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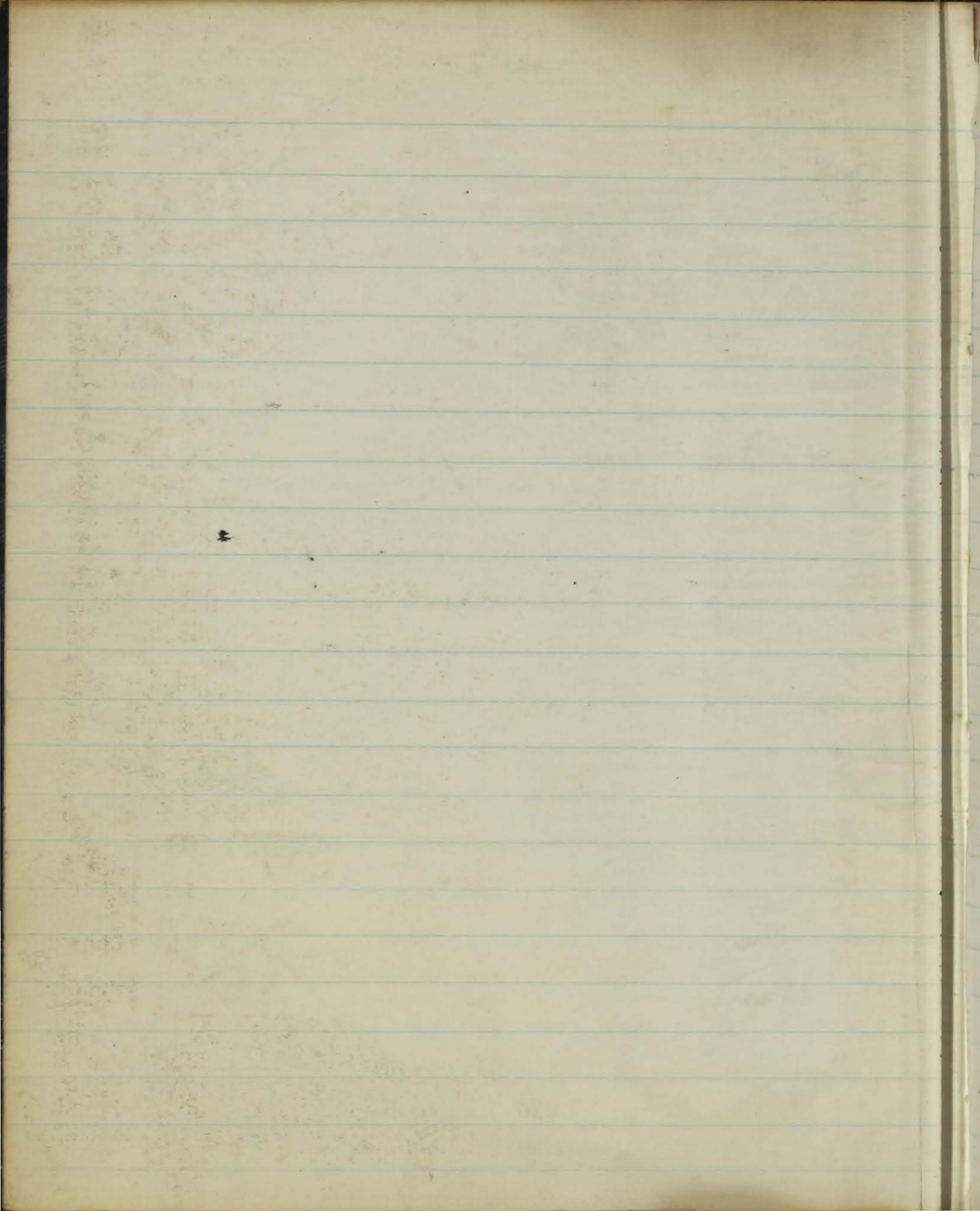
Executive Committee

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Meeting - 14th February 1913.

Present. Dr. Phillips (in chair) Sidney Webb
Miss Abson, Henry H. Schloesser, H. Snell,
~~Dr~~ Mrs. Cavendish Bentinck, C. M. Lloyd,
Mrs. P. Reeves, R. C. K. Ince, Dr. Bentham,
Mrs. Wilson, W. S. Sanders & the Secy.

Absent. Clifford Allen, H. D. Harben, Mrs. Webb,
Emil Davies Miss Murly, Lawson Dodd
Clifford Sharp & Mrs. Bernard Shaw.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies: for last time Dr. Phillips: for this
Harben, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Shaw Davies.

3. Arising from Minutes.

Report by Secretary that the Labour Party Executive agreed to amend their Scotch Advisory Council Scheme by adding a Fabian Delegate both to the Council and to the Executive, but the Conference rejected the whole scheme, partly on the ground of under-representation of majorities.

4. Publishing Com^e. No meeting held. Title page of cover of Socialist Movement in Germany was amended, & question of colour left to the P. Com^e

The Organising + Propaganda Com^{ee}

5. The ~~Finance~~ + ~~General Propaganda Com^{ee}~~ Report
was submitted.

Items 1, 2, + 3 were approved.

.. 4. (Lectures arranged at Office) was approved, & it was referred to the Com^{ee} to consider a paragraph at frequent intervals in F. News.

Items 5 + 6 were approved.

Item 7. Joint Com^{ee} Report

a, b, + c were approved.

d. War against Poverty.

I approved.

II. Parliamentary Bills. It was agreed that copies of these should be sent to the Office & members notified so that they can see them.

III Handbook for speakers - This was discussed at considerable length. Ultimately it was agreed (1) that the Exec. recommend the Joint Com^{ee} to indicate on the bill papers the authors of the papers; (2) that a ~~copy~~ ^{proof} be sent to the office & members notified that they can see it for the purpose of criticism.

Private.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee.
Meeting Thursday Feb. 13th, 1913.
Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Mrs. Bentinck,
and Sanders.

1.- Membership.

- (a) The February candidates (24) were elected.
- (b) 8 Resignations were dealt with.

2.- Shaw-Belloc Debate.

A financial Report of the Shaw-Belloc Debate (already sent to members of the E. C.) was submitted and approved.

3.- J.J. Dodd's motion on Socialist Propaganda.

Letter was received from J.J. Dodd in reference to his motion accepted by the E.C. at the Members' Meeting on Dec. 6th., proposing that the Society should announce by means of letters or advts. or both, in the press that it is prepared to supply lecturers on the subject of Socialism. This has been done by letter on various occasions and we do not think it advisable to pay for advts. We have instructed the Org. Sec. to send letters to various newspapers as suggested.

4.- Lectures arranged through the Office.

We were instructed to report on the number of lectures arranged through the Office during the past three months.

From Nov. 1st, 1912 to Jan. 31st, 1913 60 lectures on Socialism and allied topics (apart from professional lectures) have been arranged through the Office to be given to various organisations. In addition to these several members of the E.C., including Harben, Webb and Davies, have sent in lists, in some cases very long, of lectures given by them but arranged direct. It is usual that when a lecturer becomes known Societies apply direct to them instead of to the office and hence a great deal of lecturing is done by members which is not recorded.

5.- University Socialist Federation.

Miss Atkinson reported that the Federation was doing a good deal of work in getting in touch with Socialists at Universities and with those who had gone down. Steps were being taken to arrange the annual Conference of the Federation probably at Barrow House at Easter.

6.- New Societies.

The Organising Secretary visited Aberystwyth on Thursday February 6th, and inaugurated the new Society at the University College. A new Society has been formed at Portsmouth.

7.- Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society.

The following Report of a meeting held Feb. 3rd. 1913 was received and approved.

Present: Pease, Mrs. Webb, Johnson, Schloesser, Lloyd, Mrs. Wilson, Dubery, and Sanders.

- (a) Conference at Barrow House in July.
Conference Programme was agreed upon. It was reported that the members of the N.A.C. would attend the Conference. Lists of special people to be invited were drawn up.
- (b) Elected Persons Conference at Manchester at Easter.
It was reported that the invitations to the Conference were being circulated and local arrangements were in hand.
- (c) Proposed Joint Committee with Labour Party
Instructions were given to arrange for further consideration of this matter with the Labour Party.
(A meeting between the Policy Committee of the Parliamentary ~~Committee~~ Labour Party and a section of the Joint Committee was held on Wednesday Feb. 12th. Bills embodying some of the points of the War against Poverty Campaign were submitted to the Policy Committee and this body decided to refer them to a full meeting of the Labour Party for favourable consideration. It was also stated that steps were being taken by the Labour Party E.C. to organise the proposed Joint Committee (to include the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress) and that in about a fortnight the matter would reach its final stage. It should be noted that the proposal had received the endorsement of the Labour Party Conference).

7.- (Continued).

(d) War Against Poverty Campaign. (5)

- (i) Conferences. Reports were received that successful Conferences had been held at Derby, Deptford, and Edinburgh.
- (ii) Parliamentary Bills. It was reported that the draft Bills embodying the points of the Campaign were ready. It was decided to submit them to the Labour Party as soon as possible. (They will be submitted and discussed at the meeting on Feb. 12th. mentioned above).
- (iii) Handbook for Speakers. Mrs. Webb reported that the handbook was now complete. It was agreed that a number should be issued in the name of the Joint Committee at 6d.; the National Committee, it was understood, would publish an edition in its name at a higher price.

(e) First Sunday in May Demonstration.

It was reported that up to date (Feb 3,) 20 I.L.P. branches and Federations, 15 Trade Union Branches, 3 Trades Councils and local Labour Parties, 2 Women's Labour League Branches and 3 other bodies (43 in all) were prepared to help revive the Demonstration. £6.9.6. had been promised towards the cost. It was agreed that the question of holding a Conference to organize the demonstration should be discussed at the next meeting.

8.- Fabian Social Function for 1913.

We have considered the question of a Fabian Dinner and have decided that it would be advisable not to organise one this year. We should be glad however, to have the views of the E.C. as to the arranging of some other social function.

Mabel Atkinson
Chairman.

Private. Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.
Meeting, 6th. February 1913. (2)
Present: Webb (in chair), Dr. Phillips, Schloesser,
Sharp, Dodd, Davies and Secretary.

- 1.- Finance. January accounts were submitted, and the Secretary was authorised to buy more books for boxes up to £10.
 - 2.- Staff. On application from his father it was agreed to advance Bowsher's wages by 1/- to 10/-.
 - 3.- L.C.C. Election.
 - (a) Circular amended and approved.
 - (b) Letter from the London Labour Electoral Committee sending two resolutions on the Bermondsey case. The Secretary was directed to reply at once sending the paragraph published in the "News" and saying the Executive will neglect no opportunity to prevent clashing in electoral contests.
 - 4.- Lectures. Offer of lecture by Haden Guest on Social Reconstruction, (re electoral areas &c), was deferred.
 - 5.- Challenge from F. Hugh O'Donnell (ex-M.P.) to a public debate on Socialism was considered and it was agreed to recommend the Executive to decline.
 - 6.- Advertisements. On behalf of the Publishing Committee advertisements in the Labour Party Report (£4.4.0) and the University Socialist (£1.1.0. $\frac{1}{2}$ page) were ordered.
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7.- Labour Party Conference.

On letter from Harben adverting to our delegates moving an amendment to a motion favouring replacement of the Insurance Act by a non-contributory basis, it was agreed that our delegates had acted precisely in accordance with instructions.

8.- Members' Meeting March 14.

The agenda was considered.

- (a) Letter from the Women's Group saying they would bring forward resolutions, on Factory Acts and on Suffrage.
- (b) The International Bureau British Section Strike against War Enquiry Circular was discussed and a Committee consisting of Dr. Phillips, Harben, Davies, Ensor, Sanders, and the Secretary was appointed to consider what reply can be usefully made.

Sidney Webb
Acting Chairman.

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5. Org & P. Com^{ee} report (Cont'd.)

Item 7. ~~done~~ (c) approved

" 8. Referred back to be brought up again.

6. The Finance & Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted

Items 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. b + 7 were approved.

Item 8. Members Meeting agenda

(a) Womens Group Resolutions. Noted

(b) Strike against War Industry. The

appointment of the Com^{ee} was approved, but in view of the date of the next Executive Meeting (Feb 28) + the necessity of fixing the agenda for it, a long discussion arose.

A ~~motion~~ motion of H.H. Schlosser. That the matter be put down for the members meeting + the Com^{ee} report if possible, without any resolution was lost by 3 votes to 0.

A second motion. That providing the Com^{ee} have a Report + resolution ready, it go on the agenda was defeated by 2 to 3. Finally it was agreed that the Org

6. Finance + G.P. Com^o

Item 8. Members Mtg: (cont^d)

+ Prop^o Com^o on Feb 27 have power to settle the agenda. -

7. Chairman for Pease's lecture. Miss Atkinson.

N.B. The order of the Minutes is wrong. The Finance Report was taken before the Organising + Prop. Report. -

Clifford D. Sharp

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Executive Council at office on Friday
14th March ¹⁹¹⁵ at 5.30pm

Present, Sharp (in chair) & all except
absent Allan, Miss Murly, Davies, Snell,
Harben, Enos, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Shaw

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Council of Enquiry. Mrs Webb presented a
written report & reported verbally that
H.J. Gillespie had been elected Hon Sec.
in place of Morgan Webb, & Miss
Nelsall had been appointed part
time clerk at part-salary of 20/- a
week. Subscriptions £384. Ex-
penditure £144. Balance £240. -
The report was received.
3. The Publishing Council report was submitted.
Items 1 & 2 were approved.
- 3. Biographical Series. The Council
was directed to satisfy themselves that Wagner
is a suitable subject for this series.

3. Pub-4 Com^{ee} Report (cont^d)

Item 4. (Rural Program for Fifield series)
& Items 5 + 6 were approved.

4. The Organising & P. Com^{ee} Reports were submitted.

Feb 27. Item 1 + 2. The whole was approved.
On Item 2. b. it was announced that the
Labour Party Executive had already appointed
three delegates to the Com^{ee}.

Mar 13. Item 1. accepted & it was
agreed that the Oxford N.F.S.
candidates be & are thereby
elected before 31st March.

Item 2. Accepted

" 3. It was agreed to extend
this & to send out to the Society,
provided the cost do not exceed
£2. —

Item 4. Webb recommended the
discussion of internal business
for one sitting. The item was
accepted.

Items 5. b. + 7 were accepted.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY,

Report of the Publishing Committee meeting 7th March 1913.

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

1. Tracts in Press.

- (a) Nationalisation of Mines. Nothing fresh.
- (b) Profitsharing. Done except for cover. Agreed to print 10,000, and to send out in the cover with News.

2. Tracts Proposed.

Mrs. Wilson reported the Women's Group had tracts nearly ready on the Economic Foundations of the Women's Movement and on Agricultural Wages in relation to Women in the 13th to 18th centuries.

3. Biographical Series.

- (a) A MS. on Carlyle was rejected.
- (b) On a fairly favourable report as to sales and general approval of the series, it was agreed to go on with it, and to consider further subjects and authors. Harben promised to consider Wagner and Pease had already agreed to try Marx.

4. Rural Programme.

Harben reported that this, when complete, would be much too long for a tract. It was agreed to recommend that it form the next Fifield Series volume. Harben promised it in two months.

5. Questions for Poor Law Guardians, last published in 1900 was ordered to be withdrawn.

6. Revise of Tract No. 62 Parish and District Councils.

It was agreed to print a second 1,000, and to take moulds.

Maud Reeves,
Chairman.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee at office
on February 27th 1913.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Schloesser, Snell and Sanders.

1. Business at Members' Meeting March 14th.

According to instructions we settled the order of business for the meeting.

2. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The following report of a meeting held Monday Feb. 24th was submitted and approved:-

Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Dubery, Pease, Lloyd, Mrs. Wilson, Schloesser and Sanders.

(a) War against Poverty Campaign.

- (i) Reports were received that successful Conferences had been held at Derby, Blackburn Deptford and Worcester.
- (ii) It was reported that four Bills embodying the points of the Campaign were now in the hands of the Labour Party who were considering them.

(b) Joint Committee with the Labour Party.

- (i) The section appointed to consult with the Labour Party on the above mentioned Bills and on the institution of a Joint Committee with the Party, reported they had met the Policy Committee of the Party on Feb. 12th. The Policy Committee agreed to refer the Bills to the whole Party with a recommendation that they be approved in principle, the details of each Bill to be discussed by a Sub-Committee of the Party. Steps were being taken by the Labour Party to draw up the constitution of the proposed Joint

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Committee of the Party, Fabian Society, the I.L.P. and the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, and a meeting to consider the question would be called shortly.

(ii) It was agreed that if the Labour Party decided to have four members on the proposed Committee that this Committee should have four representatives - two from each constituent body.

(c) Conference at Barrow House.

Final Programme was agreed upon and it was ordered to be circulated.

(d) Proposed First Sunday in May Demonstration.

It was reported that support for the Demonstration had been promised by 22 Trade Union branches, 32 I.L.P. branches, 6 Women's Labour League branches and 13 other bodies, making 73 in all. Financial aid promised amounted to £12.2.6. It was decided that the response to the proposal together with the shortness of time available to organize the demonstration did not justify proceeding with the matter further this year but that a further attempt be made for 1914.

(e) Elected Persons Conference.

Report was received that applications to attend were coming in and that arrangements for hall, chairman, &c. &c. were completed or in hand.

Mabel Atkinson,
Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee meeting at office
Thursday March 13th 1913.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Snell,
Schloesser, Lloyd and Sanders.

1. Membership.

March candidates (24) were elected and 13 resignations were dealt with.

2. Fabian Demonstrations.

Arrangements have been made for G. B. Shaw to address meetings at Ilford, Palmers Green, Blackburn, Ipswich and Gravesend.

3. Blackburn F.S. Housing Manifesto.

Blackburn F.S. are issuing an excellent manifesto on local housing and we are asking them to let us have sufficient copies to send to all Fabian Societies as incentive to them to do similar work.

4. Annual Fabian Conference.

We recommend that the Conference be held at Clifford's Inn Hall on Saturday July 5th. We will report later on as to the business we propose to place on the agenda.

5. Karl Liebknicht M.d.R.

We have received communication from the Communist Club that Karl Liebknicht will be in London on Saturday March 22nd and the following day. We have instructed the Organizing Secretary to write him regretting that the duties mentioned are holidays and asking him if he is staying longer. The Organizing Secretary has urged the Labour Party to invite him to the House if possible



6. Joint Committee I.L.P. and Fabian Society Conference at Barrow House.

J. Keir Hardie, M.P. has agreed to preside at this Conference and the Committee is now issuing the programme of the Conference to Fabian Societies and representative members of the I.L.P. and Labour Party. The members of the Fabian Executive are urged to send in notification of their attendance at the Conference as early as possible.

7. Conference of Elected Persons at Manchester.

This Conference, organized by the Joint Committee, is expected to have an attendance of about 100. Agenda is submitted herewith.

Mabel Atkinson,

Chairman.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting
28th February 1913.

Present. Ensor (in chair), Sharp, Dodd, Schloesser,
Davies and Secretary.

1. Finance.

- (a) Tract Distribution. It was agreed to transfer the credit balance 21/9d to Office Expenses Account.
- (b) Provincial & Suburban Lectures. On report that the expenditure would be about £85, and that there was only £50 in the Bank, it was agreed to sell £100 Derby 3% at about 80. (It has been sold at 79 net).

2. Strike against War Sub-Committee.

On the report of this Committee it was agreed that Dr. Phillips be invited to lecture on May 2nd on the subject, and Ensor on the 2nd Friday in June on Socialism and Foreign Policy.

3. Lectures.

Following the above, it was agreed to adjourn Dr. Guest's offer to the autumn.

4. Labour Party Candidatures.

The Secretary reported that in reply to the Par. in Fabian News re Fabians willing to be candidates, F. G. Shaw had suggested G. D. Hardie of Glasgow, and J. J. Dodd had proposed himself.

- (a) It was agreed that neither offer be entertained.

A long discussion followed after which it was resolved to recommend

- (b) That a fund be raised;
- (c) That Schloesser (then likely to be, and since actually, selected as candidate for York) be placed on the fund subject to any prior claims.
- (d) That Schloesser be authorised to report the above recommendations of the Committee to the Selection Committee at York.

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- (e) That the Executive Committee place the name of W. S. Sanders forthwith on the Labour Party list of candidates available for constituencies.
- (f) That a Special Committee be appointed to report on the ~~line~~ ^{time} line of raising the fund and the policy of the Society in connection therewith.

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5. Delegates to Conferences.

The following were appointed.-

- (a) Trade Union Parliamentary & Labour Party Conference on the "Citizen", March 7th. Schloesser and Ensor.
- (b) Women's Advisory Committee W.E.A. April 12th. Mrs. Wilson.
- (c) I.L.P. War against War. Saturday April 12th. Two or more delegates at 1/-. The Executive to appoint.

6. Members Meeting.

The Committee selected as chairman Maude and Holding, (who cannot attend), and Muggerridge who accepts. They recommend

- (a) That no Executive action be taken on the Women's Group Resolutions;
- (b) That the Executive oppose the Labour Party Disaffiliation resolution, but leave the Executive to decide in what form.

7. Public Library Enquiry.

It was agreed to send a letter - draft to be submitted - and a bound copy of "What to Read" to libraries with few books.

R. C. K. Ensor,

Chairman.

resolutions were approved

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5. The Finance & General Purposes Comtee
Report was submitted

Item 1 (a) & (b) approved

Items 2 ~~& 3~~, dealing with lectures ~~was~~ was approved, except that on a letter submitted by Miss Alkison stating that Mrs. Helen Gilman might be willing to lecture free in June, it was agreed that the Secy write Mrs. Gilman's agent (as directed by her) re lecture, that there be lectures on the 19th + 30th Fridays in June

Item 3. Guest's lecture, agreed to write we are full up, & do not think the subject attractive enough.

Item 4. Labour Party Candidatures. This was fully discussed, & the whole of the recommendations were adopted.

It was agreed that the sub. comtee proposed consist of Miss Alkison, Dodd, Gussor, Pease, Dr. Phillips, Sharp + Webb.

Item 5 (a) & (b) were approved.

5. Finance Com^{ee} Report (cont'd)

Item 5. (c) Lloyd, Sanders + Dodd
appointed.

Item 6. Members Meeting. (a) approved.
(b) approved. Sanders, Miss Atkinson
& Webb to speak for the Exec.

Item 7. approved.

b Executive Election

Report on attendances was sub-
mitted & it was agreed to add
those of the Standing Joint Com^{ee}.
It was also agreed that the
Meeting be asked to appoint
scrutineers. Also on letter
from Allen asking advice as to
his standing again, to reply that
the Executive cannot give advice.
Also that no excuses for absence
be given with the attendance table.

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Meeting 18th April 1913.

(Last Meeting of the Old Executive)

Present Webb (in chair) + all except
Absent Mrs Bentinck, Allen, Davies, Miss
Alkenson, Mrs Reeves, Miss Murby
Sharp, Snell Mrs Shaw

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies: Snell (ill) Mrs Reeves. Davies.
3. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
Items 1, 2, 3, + 4(a) were approved.
Item 4 (b) was approved except that
proposal to reprint Tract-163 Women
+ Prisons was taken back for con-
sideration of criticisms of Schbesser.
Item 5 was approved, + it was referred
to the Com^{ee} to consider a new Poor
Law Tract.
Item 6 was approved
Item 7 - Format of Rural Report was approved,
+ the Com^{ee} was directed to consider the

3. Publishing Comm Report (cont'd)

format in relation to the Report of the Control of Industry Comm

The Comm was further directed to consider reprinting the Crusade supplements on Syndicalism, the Insurance Act, & Education.

4. The Organising & Propaganda Comm Report with the Joint Comm Report, were considered & the whole approved.

5. The Finance & General Purposes Comm Reports were submitted.

Report of Mar 27. The whole was adopted

" " April 17. was considered.

Items 1 & 2 (b) were approved

2(a) was approved & the lecture selected for Mr Gilman was the "Economic Independence of Women"

Items 3 & 4 were approved, including the

" 5. Daily Citizen Circular ^{which of the Part 7 Finance Comm} was approved but the final was ordered to be called

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee held at office
April 11th 1913.

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

1. Tracts in Press.

- (a) Profit Sharing. Awaiting Shaw's portrait of the author for the cover.
- (b) Mines Nationalization. Still awaiting the Miners' decision as to the Bill.

2. Tracts proposed, etc.,

- (a) A MS. on Socialism & Character by C.E. Vulliamy was rejected.
- (b) MS. on Municipal Finance & Municipal Autonomy by Webb was approved, subject to additions by the author to fill out to the necessary length.
- (c) Public & Private Electric Supply. A very able MS. sent in by the Research Committee was approved, subject to report by Mrs. Reeves, provided that, in view of the cost of reproducing the diagrams and the unsaleable character of the tract, the Research Committee contribute a sum of (say) £15 towards the cost.

3. Biographical Series.

Several persons were ordered to be asked to write more biographies.

4. Tracts out of print.

- (a) To be dropped.
 - No. 54. Humanizing of the Poor Law.
 - 112. Life in a Laundry.
 - 91. Pawnshops (Leaflet).
 - 93. Women as Councillors (Leaflet).

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(b) To be reprinted.

No. 118. Secret of Rural Depopulation: 1,000.

76. Housing: 2,000.

128. Minimum Wage: 1,000.

163. Women & Prisons: 1,000.

5. Tract to be withdrawn.

No. 44. Plea for Poor Law Reform: Revised March
1907. Stock 3,500.

6. Sales for the year, were reported as on the Agenda paper
already circulated.

7. Rural Reform Report.

On the suggestion of the Secretary that this
report, if issued in the Fifield Series, would
not attract sufficient attention it was agreed
to recommend that the decision to publish in
that Series be rescinded, and the matter referred
back for further report.

Maud Reeves,

Chairman.

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REPORT OF MEETINGS of Delegates of the Joint Committee of the I. L. P. and Fabian Society with delegates of the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Labour Party on April 2nd and 9th 1913 at the House of Commons to form Committee for united national propaganda.

1. Present. April 2nd. A.G.Cameron (Labour Party) in chair; J. S. Middleton (Labour Party); Mrs. Webb, W. S. Sanders and H. H. Schloesser (Joint Committee of I.L.P. and F.S.)

April 9th A. Henderson, M.P. in chair, John Hodge, M.P., A.G.Cameron and J.S.Middleton (Labour Party); Philip Snowden, M.P., G. Barnes, M.P., and G. H. Roberts, M.P., (Parliamentary Labour Party); Mrs. Webb, W.S.Sanders, H.H.Schloesser and F. Johnson (Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and F.S.)

2. Constitution of Committee.

It was decided that the proposed Committee should be formed consisting of three representatives from each of the following bodies:- Labour Party; Parliamentary Labour Party; Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress (if willing); Independent Labour Party; Fabian Society and Women's Labour League.

3. Title of Committee.

It was agreed that the title of the Committee should be the Labour Propaganda Committee.

4. Chairman.

It was agreed that the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress should be Chairman of the Labour Propaganda Committee should his Committee decide to join.

5. Secretary.

J. S. Middleton was appointed secretary of the Committee.

6. Plan of Propaganda.

The delegates of the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and F.S. proposed that the system of Conferences followed by public meetings adopted in the War against Poverty Campaign be continued. That the Conferences should concern themselves with the Bills to be brought before Parliament in connection with the War against Poverty Campaign, special emphasis to be laid upon the Minimum Wage and the Eight Hour Day. Also that Conferences should be held to deal with trade unionism and political action with special reference to the Trade Unions (No.2) Act modifying the Osborne judgment; and other Conferences, if thought desirable, to promote the movement for the nationalization of railways and mines.

The proposals were agreed to and it was decided to make arrangements to hold Conferences as soon as possible on the subject of Trade Unionism and political action, and J.S.Middleton, F. Johnson and W. S. Sanders were appointed as a Sub-Committee to draw up a scheme. Another Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs. Webb, A. G. Cameron, G. Barnes, M.P. W. O. Anderson, J.S.Middleton, F. Johnson, W. S. Sanders and one representative each from the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and the Women's Labour League, was appointed to prepare a plan for an autumn campaign of Conferences and meetings, etc. in connection with the other subjects. Philip Snowden, M.P. was appointed to write a leaflet pointing out the importance of trade unions taking political action.

7. Finances.

It was understood that the Labour Party was prepared to give financial support to the Committee.

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8. Bills.

It was announced that the Labour Party had placed the Bills sent in by the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and F.S. upon the list of Bills they were going to introduce.

Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee was fixed for Wednesday April 23rd at 6 p.m.

W. Stephen Sanders.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on

27th March 1913.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Dr. Bentham, Dr. Phillips, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Finance.

Various points for the Annual Balance Sheet were considered and determined.

2. London Labour Electoral Committee.

It was resolved to recommend a grant of £10, the same as made by the I.L.P. for the purposes of the late L.C.C. Election.

3. Lectures.

- (a) Insolent reply from Mrs. Stetson's agent to letter transmitting Mrs. Stetson's conditional assent to lecturing was reported.
- (b) Ensor withdrew his offer of his lecture which he regarded as unsuitable for June, and no other arrangement was made..

4. Daily Citizen.

In response to appeal, it was agreed to send out with Fabian News an appeal to members to contribute not less than the proposed levy of 1/- a head, and to ask them to subscribe to the paper.

R. C. K. Ensor,
Chairman.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
17th April 1913.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Dodd, Schloesser, Webb,
Sanders and Secretary.

1. The Balance Sheet for the year was approved.

2. Lectures.

- (a) Mrs. Gilman. Promise to lecture without fee. June 6th booked. Which lecture?
The insolent letter incident was explained by the discovery that the address was wrong and the letter had been opened and answered by the occupier.
- (b) Jack Gibson. Offer of lecture on Socialism and Games accepted for June 20th.

3. Annual Meeting.

- (a) It was agreed not to propose any amendments to the Rules.
- (b) The following motion was agreed on for the agenda:-

That it is desirable that arrangements should be made to enable all the members to take an active part in the work of the Society, in one or other of its branches; and that members be requested to indicate in which direction this work can be done.

4. Parliamentary Fund.

The report was discussed and remitted to the Executive.

5. Daily Citizen.

Draft circular was generally approved and ordered to be submitted to the Executive.

6. Co-operative Conference Saturday April 26th, Memorial Hall:
address by Webb. Sanders appointed one delegate.
Executive to appoint any others.

7. Chairman for Wallas.

Referred to the Executive.

R. C. K. Ensor,

Chairman.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

The Committee met on April 3rd and there were present Lawson Dodd, R.C.K. Ensor, Dr. Phillips, Sidney Webb and the Secretary.

Ensor was elected Chairman.

The Secretary submitted letter from Snell, in answer to an enquiry, stating that as things stand at present he proposed, if possible, to contest Huddersfield again. After a full discussion of the position of the possible candidates, the prospects of a general election and of bye-elections in which we might be concerned, and other matters, the Committee unanimously agreed to report

- (1) That an appeal to members to contribute to a Parliamentary Fund should again be made at an appropriate time.
- (2) That the appeal should state the names of the candidates proposed to be supported, with an invitation to subscribers to allocate their subscriptions to particular candidates, and that it should contain a list of subscriptions promised by members of the Executive and others.
- (3) That the present is not the best time to make an appeal and it should be deferred for some months, probably until the autumn if not later.
- (4) That the Committee be continued, with power to bring up the matter again whenever thought fit.

R. C. K. Ensor,
Chairman.

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(5) Finance & General Purposes Com^{tee} (cont'd)

"The Fabian Fund." -

Item 6. was approved & no more appointments made.

Item 7. Schloesser was appointed chairman.

b. The Annual Report & Accounts were considered. It was resolved on a division to delete ~~certain~~ the passages relating to the Fabian Reform Com^{tee}, & subject to verbal alterations, & an addition proposed by Welch the report was approved.

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Executive Committee

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ELECTED.

SIDNEY WEBB	687
Mrs. SIDNEY WEBB	680
W. STEPHEN SANDERS	660
R. C. K. ENSOR	650
EDW. R. PEASE	...	...	...	648
Mrs. PEMBER REEVES	...	...	...	643
Mrs. BERNARD SHAW...	...	...	...	643
H. D. HARBEN	...	...	...	621
Miss MABEL ATKINSON	...	...	...	605
Dr. F. LAWSON DODD	...	...	...	581
Miss SUSAN LAWRENCE	...	...	...	572
Dr. ETHEL BENTHAM	...	...	...	569
HENRY H. SCHLOSSER	...	...	...	552
EMIL DAVIES ...	...	...	...	530
Mrs. CHARLOTTE M. WILSON	...	...	...	529
CLIFFORD D. SHARP ...	...	...	...	528
Dr. MARION PHILLIPS	...	...	...	524
C. M. LLOYD ...	...	...	...	523
HARRY SNELL...	...	...	...	522
ST. JOHN G. ERVINE...	...	...	...	493
CLIFFORD ALLEN	...	...	...	436

First meeting of the newly elected
Executive Com^{ee} on
April 25th 1913. -

Present. Mrs. Welt in the chair + all
except

Absent. H. D. Harben + Clifford Sharp.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. H. D. Harben: abroad for 3 months. General apology accepted.
3. Standing Orders were amended in respect of the Local Gov^{ty} Information Bureau + agreed to.
4. Joint Com^{ee} with L.L.P. The following were appointed :-
Lloyd, Pease, Schloesser, Mrs. Welt,
Mrs. Wilson, + Sanders (Secy).

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Standing Orders of the Executive Committee and Orders of
Reference to Sub-Committees.

1. Before the first meeting of the new Committee every member shall be invited to say whether he desires to be placed on the rota of chairmen: at the first meeting of the Committee the Secretary shall submit the list of those desiring to be on the rota, and that list shall be the rota unless the Committee otherwise determine. Each member of the rota shall preside in turn, in alphabetical order (the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as a member of the Committee but no casting vote.
2. The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Society's Offices, and normally at 5 or 5.30 p.m. on such Fridays as may be fixed from time to time. A Specially meeting may be called by the Secretary whenever required. An Agenda (including as far as may be practicable, such reports of Sub-Committees as may have been prepared) shall be sent by post to each member so as to reach him not later than the morning delivery of the day of meeting. Any member of the Executive Committee wishing to move a resolution on any subject (other than matters arising out of the report of a Sub-Committee, or other item in the agenda) shall give notice thereof to the Secretary two clear days before the date of the meeting. Except by the unanimous consent of the members present no resolution (other than aforesaid) shall be moved without notice..
3. Any matter under discussion by the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees and any statements made thereon shall on the demand of any one member present be treated as private and confidential, except in so far as any publication may be made in Fabian News and in that case until such publication.

4. Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.
5. Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.
6. It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject.
7. The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.
8. Any member of the Executive Committee may subject to notice move that any subject be referred for consideration and report to the appropriate Sub-Committee; and any such motion, if adopted, shall be taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee at its next meeting, when the member moving shall be entitled to attend.
9. A general report of the proceedings of the Executive at their meetings shall be regularly published in the News and it shall be open to members making the claim before the close of the meeting to have their names published as dissenting from decisions, if they so desire. The reports shall be submitted to the Chairman of the meeting reported before publication.

10. Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not vote, nor, except by permission, speak.
11. Each Sub-Committee shall elect a standing chairman for the year (or such shorter period as it may decide); who shall be responsible for moving at the Executive Committee the reception of the report of the Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee, if desired, may elect a standing Vice-Chairman.
12. Each Sub-Committee shall conform to the Standing Orders for the time being in force; shall deal only with the matters within its reference, except in cases of urgency, and act by a majority. It may fix its own time and place of meeting, and its own quorum.
13. Each Sub-Committee shall be empowered (in addition to any authority specially given to it by resolution of the Executive Committee and to the specific authorities in the Orders of the Reference),
- (a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on any matter within its own Order of Reference.
 - (b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Committee on matters within its own Order of Reference.
 - (c) To take on the matters within its own Order of Reference any action urgently required in the interests of the Society, which shall not permit of the delay involved in awaiting the next Executive Committee; but subject to the foregoing, no Sub-Committee may, without having first obtained an explicit decision of the Executive Committee:-
 - (x) incur any expense or liability exceeding £10;
 - (y) make any new departure in policy or practice;
 - (z) publish anything in the name or on behalf of the Society.
14. The Honorary Treasurer, F. Lawson Dodd, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, shall be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edw. R. Pease shall be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.

Orders of Reference.

A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Finance

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

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

(c) The preparation of the Annual Report.

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

(e) The supply of information in response to enquiries;
~~The Local Government Information Bureau.~~

(f) All Bills and Parliamentary matters.

(g) The Circulating Book Boxes.

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

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

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

(a) Lectures

- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.
- (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.

(b) The election of new members and associates.

- (c) The means to be taken to maintain and increase the membership.
- (d) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.

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

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

5. The Standing Committees & Chairmans Rota. (31)

The following were agreed to:-

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Publishing</u>	<u>Organising</u>	<u>Chairmen.</u>
Mrs Atkinson	Ernie	Allen	Allen
Dr. Bentham	Harben	Davies	Mrs Atkinson
Dodd	Mrs Laura	Lloyd	Dr. Bentham
Enso	Mrs Reeves	Snell	Davies
D. Phillips	Sharp	Mr. Wilson	Dodd
Schlosser	Mr. Shaw	Mr. Webb	Enso
Webb	Mr. Wilson		Harben
			Lloyd
			D. Phillips
			Schlosser
			Sharp
			Snell
			Webb
			Mr. Webb

b. The Com^{ee} on the Parliamentary Fund, was re-appointed viz^t. Mrs Atkinson, Dodd, Enso, Dr. Phillips, Sharp, Webb, & the Secy

with additions,

7. The Social Comtee. The existing members were reappointed with power to recommend any alterations as to non-members of the Executive, viz: Miss Atkinson, Mr. Bentrick, Mrs. Bischoff Collins, Irvine, Davies, Miss Haukenison, ~~Miss~~ Miss Lawrence, ~~Mrs~~ Mrs. Moore Sanderson, J. W. Shaw, & Mr. Tom Wilson. —

8. Annual Meeting Agenda.

- (a) Draft agenda with ~~resolud~~ motion re Annual Report + of F. Gore on Socialist Unity were noted.
- (b) The officers having suggested that the motion already approved of the Exec. was no longer necessary, it was resolved of a majority that the ~~resolud~~ motion be submitted as proposed, & placed before the Gore resolution.
- (c) The attitude of the Exec. to the Gore resolution was discussed & it was agreed to move the next business.

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JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE I.L.P. AND FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Meeting, Monday, April 21st 1913.

Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilson,
H. H. Schloesser, H. Dubery, C.M. Lloyd,
E. R. Pease and W.S. Sanders.

The Conjoint Committee with the Labour Party, Parliamentary Labour Party, Women's Labour League etc.,

1. The proposed scope and powers of this Committee and the relation of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society to it were considered and the following resolutions thereon were adopted:-
 - (a) That the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society representing the Socialist side of the Labour movement must continue in their propaganda work for the spread of socialist principles untrammelled by any wider alliance, whilst assisting loyally, as far as practicable, all the work of the general movement.
 - (b) That we welcome the formation of a Committee representing all sections of the Labour and Socialist movement, parliamentary and propaganda, whose functions should largely be of a consultative character, with a view to co-ordinating as far as possible the work outside and inside the House of Commons, so that there may be the closest possible relationship between the propagandist and legislative efforts of the movement.
 - (c) That the wider Committee should try to agree on general lines of campaign but should leave the various sections to carry out the details, each ^{doing} unfettered the work it is best fitted to do; and that each section should itself be financially responsible for the work it undertakes. The larger Committee should help to apportion the work in such a way as to prevent overlapping.
2. The question of the method of carrying out propaganda work for this year that might be agreed upon by the Conjoint Committee was considered and it was decided that our representatives on the Committee should make the following proposal:-

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- (a) That the Conjoint Committee of the Labour Party, I.L.P., Fabian Society, Women's Labour League, etc., should act as a co-ordinating committee in connection with national propaganda. That the work of the propaganda should be allocated to the various bodies constituting the Committee and that each body should be responsible financially and otherwise for the work allocated to it, the other bodies giving all possible assistance.
- (b) That the proposed campaign in the summer on Trade Unions and Political Action be financed and carried out by the Labour Party and the autumn campaign to further the Legal Eight Hours and Minimum Wage and other proposals embodied in Labour Party Bills to be introduced this session be financed and carried out by the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

W. C. Anderson,

Chairman.

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Report of meeting of the Conjoint Committee of the Labour Party, Parliamentary Labour Party, I.L.P., Fabian Society Women's Labour League, etc., on Wednesday April 23rd 1913, at the House of Commons.

Present: W.C. Anderson (I.L.P.) (in chair), C.M. Lloyd (I.L.P.), F. Johnson (I.L.P.), A. Henderson, M.P. (L.P.), A. Cameron (L.P.), J. Middleton (L.P.), G. Roberts, M.P. (Parly. L.P.), Mrs. Webb (F.S.), W.S. Sanders (F.S.), H.H. Schloesser (F.S.), Dr. Bentham (W.L.L.), Dr. Marion Phillips (W.L.L.), Mrs. Salter (W.L.L.)

On the reception of the reports of two Sub-Committees appointed to draw up details of a summer campaign on Trade Unions and Political Action and an autumn campaign on the Legal Eight Hours, Minimum Wage, etc., representatives of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society raised the question of the machinery for carrying out the work of the proposed campaigns and put forward the proposals agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society, namely:-

- (a) That the Conjoint Committee of the Labour Party, I.L.P., Fabian Society, Women's Labour League, etc., should act as a co-ordinating committee in connection with national propaganda. That the work of the propaganda should be allocated to the various bodies constituting the Committee and that each body should be responsible financially and otherwise for the work allocated to it, the other bodies giving all possible assistance.
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The representatives of the Labour Party and the Women's Labour League were unable to agree to these proposals holding that the Conjoint Committee itself should be the body to carry out the work of both campaigns. After considerable discussion the Committee adjourned in order that the members could consult their constituents on the matter.

W. C. Anderson,
Chairman.

8. Annual Meeting Cont.

(d) The Sec. reported the following notice of motion
by Sydney Herbert :-

That in the opinion of this meeting, a permanent alliance with any political party must be injurious to the Society's interests, and the Executive is therefore requested to take the opinion of the next Annual Conference on the advisability of withdrawing from affiliation to the Labour Party.

a motion that Herbert be asked to redraft it by leaving out the first clause was supported by 4 votes & defeated.

a motion to insert the motion on the agenda was defeated by 10 votes to 5, & it was agreed to defer the motion for a year from Mar. 14th last, under Rule 7, on the ground that the subject was discussed & decided at a members meeting on that day.

(e) It was agreed that Mr Wilson's reference to the Women's Group Enquiry on Women working to maintain themselves be raised on the Report & not put on the agenda.

(f.) Chairman. Mygeridge, Holdring, Shaw & Maude were mentioned, & the matter was left to the Sec

9. Joint Com^a with L.W.P.: Report submitted
on Item 1. Resolutions (a)(b)(c)

It was moved that these be
approved, ~~at the discretion of~~ as
instructions to our delegates
& the resolution was carried

by 11 votes to 5. The Minority,

Allen, Dr. Bentham, Ervine

Dr. Phillips + Schlosser desired
that their names be published
in Fabian News in accordance with
Standing Order, & the form of
the publication was decided on.

On Item 2 Webb moved & it was
resolved:-

That the Representatives of the Society
be requested not to commit the
Society to any payment from its
funds or from those of the Joint
Committee to any propaganda other
than their own, without definite
instructions from the Executive.

9 Joint Com^{ce} Report (cont'd)

Finally, the whole report was adopted. -

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Committee 23rd May 1913

Present. Allen (in the chair) & all except
Absent. H. D. Harben, Clifford Sharp, Dr. Phillips
& Dr. Bentham.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. The Publishing Comtee Report was submitted.
Items 1 & 2 were approved.
Item 3. (a) was approved
" " (b) Proposed Tract on Prop. Rep? -
This was negatived & it was agreed
to refer to the Finance & P. Com^{tee} to con-
sider a lecture or lectures on the subject
for next session.
Items 3. (c) & (d) were approved. -
" 3. (e) Reprint of Insurance Act Crusade
Supplement was discussed & finally
it was agreed to refer this back with
instructions to consider the best means
of bringing the document before the
public in the autumn.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting 2nd May 1913.

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

1. Officers &c.,

Mrs. Reeves was re-elected Chairman and H.D. Harben Vice-Chairman; George Standring was requested to continue to attend as a consultative member. The meetings were fixed for Fridays as before.

2. Tracts in Press.

- (a) Mines Nationalisation. Still no news.
- (b) Profit Sharing. Photographs by Shaw of the author for the cover were considered unsuitable and Pease was directed to get a professional photograph taken.

3. Tracts suggested.

- (a) Progress (or no progress) was reported in respect of
 - Municipal Finance: Webb.
 - Electric Supply: Research Committee.
 - Aliens: Harben.
 - Economic Foundations Womens Movement:
Womens Group.
 - Agricultural Wages of Women: Womens Group.
- (b) Proportional Representation. It was decided that a tract on this subject is needed.

The following references from the Executive were considered:

- (c) Poor Law. Deferred.
 - (d) Syndicalism. By S. & R. Webb: Crusade Supplement: 17,000 words: agreed to report against a reprint because 12,500 copies have been already supplied to our members and our market.
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- (e) Insurance Act. By Webb: Crusade Supplement: 30,000 words = 64 pp. Agreed to report against a reprint as the cost would be excessive and the matter not specially suited to our purposes.
- (f) Education. By Miss Lawrence. Crusade Supplement: Agreed to report against a reprint as the paper had already been considered unsuitable for our purposes.

4. Biographical Series.

- (a) Ruskin. Agreed to accept verbal offer from Miss Edith Morley to submit a MS.
- (b) Shelley. Agreed to ask Jack Squire to write.
- (c) Other authors and subjects were considered.

5. Reprints. Referred back from the Executive:

No.163. Women & Prisons. Objection taken by Schloesser to par. on p.20 proposing a class of experts to award sentences to convicted prisoners was considered and it was agreed that there is no reason to delete the passage.

6. Liverpool F. S. Leaflet, "What the Churches say of Socialism". It was agreed to buy 4,500 of this to circulate with Fabian News at a cost not exceeding £2. (They ask £2.10.0. carriage paid).

7. Emergency Business.

Mrs. Harben was appointed Fraternal Delegate to the Women's Suffrage Congress at Buda Pest at her own expense.

Maud Reeves.

Chairman.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee Meeting
Thursday May 8th 1913.

Present: Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Wilson, Allen, Pease and
Sanders.

1. Membership.

- (a) May candidates (17) were elected.
- (b) 13 resignations were dealt with.
- (c) 7 Members were purged.

2. Fabian Conference.

It was agreed that the Conference Social Gathering should take place at the Hall of the Passmore Edwards Settlement on Friday July 4th and that the Executive Committee be "At Home" to the Conference delegates and other members on that occasion. Price of tickets to be to include refreshments.

3. University Socialist Federation.

Application was received from the University Socialist Federation for a grant of £20 - £10 towards general expenses and £10 towards expenses of forming new Societies. It was agreed to recommend that the application be granted and that the matter be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration and concurrent report to the Executive Committee.

C. M. Lloyd.

Acting Chairman.

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JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY & THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting Monday May 19th 1913 at Fabian Office.

(First meeting of new Committee).

Present: W.C.Anderson (in chair), H. Dubery, J. Mylles,
F. Johnson (I.L.P.), Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilson,
C.M.Lloyd, H.H.Schloesser, E.R.Pease,
W.S.Sanders (Fabian Society).

1. Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

W.C.Anderson was reelected chairman, and E.R.Pease
vice-chairman.

2. Two Years Report.

Draft report and financial statement was considered
and adopted and ordered to be audited and printed
and circulated to all members of the Fabian
Society with the News, and to all branches of the
I.L.P.

3. Barrow House Conference.

Further arrangements were made for securing the
attendance of I.L.P. organizers at the Conference
and invitations were ordered to be sent out again
to all Labour members of Parliament.

4. Municipal Coal Supply.

It was decided to take steps to prepare and issue
in pamphlet form a report on the municipalization
of the coal supply.

W. C. Anderson,

Chairman.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE I.L.P. AND FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Meeting May 23rd 1913 at Fabian Office.

Present: Anderson (in chair), Miss Bondfield, H. Dubery, Johnson, Schloesser, Mylles, Lloyd, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilson, Pease and Sanders.

1. Conjoint Committee with the Labour Party, etc.,

The relations between the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society with the Conjoint Committee were considered, and it was decided that the following resolutions embodied the views of the Joint Committee on the subject, and it was decided to submit them to the N.A.C. of the I.L.P. and the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society for endorsement; if endorsed they will be submitted to the Conjoint Committee which will meet on Tuesday May 27th.-

A Committee of representatives of the Labour Party, Parliamentary Labour Party, I.L.P., Fabian Society and Women's Labour League, with the title of "Conjoint Committee", shall exist for the purpose of providing machinery by which the various sections of the Socialist and Labour movement shall be kept in friendly touch with each other in regard to their propagandist activities.

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/Conjoint Committee, whilst leaving each section complete autonomy over its own propagandist activities, shall as far as possible, prevent overlapping by acquainting each section with the proposed work of the others.

The Conjoint Committee shall be the medium through which the Labour Party and the propagandist Societies affiliated to it shall be kept in touch with each other in regard to proposals for legislation in such a manner as to co-ordinate as far as possible the work outside and inside Parliament.

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It shall be the business of the Conjoint Committee to consider and submit to its constituent bodies proposals whereby assistance can be given to any one body by the others in connection with any piece of work undertaken by it.

2. Course of Lectures by Sidney Webb & Mrs. Webb.

A proposal that a course of lectures in Socialism by Sidney and Mrs. Webb should be held in the autumn was considered. It was decided in view of the activities decided upon by the I.L.P. to strengthen its organization and enlarge its membership, that the Fabian Society should have the first offer of the lectures. It was suggested that the lectures should be held in the Kings Hall with prominent English and Foreign Socialists in the chair.

W. C. Anderson,

Chairman.

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2. Pub. 4 Report (cont'd)

Item 3 (f) Education Crusade Supplement. This was referred back on the ground that the statement that the paper in question was that already rejected was not correct.

Items 4, 5, & 7 were approved

.. b. was approved, & the Secy stated that the Finance Com^{ce} had authorized purchase contemplated at £2.10. - This also was approved.

3. The Organising & Propaganda Com^{ce} Report, was submitted.

On Item 1. Mrs. Welt reported that she had persuaded Cecil Sharp to withdraw his resignation.

Item 2 was approved, including the price of tickets, 1/6[?], & it was agreed to ask Barker to give a reading.

Item 3. University Socialist Federation. This was noted, & as regards Finance, taken under F. & P. Com^{ce} Report. It was agreed to ~~not~~ appoint Harben to the Committee

4 The Standing Joint Com^{ee} with the L.P.

On this report the subject of the relation of the Com^{ee} to the O. & P. Com^{ee} was discussed & it was agreed to refer to the O. & P. Com^{ee} to report on the relation of the Joint Com^{ee} to the Exec. & the O. & P. Committee.

The Report of Meeting May 19th was approved

The Report of Meeting May 22 was also approved, including resolutions on the scope & objects of the proposed Com^{ee} with the Labour Party.

Item 2. Proposed Lectures by Mr. & Mrs. Webb was referred to the O. & P. Com^{ee} to report on.

~~5. Fabian Conference. Draft ^{Agenda} Report for publication in Fabian News was submitted & approved.~~

5. The Finance & General Purposes Com^{ee} Report was submitted

Item 1 & 3 were adopted.

Item 2. accounts: adopted: letter read from Auditor & thanks to him ordered to be sent.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at
office on Thursday 22nd May 1913.

Present: Ensor (in Chair), Miss Atkinson, Dr. Bentham,
Dodd, Schloesser, Webb, Sanders and the
Secretary.

1. Officers &c.,

Ensor was elected chairman. It was decided not to elect a vice-chairman, and that the meetings should continue to be on Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.

2. Accounts.

The Secretary reported that the audit was completed: that for April the subscriptions were £117, which was virtually an increase in view of a special £30 subscription last year.

3. International Bureau, British Section.

Payment of £14, our share of deficit on Balkan Peace Demonstration in November to which we were committed, was approved.

4. University Socialist Federation.

An appeal for renewal of £10 grant for general expenses, and a further £10 for organising new societies was considered. After a long discussion it was resolved (Miss Atkinson dissenting) in view of the uncertain financial position of the Society,

- (a) That we are prepared to make a grant of £10, being the same amount as last year.

- (b) But whilst willing to assist the Federation in specific work we are unable to allocate any part of the Society's funds to the ordinary expenses of the Federation. (5)
- (c) That accordingly it is requested that the £10 be devoted towards the travelling and other expenses of organizing new societies.

5. Annual Meeting. Business arisen since in brackets.

- (a) (Chairman, Miggeridge, who had accepted, writes he is too ill to attend. The Secretary will report arrangements if any.)
- (b) Executive resolution on Personal Activity. Webb to move.
- (c) Gorle's Unity Resolution. It was arranged that Sanders should reply for the Executive: that the next business be moved after a sufficient debate, if that course seemed suitable, and that the correspondence be read if desired. (Gorle will not be present: he nominated in his place a candidate, not yet elected. As the motion has been published our reply should be made in any case. Presumably the chairman will allow anybody present to move the resolution).
- (d) Verbal amendment to Annual Report proposed by Harben was agreed to.

6. Mrs. Gilman's Lecture.

To be open to visitors unless she objects.

7. Delegates appointed.

- (a) International Association for Labour Legislation: Miss Atkinson: and one other if any other member offers.
- (b) Free Speech Defence Conference. Sanders.
- (c) Women's Franchise International at Buda Pest. Mrs. Wilson, fraternal, at her own expense.

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8. On Correspondence.

Suffrage Com^{tee} of the Women

- (a) Fabian Women's ~~Franchise~~ Group. Request that appeal for speakers and funds be inserted in News. Agreed (Miss Atkinson dissenting) that it can be inserted, but only as a part of the Women's Group Report in small type.
- (b) Women's Suffrage Joint Committee. Agreed to write that if the Committee continues, the F.S. can accept no financial liability, unless the Women's Group likes to accept any on behalf of the Society.

9. Fabian Annual Conference.

The annexed agenda paper was adopted. It was decided that Ensor be asked to be the Chairman.

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5. Finance Report (cont.)

Item 4. University Soc^y Federation Grant. This was discussed, & an amendment that £10. be granted unconditionally was moved by Miss Atkinson & lost, 4 voting for it. The Resolutions on the paper were then agreed to.

Item 5. Annual Meeting.

on (a) the Sec. was ordered to arrange for a chairman

(b) & (d) were approved

on (c) Gole's resolution, it was agreed that a member of the Exec. if necessary move it pro. forma, in order to allow a reply to be made.

Item 6 was approved

" 7. (a) The Sec. was authorised to appoint any second delegate

(b) & (c) were approved.

Item 8. (a) Women's ^{Com^y of the Women} Franchise Group. On an amendment to alter the word "small" to "heavy" the voting was 6 each way, & the amendment was therefore not carried.

(5) Finance Report (cont'd)

Item 8. (a) (cont'd) The ~~above~~ Item was
seen agreed to.

8 (b) Womens Suffrage Joint Resoln
on this Mr Wilson stated that
the Womens Groups would not act
on the second clause, & the
operative part of the report was
approved.

Item 9. The Fabian Conference Agenda
Text was approved
& ordered to be printed in the news

b. Research Department Tax Control of
Industry Comtee was appointed
as submitted.

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FABIAN SOCIETY: RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

Enquiry into the Control of Industry.

Members who desire to be re-nominated.

- Miss Mabel Atkinson.
- Mrs. M.E. Beadle.
- G.P. Blizard.
- Mrs. Bonhote.
- Walter Bradley.
- Miss E. Burger.
- Miss Elspeth Carr.
- G.D.H. Cole.
- Emil Davies.
- Mrs. Drake.
- Miss Bella Duffy.
- Miss A.E. Evans.
- R.P. Farley.
- ~~C. Sargent Florence.~~
- Jack Gibson.
- Alban Gordon.
- Arthur Greenwood.
- James Gregory.
- C.M. Grieve.
- O.W. Griffith.
- C.H. Grindling.
- T. Hackett.
- R.V. Hansford.
- Walter Hogg.
- Fred Hughes.
- Miss Hutchins.
- Ralph Hyams.
- Miss A. Jenks.
- Cyril Kelsey.
- Karl Korsch.
- Miss Laughton.
- R. Bruce Leigh.
- Rev: W.R.Clark-Lewis.
- E.M.H. Lloyd.
- John McKillop.
- Norman Macleod.

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R.R. Martin.
Miss Maybury.
Rev: A.M. Mitchell.
S.C. Moore.
J.J. Walton Newbold.
Timothy O'Driscoll.
W.H. Payne.
Edward R. Pease.
Dr. Marion Phillips.
W. Chas. Potter.
~~S.K. Ratcliffe.~~
Miss J.J. Reeve.
Mrs. Pember Reeves.
P.J. Reid.
W. Meyfdd Roberts.
Stephen W. Sanders.
Robert Sexe.
Clifford Sharp.
H. Snell.
Rev: H.E.B. Speight.
Mrs. G.R.S. Taylor.
J.R. Taylor.
Miss Beatrice E. Thomson.
Laurence E.V. Tiffen.
Ben Turner.
Wm. Twaddle.
Percy Wallis.
C. Morgan Webb.
Sidney Webb.
B. Williams.
W.F. Wright.
J.N. Clark.

FABIAN SOCIETY: RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

Enquiry into the Control of Industry.

Consultative Members.

T. Anderson.
J. Harold Armfield.
Ashmore W. Baker.
Mrs. Eleanor Barton.
Mrs. Annie Billinge.
A. Binns.
Mrs. Booth.
Miss M. Brooke-Alder.
W. Henry Brown.
Mrs. Kate Coffey.
A. Collinge.
E.N. Cooper.
Randall Davies.
Miss Downs.
Mrs. F. Eddie.
James M. Gillians.
Mrs. Green.
Miss Susanna Green.
A.W. Hall.
Hugh E. Hoare.
G.C. Holyoake.
Miss L. Hughes.
W. Hunt.
G. Saunders Jacobs.
Rev: W. Jones.
Miss Keith.
Miss Kenyon.
G. KerShaw.
Edward King.
Walter S. Lang.
O.P. Macfarlane.
K. Mackenzie.
Miss Margaret R. Macnaughton.
J.H. Matthews.
Henry J. May.
Mrs.M. Monkhouse.

(5) Lists at Office 6 June 1913

Stoddard, Mackin, Silliman, Weller

Mr. Hill, Sharp, Taylor, Hoyle

Davis, Swain, Young, Miss Lane

Mr. Keeser, Mrs. Shaw, Silliman, Miss O'Connell

Mr. Bondman, Mr. Hill, Phillips, Silliman

Allen, Sanders

Favourable report was also received

Minutes of the meeting

- F.A. Norman.
- Lady Onslow.
- R.O. Paddon.
- Mrs. Payne.
- R.R. Prynn.
- W. Resbury.
- ~~Rev. J. Drew Roberts.~~
- Miss Robertson.
- Will Rogers.
- P. Ryan.
- E.D. Simon.
- Mrs. D. Shaw.
- J. Smith.
- Miss Alice Stott.
- Miss Strachan.
- Mrs. K.J. Tee.
- J.A. Thomas.
- Alfred Tilly.
- Ernest Ullmann.
- Mrs. Wallach.
- Mrs. Wallis.
- Elizabeth Howard Westwood.
- A. Whitehead.
- R. Williams.
- Mrs. E. Wood.
- E.H. Woodward.
- John E. Yerbury.
- George W. Young.

The Publishing Charge Report was approved

Item 1 was approved

2 (a) (i) were approved

(b) Resolutions and Amendments

Simon, Sanders, Taylor at 6 June

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Com^{ee} at Office 6th June 1913

Present - Dodd (in chair), Schlosser, Weht
Mrs. Weht, Sharp, Erwin, Lloyd,
Davies, Ensor, + Secy, Miss Lawrence.

Absent Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Shaw, Harben, Miss Atkinson
Dr. Bentham, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Phillips, Snell
Allen, Sanders.

1. Dr. Lawson Dodd was elected chairman.

2. The Minutes were confirmed

3. Apologies. Harben, still abroad, Allen lecturing
in Cambridge, Dr. Phillips + Dr. Bentham,
W. L. L. Executive, Miss Atkinson attending
Mrs. G. Gilman, Sanders, lecturing at Dundee.

4. The Publishing Com^{ee} Report was submitted
Item 1 was approved

" 2: (a) + (c) were approved

(b) Insurance Act Amendment Tract.

This was discussed, + approved
subject to events as to forthcoming bill.

4. Pub. 4 Com^{ce} Report (cont'd)

Item 2 (d) adopted.

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5. The Organising + Propa Com^{ce} Report was submitted

Items 1 + 2 were approved.

" 3. Lectures of Mr + Mrs Welch ~~was~~ was discussed + approved.

" 4 was approved.

" 5. Increased Membership: approved + agreed that Bernard Shaw be asked to draft the circular.

Item 6 was approved.

" 7. Joint Com^{ce}. This was discussed, but no amendment was moved + the recommendation was agreed to.

" 8. Labour + Socialist Consultative Com^{ce}. This was approved.

" 9. Approved, + H. H. Schloesser also added to the O. + P. Com^{ce}

" 10 approved. -

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Publishing Committee meeting 30th May 1913.

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Present: Miss Lawrence (in chair), Ervine, Mrs. Wilson,  
Mrs. Shaw, Standring, Sanders and Secretary.

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1. Tracts in Press.

What about the Rates. MS. received from Webb and ordered to be set up.

2. Proposed tracts.

References from the Executive.

- (a) A new Poor Law Tract. After discussion agreed we cannot compete with the "National Committee", and the "Joint Committee" publications also cover the ground.
- (b) Insurance Act, Crusade Supplement Reprint. It was stated that over 6,000 had been circulated, sent to Trade Union leaders, etc., and not 3,500 as previously reported. It was agreed that a complete reprint could not be recommended because of the high cost and impossibility of obtaining prompt circulation, but that Webb should be asked to put together proposals for amendment to be compressed into if possible a 1d tract, and failing that a 2d tract.
- (c) Children's Minimum. Miss Lawrence. Consideration deferred.

Other offers.

- (d) Rural Emancipation by O.E. Vulliamy. Rejected.



## 3. Biographical Series.

The following arrangements were reported:-

|              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Henry George | By Jack Gibson.    |
| Shelley      | By Jack Squire.    |
| Ruskin       | By Miss Morley.    |
| Kingsley     | By C. E. Vulliamy. |
| Lassalle     | By W. S. Sanders.  |
| Marx         | By E. R. Pease.    |

Susan Lawrence,

Acting Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee held on  
Thursday May 29th 1913 at office.

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Present: Lloyd (in chair), Allen, Davies, Mrs. Wilson  
and Sanders; also Ervine.

1. Membership.

- (a) June candidates (22) were elected.
- (b) 12 Resignations were dealt with.
- (c) Instructions were given to send final letter to 45 members.

2. New Societies.

- (a) A Fabian Society is in process of formation in Dundee and the Organizing Secretary will open it on June 5th.
- (b) A Fabian Society has been formed at St. Paul, Minn. U.S.A. Full information with regard to the parent Society has been sent to the secretary.

3. Proposed Course of Six Lectures by Sidney & Mrs. Sidney Webb on "Socialism".

We have considered this proposal referred to us by the Executive Committee and we recommend that it be adopted. We further recommend:

- (a) That the lectures be held at the Kings Hall, Covent Garden;
- (b) That the lectures be given on the following dates: Tuesdays October 28th, November 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and December 2nd. (The Hall is available on these days);
- (c) That the prices of tickets be the same as for the course given by Sidney and Mrs Sidney Webb last year, namely, 5/-, 2/6 & 1/- for a single lecture; £1/1/-, 10/6 & 5/- for the course; also that the same methods of advertising - chiefly by circular - be adopted;

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- (d) That distinguished Socialists be invited to take the chair, including Socialist leaders of France, Germany and Belgium. (Dr. Ludwig Frank, Social Democratic member of the Reichstag, has expressed his willingness to take the chair at one lecture).

The following estimate of receipts and expenditure based on results of the above mentioned course held last year was submitted by the Organizing Secretary:

| <u>Receipts.</u>   |             | <u>Expenditure.</u> |                   |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Sale of Tickets    | £450        | Hire of Hall        | £75.12.0.         |
| Sale of Literature | 10          | Printing            | 36. 0.0.          |
|                    |             | Postage             | 55. 0.0.          |
|                    |             | Sundries            | 5. 0.0.           |
|                    | <u>£460</u> |                     | <u>171.12.0.</u>  |
|                    |             | Est. Profit         | 288. 8.0.         |
|                    |             |                     | <u>£460. 0.0.</u> |

The expenses of distinguished foreign Socialists, should they accept invitation to take the chair, must be added to the expenditure side of the estimate.

#### 4. Provincial Propaganda.

We have considered the question of provincial propaganda in connection with local Fabian Societies for next autumn and winter, and we propose that members of the Executive who are known lecturers should be invited to



H. Parker's Copy

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... should be invited to place dates at the disposal of the Organizing Secretary to be offered to Provincial and University Societies. The travelling expenses of Executive members when lecturing for Provincial Societies to be met by the parent Society when necessary. Mrs. Webb has already agreed to offer a number of dates for lectures next autumn and winter.



## 5. Special effort to increase Membership.

We have considered the question of adding to the number of members of the Fabian Society and the local Fabian Societies and we recommend that a short circular be sent to members of the Society in the autumn urging them to make a special effort to increase the membership of the Societies. A membership form would be issued with the circular, which would include a brief description of the aims and objects of the Fabian Society.

## 6. Fabian Women's Group.

The Fabian Women's Group proposes to affiliate with the National Union of Women Workers and as the affiliation does not bind the Fabian Society or the Group in any way, we recommend that the Executive Committee agree to the proposal.

## 7. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

We have considered the method of dealing with the reports of the above Committee and we recommend that the Committee continue to report to the Organizing & Propaganda Committee (except in case of urgency) who will submit report to the Executive Committee. (C.M.Lloyd and Mrs. Wilson dissented).

## 8. Proposed Labour &amp; Socialist Consultative Committee.

- (a) We have considered the annexed Report of a meeting held at the House of Commons on May 27th and we recommend that the proposals therein be approved.
- (b) We recommend that the Committee be formed our representatives report to the Organizing & Propaganda Committee. (C.M.Lloyd and Mrs. Wilson dissented).







Report of representatives of the Labour Party, Parliamentary Labour Party, Independent Labour Party, Fabian Society, and Women's Labour League to further consider the formation of a Committee of representatives from these bodies and, if possible, the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress; held at the House of Commons, Tuesday May 27th 1913. (X)

Present: A. Henderson, M.P. (in chair), John Hodge, M.P. (Labour Party); W.C. Anderson, J. Mylles, F. Johnson (I.L.P.); H.H. Schloesser, C.M. Lloyd, W.S. Sanders (Fabian Society); Mrs. Salter, Dr. M. Phillips (Women's Labour League).

The memorandum with regard to the scope of the work of the proposed Committee drawn up by the Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and the Fabian Society and endorsed by the Fabian Executive, and considered, amended as follows and adopted for submission to the various bodies concerned;

A Committee of representatives of the Labour Party, Parliamentary Labour Party, I.L.P., Fabian Society, Women's Labour League and the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, with the title of Labour and Socialist Consultative Committee, shall exist for the purpose of providing machinery by which the various sections of the Socialist and Labour movement shall be kept in touch with each other in regard to their propagandist activities.

The Committee, whilst leaving each section complete autonomy over its own propagandist activities, shall, as far as possible, prevent overlapping by acquainting each section with the proposed work of the others.

The Committee shall be the medium through which the Labour

place dates at the disposal of the Organizing Commission  
with each other in regard to proposals for legislation in  
such a manner as to co-ordinate as far as possible the work  
outside and inside Parliament.

The Committee shall consider and submit to its constituent  
bodies proposals whereby any piece of work undertaken by one  
section may be rendered more effective by the co-operation  
of the others.

It was further decided that if the Committee is established,  
the officers shall be a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary.

