

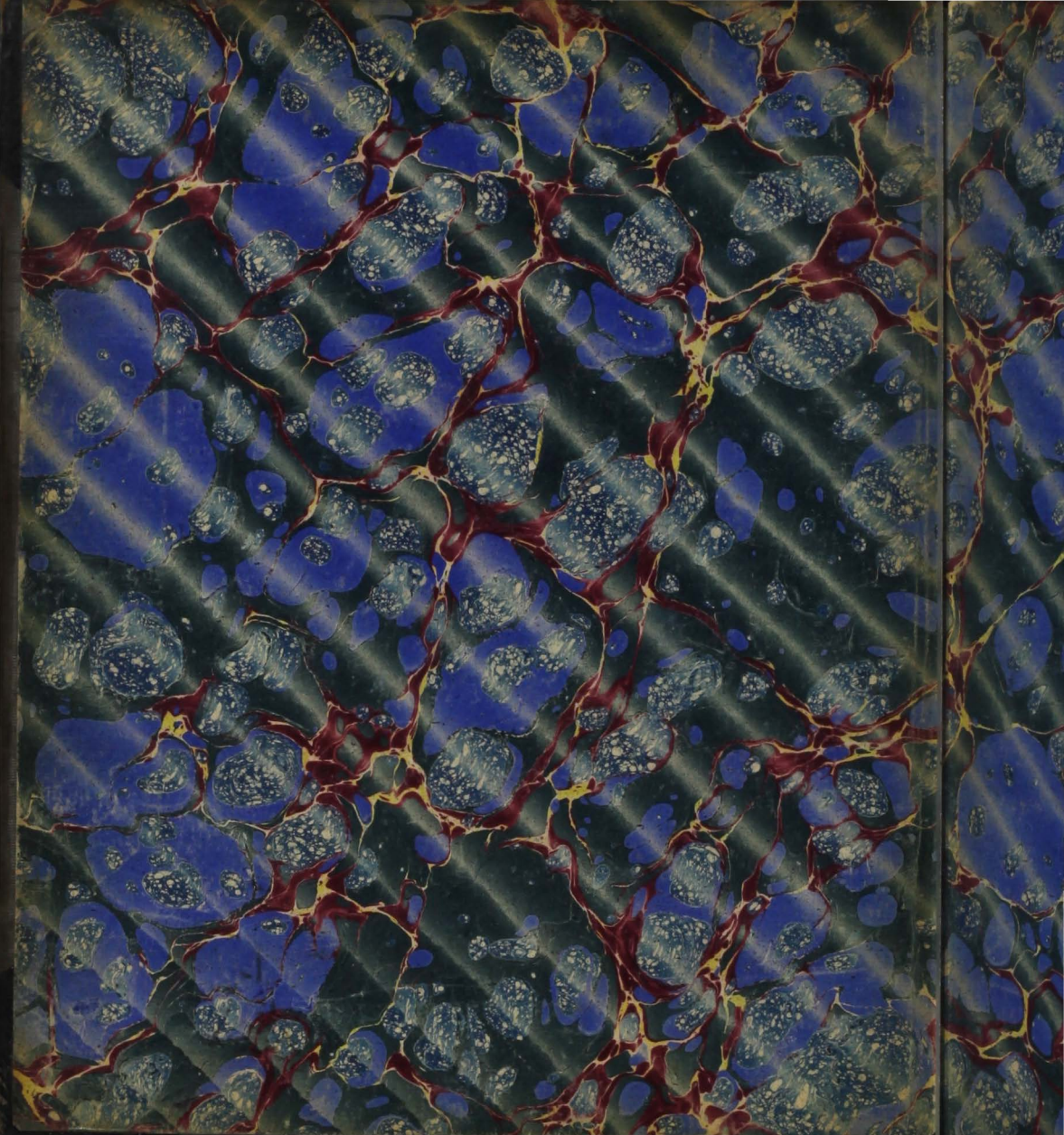
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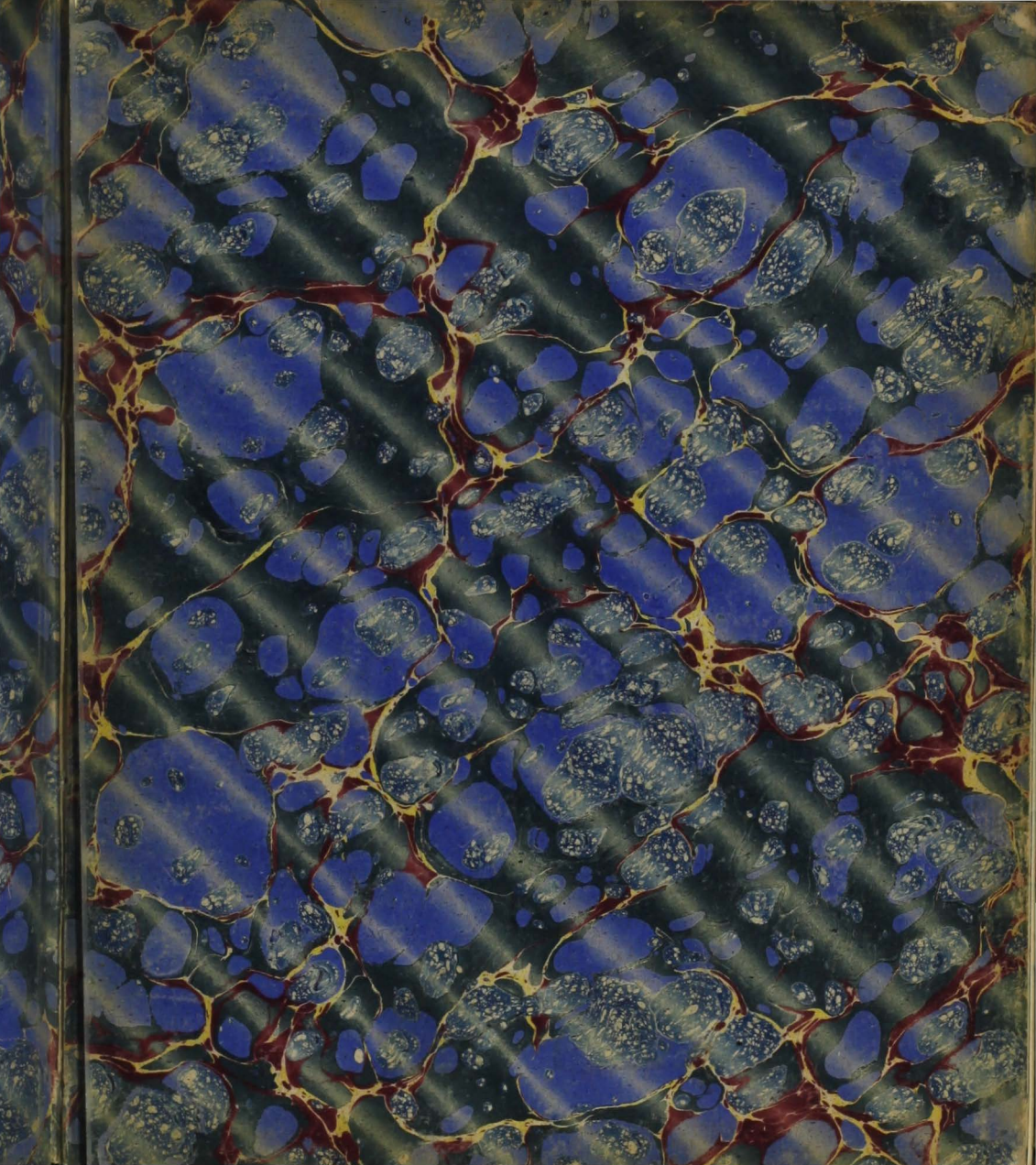
FABIAN SOCIETY'S MEETINGS

MINUTES

From 24th April, 1891
To 24th January, 1896

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Fabian Society Meetings

Session beginning

April 24 1891

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Meeting at Barnards Inn Holborn on
Friday April 24th 1891.
S. Webb in the Chair

1. Minutes of ^{March} ~~April~~ 20th & April 10th were read & signed
2. Webb reported on Northern Tax Campaign, on courses at Hanley & Wolverhampton, & on courses & other work organised by Mrs Morgan Thomas at Caterham Valley.
3. Secretary made announcements about new Groups, new list of members, &c. &c. —
4. Tract 21. Question for Testymen was introduced by T. J. Wallis: various amendments were suggested, & it was Resolved, That Tract 21 be printed & issued subject to such amendments as can be adopted.
5. Tract 22, The Truth about Household Enfranchisement was introduced by George Turner, & after discussion,

It was resolved

That Tract 22 be printed & issued,
subject to amendments proposed.

b. Tract 23, The Case for an Eight Hours Bill
was introduced by Graham Wallas, & after
discussion it was resolved,

That Tract 23 be printed & issued with
necessary reductions, & verbal alterations.

7. J. F. Oakeshott then read & described his
draft Tract on "A Socialist Budget."
The points raised were briefly discussed
by Bland, Wright, Peace & others, &
the tract referred back to the author for
completion. —

Sydney Oliver

in the Chair

8 May '91

Meeting at Barnardo's Inn on Friday 8th May 91 (2)
Sydney Olivier in the chair.

1. The minutes of April 24th were read & signed
2. Webb gave a report of political work, referring to the issue of Leasehold Emfranchisement Tract, & the Radical Amendment to the Bill, due in some degree to Fabian work: and also to the proposal in Grand Council on Factory Bills, of the Fabian Trade Option Clause, for which only 4 voted.
3. De Mattos reported ^{his} Lectures in Newcastle, Norwich &c.
4. Wallas reported issue of the Case for an Eight Hours Bill, (Tract 23) + Questions for Vestrymen (Tract 22) & urged members to make prompt use of latter.
5. The Secretary announced Local Societies in course of formation at Hanley, Sunderland &c, & also gave particulars of Group Secretaries meeting fixed for May 23rd. He also gave notice that the Exec. propose to issue a Tract on Anarchism.

b. The Secy further announced that the arrangements for sale of Tracts at the Hyde Park demonstration were successfully carried out & that nearly £ 9. had been taken in cash.

7. De Mattos read a draft Tract on Compensation, which was followed by a long & valuable discussion, & the subject referred back to the author for consideration in the light of the suggestions made. —

Graham Wallas.

Meeting at Barnards Inn on 22 May 1891 (3)
Graham Wallas in the chair

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. The Secy announced that the following were elected:-

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

- 3 The Secy announced local Fabian Societies formed at Hanley with 30 members & at Sunderland with 15 members, three of them on the Trades Council, and arrangements in progress for a Society at Halifax.
4. Webb gave a report of the political work of the

Society, and of De Mattos' hour in the north.

5. Miss Brooke on behalf of the Hampstead Group read a Draft Tract on ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~agitation~~
The Problem of the Unemployed.

6. In the course of the debate which followed it was moved

"That the Meeting recommends the Executive to omit from the Tract any proposal to restrict the immigration of foreigners." This was carried by 21 votes to 15, but more than half the meeting did not vote.

Stella Black
Chairman
12/6/91

Meeting at Barnardo's Inn on 12 June 1891 (7)
Hubert Bland in the chair.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. The following elections were announced viz:-

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

3. The Secy announced ^{that} a new Fabian Society had been formed at Halifax, with 47 members, & that arrangements were in progress for a Society at Brighton.

4. Graham Wallas asked for aid in connection with the agitation for a Free Library at Bethnal Green.
5. Graham Wallas then read his paper on The right to Labour, which was followed by an animated debate.
6. After some discussion, it was resolved that as the Bus strike was not known certainly to be ended, a collection should be made, & Harry Lowerson undertook to hold the hat. - £2.6.6 was collected.

J. F. Oakeshott

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Meeting at Barnardo's Inn, on Friday June 26th 91
J. F. Oakeshott in the chair.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. The Secy announced that in accordance with the order of the Executive, collecting sheets for John Burns's ~~to~~ Election Fund were laid on the table. Also that Tract 18 was now on sale.
3. Harry Roberts then read his paper on the ~~of~~ Population Question, & it was debated by Dr. Drysdale, Dr. Alice Vickery, Bodle, Cornell, A. J. Marriott, Pease, the Chairman & others. -

By Order of the

10 July 51

Meeting at Barnardo's Inn on 10 July 91.
 Sydney Oliver in the chair.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read & signed

2. The following elections were announced viz:-

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

3. The Secy reported on course of lectures at South
Bermondsey Club just over, & on course just
arranged of Working Men's Coll. Group for
the Eastern Group at Poplar on Political Economy
also that 10/- had been received for the
Burns fund.

4. De Mattos reported on his recent lectures in
the north, & stated that with more time &
money at our disposal, a society could be
formed in ^{important} every town in the north.

5. Tracts were then discussed & amended viz:-
Questions for Parliamentary Candidates
& A Democratic Budget.
The 2 above as amended were ordered to
be printed, & the consideration of the
Poor Law Reform leaflet was deferred.

Graham Wallas -

Meeting at Barnardo's Inn, 24 July '91
Graham Wallas in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. The Secy gave a preliminary announcement about the Autumn Course, & stated that he had been appointed delegate to the ~~Paris~~ International Labour Congress at Brussels.
3. A. R. Gridley having obtained "Urgency" moved, in accordance with instructions from the Southern Group
That this meeting urgently requests all members to use their influence to induce the members of the London County Council for their respective constituencies to vote for the purchase of the London Street Tramways at the next Statutory Meeting.
The Resolution was carried unanimously.
4. The leaflet "A Plea for Poor Law Reform" was

considered, and after some debate it was resolved ⁽⁷⁾
"That the leaflet be referred back to the
Executive to re-draft, and again bring before
the Society."

5. Kentiel Moore read parts of a draft Tract
on Nationalization of Railways, which
was followed by discussion. —

J. F. Oakes to

11:14:91

Members meeting on Friday 11 Sept: 1891
at 31 Upper Bedford Place, J.F. Gallesholt in chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.

2. The Secy announced new ~~Branch~~ Local Societies formed &c.

3. The following Tracts were considered & ordered to be printed with amendments, subject to confirmation on Friday next, in order to allow for the usual 14 days notice :-

No 25	Questions for School-Board Candidates
" 26	" " London County Councillors
" 27	" " Town Councillors
" 28	" " Rural County Councillors

4. It was agreed that the Executive have power to embody suggestions received from Country-members, & further, that ~~the~~ Nos. 26 & 27 be 4 pages of questions unless they can be compressed without loss of necessary matter.

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Public Meeting at the Banqueting Hall, St. James
Hall Restaurant on Friday Sep. 18th 1891
Graham Wallas in the Chair.

1 The Secy announced the following elected members viz:-

Miss Annie H. Thomson, 55 Lichfield-road, Bow, E.	H. F. Johnson & E. Scott.
Mrs. Greenwood, 1 Lansdown-place, Brunswick-square, W.C.	B. Walter and G. Wallas.
J. E. Holdsworth, 47 Violet-st., Halifax	W. S. De Mattos.
William Hines, 92 St. Clement's, Oxford	W. De Mattos and S. Webb.
Miss Emilie Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Miss Annie Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Miss Ada Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Henry Thos Leonard, 5 Lincoln-villas, Sittingbourne ...	General Secretary.
T. R. Brice, 40 Machelm-place, Riverside, Cardiff ...	A. C. E. Farr.
William Betis, 26 Limes-gr., Lewisham	G. E. Bottle and H. Bland
James Burrell, 17 Eldon-st., N. - - -	W. Jones and A. Graham
J. G. Gibson, 5 Gossage-rd., Plumstead	F. E. Green and H. Snell
Miss Amy Linnett, 14 Fitzroy-street, W.	W. Scudamore and E. Scott
E. Cubitt Sayers, Rosenberg, Ealing, W.	Harold Cox and S. Webb
G. H. Watson, Endowed School, Sonning	Wm. Critchley
T. Woodman, Lorrimore-rd., Walworth	E. Williams & F. Haywood
A. Peddle, Mangotsfield, near Bristol	General Secretary
John Nicklin, Kingsfield-villa, Basford	W. S. De Mattos
J. A. Worsnop, Cheapside, Halifax - -	Do.
John Lister, Shibden-hall, Halifax - -	Do.
Wm. Hutchinson, 5 Norfolk-pl., Halifax	Do.
F. W. Swale, 24 Clare-road, Halifax - -	Do.
A. C. Poiré, 18 Portland-place, Halifax	Do.
C. H. Worsnop, Cheapside, Halifax - -	Do.
Rev. D. Jenks, M.A., Heene, Worthing	H. S. Philpot.
E. L. Haywood, Cross-st., Larne, Antrim	Ernest E. Williams
William Aberdeen, 19 East Dale-street, Denton Holme, Carlisle - - -	T. C. Davidson

2. The Secy further announced Local Fabian Soc. formed
in Bradford

 " Bedford

 + in South Australia,

& stated that organisations were forming in
Cardiff, New York & elsewhere. -

Graham Wallas
Chairman 13/11/91

* 3. The Secy announced that 4 Tracts had been discussed + approved at a members meeting on Sep 11, but for want of due notice, could not be formally passed: he therefore moved that the following Tracts be printed + issued

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| No 25 | Questions for School Board Candidates |
| " 26 | " " London County Councillors |
| " 27 | " " Town Councillors |
| " 28 | " " Rural County Councillors. |

The Motion was carried. -

4. The Secy drew attention to the Meeting of group Secs. on the 24th, + also urged members to write to their County Council Representatives asking them to be present + vote on the 27th Oct^r, when the question of purchase of London Tramways again comes forward. -

5. Graham Wallas for the Literature Com^{ee} reported that Tract 24, Questions for Parliamentary Candidates had been issued: that the "List of Books" was nearly ready, + that "Fabian Essays" had been recently republished as a printed Edition in America, a fact which was a source of much satisfaction to the Society.

6. Sidney Webb reported on Political Work, & urged⁹ members to form "Joint Committees" for the School Board Election, & to influence as far as possible, their Liberal associations with a view to push forward the Eight Hours Bill on the forthcoming Nat. Lib. Fed'n.

7. W. S. De Mattos reported that 38 Courses of Lectures, 3 to 10 lectures each, had been arranged, of which 26 were in the London Clubs & organisations, & the rest in various parts of the Country, where a vigorous campaign is to be carried on during the autumn.

8. Sidney Webb has delivered his lecture on The wages of Working Women, which was followed by a discussion in wh. Harold Cox, J. A. Holson, Philooper of Odessa, & others took part.

Arthur H. Hall
Chairman

Public meeting in the French Room, St James
Hall Restaurant on Friday Oct 2nd 1891
Hubert Bland in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.
2. Graham Wallas made a report on the political work of the Society, especially in reference to the National Liberal Federation Conference at Newcastle.
3. The Secy announced the formation of the 19th Local Fabian Society at Cardiff: also that Tracts 25, 26, & 27 were now printed & issued. He drew attention to G. Wallas' Course of Lectures for the University Extension Society to open in Chelsea, to the Working Men's College Sat. Economic Class, & Webb's lecture to it on Oct 17, and he mentioned that the lecture work of the Society was now so large that 120 or 130 lectures were already arranged for October, and De Maltos & Dell were to be occupied most of the month lecturing in the country. —

4. S. Olivier then read his paper on "Socialist⁽¹⁰⁾
Individualism" and in the debate which followed
Messrs. Fawcett, Wallas, Wright, Menger,
Baldwin Brown, Bland, & others took part.

Sydney Olivier

16. 10. 91.

Public Meeting in the Banqueting Room, St. James
Hall Restaurant on Friday 16 October 1891
Sydney Oliver in the Chair

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed
2. W. S. De Mattos made a report on his lecture tour in the provinces
3. G. B. Shaw read his paper on "The Difficulties of Anarchism", & a debate followed in which Mrs. Dyhurst, Dr. Merlino, & Messrs. Tarn, Weiss, Harragan, Esalter, Badcock, Hunt, & Major Edwards took part. -

G. B. Shaw.
6th Nov 1891.

Public Meeting in the French Chamber St James⁽¹⁸⁾
Hall Restaurant on Friday 9 November 1891.
G. B. Shaw in the chair

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Graham Wallas reported that Fabian Candidates were standing in several places for the London School Board, & urged members to work for their return. He also announced that Tract 29, "What to read" was at length on sale, & spoke about the proposed Fabian Library, & the monthly Bibliography in the News.
3. The Secretary announced three Local Fabian Societies formed at Hull, Derby & Longton, making 22 in all. -
4. The Rev. Joseph Wood read a paper on Municipal Socialism, & it was discussed by Messrs. Mavrost, Harragan, Wallas, Lowrie, Sanders & Martin.

Sidney Webb

~~Law~~ Private meeting of members at Barnards
Lane on Friday 13th November 1891
H. Bland in the chair

1. The minutes of Friday Sept 11th were confirmed.
2. Graham Wallas announced that Committees were making arrangements for a Pan-Fabian Congress & for a Fabian Library.
3. N. L. Griffith moved pursuant to notice,
That a Committee be appointed to redraft the Eight Hours Bill (Draft 9) with instructions to omit the Trade Option Clause, & to substitute a clause making the 48 hours limit apply to all trades except in those cases where the majority of workers in a trade wish to be exempted from the provisions of the clause.
Mrs Bland recorded: Messrs Webb, Wallas, Russell, Bottle, Pease, Banner, M~~...~~, Samuel, Lowerson, & others took part in the debate, & the resolution was carried by 26 votes to 24.

