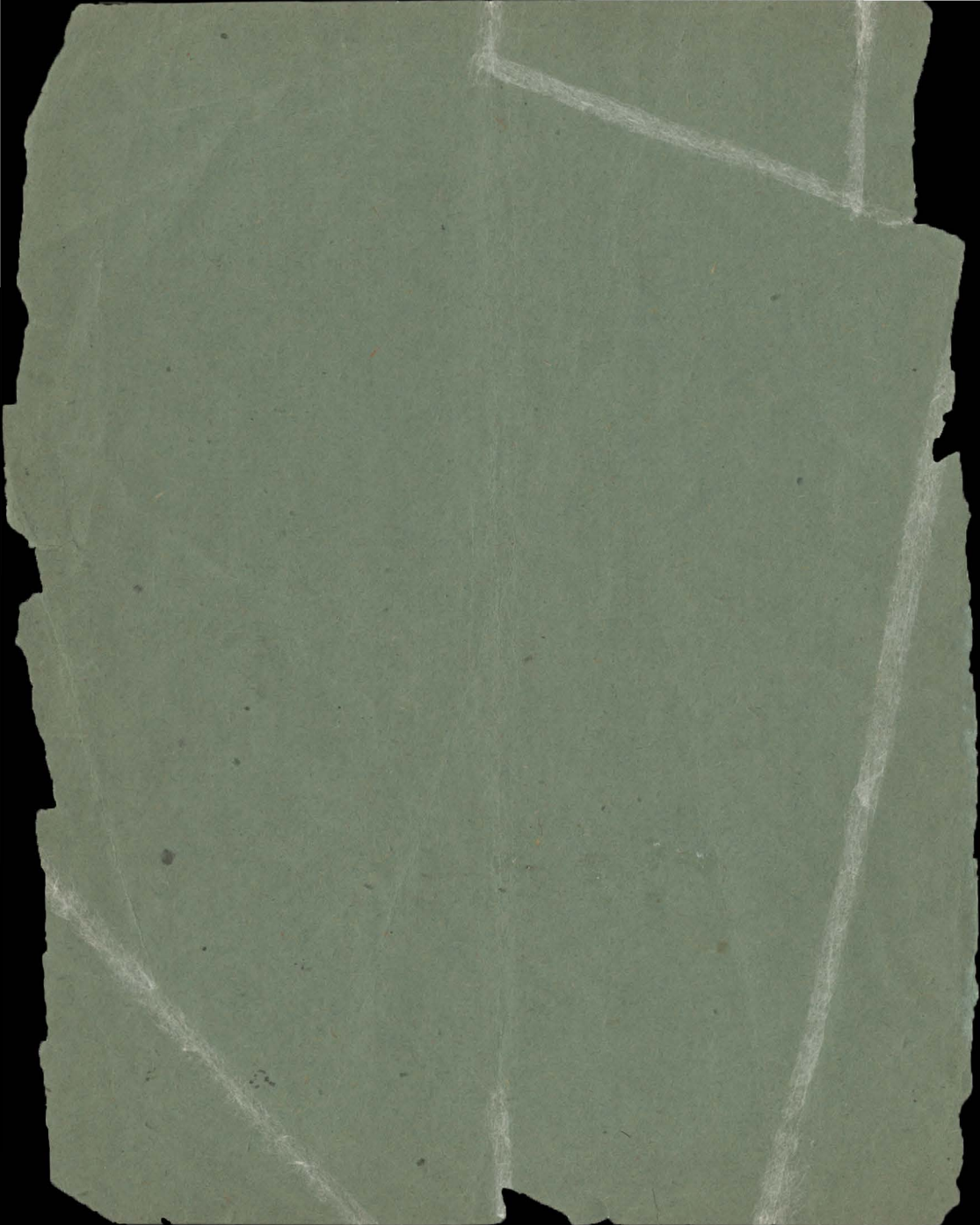


Fabian Executive Notes.

