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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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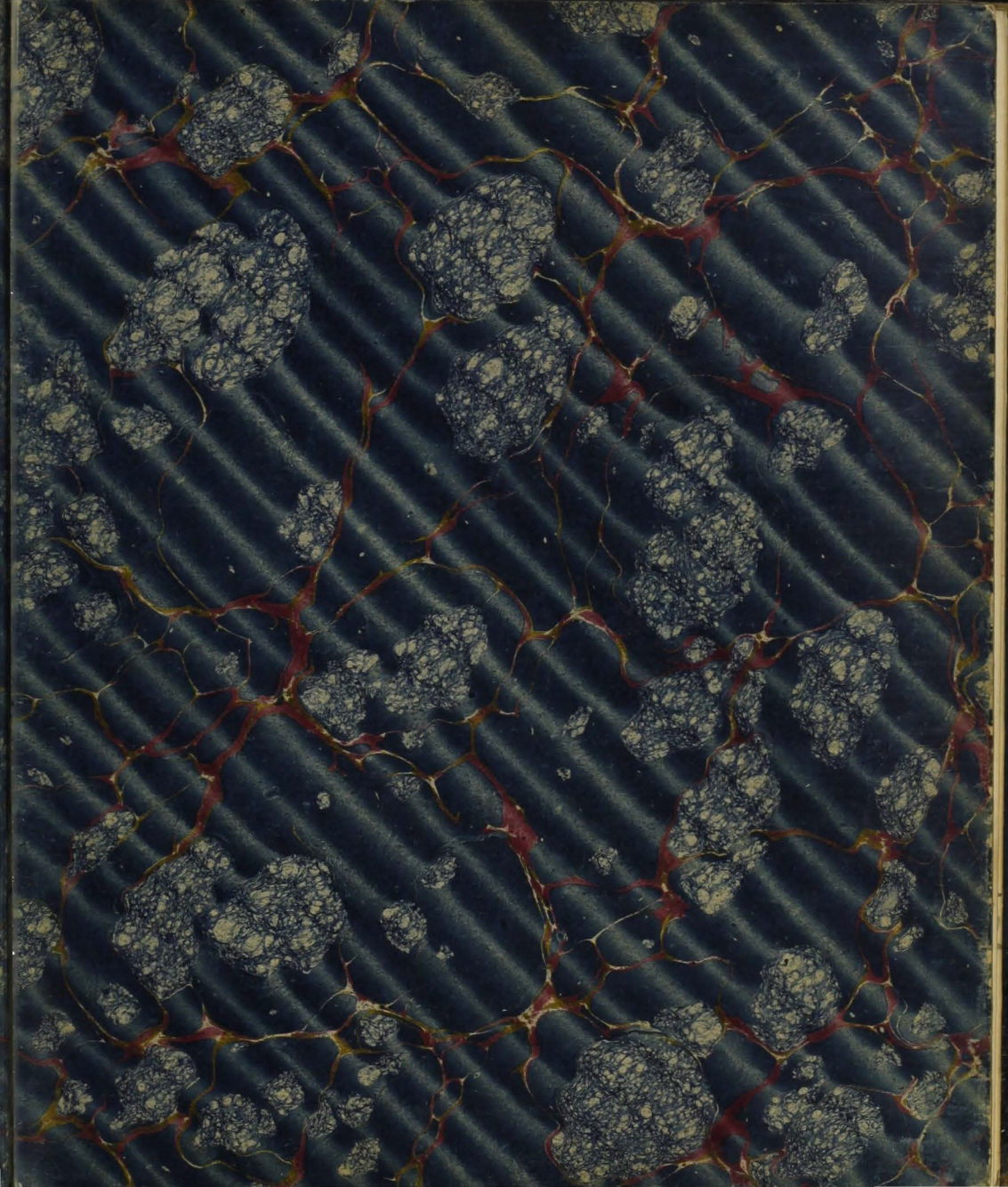
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Executive Committee
Minute Books.

11 Jan 1895

12 Feb 1897

Executive at Office 11 Jan'y 1895. -

Present Gakeshott (in chair), Pease, Oliver, Mrs Blatch,
Martin, Miss Brooke, Bland, Hammill, Standing
Mrs Garnett Shaw -

absent. Webb, Wallas, Holding, Macdonald.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{tee} Report read & approved, in particular, reporting gift of books from Colden Club & recommending that "Fabian Library" be published at once.
3. Essex Hall Lectures. Sec. reported no reply from Andrew Reid - and that Prof. Nicholson for health's sake, cried off his engagement. - Agreed to have lecture from Webb ^{on 4th cc} on 15th, & failing him, from H. Samuel, on Unemployed, in event of no reply coming from Reid by Monday.
4. Cliffords Lane Agreed to accept lecture from F. W. Hayes.
5. L.C.C. Election Com^{tee}. Agreed to not to include Steadman in the proposed Election fund.

6. Southampton S.P. Proposed Election Fund. Deferred.
7. Womens Tract Comtee fixed for Jan 25th & pm.
8. Lectures. Oliver undertook Maria Grey Training Coll. Leeds. Letter pointing out that Trade Council had accepted offer from Dragg for Lecture against Socialism. Agreed to write T.C. offering lecture on other side from Shew or other distinguished leading Fabian.
9. Humanitarian League Conference on Feb 28 & Mar 1. Agreed to send Oakeshott, Oliver & any others as delegates.
10. Agreed to print 500 Handbills for Keir Hardie's lecture.
11. Candidates. The following were elected except W.W. Gomer, not yet in order.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
W. W. Gomer, 87 High-street, Bromley, Kent	H. T. Muggeridge and D. Fraser.
H. H. Ison, 57 Cornmarket-st., Oxford	G. F. McCleary.
Fred Kirk, 111 Lyston-street, Leicester	James Billson.
Miss Edith M. Nicholson, 6 Bromley College, Kent	Dora Forster and E. R. Pease.

12. Correspondence.

- Ottawa F.S. Reporting progress
- Scarboro F.S. Do.
- Bradford F.S. Proposed reconstruction.
- Newcastle-o-T. F.S. Circular re work
- Birkenhead F.S. Probable dissolution
- Macrosty Soc. Dem. on S. & F.
- J. Jackson Wanting assistance. Decline.

Julius Ward
 Jan 18. 1895

London County Council Election Committee

at Office on Friday 11 Jan 1895 at 8 pm.

Present Shaw, Pease, Webb, Foulger, Miss Puerley, Mrs Broadbent
Miss Burnett, Mrs Pitt, Miss Hatfield, Miss Brooke,
Hammill, McVillop, Dearman, Mrs Fagan Frasn,
Seward, Galton, Pratt, Olivier, Paddie, Mrs Paddie,
Steedman.

1. G.W. Shaw was elected chairman.
2. Lectures - Agreed to send typed circular to 50 Clubs,
Offering educational lectures
3. Literature. (a) Tract drafted & Oakeshott. Webb agreed
to revise & complete.
(b) Labour Policy (ct 37) Shaw & Webb agreed
to complete revise.
4. Candidates discussed. Probable Fabians. Webb (Deptford)
F Smith (N. Lambeth) Steadman (Stepney)
Crookes (Poplar) ? Oxford (St. Paul)
? Hammill L.P. for N. Kensington. Webb said
Candidates were wanted + L.P. men c? have
seats without opposing progressives.

- 5. New Literature suggested. (a) Publication of Fair Wages Clause as a 16 p. Tract
 (b) on Unification
 (c) on Betterment.
 ? Insert in tract the last two.
- 6. Circular asking help. Agreed to send with news a circular in form of post-card asking help from members, in cash or otherwise.
- 7. Lecture at Essex Hall. Agreed to have lecture of Webb on Feb 12th
- 8. Correspondence. Bolas re salaries. Noted & not approved.
Miss Hickson re smoke. Vestry business re unemployed. Noted.
H. G. Chancellor re "Londoner".
- 9. Fund for Crooks. To be included in circular as above.
- 10. Cooperation, with British Womens Temperance. Write Lady H. Somerset asking names of helpers, & if we can cooperate

10 Coop^r (cont^d) W. T. Stead, ask him about slides.

11. Next Meeting. Secretary to call when needed.

Executive at Office 18 Jan 1895. -

Present Bland (in chair), Gakeshott, Mrs Blatch Macdonald
Holding, Peace, Miss Brooke, Mrs Garnett,
Hammill, Shaw, Olivier, Martin.

Absent Webb, Wallis, Standing.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Essex Hall Lectures. Sec. reported all fixed except April.
Agreed to ask Geof. Drage.
3. Cliffords Inn. Agreed to ask Samuel on Unemployed
Hayes, on Rates, & to get a lecture
on Municipalisation of Drunk. Sec.
to select a man. -
4. Members Meeting Agreed to hold meeting on Feb 8th to
consider two new Tracts: to appoint
auditors (Limebeer & Marrocks suggested)
Agreed to write to Dell for his motion re Executive
Canvassing which Bland undertook to move.
5. Candidates. Gomer. Deferred till ^{new} recorder can be found

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report read & agreed to, including
- (1) Decision to print Parish & Dist Councils Tract.
 - (2) That this & the L.C.C. Tract be not sent out in proof, but supplied to any member applying for copy.
 - (3) Proposal to proceed with Fabian Library.
 - (4) Suggestion for new tract on Irish Land Legislation for England. Agreed that Phillimore be asked to undertake preparation of this. —

6. Southampton L.P. Proposed Election Fund. After debate, it was resolved unanimously that a special appeal for the candidature of G.R. Macdonald on the same lines as that already made for F. Hammill, be issued. It was further agreed to insert in Fabian News an account of events in Southampton & that Macdonald & Pease prepare draft of appeal, to be issued later.

7. Leeds Trade Council. Reply (provisional) to letter offering seclure. Agreed that we charge no handling exp.

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8. Walthamstow Dispute re policy. Secs. action approved.

9. L.C.C. Election Com^{ee} Minute read: and approved except that it was resolved not to include request for money in card asking aid, & that fund raised be for Crooks alone. Form of appeal for Crooks who ~~is~~ referred to Publishing Com^{ee}. —

10. Chairman at Essex Hall. J.R. Macdonald.

11. Correspondence.

R.C. Phillimore on Candidature as Liberal for Ripon
Secs. reply approved.

Dr. Watt, invited for Socialism. Noted.

A. Hickmott, asking for lecture. Oliver & Hamnill accepted
Manchester Lib Press. promising to pay debt.

A. Metin. Lecture on Fabian Socy in Paris. Noted.

Emma Brooke

Jan: 25th 1895

Executive at Office 25th Jan 1895. -
Present Miss Brooke, (in chair) Pease, Oakeshott
Martin Webb, Bland, Shaw, Olivier
Standring, Mrs Blatch, Macdonald Mrs Garnett.
Absent. Hammill, Wallas, Holding.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved, in particular:-
Resolved, That Fabian Library Vol 1. & G.B. Shaw
be published, 2000 ~~volumes~~ ^{copies} & at 1/-
& that Standring's Estimate of 12 s/p.
format similar to Revised Edition of Bellamy
£ 35, paper covers, for 1000 & £ 10.15. for
subsequent 1000 be approved.
Rural C.C. Questions. Olivier reported, & it was agreed
that Pub. Com^{ee}s should complete.
L.C.C. Tract. To be set up: Prosp to Exec. Com^{ee}
Labour Policy. Webb undertook to complete.
Stanton's Books. On Olivier's recommendation
sundry were selected to be purchased at a price.
3. Resignations. A.S. Oregon & G.W. Patterson; accepted.

4. Soxey Hall Lectures. Sec. reported that Drage accepts for April 5th. - Agreed that Sec. ask what he means of Administrative difficulties of Socialism
Agreed to write again to Flint asking him for June.

5. Cliffords Lun Lecture. Sec. reported that Samuel declines for April.

6. Members Meeting. Sec. reported Dells Resolution re Canvassing. agreed to ask him to modify it into an expression of opinion.

7. Socialist Congress for 1896. Appeal for preliminary Expenses read. agreed to grant £5. in cheque payable to Olivier, & to be sent to him.

8. Social Gathering to meet Glasse. Agreed to ask Headlam or another to arrange one privately.

9. Anti-Socialist Lectures. Land Natⁿ Socy on Feb 6th asking delegates. agreed to send any persons Sec. can get. Longhoro' to oppose Financ. Ref. Assⁿ. - Noted. -

10. L.C.C. Election. J.W. Martin moved

" That this Exec. determines to do all in its power
" to prevent the nomination of Independent Candidates
" against accepted progressive Candidate
" at the L.C.C. Election: and in case any are
" nominated, it determines to refuse them support"
After debate, consideration of resolution was
adjourned.

Paragraph for News was amended & approved.

11 Correspondence

Sneyd

B. Riley

Reformers Club

Billson

Reconstruction of Newcastle - n. Lyme F.S.

Report on Parish Councils in Warwick

Kennington, wanting Fabian L.C.C. Candidate

asking delegate for meeting on

Municipalisation of Drunk.

See what we can do

Feb. '96
Fred Durnell

Women's Tract Com^{ee} at Office 25 Jan. 1895, at 8 pm.
Present Mrs Brownlow, Pease, Oliver, Shaw, Oakshott,
Mrs Barnett, Miss Bridgman, Miss Allen, Mrs Blatch, Miss Brooks.

1. Mrs Brownlow was elected chairman
2. The minutes of 18th December were confirmed.
3. Letter from Mrs Mallet, regarding publication of Mrs Blatch's paper.
4. Letter from Mrs Blatch, already sent to com^{ee} was read, declining further to alter her MS. -
5. Resolved, after a long debate by 5 to 1
That a report of the Progress made so far by the Committee be prepared for presentation to the Society at a members meeting, including an analysis of Mrs Blatch's paper + of the paper by Karl Pearson in the Fortnightly for Mar '94.
6. It was agreed that Mrs Barnett should sound K. Pearson as to whether he w^d authorize us to republish his paper.

