideration and report to the appropriate Sub-Committee; and any such motion, if adopted, shall

be taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee at its next meeting, when the member moving shall be entitled to attend.

- 10 *9*. - Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not vote, nor, except by permission, speak.
- 11 *10*. - Each Sub-Committee shall elect a standing chairman for the year (or such shorter period as it may decide); who shall be responsible for moving at the Executive Committee the reception of the report of the Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee may, if desired, elect a standing Vice-Chairman.
- 12 *11*. - Each Sub-Committee shall conform to the Standing Orders for the time being in force; shall deal only with the matters within its reference, except in cases of urgency, and act by a majority. It may fix its own time and place of meeting, and its own quorum.
- 13 *12*. - Each Sub-Committee shall be empowered, (in addition to any authority specially given to it by resolution of the Executive Committee and to the specific authorities in the Orders of the Reference).

(a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on, any matter within its own Order of Reference.

That a general report of the proceedings of the Executive at their meetings be regularly published in the News; and that it be open to members of the Executive to have their names published as dissenting from ~~such~~ decisions, if they so desire. Such report shall be submitted to the chairman of the meeting reported before publication.

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- (b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Committee on matters within its own Order of Reference.
- (c) To take on the matters within its own Order of Reference any action urgently required in the interests of the Society, which shall not permit of the delay involved in awaiting the next Executive Committee; but subject to the foregoing, no Sub-Committee may, without having first obtained an explicit decision of the Executive Committee:
- (x) incur any expense or liability exceeding £10;
  - (y) make any new departure in policy or practice;
  - (z) publish anything in the name or on behalf of the Society.

18.- The Honorary Treasurer, F. Lawson Dodd, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, shall be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edw. R. Pease shall be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.



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Orders of Reference.

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A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Finance

- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
  - (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;
  - (3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.
- (b) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.
- (c) The preparation of the Annual Report.
- (d) The management of the Society's office and staff.
- (e) The supply of information in response to enquiries; The Local Government Information Bureau.
- (f) All Bills and Parliamentary matters.
- (g) The Circulating Book Boxes.
- (h) The arrangement of lectures, &c. at the regular meetings of the Society.
- (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Lectures:

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.

- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations. (28)
- (b) The election of new members and associates.
- (c) The means to be taken to maintain and increase the membership.
- (d) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.

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

- (a) The Tracts, reports and books that the Society places on sale.
- (b) The preparation of new Tracts, reports and books for publication by the Society.
- (c) The literary property of the Society
- (1) The Sub-Committee shall, before taking steps to commit the Society to any new Tracts, &c. submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation as to the subject, authorship and other details.
  - (2) The Sub-Committee shall circulate to the members of the Executive Committee in good time complete proofs of all publications which it proposes to recommend the Executive Committee to issue.
  - (3) The Publishing Committee shall be authorised to decide (subject to report in each case to the Executive Committee) the details as to the reprinting, revising, and re-issuing of the tracts, books, reports, &c. already authorised by the Executive Committee to be placed on sale. But it shall not, without the explicit authority of the Executive Committee in each case, issue or publish any new matter, or commit the Society to such issue or publication.
- (d) The control of "Fabian News".

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FABIAN SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Meeting Monday April 22nd 1912.

Present, Dodd (in chair), Gibson, Mylles, O'Donoghue and Sanders.

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The tenancy of Barrow House has now been practically settled. The rent will be £110 per annum and a sum of £90 will be paid for the necessary labour entailed in the upkeep of the grounds. The tenancy will be for one year with option of renewal for two further years on the same terms. We have arranged for the School to be opened at Whitsuntide with a Conference on a Legal Minimum Wage. T. Richardson, M.P., Mrs. Reeves, H. D. Harben and J. J. Mallon have agreed to attend and give addresses on the subject. The Conference has been advertised in the May Fabian News. Arrangements are in hand for the usual Session of the School from July to September and a prospectus will be issued with the June News.

F. Lawson Dodd,  
Chairman.



4. Standing Comtee Contd

Organising + Propaganda

Ch

Allen

Miss Atkinson

Mr: Benhuch

Lloyd

Miss Murby

V.P.

Snell

Mr: Webb

5. Womens Group Franchise Comtee agreed to insert-  
appeal for funds in News..

b Agenda for Annual Meeting

The following was submitted :-

- (a) Report and accounts.
- (b) New Rule by Executive  
In addition to the Annual Meeting two private meetings shall be held one in the first and one in the last quarter of each calendar year.
- (c) Resolution by Walter Read  
Standing instruction that clerks in the office be Trade Unionists.
- (d) Resolution by Dr. M. Phillips to add "affiliated to the Labour Party" to the name of the Society in publications.

## 7. Agenda of Annual Meeting (Contd.)

### (e) Resolution by Ervino

This meeting of the London Members of the Fabian Society expresses its regret at the action of Messrs. J. G. Jhiozza Money, H. G. Chancellor and Athelstan Rendall in voting against the amendment to the Reply to the Address, moved by the Labour Party, wherein regret was expressed at the omission of any mention of legislation foreshadowing

the establishment of a Minimum Wage and the Nationalisation of Railways, Mines and other Monopolies; and further regrets that Mr. H. G. Chancellor voted against the amendment to the Minimum Wage Bill, moved by the Labour Party, providing for the insertion of the scheduled rates in the Bill.

- (f) Resolution of censure on George Lansbury for working against the Labour Party Paper, will be proposed by E. R. Pease, if ruled in order.

On the above the Secretary will propose

That in view of the fact that no declaration of principles or policy, other than those contained in the Basis, is asked of candidates for election, and that every member has by the rules the right to demand the expulsion of any other member for want of fidelity to the Basis, any notice of resolution for a members' meeting by one member calling in question the conduct of another member is out of order.

After a very long discussion:

(a) The Secy withdrew the resolution on the paper above.

(b) It was resolved by 8 votes to 4  
That resolutions (e) + (f) are  
out of order

7. Agenda of Annual Meeting Cont?

(c) It was agreed that Irvine be permitted to send in another resolution on the same lines, in general terms, Dodd to decide whether it be in order. -

(d) That the discussion be not reported in Fabian News.

8. Chairman for Ensor. Miss Murly.

Miss Murly



Executive Comtee Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> May 1912.

Present, Miss Murby (in chair) & all  
Except Mrs Bentinck & Mrs Shaw, Mrs Webb, Webb

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Mrs Bentinck Mrs Shaw, Mrs & Mrs Webb were received.
3. Publication of names. after a discussion on the minutes it was unanimously resolved :-  
That the Executive rules that a claim for the publication of names under Standing Order No. 9 must be made before the meeting concludes.
4. The Publishing Comtee report was submitted & approved.

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5. The Organising & Propaganda Comtee Report was submitted & the whole approved.  
The Report of May 16<sup>th</sup> was submitted :-  
Items 1 was approved.

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Private. Report of the Publishing Committee  
3rd May 1912.

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Present. Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Dr. Dentham, Harben,  
Lloyd, Sharp, Mrs. Wilson and Secretary.

1. Mrs. Reeves was elected chairman and H.D. Harben vice-chairman and Friday was selected as the day of meeting.
2. George Standring was again invited to attend the meeting as technical expert.
3. Gold & State Banking.  
The Secretary reported that this was nearly ready.
4. The Fabian Song Book.  
The MS. was received with report by Mrs. Reeves and it was remitted to Harben for further report.
5. Tracts in Preparation.  
MS. and Reports thereon were considered viz:-  
Biographical Series.  
F. Place by Ervine: reports favourable.  
Cwen by Miss Hutchins " "  
The Right to Strike by Alban Gordon: reports unfavourable.  
Further reports were ordered.
6. Tract proposals.  
A number were considered and dealt with.
7. Tract Distribution.  
Receipt of £30 for distribution of Family Life on £1 a week to Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates was reported and it was agreed to ask advice of the Oxford and Cambridge University F.S. Secretaries as to the best and cheapest way of doing it.
8. Tract Sales.  
Report on the tracts which sold best last year was submitted showing that 5204 copies of Shaw's 'Superior Brains' headed the list, and that of Clifford's 'Socialism & the Church' 1310 had been sold with the cover compared with 255 without a cover in the previous year. A new edition of 2000 Women & Politics was ordered, as only 500 of the first were left.

Maud Reeves. Chairman.

Private. Report of Organizing and Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday May 2nd 1912.

Present. H. Snell (in the chair), Allen, Lloyd, Mrs. Bontinck,  
Miss Murby, Miss Atkinson, Pease and Sanders.

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1. We have elected Miss Atkinson as our chairman and H. Snell as vice-chairman.
2. We have fixed Thursday as our day of meeting.
3. Membership.
  - (a) 46 April candidates and 10 May candidates were elected.
  - (b) 8 Resignations were accepted.
4. Nursery Rules.

We have received notification from the Nursery that its rules are being revised and will be submitted in due course to the Executive Committee.
5. New Society.

A new Society has been formed at Blackburn.
6. Conscription in New Zealand.

A letter was received from a member in New Zealand detailing oppressive methods in use in connection with the compulsory military service law. It was decided to give the contents of the letter to the Labour Leader and other papers.
7. Socialist Club in East End.

Letter was received from Litchfield Woods asking the Fabian Society to form a Young Socialists' Club in the East End. Decided to recommend that he be informed that the Society is unable to undertake the task.
8. Socialist Settlement.

Letter was received from Dr. Salter suggesting that the Fabian Society form a Socialist Settlement in Bermondsey. Consideration was deferred for a consultation between the officers and Dr. Salter.



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## 9. University Socialist Federation.

- (a) We have considered the report of the meeting of the Organizing Secretary to form a University Socialist Federation and we understand that the Federation is to be called "The University Socialist Federation, being a Federation of Fabian and other Socialist Societies". Although this does not quite fulfil the terms of the proposed grant of £10 laid down by the Executive Committee which stated that the Federation should be one of Fabian Societies only, and that the main object of the Federation should be the formation of University Fabian Societies, we consider that the Executive Committee might agree to pay the £10 and we recommend accordingly.
- (b) We recommend that Miss Atkinson be our advisory member on the Federation Executive.

## 10. Northern Fabian Conference.

We instructed the Organizing Secretary to attend on behalf of the Executive Committee the Northern Fabian Conference held at Sheffield on May 10th.

## 11. Lectures at Birmingham Socialist Centre.

Application was received from the Birmingham Socialist Centre for the Organizing Secretary to give six special educational lectures on Socialism, the Centre to pay all expenses. We recommend that the application be acceded to.

## 12. Free Speech Defence Committee.

The Organizing Secretary reported he had accepted the honorary secretaryship of the Free Speech Defence Committee and reported on the work he had done. We agreed that his action be approved.

H. Snell.

Acting Chairman.

Private. Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday, May 16th 1912.

Present. E. Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Allen, Lloyd,  
Miss Murby, Miss Atkinson, Sanders and Pease.

1. We have revised the letter sent to new members and have ordered a supply for twelve months to be printed.

2. Lecture Plans for 1912-13.

We have considered the question of professional lecturing for the season 1912-13 together with the recommendation of the Executive Committee that more non-professional lecturing should be organised. With regard to the non-professional lecturing we think that the Executive Committee should offer to pay part of the travelling expenses of the lecturers when filling engagements with provincial Fabian Societies and that such payments should be paid if necessary from No. 2 account. For this purpose and for the cost of professional lecturing we think that a sum of \$350 from No. 2 account as last year should be voted for the session 1912-13 and we recommend accordingly.

3. Speakers Class.

We consider that the experiment of holding a class for Speakers has been sufficiently successful to justify its continuance and we therefore propose

- (a) That a class be formed next session on the lines of the one begun in January 1912.
- (b) That another class be formed for students who have gone through the first class.

4. Annual Fabian Conference.

- (a) The resolutions sent in by Societies and Groups are appended together with those from the E. C.
- (b) We propose that the resolution for the Conference be printed in the June News.

5. Fabian Policy.

We have received letters from (a) the Letchworth Fabian Society stating that they have passed the following resolution:-

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"That in the opinion of this meeting, members of the Fabian Society should not publicly support any parliamentary candidate other than a member of the Labour and Socialist parties".

and (b) from the Glasgow F.S. forwarding the following resolution passed at their Annual Meeting:-

"That this Annual Meeting of the Glasgow Fabian Society refuses to support any movement which has for its object the disqualification for membership of the Society of those who assist and belong to any particular political party."

6. A Shaw - Belloc Debate.

The organizing Secretary has been in communication with Shaw and Belloc who are both willing to debate on some aspect of Socialism. We will report further on the arrangements for the debate should it be fixed up.

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Private. Report of the Finance and General Purposes  
Committee on 2th May 1912.

Present. Lawson Dodd (temporary chairman), Ensor, Sharp,  
Miss Murby, Schloesser, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Chairman etc.

Ensor was elected chairman and Sharp vice-chairman  
for the year and the day of meeting was fixed for  
Thursday as before.

2. Accounts.

Report on current receipts and expenditure was submitted,  
and a report by the Secretary on a deficit of 37/6d  
in the postage account recommending that it be  
written off was adopted.

3. Standing Joint Committee with the I.L.P.

It was agreed to recommend the reappointment of the  
outgoing delegates, viz. Miss Murby, Pease,  
Schloesser and Sharp, with Sanders as joint  
secretary.

4. Lectures.

Hartshorn having declined it was agreed to recommend the  
following arrangements

|      |      |         |                              |
|------|------|---------|------------------------------|
| June | 7th  | Trench. | Key to Social Values.        |
| June | 21st | Ervine. | Home Rule.                   |
| July | 5th  | Bland.  | Fabian Policy (Members only) |

5. Annual Meeting.

- (a) It was resolved to ask F.H. Spencer in the first  
place, to be chairman. (He has accepted).
- (b) Resolution on the Clerks Union. It was agreed  
nem. con. to recommend the Executive to support this.
- (c) On the other resolutions no recommendations were made.

6. Application for grant from the Women's Group.

Letter read from the Secretary of the Group asking for a  
grant of £4.7.6. for lectures understood to be already  
arranged open to the public, women only, which the  
Group desired to hold in public halls, for which  
purpose they asked assistance in view of their lack  
of funds.

It was agreed unanimously that the Committee could not recommend the grant because it was not applied for in advance, as had been done by other groups, and therefore the Executive had no opportunity of considering whether the lectures merited their financial support.

7. Delegates.

International Association for Labour Legislation.

2 required : Miss Murby appointed.

Workmen's National Housing Council: Sanders.

F. Lawson Dodd,

Chairman pro.tem.

By Jack Gibson:-

Why was no action taken by the Executive in connection with the Miners' Strike.

Answer (? also by Ensor)

Because no proposals for action by the Society likely to benefit the miners were submitted to the Executive by any member of the Society, official or other.

QUESTIONS.

By F. J. Osborn, to the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (Ensor).

Whether one of the Society's delegates to the Labour Party Conference on the National Insurance Bill last year was a person who had been a Liberal parliamentary candidate and who was then prominently associated with the Liberal party, and whether, in view of the fact that such a circumstance is calculated to confuse the popular mind, he can give any assurance that the Society shall in future be represented at Labour Party Conferences by supporters of the Labour Party only.

Proposed reply

The answer to the first part of the question is yes and to the second part no.

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5. cont: Org & Prop. Com<sup>s</sup>

Item 2 was approved: the Secy explained that £200 was the whole of the fund ~~at~~ which was left.

Item 3 was approved

Item 4 Fabian Conference was approved. It was agreed to insert two Executive resolutions, one, drafted by Schlosser, regarding Local F. Societies to affiliate with Local Labour Parties, & the other, to be drafted by Mrs Webb (or with her approval), on Poor Law Reform. -

Item 5 was noted

Item 6 ~~ed~~ Shaw-Bellor debate led to a confused discussion in the course of which several divisions were taken. Ultimately a resolution that Shaw be asked to reconsider his refusal to debate under the auspices of the B.S.P. was rejected by 5 votes to 10, & the proposal as submitted was adopted.

b. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>s</sup> report was submitted: Items 1. 2. 3. & 4 were approved.

(b) F. & L. P. Report (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 5. Annual meeting. (a) Noted. (b) It was agreed that Davies act for the Exec. & resist any substantial amendment. On item (c) & it was resolved 4/10-5 that the Executive oppose Dr. Phillips' Resolution, & of the 5 who opposed Allen, Dr. Bentham, Schlosser & Dr. Phillips claimed that their names be published in accordance with the Standing Order.