Jan to April
1890

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None kept before his date
S. R. P. Lee



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The Executive Committee met at
34 Bouverie St. E. C. at 5.30 p. m.
on Tuesday, 9th April 1889.

Present, Annie Besant, Hubert
Brand, S. Olivier, G. B. Shaw, G. Waller,
and S. Webb.

Miss G. Spooner was also in
attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. Fells
making certain recommendations for the
keeping of the Society's accounts. (Letter
attached to opposite page.) It was decided
by the Committee that the recommendations
should be followed by the accounting officer.

It was also subsequently decided
that the Secretary should keep a book of
~~the~~ minutes of the proceedings of the
Executive at its meetings.

The question of inviting Mr. George
to meet the Society was raised. It
was decided not to invite him to a
discussion, and that the policy of the
Society should be to discourage the
raising of controversy between Mr. George
and Socialists in this country.

Delegates were selected to attend
the meeting convened by the M. R. F.
at Trafalgar Square for Thursday
the 11th Ap. Messrs. Shaw, Clarke, Head
and Bartlett were nominated.

It was decided that the drafting

of the proposed Treaty of Cooperation should be deferred until the conclusion of the Conference then sitting for friendly discussion.

It was decided to buy for the Society 500 copies of a tract by Edward Carpenter on Parochial Land Nationalisation, to be distributed as a model.

G. B. Shaw and S. Webb were appointed to draw up a list of practical political measures as a Socialist programme, and a set of questions to be addressed to candidates for election to Parliament with special reference to the needs of London.

The Pol. Sec. was authorized to ask all members of the Society whether they would serve on the Political Com^{tee} and could undertake to attend meetings.

The Secretary was instructed to draw up a Circular to be sent to new members on their election giving information as to their position and duties as members of the Society, and their opportunities for political activity.

He was further authorized to return the printed form asking for information

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Jan. 7th 1890.

Meeting in Fleet Street 5:30 P.M.
Present Mess^{rs} Olivier, Shaw & Webb
A. G. Pease - pro. E. R. Pease -

Members of Fabian Society elected
J. S. Robertson & H. J. Graywood

1. Hall for next meeting on 17th discussed
Decided on S. James' Small Hall -
failing that Craven Hall, Douvert's Pl.
Paragraph in "Star" about meeting -
2. H. Hüerscheim to be written to & asked
to lecture on March 7th
3. Notices (2) of Fabian Essays to be sent
along with circulars to members -
Members to be told to ask for copies
of the essays at Booksellers &

as to political and other organisations in the several group Districts.

(Nominations cont'd D. G. Ritchie, Lily Haynes, Mrs. Maye Mrs. J. A. Kelly).

Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 34 Bouverie St.

Present Annie Besant, Sydney Oliver, Sidney Webb.

No business done, as the attending members numbered less than one half of the Exec. Com^{tee}

Meeting on Thursday 7th May.

The Political Secretary was instructed to draw up the Circulars previously decided on, to be issued to new members on their joining the Society

The Secretary to have forms of invitation printed

It was arranged that S. Webb should give an address on Mr Booth's Book on Life and Labour in East London on Friday the 17th May, if Adolphe Smith was unable to attend as arranged

It was decided that ~~any~~ ^{one or more} ~~members~~ ^{such} of ~~any~~ members of the Society who might

Librarians & do all they can to promote
its sale.

Members proposed

Miss Mary Lovell Cameron by
Mr Besant & S. Olivier

be present in Paris at the time of the International Congress should be appointed to represent the Society as Delegates. —

G. B. Shaw was authorized to get a price from A. Bonner or other respectable printers for the printing of the Society's course of lectures —

At the final meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Social Meeting held at Bloomsbury Hall on Friday 12th April 1889, the Secretary was instructed to report to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Sub Committee

1; The financial results of their arrangements, which showed that the receipts from the sale of tickets had been £15. 9. 0 and the expenses of the meeting £14. 3. 6 leaving a balance of £1. 5. 8. profit. (See accounts at end of Book.)