7. After further debate it was carried unanimously
That the Political portion of the draft Tract
be elaborated with a view to publication
as a Society Tract.

8. After further debate it was carried nem. Con.
That Resolution (Minute 5) re Report to the Society
be rescinded.

9. It was agreed That Oakeshott & Shaw
undertake to deal with the political part
of the Tract as provided in Minute 7. —

10. It was agreed to adjourn sine die.

~~Feb 21 1895
Fred Hammill~~

Sydney Shivers

Chair. 3. 3. 96

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Executive at Office 1st Feb 95.

Present. Hammill (in chair), Pease, Cakeshott, Standring,
Oliver Macdonald, Mrs Garnett, Shaw, Martin.

Absent. Webb, Wallas, Bland, Holding, Mrs Blatch, Miss Brooke

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Minutes of the Womens Tract Con^{ee} were read.
3. The Publishing Con^{ee} Report was approved.
4. L.C.C. Election. Martin by consent withdrew his motion -
Letter from Stepney Labour League asking aid for
Steadman. Pease we have no funds to grant,
but if we have any at our disposal we will
consider his case. -
Pease reported conversation with D'arcy Reeve
suggesting offer of cash. Debate adjourned.
5. Social Gathering for Glasse. Sec. reported Headlam accept^s.
Agreed that ~~the~~ Sec. prepare list of 50 names
of suggested guests.

6. Lecture Wanted.

Barrow L.H.P. to oppose O'Brien. Reply he is not
worth sending any one to oppose.

Loughboro'. Urgent application to oppose & answer
Callie on Feb 8. Bland to go if
he will.

Leeds T.C. asking name & date
of lecturer & Wed 7 } - Do -
etc etc. -

7. Auditors. Luriebeer & dechrie. Try Turner. -

8. Correspondence

8
Dunfermline F.S. Reporting progress,
Leakie on Coop. Wholesale
& Nation^m of Railways

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 8 Feb. 95.

Present Welch (in chair) Miss Brooke, Mrs Garnett, Macdonald,
Oakeshott Pease Hammill Oliver Shaw

Absent Mrs Blatch Wallas Holding, Martin Sandring Blood

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Publishing Com^o Report approved.

3. L.C.C. Election. - adjourned debate on Reeves offer of
of money. no action.

Miss S. Clegg donation of £10. Put to General fund
Election Fund. agreed to send letter on behalf
of both Crookes & Steadman.

Letter from Woodwich & wanting candidate.

Suggest Union of Labour Assocⁿ

Par. in News, urging activity to be inserted.

4. Headlam Party for Glass. Sec. to spend up to 10/- on
Invitations &c.

5. Auditors. Sec. reported John Tenney w^o act.

6. Ssex Hall Lectures. Sec reported that Prof Flint declines.

7. Cliffords Inn Lectures Sec reported that broadly accepts for April 26th on Municipalisation of Drunk Traffic Note read from H. Samuel offering another lecture on Unemployed. Agreed to ask him for mar. -

8. Election of Members.

+ W. W. Gomer. Letter read from him & agreed that he be elected.

Candidates for Feb 7 all elected viz:-

Ernest Edwards, 20 Addington-road, Reading	General Secretary.
Joseph Fredk. Green, 41 Outer Temple, Strand, W.C.	Wm. Clarke & R. W. Anderson.
Alfred Inskip, Hardwicke Farm, Shefford, Beds.	G. F. McCleary.
Frank Lovett, 5 Broad-street, Loughborough	W. J. Williams.
C. Arthington Pease, 11 Bayswater-street, Roundhay-road, Leeds	E. R. Pease.
Henry Power, 17 St. Mary's-road, Harlesden, N.W.	Mrs. Pütz and E. R. Pease.
Walter E. Richards, 2 Rectory-place, Loughboro'	W. J. Williams.
A. W. Skinner, 13 Creek-road, Deptford	E. E. Metivier & H. G. Chancellor.
A. J. Waldegrave, 24 Foxberry-road, Brockley	P. R. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt.

9. Resignations. Warehouse Dixon Accepted
W. M. Rowe. Excused sub
& not accepted. (b)

10. Country Lectures. Sec. reported requests
for Shaw + others from
Puchdale L.P. Liverpool F.S.
Oldham " Birmingham Lab. Ch.

11. Hutchinson Trust. Chairman reported
that arrangements were progressing
satisfactorily

12. Book Boxes. Agreed to ask for 6 in news + for
Gift of Boston Economics Politics + History

13. Correspondence.
a Smith Card L.C.C. Landing 21/-
Pillson again asking delegate to South Municipal Congress
Send R. Smart.
R.R. Lawrence re Buying Books. Oakes had to reply
R.R. Wenthead sending pamphlet on Unemployed.

G. Bernard Shaw
22/2/95.

- 6. International Socialist-Workers Congress. Circular asking further subscriptions deferred for report from Oliver
- 7. Lectures Wanted. Grantham. Martin to go. Leeds Trade Council, accepting offer. Shaw to go + to fix date.
- 8. Shop Hours Agitation. Letter from Phillimore: Referred to Publishing Com^{ee} -
- 9. Glasse - Party at Headlams. List of guests considered + settled.
- 10 Correspondence. Mrs Kessel complaining of inhumanity of Moll + the Newcastle F.S. - after debate agreed to write them for explanation. Joe Edwards asking re adot in Lab. Annual. Agreed to stick to our price of 30/- Wells recommending lectures at York R. Chapel

Geo. Standing
 Mar. 5/95

Executive at Office 8 March 1895.

Present G. Standing (in chair) Pease, Webb, Martin,
Miss Brooke, Cakeshott, Shaw, Holding, Oliver
Absent. Mrs. Blatch, Mrs. Garnett, Wallas, Bland, Macdonald Hammit

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Publishing Com^{ee} Reports for Feb 27 & Mar. 8th were approved, in particular that recommending a standing advt. in the "Clarion" for 3 months.
3. Executive Election. The Secretary was instructed to nominate all members present & to ascertain from those absent whether they proposed to stand again. He reported that Mrs. Blatch would probably retire.
4. Scrutineers. Agreed to propose Reddie & McKillop.
5. International Workers Congress. Circular re-considered. Agreed that Oliver be empowered to explain our views fully to the Com^{et}: that the Sec. write stating this, & that the Socy will be prepared to guarantee its fair share in proportion

To the other bodies concerned, when the time comes. -

6. Leeds Trade Council. Agreed to offer J.W. Martin for Friday April 19th -

7. Conference on L.C.C. Elections. Suggestion of J. Andrews. Agreed to decline.

8. General Election. Preparation of literature referred to the Publishing Comtee.

9. Northern Group. Letter from Holding announcing his resignation of post of Secy. -
Letter from J.W. Neal, new Secretary asking for grant in view of recent elections. Agreed to grant 30/-

10. Essex Hall - ^{Resolved} ~~Agreed~~ to accept offer from Herbert Burrows of lecture on Soc^m + Women in June; ~~£~~ one only voting against it.

11. Mrs. Treppel. Letter from F.J. Shaw + Par from Clarion. Agreed to hold over.

12 Election of Candidates, all elected.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Francis Clarke, 63 Gladsmuir-road, N.	H. G. Chancellor & Jessie Clarke.
James Cotterell, 140 Earlsfield-road, Wandsworth-common ...	J. McKillop and W. Seward.
Chas. G. Lowman, 38 Clissold-road, Stoke Newington, N. ...	E. B. Bishop & C. W. Heasman.
Miss Constance Williams, 1a Dennington-mansions, W. Hampstead, N.W.	Graham Wallas & Emma Brooke.

13. Headlam's Party. Sec. presented list of persons not asked. His action approved.

14. Charities Restoration League. Referred to Waste Paper Basket.

15. Correspondence.

Aford. Formation of Fabian Society
Cambridge. Revival of Fabian activity.
Arnley F.S. Dissolved in favour of S. D. F.
Marson. Noting that he has left the new Party.
Miss Skerritt. Action of Wokingham B. Guardians.
Write offering to get question asked in H. of C.
Land Values Com^{tee}. Scheme for sending P. Cards to Harcourt.
Agreed to send out with News. —

J. F. Oakerley

Executive Office 15 March 1895.

Present, Cakeshott, (in chair) Bland, Webb, Martin, Macdonald
Hammill, Oliver Wallis Peace

Absent. Shaw, Mrs Brooke, Mrs Garnett, Mrs Blatch Holding
Standing.

1. The minutes of last Mtg were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved.
3. International Soc^l Congress. No report.
4. Eight Hours Demonstration. Hammill reported on
Action of Trade Council, & promised to bring further
report next week. -
5. Exec. Election. Secy reported that Mrs Garnett & Mrs Blatch
did not desire to be nominated. Also he brought
report of attendances to date, & par. as to election
was approved.
Agreed that he be authorized to insert in the news
a record of new candidates not exceeding 6 lines.

6. Country Lectures. Agreed to pay fares for Galesworth & Portsmouth.
7. Headlams Party. Agreed to send formal vote of thanks.
8. Liebknecht. Agreed to ask him if he can spare
Thursday, May 2nd for Social
9. Ligue Democratique des Ecoles, Paris. Letter from Sec. sending
Report of paper on F.S. - Agreed that the only suitable
entertainment ^{to him} is the Supper Club.
10. Miss Skerritt of the Guardians. Letter saying she w^d. like Question
in H. of C. - Macdonald took papers & agreed
to interview J. Murray Macdonald upon them
11. Fresh Activities. Agreed that a Com^{tee} be appointed
consisting of J.B. Macdonald (chairman)
F. Wheeler, R.C. Phillimore, S. Olivier, & E.R. Pease
(with power to add) to report to the Exec. what
new means can be adopted for increasing
the ~~use~~ usefulness of the Society.
12. Accounts to end February presented & audited. Agreed

in the balance sheet to write of £25 for bad debts & to state the amount. Agreed further to write severe letters to Manchester, Bradford, & Newcastle.

13. Womens Industrial Com^{ee}. Letter from Miss Brooke asking if she is authorised to be delegate for Society. Agreed that she be delegate: that we approve of all the suggestions made by the Com^{ee} & that Miss Brooke be reminded that she is not authorised to incur financial liability for the Socy.

14. Book Boxes. Sec. reported only 5/- received in response to par. in news. Agreed to send letters to Westminster Gazette, Daily News, & Chronicle, to same effect as par in Fabian news. —

15. "Clarion". Agreed to par for inserting lectures: and not to advertise in new tracts. —

16. Oxford F.S. Macdonald reported. Agreed to elect their members to the London Society: to elect them in the ordinary way: and to accept a composite subscription of 1/- per head. —

Muller & Hand
Chumey -

Executive at Office 22 March 1895.

Present Bland, Peace, Hammill, Martin Standing
Gakeshott, Macdonald Wallas Shaw.

Absent Miss Brooke (by permission) Mrs Garnett,
Mrs Blatch, Holding Webb, ~~Oliver~~ Oliver.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report read & approved.
3. Eight Hours Demⁿ. Hammill reported on action being taken by the S.T.C. —
5. Executive Election. Sec. reported nominations received.
6. Notice of motions of J Kent, censuring Webb & advocating independent action in politics
A ~~great~~ Correspondence read. agreed to take them at the Annual meeting & to print in April News. —
7. Annual Report. Sec y instructed to draft it.

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8. Bristol Election. Macdonald reported on result. Sec. reported that Macdonald had gone at his request. Agreed that his ~~expenses~~^{fares} be paid.

9. Miss Skerritt. Macdonald reported Miss Skerritt's papers handed to J. M. Macdonald M.P. for question in house, but no reply received yet.

10. Axford F.S. - Sec. reported 26 nominations rec'd. - agreed to enter in news. as usual. -

11. Resignation. J. S. B. Burnell. Accepted.

12. Correspondence. Dr. Glasse, asking if we usually pay } agreed to
Lecturers fares. } pay this.
Miss Brooke; agreed to commit her as attending.
Snell re lectures from Nottingham. Employ him
Stafford F.S. re creating demand for Books in
Free Libraries
Edwards, Re Labour Annual Bills. Agreed not to send with
news but to put in notice.
Miss Lucy. Thanks for Oakehurst's lectures.
tc tc

Emma Brooke
Mar: 28 '95

Fresh Activities Com^{ee} at Office 28 March '95.

Present. Macdonald, Peace, Phillimore

Absent. Wileen Olivier

Present & elected: Paddie, Galton, Miss Priestley.

1. The above named new members were elected.
2. The following subjects were discussed & deferred till the next meeting
 - (a) A Com^{ee} on Public Questions.
 - (b) Activities in Universities
 - (c) Alteration of Fabian News.
 - (d) Lectures in Church & Chapel Debating Societies & Trade Union Meetings.
 - (e) Fabian Lectures on Fabianism & Politics for the Autumn
 - ~~(f)~~ Shop Assistants
 - (g) Woman movement.
- (3) Proposal for Community after fashion of Mansfield House was considered & rejected.
- (4) Proposal to agitate in Rural Districts by means of

Forth coming Leaflet on Cottages was approved, & Phillimore agreed to make suggestions as to leaflet on Land Courts.

5. It was agreed

That the Exec. be requested to empower the Com^{ee} to prepare a circular to Rural members, urging them to lecture in villages + offering to pay expenses in approved cases. —

6. The Com^{ee} adjourned till Wednesday April 10th at 5 pm.

J R Mac Donald

Executive at Office 29 March 1895.

Present Miss Brooke (in chair) Peace, Webb, Hammill,
Oakeshott, Mrs. Blatch, Macdonald, Staudring
Oliver Wallas Bland Shaw.

