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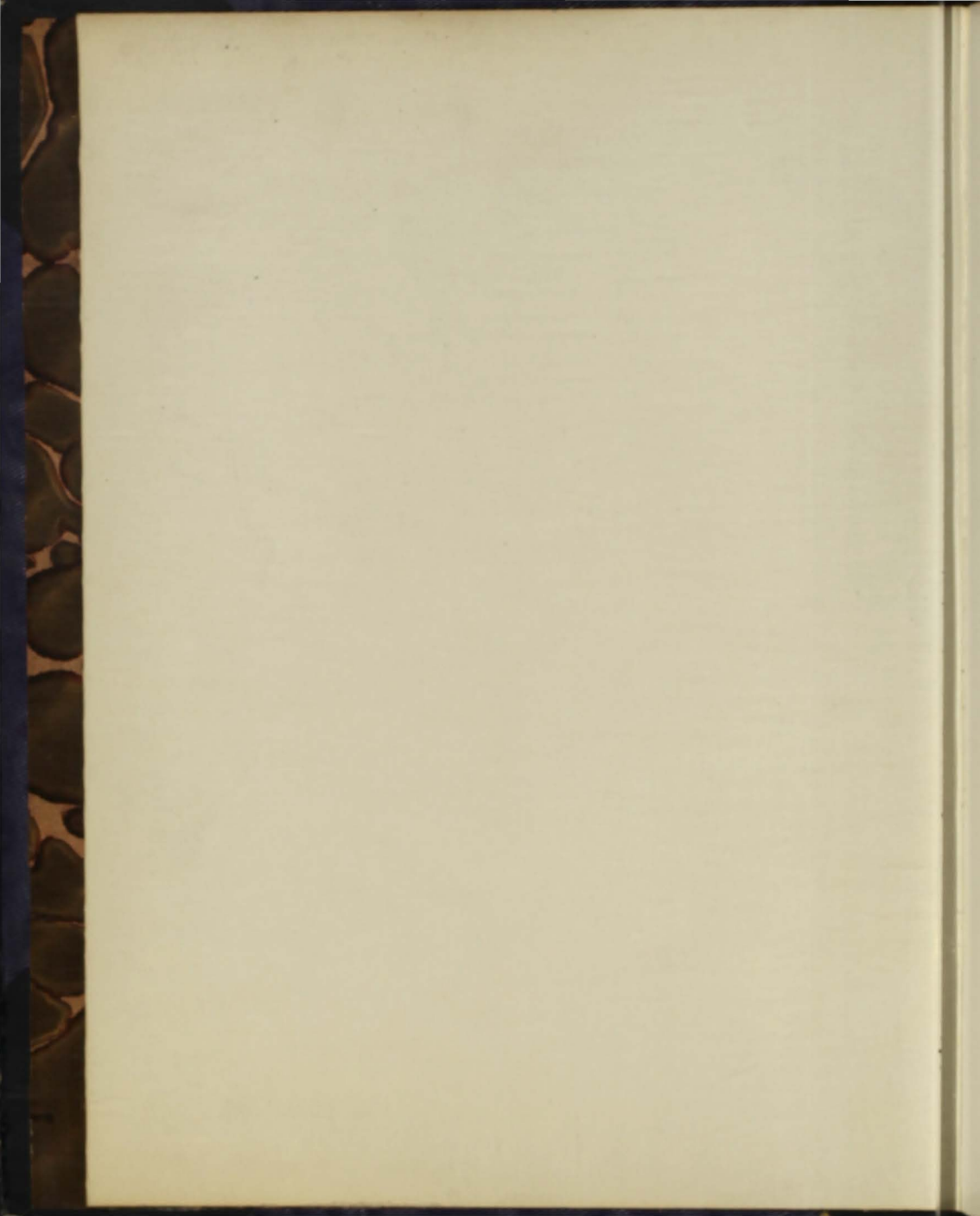
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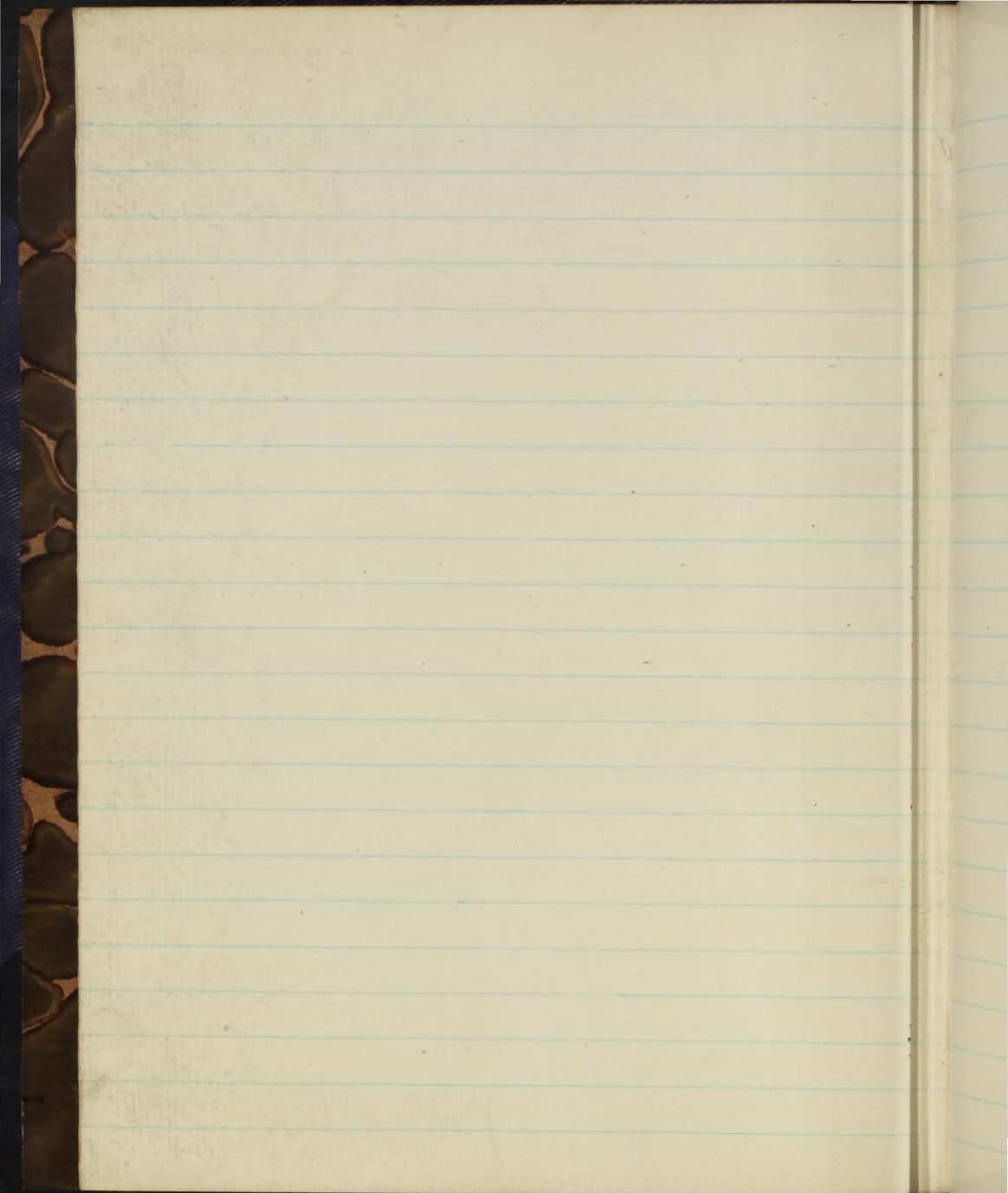
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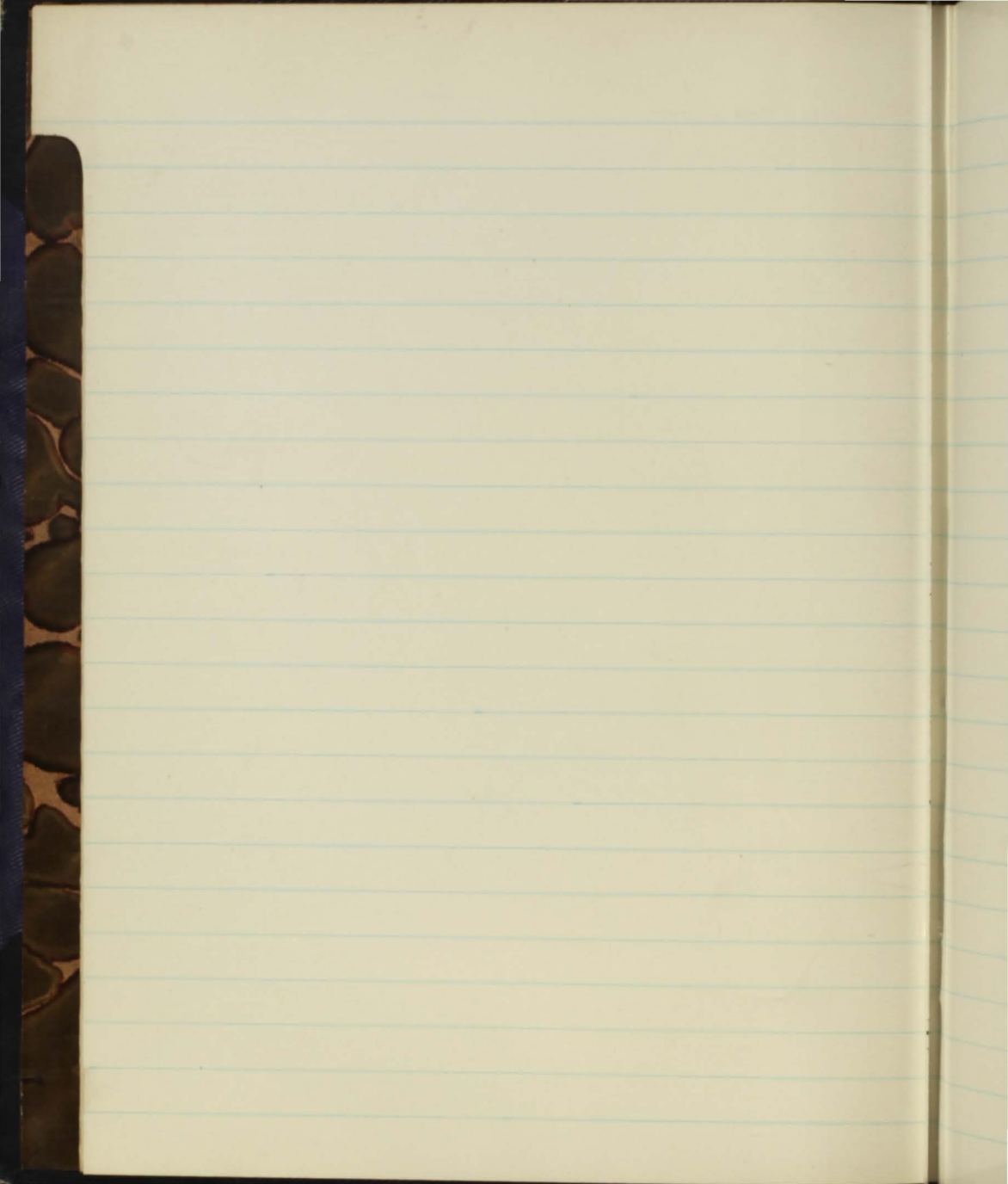
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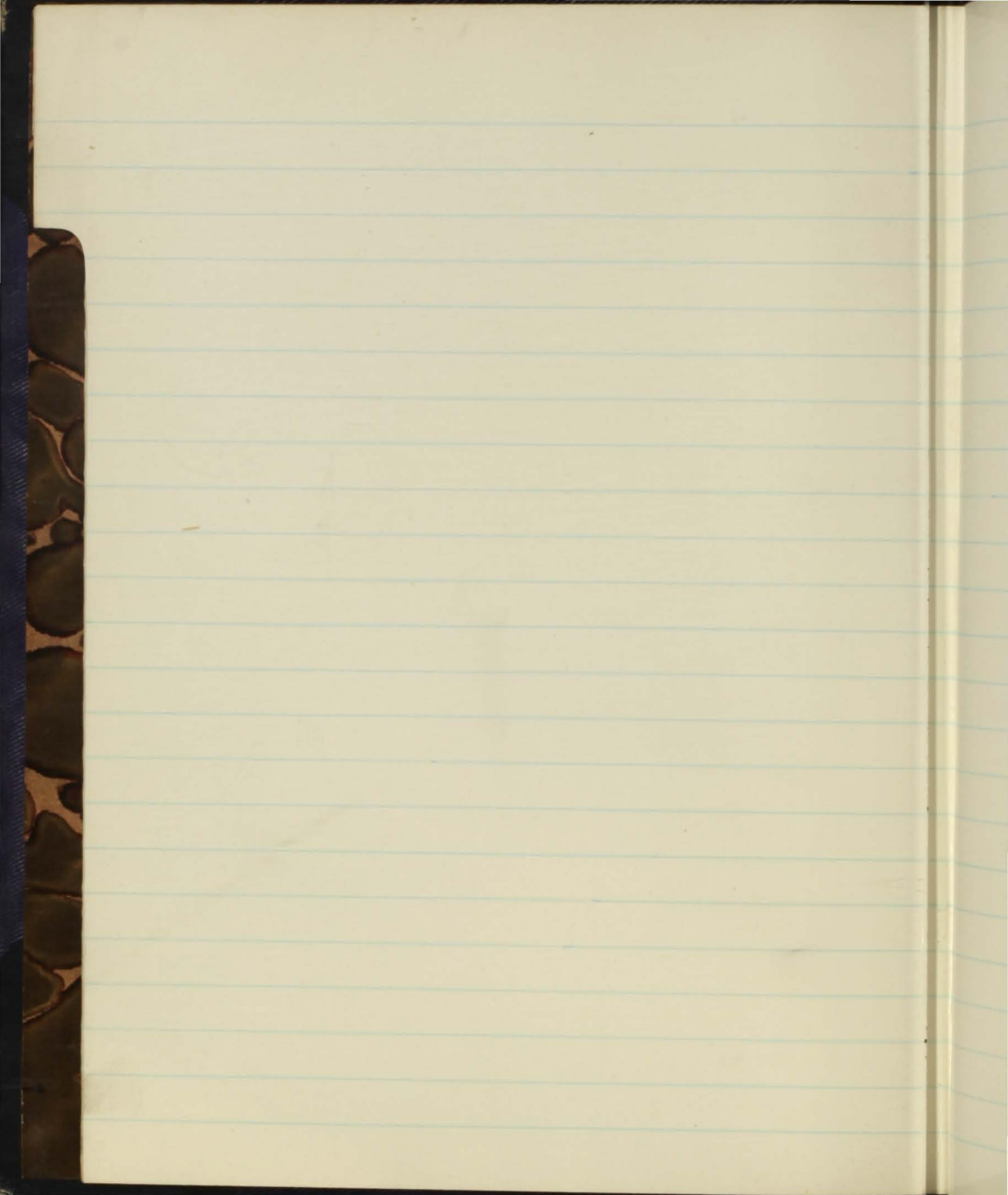
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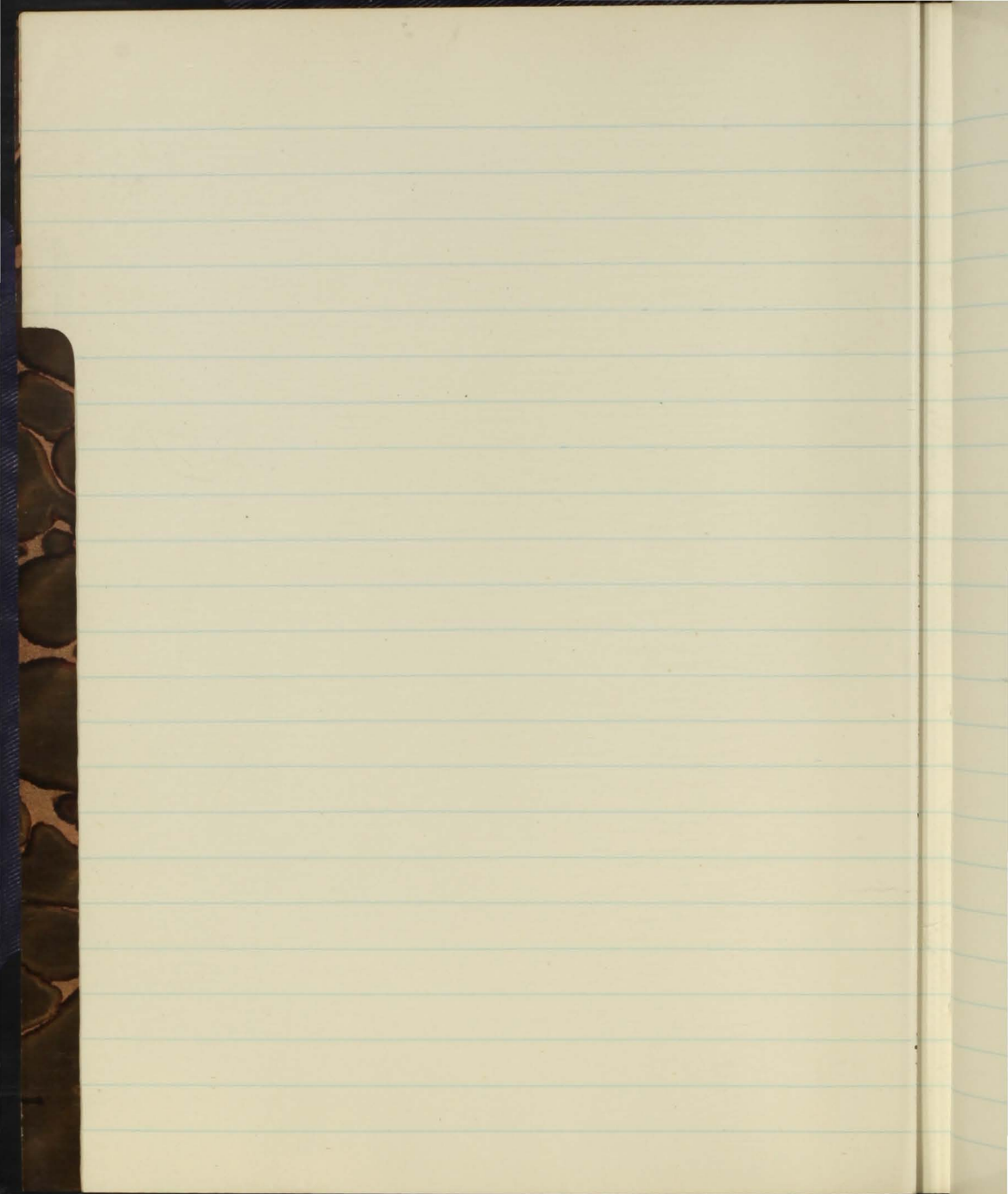
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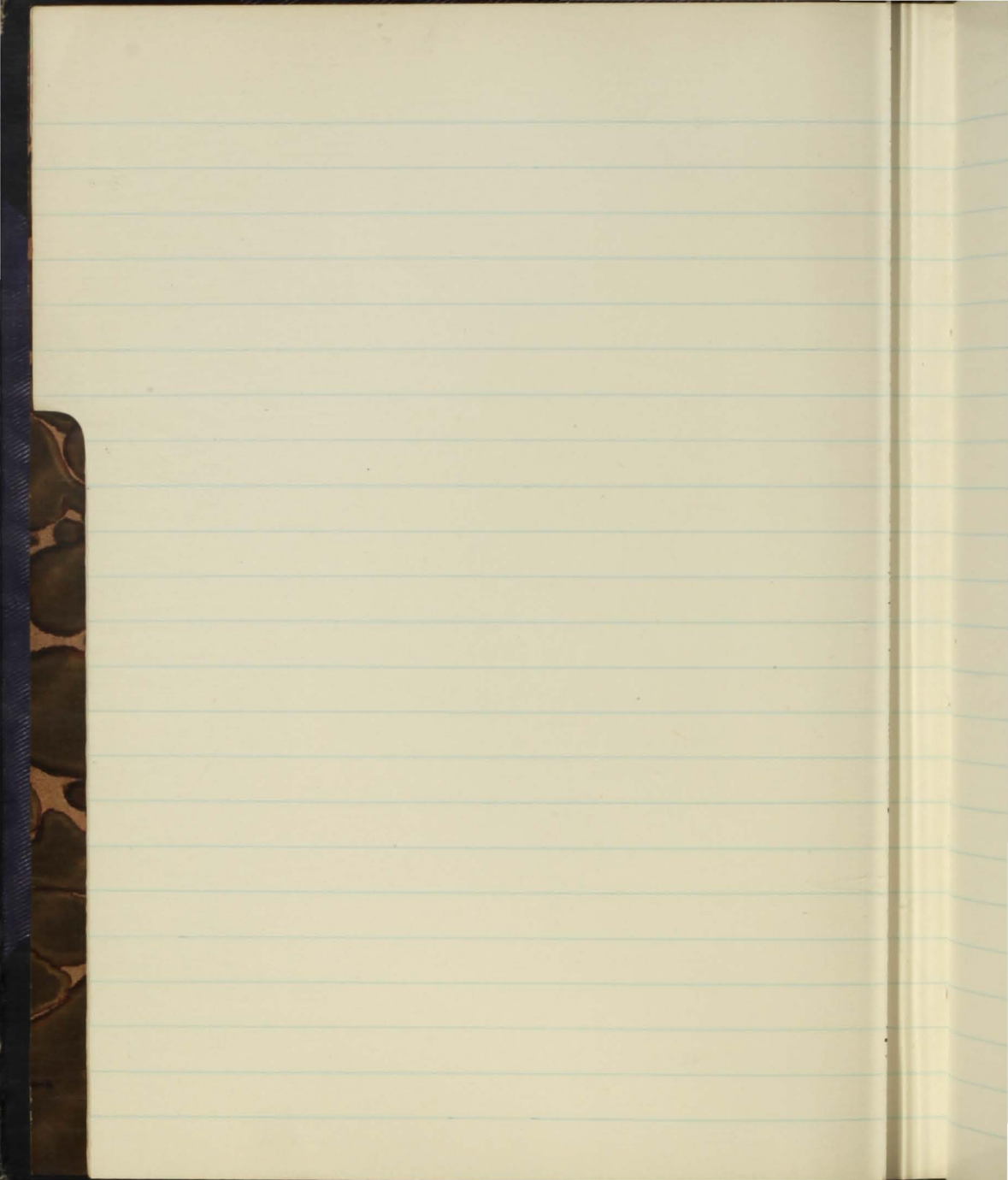
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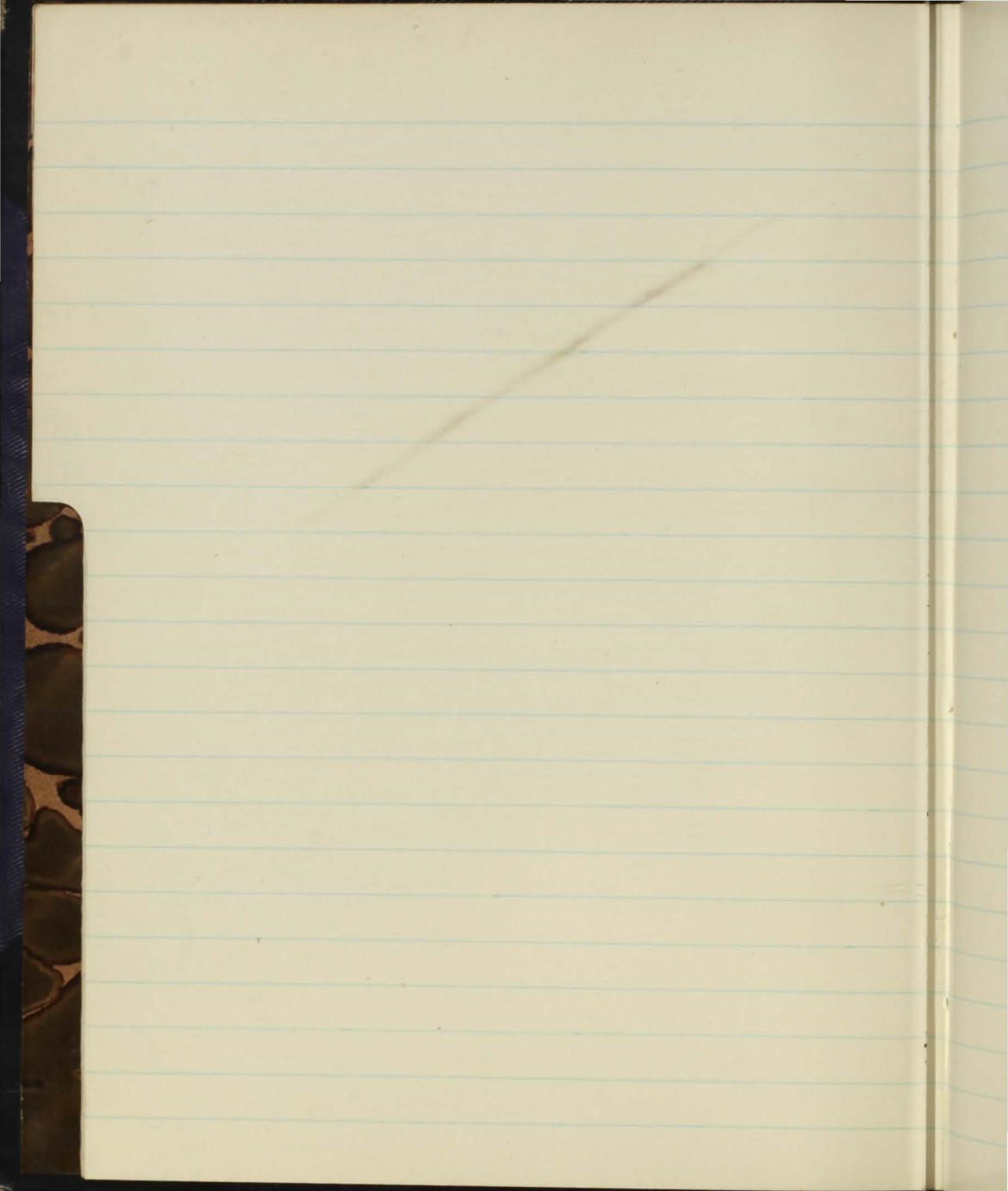
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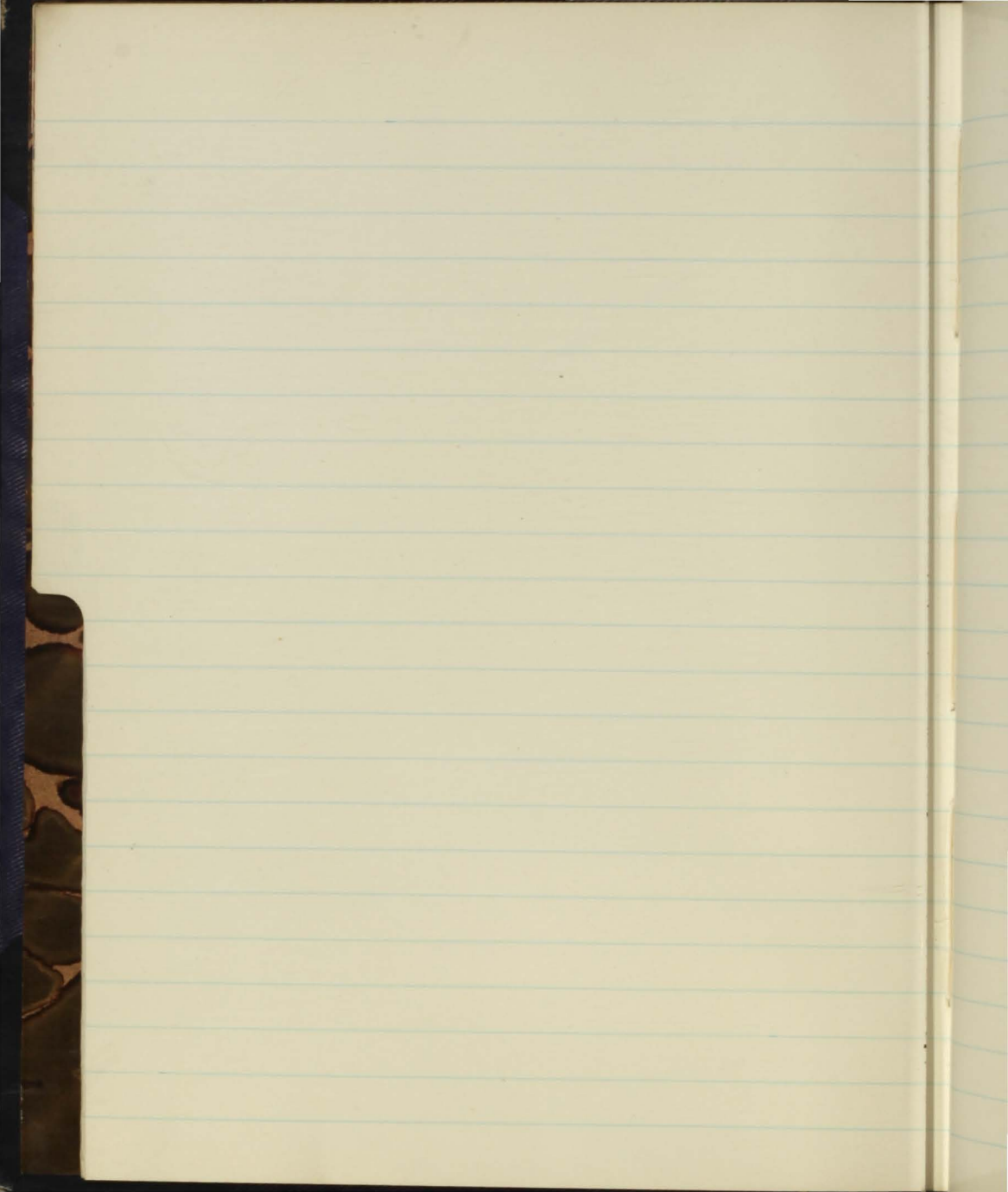
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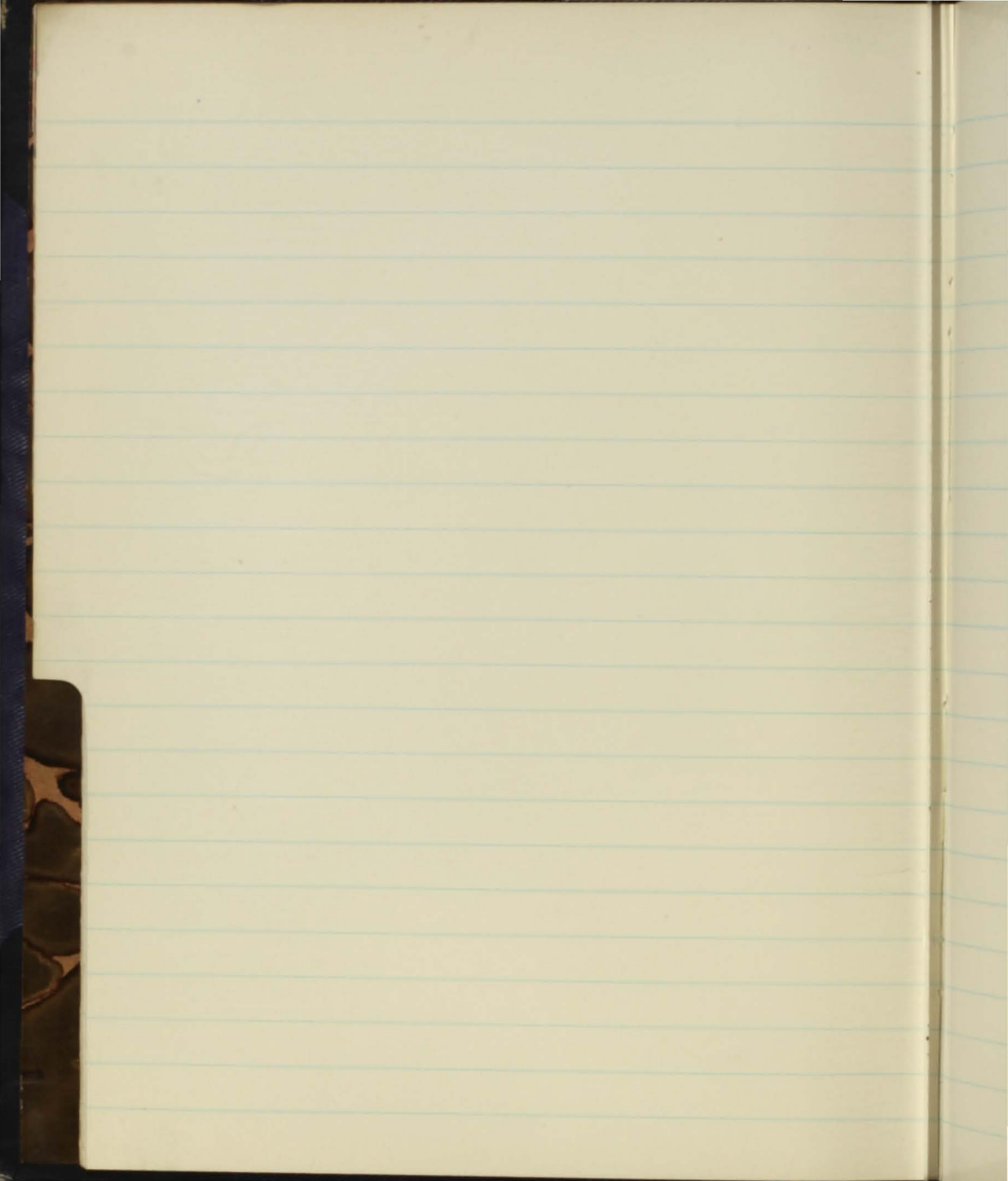
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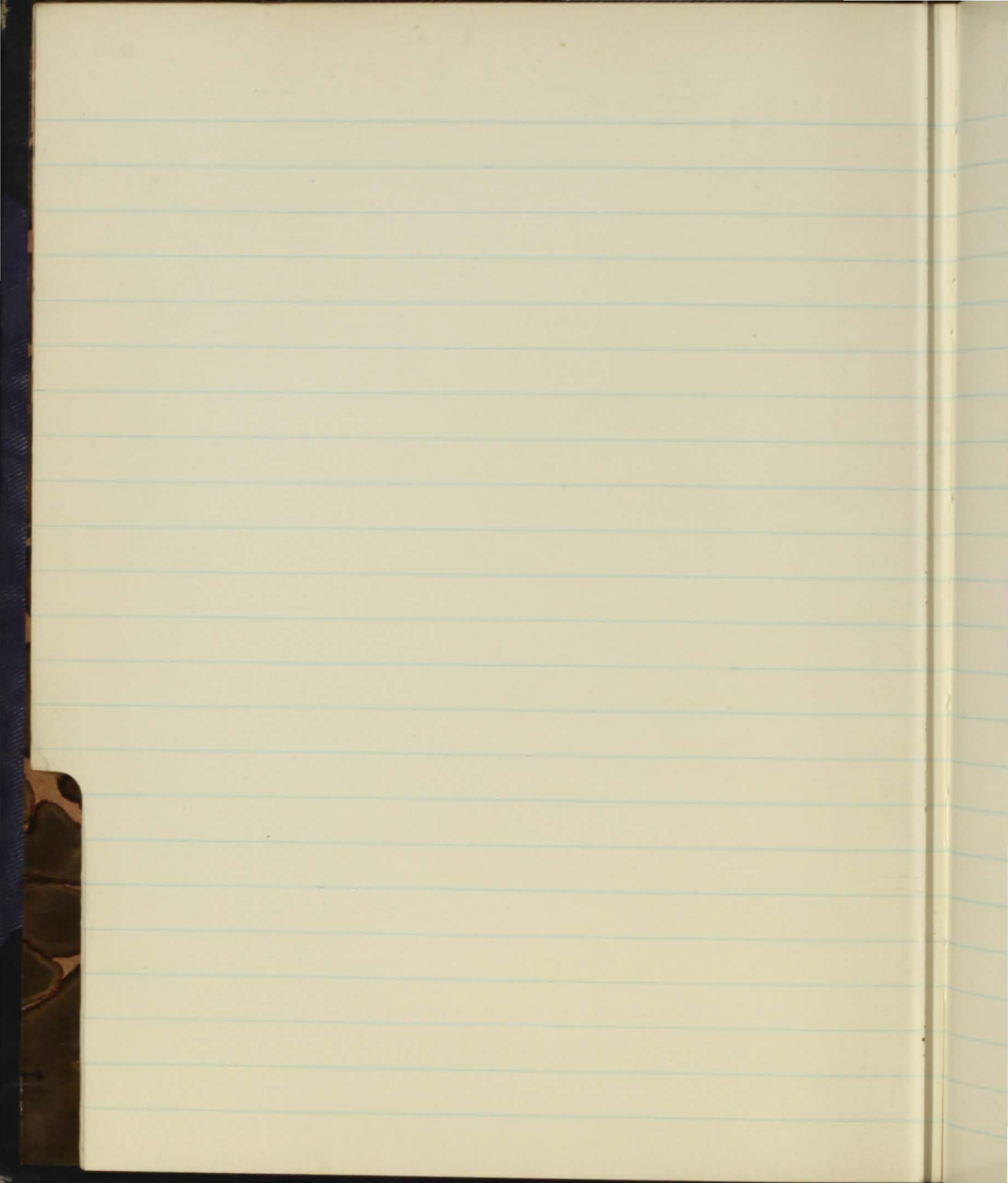
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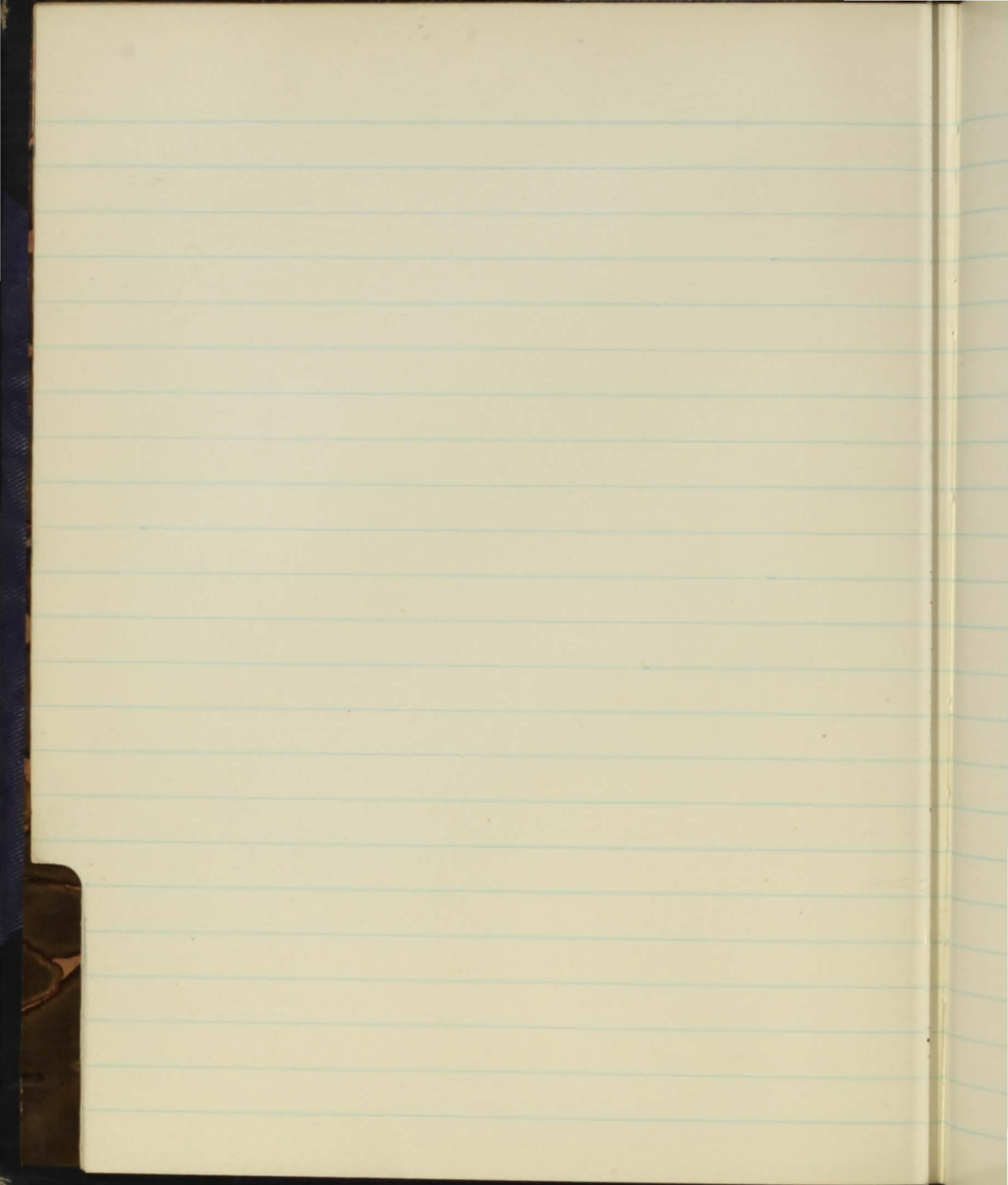
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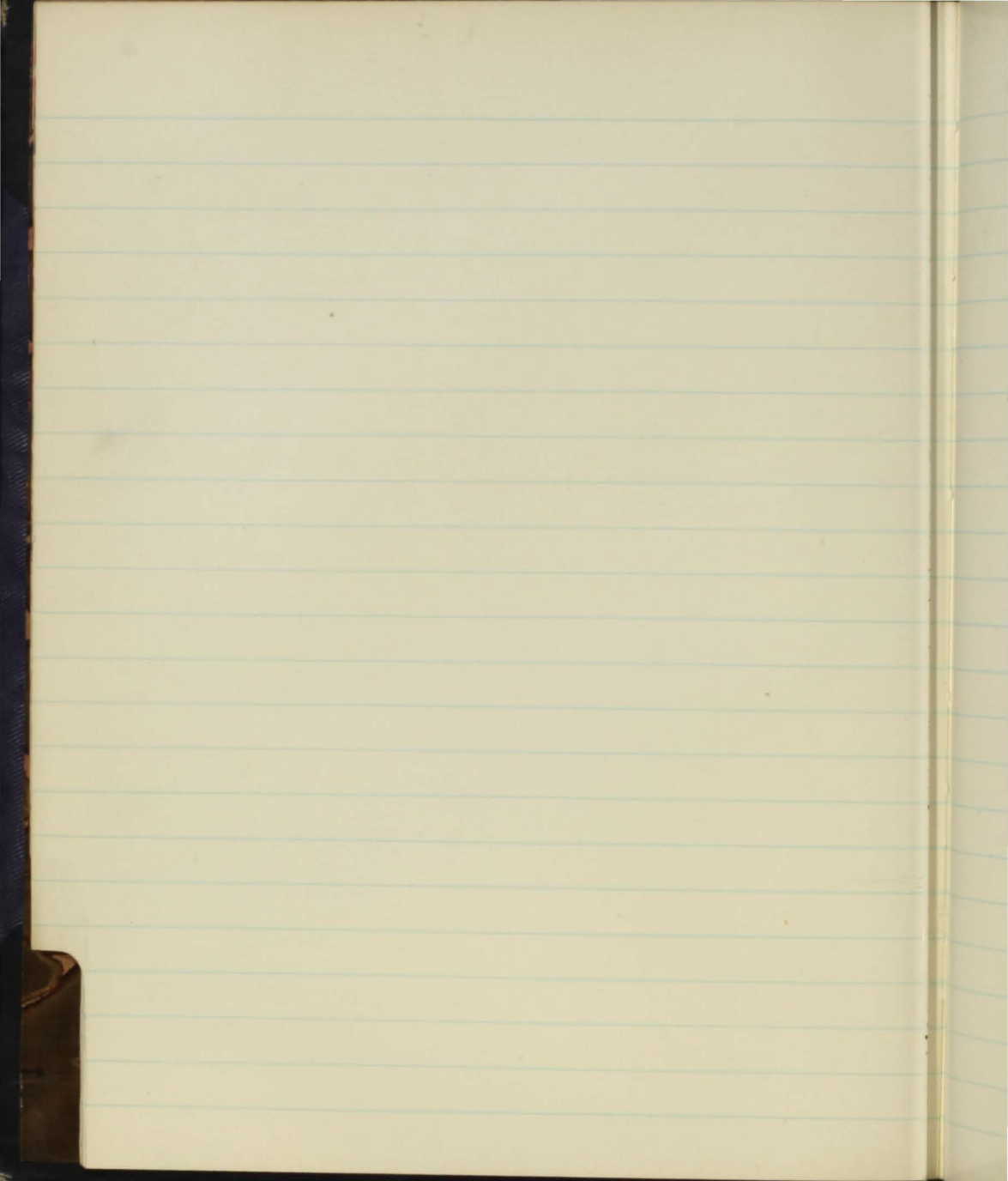
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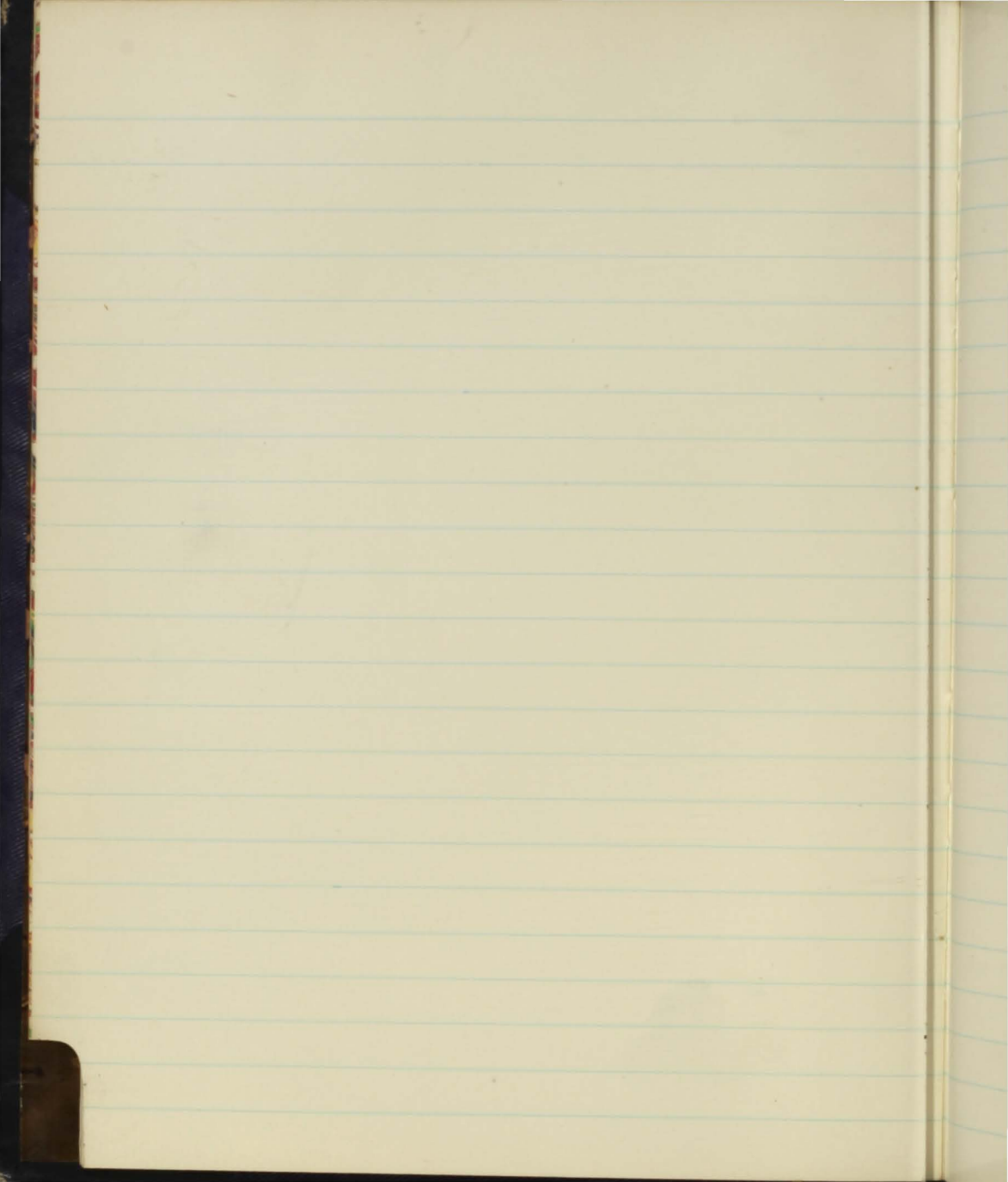
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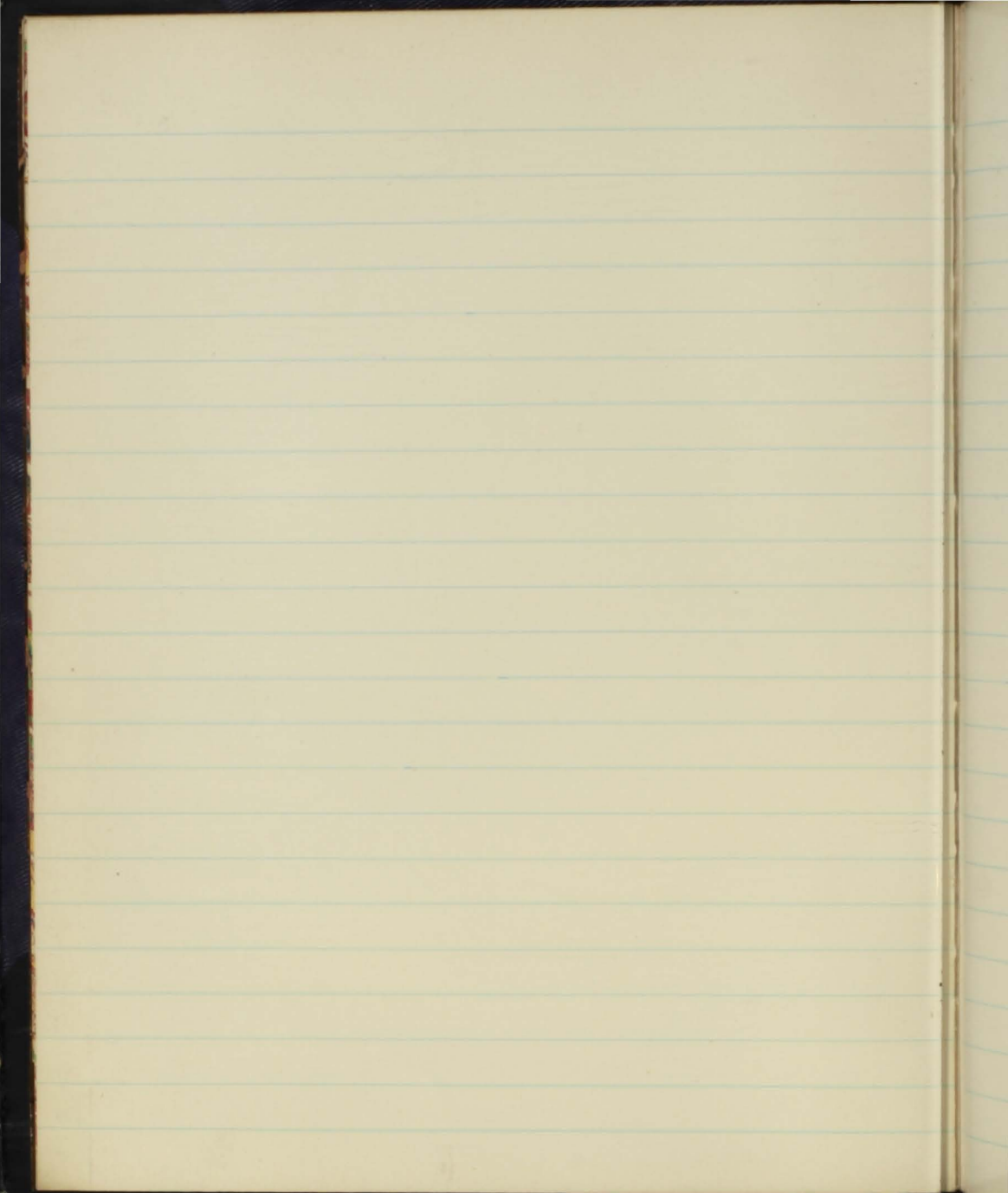
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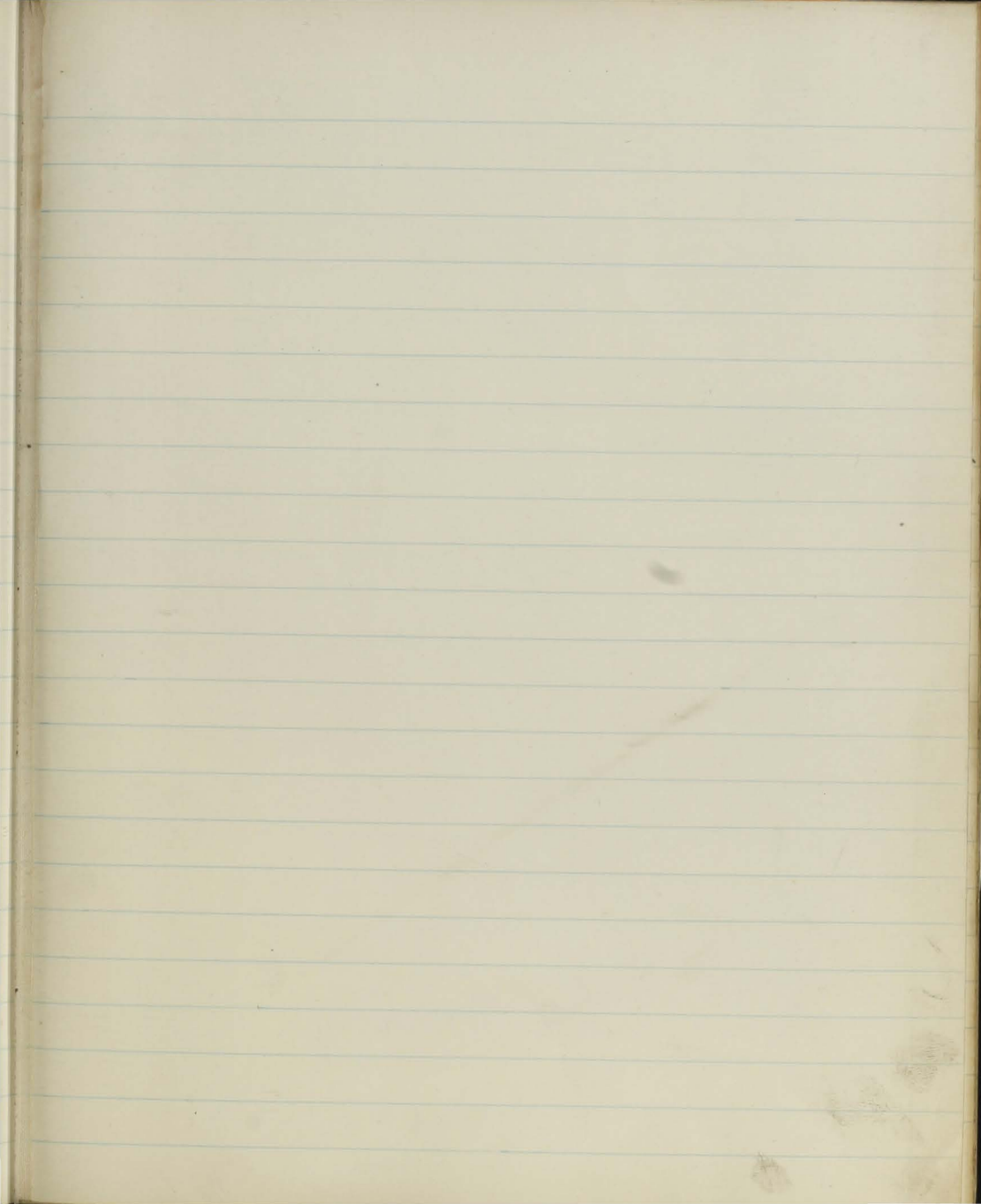