It was agreed that Emsor speak for the Exec.

Item 6. Womens Group Grant. On this the Group Sec. explained that lectures to the extent of 25/- were not yet arranged & it was agreed that a Grant of this amount be made to the Group

Item 7. Noted.

7. Annual Meeting.

(a) It was agreed that the Exec. ask urgency for a resolution on the Malecka Case to be moved by W. D. Harben, & the terms of the Resolution were settled.

7. Annual Meeting (contd)

(b) It was agreed that the Sec-y move the Annual Report, & that Schlosser propose the Amendment to the Rules.

8. Social Com<sup>o</sup> This was appointed as follows:-

Miss Mabel Atkinson, Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, Mrs. Bischof Collins, Emil Davies, Miss Hankinson, Aylmer Maude, Miss Moore, W. S. Sanders, J.W. Shaw, Mrs. C. H. Wilson.

with power to add.

9. Labour Newspapers Ltd It was agreed to send out free a further appeal for subscriptions to the above Company.

10. Questions. The Sec. intimated that questions for the members meeting had been sent in, the proposed that replies as on the paper should be given. The proposed answers, the given & Envor, were approved.

11. Dinner. The <sup>Org.</sup> Sec. reported on progress made. -

F. Hanson Secy



Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 1912.

Present Dodd in chair, & all except  
absent Davies, Dr. Bentham & Dr. Phillips

1. The Minutes were confirmed with one amendment.
2. The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted by Mrs Reeves  
On Item 1. The Secy contended that his portrait was not appropriate on his State Banking Tract, & at his desire the proposal was negatived.  
The other items were agreed to.
3. The Organising & Propr<sup>ty</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted & the whole adopted.
4. The Summer School Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted & approved
5. The Finance & General Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted by R.C. K. Cusor  
Items 1. 2. 3. 4 were approved.

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Private. Report of the Publishing Committee 31st May 1912.  
at the Office.  
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Present. Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Harben,  
Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1. **Held & State Banking**, by E.R. Pease.  
The Secretary reported this now ready for Press.  
It was resolved to issue it in cover with portrait of  
author, copies to go with News to be without the cover.
2. **Manuscripts.**
  - (a) "The Right to Strike" by Alban Gordon, rejected,  
and Harben undertook to consider if he  
could do a substitute.
  - (b) Ervine's "Place" was ordered to be set up when  
revised by author.
  - (c) Miss Hutchins<sup>33</sup> "Cwen" was ordered to be set up,  
unless Mrs. Wilson suggested amendments
3. **Cover for Biographical Series.**  
It was resolved to have a very simple design with  
space for a Medallion portrait of the subject of the  
trace.
4. **New Editions.**  
Women & Prisons. 2,000 ordered with revisions.  
Doarmer's Christianity. 5,000 ordered.
5. **Tract Distribution Scheme.**  
On advice from Oxford and Cambridge, it was agreed  
to defer till October.

Maud Reeves,

Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Private. Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee  
Meeting Thursday May 30th 1912.  
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Present. H. Snell, Clifford Allen, Sanders.

1. Annual Fabian Conference July 6th.
  - (a) We propose that our Chairman, Miss Atkinson, be Chairman of the Conference.
  - (b) We have asked the Social Committee to try to arrange a Social Gathering on the evening of the Conference.
  
2. Conference with Secretaries of Societies and Groups in the London area.

We have fixed the date of this Conference for June 20th at 8 p.m.
  
3. Autumn Campaign with the I.L.P.

We recommend that the Joint Committee of the Fabian Society and the I.L.P. be asked to organise an autumn campaign in furtherance of the National Minimum. We understand that the National Administrative Council of the I.L.P. is in favour of the proposal and a meeting of the Joint Committee will be held shortly at which the details of the proposed campaign could be arranged.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Private. The Summer School Committee.

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Report.

1. The Whitsuntide Conference.

The Conference, after payment of all out of pocket expenses for wages, food, etc. yielded a balance of about £15 towards rent and standing charges.

2. Annual Budget.

In accordance with standing orders we submit the following budget for 1912:-

| <u>Income.</u>             | £           | <u>Expenditure.</u>                                                       | £           |
|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 348 School weeks @ £1.15.0 | 609         | Rent & upkeep of grounds . . . . .                                        | 200         |
| Fees for non-Residents     | 5           | 348 Board & service @ 16/- . . . . .                                      | 279         |
|                            |             | 16 Lecturers' fares @ 30/- . . . . .                                      | 24          |
|                            |             | Lecturers' fees . . . . .                                                 | 33          |
|                            |             | Fares of staff &c. . . . .                                                | 3           |
|                            |             | Printing & stationery                                                     | 25          |
|                            |             | Balance available for office expenses, depreciation & interest on capital | 45          |
|                            | <u>£614</u> |                                                                           | <u>£614</u> |

3. Capital Expenditure.

We have expended the £100 on deposit as capital and the £41.11.0. carried forward (the latter sum out of the current income of the Society) in purchasing beds and bedding, articles of furniture, china, &c. &c. and we anticipate that a further sum of about £80 - making £200 in all - will be required for capital expenditure. We understand it is probable that this can be temporarily met without difficulty out of the Society's ordinary funds including advance payments of School fees. After the close of the School year the provision of any deficit on capital account out of special sources must be considered.

4. Bookings. We report for information that over 100 School weeks out of the 348 estimated have already been booked.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.  
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Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
on the 6th June 1912.

Present. Ensor (in chair), Dobb, Sharp, Miss Marby,  
Davies, Sanders, and Secretary, also Miss Atkinson.

1. Finance.

Substantial increases of funds on last year were reported, and it was decided not to make any special appeal for increased subscriptions before the holidays.

2. Salaries of Staff.

In consequence of the resolution carried at the Annual Meeting it was resolved to pay West 85/- a week from the date thereof and to make enquiries as to the Trade Union rate for typists.

3. National Insurance Act.

The Secretary reported that we should have to pay 7d a week each on behalf of Howell and West and 6d on behalf of Mrs. Chaytor, and were entitled to deduct 4d a week for the men and 3d for the woman from their wages. The Secretary was instructed to act accordingly.  
(The above is accurate: the report was not).

4. Standing Order.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend a revised standing order as follows:-

Before the first meeting of the new Committee every member shall be invited to say whether he desires ~~him~~ to be placed on the rota of chairmen: at the first meeting of the Committee the Secretary shall submit the ~~list~~ list of those desiring to be on the rota, and that list shall be the rota unless the Committee otherwise determine.  
Each member of the rota shall preside in turn in alphabetical order.

(And the rest as in the old rule, viz.)

(the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as member of the Committee but no casting vote.

5. Lecture Scheme for 1912-13.

A project for conferences on a number of topics, proposed by Davies was referred back to him for elaboration, and it was agreed that it and the programme of lectures be fully discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

6. Standing Joint Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that the Proposal by the Chairman, W.C. Anderson, be approved, that in view of proposed co-operation with the National Committee for Prevention of Destitution, Mrs. Webb be added to the Committee by the Fabian Society, and the I.L.P. also appoint another member.

7. Requisition for special meeting.

A requisition signed by 52 members asking for a special meeting to consider resolution embodying the resolution rules out of order, and "regretting the arbitrary conduct of the Executive" was considered and it was unanimously agreed to recommend:-

- (a) That the Executive rule the requisition out of order as embodying a resolution already ruled out of order.
- (b) That H.H. Schloesser be informed on behalf of the requisitioners that a meeting will be called for July 13th or 20th to discuss any resolution not out of order which embodies without the use of names the principle of the resolution in relation to political policy, and the censure on the Executive or either of them.



## 8. The F.S. and the Labour Party.

It was agreed to recommend that the Executive approve the following, sent in by Snell:-

"That the Executive of the Labour Party be requested to inform the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society, whether it is satisfied with the relationship at present obtaining between the two bodies, which allows to individual members of the Fabian Society the liberty of private judgment and action."

## 9. Suffragist Sentences.

It was agreed to recommend the Executive to pass the resolution on the Executive agenda paper, sent in by Miss Atkinson.

## 10. Home Rule.

On a letter from Keeling urging the Executive to take further action to amend the Home Rule Bill by the exclusion of the Factory Acts from its operation, it was resolved to recommend that a letter be sent to the "Times" on behalf of the Executive Committee, and that Webb, Ensor and the Secretary be a Committee with power to draft and send the letter.

## 11. Delegates.

Moral Education Congress at the Hague. Mrs. C.M. Wilson  
(at her own charge).  
People's Suffrage Federation, Miss Atkinson, or  
Essex Hall, tomorrow. anybody else.

R.O.K. Ensor,

Chairman.

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Item 4. Revised Standing Order was unanimously approved.

Item 5. Lecture scheme, was approved. Webb drew attention to the Elections of the coming year, & it was agreed that attention shd. be given to them.

Item 6. Standing Joint Com. approved.

Item 7. Requisition for Special Meeting  
This led to a long discussion, & ultimately the motions on the paper - (a) & (b) were approved without a division, except that on information received, the name of Irvine was substituted for Silboesser, & the date was fixed for July 12. - It was agreed to take the Hall for that day. Letter from Sydney Herbert was read.

Item 8. Resolution proposed to be sent to the Labour Party - after a full debate this proposal was rejected by 10 votes to 6.

Item 9. Some objection was taken to this but the resolution was passed *nem con*  
viz 5

5. Finance Com<sup>ce</sup> Cont<sup>d</sup>

Item 9. contd.

That this meeting protests against the unnecessarily severe sentences passed on the suffragist prisoners, strongly urges the Home Secretary to reduce them and to place the prisoners for the remainder of their sentences in the first division."

Item 10. - Home Rule + Factory Act. -

After a full discussion as to the probable effect of our intervention - the Com<sup>ce</sup> was unanimous in approving the object - it was agreed to refer the proposal back for further information on this aspect of it. -

Item 11. Approved. -

Chas. Lloyd

21/6/12



Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June 1912

Present Lloyd (in Chair) & all except  
Absent Dr. Bentham, Dr. Phillips, & Harben

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. The Publishing Com<sup>o</sup> Report was submitted & the whole adopted.

Item 3. Reprint of Tract on Minimum Wage was discussed, & agreed to.

The Special Report on the Long Boat was also adopted, but it was resolved that proofs be sent to every member of the Exec. before publication.

3. The Organising & P. Com<sup>o</sup> report was submitted :-

Item 1 was approved.

Item 2(a) " "

" (b) . Mis allusion amendment was approved.

(c) It was resolved by 9 votes to 5 to amend & the deletion of the words underlined double

3. Organising & Com<sup>ce</sup> (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 2, (d) & (e) were referred back to the Women's Group, as their business

Item 3. Standing Com<sup>ce</sup> Report This was discussed & agreed to with the following addition to paragraph 3. Provided that no liability be incurred by the F.S. except in so far as any specific expenditure shall have been sanctioned by the Executive.

On the question of the Annual Conference it was agreed that the Service be held at Cliffords Inn. -

4. The Finance & G.P. Com<sup>ce</sup> Report was submitted

Item 1. Trade Union Wages for Staff. On ~~the~~ a verbal report of Webb, it was agreed that Mrs Chaytor's wages be 35/- from May 17<sup>th</sup> -

Item 2. (a) Chairman for Members Mtg. Agreed.  
(b) Amendment to 1st resolution.  
Approved with 2 dissentients

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Present. Mrs. Reeves, in chair, Mrs. Wilson, Harben,  
Mrs. Shaw, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary, also  
Miss Atkinson.

1. Biographical Series.

It was agreed to publish, if possible, three together in October, and to ask C.M. Lloyd to write on "Cwon & Socialism by Private Enterprise". Details as to cover were further discussed.

2. Proposals for Tracts.

A number of these were further reported on including a M.S. by Walter Hogg on Socialism and the Civil Service, which was regarded as promising.

3. Reprints.

"The Case for a Legal Minimum Wage" 2,000 ordered.

Fabian Seng Book.

This was discussed at length, and a meeting of the Seng Book Committee representatives was fixed for Thursday 26th. In view of the urgency of the matter (the book is wanted for the Summer School) a report of this meeting will be presented to the Executive in order that its conclusions may be dealt with at once.

Maude Reeves,

Chairman.

Edw. R. Pease.  
Sec.



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Private. Song Book. Report of the proposals of the  
Publishing Committee and subsequently the  
Song Book Committee. June 20th 1912.

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The Publishing Committee made certain decisions which were reported to and concurred in by the Song Book Committee. This was attended by Mr. A. C. Fifield with whom the following arrangements were discussed and agreed to.

The title is to be "Songs for Socialists", edition 5,000, price 3d, cover tough blue grey paper (which is much cheaper than limp cloth and practically as good): long primer type; size, same as Ballads & Lyrics: the cost works out at 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d per copy.

There will be an index of authors, of first lines, and of tunes. The size will be 96 pp and about 90 songs. In order to reduce the number to this, nearly all the songs which were queried by any member were cut out, and a few others, excellent ones, for which permission from copyright owners could not be obtained.

One song, by a member of the Committee, was hotly discussed, and Miss Atkinson undertook to ask the Executive poet to revise it to the satisfaction of Sharp, the officers and herself. It was resolved to print Sheridan's translation of the Marseillaise and also the French words. Mrs. Wood undertook to complete the M.S. for press and to deliver it to Fifield on Monday. On that condition proofs will be available for the Summer School.

Edw. R. Pease.  
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Private. Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday, June 13th 1912, at Office.

Present. Mrs. Wobb (in chair), Allen, Miss Murby, Lilcyd,  
Mrs. Bontinek, Sanders.

1. Government Wages.

We have been in communication with Geo. Barnes, M.P. at the suggestion of a member of the Manchester F.S. asking him to put questions to responsible ministers as to the number of men and women in their departments receiving less than a £1 per week. He has agreed to do this and is dealing with each minister in turn. The Manchester F.S. is following up the ministers' replies with letters in the Manchester Guardian.

2. Annual Fabian Conference.

We have considered the Agenda for the Conference as printed in the June News and decided that:-

- (a) On Nos. 4 & 5 amendments be drafted by the Organizing Secretary to be submitted to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Amendment to No.4. Leave out all words after "that" and substitute therefor - "This Conference welcomes the recent growth of industrial organization and the increase of trade union activity among the workers and urges upon them the necessity of supplementing this by organized political action.

- (b) On No.6 Miss Atkinson was empowered to draw up an amendment to submit to the Executive Committee for On No.9 amendment be drafted by the Organizing Secretary to be submitted to the Executive Committee for their approval.

Amendment to No.9. Leave out all words after "that" and substitute therefor - "This Conference whilst expressing the enforcement of any party political pledge upon members of the Fabian Society nevertheless officially endorses the policy of the Society of working officially with and encouraging its members to support both the Labour Party and the Independent

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Labour Party, and further approves the action of the Executive Committee in promoting schemes of work to be carried out in co-operation with these organizations". Re I.L.P.

- (d) On No. 14 Mrs. Webb was empowered to submit an amendment to the Executive Committee for their approval.
- (e) On No. 15 Mrs. Webb was empowered to submit an amendment to the Executive Committee for their approval.

3. Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society. Various matters in connection with the proposed National Campaign were discussed. The Report of the meeting of the Standing Joint Committee indicates the action taken by the Sub-Committee.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Private. Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and  
Fabian Society.

Meeting Monday June 17th '12.

Present. W. C. Anderson (in chair), Dubory, Johnson  
and Holmes (for I.L.P.) Schloesser, Sharp,  
Mrs. Webb, Pease and Sanders (for Fabian  
Society).

1. Chairman.

W. C. Anderson was re-elected Chairman for 1912-13.

2. Secretaries.

W. Stephen Sanders and F. Johnson were re-elected  
joint secretaries.

3. National Minimum Campaign.

The scheme for a National Minimum Campaign was brought  
before the Committee and the scheme generally was  
unanimously approved. The title of the Campaign  
was left for further consideration. It was decided  
that the constituent societies should be asked to  
approve the following proposals.-

- (a) That a big meeting be held at the Newport Trade  
Union Congress;
- (b) That a Conference on the subject be held in  
London early in October to be followed by a  
demonstration in Albert Hall and meetings in  
other parts of London;
- (c) That a series of Conferences and meetings be  
arranged throughout the provinces;
- (d) That a press Campaign be organized and special  
literature issued.
- (e) That the Committee's title in respect of the  
Campaign be "The Standing Committee of the  
I.L.P. and Fabian Society".