Absent Mrs. Garnett, Martin, Holding

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Comtee report approved, in particular
The preparation of single page leaflets for Gen. Election.
The Reversal of the order of tracts on Advt Page.
3. Eight Hours Demonstration. No further report either
in respect of 1st May Demⁿ, or from the L.T.C. -
agreed in any case to support the ~~not~~ ~~London~~ ~~Trade~~ ~~Council~~ ~~org.~~
London Trade Council org.
4. Oxford F.S. agreed not to require letters from nominators
of the Oxford F.S. Candidates.
5. Cliffords Inn Comtee Lectures agreed to ask R.A. Crawford
to lecture on the sufficiency of
the food supply of English soil for English wants.

6. Resignation. Harold Cox for incompatibility of opinions. Accepted with regret.

7. Miss Skerritt Guardians. Macdonald promised to extract report from J Murray Macdonald M.P.

8. Women's Tract Com^{ee}. The subject was mentioned.

9. Fresh Activities Com^{ee}. Preliminary report made. -

10. Hutchinson Trustees. Sidney Webb on behalf of the Trustees made the following offer to the Society: -

That the Trustees pay to the Society during the next year a sum not exceeding £200, to be expended as follows: £50 for Office expenses in connection with management of the scheme: the remainder to be expended in courses of educational lectures, as follows: -

- (a) Printing syllabus of courses which Miss Emily Stacy has already arranged in + about Manchester on her own account for the Autumn of 1895.
- (b.) Payment to Miss Stacy for series of courses in Spring 1896

- (c) Expenses of ~~our~~ study by Miss Stacy in Summer 1895.
 (d) Payment for + Expenses of courses by J.R. Macdonald
 in ^{Autumn} 1895. -

These courses are to be delivered in 5 or 6 hours
 and to go on simultaneously, each course
 consisting of 6 or 8 weekly lectures.

It is understood that the arrangements made
 of any proposed changes be reported to the Trustees
 from time to time. -

A report on the proposed ~~course~~ scheme was also
 read giving further particulars of arrangements
 entered into, and giving the following estimate
 of expenses:

Payments to Miss Stacy in three installments on 25 th Mar 25 th June + 25 th July for her study during period May 25 - Aug 17	} £ 30
To Miss Stacy for 5 courses of eight lectures to be delivered from Jan 1896	} 30
To J.R. Macdonald for 4 courses of nine lectures each to be delivered in Autumn 1895	} 36
Printing (Estimated) including two Syllabuses	20
Fares (Rail + Tram) Miss Stacy $\frac{1}{2}$ Macdonald $\frac{1}{2}$ 7.10	12.10. -
	£ 128.10. -

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It was explained that arrangements had already been made with the lecturers. -

11. After considerable discussion it was moved that the proposition of the Hutchinson Trustees be accepted; and the resolution was carried, one member only opposing. -

12. It was moved by G. B. Shaw & seconded by Mrs. Bletch, that in view of the additional work thrown on the Secretary by the above scheme his salary be increased by £50 from 1st April next. -
Agreed to unanimously.

13. Correspondence:-

Bradford Unemployed Com^{ee} asking advice. Recommend also Bk^{ts}.

Bradford F.S. re pay^t of debt.

Glasgow Typo F.S. re Scotch Leaflets. Refer to Pres. &
~~Staff~~ new Activities Com^{ee}

H. Bimes, announcing Quaker F.S. forming at Sidesott (Som)

Huddersfield L.P. asking notice for May 8th. Refuse
unless they pay fares.

Dr. Watt, asking barrister to defend his case. Get me if possible

13. Correspondence (cont^d)

G. Baker (Leicester Lab. Club) asking books.
Send Cobden club set.

14. H. Snell. Letter read re lecturing. Agreed that he be asked to lecture for no. that we pay travelling expenses where required, subject to proper arrangements from the Office.

14. Book Boxes. Sec 7 reported 10/- only received in response to appeal. Agreed to put new appeal in news + refer to new-activities comm^{ee} problem of getting more books. —

Sidney Webb

Executive at office 5 April 1895.

Present Webb (in chair) Pease, Miss Brooke Hammill,
Martin Bland Gakeshott Olivier Shaw

Absent Mrs Blatch, Mrs Garnett, Wallas, Standing
Holding, Macdonald.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted, in particular, Recommendation re 4 single page leaflets for the General Election.
3. The following were suggested as new 12 Tracts :-
 Special tracts with statistics of industries.
 Municipal Socialism: to be prepared & Webb being a table of precedents.
 Municipalization of Drink Traffic
 Completion of Local Gov^t series. -
 All referred to Publishing Com^{ee} -
4. In view of the Election & holidays, the rule was suspended & the following were elected members: -

(4) ^(pt^o) candidates elected

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Thos. Chapman Barralet, Rosemont, Tyler's-green, Godstone, Surrey	E. R. Pease.
Charles Charrington, 36 Onslow-square	G. B. Shaw and S. Olivier.
Alex. Hargreaves, 236 Queen's-road, New Cross	F. C. Haywood and F. W. Galton.
William Nicholas, 32 Carlyle-rd., Chesterton, Cambridge ...	C. W. C. Barlow.
OXFORD SOCIETY.	
Charles Smyth, St. Edmund Hall	Rev. C. L. Marson.
Thomas Francis Crickmay, Hertford	Rev. C. L. Marson and Rev. Stewart Headlam.
Percy E. T. Widdrington, St. Edmund Hall	J. R. Macdonald and Rev. C. L. Marson.
Proposed by S. Ball :—L. Stennett Avery, Balliol; F. G. L. Bertram, Pembroke; T. S. Bradbury, B.U.C.; C. T. Davis, Balliol; W. Glanville, Christ Church; J. Douglas Maynard, Mansfield; J. W. Milligan, St. John's; C. F. A. Hore, St. John's; Alford Bradley Gough, St. John's; F. R. Hemingway, New; F. O. Stoehr, Trinity; W. Wilkinson, St. John's.	
Proposed by Henry H. Johnson :—J. H. R. Abbott; Edmund C. Bentley, Merton; W. A. Cunningham Craig, St. John's; John H. Engledon; Frederick T. Henle, Balliol; Lucian R. F. Oldershaw; Christ Church; Russell Scott, Junr., Balliol; Herbert Sidebotham, Balliol; Leslie A. Toke, Balliol; R. E. Vernead, St. John's; William Whitaker.	

5. Resignations H. G. Barnard & A. S. Gurney
Accepted.

6 Essex Hall lectures. Sec. reported that G. Drage had written declining to lecture tonight on the ground that he was no longer Sec. of the Liberty & Property Def. League; and that S. Webb had consented to lecture in his place. Approved.
Letter read from Drage offering lecture

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6 (cont.) after June 9th agreed to decline it.
Letter read from W. Liebknecht stating that he cannot come to England in Mar. Agreed to ask the following:- (1) W. Archer on State & Drama. (2) W. Clarke (3) J. S. C. Morrow. (4) S. C. K. Gomer (5) A. Bowler. C/o Statistical Soc. 7. -

7. Eight Hours Demⁿ. Hammill reported L. T. C making arrangements, & F. S. to be asked to send delegate to meeting on Monday. Agreed that Pease be delegate without power to promise any definite sum of money: that we accept platform if offered: that Macdonald be Chairman thereof.

8. Internat. Soc^l Congress. No report: no fresh news.

9. Macdonald's Election Fund. Agreed to defer

10. Miss Skerritt & Wokingham Guardian. Letter read from J. M. Macdonald M.P. to J. R. Macdonald stating why he c^d. not ask question in House of Commons. Agreed to take no further action.

11. Manchester Labour Press. Sec. reported their
are paid. Sec. instructed to suggest that
they reprint Broadhurst's Minority Report
of Commission on Aged Poor.
12. Next Exec. Mtg.. Agreed to meet April 26 unless
Sec. thinks mtg on 19th necessary.
13. Correspondence
Letter announcing death of James Hole.
Ottawa Fabian Club, report, & desiring to
become local F.S.
A. Dugdale on obscure Executive members
A. T. Marles on Probable reconstruction of Leeds F.S.
Paul Stacy on Bristol Election & S.P.
H. Snell re lectures. Agreed not to pay fare
~~Chambers~~ to London
Chambers asking engagement as lecturer. Decline.

J. F. Oct 1st

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^{New}
Special Activities Com^{ee} at Office 10 April 95.

Present Macdonald (in chair), Whelen, Paddie, Oliver
 Miss Priestley Pease.

Absent Galton, Phillimore.

1. The Minutes of 28th March were confirmed.
2. S. G. Hobson was elected a member.
3. Rev. P. Deamer was elected, subject to his consent.
4. Circular to country members. Macdonald agreed to draft it.
5. Scotch leaflets. Agreed that Sec. 7 write to Glasse to enquire if there are any wanted.
6. Book Boxes. Agreed to advise Exec. to get money from
 Hutchinson Trustees
 Darcy Reave
 Appeal in Fabian News
 to get books from ~~selling~~ publishers by reviewing in news.

7. Universities Agreed to recommend Exer. to organize a course of lectures by Front Benchers at Cambridge
8. Fabian News. Agreed that Weelen report on any alterations desirable.
9. Lectures to Chapels. Agreed to prepare + issue a special circular to all Churches + Chapels in London + district to clergy. members of the Chris. Soc. Union, proposing lectures. Circular to be issued in August.
10. Trade Unions. Agreed to try to arrange lectures by means lists of T. U. to be obtained from persons in each district, who can send lists of local branches to office. Also to get ~~low~~ lists of branches from the head offices of the T. U. -

J. R. Macdonald

Executive at Office 19th April 1895.

Present J.F. Galeshott, in chair, Miss Broome Mrs Blatch,
Standing, Galeshott, Macdonald, Pease Oliver Shaw.
Absent: Webb, Wallas, Hammill, Mrs Barnett, Holding Bland.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report read & approved, including recommendation to bring Tract 6's Parish Council Cottages before the Society on May 10th.
3. Sec. 7 proposed to draft a Bill as suggested in the draft tract, for amending the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890, & stated that Mr. C. Diamond M.P. had promised to introduce it. Approved.
4. Fresh Activities Com^{ee} Minutes read. Nos. 7, 9, & 10 were approved. No 6. Re Book Boxes was adopted in respect of subsections c. & d. & as regards a. Sec. was instructed to write to the Hutchinson Trustees formally asking a grant towards purchase of Book Boxes. Agreed also that the Front Bench lectures be in the autumn.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Sec. reported refusals from
W. Archer & W. Clarke for May 3rd.
& that Monro had been asked \pounds . Agreed not to
ask G. H. Ryan on P.L. Pensions
6. Cliffords Inn A. R. Crawford asked for June declines, as
date is impossible. Agreed he may be asked
for vacant date at Essex Hall.
7. Eight Hours Demⁿ on Sunday 5th May. Sec reported
no invitation received to take part in organisation
Con^{ce}. Agreed to take no action.
8. Manchester Labour Press. Letter read re proposed publication
of Broadhurst's report on Aged Poor. Agreed that we
will guarantee 500 provided we approve the final
form in wh. it is published. Also that we think
an introduction by a prominent Socialist would
make the more valuable.
9. Draft Annual Report & Balance Sheet. The former was
read & approved, with the exception of the concluding
paragraph. Some additional items were suggested.
It was agreed that the concluding paragraph sh^d

be drafted by Macdonald & should contain some judicious advice to the I.C.P. -

10. Country Lectures. Letter read from Whelen offering to do a 10 days tour. agreed

Letter from Hines asking promise of £5 now & £5 later. Agreed to let him have £5, but to say we c^d. not pledge the New Exec. in respect of a second £5.

11. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Macdonald proposed that he do a weeks tour with a view to arranging lectures personally. Agreed. He reported that in consultation with Peace he had proposed Southampton Portsmouth Bristol & Reading or Swindon. On division the majority approved Reading. He also proposed to do an additional ^{course of} lectures at Croydon if they c^d. be arranged for Thursday evenings. Approved.

12. W. H. Coffin. His case discussed, & deferred for the present.

13. The American Fabian. Sec'y reported proposal in his new paper to found F. Societies in U.S. America. Agreed to write to him congratulating him thereon.

14 Correspondence.

J.S. Hamilton re Starting a paper. Tell him it
is wise to register it.

Mrs Armstrong, asking re a Fellowship House.
Oakeshott to reply.

F.G. Shaw re Mrs Keppel. Agree we can
do nothing but write a polite note.

Direct Agric. Lab. League. Wanting help. Say we
will send speakers, when we can.

By Bernard Shaw
26/4/95.

Fresh Activities Com^{ee} at Office 24 April '95.

Present. Macdonald (in chair), Pease, Hobson, Phillimore, Poddie
Whelen, also McKillop.

Absent. Olivier, Dearmer Miss Pringle, Galton

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Circular to Country Members. Sec. reported Exec. approved of plan. Macdonald brought draft. It was amended & approved subject to consent ratification of Executive.
3. Scotch Leaflets. Sec. reported no reply from Glasse.
4. Book Boxes. Sec. reported action of Exec. —
5. Universities. Sec. reported approval of plan ~~by~~ ^{by} Exec.
6. Lectures in Chapels & Trade Unions. Sec. reported Exec's approval.
7. Com^{ee} on Public Questions. Macdonald read draft scheme proposing a Com^{ee} of 7 Exec. members for various purposes. Agreed to submit it, as amended, to Exec. as a preliminary report, to be further considered if approved.

8. Fabian News. Wheeler reported & after debate it was agreed to recommend Exec. to alter the news as follows. -

I. To cut out

(a) Part of lecture report, so as to confine it to front page, or say $1\frac{1}{4}$ columns. -

(b) Part of Callender

(c) All the diary of lectures.

II To insert

yes (a) One or more $\frac{1}{2}$ column reviews

yes (b) New & Blue Books of month

yes (c) Notes of the month, containing brief report of Government & other doings of interest to Socialists.