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Executive Committee
Wednesday 27th Sept 1933.

Present: Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Messrs A. E. Davis
F. W. Cullum, Capt. Hall, H. Humphreys,
Prof. Laska, Sir J. Maynard, E. R. Pease,
W. S. Sanders, D. D. Shubs, and Ted Snell.

1. Chair The chair was taken by Capt.
Maile Hall.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received
from Mr Lawrence, F. L. Dodd, S. K. Ratcliffe
W. G. Rolson and Sydney Webb.

4. Finance ^{etc} Reports. Reports of Finance to Committee.
No 1 was moved by E. R. Pease as W. S. Sanders
had not arrived. It was received and
approved and its recommendations adopted.

Finance
Committee

No 2 was moved by W.S. Sanders.
On item 3 the advertisement proposals
were approved subject to Sanders & Co. either
deciding about the Sheelatan and a second
adv. in Time & Tide later. Inquiries to be
made as to circulation of New Britain.

On Para. 4. Luncheon & three lectures
After discussion the following agreed to

1. Debate. Fascism. Mosley & Haskin
or someone else v. Rowde.
2. Lecture. Mrs. Laurence - re W.S.A
3. " Science & Government. Sir R. Gregory
4. " Germany by
5. " India Pt. Ch. Report. Sir F. Maynard
6. Debate. That orthodox Economics
is bankrupt.

L. Robbins v. S.D.H. Cole.

On Para 5. The proposed Jubilee
Party at the Suffolk st. gallery
was approved and referred
back to the Finance & Committee
to ~~set~~ arrange & settle details.

with their additions to the Report was received and its recommendations adopted. The memo re the Sara Hall Trust was noted and approved.

5.
Publishing
etc
report

Memo by H. J. Laski was received and approved. Items 3. (a) and (c) referred back to the Publishing etc for further report.

6.
Special
approval

The report of result was received and considered satisfactory in the present circumstances

7. K. H.
Lectures.

The Report was received. Mr. Lambury's letter read and it was agreed that Sir Stafford Cripps be asked to preside on Oct 19th in his place. Faching Cripps, G. R. Bennett White to be asked to take the Chair and explain.

Decms.

- (a) London Labour Party. Agreed that no action be taken as it is not our practice to read resolutions
- (b) No action. against our practice to sign such memorials on behalf of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Oct. 25. 1933.

Walter Humphreys

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Wednesday, 27th September 1933 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: Capt. Basil Hall.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Miss Lawrence, F.L.Dodd, S.K.Ratcliffe,
W.A.Robson.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee, annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee, annexed.
6. Appeal for special donations, etc. Result to date £270.
Some increased subscriptions also and a few further sums
promised to be received.
7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets good, but somewhat
slower than usual, especially the more expensive ones.
Receipts to date £370. Last year same date £460.
Letter from G. Lansbury, M.P, regretting he is
unable to preside on the 19th October. Chairman for
that date to be arranged.
(Platform tickets for your use are enclosed. Please
return all or any of them not required)
8. Correspondence.
 - (a) London Labour Party - re Annual Conference,
November 25th. Notices for Agenda to be sent by
October 1st.
 - (b) National Peace Council. Request to sign statement
re Disarmament.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

- Report of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee.

1. Thursday, 20th July. Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, F.W.Galton, E.R.Pease, and P.R.Kimber (Nursery)
1. Finance. The usual statement was not available owing to Miss Gibson's absence on Holiday. Galton reported receipts in response to special appeal were about £230 to date.
2. Membership.
 - (a) June candidates (2) were elected. Last year (8)
 - (b) Two resignations were accepted and one member struck off under Rule 13.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report that arrangements were completed was received and approved. It was agreed to add to syllabus after the general title the words "The Fabian Society was founded in 1883".
4. Suggestions for further activities: Suggested lending library to non-members: Further considered and discussed and decided that no action be taken.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

2. Thursday, 14th September, 1933. Present: W. S. Sanders, (Chair) Miss Keynes, Capt. Hall, Sir J. Maynard, E.R.Pease, Dr. D. Shiels, F.W.Galton, and P. R. Kimber (Nursery).

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved and considered satisfactory. Galton reported special donations received now about £270.
2. Membership. July candidates (3). Last year (2)
August candidates (4). Last year (4) were elected.
Four resignations were accepted.
3. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report of progress was considered and it was agreed that more advertisements than usual were necessary. Decided to insert advertisements in "The New Statesman", "Highway", "Headway", and "The Clarion", and if necessary later on "The Spectator", "Time and Tide" and possibly the "Weekend Review". An expenditure of £50 or so for this was authorised.
4. Livingstone Hall Lectures 1934. Hall booked for six alternate Thursdays, Jan. 11th to March 22nd. Agreed to recommend the Executive that two debates be arranged, if possible for first and last meetings. For the others a series on Science and Politics, or Science and Government suggested to include one on Parliament and Socialism. The President of the Brit. Association suggested for one of the lectures.
5. Fabian Jubilee. Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that an evening Party for members and friends be arranged in January at the Suffolk Street Gallery.

Finance Committee Report (contd)

6. The Sara Hall Trust. Pease reported on the arrangement made and proposed in reference thereto. The report was approved and ordered to be circulated to the Executive Committee (see annexed).
7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday, 4th July, 1933.

Present: H.J.Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Lawrence and F.W.Galton.

1. Chair. H.J.Laski was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Meetings: It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
3. New publications proposed.
 - (a) Mirsky's tract on Lenin. Laski undertook to communicate with Mirsky re the suggested amendments and further consideration was deferred.
 - (b) Mrs. Blanco White's booklet on Nationalisation of Banking. Agreed to recommend the Executive that it be published jointly with Allen and Unwin, or Hogarth Press if Mrs. Blanco White is agreeable.
 - (c) Miss Lawrence brought up a draft of tract on "Dictatorship v. Democracy". It was agreed that she be asked to expand this and refer to Laski to consider and revise if necessary. To be considered again at next meeting.
4. Miss Lawrence suggested revision of tract 120 and this was agreed to and referred to Mrs. Drake and Miss Lawrence to prepare.
5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

THE SARA HALL TRUST, for promulgating the teachings of Robert Owen.

Pease and Webb have been aware of this trust since the death of the testator about 1900, but it was not till about 1922 that the trust became operative. About 1919 the Charity Commission invited the F.S. to nominate a Trustee, and Pease was nominated. The other Trustee was Chillcott, a solicitor, and besides only, at times, an obstruction. Subsequently R. H. Tawney was appointed a third trustee. In March last Chillcott died, and Galton has been appointed in his place. For the future the Trust will be managed by Galton at the Fabian Office. The property is all in the hands of the Charity Commission. The income, about £300 a year is mainly expended in maintaining a Robert Owen Lecturer at Ruskin College.

Executive Committee.
Wednesday 25th October 1933.

Present: Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Messrs. Davies,
Dodd, Galtm, Humphreys, Pease
and D. Shells.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by Hubert Humphreys.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

3. Apologies. Apologies for absence were received
from Capt. Hall, H. J. Laska, Sir J. Maynard,
W. A. Robm, W. S. Sanden and Fred Snee.

4. Finance. The Report of the Finance & Committee
(Committee) was moved by F. H. Dodd.
Para 4 relating to the Lumsden Hall
meeting was deferred to be dealt with
on main agenda. With this exception
the report was received and approved,
and its recommendations adopted.

5. Publishing

The Report of the Publishing Committee (amended) was moved by Mrs Drake on Para. 4 (b) it was agreed that Dr S. Hastings be asked to review and enlarge his tract a tract to be published when completed. With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted

6. Summer School.

The Report of the Summer School Committee (amended) was moved by Eme Davies after discussion in which the Welsh Court was suggested for next year's school the Report was received and adopted.

7. Llanwrstn Hall meetings

Llanwrstn Hall meetings were further considered. Agreed to recall Sir C. Morley's nomination for post-graduate course to be asked to give and further term business with a lecture on Germany to be arranged. E. J. Gosh

to be invited, feeling sure Dr. Newman,
J. H. S. Haldane & G. Henderson if necessary,
and Lloyd & Amory to be asked to give
last debate on Imperialism. Wish
to reply if either accepts.

8. offer
of gift
of books

Lectur reported the Circular issued
and about 50 applications received.
Agreed that it is left to him to deal
with them in due course.

9. Com. Am.
dinner.

Lectur from Skelton dinner had some
Party asking for financial help in
by election now taking place. Lectur from
Stoughton & Mr. Sheppard explaining the
position read. Agreed that a donation
of five guineas to sent to the
fund for Mr. Percival Davies candidature.

The meeting then adjourned
John M. Hayes

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Wednesday, 25th October, 1933 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: Hubert Humphreys.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Sir J. Maynard, W. S. Sanders.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Livingstone Hall Meetings, 1934.

See Report of Finance, etc. Committee. Arrangements still progress very slowly. Sir Oswald Mosley offers a speaker (Mr. W. Joyce) for first meeting - debate on Fascism. A. L. Rowse asked to reply. Miss Lawrence agrees to lecture on U.S.A. on Feb. 22nd. Four dates to be filled. Any further suggestions welcomed.

8. Offer of gift of books, etc. to local Labour and Socialist Parties. Circular issued and about 50 applications received. How are these to be dealt with?
9. Correspondence.

Skipton Division Labour Party asking for financial help in pending by-Election. J. Percival Davies, a member, is Labour Candidate.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
19th October, 1933.

Present: Messrs. Dodd, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphrey, Sir J. Maynard, and Pease.

1. Chair. F. L. Dodd was elected to the Chair.
2. Finance. The usual financial statement was received and approved and considered satisfactory in present circumstances.
3. Membership. September candidates (10) were elected. Last year (13). Three resignations were accepted.
4. Livingstone Hall Lectures 1934. Report of slow progress considered. The following further suggestions agreed to, viz.
 1. G. P. Gooch on Germany.
 2. J. B. Trend on Spain.
 3. J.B.S. Haldane on Science and Government.
 4. G. D. H. Cole on Bankruptcy of Economics.
 5. Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson on Disarmament.
 6. Final Debate. Lord Lloyd or Amery on Modern Imperialism. Laski to oppose.
5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Report on falling off in sale of tickets this year was received and noted.
6. Proposed Jubilee Party. Considered and decided in view of risk of substantial loss that it be deferred for further consideration later in the year.
7. London Labour Party. Agreed to recommend that Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes and Alderman Davies be appointed delegates to Annual Conference, and Mrs. Drake nominated for election to the Executive.
8. Messrs. Allen & Unwins offer to publish Mrs. Blanco White's booklet on Banking jointly was considered and it was agreed that it be accepted.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Friday, 6th October,
1933.

Present H.J. Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Galton, Robson, Tawney and White.

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1. Tracts going out of Print.
 - (a) No. 133. Socialism & Christianity by Dr. Dearmer. Agreed to reprint without portrait cover.
 - (b) No. 147. Capital & Compensation by E.R. Pease. Referred to Pease to consider and revise if necessary.
 - (c) No. 211. The Case against P.R. by H. Finer. Agreed to reprint. Finer to be asked to add a paragraph on recent experiences of P.R. in Ireland and Germany.

Report of Publishing Committee (contd)

2. New Tracts Proposed. (5)

- (a) Lenin by D. S. Mirsky. Still no reply from Mirsky. Laski agreed to write him again and the publication was deferred.
- (b) Feeding of School children. Mrs. Drake submitted M.S. of tract and it was referred to Tawney to consider and agreed that it be published forthwith if he approves.

3. New Booklet proposed. Mrs. Blanco White on Nationalisation of Banking. Agreed that Allen & Unwin be pressed for early decision re joint publication - failing them the Hogarth Press to be asked.

4. New Tracts suggested.

- (a) Cole suggested reprint of his article on Economics in the Modern World from the Political Quarterly. Considered but declined as too technical to see as a tract.
- (b) Dr. S. Hastings submitted draft of tract on "A National Physiological Minimum". Referred to Mrs. Drake to consider and report to next meeting.

Some other matters were considered and dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 11th October, 1933.

Present: Ald. Davies (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Mrs. Palmer, Messrs. Galton, Capt. Hall and Humphreys.

1. Financial statement was presented showing total receipts £755. Total Expenditure £670 including all sums due and unpaid. Balance £85. The report was received and considered satisfactory, and it was agreed that all payments due be made forthwith.
2. Miss Hankinson reported on the school and mentioned that the total number of weeks was only 227, against the 240 guarantees. Mrs. Weedon had kindly agreed to waive the difference and accept payment for the actual number. It was agreed that cordial thanks be sent to Mrs. Weedon for meeting us so generously in the matter.
3. Fees paid to be refunded in part.

The list was considered and refunds of varying amounts agreed to in accordance with the regulations.

4. Preliminary consideration of place of school next year. After discussion it was agreed that Mrs. Weedon be asked to keep the offer of Frensham Heights open till the new Committee can meet. Meanwhile efforts be made by correspondence to see if any alternative is available.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Executive Committee
Wednesday 29th November 1933.

Present Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Messrs
 Davis, Dodd, Carr & Hall, Gallin
 Sir J. Maynard, Pease, Sanders
 and D. Shells.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by
 Mrs Helen Keynes.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Admissions Admissions for arena were received
 from Messrs Humphrey, Laska, Miss
 Lummen, Ratcliffe, Snee, Webb
 and Blanco White.
4. Finance The report of the Finance &
 Committee (Annex) was moved
 by W. S. Sanders, Para. 3. relating

to the Burnston Hall lectures
was deferred to be dealt with
on para 6 of the main agenda.

It was agreed after discussion
that members much in arrears with
subscriptions should be written
to early in 1934 and reminded
it is our jubilee year and
asked to send a subscription
speaking response that they be
struck off the list.

With these additions and
alterations the report was read
and approved.

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It was resolved that the Summer
School Committee for 1934 be set
up forthwith, and the following
seven members of the Executive
were appointed to serve for this
year, viz: Messrs. Deves, Galtier,
Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Sanders,
Dr. Shells & Misses White.

C. R. H. L.

The arrangements made were upheld except - that it was agreed to abandon the last debate as Kuzki was not available. Instead it was agreed that Amery should be given a discussion on tuberculosis & the objection to him to be removed.

In the two vacant lectures

the following agreed in order namely

1. Sir H. H. Smith / London Survey
 2. Sir S. D. Simon / Housing & Slums
 3. Vera Kullman / Anti-feminism
 4. Prof. Macmurray / Dictatorships
 5. Lord Marley / on the East.
- for 3 failing Vera Kullman was however wholly supported.

J. K. H. L.

The report on results of the Humphrey Hall lectures was received and considered. The decline in attendance was noted, and in view of this any

of the likelihood that G. B. Sherris would not be available to lecture again, strong doubts were expressed as to the wisdom of going on at Kingsway. It was agreed however that Kingsway Hall be provisionally engaged for the usual night next year, and inquiries to be made as to alternative halls to which purchase for the next executive meeting.

S. F. A
of interest

The death of S. G. Jackson was noted and it was resolved that the £100 on deposit with the Kewean Bank be withdrawn forthwith.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .
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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Wednesday, 29th November, 1933 at 5 p.m.
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1. Chair: Miss Helen Keynes.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: H.J.Laski, Lord Snell.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Summer School Committee, 1934 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve on the Committee for the year.
6. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1934. Progress still very slow and many refusals. Arrangements to date:-

Jan. 11th.	Debate.	Fascism.	W.Joyce (B.U.F.) v. A.L.Rowse.
" 25th.	Lecture.	Vacant.	
Feb. 8th.	Lecture.	Germany.	Dr. G. P. Gooch.
" 22nd.	Lecture.	U.S.A.	Miss Lawrence.
Mch. 8th.	Lecture.	Vacant.	
" 22nd.	Debate.	Imperialism.	L.S.Amery v.

Lord Lloyd, Oliver Baldwin, J.B.S.Haldane, Arthur Henderson, H. J. Laski, Philip Baker, and Lord Snell have declined. No replies yet from J. B. Trend, and Sir George Young. More suggestions for lectures and lecturers, and for speaker in last debate urgently required.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1933. Now concluded. Receipts £711. 17.0d. Last year £834. 17. 0d. A considerable decline as the sale of course tickets fell off. Note that this is a decline on top of similar fall last year on its predecessor. Sales of literature at the six meetings £15. 8. 0d. Last year £19. 1². 0d. Shall we book the hall again for next year? To be considered.
8. Death of G. A. Gaskell in October. Should we now withdraw the £100 placed on deposit with the Bank for Russian Trade at his request.
9. Correspondence.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
16th November, 1933.

Present: W. S. Sanders (Chairman), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies,
Dodd, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Sir J. Maynard,
Pease and Kimber (Nursery).

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and after discussion approved and considered satisfactory in present circumstances.
2. Membership. October candidates (5) were elected. Last year (17) One resignation was accepted.
3. Livingstone Hall Lectures. The arrangements made to date were approved. For the vacant dates agreed to ask the following:
 - (a) Spain. Sir George Young, Bt.,
 - (b) Turkey. Oliver Baldwin,
 - (c) Debate with Amery. Noel Baker, Lord Snell
G.D.H.Cole, or H.L. Beales.

Suggested Lectures.

- (a) London Survey. F. Markham.
- (b) Philosophy of Dictatorship. Prof. McMurray.

Arthur Henderson and Prof. Laski unable to accept and these were noted.

4. The offer of gift of books to local Labour Parties, etc. Report that 90 applications had now been received was noted.
5. Allen & Unwin sent agreement for joint publication of Mrs. Blanco White's booklet on Nationalization of Banking and the arrangements proposed were approved.

Messrs. Rich & Cowan sent cheque £28. 14. 8d. being royalty of 10% on net receipts from sale of book "Where stands socialism to-day" as agreed, and it was noted with thanks.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee
Wednesday 24 January 1934.

Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Messrs
 Bellerby, Davies, Dodd, Gatten
 Cuth-Hall, Humphreys, Pease,
 Robson, Sanders, D. Stuck & Mrs Suel.

1. Chair The chair was taken by - G. R.
 Pease.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received
 from Miss Keynes, Mrs Lasker,
 Sir J. Maynard, Ratcliffe & Hancock White

4. Finance The Reports of meetings (2) of
 the Finance & Committee were
 read by J. Lawson Dodd
 Both were received and approved

and the recommendations were adopted.

5. Summer School.

The Reports of meetings of the Summer School Committee (2) were received by Central Dues. No 1. was received and approved. On No 2 discussion arose on the arrangements for lectures and the Summer School Committee was asked to consider what could be done to make the school more useful as a place of serious instruction.

With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. 19.46.

The report re proposed change of hall for the lectures was received with letter from Kensington Hall re:.

It was decided however to adhere to the decision to change the meeting place this year to the Friends

Hall, Easton Rd. N.W. 1,

The question of subject for the lectures was discussed & the following suggestions made to be put on agenda for next meeting, viz:

1. Aspects of Liberty & Democracy
2. The Planned State
3. The Revolt against Reason
4. The State I Want.

7. Crisis.

(a) Mrs Drake reported on the meeting and it was agreed to ask her to continue to attend if possible and keep us in touch with the movement -

(b) Workshop F.S. Request for literature
Pearce suggested Mrs. Michael.

(c) Agreed unanimously that a letter of cordial good wishes be sent to Mrs Webb on behalf of the Executive Committee

The meeting then adjourned

A. S. Hall

21. Feb. 1934

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Wednesday, 24th January, 1934 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: Prof. H. J. Laski.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Miss Keynes, S. K. Hatcliffe.
4. Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Reports of meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures, 1934. See report of Finance, etc. Committee
re proposed change of place of meetings, etc.
Letter from Kingsway Hall offering to reduce charge
from thirty guineas to twenty-five guineas per meeting to be
received.
Preliminary consideration of subject. See report
of Finance Committee thereon. List of subjects discussed
in recent years annexed for information.
7. Correspondence.
 - (a) National Council for Equal Citizenship:
Invitation to join in suggested campaign for feeding
of School Children, etc.