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
20th June 1912.

Present. Webb (in chair), Miss Murby, Schlösser, Dodd,  
Sharp, Davies, Sanders and Secretary, also  
Miss Atkinson.

1. Trade Union Wages for the Staff.

Reports from Miss Moore and Read were considered, and the chairman was instructed to report verbally to the Executive.

2. Members Meeting.

(a) It was agreed to ask Holding to take the chair, and failing him, Muggerridge and Palin.

(b) It was resolved that the following be the wording of the amendment to be proposed for the Executive:-

That this meeting is of opinion that some authority must have power to decide whether a notice of motion (a) comes within the scope of the Society's work, (b) avoids attacking individuals by name in any way not sanctioned by the Society's rules or practice, and (c) is otherwise in order; that such authority must therefore be empowered to refuse to insert in Fabian News (pending a decision by the Society on any principle involved) notices of motion of which the publication might be libellous or improper; and that the Executive Committee, elected by the votes of the whole body of members is the right authority to Exercise this power.

(c) It was resolved that the following resolution be put down in the name of the Executive:-

That this meeting endorses the constitutional practice of the Society which accords complete toleration to its members; and whilst reaffirming its loyalty to the Labour Party to which party alone it as a society has given support, it declines to interfere, except as provided by Rule 12, with the right of each member to decide

on the manner in which he can best work for Socialism in accordance with his individual opportunities and circumstances.

3. The Labour Party and the F.S.

On the proposal of Miss Atkinson it was resolved to recommend the Executive to invite Arthur Henderson and J. Keir Hardie to meet the Executive Committee for an informal talk on the attitude of the Labour Party to the Fabian Society.

4. Home Rule and Factory Acts.

It was agreed to see that appropriate amendments be put down to the Bill.

5. Lectures for next Session.

It was agreed

- (a) That Memorial Hall be taken again.
- (b) That the Autumn Course be 4 or 5 lectures on Industrial Unrest and its Causes, and that a syllabus be submitted to the next meeting.
- (c) That a Joint I.L.P. course be arranged for the spring, and Modern Socialism in other countries be the subject.

6. "Committees of Enquiry".

The following Report was amended and approved:--

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none omitted was rejected

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It is desirable that the Fabian Society shall at the earliest possible formulate its policy on

1. The Control of Industry outside Socialism.
  - (a) Syndicalism.
  - (b) Profit Sharing, Copartnership and the Self Governing Workshop.
  - (c) Associations of Consumers (Co-operative Movement)
2. Land Problems and Rural Development.

For this purpose it would be well to adopt the system of appointed Committees in a modified form to deal with and prepare reports thereon. By this means members of the Society desirous of working for it may have the opportunity of so doing. Each of the above mentioned subjects should be referred to a body which could be called a Committee of Enquiry composed as follows:-

- (a) A Chairman to be appointed by the Executive Committee (preferably a member of the E.C.)
- (b) A nucleus of members chosen by the Executive Committee (including members of the E.C.)
- (c) Further members to be obtained by advertisement in the Fabian News.

The business of the Committees would be to obtain information on their subjects (a) from one another; (b) by taking evidence from witnesses, and to prepare a Report to the Society. The Committees could hold two kinds of meetings, one at which papers could be read by members on various aspects of their subjects followed by discussion, and the other at which evidence could be taken as proposed. The Report in its final stages should take if possible the form of a lecture to the Society to be given by the chairman of the Committee that prepares it.

(4) Finance & Com<sup>ce</sup> Report (cont<sup>y</sup>)

Item 2-(c) Resolution for members meeting.

Approved with 2 dissentients.

3. Labour Party & F.S. approved.

4. Home Rule & Factory Act. The Sec. 7 reported that the necessary amendments were already on the paper.

5. Next sessions Lectures:-

(a) Hall. Agreed

(b) Lectures on Ind. Unrest. agreed

(c) Joint L.P. Course. approved subject to further consideration ~~in view~~ when names of lecturers are submitted.

6. Item 6. Committees of Enquiry. The Report was approved, & referred back for suggestion of names & further elaboration.

(5) It was resolved that the Sec. 7 state in F. News that ~~the~~ offer of the Exec. to print the resolution ruled out of order, if names or indication of names were omitted was rejected.

b. Chairman's Rota. The Sec. reported  
that the following had signified  
desire to be on the rota.

{ Miss Alkenson

{ Allen, Davies, Dodd, Harben, Lloyd, Miss Murby,  
Sharp, Webb, Mrs. Webb.

It was agreed to add Enos, & to  
keep the list open till Dr. Bentham\*  
& Dr. Phillips have returned from abroad.

Marion Phillips

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n.B. Both signified desire to be added  
to the rota. -



Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office 5<sup>th</sup> July 1912

Present... Dr. Phillips in chair

+ all the others !

1. The minutes were confirmed -

2. The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report - was submitted  
+ the whole adopted

3. The Organising & P. Com<sup>ee</sup> Report - was submitted  
Item 1. adopted

2. Adopted, with the addition that the  
Joint Com<sup>ee</sup> be recommended to  
invite cooperation with the Women's  
Labour League.

Items 3, 4, + 5 were adopted.

4. The Finance & G.P. Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted.

Items 1 + 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was noted + the Sec. reported that  
pending bye-elections prevented any  
thing being done at present.

Item 4. ~~Blair~~ Webb was appointed chairman

4. Finance & P. Com<sup>tee</sup> (Cont<sup>d</sup>.)

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Item 5. Members Meeting.

- (a) Noted
- (b) Webb was selected as speaker
- (c) after discussion it was resolved that the Chairman announce that if anybody move the closure at 9 o'clock he will accept it.

Item 6. Committees of Enquiry. - Approved:

It was agreed that Mr. Webb be chairman of the Control of Industry & Harbors of the Land Problem Com<sup>tee</sup>. - J. Spencer Hill to be asked which Com<sup>tee</sup> he will serve on.

Item 7. Autumn Course

This was agreed to with the following amendments & additions: -

- 1) Harbison to come first
- 2) Wood after discussion approved.
- 3) Geo. Shan to be asked.
- 4) Mr. Webb agreed to take it.
- 5) Hon W. P. Reeves to be asked
- 6) Hardie to be asked. subject to have & Political as
- 7) Deleted.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee at the Office  
28th June 1912.

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Present. Mrs. Reeves, in chair, Harben, Sharp, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Songs for Socialists.

Two songs were referred to Harben to rewrite - which he has since done; the cover was passed and it was arranged with Fifield, who was present, that the MS. be completed by Monday.

2. Biographical Series.

(a) The Secretary presented a report showing that a tract of 9,000 words with a cover is the utmost that will go with Fabian News for 3d: without a cover 13,000 words would go. Agreed that the Biographical Series be enclosed in the News without a cover.

(b) Mrs. Townshend's MS. on Morris was received and ordered to be read.

(c) Other details were considered.

3. MS. on Civil Service was reported on as possible for a tract if largely altered and the Secretary was directed to confer with Walter Hogg, the author.

Maud Reeves,

Chairman.



THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Report of Meeting, Thursday June 27th 1912 at the  
Fabian Office.

Present. H. Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Miss Murby,  
C.M. Lloyd and Sanders.

1. Membership. June candidates (22) were elected.
- 2.- Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. & Fabian Society.  
We received the following report from this Committee  
which we recommend should be approved -

The Standing Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society at its meeting on June 29th discussed the details of the proposed National Campaign for a National Minimum which it was reported had been approved by both constituent bodies. Mrs. Webb stated that the National Committee would be prepared to accept the financial responsibility for the Albert Hall and Newport meetings and for the proposed provincial conferences to the extent of, say, £5 per conference. With regard to the Albert Hall meeting it was decided to hold it early in October and to ask J. R. MacDonald, M.P. to take the Chair, and Mrs. Webb, Miss MacArthur, Bernard Shaw, Keir Hardie, M.P. Philip Snowden, M.P. G. Lansbury, M.P. and W. C. Anderson to speak. (All have consented excepting Snowden who has not yet replied). For the meeting at Newport it was decided to ask Anderson to take the chair and to invite J. R. MacDonald, M.P. G. Lansbury, M.P. Mrs. Webb, Keir Hardie, M.P. A. Henderson, M.P. and Philip Snowden M.P. to be speakers. (Anderson, Lansbury, Mrs. Webb, Henderson, have consented). The details of the proposed Conferences, including one on National lines, were referred to a Sub-Committee. It was decided that to the Conferences should be invited Trade Unions, I.L.P. branches, Fabian Societies, Co-operative Societies, Adult Schools, P.S.A. Brotherhoods, and Branches of the

National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution. The Sub-Committee was also instructed to bring up suitable name or names for the proposed Campaign.

### 3. Annual Conference.

It was decided that a Social Gathering be held at Clifford's Inn Hall after the Conference on the same lines as last year.

### 4. Speakers Class.

We have considered the arrangements for the Speakers Class for next session and we recommend that there be two classes, one for beginners and the other for advanced students. The class for beginners to be on the same lines as the one held this year, namely,

6 lessons in Voice Production

Teacher, Mrs. Manson.

5 lessons in Practical Propaganda  
(with practice) by the  
Organizing Secretary.

The advanced class to be for practice and criticism and to be conducted by the Organizing Secretary. It is proposed that the Classes should begin as this year with a meeting at Clifford's Inn Hall to be addressed by a prominent member of the Society on some aspect of the work of a Propagandist. A registration fee of one shilling to be charged the members of the classes which should be under the control of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

### 5. The Committees of Enquiry.

We have considered the question of the organization of these Committees and recommend that it should be carried out by the Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

H. Snell,

Vice-Chairman.

P.S. H. H. Schloesser having expressed a desire to serve on the Organizing & Propaganda Committee, we recommend that he be appointed.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on  
4th July 1912.

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Present. Ensor (in chair), Sharp, Schloesser, Dodd,  
Webb, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby,  
Sanders and Secretary.

1. Finance.

Receipts under the principal heads showed increase for  
3 months of £94 (from £314 to £408) over last year.

2. Sweating in Post Office.

Correspondence on Wages paid to temporary postmen  
was ordered to be sent to the Labour Party.

3. Conference with Henderson & Hardie.

The Secretary reported that Henderson was willing to  
come and Hardie could not make up his mind.

4. Chairman for Bland.

Left to the Executive to appoint.

5. Members Meeting July 12th.

(a) Holding accepts chairmanship.

(b) Recommendations for speakers for the Executive:

Amendment on order: Ensor.

Motion on Policy: Mrs. Webb or Webb.

(c) It was agreed to recommend that the Executive  
consider whether the chairman should be  
advised to apportion the time of the meeting  
between the two subjects.

6. Committees of Enquiry.

Appointments proposed:-

Control of Industry outside Socialism.

Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb, Davies, Miss Murby,

Snell, Sharp, Dr. Phillips, Miss Atkinson,

H. Gillespie, J. Spencer Hill.

Land Problems & Rural Development.

Harben, Lloyd, Hugh Aronson, Mrs. Pease,

Bray, J. Spencer Hill.



## 7. Lecture Course.

The Autumn Course was re-arranged as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>:

Industrial Unrest, its Causes & Remedies.

1. What the Labour Unrest amounts to (illustrated by S. Wales). V. Hartshorn.
2. The Rise in the Cost of Living. G. H. Wood.
3. The Workman's Resentment of Control over his working life.
4. The Legal Minimum Wage.
5. The Place of Arbitration.
6. The Utility of Strikes.
7. Syndicalism.

## 8. Conference on Saturday.

- (a) It was agreed that the following be moved on behalf of the Executive:-

"That this Conference welcomes the announcement of the publication of the Daily Citizen on October 8th, and urges upon members of the Society and upon local groups and Societies to co-operate with other labour and Socialist organizations in the scheme for raising a guaranteed circulation for the paper before the date of publication."

- (b) Agreed that the question of the date of the next Conference now 1. in the agenda, be taken first after the adjournment for lunch.
- (c) Agreed that the Executive appoint movers of resolutions etc.
- (1) Date of Conference. Recommended that the Organizing Secretary state the case.
  - (2) On Poor Law.
  - (3) On affiliating to Local Labour Parties.
  - (4) Amendment on growth of Trade Unionism.
  - (6) Amendment on Civil Service.
  - (9) Amendment on support of Labour Party.

Emergency resolution on Labour Newspaper.

- (d) Agreed that the Organizing Secretary bring up a plan of grouped resolutions for consideration by the Executive.

R. O. K. Ensor.  
Chairman.

4 Finance + G.P. Com<sup>o</sup> Report (Cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 7. Lectures; cont<sup>d</sup> -

It was agreed that Eneor + the officers be a Com<sup>o</sup> to settle other lecturers, in case of failure of names proposed. -

Item 8. - Conference.

(a) approved

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6 Miss Nudg " "

9 Sanders " "

Labour Newspaper. Peace to introduce

Resolution 3. Golders Green Amend<sup>t</sup>

Agreed that the first part (deletion) be opposed + the second part supported.

(d) approved, + the Grouping of the organising Sec-7 was approved.

5. Date of next meeting. Agreed on July 12 for general business.

Clifford D. Sharp

Com<sup>ee</sup> 12 July 1912  
Present Sharp (in the chair) & all except  
Absent Davies, Lloyd, Miss Phillips

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Publishing Business

(a) Song Book. Harben Miss Atkinson & Officers were directed to consider amendments sent in & complete for press.

(b) Miss Townshend's Moral Tract. After discussion it was agreed to publish the paper: that it be typed in August & the author asked to polish up.

(c) Socialism & Superior Brains. A new edition of 10000 was authorised

(d) The chairman (Mr Reeves), V.C. (Harben) & Officers were appointed a Com<sup>ee</sup> to arrange details of the Biographical Series Tracts during the holidays.

(e) On the proposal of Allen, Allen, Enns, Schlosser, Miss Murby & the Officers were appointed a Com<sup>ee</sup> to prepare Report on a Practical Socialist Program



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Private. Report of the Meeting of the Organizing & Propaganda  
Committee. Thursday July 11th 1912.

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Present. Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Miss Atkinson,  
Mrs. Bentinck, Schloesser, Lloyd, Sanders & Pease.

1.- Standing Committee of the I.L.P. & Fabian Society.  
The following report of the meeting of the above  
Committee held the same afternoon was received and  
we recommend that it be approved.

A. The National Campaign

(i.) It was decided that the title of the Campaign be

War against Poverty:  
to demand  
Legislation next Session  
for a Minimum  
of  
Civilised Life

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The Legal Minimum Wage  
The Reduction of Hours of Labour  
Complete Provision against Sickness  
A National Minimum of Child Nurture  
The Prevention of Unemployment  
Healthy Homes for All  
The Abolition of the Poor Law.

(ii.) National Conference.

It was decided

- (a) That the Conference be held at the Memorial  
Hall on October 11th.
- (b) That four papers be read, subjects: Wages;  
Hours of Labour; Housing; Children.
- (c) That the following be asked to read papers  
on the subjects: J.J.Mallen; J.R.Glynes, M.P.;  
R.C.K. Ensor, L.C.O.; Miss Susan Lawrence or  
Dr. Marion Phillips.

- (d) That Sidney Webb be asked to take the Chair in the morning and Miss Bondfield in the afternoon.
- (e) That the following among others be invited to attend the Conference and take part in the discussions: Mrs. Sidney Webb; Miss Mary MacArthur; Mrs. Pember Reeves; J. R. Macdonald, M.P.; G. Barnes, M.P.; J. O'Grady, M.P.; F. Goldstone, M.P.; Will Crooks, M.P.; G. Lansbury, M.P.; A. Henderson, M.P.; &c., &c.,
- (f) That the fee for delegates to the Conference be 2/6d.

(iii). Provincial Conferences.

It was decided to communicate with a large number of well-known persons with the view of getting them to take part in the Provincial Conferences as speakers, and, if possible, in cases of prominent individuals, to address large meetings in connection with the Conferences. A preliminary circular was ordered to be sent to I.L.P. branches and Fabian Societies announcing the campaign and asking for local support in working up the Conferences.