N. L. Griffith

(2)

Public Meeting at St. James Hall Restaurant
Banqueting Hall, on Friday 20th Nov. 91
Sidney Webb in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of the last public meeting were read & signed.
2. Graham Wallas reported a Dutch Translation of Fabian Essays already printed, & referred to Tract 29 asking for any corrections to be sent in.
3. Sidney Webb called attention to the School Board Election, asking members to assist Fabian & Socialist Candidates to obtain Election Addresses, & replies to questions from all candidates.
4. D. G. Ritchie then read his paper on Natural Rights, & a discussion ensued in which H. S. Salt, Harragan, Shaw, Martin, J. M. Robertson, Murhead, Wallas, & Mrs. Bakeson took part.

Graham Wallas

Public meeting at St James Hall Restaurant
Banqueting Hall, on Friday Dec. 11th. G. Wallas
in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secy announced new Local Fabian Societies formed at Stafford, Ashton-under-Lyne & Reddish near Stockport making 26 in all. He also gave notice that a members meeting had been summoned for Sat. Dec. 19th at Barnardo's Inn.
3. Sidney Webb urged the importance of the London County Council Elections, after the Progressive defeat at the School Board.
4. ~~The Secretary~~ G. Wallas again asked for information of errors in Tract 29.
5. The secretary stated that the names of persons elected had been omitted for some time The

Following had been elected since the last notification. -

(13)

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Chas. J. Dormer Andrews, 74 Ship-st., Brighton	General Secretary.
Henry Richard Aldridge, 1 Crawford-st., Camberwell, S.E.	G. Wallas & J. Buckingham.
Miss Katherine St. John Conway, 55 Bloy-st., Lower Easton, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.
Jas. Covert, 7 Merland rd., Penge	Mrs. E. H. Williams and H. Lowerison.
Sydney A. Driver, 5 Narcissus-road, West Hampstead	E. R. Pease and E. Brooke.
Wm. Dyche, B.A., 9 Leicester-terrace, Heath, Halifax	W. S. De Mattos and J. Lister.
George Frean Evans, Eversley, Sittingbourne	General Secretary.
Miss A. I. Fergusson, Carlton House, Southwell-street, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.
Miss Lizzie Friend, 52 Kent House-road, Sydenham, S.E.	Mrs. Williams, H. Lowerison.
Harry G. Gibson, 32 Waterloo-road, Wolverhampton	J. W. Buttery.
W. S. Godfrey, Billing-road, Northampton	R. R. Steel.
F. Hall, 5 Chapel-terrace, Stafford	J. Buttery and T. Hannam.
Jas. Keir Hardie, Lochnorris, Cumnock, Ayrshire, N.B.	W. S. De Mattos.
Fred Henderson, 28 Wharton-street, King's Cross-road, W.C.	E. Williams & J. Runciman.
W. Hicks, 41 Amerland-road, Wandsworth	J. Runciman and A. Gridley.
John Mackie Niven, 63 and 64 New Broad-street, E.C.	R. Steele and J. Henderson.
Arthur Silas Puttock, 19 Shaftesbury-road, Richmond, Surrey	E. Irons and W. H. Harland.
Harry G. Robins, 26 Ingestre-road, Stafford	J. W. Buttery.
William Sinclair, Nenthead, Alston, Carlisle	General Secretary.
Robert W. Sindall, 40 Station-street, Sittingbourne	General Secretary.
Paul Stacy and Miss Enid Stacy, 18 Cotham-road, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.
Miss H. Thomas, Alexandra House, Kensington-gore, W.	Marjory Pease and E. Pease.
John Trevor, 20 Acomb-street, Greenheys, Manchester	Graham Wallas.
John Upton, 42 Fullerton-rd., East-hill, Wandsworth	J. F. Runciman & H. Bloch.
Rev. Alexander Webster, Moorfield House, Kilmarnock	W. S. De Mattos.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Martin Anderson ("Cynicus"), 59 Drury-lane, W.C.	H. Roberts & S. E. Dark do.
Wm. Anderson, 59 Drury-lane, W.C.	do. do.
Miss Alice M. Barstow, "The Hebbles," Cadoxton, Cardiff	John Burnell and Harry Lowerison
Frank Critchley, 31 Leopold-rd., Reading	Miss K. Dodd
Rev. J. A. Fallows, The Brewery House, Huntingdon	General Secretary
John Hamson, 63 Howbury-st., Bedford	Robert Steele
Mrs. J. A. Hobson, 94 Netherwood-rd. W.	Sid. Webb & G. Wallas
F. R. Hockliffe, 124 Foster-hill, Bedford	Robert Steele
Herbert Hodgson, 1 Wilfred-st., Carlisle	General Secretary
Joseph J. Gill and Mrs. J. J. Gill, Ivy House, Ackworth, Pontefract	Miss Grover
Arthur L. Leake, 2 Abington-avenue, East-park, Northampton	W. T. Purvis and W. Scudamore
Miss E. K. Linnett, 14 Fitzroy-street, Fitzroy-square, W.	W. Scudamore and B. Walker
Harold A. Oakeshott, 3 Belford-terrace, Sunderland	J. F. Oakeshott
Arthur Ransom, St. Lyles, Bedford	Robert Steele
E. E. Thomas, 6 Beauchamp-st., Cardiff	A. C. E. Parr
Gruffydd William Whittington, Midway, Aberystwyth	do.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Thomas Barlow, Bleak House, Cearan, Newport, Mon.	Mrs. H. E. Williams and H. Lowerison.
F. C. Baum, 59 Porchester-road, W.	R. E. Dell and Tom Mann
Miss Kate Billings, 225 Brook-road, Upper Clapton, N.E.	E. Davies & H. Lowerison
Joseph Burgess, 38 Evingham-road, Hornsey, N.	H. Holding and P. R. Pratt
George S. Christie, Victoria-villa, Colwick, Nottingham	E. L. Manning.
Miss Coates, Russell House, Tavistock-square, W.C.	J. Tenney and L. T. Mallet
Walter Edwards, 10 Albion-gr., Barnsbury, N.	J. W. Martin & E. R. Pease
Wm. Henry Fenton, 11 New Oxford-street, W.C.	G. Wallas and S. Webb.
Thomas Hammond, 5 Argyle-square, King's Cross, W.C.	H. B. Holding & T. Naylor
Dr. E. Pan Jones, Mostyn, N. Wales	David Rhys Jones
K. Robert Kuypers, 38 Cranbrook-park, Wood Green, N.	G. Palmer and H. Holding
Edgar E. Metiver, 61 Fairbridge-road, Upper Holloway, N.	N. Palmer and E. R. Pease
Mrs. Mary E. Naylor, 86 Fairfax-road, Hornsey, N.	H. Holding & E. Williams
Albert E. Pain, 25 Nelson-sq., Blackfriars, S.E.	G. Wynne and E. R. Pease
Thomas Runciman, 21 Geraldine-road, Wandsworth	J. Runciman and H. Bloch

The following resolution was moved pursuant to notice of Olaf Bloch, & seconded by Harriet Bloch
 * Elected 14/12/91

"That this meeting condemns the Aerated Bread Co. for paying its employees such a low wage that it must necessarily be supplemented by dubious or other means; and calls on the public, and members of the Fabian Society especially, to boycott the A. B. Co.'s establishments and make known their reasons for so doing, until the company sees fit to pay a fair wage."

N. L. Griffith moved & Harold Cox seconded an amendment "that this resolution be deferred till the next members meeting of the Society. The amendment was carried by a large majority."

7. W^m Clarke then read his paper on The politics of Socialism, & in the debate which followed Theodore Wright, Sidney Welsh, R. S. Dell, Hubert Bland, John Burns, and Abraham Wallas took part.

J. F. Oatshott

18. XII. 91

~~Good~~ Public Meeting at in the Banqueting Room, ⁽¹²⁾
St. James Hall Restaurant on Friday 18 Dec. 91
J. F. Oakeshott in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secy gave notice of a Group Secretaries' meeting on Jan 15th.
3. G. B. Shaw reported on politics + Graham Wallas on literature.
4. Hubert Bland read his paper on Communism.
+ Graham Wallas, Richard Russell, Sydney Olivier, T. Wright, Geo. Staudring, W. H. Utley, + G. B. Shaw took part in the debate that followed. —

Watson

8/1/92.

Members meeting at Barnards Inn
on Sat 19 Dec. 91 at 8pm.
N. L. Griffith in the chair.

1. The minutes of Nov. 13 were confirmed
2. The Secy read the agenda paper printed viz:-

(1) To consider the conduct of J. F. RUNCIMAN, Secretary of the Southern Group, in circulating beyond his Group the following unfounded accusation against a member of the Society, viz.:-

A summons to a special meeting of the Southern Group to consider:

1. Resolution *re* Aerated Bread Company's employees.

"2. That this meeting strongly disapproves of the dishonorable trick by which SIDNEY
" WEBB prevented a resolution (referring to the above) being put to the general
" Fabian meeting on November 20th, and calls upon WEBB to explain and clear
" himself of the suspicion of being directly or indirectly interested in the sweating
" of the A. B. C. employees.

" All Group Secretaries are invited to attend or send representatives.

" 23rd November, 1891.

" (Signed) JOHN F. RUNCIMAN.

" 21 Geraldine Road, Wandsworth, S.W."

(2) To appoint two auditors.

3. G. B. Shaw on behalf of the Executive explained the matter to the meeting, read the cor-

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response between the Secretary & J. F. Runciman,
the circulars & resolutions ^{& apology from Runciman} and the Secretary
read a letter from Webb, who was absent lecturing
on behalf of the Society, ~~& an apology from Runciman.~~

4. After a vote allowing Urgency, the following resolution
moved by G.B. Shaw on behalf of the Executive
was unanimously adopted:-

That this meeting approves the action of Sidney Webb
in the chair on Nov. 20, & is unable to find
any justification for the Resolution passed
by the members of the Southern Group.

5. It was moved by H.W. Macrotz & carried; 26/22,
That this meeting expresses strong condemnation
of the action of J. F. Runciman, & those
members of the Southern Group who supported
him, in circulating unfounded statements
respecting a member of the Society Feb 2.

- b Several other resolutions & amendments were
moved but it was resolved
That the meeting proceed with the next business.

7. No one was present to move the resolution concerning the A. B. Company deferred to this meeting from Dec. 11th - It was however taken as moved, but after considerable discussion, & after several amendments had been proposed, it was resolved by a large majority that the meeting proceed to the next business. It was stated that this form of resolution precludes the revival of the motion for a reasonable time.

8. It was resolved that Frederic Hudson & Noel Griffith be auditors for the annual audit.

9. After a vote of urgency it was resolved that the Executive be authorized to revise Tract 16, "The Plea for an Eight Hours Bill", pending the report of the Comtee for revision of Tract 9, "The Eight Hours Bill".

Ernest Williams

Public Meeting at Essex Hall Essex St. Strand ⁽¹²⁾
on Jan 7 8th 1892
J. Watson Grace in the chair.

1. The Minutes of last public meeting were confirmed.
2. Sidney Webb gave a report on the action of the Society in connection with the London County Council; he urged members to spare no pains to ~~make~~ win a victory for the Progressists: he stated that a special Com^{tee} was appointed, to organise a campaign: that special courses of lectures are being delivered: that a meeting of lecturers has been called to discuss these lectures: & that seven new ~~to~~ leaflets have been prepared & will be submitted shortly to the Society. He also drew attention to lectures - courses to be delivered by Graham Wallas at South Place Institute, & Highbury High School.
3. Wallas gave a report on Literature & referred to a Political Economy Course of lectures about to be delivered at Essex Hall.
4. The Secretary announced the formation of an

important Local Fabian Society at Edinburgh,
& gave notice of the following meetings.

Saturday Jan 9th 5 pm. Office. County Council Com^o.

Monday .. 11 8 pm .. Lecturers Conference.

Friday .. 15 8 pm .. Group Sec. meeting

Tuesday .. 19 8 pm. Barnardo's Inn Member Meeting

He also reported that Tract 28, Questions for County Councils (Rural) would be ready in a day or two.

5. Stewart D. Headlam then read a paper on "Christian Socialism", which was discussed by James Preboster, Loverison, Wallas, R. Russell, Bruce Wallace, Shaw, & Dell.
7. In the course of the discussion the chairman read a telegram, just received from the Halifax Fabian Society announcing that two Fabians had been elected to the Halifax School Board at the head of the poll. —

H. M. Holding

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Private meeting at Barnards Inn on Tues. Jan 19th
at 8 pm, E. S. Williams in the chair.

1. The Minutes of Dec. 19th were confirmed.
2. Harcourt Barnard introduced the question of the action of the Executive in relation to the struggle for Free Speech at the Worlds End. Sydney Olivier on behalf of the Executive gave a detailed account of the action taken by them - W. S. Godfrey & J. F. Baehrdt having spoken, the former moved for urgency in order to move a resolution on the matter. The vote for urgency was lost, & the subject dropt.
3. S. Olivier introduced for the Executive the following Tracts, viz: -

Tract No. 30, The Unearned Increment.
„ 31, London's Neglected Heritage.
„ 32, Municipalisation of the Gas Supply.
„ 33, Municipalisation of Tramways.
„ 34, London's Water Tribute.
„ 35, Municipalisation of the Docks.
„ 36, The Scandal of London's Markets.

It was resolved that the title of No 31 be altered to

"What the City Companies have stolen" or words to that effect, & that sundry other alterations be made. It was agreed further that they be all printed with a sub-heading "The Fabrian Municipal Program No 1 &c.", & finally that these Tracts, as amended be printed & issued.

4. MSS Tract entitled "A Labour Policy for the County Council" was explained by the Secretary, & it was agreed that the Executive be authorized to issue such a Tract if they think fit to do so.

J. Bernard Shaw.
8/4/92.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall, Strand, on Friday (18)
22 Jan 1892, H. B. Holding in the chair.

1. The minutes of Jan. 7th were confirmed.
2. Sidney Webb reported on County Council Politics & Graham Wallas on Literature.
3. The Secretary reported that a new Local Society at Sowerby Bridge, with 17 members: he read a request from John Burns C.C. Election Com^{ee} for clerical aid: & gave notice that the L.C.C. Election Com^{ees} were held at the office on Tuesdays.
4. The Sec^y read the following list of members newly elected, viz: -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
E. S. Burchett, 23 Ravenscroft-pk., W.	H. Guy Bentley & T. Bolas.
Rev. W. Busbey, St. Mary's Clergy House, Charing Cross-road ...	H. H. Gore and W. E. Moll.
Miss A. Clifford, 45 Abbey-rd., Oxford	Ada Hines.
Mrs. Mary Dell, Ebor House, Grove Park, Chiswick	H. Guy Bentley & T. Bolas.
Miss E. A. Dell (as above)	T. Bolas and F. W. Hayes.
Miss E. J. Dell	" "
Israel Ellis, 22 Merchant-st., Bow-rd.	H. Lowerison & W. Edward.
Rev. John Glasse, 16 Tantallon-place, Edinburgh	W. S. De Mattos.
John William Helps, 106 Stainsby-road, Limehouse, E.	A. C. H. Graham & W. Crooks
Mrs. Lucy Henderson, 28 Wharton-st., King's-cross, W.C.	E. E. Williams and J. F. Runciman.
H. W. Kay, 41 Venne-street, Bromley, E.	A. C. H. Graham and W. C. B. P. Jones.
Wm. Morris, 17 Cherry-st., Wolverhampton	J. W. Buttery.
H. T. Mugeridge, 11 Franklin-road, Penge	H. E. Williams and Graham Wallas.
Albert E. Southam, Hazel House, Dorman's Land, East Grinstead ...	Frederic Hudson.
Henry Orton Thompson, 59 Powerscroft-road, Clapton, N.E.	J. Burnell & H. Lowerison.

5. W. S. de Mattos Ken gave his address on
"The present position of the Labour Movement
in the provinces", & in the debate which
followed, Samuel, A. J. Marriott, Burgess,
Webb, Wallas, Hammill & others took
part.

L. W. Martin.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 5th Feb. 1902 (2)
J.W. Martin in the Chair.

- 1) The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
- 2) Graham Wallas announced that two new Leaflets, Tracts 30 & 31, The Unearned Increment, & London's Heritage in the City Guilds, were ready. He urged members to spare no efforts to turn the L.C.C. Election to serve the ends of Socialism.
- 3) De Mattos gave an account of his ~~Low~~ Lectures in ~~London~~. The Country & of the Courses in London; 61 in all. -
- 4) The Secretary announced that a new Society had been formed at Batter with 24 Members.
- 5) ^{Maceingham} W. S. ~~De Mattos~~ Kien read his paper on the Method of Fabianism, & a debate followed in which Bruce Wallas, Bland, Muggerridge, Graham Wallas, Burgess, Lowerison, Sell, Samuel, Walsby & Shaw took part. -

Not official

FABIAN CONFERENCE,

at Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

(Close to the TEMPLE Station, District Railway.)

FEBRUARY 6th & 7th, 1892.

Saturday Evening :

7.30 to 8.—Reception of Delegates.

8.—Paper by G. BERNARD SHAW on The History and Present Attitude of the Fabian Society.

Syllabus : The Society's preliminary discussions of plans for social reconstruction and individual regeneration.—Early leanings to Anarchism and Insurrectionary Socialism.—Formation of the Fabian Parliamentary League.—Final declaration of the whole Society in favor of a constitutional policy.—Subsequent experiments in propaganda and organisation.—Extension of Fabianism by means of independent local societies instead of branches.—Attitude of the Society towards other bodies and readiness to recruit for them.—Present distinctive methods and their claims to be considered as the best practically available for the establishment of Social-Democracy as a recognised political and social creed in this country.

DISCUSSION.

Sunday Morning :

11 to 1.30.—Reading of the General Report upon the present position of the Fabian Societies throughout the country, by the Secretary. (The Motion that the Report be adopted will give Delegates an opportunity of making and discussing suggestions as to improvements in organisation and methods of propaganda.)

1.30.—Interval for Dinner. (Arrangements have been made for thirty or more members to obtain dinner together at 1.30 p.m., at the Café Florio, Haxell's Hotel, 337 West Strand. Price 2/6 each.)

Sunday Afternoon :

2.30 to 5.—Discussion on The Part to be taken, (1) by individual Fabians, (2) by the Societies as such, in the Coming Elections. To be opened by SIDNEY WEBB.

Syllabus of his Address : The fundamental objects of the Fabian Society.—Relation of the Fabian Society to its members.—Differentiation of function among Fabians.—Political Problems before constituencies.—Difference in object between Labor Candidates and Labor Members.—What constitutes a Labor Party.—How to make one.

DISCUSSION.

No arrangements have been made for Tea.

Each of the three meetings will elect its own chairman.

In the course of the discussions, resolutions and amendments may be moved to take the sense of the Conference, but not to stand as instructions binding any of the Societies represented.

All merely ceremonial business, such as votes of thanks, will be dispensed with.

A SOCIAL GATHERING OF FABIANs will take place on Sunday Evening at 8, at the Cavendish Rooms, Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, W., at which, if thought desirable, the discussion of the afternoon will be continued. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Delegates appointed.

- 1) Bombay none
- 2) Birmingham T. Groom + H. W. Smith
- 3) Manchester H. M. Peade + A. Dugdale
- 4) Tyne-side none
- 5) Huddersfield none
- 6) Clifton + Bristol Miss Conway + P. Stacy
- 7) Plymouth none
- 8) Wolverhampton J. W. Buttery + H. G. Gibson
- 9) Leeds none
- 10) Belfast none
- 11) Hyde a. Atkinson
- 12) Oldham J. E. Broadbent
- 13) Hanley R. A. Reeve + J. Nicklin
- 14) Sunderland D. Bell
- 15) Halifax J. Lister + C. H. Worsnop
- 16) Bedford H. H. Sparling (of London F.S.)
- 17) S. Australia none
- 18) Bradford E. Halford
- 19) Cardiff S. G. Holson
- 20) Derby W. Kirk
- 21) Hull none
- 22) Longton none

Delegates (Contd.)

- (23) Holmfirth none
 (24) Stafford T. Hannam & H. S. Robins
 (25) Ashton none
 (26) Reddich none
 (27) Edinburgh none
 (28) Sowerby Bridge none
 (29) Batter none.

Groups.

- (1) Central Mrs Greenwood
 (2) Croydon G. S. Bottle
 (3) Hackney G. Samuel
 (4) Hammermith F. W. Hayes
 (5) Hampstead S. E. Dark
 (6) Northern H. B. Holding
 (7) N. Western Mrs Bateson
 (8) Poplar J. W. Grace or W. Crooks
 (9) Southern T. Wright
 (10) S. Eastern N. L. Griffith or H. Snell
 (11) S. Western S. M. Peartree
 (12) W. M. Coll. A. W. Steward.

Executive Com^{ee}

all. (Mrs Mallet & Miss Hootson were absent)

1st Sitting Saturday evening.

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1. The Rev. S. D. Headlam was voted to the chair.
2. The chairman laid down the rules of debate, & said that the Exec. proposed that no resolutions should be taken on the paper about to be read.
3. This proposal was put to the meeting, and carried by a considerable majority.
4. Shaw then read his paper which occupied about 1½ hours. After a few desultory questions & remarks, the chairman declared the meeting concluded. —

2nd Sitting, Sunday morning.