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KINGSWAY HALL LECTURES.

Subjects and lecturers arranged 1921 - 1933.

- 1921. Limitations of Social Democracy.
- 1922. Can Labour Govern?
- 1923. Is Civilisation Decaying?
- 1924. The Socialist Movement. Experiences and Expectations.
- 1925. Freedom and Authority in the Socialist Commonwealth.
- 1926. The Shrinking World. Dangers and Possibilities.
- 1927. Political Democracy - Will it Prevail?
- 1928. Western Civilisation - Whither is it going?
- 1929. Social Evolution - The next ten years.
- 1930. The Unending Quest.
- 1931. Capitalism in Dissolution. What next?
- 1932. Where stands Socialism to-day?
- 1933. The Remaking of England. 1933 - 1933.

The Lecturers have included:

H. J. Laski, C. Delisle Burns, S. K. Hatcliffe, G.D.H.Cole,
Mrs. B. Wootton, B. Russell, Lord Ponsonby, Mrs. M.A.Hamilton,
Hebecca West, Miss S. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Webb, A. D. Lindsay,
St. J. Ervine, Sir S. Cripps, A. L. Howse, H. Dalton,
P. N. Baker.

Others possible

Herbert Morrison, W. S. Sanders, R. H. Tawney.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee.

(1) Thursday, 14th December, 1933.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, F.L.Dodd, F.W.Galton, Capt. Hall, H. Humphreys, Sir J. Maynard, E.R.Pease, & Dr.D.Shiels.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was received and approved.
 2. Membership. November candidates (7) were elected. Last year (11) Three resignations were accepted.
 3. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Arrangements to date were reported and approved and Laski's offer to speak on Jan.25th on the House of Lords accepted with thanks. Panel of Chairmen was arranged and agreed and it was decided that the programme be printed forthwith.
 4. Offer of gift of books, etc. Report that 102 requests received and about 40 parcels despatched received. Some letters of thanks were read and noted.
 5. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1934. Reports on the various alternative halls was received. After discussion it was resolved to recommend the Executive to change the meeting place to the Friends Hall, Euston rd., and that it be booked for the six Thursday Evenings, Oct.25th, Nov.1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th accordingly. That Bernard Shaw be asked if he wished to take part again, but not pressed to do so in view of his desire to discontinue.
The claim for entertainments tax or appeal for exemption was considered and Blanco White's opinion thereon reported. It was decided to take no action at present but to await further developments if any.
 6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.
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(2) Thursday, 11th, January, 1934.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, A.E.Davies, Capt.Hall, Sir J.Maynard, E.R.Pease, Dr.D.Shiels, and F.W.Galton.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was received and approved.
2. Membership. December candidates (9) were elected. Last year (1) Two resignations were accepted. List of 26 members for whom no addresses available for two years or more considered and agreed that they be struck off the list.

~~Report of Finance & General~~

Report of Finance, etc. Committee (2) contd.

- 34 Livingstone Hall Lectures. Report that arrangements completed, and programme printed received and approved.
4. Suggested Speakers Class. Report that 15 members had responded to the preliminary notice in Fabian News. Agreed that a further notice be inserted and if 20 or more named received a meeting called and the class begun. A small charge to be made as before and the class to be held at 11, Dartmouth Street in Library room.
5. Autumn Lectures, 1934. Preliminary consideration of subject for the lectures. No decision made but a general agreement that some aspect of the question of Democracy versus Dictatorship would be most topical. Consideration deferred - the list of previous subjects to be ~~considered~~ circulated to the Executive.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Reports of Meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee.

(1). Wednesday, 13th December, 1933.

Present: A.E.Davies (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Tattersall, Capt. Hall, H.Humphreys, W.S.Sanders, Dr.D.Shiels, Blanco White, and F.W.Galton. (Miss Hankinson also attended after appointment as manageress).

1. Miss Hankinson was appointed manageress of the School for 1934.
2. It was decided to co-opt to the Committee for 1934, Mrs. Basil Hall, Miss M. Lee, and E. F. Errington.
3. The place of the school for 1934 was considered and list of schools, etc. available was read. After discussion it was agreed unanimously to make an offer to the University College of North Wales at Bangor, and if the offer is accepted to recommend the Committee at its next meeting to approve and adopt the proposal that the school be held at Bangor.

The meeting then adjourned.

Report of Summer School Committee. contd.

2. Wednesday, 3rd January, 1934.

Present: A.E. Davies (Chair), Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Capt. Hall, H. Humphreys, W. S. Sanders, Dr. D. Shiels, and F. W. Galton.

1. A. Emil Davies was unanimously elected chairman of the Committee for 1934.
2. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m.
3. Place of School 1934. Correspondence with the University College of N. Wales, Bangor was read. After discussion agreed

"That the offer of the University College of N. Wales, Bangor, be accepted. That the College be taken for the four weeks from Saturday, August 4th to Saturday, Sept. 1st, 1934 on the terms arranged, viz: That we pay 7/6d per day (£2. 12. 6d. per week) inclusive for each visitor, and guarantee an average attendance of 50 persons per week, i.e. 200 weeks in all".

A cordial vote of thanks was recorded to H. Humphreys for kindly visiting Bangor at the Secretary's request at short notice and reporting to this Committee on the suitability of the College for our Summer School.

4. Directors and Programme. Discussion ensued re Directors and Programme. No decisions were made but there was general agreement that it would be necessary to arrange subjects for each week so that lecturers could give two or more lecturers each.

The meeting then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Wednesday 21st Feb 1934

Present - Wm Keynes, Wm Lawrence, Wm
 Davies, Galtm, Laska, ~~Pease~~,
 Sn J. Maynard, Pease, Sanders
 and Snell and Blanco White.

1. Chair. The chair was taken by Wm Snell.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received
 from Wm Drake, Wm Dodd, Capt Hall,
 Humphreys and Robson.

4. Finance
 Rept. of meeting of the Finance &
 Committee was read by W.S. Sanders
 on Para 4^a the suggested Radio
 Normandie aspect that Galtm
 ask Thurtle of the R.P.C. for further

details of the result of their efforts.
 With this addition the report was
 received and approved and its
 recommendations adopted.

3rd L.H.L. Report of progress received. For
 discussion for tonight's meeting it was
 agreed that Mrs. Keynes be asked
 to preside in Dodd's absence.

6.19.44. Report that Friends Hall had been
 1934 taken was received and approved.
 Shaw's letter read & endorsed
 but too late as the hall was booked.
 Title for general subject agreed, viz
 Liberty or Tyranny, or Freedom or Tyranny.
 For titles for separate lectures the
 following suggestions made viz:
 The Revolt against Reason
 Liberty and the Planned State
 The Nightmare of the Future
 Contemporary Tyrants - Will they last?

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Tyranny and the Empire
 The Right to Criticism
 Tyranny and Women.
 A Fabian Utopia.

For lectures the following names suggested
 in S. Curtis, H. Munro, Noel Fisher,
 Delia Burns, Barker, Eric Russell,
 H. G. Wells, G. F. South, Ellen Wilkinson
 Ernst Toller.

7. Jubilee. The question of Party or Demerit to
 celebrate the Fabian Jubilee was again
 considered. It was ~~suggested~~ referred
 back to the Finance Com^{tee} to consider
 again and report to next meeting.

J. Barker's
 Motion. Barker moved the resolution of which
 notice had been given and it was carried
 unanimously. The sub-Committee to be
 appointed at first meeting of the
 new Executive after the pending election
 The meeting then adjourned

March 21. 1934 R. A. Tawney

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office
on Wednesday, 21st February, 1934 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: S. K. Hatcliffe.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: F. L. Dodd, H. Humphreys.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee (annexed)
5. Livingstone Hall Lecture. To-morrow, Thursday, 22nd Feb.
Miss Lawrence on U.S.A. Chairman required. Dodd
unable to attend as away from London.
6. Autumn Lectures, 1934. Place of meeting settled and
the Friends Hall, Euston Road booked for October 25th,
Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Letter from
G. B. Shaw thereon.

Further consideration of subject, lecturers, etc.
Suggestions made at last meeting as follows:-

1. Aspects of liberty & Democracy.
2. The Planned State.
3. The revolt against reason.
4. The State I want.

Further suggestions invited. Names of possible
lecturers to be considered, etc.

7. The Fabian Jubilee. Further consideration of suggested
dinner or Party in celebration of our fiftieth
anniversary.
8. Notice of motion by Professor Laski:-

 THAT a special sub-committee be appointed to
 consider and report to the Executive on the future
 activity and organisation of the Society.
9. Correspondence - if any.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
February 8th, 1934.

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Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, A. E. Davies,
F. L. Dodd, Capt. Basil Hall, E. A. Pease,
Dr. Drummond Shiels, and F. W. Galton.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. January candidates (8) were elected. Last year (7).

Ordinary resignations - None. Noted.
Members in arrears with subscriptions, about 150 all written to. About 20 had paid up. Three were deceased and four gone away - these were struck off.

18 resigned - one was ordered to be kept on for a time. The others struck off.

23 members excused subscriptions for five years or more considered. Five were ordered to be kept on. The others to be written to and struck off unless they respond or send some reason for continuance.

3. Suggested Speakers Class. About 25 members have now entered. Agreed that the class be arranged. A fee of 5/- to be charged. Sanders and Galton to call preliminary meeting and settle details, etc.
4. Suggestions by Webb considered.
 - (a) Appeal for members through radio-Normandie. Deferred till we hear further about the B.B.C. suggestion. The R.P.A. to be asked for the actual result of their appeal.
 - (b) Circulation of tracts by N.F.R.E. etc. Considered and decided no action.
5. L.C.C. election. Appeals from members for financial help considered. Decided that no action be taken.
6. Various other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Wednesday 21st March 1934

Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Davis, Dodd,
 Eccleton, Humphreys, ^{Dr} J. Maynard,
 Laski, Peare, Ratcliffe, Robson,
 Sanders, Shells and Towney.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by Prof. Towney.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Absences. Absences for absence were received from Mrs Lawrence, Mrs. Martin, Sid Snee, Webb and White.
4. Finance. The Report of meeting of the Finance Committee was moved by W. S. Sanders. On Para 5. The proposed party it was agreed that all the taken in P₂ and L.C.C. be omitted

and Hubert Morrison called to speak as well as Glenn & others.

With this addition the Report was received and approved and its Recommendations adopted.

5. S.S. etc. The Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was moved by Emil Davis. On Para 3. some suggestions for possible lecturers were made, & with this addition the Report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. L.H.L. Sir John Maynard's letter with reference to the chairmanship at the meeting to be held tomorrow was considered. After discussion Sir John withdrew his objections and agreed to preside as arranged.

7. Autumn Lectures

The Autumn lectures were considered and discussed and the following arrangements settled, viz

1. Journal Title: Socialism - Democracy - Dictatorship.
2. Subjects & Lecturers to be asked
 - (a) The Revolt against Reason. B. Russell
 - (b) Liberty & the Planned State. Sir S. Cripps
 - (c) The basic framework of freedom
~~Delisle Burns~~
~~Leavis~~ ^{Arnold Toynbee}
^{Walter Dill} ~~Maier~~
 - (d) Freedom, Authority and Empire
 Leonard Woolf. Arnold Toynbee
 - (e) The Anti-feminist Reaction in a Nutshell
 - (f) The Right to Criticism. H. C. Wells.

8. Exec.

The withdrawals & nominations were noted and the ballot to be taken accordingly.

The meeting then adjourned

April 28. Herbert Humphreys

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Wednesday, 21st March, 1934 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: h.H.Tawney.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Miss S. Lawrence, Kingsley Martin.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee (annexed)
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee (annexed)
6. Livingstone Hall meetings. Last of the series to-morrow
(Thursday, 22nd March). Letter from Sir John Maynard
asking us to appoint a substitute chairman.
7. Autumn Lectures, 1934. Friends. Hall booked Oct. 25th to
Nov. 29th. General title:

Liberty (or Freedom) or Tyranny.

For subjects the following suggestions made:

- The revolt against reason.
- Liberty and the Planned State.
- The Nightmare of the Future.
- Contemporary Tyrants - Will they last?
- Tyranny and the Empire.
- The right to criticise.
- Tyranny and Women.
- A Fabian Utopia.

For Lecturers the following suggested:

Sir S. Cripps, H. Morrison, Noel Baker, Delisle Burns,
H. J. Laski, Earl Russell, H. G. Wells, G.P.Gooch, Ellen
Wilkinson, Vere Brittan, and Ernst Toller.

To be considered and subjects and lecturers to be invited
settled.

8. The Executive Committee Election.

Ten new candidates nominated.
Two withdrawals.- J. K. Bellerby and h.H.Tawney.
Ballot to be taken accordingly.
9. Correspondence.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

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Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
8th March, 1934.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Messrs.Davies,Dodd,Galton,Humphreys,
Sir J.Maynard,Pease,Dr.Shiels, and Kimber (Nursery).

1. Finance. The usual financial statement to Feb.28th was presented and after discussion received and approved.
2. Membership. Feb. candidates (2) were elected. Last year (5). Three resignations were accepted. The list of about 100 members much in arrears with subscriptions referred to Sanders and Galton to take off the list all except any special cases to be considered at next meeting.
3. Executive Committee Election. Agreed that in view of Easter the date for return of ballot papers be extended to April 23rd.

The Nursery request to send out a circular re the election was considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that subject to certain amendments in the draft circular submitted so as to make it a general appeal from the Nursery on behalf of younger candidates, and not a special appeal for the Nursery candidates only, the circular be sent out as an inset in the April "News".

4. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Suggested collection for Austrian Socialists considered. Decided not to take collection as contrary to our practice, but an appeal to members for donations to the Labour Party fund to be made in April "News".
5. Jubilee Dinner or Party. Referred back from the Executive Committee. Considered and discussed and agreed to recommend the Executive that an Evening Party be arranged for a date to suit G. B. Shaw.
6. Suggested Broadcast, radio Normandie. Considered and report by Thurtle on the R.P.A. results received. Resolved to recommend the Executive that the project be abandoned.
7. Correspondence. Mr. Fletcher's letter re his bequest in Will to the Society, read. Agreed that he be thanked and his wishes noted.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
14th March, 1934.

Present: A. E. Davies (Chairman), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson,
Miss Lee, Miss Tattersall, E. F. Errington, F.W. Galton,
H. Humphreys, and W. S. Sanders.

1. Proof of form of application for admission to the School which had been circulated was considered. Some small amendments were agreed to and it was ordered to be sent to members with April issue of "News". A duplicate copy to be sent to those who apply for admission to the School.

2. Directors. After discussion the following were appointed Directors of the School:

1st Week.	Ald. A. Emil Davies, L.C.C.
2nd "	Hubert Humphreys.
3rd "	Capt. Basil Hall, R.N.
4th "	Dr. T. Drummond Shiels.

3. Programme. After discussion it was decided to arrange special subjects for each week of the school session. The following were agreed to, viz:-

1st Week.	Home Politics. Housing, Unemployment, Municipal affairs, etc.
2nd "	Finance and Trade Policy. Planned Capitalism, etc.
3rd "	Foreign Affairs, Fascism, League of Nations, U.S.America, etc.
4th "	Biology and population problems.

4. Question of lecturers was discussed and some suggestions agreed to. Further suggestions invited for consideration at next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee
Wednesday 25th April 1934

Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Lawrence,
 Messrs Dodd, Galtun, Humphreys,
 Sir J. Mansard, Pease, Ratcliffe
 and Sanders.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by Herbert
 Humphreys.
2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies. Apologies for absence were received
 from Messrs. Davies, Capt. Heed, Barker,
 Robson, Shells, Sneece and White.
4. Finance. The Report of the Finance & Committee
 was moved by W.S. Sanders. On item 4
 The Annual meeting it was agreed
 that Wm. Bennett is the highest

of the newly elected members of the Executive Committee to be made.

With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Exec. The Sentences about on the Executive Committee Election was presented. It was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Treasurer is a member of the Executive ex-officio and does not require to be elected separately.

6. Amm. - Date and place for Annual meeting noted and approved. Agreed that W. Bennett be asked to provide

7. Social. Arrangements made were approved, and date and place duly noted.

8. Autumn Returns: Further considered. Agreed unanimously

that he wishes to take the last of the
 lectures. Bertrand Russell to be written
 to agree in first lecture & feeling him
 Aldous Huxley, E. M. Forster, Julian Huxley
 and J. B. S. Haldane invited in order named.
 In second lecture Cripps agreed and
 for third Delisle Peun. For the fourth
 Arnold Toynbee, Ind. Meel, and Noel
 Baker like invited in order named; and
 for the fifth Mrs. Ellen Westerman or
 Mrs. Winifred Healy in that order.

9. Exec. Agreed that a special meeting of
 Finance Com. to be held on Wednesday 9th
 May to consider a firm accounts;
 at 5 pm; and a special meeting
 of the Executive to pass report on
 at 5.30 pm the same day.

The Executive to be asked to
 consider alteration of Rules w. that
 election should be held in May
 and new Committee take office in June.

9^a Auditor Appointment of auditor continued and Mr Bacon's letter thereon read. Decided that Bacon be asked to act again and the AEs presented without his certificate to the Annual meeting if that is unavoidable.

10 Com. (a) Lord Oliver's letter & Mr Kramoltz's report to the Summer School in
 (b) Odon Poir's letter received and noted and agreed to help them but no financial responsibility to be taken.

The Committee then adjourned.

Wm Stephen Sanders

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Wednesday, 25th April, 1934 at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: Sidney Webb.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Capt. Hall, H.J.Laski, W.A.Robson.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee (annexed)
5. Executive Committee Election. A heavy Poll - over 500 votes. Result to be reported if available.
6. Annual Meeting. Fixed for Thursday, June 7th at Livingstone Hall. Chairman to be arranged.
7. The Jubilee Party and Reception. Fixed for Thursday, 14th June. See report of Finance Committee, para.5. Any other arrangements to be settled.
8. Autumn Lectures. Progress slow. Sir S. Cripps and Delisle Burns accept. Leonard Woolf, Vera Brittain and H. G. Wells decline. No reply from Bertrand Russell. To be considered and any other suggestions for lecturers dealt with.
9. To consider and settle date for special meeting of the Executive to pass the Annual Report and accounts to be printed and sent out to members with the June issue of "Fabian News".

Auditor of accounts for the past year to be appointed.

Correspondence.

- (a) Lord Olivier introducing Mr. Herman Kranold, a German refugee asking for work and help.
- (b) Odon Por, re publication of his book on Co-operation, etc. in Italy.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
12th April, 1934.

Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Galton,
Capt. Hall, Sir J. Maynard, Pease and Dr. Shiels.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. March candidates (8) were elected. Last year (4). Six resignations were accepted. One member was struck off the list under rule 13.

Seven members much in arrears who had not replied to the letter considered. Two ordered to be kept on - the other five struck off.
3. Executive Committee Election. Report that ten new candidates nominated received. Agreed that Mrs. Beadle and H. C. Heath be appointed scrutineers of the votes as in the past three years.
4. Annual Meeting. Agreed that this be held on Thursday, 7th June in Livingstone Hall. Question of Chairman deferred to next meeting.
5. The Social Party. Agreed that this be held on Thursday, June 14th in the Suffolk Street Galleries. Speakers to be invited - Shaw, Webb, Pease, Snell and Morrison. Charge for tickets to be 2/6d. before the day, and 3/- on the day of the party.
6. Correspondence.

Odon Por asking our help in the publication of his book on Corporate and Co-operative experiments in Italy. Agreed to co-operate with him and the publishers but no financial responsibility to be taken by us.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee.
Special Meeting Wednesday 9 May 1934

- Present: Mrs Keynes, Messrs Bacon, Barton,
 Bennett, Cutler, Davies, Dodd, (Hon
 Treasurer)
 Hatcher, Latham, Lister, Pearce,
 Ramage, Sanders, Snell, & White.
1. Chair W.S. Sanders was elected chairman
 of the meeting.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received
 from Mrs Lawrence, Lord Snell
 and Eva Thomas.
4. Report The proof of draft-report and
 accounts for 1933-34 which had
 been circulated was considered
 paragraph by paragraph. A

number of small amendments and some rearrangement of paragraphs were agreed to. With these corrections the draft report was approved and ordered to be sent out to members with June issue of the News.

5. Dates
for
Exec. Session

The Rule 3 fixing dates for election of the Executive was then considered. It was agreed unanimously that the Annual meeting be asked to alter the rule to fix the election in May instead of April as at present, & that the necessary consequential alterations be made accordingly.

Last's
Resolution

Last's referred to the resolution passed at the meeting on Feb. 21st and it was agreed that it be put on the agenda for the ordinary meeting to be held on May 30th.

The meeting then adjourned

G. R. Blanco White
30.5.34.

FABI AN SOCIETY.

Agenda for special meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on Wednesday, 9th May, 1934 at 5.30 p.m.

- 1. Chairman to be elected.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. To receive and consider draft report for the year 1933-34, and pass it to go out to members with the next issue of Fabian News. (Proof copy enclosed which please bring with you).
5. To consider suggested alteration of dates for election of the Executive Committee, etc. in Rule 3. Proposal to change dates from April to May and make the necessary consequential alterations.
If approved to be submitted to the Annual Meeting on June 7th.
6. Correspondence - if any.

Executive Committee
Wednesday 20 May 1934

Present Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Baem, Bartin,
Bennett, Catlin, Dold, Fletcher,
Galtin, Pease, Ramase, Ratcliffe
Sander, Shuel, Thomas, & White.

1. Chan. E.A. Blanes White was elected
Chairman of the meeting.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Departures Apologies for absence were received
from Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs
Lurke, Martin, Suel and Webb.

4. Meetings. After discussion and remark
that the Committee do meet on
Thursdays at 5.15 pm for the
evening year.

5. Standing
Com.

The list of selections for the Standing Committee for the ensuing year were considered. Some changes were made and the Committee were appointed as follows:-

FINANCE, ETC.

A. Emil Davies.
F. Lawson Dodd.
Eric Fletcher.
Miss H. Keynes.
John Ramage.
S. K. Ratcliffe.
W. S. Sanders.
Dr. D. Shiels.
E. R. Pease.
(ex officio)

PUBLISHING.

F. W. Bacon.
J. P. Barter.
Prof. Catlin.
Mrs. Drake.
Prof. Laski.
Miss S. Lawrence.
Kingsley Martin.
Ivor Thomas.
G.R. Blanco White.
E. R. Pease.
(ex Officio)

ORGANISING, ETC.

F. W. Bacon.
J. P. Barter.
W. Bennett.
Prof. G.E. Catlin.
Lord Snell.
Sidney Webb.
E. R. Pease.
(ex Officio)

In rota of Chairmen all agreed to serve in turn.

6. Special
Com.

The special sub Committee to consider and report on future activities and organisation, was appointed as follows:-

F. W. Bacon
J. P. Barter
W. Bennett
Prof. G. Catlin
Eric Fletcher
F. W. Galton.

Miss H. Keynes.
Prof. H. J. Laski
Miss S. Lawrence
J. Ramage
Dr. D. Shiels
Ivor Thomas

G. R. Blanco White.

7 Finance

Report of the Finance & Committee was
read by W.S. Sanders and received
and approved.

8. Summer
School

Report of the Summer School Committee
was read by W.S. Sanders and
received and approved.

9. Exhibits
Part 5.

Report received and agreed that
a special notice be issued to members
showing of the applications for
tickets are not satisfactory.

10. Autumn
Lectures.

Report received and approved.
In vacant date agreed that in the
event of Noel Baker refusing the
fellowship be invited in order named,
viz: Sir Norman Ansell, H. Ansell, Foster
Prof. Mackinnon.

For Chairman the following agreed
1. Blanco White. 2. Tom Kenner.
3. H. Morrison or Ivor Thomas

to D. Shuls. 5. J. B. Shaw or Mrs. Lawrence
 v. Eric Fletcher.

11. Conclude.

(a) Humphreys letter & motion for Annual meeting considered. Agreed that Chairman be instructed to rule out of order the reference to Secretary but to accept if amended to instructions to the Executive Committee.

(b) Considered. No action

(c) Larkin to be appointed as secretary. If not - D. Drummond Shuls to be appointed as delegate & nominated for election to the Executive

The meeting then adjourned.

F. W. Bacon

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F A B I S M S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Wednesday, 30th May, 1934 at 5 p.m.

1. Chairman to be elected.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence. Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Professor Laski.
4. To consider and settle day and hour of meetings of the Executive for the ensuing year.
6. Appointment of standing Committees and rota of Chairman for the ensuing year. (List of selections will be circulated at the meeting)
6. To appoint special sub-committee to consider and report to the Executive on the future activity and organisation of the Society in accordance with resolution passed by the Executive at its meeting in February. Letters from Laski and Webb thereon to be read and referred to the Committee.
7. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
8. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
9. The Social Party - June 14th. Demand for tickets very small at present. Many of the Members of Parliament and L.C.C. invited are accepting. Any further action?
10. Autumn Lectures, 1934. General title "Socialism, Democracy, Dictatorship". Arrangements to date:-

Oct. 25th.	"The Revolt against Reason."	Bertrand Russell.
Nov. 1st.	"Liberty and the Planned State"	Sir Stafford Cripps.
" 8th.	"The World Framework of Freedom"	Prof. C. Delisle Burns.
" 15th.	"Freedom, Authority and Empire"	
" 22nd.	"The Anti-feminist reaction"	Miss Ellen Wilkinson.
" 29th.	"The Right to Criticise".	Prof. H. J. Laski.
- For Nov. 15th P. Noel Baker asked but no reply yet as he is away in the United States. Any other suggestions for that date in case he fails to be considered.
Panel of Chairmen required.
11. Correspondence.
 - (a) H. Humphreys. Notice of motion for Annual Meeting. To be considered and any instructions thereon given.
 - (b) London Labour Party. Invitation to send delegates to conference on June 16th.
 - (c) The Labour Party. Annual Conference, Southport, October 1st to 5th next. Appointment of delegate and nominee for election to the Executive Committee, and any notices of motion to be considered.

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Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Wednesday,
9th May 1934.

Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies,
Dodd, Galton, Pease and Dr. Shields.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was not available as our books were all away at audit. Noted.
2. Membership. April candidates (16) were elected. Last year (4)
3. Statement of accounts and balance sheet for 1933-34 were considered. Some small changes in form and rearrangements were agreed to, and it was referred to the Executive to consider and pass.
4. Correspondence.

H. Humphreys gave notice of motion for the Annual Meeting. It was considered and agreed to ask him to withdraw it on the understanding that the question would be considered by the Executive at an early opportunity.

The meeting then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
16th May, 1934.

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair) Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee,
Messrs. Errington, Galton, Humphreys and Sanders.

1. Arrangements made for lecturers to date were reported and approved. Progress slow and many further suggestions were made and considered and invitations authorised, etc.
2. Progress of bookings. Over 40 persons had booked about 100 weeks to date - above the average at this date in recent years. Received and approved and considered satisfactory. Agreed that the programme be sent out to all members with the July issue of "Fabian News".
3. Many other matters of detail, correspondence, etc. were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Thursday 21st June 1974

Present. Mr Drake, Messrs Bacon, Bennett,
Callin, Hatcher, Galtus, Pease,
Ramsey, Rutchiffe, Sanders, Shiel,
Thomas, and White.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by
F. W. Bacon.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed. Arising
therefrom D. Shiel asked to be
allowed to withdraw his name
from nomination as delegate to
the Labour Party Conference -
he found he could not attend it.
This was agreed to and it was
decided to appoint him Bennett
as an delegate & if Piffa took
is unable to accept.

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Kurzer, Messrs. Dodd, Lister and Ed Snell.
4. Finance ^{or} The Report of the Finance & Committee was moved by W.S. Sanders and seconded and approved and its recommendations adopted.
5. Special Clm. The Report was deferred till the conclusion of other business.
6. Session School. In the absence of Emil Davis the Chairman of the Committee, Jettins reported arrangements complete and bookings to date satisfactory.
7. Lectures The report of progress re Acetone Lectures was received and the arrangements made confirmed. It was decided that in the event of Ed Cecil declining the lecture

on Nov. 8th this should be transferred
to Mr Noel Baker as he wishes,
and the following called for the
lecture on Nov. 15th in the order named
viz. Sir N. Ansell, Dr Fuchs & Light
& Prof J. Mac Murray. J. G. P. South

For the two vacant chairmanships
the arrangements already existing
to stand.

D. Comm. Request from Council of Civil Liberties
by telephone for a speaker at
the Trafalgar Square meeting on
Sunday next - considered
but no offer to go was made
and no action taken.

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The Report of the Special
Sub-Committee, deferred from
earlier in the proceedings
as noted, was then taken
The report of first meeting was

moved by Wm Bennett and second and approved.

The Report of second meeting was moved by J. Romay and gave rise to considerable discussion. Eventually it was Resolved

That the Executive Committee notes the provisional recommendations of the sub-committee and understands that the various points dealt with therein will be reported upon in full in subsequent meetings.

The meeting then adjourned.

John P. Jakes

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 21st June, 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair - F. W. Bacon.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Special sub Committee annexed.
6. Summer School Committee meeting to-night (Wednesday 20th June) too late for report. But Chairman of the Committee to report that the bookings are quite satisfactory.

7. Autumn Lectures, 1934, Arrangements to date:

	<u>Title.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Oct. 25th.	"The revolt against Reason".	Bertrand Russell.	G.R. Blanco White.
Nov. 1st.	"Liberty and the Planned State"	Sir Stafford Cripps.	Miss H. Keynes.
" 8th.	"The World Framework of Freedom".		
" 15th.	"Freedom, Authority and Empire".	Philip Noel Baker.	Dr. D. Shiels.
" 22nd.	"The Anti-feminist Reaction".	Miss Ellen Wilkinson.	
" 29th	"The Right to Criticise."	Prof. H. J. Laski.	Dr. Eric Fletcher.

For Nov. 8th, Delisle Burns has withdrawn as he will be in America this Autumn. See report of Finance Committee for suggested alternative lecturer. Two Chairmen to be arranged for vacant dates.

8. Correspondence - if any.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
14th June, 1934.

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Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Fletcher, Galton, Pease, Ramage and Shiels. Also Sidney Webb (non-member).

1. Chair: W. S. Sanders was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Meetings. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m. for the ensuing year.
3. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
4. Membership. May candidates (7) were elected. Last year (3). Four resignations were accepted.
5. The Jubilee Party. Report that sale of tickets satisfactory was received. The arrangements for speakers were considered and settled and other details arranged.
6. The Autumn Lectures. Letter from Delisle Burns withdrawing for November 8th received and his withdrawal accepted with regret. Agreed that Lord Cecil of Chelwood, Dr. G. P. Gooch, and Prof. J. MacMurray be asked to take the lecture in the order named.
7. Letter from James Bacon with copy of accounts and his certificate received. Agreed that he be thanked and the Executive recommended to send him the usual honorarium of five guineas.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Reports of meetings (2) of the special sub-committee.

1. Monday, 11th June. Present: Miss Keynes, Miss Lawrence, Messrs. Bacon, Bennett, Catlin, Fletcher, Galton, Ramage, Shiels and Thomas.
1. Chair: W. Bennett was elected Chairman of the meeting.
2. Meetings. Agreed that the Committee do meet on Mondays at 5.15 p.m.
3. Chairman: Miss Susan Lawrence was elected Chairman of the Committee.
4. A general discussion ensued on the memoranda submitted by various members. No resolution was proposed and it was decided that the Committee should meet again on Monday 18th inst.

2. Monday 18th June. Present: Miss Lawrence (Chair), Messrs. Bacon, Catlin, Fletcher, Galton and Hamage. (5)

After a further general discussion on the memoranda and draft resolutions submitted the following were agreed to as recommendations to the Executive:-

1. That the Fabian Society does not undertake the publication of pamphlets upon specific issues of policy, since this function is already performed in the research stage by the New Fabian Research Bureau and in the definitive stage by the Labour Party.

It is the immediate task of the Fabian Society to re-state in the light of modern world events and tendencies, social, political and economic, the fundamental principles on which a Socialist Commonwealth in this country must be based. In the course of such restatement a specifically Fabian approach to particular problems may emerge in which case it may be advisable to consider its development and arrange for subsequent publication.

2. That the Society should undertake the arrangement of lectures upon fundamental issues, such as the central contradiction of capitalism; State Capitalism v. Socialism; Industrial Feudalism v. Socialism; the right of free discussion; the Position of the Middle Classes under Socialism; Trade Union Policy and the achievement of Socialism; Economic Imperialism and War, etc. under some such title as "Planning the New Age".

That such lectures be arranged for the Spring Course 1935 in Livingstone Hall and published subsequently as a series of pamphlets.

3. That a list of speakers be compiled especially for classes and weekend schools and help offered in this direction to local Labour Parties, Labour Womens' Organisations, Leagues of Youth, etc.
4. Two small sub Committees were appointed to consider and report (a) on development of the bookshop business as a central agency for socialist books and pamphlets, and (b) To consider the establishment of a press agency.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Thursday 26 July 1934

Present Tom Keynes, Mrs. Bacon, Baster,
 Dodd, Hatcher, Galtin, Martin,
 Pease, Ramaze, Sanders & Shields.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by J. P. Baster.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Arising therefrom Galtin reported that he had agreed to serve as delegate to the Labour Party Conference and had been appointed and nominated as candidate for election to the Party Executive accordingly.

3. Resolutions. Resolutions for adoption were received from Mrs. W. Bennett, Emil Davis, Fred Snell, and Ivor Thomas.

4. Finance

The report of meeting of the Finance Committee was presented by F. Lawson and after some explanations and discussion was received and approved.

5. Pub. Clk

The report of meeting of the Publishing Committee was presented by Galtin in the absence of Larkin.

On Para. 5. the hunt on Lenin by Winsky it was resolved after discussion that it be referred back to the Publishing Clk, to consider and report (1) whether it is desirable to publish the hunt. (2) whether if published the difficulties would not be met but by omission of the references to Trotsky to which objection is felt.

With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. S. S. C. C.

In the absence of Emil Davis the chairman of the Committee the report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was presented by Fulton and after some explanations received and approved.

7. School

The report of meetings of the Special SubCommittee was received and noted.

8. Auburn
Institution.

The report was received and the arrangements approved and considered very satisfactory.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on Thursday, 26th July, 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: J.P.Barter.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence: Wm. Bennett, A. Emil Davies, Ivor Thomas.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee, annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. The Special Sub Committee has held two further meetings on July 2nd and 16th and has made progress with the proposed new series of Essays and lectures, but has not yet settled on the scheme. It is hoped to present a report to next meeting of the Executive.
8. The Autumn Lectures, 1934. Arrangements completed as follows. Five syllabuses in print.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Lecturer</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Oct. 25th.	"The Revolt against Reason."	Bertrand Russell.	G.k. Blanco White.
Nov. 1st.	"Freedom, Authority and Empire"	Sir Norman Angell.	Dr. Drummond Shiels.
" 8th.	"Liberty and the Planned State"	Sir Stafford Cripps.	Miss H. Keynes.
" 15th.	"The World Framework of Freedom".	Philip Noel Baker.	Ivor Thomas.
" 22nd.	"The Anti-feminist Reaction".	Miss Ellen Wilkinson.	Miss Susan Lawrence.
" 29th.	"The Right to Criticise.	Prof. H.J. Laski.	Dr. Eric Fletcher.

The orders for tickets received to date about the same as in most recent years.

9. Correspondence:-

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
19th July, 1934.

Present: W.S. Sanders (Chair) Messrs. Dodd, Galton, Kamage & Ratcliffe.

1. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved. The increase in receipts from subscriptions was considered very satisfactory.
 2. June candidates (9) were elected. Last year (2). Three resignations were accepted and one referred back for further enquiry, etc.
 3. The Jubilee Party a/c presented showing cost £60. 17. 6d. Receipts from sale of tickets £44. 7. 0d. and from donation £5. Deficit £11. 10. 6d. Further donations of £10 promised. The a/c was considered and passed for payment.
 4. The Summer School Report that about 130 persons had now booked about 250 weeks was received and considered satisfactory.
 5. The Autumn lectures. Report of progress considered and approved.
 6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.
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Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday,
10th July, 1934.

Present: H. J. Laski (Chair), Miss Lawrence, Messrs. Barter, Catlin and Galton.

1. Chair. H. J. Laski was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Meetings. It was agreed that the Committee should continue to meet on Tuesday at 5.15 for the ensuing year.
3. Tracts going out of print.
 - No. 140. Child Labour under capitalism. To be dropped as out of date.
 - " 147. Capital and compensation. Pease to be asked to write a short prefatory note and the tract to be reprinted.
 - " 167. William Morris. Biographical. To be reprinted.
4. Booklet going out of print:

Karl Marx: an Essay by Laski. Referred to Laski to consider and if necessary write a new preface. To be reprinted subject to his approval.

5. New Tract proposed:-

Lenin: a biography. By D. S. Mirsky. Agreed to recommend the Executive that it be printed with a note disclaiming approval of the references to Trotsky.

6. Many other suggestions for tracts were considered and appropriate action thereon authorised. The Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 20th June, 1934.

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Messrs. Galton, Humphreys, Sanders and Blanco White.