(iv). Albert Hall Meeting.

Final arrangements were made with regard to the meeting including the fixing of the prices of tickets.

(v). Newport Meeting.

Date of the meeting was fixed for Tuesday Sept. 3rd and final arrangements made.

B. Finances.

It was decided that when sufficient money is in hand an account be opened at the London & County Bank in the name of the Standing Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

2.- Committees of Enquiry.

We have arranged that preliminary meetings of these Committees should be held during the present month to draw up methods of procedure and scope of work.

## 3.- Circular to members.

We have considered the question of issuing a circular to members calling attention to the various activities to be undertaken by the Society during next autumn and winter with special reference to

- (a) The National Campaign, War Against Poverty.
- (b) The Committees of Enquiry.
- (c) Local Government Elections: Town, County, Borough, District & Parish Councils and Boards of Guardians.
- (d) Distribution of Literature.

The circular will include an appeal for increased subscriptions. It is proposed to send proofs to the members of the Executive Committee for approval.

## 4.- Local Societies &amp; Groups.

We recommend that, with a view to helping and stimulating discussion at the meetings of Geographical Groups and Local Societies, the practice be tried of formally submitting to them definite subjects on which we want their advice or opinion; that all the Local Secretaries be asked to convene early meetings at which the paper should be read (in whole or in part), and discussed, with a request that criticisms or suggestions be forwarded to us; and that an experimental beginning be made with a paper on Syndicalism, by Mrs. Webb and Mr. Webb, to be published as a Supplement to the August Crusade; and that the necessary number of copies of such supplement be obtained for that purpose, at "striking off" price, to be sent to Local Secretaries in September with formal requests for the help of their Group or Society in the manner indicated.

## 5.- Professional Lecturing.

We have requested the panel of professional lecturers to take for some of their lectures the subjects dealt with in the National Campaign.

## 6.- Urgency Matter. Salary of Office Boy.

A recommendation on this subject will be submitted by our Chairman.

H. Snell,

Chairman.



3. Finance & General Business

- (a) Labour Party Circular, By-election appeal. Read at Mtg
- (b) " " " " Transport Voters " " "
- (c) Social Com<sup>tee</sup>. Grant of £5 asked. A long discussion ensued, & sundry criticisms were made & replied to. Finally it was agreed to refer to the Com<sup>tee</sup> the arrangement of "at-Homes", of wh. Mrs. Webb offered one, & there was a general opinion that the business of the Com<sup>tee</sup> should be somewhat more formal. - The Grant was voted.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted

- Item 1. Report of Standing Com<sup>tee</sup> with I.L.F.  
The whole of this was approved.
- Item 2. Com<sup>tee</sup> of Enquiry approach
- " 3 Circular to members "
- " 4 Local Societies This was agreed to & it was decided to buy the necessary number of copies for Groups & for all members who apply. -

4 (cont<sup>d</sup>,) Organizing Com<sup>a</sup> Report - (cont<sup>d</sup>,)

Item 5 - agreed

b. Salary of Bowsher. It was  
agreed on application from his father  
to increase his wages £ 1/- a week.

Stony West

Comtee 4<sup>th</sup> October 1912

Present Welt (in chair) Dr. Bentham, Miss Phillips,  
Mrs Wilson Mrs Reeves Miss Albenson  
Dodd, Lloyd Sharp, Mrs Welt, Sanders  
& Secy

Absent. Mrs Bentnick Mrs Shaw, Allen, Schloesser,  
Harlen, Enos, Davis, Miss Mury, Snell.

1. The Minutes of July 12<sup>th</sup> were confirmed
2. Apologies: Harlen (abroad,) Mrs Bentnick (in the country) Allen (at Manchester) Schloesser (at Nurses Conf<sup>ce</sup>) were received & accepted.
3. The Publishing Comtee Report was submitted & Song Book Mrs. Reeves -  
 { after discussion as to the value of adots, the recommendation to advertise thro' the public was confirmed. Mrs. Welt intimated that a clip could be inserted in the Organ which was approved. -



3. Pub. & Com. Report (cont.)

Item 2. (b). It was resolved to print Miss Hutchins Owen. The remainder of the report was approved without amendment or addition.

4. The Summer School Com. Report was submitted by Dodd.

The question of a loan was deferred in order to ascertain at the end of the financial year, whether it be required. Special Conference. Mrs. Webb raised the question of setting aside a fortnight for more serious study, & she was requested to submit a report on her proposals. -

The Report was accepted. -

5. The Organising & Propaganda Com. Report was submitted by Miss Atkinson

On Item 1. Membership, Mrs. Webb was requested to bring up to the O. & P. Com.

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Report of the Publishing Committee 27th September 1912.

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PRESENT: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Bentham,  
Lloyd, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Song Book.

The cost of 5,000 was reported to be £31,12,0, and sales during August and September about 375. Advertisements to the value of £5 were ordered.

2. Biographical Tracts.

- (a) Place. Ervine Under final revision by author: 7,000 to be printed.
- (b) Owen. Miss Hutchins. Going out to the Executive for approval.
- (c) Morris. Mrs. Townshend. M.S. at printers.
- (d) Mill. M.S. by Julius West. Several favourable reports. Ordered to be further read.
- (e) Cover. Harben's proposal of a plain circle was approved.
- (f) Price. 2d.

3. Other proposed Tracts.

A number were further considered.

4. Sales for Six Months.

This year, £110. Last year, £72.

Maud Reeves,  
Chairman.

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Report of Summer School Committee Meeting Tuesday  
October 1st 1912.

Present: Lawson Dodd (in chair), Watkins, Gibson,  
Miss Hankinson, Miss Atkinson, Townsend, Sanders.

1. We have had a provisional Report drawn up of the financial results of the School to date which are approximately as follows:-

| <u>Capital</u>      |             | <u>Dr.</u>     |              |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Cr. On deposit      | £100        | Expenditure    | £            |
| Balance transferred | 41          | including out- |              |
| Balance             |             | standing a/c   | 340          |
| Deficit estimate    | 199         |                |              |
|                     | <u>£340</u> |                | <u>£340.</u> |

Current A/c.

| <u>Receipts.</u>      |              | <u>Expenditure.</u>    |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Receipts from Whit-   | £.           | Provisions, wages, &c. | £.           |
| suntide to Sept. 30th |              | Printing.....          | 388          |
| inclusive .....       | 791.         | Lecturers' expenses    | 30           |
|                       |              | and fees.....          | 30           |
|                       |              | Conveyances.....       | 7            |
|                       |              | Miscellaneous.....     | 18           |
|                       |              | Rent (to be paid)...   | 200          |
|                       |              | A/cs outstanding (est) | 54           |
|                       |              | Balance (estimate)..   | <u>64</u>    |
|                       | <u>£791.</u> |                        | <u>£791.</u> |

The Estimate prepared in May anticipated a balance on Current A/c of £245. Considering the exceptionally bad summer the result may be considered satisfactory. It should be noted that the £100 of the £200 rent included in Expenditure is not due until May 25th 1913. It is probable that before that date Conferences may be arranged at Barrow House which would yield a profit to go towards meeting this sum.



We consider that the balance of Expenditure on Capital Account should be raised by loan and we have sent a recommendation to that effect to the Finance Committee.

(Signed) E. Lawson Dodd.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting September 26th 1912.

Present. Miss Atkinson (in chair), H. Snell, Clifford Allen,  
C. M. Lloyd, Sanders & Pease.

1. Membership.

- (a) August Candidates (5), September Candidates (3),  
October Candidates (10) - Total (18) were  
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Report of Meeting held at the Fabian Office  
Thursday September 12th 1912.

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Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), Mrs. Webb, C.M. Lloyd,  
F. Johnson, Sanders and Pease.

(1) Finance.

The receipt of a Donation of £50 towards the general funds of the Committee through Mrs. Webb was reported; also that a Banking a/c had been opened at the London & County Bank.

(II) War Against Poverty Campaign.

- (a) National Conference. Report was received that 8,000 invitations had been issued and that acceptances were coming in. It was decided to send out 1,000 repeat invitations to national organizations (to date, Sept. 25th, 180 delegates representing 102 Societies have been appointed.)
- (b) Albert Hall Meeting. Report was received as to advertising and tickets sold to date. Instructions were given with regard to further advertising and other matters including the issue of free admission tickets. (To date, Sept. 25th, the F.S. has sold £50 (cash), the I.L.P. £25 (cash) and about £40 in orders practically certain to be paid for: total £115).
- (c) Provincial Conferences. Report, was received that arrangements for the Provincial Conferences were proceeding satisfactorily.
- (d) Literature. Tracts and leaflets dealing specially with the objects of the campaign were considered and approved.
- (e) Newport Meeting. Report was received that the meeting had been well organized by the local I.L.P. and that it had been very successful.
- (f) Press Campaign. Arrangements for the Press Campaign were approved.





(F) Municipal Elections. It was agreed that the I.L.P. should call the attention of its branches by circular to the possibility of using the Municipal Election work for pushing the objects of the Campaign.

(III) The International Socialist Bureau and British Socialist Unity. As a matter of urgency a report was received that a letter had been received by the F.S. and I.L.P. from the International Socialist Bureau asking whether the two bodies would agree to a joint Conference with the B.S.P. for the purpose of unification. It was decided to recommend that a joint reply be sent to be drawn up by the Joint Committee agreeing to a private Conference of the Executive Committees of the F.S., I.L.P., and the B.S.P. with representatives of the International Socialist Bureau, but at the same time pointing out the difficulties of the situation arising from the B.S.P.'s refusal to affiliate with the Labour Party.

With regard to the last item we instructed Pease to draw up in collaboration with W.C. Anderson, a reply on the lines indicated and submit it to the Executive for approval.

### 3. Provincial and Suburban Lectures.

- (a) The following engagements have been booked:-
  - Southampton F.S. "War Against Poverty".
  - Kingston I.L.P. "Socialism of To-day".
  - Cambridge F.S. "War Against Poverty", Gordon.
  - Loughboro' F.S. "War Against Poverty",
  - 2 lectures only, Gordon and Beaumont.
  - Worthing I.L.P. "War Against Poverty", H. Snell.
  - Kensal Rise I.L.P. "War Against Poverty".
  - Uxbridge I.L.P.
  - Marylebone I.L.P.

(b) Difficulty about Lecturers: Miss Murby cannot lecture; Beaumont cannot lecture before December; Dr. Marion Phillips can only give single dates; Gordon removed to Northallerton, can only lecture occasionally in North and Midlands; Snell very busy until November.; Herbert (substitute) can take practically nothing until after Xmas.

3. (Contd.)

We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to engage J. Gibson to give one or two lectures under the Scheme, and to ask for a confidential report on his capacity from the organizations to which he lectures. The Organizing Secretary was instructed to act as substitute during October when necessary.

4. Social Committee.

The Nursery Social Committee suggest that a representative of their Committee be appointed to the Social Committee. We recommend that the suggestion be adopted.

(Signed) Mabel Atkinson.

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REPLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST BUREAU

DRAFTED BY

E.R. PEASE and APPROVED by W.C. ANDERSON.

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To be submitted to the Standing Committee  
on Monday Oct. 7th 1912.

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The I.L.P. and the F.S. having both received letters from the Bureau to the same effect have resolved to send a joint reply.

This decision will indicate that the view long ago expressed by these bodies that unity would most quickly come about by co-operation through the Labour Party to which we both belong has proved correct. In recent years these two bodies have found it convenient to work together to a constantly growing extent. Recently we formed a Standing Committee to organise propaganda in common, and this Committee has now established a joint fund and is entering on a large scheme of propaganda during the autumn.

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British Socialist Party has only a single representative there who himself was elected and sits as a Labour Member. Moreover the Labour Party in our opinion does in fact properly represent the British Working Class Movement, and as such we consider it our business to co-operate with it. Even when some of us disagree with the policy adopted by the Labour Party on any particular question at issue, we consider that a reason for pushing forward our own propoganda, and adding to our forces within the Party.

But whilst our two Societies work through the Labour Party, the British Socialist Party ~~loses no opportunity to attack this~~ *persistently attacks the Labour* Party and ~~to misrepresent its actions.~~ <sup>regret</sup> We ~~cannot~~ therefore ~~look~~ *that whilst so fundamental a difference exists* forward with any confidence to a working agreement with those ~~who profoundly differ with us on a matter so fundamental.~~ *we cannot anticipate closer unity.*

Nevertheless our Executive Committees have decided to express the willingness to enter upon the Conference the Bureau suggests, in order to ascertain whether any proposals can be made for more intimate relations in the future. But we must make this proviso. We are not prepared to hold a conference of any large number of delegates. We are willing that a meeting be held of four delegates from each of the three Executives, and it can take place in London at any time to be mutually agreed upon.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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COMMITTEE OF ENQUIRY ON THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRY.

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Chairman: Mrs. Sidney Webb.

Secretary: C. Morgan Webb.

Meeting was held at the Fabian Office, 3, Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C. on Thursday September 26th 1912 at 8 p.m.

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1. We have considered and adopted the enclosed memorandum submitted by the Chairman of the Committee (the number of Sub-Committees suggested therein has been increased to four and a reference to Workshop Committee has been added) and we recommend that it be circulated to all the members of the Society.
2. We have appointed four Sub-Committees, i.e.
  - (i) Associations of Wage Earners;
  - (ii) Associations of Producers;
  - (iii) Associations of Consumers;
  - (iv) The Public Service of the Municipality and the State;with a Secretary and a Chairman to each.
3. We have accepted with thanks an offer by the Chairman to give the Committee free use of a room at 37, Norfolk Street, Strand, until Christmas next.
4. As it is likely that a number of persons, not members of the Fabian Society, will be interested in the object of the Committee and wish to take part in its work and subscribe to the cost, we consider that the Committee should accept such persons, if suitable, as consultative members without power to vote on or to take part in drafting the final Report, and we recommend that the Executive Committee give the Committee power to do this.
5. Donations of £141 and promises of a further sum of £35 towards the expenses of the Committee have been received through the Chairman.

6. We have given instructions for the purchase of necessary stationery; pamphlet boxes; rubber stamps; books and other publications.
7. The number of full members of the Committee is now 55.

(Signed) Beatrice Webb.

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- Lectures.
- 3.- A lecturer is wanted for Nov. 22nd. We recommend that Philip Snowden be asked to lecture on the "Utility of Strikes and Political Action" one of the subjects already selected, or a similar subject.
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We recommend that any member of the Executive Committee prepared to attend be given credentials as delegate; also H. Beaumont and J. McKillop.
- 5.- International Socialist Congress.  
Opinion of the Society is asked by the International Socialist Bureau on
- (a) Month in which to hold the International Congress;
  - (b) Postponing International Socialist Congress to 1914.
- on (a) we recommend August;
- on (b) we recommend that our representation on the British National Committee support the postponement.



THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Meeting Thursday Oct. 3rd 1912.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Sharp, Dodd, Dr. Bentham,  
Dr. Phillips and Sanders.

1.- Report on Finances as circulated was adopted.

2.- New Offices.

We have considered the question of new offices and discussed various proposals including an offer of the Clement's Inn Estate of two sets of seven rooms each on the first floor with a floor space of 1510 ft. each; rent (each set) £275; service say £65. Total £340. We understand that the rent charged to present tenant amounts to about £235 only for each set and before proceeding further we have instructed the office to endeavour to secure a reduced offer. The office we now occupy has a floor space of 976 ft. with rental of £150 and service £40: Total £190.

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6.- Strike Against War.

British National Committee of the International Socialist Bureau wishes to know

- (a) Whether we are in favour of asking the working class movements to prevent possible wars by stopping work;
- (b) Whether we have any remarks on the proposal.

We recommend that the matter be discussed at the next members meeting.

7.- County & Borough Councils Qualification Bill.

Request from Women's Local Government Society that we send resolution backing the Bill to Labour Party Conference. We recommend that the request be complied with.

8.- Women's International Council of Socialist & Labour Organizations.

We considered the agenda of this body (on which we have delegates) and we recommend that our delegates oppose a proposal contained therein that the Council should give public expression of Socialist opinion on International matters.

9.- Mrs. Belcher Fund.

We report that we have received a circular appealing for subscriptions for the fund in aid of the Rev. J.H. Belcher.