1. H. B. Holding was voted to the chair.
2. The General Secy read a brief abstract of the work of the London Society, with statistics of membership, accounts, &c. He also read a report of the

work done by the London Group.

3. Sidney Wells read an abstract of the Reports sent in by most of the Local Societies. —

4. A debate followed, on the following topics:—

The plan of Tract distribution called the Fabian Home Mission, which was described by Reade & Dugdale.

Wallas ~~the~~ proposal^{ed} to prepare Libraries of books on special subjects to be sent in boxes from one Society to another. He also proposed to issue a shorter "List of Books" with description of each book. ~~He proposed~~ A special fund w^d. be required. This proposal was generally approved.

Stacy advocated getting our books & others into Free Libraries, & described the work done at Bristol.

Lister described Halifax Economic Classes

Broadbent advocated running Fabian Candidates, & the use of music. Smith advocated serious study. Bell said of the 32 Sunderland members 8 were on the Trade Council. After various other remarks, the motion that the report be adopted was unanimously carried.

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Robbins moved a resolution "That London & Provincial Societies be recommended to hold weekly open-air meetings" Webb recorded, & the resolution was adopted unanimously.

The Conference then adjourned for lunch.

3rd Afternoon Sitting.

- (1) Hubert Bland was voted to the chair.
2. Sidney Webb gave an address on the part to be taken by Individual Fabians, & by the Societies as such in the coming General Election.
3. Re S. Dell moved on behalf of the Hampstead Group that in the opinion of this conference it is desirable that the Fabian Society issue a leaflet for the General Election which without laying down a hard & fast line for all constituencies should name certain proposals to be brought forward as key questions, & recommend electors as a general rule to refuse to vote for any candidate who will not pledge himself to press them forward.

The leaflet should also urge the nominating of Labour & Socialist candidates wherever ~~possible~~ practicable.

4. J. Lister moved a rider that Payment of members & their election expenses, & an eight hours day of law be the minimum program.
5. The Chairman stated that the Exec. already had in hand such a tract.
6. Holson proposed a second rider introducing into the minimum program Second Ballot.
7. The resolution was supported by Lister, Olivier Holson, Griffith, Samuel, Halford, & opposed by Shaw.
8. After a discussion on the ruling of the chairman refusing to allow Dell to reply on the discussion, and a division in wh. the Chairman's ruling was supported the delegates divided, & the resolution was negatived by 23 votes to 21. The riders therefore fell to the ground. -
The votes were afterwards taken in writing & appear to be

Voting on the Resolution.

For.

- ✓ Olivier (Exec)
- ✓ Lowerson (Exec)
- ✓ Dell (Exec)
- ✓ Hayes Hammersmith Ep.
- ✓ Griffith S. E. "
- ✓ Erici Poplar "
- ✓ Samuel Hackney "
- ✓ Dark Hampstead "
- ✓ Bittle Croydon "
- ✓ Sparling Beaford
- ✓ Dugdale Manchester
- ✓ Reade "
- ✓ Atkinson Hyde
- ✓ Halford Bradford
- ✓ Lieta Halifax
- ✓ Holson Cardiff
- ✓ Robbins Stafford
- ✓ Reeve Hanley
- ✓ Nicklin "
- ✓ Bell Sunderland

Against

- ✓ Shaw Exec.
- ✓ Wallas "
- absent
- ✓ Massingham "
- ✓ Welt " Bland (Chair)
- ✓ Ole Matto " Kirk (Chair)
- ✓ Mrs Sandham " Gibson (Wolverhampton)
- ✓ Miss Grover " Warrington (Halifax)
- ✓ Calvescott "
- ✓ Peace " Mrs Bateson N.W. Group
- ✓ Wright S "
- ✓ Peartree S.W. "
- ✓ Mrs Greenwood Central "
- ✓ Holding N. "
- ✓ Galton W. M. Coll. "
- ✓ Miss Comwar Bristol
- ✓ Stacy "
- ✓ Paultery Wolverhampton
- ✓ Groom Birmingham
- ✓ H. W. Smith "
- ✓ Hannam Stafford
- ✓ Broadbent Rodham

9. On the proposition of Dell, it was agreed that full particulars of the vote be published in Fabian news.

10. Dugdale on behalf of the Manchester F.S.
"That no person shall be elected or shall remain as a member of a Fabian Society who is or shall become an official of the Conservative Liberal, Liberal Unionist, or National League Parties". Graham Wallas opposed it, as also did Holding. Broadbent supported it, & on a division, the Resolution was rejected by a large majority.

11. J. W. Grace, on behalf of the Poplar Group
That the London & other Fabian Societies do take steps immediately to ascertain from Trade Unions & other organisations of working men throughout the U.K. what support could probably be obtained by Socialists at the next General Election standing as candidates in alliance with
(1) The Conservative party

(2) The Liberal & Radical Party

(3) Neither of these parties but with an independent Labour Party.

S. Webb opposed the motion as impracticable & on a division it was rejected by a large majority.

12. David Bell moved a resolution

That this meeting being of opinion that the best way to forward the Labour cause is by the workers acting independent of both political parties, hails with satisfaction the formation of an independent Labour party, & heartily wishes success to the movement Sidney Webb recorded & it was carried unanimously.

13. Holson & Stacy urged the Executive to make the Conference an annual one, & to hold it in various towns.

14. The Chairman then closed proceedings with a few appropriate remarks. -

(1) The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the plane was the fresh air. It felt like I had been breathing stale air for days. The sun was shining brightly, and the birds were chirping. I took a deep breath and felt a sense of relief. I had finally reached my destination.

(2) The second thing I noticed was the beautiful view of the city. The buildings were tall and modern, and the streets were wide and clean. I saw many people walking and talking. It felt like I had entered a new world. I was excited and happy to be here.

(3) The third thing I noticed was the friendly people. I saw many people smiling and waving. They were all so nice and helpful. I felt like I had found a new home. I was so lucky to be here.

(4) The fourth thing I noticed was the delicious food. I saw many people eating and drinking. The food was so good and tasty. I had never tasted anything like this before. I was so happy to be here.

(5) The fifth thing I noticed was the beautiful weather. It was so warm and sunny. I had never experienced anything like this before. I was so lucky to be here.

Public meeting at Essex Hall on Friday ~~8th~~^{7th}
Feb 7 1892. N. L. Griffith in the chair.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed
2. The Secy announced that a new Edition of Tract 5 was on sale, & also 7 out of 8 of the London Program Tracts, viz Nos 30-36. -
3. Graham Waller & Fred Henderson urged members to take an active part in the approaching L.C.C. Election.
4. J. G. Grenfell read Mrs J. G. Grenfell's paper on "Socialism & Women," & Mrs D. S. Ritchie read her paper on Women under Socialism.
In the debate which followed
A. J. Mavriat, Mrs Salis, Miss Henry, S. Olivier, J. Prelocher, J. W. Martin, Miss Cameron, Charles Burton & C. B. Shaw took part. -

J. G. Lomain.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on March 4th 92
 J. G. Lorrain in the chair.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary announced the following elections:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Walter Anderson, 80 Richmond-rd., N.	S. M. Fagan and E. Scott.
Wm. Ballance, 48 Cambridge Buildings, Pimlico, S.W.	Jas. Pickersgill and H. W. Macrosty.
Miss Gertrude Beane, Neatishead, Norfolk	F. E. Green.
Miss Augusta A. Brown, 161 Bird in the Bush Lane, Peckham, S.E. ...	B. Riley and A. H. Walker.
Miss Lillian M. Burton, 24 Wimpole-street, W.	C. V. Burton & R. E. Dell.
Wm. D. Clayton, 9 St. Wilfrid's-place, Ripon	H. S. Hodgson.
Fred W. Heal, 2 Gresham Buildings, High-road, Willesden	F. C. Baum & J. Henderson.
G. C. Hanson, 108 Manor-road, Brockley, S.E.	J. W. Grice & F. E. Green.
J. Alfred Jones, 4 The Pavement, South Norwood	Graham Wallas and E. R. Pease.
John Kent, 80 Holbeck-road, Stockwell, S.E.,	John Knee & E. E. Williams.
W. H. Knight, 5 Selborne-road, Woodgreen, N.	H. B. Holding, and W. R. Wells.
Wm. Law, 14 North Crescent, Tottenham court-road, W.C.	W. Edwin & H. Somersfield.
Harry McVicar, Balliol House, Toynbee Hall	J. W. Grice & F. E. Green.
Rev. Herbert V. Miles, Anchorites' Well, Kendal	W. S. De Mattos.
C. T. Mohun, 7 Fountain Brow, Fellside, Kendall	" "
Mrs. Jeannie Mole, Grove Park, Liverpool	E. E. Williams and H. G. Barnard.
Robert A. Peddie, 29 Bracewell-road, North Kensington, W.	H. B. Holding and H. M. Hart.
Mrs. Maria Pratt, 25 Tollington-place, N.	Samuel Bullock and E. R. Pease.
W. M. Rowe, 90 Frithville Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, W.	David Bell.
George Stainton, 7 Egerton-street, Sunderland	H. Roberts.
W. L. Sugden, 27 Queen-street, Leek, Staffordshire	W. S. De Mattos.
John Whitburn, 16 Dunning-street, Middlesborough	



3. He also announced that two new Fabian Societies

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had been founded, one at Blackburn with 13 members,
& the other at Darlington.

4. He announced that Tract 37, "A Labour Policy for Public Authorities" was in circulation, and drew attention to the extreme importance of the L.C.C. Elections tomorrow, mentioning that a post-card had been sent to every London member asking him to take part in the work.
5. He gave notice that nominations for the new Executive Council must be sent in at or before the next public meeting.
6. Graham Wallas then gave an address on
The nature of Government,
& a debate followed in which S. Olivier,
A. J. Marriott, Howard Swan, & others took part.

Noel Griffith

Public meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 18th March '92
 N. L. Griffith in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The list of members elected since last meeting was read viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss Susie Allen, 14 Heathcote-st., Grays-inn-road, W.C.	E. E. Williams and E. W. Allen.
Miss M. Bennett, 1 Gresley-road, Hornsey-lane, N.	P. R. Pratt & W. R. Wells.
H. G. Chancellor, 55 Dresden-road, Hornsey-lane, N.	" E. E. Metivier.
J. R. Cherry, 56 Chaplin-st., Lincoln	General Secretary.
J. E. Dobson, 3A Millais-street, Albany-road, S.E.	E. E. Williams and J. Bur- gess.
John Edwards, 20 Moscow-drive, Stoneycroft, near Liverpool ...	G. B. Shaw and Hubert Bland.
N. Forsyth, 23 Devonshire-terrace, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorkshire ...	Thomas Walker.
Ernest Greenslade, 5 The Pavement, Willesden-green, N.W.	R. E. Dell & E. R. Pease.
E. A. Gregory, 37 Commercial-road, Pimlico, S.W.	E. E. Williams and F. C. Haywood.
B. T. Hall, 29 Childeric-road, New- cross, S.E.	S. Webb & F. W. Galton.
W. B. Hodgson, 55 Gladsmuir-road, Whitehall-park, N.	P. R. Pratt and E. E. Metivier.
Miss J. D. Lewis, 49 Rose-street, Wokingham	A. E. Skerrett.
S. R. Malkin, 88 Northcote-road, Walthamstow	T. Porter and Geo. Samuel.
C. R. Maltby, 36 St. Mary's-road, Cowley-road, Oxford	W. Hines and Ada Hines.
G. T. Monson, 2 Hamilton-terrace, Strode-road, Willesden-green ...	R. E. Dell and E. R. Pease.
G. E. Raby, 52 St. Paul-street, New North-road, N.	W. W. Bartlett and F. W. Galton.
Miss E. Samuel, 39 Dunlace-road, Clapton, N.E.	J. Burnell and W. Edwards.
Countess Schack, 26 Cawley-road, South Hackney, N.E.	R. E. Dell and L. M. Fagan.
Alexander Seaborn, 5 Melrose Villas, St. Ann's-road, N.	P. R. Pratt and E. R. Pease.
H. R. Smart, 52 Solon-road, Brixton, S.W.	E. R. Pease & G. B. Shaw.
W. C. Steadman, 49 Rectory-square, Stepney, E.	S. Webb & Graham Wallas.
Miss Minnie Williams, 70 Anerley- park, Anerley, S.E.	W. S. De Mattos & Graham Wallas.

(3) The Secretary announced that three new Fabian Societies had been formed making 34 in all,

viz:- Gorton near Manchester

Stockport

& the Cymdeithas Fabianidd D. Orwellin.

(4) He also made announcements as to the lectures arranged for next session, & the annual meeting, &c.

(5) Nominations for the Executive Com^{tee} were read & the ~~Executive~~ Secretary, viz:-

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| Fred Henderson | G. B. Shaw | S. S. Darch |
| E. S. Williams | S. Webb | Geo. Samuel |
| N. L. Griffith | Graham Wallas | Mrs Ashley-Petty |
| H. Bland | H. B. Holding | Mrs Mallet |
| W. S. De Mattos | W. W. Bartlett | Mrs Grenfell |
| H. W. Massingham | Geo. Turner | Miss Lovett Cameron |
| S. Olivier | Mrs Fagan | Mrs E. H. Williams |
| J. F. Oakeshott | Rob ^t Barmer | Mrs Morgan Thomas |
| E. R. Pease | Fred. Hammill | R. S. Dell |
| Mrs Sandham | H. H. Spurling | |

6 Sidney Webb ~~gave~~ gave a report on Politics dwelling on the successful work of the Society in the L.C.C. Elections when 6 members were elected, some 65,000 tracts ^{circulated} delivered, & 16 courses containing 58 lectures specially on the election were delivered at Clubs. - He also mentioned the proposed Conference to be organised by the Fabian Society, & other Societies. He further referred to the approaching Vestry & Guardian Elections. -

7. Graham Wallas reported on Literature, mentioning that Tract 38, a Welsh Translation of Tract 1, was now issued, and Tract 39, a Democratic Budget wd be ready in a day or two. -

8. Gustaf Steffen then gave his lecture on "Fluctuations in the purchasing power of Wages", illustrated by two large & elaborate diagrams. Samuel, Wallas, Shaw, Webb, & others took part in the debate that followed it. -

R. Pankhurst

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Annual Meeting at Barnardo's Inn 8 April 1892
G. B. Shaw in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of Jan 19th were confirmed.
2. S. Webb reported that a platform had been allotted to the Society for May 1st & urged the Society to make our part in the demonstration a success.
3. The Secy announced that the Executive had joined with the English Land Restoration League & the Land Nationalisation Society in issuing a manifesto on the Small Holdings Bill. -
4. He further announced that Miss L. Appleford, H. Crocwell, a Fairweather, P. W. Harvey, F. E. Hayes, J. A. Hurst, G. Leaker, G. S. Ross, W. J. Savell, J. B. Wallas, G. H. Wilshire & Miss Ada Wright had been elected members, & that new Local Societies had been formed since the issue of Fabian News at Sheffield with 44 members, Lab Barrow with 36 members. -

5. Marshall Steele, H. W. Macrosty, Harcourt Barnard & Fred. Hudson were appointed scrutineers.

6. The Vote for the Executive Com^{ee} was taken & the following results were announced:—

Number of Candidates - - - - 24
 Number to be Elected - - - - 15

The Voter must cross out the names of those Candidates for whom he does **NOT** vote. At least **NINE** names must be thus cancelled.

* Signifies a Member of the Retiring Executive.

<u>15</u>	<u>Robert Banner</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>10*</u>	<u>J. F. Oakeshott</u>	<u>99</u>
<u>24</u>	<u>W. W. Bartlett</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6*</u>	<u>Sydney Olivier</u>	<u>116</u>
<u>7½</u>	<u>*Hubert Bland</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>5*</u>	<u>Edw. R. Pease</u>	<u>125</u>
<u>1½</u>	<u>*Robert E. Dell</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>9*</u>	<u>Mrs. Sandham</u>	<u>101</u>
<u>7½</u>	<u>*W. S. De Mattos</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>2½*</u>	<u>G. B. Shaw</u>	<u>136</u>
<u>19½</u>	<u>Mrs. Fagan</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>H. H. Sparling</u>	<u>87</u>
<u>2½</u>	<u>Mrs. Grenfell</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19½</u>	<u>Mrs. Morgan Thomas</u>	<u>52</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>Noel L. Griffith</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>George Turner</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>1½</u>	<u>Fred. Hammill</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1*</u>	<u>*Graham Wallas</u>	<u>137</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>Fred. Henderson</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>2½*</u>	<u>Sidney Webb</u>	<u>136</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>H. Bond Holding</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Ernest E. Williams</u>	<u>56</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>*H. W. Massingham</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>22½</u>	<u>Mrs. H. E. Williams</u>	<u>27</u>

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7. Resolved, Unanimously, that Herbert Bland be Hon Treasurer
& E. R. Pease General Secretary for the ensuing year.
 8. The annual report was discussed, amended & adopted, with the Balance Sheet for the Year.
 9. The Rules were discussed, amended & adopted with additions -
 10. It was resolved that Shaw's paper to the Fabian Conference in February be printed & issued as a Tract. -

Herbert Bland
Chairman
13/5/91.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
22 April '92 Dr. R. M. Pankhurst in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last Public Meeting were confirmed.
2. Graham Wallas reported on the Hyde Park Demonstration urging members to sell tracts, & to make the Fabian platform a success. He also reported on the Parliamentary Census now in progress.
3. The Secy reported new Local Societies at Armley in Leeds and at Fairbairn in Manchester the latter with 53 members. He notified that the total of lectures during last year reported up to date was 3215. He also gave notice that for lack of funds the Exec. had decided for the present to cease giving away leaflets. -
4. J. Watson Grace then read his paper on Pensions for the People & a debate followed in which Burgess, Martin, Wallas, Aldridge & Samuel took part.

S. W. Pankhurst

Chairman May 24th 1892.

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Private Meeting at Barnard's Inn
on Friday 13 May. H Bland in Chair

1. Minutes of Annual Meeting read
& confirmed.
2. Webb reported on political work,
drawing attention to approaching
Keshy Elections.
3. Wallas reported on Tracts.
4. Sec' reported new Societies at
Carlisle, Tellington & Rothham
also Result of Hyde Park
Demonstration: announced
series of open air meetings
at Hyde Park & Willesden.
5. G. Turner then read Bill
prepared by the C^{tee} to carry out
resol^{ns} of Soc^y: as to Eight Hours
with Trade Exemption - also
report by majority of that C^{tee}
recommending that said bill

be not adopted.

6. Griffith moved "that the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare & publish the Trade Exemption Bill as one of the Society's tracts, subject to any necessary amendments."

Turner moved amendment "That the Society whilst desiring to see the operation of ~~the~~ an Eight Hours Act extended to as many industries as possible, does not see its way to the adoption of a universal bill with provisions for Trade Exemption."

Discussion thereon, in which Webb, Mr. Bland, Burges, Curran,

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D Pankhurst, McCarthy, Lowenson,
Wallis & others took part.

Moved & carried that the
discussion be adjourned.

J. F. Oakes

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Public meeting at Essex Hall Friday May 27th
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S. M. Peartree in chair.

1. The minutes of last public meeting confirmed.
2. Webb (for Sec. ill) announced that a private meeting will be held June 3rd to consider Shaw's Political Manifesto.
3. Wallas moved urgency for a proposal to revise Party: Questions: - carried unanimously: -
and that the Exec: be authorized to reprint Tract as revised: - carried unanimously.
4. Turner read paper on "A Practical Land Policy". A debate followed in which Marriott Marston McEwen Brazell Wallas Meagheridge Wright Shaw Webb & others took part.
Pleasant & Keller

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Private Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday, Jan. 3rd, 1892, J. F. Dakeshott in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last private meeting were read and confirmed.
2. ^{The chairman} Oliver reported on the Society, attracting attention to the bound copies of the Tracts and the new edition of the Democratic Budget.
3. The Secretary reported the formation of a new Fabian Society at Southampton.
4. The chairman announced that speakers were wanted for open air meetings at Woodwork in support of Benjamin Jones.
5. ^{Miss Brooks} Graham Wallis called attention to the services that Miss Brooks had rendered to the Society by undertaking the duties of secretary during Rassi's illness and announced that for the next week R. W. Reynolds

would attend at the office

6. The meeting proceeded to consider the candidature of Mrs Dr Sales, who has appealed against the decision of the Executive and demanded a ballot of the Society.

Shaw on behalf of the Executive, read a letter received from Mrs Dr Sales and

- Mrs Williams spoke in her support.

Spaulding and E. J. Williams were appointed scrutineers and on the ballot being taken Mrs Dr Sales was declared not to be elected, the votes being: for her election 14, against, 55.

7. For the Executive Shaw introduced the "Fabian Election Manifesto" which after much discussion was passed with some slight amendments, and it was agreed to issue it at once as ~~Tract~~ No 40.

Graham Walker

Private Meeting at Barnard's Inn
Friday, June 10th, 1892. Graham Wallas in
the Chair.

1. The minutes of the last private meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Wallas reported on "Literature".