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The Organizing Commission shall be composed of the following members:

(Chairman, a person to be elected)  
(Secretary, a person to be elected)  
(Vice-Chairman, a person to be elected)  
(Members, a number of persons to be elected)  
The Commission shall be elected for a period of one year.

The Commission shall have the right to call upon any person for information and to receive any assistance that may be required for the purpose of its work.



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5. Chairman for Mrs. Gilman

Agreed to appoint Mrs. Shaw.

Application from J. H. Gillespie for permission

(a) to have announced, (b) to be allowed to place on the seats, an appeal for funds for the defence of Edwin Clayton in the W.S.P.U. Case. - On divisions (a) received no votes & (b) only one, + both were rejected.

6. The Rural Enquiry Committee.

Pease reports as follows:-

The Chairman of the Committee (Harben) writes on May 28th "the book is nearly finished and I shall be sending it off in a few days", and also asks about the method of submitting the draft to the Enquiry Committee. I take a very strong view that the Report will be hardly worth the cost of printing if the Government campaign begins as announced in July, whilst our Report could not be in the hands of the public before August at earliest, and probably before September or October. I am of opinion (as I have been for 6 months past) that the first essential is prompt publication. I therefore enquired of the Editor of The Statesman if he could publish the Report as a series of articles, and he informs me it would suit his plans admirably to do so. I have written Harben telling him this on the authority of the Editor and have consulted any members of the Committee I have seen who all concur.

I therefore propose that the Executive

(a) Authorise the publication of the Report at once in the Statesman;



b Rural Enquiry (contd.)

- (b) Direct me to acquaint the members of the Rural Committee by circular letter of the decision;
- (c) Decide on some form of words, if they think fit, indicating that the Report is a draft, not finally adopted by the Committee or the Society, but prepared on the advice of the Committee by the Chairman who is responsible for all details.

Reprinting from the Statesman could be considered if thought fit.

The advantage of this course is that it secures immediate publication and a very wide circulation amongst precisely the class we desire to influence.

After a full discussion it was agreed to add to motion (a) the words "subject to the consent of the Committee" & with this addition the motion was carried by 8 votes to 2. The other proposals were not put. The Secy was directed to arrange a meeting of the Comtee at an early date.

R. C. K. Inver  
27 June 1913.

Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 1913

Present Ensor (in chair) Allen, Mrs. Reenes  
Erwine Dodd Lloyd, Davis, Miss  
Atkinson, Sanders & Secy

1. In the absence of Dr. Bentham, Ensor was elected chairman
2. The minutes were confirmed
3. apologies Snell & Lloyd for last meeting  
Mr & Mrs Webb for this.

4. Rural Evening Comtee The Secy reported

that the Committee was summoned with ample notice: Mr. & Mrs. Pease and the Secretary alone attended and gave unanimous consent to the proposal recorded in the minutes. A large majority of those not present assented in writing, and the Chairman also sent out a letter asking consents.

Letter was read from Webb explaining that the Statesman had given no undertaking to publish, & could only do so if the Report was suitable. Noted.

5. The Summer School Comtee Report was submitted + adopted.

6. The Publishing Comtee Report was submitted

Item 1. Went about the Rates of S. Weik.

(a) + (b) were approved.

On (d) the Sec. reported that the length was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page above 12 pp.

& (c). The decision to have no cover was reversed. It was agreed to have a cover + to ask Weik for a new block.

Item 2. Mines Nationalisation : approved

" 3. Electricity : approved.

" 4 approved.

It was also agreed to allow Prof. Hjalge Bäckström to translate this museum of words into Swedish

7. The Organising & Propaganda Comtee Report was submitted + the whole was adopted.

place dates at the disposal of the office in place of legislation in



THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Summer School Committee.

1. We submit the following Budget for the Summer Session 1913.

| <u>Income.</u>                      |                  | <u>Expenditure.</u>      |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 280 School weeks @ 35/-             | £490.0.0.        | Rent & Upkeep of grounds | £200.0.0.        |
| 100 Conference " @ 30/--            | 150.0.0.         | 380 weeks Board          | 200.0.0.         |
| Fees for non-residents              | 3.0.0.           | Staff and Service        | 124.0.0.         |
| Baths, Boating Fees,<br>Teas, etc., | 30.0.0.          | Lecturers' Fares         | 14.0.0.          |
|                                     |                  | Lecturers' Fees          | 12.0.0.          |
|                                     |                  | Fares of Staff etc.      | 10.0.0.          |
|                                     |                  | Coals                    | 10.0.0.          |
|                                     |                  | Printing & stationery    | 25.0.0.          |
|                                     |                  | Balance                  | 78.0.0.          |
|                                     | <u>£673.0.0.</u> |                          | <u>£673.0.0.</u> |

2. We have appointed the following to be Directors during the ordinary School Session August 2nd to September 13th, - S. K. Ratcliffe, E. R. Pease, Lawson Dodd and H. D. Harben.

Lawson Dodd,  
Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting 20th June 1913

Present: Ervine (in the chair), Standring and the Secretary.

1. What about the Rates? by Sidney Webb.

- (a) Proofs already circulated to the Committee were passed, and ordered to be sent to the rest of the Executive.
- (b) It was agreed to print 7,000, and
- (c) Not to have a cover.
- (d) Standring reported it could be squeezed into 10 pages matter (i.e. 12 page tract), (but this appears to be wrong).

2. Mines Nationalisation. Secretary reported this passed by the Miners and the Labour Party.

- (a) It was agreed to send proof to all the Executive, and
- (b) Not to have a cover.
- (c) First edition to be 10,000.

3. Electricity Tract.

- (a) Report of cost by Standring.-
  - 7,000, 20 pages, literary matter and diagrams. . . . . £21.
  - Appendices, figures, for do. . . . . 22.
  - Cover, say . . . . . 7.
  - £50.

It was agreed not to print appendices, but a statement that they can be consulted at the Fabian Office. The Secretary reported that Mrs. Webb concurred.

## 3. (Contd.)

- (b) It was resolved to print the diagrams through the matter, and not all together.
- (c) Offer of the Control of Industry Committee to bear half the cost up to £15 was accepted.
- (d) It was agreed, subject to the above, that the Tract be set up.

## 4. Annual Report. Reported ready.

The officers were authorised to complete this for press.

St. John G. Ervine.

Acting Chairman.



THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee Meeting Thursday  
June 19th 1913 at office.

Present: Ervine (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Pease, Allen, Davies  
and Sanders.

1. New Society.

The Organizing Secretary reported he had visited  
Dundee and formed a Society with 25 members.

2. Annual Fabian Conference.

It was reported that several resolutions had been  
received after the appointed date and it was agreed  
that they be placed on the Agenda with a note to  
that effect. The Agenda was ordered to be referred  
to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

3. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The following report of a meeting held on Tuesday  
June 17th 1913 was received and approved.

Present: E. R. Pease (in Chair), Mrs. Webb, J. Mylles,  
Miss Bondfield, H. Dubery, H. H. Schloesser.

- (1) Report of the Committee was passed subject to  
necessary corrections.
- (2) Barrow House Conference. It was reported that about  
fifty persons were expected to attend the Conference.
- (3) Other business transacted had not reached the stage  
for report.

St. John G. Ervine,

Secretary.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at office  
26th June 1913.

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Present: Ensor (in chair), Schloesser, Miss Atkinson, Dr. Phillips,  
Dodd, Webb, Sanders and the Secretary.

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1. Finance.

Accounts to June 1st presented showing a heavy decline in receipts from literature.

2. Correspondence.

The following may be reported on out of a long list:-

- (a) Proposal by Bermondsey Labour Party for an annual day of commemoration of industrial accidents. Reply we approve the idea but not the plan and would like to hear further.
- (b) B.S.P. request to participate in a Load Line Deputation to the Government. Deferred for enquiries.
- (c) Drinkwater Testimonial: Paragraph to be inserted in News, and Executive invited to contribute personally.
- (d) University Socialist Federation. Request to be allowed to use the £10 grant for payment of back debts was agreed to, and it was decided to ask the Federation Committee to confer with the Executive on Saturday evening July 5th.

3. The New Statesman.

It was agreed to exchange advertising in the matter of the Webb's lectures.

4. Next Sessions Lectures.

(a) Dates of Meetings. In view of the Webb lectures on Tuesdays from Oct. 28th to Dec. 2nd, it was decided to hold

1 Lecture in October  
1 " " November  
1 " " December  
1 Members Meeting probably in December.

(b) The office proposals were discussed and referred to the Executive without recommendation, viz: That the course for the year should be the papers for the Biographical Tracts. Those promised are

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Shelley           | Jack Squire   |
| Ruskin            | Miss Morley   |
| Lassalle          | W.S. Scanders |
| Henry George      | Jack Gibson   |
| Kingsley          | C.E. Vulliamy |
| Owen as Utopian ? | C.M. Lloyd.   |

(c) The following suggestions were also before the Committee:-

By Schloesser:

That members of the Executive should give a series of lectures on their ideas of Socialism. From previous meetings:

A lecture or lectures on Proportional Representation.  
Guest's offer of a lecture on Governmental Areas.

R. C. K. Ensor,

Chairman.



THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Control of Industry Committee.

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Mrs. Sidney Webb reports that a meeting of the General Committee of the Control of Industry Enquiry has been held.

(1) It was agreed that the Assistant Secretary, W. Mellor, should go to Lancashire for the purpose of investigating various Federations and Amalgamations of trades and that C. M. Lloyd should be asked to investigate the Trade Unions and Co-operative Societies of Belgium on the lines of W. S. Sanders' investigation into the German Trade Unions, fifteen pounds being allocated for his expenses.

(2) It was also agreed that subject to the ratification by the Fabian Executive, W. S. Sanders' paper on German Trade Unions should be printed if possible in time for the Conference at Barrow House.

(3) The lease of the flat at 37, Norfolk Street terminates in August and the Executive of the National Committee are considering a proposal to take half the flat at £100 or £120 for 4 or 5 rooms. Mrs. Webb would like authorisation to offer on behalf of the Control of Industry Committee £40 for rent, cleaning, etc., for one room and joint use of Typist's room for one year for the Fabian Research Committee.

8. The Control of Industry Com<sup>ce</sup> Report was submitted & approved.

9. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>ce</sup> Report was submitted

Item 1. accepted.

.. 2 (a), (b) & (c) were approved.

.. .. (d) was approved. The meeting with the Univ. Soc. Fed<sup>n</sup> Exec. was fixed for 8pm. & the Org. Sec. ordered to arrange an agenda.

.. 3 was approved.

.. 4 Next Session Lectures. This was discussed at length.

- (a) Dates of meetings, was approved. & it was resolved to ask
  1. F. E. Smith on Conservative Soc. Prog
  2. Euseb on Foreign Policy
  3. Snowden on Prop. Rep<sup>n</sup>

(b) Biographical Series. It was agreed that this be deferred to the ~~autumn~~ spring, & a new proposal on these lines be submitted.

9. Cont<sup>d</sup>. Finance Report. Lectures 4 ~~10~~ cont<sup>d</sup>  
Item 4 (c) Tavis was considered  
+ no special action taken.

10. Fabian Annual Confere

Tavis was submitted & it was  
agreed that the Exec. oppose  
the Cliswick Group amendment on the  
order of the agenda. No other action  
was decided on.

11. Next Meeting July 18.

Chi Lloyd  
18/7/13



Com<sup>ee</sup> 18 July 1913.

Present Lloyd (in chair) Mrs. Shaw, Welch,  
Mrs. Welch, Ervine Snell, Schlosser,  
Allen, Euseb. Dodd, Mrs. Reeves  
Sanders & Sec'y

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. apologies Davies, Dr Bentham, Mrs. Wilson  
Sharp.

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3 The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was submitted.

Item 1 (a), approved

(b) What about the Rates. approved.

Sec'y to get title page (which was submitted) altered to larger type for title.

(c) approved. Research Com<sup>ee</sup> when title page, subject to Mrs. Welch's approval.

Items 2, 3, 4, & 5 were adopted.

4. The Organising + Propaganda Comtee Report was submitted

- Item 1. Soiree, approved, + thanks ordered to Barker for his help.
- 2. approved.

Item 3. Conference with Unit. Socialist Federation

- a. b. c. d. e. f. g were approved
- (h) was approved + the par. ordered to be submitted to Bacharach.

(i) after discussion, it was agreed that this be deleted.

- Item 4. (b) approved
- (a) approved + Sembat or Pressensé suggested vice Jaurès.

- Items 5 + 6 approved
- 7. noted.

5. The Finance + G.P. Comtee Report was submitted

- Items 1. 2. 3. + 4 were approved.
- 5 ~~was~~ Lectures, was approved

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee meeting July 11th 1913.

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

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1. Tracts in Press.

- (a) No.171. Mines Nationalisation.  
Pending decision of the Miners and others as to quantity required, it was resolved to print 10,000. It was agreed not to send out to M.P's.
- (b) No.172. What about Rates.  
It was agreed to print 7,000. Portrait of Webb approved. Gold selected as colour of cover.
- (c) No.173. Electricity.  
It was agreed that this be sent direct to the Executive as soon as possible in order that it may be passed by them before the holidays.

2. Proposed Tracts.

- (a) Post Offices. It was agreed to ask Emil Davies to prepare a tract on the work done by Post Offices.
- (b) Children of School Age. It was agreed to ask Miss Lawrence to make a tract out of Part II (Children of the School Age), being the middle of the three parts of the Crusade Supplement.

3. Biographical Tracts.

MS. on Kingsley by C. E. Vulliamy was favourably reported on by Mrs. Reeves, and deferred for further report.



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4. Revises. Facts for Socialists.

On a letter from C. P. Blizzard it was resolved that the figures in the Tract should be revised and new matter added, but the present form should not be substantially altered.

5. The University Socialist.

On a letter from the Manager asking us to pay for a half page advertisement (21/-) and to waive claim for 21/- for inset advertisement sent out with Fabian News, it was resolved not to accede to the request.

Maud Reeves,

Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Organizing & Propaganda Committee, meeting  
Thursday July 10th 1913. (2)

Present: C.M.Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Wilson,  
Schloesser, Snell, Ervine and Sanders.

1. Report on Soiree.

The following report was received and adopted:-

| <u>Receipts.</u>      | <u>Expenditure.</u>               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tickets sold £15.7.6. | Hire of Hall £5.15. 0.            |
|                       | Refreshments 5. 5. 0.             |
|                       | Printing, Postage                 |
|                       | etc. 17. 6.                       |
|                       | Balance (surplus) <u>3.10. 0.</u> |
| <u>£15. 7. 6.</u>     | <u>£15. 7. 6.</u>                 |

2. Speakers Class.

(a) The following report was received and adopted:-

The class last session was continued until the beginning of June. The students attended very regularly and several showed great improvement by the time the class finished. One of them expressed his gratitude for the help he had received in speaking by paying the Society the sum of £1.9.0., which together with the registration fees of 1/- per student covered the payment to the teacher of voice production.

(b) We recommend that the class be continued next session on similar lines.

(3) Conference of Executive Committee with the Executive Committee of the University Socialist Federation.

At the above Conference held on July 5th the following suggestions were brought forward for consideration of the Executive Committee of the F.S.-

- (a) The Fabian Society and the U.S.F. to interchange names and addresses of ex-University men and women who become members of either body.
- (b) The Fabian office to be the official address of the U.S.F.
- (c) The U.S.F. Committee to be given free use of the Fabian office.
- (d) The Fabian office staff to duplicate notices etc. of the U.S.F.
- (e) The Fabian Society to send out notices of the U.S.F. with its own announcements.
- (f) The U.S.F. Conference to meet at Barrow House at Easter on similar terms to those of this year.
- (g) An annual meeting to be held of the Executive Committees of the Fabian Society and the U.S.F.
- (h) An announcement to appear in Fabian News stating that the two Executive Committees had met and arrangements had been made to work co-operatively.
- (i) The U.S.F. to have the advice of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society with regard to its budget.

We have considered these suggestions and recommend that (f) be referred to the Summer School Committee and that the others be agreed to.

#### 4. Lectures at Kings Hall, Covent Garden.

We report that:-

- (a) The following have consented to take the chair at the lectures to be given by Sidney and Mrs. Webb.-

Oct. 28th Bernard Shaw.  
 Nov. 4th Dr. Ludwig Frank.  
 " 11th Waiting reply from Jaures.  
 " 18th Granville Barker.  
 " 25th E. Vandervelde.  
 Dec. 2nd Rev. R. J. Campbell.

- (b) Envelope addressing is well in hand.

#### 5. Provincial Lectures.

We have agreed that H.H. Schloesser should give a course of lectures under the auspices of the York F.S. we paying travelling expenses.



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6. Occupation Catalogue.

This catalogue is now complete and we recommend that a vote of thanks be passed to J. W. Shaw for compiling the catalogue.

7. Tract on Nationalization of Mines.

As a matter of urgency it was decided to instruct the office to have this tract printed at once and sent to the press, and to ask the Labour Party if they wished to purchase copies.

O. M. Lloyd,

Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Thursday July 17th 1913.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Schloesser, Dodd, Webb,  
Sanders & Secretary.

1. Finance.

Report showing a general small decline in receipts was received.

2. B.S.P. Load Line Deputation.

On report that a Departmental Committee is now sitting it was agreed to reply that a Deputation pending the issue of their report would be premature.

3. Repeal of the Cat & Mouse Act.

It was agreed not to send delegates to a conference having this object.

4. Informal Socialist Unity Conference.

It was agreed that Mrs. Webb, Sanders and Pease be delegates with watching brief only, to meet the I.L.P., the B.S.P. together with Vandervelde and Huysmans.

5. Lectures 1913-4.

- (a) The Secretary reported he had approached F.E. Smith, and had no reply yet.
- (b) Proposal for Biographical Course in 1914 was further discussed and rejected.
- (c) It was agreed to recommend to the Executive the proposal by Schloesser for a new "Faith I Hold" course, particulars to be settled later.

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6. "Equality".

Offer by Shaw to prepare a volume for this series was considered as a matter of emergency and accepted.

7. Land Enquiry Committee Report.

As a matter of urgency it was reported that the draft report of the Land Committee had at last been received; that in pursuance of authority given by the Executive, Harben had arranged for it to be published as a Supplement to the New Statesman on 3rd August, but without appendices, and the Fabian Society would be permitted to have copies struck off at bare cost, but would probably have to decide the number of copies within a week or so after publication.

The draft report is reported by Webb to be admirable in substance and style, and to run to 30,000 words or more, besides appendices.

It was agreed to recommend that the Secretary in conjunction with Harben and the Chairman of the Publishing Committee be authorised to publish with or without appendices as a sixpenny or shilling publication through Fifield or P.S. King & Son or otherwise.

R. C. K. Ensor,

Chairman.

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A consultation of representatives of the Independent Labour Party, the British Socialist Party, and the Fabian Society, was held at the Fabian office on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. There were present Messrs. Fisher, Dan Irving, J. Hunter Watts and A. Inkpin (Sec.) B.S.P.; Messrs. J. Keir Hardie, W. C. Anderson and J. Bruce Glasier, I.L.P.; Mrs. Sidney Webb, Messrs. E. R. Pease, and W. Stephen Sanders, F.S.

Messrs. Vandervelde and Buytens, chairman and secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, were present on behalf of the Bureau at whose instance the consultation was held. M. Vandervelde occupied the chair.

After a general expression of opinion it was unanimously agreed that whilst a complete fusion of the three socialist organizations is not at present possible, the following suggestions for unifying the British Socialist forces should be issued to the Executive Committee of the three socialist organizations for consideration and that a further conference composed of the full executives of the three organizations and representatives of the International Socialist Bureau be held to hear reports and decide upon further action.

1. That a United Socialist Council be formed composed of representatives from the three socialist organizations, the powers and duties of the Council to be subsequently defined.
2. That all organizations affiliated to the United Socialist Council must be ~~also~~ affiliated to the Labour Party.

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5. Finance & Com<sup>es</sup> (cont'd)

& it was resolved that the Sec. & Org. Sec submit a list of proposed lectures to the next meeting.

Item 6. Show on Equality was approved

" 7. Land Enquiry Com<sup>es</sup> "Tens" was approved except that the words "as a b<sup>?</sup> or 1/- publication" were deleted: the Com<sup>es</sup> considered on Well's advice a 2/6 vol w<sup>d</sup> be better & suggested Constable as publisher.

6. Unit Conference. The annexed report was submitted & unanimously approved. It was ordered to be published as approved by the Executive.

7. Next Meeting. It was agreed to hold an Exec. Meeting pro forma at Barron House, & that the next regular mtg. be in Sept<sup>r</sup>.  
Union Phillips

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Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1913

Present, Dr. Phillips (in chair) & all  
except

Absent. Allen, Mrs. Wilson, Snell, Schlosser,  
Miss Lawrence.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologie - Snell, at Leicester  
Mrs. Wilson, away from London, ill
3. The Publishing Comtee Report was sub-  
mitted & the whole approved.  
On (4) Rural Program, the Secy was  
directed to arrange about taking  
moulds, if necessary, before the type is  
broken up. -
4. The Organising & Propaganda Comtee  
was submitted & the whole adopted  
To item b, Lectures of members of  
the Soc. The names of Miss Altamson  
& Lloyd were added ✓



25 Dec 1913 (8)

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Publishing Committee meeting 26th Sept. 1913.

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

1. Tracts published since last meeting.

- No.171. Mines Nationalization.  
10,000 printed and all distributed.  
2,000 more ordered.
- No.172. What about the Rates.  
7,000 printed: sent to members.
- No.173. Public v. Private Electricity Supply.  
7,000 printed.

2. Tracts in preparation.

Kingsley by G. E. Vulliamy. On further favourable reports this was ordered to be set up.

3. Tracts going out of print.

- No.131. Decline of Birth Rate. 1000 ordered.
- No.125. Municipalisation by Provinces. 1,000 ordered.
- No.115. State aid to Agriculture. 1,500 ordered.
- No. 62. Parish & District Councils. 1,000 reported  
sold in a line. 1,500 ordered.
- No. 86. Municipalisation of Drink Trade. To be dropped.

4. Rural Programme.

Report made that agreement had been signed with Constable to publish on our account, nothing to be paid or received till 30th Sept. 1914. Advance orders received 116.

It was agreed to describe the volume as the first of a series.

Maud Reeves,  
Chairman.

Report of meeting of Organizing & Propaganda Committee at office, September 25th 1913.

Present: C. M. Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Ervine, Davies, Sanders and Pease.

1. Membership.

July, August and September candidates, 21 in all, were elected.

2. Lectures at Kings Hall.

It was reported by the office that

- (a) 35,000 envelopes had been addressed for sending out syllabuses and order form.
- (b) An additional 4,000 syllabuses and order form will be sent out free by the National Committee.
- (c) Syllabuses and order forms would go out with "News".
- (d) 35,000 circulars approved by the Committee advertising the Society and its publications and including an order form for the Rural Problem Report would go out with the syllabuses.

3. Proposed Dinner to Jaures.

It had been suggested that Jaures might come over the day before the lecture at Kings Hall on November 11th at which he will take the chair (or stay the day after), and if so a dinner might be arranged at which he would be the guest. The Organizing Secretary has written to Jean Longuet proposing this and a reply is still awaited. It is recommended that if Jaures is agreeable a dinner be arranged; tickets to be 5/-.

5. Suggestions from the Annual Conference.

The suggestions made at the Fabian Conference with regard to the work of the Societies and Groups have been circulated to the local Societies and Groups for additions and amendments.

## 6. Lectures by members of the Executive.

In connection with this year's scheme for lectures under the auspices of the local Societies various members of the Executive Committee, including Davies, Mrs. Webb, Schloesser, Dr. Phillips, Mrs. Reeves, Ervine, Webb and others, have booked dates. *Riverpool Manchester*

## 7. Hall for Education Group Lectures.

Application was received from the Education Group for payment of Halls for two lectures by Sidney Webb and Miss Cleghorn. It was agreed to recommend that the application be acceded to, cost not to exceed £2 per lecture.

## 8. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The following report of meeting held on Thursday 25th was received and adopted.

Present: Pease (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Sanders, Lloyd (Fabian Society); Mylles, Johnson, Duberny (I.L.P.)

## i. Conference at Barrow House.

Report of Conference was presented showing that about 60 persons had attended. The N.A.C. had held its business meeting at Barrow House during the Conference week. The N.A.C. approved the proposal for classes in economics, industrial history, etc. to be organized by the Joint Committee in connection with branches of the I.L.P.; and also that Conferences on "Land Problems" and "Education" be organized in the New Year.

## ii. The Educational Classes.

It was reported that a large number of I.L.P. branches and Federations had been circularized with regard to the classes and about sixty applications for them had been received. About fifty lecturers or class leaders had been secured. Syllabuses were ordered to be prepared and printed and other details settled.

## iii. Proposed Conferences on "Land Problems" and "Education".

These were discussed and it was decided to adjourn consideration until next meeting.

E.R. Pease. Vice-Chairman.

C. M. Lloyd. Chairman.



Committee of Enquiry on the Control  
of Industry :

CHAIRMAN : MRS. SIDNEY WEBB.  
HON. SECRETARY : C. MORGAN WEBB.

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2nd October, 1913.

To the Members of the Fabian Society Executive Committee:-

The enclosed Report of the work of the Committee on the Control of Industry for the year 1912 - 1913 has been adopted at a meeting of the members of the Fabian Society Research Department.

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At a meeting of members held on September 26th it was resolved that application be made to the Executive of the Fabian Society for the Research Department to be recognised as a Group.

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Beatrice Webb,  
Chairman.

# Fabian Research Department.

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## Memorandum on the work of the Committee on the Control of Industry to 31st August, 1913.

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For the information of those members of the Committee who were unable to be present during the week's conference at Barrow House, Keswick (July 18th-25th), the following abstract of progress is submitted by the Chairman (Mrs. Sidney Webb).

In this work the Committee is much indebted to C. Morgan Webb, its first Hon. Secretary, who had unfortunately to relinquish the post from ill-health. The work was then taken over as Hon. Secretary by H. Gillespie. The Chairman and Hon. Secretaries of the Sub-Committees have been Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Bonhote, Mrs. Bernard Drake, Mrs. W. P. Reeves, and Lawrence Tiffen and Sidney Webb; whilst Julius West, succeeded by W. Mellor, have served as Secretaries.

The Committee has held eight meetings, besides the week's conference at Barrow House. The four sub-committees have met, in the aggregate, twenty-one times. Memoranda were prepared and printed as to the exact subjects and methods of the enquiry; and on this basis a really large amount of voluntary work has been done. The number of individual members of the Committee who have sent in notes or reports of personal investigations, of material abstracted or of books translated, or who have volunteered for similar work at 37, Norfolk Street, is about 125. On all the subjects taken up a very extensive collection of material has been made, which has been sorted and classified, and, to a great extent, abstracted on sheets.

SUB-COMMITTEE I.  
(ASSOCIATIONS OF WAGE-EARNERS).

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A careful enquiry has been made into the feelings and desires, objects and methods, of all the English Syndicalists to whom access could be obtained. A detailed study has been made (chiefly from documents and books) of French Syndicalism; and a less elaborate one of the United States varieties of Syndicalism and "Industrial Unionism." Full information has been obtained of the history (and recent liquidation) of the Italian Glassblowers' Company, which has been claimed as a successful Syndicalist experiment. A report has been drawn up by G. D. H. Cole on "What Validity does our Enquiry show Syndicalism to Possess," and another by H. J. Gillespie and W. Mellor on the nature and extent of Syndicalism in the United Kingdom.

With regard to Trade Unionism, a complete survey has been made of Trade Union organisation in the United Kingdom in relation to the question of amalgamation or federation of unnecessary separate Unions. A personal inquiry has been made into the organisation of Trade Unionism in Germany, with special reference to the relation of local branch to head office and of sectional craft to the industry as a whole. An elaborate Memorandum on this has been prepared by W. Stephen Sanders. Personal enquiries into the organisation of Trade Unionism in Belgium and France have been made, and memoranda prepared, by C. M. Lloyd. Schemes for the improvement of Trade Union organisation in Great Britain have been prepared, and are being considered and revised by detailed enquiries.

SUB-COMMITTEE II.  
(ASSOCIATIONS OF PRODUCERS).

An extensive enquiry has been made into the real constitutions and position of all the Association of Producers (self-governing workshops) existing in the United Kingdom. A list has been made, and particulars obtained, of all those that have failed within the last twenty-five years. Studies have been made (from books) of similar associations in France, Belgium, and Italy. An elaborate memorandum of provisional conclusions as to these associations in England has been prepared by Mrs. Bernard Drake.

Profit-sharing and Industrial Co-partnership schemes have been re-examined and submitted to the detailed criticism of Trade Unionists and other workmen, economists, employers, etc.



### SUB-COMMITTEE III. (ASSOCIATIONS OF CONSUMERS).

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A detailed study has been made of the actual working and results of more than twenty separate Co-operative Societies in different parts of Great Britain. A report on the features thus revealed has been prepared by Mrs. W. P. Reeves.

A detailed personal investigation has been made into the organisation and working of the productive departments of the Co-operative Wholesale Society.

### SUB-COMMITTEE IV. (PUBLIC SERVICES).

The "Municipal Trading" and the relation to employees of a number of important Municipal Corporations have been investigated in detail. The actual organisation and working of the manufacturing operations of a large Government Department have been personally studied. The statistics of the trading operations of all the municipalities in the United Kingdom have been analysed on to sheets for further investigation. A detailed monograph on the comparative results of municipal and joint stock enterprise with regard to electricity has been prepared by C. Ashmore Baker.

The material thus obtained—to which additions are still being made—is now being gone through. The first rough draft of a general report, covering the whole field of the enquiry, is now being written by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb (nearly half completed). It will then be considered in sections by the Sub-Committees; completed as to particular points by individual members; submitted for revision to such experts as will help us; and then considered by the Committee as a whole.

It will evidently form, with appendices, a thick volume, which will, it is hoped, be issued by July, 1914.

The total receipts of the Committee from subscriptions and donations to August 31st (apart from what has been received in advance for 1914) amounted to £466 9s. 10½d. The total expenditure to August 31st (for printing, postage, purchase of books, office rent, travelling expenses of special investigators, and salaries) amounted to £351 11s. 2d. To the balance of £114 18s. 8½d. thus available must be added £100 received in advance for 1914.

## THE NEW INVESTIGATION.

The Committee decided that the next subject to be taken up for investigation should be Industrial Insurance. In view of the uncertainty as to the actual results of the National Insurance Act in the United Kingdom, and the very serious criticism that is made of the vast system of insurance of burial money for infants and children, the subject demands investigation. The matter has suddenly become very urgent. The Government intend to introduce, *in the very next Session of Parliament*, a further amendment of the Insurance Act, restricting, in one way or another, the benefits promised, especially as regards the four millions of insured women. There is, unfortunately, every probability that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, alarmed at the consequences of the actuarial mistakes that have been made, will attempt, by new regulations, to cut down benefits in all directions, with the effect of further diminishing a provision which is far from being adequate for the needs of the sick poor. In order to make out a case for this Bill, the Government have appointed their own private Committee of Enquiry, which is to report in February next, and will, we fear, make the kind of report that the Government require, and publish only such evidence as is thought convenient. If the interests of the millions of insured persons are to be effectively protected, an independent enquiry into the facts is indispensable. This duty seems to fall to the Fabian Research Department.

In view of the urgency of the matter, it is proposed to begin at once; to prepare the necessary printed memoranda, schedules, questions, etc.; to call in aid all the members of the Fabian Society who are prepared to help; to ask for the assistance of members of Insurance Committees and Approved Societies, as well as of doctors, nurses, and Councillors and Poor Law Guardians all over the kingdom; to engage a competent investigator acquainted with the subject; and to concentrate attention for the first six months on the working of the Act, so as to get the facts that will be needed by the Members of Parliament, the journalists, and the public for accepting or amending the forthcoming Government Bill. Both money and personal help are therefore urgently required. We must raise £1,000 within the next two years for this job. Towards this two promises of £100 each have been received. Members are asked to see if they cannot promptly get additional promises for this special work, of amounts small or large.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
2nd October 1913.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Dodd, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Report on Finances showing receipts for 6 months under several heads at £533 against £675 last year was received.
2. Staff.
  - (a) Bowsher: on application agreed to raise his wages from 10/- to 11/-.
  - (b) Mrs. Chaytor: resignation from Oct. 31st accepted with regret, and the secretaries ordered to present report on the office staff, with a view to economy.
3. Lectures and Meetings.

Meeting November 14th.

  - (a) F.E. Smith. Secretary reported no reply to formal invitation. Agreed that he is not likely to come.
  - (b) F. W. Jowett. Agreed to ask him to lecture on the Cabinet System, if he will be in town. (? Hall).
  - (c) Failing him to ask Earl Russell on any subject (Large Hall).
  - (d) Failing him to ask P. Lloyd Graeme, of the Unionist Social Reform Committee (Small Hall) on the Unionist Social Policy.
  - (e) J. Jonas Dodd. Offer declined.
  - (f) Kate R. O'Hare of the Rip-Saw, at £7.7.0. Declined.
  - (g) List of "My View of Socialism" in order of preference, prepared by the officers, was ordered to be transmitted to the Executive. List annexed.
4. I.L.P. Coming of Age. On letter from Hardie, agreed to ask Shaw and failing him Webb, to represent the Society at Bradford at Easter.



5. B.S.P. Load Line Conference. Agreed to reply to letter saying we are not able at present to say whether we will join a deputation when the Report of the Departmental Committee is issued.

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6. Bebel's Funeral.

Secretary's action in appointing Sanders to represent the Society was approved and expenses (£2.11.6.) ordered to be paid.

R. O. K. Ensor.

Chairman.

- 6. Mrs. Reeves
- 7. Clutton Brock
- 8. Miss Atkinson
- 9. Wm. Poel
- 10. St. John Ervine
- 11. J. H. Gillespie
- 12. H. H. Schloesser.

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Names Proposed for Fabian Spring Course.

1. Granville Barker
2. Miss Susan Lawrence
3. Lord Russell
4. A. D. Lindsay
5. Lawson Dodd
6. Mrs. Reeves
7. Clutton Brock
8. Miss Atkinson
9. Wm. Poel
10. St. John Ervine
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12. H. H. Schloesser.

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5. The Research ~~Com~~ Dept Report was submitted & adopted.