9. Defered :- Fabian Lectures on Fabianism & Politics
Shop assistants.
Womens Movement.

10. Agreed to put par. in news asking suggestions.

11. Agreed to Elect J. McKillop & to adjourn to 15th May
(Wed.) at 5.15 pm.

15-9 Frederick Keller

Executive Committee

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| Hubert Bland | J. F. Oakesholt |
| Miss E. Brooke | Sydney Olivier |
| (2) H. B. Holding | E. R. Pease |
| (1) Percy Dearmer | E. B. Shaw |
| J. W. Macrosty | Geo. Standing |
| J. R. Macdonald | Graham Wallis |
| (2) Miss H. Norton | Sidney Webb |
| (1) J. W. Martin | |

First meeting of the Exec. Com^{ee} 1895-6 at Office
26 April 1895.

Present. Shaw (in chair) Oakeshott, Macdonald, Webb,
Standing, Miss Brooke, Macraty, Bland, Pease
Dearmer, Martin, Oliver.

Absent Wallas, Holding, Miss Mortew

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The Standing orders were confirmed, viz:-
 - (1) That no members smoke.
 - (2) That no copy of the agenda paper be removed from office.
 - (3) That the chair be taken of members in alphabetical order.
 - (4) That the preliminary Committee of all members meet at 5 pm.
The formal Executive at 5 pm. 5.30 pm., every
Friday, unless the Secretary (on the advice of the
Publishing Com^{ee}) inform members by post card that
no meeting will be held.
 - (5) That a publishing Committee be appointed
consisting of Shaw, Oliver Macdonald Standing -
Oakeshott & Pease.
 - (6) Moved by J. W. Martin seconded by J. F. Oakeshott
& agreed to, That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert

(2)

Bland, the General Secretary, Edward R. Pease be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society & to conduct the Banking business of the Society, & that the said Edward R. Pease be authorised to endorse all cheques & other documents payable to the Society.

3. Annual Report: After considerable debate, the wording of the passages on Electoral policy was agreed upon.
4. Publishing Comtee Report approved.
5. Essex Hall Lectures. Agreed to have lecture on Factory Bill at the Ash Lady Dilke, Miss Truckwell or Miss Black.
6. Eight Hours Demⁿ on Sunday 5th May. Circular asking contributions agreed to defer. Circular asking names of speakers. Agreed that Sec. ascertain whether speakers other than workmen will be accepted.
7. Howell. Sec. reported he proposed taking another situation, & asked his prospects here. Agreed to raise his wages to 25/- a week, & to say that he must form his own opinion as to advantages of remaining. -

8. London Reform Union. Agreed to send out their Handbill
with Fabian news

9. Fresh Activities Com^{ee}. Minutes of meeting read.

(1) Draft circular re paying expenses of lecturers resident
in the country. After debate agreed that letters
be written in place of a general circular: that the
F.A. Com^{ee} be requested to prepare list of names
& submit to Exec. - That expense incurred do
not exceed £20. -

(2) Proposed alteration in news.

Agreed to omit calendar, except Group Meetings.

Agreed to insert List of New & Blue Books

" " " column headed Notes of the Month.

Resolved by vote of 6½ to 5 that letters be written
to publishers inviting them to send a specially
named books for Review. ~~Proposed~~

Agreed that Editor omit ^{edit} Lectures, & ^{reduce} Report of
lectures, in his discretion, as may be
necessary in view of above named additions. -

(3) Preliminary Report on Committee on Public Questions
After debate, referred back for reconsideration,
in form of a Committee to prepare agenda.

10 Correspondence

Glasgow on Scotch activities.	Referred to F. A. Com ^{ee}
Melbourne F. S.	Formation.
York F. S.	Reporting progress.
Walt	Urging agitation for fixity of holdings. Decline it.
Nugent, Glasgow	Asking copies news for Dist ⁿ Say they are no use for this purpose.

Nugent

Executive at Office 3 May 1895

Present. Bland (in chair), Martin, Gakeshott,
Macroch Holding, Miss Norton Shaw
Pease, Olivier, Miss Brooke, Dearmer
Well. Wallas.

Absent: Standring. Macdonald.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Con^{ee} Report approved,
including proposal to reprint Questions
for Parliamentary Candidates.
3. Cliffords Inn Meeting - Agreed to ask Miss
Denny for June.
4. Hyde Park Dem^o: Sec. reported that Shipton
wrote Workmen only were wanted
as speakers. Agreed not to send
any donation to their funds.
5. Both Boxes. Sec. instructed to write letter to
Daily Chronicle.

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6. Annual Meeting. Agreed to ask Headlam & Failing
Linn, Sanders to take the chair. -
 7. Kent's Resolutions. Agreed that Bland move as amendment
on behalf of the Exec.
"That this meeting in pursuance of the established
practice of the Society not to interfere with the
political conduct of individual members, passes
to the next business."
On the second resolution agreed to vote direct negative.
 8. Reporters. Agreed to grant request of Manchester
Guardian to send reporter to Ann. Mtg.
 9. Parish Council Cltags. Agreed to send out leaflet when
printed to the (2000) addresses of persons who
have written us re Parish Councils. Agreed
also to print slip with it offering leaflet in
quantity. -
 10. Agreed to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ fares for Bland for two
lectures at Preston on May 19th

11. The Secy was instructed to get Howell to learn the use of the Typewriter.
12. Conference on Factory Bill. It was agreed to hold a conference on the Factory Bill at the London Reform Union Office on Wednesday 8th May at 4 pm. Members of the Exec, & all women Fabians to be invited. Tea to be provided. —

G. Bernard Shaw,
10/5/95.

Executive at Office 10th May 1895.

Present Shaw (in chair) Miss Brooke, Webb, Gahschütz,
Macdonald, Holding, Miss Molen, Peace, Martin,
Deamer, Macrosty, Bland, Oliver.
Absent Wallas, Standing. -

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted, including
 Proposal to prepare Tract on Child Labour
 " " revise Questions for Parl. Candidates.
3. Annual Meeting. Letter from Kent saying he w^d not be
 present to move resolutions. Agreed that
 the amendment resolved upon be moved if any person
 moves Kent's resolutions: Otherwise Kent no
 action be taken. -
4. Factory Bill. Webb reported success of Conference with
 Fabian women + printing of resolutions.
 approved. -
5. Resignations. T. Jarvis + Mrs Rose Jarvis. Accepted.

6. Election of Candidates. The following were accepted :-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Jno. T. G. Almond, 1 Harewood-terrace, Thornaby-on-Tees ...	General Secretary.
Henry Binns, Sidcot, nr. Weston-super-Mare	J. F. Oakeshott.
H. E. V. Bolam, 117 Howson-rd., Brockley, S.E.	Sidney Webb and F. W. Galton.
Philip Coleman, Cow Common Farm, Water Eaton, Bletchley	General Secretary.
Miss E. Maybury, 27 Chalcot-crescent, Regent's Park-road	Miss J. Clarke and R. A. Peddie.
J. Ernest Stratton, Cray Croft, Melksham	J. W. Hillier.
David Williams, 113 Earl-street, Earlstown, Lancs.	General Secretary.

7. Macedonald's Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Draft prospectus was approved & ordered to be printed.

8. Parish Council Cottages. Agreed to send Tracts 39. 14 & c to County Liberal Candidates, with ctos 63 as soon as ready.

9. Auditors Report, on Balance Sheet read & approved.

10. Conference on Tax: glr. Rents. Agreed that Pease & any others go as delegates.

11. Miss J. Clarke's Candidature for Selin for Guardians. Secy ordered to assist.

12. Correspondence.

Edinburgh F.S. on Labour Chronicle + offering aid
 Southampton L.P. asking for more. Have none.
 Rotherham J. M.S.A. asking books. Send Library
 Essays + Offer Book Box
 C. A. Baggio sending French literature

Henry W. Macrosty

Fresh Activities Com^{ee} at Office on 15 May 1895.
Present F. Whelen (in chair) Galton, Hobson, Deamer,
McKillop, Peddie, Phillimore, Miss Presley
Pease
Absent Olivier, Macdonald.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Circular to country members re lectures. Decision of Exec. reported. Sec. requested to draw up list & present to Exec. -
3. Scotch leaflets. Correspondence reported on. Sec. requested to write Glasse & others saying we want to know what leaflets or tracts are required, & to suggest Crofters & Deer Forests. -
4. Book Boxes. Sec. reported what had been done.
5. Lectures to Trade Unions. Galton said he c^d. get a list of Branches, more or less complete.
6. Com^{ee} on Public Questions Deferred in absence of Mr. Donist

7. Fabian Lectures on Fabianism & Politics. -

The following titles were suggested viz:-

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| F. & Unemployed | F. & Coop. Movement |
| " " Old Age Pensions | " " Municipal Reform |
| " " Electoral Reform | " " the position of Women
in relation to industry } |
| " " Industrial Reform | " " Land Reform |
| " " Fiscal Reform | " " Theory of Education. |
| " " Drink Reform | |
| " " Imperial Idea. | Debate adjourned. |

8. Shop assistants. a tract was suggested.

9. Women's Clubs. Agreed to offer them lectures.

10. Agenda for next meeting:

- Revision of Land Natⁿ Tract.
- Lantern Lectures.
- Class for impromptu speaking
- Continental Socialism
- Local London Societies.

J. R. Macdonald

Executive Com^{ee} at Office 28th May 1895.

Present. Macrosty (in chair) Peace, Gabeeshott,
Bland, Standring Holding, Miss Moten
Martin Shaw - Wallas.

Absent. Harmer Webb, Oliver Macdonald Miss Brooke

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports confirmed, in especial, agreed to bring revise of No 24, Questions for Parl. Candidates before next members meeting, in July.
3. Fresh Activities Com^{ee}. Circular letter to be sent to Country members ^{re Rural Lectures} approved. List of said members amended & adopted.
4. Snell. Agreed that he be sent leaflets for free distribution, & be authorised to expend money on bills for lectures in villages.
5. Members Meeting. Agreed to have none in June, but one in July on 5th. (shd be 12th)

6. Policy of the Society. Sec. 7 reported no further news from J. Kent. Letters read from F. S. Green saying he proposed to resign, & desiring first to move resolutions re Independent Action. Agreed to write him that the Exec are willing to afford him an opportunity to do so in July. -

7. Clifford Inn. Sec. reported that Miss Dundy wd lecture to Society on June 7th on Errors in Socialism.

8. Edinburgh F.S. Letter read asking for lectures. Repl^y agreed to that we will do what we can. -

9. Dr. Watts Eviction. Letter ^{from him} to Shaw asking him to assist at the demonstration read. Sec. 7 instructed to write that we cannot find any one to go. -

10. Fabians on Local Govt Bodies. Agreed to call meetings of Fabians on Local Governing bodies to discuss plans. -

11 Correspondence.

S. L. P. Central Office, asking exchange of Pub^{ns}
Agreed to send set of Bond
Tracts + Library Essays + to
put on Free List.

Musée Social, Paris, sending prospectus +
reporting commissioner on Trade Unions
coming in autumn. Reply
courteous, put on Free List,
send Bond Tracts + Lib. Essays.

W. G. W. Hales, asking to be excused Subⁿ
Agree for this year. -

J. W. Martin.

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Fresh Activities Com^{ee} at Office 6 June 1895.

Present. Macdonald (in chair) Miss Priestly, Teddie, Galton, Whelan, Olivier, Pease,

Absent. Hobson, Dearmer, Phillimore, McVillop.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Scotch leaflets. Sec. reported letters written, but no replies.
3. Trade Union Lectures. Galton handed in on loan list of Trade Unions in London, & said he c^d get branches. Agreed that Pease draft circular for next Com^{ee} -
4. Com^{ee} on Public Questions. Sec. read decision of the Exec. Com^{ee}. Agreed that the F.A. Com^{ee} adheres to its original suggestion that a special sub. com^{ee} be formed from the Exec. to deal with specially urgent matters.
5. Lectures on Fabianism & Politics. Adjourned debate continued. Agreed that draft scheme be prepared by Pease, & submitted to chairman for

him to report on at the next meeting.

6. Revision of Track 12 on Land Natⁿ. Phillimore.
Deferred in his absence.

7. Lantern Lectures. After debate agreed that
Wheeler & Miss Priestley bring up report.

8. ~~Details~~ Held over the following:-

(a) Class for Impromptu Speaking

(b) Continental Soc^y (with letter from McMillan)

(c) Local London Societies.

(d) ~~Land Tax~~

(e) Farm produce per letter from J Andrews

(f) Trade Unions & Tom Halls.

9. Land Taxation. Wheeler moved

That the most effective method of stimulating
activity in the Fabian Society & elsewhere is by
concentrating effort on one particular reform:
that the most urgent reform is taxation of Land
Values: and that immediate steps should be
taken by the Executive to throw the whole

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discussion

- weight of the Society into this movement. After ~~debate~~,
debate was adjourned on the understanding that ^{W. Allen}
w^d. bring up report recommending the action he thinks
could be taken. Letter & proof of pamphlet of the Late
W^m Saunders M.P. from Grant Allen were considered.

10. Agreed that Miss Enid Stacy be asked to
join the Com^{ee}

11. Agreed to meet again on Thursday 13th

J. R. Macdonald

Executive at Office - June 1895.