10.- Proposal re Books for I.L.P. Speakers.

A suggestion was received from the I.L.P. that the F.S. should lend books to I.L.P. speakers free. We are of opinion that the I.L.P. should make use of the book-box scheme and recommend that the suggestion be not adopted.

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11.- Miscellaneous.

Several Communications (on agenda circulated) including proposals for joint demonstrations for various purposes and the use of Esperanto were considered and no action was decided thereon.

(Signed) R. C. K. Ensor.

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3 Org & Proce Com<sup>e</sup> Report (Cont<sup>d</sup>)

a report on action to be taken in respect of members who had resigned or been struck off Item 2. Standing Com<sup>e</sup> Report. This was received & the whole adopted. The draft letter to the International Socialist Bureau was agreed to with verbal modifications of one sentence, & ordered to be sent out, if passed in on the lines suggested by the Joint Standing Com<sup>e</sup>. Items 3 & 4 were approved.

4. Inquiry Committees. It was agreed

that these report direct to the Executive Com<sup>e</sup> - Com<sup>e</sup> on Control of Industry. ~~The~~ Report annexed was submitted. Some discussion on finance took place, but no action was taken & the report was approved.

5. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>e</sup> Report was considered.

5. Finance Com<sup>tee</sup> Report (cont<sup>d</sup>.)

Item 1. Finance. Noted.

Item 2. New Offices. The Report was received; & it was further resolved:-

- (a) To ascertain the intentions of the Public Trustee as to the W.S.P. U. suits.
- (b) To enquire of Mrs Shaw, if she wd. let 10 Adelpi Terrace to the F.S.
- (c) That Dodd & the Officers be a Com<sup>tee</sup> to report further, with the assistance of McKillop, if he be willing to make enquiries.

*etc.*  
Item 3. Sou<sup>th</sup> Lectures. ~~Shaw~~ approved: Hughes of Birmingham to be asked if Councils Beard of B'ham wd. be a suitable lecturer in place of Shaw.

Shaw to be asked to take chair for Hartshorn

Items 5. 6 & 7. ~~of~~ approved.

Item 8 was approved & it was agreed that Mrs Wilson Mrs Schloesser & Dr. Lettice Fairfield be delegates & further any

5. Finance & P. Report (cont'd)  
of these, Miss Lawrence. -

Item 9. Noted Books for 21P  
" 10 [ This matter having been  
insufficiently presented to the Com<sup>tee</sup>,  
owing to ~~the~~ brevity of notice was  
reconsidered & after much discussion  
Mr. Welt & the two officers were  
appointed a Com<sup>tee</sup> with power to  
arrange the matter.

Item 11. Noted.

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# Committee 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1912

Present, Mrs. Webb in chair & all except  
Allen, Mrs. Bentruch, Miss Murby  
Mrs. Shaw, & Snell.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Allen, busy with Tea D. Citizen. accepted  
 Mrs. Bentruch accepted  
 Miss Murby. Letter asking general  
 leave of absence until she knows whether  
 she will be able to attend in view of  
 her appointment. Agreed that she  
 be excused from all committees, until  
 the situation develops.
3. Publishing Com<sup>tee</sup> Report, submitted by Mrs. Reeves.
  - Item 1. accepted
  - .. 2. (a). (b). (c) accepted
  - .. " (d) Mines Nationalisation  
 after a discussion it was agreed that  
 Webb & Schlessor prepare a tract  
 that it be put in hand quickly.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee held at Office  
on Thursday October 10th 1912.

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Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Schloesser, Mrs. Bentinck  
and W. S. Sanders.

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1. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.  
The following report of meeting held at the Fabian  
Office, Monday October 7th 1912, was received and  
approved:-

(a) War Against Poverty Campaign.

- (i) Conference at Memorial Hall. Report was received that about 300 delegates had been appointed. Final arrangements for the Conference were made. (The number of delegates actually appointed to attend the Conference was 312 representing 189 organizations and branches of organizations).
- (ii) Albert Hall Meeting. Report was received as to sale of tickets (To date, October 24th sales amount to: F.S. £147; I.L.P. £90. Total £237. Collection was £91.11.0. Sale of literature £25.) Order of speakers and other arrangements were settled.
- (iii) Provincial Conferences. Report was received that Conferences have been definitely arranged at:-  
Colchester, Darlington, Leicester, Woolwich, Birmingham, Norwich, Chatham, Glasgow, Bristol, Cardiff, Carlisle, Leeds, S. London, N. London, Manchester, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Newcastle. (18).  
Negotiations for Conferences are in hand with: Dundee, Edinburgh, Hull, Lincoln, East London, West London, Derby. (7).



- (iv) Literature. Further tracts and leaflets were agreed upon including special leaflets for municipal election purposes; also numbers to be ordered. The following is the list to date.

Tracts.

Legal Minimum Wage. Sidney Webb.  
 Healthy Homes for all. R.C.K. Ensor.  
 The Abolition of the Poor Law. C.M. Lloyd.  
 The New Children's Charter. C.M. Lloyd.  
 How the Government can prevent Unemployment.  
 Sidney Webb.  
 Complete National Provision Against Sickness.  
 Mrs. Sidney Webb.

Leaflets.

What is Life on £1 a week?  
 Do we work to live or live to work?  
 What happens to the Worker's Children?  
 Sickness is the great Recruiting Sergeant.  
 Unemployment and its Remedy.  
 The Abolition of the Poor Law.

- (b) Reply to letter from International Socialist Bureau.

Reply drafted by Pease and agreed to by Anderson was submitted (with the alterations proposed by the F.S.) and it was agreed to.

2. Suburban & Provincial Lectures.  
 Applications for courses were received from Erith I.L.P. and Walthamstow I.L.P. and were agreed to subject to satisfactory arrangements being made.
3. Proposal to hold next Annual Fabian Conference at Barrow House.  
 This matter was discussed and adjourned for further consideration at next meeting.

Mabel Atkinson,  
 Chairman.



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Report of the Publishing Committee held at the Office  
on October 18th 1912.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in Chair), Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Bentham,  
Sharp, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press.

- (a) Place: Ervine: ordered to be printed and to  
go out with the News.
- (b) Owen: Miss Hutchins: ordered to be printed.

2. Tracts in preparation.

- (a) Mill by West. Approved in principle and  
ordered to be referred back to the  
author for reconsideration in the light  
of criticisms made.
- (b) Socialism & Civil Service by Hogg.  
Further reports to be made.
- (c) German Socialism by Sanders. Being typed.
- (d) Mines Nationalisation. Proposal by Schloesser  
that we print his bill as a tract with  
notes. Deferred for ascertainment of  
further particulars.

3. Advertisements.

It was resolved by 4 votes to 2 to accept offer of  
Edward Carpenter to advertise his books by  
insertion of a leaflet on the usual terms.

4. Circulation of "Family Life" in Oxford & Cambridge.

Proposed circular was approved and reprint of Tract  
ordered.

Maud Reeves.  
Chairman.

Report of Committee of Enquiry on the Control of Industry.

Meeting: Fabian Office, Thursday Oct. 24th '12.

Mrs. Sidney Webb in the Chair.

1. Membership of Committee.

- (a) The number of members of the Committee is 85 of which the following 23 are consultative members.
- (b) The following are the Consultative Members:-

H. J. May, B. Williams, O. G. Renold, Mrs. Drake, Miss Gowa, Miss Grace Buckley, Mrs. Willis, Rev. J. Drew Roberts, Miss Jewson, Rev. W. Jones, Miss Keith, Miss Kenyon, Mrs. Payne, Lady M. Goslow, R. Williams, E. D. Simon, W. Henry Brown, F. A. Norman, Miss Hughes, E. H. Woodward, W. Craik, Mr. Whitehead.

RAIDELL DAVIS.

2. Finances.

The amount of contributions received is £271.12.6; promised £51; total £322.12.6.

3. Staff.

- (a) We find that the work of the Committee demands the whole time of a clerk. We have carefully considered the matter and we recommend that J. West be appointed as clerk to the Committee at a salary of £2, it being understood that arrangements will be made for him to return to his present position when the work of the Committee is concluded.
- (b) We have accepted an offer of the full time service in the office work of the Committee of J. Mellor, late of the Oxford University Fabian Society. This will not involve any expenses to the Committee.

4. Progress of the Enquiry.

A considerable amount of work is in hand and schemes of enquiry and notes for investigators, etc. etc. have been drawn up.

Beatrice Webb,  
Chairman.

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3. Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report (cont'd)  
4. Dem<sup>o</sup> - adops. approved.  
.. 4 approved. -

4. The Org. & Prop<sup>o</sup> Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted & this afternoon the whole was adopted.  
It was referred to the Com<sup>ee</sup> to report on obtaining a record of unpaid lectures & members for publication.

5. Report of Enquiry Com<sup>ee</sup> on Land was received

The second Meeting was held on Tuesday Oct. 22nd, and was well attended. A. Imbert Terry was appointed Secretary with sole charge, and it was decided to hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 5.30 to consider the voluminous reports already submitted or in preparation.

H. D. Harben,  
Chairman.

- b. The Report of the Com<sup>ee</sup> on the Control of Industry was submitted & Mr. Welch  
Memo 1. 2. + 4. were received.  
.. 3 (Staff) was approved, & the Sec. was authorized to appoint a temporary clerk in place of West.



7. Finance & General Purposes. No meeting having been held owing to absence of business on the date (Oct 17) appointed, the following matters were dealt with: -

(a) Resolutions for the Labour Party Conference

I Suffrage. After a long discussion the principle of the following was approved by 12 votes to 4, & the wording was agreed to: -

1. That in view of the previous declaration of the Conference that no extension of the franchise from which women are excluded will be acceptable to the Labor Party, the Conference calls upon the Parliamentary Labor Party to press for the inclusion in any Franchise Bill of women on the widest terms possible, and to make known to the Government that they will vote against the third reading of any such Bill if women are altogether excluded.

II. Women & Local Franchise.

The following was agreed to: -

2. That this Conference declares that no electoral Reform Bill which does not make one local government franchise uniform throughout the United Kingdom for men and for women, married and single, will be acceptable to the Labor Party.

III. Albert Hall Resolution: The Secs. were ordered to draft & send in a resolution to the following effect: -

3. That this Conference urges the Parliamentary Labor Party to press upon the Government the resolution adopted at the Albert Hall meeting of the War against Poverty, demanding legislation next session to secure to every person a national minimum of civilized life, by measures providing for a legal minimum wage, the reduction of the hours of labor, complete provision for sickness, the guarantee of a national minimum of child nurture, the prevention of unemployment, the building of healthy homes for all, and the abolition of the poor law.

7. Finance Business (cont'd)

(b) New Offices. The Secy reported:-

The W.S.P.U. flats are let and so is 10, Adelphi Terrace. McKillop is making enquiries as desired.

(c) Fabian Reform Committee. The Secretary proposes to insert in Fabian News letter from Ervine announcing its dissolution. Proof will be on the table.

Approved.

(d) International Bureau. Letter from the Secretary objecting to the joint I.L.P. and F.S. reply, saying the Conference is intended for Unity and not merely harmony, suggesting the first week in November, and indicating that the Bureau Executive in Brussels will be represented. I.L.P. will probably just agree to the Conference.

Agreed to do as the I.L.P. propose.

(e) Society Lectures. On very favourable report from F. Hughes, Councillor Beard was asked and has accepted lecture for Nov. 22nd on Dissatisfaction of Workmen with employers.

Approved.

(f) Chairman for Hartshorn: Shaw asked: no reply.

Miss Atkinson appointed

g. The Sec. was directed to arrange for hospitality (i.e. a dinner) for lecturers from the provinces. Mabel Atkinson. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 1912.

Ex Com<sup>tee</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 1912 . -

Present Miss Atkinson in chair + all except

Absent Allen, Dr. Bentham Lloyd Miss May  
Dr Phillips, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Webb

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. apologies. Lloyd (lecturing) Mrs Webb  
(on engagement) accepted
3. The Summer-School Com<sup>tee</sup> Report  
was accepted
4. The Organising + Propaganda Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Report, + the Summer School  
Suggestion were considered  
+ the whole adopted.
5. The Publishing Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted  
Item 1. a. b. c. d. accepted  
" 2 (b) accepted + 30 proofs ordered to be  
sent to the Misses Executive.  
" " (a), (c) + (d) accepted.



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Summer School Committee.

Meeting, Monday, November 4th 1912.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Atkinson,  
Gibson, Mylles, Davies and Sanders.

1. Proposed Conferences at Barrow House July 1913.

We have considered the Memorandum of the  
Organizing & Propaganda Committee on this  
matter and we are in general agreement with  
its terms. We are arranging a joint meeting  
with Organizing and Propaganda Committee to  
discuss details.

F. Lawson Dodd.

Chairman.

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Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday, October 31st 1912.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in Chair), Mrs. Webb,  
Mrs. Bentinck, Lloyd, Schloesser & Sanders.

1. Membership.

- (a) November Candidates (32) were elected.
- (b) Two resignations and one non-paying member were dealt with.

2. Provincial & Suburban Lectures.

- (a) Reports received of good meetings for the courses at Southampton & Worthing and fair meetings at Kingston.
- (b) Report on J. Gibson as lecturer not being sufficiently favourable we do not propose to retain his name on the panel of professional lecturers.

3. Report on Number of Lectures given by Members.

We have given instructions for the number of lectures arranged during the next three months through the office to be recorded and reported to the Executive at the end of the period.

4. Grants to Groups.

- (a) The Women's Group has applied for a grant to cover the rent of Clifford's Inn Hall for a Conference on the Legal Minimum Wage, the Conference to be open to men. We recommend that the grant be made.
- (b) The Education Group has applied for the usual grant to cover the rent of Clifford's Inn Hall (or other hall not more expensive) for three or four meetings on educational subjects to be held between October and April. We recommend that the grant be made.

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## 5. Shaw - Belloc Debate.

We have arranged that the proposed debate between Shaw and Belloc should be held, if possible, in January: that failing Queen's Hall, the Central Hall, Westminster or the Kingsway Hall be engaged; and that the price of seats be 10/-, 5/-, 2/6 and 1/-.

(Since the meeting of the Committee the Organizing Secretary has arranged with Shaw and Belloc for the debate to take place on or about Jan. 28th).

## 6. Conferences at Barrow House.

We have considered the accompanying memorandum and recommend that the proposals contained therein be approved. We have referred it to the Summer School Committee with a request for a concurrent report.

Mabel Atkinson,

Chairman.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Summer School Suggestions.

Adopted by the Organizing & Propaganda Committee Oct. 31st 1912, and ordered to be recommended to the Executive Committee and the Summer School Committee.

1. The aggregate attendance at the Summer School seems hardly sufficient; it is spread over the whole school period, and is therefore "thin" at the beginning and end; and, accordingly, much of the advantages of concentrated intercourse is lost.
2. It is not suggested that the "holiday" aspect of the School is not a valuable one; or, indeed, that it should be in any way subordinated or reduced. The question is whether it cannot be combined with other advantages.
3. It is proposed for consideration whether it would not be well, in 1913, to try the experiment of arranging, during the first two weeks, two distinct Conferences at the School. The first week might be devoted to the Committee of Enquiry on the Control of Industry; and the second to the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society. The latter Conference to be attended by members of the Fabian Executive, representatives of the local and University Fabian Societies and representative London and provincial I.L.P. organizations.
4. Mrs. Webb would, if desired, undertake the responsibility of the first week. In that case, she would propose,
  - (a) That the whole accommodation should be reserved (up to a fixed date) for those invited by the Committee of Enquiry, to the Conference (including, of course, the members and consultative members of that Committee). Other applicants would be admitted only if there proved to be room.

- (b) That the whole arrangements as to programme for the week be settled by the Committee of Enquiry - the intention being to spend all the mornings and evenings in discussion of the Committee's subjects and business without the distraction of other subjects, or classes or excursions.