1. Report on progress of bookings. About 100 persons had booked about 200 weeks to date. Much above the average of recent years. The report was approved and considered very satisfactory.
2. The list of applicants was read and approved and referred to Miss Hankinson and Secretary to arrange rooms, etc.
3. Proof of programme was considered. Some amendments and additions were made and it was approved and ordered to be sent out to all members with the July issue of "Fabian News".
4. Campers. Some requests for camping received and considered but it was decided that as there was no accommodation in the University grounds for camping no arrangements could be made by us. Anyone wishing to camp must make their own arrangements.
5. Miss Hankinson reported on her visit to Bangor and that everything was satisfactory. In view of the expressed wish of the authorities at the College it was decided That tennis should not be played on Sunday mornings.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and it was agreed that the Committee should not meet again till after the end of August unless urgently necessary.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Executive Committee.
Special Meeting Wednesday 26th Sept. 1934

Present: W. Bennett (Chair) Mrs Lawrence,
 Messrs Bacon, Daves, Dodd, Galtin,
 Laska, Martin, Pease, Ramsay,
 Ratchiffe, Sanders, Shells, Ed Snell,
 Thomas and White.

1. Report: Galtin and Laska explained
 the circumstances under which the
 amendments to the Labour Party's
 report on "Socialism and Peace"
 were sent in in my behalf
 in August during Galtin's absence
 from the office on holiday.

It was agreed that the
 explanation of the irregularity
 in sending in notice of the
 amendments in the Society's
 name without authorization
 be accepted.

2. Future
Proceedings.

It was agreed also "That in future on receipt of the National Party's agenda for the Annual Conference a special meeting of the Executive be summoned to consider it.

Amendments

The Amendments which had been circulated were then considered and discussed separately.

No 1. was moved by Rangan, seconded by Martin but on division was defeated.

No 2. moved by Larkie, seconded by White was agreed to on division

No 3. moved by White, seconded by Rangan was agreed to on division

No 4. moved by Bowen, seconded by Martin was defeated on division

It was agreed that Larkie be instructed to withdraw No 1 and from accordingly. The meeting the Special meeting then ended.

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Executive Committee
 Wednesday 26 Sept. 1924.
 Following in the Special meeting.

- Presid- The same 16 members as recorded at the Special meeting.
1. Clerk W. Bennett took the chair
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apology Apologies for absence were received from Jim Drake, Tom Kemmer, Henry Baxter Catlin and Webb.
4. Finance The Report of the Finance & Committee annexed was moved by Emil Davis and on Para. 11. the Indian Labor Party Annual Conference it was agreed that W. Bennett and Emil Davis be appointed our delegates in addition to my D. caree.

With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Special
Committee.

The report of the Special Sub-Committee was read by Mrs Lawrence.

Para 1. was agreed to. Para 2 was considered and discussed and approved. The list of lectures suggested was amended as follows: -

1. Mr. Wootton or T. J. Phillips ✓
2. E. C. or Mr. Wootton
3. R. C. Crossman
4. Mrs Lawrence ✓
5. J. R. Raman ✓
6. Webb or Davies
7. H. W. W. ✓
8. J. W. Thomas ✓

With these amendments the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

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The report on progress of the Autumn lectures was received and noted

7. Spring
Notes

There was settled on the report of the Special sub-Committee.

8. New
Treaty

Luksi offered to present the list of a new list on Fascism and Social Democracy. This was unanimously accepted

The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for Special Meeting of the Executive at the office on
Wednesday, 26th September, 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

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1. Chair. Ald. Wm. Bennett.
2. To consider the following amendments to the Labour Party's Report on Socialism and Peace, sent in on our behalf. (Copy of report enclosed which please bring with you).

- (1) On page 7, Line 29:

Change the word "co-operation" to the word "government", so as to make the sentence read: "The League of Nations can succeed only in proportion as it develops in the direction of world government."

- (2) At end of page 9, after line 52 insert new cross heading and paragraph:-

"REGIONAL AGREEMENTS.

The Labour Government would always endeavour to secure world-wide acceptance for its policies of organising peace. But it would not make a fetish of unanimity, and would avail itself to the full of the facilities afforded by the Covenant for concluding regional agreements with such states as accepted the establishment of a World Commonwealth as our common objective, with all its implications in the realms of pooled defence, joint economic and social policies, and common duties of citizenship. On the issue of preserving Peace."

- (3) On page 10 substitute the following for the two sentences in lines 36 - 38.

"As world citizens, we owe a loyalty to the world community on the issue of peace that comes before any claim upon us by the Government in War. We are responsible for seeing that the British Government shall act as a loyal member of the world community, in particular by carrying out its international obligations under the collective peace system. This means that we must:"

- (4) Re-draft lines 44 - 46 of page 10 as follows:

" (c) recognise the right of national self-defence but insist that the exercise of this right must be subordinated to the test of international judgment or of willingness to arbitrate, on pain of refusing to

fight, or to work, or to pay money for a Government condemned by the League of Nations as an aggressor or going to war after refusing arbitration.

"The passing of the Peace Act by the next Labour Government will put these three duties of world citizenship on the Statute book, and so will make it impossible for any British Government to get into the position contemplated in (c) except by flagrantly violating the law of the land.

"But these duties of world citizenship exist abroad even pending the passage of the Peace Act. They are being flouted by the 'National' Government, which is reverting to the standards and methods of international anarchy. Therefore the Labour Party considers it of urgent importance to explain to the people of this country just what are our duties under the Covenant and Paris Pact, and how and why the preservation of peace has become the personal concern of every good citizen. It is particularly important to make clear that any British Government which blunders into a new war as the inevitable result of sabotaging the collective peace system, fomenting the new arms race and reverting to the Balance of Power, will split the nation from top to bottom and be met by the most determined resistance."

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Agrnda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Wednesday, 26th September,
1934, after the special meeting.

1. Chair: Ald. Wm. Bennett.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Mrs. Drake, Miss Keynes, Messrs. J.P. Barter,
G. E. Catlin, Sidney Webb.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Special Sub Committee annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures. Arrangements complete and syllabus
issued. Demand for tickets satisfactory so far.
7. Spring Lectures 1935. Livingstone Hall. See Report
of Special Sub Committee with recommendations thereon.
8. Correspondence:-

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
13th Sept., 1934. (5)

Present: Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Galton, Kamago and
Dr. Shiels.

1. Miss Keynes was elected to the Chair.
2. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
3. Membership: July candidates (8). Last Year (3) and August candidates (5) Last year (4) were all elected. Four resignations (two months) were accepted.
4. Report of progress of the autumn lecture arrangements was received and approved and considered satisfactory.
5. Report of the result of the Summer School so far as available at present was received and approved.
6. The Webb Portrait. It was agreed that an effort should be made to raise fund for purchase of the portrait for the Society. A note to be inserted in "Fabian News" inviting donations, etc.
7. The proposed resumption of the Speakers' Class in October was approved and arrangements authorised.
8. Labour Party Conference. Amendments by Laski sent in at his request considered. Referred to special meeting of the Executive to be held immediately if in time to revise or withdraw before printing, and if not in time, by or before Sept. 27th.
9. Book Box Circular. It was agreed that it be revised and reissued to suitable bodies this autumn.
10. Three members names were added to the list of those willing to stand as Parliamentary Candidates in response to their requests.
11. London Labour Party Annual Conference. Agreed to recommend that Mrs. Drake be appointed one of our delegates and nominated for re-election to the L.L.P. Executive.
12. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Special Sub Committee on Monday, 17th
Sept., 1934. (2)

Present: Miss Lawrence (Chair), Messrs. Bacon, Bennett, Fletcher,
Galton, Kamage, Dr. Shiels, Thomas and White.

1. It was agreed that an effort should be made to arrange for circulation of lists of books, etc. at regular intervals in co-operation with the Labour Party.
2. The proposed series of lectures and possibly new series of Essays relating Fabian Policy on current problems was further considered. After discussion the following list of suggested lectures and lecturers was approved for the Spring course 1935 and recommended to the Executive, viz:-

A. A disordered World.

1. The World out of Joint.
2. The basic Contradiction of Capitalism.

B. Capitalist Makeshifts.

3. Dictatorship in Italy and Germany.
4. Industrial Feudalism and the American Experiment.
5. State intervention in British Industry.

C. The Socialist Remedy.

6. Experiments in Socialism Abroad.
 7. The Strategy of Victory.
 8. The Socialist Commonwealth and the Citizen of the future.
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Lecturers suggested for:-

1. Laski or Mrs. Wootton.
 2. T. Johnston or Mrs. Wootton.
 3. R. C. Crossman.
 4. Miss Lawrence or Catlin.
 5. J. Kamage.
 6. G. D. H. Cole or K. D. Charques.
 7. H. Morrison or Laski
 8. Ivor Thomas.
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The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee
Thursday 14th November 1934

Present Mrs Drake, Messrs Bacon, Barton, Bennett
 Dodd, Galtin, Laska, Martin, Pease,
 Ramasz, Sanders, Shels, Thomas & White

1. Chair The Chair was taken by F. Hanson Dodd.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the Special meeting on
 Sept 26th were read & confirmed. Among
 them from Laska explained he attended
 the Labour Party Conference and
 withdrew the two amendments
 to the Report on Socialism & Peace
 but that the Party Executive had decided
 to adopt them.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting
 on Sept 26th were then read & confirmed.

3. Absences. Absences for absence were named
 from Mrs Keynes, Messrs Cullen
 Davis and Ted Snell.

4. Finance

The report of meeting of the Finance Committee was moved by W.S. Sandus, and received and approved

5. Summer School

The Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was also moved by W.S. Sandus. Discussion took place on the financial results of the School and on the question of plan of school for next year. No motion was proposed however and the report was received and approved.

6. S.S. Club
1935.

It was resolved that the Summer School Committee 1935 be re-elected forthwith; and the following seven members of the Executive were appointed to serve for the year, viz: Messrs. Bennett, Davis, Coakley, Romney, Rutcliffe, Sandus & Manso White

7. Auditors
Lecturers

The Report was received and

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approved and considered satisfactory.
The exchange of dates between Sir
S. Curzon & Mr Noel Baker approved
with thanks to Mr Baker for his
kindness in exchanging at short notice.

8. London
Lectures

The arrangements were considered.
It was agreed that Cole be asked
to exchange his subject from No 1. to
No 2 but to keep to the date arranged
by June 10th. If he agrees ~~to~~ to exchange
No 1 then become No 2 and it was
agreed that Colin Clark, Michael Stewart
and Prof P. M. Blachett be asked to
take this in the order named on
the date fixed by June 24th.

Some difficulty was raised
about Mr R. C. Curman of No 3 and
it was referred back for further
inquiry. Finding him agreed that
W. Arnold Forster or Dr G. P. Smith be
asked to give the lecture.

In Nov. Anna told of seeing Mr. Widdowson Brown who had been asked by W. Estlin to be invited to take the lecture.

9 March. Danish Social Democratic Party. The proposed visit of party next year. The proposal was approved. The Labour Party and W.T.C. to be consulted as to limiting the party to Socialists and as to cost & terms etc. To be reported when to next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned,

Henry M. Rogers.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 1st November, 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of special meeting and of last ordinary Meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - Miss Keynes, Prof. Catlin.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Summer School Committee 1935 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for the ensuing year.
7. Autumn Lectures. Very successful. Receipts for sale of tickets to date £570. Sir S. Cripps unable to attend on November 8th and his date exchanged with Noel Baker accordingly.
8. Winter Lectures, Livingstone Hall, 1935. Arrangements to date as follows:-

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>
1.	Thurs. 10 Jan.	The World out of Joint.	G. D. H. Cole.
2.	" 31	" The Basic Contradiction of Capitalism.	-----
3	" 14 Feb.	Dictatorship in Germany and Italy.	K. C. Crossman.
4	" 28	" Industrial Feudalism and the American Experiment.	Miss S. Lawrence.
5.	" 14 Mch.	State Intervention in British Industry.	John Ramage.
6.	" 28 Mch	The Principle of Planning Production for Community Consumption.	Sidney Webb.
7	" 11 Apr.	The Strategy of Victory.	-----
8	Date not fixed.	The Socialist Commonwealth and the Citizen of the Future.	Ivor Thomas.

For the two dates and subjects without lecturers see recommendation of Finance, etc. Committee.

9. Correspondence. - Danish Social Democratic Party re proposed visit of party to Denmark next year, referred from Finance etc. Committee.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y,

Report of Meeting of Finance etc. Committee on Thursday,
18th October, 1934.

Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Galton,
Pease, Ramage and Shiels.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. September candidates (7) were elected. Last year (10). One resignation was accepted.
3. Autumn lectures. Report of progress presented and received and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that if necessary Mr. Noel Baker be asked to exchange dates with Sir Stafford Cripps.
4. Winter Lectures, 1935. Arrangements to date reported. As Tom Johnston had declined to take lectures 1 or 2, and Herbert Morrison had declined No. 7 it was agreed to recommend the Executive that W. Citrine, Colin Clark or Michael Stewart be asked to take 1 or 2 and Wedgwood Benn to take No. 7 in the list
5. The Webb portrait. Report received and agreed that list of subscribers and invitation to others to help be given in November Fabian News.
6. The Speakers Class. Report received and approved and considered satisfactory.
7. Danish Social Democratic Party. Letter re suggested visit of Party of Fabians, etc. to Denmark next year considered. The suggestion approved and referred to the Executive to consider.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday
17th October, 1934.

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee,
Messrs. Errington, Galton, Humphreys, Sanders and Shiels.

1. W.S. Sanders was elected Chairman of the meeting in the absence of A. Emil Davies.
2. Financial Statement was presented showing receipts £310.5.6d. Expenditure to date £549.10.8. After consideration and discussion the balance due to University College, Bangor, amounting to £161. 10. Od., and fee to Miss Hankinson £15.15.0d. were ordered to be paid.
3. There remained a balance of £83. 9. 10d. and it was

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unable to attend but who had paid fees, leaving a net balance after meeting all expenses of £57. 14. 10d.

4. Preliminary consideration of the place of school next year. Letters from University College read and considered. It was proposed that "we recommend the next Summer School Committee to arrange to go to Bangor again next year". After discussion the motion was put and lost by five votes to two.
5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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 M. Barth,
 Arthur,
 H. Sanders,
 White,
 W. Keynes.
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 of the presence
 of the committee
 in Bangor
 not attending
 resolutions

Executive Committee.
 Thursday 13 December 1934.

- Present Mr Keynes, Mrs Bacon, & Darton,
 Davies, Dodd, Fulton, Martin,
 Pease, Ramsay, Ratcliffe, Sanders,
 Thomas and Blanco White.
1. Chair The chair was taken by Mr Keynes.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Applomb Applomb for absence was received
 from Prof Callin & D. Shields.
4. Finance The Report of meeting of the Finance Com.
 was moved by W. S. Sanders and
 after discussion of the various
 items was received and adopted
 and its recommendations
 adopted.

5. Pub. Co.

The report of meeting of the Publishing Committee was moved by Blanes White on item 2. The Trust on Tenure it was agreed that if possible a short quotation from Trotsky's book should be added as a Publishers Note.

On item 5(a) What to Read it was agreed that the proposed leaflets be kept to 8^{1/2} in size.

With these additions the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

6. Summer School

Report of first meeting of the Summer School Committee was moved by Davis and received and approved.

Report of the second meeting was moved by Ramase, and after discussion received and approved and its recommendations adopted. It was agreed to refer Mrs Judson's suggestion to the Summer School Committee to consider arrange details of the scheme.

7.7.H.L

The Report on the Autumn Lectures was received, submited and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that in future the Chairmen should be asked to allow verbal questions if the written ones were exhausted.

8.2.H.L

Report on arrangements for the Luray Lecture series was considered. It was agreed after discussion to abandon the suggested lecture NO 7, on "The Strategy of Victory" and reduce the series to the seven arranged. Agreed that Crossman's lecture on Germany to be announced as the Col Williams Memorial Lecture. The Chairmen the following were arranged

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| 1. J.P. Martin | 4. A. Eric Davis |
| 2. Blaine White | 5. Wm Haynes |
| 3. F. Leam Dodd | 6. F.W. Bacon |
| 7. W.S. Saunders | |

9. W. P.

The report on the fund for purchase of the portrait of Sidney Webb was received & approved. It was decided that any balance be kept in hand to form the nucleus of a fund for purchase of portraits of other distinguished members of the Society when occasion offers.

10. Motion

The motion of which notice had been given was moved by Bacon and seconded by Baxter after discussion in which it was pointed out that the Committee could not pass a resolution in the Society's name but only in its own. The Chairman put a motion in the form of a resolution whether a vote on a motion in the matter should be taken. It was decided in the negative by a majority on a division.

and the matter then dropped.

11. Comes

(a) The developments of the suggested Party to Denmark were noticed. It was agreed we should coordinate with the Labour Party in the matter as far as possible.

(b) Scottish F.S. meeting. No one present was able to accept. Left to the Secretary to arrange if possible.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 13th December, 1934 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Mrs. B. Drake, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Prof. Catlin, S.K. Ratcliffe.
4. Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Reports of meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Friends Hall Lectures. Quite successful. Sir S. Cripps gave his lecture on November 15th. Receipts £594. Last year Kingsway Hall £712. Expenses £260. Last year Kingsway Hall £352. Sale of literature at meetings £13. Last year K.H. £15.
8. Livingstone Hall Lectures - January to April, 1935. Arrangements for lectures completed except for lecture No. 7 on "The Strategy of Victory." Morrison, Wedgwood Benn and Citrine all decline. Suggest that it be deleted from the programme and thus reduce the lectures to seven in all and enable them to be given before the Easter recess and the introduction of Summer-time. Chairmen for the lectures to be arranged and settled.
9. The Webb Portrait Fund. Now amounts to £26. 15. 0d. How are we to deal with the little surplus over the cost of purchase of the picture?
10. Motion by F. W. Bacon

"That this Society emphatically protests against the continued imprisonment without trial of Thalman, Torgler and other political prisoners as an outrage against all principles of justice and demands their immediate and unconditional release". To be sent to the German ambassador if passed.
11. Correspondence.
 - (a) Suggested party to Denmark next year. The Labour Party propose to take this up and arrange it for August and ask for our co-operation.
 - (b) Scottish Fabian Societies joint Annual Meeting in Glasgow, Sunday, 27th January next. Can we arrange a speaker for the meeting?

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
15th November, 1934. (A)

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies,
Fletcher, Galton, Pease, Ramage, Ratcliffe and Dr.Shiels.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved. It was noted that the decline in income from subscriptions appears now to have ceased.
2. Membership. October candidates (8) were elected. Last year (5). Five resignations were accepted.
3. Report on progress of the autumn lectures received and approved. Thanks were recorded to Ratcliffe for his kind consent to expound Sir S. Cripps' lecture if necessary.
4. Winter Lectures 1935. Report of progress received and noted. Crossman's letter received and in view of the withdrawal of objections raised by Laski and Martin it was agreed that he be asked to give the lecture on Germany and Italy as arranged.
5. The Portrait of Webb. Report that 40 members had subscribed nearly £20 to date received and considered satisfactory.
6. The Speakers Class. Report that about 25 members had joined for the new Session received and approved.
7. List of possible Parliamentary candidates. Agreed to add the Rev. R. H. Samuel, and Lt. Com. E. P. Young.
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday, 27th
November, 1934.

Present: H. J. Laski (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Bacon, Barter,
Galton and Blanco White.

1. Tracts going out of print:
No. 165. Francis Place.
No. 174. Charles Kingsley.
Agreed that they be reprinted.
2. New Tract.
Lenin. By. D. S. Mirsky. Referred back by the Executive for further consideration. After discussion agreed to recommend the Executive "That the tract be published with a footnote to the appropriate pages saying "For the opposite view see Trotsky's "History of the Russian Revolution" and his autobiography.
3. Booklet out of print.
Karl Marx, by Laski. It was agreed that a reprint of 2,000 copies be authorised. Laski undertook to revise it for reissue later on.

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4. Tract out of print. (2)

No. 210 The Position of Parties and the Right of dissolution. by Laski. Deferred. Not to be reprinted in present form. Laski would endeavour to re-write it later.

5. Proposed new Tracts:

- (a) What to read. Laski and Galton have this in hand. The question of form was considered and it was agreed unanimously to recommend that it be published as a series of separate leaflets for each subject and not as a whole in booklet form.
- (b) A Socialist Budget. Colin Clark reported this nearly ready and would be available by Xmas.
- (c) Socialism in Germany. Kranold had written this but it was too long - nearly 12,000 words. He had been asked to try to reduce it. received and approved.

6. Miss Lawrence's report on M.S. of tract on Banking sent by H. Faulkner received and agreed that it be declined

The meeting then adjourned.

Report of meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee.

1. Preliminary meeting, Wednesday, 21st Nov. 1934.

Present: Messrs. Bennett, Davies, Esher, Galton, Sanders & Blanco White.

1. Chair: A Emil Davies was elected Chairman of the meeting.
2. Co-Options. It was agreed that Miss M. Lee, Capt. Basil Hall and H. Humphreys be invited to join the Committee as co-opted members.
3. Manageress - Miss M. Hankinson was appointed manageress of the School for 1935.
4. Place of School, 1935. This was discussed but no decision was arrived at pending a meeting of the full Committee.
5. Next meeting. Agreed that the Committee be summoned for Wednesday 5th December and that meanwhile efforts be made to secure alternative accommodation for the school for 1935.

The meeting then adjourned.

2. Wednesday, 5th December, 1934.

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Messrs. Bennett, Davies, Esher, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Ramage and Sanders.

1. Chair. A.E. Davies took the chair.
2. Chairman. J. Ramage was unanimously elected chairman of the Committee for 1935, and thereupon Davies vacated the Chair for him.
3. Meetings. It was agreed that the Committee should meet on Wednesdays at 5.15 p.m. when required.

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4. Place of School 1935. Considered and list of ten possible places read and discussed. Eventually all but University College, Bangor, and Frensham Heights, Frensham were deleted. A vote was taken for Bangor, but it was lost by a large majority. The Committee then resolved "That the School for 1935 be held at Frensham Heights subject to agreement on details with Mrs. Weedon and the school authorities?"
 5. A list of 13 Schools not available was read and received and noted.
 6. Miss Judson wrote suggesting that efforts be made to raise a fund to provide free scholarships at the school for junior members of the Society. After discussion agreed to recommend the Executive to agree in principle to the proposal, the details to be discussed and settled later.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Bennett,
Judson,
Webb

R. Pearce.

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committee
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Excursion Committee
 Thursday 31st January 1935.

Present: Messrs Bacon, Barta, Bennett,
 Daves, Dodd, Fletcher, Exctm,
 Pease, Sanders, Thomas & White

1. Chair The Chair was taken by E. R. Pease.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Absences Absences for absence were received from Messrs Catlin, Laoki, Ramon, Ratcliffe, Snee and Webb.
4. Finance
Reports. The reports of meetings (2) of the Finance & Committee were made by Sanders. No 1 was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.
 On No 2. Para 4 was deferred

to be dealt with on the main agenda.
The other items were received and
acknowledged. It was noted that Haskin had
agreed to Prof. McKinnon's request for
copy of the MS of Wallace's studies
& their lead now have offered to
loan for the £5.5.0 suggested.

5. Autumn
Institution.

Considered and discussed. Resolved
unanimously that the lectures be
given in a room at Friends
Hall & the hall booked for the
dates, viz Oct. 24 & 31st, Nov. 7, 14, 21,
& 28, accordingly. The general subject
was discussed but decision deferred.

6. Cones.

Testimonial to Mrs R. H. M. G. Henderson
agreed that £2-2-0 be sent with a
cordial letter.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Ramage
28th February 1935.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 31st January, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Professor Laski,
2. Minutes of last meeting,
3. Apologies: Prof. Catlin, J. Kamaqa, S.K. Hatcliffe,
Sidney Webb.
4. Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee
annexed.
5. Autumn Lectures, 1935. See report of Finance, etc.

Committee recommending that the lectures be
arranged at Friends Hall again this year.

Preliminary consideration of subject and
lecturers to be begun. List of subjects and lec-
turers in recent years annexed for information,
together with list of possible new lecturers
suggested. Further suggestions for subject and
lecturers invited. Suggestions for subject
received are (1) Equality, (2) Can Labour Govern?,
(3) Aspects of Liberty and Democracy.

6. Correspondence.

The Labour Party re proposed testimonial to Mr. A.
Henderson on his retirement from the Secretaryship of
the Party.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc., Committee.

1. Thursday, 20th Dec., 1934. Present: W.S.Sanders, (Chair)
Messrs. Fletcher, Galton and Ranage.

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1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved. The continued small increase in receipts from members' subscriptions considered satisfactory.
 2. Membership. November candidates (8) were elected. Last year (7). Four resignations were accepted.
 3. Livingstone Hall lectures. The arrangements completed and programme approved. Agreed that the charge to non-members for tickets for the course of seven lectures should be 6/- and the question of increasing the charge in future to be considered before next year's series.
 4. Miss Judson's letter suggesting a fund to defray expenses of junior member or members to attend the Labour Party conference considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive not to adopt this at present, but wait and see the result of the effort to raise fund for Summer Schoolscholarships as also suggested by Miss Judson.
 5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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- II. Thursday, 17th January, 1935. Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair)
Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Fletcher, Galton, Pease,
and Ranage.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. December candidates (12) were elected. Last year (9). One resignation was accepted. List of 38 members, no addresses for two years or more considered. One address was supplied. The others to be struck off unless addresses were found.
3. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Report that first meeting was very successful, but sale of tickets small, received and approved.
4. Autumn Lectures 1935. preliminary consideration of place, subject, etc. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the meetings be held in Friends Hall again this year. For subject it was thought a theoretical one and not a series on practical politics would be most suitable. Some suggestions for subject and lecturers were made to be circulated to the Executive.
4. Prof. N. McMinn, of the North Western University, Illinois, U.S.A. wrote asking if we would supply copies of the M.S. of Mill's early speeches. Agreed that Laski be consulted and if he agrees the copies supplied.
5. The meeting then adjourned.

Subject and lecturers arranged 1931 - 1934.

1921. Limitations of Social Democracy. (2)
1922. Can Labour Govern?
1923. Is Civilisation Decaying?
1924. The Socialist Movement. Experiences and Expectations.
1925. Freedom and Authority in the Socialist Commonwealth.
1926. The Shrinking World. Dangers and Possibilities.
1927. Political Democracy - Will it Prevail?
1928. Western Civilisation - Whither is it going?
1929. Social Evolution - The next ten years.
1930. The Unending Quest.
1931. Capitalialism in Dissolution. What Next?
1932. Where Stands Socialism to-day.
1933. The remaking of England. 1833 - 1933.
1934. Socialism, Democracy, Dictatorship.

The Lecturers have included:-

H. J. Laski, C. Delisle Burns S. K. Katcliffe,
G. D. H. Cole, Mrs. B. Wootton, B. Russell, Lord
Ponsonby, Mrs. M. A. Hamilton, Rebecca West, Miss
S. A. Lawrence, Mrs. Webb, A. D. Lindsay, St. J.
Ervine, Sir S. Cripps, A. L. Rowse, H. Dalton,
A. E. Davies, P. N. Baker, Sir Norman Angell,
Miss Ellen Wilkinson.

Others possible:-

Herbert Morrison, W. S. Sanders, R. H. Tawney, Gerald
Heard, Aldous Huxley, Colin Clark, Ivor Thomas,
Sir Arthur Salter, Vera Brittain, Mrs. Kackham,
Miss Winifred Holtby, Julian Huxley, Hamilton Fyfe,
Major Nathan, M.P., Eric Fletcher, Sir Fredk. Whyte,
Elwyn Jones.

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Executive Committee.
Thursday 28 February 1935

Present Mrs Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Messrs Bacon,
Bennett, Catlin, Davies, Dodd,
Fletcher, Galtm, Pearce, Ramase,
Sandus and Thomas.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by J. Ramase.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Deputations Apologies for absence were received
from Mrs Keymer, Messrs Martin
Larkin, Martin, Ratchiffe, D. Shiel
Lord Snel and Sidney Webb.

4. Finance
Committee Report of meeting of the Finance &
Committee was moved by W.S. Sandus.
On Para. 3. it was agreed that the
Society Party proposed be collapsed

and that it be arranged for the evening of Thursday 23rd May. The other items were received and approved and the recommendations adopted.

5. Atkinson
fund
report.

The letter and report from the Trustees of the Atkinson Fund, (Colby America) were received and their contents noted.

6. Autumn
Lectures

The general subject for the Autumn Course of lectures was further considered. After discussion agreed that the three following subjects be put on the agenda for next meeting, viz

1. The Myth in Politics
2. Equality
3. Plan or no Plan.

7. Mrs. Hubert

Mrs. Hubert's resignation from the

part of housekeeper was received with
 regret. It was decided that an
 allowance of 10/- per week be paid to
 her during the pleasure of the
 Committee; and that a letter of
 thanks and good wishes be sent.

Agreed also that a sub-Committee
 consisting of Wm Drake, J. Remond
 and W.S. Sanders be appointed to
 interview appellants for the post-
 mortem to ascertain a suitable
 one on trial for a month and
 report further to the Execution.

D. Iron
 Thomas
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The motion by Iron Thomas was
 carried & agreed to. It was decided
 to appoint Wm Drake, W.S. Sanders,
 & Iron Thomas a sub-Committee
 to consider the matter and
 meet a small sub-Committee
 of the N.F.R.B. To report further
 to the Execution in due course.

- G. Cross
- (a) Dr. Drummond Shulz letter read and agreed that a letter of regret and sympathy to send to him in his illness.
- (4) The note from the Labour Party re meeting in honour of Mr Henderson was received and noted.

The Committee then adjourned.

Stephen Sanders
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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office
on Thursday, 28th February, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: John Ramage.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Mrs. Drake, S.K. Katcliffe, Dr. D. Shiels,
Lord Snell, Sidney Webb.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. To receive Communication and report from the Trustees of
the Atkinson Fund on its winding up and termination,
annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures 1935. The Friends Hall booked for
Thursdays, October 24th and 31st, and November
7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

Further consideration of subject and lecturers.
Subjects suggested:

1. Equality,
2. Aspects of Liberty and Democracy.
3. Socialism, Fascism and War.
4. Humbug or Politics (or The Illusion of Politics)
5. Plan or no plan.

Any other suggestions invited and to be considered.
Preliminary list of possible lecturers to be drawn up

7. Mrs. Herbert the housekeeper obliged to give up work,
after 21 years service, on account of age and illness.

Some allowance by way of small pension to her to be
considered. Arrangements for appointing a successor to
be considered and if so decided a small sub committee
appointed to deal with the matter.

8. Motion by Ivor Thomas: THAT a small sub committee be
appointed to consider relations between the Society and
the New Fabian Research Bureau, and to make recommendations
for closer working arrangements between them if possible.
9. Correspondence:

- (a) Letter from Dr. Drummond Shiels who is ill. Referred
from Finance Committee.
- (b) The Labour Party - re meeting in honour of Mr.
Arthur Henderson at Friends Hall, Thursday,
Mch, 26th, 7.30 p.m. Tickets price 2/6d each.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
14th February, 1935.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Messrs. Davies, Fletcher,
Galton, Pease and Kamage.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and after consideration received and approved.
2. Membership: January candidates (9) were elected. Last year (8)

Four resignations were accepted and two members struck off the list under rule 13.
3. Annual Social Party. Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that a social evening for members be arranged in May. Thursday 16th or 23rd of that month suggested. Charge of 2/- to be made and light refreshments provided. For speakers Herbert Morrison and J. S. Middleton suggested.
4. Appeal to members for special donations to fund to clear off the Society's debt. Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that such appeal be made in May next after the close of the present financial year.
5. Gifts of books to the Fabian Library. A vote of thanks was recorded to the members who had responded to the notice in Fabian News: and especially to G. H. Stuart-Bunning for the handsome gift of about 60 valuable books made by him.
6. Correspondence.
 - (a) Dr. Drummond Shiels' letter regretting absence from meetings owing to ill health was referred to the Executive.
 - (b) Miss Spahr, assistant Prof. of political Science, Hunter College, New York, asked permission to reprint Shaw's Essay on "Transition" from Fabian Essays. Resolved - that we cannot agree to the request.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE ATKINSON FUND.

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To the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society,

The Atkinson Fund, of which we were the Trustees on behalf of the Society, originated in 1928 and consisted of the residue of the Estate of the late Henry Atkinson, a member of the Society, left to E. K. Pease and Sidney Webb, to be used for the purposes of the Fabian Society. F. W. Galton was subsequently co-opted as a Trustee. The fund has now been exhausted and we annex an account for the information of the Executive Committee, showing what it amounted to and what has been done with it. The Bank account has been closed and the only outstanding matter is the sum of £750, balance of the loan of £1,000 made to the Society in 1928 for the purpose of purchasing the freehold premises at 11, Dartmouth Street, Westminster. This debt we propose should now be cancelled and the Fund thus finally closed. As the money was left for the purpose of the Fabian Society we think it desirable that a record should be made of the use to which it has been put.

(Signed)

EDW. R. PEASE,

SIDNEY WEBB,

F. W. GALTON.

June 1922 to January, 1935.

The residue of the estate of H. Atkinson left to E. R. Pease and Sidney Webb for the purposes of the Fabian Society, amounted to £2730. 0. 5d.

It was increased by dividends on investments, profits on sales and sundry receipts, less interest on bank overdrafts to £3767. 10. 7

EXPENDITURE.

1. Cost of Finers Representative Government (including fee to author) £354. 7. 0
2. Cost of E. A. Lloyd's Co-operative Movement in Italy (including fee to author) 307. 9. 6
3. Cost of 2nd Edition of Pease's History of the Fabian Society (No fee to author) 139. 0. 0

(The proceeds of sales of these books have been received by the Fabian Society. A stock of Pease's History remain in the hands of the Fabian Society)

4. Miscellaneous expenses. 580. 16. 0
5. Grants to Fabian Society for Local Government News, etc. Book Boxes and Library, Fabian News, etc. 2,418. 13. 1
6. Balance of loan to Fabian society for purchase of 11, Dartmouth Street (written off) 750. 0. 0

£3,767. 10. 7

(Signed) EDW. R. PEASE,
SIDNEY WEBB,
F. W. GALTON.

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Executive Committee
Thursday 28 March 1935

Present Van Drake, Van Lawrence, Menz, Bacon,
Bartu, Bennett, Davies, Fletcher, Galtun
Martin, Pease, Ramage, Sanders, Shields,
Thomas and White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by W.S. Sanders.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received from
Prof. Cutler, F.L. Doda, Prof. Karbi,
S.K. Rutcliffe and Lind Snee.

4. Fin. Ctr Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee
was read by Sanders. On Para 5, the
Common Room it was agreed to add after
the words "should be done" in last line list.
on the words "for that purpose", with

This addition the report was received and after discussion ^{approved and} its recommendations adopted.

5.8.5.65 Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was made by Davies. After some discussion it was received and adopted and its recommendations adopted.

6.7.4.6. Considered and discussed. Eventually it was agreed provisionally to adopt No. 2. "I have a No Plan" as the general subject for the lectures, but that the various suggestions relative be circulated to next meeting for consideration and settlement.

7. Social The arrangements made for the proposed Social Party were abandoned. It was generally agreed that no movement

THE BASIC CONTRADICTION

S. Van
Hutch

arrangements, a resolution etc were
 desirable. The resolution announced
 was approved subject to further
 consideration of someone in place
 of J.S. Maddalena if he is unable
 to accept.

S. Mrs
 H. H. H.

Mrs Herbert's letter of thanks
 was received and noted

The meeting then adjourned

Wm Stephen Sanders

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 28th March, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: W. S. Sanders.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Prof. Catlin, F.L.Dodd, Prof. Laski, S.K.katcliffe.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures, 1935. Further consideration of general subject. Titles suggested at last meeting were
 1. The Myth in Politics.
 2. Equality.
 3. Plan or no Plan.

To be considered and settled. Panel of possible lecturers to be considered and arranged.

7. The Social Party fixed for Thursday, May 23rd. See Para. 3 of the report of Finance, etc. Committee for details. Herbert Morrison and Miss M. Sutherland accept invitation to attend and speak, NO reply yet from Middleton.
8. Correspondence.

Letter of thanks from Mrs. Herbert for the promise of pension of 10/- per week made by the Executive at its last meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
14th March, 1935.

Present: W.S. Sanders (Chair) Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies,
Fletcher, Galton, Pease and Kamage.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented and after consideration received and approved.
2. Membership. February candidates (11) were elected. Last year (2). It was noted that the new members elected in the current year numbered 109 against 71 last year and 95 in the preceding year. Three resignations were accepted.
3. The Social Party. Arranged for Thursday, May 23rd at Livingstone Hall. Charge to be 2/- and light refreshments provided. For speakers, Herbert Morrison and J.S. Middleton already invited, and it was agreed to add one of the following, in the order given, viz. Miss M. Sutherland, (2) Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 3. Dr. Edith Summerskill. The speakers to be arranged to follow each other, and no musical items unless some expert member is available.
4. Executive Committee election. Nominations in April. In view of Easter dates this year it was decided that nominations should close at first post on Thursday, April 18th.
5. Motion by Emil Davies re vacancy for housekeeper considered. After discussion resolved unanimously to recommend the Executive as follows:-

THAT in view of the unsatisfactory financial position of the Society and the fact that, in spite of the economies effected, the expenditure is still considerably in excess of the annual income, advantage should be taken of the retirement of the housekeeper to refrain from filling the post for the present. That the Common Room should be continued as a rest and reading room for members, but should be open during office hours only and no refreshments provided.
6. Miss Spahr (U.S.A.) re request to reprint Shaw's Essay on Transition in Fabian Essays. Considered and Shaw's letter thereon read. It was agreed to accede to Miss Spahr's request on the conditions suggested by Shaw.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

The meeting then adjourned.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
6th March, 1935. (2)

Present:- Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Messrs.
Bennett, Davies, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys and
Blanco White.