6. The Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>e</sup> Report was submitted :-

Item 1. Finance. Report received.

The Treasurer & Secy were directed to examine subscription list & report on the cause of decline, if ascertainable

Item 2. Staff. Report received.

Item 3. Lectures & Meetings

(a) F. E. Smith. Agreed he must be given up

(b) F. W. Jowett: approved for small Hall

(c) Earl Russell, approved: agreed to ask him on Socialism & Industry or the Dorce Com<sup>o</sup>

(d) Lloyd Graeme. Approved

(e) & (f) approved.

(g) "My view of Soc<sup>ny</sup>" Lectures. It was agreed to vote & ballot on the order: the votes were



b. Finance (cont<sup>d</sup>)

(3) Lectures (9) cont<sup>d</sup>

counted subsequently: H. D. Harben  
was added & Earl Russell, who  
asked otherwise, deleted: Result:-

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| G. Barker         | 30  |
| W. Poel           | 52  |
| Mrs Lawrence      | 68  |
| - H. J. Gillespie | 91  |
| - Clutton Brock   | 95  |
| - A. D. Lindsay   | 106 |
| Lawson Dodd       | 113 |
| H. D. Harben      | 115 |
| St. J. Ervine     | 119 |
| Mrs Raves         | 123 |
| Mrs Atkinson      | 128 |
| H. H. Schloesser  | 155 |

Items 4. 5. + 6

7. Parliamentary Com<sup>tee</sup> This Com<sup>tee</sup> was ordered  
to report to the next meeting

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17 Oct. 1913

Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 1913.

Present Snell (in chair) + all except  
absent Allen, Schlosser, Dr. Phillips, Mrs Wilson

1. The Minutes were conformed
2. apologies. Schlosser, in York, Mrs Wilson ill.
3. The Organising + Propaganda Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted + the whole approved.
4. The Finance + G.P. Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted
  - Item 1. Finance + Staff: approved
  - " 2. Lectures + meetings: approved, including the postscript, + the suggestion to invite Lloyd Graeme was adopted.
  - " 3. Labour Party Conference.
    - (a) Decision to send in Resolutions to the Conference agenda was after discussion & agreement rejected, + it was decided not to send in any resolutions.

4. Finance (cont'd.)

Item 3. v-(I+II) &c. Resolutions for Labour Party Agenda, were referred back for re-consideration as amendments.

Item 3. v1. Noted.

~~Item 3. v1.~~ Resolution on "Labour Unrest" submitted for concurrence of the L.P. Agreed to refer we will instruct our delegates to support, but that for reasons suggested in (a) we cannot conveniently act as proposers. —

Item 4. Resolution of Miss Atkinson on paper, was deferred.

Item 5. Parliamentary Fund. Issue of circular was approved. The draft additions proposed of the Officers were criticised & finally the whole was referred to Enzo to complete. Enzo was appointed trustee in place of Harben who declined, & it was agreed that Miss Lawrence take Shaw's place, if he declines. —  
In view of Harben's promise of £100



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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organizing & Propaganda Committee at office October 9th.

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Present: Lloyd (in chair), Ervine, Snell, Sanders and Schloesser.

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1. Membership.

- (a) October candidates (10) were elected.
- (b) 27 Resignations covering four months were dealt with.

2. Kings Hall Lectures.

- (a) Report was received that the whole of the 35,000 circulars would be distributed by the end of the week, in addition to those sent out by the National Committee.
- (b) Report was received that tickets to the value of about £140 had been sold to date.

(Tickets sold to date, Oct. 13th, amount to about £240. The expenses of the six lectures will be about £200.)

3. Suburban Lectures.

- (a) Application from West Ham F.S. for cost of hall, etc. (about 20/-) for a lecture by Mrs. Pember Reeves was granted.
- (b) Application for a course of lectures at Maidstone was granted provided that proper arrangements are made to organize the course.

4. New Society.

Steps are being taken to organize a Fabian Society at Sunderland.

5. Scheme of Classes organized by Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society.

The chairman, C. M. Lloyd, reported that there had been a large response to the circular proposing the formation of classes and that over sixty were to be established. There would most likely be a shortage of lecturers. Syllabuses of courses had been circulated.

6. Lectureship at Ruskin College.

The Organizing Secretary reported he had been offered by Ruskin College a lectureship on the History & Theory of Socialism at the College at Oxford. This will involve giving twenty-one lectures per annum. We recommend that the Organizing Secretary accept the offer.

C. M. Lloyd.

Chairman.

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THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee: meeting  
16th October 1913.

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Present: Ensor (in chair), Schloesser, Dodd, Miss Atkinson,  
Dr. Bentham, Sanders and Secretary.

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1. Finances & Staff.

Report on Finances was received and recommendations as to Staff were unanimously amended and adopted as follows:

- (a) That an office boy be engaged to replace Bowsher at 8/- a week.
- (b) That a first class typist be engaged in place of Mrs. Chaytor at a salary of 35/- a week.

2. Lectures & Meetings.

- (a) Jowett. On his declining to speak in November, it was agreed to ask him later when Parliament is in session.
- (b) Earl Russell. Acceptance for lecture on Nov. 14th on Divorce was reported.
- (c) Spring Lectures: it was agreed that the title be "What Socialism Means to me", and the lectures be only one a month.

(Snowden. Letter received since the meeting, cancelling promise to lecture on Dec. 12th on account of Suffragette interruptions: ? Ask Lloyd Graeme.)

3. Labour Party Conference.

- (a) On a suggestion that in view of the directions of the Members' Meeting, no resolutions should be sent in, it was agreed that resolutions be sent in.



3. Labour Party Conference (Contd.)

- (b) The following resolutions by Miss Atkinson were discussed at some length, and ultimately referred to the Executive without recommendation, viz.
- (i) That this conference requests the Labour Party in the House of Commons in the event of Woman's Suffrage not being mentioned in the King's Speech to move an amendment regretting its absence from the Government Programme.
- (ii) That this conference requests the Labour Party to vote for the rejection of the Plural Voting Bill, if a measure for the enfranchisement of women is not previously brought forward by the Government.
- (c) The following resolution by Miss Atkinson was approved:-

That this conference urges upon the Government the need for a Government Bill to provide that a residential qualification shall suffice for men and women candidates for County or Borough Councils.

- (d) Resolution proposed by Miss Atkinson on the necessity of both political and industrial action was discussed and withdrawn.

4. Resolution by Miss Atkinson was referred to the Executive, viz-

That the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society requests its representative on the Labour Party Executive to press forward the policy embodied in the above resolutions at the joint meeting of the Labour Party Executive and the Parliamentary Labour Party and at ordinary meetings of the Labour Party Executive, and to report the results of such action.

2. General Party Conference (1914)

5. Parliamentary Fund.

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The Report of the Sub-Committee and the Draft Circular were not fully discussed and were referred to the Executive except that:-

The officers were directed to draft additions to the circular pointing out the importance of returning Fabians to Parliament.

(Since the above a letter has been received from Harben declining to become a Trustee, expressing dissatisfaction with the Labour Party and promising £100 towards Sanders' candidature.)

R. C. K. Ensor.

Chairman.

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DRAFT CIRCULAR.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

The Approaching General Election & Fabian Candidatures.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Executive Committee has to call the attention of members to the necessity of deciding, without delay, the extent to which the Society is in a position to afford assistance to Fabian Candidatures, either at the General Election, which may be upon us during the ensuing year, or at unforeseen bye elections. From 1892 to 1910 the Society has continuously given financial and other support to members standing as Labour Candidates. In 1908 a Parliamentary Fund was raised, and entrusted to three trustees, acting in consultation with the Executive Committee. That Fund was exhausted by the successive elections of 1909-10; and it is now proposed that it should be reestablished, with H. D. Harben, Edward R. Pease, Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb as Trustees. Members are requested to state on the enclosed form what amount they would be prepared to subscribe for the purpose, payable at their option at any time between now and next General Election. Subscriptions may be allocated, if desired, to the support of any particular Candidate. The amounts not so allocated will be applied at the discretion of the Trustees.



It is plain that the Labour Party, with which the Fabian Society has been closely associated since its establishment in 1900, will have a strenuous fight to maintain its position, and that it will need all the support that the Society can afford. For the candidatures of the following members, the Society has already assumed a certain measure of responsibility; and it is now necessary for members to signify to what extent they, or any of them, or any other members whose candidatures might need support, could receive financial assistance, in the event of their being nominated.

Will Crooks, M.P. The Society accepted responsibility to the Labour Party for his candidature at Woolwich at the General Election of December 1910 when he recovered the seat he had lost at the January Election. One half of the heavy expenses were on this occasion collected locally, and an arrangement on similar lines will no doubt be made for the next election.

Harry Snell stood as Labour Candidate for Huddersfield under our auspices in January and in December 1910, polling 5,686 and 4,988 votes, and on the first occasion coming second on the poll. He will probably stand again and there is good reason to hope that he will be successful, not perhaps at the next election, but whenever a second member is given to Huddersfield.

Henry H. Schloesser has been adopted by the Local Labour Party

at York as Labour Candidate for the next election. The Fabian Executive Committee authorised him to inform his supporters at York that his name would be included whenever an appeal for funds was made to the members of the Society and that the Society would nominate him to the Labour Party if sufficient financial support were forthcoming. (116)

W. Stephen Sanders was supported by the Society at Portsmouth in January 1910. His name has been submitted by the Executive Committee to the Labour Party as a candidate whom the Fabian Society will support if a suitable candidature is offered to him. The Executive Committee has of course to determine whether in their opinion any proposed candidature is suitable.

A form for subscriptions is attached. Would you be good enough to return it to me at your early convenience?

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Edw. R. Pease,

Secretary.

FABIAN PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

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(Trustees: H. D. Harben, Edward R. Pease,  
Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb.)

I shall be prepared to subscribe the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Fabian Parliamentary Fund, payable some time prior to  
the next General Election.

I desire this sum to be allocated to the candidature of

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

necessary when occupied by the immediate interests of their organs.

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AMENDMENTS TO PARLIAMENTARY FUND CIRCULAR.

That this Conference regards the general Labour unrest,

The officers, in accordance with instructions, propose

(a) To transfer the last six lines on p.1, beginning 'Members', to the end, forming the penultimate paragraph.

(b) & To insert on p.3 after par. ending 'is suitable':-

Members are reminded that whatever immediate gains in wages and conditions can be obtained by industrial agitation under existing conditions, the fundamental alterations in the organization of society needful for the realization of the Socialist State for which the Society is pledged to work, can only be achieved by Parliamentary action, and that the obvious way to attain this is by the return to parliament of socialists who thoroughly understand the objects we have in view and the means by which we seek to gain them. It is all important that our principles should be represented in the House of Commons not only by Trade Unionists whose attention is of necessity much occupied by the immediate interests of their class, but also by ~~xxx~~ men who have had the opportunities for that wider education in their youth which existing conditions at present confine to the possessing class.

The Labour Party welcomes the contribution to its intellectual resources which our Society is able to offer, and we therefore urge our members to subscribe whatever they can towards the candidature for Parliament of the members of our Society who have been accepted or are available as Labour Party Candidates.

(c) ...  
the officers in accordance with instructions above

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE

That this Conference regards the general Labour unrest, with constantly renewed conflicts between Labour and Capital, as the outward sign of deep-rooted social disease, and protests that the symptoms cannot be got rid of by attempted suppression of Trade Unionism and public meeting, or by police brutality, or by high funds to assist blacklegs. The Conference urges that Labour unrest can only be ended by the abolition of injustice and poverty and among first steps to that end demands legislation to secure to every person a national minimum of civilised life by measures providing for a legal minimum wage in agriculture and all industries, the reduction of the hours of labour to 48 hours per week, complete provision against sickness, the guarantee of a national minimum of child nurture, the prevention of unemployment, the building of healthy homes for all, and the abolition of the Poor Law."

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Cause Reform Party

For See (13)

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4. Finance Comm Report (cont'd)Item 5. Parl. Fund (cont'd)

it was agreed that promises be invited from the Exec. + others + that the total be stated in the circular.

5. Chairman for Exec. Davies

B. W. M.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

To the Members of the Executive Committee.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Committee no meetings of the administrative Committees have been held owing to the absence of business, and the Summer School Committee has no business of importance to report from its meeting on November 4th.

The meeting of the Executive fixed for Friday the 7th, will therefore not be held.

The Secretaries report as follows:-

- (a) The King's Hall Lectures are proving an unqualified success. Receipts amount to £405, giving a clear profit of about £200, and we may expect a further £20 or £30 at the least.
- (b) The Parliamentary Fund after a good start is falling very flat. The amount promised is £246.12. 0. divided as follows:-

|                      |                  |          |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|
| Allocated to Sanders | £113.17.         | 0        |
| " " Schloesser       | 30. 4.           | 0        |
| " " Crooks           | 11. 0            | 0        |
| " " Snell            | - -              | -        |
| Not allocated        | 91.11.           | 0        |
|                      | <u>£ 246.12.</u> | <u>0</u> |

Of this £35 has been received in cash.

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- (c) Staff. We have engaged a satisfactory office-boy. We have a number of applications for the post of typist, and shall select one of them shortly.
- (d) Summer School. The accounts cannot be completely made up as several bills have not yet been sent in, but it appears probable that the balance to the good on the Summer Session may be about £100.
- (e) The Conference with the International Socialist Bureau is fixed for Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Edw. R. Pease  
Secretary

W. S. Sanders  
Organising Secretary.

Fabian Office,  
3, Clements Inn,  
Strand, W.C.,  
5th. November, 1913.

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Exec. Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1913  
Present, Mrs. Welch (in chair) & all except  
Absent Dr. Bentham, Miss Lawrence  
 Dr. Phillips, Sharp, Mrs. Wilson.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Apologies. Dr. Phillips for last meeting  
 & Miss.

3. The Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> Report was sub-  
 mitted & the whole adopted.

On Item 1. Williams' "Kingsley", it was  
 agreed to pay Macmillan 10% for the  
 use of a medallion block. The  
 publication of the Tract was approved.

On Item 3. Rural Reform, Harben re-  
 ported it was promised by the end  
 of next week. -

4. The Organising & Propaganda Committee  
 Report was submitted.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 were approved.

4. Organ. & Prog. Com<sup>o</sup> Repot (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 5. Circular re membership. It was resolved (with two dissentients) that this, signed by the Secy, be printed at once for ~~the~~ use at the last Wchh lecture, & that consideration of it for circulation with the Jan'y news be deferred.

Item 6. Approved.

5. Finance & General Purposes Com<sup>o</sup> Repot.

Item 1. accounts. approved

" 2. Parliamentary Fund, approved & the paragraph as drafted was agreed to.

" 3. Lectures, approved, except that the suggested notice (d) was re drafted.

" 4. Labour Party Conference

Agenda: -

(a) Miss Atkinson, after discussion, with draw-  
ly consent, her amendment.

Report of the Publishing Committee meeting 14th Nov., 1913.

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Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Ervine, Harben,  
Miss Lawrence, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Tracts in press:

No. 174. "Kingsley", by Vulliamy. Proofs submitted  
and ordered to be sent to the Executive.

2. Tracts in preparation:

- (a) "The Economic Foundations of the Women's Movement",  
by Miss Atkinson. On reports by Ervine and  
Secretary it was approved, but it was agreed  
to recommend that it be given as a lecture in  
January.
- (b) "Foreign Policy", lecture by Ensor. It was  
Agreed to ask him to turn this into a tract.
- (c) Offer of tract on "War" by C.E. Vulliamy.  
Agreed to reply that we do not think this  
will be acceptable.

3. Rural Programme:

It was ~~agreed~~ reported that this was now held up  
by a Lockout in the binding trade or its after  
results.

MAUD REEVES,  
Chairman.



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FABIAN SOCIETY

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Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee.  
meeting November 13<sup>th</sup>, 1913.

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Present: C. M. Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Snell and Sanders.

1.- Membership:

November candidates (26) elected.

2.- King's Hall lectures:

Report to November 12<sup>th</sup>, as follows, was received:

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sale of tickets       | £425       |
| Probable further sale | £25        |
| Expenses to date      | £199       |
| Sale of literature    | £6. 13. 0. |

(To Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Sale of tickets amounts to £445, and sale of literature £10.)

3.- New Societies:

Steps are being taken to form a new Society at Luton.

4.- Provincial Lecturing Scheme:

- (a) In connection with the provincial lecturing scheme we propose that when local Fabian Societies organise large meetings to be addressed by prominent members of the Society, syllabuses be provided of the lecture to be forwarded by post with other announcements in connection with the Fabian Society, to persons selected by the local Society. The postage to be paid by the parent Society. In connection with this proposal, "The New Statesman" is prepared to pay half cost of postage of announcements of that paper be sent with the syllabus. We propose that this offer be accepted.
- (b) A Lecture course and Debate have been arranged at Maidstone.

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5.- Circular inviting members to recruit new members:  
The Circular has been drafted by Bernard Shaw and will be submitted in proof.

6.- Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society:  
Report of meeting Thursday, October 23rd, 1913, was received and adopted.  
Present: W. C. Anderson (in chair), Miss Bondfield, H. Dubery, F. Johnson, W. S. Sanders, C. M. Lloyd and H. Schloesser.

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- (a) The chief business considered was the report of C. M. Lloyd on the organisation of Educational Classes. Applications have been received for the formation of 86 classes. A further supply of syllabuses was ordered.  
(Applications to Nov. 12th for Classes, 98. Classes in being, 35).
- (b) The question of holding Conferences on Land and Education was again postponed.

C. M. LLOYD,  
Chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
on Nov. 20th, 1913

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Present: Enzor (in chair), Dodd, Webb, Schoesser,<sup>1</sup>  
Miss Atkinson, Sanders and Secretary.

1. Accounts.

After much discussion the Treasurer was requested to write a personal (typed) letter to members who he thought could afford larger subscriptions.

2. Parliamentary Fund:

In view of the small sum promised (£268) the Secretary was directed to draft a paragraph for "Fabian News" to be submitted to the Executive.

(Suggested par:- the Committee directed the amount received to be mentioned. The Secretary, on consideration, thinks this unwise, and suggests the following: -

PARLIAMENTARY FUND. - The amount promised in reply to the appeal issued last month is not yet sufficient to justify the undertaking of financial responsibility for the candidatures proposed. The Executive Committee must shortly decide what action in the matter is to be taken, and members willing to subscribe who have not yet sent in their promises are urgently requested to do so immediately.)

3. Lectures:

(a) The following arrangements were approved:-

Dec. 12. H.J. Gillespie (Series 1.)  
Jan. 9. A. Clutton Brock (Series 11)  
" 23. Miss Atkinson: "Economic Foundations of  
Women's Movement,"  
Feb. 6. Dodd (or another) (Series 111.)  
" 20. Members' Meeting.

(b) The Secretary was directed to invite W. Pool, though only an associate, and to invite Lindsay again.

(c) It was agreed to ask Tawney for a lecture.



- (d) It was agreed to put on the Members' Meeting Agenda:  
To consider the declining attendance at lectures in order to elicit opinions as to the Hall, the conduct of discussion, etc.

4. Labour Party Conference Agenda:

- (a) Amendment drafted by Miss Atkinson on Women's Suffrage was referred to the Executive.  
(b) Any other amendments were deferred for the Executive.

5. Members' Meeting, Dec. 5th:

- (a) Agreed to ask Maude to be chairman.  
(b) Resolution on Dublin drafted by Webb and already circulated, was referred to the Executive.  
(c) Amendments for Labour Party Conference.

(Received Nov. 21st Motion by H. J. Gillespie:  
That for the future no parliamentary candidate be nominated by the Executive except in cases of extreme urgency, without the sanction of the members of the Society first obtained by means of a postal vote.)

6. Housing Conference:

Workmen's National Housing Council. Saturday, Nov. 22nd. at 10 a.m. at Club and Institute Union. Fee 2/6d. The Executive to appoint delegates, if any.

R. O. K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.



5. Finance & G.P. Comtee Report (cont'd.)

Item 4. Labour Party Agenda (cont'd.)

(b) Housing Amendment drafted by Peace was approved.

Item 5. (a) Approved.

(b) Dublin Resolutions. Webb's draft was considered. It was agreed to strengthen par 1. & that the last par. should be made a separate resolution, after a resolution to delete it had been defeated by a narrow majority. Other minor amendments were agreed to & the resolutions as amended were approved.

(c) ~~The~~ Motion of H.J. Gillespie was noted.

Item 6. Housing Conference. No delegate was appointed.

Sidney Webb



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Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1913

Present Wecht (in chair) & all except  
Absent Mrs. Wilson Miss Lawrence, Ervine,  
Dr. Bentham Sharp.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies - Ervine.
3. Anatole France Lecture - Arrangements made as reported by special meeting of the Exec. were confirmed. It was agreed to have no refreshments & that at Hgnulman & Hardie be asked to speak.
4. The Finance Comtee Report was submitted.
  - Item 1 was approved
  - " 2. was discussed & approved
  - " 3 was approved in respect of delegates, & the second paragraph on circulation of resolutions was carried by 10 to 2. -

THE SOCIALIST UNITY CONFERENCE.

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Members of the Executive are reminded that this takes place on Saturday next, Dec. 13th, at Clifford's Inn Hall, Fleet Street, at 10.30 a.m. when it is hoped that all will be present.

The following letter has been received from the B.S.P. The Demonstration handbill, one of which is enclosed, was sanctioned by the British Section of the International Bureau, and arranged exclusively by the I.L.P. I am informed that owing to the death of Harry Quelch, the B.S.P. was not represented on the British Committee when the sanction was given.

Fabian Office,  
9th Dec., 13.

EDWARD R. PEASE,  
Sec.

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE B.S.P., dated DEC. 6. 13.

"Dear Mr. Pease,

With reference to the 'No Conscription' demonstration organised by the Independent Labour Party to be held under the auspices of the British Section of the International Socialist Bureau on Saturday next, we think it necessary to inform you that we are advised that Jaures, Adler and Vandervelde are in agreement not to speak at any meeting on this occasion except it be organised by all the bodies affiliated to the British Section and on a subject acceptable to all. I am further to point out that the announcement in the DAILY CITIZEN of Monday last that prominent ministerialists are to appear on the platform at the demonstration, if carried out, will be prejudicial to the negotiations now proceeding for Socialist Unity in Great Britain.

We think you will agree that the decision arrived at by the continental delegates is well advised in view of the ministerial crisis in France and Germany and the invidious position in which they would be placed by appearing at a meeting on a subject of internal British politics; and we feel sure that you will recognise the responsibilities of the British Section in this matter, not only to its affiliated bodies, but to the continental delegates announced to speak at the demonstration. We have to-day sent a communication to the secretary of the British Section urging him to use his influence to meet the wish of our foreign comrades and see that the demonstration on Saturday is of a definite and exclusively Socialist character.

Yours sincerely, ALBERT INKPIN, Sec."

## FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Meeting, 4th Dec.

Present: Miss Atkinson (in chair), Webb, Sanders and  
Secretary.

1. Parliamentary Fund:

It was agreed that the Trustees and the Parliamentary Fund Committee be summoned for Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to prepare a Report for the Executive Committee.

2. Lectures:

It was agreed to accept offer of Wm. Pool for lecture on "A People's Theatre" for March 20th.

3. Conference on Dublin affairs:

Tues., Dec. 9th at 10.30. It was recommended that Sanders and (if he will) Ensor be delegates, and that copies of our resolutions be struck off for circulation at the meeting.

4. Labour Party Executive:

It was agreed to recommend that Sanders be nominated together with Anderson and Hardie.

5. Labour Party Delegates:

It was agreed to recommend:-

Mrs. Webb  
Sanders  
Lloyd  
& Snell.

(The Secretary omitted to remind the Committee that the Delegates' expenses will be at least £5 each except Mrs. Webb who goes in any case. The Secretary will be paid for.)

6. Members' Meeting:

Action recommended:-

- (a) Dublin. Webb to move.
- (b) Parliamentary Holidays. Miss Atkinson to move.
- (c) Housing. Poase to move.
- (d) Attendance at Lectures. Dodd to introduce.



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- (o) Harben's amendment. No Exec. action.
- (f) Gillespie's " Ensor to state the Executive has no strong opinion.

(g) Miss Atkinson stated she would ask urgency for a resolution on Mrs. Pankhurst's arrest to be taken after the Housing Resolution.

7. Women's Group Publication:

It was agreed to recommend that authority be given to the Women's Group to publish a book on "Women Workers" but that the Executive wish to see a proof before publication.

8. Socialist Unity Conference:

The Secretary was directed to circularise the Executive and no advance arrangements were suggested.

MABEL ATKINSON,  
Acting Chairman.

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3. Finance (Cont'd)

Item 3. Dublin conference (cont'd)

a resolution that the delegates be directed to draft & move a resolution at the conference on Black-leg. protection was discussed & adopted by 8 to 3.

Item 4. Nomination of Sanders to the Labour Party Executive was discussed in his absence & carried nem con.

Item 5. Labour Party Delegation, was deferred.

Item 6. Members Meeting.

Recommendations (a) (b) (c) (d) were approved.

~~It~~ (e) Harber's amendment: after discussion, it was agreed that the Exec. support this.

(f) Gillespie's Resolution. It was agreed that the Exec. support the general principle, provided it be referred to the Executive to draft.

(g) On Mrs. Albinson's resolution

4. Finance (cont'd)

Item 6 (g) (cont'd) it was resolved 4-10-2 to support urgency, & agreed to take no action on the resolution.

Items 7 & 8 were adopted.

5. Recruiting Circular. Prop's were discussed & a motion to drop the circular was defeated by 4 voting in the minority.

It was then agreed that amendments be sent in writing if desired, & that Allen Ensor & the Sec'y be a Comtee to deal with them.

R. C. K. Inson  
19 Dec. 1913



# Meeting 19 Dec: 1913.

Present Ensor (in chair) & all except  
absent Mrs Wilson, Mrs Reeves, Sharp.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. The Publishing Committee Report was submitted & the whole approved.
  - (a) A question having been raised on the Biographical Series, the Pubg Com<sup>tee</sup> was directed to report on sales thereof, & the desirability of continuing the Series.
  - (b) The absence of the Society's name on the Rural Report Title Page having been commented on, the Sec. was directed to ~~write~~ request the Publishers to bind no more without reference to the Society with a view to an amended title-page.
3. The Summer School Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted & the whole adopted.
  - (a) It was suggested that the first opportunity should be taken to coopt H. J. Gillespie.

3. Summer School (cont'd)

(b) a verbal report was made that the sum of \$12. had been lost over a document purporting to be <sup>of value</sup> ~~an~~ ~~exchange~~, & cashed ~~as~~ by the manager as such, which proved to be worthless & which the owner alleges was not so cashed. The Com<sup>tee</sup> recommended that the amount be written off, & their recommendation was approved.

4. The Organising Com<sup>tee</sup> Report - was submitted, & after a long discussion on item 5, Educational Classes, was adopted without amendment.

5. The Parliamentary Fund Com<sup>tee</sup>. It was reported that this Com<sup>tee</sup> had met twice, but was not yet ready to submit recommendations.

6. Tex Finance & L.P. Com<sup>tee</sup> Report was submitted.  
On Item 1. accounts a discussion arose.

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Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting 12th Dec., 1913.

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

1. Tract 174, "Kingsley" by Vulliamy was passed for press and 7,000 ordered.
2. Tract 175, "Economic Foundations of the Women's Movement" by Miss Atkinson, to be given as a lecture in January, was ordered to be set up forthwith.
3. Women's Group Book:

Proof and title-page were submitted and approved and it was directed that the Editor be requested to submit preface.

MAUDE REEVES,  
Chairman.



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Report of the Summer School Committee Meeting, at Office  
on Monday, December 16th, 1913.

Present: Lawson Dodd (in chair), Miss Hankinson, Miss Moor,  
Miss Thomson, J. Hylles, Gibson, Sanders.

Appointment of Committee for 1914.

We have considered the subject of the appointment of the  
Committee for 1914 (after circularising the various  
Groups and Societies asking for suggested names) and  
we recommend the following for the Committee for 1914

(a) The four members chosen by the Executive Committee,  
not necessarily from among its own members:

E. R. Pease, H. D. Harben,  
Miss Atkinson, Miss Hankinson.

(b) The two members nominated by the Executive Committee  
after considering names suggested by the Fabian  
Nursery and the various London and subject Groups  
as reported not later than Nov. 30 by the  
secretaries thereof:

J. Gibson (nominated by the Nursery),  
Miss Moor (nominated by the Women's Group).  
No other names were sent in to the Committee.

(c) The two members nominated by the Executive Committee  
to represent the various University and other Fabian  
Societies after considering names suggested by such  
Societies as reported not later than Nov. 30 in each  
year by the secretaries thereof:

Mrs. Lawson Dodd (nominated by the Golder's Green F.S.)  
G. D. H. Cole (nominated by the Oxford U.F.S.).  
No other names were sent in to the Committee.

We regret that our chairman, F. Lawson Dodd, has decided not  
to stand for the Committee this year. We have placed on  
record our cordial appreciation of his services which have  
been largely responsible for the success of the Summer School.

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Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee  
Meeting December 11th, 1913.

Present: C. M. Lloyd (in chair), Pease,  
Ervine and Sanders.

1. Membership: November candidates (58) were elected.
2. King's Hall Lectures Receipts and Expenditure:

The following Report was received and adopted:-

Receipts: Tickets sold. £ 483. 0. 0.  
Literature " £ 21. 0. 0.

(Estimate was: Sale of tickets £450. Literature £10).

Expenditure: Hire of Hall, printing, postage, etc.  
about £215. 0. 0.

3. Anatole France Reception:

It was reported that all tickets for the Reception were sold and the receipts were about £65 and expenditure about £22.

(Total Receipts were £72. 2. 6. and expenses about £25)

4. New Society:

It was reported that a new Society had been formed at Sunderland which would be inaugurated by the Organising Secretary in the New Year.

5. Educational Classes:

The Chairman, C. M. Lloyd, reported that 100 Classes were either formed or in process of formation, of which number 50 were actually at work.

6. Speakers' Class:

The teacher of voice production having requested that her fee for six lessons be raised from 3 to 4 guineas it was agreed to. The Class was fixed to begin early in January.

C. M. LLOYD,  
Chairman.

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting,  
on 18th Dec., 1913.

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Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Dr. Bentham,  
Schloesser, Dodd, Miss Atkinson,  
Sanders and Secretary.

1. Finance:

- (a) Accounts to 30th~~th~~ November and estimate of the financial position were submitted, showing a decline in the regular revenue from £849 in 1911 and £952 in 1912 to £733 in 1913, and indicating that the financial position appeared to be about £200 worse than at the same time last year, no allowance being made for the profit of £48 on the Anatole France Meeting in December.
- (b) The customary grant of £5 was made to the Social Committee.

2. Lectures and Meetings:

- (a) The following arrangements were made: -

April 3. Miss Lawrence. Series V.

" 24. The following to be invited in the order given:

Orage. Guild Socialism.

Jowett. Non-party Government.

Tawney. Trade Boards, or some other subject.

May 8. Harben. Series VI.

" 22. Annual Meeting.

- (b) Meetings after March were ordered to be held in Essex Hall.
- (c) Tickets for the meetings, to be given away, were ordered to be sent monthly with "Fabian News."
- (d) Proposal by Harben that the Executive should mutually arrange that some of them should always attend the lectures, was referred to the Executive.



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3. Labour Party Delegates:

The list of nominations was completed.

4. Prize Essay on Socialism:

Bequest of £250 offered by Dr. Leech of Cape Town for this purpose, was ordered to be accepted.

5. Socialist Unity:

The proposal for altering the Labour Party Constitution was discussed, and it was resolved that no action be taken till after the B.S.P. Easter Conference.

6. Resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Snowden. Explanatory letter urging withdrawal was ordered to be sent.

7. French Socialist Conference, Amiens, Jan. 25-8.

Agreed to invite Lloyd to go at his own expense.

R. O. K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.

Minutes 4. Prize Essay Report was approved & ordered to

Minutes read for the Conference...  
I propose to invite Mrs. Snowden to the...  
The proposal for altering the Labour Party Constitution...  
was discussed, and it was resolved that no action be...  
taken till after the B.S.P. Easter Conference.

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To my colleagues of the Executive Committee:

The financial position of the Society is, I fear, becoming serious, though it is not yet possible to submit figures. Some two years ago certain additions to the staff and salaries resulted in a considerable increase in our regular expenditure, whilst our regular income has not risen and recently has declined.

All my colleagues I expect are aware that I have received a substantial legacy which will provide me with a sufficient income for the future, and in these circumstances it seems to me that I can best serve the interests of the Society by resigning the paid office which I have held now for 24 years.

I regret making this change, perhaps because at my age the prospect of change has become distasteful. But this in itself is an indication that something should be done. Sooner or later it would be necessary in the interests of the Society that I should make way for a younger man, and the conjunction of the circumstances already mentioned clearly indicates that the time has come.

I therefore propose to cease to draw a salary from the beginning of next year. No sudden alteration in the office arrangements is necessary, nor, unless the Executive Committee so desire, need any public announcement be made until such time as they think best.

I propose to make this matter the last item on the Agenda paper for the Committee Meeting on Friday, Dec. 19th, and to leave my colleagues to consider it in my absence.

EDW. R. PEASE.

Fabian Office,  
13th Dec., 1913.

b. Finance + G.P. Com<sup>tee</sup> Report (cont'd)

Item 1 (a) (cont'd) on the best means of getting more subscriptions & it was agreed that ~~the~~ the proposal of Harbom he approved that Members of the Exec. should each write members of the Society who might subscribe more liberally.

Item 1. (b) Grant. approved.

Item 2. Lectures.

Item (a) was approved after an amendment to transpose Gray & Jorrett had been defeated.

(b) + (c) were approved.

(d) was approved, & it was agreed that 6 members should be appointed for each meeting.

Item 3. Labour Party Delegates. This was voted on by Ballot. Daves & request counted the votes + reported Sanders (16) Lloyd (15) Pease (13) W<sup>o</sup>. Webb (13) elected + Allen (6), with Dr. Bentham (3) not elected.

Items 4. Prize Essay Legacy was approved + ordered to



6. Finance &c. Com<sup>ee</sup> (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Item 4 (cont<sup>d</sup>) was published in F. News

Items 5 + 6 were approved

Item 7. French Socialist Conference was approved. But it was understood that Lloyd could not go.