3. The discussion upon the Report of the
Committee for drafting an 8 hours bill
upon the principle of Trade Exemption
as proposed from ~~the~~ May 13th was resumed.
As an amendment to the motion before
the meeting following mood :-

"That this meeting endorses the principle
of a legal eight hours day and is of opinion
that no further detailed scheme for either
trade system or exemption should be formu-
lated by the Society". This was seconded
~~and discussed~~, supported by Bland and
Dill and supported by Tolson, and on being

part of the meeting was ^{defeated} lost by a large majority.

Turner on behalf of the majority of the Eight Home Committee moved:-

"That T.acts 9, 16 and 23 be referred to a Committee for such amendments as may be thought necessary and for submission to the Society for consideration".

This was seconded and after some discussion carried with only three dissentients. With regard to the date on which the Committee should present its report the meeting finally accepted Mrs. Bland's suggestion, the 31st of October of the current year. In default of any other proposal the Chairman held that the Committee should be similarly constituted to that which had prepared T.act No. 9.

Amendments proposed by Gibson and Anderson were defeated by large majorities and the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. Bland

Public Meeting at Essex Hall. Friday, June 29th. 1892. (39)

Rev. Stewart D. Headlam in the Chair.

1. The minutes of the last public meeting were read and confirmed.
2. In the absence of ~~Mr~~ Sidney Webb, Graham Wallas made a statement with regard to the work of the Society during the general election, & to the members of the Society who are candidates for Parliament.
3. Bernard Shaw moved urgency for a motion that a new leaflet be printed, urging electors to vote in all cases and by no means to abstain from voting. The motion for urgency was carried unanimously. Shaw then moved that the leaflet be headed "Vote! Vote!! Vote!!!" & which he read to the meeting be printed immediately, subject to verbal alterations by the Executive. The motion was carried with 3 dissentients.

Mr. John Trevor then gave an address on "The Labor Church in relation to life".

Graham Wallas announced that the meeting advertised for July 5th would not take place.

After various questions had been asked, a debate followed in which Graham Wallas, R. E. Dell, Mrs. Bland, & others took part, Mr. Trevor replied & the meeting adjourned.

By Bernard Shaw
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Public Meeting at Essex Hall, Friday July 14th. 1892.

Geo. Bernard Shaw in the chair.

The minutes of the last public meeting were read & confirmed.

The Sec^y pro. tem. reported re the work of the Society during the General Election, and announced the first meeting of the "8 Hours" Committee for Monday, July 25th.

Graham Wallas then read his paper on

"The Origins of English Local Government."

After several questions had been asked and answered by Graham Wallas, a discussion ensued in which Messrs Richardson & Cameron & Messrs Bottle, Pankhurst, Barron, Geo. Samuel & others took part, Wallas replied and the meeting closed.

Henry Macrosty

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Private meeting at Barnards Inn on
Friday 23rd September 1892, H. Bland in the Chair.

1. The minutes of June 10th were read + confirmed
2. Graham Wallas made announcements relating to the Tracts reprinted, to the Book-boxes, to the census of Free Libraries, to the Correspondence Classes &c. -
3. Mrs Green moved That the Executive Consider its decision to meet at an hour which renders it impossible for ordinary men + women workers to attend - . This was seconded. The Gen. Sec. made a statement of the arrangements made to settle the hour of meeting. Mrs Bland, Miss Cothorne, Hammett Burgess, Barmer, Green, Shaw, Wallas + others took part in the debate, + the motion was defeated by 49 votes to 28. -
4. ~~Mr~~ Macrosty + McCarthy were appointed scrutineers, + after collecting the ballot-papers, they announced that W. H. Wily was elected to the vacant seat

450 votes
on the Executive Committee. Miss Broome obtained
39 votes & two votes were spoilt.

5. A vote of urgency having been carried nem. con.
Graham Wallas on behalf of the Executive moved
that the paper on Christian Socialism read to
the Society by the Rev. S. D. Headlam be
printed as a Tract, with his name appended.
After a brief discussion the motion was
carried by a large majority. -

6. W. H. Utley moved & N. L. Griffith seconded

That the Fabian Society take
joint action with other organizations towards re-affirming
the right of public meeting in Trafalgar-square."

No debate ensued, & the motion was carried
unanimously. -

~~W. H. Utley~~

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 7th Oct. 1892
H. W. Macrotz in the chair.

1. The minutes of last ^{public} meeting were confirmed
2. The secretary gave notice of the next committee meeting on the Eight Hours Bill.
3. Gustaf Steffen read his paper on
The Industrial Revolution 1760-1830.
In the debate which followed Graham
Wallas, Burgess, White, Shaw, Webb & Bolas
took part. —

Noël Griffith

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday 21st October 1892
Wool L. Griffith in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary announced that new Societies had been recently formed at
Stalybridge
Newcastle-under-Lyne
Aspatna near Carlisle
St. Helens
Ramsbottom nr. Manchester
Lincoln
& Jarrow.
3. Graham Wallas gave a record of the recent work of the Society in connection with Town Council Elections, London & Country lectures, & Correspondence Classes.
4. Sergius Stepniak gave an address on "Anarchism, Social Democracy, & the English Labour Parties" & in the debate which followed Geo Samuel, Herbert Burrows, Pete Curran, Prelocher, Graham Wallas, J. Burgess & others took part.

George Samuel
Chairman.
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Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday Nov: 4th 1892, Geo. Sarnel in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

2. Graham Wallas delivered his lecture
on

Working Class Economics, &
in the debate which followed F. W.
Galton, W. L. Green, Geo Turner
~~F. A. W.~~ Steward & T. Muggidge
R. S. Dell, & the Chairman took part.

J. E. Bottle
Chairman 15.11.92

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
18th ~~Jan~~ ^{Nov.}, G. E. Bottle in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary stated that new Societies had been formed at Bournemouth & Bacup, & that at Sowerby Bridge two Fabians were at the top of the poll for the S. Board.
3. Graham Wallas reported a new Tract "Our Xthian Socialism" now on sale. Also that the Huddersfield F.S. had published a useful Tract on "Trade Depressions".
4. S. Webb then gave an address on
The New Parliament, &
Miss Burton, R. S. Dell, A. J. Marriott, J. W. Martin,
S. S. Park, Florence O'Driscoll, M. P., G. B. Shaw &
Harry Lowerison took part in the debate.

J. S. Linnell.

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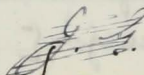
Private Meeting at Barnards Inn on Friday 25th Nov.

1. ~~189~~ W^m Sanders was elected Chairman & the minutes of 23rd September were confirmed.
2. H. W. Macroty on behalf of the Eight Hours Bill Com^{ee} read the report.
3. After an amendment moved by R. E. Dell, to delete from the report the words "either . . . take action", had been defeated, the Report was adopted by a large majority, 11 only voting against it.
4. Motion of Dell that the Exec. Com^{ee} be instructed to draw up a bill on the lines of the Report & to print it with the Exemption Bill for the information of members was defeated by a large majority.
5. On the motion of A. W. Steward, Frederic Hudson & H. W. Macroty were elected Auditors for the next balance sheet.
6. Miss Brooke read a paper proposing the

Following resolutions :-

"(1) That the growth of the London Fabian Society has rendered reform of its constitution necessary; (2) That a committee be appointed to frame a new constitution, and be instructed to consider the proposals of the Hampstead Group towards its reconstruction; and that a report of the committee be submitted to the decision of a meeting of the Society, specially called for the purpose, a copy of the report being previously sent to each London member."

The Chairman ruled that they must be taken together.
John Henderson ^{H. Hillis} seconded + Hubert Beaud
on behalf of the Executive opposed. — after
a long debate the motions were rejected
by 52 votes to 33. —


Harry Lawson

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday ³⁰ 2nd Dec. '92
J. B. Lorain in the chair.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The Secy notified a new local Society formed at Castleford, Yorks
3. B. F. C. Costelloe then gave an address on
The Incidence of Taxation,
& a debate followed in which Bernard Shaw,
Graham Wallas, Galton, & Geo Samuel took part.

Harry Lovelock

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
16 December 1892, Harry Lovison in the chair

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The Secy announced new Local Societies formed at Preston, Dewsbury, & Nottingham & gave notice of the Spring Course
3. Graham Wallas gave a report on the Country lectures.
4. David Schloss then delivered his lecture on Industrial peace & a debate followed in which McCarthy, Galton, Wallas, Martin, Shaw & Turner took part.

Robt Stead 6-1-93

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
6th January 1893

R. R. Steele in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Harold Cox read his paper on
Socialism applied to Land
& a debate followed in which
W. L. Phillips, H. B. Holding, Mary Belcher,
G. B. Shaw, S. D. Headlam, T. Wright,
Lilian Burton, Geo Samuel, & T. Shore
took part. - Ernest W. Villiers

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on Friday
13th January 1893 at 8pm.

1. Harry Lowerson was voted to the chair
2. The minutes of the members meeting of Nov 25th were confirmed
3. H. W. Macarty made an announcement in regard to the Committee on Sweating & Graham Wallas in regard to the new Tracts now in hand.
4. Mrs Fagan moved the following.

Agenda.—(1) Motion by Mrs. Fagan and J. F. Oakshott: "That the Executive be instructed to appoint a Special Committee to prepare a tract advocating the claims of women to all civil and political rights at present enjoyed by men."

After a debate in which J. F. Oakshott, R. R. Steele, Mrs. Green, A. Morgan Browne, Miss Brooke, Graham Wallas, & J. S. McCarthy spoke for the motion & R. W. Reynolds & F. W. Salton against, it was carried nem con. —

5. Graham Wallas on behalf of the Executive proposed

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To reprint tract 19 with amendments. These were discussed in detail, & it was agreed that the Exec. be empowered to print & issue the Tract 19. as amended.

6. Graham Wallas next proposed that the Executive be empowered to print & issue as a Tract with the authors name, the paper on Anarchism read by G. B. Shaw to the Society some time ago. The motion was adopted nem. con.

7. It was then moved

(4) ~~Motion~~ by George Turner: "That the Executive Committee be instructed to appoint a Special Committee to take in hand the forthcoming Guardians' Elections."

after some debate it was adopted nem con.

George Samuel
Chairman. 10.2.93

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
Jan 20th at 8pm. E. S. Williams in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of 6th Jan: were confirmed
2. Graham Wallas gave a report on the activity of the Society calling the attention of members to the urgency of the agitation for powers to unify London, to Tax Land Values, & for the L.C.C. technical education scheme.
3. Bernard Shaw gave a long account of the Independent Labour Congress at Bradford, & of his work as delegate to it.
4. H. M. Hyndman then gave his address on Socialism & Foreign Policy and a debate followed in which H. W. Macrotz, G. Wallas, Mr. Martin Wood, A. J. Marriott, H. Lowerison, W. H. Utley, W. L. Phillips, Mrs. W. R. Cremer M.P. took part.

Sidney B. Park.

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Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 3 Feb. 7 at 8 pm.
Sydney & Darks in the chair.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. S. Olivier reported that the Society was endeavouring to form a joint Committee with the H.S.S. & S.D.F. with a view to promote common action amongst Socialists.
3. G.B. Shaw reported on the candidature of John Lister for Halifax
4. Geo. Turner drew attention to the Guardians Election Committee & the Sweating Committee.
5. Miss Grover referred to the exclusion of Womens Suffrage from John Lister's address.
6. Percy Dearmer read his paper on Socialism & Disestablishment & a debate followed in which Mr. Sinclair, Olivier, Dell, Morgan-Brown, Harragan, Wilshire, Moll Shaw & Headlam took part.

J. F. O'Keefe

~~The~~ Members Meeting at Barnards Inn
on Friday Feb 10th at 8pm.

1. George Samuel was elected chairman
2. The Minutes of 13th Jan'y were confirmed.
3. Sydney Olivier moved for & obtained urgency to propose
"That this meeting of the Fabian Society congratulates
John Lister & the workers of Halifax on the splendid
demonstration made in yesterday's polling of
the growing strength of the Labour Movement
in England." after considerable debate
this was adopted by a very large majority.
Miss Burton moved as a rider that the following
be added
"but regrets that in his election address he inter-
polated the word manhood into the phrase
'adult suffrage'". after debate this was
adopted by about 38 to 9. -
3. The Hon Treasurer made a statement showing the
proposed method of meeting the estimated deficit

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of £ 300 per annum in the Budget. Oliver, Macroft,
Lorain, Muggidge, Miss Burton, Morgan, Browne &
Others took part in the discussion which followed.

4. G. B. Shaw then gave an account of the action of the Executive Committee in regard to the Unemployed Organisation Committee, & the reasons of the withdrawal of our delegates therefrom. He also described the work of the Toyahbee Hall Comtee & of the Poplar Group. Several Questions were asked, & the subject then dropped.
5. Geo. ~~San~~ Turner moved for Urgency, which was voted nem. con., & then introduced the "Questions for Poor Law Guardians" which was to be reprinted after amendment, it having been revised by the Guardians Election Committee & the Executive. After a brief discussion, it was resolved that the amendments be taken as read & accepted "en bloc", & that the Exec. be authorised to reissue the Tract.
6. H. H. Sparling then asked for & obtained urgency, after which he moved the

following resolution:-

"That in the opinion of this meeting, the Executive of the Fabian Society should use every effort to force the acceptance of the vital principle of universal adult suffrage upon any socialist candidate for Parliament who does not already include it in his program."

Miss Burton seconded & the resolution was adopted by a very large majority.

J. L. Martin.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
17th February 1893. J. F. Oakeshott in the Chair. (44)

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. G.B. Shaw gave a report on the Guardians Election & the Society's work in connection therewith.
3. W. S. Caine ^{m.p.} then gave an address on Socialism & the Drink Trade, and a debate followed in which Messrs Turner, Cuthbertson & Mavridis, visitors, & Lowerson, Wood, Shaw, Martin, Bruce Wallace, Samuel & Dell, Fabians, took part. —

A Morgan-Brown

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
March 3rd 1893. - H. Morgan. Browne in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary made some announcements.
3. H. G. Wilshire gave an address on
Socialism & Free Trade
& a debate followed in which
A. J. Marriott, White, J. W. Martin,
Geo. Samuel, & G. B. Shaw took part.

Sidney Webb
17/3/93

Members Meeting at Barnardo's Inn on Friday
10th March 1893. —

1. J. W. Martin was elected chairman.

2. The Minutes of Feb 10th were confirmed

3. Prop of Plea for Poor Law Reform, Tract 44
were discussed, & several amendments were
made. after prolonged discussion it was
resolved That Tract 44 be printed & issued.

4. Graham Wallas ^{brought up for debate W.H.U.} ~~on behalf of the Executive Committee~~
~~introduced~~ the proposed alterations in the rules
providing for an entrance fee of 5/- and that
the voting for members of the Executive be by
ballot of all the members of the Society. after a short
debate, he ~~adjourned~~ ~~on~~ adjournment of the
meeting was carried. —

W.H. Uley

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday 17th March at 8pm.
Sidney Webb in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last public meeting were confirmed.
2. Graham Wallas announced that Tract 44 was about ready, & that Tract 29 was in the printers hands.
3. The Secretary gave notice of the next public meeting, and referred to the Guardians Election.
4. Sydney Olivier read his paper on Socialism & the Rights of Civil Servants, & a debate followed in which Graham Wallas, W. A. Macrosty, G. B. Shaw & the Chairman took part.

Henry Macrosty
7 April, 1893.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday. (16)

7th April at 8 p.m.

H. W. Macrosty in the Chair.

1. The minutes of the last public meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary announced that the first edition of Tract 44 had been completely sold out, & that a new edition of 5,000 was in preparation.
3. Touzgan Parris then delivered his lecture on "Socialism & Individual Liberty," & a debate followed in which Graham Wallas, C. J. Marriott, J. W. Martin, Harry Lawson, S. E. Clark, & S. B. Shaw took part.

George Sarnock,
Chairman
5.5.93.

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on
Friday 14th April 1893. -

1. W. H. Wley was voted to the chair.
2. The minutes of March 10th were verbally amended & confirmed.
3. The Secretary announced the success at the Guardians Elections of Mrs Green, Miss Brown, Rev. A. W. Offord, Rev. A. W. Jephson, Wm Crookes & Wm Baster. Messrs Kay, B. T. Hall, & Hibbs had failed; also F. W. Hayes, & Burchett.
4. The Secretary gave a report on the part to be taken by the Society in the Eight Hours Demonstration.
5. Sidney Webb drew attention to the importance of the Vestry Elections.
6. It was moved & carried that Edward King of New York be permitted to be present as a visitor. -

7. G. B. Shaw ~~in~~ read the draft Manifesto of the Joint Committee of Socialist Organisations & moved (7)
That the Executive Committee authorise the Secretary to sign the draft manifesto on behalf of the Society & that such other signatures be attached thereto as the Joint Committee may determine, & further that the Executive Com^{tee} have power to make any verbal alterations which may be necessary.
After brief debate, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

8. The following was then moved & seconded, after the draft Tract had been read by the mover: -

(2) Motion by N. L. GRIFFITH and FRED. HAMMILL:
"That the Executive Committee be instructed to print the Labor Party Tract as read from MS., and to circulate it in proof for the consideration of members, prior to its final discussion at a future private meeting."

9. Amendment was moved by S. Olivier & seconded by R. A. Paddie, viz: -
That the draft Tract just read be referred to the new Executive Committee to be elected on the 12th inst. with a view to a tract being prepared

& submitted in the manner provided by the rules, setting forth the electoral policy of the Society with special reference to the formation of a Labour Party.

A debate followed in which E. S. Williams, A. Schen, H. W. Macrosty, R. Smart, F. S. Green, S. Webb, H. H. Sparking, C. Turner, P. Curran & H. Lowerison took part; the closure was moved but not carried: and ultimately a division was taken, 45 for the amendment, about 6 against.

10. When the amendment was put as a substantive resolution Griffith announced that the proposers would withdraw their tract. In consequence the ~~wording~~ wording of the amendment was altered to read "That a tract be prepared by the new Executive setting forth the electoral policy of the Society with special reference to the formation of a Labour Party, be presented to the Society at a meeting in June". This was adopted unanimously. —

11. H. W. Macrosty obtained agency to move the

Following resolution :-

That this meeting of the Fabian Society expresses its sympathy with the Hull dockers now fighting on behalf of Trade Unionism, condemns the employment of the military + naval forces of the country in support of the ship-owners, & pledges its members to give the men every assistance in their power.

G. Samuel seconded & it was carried
nem. con. -

Sydney Oliver

21 Apr. '93

Annual Meeting for Members only at Essex Hall, Strand
on Friday 21st April 1893.

1. Sydney Oliver was elected Chairman
- 1^{1/2}. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Webb gave a report on the Eight Hours Demonstration & urged members to make it a success.
3. The Secretary read extracts from a letter from the South Australia Fabian Society.
4. The Chairman put the adoption of the Report & Balance-sheet. After a brief discussion & a few questions, the motion was unanimously carried.
5. J.F. Marshall Steele, R.E. Dell, Oswald Barron, & R.A. Paddie were elected scrutineers.
6. A ballot having been taken the scrutineers announced that 13 members were elected, & that three had for the last two places:
The figures were as follows:—

Wallas } 111
Webb } 111
Shaw 110
Olivier 105
Sparling 102
Pease 99
Gakeshott 96
Bland 82
Wtey 81

Mrs Camerow 79
De Mattos 73
Hammiull 70
Mrs Brooke 65.

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N. L. Griffith 63
 Geo. Standing 63
 E. E. Williams 63

} not elected

Not elected

Mrs Mallet 48 Martin 40
 Durk 43 Bartlett 9

Voting papers 133.

A second ballot was then taken, with the result,

Elected E. E. Williams 69

Not elected + tied G. Standing 61
 N. L. Griffith 61.

A third ballot was then taken with the result

Elected Geo. Standing 65

Not elected N. L. Griffith 47.

119 Voted
5 spoilt papers

7. "The following presentment was made by the tellers,
Four tellers feel bound to comment on the low
standard of civic intelligence displayed during
his election many of the voters being unable
to comply with the apparently simple voting
instructions."

8 Hubert Poland was unanimously elected
Honorary Treasurer for the next year.

9. The Secretary on behalf of the Executive proposed
the following amendments to the rules, all of
which were adopted unanimously or by large
majorities: -

Rule 3 (line 1)—"April" to be altered to "May."
Rule 4 (line 3)—Insert "all" before "Delegates"; and verbal
alterations.
Rule 11 (line 2)—Substitute "and" for "or."
Rule 13 (line 1)—"Annually" to be inserted after "subscribe."
Rule 14—Omit paragraph 3.
Rule 15 (line 1)—After "Balance Sheet" insert "made up to
March 31st."

10 He then proposed the following rule

Every candidate for election shall pay an entrance-fee of 5s.
prior to his election, which shall be returned to him if he is not
elected.

G. G. Bottle moved an amendment to strike out the
words "of 5/-" which was carried. Sidney Webb

Then moved a further amendment ~~that the new order~~ ⁵⁰
to take out the words "pay - be", & insert
"Make a contribution to the funds of the Society prior to
his election, the amount being". This was also adopted
by a large majority.

11. The following ~~new~~ new rules were then moved, &
all were carried by large majorities, viz: -
By the General Secretary for the Executive Committee: -

No alteration of, or addition to, the Basis shall be made until
it has been adopted, after due notice given, by a vote of more
than three-fourths of the members present at an annual meet-
ing, and confirmed by a similar vote at a special private Meet-
ing held after an interval of not less than six months.