Present. ~~Macdonald~~, Martin (in chair), Peace
Holding Macdonald, Oakeshott, Macroft
Standing Bland, Oliver, Miss Morten
Albert Webb, Wallis, Shaw, Miss Brooke, Dearmer.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report was adopted
3. Election Leaflets. Agreed to put in type "How to win"
at no negative Webb's suggestion of a 1st Tract
on the subject.
4. Darcy Reave. Sec. reported receipt from him of £100.
5. Members Meeting. Sec. pointed out that it must be
on July 12th, not 5th as proposed
6. Dr. Watt Letters re our neglect to send representative
to his eviction, and re Shaw's letters to him.
Also sending his resignation. Sec. instructed to
ask him to ^{resign} withdraw, as Exec. is not responsible

for Shaw's letters. -

7. Miss Martyn Sec. reported on her projected tour in Australia. Agreed that he write Mason thereon, and the Australian Fabian Societies. -

8. Fresh Activities Com^{ee} Chairman reported, ~~and~~ ~~resolution~~ especially their resolution adhering to their original proposal that an Emergency Com^{ee} of the Exec. be appointed. After debate it was moved by Gaheshott & carried on a division, That the debate on the proposal be adjourned till October next. -

9. Correspondence.

Miss Martyn, Report of lectures in North Liverpool F.S. Annual Report.
Shingly Godfer. A Letter from Lamm.
Cholton cum Hardy Lit Soc. 7 wanting Bland to lecture. Bland to go & reply direct.

Homer Norton.

Fresh Activities Com^{ee} at Office 13 June '45

Present Macdonald (in chair) Pease Hobson Saltors
Miss Stacy, Wheeler

Absent Olivier, Miss Presley, Dearmer, Paddie, McKillop,
Phillimore.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Scotch leaflets. Sec. reported no reply yet.
3. Trade Union Lectures. Pease handed in draft letter wh.
was approved & referred to Exec. -
4. Com^{ee} on Public Questions. Macdonald reported the
decision of the Exec.
5. Course of lectures on Fabianism & Politics. Pease &
Macdonald submitted draft scheme. After debate
it was amended & adopted & ordered to be
referred to the Exec.
6. Revision of Tract 12. Phillimore. Adjourned in his absence.

7. Lantern Lectures & Slides. Whelen brought in report, & after debate it was agreed to submit it to Exec, viz:-

That the Com^{ee} be authorised to expend not exceeding £10.

That ^{at least} 2 sets of slides be prepared, for use in London & the provinces respectively

That they be sent out at a charge of 1/2d per slide in London & 1/2d ^{per set} + cost of carriage for country.

That a list of lantern owners be obtained thro' the "news".

That we arrange exchanges with the L.R.U.

Miss Stacy & Whelen were appointed a Com^{ee} to prepare lists of subjects.

8. Land Taxation. Adjourned debate on Whelen's motion continued. Report made by Pearce of interview with Verinder. Proposal to revise a new book made. Debate adjourned.

9. Unconsidered Agenda, adjourned

- Clubs for Impromptu Speaking
- Continental Socialism (The Hills' lecture)
- Local London Societies

Farm Produce. Letter from J. Andrews

Trade Unions + Town Halls.

J. A. Macdonald

Executive at Office 14 June 1895

Present Miss Mosen (in chair) Shaw, Gakeshott
Macrosty, Bland Macdonald Standing
Oliver Martin Holding Pease

Absent Welch, Wallas, Miss Brooke, Dearner,

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, approved. Questions for
Parl. Cand. Considered. After debate & divisions, decided
to retain Home Rule; to put in Free meals for
necessitous children, & Fabian Tract 14, & to send
the House of Lords. "How to win" referred to
Pub. Com^{ee} for further consideration.
3. Dr. Watt. Letter pressing resignation. Accepted. Agreed
to spend not more than 2/6? on photographs of
him as offered by Messrs Book & Low.
4. Macdonalds Election Appeal. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} to settle.
Agreed to get at once set up
but not to issue till October, unless
the election comes on.

5. The following were elected :-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss Sarah M. Bradley, Sidcot, Weston-super-Mare	Henry Binns.
Mrs. Jessie Currie, Felix House, Tottenham-lane, Crouch End, Hornsey, N.	D. W. McQuire & Fred. McQuire.
Miss E. M. Deverell, Attington House, near Tetsworth	M. O'Brien.
Mrs. Anita Isobel Gaunt, 27 Oak- field-street, Cardiff	Paul Stacy.
Arthur Hastings Gray, 52 Marg- ery Park-road, Forest Gate, Essex	E. R. Pease & H. W. Macrosty.
Miss Green, 55 Whitley-street, Dewsbury	Caroline Martyn.
W. Johnson, 48 St. Martin's- lane, W.C.	G. B. Shaw and H. W. Macrosty.
Mrs. A. Pitkin, 75 Sunny Side, Chesham, Bucks	General Secretary.
OXFORD SOCIETY.	
Harold F. E. Bell, Swaffham, Norfolk and Pembroke... ..	F. G. L. Bertram and L. R. F. Oldershaw.
John Murray Gibbon, Christ Ch.	L. R. F. Oldershaw and F. G. L. Bertram.
Fredk. George Gardiner, Keble... Christopher Jas. Phillips, Brase- nose	Sidney Ball & L. R. F. Oldershaw.
John Winter Crowfoot, Brasenose	F. T. Henlé & L. R. F. Oldershaw. L. R. F. Oldershaw & F. T. Henlé.

6. Industrial Union of Employers Conf^{ce} June 21/22. J.R. Macdonald
was appointed delegate.

7. Country Lectures in Kent. Letter from Hickmott. Sec. reported
interview with one Wm Mather. Agreed to grant £2.-
& ask them to report.

8. Proposal to group the F.S. according to subjects. Oakeshott
proposed it & was instructed to ~~form~~ prepare draft
circular. -

9. Miss Puetley. Sec. reported that she had an offer of a permanent

9 (cont'd) part on the Sun & proposed to leave Fabian
work in 3 weeks. Noted. -

10 Fresh Activities Comtee draft letter offering lectures to
Trade Union Branches. approved.

11. — Do — Application for grant of £10. for
Magic Lantern Slides. Agreed to refer
back for further particulars as to the
slides proposed & list of them.

12. — Do — Draft scheme of Autumn Lectures. Agreed
to summon meeting of proposed lectures
including Galton & excluding Mrs Blatch
for 8.30 on Friday next at the N. L. C.

13. Correspondence. Womans Indust. Council asking subscription
Refer to Miss Brooke.
Peckham Lib Assn asking lecturers. Send.
John F. S. on Snell
Wells re Hutchinson Trust Economic School
Liverpool Fabian re Book on Artizans Dwellings.
J. F. Oates to

Fresh Activities Comtee at Office 20 June 95

Present J.R. Macdonald in (chair) Peadie, Holson, Oliver,
McKillop Whelan, Miss Stacy Pease

Absent Miss Priestley Phillimore, Galton, Dearmer.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Scottish Activities. Sec. reported letter from Glasse saying he is disappointed of results.
3. Trade Union Sections. Sec. reported scheme adopted & Exec.
4. Fabian Lecture Scheme Sec. reported syllabus approved in principle & Exec. -
5. Revision Tract 12. Phillimore. absent.
6. Lantern Slides. Report from Whelan + Miss Stacy + list of about 120 slides, including series for London, & others for General Socialism approved. Agreed to inform Exec. that these will cost at least £10, including boxes. -

7. Land Taxation. After further debate, it was agreed that Wæden prepare draft or sketch of Tract & submit to Publishing Committee. -

8. Continental Socialism. Agreed to recommend to Exec:-

That the Secy be instructed to draw up a list of Continental Socialist bodies: & to write to each of them requesting a monthly letter from them stating the position of affairs, & stating that he will write a similar letter as regards England.

Also that it be arranged that the question of an International Com^{ee} & Secretary be brought up at the next Internat Conf^{ee}.

9. Unconsidered Agenda:-

(a) Class for Impromptu Speaking (b) Local London Organisations (c) Farm Produce (J. Andrews) (d) Trade Unions + Town Halls.

10. Agreed to meet again on Thursday 27th at 5.30. -

J.A. Macdonald.

Executive at Office 21 June '95

Present Gaheshott (in chair) Macrosty, Webb, Macdonald, Shaw, Wallas, Standring, Pease, Miss Morkew Holding, Martin, Dearmer.

Absent Bland, Olivier, Miss Brooke.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Publishing Com^{ee} report was adopted, especially resolution to reprint 10000 No. 19 & arrangement as to Colporters.
3. Fabian Group Scheme. Gaheshott presented draft circular which was adopted, ordered to be sent out with plans.
4. The Hutchinson Trust "London School of Economics". Webb gave a full report which was discussed at considerable length.
5. Fresh Activities Com^{ee}
 - (a) Further Report on Lantern Slides was presented. Agreed that Miss Priestley, Webber, Macdonald & Secy be a Com^{ee} with power to spend £10. on slides + boxes for them.

5. Continental Socialism. Resolution nos of F.A. Com^{ee} 20 June 95 was read + debate adjourned. -
6. Book Boxes. Sec. reported a new box bought. Agreed that he buy for it copy of Webb's Hist of Trade Unionism.
7. Circular asking delegates to Federation of Practical Socialists signed by A. E. H. Graham. Agreed to ask for more details of scheme.
8. International Soc^y Congress of 1896. Circular asking Resolutions. Agreed that Olivier Shaw, Gakeshott & Macrobert be a Com^{ee} to report on same.
9. Abstract of Cash Ac^t. for two months submitted.
10. Fabian Guardians Conference, 28th. Agreed to send out further agenda. paper to be prepared by Gakeshott.
11. Correspondence.
Miss Brothe, offering to resign from ill. health.

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agreed to ask her not to do so.

Miss Brooke, advising sub-ⁿ to Womens Indust. Council.
Discussed, & debate adjourned.

F. S. Green saying he will move resolution re Policy
Reading Report on Macdonald's lecture scheme.

Dr. Parkhurst asking special terms for Fabian Literature

Julia Ward.

Special Executive at Office Tues. June 25th 95 5pm.
Present Macrosty (in chair) Oliver, Gaheshott, Martin, Shaw,
Peace, Holding, Standing.

Absent Webb, Wallas, Miss Brooke, Miss Moten,
Macdonald, Dearmer, Bland. -

(1) Hammill Fund. Sec. reported Cash in hand
£56.10/- Subscriptions unpaid: Newcastle £17.-
London 6.5.6.
He was instructed to apply for them at once. -

2. Macdonald Election Fund. Final Report approved.
Agreed to let him have 1000 copies
also to send out 30 by post at once,
& rest with news. also to send his
election address. -

3. Clem Edwards. At his request agreed to write him
letter expressing satisfaction at his
candidature & willingness to do all in our power for him.

4. Miss Stacy. Agreed to grant her leave of absence to
go electioneering: time to be made up later.

5. Members Meeting. Agreed to have members meeting at Cliffords Inn on Tues. July 2nd to consider Parl. Questions + three election leaflets.

6. Election Leaflets. Agreed to set up in type Trade Unions & Politics + to send out with news.

Agreed also that Macrosty prepare draft of "Workers Program" + submit to Exec. on Friday. + that it be submitted to meeting in M.S.

7. Election Manifesto. Letter from Macdonald proposing one.

Agreed to have leaflet or referred to above: that Pease draft short statement for news, + submit to Asheshott + Macrosty. -

8. Greens Motion on Policy. Agreed to ask him to defer it in view of election.

9. Fabian Group Scheme. Agreed to defer.

10. Next Meeting. Agreed to meet on Friday as usual.

Arthur Blund

Exec. at Office 28 June 1895.

Present Bland (in chair) Caheshott Standing Shaw Peace Society
Olivier

Absent Wight, Wallas, Miss Brooke, Miss Mollen Dearmer Holding
Martin. Macdonald.

1. The Minutes of June 21st + 25th were confirmed.
2. Continental Socialism. Debate again adjourned.
3. Womens Industrial Council. Debate on Sub. (adjourned.)
was resumed & it was agreed to consult Miss Cameron.
4. Fabian Candidates. Hammill. Letters read from himself,
from Sec. W.C. I.P., stating funds in hand £10.-
Agreed that Sec. write to Mann re Hammill's candidature,
& write to Moll asking him to act as intermediary
in respect of the money. That in the event of
Hammill not standing a letter be sent to the
subscribers asking them to transfer their subs.
to Macdonald, or Curran, or to place them at the
disposal of the Exec. -
Agreed further that the Sec. be authorised to
act in the matter of the Fund.

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5. Fabian Candidates Curran: Reports good progress wants help.
Macdonald: Sec. reported £6. received.
6. Labour Program Leaflet. Draft by Pease considered approved,
with sundry amendments.
7. — ~~do~~ — Agreed to ^{offer} send 5000 copies
gratis to every Fabian Candidate.
8. Report of Lecture Sub Com^{tee}. Deferred.
9. Correspondence. Bliss, handing proof of article on
F.S. in his Social Encyclopedia
Hon. W. P. Reeves, N.3. Minister of Labour
re Soc^{ty} in N.3.
C. Turner Noncons. + Election.
- H. W. Macrossy

Conference of Fabian Guardians & others held at Office
28th June 1895. at 8pm

Present. Galeshott (in chair) W. Crooks (Poplar) Miss Brown (Camden)
Mr. Pearsall (Hampstead) Miss Clarke (Leighton) also
Miss S. Staer, W. D. Pearsall, Miss Grove, Miss Hatfield
Miss Hickson, Miss Burnett, Mrs. Hodgson, Miss Pety
Pease.

1. Letters of regret were read from Rev. E. T. Hamel (Newington)
+ Rev. A. W. Aford (Marylebone)
 2. Miss Brown gave an address on How far can
the present system of P. L. Relief be made
a stepping stone to Socialism.
 3. A general discussion followed in which W. Crooks
Miss Staer + others took part.
 4. It was agreed That Galeshott + Pease ^{draft} a minimum
administrative program & circulate it amongst
Fabian Guardians with a view to :-
(1) A Conference of F. S. S. D. F. + Guardians
(2) " " " London Guardians
- J. F. Galeshott

Executive at Office 5th July 95

Present Macrosty (in chair), Martin, Gakeshott, Pease
Standing Webb, Miss Moten, Shaw Bland.