7. Socialist Unity Demonstration Com<sup>ee</sup>

The first meeting of this Com<sup>ee</sup> (appointed in accordance with decision recorded later) was held at the Fabian Office on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & was verbally reported. Mr. Webb was

elected Chairman & the three Secretaries joint secretaries of the Com<sup>ee</sup>. It was

decided to hold 7 demonstrations at Glasgow, Birmingham, Manchester, Cardiff, Newcastle, Leeds, & London: cost to be guaranteed by three Societies: any profit to be divided between the promoters & the local organisations. Subject to be Socialism. The Report was received & approved.

8. Resignation of the Secy. The Secy + the Organising Secy then retired, & the Com<sup>ee</sup> discussed the letter of resignation attached.

The following resolution was adopted:

1. The Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> receive with the greatest regret the resignation of E. R. Pease of his post as Secretary of the Society: they appreciate the generosity of the form in which his resignation has been tendered: they place on record their deep sense of the devoted services rendered by him to the Fabian Society in the cause of Socialism for the past 24 years, & they express the hope that his resignation will not involve any severance from the work of the Society.
2. The Executive Committee unanimously request E. R. Pease to accept the post of Honorary Secretary for the time being
3. The Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> unanimously request W. Stephen Sanders to accept the post of General Secretary.

W. Stephen Sanders was then informed of these resolutions, & in reply to the third,

(8) Resignation of Sec. 4 (cont.)

he thanked the Com<sup>ee</sup> for their confidence  
& the offer of the appointment of General  
Secretary which he accepted provided  
that E.R. Pease was willing to accept  
that of Hon. Sec. — Otherwise he would  
wish to re-consider the matter —

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## Socialist Unity Conference

Nearly all the members of the Executive Comtee were present at part or the whole of the Conference held at Cliffords Inn on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> & attended by the International Socialist Bureau members, by the B.S.P. Executive & the I.L.P. Nat. Ad. Council.

No preliminary arrangements were made.

At the first sitting Sidney Webb at the suggestion of the ~~Secy~~ Secy & others, spoke for the Society.

The Exec. Comtee after lunch held a meeting in the office to discuss the proposed resolution, & resolved that they had no power to commit the Society to urging the Labour Party to alter its Constitution in respect of the name under which candidates should be run. It was agreed that W. S. Sanders should speak for the Society.

At a later stage the members present assembled in a group at Cliffords Inn, & appointed Mrs. Sidney Webb, C. M. Lloyd & W. S. Sanders their delegates on the Socialist Unity Demonstration Comtee.

Meeting of members  
Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1917

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Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1914.

Present Dodd (in chair) and all except

Absent Mr. Wilson, Pease, Harben, Allen, D. Phillips, Sharp.  
Davies.

(1) The Minutes were confirmed.

(2) Apologies. Pease, (Glasgow L.P. Conf) Harben (Sheffield F.S.)

(3) The Publishing Committee Report was submitted & the whole approved.

With regard to the Biographical Series it was decided that if Squire was not anxious to write the Shelley tract Clutton Brock be asked to do so.

(4) The Organizing Committee Report was submitted & the whole approved.

(a) On No 5, it was decided to take no action

(b) On No 6, it was decided that the classes should be written up in the "News"

(5) The Finance & L.P. Com: Report was submitted & the whole approved.



(5) Finance & P. Com: Report (contd)

(a) On No 5 it was reported that a notice of motion dealing with the Research Dep. had been sent in. It was decided that item (c) should be deleted.

(b) On No 7 it was decided pars: with reference to the Book Boxes be sent to the Citizen, Labour Leader Co-op: News.

(6) Parliamentary Sub-Committee Report was submitted and approved. It was decided that the Report be considered to be confidential.

(7) Chairman for Mrs Atkinson. Mrs Pember Reeves.

(8) Socialist Unity Demonstrations Committee Report was submitted and approved.

Mrs Webb announced that she had arranged Socialist Unity "At Homes" for Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 8-10 pm and hoped members of the Ex. Com: would attend

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(9) Letter from Roubanovitch was read asking for a communication from the Society to a meeting called to protest against the imprisonment of Madame Baeschkorsky. Agreed.

(10) Dinner to Commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Ann<sup>y</sup> of the Society. It was decided to hold a dinner in May & Mr. Pease & Mrs. Pease to be the guests.

(11) Address to Mr. Pease. It was decided to present an address in book form to Pease at the dinner. As many signatures as possible to be secured and <sup>on</sup> ~~from~~ each signatory a shilling to be levied towards cost of binding.

Henry P. Starbuck  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup> 1864



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Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting January 9th, 1914.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Mrs. Shaw, Standring, *Ervine*  
Sanders and Hon. Sec.

1. Biographical Series:

- (a) Report on the cost and sales - already circulated, was received, and it was agreed to recommend that the Series be continued.
- (b) The following were considered: -

|                            |                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Henry George . . . . .     | Gibson, to be asked to complete                                                                                              |
| Shelley . . . . .          | Squire, " " " " "                                                                                                            |
| Ruskin . . . . .           | Miss Morley " " " "                                                                                                          |
| Lassalle . . . . .         | Sanders " " " "                                                                                                              |
| Owen, as Utopian . . . . . | Lloyd " " " "                                                                                                                |
| Marx . . . . .             | Pease stated that objection had been taken to his doing this. After discussion the Committee requested him to go on with it. |
| Wagner . . . . .           | Suggested by Harbon: resolved that this be dropt.                                                                            |
| Tolstoi . . . . .          | Suggested: not allocated: resolved that it be dropt.                                                                         |

2. Women's Group Report:

It was agreed that this be included in the body of "Fabian News", and not printed as a special supplement as last year.

3. Sales of Tracts:

The Committee considered ways of increasing this, and the use of trays for sale at ordinary meetings was suggested.

MAUD REEVES,  
Chairman.

Added since by the Officers:

- 4. Socialism and Art:- Lecture by Clutton-Brook. Several of the Executive expressed wish that this be issued as a tract, and the author consents. Authority to ask him formally is requested.

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Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee Meeting  
at Office on Thursday, January 15th, 1914.

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Present: Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Ervine and Sanders.

1. Membership:

- (a) January candidates (17) were elected.
- (b) Letter was received from Philip Snowden withdrawing the notification of his resignation and that of his wife.
- (c) The resignations of 27 members, covering three months, were dealt with.

2. Speakers' Class:

Report was received that the Speakers' Class began on January 12th with 20 students.

3. New Society:

It was agreed that the new Society at Sunderland should be opened on February 17th by the General Secretary.

4. Lectures in Germany:

Letter was received from the Baden Section of the German Social Democratic ~~Republikanische~~ Party, through Dr. Ludwig Frank, inviting the General Secretary to give lectures in Mannheim, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Ludwigshafen and other towns on the Labour and Socialist Movement in Britain. We recommend that as there will be no expense to the Society that the General Secretary be empowered to accept invitation providing that arrangements can be made for the work of the Office to be carried on during his absence.

5. Strike in S. Africa:

Letter was received from B.S.P. requesting co-operation in a demonstration against the arrest of Strike leaders in S. Africa. It was decided to refer the matter to the Executive Committee.

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6. Educational Classes:  
Report was received from Lloyd that about 60 Classes were now at work.
7. Fabian Banner:  
An offer from Mrs. Geraldine Carr to embroider the Banner was accepted with thanks.

C. M. LLOYD,  
Chairman.



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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Meeting 16th January, 1914.

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Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Dr. Bentham, Schloesser,  
~~Ball~~, Miss Atkinson, Sanders and Hon. Sec.

1. Finance:

Accounts to Dec. 31st were submitted showing a rise in contributions and a decline in trading receipts. Subscriptions during January showed a rise from £158 to £246, mainly owing to two large subscriptions.

2. Addressing Machine:

It was resolved to recommend that arrangements be made to use the New Statesman's addressing machine, and that stencils &c be bought at a cost of £12.

3. Office:

It was agreed to recommend that notice be given before June 30th to break our lease on Dec. 25th and that the Officers enquire as to the ~~praxia~~ premises at Westminster and report.

4. Lectures:

It was reported

- (a) That Essex Hall had been taken for April and May meetings.
- (b) That the minor Kingsway Hall may be available in the autumn and would be very suitable.
- (c) That Orage had declined to lecture and Harben preferred not to do so.
- (d) It was agreed to decline offer by Richard Higgs.

5. Members' Meeting:

It was agreed that if no notices of sufficient business be sent in, the agenda be Reports on -

- (a) Labour Party Conference.
- (b) Proposals for Socialist Unity.
- (c) Research Dept.
- (d) Educational Classes.
- (e) Speakers' Class.



- 6 5. Socialist Unity:  
It was agreed to publish in "Fabian News" a manifesto from the International Bureau.
  
- 7 6. Book Boxes:  
It was resolved to reprint the Prospectus and send to Trade Union Branches as soon as there is time.

R. C. K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.

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The Parliamentary Fund.

Report of the Sub-Committee.

The Committee held two meetings, on Dec. 9th and Dec. 16th, 1913, and this report was held over by request of one of the candidates.

There were present on Dec. 9th., Ensor (in the Chair), Webb, Miss Atkinson, Dr. Phillips and Pease: on Dec. 16th., Ensor (in Chair), Webb, Miss Atkinson, Miss Lawrence, Dodd, and Pease. On the second occasion Mr. Barefoot (Woolwich Election Agent) attended by request to represent Crooks, and Sanders was present for the discussion of this seat. Schloesser also attended to explain his position, and Snell sent a written statement.

The account of the fund was presented, and was substantially as it now stands, viz.

|                            |             |           |           |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Allocated to Sanders ..... | 127.        | 8.        | 0.        |
| " Schloesser ..            | 31.         | 4.        | 6.        |
| " Crooks .....             | 11.         | 5.        | 0.        |
| " Snell .....              | 8.          | 0.        | 6.        |
| Not allocated .....        | <u>103.</u> | <u>8.</u> | <u>0.</u> |
| Total in cash & promises   | <u>279.</u> | <u>6.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

The Secretary by direction of the Committee explained the situation to Arthur Henderson, M.P., Secretary of the Labour Party, who did not advise anything material to the matter.

The Committee report as follows: -

In view of the low total of the sums promised they do not see their way to recommend that the Society should at present undertake responsibility for any of the candidatures before them, but they desire to point out that this will not prevent it from continuing to act as a channel for the financial contributions of its individual members.



Crooks at Woolwich:

Barefoot was informed that on the response to our appeal it was clear that it would be impossible for the Society to undertake responsibility for the Woolwich Election Expenses, which amount to about £1,000, and of which on the last occasion the Society paid half. Mr. Barefoot has written that Crooks can obtain his nomination from the Local Labour Party, and that on behalf of Crooks he prefers that there should be no public intimation at present. The Committee recommends that this desire be respected.

Snell at Huddersfield:

The Committee recommends that Snell be informed that the Society will not be able to contribute substantially to his fund, and cannot undertake to nominate him, unless that course would involve very little financial liability and the Society's nomination be desired for other reasons.

Schloesser at York:

The Committee understands that Schloesser exactly realises the financial situation. He has already been nominated by the York Labour Party, and the nomination has been approved subject to the proper financial guarantee being given. He has agreed to inform his York friends that the Fabian Society cannot accept financial responsibility, and has stated that none the less he will be able to go to the poll. He desires that no public statement be made at present, and the Committee recommends that this be complied with.

W. S. Sanders:

As he has at present no constituency, there is no immediate occasion for action, and the Committee recommends that none be taken.

R. C. K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.

16th Jan., 1914.

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SOCIALIST UNITY DEMONSTRATIONS COMMITTEE.

Meeting Thursday, January 22nd., 1914. Fabian Office. (X)

Present:

Mrs. Webb (in chair), Lloyd, Sanders (F.S.);  
Anderson, Dubery, Johnson (I.L.P.);  
Hunter Watts, Moore Bell, Inkpin, (B.S.P.).

1. A manifesto in French issued by the International Socialist Bureau to the Socialist Movement of Great Britain appealing for unity was received. The translation made by the Fabian Society was accepted with some slight alterations. It was agreed that it be printed in the official organs of the three bodies and that it should be also printed separately as a leaflet.
2. Dates of demonstrations were fixed provisionally, after consulting local committees, at Newcastle (March 8th), Cardiff (March 1st), Leeds (Feb. 15th), Glasgow (March 15th), London (some date about the end of March). Speakers were agreed upon, H. M. Hyndman, Dan Irving, J. R. Clynes, M.P., J. K~~ear~~ Hardie, M.P., Mrs. Webb, Bernard Shaw and W. S. Sanders.

W. STEPHEN SANDERS,  
Secretary.





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# Meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present Harben (in chair) & all except  
Absent Mrs Webb; Mr Wilson; Schloesser; Dr. Bensham;  
Dr. Marion Phillips; Sharp; Miss Lawrence;  
E. Davies.

- (1) The Minutes were confirmed
- (2) Apology was received from Mrs Webb lecturing at Ipswich.
- (3) The Organizing Propaganda Committee <sup>Report</sup> was submitted & the whole approved.

On No 5 it was agreed that if the St. Central Hotel or Cascadia Restaurant could provide dinner on the same terms as Holborn Restaurant the function should be held at one of those two places.

- (4) The Finance General Purposes Committee Report was submitted and the whole approved on Nov. It was agreed that Webb move the proposed amendment.  
On No 7 (a) It was agreed that Mrs Reeves

should be asked to lecture on April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
and St. John Ervine on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

On 11. It was agreed that the question of a  
~~charter~~ catalogue should be considered.

Meeting Place The office reporting that the small  
Lingsway Hall would be available for  
the Society's meetings in the autumn  
it was agreed that it be hired at the  
cost of three guineas per meeting.

(5) Socialist Unity Demonstrations Com: Report  
was submitted and approved. It was  
agreed that the Fabian speaker at Leeds  
should be Webb, and at Glasgow, Schlessor or  
Sanders

Henry H. Schlessor

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# THE FABIAN SOCIETY

Report of the Organising and Propaganda Committee Meeting  
at Office on Thursday February 12th, 1914.

Present: C. M. Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Ervine & Sanders.

## 1. Membership:

- (a) February candidates (32) were elected.
- (b) 6 resignations were dealt with.

## 2. German Lecturing Tour by the General Secretary:

It was reported that the Baden Social Democratic Party had arranged for the tour to begin on April 1st at Mannheim. Eight towns will be visited during the tour and the General Secretary will be back immediately after Easter.

## 3. Course of Lectures in the Autumn by Bernard Shaw:

The General Secretary reported that Bernard Shaw had promised provisionally to give a course of lectures under the auspices of the Society in the autumn, the arrangements to be similar to those in connection with the King's Hall series by Sidney and Mrs. Webb. It was decided to recommend that if the lectures be given they should be held in Kingsway (large) Hall.

## 4. Chairman for Members' Meeting:

It was decided that A. J. Thorogood be asked to take the chair at the Members' Meeting on Feb. 20th.

## 5. Fabian Dinner:

It was decided to recommend that the Fabian Dinner 1914 be held at the Holborn Restaurant on May 1st., and the price of tickets be 5/-.

(It has since been found that Bernard Shaw, who is to take the chair at the dinner, cannot be in London on May 1st. Other dates will be submitted by the Office.)

## 6. Lecture by Bernard Shaw on "Education and the Drama."

Bernard Shaw having promised the Education Group a lecture on "Education and the Drama" the Group requested the General Secretary to make the necessary arrangements and we have agreed to his doing so. The lecture will take place at Caxton Hall, Council Chamber, on Feb. 26th. There will be no expense to the Society.

C. M. LLOYD,  
Chairman.



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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Meeting 19th February, 1914.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Dodd, Schloesser,  
Miss Atkinson, Sanders and Pease.

1. Finance:

Accounts to 31st Jan. were submitted, showing increase in Subscriptions to date of £37, and an improvement of £76 during January.

2. General Secretary's Salary:

On the motion of Webb it was agreed that this be £300 a year from January 1st.

3. Glasgow University Rectorial Contest:

In response to an appeal for help it was agreed that one of Shaw's promised provincial lectures be allocated to Glasgow (which should give the U.F.S. a substantial sum) and 5,000 tracts, value at least £10, be granted for circulation to the electorate.

4. Addressing Machine:

It was resolved to approve the expenditure of £30 on stencils with cases for them, and about £10 per annum for upkeep.

5. New Offices:

The Gen. Sec. reported that suitable offices were plentiful at Westminster and further enquiries were ordered.

6. Members' Meeting:

- (a) Cole's Resolution. It was agreed that on behalf of the Executive an amendment be moved to make the first line read -

"That the Society realising that one of its primary functions is to undertake research", and that the Executive appoint the mover.

- (b) Reports to be introduced -

On Labour Party Conference: Pease.  
" Socialist Unity: Webb, Sanders  
" Educational Classes: Lloyd.  
" Speakers' Class: Sanders.

## 7. Lecture Arrangements:

- (a) It was agreed as follows:

April 3rd. Ervine. "What Socialism Means to me."  
 " 24th. Mrs. Reeves. "  
 and failing either of these, that Allen and then  
 Mellor be asked.  
 March 8th. Tawney.

- (b) Offer of Capn. St. John was declined.

- (c) Suggestion by Guest of lecture by Mrs. Besant on India in May was declined because she has already lectured on India; no other subject appears suitable for her.

- (d) It was agreed to ask Headlam to take the chair for Poel.

## 8. Municipal Electricity Tract:

A special edition without our name for use at Aylesbury was sanctioned, if ordered.

## 9. Translation of Tracts:

- (a) Claims for right to translate Shaw's "Socialism and Superior Brains" from two German parties was ordered to be referred to Shaw for his permission and his decision between the two.

- (b) Authority was given for Italian translation of "This Misery of Boots."

## 10. New Rule:

The following draft was approved for the Annual Meeting:-

Parliamentary Candidates.

Except in cases of emergency the Executive Committee shall not undertake responsibility to the Labour Party for any Parliamentary candidate without the sanction of a majority of the members voting ascertained by a postal vote.

## 11. Select Catalogue of Library:

Proposal to reprint this was negatived.

## 13. Deportation of South African Trade Unionists.

Schloesser was appointed representative at a Joint Board Conference on February 19th.

14. London Trades Hall:  
Request to circulate prospectus with "Fabian News" was declined.

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15. Official Changes:  
A paragraph drafted by Webb, embodying the text of the resolution adopted by the Executive on the resignation of the late Secretary was ordered to be inserted in "Fabian News."

R.O.K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.

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SOCIALIST UNITY DEMONSTRATIONS COMMITTEE.

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Report of Meeting on Thursday, February 19th, 1914, at  
Fabian Office.

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Present: W.S. Sanders (F.S.); F. Johnson, H. Dubery,  
Cn. Davies (I.L.P.); V. Fisher, A. Inkpin (B.S.P.).

Meetings:

The following programme of meetings was definitely arranged:

- March 1st. Cardiff. W.S. Sanders (F.S.), H. Dubery (I.L.P.),  
T. Kennedy (B.S.P.).
- March 8th. Newcastle. Mrs. Webb (F.S.), Keir Hardie, M.P. (I.L.P.),  
H.M. Hyndman (B.S.P.).
- March 15th. Glasgow. H.M. Hyndman (B.S.P.), R.C. Wallhead (I.L.P.)  
(Fabian Speaker wanted).
- March 22nd. Leeds. Keir Hardie, M.P., (I.L.P.),  
Moore Bell (B.S.P.), (Fabian Speaker wanted)
- March 17th. (or any date suitable to speakers up to March 31st.)  
Bernard Shaw (F.S.), H.M. Hyndman (B.S.P.),  
Keir Hardie, M.P. (I.L.P.).  
Hall: Kingsway Hall; Chairman: G. Huysman to be  
invited to take the chair.

The arrangements for meetings at Manchester and Birmingham  
could not be proceeded with owing to local delays and  
difficulties.

Meeting, Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present: Schloesser (in chair) and all except

Absent. Allen, Dr. Bentham, Mrs Lawrence, Sharp  
Mr. Reeves.

(1) Minutes were confirmed

(2) Publishing Committee Report was received and  
the whole adopted.

(3) Organizing and Propaganda Committee <sup>Report</sup> was received  
and the whole adopted.

On No 5 it was agreed to accept an offer by Mr Webb  
to give an "At Home" in connection with the Conference.

(4) Finance G. P. Committee Report was received. On  
No 2. An amended resolution was submitted by  
H A Schloesser "That the Ex: Com: instructs the  
Editor of the F. News to refrain from giving  
publicity to Liberal Conservative candidatures"  
After discussion this was put in place of No 2 and  
was lost.

(4) Finance & G. P. Committee Report (contd)

On No 3 it was agreed that the catalogue be shortened; also that additions to the Library be announced in News.

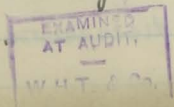
(5) Executive Committee

It was reported that W.P. Phillips, Sharp and Schlosser were not standing for re-election  
New Candidates nominated were:-

- G. P. Blizzard,
- G. H. Cole.
- H. J. Gillespie.
- W. Mellor.
- J. C. Squire.

(6) Joint Board Conference.

Invitation was received from the Joint Board to send delegates to a Conference on April 7<sup>th</sup> to consider action to be taken in connection with the S. African deported trade-unionists. It was agreed to send Mr. Webb & H. Snell.



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Report of the Publishing Committee  
Meeting 13th March, 1914.

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Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Harben, Sanders & Hon. Sec.

1. Tract 175

"Economic Foundations of the Women's Movement."  
Proof was passed for publication in the Women's  
Group Series and ordered to be sent to the  
Executive for approval.

2. Proposed Tracts:

It was agreed to press for several promised tracts,  
e.g. Davies on the Post Office.  
Clutton Brock on Art.  
Ensor on Foreign Policy.

3. Tracts o.p.

No. 41. Early History of the F.S. by G.B. Shaw.  
3,000 ordered.  
No. 51. Socialism True and False. by S. Webb.  
3,000 ordered.  
No. 102. Family Life on £1 a week. by Mrs. Reeves.  
4,000 ordered.

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No. 123. Revival of Agriculture. Out of date.  
To be dropped.

No. 130. Homework and Sweating. By Miss Hutchins.  
Ordered to be dropped as she considered  
it inopportune to revise or rewrite.

4. Price of Sets:

It was resolved to raise the price of the unbound  
set to 3/6 and of the Bound Set to 5/-, both net.

5. The Rural Problem:

Account from Constable for £138. 4s.  
for 3,000 copies, 2,000 only bound, was submitted  
and referred to Harben for report as to some  
details.

MAUD REEVES,  
Chairman.

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Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee  
Meeting Thursday, March 12th, 1914.

Present: Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Snell,  
Ervine and Sandors.

1. Membership:

- (a) March candidates (61) were elected.
- (b) 8 resignations were dealt with.

2. Socialist Unity Demonstrations Committee:

Report was received that the final arrangements for the Kingsway Hall meeting were complete.

3. Fabian Dinner:

It was decided that the Fabian Dinner should take place at the Holborn Restaurant on May 15th and that there should be speeches only. It was agreed to recommend that the following non-Fabians be invited as guests:— H. M. Hyndman and Mrs. Hyndman; J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P.; Graham Wallas; Mrs. Besant; the (to be appointed) chairman of the I.L.P.

4. Address to E. R. Pease:

It was agreed that the words of the address drawn up by Webb and Bernard Shaw should be written and the volume with signatures be bound on the advice of Emery Walker and Bernard Shaw.

5. Annual Fabian Conference:

It was decided to recommend that the Annual Conference be held on July 4th at Clifford's Inn Hall (if available).

6. Bernard Shaw's Lecture on "Education and the Drama.":

The following financial statement was received and approved: —

|                 | £        | s.        | d.            |                  | £        | s.        | d.            |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Sale of Tickets | 34       | 12.       | 6.            | Rent of Hall &c. | 4        | 9.        | 0.            |
|                 |          |           |               | Printing tickets |          | 6.        | 6.            |
|                 |          |           |               | Postage.         |          | 1         | 1. 0.         |
|                 |          |           |               | Balance.         | 28       | 15.       | 3.            |
|                 | <u>£</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>12. 6.</u> |                  | <u>£</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>12. 6.</u> |

Of the Balance £10 was handed to the Education Group as arranged, leaving £18 15. 3d. for the Society.

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7. Edinburgh U.F.S.

A request was received from the Edinburgh U.F.S. that owing to poverty they should be allowed to compound last year's members' subscription to the London Society for the sum of 10/-. It was agreed to recommend that the request be granted.

8. Scope and work of a Local Fabian Society:

Copies of this document, amended and completed, were ordered to be circulated to all local Societies.

9. Joint Committee Classes:

A receipt of an anonymous donation of £5 towards the cost of these classes was received.

G. M. LLOYD,

Chairman.

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Meeting 19th March, 1914.

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Present: Ensor (in the chair), Dodd, Sanders & Hon. Sec.

1. Finances:

- (a) Accounts for February showed no marked change during the month.
- (b) Estimate to end of Financial Year was submitted, as follows, (corrected to date):

|                          |       |            |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Rent                     | about | 50         |
| Standring                | "     | 250        |
| Repayment half S.S. Loan |       | 100        |
| Interest on              | "     | 8          |
| Salaries & Petty Cash    |       | 35         |
|                          |       | <u>443</u> |
| Assets available:        |       |            |
| Cash in bank & in hand   |       | 360        |
| Due from No. 2 a/c       |       | 37         |
| Balance to be made up    |       |            |
| in 9 working days        |       | 46         |
|                          |       | <u>443</u> |

It is expected that receipts will substantially exceed this.

It was reported that the Debit Balance last year was £189 and it was hoped that this might be reduced to something like £50

(c) Summer School Loan:

It was agreed to recommend that £50 each be repaid to Mrs. Shaw and Harben, being half the amounts lent by them.

## 2. Parliamentary Candidatures and Fabian News:

Resolution by H. H. Schloesser was remitted to the Executive without recommendation:-

"That having regard to the resolution passed at the last annual Conference of the Society concerning the undesirability of Fabians standing for Parliament as Liberal candidates, the E.C. regrets that the Editor of Fabian News should have given publicity to the fact that Bond Holding has been selected as Independent Liberal candidate for the Hitchin Division of Hertfordshire and instructs the Editor to refrain from giving publicity to Fabian Liberal or Conservative candidates or election results in the future."

## 3. Select Catalogue of Library:

On recommendation not to reprint, referred back, it was reported that the cost of 2,000 copies would be £5 10s, and of 5,000, £10. It was decided that it is worth while to inform the members once more that the Library is available, in the only efficient method of doing so, viz. by sending them the Select Catalogue, and that the Executive be recommended to approve printing the Catalogue for this purpose and for the use of subscribers for Boxes.

## 4. Constituency for Sanders:

Application from the Holmfirth Division of Yorks. Labour Party that Sanders be permitted to lecture in the Constituency with a view to his candidature was considered, and Sanders was requested to report thereon to the next Meeting.

## 5. New Offices:

The General Secretary reported on several offices inspected, and that arrangements for relinquishing our present offices had made no progress.

R. C. K. ENSOR,  
Chairman.

Meeting Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present C. M. Lloyd (in chair) H. Snell, Webb, W. Webb,  
Emmet, Nodd, Davies, Pease & Sanders, Miss  
Lawrence.

(1) Minutes were confirmed.

(2) Apologies were received from Miss Atkinson &  
Starben.

(3) Organizing Propaganda Committee Report was  
received and the whole adopted.

On No 5. It was agreed that Bernard Shaw  
should propose toast of Fabian Socy & Pease & Pease  
should reply; that the toast of "Other Socialist  
Organizations" be proposed by Webb and be  
responded to by Philip Snowden (I.L.P.), H. M. Hyndman  
(I.S.P) and J. Kottgen (International); that the  
toast of the Labour Party be proposed by <sup>H. Snell & responded to by</sup> A.  
Henderson; and the toast of the Chairman be  
proposed by Sir Sydney Olivier.

On No 6. It was agreed that notice of Hubert Bland



death as drafted by Pease and amended be inserted in "News".

(4) Summer School Committee Report was received and it was decided to agree to the recommendation to extend the tenancy for another year, but that another effort be made to secure the extension without an increase in rent.

(5) Finance General Proposes Committee Report was received:

On No 2 it was agreed that items (a) (b), (c) (a) be separate items from the Annual Report on Agenda

On No 5. it was agreed that Emil Davies take the place of C. M. Lloyd.

The Report was then adopted.

On No 3. it was agreed to pay the sum of £5.

On No 4. it was agreed that Miss Lawrence be a delegate and that at the annual meeting it be announced that members willing to pay their own expenses could be

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appointed as delegates.

On Nov 4: It was agreed to ask at the meeting of the same evening for delegates.

On Nov 7 Chairman for Irvine: Cole, or Gillespie or Squire.

On Nov 9 Emil Davies was added to the Committee.

Annual Report was received, discussed, amended & adopted.

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Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 16th, 1914.

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Present: C.M. Lloyd, Ervine, Pease and Sanders.

1. Membership:

April candidates (20) were elected.

2. Socialist Unity Demonstration, Kingsway Hall:

A preliminary Report was received to the effect that it appeared likely the expenses of the Kingsway Hall meeting would be covered by the sale of tickets which had amounted to about £50.

3. New Societies:

It was reported that Fabian Societies were in course of formation at Altrincham and Hove.

4. Address to Pease:

It was reported that arrangements had been made for Mr. Gradly Hewitt to write the address and most of the names ~~attached~~ to be attached, and for Miss Katherine Adams to do the binding. (Number of names received, about 400).

5. Fabian Dinner:

Report on sale of tickets was received. The question of Toasts and Speakers was referred to the Executive.

6. Funeral of Hubert Bland:

We instructed the Office to purchase a wreath to be sent in the name of the Society, and appointed E.R. Pease and W.S. Sanders to attend the funeral as representatives of the Society. It was decided that all members of the Executive Committee should be notified of the time and place and urged to be present.

C. M. Lloyd,  
Chairman.

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SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Report of Meeting, Monday, March 23rd, 1914.

Present: E.R. Pease (in chair), Miss Hankinson, Cole,  
Miss Moor, H.J. Gillespie, and Sanders.

Extension of Tenancy of Barrow House for one year:

The tenancy of Barrow House, Keswick, terminates in May 1915 and we have therefore had under consideration the question of the accommodation of the School for the Summer Session of 1915 and following years. We are of the opinion that it would be possible to carry on the School successfully for a fourth year at Barrow House and we have consulted the agent of the property with regard to the terms of an extension of our tenancy for one year. We are informed that the rent etc. for the fourth year would be £225, an increase of £25. We consider that, as the expense of removal and the establishment of the School in new premises would largely exceed this sum, it is advisable to agree to the terms proposed and we accordingly recommend:

That the Summer School Committee be empowered to enter into an agreement for the occupation of Barrow House for a further twelve months ending May 1916 at the charge of £225.

EWD. R. PEASE, Chairman.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Meeting on Thursday, 23rd April, 1914.

Present: Ensor (in chair), Webb, Schloesser, Sanders  
and Hon. Sec.

1. The Balance Sheet for the year was discussed and approved.

2. Annual Meeting:

The agenda was determined as follows:

1. Annual Report, arising out of which further particulars will be given on -

- (a) Socialist Unity.
- (b) The International Socialist Congress at Vienna.
- (c) Proposed new offices and the use to be made of them.
- (d) The Circulation of our Tracts.

11. Amendment to rule re Parliamentary Candidatures.

111. Motion deferred for a year by the Executive, by Sydney Herbert on disaffiliation from the Labour Party, if he desires to introduce it.

3. South African Deportees:

Proposal for a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Levy for a Legal and General Defence Fund was referred to the Executive.

4. International Socialist Congress:

- (a) It was reported that the F.S. were entitled to send twelve delegates and could probably get further nominations from the Labour Party. Sanders stated he was appointed delegate for that party, and it was intimated that Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb and Pease would probably like to go as delegates.
- (b) The proposal that a joint Socialist report should be prepared and that the I.L.P. and F.S. reports be paid for out of the Joint Committee Fund was approved



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5. London County Council Election, 1916.

It was recommended that Lloyd and Sanders be appointed delegates to a Socialist and Labour Conference called by the London Trades Council for May 23rd to organise Labour Contests, but that they be instructed to state that the Society cannot control the action of its members who may run as progressives, and the Society can only take part in the Conference on this understanding.

6. Co-operative Union Conference, Saturday, April 25th:

Appointment of delegate referred to the Executive.

7. Chairman for Ervine:

Referred to the Executive.

8. Fund for Harry Orbell's Widow:

Ordered to be reported to the Executive.

9. New Offices:

Report and recommendation adopted by the Committee is annexed.

R. O. K. ENSOR.  
Chairman.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee. Re New Offices.

It was reported to the Committee that Sidney Webb, Mrs. Webb and the Officers had inspected premises in Tothill Street, Westminster, within two or three minutes' walk of the House of Commons, which they consider very suitable for the purposes of the Society.

The premises consist of a shop with rooms above. On the ground floor, in addition to the shop, which is deep and well lighted, there is a large stone-paved covered court lighted by sky-lights which could be converted into a small airy hall capable of accommodating over one hundred persons. There are two entrances, one to the shop and one to the rooms above. On the first floor there are two rooms, one the full width of the shop, the other smaller. On the second and third floors the premises extend over the adjoining shop and each floor consists of four rooms. The two front rooms on each of these floors are large, and if thought desirable the partition between them could be removed in order to convert two into one very commodious room. On the roof, which is flat, there is a photographer's studio in good condition. Altogether there are 10 rooms, one possible small hall and the shop. There should be no difficulty in sub-letting some of the rooms if desired as the agent states that numerous enquiries have been made with regard to the hire of the shop without the rooms or the rooms without the shop. The rent paid by the last tenant was £300 per annum, but the owners, the Institute of Electrical Engineers, are prepared to consider an offer. They are also willing to carry out any alterations and repairs required, the rent to depend upon the extent of the requirements of this nature. The period of letting would be seven, fourteen or twenty-one years subject to a remote contingency that the owners might wish to re-build. In that case they would pay an agreed fine in order to determine the lease. In addition to the rent there will be rates and taxes and cleaning.