By H. HALLIDAY SPARLING: -

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Rule 3 (line 1) - Alter "at" to "before"; and add: "Voting
papers shall be sent to all members, together with the April
number of the News, and they shall be returned to the General
Office on or before April 20. Two scrutineers shall be appointed
by the Society, whose duty it shall be to open the ballot-box, to
count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary before
April 24, for publication in the News, the numbers of votes
polled. The new Executive shall come into office on April 25.
In case of Easter occurring about the dates named, the Execu-
tive may alter them, giving due notice thereof; but no altera-
tion shall exceed seven days. In case of a tie there shall be a
second ballot at the annual meeting, only those present voting.

By Miss BURTON: -

Rule 7 - Add: "CLAUSE 2. - When a requisition of urgency,
signed by not less than fifty members, is presented to the Gen-
eral Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss a specific
notice of motion, he shall summon such meeting for a date
within fourteen days from the receipt thereof, and shall within
seven days notify the same to all members, by circular or other-
wise."

Rule 1 - Add: "or as provided in Rule 7, Clause 2."

By HUBERT BLAND: -

The Executive Committee may at any time refer any ques-
tion to the decision of the whole society, the voting to be by
letter.

Any mover of a resolution which, at a meeting of the society,
has been supported by not less than fifty members, may claim a
poll of the whole society, the voting to be by letter.

12. A suggestion was made & generally approved
that a Standing Order regulating Delegates from
Groups shd. be considered at the next private
meeting of the Society.

Theodore R Wright. June 9/93

(51)

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday May 5th, Geo. Samuel in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of the last public meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary announced the formation of a Local Society at Northampton, & gave notice that the Socialist Manifesto wd be on sale in Hyde Park. He asked for volunteers to act as hawk, sellers & Platform Guards.
3. W. H. Utley then gave his lecture on Socialism & the Suffrage, & a debate followed in which G. Wallas, the Rev. T. A. Lacey, Geo. Turner, H. F. Muggenidge, Mrs Mallet, & B. Shaw took part.

Mary South Cameron

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
19th May 1893, Miss Mary Cameron in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The General Secretary reported that J.C. Foulger, & the Rev. A.W. Ford had been elected to Marybone Vestry, & E.B. Bishop to Hackney. Further that Mrs H.S. Williams had been accepted as a candidate & elected at the show of hands, tho' rejected at the poll.
3. He also announced that Tracts 5, 7, 19, & 29 were all reprinting, & that several papers for the Chicago Congress were being prepared.
4. Robert Steele Ken gave his lecture on Socialism & Education, & a debate followed in which Miss Martyn, H. Lowerison, G. Wallas, J.C. Kenworthy, H. H. Sparling, J.W. Martin, & E.B. Shaw took part.

H.B. Holding

(52)

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday June 2nd.
H. B. Holding in the chair

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Graham Wallas reported on proposed Committee on the School-Board Election, & invited members to send in their names
3. The Secretary asked assistance in canvassing in Marylebone for the Free Library: he announced that 40000 of the revised edition of Tract 19, What the Farm Labourer Wants, had been sold to the English Land Restoration League, & he announced that Fabian Lectures in Regents Park were being arranged, the first one to be given by G. B. Shaw.
4. J. Bruce Wallace then gave his lecture on Socialism & Social Experiments, & a debate followed in which Woodcock, Graham Wallas, S. Turner, Mrs. Richardson, Rawson, Springfield & King (of New York) took part.

Harry Lowerson

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on
Friday 9th June '93, Theo. Wright in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were confirmed
2. Bernard Shaw on behalf of the Executive Com^{ee} reported that the Tract ordered by Resolution (Minute 10) of 14th April was not yet ready. He explained the difficulties of the position, & stated that more time would be needed. A debate followed, in which the action of the Executive Com^{ee} was generally approved.
3. Frederick Verinder Sec. of the English Land Restoration League then gave an address on the work of the Red Tars in forming Agricultural Trade Unions in country districts. A long discussion chiefly in the form of questions followed.

Harry Lawson
H. S. M. G. G. G. G.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 19th June.
Harry Lowerison in the Chair.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary notified that this was the last public meeting arranged, & that in future many of the meetings would be of a more private character. He also announced that a revised edition of Tract 5 was now on sale & that Nos. 7, 19, & 29 were nearly ready: also that No 45 on Anarchism would shortly be published.
3. B. T. Hall then read his paper on Socialism & Seamen, & a debate followed in which Mr. A. Rhodes, Graham Wallas, Pincombe, Webb, & Shaw took part.

~~W. M. ...~~

Curlett

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn
on Friday 14th July 1893.

1. H. T. Nusseridge was voted to the chair
2. Minutes of last members mtg were confirmed
3. It was moved by S. Webb on behalf of the Exec. that the paper recently read to the Society by B. T. Hall be printed & issued as a tract with his name under the title Socialism & Sailors. After discussion this was unanimously adopted.
4. Addresses were then given by Sidney Webb, S. D. Headlam, Graham Wallas & Geo Standing on the faults of the present School Board, & the action to be taken to prepare for the next election. A debate followed in wh. Mr Green, S. D. Ballard & others took part.

Fred Hamill
13 Oct 1893

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn (57)
13 October 1893. —

1. Fred Hammill was voted to the chair.
2. Webb reported on Correspondence Classes, stating that the Old Economics Class had members & the new Elementary one. The other classes were small.
3. Olivier reported on the Proposed Fabian Library + on the Publishing Loan wh. had been well taken up. —
4. The Secretary reported on Photographs presented by G.A. Beresford, now on sale, & on other business. —
5. Olivier on behalf of the Executive Committee moved that the Article ^{on the "University Question"} by John Burns M.P. in the Nineteenth Century for Dec. 1892 ~~be~~ as revised, be printed as a Tract with the author's name & issued by the Society. He explained

that this proposal to print a tract which had not been read to the Society or circulated in proof would, if adopted, not be treated as a precedent. No objection or criticism having been offered, the resolution was declared carried nem. con.

6. Bernard Shaw on behalf of the Executive stated that they had prepared a Manifesto & arranged for its publication as the first article in the November of the Fortnightly Review. It was proposed afterwards to add to it, & edit it in certain respects & to print as a tract. Of this members wd. have full notice. He then read the Manifesto, & a debate followed in which certain details only were criticised. No objection having been raised, the adoption of the Manifesto by the Society was carried unanimously. -

8. The Secy moved that the consideration of the Eight Hours Tract be deferred. Resolution carried.

9. On the motion of Bland, it was agreed to defer William's Resolution till the first place at the next members meeting.

Robert Allen Edlin

Meeting at Barnardo Lun on Friday 3 Nov. 93 (5)
A. R. Paddie in the Chair.

1. The minutes of the last members meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary gave notice of several meetings &c.
3. Hubert Bland read his paper on
The Implications of Collectivism,
& a short debate followed in which Graham Wallas,
Halliday Sparling, H. W. Macrae, ~~and~~ Miss
Cameron & others took part. —

H. B. Holding

Members Meeting at Barnards Ln on
10th November 1893.

1. H. Bond Holding was voted to the chair.
2. The Minutes of Nov 3rd were confirmed.
3. The Gen. Sec. gave notice in regard to the School Board Election Com^{tee} & other matters.

4. G. E. Williams Kent moved & J. R. Runciman seconded,

"That this meeting is anxious that the Executive Committee should take the first opportunity which offers itself of renewing the Society's delegation to the Joint Committee of Socialist Bodies."

G. B. Shaw moved as an amendment on behalf of the Executive Committee

"That this meeting approves the action of the Executive Committee with reference to the Joint Com- mittee, as set forth in the August number of FABIAN NEWS."

after a prolonged debate a vote was taken & the chairman declared ^{the amendment} it carried by a large majority. On its being again put as a substantive motion the chairman announced the figures as follows: -
For the Executive's resolution 42. Against 11. -

5. The following was then moved on behalf of the Executive. (56)
After a short debate, it was agreed that members of the
Society could send in any verbal amendments to
the Executive Com^{ee}, especially in regard to the title
of the new scheme, & ~~that~~ subject. To such
amendments, the following was adopted with
one dissentient only :-

"That the Tract on the Eight Hours Bill, proof of
" which has been issued to members, be printed and
" issued."

George Samuel
Chairman

24.11.93.

Fabians and the S.D.F. (50)

The joint Socialist committee, which consisted of 15 delegates, five each from the Social Democratic Federation, the Fabian Society, and the Hammersmith Socialist Society, is on the point of dissolution. The Fabian Society have decided to withdraw their delegates from the joint committee on the ground that there is so much divergence between the policy of that society and of the Social Democratic Federation that it is impossible to maintain joint action. In the deliberations of the committee important differences on the question of tactics more than neutralised any advantage which could be gained from a general agreement on broad principles. And accordingly the Fabian Society withdraws its delegates with an expression of willingness to act with the S.D.F. and the Hammersmith Socialists whenever in future joint action is likely to lead to a practical result.

(56)

5. The following was then moved on behalf of the Executive. After a short debate, it was agreed that members of the Society could send in any verbal amendments to the Executive Com^{ee}, especially in regard to the title of the new scheme, & ~~that~~ subject. To such amendments, the following was adopted with one dissentient only: -

"That the Tract on the Eight Hours Bill, proof of which has been issued to members, be printed and issued."

George Samuel
Chairman

24.11.93.

THE FABIANS

FURTHER EXPLAIN THEIR FAMOUS
MANIFESTO.

At a semi-public meeting last night held in Barnard's Inn, the Fabian Society made it very clear that by their now famous manifesto in the *Fortnightly Review* they by no means meant any rapprochement to the Conservative party, and it was equally evident that there is no foundation for the rumoured "split" in the society. Mr. Sidney Webb explained the position of the society under their apparently new policy, and then asked for a vote upon the point. An overwhelming majority supported the executive. As to the joint Socialist committee, the Fabians decided to withdraw Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, pointing out that the society was in a perpetual minority there, and by withdrawing would avoid a lot of unnecessary bickering and friction.

sam
11/11/93

~~Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on~~
Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday 17th November 1893,

1. Ben. Fillett was voted to the chair.
2. The minutes of the last Public Meeting were confirmed
3. The Secretary drew attention to new Tracts on Sale
4. The Chairman informed the meeting of the successful conclusion of the Miners Lock out, & the return of the men to work on the old terms.
5. Mrs. Sidney Webb gave a lecture on Trade Unionism, its past & its future & a debate followed in which Graham Wallas, Messrs. Wood, Alexander, & Harvey, & the Chairman, took part.

Julius Black

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on
Friday 24th November '93.

(59)

1. Geo. Samuel was voted to the chair
2. Graham Wallas gave a report on the School Board Election, & Harry Lowerison exhibited & referred to the Fabian Swimming Challenge Shield for Schools under the S.S.B.
3. A. W. Macroety gave his lecture on The Limitations of Collectivism in Production, & a debate followed in which D. McEwen, G. Wallas, G. B. Shaw, Addison, Lowerison Pease Martin & others took part.

Henry W. Macroety.
8/12/93.

Members Meeting at Barnards Inn on Friday
8 December 1893. -

1. H. W. Macrosty was elected chairman
2. After brief notices from the Gen. Secy
George Samuel read his paper on
The Limitations of Collectivism in Distribution,
+ a debate followed in which Geo Staudring,
C. Turner, G. R. Pease, Mrs. Harriet Stanton
Blatch, Miss Petty, G. B. Shaw, W. J. P. Pricombe,
R. A. Peattie, H. W. Macrosty + D. McEwen
took part. -

H. J. Maggidge

(50)

Members Meeting at London Society of Compositors Board
Room on Friday Dec 15th 1893.

1. H. T. Mugggeridge was elected Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
3. G. B. Shaw on behalf of the Executive Com^{ee} then
That Tract 49, part of wh. had already appeared
in the Fortnightly Review, be printed & published as
a Tract, subject to amendments to be made by the
meeting.
The Rev. S. D. Headlam moved an amendment "That
the Tract be sent back to the Executive with an
instruction to bring it more into harmony with the
Fabian Basis". The amendment, after debate,
was put, & declared lost.
4. A number of amendments in detail were then proposed.
That for inserting the words "deplorable", or something to
this effect on p. 11¹⁶ in regard to Home Rule ~~affairs~~
was carried by 37 votes to a few. - nearly all
the other amendments were defeated by large

Majorities. At the conclusion of the discussion
the motion for the adoption of the tract was
carried. -

C. V. Dunton

12/1/94

Members Meeting (Semi public) at Barnards⁵⁹
Inn on Friday 12 January 1894

1. ~~The~~ C.V. Burton was elected Chairman
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
3. The Secy announced that no more meetings would be held in Barnards Inn
4. Halliday Spaulding then read his paper on "The Persistence of Classes under Socialism" & a debate followed in which Pearsall, Steffen, Shaw, Miss Lacy, R.R. Steele, & J.W. Erice took part.

H.B. Holding
9/2/94

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
January 26th 1894, Hubert Bland in the chair

1. The minutes of the last Public Meeting were confirmed. -
2. The secretary announced that two tracts had been published since the last public meeting, viz. no 48 Eight Hours of Law, & no 49, on sale now for the first time, a Plan of Campaign for Labour. -
3. Sidney Webb delivered his lecture on The Progress of Collectivism & after many questions, a short debate followed.

Sidney Webb

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday
Feb 9th 1894. (60)

1. H. B. Holding was elected chairman
2. The Minutes of the meeting of Jan 12th were confirmed
3. The Secretary reported that Tract Boxes were now on sale at 1/- & that nearly 4000 copies of Tract 49 were in circulation.
4. He further reported that the Executive Com^{tee} had resolved to raise a fund forthwith to support Fred Hammill's candidature for Newcastle-on-Tyne.
5. ~~The Secretary~~. Edw. B. Peare then moved that H. W. Macroft & J. G. Lorrain be appointed auditors for the current year. This was unanimously adopted.
6. Graham Wallas then introduced Tract 50 "Sweating & How to abolish it", which was considered & debated at length. It was amended in detail, & the resolution that it be printed & published

as a Tract, subject to final revision & reduction to the necessary length, was adopted unanimously.

7. G. B. Shaw moved that the lecture ~~be~~ given to the Society on Jan 26 of Sidney Webb, entitled "The Progress of Collectivism", be printed as a Tract with ~~the~~ the name of the author. - After a brief debate this was adopted with two dissentients. -
8. J. F. Oakeshott on behalf of the Committee appointed by resolution of 13 Jan 1893 "to prepare a tract advocating the claims of women to all civil & political rights at present enjoyed by men" reported that the Committee had held several meetings, & a tract had been prepared which they could not recommend the Society to issue. A discussion ensued, & W. S. Pearsall moved that the Report be adopted. Mrs Mallet moved as an amendment that the Executive Committee be instructed to discharge the Committee, and to appoint another in its place to prepare the said tract. This was carried by a large majority. -

J. F. Oakeshott

(61)

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 23rd Feb. 94.

1. J. F. Oakeshott was voted to the chair.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
3. Mrs Stanton Blatch read her paper on
Collectivism & the Economic Freedom of Women,
A debate followed in which Graham Wallas,
Miss Allen, Sydney Olivier, Miss Cameron, Mrs Fagan,
F. W. Galton, G. B. Shaw, Hubert Bland & Sergius
Stepniak took part. -

D. M. Owen (9.3.94)

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday March 9th
1894.

1. D. McEwen was voted into the chair
 2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
 3. R. A. Peddie & S. D. Shallard were unanimously elected scrutineers for the Executive Committee Election.
4. Sydney Olivier read his paper on
Collectivism & the Family
& a debate followed in which Edward Rose
Miss Johnstone, H. Bland, H. S. Salt,
Mrs Stanton Blatch, R. A. Peddie, Miss
Agnes Henry, F. W. Galton & L. B. Shaw took
part. -
- J. W. Galton

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday ⁽⁶²⁾
March 16th 1894, Sidney Webb in the chair.

1. The minutes of Jan 26 were confirmed
2. The Sec. announced that the Hamnill Fund amounted to £80: and that Tract 50 was now on sale. He also gave notice of the next public meeting.
3. Graham Wallas Ken gave his lecture on
The Coming School Board Election,
& a debate followed in which A. J. Marriott,
J. W. Martin, Harry Lovenson & the Chairman
took part.

J Macdonald

Meeting at Cliffords Lun on April 13th 1894.

1. F. W. Galton was elected Chairman
2. The minutes of March 9th were confirmed
3. The Sec. announced that the Society w^d have a platform in the park for the Hyde Park Demonstration & that he had undertaken to provide platform Guards for all the platforms in conjunction with W. Sanders.
4. The Sec. announced that four Fabians at least w^d be candidates for the S13 Election viz:- Rev. J. H. Belcher & Rev. S. D. Headlam for Hackney, Rev. A. W. Oxford for Westminster & Graham Wallas for a place unfixed.
5. J. W. Martin then read his paper on School Board Education at Home & Abroad & a debate followed in which Mr. Weig, Mettler, Slater & Galton took part.

F. Oakeshott.

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Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
27th April 1894.

1. J.R. Macdonald was voted to the chair
2. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
3. The Secretary announced the result of the Executive Election, and reported that the Society would take part in the Eight Hours Demonstration. He asked for Tract sellers & Platform Guards & announced that Tract 51, Socialism True & False would be on sale.
4. W^m Clarke then gave his lecture on "Social & Labour Movements in the United States" & after a number of questions asked of & answered by the lecturer, a brief debate closed the proceedings.

~~J.R. Macdonald~~
~~Secretary~~
~~XXXX~~

Annual Business Meeting at Cliffords
Inn on Friday 11th May 94 at 8pm.

1. J. F. Oakeshott was elected chairman
2. The minutes of April 13th were read & confirmed.
3. Graham Wallas reported on the progress of the School Board Electoral Campaign, & the Secy on the Eight Hours Demonstration on May 6th.
4. The Secy then formally moved that the annual report, as circulated in proof, & subject to minor alterations, be adopted & printed. - A debate followed on the issue of election addresses & of candidates for the Executive Committee & on Secular Education: suggestions were made that the Exec. Com^{ee} should issue a scheme of proposed tract publications, & that attention should be given to Socialist progress abroad. ~~Then~~ H. W. Macrosty as auditor reported that the accounts were satisfactory, & the motion that the report & accounts be adopted was carried nem. con. -

- (64)
5. The Sec. on behalf of the Exec. moved the following amendment to rules:-

Rule 14., To add:

"A Group may appoint delegates to any body dealing specially with the affairs of the Group area."

This was adopted unanimously. -

6. Miss Brooke then moved + E. E. Williams seconded the following amendments viz:-

Rule 4., To omit the words, "and committees for special purposes."

To add a new rule:

Committees: Committees for special purposes shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, but notice of such committees (exclusive of those dealing with purely executive business), shall be published beforehand in the FABIAN NEWS, or at private meetings, in order that any member desirous to serve on such committees shall have the opportunity of sending in his or her name for consideration by the Executive.

After a long debate the resolution was carried with two dissentients only.

7. Graham Wallas on behalf of the Executive moved that the lecture recently delivered by J.W. Martin on School Board Education at home + abroad, after sundry alterations of him, be printed + issued as a tract with the authors name. This was unanimously carried.

8. G. B. Shaw on behalf of the Executive proposed a vote of urgency, which was carried unanimously, and thereupon moved that the Executive be empowered to print & issue as a tract the minority report, signed by Tom Mann & others, about to be presented to Parliament by the Royal Commission on Labour. After a short debate, the resolution was carried unanimously. —

Henry W. Macrosty
Chairman 25 May/94.

~~Minutes~~ Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 25th May 1894. H. W. Macrosty in the chair. (5)

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were confirmed

2. The Secretary made various announcements

3. The Rev. S. D. Headlam delivered a lecture on
What the Present School Board has done,
& a discussion followed in which Miss Hatfield,
W. D. Pearsall, Rev. E. T. Hamel, & J. W. Martin
took part. -

C. B. Chop
Chairman. S. B. G.

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 8 June 1894

1. E. B. Bishop was elected chairman
2. Harry Lowerison read his paper on
"Our Program + how to carry it"
and a long debate followed in which
Miss Hatfield, Miss Hickson, Rev E. T. Hamel,
Mrs. Bloch, H. D. Pearsall, Graham Wallis,
Geo. Samuel, G. B. Shaw, Oliver, Miss Priestley,
S. D. Shallard & J. W. Martin took part.

J. F. Outshott

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Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 22 June 1894.

J.R. Macdonald in the chair.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Mr. G. W. Foster, President of the National Secular Society then gave his lecture on
 A Secularist's View of Social Progress,
 a debate followed in which
 Mr. Samuel, Mr. Nightingale, Estlin Shaw
 & others took part.

By Edward Shaw
 19/10/94.

Members Meeting at ~~Barnard~~ Cliffords Inn
on Friday 29th June 1894. -

1. J. F. Oakeshott was elected Chairman. -
2. The Minutes of 8th June were confirmed
3. The Secy announced that the Executive had decided to send J. R. Macdonald to Sheffield to assist Frank Smith in his campaign in the Attercliffe Election.
4. G. B. Shaw moved on behalf of the Executive :-

(1) That the Tract entitled "The Humanizing of the Poor Law," by J. F. Oakeshott, just published by the Humanitarian League, be reprinted as a Fabian Tract with the name of the author.