Absent Miss Brooke, Wallace, Dearmer, Holding, Olivier,
Macdonald.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Guardians Conference Minutes were read.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report was approved, including proposed reprint of lecture list; agreed to grant 2000 leaflets to Arthur Field for Rural work.
4. Continental Socialism. Debate adjourned.
5. Hammill Fund. Letters read from Tom Mann & Bell, Sec L.H.P. N.C. - ~~of~~ also wire from Moll saying he cannot take charge of fund. Agreed to wire Moll to engage Solicitor or Accountant to act for us in the matter.
6. Macdonald Fund. Agreed to send it direct to him.

7. Election Speakers wanted of Hammill, Macdonald, Curran, Smart, Tillet. Offers made for Macdonald only. -
8. Autumn Lectures Report of Com^{ee} of Lecturers adopted. -
9. Donation of £10 from Miss Clegg for our Election expenses announced.

10. Correspondence

Lamer Sugden wishing to reprint No 65 without our name
Refuse.

A. S. Taylor sending sub. & resignation.
Accept.

Witness Protection Socy ask of delegate
Refuse.

Hines asking pay of Clayton's expenses to Oxford.
Agreed to pay Rly fares. -

S. J. Webb
12/1/95

Exec. at Office 12 Jul 95.

Present Well (in chair), Gakeshott Shaw Macrosty
Miss Motten Pease

Absent Miss Brooke, Walloo, Oliver Holding
Macdonald Dearmer Standing, Martin
Bland.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted.
Sec. reported # 102000 Election Leaflets disposed of.
Agreed to reprint Local Soc'y nomination forms.
3. Continental Soc^m. Debate adjourned.
4. Hammill Fund. Sec. reported that Moll had undertaken to see to fund & £66 had been remitted to him. - Wire had been received announcing nomination.
5. Dieper, L.L.P. Card for Jarrow. F.J. Shaw waited on Exec. re funds for his nomination. It was agreed that we c^d take no steps now.

b. Macdonald. Sec. reported Fund £66 + £50 already sent. Letter from Eyles + Macdonald's observations Kerwin considered. Agreed to write Eyles that we condemn the conduct of the S. D. F. towards Macdonald.

7. Other Parliamentary Candidates.

Tillett, asking money. Agreed to say we have none.

Hobson, wire re free literature.

Lister. Agreed to allow him 5000 to be free in place of 5000 at 66 offered but not accepted.

8. Election of Candidates. The following were elected subject to payment of subscription of Dodd :-

paid out 19/7/95. -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Fredk. Lawson Dodd, 41 Wimpole-street, W.	G. F. McCleary & E. D. Hartley.
W. S. Bushnell, The Laurels, Byron-road, Mill Hill, N.W. ...	General Secretary.
Arthur George Field, 63 Week-street, Maidstone	Enid Stacy.
Alfred Percival Golden, 48 High-street West, Glossop	General Secretary.
Edw. Norton, 146 Leadenhall-st.	Jas. Leakey & F. E. Green.

9. Correspondence.

Snell, asking pay^t. Expenses two journeys to Leicester.

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To assist Burgess agreed.
Miss Skerritt, asking re the reconstitution of Berke F.S.
with a view to ultimate Anarchism.
Agreed, provided members accept
basis + the Anarchism be ultimate
enough. -

Bolas re sending delegates to Graham's proposed
Labour Party Federation. Agreed to take
no action. -

J. F. Oakeshott

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- 7. Hammill + Macdonald Funds. Agreed to charge to Macdonald cost of printing, & to pay over the Balances in hand to respective parties concerned.
- 8. Executive Holidays. Agreed to adjourn till Sep. 6th
- 9. Bimetallism. Agreed to send out with News two Gold Standard Assocⁿ Leaflets.
- 10. Fabian Policy in view of Electoral Results. Deferred.
- 11. Macrotip's Lecture on Industrial Policy. Agreed to buy for him 5/- worth of Blue Books.
- 12. Nominations in August News. Agreed to consider in advance. All elected, provided no opposition be made, except Walter J. Reed, Paris, referred to Standing for report, & Miss A. D. Pease & H. Polak, deferred till subⁿ found.

Elected
Elected 14/1/95
Elected

J. E. Barton, Pembroke College, Oxford	F. G. L. Bertram and L. R. F. Oldershaw.
William Craig, 6 Talbot-street, Leek	Larner Sugden and J. W. Buttery.
John F. Macpherson, Thorpe, Chertsey, Surrey	Edw. R. Pease.
Miss A. D. Pease, Cote Bank, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol ...	E. R. Pease and Marjory Pease.
<u>H. Polak, 4 Kastanjeweg, Amsterdam, Holland</u>	G. Bernard Shaw.
Walter J. Reed, 14 Rue de Trévisé, Paris	General Secretary.
W. F. F. Robertson, Hexham, Northumberland	General Secretary.
H. Otto Thomas, 185 Tottenham Court-road, W.	R. Phillimore & J. R. Macdonald.
A. Leslie Wilks, 4 Rushford-st., Middlesboro'	General Secretary.
Tom Wright, 60 Peel-st., Crewe ...	General Secretary.

13. London School of Economics. Webb's proposal to pay fees
of for Fabian Students was approved.

14. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. - Sec. reported that
Macdonald, thro' illness + electoral work w^d. not
be ready for lecturing in October. Agreed, if
Hutchinson Trustees concur, to offer him study
money, if that will facilitate his doing lecturing.
Otherwise to accept delay.

Snell + others discussed, but agreed that they
w^d. not do as substitutes for the time. -

15. Correspondence. F.W. Speer, Seattle, wanting £200 to promote
American Fabianism. Decline.

J.H. Roberts, re new F.S. at Newport Mon.

D.S. Gosling Re Bombay F.S.

Birmingham + Wolverhampton F. Ss re dissolution
after pay^t of debts. Note in news.

Miss Morant, withdrawing candidature

Halifax Labour news wanting adv^t. - Refuse

J. F. Outen

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Exec. at Office 6 Sep. 95. -

Present, Galeshott, (in chair), Macrosty, Holding, Pease,
Macdonald, Martin, Standring.

Absent Webb, Wallas, Shaw, Olivier, Dearmer, Bland,
Miss Brooke, Miss Wotter.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Autumn Lectures. Sec. reported Olivier unable to lecture as he was going to the West Indies. -
Agreed that Holding take his place, in January:
That Webb + Macrosty take earlier dates, + Pease take December lecture on Municip. of Irish. -
Titles. Macdonald, Democratic Machinery. Webb + Macrosty Industrial Reorganisation I Municipal II National.
3. Hammill Fund. Sec. reported Fund closed + 2/- since rec^d from Wiltshire. Agreed to ask him to let us put it against I.L.P. Tract debt.
4. Macdonald Fund. Sec. reported £5. from Whitehead, 7/6 from W. Anderson rec^d. since fund closed, + 10/- from F. Burgess to be expended on Election Fund as Exec. prefer-

(4) (cont?) Agreed, subject to Whitehead's consent, that these sums be expended on Special Lectures in Southampton.

5. Fabian Lectures in Southampton. Agreed in substance to proposal from Southampton Soc. that our series be re-delivered here: also that they be requested to send detailed scheme. Further that the fund above referred to be devoted to the expenses of these lectures. -

6. Bimetalism. Protest from Bolas re issue of monometallic leaflets. Sec. ordered to reply. -

7. Fabian Policy. Debate again adjourned.

8. Experience Meeting. Sec. reported suggestion of Chen Edwards that Fabian Parl. candidates shd. meet to discuss their experiences at a members meeting. Sec. instructed to write Edwards that the Exec. approve of the idea & want him to formulate more details.

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9. Candidates. Walter G Reed. Standing reported he had not seen him but he had discovered that he was an official in the Paris F. n. - c. a. Agreed to elect him.

10. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported that Macdonald declined offer made in terms of Minute 14, of 26/7/95, and that his lectures w^d. therefore be delayed till January. - He further reported that arrangements had been made for Miss Stacy in Jan'y for Newcastle. Approved. - It was further agreed to print syllabus for Miss Stacy in Manchester in October, & to defer consideration of lectures for her in March next. -

11. Conference of Labour Leagues, Sep 18. Letter explanatory from a. c. H. Graham read, agreed that Macraarty, Martin & Standing be delegates, & that they vote against any proposal to create a new Socialist party other than a Federation of Labour Leagues.

12. a United Socialist Party. Official letter from L.H.P. read, writing expression of opinion in favour of a United S. Party. - Agreed to write that we approve in principle but see serious obstacles; & that we shall be glad to consider any definite proposal. -
13. London Socialist Scouts. Letter from H. Crosswell giving information of meeting & asking general approval & aid. - Agreed to give general approval & any possible aid. -
14. Country Lectures. See reported Whelan going in November, & asked for other volunteers. - None responded.
15. Women's Industrial Council. Letter from Miss Brooke read, recommending sub. #. - Agreed after prolonged debate, & decision, (non con) to send a sub. # of 57 -
16. Correspondence. S. Moore, Engels Exor, re letter of condolence Railway Nationalisation League. P. prospectus.

16 Correspondence (cont?)

Mr. + Mrs. Frinnis Johnson. Resignations Accepted.

Walter Scott, new Edition of Essays. Noted.

R. S. F. Willis, re permeation of Questions.

Noted + suggestion approved.

P. M. Cooke. Socialism in Denver.

F. Burgess Champion + Soc^m in Melbourne.

A. Hickmott wanting book on Communal Farms.

Holson's new Book, + ask Sims

National Reform Union asking 10¢ advt. Accept.

J. F. Oakeshott

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Exec. at Office 20 Sep. 95.

Present Galesholt, (in chair) Macdonald, Macrosty
Standing Holding Peace, Martin.

Absent. Miss Brooke, Miss Moten, Webb Shaw Wallas
Bland Oliver Dearmer.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Autumn Lecture Course. Draft syllabus approved.
Letter from Shaw asking if his ~~whole~~ lecture should appear
in Chronicle, editor consenting, and if he can have two
helped copies made. Agreed, Exec. preferring payment
of result, but not insisting thereon.
Foreign Policy Lecture in Spring. Agreed to ask Stepniak
Currency & Banking Lecture. Consideration deferred.
Essex Hall lectures in Spring. Agreed to ask W^m
Sharpe on Soc^m in modern literature.
3. Candidates Experiences Mtg. Sec. 7 reported he had no reply
to two letters to Clem Edwards. Agreed to leave
to ~~Sec.~~ to arrange meeting if possible. -
4. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Letter read from Miss Stacey

4 (cont.) saying she does not want syllabus for Manchester, & asking re March lectures. Consideration of latter point deferred.

5. Conference of Labour Leagues. Deferred to 25th ^{Sept} ~~May~~. agreed that Macraarty, Holding & Macdonald be delegates with same instructions as before.

6. International Soc^y Congress of 1896. Letter from Com^{ee} asking Exec. to appoint delegate in place of Olivier resigned. Pease appointed. -

7. Candidates elected, subject to pay^t of sub^y of de Gruyter.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss E. F. Field, 63 Week-street, Maidstone	James Leakey.
Tom Groom, 13 Victoria-road, Aston, Birmingham	E. R. Pease.
J. de Gruyter, Sunningdale, Glynfield-road, Harlesden	John Edwards and E. R. Pease.

2^d elected.

8. W^m Hines. Report of Clayton's lectures + of other work done, and application for further grant of £5. - Agreed to send £5. but to say that he must not reckon on any more, as we have done enough for Oxfordshire + district.

9. Lantern Slides. Various Reports. Referred to
Lantern Com^{tee} for consideration.
10. Circular to members re occupations. Prof approved.
11. Southampton Lecture Scheme. Macdonald reported
proposal to spend the special fund (£5.17.6) in
advertising: to pay fares out of County Lecture Fund.
To take Hall holding 500, & to arrange Lectures on
consecutive weeks in Jan'y. - Scheme generally
approved.
12. Correspondence. Maidstone, Formation F.S. Long reports.
F. O. Stocker. Resignation. Accepted.
Edinburgh F.S. Plan for Scotch Tracts. approved
Mrs Brounlow, on male Fabian manners. Noted.
Bristol Socialist Soc'y. Platonic "United Party" resolution. Noted.
C. S. Nielsen on Japanese women. Noted.
Liverpool F.S. asking services long list of lecturers. Agreed to
pay 1/2 fares only: Sec. to find out day & other particulars.
Bates. Re issue of circular re G. S. R. + Wallas + Webb. Agreed subject
to approval of concerned, to put par in news, but not to send circular.
A. T. Leonard Wanting Duties of Citizen Lectures. Slater suggested.

Hubert Glad

Lantern Com^{tee} at Office ~~Oct~~ Sep. 26th '95.

Present. Macdonald, in chair, Pease, Wheeler. Absent. Miss Prusky

1. Wheeler submitted report of arrangements for procuring slides. His action was approved.
2. Wheeler reported that slides could be bought from Mr. Stead. Agreed that we buy, provided we are allowed to select, & the price does not exceed 6⁰ per slide.
3. Statistic slides, submitted by Wheeler, referred to Macdonald for report.
4. Boxes for slides. Deferred.
5. Lectures to accompany slides. Deferred.
6. Applications for Lantern Lectures. Noted: eight in all
7. Lanterns. Sec. reported offers from E. Radford lantern rent, Millican Dalton^{tra}, or J. Conbeer at 5/-
8. Offers of help reported from W. Oakley, Mrs. B. Glasier,

H.A. Leonard.

9. Drew. Proposal to buy set of slides to be paid
at end of season. Agreed to advise Eyer.
to accept it, & to send him list.