2; The numbers present, which were, so far as can be ascertained, about 230.

3; That the Sub committee

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Exec. 21 Jan. 90.

Present Annie Besant, Shaw, Webb, Oliver, Clarke
Bland Pease. —

Minutes read.

Election. Box Sec. to write re his wishes.

Miss Newcombe. Sec. to ask re basis

Miss Cameron. Elected, but address not known.

Sec.'s issue of p'cards for Rowlands mty confirmed.

Resolved, Mrs. Besant to account to Soc. for Essay &
Literature at $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. in 1/- & Lit. Sec. to pay ~~to~~
~~to~~ F. P. Co. 8^d in 1/- —

List of members in some respects revised.

Sec. ordered to see West. Pal. Hotel & Charing X Hotel,
& Quebec Rooms, & to use discretion in taking best
of those or others. —

considers that the Society may, justly congratulate itself on the success of the ~~last~~ meeting & that they recommend that a similar meeting be held next year at about the same time.

All of which is hereby reported by the Secretary to the Executive Committee accordingly

Sydney Oliver

Nov. 20. 1889

Found in a postage book, being apparently the only minutes of the Executive Committee kept by Sydney Oliver during his term of office July 1886 to March 1890. —

7. Deed signed by authors of Fabian Essays, (except G. Wallas) conveying same to H. Bland ~~and~~ S. Oliver & E. R. Pease in trust for Society.
8. Resolved to print a "Second Thousand" of Essays, with corrections.
9. Resolved to sell to London & C. Rad. Union (1/2) 1000 Facts for Londoners at 8^d in 1/- & ~~£~~ 5000 for ~~£~~ 50. -
10. Financial a/c rendered, & resolved that the Treasurer print circular to all recalcitrant members. -

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Exec. 10 Feb. at 65 Fleet St.
Present Pease Oliver Shaw Webb

1. Minutes read: Box letter not accept of membership.
2. J. B. Polhuy, C.S. ^(corresp?) money, Stopford Brooke & Kentish Moore elected.
3. Letter from Miss Harkness re Mills read & proposal rejected.
4. Resolved to take the French Chamber St. Jao Hall for rest of session, & failing that Sec. to do best.
5. Agreed to send out nihilist pamphlets
6. Agreed to send delegate to Bloomsbury Eight Hours Com.
7. Sec. authorized to write to Bellamy

8. Sec. authorized to Cold Fabian 'at home'.
9. agreed to send copy Essays to S.F.
10. Sec. to write to F.C. Barber asking him to be Pol. Sec. pro tem. to undertake Country Programme.
11. Sec. to write to B. Wallas for signature to deed re Essays.
12. Shaw authorized to get plate for 2nd Edn. Essays with date 1890.
13. Sec. to write to Mrs. Besant re Bommer's delay over printing.
14. Sec. to write to Cox re 8 hours Tract.
15. Sec. to draft circular re Annual Meeting of Paid Sec. on March 28th 91

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16. Resolved that the Exec. recommend the Society to have a paid Sec. —
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Exec. Tues. 25 Mar.

Present. Shaw, Webb, Bland, Olivier, Besant, Pease.

1. Minutes Read.
2. Tom Walker elected
3. Sec's action in taking St. Geo. Rest: Fr. Ch. for meetings to end July approved. Next meeting to be in Bloomsbury Hall (Small) or Barnards Inn.
4. Sec's action in refusing to send delegate to Commem. celebration, approved with reservation.