5. As regards the second week, it is suggested that no Conference on the lines proposed can be successfully arranged unless

- (a) The several societies are effectively consulted not later than January - and not merely by circular! It is indispensable that each Society should have a meeting to discuss the proposal; and that it should be brought before that meeting by someone who is keen on it. It would be desirable, so far as possible, that this should be someone from London.
- (b) Some of the principal members of the different Societies will agree to be present. This is specially important in the cases of the London Executive; the Oxford and Cambridge Societies; the Edinburgh, Glasgow and Manchester Societies, and doubtless others; and prominent members of the I.L.P. including some of the I.L.P. members of Parliament. It would be desirable that a Sub-Committee of such persons should be got together by personal solicitation to act under the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society; and that the Joint Committee should have the same powers of (a) reservation of accommodation, and (b) arrangement of programme, as is proposed for the Committee of Enquiry on the Control of Industry.

It is suggested that the remaining six weeks (or more) of the School should be run largely as heretofore, with the expected result that those who look for a large "holiday" element in their stay, who were last summer spread over eight ~~six~~ weeks, will concentrate into these weeks, and thus raise the average attendance.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Publishing Committee: Meeting  
1st November 1912.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Harben,  
Sharp, Standring, Sanders and Secretary,  
also Miss Atkinson.

1. Biographical Series.

- (a) Place. Cover was further considered.
- (b) Owen. Cover was approved.
- (c) Morris. Proofs were reported to be under correction by author, and were ordered to be sent to the Executive in due course.
- (d) Mill. West. Amended by author and ordered to be set up.

2. Other Tracts.

- (a) German Socialism by Sanders. On favourable reports ordered to be set up for a 2d tract.
- (b) Mines Nationalisation. The Secretary reported he had ordered the Bill to be set up at the request of Webb, who hoped to push it through quickly. Action approved.
- (c) Profit Sharing by Pease. M. S. submitted and ordered to be read.
- (d) Civil Service. Deferred for further report.

3. Revise.

No. 62. Parish & District Councils. Out of print. Revise held over for the Franchise Bill. Agreed to revise in other respects, print a few, and keep type standing.



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## 4. Song Book Music.

Harben and Miss Atkinson agreed to report on the cost of this proposed publication, and on some method of financing it. ~~Together~~ with Miss Hankinson ~~and~~ Miss Reeves, *Miss Hutchins & Miss* they were appointed a Committee to deal with the matter. *Harben*  
*Elsie Pety*

Maud Reeves,  
Chairman.

- (a) That the Treasurer and Secretary draw proposals for arranging a loan for the Summer School capital overdraft.  
(b) That the financial position be submitted to the Members Meeting.

## 2. Office Staff.

The appointment of H. J. Brimley as temporary cashier at 35/- a week subject to the usual terms of notice was approved.

## 3. Socialist Unity.

The new proposal of the Brussels Bureau for a 3 days conference after Xmas was referred to the Standing Committee.

## 4. Alleged Libel in the Place Tract.

After discussion it was agreed to alter the passage at a cost of £2.5.0.

## 5. Parental Control.

It was agreed to reply to Mr. Auger who asked us to erase the name of his daughter (under 18) from our list of members, that we have no power to comply with his request.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Finance & General Purposes Committee Report. Meeting  
7th November 1912.

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Present: Ensor, in chair, Sharp, Webb, Dr. Phillips,  
Schloesser, Dodd, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Finance.

On report submitted, showing excess of liabilities over assets, it was agreed

- (a) That the Treasurer and Secretary draft proposals for arranging a loan for the Summer School capital overdraft.
- (b) That the financial position be submitted to the Members Meeting.

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6. Public Library Book List.

It was agreed to prepare a new list.

7. Barrow House Agreement.

It was agreed that it is not necessary to stamp this.

8. Meetings after Xmas.

It was decided to ask Reeves on Arbitration and Hardie on Strikes v. Political Action, and to cancel proposed lectures on Syndicalism.

9. Joseph Boot.

It was decided to bring his case before the Executive.

R. C. K. Ensor,  
Chairman.



5. Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 3, approved.

" 4 was amended in respect of the membership of the Com<sup>ee</sup>, & after discussion was approved in so far as concerns the proposed report on the cost.

The circulation of Tracts was discussed & it was referred to the ~~Com~~ Pub. Com<sup>ee</sup> to report thereon.

b. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> Report  
was submitted.

Items 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. & 8 were approved

" 8 was approved, but attention was drawn to the advertisement of our meetings, & it was referred to the Com<sup>ee</sup> to report thereon.

" 9. Joseph Boot. The Secy was ordered to make local enquiries. —

7. Resolutions for the Labour Party Conference.

On the motion of H. D. Harben it was

7. Labour Party Resolutions (cont'd)

agreed That the Secretary be instructed to write to the "Daily Citizen" saying that he had been instructed by his Executive Comtee on Nov 8th to communicate to them the resolutions we intend to move at the Labour Party Conference.

LABOUR AND WOMEN'S VOTES.

FABIAN RESOLUTIONS FOR  
PARTY CONFERENCE.

14/11/12

Clement D. Swan

To the Editor of "The Daily Citizen."

Sir,—At a meeting of my executive committee I was instructed to communicate to you the following resolutions, passed by them on October 25, to be placed on the agenda of the next annual conference of the Labour Party:—

1. That in view of the previous declaration of the Conference that no extension of the franchise from which women are excluded will be acceptable to the Labour Party, the conference calls upon the Parliamentary Labour Party to press for the inclusion in any Franchise Bill of women on the widest terms possible, and to make known to the Government that they will vote against the third reading of any such Bill if women are altogether excluded.

2. That this conference declares that no electoral Reform Bill which does not make one local government franchise uniform throughout the United Kingdom for men and for women, married and single, will be acceptable to the Labour Party.

3. That this conference urges the Parliamentary Labour Party to press upon the Government the resolution adopted at the Albert Hall meeting of the War against Poverty, demanding legislation next Session to secure to every person a national minimum of civilised life, by measures providing for a legal minimum wage, the reduction of the hours of labour, complete provision for sickness, the guarantee of a national minimum of child nurture, the prevention of unemployment, the building of healthy homes for all, and the abolition of the poor law.

EDWD. R. PEASE, Secretary.

3, Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C.

Com<sup>ee</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1912.

Present, Sharp, in chair, & all except  
Absent Webb, Mr Shaw, Harben, Mr Bentinck  
Allen Davies Mr Reeves, Miss Murry.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Fr. Bentham & Phillips for  
last meeting.

Mr Bentinck (in Dorset) Harben (speaking  
at Bexhill) Davies (lecturing) Webb & Mrs  
Reeves (both ill) all accepted.

3. The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted  
Item 1. a. & b. accepted.

" " (c). ~~The~~ Sub-title of the Morris Tract - letter  
from Mr Townshend insisting on "The Commun-  
Ideal". Agreed to accept this.

" " (d) Mill of West. This tract - was  
severely criticised & the discussion was  
adjourned to allow time for every  
member to read & the proof.

" " e. & f. approved, & Miss Tract passed.



3. Pub. & Com. Report (cont'd)

- Item 2 a + b. approved
- 3. Reprint. approved
- 4 Circulation of Tracts: approved.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Com. Report was presented, & the whole was approved. a discussion arose on the Joint Conference at Barrow House, & the suggestion of subsidies to facilitate attendance was ordered. The referred to the Standing Com.

5. The Finance & A.P. Com. Report was submitted & Enscr. -

- Item 1. Finance = approved
- 2. Draft Reply to Bureau on Unit: approved
- 3. Delegate to the Basel Conference. The Chairman moved the resolution defeated at the Com. = after a full discussion b voted for the amendment to the report + b against. The amendment was therefore not carried.

Present. Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Harben, Sharp, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in Press. Reports made and orders given as follows:-
  - (a) No.165. Place. Deletion of Libel completed.
  - (b) No.166. Owen. Completed and to go out next month.
  - (c) Morris. Further details as to title and cover were arranged: proof to be passed at the next Executive.
  - (d) Mill. Proofs to be passed at the next Executive. Portrait cover arranged.
  - (e) Mines Nationalisation. Copy in printers' hands: Proof to be considered at the next Executive and copies to be sent to the Miners' Federation Executive.
  - (f) German Socialism. M.S. at Printers'.
  
2. Tracts Projected.
  - (a) Profit Sharing by E.R. Pease. On favourable reports by Mrs. Reeves, Sharp and Harben, it was agreed that this be set up.
  - (b) Socialism & Civil Service, by Walter Hogg. It was agreed to report to the Executive that this was a M.S. offered us by the author: that he altered it at our request: and that after very careful consideration, the Committee has come to the conclusion that it is not quite good enough to publish, especially in view of the forthcoming Royal Commission Report, the evidence of which had not been consulted and the report of which would make our Tract out of date.



## 3. Reprints.

Tract 104. "How Trade Unions benefit Workmen".  
At the suggestion of Webb it was agreed to prepare a revise of this leaflet (of which 300,000 have been sold) and to issue it to Trade Unions.

## 4. Circulation of Tracts. Report on Reference.

- (a) A circular advertising new tracts is in preparation for sending out by the I.L.P.
- (b) The report on the agenda paper (already circulated) was received, and it was agreed to use the order forms again, and to put a par. in News urging organisers of lectures to stock appropriate tracts for sale.

Maud Reeves.

Chairman.

## 3. Shaw - Belloc Debate.

Date of the debate has been fixed for January 28th.  
Place, Queen's Hall. Preliminary circular has been issued. (Tickets sold or ordered to date about £40).

## 4. Speakers Class.

The Class has been arranged to begin on Nov. 18th.  
27 students have been registered.

## 5. International Socialist Conference on War &amp; Peace in the Balkans.

An invitation to send delegates to this Conference to be held on Nov. 24th, 25th & 26th at Basle was considered as a matter of urgency and it was decided to ask Mrs. Bentinck to represent us.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Organizing & Propaganda Committee Report. Meeting 14th Nov. '12.

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Present, Miss Atkinson (in Chair), Mrs. Webb, C. M. Lloyd, Pease, Sanders.

1. Suburban Lectures.

We have agreed that a Course of two Lectures be given at Sidcup.

2. Provincial Fabian Societies and School Clinics.

We have received a valuable leaflet issued by the Blackburn F.S. on the subject of School Clinics which was distributed during the Municipal Elections. We have decided to circulate this leaflet to all provincial Fabian Societies and urge them to publish a similar document adapted to local circumstances.

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## 6. British National Section International Socialist Bureau.

As a matter of urgency the Organizing Secretary reported that the Section had decided, at the request of the Int. Soc. Bureau, to organize a demonstration in London, on Sunday Nov. 17th, against the threatened interference of the Great Powers in the Balkans, and against War. Similar Demonstrations were being arranged on the same day in other European Capitals. A Guarantee Fund was to be raised to meet the cost, and the Section proposed that if there was a deficit each society affiliated to it or taking part in the meeting should be asked to pay its proportion. We recommend that the proposal be agreed to, (The Demonstration was held in the London Opera House).

## 7. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The following Report was received and approved.-

Meeting Monday November 11th 1912.

Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Pease, Sanders, Lloyd, Sharp, Holmes, Dubery.

## (a) War Against Poverty Campaign.

(i) Albert Hall Meeting: Final Report of Receipts and Expenditure was presented showing:- Receipts. Sale of Tickets £238.13.3. Collection £91.11.0. Total £330.4.3. Expenditure. £232.15.11. Balance (surplus) £97.8.4.

(ii) Report on Conferences. Favourable accounts were received of the Conferences held in London, Colchester and Darlington, and progress was reported with regard to arrangements for Conferences in other centres.

(iii) Joint Conference of Fabians and I.L.P. members at Barrow House in July 1913. Proposal was agreed to, further details to be considered.

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- (iv) International Socialist Bureau and Socialist Unity. Letter of reply was considered and referred to Mrs. Webb to be redrafted and submitted to the National Administrative Council of the I.L.P. and the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society.
- (v) Distribution of Fabian Tracts. The I.L.P. members of the Joint Committee agreed that a circular advertising Fabian Tracts should be included with the monthly communications sent from the I.L.P. head office to all branches. (The Publishing Committee will have this offer before it at its next meeting).

Mabel Atkinson,  
Chairman.

not to exceed £10. The resolution was defeated by 3 to 2 on the ground of expense.

- 4. Labour Party Agenda.  
List of resolutions sent in was submitted, and consideration of any amendments deferred to the next meeting.
- 5. Publicity of Meetings.  
Report of Secretary that arrangements had been made for sending notices regularly to the press was accepted.
- 6. Lecturés.  
Jan. 10th Hardie. Large Hall to be taken.  
" 24th Reeves accepts.  
Offer by Schloesser of lecture on Nationalisation of Mines was accepted, date to be fixed later.
- 7. Chairman for Beard. Referred to the Executive.



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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Finance & General Purposes Committee. Report of Meeting  
21st Nov. 1912.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dr. Phillips, Schloesser,  
Dodd, Sanders and Secretary.

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1. Finance.

The report on the proposed loan of £200 was approved and it was referred to the Treasurer and Secretary to arrange.

2. Bureau Conference on Unity.

The proposed reply was approved.

3. Basle International Conference on the Balkan War.

The chairman urged that the Society be represented and moved that a member of the Executive, preferably an official, be sent at a cost estimated not to exceed £10. The resolution was defeated by 3 to 2 on the ground of expense.

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7. Chairman for Beard.

Referred to the Executive.

## 8. Members Meeting Dec. 6th.

- (a) Chairman. Agreed to ask Sydney Herbert, and failing him H. C. Lauder.
- (b) Order of Business. The following was decided.
- (1) The three resolutions for the Labour Party Conference.
  - (2) J. J. Dodd on Propaganda of Socialism.
  - (3) J. J. Dodd on Socialist Candidates.
  - (4) Strike against war.
  - (5) Report on Finance.
  - (6) Report on Research.
- (c) Resolution by Womens Group on Suffrage was discussed (but it has since been withdrawn).  
 (New resolution by Dr. A. D. Macpherson  
 That this meeting regrets that the resolution put forward at the Albert Hall on October 11th, under the auspices of the Executive Committee, contained no reference to adult suffrage for women and men as a means with which to war against poverty.  
 Where is it to be placed?)
- (d) It was agreed to recommend that the Executive oppose J. J. Dodd's resolution advocating running Fabian Socialists apart from the Labour Party on the ground that the Society has always in the past ~~promoted~~ Labour Candidates and there is not sufficient reason to make a new departure. (Discussion of this can be deferred).

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## 9. Electoral Tangles.

- (a) Report that the Rev. C. Peach is a member of the Manchester F.S. and not of the London F.S. was noted.
- (b) Bermondsey. On report that Montague Sheaman, Jr. has been adopted as L.C.C. Progressive with two Labour Candidates in the field, the Secretary was directed to confer with him.

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10. Delegates.

- (a) Womens Suffrage Campaign. Kings Hall Dec. 4th  
11.0 - 4.30. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Reeves,  
Miss Atkinson, proposed.
- (b) Co-operative Union. Labour Party and Co-operators  
Stratford Saturday Nov. 30th 3 p.m. 2 wanted.  
Schlosser proposed, another wanted.

R. C. K. Ensor,  
Chairman.

Had the Sec. confer. with Sturman  
at Bournemouth. great

mela. agreed that  
 ed for all members  
~~accepted~~ amendments  
 is Sturman's Bill Part 2  
 is - accepted  
 led  
 Board. Schlosser,  
 King.  
 was resolved to  
 write after Herriot.  
 is - agreed to write  
 title against "War" &  
 next meeting agenda.  
 and's resolution to  
 it.  
 vision to Stodd's record  
 This was not opposed,  
 decided to bring it up  
 a next meeting.  
 Pearl. noted.

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5. Finance Com<sup>es</sup> Report (Contd.)

Item 4. Labour Party agenda. agreed that copies be procured for all members of the Exec. & a ~~number of~~ amendments be drafted for the Insurance Bill Resol<sup>n</sup>.

Item 5. Publicity of Meetings - accepted

- 6. Lectures accepted

.. 7. Chairman for Beard. Schlosser.

8. Members Meeting.

(a) Chairman. It was resolved to ask Blanco White after Herbert.

(b) Order of business. agreed to omit No 4. "The Strike against War" & put it on the next meeting agenda.

(c) A. S. Macpherson's resolution to come last.

(d) Executive Opposition to Dodd's second resolution. This was not opposed, but it was decided to bring it up again at the next meeting.

Item 9. (a) The case of C. Peach. Noted.

(b). Electoral Tangle at Brompton. agreed that the Sec. confer with Shearman.