10. Agreed to meet again Tuesday next at 12.15. -

J. MacDonald
3 Oct '95

Lantern Com^{tee} at Office 3 Oct 95

Present J.R. Macdonald, in chair, Wheeler, Pease, Abent - Mrs. Prue

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. A/c of 13/3^d for 17 slides bought of League for Prohibiting sale of Intoxicants to Children was approved.
3. Steads Slides. Wheeler reported them already sold to one Tyler, but he was ~~not~~ negotiating purchase of some from latter.
4. Wheeler explained that we c^d borrow set of slides from L.R.U. & use them at once. Pease to see about this.
5. Statistic slides. Macdonald reported in hand. Wheeler to communicate with him re diagrams ready.
6. Boxes & Lectures deferred.
- 7 Next meeting Oct 10 at 12.15 noon.

J. Macdonald
3 Oct 95

Executive Com^{ee} 4th October 1895.

Present Bland (in chair) Shaw, Oliver, Miss Brooke,
Standing, Martin, Holding, Macdonald
Maerdyk, Pease, Miss Motten Webb, Dearmer

Absent Wallas, Caheshott.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Business. Agreed to set up "What to read".
3. Lantern Lect Slides. J.P. Macdonald reported what the Com^{ee} had done, which was approved. Agreed to allow W.H. Drew of Bradford to buy set of slides on deferred payment.
4. Spring Lecture Course. Sec. reported that Stepuiah agreed to lecture on Foreign Politics. Agreed to refer to Fresh Activities Com^{ee} suggestion of lecturer on Currency + Finance, + further lectures in the course. Also that Maerdyk be added to the Com^{ee} -
5. Womens Tract Com^{ee}. Sec. not ordered to take any action.

- 6. Hutchinson Trust Country Lectures. Report from Miss Stacey in Manchester. Report of arrangements for her in Newcastle. - Approved. Agreed to arrange lectures for her in Bradford dist. in March. -
- 7. Conference of Labour Leagues. Macrosty & reported on what had occurred. Agreed that the delegates be continued.
- 8. Resignation of Wallas From Executive. Letter read stating that the School Management Comtee prevented him from attending & therefore he resigned. Agreed to accept, & to hold a bye. election.
- 9. Dr. Watt. Notice of Motion by A. Halliday, re Executive inaction in the matter of Watt's Election. Agreed to hold members meeting in November, & to invite Green, & any others to move their pending votes of censure.
- 10. Lectures at Oxford. Agreed to arrange series of 4 lectures on Principles of Socialism. Webb, Macdonald, Martin & Marriot expressed willingness to go. Agreed also to offer same to Cambridge.

11 Book Boxes. Agreed to request, conveyed by
Macdonald, that a Book Box
containing socialist books be procured
for use, in the first place of the Oxford Univ. F.S.

12. Correspondence.

Cholton cum Hardy Soc. Soc. 7. Resolution in
favour of United Soc. Party. Sec to reply.

T. S. Will, Kansas, on Soc. & Permetalism

P. Stacey, asking for Fabian lecturers for
Bristol. Agreed to make arrangements.

J. Macdonald

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Lantern Slide Com^{ee} at Office Thurs. 10 Oct. 95.
Pres^t, Macdonald (in chair) Wheeler, Pease
Ab^{se} - Miss Priestly.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Sec. reported purchases as follows.

	No. of <u>Slide</u> .	<u>Cost</u> .
1 League Sale Intox ⁿ . to Children	17.	- 13.3
2. Cynic's Pub. - Coz.	17.	- 17.0
3. Mc Dongal	65.	3.5.0
4. Tyler	101	3.2.0
5. Do. Two Boxes	—	- 7.0
	200	<u>£ 8.4.3</u>

3. Agreed to prepare sketch lectures on

1. How the Poor Live
2. Municipal Socialism
3. What Soc^m Means
4. London Reform.

Wheeler undertook to prepare 4 & 1

4. Agreed to refer to Exec. re printing these lectures.

5. Statistic slide. Wheels. Not done yet.

6. Slide illustrating the Rich. Suggestions made.

Frederick Mellen.

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Executive at Office 18 October 1895.

Present. Macdonald (in chair) Miss Brooke, Miss Merten Shaw
Pease, Standing, Marroitz, Seamer
Absent Webb (lecturing) Oakeshott, Olivier, Bland, Holding, Martin.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Hutchinson Trust Yorkshire Lectures. Arrangements discussed & sec. ordered to settle.
3. Conference of Labor Leagues. Agreed to appoint Marroitz Standing & Holding delegates for Nov 6th.
4. Election of Candidates. all elected, except G.R. Brett, who was elected subject to payment of subscription.

Elected 20/10/95

<u>G. R. Brett, 23 Station View.</u>	
Chester	<u>General Secretary.</u>
Joseph Crewe, 58 Princess-street, Chester	General Secretary.
S. Masterson, Society of Iron- founders, 200 New Kent-road	F. Whelen and Isabel Sandham.
John H. Roberts, 138 Malpas-rd., Newport, Mon.	General Secretary.
Fredk. G. Wixey, 5 West-street, Osney, Oxford	Wm. Hines and Ada Hines.
Ernest E. Wood, 5 Longworth- road, Oxford	Wm. Hines and Annie Hines.
Miss Lillie E. Zimmerman, 26 Spital-sq., Norton Folgate, E.	Annie G. Matthews & Jane E. M. Brownlow.

5. Subscriptions. Agreed that Sec. prepare report on the cost of new members to the Society

6. Publication. Letter from Webb ^(a) reporting that Tract 29 wants a lot of revision. Noted.
(b) suggesting publication as a Tract of Shaw's lecture. Agreed not to do so
(c) Offering as Tract lecture of Mrs. Webb on Women & Factory acts. Referred to Shaw to report to Pub. Comm. & agreed, subject to report, to publish, & to give notice for Nov 29th
7. Webb & Bolas. (d) Letter from Bolas handed ⁱⁿ by Webb for perusal - abusive libels - Noted.
8. Internat. Soc^y Congress. Sec. reported that he had drafted an appeal for Funds addressed to individual Socialists & S. D. F. F. S. + I. P. & Draft read, & agreed, in anticipation of formal request, that it be issued with News.
9. List of Defaulters. Sec. reported notice sent out. -
10. Oxford Book Box List of books amended & approved.

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11. Members Inty 29th Nov. Sec. reported Green's vote of censure of Fabian candidates for Parliament on their failure, R.C. Phillimore to open. - Agreed that he write to invite all candidates in London.
12. Lantern Slides. Macdonald reported for Com^{tee}. Agreed to refer to Pub. Com^{tee} the matter of sketch lectures.
13. Oxford Lectures. Proposed course. approved.
14. Economic Correspondence Class. McKillop suggested as teacher.
15. Carmarvon Strike. J. Leakey attended, & after discussion it was agreed to authorize him to direct subscriptions to be sent to the F.S. if the Chronicle will not take them.
16. Correspondence. Resignations. G.W. Kemp & J. Kent. Accepted. Walter Coffin. Sending sub^s. Edinburgh F.S. ask^g grant of 2000 Ques. Parl. Comd. already sent. Agreed. "T. Maguire, Remembrance" ask^g notice & free advt. Agreed to send advt as insert with others, & to review book.

Per J. Dearnum 25. Oct. 1885

Fresh Activities Com^{ee} 23 Oct 95. at Office. 5.15 pm.

Present. Macdonald (in chair), Mc Killop, Paddie, Hobson,
Pease, Whelan, Macrosty.

Absent. Miss Priestley, Galton, Phillimore Oliver, Deamer Miss Day.

1. The Minutes of 20 June were read + confirmed.
2. Sec. reported nomination of Macrosty to Com^{ee} & Exec.
3. Scottish Activities. Sec. reported leaflets w^d be published in Edinburgh Labour Chronicle, + o^r be hence republished, as desired. —
4. Trade Union Lectures. Sec. reported lecture list + letter sent out to several hundred unions, but scarcely any lectures had resulted, so far as his knowledge went.
5. Revision of Tract 12. Phillimore. Absent.
6. Lantern Slides. Sec. reported matter now well in hand, under management of a special Com^{ee}. —
7. Land Taxation. Draft tract by Whelan. He reported nothing yet done.

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8. Continental Soc^y. Re Resolution of Com^y, Sec. reported that the Exec. had rejected proposal of ^{monthly} correspondence, had referred to the Internat. Congress Com^y suggestion as to International Sec^y Com^y of Fabians.
 9. Class for Extempore Speaking. Suggestion withdrawn
 10. J. Andrew's Farm Produce Scheme. Rejected.
 11. Local London Organisations. Wreken. Suggestion withdrawn.
 12. Trade Unions & Town Halls. Discussed & postponed to next mtg.
 13. Fabian Soc^y Lectures. Further lectures discussed. Suggested Subjects: Church. Currency & Finance. After long debate, agreed to ask Wreken to sound one Ward & report. - Education. After debate & division agreed to recommend lecture on Education & the State, & that Hobson be asked to prepare draft of another lecture on ~~Factory~~ Education ^{?"Socialism"} for separate considⁿ. Waller or Martin to be suggested for former. -
 14. Next meeting to be Wed Nov. 6 at 5 pm., & P.M. Leaders to be on agenda. -

J. Macdonald

Lantern Com^{ce} at Socialist Club 25 Oct 95.

Present, Macdonald (in chair), Pease, Wheeler.

1. It was agreed to get 4 more slide boxes.
2. It was agreed to try to buy printed numbers for slides.
3. It was agreed to ~~write~~ arrange slides & number them in blocks 1-50, 51-100 & 20 on according to subject, & to advertise for helper in news.
4. It was agreed to print catalogue at once & keep in type for a while, subject to consent of exec. -
5. Wheeler read sketch arrangement of slides to form lecture. Agreed that he prepare notes for the London Reform lecture, & write one on 'How Poor Live, to see what slides we must get.
6. Macdonald undertook to prepare sketch of lecture on 'What Soc^m Means. -

Executive at Office 25 Oct. 95. -

Present Dearmer (in chair), Pease, Bland, Miss Brooke, Miss Norton,
Standing, Shaw, Martin, Macdonald, Webb, Macroty.
Absent Holding, Gakesholt, Oliver,

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Labour League Conference. Agreed that Pease be delegate Failing Holding
3. Subscriptions. Sec. brought up report showing that new members cost about 3/4? each, & that average working expenses come to 1/- per member. Also analysis of subs. for 1894-5. - agreed that Pat be put in news explaining position.
4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved, including Reprint of Imposs. of anarchism, Advt in Labour Annual, & also proposal that Mrs Webb read her proposed tract as one of the Series of Cliffords Inn The Lectures in January. -
5. Fresh Activities Com^{ee} Report, received.

6. Carmarvon Lock Out. Agreed that Resolution of Sympathy
be moved at Cliffords Ann, & subscriptions
received, but no collection made. Also
that par be put in news.

7. Essex Hall Lectures. Sec. reported that Sharpe
declines. Further consideration deferred.

8. Lantern Slides Com^o Report. Agreed to print catalogue.

9. Emergency Com^o Resumed debate from 7th June.
Agreed to proceed to next business.

10. Tract on Child Labour. Agreed that Welch report on it.

11. Correspondence.

F. S. Green ask^g ~~work~~ ^{aid} for work in Essex villages. Agreed
to grant leaflets ^{ask about} & anything else.

Swindon Trade Council, Wanting Welch. Rep^d Welch too busy,
Macdonald may go: ask if they pay Swes?

Oxford F.S.

Wanting lectures. Welch to go on 27th,
but preferably 28th or 29th Nov.

Fresh activities Com^{ee} at Office 6 Nov-95.
Present, Macdonald in chair, Pease, Whelen, Peddie

Macroft
Absent, Phillimore, Dearmer, McKillop, Miss Priestly,
Hobson, Galton, Oliver, Miss Stacey.

1. The Minutes of Oct 23rd were confirmed.
2. Revision Tract 12. Phillimore. absent.
3. Land Taxation. Whelen. Nothing done, thro' misunderstanding.
4. Trade Unions & Town Halls. Proposal in drafted & Whelen. Agreed to put in news, & to print slips off it.
5. Fabian Society Lectures. Agreed to recommend as follows:-
 Church. Bland
 Education. Martin, or Wallas.
 Currency. Oliver or Ward.
6. Dearmer's resignation accepted.
7. Trade Union Leaders. McKillop. absent.
8. Adjourned sine die.

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 8 Nov: 95. -

Present Webb (in chair) Peace, Bland, Miss Brooke,
Miss Mosen, Oakeshott, Martin, Macroty,
Shaw-Dearmer, Macdonald
Absent Standing, Holding, Oliver.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Labour League Conference. Macroty reported for delegates that it had been agreed to form a provisional Exec. with a view to securing harmony amongst Socialists in local London Elections. Agreed that Macroty be our delegate.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. adopted, except that it was agreed that the Lantern Sketch Lecture be typed & not printed. Webb undertook to revise Part 7, (Oakeshott declining). Agreed to grant Drew Library a Library Grants & Bond Tracts. Child Labour Tract. by Shallard. Webb handed in written adverse report. agreed to return MS. to him. Macroty agreed to deal with subject later. -
Women & Factory Tracts by We Webb. Suggested that

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she take 1000 copies & get advt. of "T. Unionism"
in return. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee}. —

4. Fresh Activities Com^{ee} — Report received.

Trade Unions + Town Halls. Par. for news as suggested
approved.

5. Spring Course. On suggestion of above Com^{ee} agreed
as follows:—

Jan 10. Mrs Webb Women + Factory acts.

" 24 Wallas (?) on Feeding Bd School Children

Feb 14 Holding Land.

" 28. Ward (?) Currency + Finance.

Mar 14 Gakeshott Revenue + Pensions.

" 28 Stephenich Foreign Policy.

Bland declined to lecture on Church. Oliver,
suggested for currency + suggestion held over.

6. Essex Hall Lectures. Deferred.

7. Southampton L.P. — Proposal to defer Fabian
Course + to use balce. of Macdonald's Election
Fund for advertising Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Approved.