Carried nem con. -

5. J. W. Martin introduced on behalf of the Exec. the new tract on the School Board Policy. After a long debate, in the course of which many amendments were carried, the Tract was adopted.

6. Sidney Webb on behalf of the Executive then introduced ⁽⁵⁹⁾ the tract on the Parish Councils Act. - a debate followed in which sundry amendments were agreed to, and the resolution to print the tract was carried. -

7. Sidney Webb then moved that the Executive Com^{ee} be authorised to prepare & issue on behalf of the Society Questions for Parish & District Councillors, & Leaflets arising out of the Parish Councils Tract just ~~issued~~ adopted. This was agreed to. -

E. V. Howell.

21 Sept. '94

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday Sep 21st 1893

1. Treker. S. T. Hamel was elected chairman
2. The minutes of the previous members meeting were confirmed
3. Graham Wallas reported on the work of the Society in regard to the School Board Election.
4. The Secretary reported that Fabian Tracts 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, & 59 had been revised since last meeting: that Tracts 19 & 21 had been revised & issued, & that No 25 was under revision. He reported that 12000 of the Parish Council Tract had been circulated, as well as many thousands of the leaflets. -
5. Mr. J. A. Hobson then ~~was to~~ gave his lecture on the "Causes of Unemployment", and a debate followed in Sydney Olivier, Graham Wallas, Theodore Wright & others took part. -

Sydney Olivier

12.10.94

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday ¹² 19th Oct 1894. (65)

1. Sydney Oliver was elected Chairman
2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
3. The Secretary made announcements as to new literature on sale, & mentioned that for three months to end Sept: the sales of Tracts were 30,000 compared with 11,500 for the previous three months.
4. Graham Wallis reported on the work of the Society in regard to the School Board Election.
5. G. B. Shaw on behalf of the Executive then stated that a Tract on London Vestries & how to make use of them had been prepared somewhat unexpectedly, & owing to the nearness of the elections, it must be published at once, if it is to be useful. He therefore moved urgency which was carried nem con, & then moved that the Executive be authorised

to print & issue a Tract on the London Vestries.
After a word or two from the Secretary, inviting
any members to assist in criticising the Tract, the
motion was carried nem con. —

- b. Harold Cox then gave his lecture on
Socialism & the Population Question, &
& a debate followed in which
Messrs. Bolds, Eric, Morland, Marriott,
Andrews, Wright, Olivier, Samuel,
Bloch Metivier, Macroft & Shaw
took part.

Alfred Blaxall

25/11/94

Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 19 Oct. 1894⁶⁹
G. B. Shaw in the chair.

1. The minutes of the last public meeting were confirmed
2. The Secretary announced a tract on London Vestries in preparation, & that numerous new tracts & books were on sale.
3. B. F. C. Costelloe F.C.C. then gave a lecture on The Temification of London from a Social Point of View and a debate followed in which J. F. Calverly, Dr. Burton, Mr. Moton, Mrs. Blatch, Desmond, Mr. Stannus, & the Chairman took part.

Sydney Oliver
2.11.94.

Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday Nov 2. 1894
Sydney Olivier in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.
2. The Secretary announced that the Tract on Vestries wd. shortly be ready & Sidney Webb reported on the School Board Election, & urged members to give their help to Fabian & Progressive Candidates.
3. R. B. Haldane Q.C. M.P. then gave an address on Socialism & the House of Commons & a debate followed in wh. Joseph Burgess Esq. Shaw, Sidney Webb & others took part.

J. B. Macdonald
19.1.95

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

ADDRESS BY MR. HALDANE, M.P.

"Socialism and the House of Commons" was the title of the address Mr. R. B. Haldane, Q.C., M.P., delivered last night to a crowded meeting of the Fabian Society, which was held at the Essex Hall, under the presidency of Mr. Sydney Olivier. Six years, said Mr. Haldane, had passed since he last addressed them, and, in the famous phrase of Lord Beaconsfield, many things had happened. There had been a singular modification of the political outlook during that period. He could not describe himself as a Fabian, but upon the other hand he thought it was desirable even for a member of the Liberal party to reserve a certain amount of detachment from that party. He himself was deeply attached to it, he believed that it had been an instrument for good in the past, and would be so in the future, but he thought they did well to detach themselves from both parties and endeavour to look at things from the point of view apart from them. He wanted in the first place to say something of the history of politics in the last few years, and the effect on it of the powerful organisations, such as the Fabian Society, working outside. The effect of the split of 1886 was no doubt to throw the Liberal party into a contest for a great and stirring principle, but it had this great disadvantage, that social questions had been grossly neglected. Among others he found himself more and more thrown outside the Liberal party to look for a source, he would not say of inspiration, but of real genuine social activity and progress. The events of 1886 left the official Liberal party absolutely hopeless on social questions, and it was necessary that it should in some fashion endue itself with new life. One result was that the Conservative party devoted itself to constructive legislation, and the Conservatism of 1886-92 was an enormous advance on the Toryism of the last decade, and was even in advance of the Liberalism of a few years previous. There was one man pre-eminently to whom this new spirit in the Liberal party was due, and that man was John Morley. (Cheers.) Mr. Morley looked with a very critical eye on certain doctrines that were growing popular, but he saw that Liberalism must take a new step forward, and must not rest on the Irish question alone, and he did much to bring about the change and form a party of new Liberals. A band of men like Mr. Acland, Mr. Sydney Buxton, Mr. Asquith, and Sir E. Grey grew up who were determined that the Liberalism of the future should be broader. He would never be behindhand in acknowledging the splendid services of Bright and Cobden, but they had worked out the merits of that party, and their watchwords and battle cries must be different.

They had to look to new things, and when they came to deal with such a question as the land question they must see that they put forward legislative proposals that should be judged in the never and more searching lights of the generation in which they lived. (Cheers.) With this change it was recognised that the functions of the State must largely increase, because the State had become the only possible representative of the individual. When history came to be written they would know more thoroughly than they knew now the part which Mr. Morley played in infusing the present Liberal Government with a younger and more vigorous element. And however the critical might impute sins to the Liberal Government, they must admit that there were virtues in it which had never been present in any other. (Cheers.) One thing, he thought, was becoming pretty plain—that the old machinery Radicalism was a thing of the past, and had ceased to interest the British working man, with his somewhat complex mind and diverse tastes. A remark was made by *The Daily Chronicle* the other day which seemed to him to be very true. It was said by the writer in a leading article that the difference between the two parties ought to make itself manifest in administration rather than in anything else. That was extremely true. Mr. Asquith, for instance, might seem to have a cold and somewhat critical mind, but at any rate it had dominated the Home Office, and had swept away the cobwebs which had stifled the energy of former Home Secretaries. Then there was Mr. Arthur Acland, whom he believed was the only member of the Liberal Government who would be accepted as a Member for a Labour constituency. (Cheers.) In legislation, too, there had been, he thought, a response to the cry which was raised in the wilderness. And now they were raising another question—the House of Lords, again one of machinery. He did not agree with those who thought that the solution of the question would block the way of social legislation. He believed that if the Liberal party did its duty it would concurrently attack some of the social problems which were ripe for settlement. He would say to them when they criticised Liberalism that they were apt to look at things from rather an abstract point of view. The party was a great heterogeneous mass of people, with very diverse views, and some of them caring no more about progress than the pillars before him. (Cheers.) It was a coach which was extremely difficult to drive forward. The external differences were even greater. They often spoke of the working man as if he were panting and pining for reforms, but in his opinion there was still a good deal of conservatism in the working man's nature. He believed that properly dealt with, properly approached, and reasonably acted with they might effect a great deal—those of them who had reasonable schemes—by co-operation with the Liberal party, and he would say the same to the leaders of the Labour party. He did not think the Liberal party was entitled to appeal to them to recede one inch from the position they had taken up, but they must remember that it was a hopeless task for them to achieve anything alone, and it was only by co-operation with the party of progress—without in any way sacrificing their independence—that they could succeed in bringing about the main end they had in view. (Cheers.)

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 23 Nov. 94

1. Hubert Bland was elected Chairman
2. The Minutes of Oct 12th were confirmed
3. Sidney Webb made an announcement on the results of the School Board Election, & Graham Wallas who was loudly cheered made a further one later in the evening.
4. Sidney Webb also drew attention to the London Vestry & Guardian Elections & asked for assistance and urged members to circulate the New Tract on the Vestries, No 60.
5. The Rev. P. H. Wickstead then gave his lecture on Interest & the Law of Distribution & a debate followed in which Webb, Wallas Pease & Shaw took part.

G. Dr. Dr. Dr.
Nov 30th 1894

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 71
30th November 1894

1. G. G. Desmond was elected Chairman.
2. Sidney Webb then made a statement on the Hutchinson Trust, & invited suggestions for the disposal of the Fund.
3. Sidney Webb moved on behalf of the Exec. that the paper of himself on "^{economic} The Heresies of the L.C.E.", a few copies of which had already been printed, be reprinted from stereo plates & issued as a Fabian Tract with his name. This was adopted *Unan.*
4. J. F. Oakeshott then explained the changes proposed to be made in Tract No 5 "Facts for Socialists", a new edition of which is required. A discussion followed. —

Jane M. S. Krawinkel.

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 14th Dec 1894

1. Mrs Brownlow was elected to the chair
2. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
3. The Secretary made some announcements in regard to tracts, mentioning that 30000 of the Parish Council Tract had been sold since August 12th
4. Mrs McKillop then read her paper on
Science & Socialism
and a debate followed in which
Olaf Bloch, Geo. Samuel, Mary Belcher,
G. G. Desmond, Charles Burton, E. R. Pease
& the chairwoman took part.

D. M^c Ewen

8.2.95

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Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday Jan 18th '95
J. R. Macdonald in the Chair.

1. The minutes of Jan 7 18th were confirmed.
2. J. Keir Hardie M.P. then gave his lecture on Socialism & the House of Commons, and a long & animated debate followed in which Olivier, Dent, Martin Holding Curran, Shaw, Marson Burgess, Loverison, Stannus, & Hammill, & others took part.

J. W. Martin
1/21/95

~~Section~~ Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
1st February at 8 pm, J.W. Martin in Chair.

1. The minutes of last public meeting were confirmed.

2. Graham Wallas, (in place of Sidney Webb who was unavoidably absent), gave an address on
The Issues of the London County Council
Election

A ~~de~~ debate followed in which
A. Smith (Cand. for S. Hackney), J. Burgess
G.B. Shaw & others took part.

J. F. Oakes

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn on (73)
Friday 8 February 1895. —

1. D. McEwen was elected Chairman
2. The Minutes of the last members meeting were confirmed.
3. The Secretary appealed to members to work in the L.C.C. election.
4. J. F. Gakeshott on behalf of the Executive Com^{ee} moved that the Tract on "The L.C.C. what it is, & what it ~~can~~ does" be printed & issued as a tract. After debate & various amendments to the Tract, the resolution was unanimously adopted.
5. E. R. Pease on behalf of the Exec. Com^{ee} moved that the Tract on "Parish & District Councils, what they are & what they can do" be printed & issued as a tract. After discussion & amendment of the Tract, the resolution was unanimously carried. —

6. H. W. Macroty & John Tenney were
unanimously elected auditors for the current
year. -

7. In the absence of Hubert Bland & R. E. Dell
the following resolution was moved by H. W.
Macroty & seconded by R. B. Steele

(1) "That, in the opinion of this meeting, public
canvassing by means of circulars or circular
letters, or the holding of meetings, or by any other
means, by or on behalf of candidates for the
Executive Committee or for any other office in
the Society, is an objectionable practice; and, if
it continue, the rules of the Society should be
so altered as to prevent it."

A discussion followed in which
Olivier Wallas, Standing Shaw Pease &
Miss Bridgman took part. An amend-
ment ^{was} moved by Standing
"That the further consideration of this motion
be deferred till the members meeting in
August" and on a division it was carried
by a very large majority.

8. The second resolution of which notice was given
in the news, was not moved -

Robert A. Peattie

A NEW PARTY AT THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

A PLAY WITHOUT PROGRAMMES.

[BY AN IRRESPONSIBLE OUTSIDER.]

There are certain Fridays when the jaded playgoer has, if he but knew it, a new and highly original after-dinner entertainment open to him gratis—one compared with which all that a music-hall or Oscar Wilde can offer him is tame and dull. It is a Fabian meeting. Whether Essex Hall, Strand, or Clifford's Inn be the playhouse, you may reckon, if not always on a good play, at least an excellent performance. There are unrehearsed Fabian plays as brilliant as "Arms and the Man" that never get beyond the Fabian footlights; and even if George Bernard Shaw's name be not on the bills as playwright, there is always a chance that the chief comedian of the Fabian company may cast himself for a part; and, whenever he does, it is always a leading part. You may not always secure a programme (Socialists distinguish their "program" from ordinary "programmes" by docking it of two letters.) On Friday night there was a hitch about the programs, and the playwright of the occasion showed a nice disdain of other people's programs, and astounding ignorance of his own program. But, then, as his co-secretary reminded us, we could all bring our own programs with us, each made to our own taste. "The Fabians leave the task of providing trivial comedies for serious people to Oscar Wilde and George Alexander. Not demanding that they should be taken seriously, neither taking themselves nor one another seriously, they demand in return that they should not be asked to take others seriously."

So it happens that when the Fabians invite strange playwrights or actors from other companies to provide their entertainment—Keir Hardie, of the Independent Labour Party's Company or Andrew Reid, who on Friday night came to read his play, entitled "The New Party"—these strange playwrights and players are sometimes startled. Their seriousness is taken for playfulness. Their melodrama—their trazed produces roars of Fabian laughter.

Friday night's play, "The New Party," did not draw a good house. And this was strange, for the word party is associated with both festivity and fighting, and Fabians love festival and fight. There was one "woman who did"—speak, and that well and clearly. But there was Herbert Burrows in the midst, and Bernard Shaw in the front benches, and we knew that there would be fighting, and probably festival. So we settled ourselves to hear Mr. Andrew Reid tell us about the New Party.

Mr. Reid's entertainment began with a party—not a new party, but a cannibal dinner party—in Mayfair, for Society folk were the savages devouring the people. A lord picking the bones of his brother, a millionaire supping the brains of tender youth, Lady Primrose and Miss Lambeth drinking the blood of thousands of the youth of England. The Bishop of London, the Mayor of Liverpool, Mr. Speculator and Mr. Spider, a Fabian permeator, were among the guests. A discussion arose about the unemployed, whom the Bishop called idle tramps who lived in summer at their country seats and came to town in winter, reversing the order of the rich. Mr. Spider got excited, and used Scriptural language, and made a scene. He was ejected, and is now in a lunatic asylum. So much for the cannibal party. Now for the New Party and its policy—a balancing policy, voting neither for Liberal nor Tory unless balance is needed: a pugnacious and audacious policy, not urging the people to be total abstainers from the polling-booth, as the Independent Labour Party did, but bidding them dash in when they had taken a survey of the situation. It was just this survey of the situation that Mr. Reid had evidently omitted to take. When "heckled" later, he confessed that he had not studied the programs of other Socialist bodies—the Social Democratic Federation and the Independent Labour Party. Yet he was prepared to vote for any Socialist candidate, for Socialists were all one on the battlefield. On one point he was decided—no New Party man should vote for a Liberal who called himself a Progressive, for Progressives were butchers in sheep's clothing—no improvement, in the eyes of the sheep, on the wolves that no longer existed in England. Progressives were also sharks; the nearer they approached a Socialist the more dangerous they were. What of the London Progressives? He would vote for Sidney Webb—(Shame, shame)—because Sidney Webb was a Socialist. (Query.)

Then Mr. Reid enunciated his "Credo." "I believe in New England, not in New London." Lord Rosebery's catchwords—his municipal government and Imperial Government—might be splendid ideas for a Rosebery, a Rothschild, or a Rhodes, but not for the people. What was the good of a New London to a starving population, to a country with three millions in the

ended by reminding his audience that his New Party was a young Party, born only yesterday, and not yet grown to manhood. Having raked their entertainer fore and aft with questions, the audience proceeded to speeches. The soliloquy became a play with many parts—one for an Anarchist who announced that working men were sick of parties and their promises, they needed no New Party. They needed a new strike—not such strikes as they had had, but one that would be a death blow to all New Parties and labour leaders, that would proclaim all produce common property. They wanted free access to the means of life. New Parties were monopolists. "There will never be no change while those who are manufacturing new parties want to make doormats of us to walk over into the County Council," added the Anarchist gentleman with homespun eloquence.

When Mr. Bernard Shaw stepped on to the platform he had the reputation due to a chief comedian—to one who never fails to amuse as well as to instruct, who instructs all the more because he does amuse. In somewhat more serious mood than usual, Mr. Shaw proceeded, though in no unkindly fashion, to demolish the New Party. If to be a Fabian is to be a permeator, and if to permeate be to riddle holes in the utterance of a New Party, then indeed is Mr. Shaw a Fabian of Fabians. With kindness—for strength is merciful—Mr. Shaw pointed out that Mr. Reid could not heartily agree with the Social Democratic Federation without knowing its programme, nor could he edit a book "Why am I a Liberal?" and yet be ignorant of Parliamentary methods. He should not leave so much to guesswork as he had done, nor should he have taken Keir Hardie to task, as if Keir Hardie did not know as much physical geography and natural history as Mr. Reid did. Of course Mr. Hardie included all these things mentioned under the term land. Unfortunate metaphors about fiddling forestations fell before Mr. Shaw's satire as he attacked the ornamental passages of Mr. Reid's speech. Then he put out of court as a practical politician one who spoke of rushing in and bringing one Party up or another down on the strength of one, or at most half-a-dozen, votes of New Party voters. The Progressives he called sheep in butchers' clothing, not butchers in sheep's clothing, and declared that if the Progressive was the nearest to a Socialist, he was the Socialist's best friend. Then—though in other words—Mr. Shaw reminded Mr. Reid that they that were whole need not a physician. "Fabians did not need to be converted to Socialism and to be told of the evils and cannibalism of society. They had wanted to hear of the methods of the New Party. Let Mr. Reid come back when he had his plans ready—the Fabians would be glad to criticise them. Meanwhile, Mr. Reid had wasted his own time and that of his audience.—Mr. Herbert Burrows, meeting his editor for the first time—for he is a contributor to the New Party book—proceeded to criticise that editor's scheme with a frankness unusual as from contributor to editor. The New Party was not needed; it had no brand-new Socialist ideas to offer us. There were none to offer. It was not only superfluous, but mischievous. If it were formed of Socialists pure and simple there was no need of a new organisation. If of non-Socialists, then no Socialist could belong to it. It was a strange way of advancing Socialism to form a New Party in order to unite a Party. Union of Socialists was a laudable idea. When he was young he believed in it; he was older now, and knew that we cannot form a united party in this country, and we never will. But let us have no more organisations.—After a boy-orator had arisen and accused the Fabian Society of becoming the bagatelle of the London Reform Union because a pamphlet published by that Union was being sold on its table, and after the secretary had invited us to other Fabian parties, Mr. Reid pleaded physical disability for his failure to make Fabians enjoy his New Party, and prophesied that in the future they would see that his policy and theirs were one.

And the party was over. Like Oscar Wilde at his own play, we had all enjoyed ourselves very much, and hoped to go again to a place where "Justice" is sold at the doors and an angel in fustian, holding in his hand a flame-red "Torch"—price one penny—guards the gates.

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on
Friday Feb 15th 1895. —
J. F. Oakeshott in the Chair.

- 1 The Minutes of ~~Feb 15th~~ last meeting were confirmed.
2. Andrew Reid read a paper on the "New Party" and a debate followed in which Mr. Warren, joint Secy of the New Party, J. Devine, G. B. Shaw, Herbert Burrows & others took part.

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday ⁽⁷⁾
8 March 1895. -

1. ~~The Minutes~~ R.A. Poddie was elected chairman
2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
3. On the motion of the Secretary R.A. Poddie & J. McKillop were elected scrutineers for the Exec. Com^{ee} Election.
4. Fred^c Hayes then read his paper on
The Possibilities of the Poor Rate
& a debate followed in which
J. F. Oakeshott, F. W. Galton, E. R. Pease, G. B. Shaw
& H. D. Pearell took part. -

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Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 15 March 1895
Hubert Bland in the Chair.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. The Rev. Dr. John Glasse read a paper on
The Relation of Socialism to Christianity
and a debate followed in which
Mr. Green, J. Prelocher, Rev. S. D. Headlam
J. Kerb, Abraham Wallas took part.
Joseph Devine

Hubert Bland
1895-1896

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday April 5th
1895, Joseph Devine in the Chair. (76)

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. The Secretary announced that Mr Geoffrey Drage had ~~was~~ suddenly cancelled his engagement to lecture & that Sidney Webb had consented at 3 days notice to take his place. He also announced that Herr W. ~~Ludwig~~ Liebknecht had written that he wd. be unable to fulfil his engagement to lecture, as political exigences would detain him in Germany - He further drew attention to the new edition of Tract 5, Facts for Socialists, now on sale.
3. Sidney Webb then delivered his lecture on The Working of Democracy in Trade Unionism & a debate followed in which Mr Graham Wallas, J.W. Martin, Miss A. Brown, Mr Webb & Mr White took part.