## 5. Finance (Contd.)

Item 9. Tuelec. reported he had omitted to mention in the report that the Com<sup>ee</sup> approved of proposal of Webb for a par. in the news on the difficulties that arise when Fabians <sup>candidates</sup> oppose Labour or Socialist candidates, & that Webb be asked to draft the par. Approved

Item 10. Delegates. -

(a) Women's Suffrage Campaign <sup>approval</sup>

(b) Cooperation <sup>ors and</sup> with Labour Part  
H. Bentham added  
to Schlosser.

R. C. V. Enso  
6 Dec. 1912

# Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1912. -

Present Eraser (in chair) + all except  
Absent. Allen, Mrs Bentrick, Dr. Bentham  
Davies, Harben, Mrs May, Dr. Phillips Mrs Webb Snell

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Allen for last time (letter overlooked in office) Mrs Webb, Lecturing to Manchester F.S., Dr. Phillips (Labour League Cause) Mrs Bentrick in Dorset, Harben, detained speaking.

3. The Organising + Propaganda Comtee Report was submitted.
  - Item 1. On news Hall Chairman was referred back with recommendation that the Chairman be not a Star, unless Bellove ~~proposes~~ objects to an obscuring.
  - Item 2. A ballot was taken & the Chairman who did not vote counted the papers & declared Mrs Wilson elected & 9 votes to 1 for Dr. Phillips



3. Organising & P. Com<sup>ee</sup> (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Items 3 + 4 were approved.

4. Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Business.

Treas<sup>r</sup> reported no meeting had been held.

(a) J. S. Mill & Julius West. Adjourned debate resumed. - after a full discussion, the motion that the Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> be authorised to proceed with the tract (which was explained to mean that they would not refer the matter again to the Executive unless they thought fit) was carried by 7 votes to 4. -

(b) The Socialist Movement in Germany, by W. S. Sanders. This tract wh. had been circulated in prof was approved. -

5. The Finance & G. P. Com<sup>ee</sup> Report - was submitted

Item 1. Finance approved

" 2 Lectures " "

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee.

Meeting Thursday November 28th 1912.

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Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Mrs. Webb,  
Schloesser, Lloyd and Sanders.

1. Queen's Hall Meeting.

(a) We have decided to submit the following names of possible Chairmen to Shaw and Belloc. If approved by them the invitations will be sent in the order given.-

John Galsworthy; Sir A. Conan Doyle;  
Lord Robert Cecil; Sir A. T. Quiller Couch;  
Lord Courtney.

(b) Sale of tickets to date (Dec. 4th) about £125.

2. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

Miss Murby has resigned her position on the Committee and nominates Mrs. C.M. Wilson (who has expressed her desire to serve) for the vacancy thus caused. Dr. Marion Phillips has also informed us that she wishes to serve on the Committee if a vacancy occurs.

3. New Society.

Steps are being taken to form a new Society at Ipswich.

4. Fabian and I.L.P. Conference at Barrow House July 1913.

We have held a joint meeting with the Summer School Committee and arranged domestic details with regard to the proposed Conference.

Mabel Atkinson,  
Chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
5th December 1912.

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Present: Webb (in chair), Ensor (part time), Dodd,  
Dr. Phillips, Dr. Bentham, Sanders and  
Secretary.

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1. Finance.

Report on agenda paper was discussed and adopted.

2. Lectures.

It was agreed to put down for February Schloesser on  
Mines Nationalization and Pease's paper on Profit-Sharing,  
the tract to be on sale the same evening.

3. Members meeting tonight.

A. The Secretary reported that Blanco White would be  
Chairman.

B. The following movers of resolutions were appointed:-

Women's Suffrage                      Miss Atkinson.

do. (local)                              do.

National Minimum                      Schloesser.

Report on Research Dept. Webb.

C. The Executive was recommended to take action as follows:-

(a) Dodd's Propaganda Resolution.              No action.

(b) Dodd's Candidates Resolution: That the following  
amendment be moved:-

That the time is not opportune for the F.S. in  
its corporate capacity to adopt a new election  
policy.

Mover: to be appointed by the Executive.

(c) A. D. Macpherson's resolution next business  
to be moved; Mover not appointed.



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## 4. Labour Party Conference.

- (a) Executive. Agreed to nominate Pease.
- (b) Conference Delegates. It was agreed to defer decision to next meeting, in order to ascertain what members would get other delegations. Mrs. Webb and Dr. Bentham were nominated.
- (b) The Amendment to the Insurance Bill resolution drafted by Mrs. Webb and Schloesser was approved.

## 5. Electoral Tangles.

- (a) Bermondsey. The Report on the agenda paper was received.
- (b) Paragraph for Fabian News. Webb explained the lines on which he proposed to draft it and after some discussion his suggestion was not approved and the Secretary was directed to draft for the next meeting a brief paragraph covering a much narrower ground.

## 6. Women's Suffrage Campaign.

Report from Mrs. Wilson was received.  
 Appeal for subscription towards the cost. It was resolved that as no information was given that affiliation involved financial liability, a reply be sent that we are not prepared to subscribe at present.

## 8. Reprint of Tracts.

It was agreed

- (a) That permission be given for reprint omitting all references to the Fabian Society from our Stereos of certain tracts relating to Parish Councils for use by a Unionist Ratepayers Association at Horley.
- (b) Further that the National Land and Home League be allowed to have copies of our Parish & District Councils tract now under revision, printed from our type, with their title page, if desired.

Sidney Webb,

Acting Chairman.

5. Finance Report (cont?)

Item 3. ~~A~~ Members meeting.

A. approved.

B. Movers. Lloyd was substituted for Schlosser.

C. (a) Dodd on Prodrayanda. Sanders to speak

(b) Amendment to Dodd on Candidature.

It was agreed to delete the words "in its corporate capacity". & that  
Well move it.

(c) Macpherson. Miss Alkinson to move  
the next Business.

Item 4. Labour Party Conference.

(a) (b) & (c) all approved.

Item 5. Electional Tangles: (a) & (b) approved.

Item 6. Women's Suffrage Campaign. It was  
agreed in place of the report, to refer  
the letter to the Women's Group.

Item 7. (marked 8) Reprint of Tracts.

(a) Permission for Foley. Carried by  
4 votes to 1

(b) Permission to the L.A. League, agreed to.

Henry S. Sturben

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Com<sup>ee</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1912.

Present Harben (in chair) + all exapt  
Absent Allen, Mrs Welch, Miss Mury Sharp.  
+ Davis.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

2. The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was presented

Item 1. Tracts in press, approved

2. Proposed Tract.

(a) Children. On further report it was decided to return the MS. as desired by Mrs Welch.

(b) Cobbett; the decision to reject was approved with the addition of the words "at present"

(c) Rejection of applegarth: approved.

It was also agreed that the com<sup>ee</sup> consider a Tract on Marx

Items 3. 4. + 5 were approved.

3. The Organising + Propaganda Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted.

Item 1. Membership was approved



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee meeting 13th Dec. 1912.

Present: Mrs. Reeves, in chair, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Wilson,  
Lloyd, Harben, Sharp, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in the press.
  - (a) Morris. Mrs. Townshend. Further details settled.
  - (b) Mill. West. The Committee conferred with the author as to amendments desired.
  - (c) Mines Nationalisation Bill. Awaiting report from the Miners' Union.
  - (d) Socialist Movement in Germany. Agreed to have a portrait of Bebel on the cover.
  - (e) Profit Sharing. Pease: in printer's hands.
2. Proposed Tracts.
  - (a) Children. M.S. by Miss Susan Lawrence. On rather unfavourable reports by Harben, Sanders and the Secretary this was ordered to be read by other members.
  - (b) Cobbett. Offer by one Adams to write a Biographical Tract. Resolves that the subject is unsuitable.
  - (c) Applegarth. Offer of Biographical Tract by A. W. Humphrey refused.
3. Revises and reprints.
  - No. 62. Parish & District Councils. Reported nearly ready. (Since then sent to press).
  - No. 5. Facts for Socialists. The Secretary was directed to confer with Oakeshott as to a revise or inset.
  - No. 78. Clifford's Christian Socialism. 5,000 ordered.
4. Out of date tract.
  - No. 64. "How to Lose an Election" 2p. leaflet issued 1895 was ordered to be withdrawn.
5. Press Notices.

Report on notices received by Mrs. Wilson through a Press Cutting Agency was received.

Maud Reeves  
Chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee meeting  
Thursday December 12th 1912.

Present: H. Snell (in chair), Lloyd, Schloesser, Pease and Sanders.

1. Membership.

- (a) December candidates (47) were elected. Last year (39).
- (b) 9 Resignations were considered and dealt with.

2. Queen's Hall Meeting.

- (a) Chairman. We have decided that a chairman should be appointed who had knowledge and experience in the conduct of meetings and who would not be expected to speak at any length. It was further decided to recommend that Sir John Cockburn be asked to take the position.
- (b) Report of Tickets sold was received (amount to date, Dec. 18th, about £205).
- (c) We have decided to issue a special leaflet giving an account of the Fabian Society for distribution at the meeting. The substance of the leaflet will be taken from the description of the Society printed in the Field Series.

3. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

Report of meetings held Dec. 3rd and 12th as under was received and adopted.

Dec. 3rd. Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), Dubery, Lloyd, Pease, Schloesser, Mrs. Webb, Sharp, Johnson and Sanders.

Dec. 12th. Present: Pease (in chair), Johnson, Holmes, Lloyd, Sharp, Dubery, Mrs. Webb, Schloesser and Sanders.

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## (a) War Against Poverty Campaign.

(i) Favourable Reports were received of Conferences held at Glasgow, Woolwich, Birmingham, Chatham, Bristol, Norwich, Cardiff, Croydon, Leeds and Watford; less favourable: N. London, S. London and E. London.

(ii) Parliamentary Bills. It was decided to arrange a Conference with the Parliamentary Labour Party on the subject of embodying the points of the Campaign in Bills to be introduced by the Party.

(A Conference was held on Dec. 16th at the House of Commons between appointed representatives of the Joint Committee and the Policy Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party. It was then decided that the Parliamentary Labour Party should endeavour to arrange for a meeting of representatives of the Party, the Labour Party Executive Committee, the Joint Committee, and, if possible, the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress. This meeting to deal with the question of introducing the proposed Bills and also with a proposal that a permanent Committee representing the various bodies should be established which should meet periodically to consider and decide upon subjects of propaganda and legislation).

## (b) Conference of Elected Persons.

It was decided that steps be taken to organize a Conference of elected Socialist and Labour persons at Manchester on Good Friday and the following day in conjunction with I.L.P. annual conference, on the lines of previous gatherings.

## (c) 1st Sunday in May Demonstration.

It was decided that a circular be issued to I.L.P. branches, Trade Unions and other Labour organizations in London requesting them to express their views on the question of reviving the 1st Sunday in May Demonstration in Hyde Park. If the replies are favourable further steps to be taken to organize a demonstration on May 4th 1913 to promote the objects of the War Against Poverty Campaign and the Nationalization of Railways, Mines and other national monopolies.

H. Snell,  
Vice-Chairman.



Report of Summer School Committee, meeting, Monday Dec. 2nd 1912  
at Fabian Office.

Present: Lawson Dodd (in chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Atkinson,  
Gibson and Sanders.

Appointment of Committee for 1913.

We have considered the subject of the appointment of the  
Committee for 1913 (after circularizing the various  
Groups and Societies asking for suggested names) and we  
recommend the following for the Committee for 1913.

- (a) The four members chosen by the Executive Committee,  
not necessarily from among its members:

Lawson Dodd,  
Miss Atkinson,  
H. D. Harben,  
Miss Hankinson.

- (b) The two members nominated by the Executive Committee  
after considering names suggested by the Fabian  
Nursery and the various London and subject Groups  
as reported not later than Nov. 30th by the  
secretaries thereof:

J. Gibson (Fabian Nursery)  
Miss B. Thomson (Hampstead Group).

No other suggested names were received by the  
Committee.

- (c) The two members nominated by the Executive Committee  
to represent the various University and other Fabian  
Societies after considering names suggested by such  
Societies as reported not later than Nov. 30th in  
each year by the secretaries thereof:

Allen Watkins (S.S. Committee)  
C. St. Clair Collins (West Ham F.S.)

(Other names suggested were H. J. B. Craven (Ilford F.S.),  
Wilfrid Johnson and Miss Matthews (Golders Green F.S.),  
J. T. W. Newbold (Manchester U. F. S.), R. H. Minshall  
(Sheffield F. S.))

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NOTE. The Summer School Committee so appointed may add to its members by co-option not more than two persons at any time during its year of office.

F. Lawson Dodd,

Chairman.

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R. O. K. ENSOR,

Chairman.

*Chairman has just now approved.*

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on  
19th Dec. 1912.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dr. Bentham, Dr. Phillips, Davies,  
Dodd, Sharp, Schloesser, Webb, Saunders and Secretary.

1. Finance.

Report that the Summer School Loan has been fully  
subscribed was received.

2. Lectures.

(a) Report that Reeves could not fulfil his promise.

(b) Arrangements made

Jan. 24th Schloesser. Mines Nationalisation.

Feb. 14th Pease. Profit Sharing.

" 28th Harben. Rural Enquiry Report.

Mar. 14th Members meeting.

No other March meeting.

(c) Wallas was ordered to be asked for a lecture half  
promised last year.

3. Labour Party Conference.

It was agreed to report to the Executive the following  
nominations made and not withdrawn.-

Miss Atkinson

Sanders

Schloesser

Snell

*we* Webb

Mrs. Wilson

(Four required).

4. Joint Board Conference on the Osborne Bill London Jan. 3rd  
at 11. Two delegates.

It was agreed to leave nominations to the Executive.

5. Electoral Tangles.

The paragraph for the News already circulated was amended  
in several details, and approved as annexed.



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## 6. Parliamentary Candidatures.

On a letter from Schloesser saying his name is to be put forward as Labour Candidate for York, and that he would like to be promoted by the F.S. it was resolved

- (a) That the Executive be recommended to nominate him if the money is forthcoming from sources other than a Fabian Fund, and provided the York F.S. is not opposed.
- (b) That a Committee be appointed to report on the methods of raising a Parliamentary Fund, if desirable, and the candidatures or candidates to be appealed for.
- (c) That the Committee consist of Dodd, Ensor, Dr. Phillips, Webb and the Secretary.

## 7. Women Suffrage Campaign.

- (a) Mrs. Wilson was appointed delegate in place of Miss Atkinson resigned.
- (b) It was agreed to send to our Local Societies and Groups the Resolution adopted at the Conference with an enquiry as to their action thereon.

8. Chairman for Mrs. Webb. If possible Dodd.

9. B.S.P. Trafalgar Square, Adult Suffrage Demonstration. Invitation to take part was declined.

## 10. State Medical Service.

It was agreed to send our Tract to selected newspapers.

R. G. K. Ensor.

Chairman.

Steele was the result was approved.

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Fabian Candidates: a warning.

At a members meeting a few months ago the Society gave an unqualified endorsement to the policy of individual liberty in matters political and the Executive Committee in accordance with that policy makes no claim whatever to control the action of members in contesting elections on behalf of any party or none. It has always maintained that members of the Society should take suitable opportunities of coming forward as candidates for public bodies, thus increasing the interest taken in elections, and if successful obtaining opportunities of exercising wider influence over the management of public affairs.

But in view of the many elections about to take place, the Executive Committee considers it necessary to warn our members that grave difficulties arise when they stand as candidates in opposition to any fellow member or to any candidate put forward by the Labour Party, or by the I.L.P. or other socialist bodies. In many cases there are more seats than one to be contested, and the opposition may not necessarily be direct. In other cases the rival candidate may have no proper credentials and no reasonable chance of success. The Executive Committee cannot lay down for the guidance of members any general principles which in its opinion would be applicable to every case. But it desires to impress on the members of the Society that such candidatures may give rise to grave difficulties and may militate against that cordial co-operation between the allied forces of Socialism and Labour which we all desire. Such candidatures should therefore never be entered upon without the most careful consideration of every issue that they involve.

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Report of the General Meeting of the Committee of Enquiry:  
held at 37, Norfolk Street, 19th December 1912.