1. Chair: Miss M. Lee was elected chairman of the meeting
in the absence of J. Ramage.
2. The arrangements for the School this year made verbally
with Mrs. Weedon were considered and approved as
follows:-

THAT the school be held from Saturday, 3rd August to
Saturday, 31st August: That we pay an inclusive
charge of £2. 12. 6d. per head for visitors in single
rooms; and £2. 10. 0d. for those in double and
multiple rooms, and that we guarantee an attendance of
an average of 50 per week, i.e. 200 weeks in all.
3. Proof of form of application for admission to the School
was considered. Some additions and amendments were agreed
to and the form was approved and ordered to be sent out
to members with the April issue of Fabian News.
4. Directors of the School. The following were appointed, viz.
1st week. Emil Davies. 3rd Week. J. Ramage.
2nd " Capt. Hall. 4th " Blanco White.
with H. Humphreys and S.K. Ratcliffe in reserve if needed.
5. Programme. Considered. Agreed to arrange special subjects
each week as follows.
1st Week. Current Social activities.
2nd " Foreign Countries.
3rd " Reorganisation of Industry.
4th " Political Psychology.
6. Miss Judson's proposal for scholarship fund for the School
approved by the Executive was considered and paragraph thereon
passed for publication in Fabian News.
7. Suggested offer of a week wholly or in part to New Fabian
Research Bureau and the Socialist League. Considered and
decided not to invite the Socialist League but to offer a
week or part as they prefer to the N.F.R.B.
8. Blanco White's Memorandum on suggestions made at last year's
School was considered and a number of them approved and
adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee.

Special Meeting, Thursday, 9 May 1935.

Present Mr Drake, Mrs Bacon, Barton, Bennett, Dares, Dodd, Fletcher, Galtin, Martin, Pease, Ramage, Ratcliffe, Sanders, and White.

1. Chan The Chan was taken by G. R. Blance White.

2. Apols. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Luske, Thomas and Webb.

3. Scintilla It was agreed that Mr, Mrs Beadle and H. C. Heath be appointed as scrutineers of the votes for the election of the Executive 1935-36.

4. Credit Agreed that Mrs Bacon be requested to audit the affairs of the Society for the past year 1934-35.

5. Ann. Mtg.

Agreed that the Annual meeting be held on Thursday June 13th in the Committee Room at Lower Court Hall, Westminster.

6. Ann. Rpt.

The Annual Report for 1954-55 pro & con of which had been circulated to members was then considered paragraph by paragraph. A number of small amendments & additions were agreed to and the Report was approved. The A/c's and Balance sheet were also approved. Agreed that the report and a/c's be sent out to members with June Tribune News.

7. Autumn Lectures.

The suggestions for the Autumn course of lectures which had been circulated were then considered. After discussion in which all

Both lists the following were added to 24.

Socialism and the planned State.

1. The necessity of Socialist Planning.
 1. Mrs. Wootton.
 2. G. D. H. Cole.
2. The Case against Planning.
 1. Dr. T. E. Gregory.
 2. Prof. L. Robbins.
3. The Menace of Fascist Planning.

Bertrand Russell.
4. The Failure of the Roosevelt Experiment.
 1. J. Strachey.
 2. S. K. Ratcliffe.
5. A Critique of Soviet Planning.
 1. Prof. Laski.
 2. Prof. Catlin.
6. Whither Great Britain - Plan or no Plan.
 1. Prof. P.M.S. Blackett.
 2. B. Russell.
 3. Rt. Hon. H. Morrison.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wm. Stephen Sanders

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Agenda for special meeting of the Executive Committee at
the office on Thursday, 9th May, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair. G. R. Blanco White.
2. Apologies - Ivor Thomas, Sidney Webb,
3. To appoint scrutineers of the votes for election
of the Executive (Mrs. Beadle and H.C. Heath willing
to act again).
4. To appoint auditor of accounts for 1934-35. (James
Bacon willing to act again).
5. To consider and settle date and place for Annual Meeting
in June. (Small room at Livingstone Hall available
Thursday, June 6th, 13th and 20th at 10/6d. Seating
80 or so).
6. Annual Report. Proof of draft enclosed. To be
considered and passed to go out to members with the
June Fabian News.
7. Autumn Lectures. Further consideration of general
subject and lecturers. See notes annexed. To be
settled as time now getting late.

"PLAN OR NO PLAN".

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| 1. | "The Merits of an Unplanned or Automatic Economy". | Sir William Beveridge.
Lionel Robbins. |
| 2. | "The Necessity of Planning in a Modern Community". | G.D.H.Cole, Sir Arthur Salter, Harold Macmillan, M.P. |
| 2. | "The Limits of Planning under Capitalist Control". | G.D.H.Cole, Mrs. Wootton, Prof. T.E.Gregory. |
| 4. | "The American Adventure. | J.M.Keynes, Miss Lawrence, H.B.Butler. |
| 5. | "The Soviet State". | Sidney Webb, The Soviet Ambassador, Maurice Dobb. |
| 6. | "Whither Great Britain? Plan or no Plan. | Harold Laski, Herbert Morrison, Bertrand Russell. |

E Q U A L I T Y.

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| 1. | Equality of Income. Is it possible or desirable. | Sir A. Salter,
G.D.H.Cole. |
| 2. | Equality before the Law. | Sir W.Jowitt, Sir S. Cripps, D. Pritt, K.C. |
| 3. | Equality of International Status. | Delisle Burns,
A. Toynbee. |
| 4. | Equality of Opportunity, (Education) | R. H. Tawney,
K.H.S.Crossman. |
| 5. | Equality - is it an integral part of Socialism. | B. Russell, C.R.Attlee,
Mrs. Wootton. |
| 6. | Equality. Summing up. | H.J.Laski, B. Russell. |

The other subjects suggested were:-

1. The Myth in Politics.
2. Socialism, Fascism and War.
3. Aspects of Liberty and Democracy.

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Executive Committee
Thursday 13 June 1935.

Present - Mrs Lawrence, Messrs Bacon, Bennett, Cablin, Davies, Fletcher, Gallin, Laska, Muller, Pease, Ramage Ratcliffe and Sanders.

1. Chair W.S. Sanders was elected Chairman of the meeting.

2. Minutes Minutes of the last ordinary meeting and of the Special meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Abol. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Keynes, Messrs Colcland, Dohd, Humphreys & Thomas.

4. Meeting Resolved that the Executive do continue to meet on Thursdays at 5.15 pm for the present. The day to be reconsidered in the autumn.

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The lists of selections for Committees for the ensuing year as circulated were approved and the three standing Committees elaborated accordingly.

All members to serve as Chairmen in alphabetical order as usual.

6. A. M.

The arrangements for business at the Annual Meeting tonight were considered.

Guttus reported he had arranged to put H. H. Hubert Macnamont as Chairman.

1. Wm Jackson's amendment to Rule 3. Moved that if Wm Jackson was not present to move it the matter dropped. Chairman to be informed accordingly.

2. Macnam's motion No 1. ^{Resolved} Moved that the Executive is opposed to this being passed after meeting so informed.

J. H. Hubert's amendment was considered out of order and the Chairman to be informed ⁱⁿ accordingly.

THE MUSIC CONTRABASS

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P. S. S. C.

9. J. H. L.

3. Bacon's motion No 2. A plea disarming
 resolved ~~passed~~ that the Committee is authorized
 to this being heard. The meeting to
 be so informed.

Agreed finally that if either or
 both of the motions are carried the
 Secretary send them in officially
 at once to the National Party.

7. Fin Com. Reports of two meetings of the Finance
 & Committee were moved by Sanders
 and second and adopted,
 and adopted.

P. S. S. Com. Reports of two meetings of the
 Summer School Committee were
 moved by Romaine and
 second and adopted and adopted.

9. J. H. L. The arrangements for the autumn
 lectures visited were approved
 for the third lecture which Prof

Blackett had declined to take it -
was agreed that S. K. Ratscliffe
be invited to give the lecture and
we agreed to do so.

For Chairman. ~~ref~~ referred to
Finance or Committee to consider and
^{arrange and report on}
~~base~~ ^{base} ~~note~~ ^{and report on} list of suggestions
to next meeting of the Executive

10. Cones.

The Labour Party's notes of annual
Conference considered. The duration
of resolutions already dealt with.
Agreed that appointment of delegates
& nomination for the Executive be
deferred & put on agenda for
next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.

A. E. Dune

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 13th June, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chairman to be elected.
2. Minutes of last ordinary meeting and of special meeting.
3. Apologies for absence: Miss Keynes, Messrs. D. Collard, F. L. Dodd, H. Humphreys, and W. J. Miller.
4. To consider and settle day and hour of meetings of the Executive for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment of Standing Committees and rota of Chairman for the ensuing year. (Lists of selections will be circulated at the meeting).
6. Annual Meeting. To-night, Thursday, 13th June at 8 p.m. Notices of motions given and published in Fabian News to be considered and any instructions thereon given.
7. Reports of Finance, etc. Committee (2 meetings) annexed.
8. Reports of Summer School Committee (2 meetings) annexed.
9. Autumn lectures 1935. General title "Socialism and the Planned State". Arrangements to date as follows:

Oct- 24th. What Socialist Planning means. G.D.H.Cole.
" 31st. The Case against Planning. Dr.T.E.Gregory.
Nov. 7th. The Menace of Fascist Planning.
" 14th. The Failure of the Roosevelt Experiment. H.J.Laski
" 21. A Critique of Soviet Planning. Mrs. Wootton,
" 28th. The Prospects of Gt. Britain Bertrand Russell.
Plan or no Plan.
Lecturer still required for No. 3. Professor Blackett declined. Any suggestions? Chairmen for all the meetings also required.
10. Correspondence: The Labour Party, 35 Annual Conference, Brighton, Sept. 30th to Oct.4th. Last day for resolutions June 18th. Delegate and nomination for Executive, July 23rd. To be considered.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Reports of meetings of Finance, etc. Committee.

(1) 11th April, 1935.

Present: W. S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keyhes, Messrs. Fletcher, Galton, Pease, Ramage and Hatcliffe.

- (1) Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved. It was noted that the decline in members subscriptions had ceased during the year.
- (2) Membership. March candidates (14) were elected. Last year (8). Two resignations were accepted.
- (3) Livingstone Hall Lectures. The last one this night. The series only fairly successful. Attendances not large except on two or three occasions. Receipts £16 only against £23 last year.
- (4) Appeal for special fund. Draft of proposed circular considered and amended and approved. Agreed that it be issued in May after Jubilee week, and signed by Pease, Dodd, Sanders and Galton.
- (5) The Social Party. Arrangements complete and speakers all accepted. Sale of tickets satisfactory. Received and approved.
- (6) Summer School Scholarship Fund. Report that this had yielded £11 to date received and considered satisfactory.
- (7) Agreed that a special meeting of the Executive be summoned for May 9th to settle the Autumn Lectures and pass the Annual Report.
- (8) Matter of Urgency. Ivor Thomas's tract on Housing Principles read and approved by several members. Publication urgent if to be of use in connection with the Bill in Parliament. Agreed that it be published forthwith.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

(2) 23rd May, 1935.

Present: W.S. Sanders (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Fletcher, Galton, Pease, Ramage and Hatcliffe.

- (1) Finance. The usual statement was not available as the books were away at audit.
- (2) Membership. April candidates (7) were elected. Last year (16)
- (3) Report of the Scrutineers of the votes for the election of the Executive Committee 1935/36 was received and noted.
- (4) The Social Party. To-night. Quite successful. Sale of tickets satisfactory.
- (5) Annual Meeting. Notice of motions by Miss Judson and F.W. Bacon considered. Referred to the Executive to be summoned on June 13th before the annual meeting to consider and for instructions.
- (6) Colin Clark's tract "A Socialist Budget". Agreed to joint publication with the N.F.K.B. on the terms and arrangements suggested.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

reports of meetings of the Summer School Committee.

(1) 3rd April, 1935.

Present: J. Kamage (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Miss Lee, Messrs. Esher, Galton, Humphreys, Sanders and White.

- (1) The arrangements as to Directors and subjects for discussion at the School were approved.
- (2) Lists of names of suggested lecturers to be invited were drawn up and agreed.
- (3) Letter from Mrs. Weedon confirming the arrangements for Frensham Heights was received, and noted. Agreed that she be notified of the correction in terms agreed to and that the Swimming Pool would be required.
- (4) The N.F.R.D. wrote declining to take responsibility for arranging a number of visitors to attend the school but offering to circulate the programme to the members of the Bureau. This was approved and agreed to.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

(2) 29th May, 1935.

Present: J. Kamage (Chair), Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Davies, Galton, Capt. Ball and White.

- (1) The arrangements for lecturers so far settled was reported and approved and some further suggestions for vacant dates agreed.
- (2) Sidney Webb, Lord Ponsonby and Mr. Lloyd George to be invited to attend and speak, and Mrs. Webb asked if she would like to entertain a Party of visitors from the school one day.
- (3) Bookings. Rather slow at present and behind the usual numbers at this date. Agreed that advertisement of the School be inserted in Time and Tide as well as the Statesman and Nation; and the Nursery written to and urged to join the school.
- (4) Summer School Scholarship Fund. Now amounts to £14. It was resolved to refer the matter to a sub committee of Kamage, Sanders and Galton to administer the fund and deal with any applications, and report to the Committee as far as desirable only.
- (5) James Billson wrote offering to entertain a party to tea one day and this was received and accepted with thanks.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Selections for Committees 1935-36.

Finance, etc.

G. E. Catlin.
Dudley Collard.
Emil Davies.
F. L. Dodd.
G. E. Fletcher.
H. Humphreys.
Miss Keynes.
J. Ramage.
S. K. Ratcliffe.
W. S. Sanders.
E. R. Pease.

Publishing

F. W. Bacon.
~~Mrs~~ B. Drake.
Prof. Laski.
Miss Lawrence.
K. Martin.
Ivor Thomas.
G. R. Blanco White.
E. R. Pease.

Organising

W. Bennett, L.C.C.
F. W. Galton.
W. J. Miller.
E. R. Pease.

Rota of Chairman - All members.

Executive Committee
 Thursday 18 July 1985

- Present: Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Lawrence,
 Mrs Collard, Daines, Dodd, Fitcher,
 Galtun, Humphreys, Jesse, Ramage,
 Ratcliffe, Sanders and Blanco White
1. Chem. The Chem was taken by Eme Daines
 2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and after a small amendment confirmed.
 3. Apols. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Bacon, Bennett & Thomas.
 4. Finance The Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee was read by W.S. Sanders and after discussion read and adopted and its recommendations adopted.

5 Summer
School.

The report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was made by J. Ramo and after some questions and discussion received and approved.

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The report was received and the arrangements for Chairman made by the Finance Com. approved after discussion and objection to one name which was not permitted. For the Chairman for the two dates still vacant the following were asked in the order named. viz for Nov 7"
1. D. Adelson, M.P. 2. Fred Farquhar for Nov. 21 W. A. Morrison 2. David Low.

7.29.
Conf.

After discussion it was resolved that H. J. Laski be appointed as delegate from the Society to the Labour Party Conference, and nominated as candidate for the Party Executive on our behalf.

S.L.P. Conf.

Letter from F.S. Middleton notifying that the resolution on War and Peace had been rejected by the L.P. Executive was received and noted.

The Resolutions for the Conference were considered and it was agreed that an amendment be sent in to the resolution on jury service on p 24 as follows:-
to add after the word "to" at the end of the first line the words "abolish the property qualification for all jury service and to";
and to delete the word "Communi" in the last line.

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Abbatis memorandum on unemployment was circulated for information was received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned
W. Bennett

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on Thursday 18th July, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: F. W. Bacon.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - if any.
4. Report of the meeting of the Finance Committee (annexed)
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee (annexed)
(N.B. Since the meeting of the Committee applications to attend the School Have come in well. There are now about 100 persons and nearly 200 weeks booked so our guaranteed number will be reached and probably passed).
6. Autumn Lectures. Arrangements for lecturers complete as reported to last meeting. Four syllabuses received. For Chairman see report of Finance Committee. Four of them invited accept but Chairman still required for Nov. 7th (Katliffe) and Nov. 21st. (Mrs. Wootton) To be considered and any further suggestions approved.
7. The Labour Party Annual Conference. Appointment of delegate and nomination for the Party Executive to be considered and settled. (Last day for nominations July 23rd.)
8. The Labour Party Annual Conference.
 - (a) Letter from the Secretary of the Party notifying that the resolution on "War and Peace" sent in by order of the Annual Meeting had been rejected by the Executive under Standing order 2, paragraph 4.
 - (b) Resolutions for the Conference. Copy sent to each member with preliminary notice of this meeting. Please bring it with you.

To be considered and any action thereon decided.
9. Correspondence.

Memo on Unemployment etc., by A. H. Abbati (a member of the Society) Circulated at his request for information.

Report of meeting of the Finance etc. Committee on Thursday 27th
June, 1935.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair) Messrs. Catlin, Collard, Fletcher,
Galton, Humphreys, Pease and Ramage.

1. W. S. Sanders was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Thursdays at 5 p.m. for the ensuing year.
3. Finance. The usual monthly statement was received and approved. Secretary reported that the appeal for special donations had yielded about £400 to date and some further sums promised still to come in. Also promises of increased subscriptions amounting to over £40 had been given.
4. Membership. May candidates (7) were elected. Last year (7) Three resignations were accepted.
5. The Social Party. Secretary reported this very successful. 178 tickets sold at 2/- each-total £17-16-0. Expenses about £13. Received and considered satisfactory.
6. Autumn Lectures. Panel of Chairman. After consideration a panel of 13 names was drawn up and agreed to. The list was referred to the Chairman and Secretary to arrange order of invitations and it was agreed that as time is short they be issued forthwith.
7. Colin Clark's tract. "A Socialist Budget" A/c for cost of 500 copies, our share of the edition, amounting to £8-6-6. was approved and ordered to be paid.
8. Audit. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the usual fee of five guineas be sent to Jas. Bacon our auditor with cordial thanks.
9. Letters from Messrs. Tatchell & Co. re the proposal to build up Messrs. Holland and Hannen's premises at the back of our house considered. Referred to our Solicitor John Roberts for consideration and advice.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday
19th June, 1935.

Present J. Ramage (Chair) Miss Lee, Messrs. Bennett, Davies, Galton
and Sanders.

1. Report on progress of bookings - still very slow. Only about 50 persons and 100 weeks booked to date. Advertisements in press had brought many inquiries but only two bookings. Considered. Agreed that six copies of programme be sent to members of the Committee and any further possible arrangements for distribution to be made.
2. The list of applications was read and considered and referred to Miss Hankinson and Secretary to arrange accommodation, etc.
3. Proof of programme which had been circulated was considered. Some small amendments and additions were made and it was approved, and ordered to be sent out to all members of the Society with the July issue of Fabian News.
4. The Summer School Scholarship Fund now amounts to £14-17-6. The sub-Committee is considering some applications for grants. It was agreed that a note inviting members needing help from the fund to apply to the Secretary be inserted in July Fabian News.
5. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and it was decided that the Committee should not meet again till after August unless some emergency arises.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee.
Thursday 26 September 1935.

- Present: Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Mr Lawrence,
 Mrs Baer, Mr Bennett, Cathin, Colard,
 Dodd, Fitcha, Galtin, Humphreys,
 Lusk^{martin}, Pease, Ramsey, Sanders
 Thomas and Blanco White
1. Chair The Chair was taken by Ald W. Bennett. LCC
2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Appts. Appt letters for absence were received from Ald. Emil Davis and Capt. Miller.
4. Finance ^{Com.} Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance Committee were read by W. S. Sanders. No. 1 was received and approved. On No 2, Para 10, Correspondence it was decided that a letter of thanks and

appreciation be sent to James Mason.

With this addition the report was received and after further explanation of some items, approved and its recommendations adopted.

S. F. L. L. Report on progress of the Autumn lectures was received. Agreed that adverts be inserted in the "London Teacher" and in "London Term" if in time. Also in Reynolds & the Herald each day. Secretary to commit P. E. P. and ask them to give publicity if possible.

Ernest Thurtell's letters re Sir W. J. P. as Chairman were read. It was decided ^{not} that a statement of the circumstances in which the invitation was given be sent to him in reply.

for P. P.
Confirms.

The forthcoming Labour Party Conference was considered. Laski exclaimed his view of the resolution re the

League of Nations and the Italo-Albanian dispute and the Committee approved and agreed to his speaking in this sense at the Conference. After further discussion it was resolved, nem con, that Haski be instructed to vote for the resolution as framed by the T.C.C. at Margate whether amended or not.

The letter from Newburt Haberm ²⁰⁰⁰ Park was referred to Larkin to see them at Brighton

J.L.H.L.

Report received and considered.

Agreed that Mr Hall lecture for Thursday, June 16, 30. Feb 6, 20, March 5 and 19 and April 2nd. The suggested lectures and lecturers were agreed to subject to H. Macmillan or Lord Kitchener being asked to debate & not to lecture. Cole suggested as opponent. In addition lectures on the B.B.C. by Kingsley Martin and on Colonial & Imperial policy by H.R.J. Greaves were suggested. With these suggestions the matter was referred to Finance & Committee for further consideration and report.

See Leo Murray's offer of lectures in
the series was declined with regret.

P.N.F.R.B.
ii.

Galtier reported from the sub-Committee
on N.F.R.B. that the Bureau had made
an offer to take the Basic Common Room
as office on terms which afforded a
reasonable basis for discussion,
but had withdrawn it later in view
of the building operations pending
at rear of our premises. They asked
that the matter might be postponed
for six months and we had agreed.

The report was received & approved.

9. Cons. (c) Dr. Wm Jowett's letter and the
copy of his letter to Mr. Lansbury
were read and considered.
After considerable discussion it
was moved & seconded "That the
matter be adjourned till after
the Labour Party Conference at Brighton."

An Amendment was moved and seconded
 "That Sir W. Jowett be informed that it
 would be useless for us to put his name
 on an list until the resolution of the
 Party Conference at Leicester in 1931
 has been rescinded."

The amendment was put and
 carried by 8 votes to 7, and then
 carried as a motion.

(b) Mr. Drake - agreed that
 Mr. Drake be nominated again as
 our representative on the Party Executive

(c) Mr. J. Turner - agreed we
 cannot offer to purchase
 the trust.

The Committee then adjourned.

Helen M. Keynes.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 26th September 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Alderman W. Bennett.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Capt. W. Miller.
4. Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Autumn Lectures. Arrangements complete and syllabus issued. Sale of tickets fair but not so good as last year. Any suggestions for further publicity to be considered. Letters from Ernest Turtle re Sir William Jowitt as Chairman referred from the Finance, etc. Committee to be considered.
6. The Labour Party Annual Conference. Agenda sent out to members last week - please bring it with you. To be considered and instructions to our delegate, if any decided. Letter from the Newport Labour Party, dissenting from our amendments to their resolution on Jury Service to be considered and dealt with.
7. Spring Lectures 1936. See report of Finance, etc. Committee, No. 2, Para. 9. The Hall not available for the seven alternate Thursdays (Jan. 9th already booked by others). Offer of January 16th, 30th, Feb. 6th, 20th; March 5th 19th; and April 2nd to be considered.

For lecturers the following suggestions received:-

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| 1. M. Minsky, | Russia. | 2. Dr. Finer | Mussolini's Italy. |
| 3. Graham Hutton. | The Burden of | 4. G.P. Gooch - | The International |
| | Plehty. | | Outlook. |
| 5. Dr. Robson. | The Centenary | 6. H. Macmillan or | Lord Melchett |
| | of Local Government. | | Industrial Reorganisation. |

Letter from Sir Leo Money offering lecture on Fascism and Socialism referred from the Finance, etc. Committee with recommendation to decline with regret.

8. Suggested arrangement with New Fabian Research Bureau for tenancy of back common room. The offer withdrawn for present in view of building operations. Report of special sub-Committee thereon to be received.
9. Correspondence:-
 - (a) Sir William Jowitt, K.C. request that his name may be restored to the list of members of the Society willing to stand as candidates for Parliament.
 - (b) London Labour Party - re Annual Conference, etc. Referred from Finance, etc. Committee with recommendation that Mrs. Drake be nominated again as our representative on the Party Executive Committee.
 - (c) R. H. Fynes-Turner - Inquiry if we would care to purchase copy of bust of G. B. Shaw by Prof. S. De Strobl.

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Reports of Meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee.

- I. Thursday, 25th July, 1935. Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair)
Messrs. Collard, Fletcher, Galton, Pease and Kamage.
1. Finance. The usual financial statement to June 30th was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. May candidates (14) were elected. Last year (9). Five resignations were accepted.
3. Autumn Lectures. Report that all arrangements completed except Chairman for Mrs. Wootton's lecture. H. Morrison and David Low had declined. Resolved that the following be invited in the order named, viz., 1. Lord Farrington, 2. Sir Raymond Unwin
4. Various other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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II. Thursday, 12th September 1935. Present: E.S.Sanders (Chair), Messrs. Fletcher, Galton, Pease and Kamage.

1. Proposal of Messrs. Holland and Hannen to build at back of our premises. Galton reported receipt of formal legal notice of intention to proceed with this building as soon as possible. Our solicitor had instructed Mr. Bennett, Surveyor, to act on our behalf, and he had taken measurement and was in touch with the Surveyors for Messrs. Holland and Hannen. Received and noted.
2. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and approved. The result of the appeal for special donations to date was reported and considered satisfactory.
3. Membership. July candidates (3) were elected. Last year (8) 11 Five resignations were accepted and one referred back for further enquiry.
4. Autumn Lectures. Arrangements completed. Syllabus issued to members and to be widely circulated next week. Demand for tickets fair. The report was received and approved.
5. The Summer School. Galton reported quite successful. Attendance totalled 216 weeks, just over the 200 weeks guaranteed. Accounts not complete but a balance on right side. Received and noted.
6. The Speakers Class. Proposed to resume in Autumn. Arrangements as before to be continued. Approved.
7. Book Box Circular. Proposed to revise and reissue. Considered and approved and some suggestions for issue of circular noted.
8. Labour Party Conference. Executive Meeting. Considered. Agreed that the Executive be called for Thursday, 26th September. Copy of Agenda for Conference to be sent out with preliminary notice.

Reports (contd)

9. Spring Lectures, 1936. Preliminary consideration of dates, subjects, etc. Considered. Agreed

- (a) that Livingstone Hall be taken for seven alternate Thursdays, January - April.
- (b) That a miscellaneous series of lectures be arranged and not a connected course.
- (c) That Sir Leo Money's offer of lecture on Fascism and Socialism be referred to the Executive with recommendation to decline with regret..

10. Correspondence.

- (a) James Bacon returning cheque sent for Audit as a special donation. Received and noted with thanks.
- (b) Ernest Thurtle - re Autumn lecture and Sir William Jowitt as Chairman. Referred to the Executive.
- (c) London Labour Party re Annual Conference and nominations for Committee, etc. Referred to Executive with recommendation that Mrs. Drake be nominated again as our representative on the Party Executive.
- (d) London Labour Party re suggested alteration of rules for election of its Executive. Considered and Secretary's letter thereon approved. No further action necessary at present.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee.

Special meeting. Thursday 24 October 1935

Present: Mrs Drake, Miss Bacon, ~~Dunn~~, Cathin
(Hitchin, Darris), Ecclestin, Remman,
Scudler and Blanco White.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by Prof
G. S. Catlin.

2. Apols Apologies for absence were received
from Mrs Keynes, Miss Dodd, Martin,
Pearse and Thomas, & Humblings.

3. Circular The draft of proposed Circular for
election fund which had been
circulated was considered. The
amendments suggested by Pearse were
agreed to. It was decided that
the circular should be sent out
on Thursday 31st and to all
members, associates & others

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Agenda for Special meeting of the Executive Committee at
the office on Thursday, 24th October, 1935
at 5 p.m.

1. Chair: Professor Catlin.
2. Apologies: F. Lawson Dodd.
3. To consider and pass appeal for General Election Fund
to be issued at once. Proof enclosed. Please
return with any corrections and suggestions if
unable to attend.
4. To appoint Trustees to administer the Fund as usual.
Finance Committee recommend that Messrs. Davies, Dodd,
Galton, Laski and Pease be appointed.
5. To appoint three members as delegates to the London
Labour Party Annual Conference. Finance, etc.
Committee recommend Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Bennett and
Davies.

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6. *Urgency. Letter from J. Roberts. Whether
re Mandating set back of our promises
to be considered and considered.*

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Executive Committee
 Thursday 28 November 1935

Present: Mrs Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Lawrence,
 Miss Bennett, Cutler, Davis, Fletcher,
 Galtin, Humphreys, Miller, Pease,
 Ramase, Ratcliffe, Sanders & White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Miss
 Helen Keynes.

2. Minutes Minutes of the last ordinary meeting
 and of the Special Meeting of the Executive
 were read and confirmed.

3. Aptonyms Aptonyms for *fulvirena* were received
 from Mrs Bacon, Colvard, Dodd & Thomas.

4. Finance
 Ctn Reports of two meetings of the
 Finance & Committee, arranged, were
 moved by Sanders and after discussion
 second and aptonyms and the
 recommendations adopted.

5. S.S. Ctn Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, amended, was read by Ramo and second and approved.

6. 9.8.7 The Report of the Trustees of the Packer^{man} election fund was received and second and approved.

7. S.S. Ctn
1936 It was resolved that the Summer School Committee for 1936 be set up forthwith. The following seven members of the Executive were appointed members, viz Messrs. Barnett, Colford, Humphrey, Miller, Ramo, Sanders & White.

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1936. 1. The recommendation of the Summer Ctn that the first meeting on Thursday June 16th be a Social Party to meet the new Tribune M.P., was approved. It was resolved that Messrs. Collier, Parker & Sanders be invited to give short speeches. No notice or to be arranged.

2. In the six other dates lectures are to be arranged. The following list agreed to in order from, viz.

1. Keynes Martin. The B B C.
2. M. M. M. Russian
3. J. P. C. The End of the Liberal Party
4. D. J. Italy
5. Graham Hutton. The Burden of the World
6. Noel Baker, or D. S. P. Gosh
7. H. R. L. Gresham. Colonial Policy
8. D. C. Address. A practical organization
9. T. T. Dublin. Socialism & Communism.

The suggested debate on Rationalisation last of all and to be arranged only if Cole or Haskin agree to take part.

The meeting then adjourned.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 28th November, 1935 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Dudley Collard.
2. Minutes of last ordinary meeting and of special meeting.
3. Apologies. Ivor Thomas.
4. Report of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of Trustees of the Election Fund. Not very successful. Total receipts £438. The Trustees met twice and voted away in grants and allocated donations all monies received up to the eve of polling day, to about 50 members standing as candidates. A few small sums since received amounting to about £7 the Finance, etc. Committee recommended should be transferred to General funds towards cost of printing, postages, etc.
7. Summer School Committee, 1936 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for the year
8. Spring Lectures, etc., 1936. The following recommendations of the Finance, etc. Committee to be considered and approved, viz.,
 1. January 16th. A Social Party on similar lines to last year's to be arranged to meet the new Fabian Members of Parliament.
etc.
 2. Lectures/suggested for the other 6 dates.
 1. M. Maisky on Russia.
 2. Dr. Finer on Italy.
 3. Graham Hutton. The Burden of Plenty or other subject.
 4. Ivor Jennings - The Centenary of Local Government.
 5. Dr. G. P. Geoch - The International Outlook.
 6. Kingsley Martin - The B.B.C.
 7. H.K.L. Greaves - Redistribution of Colonial Areas.
 8. Debate on Rationalisation. H. Macmillan or Lord Melchett and Cole or Laski.
 9. Organisation of Agriculture. Dr. Addison, Dr. Keith Murray or Lady Noel Buxton.
 10. Professor Catlin. The end of the Liberal Epoch.
 11. E. F. Durbin. Socialism and Competition.
9. Correspondence - if any.

Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee.

1. Thursday, 17th October, 1935. Present: W.S.Sanders, (Chair)
Miss Keynes, Messrs. Collard, Davies, Dodd, Galton,
Humphreys, Pease and Ramage. (5)

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1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented and received and approved.
 2. Membership. September candidates (8) were elected. Last year (7). Four resignations were accepted.
 3. Autumn Lectures. Report that demand for tickets showed a considerable falling off from last year, received and noted. In view of the general election it was anticipated that three of the Chairman arranged who are candidates would be unable to attend. It was agreed that G.K.Blanco White, Dr. E. Fletcher, L.C.C., and Alderman Emil Davies be requested to fill the vacancies.
 4. Spring Lectures, 1936. The Livingstone Hall booked for Thursdays, January 16th, 30th, Feb. 6th, 20th, March 5th, 19th and April 2nd. A number of suggestions for lectures, etc. were considered and provisionally agreed. Further consideration deferred to later meeting.
 5. The General Election. Agreed to recommend the Executive that an appeal for Election Fund be issued to members as usual, and that Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Galton, Laski and Pease be appointed Trustees to administer the Fund. Draft appeal to be circulated and special meeting of the Executive called for the 24th October.
 6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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2. Thursday, 21st November. Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair),
Messrs. Catlin, Collard, Davies, Galton, Pease,
Ramage and Katcliffe.

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1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved.
 2. Membership. October candidates (20) were elected. Last year (8). Six resignations were accepted.
 3. Autumn Lectures. Report that audiences quite good, and changes of Chairmen as arranged at last meeting carried out was received and noted.
 4. Spring Lectures, 1936. Further considered. Some additions and amendments to the list of suggestions considered at last meeting were agreed to, and to be laid before the Executive for approval.

Agreed to recommend that the first meeting on January 16th be a Social Party to meet the new Fabian M.P.s, arranged on similar lines to the Party held last year.

5. General Election Fund. Report of results received. Agreed that the small balance left in hand (about £7) be transferred to general funds towards cost of printing and postage of circular, etc.
6. Letter from John Roberts (Solicitor) re proposed building operations at back of our premises read and the action taken by him on our behalf approved and agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
9th October, 1935.

Present: J. Ramage (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson,
Messrs. Bennett, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, Sanders
and Blanco White.

1. Financial statement was presented showing total receipts £694. Expenditure £528. Balance £166 was received and considered. It was approved and considered satisfactory.
2. The outstanding items of expenditure (included in total above) were approved and ordered to be paid forthwith, and some small refunds of fees agreed to.
3. Miss Hankinson reported on the attendance at the School. In all 155 persons attended a total of 216 weeks, and suggested various amendments, etc. to the regulations. These were referred to the new Committee for 1936 to consider and settle and Miss Hankinson was cordially thanked for her work as manager and for the report.
4. Place of School 1936. Preliminary consideration. Agreed that Secretary make enquiries of various schools, etc. suggested and report to new Committee in due course.
5. The Scholarship Fund. Report total receipts £16. 2. 6d. Grants made to two members of the Society and three members of the Nursery - Total £13. 2. 6d. Balance of £3 in hand carried forward to start similar fund next year. Approved.
6. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee was then dissolved.

Executive Committee
Thursday 23rd January 1936

Present: Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Mrs Bacon,
Kennett, Cutler, Collard, Davis, Dold,
Fletcher, Fulton, Martin, Miller,
Thomas and White.

1. Chairman. The Chair was taken by Capt. Miller
2. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Humphreys, Ratseloffe & Sanders.
4. Finance etc. Reports of two meetings of the Finance Committee were read by Fulton and after discussion and explanation of some items were received and explained and voted, and the recommendations adopted.

5. Summer School.

Reports of the meetings of the Summer School Committee were also moved by Fulton, and after discussion received and approved and the Recommendations adopted.

6. Social

The Report of the Social Party was received, and noted and approved and considered satisfactory.

7. Lit. L.

The Report on arrangements made was received and approved

8. 7.H.L.

Report received and approved. For the Autumn of 1926 after discussion it was unanimously agreed that some such general title as "The Shape of Things to come" or "The Coming Civilization" would be most suitable. Some suggestions for titles & lecturers were made to be put on agenda for next meeting.

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(c) Letter from Human Rights, Czechoslovakia letter read and Dalton reported conversation with Pettuchhausen thereon. Agreed that Pettuchhausen be asked to take the question over with the Foreign Office, and if he declines Dalton or Grenfell to be asked.

(d) Letter from D. M. France re formation of sub-year-fund raised. The formation of the fund was assumed to be the little over-6 to New Fulham fund & but some other such as 1936 Fulham fund instead.

The meeting then adjourned.

Alan Ramsay.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 23rd January, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: H. J. Laski,
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies : H. Humphreys, S.K. Hatcliffe, W.S. Sanders, M.P.
4. Reports of meetings (2) of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Reports of meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee, annexed.
6. The Social Party, January 16th. Quite successful in spite of severe weather. About 150 tickets were sold and 20 given away. There will be a small balance over all expenses.
7. Limingstone Hall Lectures. Arrangements completed and first meeting on Thursday next, 30th inst. Demand for tickets for non-members not very great but some coming in.
8. Autumn Lectures, 1936. Friends Hall provisionally booked for Oct. 22nd, 29th, Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.
To be approved.
Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers to be begun.
9. Correspondence.
 - (a) League for Human Rights in Czechoslovakia re German prisoners. Referred from the Finance, etc. Committee. To be considered and any action decided.
 - (b) D.M. Fraser (member). Request on behalf of ten members of the society to form a subject group under Bye-Law II of the Rules to be called "The New Fabian Group".

I. Thursday, 19th December, 1935.

Present: Miss Keynes, Messrs. Catlin, Davies, Dodd,
Galton and Kamage. (2)

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. November candidates (17) were elected. Last year (8)

Four resignations were accepted.

3. Report on financial result of the Friends Hall Lectures was presented and after discussion received and approved and considered not unsatisfactory in all the circumstances.

It was decided to recommend the Executive that the hall be booked again for the usual six nights in October and November next.

4. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1936. Arrangements further considered and some changes made owing to refusals, alterations of dates, etc.

Agreed that the arrangements for Party on January 16th be on same lines as last year, and that the arrangements for lectures be approved. A Panel of Chairmen was agreed to.

5. General Election Fund. Letter read from Herbert Morrison, refunding grant of £20 made to him from the fund as it was not needed for South Hackney. Received and noted with thanks.

Agreed to recommend the Executive not to re-open the Election Fund but to treat this as a donation to general funds.