Miss P. Lloyd

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday April 26 '95.

1. J. F. Caheshot was elected Chairman
2. The Secretary announced the result of the Executive Committee Election.
3. Mr. Edwin Goadby gave his lecture on "The Municipalisation of the Drink Traffic" and a debate followed in which Macrosty, Slater, Macdonald, Mr. Blatch, Peare, Shaw & the Chairman took part.

Sydney Oliver

Chair 10.5.95

Mr. Edwin Goadby, lecturing at the Fabian Society last night clearly expounded his scheme for the municipalisation of the Liquor Traffic, and painted a rosy picture of an England under a rational and disinterested system of management. He commenced by asking the question, To what end did the liquor trade exist?

The answer was that the need for drink was a local one, locally created, and should be locally met. The present Local Veto Bill acknowledged this fact, but only half met it with the usual illogical divergence. The licence was a local creation, but it was given away. The publican was given the right to become a despot, and a Frankenstein had been created. The speaker proceeded to draw a picture of the days when the public-house was the property of the community, and the first Adam in the liquor trade had been its servant. He had still hopes of seeing it a centre of mental and moral as well as physical refreshment, and conjured up visions of a municipal public-house with all sorts of diversions. If the community did not get control of the drink traffic it would eventually be ruled by beer and spirit kings. All the local authorities would be "bull-dozed." He was willing to regard the publican as a man and a brother, but not as a master and a tyrant. The landlord system had brought its evils, but a drink rule would be a pretentious scandal. To give the control of the liquor traffic into the hands of the Municipalities would be a security against intemperance and every form of evil associated with public-houses, and it would also afford a source of

be encouraged for profit, the officials would receive regular salaries. The best people would be interested. Drunkenness, being a crime against the community, would be punished. He ridiculed the idea of

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which would only stimulate drunkenness. In order to municipalise they wanted a system that was possible without being too costly. It might be given under a general Act. He would like to see an Act introduced with the following provisions:—(1) Giving power to the Municipalities to build public-houses of their own, after voting (2), to buy the house and stock of any bankrupt publican. (3) To issue new licences on a two-thirds vote of the community. (4) To take over every licence forfeited for drunkenness. (5) After ten years to decide by a meeting of rate-payers what shops should exist. (6) To pay for stock by terminable annuities at the end of seven or ten years. In twenty years there would be a handsome return. (7) That drink should be purchased locally at market rates, and should also be brewed and distilled locally, besides being thoroughly tested. The wholesale trade should be carried on in special shops. (8) The hours of opening and closing to be fixed by the local authority, and every shop to be inspected twice daily without warning. (9) That there should be a special local committee on which no brewer or distiller should sit, which should supersede the licensing magistrates. The big hotels would have to sell drink only to residents. To those who objected that drink was a want, not a necessity like water and gas, he replied that public-houses were a necessity. The community had

to pay their cost locally in police, &c.; and therefore, they should control the profit. The notion that drink money was tainted was fantastic. It already went to the nation, to churches, and chapels; why not, therefore, to the Municipality? Moreover, at present the public-houses paid rates, which were not held to be tainted. To state that the municipal control would stimulate drunkenness was a libel. Those who held out for compensation all round

BEGGED THE QUESTION.

The drink-shops were not created by Act of Parliament, but by local demand. The publicans compensated themselves going along. He touched lightly on the Gotteburg system, which was merely an imitation municipalisation, and not the true thing. The licences were there sold by auction to a small private company, and merely the control of the spirits was handed over. Beer-shops were still in private hands. The company received six per cent. on the small capital after paying expenses of management. Of the rest of the profits the town received one portion, and the Provincial Agricultural Society another. Under the municipal control there would be no opening for corruption, while the political good would be enormous. Drunkenness would of course continue, but it would be lessened. To hand over the control of the drink traffic to the Municipality was the only rational way out of a great difficulty, and its recommendations were that it was easy, simple, ethical; it had been tried and not found wanting, and it was thoroughly English both in nature and in its historical origin.

Meeting at Essex on Friday 3 May 1895
Hubert Bland in the Chair. (77)

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read
+ confirmed
2. The Secretary invited members to assist in
selling tracts in Hyde Park; and he
announced that a meeting between the
Executive Com^{ee} + the women members of
the Society would be held on Wed 8th May
at the rooms of the L. P. Union at 4 p.m.
to discuss the Factory Bill.
3. Miss Gertrude Trickett read a paper on
Women + the Factory Bill,
+ a discussion followed in which
Miss Morant, Mrs Mallet, Mrs Blatch,
F. W. Galton, H. W. Macroft, Miss Marden
+ others took part.
Harriet Stanton Blatch

Annual Meeting at Cliffords Inn on
Friday 10th May 1895. —

1. Sydney Oliver was elected chairman
2. The minutes of the last members meeting were confirmed.
3. The Secy notified that Miss Jessie Clarke was candidate for the Guardians at Islington & requested members to assist.
4. Sidney Webb reported on the Conference of Women Fabians on the Factory Bill which had been held on the 8th inst.
5. The Chairman informed the meeting that a letter had been received from J. Kent saying that in consequence of the Walworth election he w^d not be present to move the resolutions standing in his name.
6. A vote of urgency was moved & Stammers, but

lost by 22 to 36. After further debate another
was moved by Naylor, & carried by 58 to 14.

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7. T. Naylor then moved, & J. Andrews seconded
"That this meeting reaffirms the established
practice of the Society not to interfere
with the political conduct of individual
members" An amendment to omit the
word "political" was proposed by T. Wright
& R. Steele, but was lost. The resolution was
supported by W. C. Sleadman, & J. Devine &
opposed by F. S. Green. The closure having
been carried by a large majority, the
motion was adopted with 4 dissentients
only, in a meeting of 80 to 90 members.
8. The Secretary on behalf of the Exec. moved the
adoption of the Annual Report. H. W. Mackay
reported for the auditors, that the accounts were
in good order. After a brief discussion the
resolution was adopted nem. con. -
9. The Secy on behalf of the Exec. moved that the

leaflet No 63. Parish Council Cottages be printed as
a tract. An amendment was proposed by Mrs Blatch
referring to Washhouses, & approved. The resolution
was then unanimously adopted.

10. The Secy reported on the arduous work of the
Scrutineers and moved a vote of thanks to
them wh. was adopted by acclamation.

W. Desmond

May 24th 1895.

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday 24th
May 1895, ~~to~~ (79)

1. G. G. Desmond was elected Chairman.
2. The Secy announced the election of Miss Jessie Clarke as a Guardian at Islington with a majority of 94 votes.
3. Herbert Samuel then lectured on The Problem of Unemployment, & a debate followed in which Pease, Shaw, Galton Stannus, & Phillimore took part.

Charles Chennister
June 14th

Meeting at the London Reform Union Rooms,
3 Arundel St on Friday 7th June 1895.

1. Charles Charrington was elected chairman
2. Miss Helen Dendy lectured on
Errors in Socialism
& a debate followed in which
Andrews, Martin, Burgess, Desmond,
Oakeshott, Devine, Bernard Bodanquet,
Geo Samuel & others took part. —

A. W. Macrosty
2.7.95.

Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday 14 June 95 (2)
Mrs Stanton Blatch in the chair

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Herbert Burrows lectured on
Socialism + Women
& a debate followed in which Headlam,
White, Mrs Mallet, Quelch, Miss Morant
& others took part.

M. H. L.

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn on
Tuesday, July 2nd 1895.

1. H. W. Macrosty was elected chairman
2. The minutes of 7th June were confirmed.
3. On the subject of Questions for Parliamentary Candidates, F. S. Green moved that the Tract be not reprinted but he found no seconder.
4. The above named reprint was then considered, amended & ordered to be printed.
5. The ~~two~~^{three} leaflets no. b4 "How to Lose + how to win an Election" no. b5. "Trade Unions + Politics" & no. b6 "a program for labour" were then discussed, amended, & ordered to be printed & issued. -

Public Meeting at Essex Hall on Friday
4 October 1895. (8)

Hubert Bland in the chair.

1. The Minutes of 14th June were conformed.
2. G. B. Shaw then read his paper on:-

THE APPLICATION OF COLLECTIVISM TO SOME
CURRENT POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

I.—AT ESSEX HALL, ESSEX STREET, STRAND.

4th Oct. "The Political Situation" By BERNARD SHAW.

The relations of the Fabian Society and the Liberal Party before 1892—The unreality of the Newcastle Program—Examination of the theory that the recent Liberal defeat was due to the alarm produced by the Socialistic tendencies of the late Government—Wearing-out of the shibboleths of revolutionary Social-Democracy—Inadequacy of the traditional conception of public life to the demands made on statesmen by modern industrial problems—The real preliminary conditions for Labor Legislation—Improbability of the present generation of Cabinet Ministers complying with these conditions—Instances of unstudied problems—The rising generation and the future.

& a debate followed in which
Geo. Samuel, Miss Amy Mount, J.R. Macdonald
Mr. Bradley, J. Kent, & Tom Mann
took part.

J. W. Martin.
25.10.36

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

A FABIAN VIEW.

MR. BERNARD SHAW'S CRITICISM

The first of a series of five lectures, under the auspices of the Fabian Society, on the subject of "The Application of Collectivism to some Current Political Problems," was delivered last night at Essex Hall, Essex-street, Strand, by Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, who chose for his title "The Political Situation."

Mr. Shaw commenced with a picturesque illustration of the condition of political affairs in 1892, when the elections left the Liberals with a majority, by likening it to the instantaneous withering of Klingsor's garden, as seen at the Bayreuth Festival, for then the Socialist magic garden, heavy with perfume and brilliant with hopes, was as suddenly blighted. He did not proceed to be surprised or disappointed, for he claimed that "a certain hardy annual" known to political horticulturists as the Newcastle Program had been grown in the Socialist hot-house, snipped off close to the ground, and then planted in the Liberal flower-bed. But they had gained all they hoped to gain by the trick, and the rootless flowers lasted long enough to accustom people to something better.

CAUSES OF LIBERAL DEFEAT.

But, he continued, the contrast between the vigorous Progressivism of the Newcastle Program and the reluctant Liberalism of the late Government ruined them, though Lord Rosebery's Cabinet went further than any other Government has ever gone before. But that was only because they necessarily began where the other Governments left off. The present Conservative Government will also go further than any previous Government has gone. Our quarrel with the late Government is not that it did not go ahead, but that it went no further than it could help, whereas it promised to go as far as it possibly could. In saying this I am quite aware that a great number of defeated Liberal candidates are of opinion that their failure was due to the fact that the late Government went too far, and that the nation was terrified lest a renewal of the power of the Rosebery Cabinet should lead to the precipitate establishment of Social Democracy in this country. I do not myself see how gentlemen who offer such an opinion as the measure of their intelligence can reasonably expect people to vote for them; but their view is so acceptable to the reactionary section of the Liberals that it has been made a good deal of in the party papers. I shall therefore consider it for a few moments. I shall deal with two points—first, whether the alleged eagerness of the Liberal Cabinet to carry out the Socialistic items in its program is a fact or not; and second, whether the country really showed at the election any disposition to recoil from the Ministers who were most suspected of Socialism, and to rally round those who were notoriously reactionary in their attitude towards it. In dealing with the first point, the ground has fortunately been cleared for me by our Fabian manifesto of November 1893, entitled "To your Tents, oh Israel!" Our demand was simply that the Government, as an employer of Labour, should show the sincerity of its professed humanitarian spirit and goodwill towards the working classes by becoming as good an employer as the London County Council. We gave case after case of sweating, of wages beneath the standard rate, of long hours, of all the abuses which disgrace the ordinary competitive exploitation of Labour by private speculators. We showed what had already been done by local public bodies, what might be done by the central government, and how to do it. As far as we are aware, not one of those things has been done to this day.

LIBERAL LEADERS AT THE POLLS.

Now for my second point. Granting what everybody knows to be the case, that certain members of the late Government were more disposed to go forward on Labour questions than others, which side was the more popular at the polls? In the Commons, the champions of the old Unsocialist Whig Liberalism were Sir William Harcourt and Messrs. John and Arnold Morley. The champions of Collectivist Liberalism were Mr. Asquith, Mr. Acland, Mr. Sidney Buxton, and—behind the scenes, but, perhaps, most assiduous of all—Mr. R. B. Haldane; whilst Mr. Campbell-Bannerman was associated with the eight-hours reform at Woolwich and the declaration against competition wages. So far, the evidence that Sir William Harcourt and his side are regarded by the nation as its saviours from Socialism seems to be limited to the fact that they have been crucified. On the other hand, Mr. Haldane, Mr. Acland, Mr. Asquith, and Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, enjoyed the few Liberal triumphs of the election. They did not scrape in with reduced majorities; they were returned with increased ones. From the purely official and party point of view, Collectivism and sympathy with Labour have paid, and reaction has spent ruin. Only Collectivism is a card that must be played boldly by a Government. Let me give you an instance in which a Minister contrived to destroy his position by exactly the same course which made Mr. Acland's position impregnable. Mr. Shaw Lefevre, President of the Local Government Board in the late Liberal Administration, learnt that a post-office was being built for the Government in Leeds, close to his own constituency, Central Bradford, by labour paid at less than trade union

to education than the parson and the squire; indeed, until we get district School Boards, the democratic ideal of Board-schools everywhere will be more popular in London and Birmingham than in neighbourhoods where a public board of any kind means a handful of farmers and village shopkeepers. What is objectionable at present in the ordinary voluntary school is the low standard of education, and the power of the parson arbitrarily to dismiss the teachers. On the other hand the parson himself has to cadge for subscriptions, and be more or less subservient to the people who give them. It is a great pity that the Liberals did not themselves relieve the parson from this necessity by giving the Voluntary schools the little extra money needed to make them entirely independent of subscriptions, exacting in return a higher standard of efficiency, and providing the teacher with a means of appeal from arbitrary dismissal. Had they not better try to obtain these conditions from the Conservative Government, instead of vainly and stupidly opposing them on the main question?

LEADERS PAST AND FUTURE.

Now, I think it will be admitted by even the most bigoted party Liberal present, continued Mr. Shaw, that appeals to the imagination of the people are not the strong point of the present Liberal leaders. Mr. Gladstone's retirement meant the retirement of enthusiasm and personal glamour from Liberalism. I wish I could announce with any plausibility that Disraeli and Gladstone were the last of the great political actors. But fortunately I can announce, with entire confidence in your assent, that their successors in the histrionic department have not yet been found. The Conservatives make some sort of shift by putting Lord Salisbury into what is technically known in the theatre as the heavy lead; and he is not altogether ineffective in certain parts, though in questions concerning local government and industrial matters he is apt to relapse into the less impressive line of first old woman. But in the Liberal company the heavy lead is absolutely vacant. Lord Rosebery amuses the nation; but he does not impress it, and sometimes he scandalises it. Mr. Asquith is very convincing when he has a case to plead; he can put it admirably and get the verdict for his side of it; but he can do nothing without a case. People will not vote Liberal for the sake of his beautiful eyes. Mr. Morley is esteemed, not because he throws a glamour over Liberal politics, but because he calls upon us to stand up resolutely and honestly to their utter barrenness, and refuses to pretend that he sympathises with Socialism. Sir William Harcourt and Mr. Arnold Morley are positively unpopular; Mr. Acland, though deservedly popular, is not theatrically effective; Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, and Lords Kimberley, Spencer, and Ripon, are as useless for the purpose of rousing abstract Liberal enthusiasm as Mr. Shaw Lefevre. In short, the Liberals have not the means of appealing to the imagination of the electorate, and must, therefore, appeal to its interest; in other words, they must fight the next election, not on their personalities, but on their program. The prospect I have put before you, he continued, is not, so far, a rosy one. With the Trade Union Congress helpless, the old political gangs hopeless, the Socialists for the most part fifty years behindhand in their political ideas, and the plutocratic and professional classes safer in the saddle than ever, what can we do but turn our attention to the young men now coming up, who will in the course of nature succeed to the parliamentary leadership? Pray do not think that I have in my mind the clever persons who, ten years ago, were the young men of the Fabian Society. We were regarded as extreme persons then; and the reputation clings to us. But it is clear that most of the young men who are being attracted to public life at present by any interest wider than that of personal ambition or family tradition, are being attracted by what I may call the Fabian view of social and individual development. And I would venture to urge upon Labour Members that they also try to make the working classes understand that a man who does his work in Parliament properly cannot do any other work. The career of Mr. John Burns is particularly instructive in this respect. Why is it that Mr. Burns has all through been able to maintain his position in the Labour movement so strongly, in spite of the hostility which he has excited in many sections of it? I submit to you that the secret lies in his having devoted himself wholly to his business as Member for Battersea, both in the County Council and in Parliament. That he incurred a desperate risk in doing so is sufficiently well known to those who have followed the vicissitudes of his wages fund; but the result has justified him. In Parliament and on the Council alike, he is always there, always on the spot when his opportunity comes, always working at the business of these bodies, always gaining experience as well as dispatching business. There you have it. There is nothing of which I feel more sure than that the introduction of payment of Members would produce as great a personal improvement in the House of Commons as the abolition of purchase has done in the officering of the Army. This is all that I can profitably say this evening. I can only assure you that however little I am asking, it is much more than you are at all likely to get for the present. My appeal to-night is for a real program of definite measures, based on adequate study and investigation. I no longer address my appeal to the working classes, in whose political initiative I no longer believe. I appeal to the rising parliamentary generation, whatever their class or party. (Cheers.)

The next lecture of the series, "Reform of Democratic Machinery," by Mr. J. R. Macdonald, is fixed for Friday, Oct. 25, at Clifford's Inn.

MACON—Halves, short clear middle, nominal; light hogs, 4.65; heavy hogs, 3.95.
 HOGS.—Receipts: Western cities, 56,000; same day last year, 45,000; Chicago, 27,000; same day last year, 16,000.

VESSELS ENTERED INWARDS.

1. LONDON CUSTOM HOUSE, Oct. 4, 4 P.M.
 Amstelroomb (s), Amsterdam—Brewer's Quay—Phillipps & Graves.
 Cornuans (s), Rotterdam, Hermitage Tr.—Rahn.
 Rosendaal (s), Dunkirk, Battle Bridge Tr.—Mead.
 Nederland (s), Flushing, Queenboro—Flood, Page.
 Princess Marie (s), Flushing, Queenboro—Flood, Page.
 City of London (s), B. Brassica, Granite Wf.—Thomas.
 Sea Belle (s), Ghent, Mark Brown's Wf.—Leach.
 Scott Harley (s), Guernsey, B. & F.S. Wf.—Cheeswright.
 Virginian (s), Boston, V.D.—Furness, Withy & Co.
 Albert (s), Ghent, Radcliffe Cross Tr.—Ronaldson.
 Mohawk (s), New York, R.A.D.—Williams, Torrey & Field.
2. Iris (s), Havre, Fast-lane Tr.—G.S.N. Co.
 Rialto (s), New York, R.A.D.—Allau.
 Burma (s), Boulogne, Chaubouclain's Wf.—Bennett & Co.
 Virgo (s), Hamburg, East-lane Tr.—G.S.N. Co.
 Minerva (s), Hamburg, T.D.—Perlbach.
 Lizzie, Guernsey, Greenwic—Manuelle.
 Canute (s), Valencia, Nicholson's Wf.—M. Isaacs & Sons.
 Clan Fraser (s), Calcutta, T.D.—Cayzer, Irvine.
 Maine (s), Philadelphia, W.I.D.—Williams, Torrey & Field.
3. Wm. Adamson (s), Marionople, M.D.—H. L. Adamson.
 Grenaur (s), Drobak, Greowich—Pige.
 America (s), New York, R.A.D.—N.S.S. Co.
 Persia (s), Calcutta, T.D.—Henderson Bros.
 Oceana (s), Sydney, R.A.D.—P. & O.S.N. Co.

TO-DAY'S MAILS.

MAILS TO BE DISPATCHED.—Morning, to the United States, &c. via Southampton; to Madeira, the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, &c. via Southampton. Supplementary mails to Senegal, Rio Janeiro, Monte Video, and Buenos Ayres, by French packet. Supplementary mails to the Cape Verd Islands, Brazil, Monte Video, and Buenos Ayres, via Lisbon; to Tenerife, St. Helena, and Ascension, via Southampton; to Madeira, the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Ascension, and St. Helena (Parcels Mails); to Germany, to the United States, Canada, the Turk's Islands, Bahamas, Bermuda, Mexico, Belize, and Guatemala, via Queenstown; to Japan and China, via San Francisco; to New Zealand, &c. via San Francisco.

PRIVATE SHIP LETTERS.—The Hogarth, from London for Rio Janeiro, &c. (Brazil); the Nasmyth, from Liverpool for Rio Janeiro, &c. (Brazil); the Ionia, from Plymouth for Tenerife, Cape Town, Hobart, and various ports in New Zealand; the Gaul, from Southampton for Tenerife, Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Natal, and Delagoa Bay (the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, &c.); the Minister Park, Essequil, Swift, or Professor Buys, from Hull for Rotterdam (Holland); the Seahorse or European, from Hull for Amsterdam (Holland); the Bruno, Marbella, Corso, or Esperanza, from Hull for Hamburg (Germany); the Ariosto or Romeo, from Hull, at five p.m., for Gothenburg (Sweden); the —, from Southampton for Havre (France). All letters to be marked with the name of the ship, or "Per Private ship," and the port of destination.