Mrs. Webb in the Chair.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Financial statement was presented showing cash in hand £232, outstanding promises £87 and unpaid accounts about £11.
- 3a. It was agreed to recommend that the expenditure of £25, rent until the end of July of two offices on the fourth floor of 37, Norfolk Street, be approved.
- 3b. Julius West having accepted another appointment commencing March 1st, it was agreed to recommend that W. Mellor be appointed to the position of clerk to the Committee from that date, and that his salary be forthwith increased to £2 per week.
- 4a. It was decided to recommend that the Fabian Executive be asked to sanction the absence of W. Stephen Sanders in Germany for about a fortnight in January in order to investigate aspects of German Trade Unionism; and that his expenses up to £15 be defrayed out of the funds of the Committee of Enquiry,
- 4b. It was agreed that a special subscription from Mrs. Sidney Webb of £5 be transferred towards the expenses of Mr. Doyle, who is conducting special investigation in Manchester and Leicester.
5. Reports of Progress were received from the secretaries of the four sub-committees.
6. The names of new consultative members (43) were approved (including 19 co-operative officials) raising the total number of consultative members to 66.

Beatrice Webb,

Chairman.



3. Org. + Prop. Report (cont.)

Item 2. Queen's Hall Meeting.

- (a) Chairman, ✓ (b) Tickets approved
- (c) approved, & it was agreed to put an advert in the Jan. 7 Crusade & that a notice of the Statesman be placed on the seats.

Item 3. Joint Com<sup>ee</sup> Report. This was approved, & Reports of the items a1 & a2 were ordered to be put in F. News. - : (b) & (c) were approved.

4. The Summer School Report was presented.

Appointment of Com<sup>ee</sup> -

Recommendation (a) was approved  
 " (b) " " "

On Recommendation (c) it was stated that the Cambridge U. F. S. had nominated T.R. Bannister after time. It was moved & carried by 5 votes & ff to substitute the name of T.R. Bannister for that of ~~C. St. Clair Collins~~ <sup>Allen W. Collins</sup>. -  
 Otherwise the report was approved.

5. The Finance & G.P. Comm. Report was  
submitted

Item 1. Finance Received

" 2. Lectures. approved & the  
suggestion that Mrs Perkins  
Gilman be asked was  
referred to the Comm.

" 3. Labour Party Conference nomination  
Mrs Wilson + Schloesser withdrew  
their names & the remainder  
were appointed

" 4. Joint Board Conference.  
Mrs Weht & the Secy appointed.

" 5. Electoral Tangles. Paragraph approved.

" 6. Parliamentary candidatures  
(a) & (b) were approved, & also  
(c) with the addition of Miss  
Alkenson to the Committee.

" 7. Womens Suffrage Campaign.  
(a) approved.  
(b) approved, with the addition  
that the Societies be requested  
to take the action suggested -

5. Finance Report (contd.)

Item 8. approved

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with the addition that an analysis of the Tract be sent to accompany ~~the~~ it. -

6. The Report of the Committee of Enquiry on the Control of Industry was amended in respect of its title, as it is not the only Committee of Enquiry. The Report was accepted.

Ch. Lloyd

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Committee 24<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1913.

Present, Lloyd in the chair, & all except  
Absent Sharp, Davis, Dr. Phillips  
Dr. Bentham, Allen, Miss Murch.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Dr. Bentham: accepted
3. The Organising & Propaganda Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Report was submitted  
Items 1, 2, & 3 were approved.  
Item 4. Labour Party Scotch Advisory  
Com<sup>tee</sup>. - The recommendation was  
approved, & after discussion the  
Secy was directed to write to the  
L. P. Exec. asking them to amend  
the scheme of allotting to the Scotch  
Fabian Societies a delegate on the  
Council & one on the Executive.  
Item 5. a - e was all approved

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee meeting  
Thursday January 16th 1913.

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Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Lloyd, Mrs. Bentinck,  
H. H. Schloesser, and Sanders.

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1. Membership.

January candidates (21) were elected.

2. Shaw - Belloc Debate.

- (a) Chairman: Sir John Cockburn consents to act.
- (b) Seats all sold. Receipts £330; expenditure, say, £65.
- (c) Order of Debate arranged: Belloc to open by proposing that
  - "If we do not re-establish the institution
  - "of Property we shall re-establish the
  - "institution of Slavery: there is no third
  - "course."Each debater to have 30, 20 and 10 minutes.

3. New Societies.

The Organizing Secretary reported that new Societies had been formed at Ipswich and Aberystwyth University College and steps were being taken to form a Society at Portsmouth.

4. Labour Party Conference.

Our attention has been called to the fact that the Scottish Fabian Societies are not represented on the Scottish Advisory Committee of the Labour Party and we recommend that our delegates to the Labour Party Conference call attention to this and endeavour to have the omission rectified.

5. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The following report of a meeting of the Committee held January 16th 1913 was received and approved.

Present: Pease (in chair), Lloyd, Schloesser, Dubery, Johnson, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilson and Sanders.

(a) First Sunday in May Demonstration.

It was reported that circulars had been sent to 1,200 organizations in and around London requesting them to express their views upon the proposal to revive the demonstration

(b) Deputation to Labour Party.

Report of the Deputation to Labour Party (already communicated to the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society) was received. The Organizing Secretary reported that the proposal to form a Joint Committee of the Labour Party, the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and F.S., to arrange propaganda and promote legislation, would be brought before the Labour Party Conference for approval. In the meantime the drafting of Bills embodying the points of the War against Poverty Campaign is proceeding. After the Labour Party Conference further steps will be taken to form the proposed Joint Committee.

(c) War against Poverty Campaign.

(1) Conferences. Report was received that an excellent Conference had been held at Ipswich. Further Conferences are arranged to be held at Dundee, Edinburgh, Deptford, Derby, Nottingham, Blackburn and Sheffield.

(2) Finance. It was reported that the 21 Conferences held in the Provinces had cost the Committee about £98. This was below the estimated amount of £5 per Conference.

(d) Conference of Elected Persons.

Report was received that the arrangements for the Conference were proceeding. Sidney Webb, Councillor Shann and Dr. Salter had agreed to read papers and the local Labour City Councillors would arrange for visits to local municipal institutions.

(e) Conference at Barrow House.

The programme of the Conference was discussed and held over for consideration by the N.A.C. of the I.L.P.

Mabel Atkinson,  
Chairman.



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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee held at office  
17th January 1913.

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Present. Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Bentham,  
Harben, Mrs. Shaw, Standing, Sanders and Secretary.

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1. Tracts in the press.

- (a) No.168. Mill. By West, was ordered to be printed.
- (b) No.169. Socialist Movement in Germany. By Sanders.  
It was decided to have a shiny paper cover with a portrait of Bebel, and to complete for press.
- (c) Profit-Sharing. By Pease. Ordered to be sent to the Executive for approval.
- (d) Mines Nationalisation. Still awaiting the Miners.

2. Proposed Tracts.

- (a) Offer of a Utopia by Teignmouth Shore was rejected as not good enough.
- (b) Offer of paper on Education and Women's Labour was rejected as quite unsuitable.
- (c) Marx. Reference from Executive. The Committee invited Pease to write this for the Biographical Series.

3. Revises and Reprints.

- (a) Parish & District Councils. Done and 1,000 printed. The Secretary reported that the National Land & Home League and Mr. J. Grimwood would each print an edition of 1,000.
- (b) Facts for Socialists. The Secretary reported that Oakeshott was too busy and it was agreed to invite G. P. Blizard to undertake the revision.
- (c) No.107. Socialism for Millionaires: 4,000 ordered.

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4. Library List.

This was completed, the few criticisms received being approved.

5. Women's Group Annual Report.

With a view to issuing this in one lot through Fabian News it was resolved:-

- (a) To make the News packet 1d, Mrs. Shaw having offered to pay the extra postage, about £7.
- (b) To print the Women's Group Report as a 4 page supplement to the News at a cost of about £7.

Maud Reeves,  
Chairman.

Mrs. Reeves was appointed chairman

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4. The Publishing Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted  
 Item 1. a. Mill Tract. The publication of  
 this was questioned, & Minute 4(a) of  
 the Exec. Com<sup>tee</sup> of Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> was read.  
 It was agreed to record that Enser  
 Schlosser & Dodd expressed regret that  
 the Tract had been published without  
 further reference to the Exec., notwithstanding  
 the minute aforesaid.

Item 1. b. approved

(c) Peace Profitsharing. Publication approved.  
 The author agreed to the suggestion to  
 add a ~~query~~ note of interrogation  
 to the title

(d) approved -

Items 2, 3, & 5 were approved.

Item 4 was approved & it was agreed to send  
 the lists to send to Fabian Groups.

5. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>tee</sup> Report  
 was considered. -

Items 1 + 3 were approved.

5. Mrs. Renee was appointed chairman



5. Finance & L. P. Com<sup>ee</sup> Report (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 4. Lectures. approved, & it was agreed that Sanders lecture on April 4 on his investigation into German Trade Unions &c.

" 6. No delegates appointed.

" 7 L.C.C. Election.

(a) approved.

(b) approved

(c) This was incorrectly reported

It was agreed to amend as indicated, & the amended

(i.e. correct) report was approved

Item 2. Parliamentary Fund

Sub. Com<sup>ee</sup> Report. The

proposed par. for Fabian

news was amended in detail

& the Report as amended was

agreed to.

b. Labour Newspapers Circular. It was agreed to send

these with the news free. -

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Manion Phillips

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
23rd January 1913.

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Present. Ensor (in chair), Dodd, Webb, Schloesser, Dr. Bentham, Sanders and the Secretary.

1. Finance.

Accounts were submitted showing present net receipts from the Queen's Hall meeting £253, and £250 paid during the month to Standing.

2. Parliamentary Sub-Committee Report.

It was agreed, without discussion, that this be remitted to the Executive.

3. "The Centre League."

On proposal from F. W. Hayes to recognise a new basis, it was agreed to reply that this can only be done on behalf of a Local F.S., and to add that the Committee consider a basis on the lines suggested would not be acceptable.

4. Lectures.

Wallas on Social Motive fixed for April 18th.  
April 4th and May 2nd now open.

5. Chairman for Schloesser.

The Executive to appoint.

6. Delegates.

Land Nationalisation, Memorial Hall, Saturday Jan. 25th  
Executive to appoint if any one will go.

8. L.C.C. Election.

It was resolved

- (a) To insert a list of Fabian Candidates in the Feb. News classified according to party.
- (b) To insert an appeal from the Deptford Group for Lloyd and Phillimore as a group report.
- (c) To issue a circular to London members inviting assistance, ~~personal and financial~~, for all Fabian Candidates ~~on the same lines as last time, candidates desiring only personal help to be indicated: the money to be allocated by donors, or failing that, by the Executive.~~ Proof of circular to be submitted to the Finance Committee on Feb. 6th.

R. C. K. Ensor,

Chairman.



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PARLIAMENTARY FUND SUB-COMMITTEE.

Meeting 10th Jan. 1913.

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Present: Webb (in chair), Ensor, Dr. Phillips, Miss Atkinson  
and the Secretary.

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The Committee considered a Memorandum on the fund, prepared by the Secretary. They agreed on the outline of a Report to be drafted by the Chairman and that a part of the above-mentioned memorandum be annexed thereto.

Report.

The Sub-Committee considered, in all their bearings, the present position with regard to the Fund, the probable commitments of the Society at the next ensuing General Election, and the prospects of obtaining new promises or contributions, at present, or at a subsequent date.

I. Particular Candidatures.

The Sub-Committee did not feel warranted, at the present juncture, in making any substantive recommendation with regard to any particular candidature, so far as concerned committing the Society to any pecuniary liability. The Sub-Committee propose to consider further at a subsequent date.

II. Method of Procedure.

The Sub-Committee (without prejudice to existing candidatures to which the Society is or may be more or less committed) recommend that a paragraph to the following effect be inserted in Fabian News:

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Parliamentary Candidatures.

The Executive Committee has under consideration the question whether or not it would be desirable to make use of the power of "nominating" members of the Society to be placed upon the list of potential Parliamentary Candidates which is made up by the Executive Committee of the Labour Party. This list is submitted to representatives of constituencies seeking Labour Candidates. The Executive Committee would be glad to be informed, in confidence, of the names of members of the Society who would be willing to allow themselves to be nominated for such a list, in the event of its being decided to take the action referred to. It is particularly requested that any names should be sent in before 28th February, and that none be sent without the consent of such member having been explicitly given.

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Sidney Webb,

Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

any) of the names that may be suggested as aforesaid, or to guarantee the provision of all (or any) of the necessary funds.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE PROPOSED REVIVAL  
OF THE  
PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

History.

The Fund was raised by a circular dated April 1908 which invited members to promise subscriptions payable over 5 years towards a fund to be held in the names of three Trustees, Hubert Bland, E. R. Pease and Sidney Webb, the application of the fund to be left to the Executive Committee for the time being, subject to express directions by the donors.

The sum of £2,637 was promised, and the first instalment was called up in February 1909 in respect of the Taunton Bye-Election when Frank Smith was our candidate: £423 was received and £275 expended. In November 1909 a second appeal was issued on behalf of Wm. Sanders for the expected bye-Election at Portsmouth. This never came off, but it added to the cost of the January 1910 Election there. At the General Election including the virtually double election at Portsmouth our outlay was as follows:-

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Harry Snell, Huddersfield                 | 246         |
| Election Agent employed in<br>preparation | 26          |
| W. S. Sanders, Portsmouth                 | 470         |
| Local Organiser                           | <u>75</u>   |
|                                           | <u>£817</u> |

Contributions and balance in hand amounted to £860, so that, after payment of some travelling expenses £40 was carried forward. Both candidates were defeated.

At the December 1910 election we ran 2 candidates  
Will Crooks at Woolwich and  
Harry Snell at Huddersfield.

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| Woolwich cost us              | £461        |
| Huddersfield cost us          | 220         |
| Charged to Office<br>Expenses | 15          |
| Balance forward               | <u>11</u>   |
|                               | <u>£707</u> |

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This was raised by contributions

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| from Guarantors and others    | £666         |
| Balance forward with interest | 41           |
|                               | <u>£707.</u> |

In July 1911 the sum of £12 was paid to Woolwich Labour Party for registration and the Fund was closed. Since then £1.3.0. has been received. In May 1912 the Parliamentary Fund Trustees were not reappointed, as the Fund was practically wound up.

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Practice of the Fund.

The whole of the Fund has been raised from special subscriptions and usually subscribers have been invited to allocate their subscriptions to special candidatures.

Taunton Bye-Election. We paid the whole of the expenses, apart from the Labour Party contribution, and a few special subscriptions.

January 1910.

Huddersfield. We undertook to pay up to £250 if £150 were raised locally, and we also undertook to pay about £25 for local agent.

Portsmouth. We promised £200 only the remainder to be raised locally.

December 1910.

Woolwich. We undertook to pay half, not exceeding £500, and obtained guarantees that the balance would be forthcoming

Huddersfield. We apparently undertook to find £300 for this.

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Present Position.

Woolwich. We are clearly bound to support Crooks again, if he desires to stand. Organised Labour politics would be unworkable unless a member, once elected, is afforded ~~combined~~ *continued* support, unless he be guilty of the gravest political aberrations. We should be the first to condemn any breach of continuity amongst Trade Unionists. It must be assumed therefore that we shall again raise a fund for Crooks.

Huddersfield. Here the case is different. The figures were

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| Jan. 1910 | Sherwell L. | 7158 |
|           | Snell       | 5686 |
|           | Smith C.    | 5153 |
| Dec. 1910 | Sherwell L. | 6458 |
|           | Kaye C.     | 5777 |
|           | Snell       | 4988 |

The difficulty of the situation is that there are 5 to 6 thousand Labour voters who want to take exercise at general elections, and yet can achieve nothing. Snell is still nominally a candidate, but we have undertaken no responsibilities.

Sanders. He is a possible candidate and has considered several seats.

Schloesser. He desires to be Fabian Candidate for York.

Election Jan. 1910.

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| Rowntree L.  | 6751 |
| Butcher C.   | 6741 |
| Greenwood L. | 6632 |
| Smith C.     | 6495 |

Dec. 1910, Rowntree and Butcher unopposed.

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| L.                | 6413  |
| C.                | 6108  |
| G.H. Stuart (Lab) | 8094  |
|                   | 4573. |



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