6. Fabian Common Room. Suggested arrangements for providing teas only from 4 to 5.30 p.m. considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that arrangements be made for six months. To offer 10/- per week and 20 per cent of the gross takings to attendant. The terms, etc. to be reviewed at the end of the six months.

7. Further correspondence from solicitors and surveyors re building operations read and reported. It was agreed that the action taken so far be approved.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Present: Messrs. Catlin, Collard, Dodd, Flotbhar, Galton,
Humphreys, Pease and Hamage.

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1. Finance: The usual monthly statement was received and approved.
2. Membership. December candidates (8) were elected. Last year (12).

Six resignations were accepted. List of 39 members for whom no addresses for past two years considered. Four referred back for enquiry. The remaining 35 to be struck off.

It was decided that a list of the members much in arrears with subscriptions be prepared and brought up at the next meeting.

3. The Social Party. Galton reported Sanders unwell and unable to attend and John Parker also unable to come. He had asked F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, M.P., and A. Creech Jones M.P. to take their places as Speakers. The action was approved and it was agreed that J. Hamage be appointed to act as Chairman
4. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Arrangements now completed for the series of six meetings and circulated to the Committee. The list was approved and considered satisfactory.
5. Further correspondence with solicitors and Surveyors re building operations read and reported. It was agreed to approve the action taken and to act on their advice in outstanding matters.
6. Letter from firm of solicitors notifying bequest of £50 to the Society from the late Miss Hutchins received and noted.
7. Letter from League for Human Rights in Czecho-Slovakia re Prisoners in Germany read. Galton to consult Pethick-Lawrence thereon, and refer to the Executive.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Reports of meetings (2) of the Summer School Committee.

1. Preliminary meeting, Wednesday, 11th December, 1935.

Present: Messrs. Galton, Humphreys, Miller, Hamage and Sanders.
Capt. Basil Hall joined the Committee after co-option.

1. It was resolved that Capt. Basil Hall, Mrs. Hall and Nicolas Pease be invited to join the Committee as co-opted members.
2. Resolved that Miss M. Hankinson be appointed manageress of the School for 1936.

3. Place of School, 1936 considered. Report that Frensham Heights, the University College, Bangor, and Normanhurst, Battle, were available, and possibly Belstead School, Aldeburgh. Seale-Hayne not available.

Capt. Hall reported on his visit to Normanhurst, and it was decided that the Principal be asked further about terms, staff, etc.

4. Agreed that the Committee do meet again on Wednesday, 15th January next.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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2. Wednesday, 15th January, 1936.

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Esher, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, N. Pease, Kamage, and Blanco White.

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1. It was resolved unanimously that J. Kamage be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
 2. Agreed that the Committee to continue to meet on Wednesdays at 5.15 p.m.
 3. Place of School 1936. Further considered and letters read. After full discussion it was resolved "THAT a firm offer be made to Mrs. Battine, to take Normanhurst, Battle, Sussex for the four weeks of August on the terms and conditions laid down in her letters to us.
 4. It was agreed that the Scholarship Fund which proved successful and useful last year be re-opened for 1936.
 5. Preliminary consideration of programme, etc. was begun and it was agreed that an effort be made to get it out earlier in the year if possible.

The meeting then adjourned to Wednesday, 19th February next.

Executive Committee
Thursday 27 February 1936

- Present: Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Bacon, Bennett, Fletcher, Galt, Humphreys, Mulla, Pearce, Ramage, Thomas, and White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by J. Ramage.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Absent Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Catlin, Davies, Dodd, Martin and Ratcliffe.
4. Finance Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee was read by Ramage. The Correspondence with J. Roberts & Mrs. Bennett was read and the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Summer
School
Club

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was covered by Clarence White. The arrangements made with Wm. Ballou for Normanhurst were explained in detail. A letter from M. Janis to Capt. Miller re lectures at the School was received and referred to the Summer School Committee. The Report was received & approved.

6. H. L.

The Autumn Lectures considered. After discussion agreed that the general letter to "The Shape of Things to Come". H. G. Wells to be asked to consent to the use of this title and to give one of the lectures or preside at one of them if willing.

For lectures & lecturers the following were agreed provisionally - viz

1. The next Slump - Can Capitalism Survive
2. The Future of Soviet Communism
3. Dictatorships - What next?
4. Economic Nationalism - Can it Continue?
5. The next war and after
6. The World Order of the Future.

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In lectures the following suggestions

1. Wells or Cole. 2. Prof. Blackett or L Fisher
3. Larkin, Crompton, or Strachey
4. Keynes or Salter.
5. Parnell, Noel Baku. A. Ballance
6. Wells or Russell.

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- (a) Record and notice with thanks,
- (b) Factors to try to arrange a speaker
- (c) Agreed that the list of possible Parliamentary candidates be prepared again.

The meeting then adjourned.

~~Wm. Stephen Sanders~~
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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 27th February, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: E.k.Pease,
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Messrs. Davies, Dodd and Matcliffe.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures, 1936. Friends Hall now definitely booked for six Thursday nights in October and November as usual. General title of series suggested at last meeting - "The Shape of Things to Come" or "The Coming Civilisation". To be further considered and if possible title agreed to.

For suggestions as to subjects, lecturers, etc.
see note annexed.

7. Correspondence.
 - (a) F. W. Pethick Lawrence, M.P. re Prisoners in Germany.
 - (b) Scottish Fabian Societies re Weekend School first weekend in May. A speaker wanted.
 - (c) Labour Party re Parliamentary candidates - Shall we begin to make up our list again?

13th February, 1936.

Present: Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Dodd, Fletcher, Galton, Pease, & Ramage, also Capt. Miller, Non-member.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. January candidates (9) were elected. Last year (9) Four resignations were accepted. List of 51 members, no subscriptions paid for three years considered and ordered to be struck off the list accordingly.
3. Report on the Social Party on Jan. 16th - quite successful and all expenses covered - received and approved.
4. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Report of progress received and approved. It was noted that after this year the Col. Williams memorial lecture would be discontinued.
5. Autumn Lectures, 1936. Discussed and referred to the Executive Committee.
6. Correspondence: Letters from J. Roberts, Solicitor and Messrs. Bennett, Surveyor, re building operations read and noted.
Press Agency asking permission to take photographs of meeting on March 19th - Consult M. Maisky and agree if he consents.
Letters notifying formation of local Fabian Society at Penarth read and approved.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 19th February, 1936.

Present: ^{Miss Hankinson} Messrs. Esher, Galton, Capt. Hall, Humphreys, N. Pease & White

1. The correspondence with Mrs. Battine of Normanhurst, Battle, Sussex was read and considered, and approved. It was decided that the arrangements made be approved. A formal agreement to be drawn up later if necessary.
2. Directors of the School. The following panel of Directors was drawn up and agreed to, viz:-
 1. Capt. Hall,
 2. H. Humphreys.
 3. J. Ramage.
 4. G. K. Blanco White,with Messrs. Emil Davies, W. Bennett, and Capt. W. J. Miller if necessary.
3. Preliminary consideration of programme. It was agreed to arrange special subjects for each week as last year, and suggestions were invited.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned till March 19th next.

Executive Committee
Thursday 26 March 1936.

Present Wm Lawrence, Wm Bacon, Bennett,
 Daves, Dodd, Fletcher, Galton, Humphreys,
 Martin, Miller, Ramage, Sanders, and
 Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by W.S. Sanders. in p.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apolog. Apology for absence received from S.K. Ratcliffe.
4. Finance Report of the Finance Committee was moved by W.S. Sanders and after discussion & explanation of some items was received and approved.
5. Summer School. Report of the Summer School Committee was moved by J. Ramage and received and approved.

6. Exec
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Rebut received. Dudley Colcland's letter read & his resignation accepted with regret. Lusk's letter read and concurred. Agreed unanimously that Lusk be asked to reconsider the matter.

F. Com.

D. Laurin Dodd announced his intention to resign the office of Treasurer and also his seat on the Executive owing to increasing years. The Committee received the announcement with great regret.

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The Autumn lectures were considered. The general title & sub-titles were approved subject to a small change in No 5.

For Lecturers the following were agreed

1. J. M. Keynes. J. D. Cole (or Wells).
2. M. Mackay. Prof Blackett, L. Fisher. N. Martin
3. Lusk, Wickhamstead. B. Burnell. R. H. Croomer
4. J. V. Wooding. Sir A. Salter, J. M. Keynes.
5. Stum Jenson. D. Burns, Blackett, N. Baker
6. Cole or Lusk (or Wells).

S. Com.

(a) John P. ... Received and noted and agreed that efforts be made to let the room to carry out the tenent.

(k) Concident. Agreed that such a Conference as suggested would be very useful but the time date postponed to room.

Referred to Finance & Committee for consideration subject with a view to arrangements being made in Section.

(c) Agreed to the request of Julian ... from to be asked to consider it also

(d) Received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned

Joel Thomas
7 May 1936

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on Thursday, 26th March, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

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1. Chair. W. S. Sanders, M.P.
 2. Minutes of last meeting.
 3. Apologies. S. K. Ratcliffe.
 4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
 5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
 6. Executive Committee, 1936-37. election. Notice of nominations in April Fabian News. Last day 20th April. Two withdrawals notified, viz. Dudley Collard and Prof. H. J. Laski.
 7. Autumn Lectures, 1936. Further consideration. Subjects and lecturers to be settled if possible. General title:- The Shape of Things to come.

Subjects, agreed provisionally:

1. The next Slump: Can Capitalism Survive?
2. The Future of Soviet Communism.
3. Dictatorships: What next?
4. Economic Nationalism: Can it continue?
5. The next war and after.
6. The World Order of the Future.

For lecturers the following suggestions

1. Wells or Cole.
 2. Prof. Blackett or L. Fischer.
 3. Prof. Laski, H. C. Crossman, or John Strachey.
 4. J. M. Keynes, or Sir A. Salter,
 5. B. Russell, Noel Baker, Aylmer Vallance,
 6. Wells or B. Russell.
8. Correspondence.
- (a) John Parker, M.P. re New Fabian Research Bureau - intimating that they do not now wish to rent rooms here.
 - (b) D. M. Fraser, 1936 Fabian Group. Suggesting conference of Professional and non-manual workers in May.
 - (c) Miss Newsome - request that the Fabian Society should allow its name to be added to list of Societies supporting appeal for Pethick-Lawrence Portrait Fund.
 - (d) Waterloo Division, Lancs, Labour Party wanting Parliamentary candidate.

15th March, 1936.

Present: W.S.Sanders (Chair), Messrs. Catlin, Fletcher,
Galton, Pease and Kamage.

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. February candidates (14). Last year (11) were all elected. Three resignations were accepted.
3. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Report on progress was received and approved and noted.
4. Social Evening for new members to meet members of the Executive. Considered and agreed that it be arranged for Thursday, 23rd April in the Common Room, 8 - 10 p.m. Coffee, Cigarettes and biscuits to be provided.
5. Executive Committee election. Agreed that usual notice be given in Fabian News for April. Last day for nominations to be Monday April 20th as rules provide.
6. Much correspondence and many matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
18th March, 1936.

Present: J.Kamage (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Esher, Galton, Humphreys, Miller, N.S.Pease, Sanders and White.

1. Form of application for admission - proofs circulated was considered. Some small amendments were made and it was approved and passed to go out to members with the April issue of Fabian News.
2. Programme. The Panel of directors arranged at last meeting was confirmed. Subjects for weeks were considered and after discussion agreed as follows:

1st week. Director: Capt. Hall. General subject: International affairs.
2nd week. Director Hubert Humphreys. Reorganisation of Industry and Agriculture.
3rd week. Director: John Kamage. Socialist Progress abroad.
4th week. Director: G.K.Blanco White. The Professional and middle classes and their political interests.
3. Lecturers, etc. A list of suggested lecturers to be invited was then drawn up and agreed to.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee
Thursday 7th May 1936

- Present Messrs Bacon, Bennett, Davies, Fitcher
 Cutton, Miller, Ramsay, Rataffe
 Thomas and White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by Tom Thomas.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Reports Reports for absence were received from Messrs Dodd, Humphreys & Sanders.
4. Finance Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee was received by Fulton.
 On Para 4. re Annual Meeting agreed that Gordon Escher be asked to preside.
 On Para 8. Informal conference with Prof. Ramsay Muir & R.C. Hawken. agreed that Messrs Cutton, Bennett, Sanders & Fulton be appointed to the latter part.

With these additions and explanations of some other points, the Report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

Annual Report

Proof of Annual Report-1935-36 which had been circulated was then considered paragraph by paragraph. A number of minor amendments were agreed to and it was resolved - That the report as amended ~~be~~ printed and issued to members with the June News as usual.

Agreed - That James Bacon be appointed auditor of the accounts for the next year.

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The Autumn lectures were further considered and letters from H. G. Wells, & Sidney Webb read. It was agreed that Webb's offer to give the second of the lectures be accepted with thanks.

and a microphone provided for his use.

The titles of the lectures were approved,

for lecturers the following agreed to

- 1. Keynes, Blachett, Cole
- 2. Webb. 3. Stud, Cusman
- 4. ~~Stonham~~ S. a. Salt. J. Strachey
- 5. Blachett (if Mr. No 1) Stumpanum.

Noel Baker.

- 6. Laska, a Cole (if Mr. No 2).

This list was approved and invitations ordered to be sent out to the persons in order named accordingly.

7. Correspondence

The Petrusk Lawrence Patrick fund appeal had been sent to members for information.

The meeting then adjourned.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 7th May, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Ivor Thomas.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: F. L. Dodd, H. Humphreys, W.S.Sanders, M.P.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Annual Report 1935-36. Proof of draft report enclosed. To be considered and passed to go out to members with June Fabian News.

Audit of Accounts. James Bacon willing to act as auditor again. To be approved.

6. Autumn Lectures. Arrangements approved at last meeting as follows:-

General Title:- "The Shape of Things to come"

Subjects:

1. The next Slump: Can Capitalism Survive?
2. The Future of Soviet Communism.
3. Dictatorships: What next?
4. Economic Nationalism: Can it continue?
5. The next War? And after?
6. The World Order of the Future.

Lecturers.

1. J. M. Keynes, G.D.H.Cole.
2. M.I.Maisky, Professor Blackett, L.Fischer, K.Martin.
3. Laski, Wickham Steed, B.Russell, R.H.S.Grossman.
4. J.Strachey, Sir A.Salter, J.M.Keynes.
5. Storm Jameson, Delisle Burns, Blackett, N.Baker.
6. Cole, or Laski.

(H. G. Wells writes agreeing to our use of the general title, but cannot lecture or preside)

Sidney Webb writes offering to give the second lecture on Soviet Communism.

To be received and considered.

7. Correspondence.

Pethick Lawrence Portrait Fund. Copy of appeal enclosed.

Present: W.S.Sanders, M.P. (Chair) Messrs. Catlin, Galton,
Humphreys, Pease and Kamage.

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1. Proof of Statement of Accounts and Balance sheet for 1935-36 was considered. Questions were dealt with and a small correction made. Agreed that it be referred to the Executive with proof of annual report.

Resolved also: That a special sub-Committee of the Finance Committee be appointed to consider the financial position of the Society and make recommendations for economies and increased income.

2. March candidates (7) were elected. Last year (14). Seven resignations were accepted.
3. Executive Committee election. Report that no contest this year as three resignations received and only three new nominations. Ald. A. E. Davies, L.C.C. the only nominee for Hon. Treasurer and elected accordingly.

Received and noted. Resolved THAT the Bank be authorised and requested to substitute the name of Alderman A. E. Davies for that of Dr. F. Lawson Dodd as the member empowered to sign cheques on the Society's account.

4. Annual meeting. Agreed to recommend that this be held on Thursday, 11th June in the Committee room at Livingstone Hall as last year. Meeting of the Executive to consider report, etc. fixed for Thursday, 7th May.
5. Suggested meeting in May for lecture on Abyssinia by G.T. Garratt. Considered and agreed that the meeting be arranged for Thursday, 14th May if possible. (The hall not available that night so the meeting arranged for to-night, Thursday, 7th May).
6. Further correspondence and interview with Mr. Roberts (Solicitor) and Messrs. Bennett & Co. (Surveyors) re building operations. Letters read and Sanders reported the interview, and it was agreed that further steps be left in the hands of Messrs. Roberts and Bennett.
7. Conference on Middle Classes and Labour proposed by D.M. Fraser for the 1936 Fabian Group. Considered, agreed to principle. Suggest Saturday, October 17th for date. Subjects suggested considered too general and the Group to be asked to reconsider and restrict to subjects specially concerning the middle classes.
8. Letter from R.C. Hawkin, suggesting meeting with him and Prof. Ramsay Muir to discuss united front with Liberal Party at elections, etc. Considered and agreed that we cannot take part in a formal meeting at present but if desired an informal meeting of two or three members of the Committee with Messrs. Hawkin and Muir might be arranged.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Execution Committee
Thursday 11 June 1936

- Present Mrs Drake, Miss Bacon, Barta, Beaumont, Bennett, Catlin, Deane, Fletcher, Galton, Meddings, Pease, Ramson, Ratcliffe Thomas and White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by Ald. Bennett LL
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apols Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawrence, Messrs Humphreys, Miller and Sanders.
4. Minutes Agreed - that this Committee do continue to meet on Thursdays at 5.15 pm for the coming year.
5. Chair The lists of selections for Committee which

were circulated at the meeting were approved and the Committee set up accordingly. Agreed that all members except Pease serve as chairmen in rotation as usual.

9. L.P. 10.

6. A. J. M.

The resolutions for the Annual meeting of which notice had been given and which are published in Dublin News were considered. After discussion it was agreed by a majority that the Executive should oppose both the resolutions and that the meeting should be so informed.

10. L.P. 10.

7. F. M. M.

Report of meeting of the F. M. M. was read by Davies and received and approved.

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8. S. S. C. M.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was read by Ramsay and received and approved.

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The resolutions for the Labour Party Conference submitted by the 1936 Group were considered. After discussion agreed that if the Annual meeting passes the resolution on the agenda these two resolutions to be made into one only and sent in. If the Annual meeting rejects the resolution before it the two resolutions to sent in as proposed.

10. L.P.

Decisions

It was agreed that if Miss Lawrence so desired she should be appointed our delegate to the Labour Party Conference and nominated for election to the Executive of the Party.

11. J.H.L.

The arrangements for lecturers were approved. Finance Club Consider and arrange panel of Chairmen for the meetings as usual.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. C. Davies

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 11th June, 1938 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: G.K. Blanco White.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence: Miss Lawrence, Messrs. Humphreys, Miller and Sanders.
4. To consider and settle day and hour for meetings of the Executive for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment of Standing Committees and rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year.
(List of selections will be circulated at the meeting)
6. The Annual Meeting. To-night, Thursday, 11th June at 8 p.m. Notice of two motions given and published in Fabian News. To be considered and any instructions thereon settled.
7. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
8. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
9. Labour Party Annual Conference. Resolutions for the Agenda to be sent in by June 18th.
The 1938 Fabian Group submit the two following resolutions for the Committee's consideration, viz.,
 1. THAT this Conference in view of the vital importance of Propaganda in the winning of Elections asks the National Executive Committee to consider setting up an Advisory Committee at Head Office to reinforce the work of the Departments of Press and Publicity of Research and of Platform Propaganda by utilising in an advisory capacity the help of experts.
 2. THAT this Conference in view of the necessity of converting the non-manual workers to Socialism urges on the National Executive Committee the desirability of setting up a representative Advisory Committee at Head Office to assist in this work.

(N.B. We are only entitled to send in two resolutions. If the Annual Meeting carries the one proposed by Meddings or any amendment of it, one of the two proposed by the 1935 group must be deleted).
10. Labour Party Conference. Nominations for Party Executive and delegates to Conference. To be considered. (Last date for Executive, July 23rd, for delegate Sept. 17th)
11. Friends Hall Lectures. Arrangements for lecturers all completed, the list being Cole, Webb, Wickham Steed, Sir A. Salter, Prof. Blackett and Prof. Hogben. Chairmen for all the meetings required.
12. Correspondence - if any.

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Selections for Committees 1936-37.

Finance, etc.

- M. Beaumont.
- G. E. Catlin.
- Emil Davies.
- E. G. Fletcher.
- H. Humphreys.
- Miss Keynes.
- J. Kamage.
- S. K. Ratcliffe.
- W. S. Sanders.
- E. R. Pease.

Publishing

- F. W. Bacon.
- Mrsz B. Drake.
- Miss Lawrence.
- K. Martin.
- Ivor Thomas.
- G. K. Blanco White.
- E. R. Pease.

Organising

- J. P. Barter.
- W. Bennett.
- F. Meddings.
- W. J. Miller.
- E. R. Pease.

Nota of Chairman - all members except Pease.

David Spence was suggested as possible Chairman for the meeting.

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Report of Meeting of the Finance, etc. Com. on Thursday, 21st May, 1936.

Present: Miss Keynes, Messrs. Davies, Galton, Pease, Ramage & Ratcliffe.

1. Chair: Ald. A. E. Davies was elected Chairman of the meeting in the absence of W. S. Sanders.
 2. Finance. The usual monthly report was submitted and received and after discussion approved.
 3. Membership. Apr. Candidates (11) were all elected. Last year (7) Five resignations were accepted.
 4. The Autumn lectures. Report that Sidney Webb, Wickham Steed, Sir A. Salter and Prof. Blackett had accepted the dates and subjects suggested. J. M. Keynes and Prof. Laski had declined. G. D. H. Cole had not yet replied. Received and noted. The arrangements made were approved. Agreed that Cole be urged to take the first lecture and Prof. L. Hogben the last one.
 5. The Annual Meeting. Letter from F. Meddings with two motions for the meeting considered. Agreed that he be asked to revise the first one to make it clear; and to omit the instructions to send the second resolution to the Labour Party for the Conference agenda as it was contrary to the Standing Orders of the Party.
David Freeman was suggested as possible Chairman for the meeting.
 6. Agreed that the Executive Committee be called for Thursday, 11th June at 5.15 before the Annual Meeting.
 7. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.
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Report of meeting of the Summer School Com. on Wed. 13th May, 1936.

Present: J. Ramage (Chair) Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Esher, Galton, N. Pease and Blanco White.

1. Report re progress of bookings - about 40 persons had booked about 60 weeks to date. Much better than last year and well up to the average of former years. Received and considered satisfactory.
2. Report re arrangement for lecturers to date. Seventeen of the twenty lecturers required now arranged. Two or three others in negotiation. The list was considered and approved and some further suggestions agreed to if required. Sidney Webb suggested Dr. Gustav Mayer and it was agreed to ask him for the third week. Agreed also that a short biographical note about the lecturers be added to the programme.
3. The Scholarship Fund. Report that receipts to date were £17.5P0d. Received and noted and agreed that Ramage, Sanders and Galton be appointed a sub Committee to administer the fund as last year.
4. Normanhurst Court. Mrs. Battine sent a draft of formal agreement for signature. It was considered and some small amendments suggested, and decided that the agreement be signed after negotiation with Mrs. Battine thereon.
5. A number of other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Thursday 16 July 1936

- Present Mr Drake, Mrs Bacon, Barton,
 Beaumont, Bennett, Daves, Fletcher,
 Galtm, Meddings, Pease, Ramax,
 Ratcliffe and Blanco White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by Aldr. G. E. Daves.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Apols Apologies for absence were received
 from Mrs. Cullen, Humphrey, & Miller
4. Finance Report of meeting of the Finance &
 Com. Discussion arose on Para 5 relating to
 Friends Hall ledgers, and the report
 was received and approved and
 its recommendations adopted.

5. S. S. Ch. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was made by J. R. Rouse. and received and approved.

6. F. H. L. The arrangements for the Autumn Lectures were considered satisfactory. For the vacant Chairmanship for first lecture it was agreed that Noel Baker M. P. D. Address and J. J. Macdonald be invited in the order named.

7. Conference. The draft notes and agenda for the Autumn Conference was considered. Some verbal amendments were made, and the resolution on Education was altered and added to on the suggestion of Mr Drake. The proof as corrected was obtained and ordered to be issued forthwith, & the arrangements for speakers were considered satisfactory.

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- (a) D. Lunn Dodd's letter was read and received and noted.
- (b) Webb's letter re the Mellson request was received and noted.
- (c) Manchester F.S. Ratcliffe offered to speak for them on the last Friday in October if agreeable. Otherwise Secretary to try any local M.P.'s candidates etc.
- (d) Notice from Labour Party, received after agenda was sent out re Conference on Unemployment - Aristocrat regulations on Monday next was considered. Agreed that Aled W. Bennett be appointed delegate from this Committee.

The meeting then adjourned

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday 16th July, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair - Prof. Catlin.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - H. Humphreys, Capt. Miller.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Friends Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete except for Chairman for first lecture by Cole. Four syllabuses received. Arrangements are

<u>Lecturer</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
1. G. D. H. Cole.	
2. Sidney Webb.	Lady Woolton.
3. Wickham Steed.	F. W. Pethick Lawrence, M.P.
4. Sir A Salter.	Rt. Hon. Wedgwood Benn.
5. Prof. Blackett.	Miss A. S. Lawrence.
6. Prof. Hogben.	Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P.

Chairman for Cole to be settled. G. Lansbury invited but unable to accept.

7. Autumn Conference of Professional & Workers. Proof of notice with draft resolutions to be submitted and names of speakers etc, enclosed. To be approved for issue forthwith.
8. Correspondence.
 - (a) Dr. Lawson Dodd - thanks for resolution of appreciation passed at Annual Meeting.
 - (b) Sidney Webb re the bequest of £1,000 from the late James Billson.
 - (c) Manchester Fabian Society, newly formed. Asking for Speaker for inaugural meeting in October.

(d) Labour Party. a Conference.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Report of Meeting of the Finance & Committee on Thursday 25th June, 1970.

Present: Miss Keynes, Messrs. Galton, Humphreys, Pease and Ramage.

1. Chair: Ald. A. E. Davies was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing years
2. Meetings. The question of day and hour for meetings of this Committee was deferred to next meeting.
3. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and approved.
4. Membership. May candidates (5) were elected. Last year (7) Four resignations were accepted.
5. Friends Hall Lectures. The following panel of Chairmen was agreed to, viz. G. Lansbury, M.P., Lady Noel-Buxton, F. W. Pethick-Lawrence, M.P., Wedgwood Benn, Miss A. S. Lawrence and Dr. Hugh Dalton.
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The question of smoking at the meetings which had been raised at the Annual Meeting was considered. It was agreed to recommend The Executive that smoking should not be permitted during the lecture, but allowed at Question time.
6. Special Sub-committee to consider the financial position of the Society etc. Agreed that Davies, Ramage and Sanders be appointed the special sub-committee and that the various suggestions put forward at the Annual Meeting be referred to them for consideration and report.
7. Re Major Church. This item was withdrawn, and Major Church's letter resigning his membership was read. Resolved. That the resignation be accepted forthwith.
8. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday
17th June, 1936.

Present: John Ramage (Chair) Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Galton,
Humphreys and N. Pease.

1. Report on progress of bookings. Over 100 persons had now booked about 200 weeks at the School, much above the average of recent years. Received and approved and considered very satisfactory.
The List of names of applicants was read and approved and referred to Miss Hankinson to allot rooms, etc.
2. Programme. Proofs of the draft programme had been circulated and was considered. Some small amendments and additions were agreed to. The proof was approved and ordered to be sent out to all members with the next issue of Fabian News.
3. Scholarship Fund. This had now reached £18.5.0. and the sub-Committee was considering applications for grants received. Approved. A note thereon to be inserted in Fabian News.
4. The draft agreement with Mrs. Battine for hire of Normanhurst Court was further considered and correspondence read. It was agreed that the agreement as amended be approved and signed forthwith.
5. Agreed that the Committee should not be summoned again till after August unless any emergency arises.
The meeting then adjourned.

Execution Committee
 Thursday 26th Sept 1936

- Present Mr Drake, Mr Keynes, Messrs Bacon, Barton, Beaumont, Dares, Galtm Miller, Pease, Ramap and Sanders.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by W. J. Miller.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. Apols Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Callin, Humphreys, Muddays, Ratcliffe, Thomas & White. Ratcliffe's absence in U.S.A. for the next four months was agreed to.
4. Report of Finance Com. The report of the Finance & Committee was moved by Mr. A. L. Dares on Para. 6. The Birmingham Hall meeting,

recommendation (4) was agreed to; and (5) was adopted. Some suggestions for lectures & were made and referred to Finance Committee to consider.

On Para 9. London Labour Party Conference it was agreed that Mrs Keynes be appointed as our third delegate.

With these additions the report was read and adopted and its recommendations adopted.

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5. F.H.L. The report on progress to date was read and noted.

6. L.P. Conf. The agenda for the Labour Party Conference at Edinburgh was then considered. After discussion ~~on the~~ on the proposed affiliation of the Communist Party F.W. Mason moved and Mrs Keynes seconded a motion that Mrs Lawrence our delegate be authorized to vote in

favor of the principle of the proposed affiliation of the Communist Party, but left free to express her own disagreement if desired. An amendment to proceed to the next business was not carried and the motion was then put and carried to by 5 votes to two. No other question was raised about the agenda.

7. Interim Report of Special Sub-Committee

The interim report of the special Sub-Committee set up to consider the financial position of the Society and make recommendations thereon was then presented by Aed. Davies

Paras. 1. & 2. were received & noted

On Para 3. the recommendations were agreed to after discussion. Misses & Mrs Booth to be given notice to leave at or before the end of the year. Mrs Charques to continue to the end of the present quarter on November 29th.

Para. 4 was received and noted and the recommendation to let the two rooms on third & fourth floors was adopted.

Para 5. was ~~also~~ received and adopted, and the information notes

Para 6 was received and approved and adopted.

Para 7 was received and noted and approved.

The report as a whole was received and approved with thanks to the sub-committee for their work on the matter.

8. Contd. The letter from London Labour Party had been dealt with in report of the Finance Committee

The meeting then adjourned.

John Ramage

29th October, 1936

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 24th September, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair - Mrs. Barbara Drake, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence: F. Meddings, H. Humphreys, S.K. Ratcliffe,
G. R. Blanco White.
4. Report of meetings of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Friends Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete and syllabus
issued. Sale of tickets steady but rather slow. Receipts
from sales to date this year £172. Last year same date
£178. An extensive advertisement plan proposed for
October.
6. Labour Party Conference, Edinburgh, October 5th. Miss
Lawrence appointed our delegate. Agenda for Conference
circulated with notice of meeting last week to be con-
sidered, and any instructions thereon agreed. Please
bring copy with you.
7. Interim Report of Special Sub Committee to consider the
financial position of the Society. Copy enclosed. To
be considered.
8. Correspondence. London Labour Party - re Annual Conference.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
17th Sept., 1930. (8)

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Beaumont, Galton, Humphreys,
Pease, Ramage and Sanders.

1. Meetings. After discussion resolved that this Committee do meet on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. for the present.
2. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented and received and approved.
3. Membership. August candidates (5) were elected. Last year none. Two resignations were accepted and one deferred for further correspondence.
4. Friends Hall Lectures. Report of progress received. The scheme of advertisements in press considered and approved at expenditure of about £50.
5. Labour Party Conference. Agreed that the Executive be called to consider the agenda on Thursday, 24th inst. Copy of Agenda to be sent out with the preliminary notice.
6. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive (a) That the first meeting be a Social Party as last year, (b) That a series of separate lectures - not a course - be arranged for the other six evenings, Jan-April. A lecture on L.C.C. by Mr. Morrison to be included if possible. Vera Brittain and D.L.Pritt, M.P. suggested as possible lecturers.
7. Conference of Middle Class organisations, October 17th. Progress rather slow. Considered and agreed that further notice be sent to the organisations concerned and any other possible steps taken.
8. Annual Audit. Agreed to recommend the Executive that an honorarium of £5. 5. 0d. be sent to James Bacon with thanks.
9. London Labour Party Annual Conference. Agreed that Mrs. Drake and A. E. Davies be appointed delegates. One other required. Also that Mrs. Drake be nominated as our representative on the Party Executive if willing to serve again.
10. The Spanish relief Fund. Agreed that a note inviting subscriptions to the fund be put in Fabian News, mentioning that over £30 was raised and sent from the Summer School.
11. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

INTERIM REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

An analysis of the Society's income and expenditure for the past few years indicates that on the basis of what may be termed its present normal income, expenditure exceeds it by at least £400 per annum. As a result of past deficits, the Society is at present in debt to the extent of approximately £640, plus £192 Parliamentary By-election Fund.

It is evident that immediate steps must be taken to remedy the position, both in the direction of cutting down expenditure and increasing revenue. The largest item of expenditure is staff salaries, which total £1,279 per annum. (The revenue from subscriptions and regular donations last year amounted to £1,178.) In addition to the £1,279 mentioned, £26 per annum is paid as pension to the former housekeeper, £54. 12. 0d. for cleaning offices and £26 per annum for Common Room catering.

We consider the present staff excessive, and recommend that the services of Willison (£130 per annum) and Miss Booth (£91 per annum) be dispensed with, and that a junior girl be employed at a commencing salary of 20/- per week. We recommend also that the Women's Group be informed that the Society must discontinue its annual payment of £50 for services rendered by Mrs. Charques.

The salaries of the remaining members of the staff after allowing for the 10% reduction made some time ago, are as follows:-

Galton	£540 per annum.
Howell	257. 8s "
Miss Gibson.	210. 12s "

In view of the urgency of the position, we have instructed the Secretary to endeavour to secure a tenant for the two upper rooms which are available, and we have authorised the Hon. Treasurer to negotiate with Mr. Shaw, the Mortgagee of 11, Dartmouth Street, as soon as receipts permit, of payment of the interest owing, with a view to obtaining a reduction in the rate of interest, which is at present 5%

We suggest to the Executive that a further purge of the membership be made, bearing in mind the cost of postage and affiliation fees in respect of those who do not subscribe.

The following is an analysis of our subscribing members.

No. of Subscribers	5/- per annum (or less)	217
do. over	5/- do. up to 10/6d.	620
do. "	10/6 do " " 21/-	610
do. "	21/- do " " 42/-	148
do. "	42/-	64

We suggest that, save in exceptional cases decided upon by the Finance Committee, the minimum subscription shall, in future, be 10/- per annum, and that those subscribing less than that sum be communicated with by an appropriate letter and asked to increase their subscriptions.

The Hon. Treasurer proposes to write to a few selected members with a view to increased subscriptions or donations. We are considering the question of a further general appeal through the Fabian News, and will submit a further report in due course.

A. EMIL DAVIES,
JOHN RAMAGE,
Wm. STEPHEN SANDERS.

Executive Committee
Thursday 29 October 1936

Present Mr Drake, Messrs Bacon, Barta, Beaumont,
Cutler, Davies, Galtin, Pease,
Rennan and Sanders.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by J. Rennan.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Reports Reports for absence were received from
Messrs Keynes, Messrs Laurence, Messrs Humphrey
Miller, Ratcliffe and Thomas.

4. Minutes Report of the Finance Committee
was moved by A. E. Davies.
On Para 4. Lymington Hall lectures
the following changes were agreed to viz
1. Discussion on Potomac Point.
2. In. 1. Noel Baker M.P. 2. Col Delahaye.
3. Anemone Revue M.P. with
1 A. J. Cummings or (2) Sir W. Layton

Against. Capt. Muller & Mrs Lawrence
 Lecture on Crumstick of Calcutta
 1. Clark. 2. Durbin. 3. Gaitshere
 additions if needed were
 N. Bentinck on Palestine ^{Settlements}
 A. L. Rouse on J. M. Keynes.
 With their additions on the Report
 was received and approved and
 its recommendations adopted.

5. Publicity. Report of the Publishing Committee
 was read, approved and
 received and approved and its
 recommendations adopted.

6. Museum
 Report. A. E. Davis presented the Hon Treasurer's
 report (annexed) and it was
 received and approved with
 cordial thanks to him for the
 successful efforts made.

7. Secretariat. The memorandum recommending

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appointment of a Special Committee which had been circulated was considered.

After discussion it was agreed to be in principle and decided to set up a Committee of 7 members with four to write - 2 others.

Agreed that later Drummel, Mrs Paul Hall, Mrs Cusheley, Mrs Len Thomas, Mrs Claugner, Mrs Turner Samuel, Mrs Jackson & J. Ramsey be approached with one each from the Women's Fund, the Nursery & the 1936 funds to be appointed by the funds, to form the Special Committee.

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The report of the Conference of Professional & Workers was received and alluring and considered very satisfactory.

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The report on progress of the

Friends Hall lectures were received
and approved and considered satisfactory

The arrangements with Messrs. Allen
& known for the proposed publication
of the lectures in book form were
also approved.

10. L.H.L. Summary of Hall lectures - dealt
with on report of Finance & Committee

11. Com. Letter from A. Emil Davies re the
proposals of the Bullen Trustees was
read and received with
thanks and satisfaction

The meeting then adjourned.

Hubert Beaumont

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 29th October, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair - John Kamage.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Miss Keynes, Miss S. Lawrence, H. Humphreys,
S. K. Ratcliffe.
4. Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Hon. Treasurer's report and appeal sent out to members
on Monday.
7. Memorandum re appointment of Social Committee by
Davies and Kamage enclosed. To be considered.
8. Conference of Professional, etc. Workers, 17th October.
Very successful. About 50 organisations represented
by 132 delegates. Fees received total £16. 10. 0d.
Total Cost £21. 2. 6d.
9. Friends Hall Lectures. Very successful start and good
audience for Cole. Receipts to date about £40
up on last year same date. The platform very bare -
only three members of the Executive present!
Arrangements for publication of the lectures in
book form by Allen & Unwin completed.
10. Livingstone Hall Lectures, etc. 1937. See Report of
Finance, etc. Committee.
11. Correspondence - Letter from A. Emil Davies re the
Billison Trust.

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of Meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee, Wednesday,
14th October, 1936.