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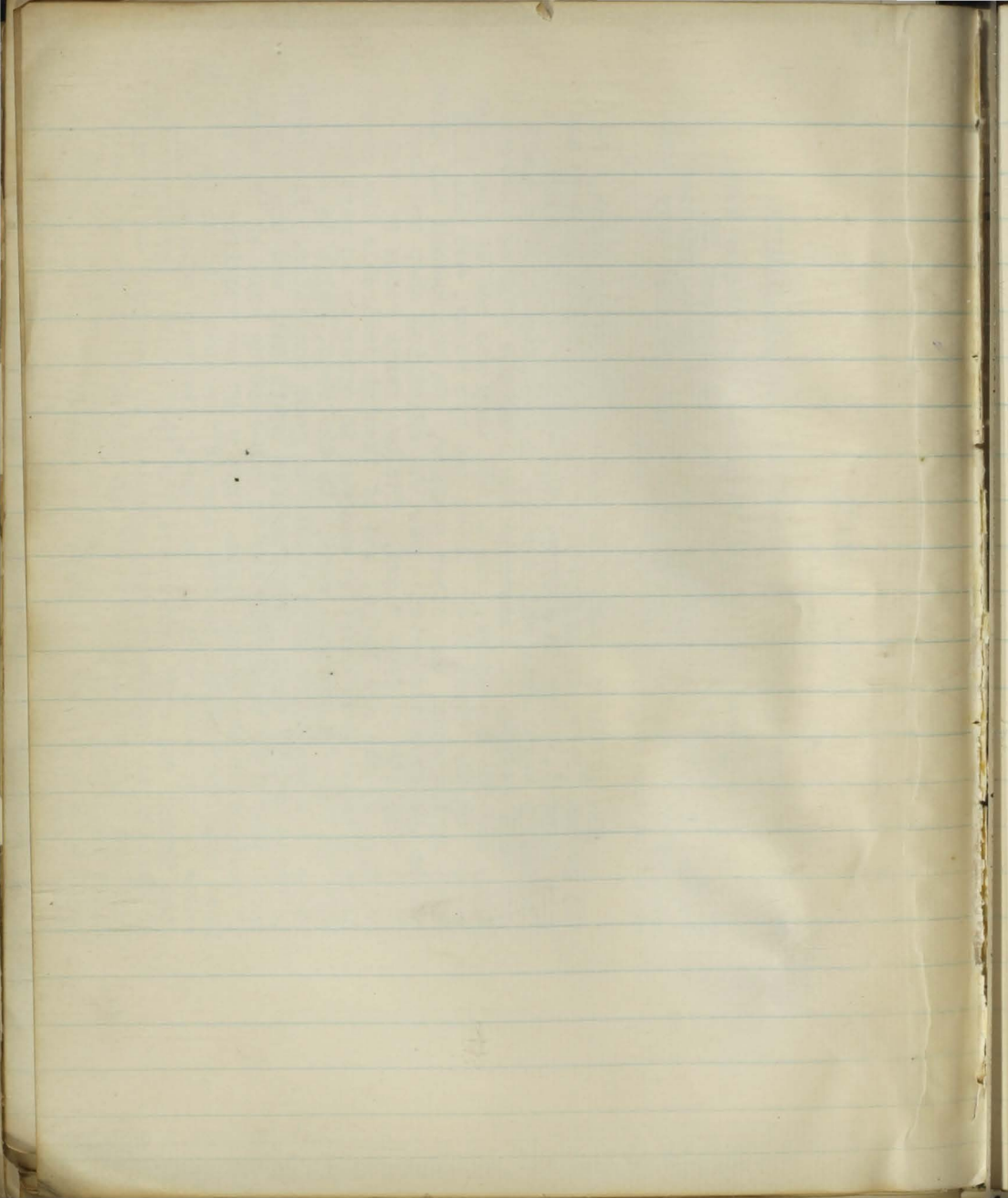
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First Meeting of New Executive Committee

Meeting Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 1914. (76)

Present Webb (in chair) and all except

Absent Miss E. Morley, Squire, M<sup>rs</sup> Reeves, Mrs Shaw & Allen & C. Davies.

- (1) Minutes were confirmed.
- (2) Apologies were received from Miss Morley.
- (3) Organizing Propaganda Report was received <sup>Com:</sup> and the whole adopted.
- (4) Publishing Committee Report was received and the whole adopted.

It was decided that the Publishing Committee should be asked to consider the issue of

- (a) A Tract on the New Grants-in-aid.
- (b) A new Health Tract.

- (5) Election of Committees. The following appointments were agreed to:

(5) Election of Committees (contd)

| Finance & P. | Publishing.    | Org: & Prop: | Jr. Com.      |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Allen        | Erwine.        | Nodd.        | Lloyd         |
| Mrs Atkinson | Gillespie      | Erwine.      | Pease         |
| Colv         | Harben.        | Daves        | Mr. Webb.     |
| Nodd.        | Miss Lawrence. | Lloyd        | Snell         |
| Ensor.       | Miss Morley    | Snell.       | Miss Lawrence |
| Webb         | Mrs Reeves.    | Mr. Webb.    |               |
| Gillespie.   | Mr. Shaw       |              |               |
|              | Squire.        |              |               |
|              | Mr. Wilson.    |              |               |

(6) Chairman's Rota.

The following were placed on the Rota:-

Allen, Mrs Atkinson, Nodd, Ensor, Webb, Gillespie  
Harben, Miss Lawrence, Squire, Daves, Lloyd,  
Snell, Mr. Webb.

(7) Parliamentary Fund Committee. It was decided  
that this Committee be not re-appointed for the  
present.

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(8) International Womens Council.

Miss Atkinson, Dr. Fairfield, Mrs Webb were appointed as delegates to the Council.

(9) Social Committee.

It was agreed that the following be the Social Committee: Mrs Buschoff Collins, Miss Atkinson, Miss Moor, Miss Hankinson, Mrs Webb, Sanders, J Gibson, J W. Shaw.

(10) New Offices. P

Letter was received from Agents of Torshill St. declining offer of £225 rent. It was agreed that an offer of £250 be made and that the Committee on New Offices be empowered to go to £275, the amount asked for by the agents.

(11) Standing Orders

The Standing orders were amended so as empower William Stephen Sanders to sign vendors cheques for the Society, (No 114), adopted.



(12) Chairman for Annual Meeting

It was agreed to nominate G. P. Blizard.

(13) Chairman for Sawyer's Lecture

C. M. Lloyd was appointed

A. J. Gillespie

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Report of Organising and Propaganda Committee  
Meeting April 30th, 1914.

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Present: C. M. Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Snell,  
Ervine and Sanders.

1. Membership:  
May candidates (25) were elected.
2. Grant of Tracts to Glasgow U.F.S.  
A first instalment of free grant of Tracts already  
agreed to was approved.
3. Clarion Van Committee:  
Request for two delegates to serve on this Committee  
was received. Decided to recommend that delegates be  
not sent but that we offer a free grant of certain Tracts.

4. Joint Committee of I.L.P. and Fabian Society:  
The following report was received and adopted:

Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and F.S. Meeting  
held on April 27th, 1914, at Fabian Office -  
Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), H. Dubery,  
J. Myllis, W.H. Ayles & F. Johnson (I.L.P.),  
Mrs. Webb, E.R. Pease, C.M. Lloyd &  
W. Stephen Sanders (F.S.).

- (a) Socialist Unity Demonstrations. It was reported  
that the accounts in connection with the Demon-  
strations were not complete, but it did not seem  
likely that there would be an excess of expenditure  
over income. Should, however, there be a deficit it  
was agreed that the share due from the I.L.P. and F.S.  
be met by the Joint Committee.
- (b) Educational Classes. A preliminary report was re-  
ceived of the first session's work of the classes,  
which numbered about 60. It appeared that the ex-  
penses of the classes (except the cost of the first  
circulars and syllabuses) had been nearly covered by  
fees. It was agreed to continue the classes and to  
endeavour to extend them.

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- (c) Report on Socialist activities to be presented to the International Socialist Congress at Vienna:  
It was agreed that it was desirable that the British Section of the International Socialist Bureau should arrange for the issue of a Report to the Int: Soc: Congress containing an account of Socialist and Trade Unionist activities in the United Kingdom, and that this Report should be in one volume; each organisation - the I.L.P., B.S.P., F.S., Labour Party, etc. - to be responsible for its portion, the whole to be under the editorship of the British Section. The cost of the Report to be met proportionately by the organisations concerned. The I.L.P. and F.S. representatives were requested to bring this proposal before the British Section.
- (d) Joint Committee Conference at Barrow House:  
It was agreed that instead of a Conference being held at Barrow House under the auspices of the Joint Committee, the I.L.P. should arrange with the Summer School Committee to hire Barrow House for an I.L.P. week from July 11th to 18th.

W. C. Anderson,  
Chairman.

C. M. LLOYD.

Chairman.



FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Publishing Committee Meeting 1st May, 1914.

Present: Mrs. Reeves (in chair), Miss Lawrence, Ervine,  
Standingr & the Hon. Sec.

1. Tract 175. Economic Foundations of Women's Movement:  
It was agreed -  
That the price be 2d.  
That 7,000 be printed.  
That the cover be of the Women's Group Design  
& style.  
That a Bibliography be added.  
That the author's name be "M.A." only.
2. Tracts in preparation, (11) were discussed.  
It was agreed that Miss Lawrence's "Children of School Age" be held over pending the Bill. On request from Vulliamy for work in Biographical Series, it was agreed to offer him Henry George, Shelley and Owen as Utopian, if Gibson, Squire, and Lloyd respectively have not yet begun them.
3. Tracts going out of print:  
69. Difficulties of Individualism. Webb. New edition of 3,000 to be printed.  
72. Moral Basis of Socialism. Ball. New edition of 3,000 to be printed.  
156. What an Education Committee can do. (3d). New edition of 1,000 to be printed.
4. "Rural Problem."  
Harben sent report from Constable that the sales were 300 by them (£26. 3s. 9d.) and 400 to the F.S. (365 distributed, proceeds about £30): that Constable was satisfied with sales which were continuous, and proposed to advertise substantially at a future psychological moment.
5. Oil Painting of the Trenches at Adrianople - offered as a Gift by C. E. Vulliamy was ordered to be accepted with thanks.

MAUD REEVES,  
Chairman.

Standing Orders of the Executive Committee and Orders of Reference to Sub-Committees.

1. Before the first meeting of the new Committee every member shall be invited to say whether he desires to be placed on the rota of chairmen: at the first meeting of the Committee the Secretary shall submit the list of those desiring to be on the rota, and that list shall be the rota unless the Committee otherwise determine. Each member of the rota shall preside in turn, in alphabetical order (the name of the member whose turn it is being stated in the agenda of each meeting). If the Chairman so designated is not present at the time for beginning business, some other member then present shall be voted to the chair, which he shall retain throughout the meeting. The Chairman shall have a vote as a member of the Committee but no casting vote.
2. The Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Society's Offices, and normally at 5 or 5.30 p.m. on such Fridays as may be fixed from time to time. A Specially meeting may be called by the Secretary whenever required. An Agenda (including as far as may be practicable, such reports of Sub-Committees as may have been prepared) shall be sent by post to each member so as to reach him not later than the morning delivery of the day of meeting. Any member of the Executive Committee wishing to move a resolution on any subject (other than matters arising out of the report of a Sub-Committee, or other item in the agenda) shall give notice thereof to the Secretary two clear days before the date of the meeting. Except by the unanimous consent of the members present no resolution (other than aforesaid) shall be moved without notice..
3. Any matter under discussion by the Executive Committee and of its Sub-Committees and any statements made thereon shall on the demand of any one member present be treated as private and confidential, except in so far as any publication may be made in Fablian News and in that case until such publication.





4. Except in case of urgency, to be decided by vote of the Executive Committee, all matters for its decision, including all letters requiring attention or reply shall stand referred to one or other of its Standing Sub-Committees or to a Sub-Committee specially appointed, and shall be considered by the Executive Committee only on reports from the appropriate sub-committees.
5. Each Sub-Committee shall submit to the next ensuing Executive Committee a succinct report of the proceedings at each of its meetings, arranged in numbered paragraphs, and including definite recommendations on the points on which it desires the Executive Committee to decide. The report shall be prepared on the authority of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, and shall bear his signature. It shall state the names of the members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting.
6. It shall be open for any member of the Executive Committee to move (without notice) with reference to any paragraph in the report of a Sub-Committee containing no recommendation, either an expression of the opinion of the Executive Committee upon the paragraph, or merely that it be referred back to the Sub-Committee for further consideration of the subject.
7. The several recommendations contained in the report of a Sub-Committee shall be put to the Executive Committee in the usual way, and the resolutions come to on such recommendation shall stand referred to the Sub-Committee concerned for execution.
8. Any member of the Executive Committee may subject to notice move that any subject be referred for consideration and report to the appropriate Sub-Committee; and any such motion, if adopted, shall be taken into consideration by the Sub-Committee at its next meeting, when the member moving shall be entitled to attend.
9. A general report of the proceedings of the Executive at their meetings shall be regularly published in the News and it shall be open to members making the claim before the close of the meeting to have their names published as dissenting from decisions, if they so desire. The reports shall be submitted to the Chairman of the meeting reported before publication.
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10. Any member of the Executive Committee may be present at the meeting of any Sub-Committee, but, unless a member thereof, he shall not vote, nor, except by permission, speak.
11. Each Sub-Committee shall elect a standing chairman for the year (or such shorter period as it may decide); who shall be responsible for moving at the Executive Committee the reception of the report of the Sub-Committee. Each Sub-Committee, if desired, may elect a standing Vice-Chairman.
12. Each Sub-Committee shall conform to the Standing Orders for the time being in force; shall deal only with the matters within its reference, except in cases of urgency, and act by a majority. It may fix its own time and place of meeting, and its own quorum.
13. Each Sub-Committee shall be empowered (in addition to any authority specially given to it by resolution of the Executive Committee and to the specific authorities in the Orders of the Reference),
- (a) To discuss and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on any matter within its own Order of Reference.
  - (b) To carry out any explicit decision of the Executive Committee on matters within its own Order of Reference.
  - (c) To take on the matters within its own Order of Reference any action urgently required in the interests of the Society, which shall not permit of the delay involved in awaiting the next Executive Committee; but subject to the foregoing, no Sub-Committee may, without having first obtained an explicit decision of the Executive Committee:-
    - (x) incur any expense or liability exceeding £10;
    - (y) make any new departure in policy or practice;
    - (z) publish anything in the name or on behalf of the Society.
14. Cheques shall be signed and the Banking business of the Society conducted by F. Lawson Dodd the Honorary Treasurer, and by either the General Secretary William Stephen Sanders, or the Honorary Secretary Edward Reynolds Pease and the said William Stephen Sanders or Edward Reynolds Pease shall be authorised to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society."

Orders of Reference.

A. Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

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

- (a) Finance
- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
  - (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;
  - (3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.
- (b) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.
- (c) The preparation of the Annual Report.
- (d) The management of the Society's office and staff.
- (e) The supply of information in response to enquiries;  
~~The Local Government Information Bureau.~~
- (f) All Bills and Parliamentary matters.
- (g) The Circulating Book Boxes.
- (h) The arrangement of lectures, &c. at the regular meetings of the Society.
- (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

B. Propaganda Sub-Committee.

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

- (a) Lectures
- (1) The organisation of propagandist lectures, courses, &c. for the Society as a whole and otherwise.
  - (2) The supply of lecturers, &c. to other organisations.
- (b) The election of new members and associates.

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- (c) The means to be taken to maintain and increase the membership.
- (d) The provincial Societies and the London Groups.

C. The Publishing Sub-Committee.

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

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



Meeting, Friday, May, 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914.

Present. Gillespie (in chair) + all except  
Absent Mrs Wilson + Squire.

1) Minutes were confirmed.

2) Organizing Propaganda Committee Report  
was received & the whole adopted.

On No 3, it was decided that the application form  
be returned without comment.

On No 4, it was decided that Mrs. Shaw Starben,  
(for purposes connected with the new offices) be added  
to the Committee.

3) Summer School Committee Report.

The Report was adopted with the deletion of the  
name of Haden Guest.

It was decided to ask the Summer School Com:  
to instruct Directors to state to members of the  
School that rules are made for practical reasons.  
Also to ask the Com: if certain rules may be relaxed.

(4) Special Committee on New Offices Report  
was adopted.

(5) Finance & P. Committee Report.  
was adopted

On No 3. It was agreed that Harben report  
on New Offices.

On No 4. It was agreed that the following  
be the resolutions

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

"That, in the opinion of this Conference, it would be of advantage to the Socialist Movement if, in order to secure more united action among Socialists in each country, and among the Socialist Movements in the different countries, the International Socialist Congress and its Bureau could devote some attention to the problem of how industry and public services may best be organized so as to secure the utmost freedom and the best results for producers and consumers alike; and that the British Section be requested to do their best to ensure the passing at the Vienna Congress of the resolution on this subject which the Section has sent in."

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

"That the delegates be requested to draw the attention of their societies to the opportunities afforded by the proposed new Grants in Aid to Local Authorities for a great stride onward in municipal activity, notably in provision for maternity and infancy, school clinics and school feeding, education developments, housing, small holdings and public health work, on the lines pointed out in various Fabian publications; and that it be suggested to local societies to appoint committees to ascertain the financial effects of the new Grants in their several localities, and to consider (if possible in consultation with the Labor and Socialist Councillors and Guardians) what action could usefully be taken locally."

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Also on Nov it was agreed to bring before the Conference the question of the proposal that ~~independent~~ candidates of the Labour Party should be permitted by the Party to run as Labour Socialist candidates.

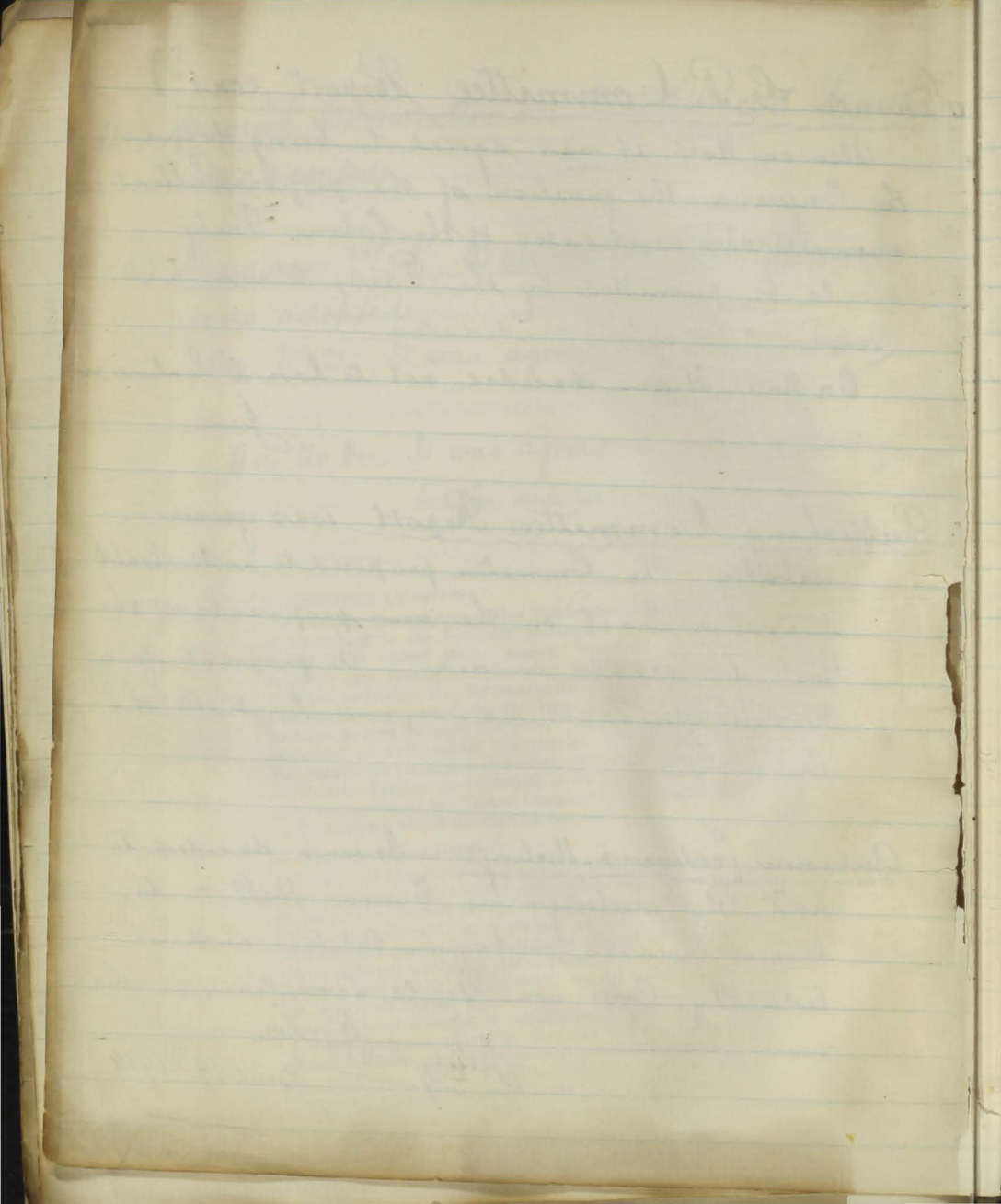
On No. 5. It was decided not to have a lecture in June.

Publishing Committee Report was given verbally. The Committee proposed to ask Webb to write a Tract on the new proposals of the Govt. for Grants-in-aid. A proposal for a new Health Tract was referred back to the Committee.

Autumn Lectures & Meetings It was decided to hold the meetings at Essex Hall & to have a business meeting in October and a lecture by Cole on Guild Socialism in the same month.

Henry D. Ashbee  
June 19 1914





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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting on  
Thursday, May 14th, 1914.

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Present: H. Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Ervine, Dodd,  
Lloyd & Sanders.

1. Chairman & Vice Chairman:

We have elected H. Snell to be Chairman and St. John  
Ervine to be Vice Chairman of the Committee.

2. Annual Fabian Conference:

- (a) Place of Conference will be Clifford's Inn Hall.
- (b) Chairman of Conference. We recommend that the  
Chairman be E.R. Pease.
- (c) The following resolutions have been received:

Oxford U.F.S.: -

"That the Executive appoint a Sub-Committee to  
reconsider the Basis."

Fabian Education Group: -

"That this Conference welcomes the 'Children  
(Employment and School Attendance) Bill, 1914,'  
in so far as it is an attempt to deal with the  
problem of juvenile labour, but regrets that  
'beneficent' employment is not defined."

Golder's Green F.S.: -

"That no form of State medical service will prove  
satisfactory that does not include the free choice  
of doctor."

Fabian Women's Group: -

- 1. "That this Conference is of opinion that the Insurance Act has utterly failed to meet the need of Maternity Sickness, and that Pregnancy Sickness and Maternity Benefit cannot be adequately administered by Approved Societies. It further declares that all Maternity Benefit and assistance now given by Poor Law, Insurance Act and philanthropic agencies should be co-ordinated and extended in connection

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with the Notification of Births Act under the Public Health Authorities. And it calls upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer to make such grants in aid of these Authorities as will insure to all mothers who need it, Maternity Benefit and skilled advice and treatment during pregnancy, child-birth and after-care."

2. "That in order to carry out the proposals of the previous resolution, wherever a Maternity Centre is formed under the Public Health Authority in any locality, the senior Medical Officer of the Maternity Centre shall wherever possible be a woman, with a staff of women under her."
3. "That this Conference is of opinion that in view of the facts that one third of the women in England above the age of fifteen are occupied in paid employments and that these notoriously include most of the sweated industries; also that the results of the Fabian Women's Group Enquiry suggest that a large proportion of women workers help to support others than themselves, the time has now come to consider the provision made for the technical education of girls with the object of finding new openings for them."

3. Membership:

We have declined an application for membership for reasons which will be reported.

4. New Offices:

It was decided to recommend that the arrangements in connection with the proposed new offices be referred to this Committee to carry out.

H. SNELL,  
Chairman.



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SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Meeting Monday, May 11th, 1914.

Present: Pease (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Miss Hankinson, Mrs. Lawson Dodd, Miss Moor, Cole, Gillespie, and Sanders.

According to the Bylaws of the Summer School the persons proposed for the position of Director must be approved by the Executive Committee. We therefore report that we propose to select Directors from among the following list: -

E. R. Pease  
F. Lawson Dodd  
H. D. Harben  
H. Snell  
R. C. K. Ensor  
Miss Atkinson  
E. K. Ratcliffe  
\* Haden Guest

and we recommend that the list be approved.

\* Carried by 3 to 2 votes.

EDW. R. PEASE,  
Chairman.

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Special Committee on New Offices.

Report of Meeting Monday, May 18th, 1914.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Webb, Pease  
and Sanders; also Mrs. Shaw.

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1. 25, Tothill Street

- at a rent of £250 per annum*
- (a) A letter was received from the Agents of these premises agreeing to let them on a 7, 14, or 21 years' lease on the following terms:
- (1) Lease to be duly executed.
  - (2) Specification of repairs to be agreed upon, same to be carried out at the expense of the Lessors.
  - (3) That a clause be embodied in the lease giving the Lessors power to determine the tenancy by giving six months' notice to quit at any time should the property be sold or should they desire to demolish the buildings. In the event of this power being exercised for either of these reasons, the Lessors to pay the Lessees the sum of £250.

We decided to accept these conditions providing the tenancy could begin on September 29th, 1914. It was further decided that the draft lease should be submitted to a solicitor on behalf of the Society for approval and that when approved it should be signed by F. Lawson Dodd and W. Stephen Sanders for the Society.

- (b) We have considered the question of the removal to and arrangements at the new offices, and we recommended that the matter be referred to the Organising & Propaganda Committee to carry out and that Mrs. Shaw and Harben be added to that Committee for this purpose.

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(c) We have given instructions for formal notice to be given to the landlord of the present offices.

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.

Note by General Secretary.

The Agents have agreed to the tenancy beginning on September 29th, 1914, and the specification of repairs has been submitted to H. C. Lander. The Public Trustee has again been interviewed and he is willing to take over the present offices on September 29th.



Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee,  
21st May, 1914.

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Present: Allen, Miss Atkinson, Cole, Dodd, Ensor,  
Webb, Gillespie & the Secretaries.

1. Lawson Dodd was elected chairman.

2. Finance:

- (a) The Hon. Sec. reported that the audit was practically completed and subject to minor re-arrangements would stand as rendered.
- (b) Addressing Machine: Report that the first cost was £21. 8. 7., substantially below previous estimates.

3. Annual Meeting:

Arrangement of Agenda:

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Annual Report & Accounts. | Sanders.        |
| Socialist Unity.          | Mrs. Webb.      |
| International Congress.   | Sanders.        |
| New Offices.              | Harben or Dodd. |
| Tract Circulation.        | Webb.           |

4. Fabian Annual Conference:

It was decided to recommend that the Executive submit the following: -

- (a) Resolution on Grants in aid, to be drafted by Webb.
- (b) Resolution on Control of Industry, to be drafted by Webb.
- (c) Discussion on the Work of Local F.S. as outlined in the Report.

5. Meetings of the Society:

It was decided to refer to the Executive Committee a proposal that Olive Schreiner be invited to lecture to the Society in June.

6. Portrait of Hubert Bland:

Offer of a portrait of Hubert Bland, price 30 guineas, was received from Mr. G. Ilwieux. We recommend that Mr. Ilwieux be informed that we are unable to accept the offer.

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.

Meeting Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present. Harben (in chair) and all except.  
Absent Mrs Webb, Dodd, Davies & Irvine.

(1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

(2) Apologies were received from Mrs Webb & Dodd.

(3) Organizing Propaganda Committee Report  
 was received & the whole adopted.

On No 4 Wm Piercy was added.

(4) Finance & General Purposes Committee Report  
 was received & the whole adopted.

On No 5(a) it was agreed that Blizard be appointed.

On No 5(b) it was decided to ask Whelen if he would be in Paris on the dates mentioned and if so to request him to represent the Society.

On No 6. Miss Lawrence & Davies were appointed.

On No 7. The letter to O.M. Skerenson was ordered to be sent to him by the Glasgow & S. the Labour Party.

(5.) Summer School Committee Report was received and adopted.

(6.) Special Committee on New Offices. was received and adopted.

On No 3 It was agreed that the name be "Fabian Hall"

(7.) Research Department Report was received and adopted.

8. Next Meeting was fixed for July 3<sup>rd</sup>

C. H. Lloyd  
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Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting  
Thursday, June 11th, 1914.

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Present: Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Dodd and Sanders.

1. Membership:

- (a) June candidates (15) were elected.
- (b) 20 resignations (covering three months) were dealt with.
- (c) 4 members were struck off for non-payment of subs.

2. Lectures by Bernard Shaw:

- (a) Kingsway Hall has been booked for Wednesdays, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, & Dec. 2.
- (b) A panel of chairmen has been submitted to Bernard Shaw for approval.
- (c) Arrangements are being made to send out about 30,000 syllabuses by post.

3. International Socialist Congress at Vienna:

It was reported that it is likely that the following would wish to go to Vienna as delegates of the Society:- Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Shaw, Sidney Webb, E.R. Pease, M. Pease, Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Barbara Drake, Bernard Shaw, Miss Susan Lawrence, and Miss Hadley.

4. Fabian Conference:

Mrs. Webb is giving an At Home on Friday, July 3rd., to which are invited the Executive Committee, the delegates to the Fabian Conference, the members of the Executive Committees of the I.L.P. & B.S.P., the secretaries of the London Local and Subject Groups, the Executive Committee of the University Socialist Federation and the members of the Research Department.

5. University Socialist Federation:

The Executive Committee are invited to appoint a consultative member to the Executive Committee of the Federation. We recommend that C.M. Lloyd be appointed.

H. SNELL,  
Chairman.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee  
Meeting 18th June, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Ensor, Webb,  
Miss Atkinson & the Secretaries.

1. Finance:

Report for two months was submitted showing a substantial decline in subscriptions, due perhaps to pressure on members before 31st March, and also a decline in salaries paid, and liability to printer.

2. Sanders and Holmfirth:

The suggested candidature was reported off.

3. Lecture arrangements proposed for Essex Hall:

Oct. 9. Members' Meeting on Labour Party Constitution.

Oct. 23. Cole on Guild Socialism.

For November and December only two dates have been booked, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11.

Subjects proposed: -

Tory Labour Unrest Programme. Lloyd Greame,  
or J.W. Hills, M.P.,  
or Lord Henry Bentinck.

Budget & Local Government. Webb on the proposals  
for a Tract.

Civil Service Reform. Graham Wallas.

4. International Socialist Congress:

(a) Official Fees: - It was recommended that these, amounting to possibly 10/- a delegate, be paid by the Society.

(b) Women's Congress: - It was agreed that we nominate all our Women Delegates and their names be sent as soon as possible to the Women's British Section.

5. Minor Delegations:

- (a) Land and Home League, June 30th, 4.30.  
Informal Meeting to consider coordinating bodies concerned in Rural Reforn. Recommended that Harben be asked to attend.
- (b) Celebration in Paris, Sunday, 12th July.  
Referred to Executive to appoint anybody willing to go.

6. London Labour Party:

- (a) Report received that our conditions of co-operation had been accepted and that Miss Lawrence had been appointed to the Committee for drafting the constitution.
- (b) Recommended that Miss Lawrence and Emil Davies be appointed delegates to adjourned Conference on July 4th (when our Annual Conference is in session).

7. D. M. Stevenson's Candidature at Leith:

Report was presented that D.M. Stevenson (the Lord Provost of Glasgow) has consented to stand as Liberal Candidate for Leith against J.N. Bell (Labour) and a Conservative. The seat was fought by the Labour Party in Jan. 1910, (W.Walker, 2,724) and at a recent bye-election when Bell polled 3,346 votes, Smith (Lib.) 5,143 votes, and Currie (Conservative) got in with 5,149 votes.

Letters read from a member of the Glasgow F.S. giving resolution of condemnation passed by them. Also reply of Stevenson to private letter from Webb saying he was not willing to resign his membership. After full discussion it was unanimously agreed:-

That a letter be sent to Mr. Stevenson in the following terms: -  
(Letter annexed).

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.



Draft letter on the Leith Election.

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Dear Mr. Stevenson,

It has been brought to the notice of the Executive Committee by members of the Glasgow Fabian Society and otherwise, that you have consented to stand as Liberal candidate for Leith. You will of course be aware that there is an approved Labour candidate for that constituency, a member of the I.L.P., who has recently fought the seat and is still actively in the field.

The Executive Committee desires to draw your attention to the paragraph inserted in "Fabian News" of January, 1913, and by express direction of the Annual Meeting embodied in the Annual Report of 1913, to the following effect: -

**'FABIAN CANDIDATES: A WARNING.-** At a members' meeting a few months ago the Society gave an unqualified endorsement to the policy of individual liberty in matters political, and the Executive Committee, in accordance with that policy, makes no claim whatever to control the action of members in contesting elections on behalf of any party or none. It has always maintained that members of the Society should take suitable opportunities of coming forward as candidates for public bodies, thus increasing the interest taken in elections, and if successful obtaining opportunities of exercising wider influence over the management of public affairs. But in view of the many elections about to take place, the Executive Committee considers it necessary to warn our members that grave difficulties arise when they stand as candidates in opposition to any fellow member or to any candidate put forward by the Labour Party or by the I.L.P. or other Socialist bodies. In many cases there are more seats than one to be contested, and the opposition may not necessarily be direct. In other cases the rival candidate may have no proper credentials and no reasonable chance of success. The Executive Committee cannot lay down for the guidance of members any general principles which, in its opinion, would be applicable to every case. But it desires to impress on the members of the Society that such candidatures may give rise to grave difficulties and may militate against that cordial co-operation between the allied forces of Socialism and Labour which we all desire. Such candidatures should therefore never be entered upon without the most careful consideration of every issue that they involve."

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I am to say that the Executive Committee considers that in the present improved state of feeling among the different sections of the Socialist Party and the Labour Party, the grounds for such a declaration of policy are stronger than ever. Assuming the facts to be as reported, and especially in view of the prominent position of the proposed candidates, and the notoriety of the circumstances, the Executive Committee feels that such a clash of candidatures would be an exceedingly grave misfortune, and would cast discredit on the Fabian Society.