- 5 E. D. Giddestone's request for permission to send members copy of X'tian Socl: agreed to.
6. Headlams, on finding that Mrs. Cross agreed to for annual meeting.
7. Agreed to embody Genl Circular (minute 15 last mtg) in annual report.
- 8 Agreed on contents of circular to members proposing to increase Exec. to 15 members, to pay Gen. Sec. to int. out of rule 9. words "personal acquaintance, & other matters.
9. Proposals for programme considered. Welch's kept for Autumn course. Literature course approved. -
- 10 Miss Helen Clegg & N. L. Griffiths proposed as auditors. -

Executive at Tues. Mar 11 '90.

Present: Annie Besant (part) Shaw, Webb, Wallis Clarke Pease
Blund.

1 Minutes read.

2. Mrs Steele, Miss Dray, J. Henderson elected

3. Appointment Shaw & Pease delegates to H. P. demon.
about Siberia confirmed & same two appointed
to 8 Hours Dem. Comtee on Sunday 16th

4. Agreed to give notice that no proxy votes wd.
be allowed at Ann. Meeting.

5. Agreed to accept further Xthian Socialists "presented"
E. D. Bridlestone.

6. Agreed that the Reven Authors of Essays receive
each 3 gratis copies of 2nd Edition Essays.

7. Shorter, Peace, Olivier, Wallis, appointed Com^{ee} (N.L.C. Friday at 5.30) to consider steps for promoting case scrap, with power to take steps & report to Annual meeting.
8. Draft rules for Birmingham Branch agreed on, to be submitted to E.D. Girdlestone.
9. Programme for next session considered: agreed to ask Kropotkin & Rev. S. Brooks & failing them others.
10. Draft report (sketch) considered & generally approve. Sec. to prepare complete draft.
11. Agreed to discuss Tracts at Annual Meeting, viz:- True Rad. Prog.
Capital & Land
Leaflet re Facts for Londoners.
12. Invitation forms to be printed.

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Exec. Tues. Mar 25th at 63 Fleet St.
Present Shaw Webb, Walldo Bland Pease.

1. Minutes Read.
2. Com^{ee} (# 7 of 11/3/96) reported. Re employ^g of canvasser, Mrs. Besant's letter read, + matter let drop. - Re ad^{vt}, 8 different insertions at 2/6 in Peoples Press agreed to.
3. Letter from Girdlestone, B'ham read: agreed not to charge him for Prospectus.
4. Jasper E. H. Nicolls, K. Grace Dell, & Mrs. Larcom-Jacobs elected members, (subject to letter satisfactory from East) + F. W. Donaldson, Adolphus Ballard, Rev. S. C. Cholley & Alfred Hayes correspond^g members. -
5. Draft report read & agreed to. - Agreed to propose small revision Com^{ee} after Annual Meeting.

6. Programme for next session considered
Boulting & Dughurst approved. Sec & Webb
to complete programme. -
7. Agreed that Webb sh^d. submit draft
New Rad. Prop. & that question of annual
Park^s sh^d. be submitted to meeting.

Hubert P. Clark

Chairman

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Exec. Tues. Apr 1. at 31 Upper Bedford Place. (First of enlarged Exec.) Present: 14 members

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| Wm. Besant | Mr. Hoakon | Sydney Olivier |
| H. Bland | Ed Headlam | G. B. Shaw |
| W. Clarke | | |
| R. D. Bell | Mr. Mallet | G. Wallas |
| W. de Mattos | J. F. Gakeshott | S. Webb |
| Miss Green | | (acting as Gen. Sec) |

(Pease absent through illness).

1. Bland appointed Chairman for this meeting: minutes read & confirmed
2. James Richespill } elected,
George Samuel } subject to
Edw. J. Watson } usual letter.

Mr. Bateson's wish to join was reported; Sec^y to obtain confirmation of this, & of her willingness to accept Basis.