The principal guests at the forthcoming Cutlers' Feast at Sheffield will be the Duke of Norfolk, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Loch, Lord Howard of Effingham, Lord Milton, Lord Edmund Talbot, Admiral Field, Mr. G. N. Maclure, M.P., and several mayors.

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SALES ON THE NEW YORK MARKET.

Wheat (bushels), Futures	4,050,301
Wheat (bushels), Spot	37,000
Corn (bushels), Future	350,000
Corn (bushels), Spot	15,000
Coffee (bags)	15,000
Cotton (bales)	300,000
Petroleum, Pipe Line runs (barrels) ...	150,000
Petroleum, Shipment from Foreign ..	70,000

PRICES FOR FUTURE DELIVERY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.
 WHEAT—October, 64; December, 64; May, 63.
 CORN—October, 34; November, 34; December, 33; May, 35.
 LARD—October, 6.20.
 COFFEE—Asked: October, 15.35; November, 15.30; December, 15.10; January, 14.95; February, 14.80; March, 14.75; April, 14.45; May, 14.35.
 COTTON—October, 8.85; November, 8.82; December, 8.96; January, 9.01; February, 9.10; March, 9.15; April, 9.21; May, 9.25; June, 9.31.

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.

WHEAT—October, 53; December, 63; May, 64.
 CORN—October, 30; November, 29; December, 27; May, 29.
 LARD—October, 5.80; January, 5.80; May, 5.95.
 PORK—October, 8.30; December, 8.40; January, 9.47; May, 9.72.
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Meeting at Cliffords Inn on 25th November
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1. J.W. Martin was elected Chairman

2. The Minutes of 2nd July were confirmed.

3. On the Motion of Edw. R. Pease & S. G. Hobson the following resolution was adopted unanimously, viz:-

"That this meeting of the Fabian Society records its sympathy with the locked-out Glass-workers of Carmarvon, congratulates them on their sturdy defence of the right of Combination, expresses its disapproval of the interference of Government officials on behalf of the employer, & undertakes to render all possible assistance." — The Secy announced that a fund had been started with Tom Mann as Treasurer, Macdonald as Chairman, & himself & Hobson as Secs., & that contributions c^d. be received at the Fabian Office 276 Strand.

4. J.R. Macdonald then delivered his lecture on

SPHERE OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

At a meeting of the Fabian Society, held last night at Clifford's-inn, Fleet-street, Mr. Sidney Webb, L.C.C., gave an address on "The Sphere of the Municipality in Industrial Reconstruction." He said that in England there had hitherto been practically no consideration of what should be the sphere of the local governing body as compared with the central governing body, and still less of the relation which should exist between the two bodies. It had often been assumed that Socialists were in favour of one central authority only, but that idea was erroneous, for local government was an absolute necessity in any but the smallest of States. He did not think they would ever realise a system of "free communes," but that they would rather have a "complicated hierarchy" of authorities; and although local government would extend and be the rule, yet local authority would have to be subject to more direct central supervision and control than at present. In the first place they might take it as settled that all taxation of movables would necessarily be central and national; the next function of the centre was the legal regulation of all industry which went to a common market, which would include Factory Acts and Mines Regulation Acts, and he believed that in this connection any proposal for local option would be fatal; and, thirdly, everything that the central authority paid for out of national funds must be under its control, and under this head he classed national services of locomotion and communication (e.g., railways and telegraphs). At the same time the greatest possible scope should be given to the local authorities, who should control everything that the locality paid for and should be entrusted with such regulative action as was purely local (e.g., Shop Hours Acts). Sanitation and education were subjects which were fundamentally interesting to the whole community, and consequently were matters which could not be wholly left to local authorities; but, on the other hand, their administration must necessarily be local. The relation between the local and central authorities might be one of three kinds—(1) The local authority might be absolutely dependent upon the will of the central Minister, as in France; (2) the local authority might be an entirely separate legal personality, as in the United States; or (3) they might have the system which had been unconsciously adopted in England, whereby the control of the central authority was practically bought by "grants in aid." He had been sorry to see that the *Daily Chronicle* had fluminated in advance against Government proposals on the subject of grants in aid. He was not at all sure that these proposals, if they came, would be good; but on principle he said that grants in aid were excellent because they enabled the central authority to gain its control over the local authority in the best way that was known. Mr. Webb next turned his attention to the subject of municipalisation. Having pointed out that the basis of this was the co-operation of consumers for the supply of their own needs, he expressed the opinion that municipal advance in this direction must first proceed on the lines that had already been indicated in various provincial centres, commencing with the municipalisation of water and gas, and going on to tramways, libraries, hospitals, lodging-houses, &c. And so far as regarded London, they must first of all try to bring themselves up to the level of provincial towns.

freedom than many of their rivals, who are hampered by trotting backwards and forwards on a straight track. Of course, jumping practice is out of the question, but this will not matter much to such a natural jumper as Clontarf; the remark applying with equal force to Cathal, who will probably make considerable stir in the market before the eventful day, though so far his name has not been mentioned. The names of two more of my half-dozen have also been absent from the list, Dalkeith and Graig Olway, but there is plenty of time to bring them up. Esop, having twice gained place honours, need only be well to prove a formidable candidate over a country where horses as a rule repeat their previous form, and this is naturally brings Wild Man from Borneo to mind, for he was so close a third last year to Why Not and Lady Ellen II., that it is generally believed that Arthur Nightingall, who steered the winner, could have won on either of the trio. Wild Man from Borneo will be ridden by S. Woodland this time. Prince Albert, accounted one of the most genuine outsiders, has from 33 to 1 advanced to 25 to 1, and subsequently to 20 to 1. Of three on the 33 to 1 mark—March Hare, Badminton, and Royal Buck—the best business is represented by March Hare. If the Epsom stables are to furnish the winner, as happened in 1890, I consider Westmeath to be the most likely horse to get the four miles and a-half successfully.

When a Manchester Meeting is interrupted by stress of weather the outlook must be bad indeed. The executive have on many occasions brought off their gatherings in a most marvellous manner when racing seemed out of the question, but their elaborate preparations have been fruitless in face of the abnormal temperatures of the past three weeks. The meeting for to-morrow and Tuesday had been arranged to fit in with the Waterloo Cup, and the latter fixture being postponed, the Manchester abandonment does not matter to the same extent. Of last week's fixtures, Nottingham and Sandown Park, two interesting reunions, had to be abandoned, while Hull and Carmarthen have been shifted to Thursday and Friday next. With Manchester out of the question, the prospect for the remainder of the gatherings during the coming week is far from hopeful, and as early as Friday last signals of distress were hung out by those responsible for Warwick. Whatever happens, it is most desirable that the Hurst Park and National Hunt combined meeting should be disposed of next Friday and Saturday. The list for the next two months is so crowded that the arranging of new dates will be a matter of difficulty, having regard to the clause prohibiting the clashing of certain places. The National Hunt are not usually interfered with by the elements when endeavoring to bring off their gathering, and perhaps they will be favoured on the present occasion. The three meetings that deserve notice are Warwick, Hull, and Hurst Park, selections for which are appended:—

WARWICK.

Wednesday:—County Hurdle Handicap, Astraea or Wrangler; Warwick Handicap Steeplechase, Kestrel; Wellesbourne Steeplechase, Le Pavilion or Ekeveke; Doldale National Hunt Flat Race, Lord Percy or Ben Wyvis; and Upton Steeplechase, W. Cloud.

Thursday:—Leamington Grand Annual Steeplechase, Pantomime or Swaledale; Midland Hunt Steeplechase, Master Percy or Electric; Budbrook Maiden Hurdle Plate, Roland Grams or Factotum; Spa Flat Race, Forester or Lady Erne; and Guy Maiden Hurdle Race, Sordello or Hippomenes.

HULL.

Thursday:—Hedon Hurdle Handicap, Sillybody or Swaledale; Paragon Hunt Hurdle Race, Complines; Hull Handicap Steeplechase, Noiseless; and East Riding Steeplechase, Dawn.

Friday:—Martfleet Steeplechase, Red Pepper; Burwick Maiden Hurdle Race, Complines; Haldham Steeplechase, Coolshamrock; and Astley Hurdle Race, Sillybody or Complines.

HURST PARK AND NATIONAL HUNT.

Friday:—Waterloo Handicap Steeplechase,

and a debate followed in which T. Rolles, F. H. W. Mearns, Geo. Samuel, Sir W. M. P. and Saw. Bonshain

*1. F. W. Mearns
2. The Secretary for the meeting*

25th Oct. "Reform of Democratic Machinery"

The Principles of Minority Rule—Towards Democracy? i. Women's Suffrage; ii. Second Ballot; iii. Proportional Representation; iv. the Referendum and Initiative; v. the Delegate and the Mandate; vi. the Election of Administrators—A Working Theory of Ideal Democracy—The Sphere of the Expert—The Function of the Representative—Parliamentary Procedure—How to combine the maximum of administrative efficiency with genuine public control.

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By J. R. MACDONALD.

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26th Oct. "Reform of Democratic Machinery"

By J. R. MACDONALD.

The Principles of Majority Rule.—Towards Democracy? i. Woman's Suffrage; ii. Second Ballot; iii. Proportional Representation; iv. the Referendum and Initiative; v. the D'Almeida and the Mandate; vi. the Election of Administrators—A Working Theory; vii. Ideal Democracy.—The Sphere of the Expert.—The Function of the Representative.—Parliamentary Procedure.—How to combine the maximum of administrative efficiency with genuine public control.

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and a debate followed in which
T. Rolles, F. H. M. Maresot, Saur, Benekeim,
Geo. Samuel, Sidney Wells, F. Wesseler, &
J. H. Hobson took part.

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grow and people must have their root in the earth. They needed not permanent improvements in sewers, fire stations, bridges, but in mind, body, clothes, food. New London cost too much. He (Mr. Reid) could make a New England out of the money; he would take two million people at once out of London. Nationalisation, not municipalisation; a new England, not a New London, was the creed of the New Party. Then Mr. Reid grew poetical, only he was unfortunate in his metaphors. He spoke of the folly of "fiddling with fire stations when people were burning," of "playing with trowels when temples were falling," and was reminded later by Bernard Shaw that these were the very times to fiddle with fire stations and play with trowels, and that his thought was slovenly. He got drunk with a Whitmanesque passion for Nature, and wallowed in adjectives, calling Nature majestic, massive, silent, growing, beautiful, healthy, fruitful, eternal Nature—bidding us search for the policy of the New Party in the bosom of Nature, whose secret was not a political one, but one to be revealed to her sweet-heart, not to a Daily Chronicle or a John Burns. These were Cockneys. To them Nature meant merely a London park. "For Nature and New England" seemed to be the motto on the flag of the New Party. "Nationalise Nature their battle-cry. The methods proposed by Mr. Reid for the nationalising of Nature were vague, and consisted mainly in migrating people from towns into the country, and leaving the landlords to deal alone with rates and taxes and debts. It was land nationalisation, but not that of Keir Hardie, whom Mr. Reid set up in effigy, and accused of woeful ignorance of physical geography and natural history, asking if the term land were sufficient to describe all this form, colour, energy, movement, wealth, insect and animal life implied in the term Nature. That term covered land and the means of production, and man who was the mind and hand of the plant. Then we heard of the iniquities of the Lords and the Commons—of the Duke of Bedford tottering, of the impotence and impudence of the House of Commons in attempting to solve the problem of the unemployed by a Committee as they had attempted to solve the Labour question by a Commission. Was a Committee appointed to consider Home Rule or the House of Lords? Becoming revolutionary, Mr. Reid declared that the New Party would sweep away landlords as well as Lords, the House of Commons as well as the Lords, for both were abominations. It would sweep them away as a hurricane does rotten leaves. "Had the Party a new broom to sweep leaves." "Had the New Party a new broom to sweep with?" asked a questioner later. "Yes, several" was the reply.

The Liberal game was a mere party game. Would the Liberal Party work for Socialism if

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Meeting at Cliffords Inn 8th November 1895.

1. H. W. Macrosty was Elected Chairman.
2. The Secretary announced that the Carmaux Lockport fund had reached £147.-
3. Sidney Webb here gave his lecture:-

III.—AT CLIFFORD'S INN.

8th Nov. "The Sphere of the Municipality in Industrial Reconstruction" ... By SIDNEY WEBB.

Progress of Municipalization in the United Kingdom—The limits of "Gas and Water Socialism"—Probable lines of advance—
"Co-operation of Consumers" as the basis of the "organization of public services."

and a debate followed in which J.W. Martin,
G.B. Shaw Joseph Devine, + J.R. Macdonald
took part.

Harry Lowenson

~~November~~ Meeting of Cliffords Lun on
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1. Harry ^{Werrison} Lorrain was elected Chairman
2. After an unanimous vote of urgency the following resolution, moved by G. B. Shaw + seconded by H. W. Macrosty was unanimously carried viz:-
That the Fabian Society desires to assure Herr Wilhelm Liebknecht of its entire sympathy with him in his recent conflict with the Imperial Power & to express its astonishment that it shd. be possible nowadays in Germany to imprison a member of parliament for an expression of opinion which w^d be free to any English citizen.
3. H. W. Macrosty then read his paper

22nd Nov. "The Sphere of the State in Industrial Reconstruction" By H. W. MACROSTY.
The Progress of Nationalization—The Government Manufacturing Departments—The Means of Communication and Transit—
The Absorption of Rent and Interest by Taxation—The Raising of the Standard of Life by Regulation and Control—An
Industrial Code—The Prevention of Unemployment.

and a debate followed in which Lorrain, Wallas, Shaw,
Webb, Martin & Bernstein took part.
Höel Griffiths

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Members Meeting 29 November 1895 at Cliffords Inn

1. Noel Griffith was elected chairman
2. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
3. F. Whelan gave a report of his tour in the provinces.
4. J. McVillop & S. G. Hobson were elected scrutineers.
5. The following

AGENDA.

- (1) Resolution ^{was} to be moved by A. HALLIDAY:
- “ That this Society assures Dr. Watt of its
“ hearty sympathy in his gallant struggle for
“ the rights of tenants; regrets that the Execu-
“ tive failed to secure the representation of the
“ Society at the Hovingham Demonstration;
“ and pledges itself to do all in its power to
“ bring the contest to a successful conclusion.”

This was recorded by Harry Limerick. The Secretary made an official statement, & Hubert Bland then moved as an amendment on behalf of the Executive, That we proceed to the next business. After speeches by G. B. Desmond for the resolution, by Staudring, Shaw, Macrost & Pease for the amendment, & a reply by Halliday, the amendment was carried by 28 to 11. —

- b. The hour being late, a motion to adjourn was then adopted.

Hubert Bland

Meeting at Cliffords Inn on Friday Dec. 13th 95.

1. Hubert Bland was elected Chairman.
2. The Secretary read letter from Herr Liebknecht thanking the Society for its resolution of sympathy with him.
3. The Secretary announced that the Executive Bye-Election had resulted in a tie between Miss Priestley & F. Wheeler & that the Exec. Com^{ee} had decided to take a second ballot between them.

H. Edw. R. Pease then read his paper on

"Municipal Drink Traffic"

By EDWARD R. PEASE.

History of English Liquor Laws—Ancient Acts against Intemperance—The Gin Act of 1736—What the law is now—Drink Legislation on the Continent—American and Colonial experiences—Why legislate at all?—Tied Houses—The Drink Trade and Politics—Schemes of Reformers—Local Veto: where it fails—The Norwegian System—The Gothenburg System—Municipalization in England—Mr. Chamberlain and the Lords' Committee of 1877—The Birmingham Town Council as a Beershop-keeper—The Crux of Compensation—Referendum—Dual Decision—Municipal Public Houses—Drinking Stores or People's Parlors—What to do with the Profits.

+ a debate followed in which
Rev. H. C. Chorley, Geo. Samuel, Sidney Webb
H. W. Macarty & Gilbert Slater took part.

J. Tom Martin
10/1/96

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Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn Jan 10th 1896

- (1) J.W. Martin was elected chairman
- (2) The Secretary announced that he had been instructed to write to Mrs Stepmah on behalf of the Society expressing the regret of the Society at the death of Stepmah. -
- (3) Mrs Wells then read her paper on Women & the Factory Legislation and a debate followed in which Miss Belcher, Mrs Mallet, Mrs Blatch, Miss Morant, A.W. Macrosty, G.E. Bottle & others took part.
- (4) ~~Mr Shaw~~ Mr Standing for the Exec. moved Urgency to discuss the publication of the Tract, & the Secy explained why it was urgent, & that the omission to give due notice was accidental. The vote of urgency was unanimously carried.
- (5) ^{Lecture} Mr B. Shaw then moved that the ~~Tract~~ be printed & issued as a tract with the name of the author. This was adopted, two votes only being recorded against it. -
A.W. Macrosty. 24.1.96

Members Meeting at Cliffords Inn. 24 Jan '96

1. H. W. Macrosty was elected chairman
2. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
3. The Secretary announced the result of the Executive bye-election, viz: Miss Presley 114 Frederick Whelen 107. -
4. Graham Wallas then gave a lecture on

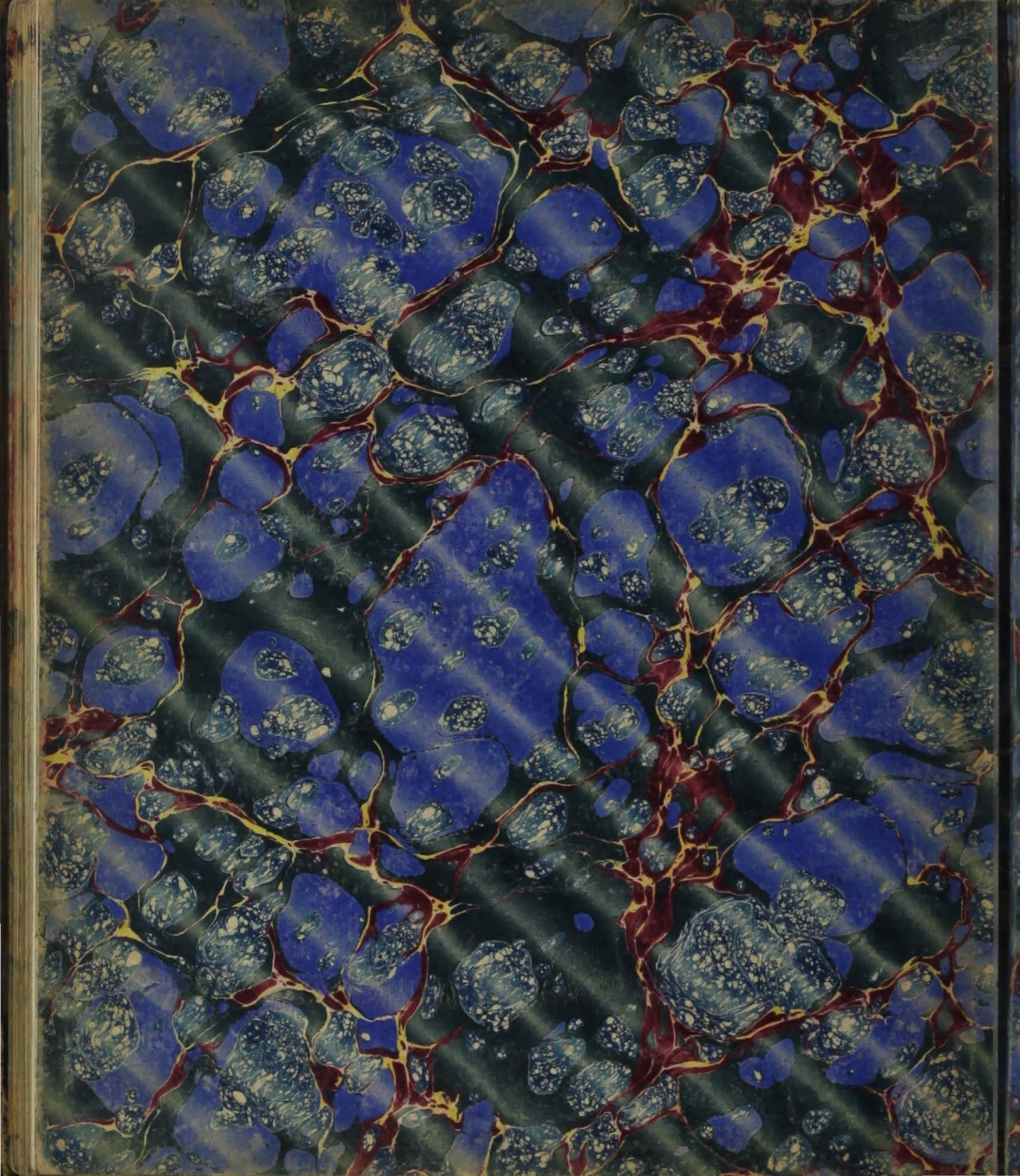
Jan. 24. "Board Schools and Free Meals."

By GRAHAM WALLAS.

SYLLABUS: Past Experiments—Present Facts—The Administrative Problem—The Political Problem.

and a debate in the form of questions to the lecturer followed, & was continued to the close of the meeting.

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