I am to add that we note that since 1911 you have not been a member subscribing directly to the London F.S., but have been a member of the Glasgow F.S., and only thereby in membership of the London Society. You will presumably be in communication with the Glasgow Society on the subject. But in view of your long connection with us, the Executive Committee would be glad if you would inform me whether the facts have been correctly reported to us, and what action you propose to take in the matter.

I am,

Yours truly,

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SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Income:

Expenditure:

|                         |                    |                            |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 300 School weeks @ 35/- | 525 0. 0.          | Rent & Upkeep of Grounds   | 200 0. 0.          |
| 100 Conference weeks    |                    | 400 weeks' Board           | 210 0. 0.          |
| @ 30/-                  | 150 0. 0.          | Service and staff          | 140 0. 0.          |
| Fees for Non-residents  | 4 0. 0.            | Lecturers' Fares           | 15 0. 0.           |
| Baths, Boating, Teas &c | 30 0. 0.           | Lecturers' Fees            | 15 0. 0.           |
|                         |                    | Fares of staff, etc.       | 10 0. 0.           |
|                         |                    | Coals                      | 10 0. 0.           |
|                         |                    | Printing, Stationery, etc. | 25 0. 0.           |
|                         |                    | Balance                    | 84 0. 0.           |
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|                         | <u>£ 709 0. 0.</u> |                            | <u>£ 709 0. 0.</u> |

EDW. R. PEASE,  
Chairman.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Special Committee on New Offices.

Report of Meeting, Monday, June 8th, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Webb, Pease,  
and Sanders.

1. The schedule of repairs and redecorations at 25, Tothill Street, together with report thereon from H. C. Lander, was considered and finally approved.
2. It was decided to ask J. J. Dodd to advise on the terms of the lease when drafted.
3. The desirability (for letting and other purposes) of giving a name to the small hall at the back of the shop was discussed and it was decided to recommend that it be described as "Tothill Hall."

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.

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To the Executive of the Fabian Society: -

I have to report on behalf of the Research Department that the Department and Messrs. Constable & Co., Ltd. have drawn up a draft agreement whereby Constables are appointed the publishers for the publications issued by the Research Department. The chief points of the Agreement are,

- (1) that Constables receive 10% commission of the net proceeds from sales;
- (2) that the Department are responsible for the printing and binding of all such publications;
- (3) that the Department can exclude from this Agreement any of its publications if they so desire.

It is intended that the first three publications under this Agreement shall be books on Trade Unionism in Germany, France and Great Britain respectively, and that publication of two at any rate, of them, shall take place in the Autumn.

The draft Agreement is made between Constables and the Fabian Society itself, and, on behalf of the Executive of the Research Department, which has approved the draft Agreement, I hereby request that the Fabian Executive signs the Agreement on its behalf.

H. J. GILLESPIE,  
Hon. Sec.

Meeting, Friday July 3, 1914.

Present. Lloyd (in chair) and all except  
Absent Ervine

1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2) Special Committee on New Offices Report was received and adopted.

3) Summer School

The General Secretary reported that the bookings were approximately as follows:

|                                                     |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Mr. Leach's Party week ending July 11 <sup>th</sup> | 25.        |
| J. L. P. Conference . . . . . 18 <sup>th</sup>      | 30.        |
| Research Dept. fortnight ending Aug 1 <sup>st</sup> | 90.        |
| Session, August & September.                        | 130        |
| Total                                               | <u>275</u> |

The Report was received & adopted.

4) Finance & General Purposes Com: Report.



(4) Finance & General Purposes Committee Report  
was received.

On No 2 (Letter to D. M. Stevenson) a vote was taken and the following voted against the adoption; Harben, Squire, Cole, Mr. Webb & Gillespie.

For adoption; the res: of the Committee and the recommendation was carried.

On No 3 It was agreed that the matter be referred back to the Committee.

On No 8 10 voted for & H against ~~and then recommended~~ an amendment that a grant of £10 be given. The amendment was therefore carried.

On No 9c (Draft Report to the International Socialist) Congress it was agreed that the Report be considered at the next meeting of the Ex: Com:

The Report as amended was adopted

(5) The Next Meeting was fixed for Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>.

H. Webb  
10 July 1914

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Agenda for Executive Committee Friday, July 3rd, 1914  
5.30 p.m. at Office.

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1. Minutes.
2. Special Committee on New Offices. Report enclosed.
3. Summer School Committee:  
Gen. Sec. will Report on Bookings.
4. Finance & General Purposes Committee Report will be on  
the table.
5. Date of Next Meeting.

Draft Report to the International Socialist Congress  
to be submitted by the Finance & General Purposes Committee  
enclosed.

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Report of Special Committee on Offices Meeting Thursday,  
June 25th, 1914 at Office.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Webb, Mrs. Webb, Pease and Sanders.

The draft lease of 25, Tothill Street and a report thereon with proposed modifications from J. J. Dodd were considered and it was decided that the lease be generally approved. It was left to J. J. Dodd and the officers to negotiate with regard to the proposed modifications and if in their opinion the results were satisfactory F. Lawson Dodd and Wm. Stephen Sanders were empowered to sign the lease on behalf of the Society.

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.



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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 2nd, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Webb and the Secretaries.

1. Finance:

Report of accounts to 30th of June showing a further decline in subscriptions received.

2. Sir D. M. Stevenson:

Reply to our letter indicating that he might be willing to resign was read. Reply requesting him to resign was approved.

3. Society Lectures:

Suggestion by Miss Atkinson (now Mrs. Palmer) that Dr. Fairfield be invited to lecture on "The Education of the Adolescent" was negatived.

4. Fabian Conference:

- (a) Report by Gen. Sec. was approved, viz. that the B.S.P. had asked for invitation to send Fraternal Delegate, and on his agreeing had nominated Hyndman: and that the I.L.P. had thereupon been asked and agreed to send a Fraternal Delegate, viz. Hardie.

On the Agenda it was agreed as follows:

- (b) That Sanders introduce the subject of the alteration of the Labour Party Constitution re name of candidates.
- (c) That Webb for the Executive oppose Resolution (4), Committee to revise the Basis.
- (d) That on the other resolutions the Executive Committee take no action.

## 5. Paris Conference:

On letter from Whelen saying he might or might not be able to go, it was agreed to write to Paris appropriately.

## 6. London Labour Party Conference July 4th.

It was agreed to instruct our Delegates (Miss Laurence and Davies) to oppose the amendment to the Rules pledging affiliated Societies "not to allow any of their members to stand as candidates for any other party."

## 7. United Socialist Council:

On letter from the B.S.P. suggesting that a preliminary meeting of the Council be held forthwith with 3 delegates from each Society, it was agreed that Mrs. Webb, Lloyd and Sanders be recommended to the Executive as our three delegates for this purpose.

## 8. University Socialist Federation:

On letter requesting renewal of our grant of £10 given for two years, it was resolved to recommend that the grant be not renewed.

## 9. International Socialist Congress:

(a) Miss Cowen was appointed a delegate.

(b) A. Wissotzky, a Russian subject, elected a member 4 months ago, wrote claiming, as a right, to be appointed a delegate. Agreed to reply that our list is full.

(c) Draft Report to the Conference was referred to the Executive.

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.

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DRAFT REPLY TO -

SIR D. M. STEVENSON.

Dear Sir D. M. Stevenson,

Your frank and friendly letter of the 24th June has been carefully considered by our Committee. We appreciate the reasons that have determined your action, and your desire not to embarrass the Fabian Society, or create ill feeling among Socialists.

We much regret that your choice of a constituency should have fallen upon Leith, without being aware that a Labour candidate was in the field. We see that you did not realise how very gravely your opposition to Mr. Bell, would, if you remained a member of the Fabian Society, bring the Society into disrepute, and revive old sectional animosities. We think that you may probably not have given due weight to the fact that the Fabian Society is, and has from the first been, a constituent part of the Labour Party; that it officially takes part, by a representative who has always been its chief officer, in the Executive Committee of that Party which formally approves all Labour Party candidatures; and that the Fabian Society is therefore committed officially to do what it can in support of Mr. Bell at Leith. Some such central arrangement of candidatures is indispensable if different members of the same organisations are to avoid fighting each other. We venture to hope that you will, on consideration, agree with us in thinking that - although anyone is, of course personally free to stand for any constituency in the Kingdom - for a well-known and prominent member of the Fabian Society to stand, under any Party designation, in opposition to a duly accredited candidate of the Party of which the Fabian Society is a constituent part, would place us in a very awkward position. We cannot refrain from saying that, in our opinion, such a position would be seriously injurious, not only to the Fabian Society but also to the cause of Socialism in Great Britain.

We feel confident that you will on consideration agree with us in thinking that, if it is now impracticable to avoid a clash of candidatures at Leith, you would - if only to avoid the use that will inevitably be made of the name of the Fabian Society to its detriment - be best serving the interests of the Society by withdrawing from a membership, which now rests on your membership of the Glasgow Fabian Society.



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I need not say how much we regret a severance under such circumstances. May I add that, in order to forestall the adverse and possibly malicious comments of those who are not friendly, we should be grateful to you for a prompt reply ?

Yours very truly,

# Meeting July 10<sup>th</sup> 1914. Friday.

Present. H. Snell (in chair) and all except.

Absent. Miss Atkinson, Davies, Ervine, Harben,  
Mr<sup>s</sup> Reeves, & Mr<sup>s</sup> Wilson.

- (1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- (2) Apologies were received from Mr<sup>s</sup> Wilson & Harben.
- (3) Organizing Propaganda Committee Report was submitted

On No 3 it was agreed that the chairmen should be: Sidney Webb, Mr<sup>s</sup> Fember Reeves, Miss Lawrence, Clifford Allen, G. D.H. Cole, & St. John Ervine.

On No 7. No one wishing to attend it was agreed that a suitable letter be sent.

The Report was adopted as amended.

- (4) Letter to Sir D. M. Stevenson. The appended letter was ordered to be sent to Sir D. M. Stevenson after a vote in which 4 voted against and 9 for the instruction

(5) Draft Report of the Society for the International Socialist Congress. The draft submitted was amended + finally adopted.

(6) Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting in Sept.

(7) Announcement in News of the vote of a minority

It was decided that the question on which a minority voting desired to have their names reported in the "News" (Letter to Sir DM Stevenson Meeting of S.C. July 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1914) should be announced as follows:-

Correspondence relating to announcement of a forthcoming election contest at which a member of the Society was intending to stand against a Labour candidate was read. A letter was ordered to be written pointing out the difficult position in which ~~this~~ such a course would place the Society and suggesting that the member concerned should resign. Against this there voted re.

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Report of Organising and Propaganda Committee Meeting at Office on Thursday, July 9th, 1914, at 5.30 p.m.

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Present: Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Dodd and Sanders.

1. Membership:

July candidates (23) were elected.

2. Joint Committee of the I.L.P. and Fabian Society:

The following Report of meeting held on June 23rd, 1914, was received and adopted: -

Present: W.C. Anderson (in chair), H. Dubery, J. Mylles, & F. Johnson (I.L.P.); Mrs. Webb, C.M. Lloyd, E.R. Pease, H. Snell & W. Stephen Sanders (F.S.).

(a) Socialist Unity Demonstrations:

The following Report of Receipts & Expenditure of the Kingsway Hall was submitted:

| Receipts             | £   | s.  | d. | Expenditure        |
|----------------------|-----|-----|----|--------------------|
| Tickets sold. I.L.P. | 19. | 1.  | 6. | Hire of Hall,      |
| F.S.                 | 18. | 8.  | 0. | Printing,          |
| B.S.P.               | 12. | 11. | 0. | Advertising,       |
| Deficit              | 9.  | 15. | 9. | Postage,           |
|                      | £59 | 16. | 3. | &c.&c. £59. 16. 3. |

The Reports on the provincial Demonstrations reported to be still incomplete.

(b) Educational Classes, 1914-15:

Scheme was submitted for carrying on the classes during 1914-15 including the appointment of local organisers who were to receive a small honorarium for their services. The scheme was adopted.

(c) United Socialist Council:

The question of the continuance of the Joint Committee after the United Socialist Council was discussed but it was decided to adjourn consideration of the matter until after the constitution of the proposed Council had been agreed to.

## 3. Shaw Lectures at Kingsway Hall:

It was agreed that the following be recommended as chairmen for the lectures:

Sidney Webb, Mrs. Pember Reeves, H. D. Harben,  
R.C.K. Ensor, W.C. Anderson and Miss Bondfield.

Since the meeting of the Committee, Shaw has suggested the following as chairmen: Sidney Webb, Mrs. Pember Reeves, W.C. Anderson, Clifford Allen, G.D.H. Cole and St. John Ervine.

## 4. International Socialist Congress:

- (a) Particulars of arrangements for travelling and cost was submitted and ordered to be circulated to delegates.
- (b) Request to be a delegate was received from Miss Sime Seruya. The number allotted to the Society having been appointed, it was agreed that the request could only be granted if one of the appointed persons dropped out.

## 5. University Socialist Federation:

Letter was received from the Federation stating that they did not propose to accept the grant of £10 from the Society.

## 6. Accrington Parliamentary Labour Candidature:

Letter was received from the Accrington Labour Party asking the Society to consider the possibility of putting forward a candidate for the division. Recommended that the request be not acceded to.

## 7. Russian Social Democratic Labour Party:

Letter was received from this Party asking for the attendance of a representative of the Society at a dinner to be held at the Communist Club London on Saturday, July 11th. Decided to refer to Executive.

## 8. Verbatim Report of International Socialist Congress:

Letter was received from the Int. Soc. Bureau asking for the views of the Society on a proposal that a verbatim report of the Congress be published in English, and submitting estimates of cost. Decided to recommend that the proposal be not agreed to.

11th July, 4. (910)

Sir D. M. Stevenson, Bart.,  
Lord Provost of Glasgow,  
City Chambers,  
Glasgow.

Dear Sir D. M. Stevenson,

I am instructed by my Executive Committee to thank you for your prompt reply dated 6th inst. to the letter of Mr. Pease of the 4th inst.

The Executive Committee desire me, in the absence of Mr. Pease, to say that they appreciate your willingness to sever your connection with the Fabian Society, if this is thought best. They regret very much that this step should be necessary. But in view of all the circumstances they cannot avoid the conclusion that your resignation from this Society and the Glasgow Fabian Society, even if open to possible misconstruction, is the only practicable way to avoid consequences injurious to the Society and to the Socialist cause.

They feel constrained accordingly to accept your resignation; and to express to you their thanks for your consideration in the matter.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Gen. Sec.



Special Meeting of the Executive Committee  
Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present. Dodd, Lloyd, Gillespie, Mr. Webb, Mrs. Arkinson,  
Allen, Mr. Reeves, Harben, Squire, Davies,  
Cole, Webb, Pease, & Sanders.

(1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

(2) Apologies were received from Mr. Shaw, Mrs. Morley,  
& Mr. Wilson.

(3) National Conference called by the Joint Board. The  
Report of this Conference was received and adopted.  
It was decided that a circular be issued giving  
suggestions to Labour & Socialist members on the  
Citizen Committees to be appointed in each locality.  
It was agreed that the draft be submitted to the  
Executive Committee at a meeting to be held on  
Friday August 14<sup>th</sup> next. & that the J.L.P. be  
consulted as to whether the circular should be  
issued by the Joint Committee of the J.L.P. & J.S.  
It was further decided that a par. be sent to the

(3) National Conference (contd)

Daily Citizen & the Daily Herald urging members of the Society to offer their services to the Citizen Committees.

(4) Financial Position of the Society.

The Report was received & adopted.

(5) New Offices

The Report was received & adopted. It was decided that the Prog: Prop: Com: should meet on Friday next at 250 Hill St. to consider & arrange for alterations, repairs, &c, &c.

(6) Shaw Lectures.

The Report was received & adopted. It was decided to proceed with the arrangements for the lectures.

(7) Summer School

The Report was received & adopted. It was decided that the School should

be continued & that no rise in charges be made if possible.

8. Correspondence

Letter from Joseph Root was read asking for assistance. It was decided that he be written to asking for further particulars of his position

9. Memberships

August candidates (20) were elected.

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Agenda for Special Meeting of the Executive Committee on Monday, August 10th, at Office at 5.30 p.m.

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1. Minutes.
2. Membership:  
Election of August candidates.
3. National Conference of the Joint Board <sup>considering steps to be taken</sup> for mitigating the distress among the working classes. ^
4. Financial position of the Society.
5. New offices.
6. Shaw Lectures.
7. The Summer School.
8. Any other business.

REPORTS.

National Conference.

This Conference was held on August 5th at the House of Commons. It was attended by over 100 delegates including representatives from the Labour Party, the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress, the General Federation of Trade Unions, the Miners Federation, the Railwaymen's Union, and other Trade Unions, the Fabian Society, the I.L.P. and the B.S.P.

Various proposals for dealing with the anticipated distress among the working classes owing to the war were considered and adopted. These proposals were published in the "Daily Citizen" of Aug. 6th.

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A National Executive, since entitled War Emergency - Workers' Committee, was appointed consisting of fifteen members, including three representatives of the Labour Party Executive, three members of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trade Union Congress and three members of the General Federation of Trade Unions; and one representative from each of the following bodies: - Miners Federation of Great Britain, the National Union of Railwaymen, the Fabian Society, the B.S.P., and the Women's Labour League, and the Women's Trade Union League.

This Committee has since met and appointed A. Henderson, M.P., as chairman and J.S. Middleton as secretary. It also co-opted the following as additional members: J.R. Macdonald, M.P., Robert Williams, Miss Susan Lawrence, Miss M. Bondfield, A.W. Golightly, and W.S. Sanders. (11 members of the Committee are members of the Fabian Society). It has also asked the Co-operative Wholesale and Co-operative Union to appoint representatives. A further meeting of the Committee has been called for Monday afternoon. A report of the activities of the Committee will be given verbally.

Financial Position of the Society.

The Society has in bank and in hand the sum of £210, of which £100 is on deposit. A sum estimated to be about £60 is due from the Research Department for the Conferences at Barrow House. The liabilities and commitments of the Society are difficult to estimate owing to the uncertainty which may arise with regard to the Summer School. It may be mentioned, however, that ~~some~~ payments on behalf of the School to tradesmen, etc. are being made direct from Barrow House than has been the practice in past years, so that the accounts at the end of the Summer School will be proportionately less. An endeavour will be made to present a fairly full statement of the liabilities and ~~payments~~ *commitments* of the Society on Monday.

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New Offices.

The lease of the new offices was signed on behalf of the Society, by Lawson Dodd, Sidney Webb and W. Stephen Sanders, but the counterpart promised to us this week has not yet been received. I understand from the Agents that they are putting the work at 25 Tot Hill Street in hand at once. The Office of Works have been asking when they can have the use of our present offices and they have been informed that,



providing that no unforeseen hindrance occurs, we shall have left 3, Clement's Inn by September 29th next.

### Shaw Lectures.

We have received in cash for tickets for Shaw lectures the sum of £26, and orders unpaid for amounting to about £26 £12. Advertisements have appeared in the "News" and "The New Statesman" but no expense has thereby been incurred. About 4,000 envelopes have been addressed and arrangements made to increase this number to 30,000, for distributing by post the announcement and syllabus promised by Bernard Shaw. The syllabus is not to hand. The tickets for the course have been passed in proof and Standring has obtained the plain card required for printing. I have instructed him, however, to hold back the printing until after Monday.

### The Summer School.

So far there has been no rush of withdrawals of bookings in connection with the School. A number of applications for accommodation have been cancelled, but on the other hand several new bookings have come in this week. I wrote on Thursday to Miss Hankinson for a full report of the position at Barrow House, but the report is not yet to hand. In a letter received from her yesterday, August 7th, there was no indication that ~~many~~ many notices of withdrawal had been received by her, but she stated that the price of provisions was rising and suggested that it might be well to increase the charges 2/6d. per week all round unless the rise was checked. I may be in a position to report more fully to the Committee on Monday.

WM. STEPHEN SANDERS,

Gen. Sec.

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Since Saturday further receipts have come in, chiefly in connection with the Summer School. The total cash in bank and in hand is now £255, of which the sum of £100 is on deposit. In addition to this I estimate that the Research Department owes us about £60 for Summer School fees. The total sum possessed by the Society is therefore about -

£315.

The only immediate outstanding liability of any moment is Standring's printing account to the end of June, which amounts to about £140. The commitments of the Society are: the rent of Barrow House, £200, one half of which is not due until November 30th, and the other half on May 30th, 1915; the rent of present offices, due on September 30th, about £45; £100 with interest due in January, rent on capital account Summer School, against and a sum estimated at about £100 due to Constable for "The Rural Problem." There is also the rent of the new offices to which the Society is committed, but the first payment for this will not fall due until Christmas next. With regard to the rent of the Summer School, there will be further receipts from Barrow House, the amount of which cannot at present be estimated. Against these receipts, however, there will be accounts for meat, groceries, etc.; the total of which also will depend upon the number of people who cancel their bookings.

WM. STEPHEN SANDERS, Gen. Sec.

Special Meeting Friday August 11<sup>th</sup> 1911

Present. Mrs Webb (in chair) Webb, Mr Reeves, Miss Atkinson, Davies, Lloyd, Gmsot, Gillespie, Dodd, Pease & Sanders.

- (1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
- (2) Apologies were received from Cole, Mrs Wilson, Starben, + Miss Morley.
- (3) Circular of Suggestions for Work for Citizen Com<sup>s</sup>:  
 Proof of the circular were submitted; amended, and approved. It was ordered to be sent out to once to all members.
- (4) Summer School.  
 It was agreed that a circular announcing that Barrow House would remain open in accordance with prospectus be sent to all members.



## Organizing & Propaganda Committee Report

was submitted verbally. The Committee reported that the alterations re were in progress at 25 Sothell Street and they had given instructions with regard to decorations, lighting re. Also that leave had been signed by lessors & duly received.

## Correspondence

Letter was received from J. Root giving further particulars of his case. It was agreed that any contributions handed to the Gen. Sec: for J. Root should be sent to him in weekly instalments of ten shillings.

## Shaw Lectures.

Note was received from Shaw that his lectures were to on the subject of Redistribution of Income.

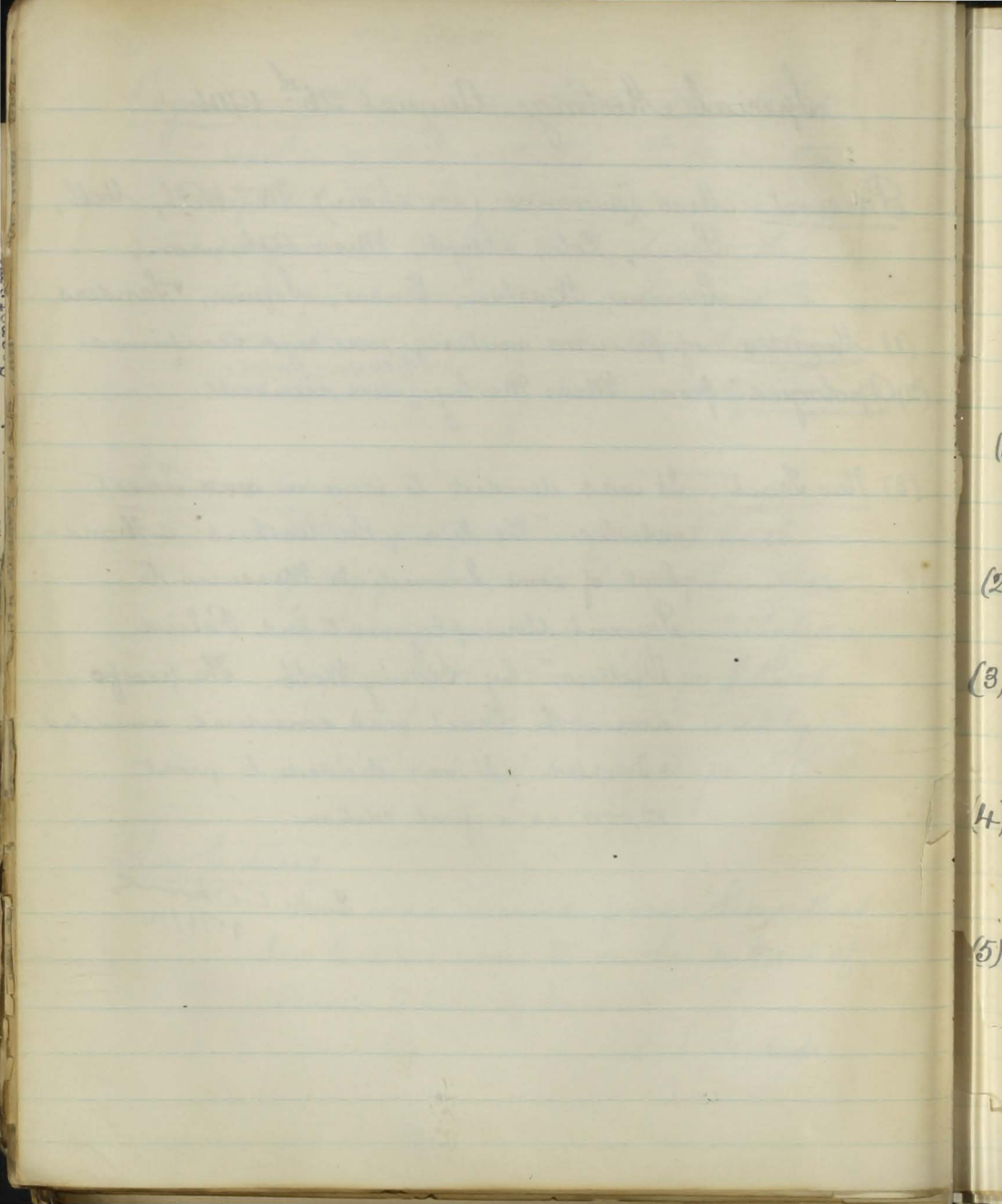
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# Special Meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present Miss Lawrence (in chair) Mr. Webb, Webb, Pease, Cole, Lloyd, Miss Atkinson, Ervine, Harlan, Emser, Squire, Sanders.

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- (2) Apologies from Miss Morley <sup>(Bellespie & Davies)</sup> were received.
- (3) New Tract. It was decided to issue a ~~new~~ Tract entitled "The War of the Workers: a Handbook of some Immediate Measures to Prevent Unemployment and Relieve Distress" by Sidney Webb. The proofs were of the Tract was considered amended & adopted. It was decided to print 12,000 as a first edition.

Emil Davis  
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Meeting Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present. Emile Davies (in chair) M<sup>rs</sup> Webb,  
Miss Morley, Squire, Cole, Irvine, Webb,  
Harben, Lloyd, Miss Lawrence, Pease  
Miss Atkinson, & Sanders.

- (1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed
- (2) Apologies were received from Dodd M<sup>rs</sup> Wilson.
- (3) Resignation of H. J. Gillespie was received & accepted with regret.
- (4) Organizing Propaganda Committee Report was received & adopted.
- (5) Finance & General Purposes Committee Report was received & adopted.

On No 4 (a) The following resolution was

(5) Finance General Purposes Committee Report

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agreed to:

That in consideration of the execution of the lease of 25 Tothill Street, by J. Lawson Doad, W. S. Sanders and Sidney Webb at the request of the Fabian Society the Executive Committee undertakes, on behalf of the Society, to pay from time to time out of the Society's funds the rent and any other payments that may become due under the said lease, and to hold harmless from any obligations or liabilities under the said lease the signatories thereof and their executors or representatives

On No 3. It was agreed that Ervine approach E Verhaeren for a lecture. Also that later a lecture on Poland be considered to be given by M. Filipowicz.

(John G. Crowl)

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Report of Finance & General Purposes Committee  
Meeting Thursday, Sept. 24th, 1914.

Present: Cole (in chair), Webb, Ensor, Pease & Sanders.

1. Resignation of H. J. Gillespie was received with regret.

2. Finance:

(a) A statement of accounts to August 31st was presented showing a decline in members' subscriptions for four months of £47 as compared with same period of 1913; a decline in Tract Sale receipts of £20; and increases in subscriptions from associates of £9 and in Book Box fees of £9. The Summer School receipts were reported to be about £ as compared with an estimate of £709. Summer School expenditure was not ascertainable as accounts from tradesmen were not yet rendered. The balance in hand and in Bank to date was about £500 of which £100 was on deposit for Summer School Rent. Chief liabilities were: Printing £271; Rent of Clement's Inn Offices to Sept. 29th £45; Cost of redecorating Clement's Inn Offices (?); Cost of furnishing, etc. new Offices; and Constable's a/c. for Rural Report. The Parliamentary Fund amounted to £58 which sum was included in the Bank Balance.

(b) New Office Fund Appeal.

It was decided that an appeal for Funds and articles for furnishing, etc. at new offices should be issued in November with an estimate of the amount of money and the kind of articles required.

3. Meetings and Lectures:

It was decided to recommend that the following be the list of lectures and meetings up to the end of 1914: -

Oct. 9th. Discussion to be opened by R.C.K. Ensor on "International Socialism and the War."



- REVISED 20.11.11
- Oct. 23rd. Lecture by G.D.H. Cole on "Guild Socialism"  
(already agreed).
- Nov. 13th. Lecture by Seton Watson on "Slavic Nationalities."
- Dec. 11th. Members' Meeting.

It was originally proposed that the members' meeting be held on Oct. 9th to discuss the Labour Party Conference Agenda and the suggested change in the Labour Party Constitution. It is practically certain that the Labour Party Conference fixed for January next will be adjourned sine die, and therefor it is recommended that the Members' Meeting be held on the later date given in the list above.

Graham Wallas has consented to lecture on Civil Service Reform on a date after Christmas.

#### 4. New Offices:

- (a) It was decided to submit a resolution of Indemnity for members who signed the lease.
- (b) It was agreed that when the telephone is transferred to 25, Tothill Street, extensions to the upper floors be arranged at the extra cost of 30/- per extension.

#### 5. Socialist Unity:

Letter was received from the B.S.P. asking what steps be taken at once to form the proposed United Socialist Council. It was decided to recommend that they be informed that the matter is under consideration.

#### 6. Agent for Fabian Publications:

A proposal was submitted by A. Fifield that he should act as agent for sale of Fabian Tracts, etc. after our removal to Westminster, he to stock the Tracts, etc. and to circularise the trade and pay us half published price on copies sold. It was decided to recommend that an arrangement on these lines be made.

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Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee Meetings  
August 14th, August 21st, September 8th & September 21st, 1914.

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Instructions have been given for the painting and decorating, which has been carried out, of the new Offices at 25, Tothill Street. Arrangements have been made for the removal from Clement's Inn by Tuesday, September 29th.

The following expenditure has been incurred in connection with the fitting up, furnishing, etc. of the premises:

|                                            |          |        |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| New Counter & alterations to shopwindow    | £10      |        |
| Extra painting                             | 3        | 15. 0. |
| Installing Electric Light                  | about 30 | 0. 0.  |
| Supplying and laying Linoleum in           |          |        |
| rooms and shop                             | " 35     | 0. 0.  |
| Letters for Fascia                         | 5        | 11. 6. |
| Charge for removing Furniture, Books, etc. |          |        |
| from Clement's Inn about                   | 5        | 0. 0.  |

A part of the amount for Linoleum will be recovered from the Research Department and other sub-tenants. It will be necessary to incur further expenditure for furnishing Common Room, etc.

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Meeting Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1914.

Present. Ervine (in chair) + all except  
Absent Mr<sup>o</sup> Shaw, Snell, Harbor, Mr<sup>o</sup> Wilson

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed.

- 1) Publishing Committee's Report was received & adopted.
- 2) Organizing Propaganda Committee's Report was received & adopted.
- 3) Finance General Purposes Committee's Report was received & adopted.

On 8. It was decided to appoint Allen  
chairman for lecture by Cole.

M. S. Rees  
Nov. 13. 1914



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Report of the Publishing Committee Meeting on 9th October,  
1914.

Present: Ervine (in chair), Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Wilson,  
Prof. Morley, Harben, Squire, Standing,  
Sanders and Hon. Secretary.

1. Sales:

Report received that the gross sales of Literature to  
September 30th was £83, exactly the same as last year.

War and the Workers: Two editions, 16,000 in all,  
had been printed, and only 500 were left. A new  
edition of 1,000 or 2,000 was authorised, with  
amendments by the author if required.

2. Proposed Tracts:

- (a) Tracts suggested on Foreign Policy (Ensor), Grants in  
Aid (Webb) and Health (Webb) were struck out of the  
list by desire of the authors.
- (b) Tracts on Art, (Clutton Brock) and Post Office (Davies)  
were ordered to be proceeded with.
- (c) The Biographical Series was ordered to be gone on with,  
and Harben was authorised to invite G.E.M. Joad, a  
member, to take a subject in it.

3. Vulliamy's MS. Life of Shelley:

The very diverse opinions of the Committee on this MS.  
were read and after much discussion it was agreed to  
send him a copy of the criticisms and to explain that  
in view of them we could not ask him to revise the  
Tract, and he must decide whether it is worth his while  
to take any more trouble with it.

4. Facts for Socialists:

New matter received from Blizard. It was agreed to go  
on with the revision and that Pease take in hand the  
material.

ST. JOHN G. ERVINE,

Chairman.

Report of the Organising & Propaganda Committee  
Meeting 15th October, 1914.

Present: Snell (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Lloyd, Dodd, Sanders  
and Mrs. Reeves.

1. Membership:

September and October candidates (8 & 5 respectively)  
were elected.

2. Course of Lectures by Bernard Shaw:

(a) Report was received showing Receipts to Oct. 15th  
were about £180 and estimated Expenditure about £225.  
It was estimated that sales of tickets before the  
course begins and during its progress might come to  
another £200, but it is pointed out that owing to  
the abnormal condition of things no reliable estimate  
can be arrived at. The total expenditure will be  
about £230 of which about £80 (mainly for postage and  
envelopes) has been paid. (The total receipts up to  
Thursday, Oct. 22nd amount to about £212. At the  
present rate of sale the cost of lectures will be  
covered before the first night, but there is not  
likely to be much surplus, if any).

(b) As the paying audience will not fill more than about  
one third of Kingsway Hall it was decided to offer a  
number of free seats to members and to London  
teachers, the offer to be made in such a way as to  
affect the sale of tickets as little as possible.

3. New Offices:

(a) A Report was received that up to date the cost of  
removal from Clement's Inn and of furnishing and  
fitting new premises was about £112. Further expend-  
iture would be necessary for heating the Hall, furn-  
ishing Common Room, etc., etc.; £51 had been promised  
towards this but £50 would not be received before next  
March.