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Galton, Pease,
Ramage, and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and approved.
2. Membership. September candidates (7) were elected. Last year (8). Four resignations were accepted.
3. Friends Hall Lectures. Report of progress received and approved. Receipts about £15 up on last year. Letter from Allen & Unwin re proposed publication of the lectures in book form read and terms agreed and approved. To be arranged if possible.
4. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1937. Hall to be taken for January 14th and 28th, February 11th and 25th, March 11th, April 8th and 22nd. The following arrangements agreed to, viz:-
 1. Jan. 14th. Social Party.
 2. " 28th. H. Morrison on L.C.C. if possible.
 3. Feb. 11th. Debate on Popular Front.
Col. Delahaye and A. J. Cummings versus
Capt. Miller and Miss Lawrence suggested.
 4. " 25th. Tawney to be asked on Education.
 5. Mar. 11th. Colin Clark to be asked on Ownership
of Capital.
 6. Apr. 8th. F. Elmhirst to be asked on Community
Planning.
 7. Apr. 22nd. Douglas Jay to be asked on Mistakes
of Marx.
5. Conference of Professional Workers, etc. Report of progress received and approved and considered very satisfactory.
6. Letting of vacant rooms here. Chairman and Secretary reported interview with the Civil Service Housing Association, who had agreed to take the room and attic at £40 per annum - they undertaking the necessary decorations and alterations required.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Tuesday,
29th September, 1936.

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Present: Mrs. Drake, F. W. Bacon, F. W. Galton, and Ivor Thomas.

1. Chair: Ivor Thomas was elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. Meetings. Agreed that this Committee do meet when required on Mondays at 5.15 p.m.
3. Tracts going out of print.
 - (a) No. 41. The Fabian Society - its early history, by Bernard Shaw.
To be reprinted forthwith.
 - (b) No. 236. Some essentials of Socialist propaganda, by G. D. H. Cole.
Referred to Chairman to consider and report.
4. New Tracts suggested.
 - (a) Winning the Middle Classes. By the 1936 Fabian Group. Considered. Agreed to ask Catlin and Fraser to attend next meeting of this Committee to discuss question of publication.
 - (b) Suggested publication of Shaw's essay on Rent in Fabian Essays as a separate tract. Considered - agreed not to recommend such publication.
5. Tracts needing revision. Our series on Local Government now out of date. Considered and agreed to recommend the Executive that the whole series except the one on Metropolitan Borough Councils be revised and reprinted as early as possible and that application be made to the Billson Trust for a grant to cover cost of revision and reprinting.
6. Allen and Unwins letter re proposed publication of the autumn lectures read. Agreed that they be asked to make a definite offer of terms, etc. and if satisfactory efforts be made to arrange for the publication as suggested.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Hon. Treasurer's Report to Executive.

I am pleased to be able to report that on my remitting Bernard Shaw a portion of the interest arrears, and undertaking that the balance would be paid by the end of December and that in future payments would be made when due, he has agreed that until further notice, the rate of interest shall be reduced from 5% to 4%. This means a saving of £25 per annum.

The two upstairs rooms at 11, Dartmouth Street have been let to the Civil Service Housing Society at £40 per annum, they doing the decorations. I have found Willison a post and he leaves our employment to-morrow.

Enclosed is a pull of the appeal I propose to make in the forthcoming issue of Fabian News.

If any members of the Executive would like their names included in the first list, would they please let the Secretary know by Wednesday morning, 28th inst.

A. Emil Davies.

MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE.

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The following proposal is put forward on behalf of some members of the Executive who have attended this year's Summer School. The Summer School affords practically the only opportunity members of the Executive have of getting into touch with, and hearing the opinions of, members generally. It is felt that it is desirable that members - particularly those who have joined the Society within the past year or two - should have more opportunities of meeting one another and members of the Executive, and of being brought more into the Society's activities. This involves the holding of more social functions.

It is proposed, therefore, that a social committee be formed whose duty it would be to organise receptions and possibly one day schools and week end schools. Such a committee might be entrusted with the running of the Common Room. It is felt that such a committee should be small enough to be executive and that women members should form the majority. It would be the duty of the committee to search out suitable places for receptions, e.g. Prince Henry's Room, Stationer's Hall, Incorporated Accountant's Hall, which would be more attractive than Livingstone Hall, and it is believed that such receptions might be made self supporting, particularly if opportunities were taken to invite as guests distinguished socialists and others who happened to be available. At least one short speech should be made at each reception encouraging members to join the various groups and telling them how they can assist the Society and the movement. It might be advisable to have hostesses for these functions.

The idea is not the formation of a committee which merely gives instructions to the Secretary, but one the members of which will take an active interest in the job, and themselves look after the arrangements. Obviously such a committee would be subject to the Executive Committee. It might be composed of one member selected from the 1936 group, the Nursery and the Summer School Committee, plus two others appointed by the Executive, the committee thus set up having the power to co-opt say two additional members.

It is suggested that if the Executive approves, such a committee should be set up at once and asked to organise the reception it proposes to hold in January.

JOHN RAMAGE.

A. EMIL DAVIES.

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Executive Committee
 Thursday 26 November 1936

Present. Mr. Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Messrs.
 Bacon, Barta, Beaumont, Bennett,
 Catlin, Davies, Fletcher, Galton
 Humblings, Pease, Ramap,
 Sanders, and Thomas.

1. Choir
~~minutes~~ The Choir was taken
 by Hubert Beaumont.

2. Minutes
 Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.

3. Album
 Albums for album were received
 from Capt. Miller & Blanco White.

4. Finance
 The report of meeting of the
 Finance & Committee was moved
 by Emil Davies. Para 5. relating
 to the Ruxington Hall lecture was

deferred to be dealt with on that item in the main agenda. On Para 6 relating to the offer to N.F.N.B. it was agreed to add 'a month or longer of demand.'

With this addition the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Publ

The report of meeting of the Publishing Committee was made by Lord Thomas. On Para 3. Miss Collett it was agreed that an embargo could be provided.

On Para 7. Miss Lammery raised the question of her proposal for a trust as the Royal Prerogative. After discussion agreed that this to be referred back to the next meeting of the Publishing Committee for consideration and report.

With these additions the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

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The report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was read by John Reiman, who gave further explanations of some items. The report was then received and approved.

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The report of arrangements for the new Social Committee was received and noted and approved.

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It was resolved that the Summer School Committee for 1937 be set up forthwith, and the following seven members of the Executive were appointed to serve therein: Miss Fred Bennett, Fletcher Humphreys, Miller, Reiman, Ratcliffe and Blaine White.

L.H.C.

The report re progress of arrangements for the Livingston Hall lectures was received and approved.

It was agreed to add J. D. H. Cole and
 Evan Thomas to the suggestions of
 speakers in debate on Political Front.

Also that if required C. Edwards may
 be called to speak on the distresses
 areas.

On the suggestion of the Finance
 Committee in Para 5. it was decided
 after discussion that if possible
 a debate be arranged on some
 proposal such as "That an economic
 system cannot be changed without
 the use of physical force". Speakers
 suggested were FN. 1. John Strachey
 2. Frank Auer, 3. R. P. Carnot.
Opponent 1. Tom Johnston. 2. W. Benn
 3. G. Redley M.P.

10. Finance.

The Hon. Treasurer's report
 on the result of his appeal
 to date was received and
 approved.

16 Comm. The Council for Civil Liberties invite
 meeting delegates to Conference
 on the Public Order Bill to be
 held on Saturday 5. December

Agnes Street in London be
 represented and Munro, Bacon,
 Beaumont, and Mr & Mrs J
 Crickley to appoint as
 delegates accordingly.

The meeting then adjourned

W. J. Bennett

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 26th November, 1936 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: S. K. Ratcliffe.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies for absence - if any.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. The Social Activities Committee set up at last meeting now formed. Preliminary meeting to arrange procedure, etc. fixed for Thursday next, 3rd December at 5.45 p.m.
8. Summer School Committee, 1937 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for the year. The Women's Group, the Nursery and the 1936 Group to be invited to appoint one member each.
9. Livingstone Hall Meetings 1937. Arrangements:
 1. Thursday, 14th January. Social Party.
 2. " 28th " Lecture - H. Morrison, Chair;
W.S. Sanders, M.P.
 3. " 11th February. " L. F. Elmhirst.
 4. " 25th " "
 5. " 11th March " "
 6. " 8th April " "
 7. " 22nd " " Colin Clark.

(Tawney declined to lecture. Noel Baker and A.J. Curming decline to take part in the proposed debate. No replies yet from Col. Delahaye and Douglas Jay. See also report of Finance, etc. Committee above).
10. Report on Hon. Treasurer's appeal for special Fund. Receipts to date now £417. List to be given in Fabian News.
11. Correspondence.

Council for Civil Liberties. Inviting delegates to
Conference on Public Order Bill, Saturday, 5th Dec.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Wednesday,
18th November, 1936.

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Galton, Humphreys,
Pease, Ramage, and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. October candidates (12) were elected. Last year (20). Three resignations were accepted. It was decided that in the case of one candidate who subscribed 5/- only that a letter be sent asking him to increase it to 10/- and that this be done in future in all cases where subscription is less than 10/-.
3. Friends Hall Lectures. Report of progress presented. Receipts to date about £40 more than last year at same date. Received and approved and considered satisfactory.
4. Social evening for new members elected in last six months. Considered and approved and agreed it be held in the offices on Thursday, 10th December 8 - 10 p.m.
5. Livingstone Hall Lectures 1937. Considered and arrangements made to date approved. Agreed that W.S. Sanders be asked to preside for Morrison's lecture on January 28th, and that Antony Greenwood and Sir W. Layton be added to those to be asked to take part in debate on Popular Front if others invited decline.

Agreed also on suggestion by letter from David Freeman that John Strachey be asked to take one vacant date to lecture on Communism.

6. Letter from Webb considered suggesting arrangement for display of N.F.R.B. publications in the bookshop. Agreed to recommend the Executive that we offer the N.F.R.B. the use of the smaller window in bookshop for an exclusive display of their tracts, etc. for a period, say a month, without charge.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Monday, 16th
November, 1936.

Present: Ivor Thomas (Chair), Miss Lawrence, Messrs. Bacon,
Galton and Blanco White.

1. New Tract Proposed.

Winning the Middle Classes. Draft submitted by the 1936 Group and circulated to the Committee. Fraser, (Hon. Sec. of the Group) attended to urge publication as a tract. After full discussion resolved not to recommend publication as a

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tract but that copy of the M.S. be sent to all members of the National Executive of the Labour Party with request to them to read and consider its suggestions, etc.

2. Tracts going out of print.
 - (a) 238. Essentials of Socialist Propaganda. Cole. Agreed that it be reprinted. Cole to be consulted and asked to revise.
 - (b) 210. Position of Parties, etc. Laski. Agreed that it be dropped.
 - (c) 213. Problem of the Second Chamber. Laski. Agreed to reprint if Laski agrees and will revise to bring it up to date.
3. Booklet going out of print. "The British Civil Service". Finer. Finer's offer to revise this was accepted with thanks and agreed that it be reprinted as soon as the revision is available.
4. New Tract submitted. "Freedom in our Time", by Mr. and Mrs. Cruchley. Considered. Agreed that it be further circulated and the authors asked to add a note on the Public Order Bill (or Act) now before Parliament.
5. Tract revisions in hand. Local Government Series. Report of progress received and approved. Agreed that Mrs. Drake be asked to read and report on the Education Tract; and A. E. Lauder on the Health Tract.
6. Letter from R. H. Pott suggesting tract on Communists and Fascists. Agreed that copy be sent to Finer and he be asked to consider and advise thereon.
7. Some other matters of detail were considered and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 11th November, 1936.

Present: J. Ramago (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Bennett, Galton and Humphreys.

1. A financial statement was presented showing receipts £831. 6. 9d. Expenditure to date £671. 13. 11d. Leaving a balance in hand of £159. 12. 10d. subject to final payments. The report was received and noted and considered satisfactory.
2. It was decided that a fee of twenty guineas (£21) be paid to Miss Hankinson for her services as Manager of the School with cordial thanks for the work.
Decided also that an honorarium of five guineas be sent to Mrs. Beadle in recognition of all the help given by her at the School with cordial thanks.
3. A list of fees paid by members unable to attend the School for various reasons was considered and one refund of 10/- only was agreed to and ordered to be paid

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- 4. Miss Hankinson reported that in all 171 persons attended the school as visitors and 11 lecturers also stayed a night or more, making in all a total of 277 weeks. Full details of the various items of expenditure were given and ordered to be entered in the minutes. The net balance left after meeting all expenses including the sums voted above is therefore £132. 17. 10d., or about 15% of the receipts.
- 5. Next year's school. The place for next year's school was discussed. It was decided to ask Mrs. Battino to give us the first refusal of Normanhurst again for August 1937.

This concluded the business and the Committee for 1936 was accordingly dissolved.

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Executive Committee
 Thursday 14th January 1937.

Present Mr Drake, Messrs Bacon, Barton, Beaumont, Bennett, Cattan, Davies, Fletcher, Grafton, Humphreys, Maddams, Miller, Pease, Ramage, Sanders and White

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Ald. W. Bennett.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apol Apology for absence was received from S. K. Ratchiffe unexpectedly detained in the U.S.A.
4. Finance The Report of the Finance Committee was moved by A. Emil Davies, and after discussion was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

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on New Zealand. A good part of the debate on April 8 falls through. Wade is asked to lecture that night. If the debate is arranged a special meeting to be arranged for Wade on April 15: a other date to suit him.

8. Report The report on papers of the Hon Treasurer's appeal was received and noted

9. F.H.C. The report on Friends Hall Oct 1937 was considered. Some preliminary suggestions for report were made & the matter deferred for further consideration at next meeting etc.

10. Motion The resolution of which notice had been given by F. Barton was then considered. It was moved by Barton seconded by Bacon. After considerable discussion and various amendments had been suggested, the resolution

was amended as follows:-

"In view of the danger to the future of Socialism and the working class movement in Europe as the result of the failure of non intervention, and the possibility of a Fascist victory in Spain, this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society urges the Executive Committee of the Labour Party to initiate immediately a nation wide campaign to ~~force the Government to give~~

~~press the government to support~~
the democratic government in Spain
and to remove the ban on volunteers
going to the Spanish government's
assistance.

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and seconder and was put by
the Chairman and carried by
a large majority.

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(b) D. Paterson request was noted.
The meeting then adjourned.

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office
on Thursday, 14th January 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Alderman W. Bennett, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Livingstone Hall Lectures.
 - (a) Social Party, to-night, 14th January. It is hoped all members of the Executive will attend.
 - (b) Discussion on People's Front, Feb. 25th. Speaker required in place of Miss Lawrence unable to be present.
 - (c) Debate April 8th. Ivor Thomas willing to debate with Strachey, but the subject to be debated is still not settled. Letters thereon to be considered.
 - (d) Hon. Walter Nash, Finance Minister, New Zealand. Suggested lecture. He will be in England till end of April.
8. The Hon. Treasurer's appeal for special Fund. Receipts to date £442. 8. 0d. Some responses still coming in to be acknowledged in next Fabian News.
9. Friends Hall Lectures, 1937. Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers to be begun.
10. Notice of motion by J.P. Barter, as follows:-

"In view of the danger to the future of Socialism and the working class movement in Europe as the result of the failure of non intervention, and the possibility of a Fascist victory in Spain, this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society urges the Executive Committee of the Labour Party to initiate immediately a nation wide campaign to force the Government to give every material aid to the anti-fascist forces in Spain; and further asks them to issue an appeal throughout the country for experienced men to join the International Brigade."
11. Correspondence.
 - (a) Civil Service Housing Association re offer of £20 for first refusal of purchase of these premises for five years. Submitting draft of formal agreement sent to our Solicitor for advice and opinion.
 - (b) Dr. E. Paterson, Hon. Sec. Manchester Fabian Society. Request that any members visiting Manchester or neighbourhood will attend and speak.

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Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Miss Keynes, Messrs. Catlin,
Galton, Humphreys, Pease, Kamage and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual financial statement was presented and received and approved.
Bank Balance £140. Accounts due £139.
Agreed that these items be included regularly in future.
2. Membership. November candidates (3) were elected. Last year (17). Five resignations were accepted.
3. Report in response to the Hon. Treasurer's appeal was received and noted.
4. Report on financial results of the Friends Hall lectures was received and approved, and considered satisfactory. The provisional booking of the hall for the six corresponding Thursdays in 1937 was approved.
5. Report of the special sub-Committee re Social Activities was received and considered and approved, and its recommendation adopted.

The report that the Social to new members on December 10th was successful was noted.

6. Livingstone Hall Lectures, etc.
 1. For the Social Party. Agreed that the Spanish Ambassador and Robert Gibson, K.C., M.P. be invited to attend and speak.
 2. Chairmen were arranged for all the other meetings.
 3. For the discussion on People's Front agreed that if Sir Walter Layton declines Mr. K. Acland, M.P. be asked to speak.
7. Office affairs.
 - (a) The offer of the Civil Service Housing Association of £20 for first refusal to purchase our premises was considered and agreed to in principle subject to formal agreement.
 - (b) Agreed that the Common room be kept open till 8 p.m. on the evenings of our lectures. Arrangements to be made accordingly.
 - (c) The proposed reduction of the Secretary's salary was agreed to.

Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Monday, 4th Jan. 1937.

Present: Ivor Thomas (Chair), Mrs. Drake, Miss Lawrence, F. Bacon and F. W. Galton,

1. Tracts out of print: (a) No. 238 by Cole. Cole's revision

the N.F.K.D. an advertisement in it if space permits.
To be reprinted forthwith.

(b) Laski's letter promising revision of his tract No. 231 received and noted. The tract to be reprinted as soon as revise available.

2. New Tract.

The M.S. of tract on "Freedom in our time" by Mr. and Mrs. Cruchley was further considered. Agreed that it be printed forthwith.

3. Facts for Socialists.

Colin Clark's letter suggesting Mr. C. M. Brown of Cambridge as a suitable person to revise the tract was considered. It was agreed to accept the suggestion and ask Mr. Brown to revise as soon as possible.

4. Design for cover of tracts.

Several designs had been submitted and were considered. Eventually one was selected and approved with some slight changes and ordered to be used on the next few tracts published.

5. New Tracts suggested.

Miss Lawrence's suggestions of tracts on the Labour movement in America and on The King and his Constitutional powers referred from the Executive was considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that Laski be asked to consider and write the first, and Ivor Jennings the second one suggested.

6. It was agreed that Allen & Unwin or other publisher be asked to consider publication of our ~~Historical~~ tracts in a volume as "A Century of Social Reformers" or some similar title.

Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee adjourned.

Report of preliminary meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 6th January, 1937.

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Messrs. Bennett, Catlin, Galton, Humphreys, Kamage and White.

1. Manageress of the School, 1937. It was agreed that Miss Hankinson be appointed Manageress of the School for 1937.
2. Co-option. It was agreed to invite Mrs. Basil Hall, Nicolas Pease and Morris Janis to join the Committee as co-opted members for 1937.
3. Place of School was considered and various possibilities discussed. No decision was arrived at. It was agreed that Mrs. Dattine of Normanhurst be asked about staff arrangements there if we decided to visit it again.
4. Some other matters of detail were settled and the Committee adjourned.

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Executive Committee.

Thursday 25th February 1937.

- Present Messrs Bacon, Barts, Davies, Fletcher, Eccles, Pearce, Ramsay, Sanders and Blanco White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Absence Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Batten, Humphreys, Ratcliffe and Thomas.
4. Finance The Report of the Finance Committee was read by Davies. On Finance Co. Blanco White's report was received & noted. Para 2 was referred back to Finance Committee for further consideration. Subject to these changes the report
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amended

was received and approved and
its recommendations adopted.

5. S.S. Ct. The Report of the Summer School Committee
was read by White and after consideration
was received and approved and adopted.

6. Some etc. Report reported on the work of the
Social Activities Committee and moved
the adoption of the two recommendations.
After discussion the report was received
& approved and the recommendations
adopted, & referred to the S.A. Committee
for any details.

7. Hon. Treas. The report on the Hon. Treasurer's report
was received and noted.

8. L.I.L. The report that all arrangements
for the remaining lectures this session
were completed was received
and noted and approved.

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The Autumn lectures were cancelled. The list of general subjects was considered and reduced to

- (a) Fabianism (or Socialism) and the Post-war world
- (b) The War (Horizon) - or War & Economics.

Further suggestions were

- (a) Civilization & the Coming War
- (b) Economic circumstances of Peace Preparation or rearmament.

Many suggestions for possible lectures were made & noted. It was suggested one lecture might be on the Religious aspect of the outbreak of war.

Further consideration adjourned to next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.

Wm. H. Alden

TELEPHONE: CEN 1667.

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FOUNTAIN COURT,
TEMPLE, E.C.4.

Dear Falcon

I think that Rule 20 as
it stands would empower
the Ex. Ctee to take a
referendum on a resolution
carried at the Annual Meeting

Yours sincerely

G. R. Blanche White

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 25th February, 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Ald. A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: G. E. Catlin, S.K. Katcliffe.
4. Report of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of Social Activities Committee, recommending,
 - (a) Social Party at St. Ermins Hotel on Tuesday, 16th March. The Hon. Walter Nash as Guest.
 - (b) A Weekend Conference at Jordans. April 10th to 12th.See notice enclosed.
7. Hon. Treasurer's appeal. Receipts to date £459. 6. 6d. Some further responses to be acknowledged in March Fabian News.
8. Livingstone Hall Lectures.
 - (a) To-night, Feb. 25th. Symposium on People's Front. Members of the Committee requested to attend if possible.
 - (b) The debate on Communism. J. Strachey v. Ivor Thomas now settled for April 8th.
9. Friends Hall Lectures.

The Hall booked for Thursdays, October 21st, 28th,
November 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Subject and lecturers to be considered. Suggestions for subject received:-
 - (a) The end of Laissez Faire.
 - (b) The Trend of British Socialism.
 - (c) The Trend of National and International Socialism.
 - (d) The Future of Socialism.
 - (e) Fabianism and the Post War world.
 - (f) Fabianism and the Liberal Collapse.
 - (g) Fabianism restated.
 - (h) The War Horizon.Letters from Barter and Catlin thereon to be considered with any other suggestions available.
10. Correspondence - if any.

Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Wednesday,
10th February, 1937.

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Present: A. E. Davies (Chair), Messrs. Beaumont, Catlin,
Fletcher, Galton, Humphreys, Pease, Kamage and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and approved. The unsatisfactory state of the Society's finances was noted.
2. Membership. January candidates (7) were elected. Last year (9). Four resignations were accepted. The list of 31 members, no addresses was considered. Three addresses were supplied. Agreed that the other 28 be struck off the list. The action of Chairman and Secretary in electing the five candidates in January Fabian News was approved.
3. Livingstone Hall Lectures. For the symposium on February 25th, agreed that the four speakers be given a quarter of an hour each in the following order, K. Acland, Capt. Miller, Col. Delahaye, Maurice Webb. To be followed by general discussion till 9.45, when Maurice Webb and Col. Delahaye should be given five minutes each to sum up.
4. Social Activities Committee. Report recommended (a) A Social Party on March 18th. This was agreed to and decided to invite the Hon. Walter Nash as guest. (b) A Weekend Conference at Jordans in April. Agreed to in principle, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.
5. Friends Hall Lectures. Discussed and some suggestions made and referred to the Executive.
6. The Society's Rules. Considered. Agreed to recommend Executive that the rules be amended to permit of election of Hon. members. The question whether rule 20 gave the Committee full power to take a postal vote of members on any subject referred to Blanco White for opinion.
7. Civil Service Housing Association. Chairman reported interview with officials of the Association and that the proposed option to purchase our premises was abandoned.
8. Question of fee to Dr. Finer for revision of his book "British Civil Service" was considered on letter from him thereon. It was decided (a) That the Billson Trustees be asked to make a grant to cover the cost of the new edition of this book and that Finer be offered a fee of ten guineas on account of share of proceeds, etc.
9. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
13th January, 1937.

Present: Messrs. Bennett, Fletcher, Galton, Humphreys, Janis,
Miller, N. Pease and Blanco White.

1. It was decided to defer the election of Chairman of the Committee for 1937 till next meeting.
2. The consideration of day and hour of meetings of the Committee was also deferred.
3. Place of School. Considered and various schools available discussed. It was resolved nem con., THAT Normanhurst, Battle, Sussex be taken again for the four weeks, July 31st to August 28th on the same terms as last year.
4. It was decided that the Scholarship Fund be opened again for 1937 on similar lines to previous years.
5. Some suggestions re programme and arrangements for the school were discussed but no decisions were arrived at.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee
Thursday 15 April 1937

Present Mr. Drake, Messrs Macm. Barton,
Cullen, Davies, Fletcher, Galtou, Humphreys,
Meddings, Miller, Leare, Ramase,
Sandus, Thomas & Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by
D. E. Fletcher L.C.C.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Abol Apology for absence was received
from S. K. Ratcliffe.

4. Finance The report of meeting of the Finance &
Committee was read by A. Toml Davis,
and after some discussion and
explanation was received and approved
and its recommendations adopted.

5. Summer
School

The report of the Summer School Committee was moved by J. Romax and second and approved.

6. Autumn
Lectures

The Autumn lectures were then further considered and letters read from Cutler, Sidney Webb & others. After discussion it was agreed that the general title this year be "Weather Britain".

For subjects lecturers the following were agreed to viz:
 The War Horizon. Noel Baker or Dr. Bartlett
 Economic circumstances of war
 Preparation. J. N. Keynes or Sir W. Beveridge
 Political reactions of rearmament. Crispin
 The Outlook for Civil Liberties. Lasker
 Pratt. or R. Keene.
 The Churches & the War Spirit
 B. Russell
 Socialism today. H. Morrison

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7. Exec. Report that content certain two years
 record and notice. Agreed that
 Mrs Beadle and H. C. Heath be
 asked to act as Sentencers again.

8. Social
Club

Ramsey reported the successful
 weekend at Jordans and this was
 received with much & cordial satisfaction.

For the future the Committee suggested

1. Another dance at St. Ermins early
 in June. This was considered but
 rejected as too near the last one
 and too late in the season. Agreed
 to recommend the Social Committee
 to defer it till early October.
2. Another weekend at Jordans
 or elsewhere in June. This was
 approved and agreed to.

9. Weddings

7. Weddings then under the
 resolution of which he had given
 notice. It was recommended by J. P. Barber

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After discussion A. Emil Davis
 moved and Jon Thomas seconded
 That we proceed to the next business
 & this was carried on a division.

10. Concess

- (a) Labor Party Conference deferred
 to next meeting
- (b) Scottish Weekend Fahan School
 Speaker wanted. Capt. Miller
~~had~~ offered to go and this was
 accepted. F. Maddamp offered
 also if Miller was prevented.

The meeting then adjourned.

Marg. b. Herbert Humphreys

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 15th April, 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair: Dr. E. Fletcher, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Report of meeting of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Autumn Lectures 1937. General subject to be further considered and settled. List of lectures and possible lecturers to be arranged. See separate memorandum thereon annexed.
7. The Executive Election. A contest almost certain this year. Two withdrawals and six new nominations at present. Any instructions thereon? Scrutineers required.
8. Social Activities Committee. Ramage to report on the Weekend School at Jordans and on possible future activities.
9. Notice of motion by F. Meddings as follows:-

"In view of the fact that the working class movement is threatened to-day as never before by its enemies at home and abroad, this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society deplors the fact that such a moment should be chosen by the Labour Party to disrupt its own ranks by expelling the Socialist League, and thereby making the unification of Socialist forces less possible
10. Correspondence.
 - (a) Preliminary notice of Labour Party Annual Conference, Bournemouth, October 4th to 8th.
 - (b) Scottish Fabian Societies, Weekend School at Dollar, May 1st to 3rd. Speaker wanted.

Present: A.E. Davies (Chair), Messrs. Beaumont, Galton, Humphreys, and Kamage. (101)

1. Finance. The usual monthly statement was presented and received. The improvement in members subscriptions was noted.
2. Membership. February candidates (6) were elected. Last year (7). Four resignations were accepted.
3. Report that the Treasurer's fund now amounted to £466 was received.
4. Social Activities Committee. Kamage reported on success of the Party held last night and this was approved and considered satisfactory.

He reported also on progress of the arrangements for weekend at Jordans, and the report was received and approved.

5. Finer's book, British Civil Service. Letter from Finer thereon read and considered. Agreed that he be paid a fee of £15. 15. od., and that after the Fabian Society has recovered all expenses by sales, the remaining net receipts be divided equally between Finer and the Society.

It was agreed also to ask Allen & Unwin to consider joining with us in the publication of the book.

Estimates for printing were considered and it was decided to accept the Garden City Press estimate of £104. 15. od. for 2,000 copies.

6. Arrangements with N.F.A.B. re shop window. Report that sales of the N.F.A.B. publications for three months amounted to only 30/- net. They would like the arrangement to continue and offered a nominal sum of 10/- per annum. This was considered reasonable and agreed to.
7. Audit. The Chairman raised the question of the date of audit. It was agreed that Bacon be asked to undertake it again and to complete if possible by May 20th so that the accounts could bear his signature when sent out to members with June "News".
8. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday, 10th March, 1937.

Present: Miss Chapman, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Fletcher, Galton, Humphreys, Janis, N.A. Pease, Kamage and Blanco White.

1. Chairman. John Kamage was elected Chairman of the Committee for 1937.
2. Meetings. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Wednesdays at 5.15 when required.

Place of School.
letting of Normanhurst to us for the month of August
read and received and noted.

4. Form of application. The draft form of application for admission to the School was considered. Some slight changes were made and it was agreed that it be printed and issued to members with April "Fabian News".
5. Directors of the School. The following were appointed
- 1st week. H. Humphreys, 2nd week - Dr. Eric Fletcher,
3rd week, John Ramage, 4th week - Blanco White.
Reserve panel in case of need:- Mrs. Basil Hall, W. Bennett,
F. Lawson Dodd, and S. K. Hatcliffe.
6. Programme. Considered. Agreed that subjects for the four weeks be arranged as follows:-
- 1st Week. International affairs.
2nd Week. Social Services.
3rd Week. Political Propaganda and Strategy.
4th Week. Economics and General.

Some suggestions for lectures were received and approved.

7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with or deferred to next meeting, and the Committee then adjourned.
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AUTUMN LECTURES 1937.

Suggestions for General title. Considered at last meeting.

- (a) Fabianism or Socialism and the post war world.
- (b) The War Horizon, or War and Economics.
- (c) Civilisation and the coming war.
- (d) Economic Consequences of War Preparation.

Suggested by Sidney Webb.

- (a) Whither Britain?
 - (b) Is Britain drifting towards catastrophe?
 - (c) What can Britain do to be saved?
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One lecture might be on religious aspect of War.

Lecturers suggested:- Sir W. Beveridge, J.M. Keynes,
Bertrand Russell, Professor Hogben, Sir S. Cripps, Vernon
Bartlett, Sir N. Angel, Sir F. Whyte, Wickham Steed, Sir A.
MacFadyen, Noel Baker, Bishop Barnes, Dr. J. Needham, T.H.
Marshall, G. D. H. Cole, H. J. Laski, Harold Macmillan,
and others.

Any other suggestions for general subject, titles for
lectures, and names of lecturers invited and to be considered.

Executive Committee
Thursday 6 May 1937.

Present: Mr Drake, Messrs Bacon, Barton, Beaumont,
Bennett, Daves, Galtan, Humphrey,
Meddury, Peare, Ramage, Ratcliffe
Sandan and Blanes White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Herbert Humphrey.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Colwr. Absolory presence was received
from Prof Cullen.

4. Finance
ctn The Report of the Finance Committee
was made by Daves, on Para. 1. (b).
It was agreed to add the words
"On the recommendation of the
Executive Committee" to the resolution
made about the Council Room.

Para. 3. in sum. Allm a linnis was referred back to the Finance Committee to discuss. Mem. allm a linnis revised after re finance book.

With their additions and corrections the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. Summer
School.

The report of the Summer School Committee was read by Ramage and after some further explanation was received and approved.

6. Annual
Report.

The Annual report, most of which had been circulated, was then considered here by house. Many amendments and corrections were considered and agreed to and it was approved as amended and ordered to be sent out to members with the June Fabron News as usual.

7. Cons.

(a) Labour Party Conference. Agreed that
Labour a time found to be consulted and
the question of delegates be deferred to
next meeting. No resolutions for the
agenda were proposed.

(b) Allen & Curran's revised offer re first-
publication of Finer's book considered and
agreed to. Referred back to Finance &
Committee to accept it accordingly.

(c) Mrs Judson's letter re proposed

workshop should read & noted

(d) Independent Socialist Party. Report in
Committee taken part in suggested conference

(e) India League - offer to endorse candidate
to members on usual terms.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. E. Davies

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 6th May, 1937 at 5.15 p.m.
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1. Chair: H. Humphreys.
 2. Minutes of last meeting.
 3. Apologies for absence: G. E. Catlin.
 4. Report of Meeting of Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
 5. Report of Meeting of Summer School Committee annexed.
 6. Annual Report and Accounts. Proof enclosed. To be considered and any corrections and amendments proposed dealt with. To be approved to go out to members with June Fabian News.

(Members of the Executive unable to attend are requested to return the proof with any changes or additions they would like considered noted thereon).
 7. Correspondence.
 - (a) Labour Party re Annual Conference. Any resolutions to be sent in? Appointment of delegate and nomination for Executive, etc.
 - (b) Allen & Unwin. Revised offer re Finer's book.
 - (c) Miss Judson re suggested weekend School.
 - (d) Independent Socialist Party - re suggested Conference on Unity.
 - (e) The India League - request to send out notices of Conference being arranged.

Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Beaumont, Galton,
Humphreys, Pease and Sanders.

1. Finance. The proof of draft accounts and balance sheet for 1936-37 which had been circulated to the Committee was considered item by item. It was approved and ordered to be sent out with report, subject to audit.

Resolved to recommend the Executive that Emil Davies propose to the Annual Meeting that the Common room be closed and let as an office and the provision of teas abandoned. The Library room to be used as room for rest and reading only.

Also that the Annual Meeting be held on Thursday, 10th June in the larger Committee room at Livingstone Hall.

2. Membership.

- (a) March candidates (5) were elected. Last year (7)
- (b) Three resignations were accepted.
- (c) Twentysix members to whom the Treasurer had written as they were much in arrears with subscriptions, replied resigning and it was agreed that they be struck out of the list of members accordingly.

3. Letter from Allen & Unwin re joint publication of Fiver's book read and considered. Their offer considered unsatisfactory and agreed to recommend the Executive that the book be published by us alone.
4. Letter from Miss Judson re suggested weekend school at Leatherhead read and referred to the Social Activities Committee.
5. Letter from Messrs. Jaques & Co. sending copies of agreement re Messrs. Holland & Hannen's building at back of this house, and recommending that they be approved and signed read. Agreed that the documents be approved and signed forthwith.

The meeting then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
28th April, 1937.

Present: J. Kamage (Chair) Mrs. Hall, Miss Chapman, Miss Hankinson,
Messrs. Fletcher, Galton, Janis and Blanco White.

1. Report on progress of bookings to date was received and considered satisfactory.
2. Programme. The lecturers to be arranged were considered and a list of about thirty names to be invited was drawn up and agreed to and letters ordered to be sent forthwith.
3. The Scholarship Fund now amounts to £3,17.6d. Agreed that the Chairman and Secretary be appointed a sub Committee to administer the fund.
4. A large number of suggestions had been sent in by members of the Committee and deferred from previous meetings. They were all considered and some of them, all relating to matters of detail were adopted.

The Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Thursday 3rd June 1937.

Present Mr Drake, Mrs Keynes, Mrs Lawrence
Mrs Yates, Mrs Bacon, Beaumont, Bennett,
Duns, Fina, Fraser, Galtus, Guest,
Fletcher / Humphreys, Pease, Ramson,
and Samuels.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Ald. a
Evel Davies.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

3. Apology Apology for absence was received
from W.S. Sanders. M.P.

4. Exec. election The report of the scrutineers for the
election of the Executive Committee
was presented, and received
and noted.

5. Exec
meeting

Considered. Agreed that the Executive do meet on Thursdays at 5.30 pm - the 4th Thursday in the month when possible. And that the Finance Committee do meet on the same day at 5 pm.

6. Sub
Chair

The list of selections for the Standing Committee was circulated and approved by the Committee afterwards accordingly. (See last account). All to take the Chair in rotation as usual except E. R. Pearce.

7. Comm
mtg

Arrangements considered. Section to move the proposed amendment to Rules.

Smith's resolution. Decided by 12 votes to 2 that this be approved. Bennett to prepare its report.

Weekday resolution. Decided by 12 votes to 1 that this be approved.

Ramage to move its resolution.

General note L. Hudson must be

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proposed for election as Chairman
of the meeting.

The report of meeting of the Summer School
Committee was read by Ramage
and received and approved.

At this stage the Chairman reported
briefly on the meeting of the Finance
Committee held earlier and the
report was received & approved.

G. F. H. L. The programme was further considered.
It was agreed mem. com to delete No 5 -
"The Churches & the Down Street" and
that for No 2. Com. Saunders or Cole be
asked in the order named.
Sir S. Cooper to be asked to take No 3.
For No 5 various suggestions were made
including, ¹ Industrial Change & economic
welfare, ² Socialism & Trade Unions
and Brown, Cole, or perhaps M.P.
suggested as lecturer.

3. An international Police Force
Lecturer suggested Liddell Hart,

Resolved. That the rearrangement of programme, lectures to be referred to a special sub-committee consisting of Jones, Ramage and Galtton to consider and settle.

10. Fairs
book. Price of publication considered and agreed that it be fixed at 5/- cloth 3/6 paper. Question of binding to be settled by Jones & Galtton.

11. L.P.
Conference Considered. Agreed that Mrs B. Aryston should be appointed our delegate and nominated plenipotentiary to the Labour Party Executive in connection with Women.

12. Conf. Jones suggested another Conference at last - Autumn. Agreed that his proposal be put on agenda for next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.