3. Draft Programme for ensuing term approved; Olivier to see to its immediate printing.
4. Society's Resolution re Annual Report considered; draft as revised ordered to printed for adoption at next meeting; Olivier to superintend; proof to Executive.
5. Leaflet on Fact for London ordered to be printed; Olivier to superintend; ~~proofs to Executive.~~ "True Rad. Prog." to be circulated to Exec. in M.S.
6. Discussion on Organisation of Executive work: resolved

that Olivier be asked to ⁽⁹⁾
continue to supervise the
publishing work: and
that Shaw & Webb submit
to next Executive definite
proposals for Sub Committee,
& other details.

Moved by Clarke, seconded
by Wallas, & carried
unanimously, that
the Executive do forthwith
act upon the permission
given by the Society at
the annual meeting to
pay the General Secretary
at the rate of £1 per week.

7. Resolution of Annual Meeting
re Social Meetings discussed:
Sub Committee appointed

to prepare scheme & submit
to Executive: Mrs Mallet,
Miss Henry, H. Bland, Mrs
Bland, R. E. Bell & H. W. Just
with power to add.

8. Resolved that the above
Sub Committee also consider
& report upon the proposal
to have a ^{more} public Social
Meeting as in 1889.

9. Resolved that ^{250 copies of} the list
of members of the Society
be printed, in alphabetical
order & also by groups,
to be marked "private":
Olivier to superintend.

10. Next Exec. meeting fixed for
22 April, 5.30 pm, at West? Pal. Hotel
if possible
Sydney Olivier, in Chair 22.4.90

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Executive at Miss Warley Westminster
Palace Hotel on Tues. April 22nd 1890.

S. Oliver in chair.

Present Bland Oliver Besant Shaw Webb Cakeshott
Peace Hoatson, Mallet Grover Sed De Mattos.
(Wallas left for a lecture before business.)

1. Minutes read & signed as amended.
2. Sec. reported re ~~also~~ ^{members} that Tract No 10 was printed & ~~Lecture~~ list in hand.
3. Mrs. Bakson & Alfred Earnley were elected.
4. Correspondence read, Burt & Dale re Eight
Hours Bill, Girdlestone re Birmingham, &
Vote of thanks from Nottingham N.S.S. —
5. Letter from E. Redford read to the effect that
the doctor forbade his lecturing on May 2nd.

6. Resolved that W^m Morris be asked to give the lecture & failing him, Webb, Wallas, G. Sporer & Pease each take part of the subject. —
7. Sec. & Webb reported steps taken to secure election of W. Clarke to Com^{ee} of Nat Lib Club.
8. Draft of Annual Report, Rules, Basis &c was laid before meeting & it was referred to Olivier & Pease to print revise same, & consider all suggestions made, & then to print. —
9. Webb read report on Organisation, wh. was agreed to. The hour of meeting being altered to 5 pm. — It was resolved that report shd be read at the next meeting for business: (see minutes of his meeting)
10. Island gave report of Social Gatherings Com^{ee}

They recommend & are prepared to carry thro' a ⁽¹¹⁾
General Social Gathering for the 1st week in June
at the Beaufort Hall, St James Hall: cost
of Hall £5.5/- . Refreshments, 250 @ 1/- £12.10/-
Lundras £2. Tickets at 1/6? will return cost,
if 250 are sold. — In regard to private
social meetings they had no decided proposal.
Report adopted & Council ordered to carry it out.

11. Agreed to send out notices as proposed by
Wells, re Reading Circle & his proposal to
open Conference on political organization at
Mrs. Batesons rooms, if she consents.
12. Agreed to print notices of meetings for
members, & that the Sec. sh^d. avail himself
of Miss Watsons offer to send them out to members.
13. Wells proposals of agenda for Sub. Comtee
agreed to.

14. Agreed that the Gen. Purpose
Subcommittee sh^d. meet at 2 Hyde
P. Mans. on Tues. 29th inst. at
4.30, & the Political Sub. Com^{ee} at
5.30 same place & time: the
Gen. P. Sub. Com^{ee} to arrange
place for Exec. Com^{ee} meeting. —

Albert Bland
6/5/90.