It was decided that an appeal for £250 should be  
issued with the November "News" and members should  
be invited to contribute articles of furniture.



- (b) Caretaker: It was decided that it would be advisable to have a resident caretaker who would be responsible for keeping the premises clean, etc., and who should be provided with assistance in cleaning when necessary. It was agreed that Mrs. Herbert be appointed resident caretaker at a weekly 14/- with room, light and coal.
- (c) Window Cleaning: It was decided that the windows should be cleaned by contract at the rate of 6/- per month.

H. SNELL,

Chairman.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee on  
22nd October, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Ensor, Miss Atkinson,  
Sanders and Hon. Secretary.

1. Finance:

- (a) Report on accounts to September 30th was received. Subscriptions from members showed a decline £92, including £36 on the past month. It was agreed to send out ordinary reminders for arrears forthwith.
- (b) The Shaw Lectures: Estimated cost £230; receipts (to 23rd inst.) £220. On past experience another £100 may be anticipated.
- (c) Furnishing New Offices: Expenditure to date £112. Draft appeal for £250 for Furnishing Fund and for gifts of furniture was approved, and ordered to be sent out with November News.
- (d) Summer School: Accounts not yet finally made up. It appears that there should be a sum of £150 available to meet rent (£200) and some further profits at Christmas are possible.
- (e) Rural Program: Account from Constable for £129.10.7., including copies supplied to us for which we have already received £27. Letter from Harben saying he would pay the amount at a later date.  
It was agreed -
  - (1) To accept Harben's offer with cordial thanks.
  - (2) To pay Constable £100 ~~(Webb & Pease)~~ on account.
  - (3) To ask the Trustees of Haud Davies' bequest of £100 (Webb & Pease) to lend the money for the purpose.
  - (4) To insist that Constable take out of the account £1.12. 6. for unnecessary title page.
- (f) Workers National War Emergency Committee:  
In response to request to constituent bodies it was agreed to contribute £2. 2. 0.

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2. New Offices:

It was agreed to appeal against increased assessment from £250 to £275.

3. London Labour Party:

It was agreed -

- (a) To pay affiliation fees on the London County Membership numbering 803 at 2d. per member, £1. 13. 5½.
- (b) That Miss Lawrence, Davies, Lloyd and Sanders be recommended as our delegates for Annual Meeting, Saturday, November 28th at 3 p.m.
- (c) To nominate Miss Lawrence for the Executive.

4. Labour Party Conference:

It was agreed to vote for postponing the Annual Conference sine die. This decision is already carried by the Party.

5. American Proposal for International Socialist Congress:

It was agreed to send no reply.

6. Socialist Unity:

On deferred letter from B.S.P., it was reported that the I.L.P. had replied that the present time was unsuitable for a meeting, and it was agreed that we reply to the same effect.

7. Spring Meetings:

It was agreed to recommend miscellaneous lectures of a topical character as far as possible. The following were suggested:

- (a) Wallas on Civil Service, already promised.
- (b) Webb to be asked to lecture on Finance and the War.
- (c) Miss Atkinson to open discussion on How to guarantee International Peace.

8. Chairman for Cole: The Executive to appoint.

F. LAWSON DODD,  
Chairman.



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Meeting, Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present. Mr<sup>s</sup> Reeves (in chair) Cole, Browne, Webb,  
Wood, Snell, Ensor, Squire, Miss Lawrence,  
Pease, Mr<sup>s</sup> Shaw. Sanders.

1) Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2) Apologies were received from Mr<sup>s</sup> Webb & Prof. E. Morley.

3) Organizing Propaganda Committee's Report was received & adopted.

It was decided that the charges for use of hall should be: evening meeting £1.1.0.; afternoon meeting 10/6<sup>d</sup>. Also that an enquiry for hiring for a series of afternoon & evening meetings should be replied to to the effect that for a series of 20 meetings afternoon & evening the ~~the~~ charge would be £10.

(4) Summer School Committee's Report  
The Report was received & adopted

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(4) Summer School Committee's Report.

It was pointed out that the discretion with regard to the closing hour mentioned in the Report as being possessed by the Director is not stated in the Summer School rules but is a recognized part of the Director's powers.

(5) Finance & General Purposes Committee's Report.

The Report was received on (5) c. It was decided that no steps be taken to place the tract on sale unless until a resolution to do so is brought forward & carried.

(6) Clutton Brock's Tract, Socialism & Art.

The chairman of the Publishing Com: having read the M.S. and approved its publication it was decided that it be set up.

(7) Chairman for Seton Watson

It was agreed that Dodd be chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting  
Thursday, Nov. 5th, 1914.

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Present: Davies (in chair), Dodd, Ervine, Sanders.

1. Membership:

November candidates (22) were elected.

2. Lectures at Kingsway Hall:

Receipts were reported as being £316; expenditure (est.) £240; surplus est. £76. Literature sold at first and second Lectures £4.12. 8.

(Receipts to Thursday, Nov. 12th amount to £335. Literature sales £7.11. 2.)

3. New Offices:

(a) Appeal for funds: It was reported that amount received was £8. Mrs. Shaw had promised to provide furniture for Common Room, etc., and it was decided to appoint Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Reeves as a Committee to select and purchase.

(Amount received for New Office Fund now amounts to £18. 5. 0.)

(b) Window Cleaning: It was decided to agree to amend terms of contract from 6/- to 7/6 per month so as to include more windows.

(c) Caretaker: Favourable report was received with regard to Mrs. Herbert.

4. Meeting to be addressed by M. Vandervelde:

It was decided to recommend that if possible a public Meeting be arranged under Fabian auspices to be addressed by M. Vandervelde and M. Verhaeren, the proceeds (less expenses) to go to the Belgian Relief Fund.

EMIL DAVIES

Acting Chairman.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Summer School Committee Meeting Monday,  
October 26th, 1914.

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Present: Pease (in chair), Mrs. Dodd, Miss Moor, Miss Hankinson,  
Miss Atkinson, H. D. Harben, Gibson, Miss Thomson,  
and Sanders.

1. Provisional Financial Statement.

The following provisional financial statement of the  
Summer Session was received: -

| <u>Receipts.</u> |      |                    | <u>Expenditure.</u>   |     |                     |
|------------------|------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|
| £                | s.   | d.                 | £                     | s.  | d.                  |
| Fees, etc.       | 592. | 5. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Payments              | 162 | 7. 5.               |
|                  |      |                    | Unpaid a/cs., say     | 165 | 0. 0.               |
|                  |      |                    | Refunds, say          | 16  | 10. 0.              |
|                  |      |                    | Rent to May 30. 1915. | 200 | 0. 0.               |
|                  |      |                    | Balance               | 48  | 7. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <hr/>            |      |                    | <hr/>                 |     |                     |
| £                | 592  | 5. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ | £                     | 592 | 5. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  |
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2. Closing Hour of School:

A proposal was made to modify the rule with regard to the School closing hour making it obligatory upon the Director to allow the library to remain open until 12 midnight if any guests desire it. The proposal was defeated by five votes to four, the chairman voting.

(The existing rule leaves it to the discretion of the Director to allow the closing hour of the School to be later than 11 p.m.)

EDW. R. PEASE,  
Chairman.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
on Thursday, Nov. 12th, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Ensor, Allen and the Secretaries.

1. A Report on Finances was presented showing that

- (a) Members' subscriptions had declined by £3 only in October, although reminders had not been posted.
- (b) The Summer School Account previously presented was wrong by the omission of £100 on deposit, and the estimated surplus after payment of rent for the year was £44, applicable towards repayment of the outstanding loan of £100
- (c) The Shaw Lectures showed a credit balance of £96 (on 13th inst.) and £25 more takings might be anticipated.
- (d) Constable & Co. had been paid £100 and had agreed to withdraw the disputed charge.
- (e) The Furnishing Fund was estimated to amount so far to £169 in cash and promises against an estimated expenditure of £250.

2. Assessment:

It was reported that the appeal for reduction had failed.

3. Spring Lectures:

It was reported that arrangements were: -

- Jan. 8. Webb on War and Finance.
- " 22. Miss Atkinson on Conditions of Peace.
- Feb. 12, 26, & March 26. open.

It was decided to ask Julius West to lecture on Russia, if available, and to get a lecture on German War Finance, if possible.

4. Members Meeting Dec. 11th:

It was resolved after discussion to recommend that agenda include -

- (a) The proposal for amending the Labour Party Constitution.
- (b) Report on the War Emergency Workers National Committee.

(N.B. The form of the agenda will have to be settled by the Finance Committee on Nov. 26th unless a meeting of the Executive is called earlier than proposed.)

5. Allen's Pamphlet "Is Germany Right."

The officers reported that Allen had asked (a) that the Society should be printed on advertisements as agents for sale; (b) that a circular be sent with the News; (c) that the tract be sold at meetings, etc.; further that the officers had declined to act without instructions from the Committee.

It was resolved: -

- (a) That the officers' action was correct.
- (b) That an advertisement be put in the News if desired.
- (c) That the Tract be not taken for sale.

F. LAWSON DODD.

Chairman.



Meeting, Friday November 27<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Present. Smell (in chair) Professor E. Morley Webb,  
Mr<sup>s</sup> Webb, Dodd, Allen, Irvine, Ensor,  
Cole, Squire, Mr<sup>s</sup> Reeves, Davies, Pease &  
Sanders & Mr<sup>s</sup> Shaw.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and  
confirmed.

Apologies were received from Miss Atkinson, Mr<sup>s</sup>  
Wilson & Lloyd.

Organizing Propaganda Committee's Report  
was received & adopted.

3b It was agreed that the conference  
should be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Webb to be in the chair, and the  
memo: of suggestions submitted to it.

Social Committee's Report  
was received & adopted

Finance-General Purposes Committee's Report

was received

on 4(a) It was agreed that Gurdon Palin be asked to take the chair failing Blyzard

on 4(b) The motion was amended as follows and it was then agreed that the Ex: Com: should accept it.

That bye-law I. be deleted, and the following substituted:

The management of the Fabian Summer School shall be entrusted to a separate Summer School Committee, to be appointed in December of each year as follows:

Four members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from its own number, and one member by each of the following bodies: the Women's Group, the Nursery, the Research Department, the Education Group, and the University Socialist Federation.

One member shall be elected by the representatives of the other local Fabian Societies at the Annual Conference in July, and shall become a member of the Committee in the ensuing January.

The General Secretary of the Society shall be a member of the Committee ex officio and shall be the secretary of the Committee.

The Manager of the School shall be appointed annually by the Summer School Committee, and shall be a member of the Committee ex officio.

The Committee shall elect a chairman from its own number, and shall have power to co-opt not more than three consultative members, being members of the Society, or of a local society, who shall have no vote.

(b) by W. MELLOR and G. D. H. COLE:

That bye-law II. (c) from "the person" to "lectures to be arranged" be deleted and the following be added to bye-law I.:

"The Directors of the School shall be appointed by the Summer School Committee."

on 4(d) It was decided that the Exe Com: should oppose.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee's Report

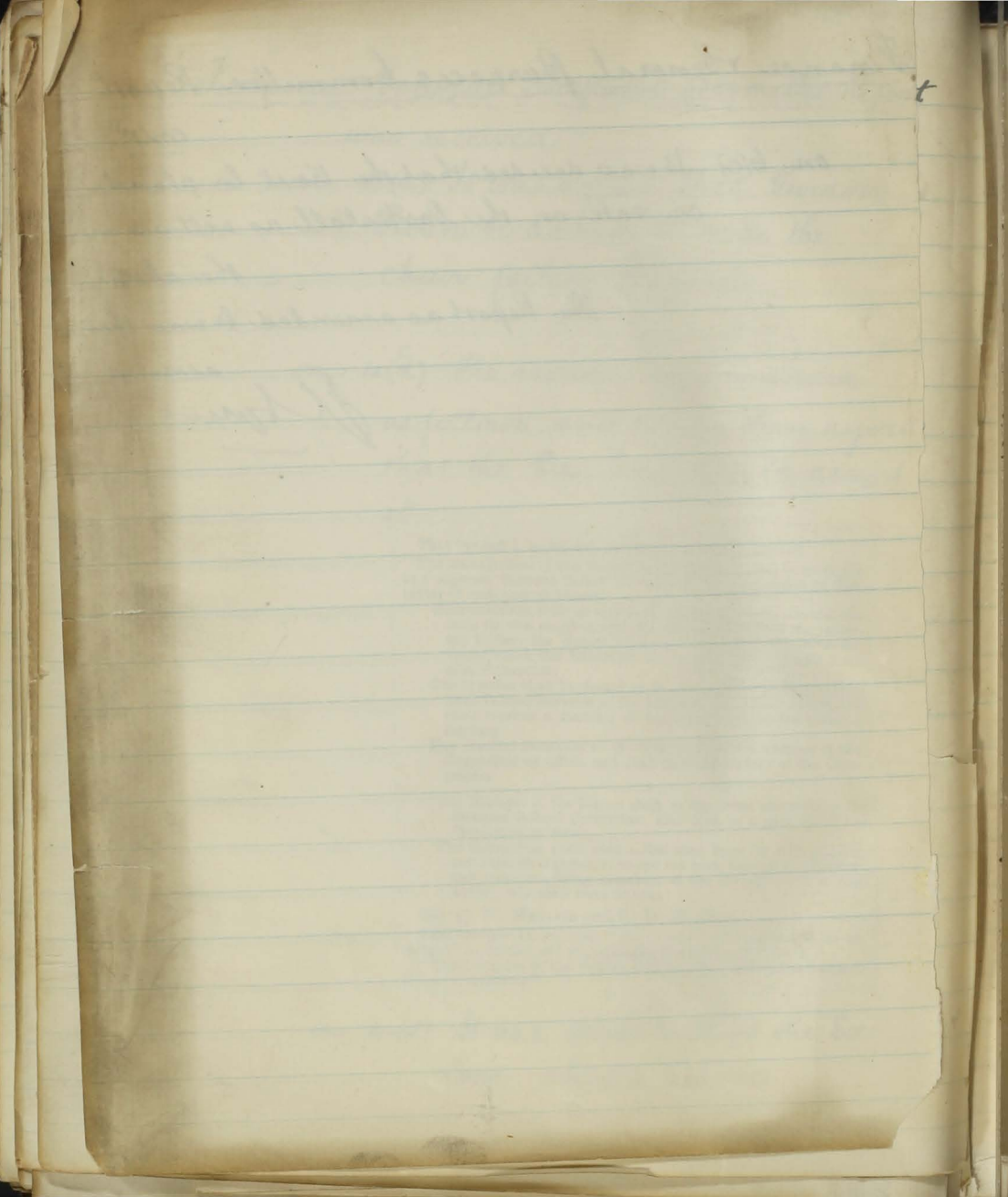
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on b(c) It was decided that the tract be placed  
on sale on the bookstall as well as in  
the show.

The Report as amended to was then  
adopted.

J. L. Spence





Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 19th, 1914.

Present: Ervine (in chair), Davies and Sanders.

1. Meeting to be addressed by M. Vandervelde.

No reply having been received from M. Vandervelde it was decided to recommend that if he is unable to consent to speak ~~at~~ a meeting be arranged to be addressed by M. Verhaeren.

(As a matter of Urgency the Finance & General Purposes Committee is dealing with the subject and will make recommendations).

2. Kingsway Hall Lectures:

The following report was received:

|                       |       |            |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
|                       | £     |            |
| Receipts to Nov. 19th |       | 363        |
| Expenditure,          | estd. | 240        |
| Surplus,              | "     | <u>123</u> |

Literature sold £13.14. 0.

(Receipts to November 26th £391).

3. New Offices:

(a) Fund for furniture:

The following Report was received:-

|               |    |            |              |
|---------------|----|------------|--------------|
|               | £  | s.         | d.           |
| Cash Received | 49 | 15.        | 0            |
| Promises      |    | <u>52</u>  | <u>11. 0</u> |
|               |    | <u>102</u> | <u>6. 0.</u> |

In addition to the above Mrs. Bernard Shaw has agreed to provide furniture etc. for the Common Room to the value of £

(b) Common Room: Memorandum by Sidney Webb. C. H. 1917  
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We have considered the memorandum and recommend that the proposals contained therein be adopted with the exception of (a) the suggested time for the Common Room to be open, and (b) the suggestion that the membership be limited.

We are of the opinion that the Common Room should be open until 10 o'clock at least. This would mean extra expense for light and attendance etc. and must be taken into account in estimating the expense.

ST. JOHN G. ERVINE,

Acting Chairman.



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# FABIAN SOCIETY.

## Proposed Fabian Clubroom.

Various considerations have to be taken into account, and general support must be promptly obtained. For this purpose it is suggested:

1. That the Executive Committee invite interested members to confer with them on the subject, putting a general notice in "Fabian News," but specifically inviting by individual notice all the members of the Executives of the Women's Group, the Nursery, the Summer School Committee, the Research Department, the Social Committee and the Subject Groups, together with the Executive of the Universities Socialist Federation, the Secretaries of University and Local Societies, and of London Groups.

The following memorandum might be submitted to such a meeting.

It is suggested that (a) it is inadvisable to allocate any of the Society's funds to purposes of a social character, in which only a minority of the membership can practically share: (b) that the Executive should be relieved of Club management: and, (c) that it is desirable to widen the opportunities for taking part in Fabian administration.

For these reasons, it seems -

2. That the proposed Fabian Clubroom should have its own finances, and be under the management of its own Committee (subject to the supreme control of the Executive); and should bear its share of the repairs, rent, taxes, telephone, caretaking, cleaning, heating and lighting of 25 Tothill Street (preferably by an agreed annual payment).

There would be many advantages in opening the Clubroom, without extra payment, to all Fabian members. In view, however, of the foregoing considerations, this seems impracticable. The members of the University ~~Socialist~~ Societies pay us only 1/- a year. A very large number of other members pay only 5/- or 10/- a year subscription. Many thus fail to repay the out of pocket cost that their membership entails, let alone contribute towards standing charges. The financial position of the Society is, indeed, gravely jeopardised by having taken expensive new offices at a moment when its income

(like that of all other Societies) is seriously falling off owing to the War. It seems therefore inevitable that there must be some special payment for the Clubrooms, which the Executive Committee would otherwise have to sublet, in order to help towards the rent. We might conceivably include the use of the Clubrooms in the ordinary subscription; but it would then almost be necessary to restrict this privilege to members paying to the Society not less subscription than a guinea a year.

It seems on the whole preferable:

3. That membership of the proposed Fabian Clubrooms should be confined to those paying a separate Club subscription but this should be fixed at as low a rate as possible.

The rental value of the two rooms proposed to be assigned for this purpose seems to be £70 a year (the amount agreed for similar rooms occupied by the Research Department). To this must be added the cost of cleaning, lighting, heating, and also for additions to and maintenance of furniture (practically the whole of the initial cost of furnishing, it is assumed, will be provided out of donations). There will need to be newspapers and magazines, and some new books provided; and perhaps some attendance. Arrangements for the latter may, however, be met by profits on teas supplied. It seems:

4. That it is necessary to provide an income for the Clubroom of at least £100 a year, and preferably £125 or £150.

The question then arises at what sum the Club subscription should be put. Can we undertake, from the start, to get 250 members at 10/- a year? It seems clear that we cannot reckon on 500 at 5/- a year. Unless we can straightway enrol 250 at 10/-, it is suggested that we should have to make the subscription a guinea a year: or abandon the project.

It seems therefore:

5. That the subscription should be fixed at 10/- a year, for town and country members alike; that donations should be invited for a Book and Newspaper Fund, so that the Clubrooms may be well equipped with all Socialist publications and a certain supply of interesting new books;



that efforts should be made to begin with an enrolment of 250 members; that those present should be urged at once to give in their names, and personally to canvass their friends among Fabians, so that the required number be promptly made up.

It has been suggested that recruiting would be assisted if membership were made a privilege; and that it would be advisable with this view to limit the number of members to 250 in the first instance, as Original Members. Subsequent members would be admitted only on the occurrence of vacancies, and subject to approval by the Club Committee (virtually, a power to veto). Opinion on this suggestion is invited.

It has also been suggested that Club members should be allowed to bring in one non-member each as visitors when they visit the Club.

The question of hours must be considered. It is suggested that the Clubrooms can be open (a) from 10.0 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on weekdays: (b) between 5.30 and 8.0 p.m. on any evenings on which any Fabian function is taking place in the Fabian Hall. Any further opening involves questions of providing attendance, etc.

It has been suggested, too, that it would be useful to make the N.A.C. of the I.L.P. and also the salaried organisers of the I.L.P., nearly all of these being non-Londoners - Honorary Members.

There would be many advantages in combining the Social Committee's "At Homes" to new members (towards the cost of which a grant of £5 per annum has been made), with occasional "At Homes" to the whole Society (perhaps six or eight in the year). In that case it would be to the common advantage of all sections to throw the whole house open; and this should therefore be stipulated for in any agreement with the Club Committee. All these, however, are details for the Committee, and it is accordingly suggested:

6. That a Provisional Committee of five (?) members be now elected by such of those present as expect to become members of the Club; that this Committee undertake, in consultation with the Executive, all the arrangements, including the admission of original Members; and that a general meeting of the Club members be called early in 1915 to adopt rules and elect a Committee.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

*Social Committee* Meeting Tuesday, November 24th, 1914.

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We have arranged to hold a Social Gathering at  
25, Tothill Street on December 14th as a Housewarming.  
A charge of 6d. per head to be charged for refreshments  
as usual except to new members.

MARY HANKINSON,  
Acting Chairman.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting  
26th November, 1914.

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Present: Dodd (in chair), Cole, Ensor and the Secretaries.

1. Finance:

Reports were received showing £150 realised and £165 expected profit on the Kingsway Hall lectures.

2. Spring Lectures:

It was resolved that either Noel Buxton or C. Roden Buxton be asked to speak on Bulgaria, Roumania, etc. and Sir Edwin Pears on Turkey, for February or March.

3. Vandervelde Meeting:

The following arrangements were reported:

Date, Dec. 16th: Chairman, Sir Sydney Olivier:  
Tickets, 5/-, 2/6, 1/--: and that Verhaeren had been invited.

This was approved and it was agreed: -

- (a) That the Kingsway Hall be taken.
- (b) That free tickets be supplied to Belgians to fill the gallery if required.
- (c) That Gilbert Murray, and failing him M. La Fontain, be asked as additional speaker.
- (d) That Mrs. Sidney Webb move a vote of thanks, and no seconder be arranged.

4. Members' Meeting:

- (a) Proposal to ask Blizard to take the chair was approved.
- (b) Executive Resolution on the Labour Party Constitution.  
The form on the agenda paper was approved with a verbal re-arrangement.
- (d) The motion by Cole for amending the Summer School Bye-laws was noted.
- (d) The following amendment to Rules was noted, and Cole requested that the Executive should forthwith decide their attitude thereto, viz.

Amendment of Rule 12 of the Society:

12. Every candidate must sign a declaration that he accepts the Basis of the Society, and must make a contribution to the funds before election, the amount to be returned if he is not elected.

Motion by I. J. O. Brown and W. Mellor:

That after the words "Basis of the Society" be added "Or some Basis adopted by a local Fabian Society and accepted by the Executive Committee of the London Society."

- (e) It was agreed to conclude the Agenda with the Report on the Workers National Committee.
- (f) Offer by Webb to fill up the Agenda (when it seemed bare) by opening a discussion on prevention of unemployment after the War was deferred for the present.

5. Interpretation of Constitution:

In response to an enquiry from the Oxford University F.S. it was agreed to reply that a member of a local Society with a basis other than that of the F.S. could not become a member of the (London) F.S. without signing the Fabian Basis.

6. Allen's Pamphlet:

On a letter circulated by him to the Executive, and other correspondence, it was agreed: -

- (a) That the action of the General Secretary was correct. On a long letter from Webb, it was agreed -
- (b) That his proposals for regulations for the sales in the Shop be referred to the Publishing Committee.
- (c) That in view of our now possessing a shop in which more general business should be organised than hitherto, Allen's pamphlet be taken for sale there, but that it be not put on the lecture book stalls.
- (d) The Hon. Sec. reported that he had refused to allow in an advertisement of Allen's Tract for Fabian News the words "Banned by the Executive." His action was confirmed.

(Allen has since requested that the matter be referred to the Executive).

7. British Socialist Party:

On a further letter reiterating the opinion that the present is a favourable time for formation of the United Socialist Council, it was agreed that our former reply be repeated, and a draft of the letter be read to the Executive.

F. LAWSON DODD, Chairman.



Supplementary <sup>Report of</sup> ~~Agenda for~~ the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Thursday, November 26th, 1914. (946)

1. Additional business for the Members' Meeting: -

Summer School Byelaws.

Motions by

(a) G.D.H. Cole, M.B.Reckitt & Beatrice E.Thomson:

That Byelaw I be deleted, and the following substituted:

The management of the Fabian Summer School shall be entrusted to a separate Summer School Committee, to be appointed in December of each year as follows:

Four members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from its own number, and one member by each of the following bodies - the Women's Group, the Nursery, the Research Department, the Education Group and the Fabian Societies federated in the University Socialist Federation.

One member shall be elected by the representatives of the other local Fabian Societies at the Annual Conference in July, and shall become a member of the Committee in the ensuing December.

The Committee shall elect a Chairman from its own number, and shall have power to coopt not more than three consultative members, being members of the Society, or of a local Society, who shall have no vote.

The General Secretary of the Society shall be ex officio Secretary of the Committee and shall be a member of the Committee.

The Manager of the School shall be appointed annually by the Summer School Committee, and shall be a member of the Committee.

(b) By W. Mellor and G. D. H. Cole;

That Byelaw II (c) from "the person" to "lectures to be arranged" be deleted and the following substituted:

The Directors of the School shall be appointed by the Summer School Committee.

2. Resolution <sup>of</sup> for the Finance & G.P. Committee:

That the Executive Committee be recommended to defer the Election of the Summer School Committee until after the Members' Meeting.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 1911.

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of: Morley, Mr. Reeves  
F. Davies, Allen,  
de Sanders.

They were read and  
confirmed.

at Attercliffe  
on the Sheffield S.S.  
Society should

meet at Sheffield on  
candidate, D. Evans,  
offield S.S., member of  
well known local  
candidate; and (B)

1 if selected to guarantee  
for the by-election of Mr

5 one emergency under  
rule 11. (see Society's rules)

Minutes: Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Present. Squire (in chair) Prof: Morley, Mr. Reeves  
Miss Lawrence, Mr. Webb, Davies, Allen,  
Dodd, Pease, Webb, Pease Sanders.

(1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

(2) Parliamentary By-Election at Attercliffe

Letters were read (a) from the Sheffield F.S. requesting the Fabian Society should nominate, at the conference at Sheffield on December 8<sup>th</sup> to select candidates, D. Evans, past President of the Sheffield F.S., member of the London F.S. and a well known local Socialist, as Labour candidate; and (b) from D Evans agreeing if selected to guarantee election expenses both for the by-election & the next general election.

It was decided

- (1) That the matter was one of emergency under Rule 11. (see Society's rules)



(2) Parliamentary By-election at Attercliffe (cont.)

- (ii) That the Fabian Society nominate D. Evans as requested and give the necessary guarantees for the election expenses, D. Evans having given a covering guarantee to the Society.

(3) Lectures.

It was reported that West was willing to lecture on "Russia" on Feb: 12<sup>th</sup>

accepted.

Seton Watson recommended Mr. G. J. Abbott and Mr. Philip Graves as lecturers on "Turkey". It was agreed to ask one of these, preferentially Mr. Graves, should Sir Edwin Pears decline

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Meeting Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

Present. Dodd (in chair). Irvine, ~~Wood~~ Smell,  
Mrs Shaw, Miss Lawrence, Miss Morley,  
Mrs Webb, Allen, Eneot, Pease Davies.  
Squire Sanders

(1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

(2) Apologies were received from (a) Mrs Wilson;  
lb) Lloyd (lecturing); and (c) Harben (in  
Paris (War Hospital duties) also offering to  
resign. On Harben's letter it was decided  
to advise him not to resign.

(3) Attercliffe By-election

It was reported that W. G. Anderson had  
been selected by the local Labour Party as  
their candidate for the constituency

(4) Publishing Committee's Report  
was received & adopted

(5) Summer School Committee's Report.  
was received.

(6) Organizing & Propaganda Committee's Report  
was received.

on 5(a) It was decided that H Snell  
be the second delegate as Sanders  
would be present as a member of  
the Labour Party Ex: Com:

(7) Arrangements for Member's Meeting.

It was decided that Sanders explain  
the origin & object of the resolution  
No. 1. (title of Labour Party candidates)  
& that Mrs Webb move on behalf of the  
Ex: Com: the rejection of resolution No. 3.  
(alteration of Basis.)

(8) Report of Conference on Common Room.

was received + generally approved.  
It was decided that it was not  
necessary to meet on December 18<sup>th</sup>  
to consider the report of the Provisional



(3) Conference on Common Room Report cont'd  
Common Room Committee & that the Com.  
could act on the lines set out in report.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

FABIAN SOCIETY.

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Report of Publishing Committee Meeting 4th Dec., 1914.

Present: Dr. Morley in chair, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Reeves, Squire, Standring, Sanders and Hon. Sec., also Webb and other members of the Executive.

1. Tracts in Press:

No. 177. Socialism and the Arts of Use. Ordered to be circulated to the Executive, and recommended for publication. Cross-headings and Bibliography to be added. 7,000 to be printed.

2. MS. received and ordered to be read:

- (a) Shelley by Vulliamy, new version.
- (b) Post Office by Davies.

3. Tracts in preparation:

Owen as Utopian. Joad in hand.  
Women's Group. New Tract nearly ready.

4. Regulations as to Bookshop:

- (a) The proposed regulations drafted by Webb embodying existing practice with some extension were approved with trifling amendments.
- (b) It was agreed to offer to the National Labour Press, the Twentieth Century Press and other similar bodies to keep a small stock of their publications on sale.

EDITH MORLEY,

Acting Chairman.



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FABIAN SOCIETY

Report of Summer School Committee Meeting December 8th, 1914,

Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), Gibson, Miss Moor and Sanders.

1. Christmas opening:

We have decided to open Barrow House at Christmas as 25 persons have booked and more are expected.

2. Constitution of Summer School Committee:

We have considered the motion to amend the constitution of the Committee which will be discussed at the Members' Meeting on Friday, Dec. 11th, and we consider: -

- (a) That the members of the Committee appointed by the Executive Committee should not necessarily be members of the Executive Committee.
- (b) That the General Secretary of the Society should not necessarily be the secretary of the Committee.
- (c) That the proposed consultative members should be allowed to vote.
- (d) *That the appointment of Director be confirmed by Ex. Com.*

MARY HANKINSON  
(Chairman).

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Organising & Propaganda Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 10th, 1914.

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Present: Lloyd (in chair), Mrs. Webb, Ervine, Davies,  
Dodd, Pease and Sanders.

1. Membership:

December candidates (39) were elected.

2. Kingsway Hall Lectures:

The following Report was received: -

|                                   | £          | s.         | d.        |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Receipts                          | 418        | 16.        | 0.        |
| Expenditure<br>& Repayments, est. | 245        | 0.         | 0.        |
| Surplus, est.                     | <u>173</u> | <u>16.</u> | <u>0.</u> |

Literature sales £24.

The estimate was: Receipts £380, Expenditure £240.

3. Belgian Meeting:

Report was received

- (a) That M. Verhaeren had agreed to speak and to read an original poem.
- (b) That the Receipts to date were £38, and Expenditure about £20.  
(Receipts to Friday, Dec. 11th, £40).
- (c) Request was received from A. Aladin to be allowed to speak at the Meeting. Decided that there was not time for another speaker and that he be informed that he could speak on Feb. 12th, Essex Hall.

4. Offices:

- (a) The National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution have rented one room on the 3rd floor. We recommend that the rent of the room be £35 per annum, light, heat and cleaning extra.
- (b) The result of the Appeal for New Office Fund to date is Cash £51 10s. Od., Promises £3 6s. Od. These sums are exclusive of Harben's promise of £50 to be fulfilled next March and the furniture etc. purchased by Mrs. Shaw for the Common Room.

5. Special Conference to consider the position of the Citizen:

Notice was received of a special Conference called in London on January 5th by the Labour Party and Trade Union Congress Parliamentary Committee to which the following resolution will be submitted:

"That this Joint Conference, representing the Trades Union Congress and the Labour Party, agree that in order to guarantee the continuance of 'The Daily Citizen' as an asset to the Labour Movement, a payment of a sum equivalent to 6d. per member per year towards its support should be made a condition of the affiliation of Trade Union and Socialist Societies to both the National organisations for at least three years, and that the Movement be allocated adequate representation upon the Board of Directors."

We are entitled to send two delegates.

We recommend:

- (a) That Mrs. Webb and Sanders be the delegates.  
(b) That no instructions be given to them.

C. M. LLOYD

(Acting chairman).



FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of Conference on Common Room Meeting Monday,  
December 7th, 1914. (5)

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Sidney Webb in the chair,

There were twenty-one members of the Society present.

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The memorandum of suggestions submitted from the Executive Committee was considered. It was generally agreed that a Common Room should be established and that a Common Room subscription be charged to those becoming members of it. It was agreed that the members of the Common Room should appoint a Committee who would be responsible to the Executive Committee for the management. It was proposed that the subscription for members joining in the first year should be (a) town members 7/6; country members 5/-. After the first year an entrance fee of 2/6 should be charged except to new members of the Fabian Society who joined the Common Room within a month after their admission to the Society. It was agreed that the Common Room should be open until eleven except on Saturday nights. There should be no Sunday opening.

The following were appointed as a Committee to draw up a scheme to be approved by the Executive Committee and to be then issued to the members of the Society with an appeal for members: Lawson Dodd, Gibson, Bacharach, Mrs. Slessor, Mrs. Dyce, Miss Hankinson, Arnot, Blizard, Joad, Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Bernard Shaw, Mrs. Bischof Collins, Mrs. Dodd, Mrs. Trangmar, Mrs. Webb, Spencer Hill, Colegate and Sanders.

SIDNEY WEBB.

The Executive Committee should decide if a meeting should be held on December 18th to consider the scheme.

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End.