James Fair

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 3rd June, 1937 at 5.30 p.m.

1. Chair: A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Executive Committee Election 1937.
Report of Scrutineers to be received.
5. To consider and settle day and hour for meetings of the Executive for the ensuing year.
6. Appointment of Standing Committees and rota of Chairmen for the ensuing year.

(Lists of selections will be circulated at the meeting)

7. The Annual Meeting. Thursday next 10th June at 8 p.m. at Livingstone Hall. Notice of two motions published in Fabian News to be considered and any instructions thereon settled. It is hoped that all members of the Executive will make an effort to attend the Annual meeting.
8. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
9. Autumn Lectures at Friends Hall. Progress slow. The outline to be considered and further possible lecturers agreed.

General title of the course to be "Whither Britain".
For the six lectures the following subjects suggested - Titles may be changed.

- (1) The War Horizon.
- (2) Economic Consequences of War preparation.
- (3) Political reactions of rearmament.
- (4) The Outlook for Civil Liberties.
- (5) The Churches and the War Spirit.
- (6) Socialism to-day.

Noel Baker, M.P., accepts the first subject but not the date; Keynes and Beveridge both decline No. 2; Bertrand Russell would take No. 3 if available but likely to be in America; Laski will take No. 4; No. 5 ought to be reconsidered. Morrison will take No. 6 but cannot manage the last date.

Can we refer to small sub-Committee to rearrange the programme so as to fit in Baker and Morrison?

10. Finer's book - "The British Civil Service". Final proof ready. Question of price and binding to be settled.
11. Labour Party Conference. Appointment of delegate and nomination for Election to the Executive to be considered and settled. Last day July 23rd.
Resolutions for the conference. Last day June 18th.

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Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office on Thursday, 3rd June, 1937 at 5 p.m.

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. H. Beaumont, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, Miss H. Keynes, E. R. Pease, J. Ramage, and W. S. Sanders.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Apologies - if any.

3. Finance - Report to 31st May.

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1936</u>
Sale of Literature.	£37	£38
Members subscriptions.	184	182
Other " "	9	73
Book Box Fees.	5	6
Advertisements.	4	2

(Bank Balance £40. Liabilities £340 - i.e. Printer £260, Sundry £80)

4. The Hon. Treasurer's Fund now amounts to £472. Some donations still coming in.

5. Membership.

- (a) April candidates (4). Last year (11)
- (b) May candidates (3). Last year (3)
- (c) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
L. J. Clements.	Westminster.	1935	10/- 1933	None.
Lady Unwin.	Hampstead.	1907.	7/6 1936.	None.

Four members to whom final letter by Hon. Treasurer had been sent and who now resign, viz., Messrs. Galway and Gurney, Miss Ida Hadley and Dr. Lena Walker. To be taken off the list accordingly.

6. Correspondence.

- (a) Lt. Col. Delahaye re By Election at Buckingham. Appeal for financial aid.
- (b) G. T. Garratt - re By Election, Plymouth - asking helpers and motor cars.
- (c) Messrs. Bennett & Son - re notice of works to our Party Wall by our next door neighbours at 9 Dartmouth Street.
- (d) Felix Rose - offer of lecture on the Paris International Exhibition.
- (e) Baron de Veitschberger - suggesting lecture on his scheme for the abolition of Unemployment.
- (f) Solaflex, Ltd. - estimate and plan for new sign outside shop. Cost to be borne by a member of the Executive.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on
Wednesday, 26th May, 1937.

Present: Mrs. Hall, Miss Hankinson, Messrs. Fletcher,
Galton, Humphreys, Janis, N. Pease, Ramage and
Blanco White.

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1. Report on progress of bookings. Very slow during the past weeks and considerably behind last year at same date. Received and noted and considered probably due to Coronation, holidays, etc.
 2. Programme. Report of progress received and approved. A number of further suggestions of possible lecturers were made and agreed to. It was agreed that it was urgent to get the programme printed as early in June as possible and to send it out to members with July "News".
 3. The Scholarship Fund- report that it now amounts to £5. 13. 6d. received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned.

STANDING COMMITTEES 1937-38.

Finance.

H. Beaumont,
A. Emil Davies,
Eric Fletcher.
H. Humphreys,
J. Ramage,
W. S. Sanders,
Miss M.F. Yates,
E.R. Pease,
F.W. Galton.

Publishing.

F. W. Bacon.
Mrs. Drake,
H. Finer,
Miss Lawrence.
H. Samuels,
I. Thomas,
G.R.B. White.
E.R. Pease,
F.W. Galton.

Propaganda.

W. Bennett,
D. M. Fraser,
L. H. Guest,
Miss H. Keynes,
Capt. Miller,
E. R. Pease,
F. W. Galton.

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Rota of Chairman.

All except Pease, and ~~_____~~

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Executive Committee
Thursday 22nd July 1937

Present Mrs Laurence, Mrs Yates, Messrs Beaumont, Bennett, Davies, Finer, Fraser, Crockett, Everett, Humphreys, Pease, Ramson, Samuels, Sanders and White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Dr. Finer.

2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

3. Absds Apologies for absence was received from Mrs Duke and Dr. Fletcher.

4. Finance Report of meeting of the Finance Committee held earlier was given by Emil Davies and received and approved. The recommendations (a) To let the Common Room to the Civil Service Housing Corporation;

and (c) to send honorarium of £5.50 to J. Bacon the auditor were adopted.

5.7.5.5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee was moved by Rummage and second and approved.

6.7.5.5. The report re arrangements made to date was second and approved. For the vacancy for Chairman on October 28. It was agreed that Ernie Davies be asked to preside and he agreed to do so.

7.7.5.5. The report that no amendments to the Resolutions had been sent in was second and noted.

8.7.5.5. D. M. Fraser then moved the motion of which he had given notice. Considerable discussion ensued in which Ernest, Fraser, Humphreys,

Beaumont, Sumner, Mrs Lawrence
and Rowan took part. It was
decided that a Conference on the
lines suggested be arranged and
held on Sat. Feb. 5th or 12th 1938.

Agreed also that Frank, Fred and
Humblyns be asked to draft a report
for presentation to the next meeting
of this Committee on a proposal to
attract the student of the professional
classes to the Labour movement.

9. Feb

D. Finner reported that he was going to
the U.S.A. on a mission to report on the
Tennessee valley affairs, & asked leave
of absence for six months or more accordingly.
This was agreed to unanimously.

The Committee then adjourned.

S. M. Fraser

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Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 22nd July, 1937 at 5 p.m.

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. H. Beaumont, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E. R. Pease, J. Ramage, Miss M. F. Yates, and W. S. Sanders.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Apologies - if any.

3. Finance - Report to 30th June.

	<u>1937.</u>	<u>1936.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£62	£61
Members subscriptions.	264	262
Other	18	80
Book Box Fees.	6	7
Advertisements.	3	3

(Bank Balance £260. Liabilities £360 - i.e. Printer £300, Sundry £80)

4. The Hon. Treasurer's Fund. The speech by the Hon. Treasurer at the Annual Meeting was printed and circulated to members at his request. It has resulted in the receipt of over £40 to the fund which now amounts to £513. 17. Od. and some further donations and promises of increased subscriptions still being received.

5. Membership.

- (a) June candidates (5). Last year (5)
- (b) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
B. Harvey James.	Kensington.	1926	12/6. 1936	None
B. Jacobs,	Westminster.	1936	20/- 1936	None
H.W.Sanderson.	Denham.	1913.	63/- 1936.	Economy.

6. The Fabian Common Room. Civil Service Housing Association made a firm offer to take the room forthwith at an Annual rent of £75. To be considered and recommendation made to the Executive Committee thereon.

7. Audit of Accounts 1936-37. Fee to James Bacon to be considered and recommended to the Executive.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Jaques & Co., solicitors, sending cheque £75 from Holland and Hannen re building operations at rear of our premises.
- (b) Victor Gollancz, suggesting issue of Left Book Club circular to members.
- (c) A. E. Colbourn - re Messrs. Ian Cameron & Co., who are unable to pay account due for books supplied.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on
Thursday, 22nd July, 1937 at 5.30 p.m.

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1. Chair: Mrs. E. Drake.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held at 5 p.m. to-day - to be given by Emil Davies, Chairman of the Committee.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, annexed.

(The School only moderately successful this year. About 100 persons have booked about 160 weeks to date. Some applications still coming in daily but more needed to make it a success.)

6. Friends Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete except for Chairman for second meeting. Four syllabuses received. General title - "Whither Britain?"

The following are arrangements to date:

Date.	Subject.	Lecturer.	Chairman.
Oct. 21st.	Science and Social Institutions.	Bertrand Russell	Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, M.P.
" 28th.	The War Horizon.	Vernon Bartlett	
Nov. 4th.	Economic Consequences of war preparation.	G.D.H.Cole.	Prof. Carr Saunders.
" 11th.	Political Reactions of rearmament.	Sir S.Cripps, M.P.,	Kingsley Martin.
" 18th.	Socialism to-day.	Rt. Hon. H. Morrison, M.P.	Mrs. M.A. Hamilton, L.C.C.
" 25th.	The Outlook for Civil Liberties.	Prof. H. Laski.	Lord Sankey,

7. Labour Party Annual Conference. No notices of Amendments to the resolutions for the Conference circulated have been received. No action necessary.

8. Resolution submitted by D. M. Fraser on behalf of the 1936 Fabian Group:

"That a Conference on the lines of the one held in October, 1936 be arranged for some Saturday afternoon and evening in December, 1937, e.g. December 11th, on the general question "The Organisation of the Professional and Non-Manual Workers."

Suggested points to discuss are:

- (1) The Professional Worker and the Trade Union Movement.
- (2) Should Clerical Workers be organised in one Union or by Industry?
- (3) The Professional Worker and the Strike Weapon.
- (4) The Professional Worker and Political Action.

To be considered. Letter on similar subject from Dr. L. Haden Guest.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
16th June, 1937.

Present: J. Ramage (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Chapman, Miss
Hankinson, Messrs. Bennett, Catlin, Galton, Humphreys,
Janis, W. A. Peaso, and G. R. Blanco White.

1. Report on the slow progress of bookings for the School was received and noted and considered disturbing. Many suggestions were made for stimulating interest in the school and were noted for attention. It was not considered desirable to insert paid advertisements in the press, though any publicity should be secured if possible.

The list of applicants was read and passed and referred to Miss Hankinson to allot the rooms, etc.

2. Programme. The proof of programme was considered and some minor changes and additions agreed to. For the vacant dates for lecturers some suggestions were made. Agreed that the programme be approved and sent out to all members with the July "Fabian News" as usual.
3. The Scholarship Fund. This amounted to £9. 11. 6d. at date. Some applications for grants received and being considered. Received and noted.
4. Agreed that local Labour Parties in the neighbourhood of the school be advised about it and offered help in speaking if required during August.
5. Various other matters of detail were dealt with. Miss Hankinson reported her visit to Normanhurst and the progress of arrangements for staff. It was decided not to meet again till after the School is ended unless any emergency arises.

The meeting then adjourned.

Executive Committee
Thursday 23rd September 1931

Present Mr. Duke, Kim Yuts, Messrs. Bacon, Beaumont, Davey, Fletcher, Fraser, Galtier, Guest, Pearce, Romagn, and Samuels.

Chair The Chair was taken by D. M. Fraser.

Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Adopt Resolutions for absence were received from Mr. Keynes, Messrs. Bennett, Humphreys and Sanders.

Finance Report of the Finance Committee was moved by Emil Davies. On page 6. Luntton has lectured H. Samuels, raised his suggestion of a lecturing debate

on Palestine and it was agreed that this be arranged if possible. On Para D Book by circular it was agreed this be sent out again to local Labour Parties

With these additions the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

5. F.H.L. Report on progress was received and approved and considered satisfactory.

6. L.P. Conf. Received and noted. Agreed that Mrs. Jones our delegate be asked to send us a report of the Conference as she is not a member of the Executive.

7. S.A. Cii. Ramani reported on the two factories concerned and his report was received and approved.

8. Conf. Faza reported on the proposed arrangements for the Conference

it will

in Feb. next. After discussion it was agreed that two sessions be arranged, afternoon 2:30 to 4:30; evening 5:15-7 pm. Agreed also no resolutions but subjects for discussion, and that for Lathams to be asked to preside at both sessions if possible.

The report of the special sub com. which had been circulated was deferred to next meeting.

7 Spec. Sub Com.

O. L. H. L.

Discussed and deferred to next meeting.

I. L. L. P.

Received and notice and agreed that Mrs Drake to nominate again.

The meeting then adjourned.

L. Hede Guest
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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office
on Thursday, 23rd September, 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

1. Chair - Dr. Eric Fletcher.
2. Minutes of last Meeting.
3. Apologies - Ald. W. Bennett, H. Humphreys.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
5. Friends Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets continues satisfactory. Receipts to date £230. Last year same date £165. All arrangements complete and syllabus issued and advertisements settled.

Platform ticket for your use enclosed. It is hoped all members of the Executive will attend - but if unable to do so please return any tickets not required.

6. Labour Party Conference. No notice of any instructions to our delegate has been received and no action is necessary therefore.
7. Social Activities Committee. Ramage to report on progress of arrangements for weekend School, Oct. 16/18; and for the Social Party at St. Ermins Hotel on November 5th.
8. Conference of Professional, etc. Workers. Hall booked for February 12th. D. M. Fraser to report on proposed arrangements, speakers, etc.
9. Special Sub Committee on Fabian activities (Messrs. Fraser, Guest and Humphreys). Report enclosed to be considered.
10. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Spring 1938. Preliminary consideration of lecturers and subjects.
11. Correspondence.

London Labour Party - Notice of Annual Conference, Saturday, 27th November. Motions for the agenda if any to be sent in by October 1st. Finance Committee recommend that Mrs. Drake be nominated again as our representative on ~~the~~ Executive Committee of the Party.

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Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Miss Yates, Messrs. Beaumont, Galton, Humphreys, Pease and Ramage.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented. Received and noted and approved.
2. The Hon. Treasurer's Fund - Report this had now reached £570 received, noted and approved.
3. Membership. July candidates (6). Last year (7), and August candidates (4), Last year (5) were elected.

Three resignations were accepted.
4. Friends Hall Lectures. Report re sale of tickets received and considered satisfactory.

Messrs. Allen & Unwin's offer to publish the lectures in book form as last year, read and considered. Agreed to accept and ask the lecturers to consent, a further fee of five guineas to be offered in special cases if necessary.
5. Facts for Socialists. Sanders suggestion of leaflet and order form to be sent out to members with Fabian News was approved. Agreed also that the Labour Party be asked to inset it in circulars, etc.

The N.C.L.C. asked for reprint in special cover and enquired cost of 2,000 or 3,000 copies. Considered and agreed to offer 2,000 for £20, or 3,000 for £26.
6. Livingstone Hall Lectures. Provisional booking of the hall for alternate Thursdays, January to March was approved. Also for Saturday, February 12th for the proposed conference. Some suggestions for lecturers were considered and deferred or rejected.
7. Ramage reported the Social Activities Committee's proposals for weekend School in October and Social Party in November and these were approved.
8. Book Box Circular. Agreed that this be revised and reissued this autumn.
9. Speakers Class. Agreed that this be arranged again if possible. Ramage to consider undertaking to conduct.
10. Dr. Haden Guest - Request for funds and help in By-election pending at N. Islington. Agreed not to recommend a grant of money, but any other help possible to be given.

Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee
 Thursday 14th October 1937

- Present - Mr. Yates, Mr. Bennett, Danes, Fletcher, Fraser, Galtin, Ernest, Humphreys, Peare, Ramay & Samuels.
- Chair - The Chair was taken by L. Haduquest. M.P.
- Minutes - Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
- Apologs - Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Bacon, Beaumont, Sanders & White.
- Finance
Ch. - A. Emil Davies reported on the proceedings of the Finance Committee meeting held earlier this day, and after discussion the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

S.S. Com.

The Report of the Sumner School Committee was moved by Ransom. Paras 1 to 3 were received and approved.

On Para 4 the memorandum sent up from some members at the school considerable discussion arose. Finally it was agreed that Paras 2, and 6 of the memo should be approved and agreed to. On Para 5 it was moved, seconded and resolved

That this Executive Committee advise the Sumner School Committee to note its opinion that ⁱⁿ any appointments and arrangements which are made for the control and management of the Sumner School it should be clearly understood that the ultimate authority at the school should rest with the Director who shall be responsible to the Committee, and that any manager or officer appointed should work under ~~the~~ his or her instructions.

With these additions the report was received and adopted.

Special
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Have reported in the document submitted by the Special sub-Committee and discussion ensued. It was agreed that it be received and approved as an interim report and that the Committee be asked to bring up a further report with definite proposals for action to be taken.

Social
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Range reported on the arrangements for Weekend Conference at Dewswell; and for Social Party at St. Erasmus and the report was received & approved.

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Quilley reported the arrangements so far made for the Conference of Professional Workers on Feb. 12: Prof. Lathan M.A. had agreed to preside after discussion it was

agreed that Mrs. Eileen Rathbone M.P.
 F. J. Bellamy M.P. and D. N. P. M.P.
 be added to the list of members to be
 invited. Also a representation of the
 Curl Series organisations.

9. L.H.L. Consideration of the Lectures for 1958
 at Linn, St. Hill was deferred and
~~next meeting~~ referred to the Finance
 & Committee to arrange and report.

10 Coms (a) Mrs. Jones - agreed that she be asked
 to attend the next Committee meeting
 at about 6 pm.

(b) Letters read & noted.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Robert Humphreys

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F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 14th October, 1937 at 5.30 p.m.

1. Chair - Dr. L. ~~Had~~en Guest.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held to-day. To be given by the Chairman, A. Emil Davies.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Special sub-Committee on Fabian activities. Report deferred from last meeting to be considered. Please bring your copy with you.
7. Social Activities Committee. Ramage to report on arrangements for weekend at Digswell (Oct. 16/18th), and Social Party, November 5th.
8. Conference of Professional Workers, etc., February 12th 1938. Report on progress of arrangements, speakers, etc.
9. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1938. Finance Committee to report, and arrangements to be considered and settled.
10. Correspondence.
 - (a) Mrs. Ayrton Gould re report of Labour Party Conference. Offer to attend and report to the Executive verbally.
 - (b) Dr. Finer and Capt. Miller - remembrances to the Executive from U.S.A., etc.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y .

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,
29th September, 1937.

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Present: J. Ramage (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Hankinson,
Messrs. Galton, Humphreys, N. A. Pease and Blanco
White.

1. A financial statement was presented showing receipts £544;
Expenditure to date £475. Balance in hand £69.
(Note - after this account was made up two further
bills amounting to £26 were received. Thus the
balance is reduced to £43.)

2. After consideration it was agreed that Miss Hankinson be
paid a fee of twenty guineas for her services as
Manageress at the School.

Resolved also that a cordial vote of thanks and
appreciation be recorded to Mrs. Beadle for all her
help at the School.

3. Miss Hankinson reported fully on the attendance at the
School and the various items of expenditure. The
report was received and noted with thanks, and
ordered to be entered in the minute book.

4. A memorandum submitted by a number of members at the
School, copies of which had been circulated to the
Committee, was then considered and letters thereon
read.

Agreed that it be referred to the Executive Committee
with recommendations

- (a) That the suggestions in Paragraph 2 of the memo
be considered favourably;
- (b) That Paragraph 6 should be considered carefully
in the light of the school selected in
future.

Copy of the memorandum is annexed for
consideration.

5. Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the
Committee adjourned.

Fabian Summer School, 1937.

Suggestions made by a meeting of members of the School on August 5th, 1937 to lay before the Executive and Summer School Committees.

1. An effort should be made to have a larger Summer School Committee, whose members are likely to attend the School for a time, and more effort should be made to represent new elements in the Society and members under 35 on that Committee.
2. There should be some kind of Junior Common Room Committee, like the Vigilance Committee of 1933 to assist the Director of the School in arranging for the convenience and enjoyment of the members of the school.
3. The Executive of the Society is asked to realise the vital importance of improving the attendance at the school, and should make more efforts to experiment with new localities (e.g. Scotland and France). A larger committee should approve and select sites.
4. The repeated complaints against petty restrictions should not be autocratically dismissed by the Manager of the School as youthful idiosyncrasies, but should be seriously considered by the Executive, from the basis of these resolutions, as an illustration of the reason for the decline in numbers.
5. The catering and material management of the school would benefit from being a whole time job for one person expert in such matters, whilst the responsibilities of maintaining discipline and goodwill necessary to any community should be left to the Director and the ad hoc committee for each week.
6. One definite example of a restriction that should be removed: it is suggested that a public room be set aside at future schools for those who wish to sit up late talking.

Signed August 6th, 1937.

G.Humphreys,
 E.V.Brooks
 H.G.Lomberg,
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E.M.Killick,
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 David Freeman.
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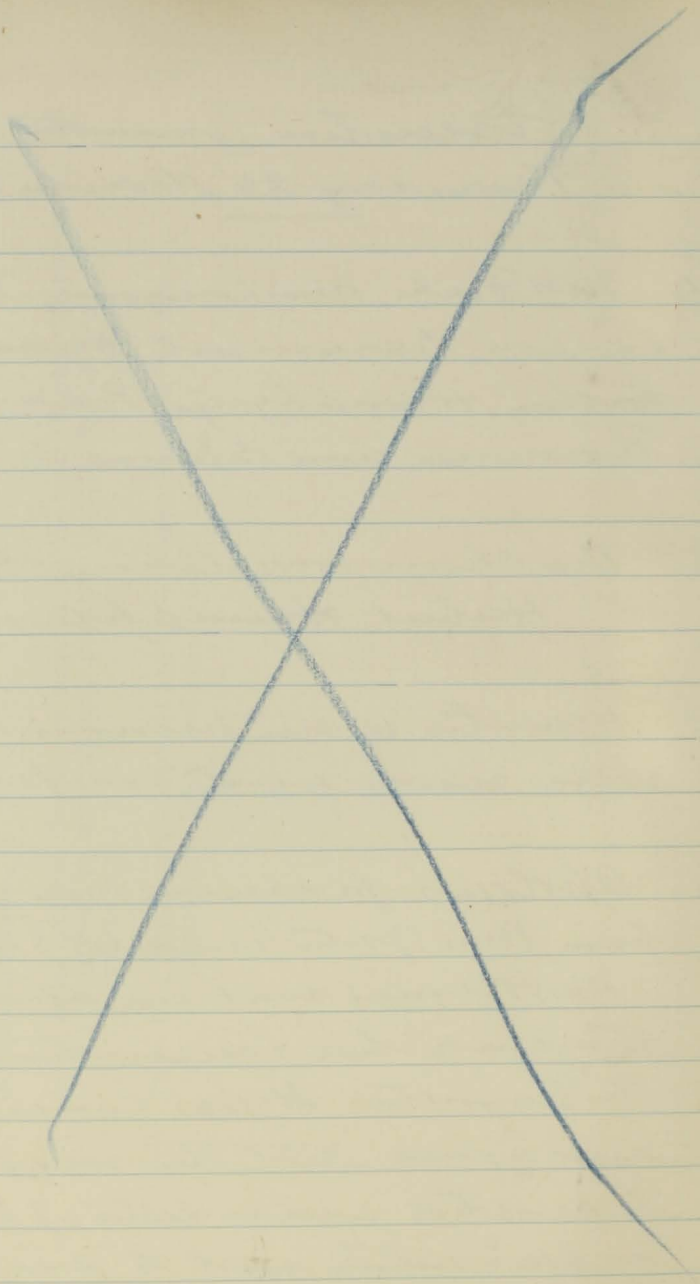
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August 11th, 1937.

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 Ann Wilde,
 Elizabeth M. Glen.

Executive Committee
Thursday 25th November 1937.

- Present Mrs Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Messrs
 Macm, Beaumont, Daves, Fraser,
 Galtin, Humphreys, Pease,
 Ramap and Blanco White.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by
 Hubert Humphreys.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting
 were read and confirmed.
3. Apols Apologies for absence were received
 from Mrs Yates and W.S. Sanders.
 Mrs Keyes sent an apology and
 tendered her resignation from
 the Committee. It was considered
 and agreed that the resignation
 be accepted and a letter of thanks
 & appreciation sent to Mrs Keyes.



Alden
Memor

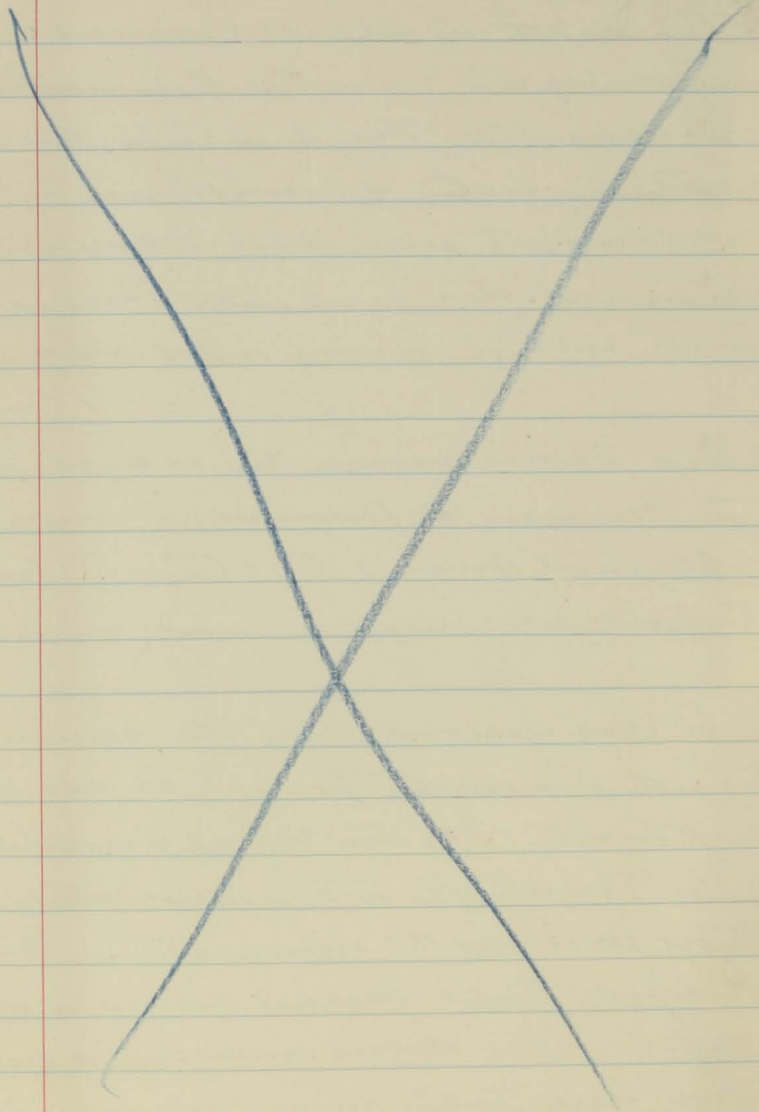
The death of Ald. W. Bennett was a member of the Executive Committee was reported. The Secretary had written a letter of condolence to Mrs Bennett and Ald. Davis had attended the funeral. Received and noted and approved.

Finance

Ald. Davis read the report of the Finance Committee and explained some of the items. The report was received and approved.

S. S. C. W.

It was decided that the Summer School Committee for 1938 be set up forthwith. For the seven members of the Executive to be appointed there were eight nominations. As a dummy Capt. Mellis name was deleted. The seven members appointed were, Mrs Yates, Mrs Beaumont, Helen France, Humphrey, Ramage & Blanco White.



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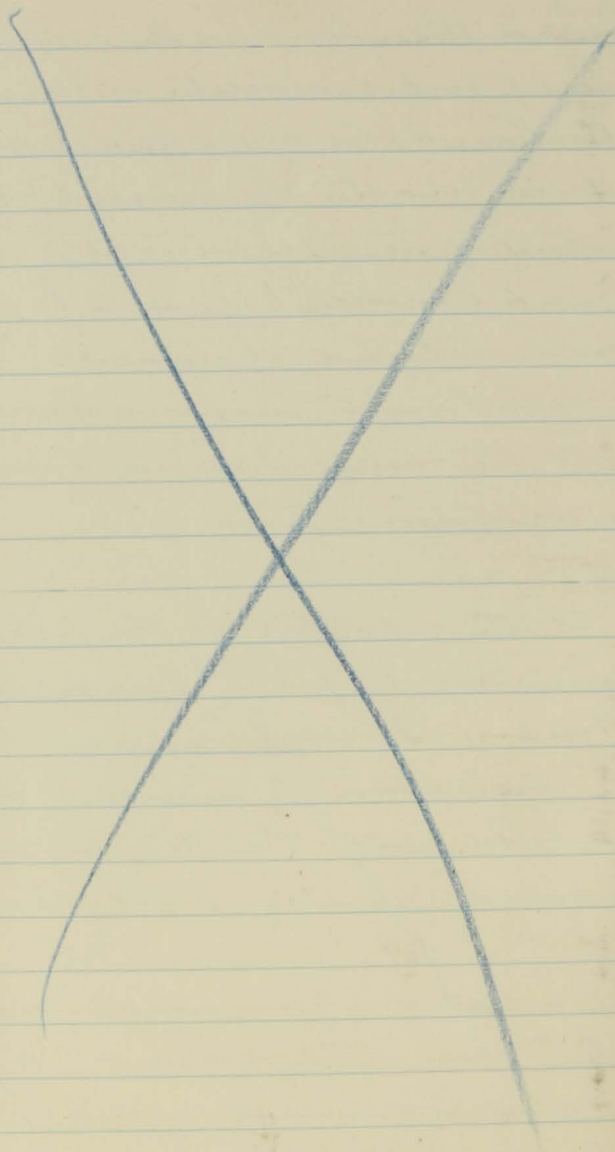
From there moved the report of the Special sub-Committee on Finance activities. After discussion it was agreed that the matter be deferred till the meeting of the Executive in January. The sub-Committee was asked to submit a more detailed statement than and the Secretary to prepare some facts about the Local Finance Societies for information.

8. Conf.

Griffin reported on the progress of arrangements for the Conference in February. It was agreed that Mrs. Ruckham be asked to attend and take part. The report was received and approved.

2. L. H. L.

The report of arrangements made for the Langston Hall extension was received and approved. Agreed that Dr. Hadden first be asked



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to defer his lecture to March and
Mrs Jada Utley's offer to lecture in
Jubah on Feb 10. It accepted

In the vacant date a doctor
the following to Washell. viz

1. Paul Robson. Socialism & Art
2. Francis Williams. Trade Prospects
3. Arthur Williams do of Williams unable
4. J. D. Bernal. Science & Labour.

10. Cases

The letter from the Labour Party was
received and noted.

11. Mrs Jada

Mrs Jada Utley could attend the
Committee and reported on the Labour
Party Conference at which she was a
delegate. Some questions were asked and
answered, and the Chairman thanked
her for her attendance & report.

The meeting then adjourned

A. Susan Lawrence

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on
Thursday, 25th November, 1937 at 5.15 p.m.

N.B. Please note that Mrs. Ayrton Gould has arranged to attend
the Committee at 6 p.m. to report on the Labour Party
Conference at Bournemouth which she attended as our delegate.

1. Chair: Hubert Humphreys.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. The death of Ald. W. Bennett, L.C.C., a member of the
Executive to be reported.
4. Apologies - Miss Helen Keynes who writes resigning her
membership of the Committee.
5. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee annexed.
6. Summer School Committee, 1938 to be set up. Seven members of
the Executive to be appointed to serve for the year.
7. Special Sub-Committee on Fabian activities. Proposals
submitted by the Committee, copy annexed. To be considered.
8. Conference of Professional Workers, etc. February 12th, 1938.
Preliminary circular issued. Report on progress of
arrangements, speakers, etc.
9. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1938. See Report of Finance, etc.
Committee. Arrangements made to date as follows:-

Jan. 13th.	Dr. Gooch.	Europe to-day.
"	27th.	Ald. A.E. Davies, L.C.C. Population.
Feb. 10th.	Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.B.	(?)
"	24th.	Sir Ronald Storrs. The Near East.

March 10th and 24th to be filled - several invitations issued
and replies awaited. Chairmen for the six meetings to be
arranged.
10. Correspondence.

The Labour Party. Notifying that next Annual Conference
will not be held till Whitsun, 1939.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee on Thursday,
18th November, 1937.

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Present: A. E. Davies (Chair), Messrs. Galton, Humphreys,
Pease, Ramage and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was presented and received and approved.
2. Membership. October candidates (8) were elected. Last year (12). One resignation was accepted.
3. Friends Hall Lectures. Receipts to date £562. Last year £428. Collection for Labour Party's Spain Fund amounted to £62. 5. 1d. Received and approved and considered very satisfactory. Result of the collection to be announced at to-nights meeting.
4. The Social Party, Nov. 5th. Very good but not quite successful financially, 136 tickets sold. Receipts £17. Expenses £18. 15. 0d. Received and noted.
5. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1938. Considered and discussed. Many suggestions for lecturers and subjects received.

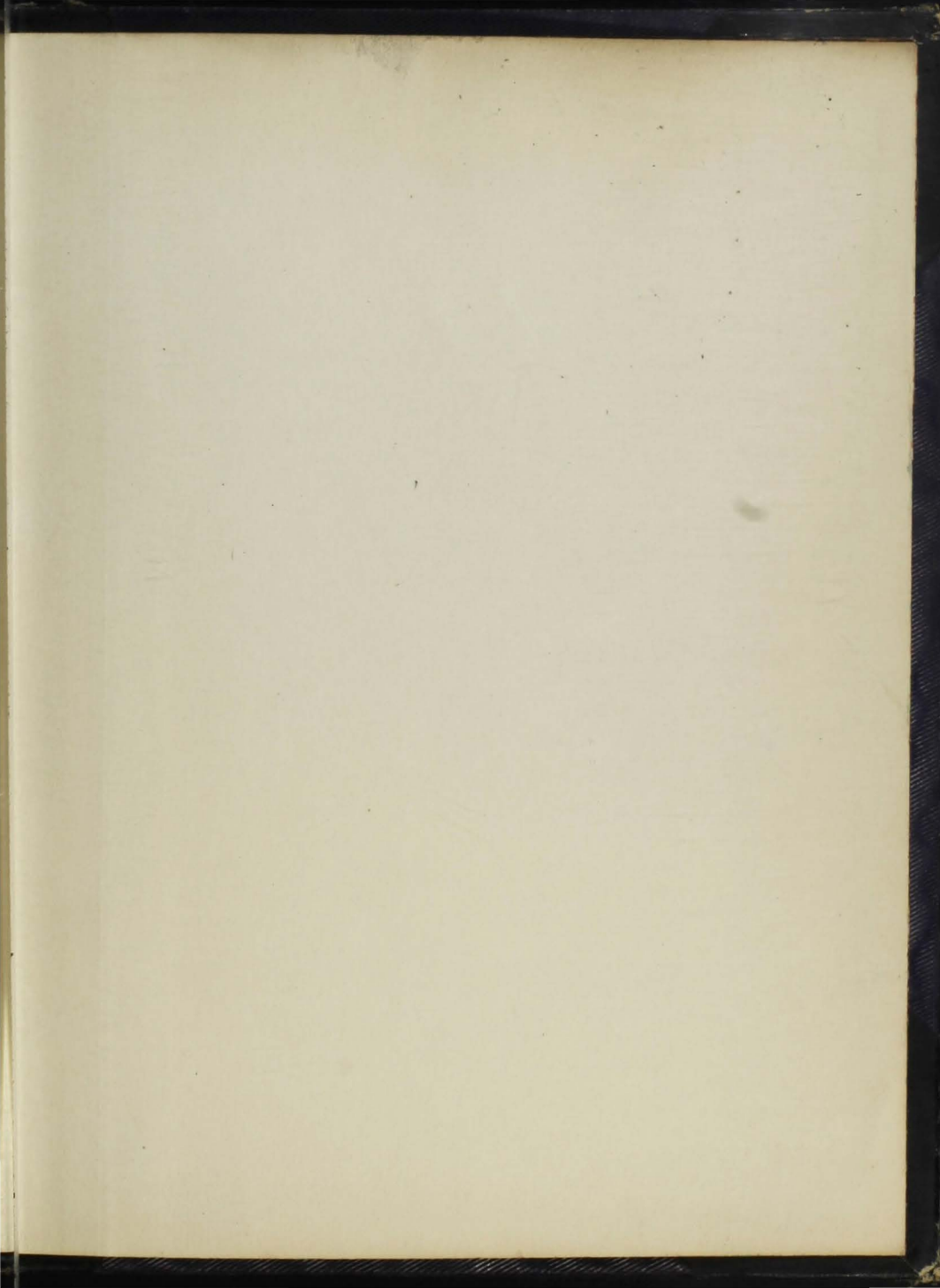
Agreed not to have a series with general subject but to arrange separate lectures on matters of current interest. A list of names drawn up and agreed to to be invited in the order arranged. Secretary authorised to proceed forthwith as time is now short.

The meeting then adjourned.

PROPOSALS ARISING OUT OF REORGANISATION OF FABIAN
SOCIETY ACTIVITIES.

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1. There should be set up a Professional Workers' Propaganda Committee of the Fabian Executive to (a) prepare pamphlets dealing with Socialism and the various types of professional workers, (b) prepare a programme of activities for local Fabian Societies designed to attract professional people to the Labour Movement by special meetings, in private houses or elsewhere, by regional conferences of professional workers' organisations and by using the services of professional people in giving lectures on Socialism in action and other topical problems and in research into local problems.
 2. A circular should be sent to all members of the Fabian Society asking where Fabian Societies on the new model could be established.
 3. Invitations might be sent to the Socialist Medical Association, the University Labour Federation and the National Association of Labour Teachers to appoint delegates to sit with the Professional Workers Propaganda Committee of the Fabian Executive in a co-ordinating Committee to link the various organisations affiliated to the Labour Party that are tackling the problem of Socialism and the Professional worker and thus to make their work more effective.
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