8. The following were duly elected viz:

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss Margaret Balfour, 1 Park-ter., London-road, Portsmouth	Miss Ada Tilley.
A. M. Davies, 3 Gondar Mansions, Mill-lane, West Hampstead, N.W.	Mrs. Greville and J. McKillop.
Mrs. Lucy Davies (as above) ...	" "
Thomas Eagles, 13 Church Row, St. Thomas, Exeter ...	J. H. Mackay.
Harold Elliot, 90 George-st., Moss Side, Manchester ...	General Secretary.
Arthur Green, c/o Mrs. Parry, Elm Grove, Llandudno ...	Miss Green.
Miss Barbara Lowrie, I. L. P. Central Club, 72 New Briggate, Leeds	C. A. Pease and Joe Clayton.
H. R. Ponder, 331 Amhurst-road, Stoke Newington, N. ...	Geo. Samuel and E. R. Pease.

9. Cambridge Lectures. Correspondence read. Agreed that Macdonald go on Nov 21 + Macrosty on Dec 5. + that that be enough this session.

10. London School of Economics. Re stock of Old Tracks agreed to make a permanent loan of them to the school on conditions, viz:-

- (1) That they be sorted within a reasonable time.
- (2) That they be always accessible to members of the Society
- (3) That duplicates be returned, sorted. -

11. Walter Crane. Extraordinary card purporting to be his resignation. Agreed to send it to him expressing our regret, if by his authority. -

12. Correspondence.

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Mrs. Cotton. referring to C.O.S. article on Pensions in
Economic Journal. Oakeshott to deal with it
in his lecture.

The Commonwealth. asking to send advt with News. Agred.
Paul Stacey on Bristol Municipal Election.

F. Drummond .. his defeat for Gateshead T. Council

P. Coleman wanting help in written case at
Pelechler. Refer to Corrie Grant.

E.D. Girdlestone hoping Geschichte der Sozialismus wd
be translated. Send to Bernstein.

Mrs. Kepple. Letter asking assistance for her
Regret must decline.

A. J. Marrison. Gift of Books. One by Lewis
referred to Deamer for report.

Henry W. Macrosty

22. 11. 95.

Exec. at Office 22 Nov. 95.

Present Macroty (in chair) Bakerhoff, Martin, Miss Mollen,
Miss Brooke, Peace, Webb, Bland, Shaw,
Standring, ~~Holding~~. ~~Standring~~
Absent Olivier, Dearmer, & Macdonald (lecturing)

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Spring Course. Sec. reported Wallas accepted for Jan 24th, & no repl^y from Ward on Finance. Agreed that on Feb 28th Martin take "State in relation to Education". Ward deferred.
3. Walter Crane. Letter read from him saying he supposed resignation was not genuine.
4. Executive Vacancy. Sec. reported for candidates.
5. Education Question. Position of Society discussed. Agreed to defer pending Martin's lecture.
6. Liebkecht. Agreed that Shaw move & Macroty

second vote of sympathy at meeting tonight.

- 7. Dr. Watt + Halliday's vote. Agreed that Peace state the facts, + that Bland or another move "The next business". -
- 8. Debate on Elections + Policy. Sec. reported Phillimore ill. Agreed to ask Fletcher to attend. -
- 9. L.C.C. Common Lodging House, Drury Lane. Agreed to proposal of Webb to send Bound Tracts + Library Essays, + also to offer same to Rowton House, Vauxhall. -
- 10. West Derby L.M.P. Proposed lecture by Lowerson. Agreed to offer standing on Jan ^{11th or 13th} 7th instead.
- Maidstone F.S. Proposed course of lectures if me pay fares. Agreed to do so.
- 11. Purge of Members. Agreed to send out second simple reminder.

12. Lantern Slide Catalogue & terms of loan amended
& approved.

13. Proposed interview at Office between Burns &
Cowan. Sec. instructed to write that
Exec. prefer not to lend Office for purpose

14. Correspondence

On character of Mawson. Deferred to Purge.
Polak on Proposed Amsterdam F.S.
Letter on Socialism in Chicago. Noted.
Rev. J. T. Matthews offering to resign
on aft of a 2/6th sub. Agreed to
write him that the par is not
retrospective & we do not accept it.

Wm. H. Clau
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Executive at Office 29 Nov. 95.

Present Bland (in chair) Oakeshott, Macroft, Miss Brooke,
Standing, Miss Mollen, Pease Shaw, Dearmer.

Absent. Webb, (lecturing) Martin, Holding, Macdonald.
Olivier. -

1. The minutes ~~were~~ of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Spring Course. Letter from Ward declining to lecture on Finance. Sec. reported Holding doubtful about his lecture - agreed to ask J.S. Hamilton.
3. Leibrecht. Proposed testimonial, suggested by Tom Mann. After debate, decided not to do anything for the present.
4. Classification of Members. Referred to Oakeshott for report.
5. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Letter from Reading Com^{tee} asking a guarantee for expenses. Sec. instructed to write asking details + estimate.
6. Park-Com^{tee} Report. Agreed to charge 6^d. for

6 (cont^d) "What to read"; also to refer Shop Assistants
Tract to W. Johnson. Consider action in
deciding to close the Bye Election Poll on
Dec. 9th was approved. —

7. Correspondence.

H. D. Pearsall, proposing discussion on Limits of private enterprise.

Shaw to undertake comedy.

Albion Association proposing exchange of publications
approved.

London Trade Council Ship-builders Lockport Fund. No action.

West Ham L.H.P. Wanting money for chairs. Referred to Secy
Geo. Samuel } on greatness of the L.H.P.

F. Wheeler } Noted.

Miss Ada Field Candidate who said she might not
be able to pay a sub. Refer to her
proposer, Mrs. Mole.

J.P. Macnamara, on tour in Australia for Miss
Martyr, + H. H. Champion
as Secy of the Melbourne F.S. Noted

Lantern Com^{ee} 12 Dec. 95.

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Present Pease Whelen

Absent Macdonald. Miss Priestly.

1. Minutes of Oct 15th were confirmed.
2. Statistic Slides. Whelen reported he hoped to get some for nothing.
3. New Slides. Agreed to issue circular to country members asking what slides they can get.
Agreed to search catalogues. Whelen to do it.
4. Slides by Rail. Sec. reported 14 slides broken off on first consignment, but R.R. Co. expected to pay. —

Horner (written)

Frederick Whelen
10. 2. 96

Exec. at Office 13th December 1895. -
Present. Miss Moken (in chair) Miss Brooke, Webb
Shaw, Dearmer, Macrosty Pease, Martin
Bland Standing Oakeshit.
Absent. Macdonald (lecturing) Oliver, Holding.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Spring Course. Land Lecture. Sec. reported Hamilton declined. Agreed to ask Pearson.
thru Holding.
Foreign Politics. Sec. reported that Stephenish wished to lecture on Politics, not Foreign. Agreed to ask him to put in as much foreign as possible.
3. Liebenecht. Repl^y to resolution read. Agreed to ~~be~~ read at members meeting, to print in news, to send to Chronicle, & anywhere else.
4. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Adopted.
5. Lantern Com^{ee} Report. Adopted.

6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Reading. Agreed to their proposal that we guarantee the Council up to £11. in terms of letter to them.

Bristol. Report noted.

Miss Stang's Syllabus. Referred to Webb. to put into shape.

7. Executive Bye-Election. Sec 7 read Scrutineer's report announcing a tie between Miss Priestley & F. Warden. After debate agreed to hold a second Ballot between them.

8. Resignations. Mrs J. Gill. F. C. Haywood, J. S. Greenfell & H. Brown. Accepted.

9. Candidates. All elected, except J. Whitaker, who was elected subject to pay 1/2 of Subscription.

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Arthur Clarke, Selwyn College, Cambridge	C. W. C. Barlow.
Richard Warrall Graham, 37 Newton-road, Oxford	Ada Hines and Wm. Hines.
H. T. Holmes, St. John's College, Cambridge	C. W. C. Barlow.
Rev. Reginald C. Harward, Foleshill-road, Coventry	Rev. Percy Dearmer.
Miss Lily Lloyd, 4 High-street, Bloomsbury	J. R. Macdonald & E. R. Pease.
William Spetch, 17 Clarendon-street, Cambridge	C. W. C. Barlow.
C. E. Tattersall, c/o G. H. Smith, Pahiatua, Wellington, N. Z.	Edward R. Pease.
W. P. Toussaint, 11 St. Mark's-road, Dalston, N.E.	Ethel Edwards & George Samuel.
F. J. W. Whipple, Trinity College, Cambridge	C. W. C. Barlow.
Joseph Whitaker, 3 Strode-road, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton	<u>General Secretary</u>
William A. Wilson, 39 Shaftesbury-road, Hammersmith	F. J. Furnivall & F. W. Galton.

10. Dr. Watt. Letter from Halliday suggesting that the Exec. bury the hatchet. Agreed to reply that the Exec. cannot see their way to further action, & are glad Dr. Watt has done so well in concluding the matter.
11. Lecturers wanted. Liverpool asking Webb & Shaw. Can't go. Birmingham L. Church. Gakeshott & Martin to go. Maidstone F.S. Course arranging.
12. Poor Law Conference. Gakeshott to arrange.
13. Thames Steamboats. Proposed L.T.C. agitation for municipalisation. Agreed to approve it.
14. School Board Vacancy. Agreed ~~to~~ unanimously that the Secy write the Fabian L.S.B. members urging them to advocate the claim of Clem Edwards to the vacant seat.
15. Correspondence.
Walter Crane, favouring a United Soc^l Party.
Marson on Somersetshire Squires

15. Corresp. (cont'd)

Mrs. Mole, recommending that Miss Neild be asked to pay a 5/- sub.

Webb, announcing gift to F.S. of books given to him by H. Compton

Hickmott asking us to print Sanitary Inquisition forms. Referred to Park Ave.

Ray Drayner. 10. Jan. 96

Pop. Law Guardians Conference at Office 23 Dec. 96. -
Present, Oakeshott (in chair), Pease Crooks, Miss Hickson
Miss Brown (+ friend), Rev. E. T. Hamel, Miss
Grove, Miss Clarke, Mr + Mrs Parsall.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Letter read re classification. West Derby + Sheffield only known examples. Miss Sellers suggested as an authority. -
3. The Revised program was carefully considered extensively amended + altered + was adopted.
4. It was agreed to send copy of program as adopted to Crooks, who will take further action in connection with the Poplar Board.
5. Conference adjourned sine die.

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Executive at Office 10 Jan '96.

Present. Harmer (in chair), Wells, Standing, Macroshy, Miss
Brooke, Shaw, Pease, Miss Norton, Macdonald, Martin.

Absent. Holding, Olivier, Bland, Oakeshott.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports adopted, viz:-
5000 No 42 Reprinted.
No 29. Cover referred to Shaw.
Idea of Leaflet on Successful Parish Councils approved. ~~to be printed~~
Receipt book. Question of Bland's signature deferred.
Re copper-plate, Sec. ordered to write to Turner.
3. Guardians Conference. Sec. reported that this had been held.
4. International T. N. Congress. Sec. reported £9.15/- received
or promised & already paid to Com^{ee}. Agreed that
Macroshy draft resolutions & consult on them with
the publishing Committee. -
5. Death of Miss Hutchinson. Wells reported that she had made
her will with her brother; that she had left

£1200 to himself, Clarke + Peace as Trustees with very wide powers as to application of the money. -
Agreed that Webb draft par for news. -

6. Death of Stepania. Agreed that Sec. write to his widow expressing sympathy + regret on behalf of the Society + inform the meeting tonight that this had been done. - Agreed further that the Sec. be empowered to make use of the Office for the purposes of the Memorial Fund + that a copy be sent out with Fabian News. -

7. Spring Lectures. Land. Sec. reported that Holding would take this course

March 23rd. Agreed to ask the following: -
Ronald Burrows on Foreign Politics
E. J. C. Gomer " Socialism
P. W. Simes " Currency.

8. Liebknecht. Sec. reported that he projected a tour in May + had written to the Internat. Soc. Com. - Sec. instructed to ask him direct to take the first Friday in May. Re Testimonial, agreed to drop it.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Portsmouth. Letter from Hales asking guarantee.
 Deferred for report from Macdonald
Jarrow Report of difficulties re politics. Noted.

10 Election of Candidates. The following were elected
 except Messrs Matthews, Quinn & Rose
 deferred for further enquiries. —

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Arthur Cox, 63 Bridge-street, Cambridge	M. C. Irvine.
Joseph C. Harris, Semenof, Van- couver Island, Canada...	E. R. Pease.
John Ernest Ingham, 13 West- wood-terrace, Leek	Larner Sugden and W. Craig.
Robert Marshall, 15 Argyle-st., Tynemouth	General Secretary.
✗ <u>John E. Matthews, 19 Berkeley-</u> <u>road, Hornsey, N.</u>	A. G. Matthews and E. D. Hartley.
✗ <u>Walter T. Quinn, Ridley Hall, Cam-</u> <u>bridge</u>	General Secretary.
✗ <u>Thomas A. Rose, Laurel Bank,</u> <u>Acton, W.</u>	Jas. Lorrain and H. W. Macrosty.
Rev. Gilbert T. Sadler, 14 West Parade, Lincoln	General Secretary.

Elected 24 Jan 96

11. Resignations accepted. S. B. Bishop: Mrs Bishop, W. Hazel
 W. M. Rowe G. Rhodes, T. H. a. Abbott Mrs
 Bushell (née Burchnell) & C. H. Kelf.
 G. I. Melvill: donation of papers (old Labour newspapers)
 accepted in lieu of subscription.

12. Sidney Thompson - Suicide. Noted.
13. Mrs. Webb's Lecture. Agreed to move urgency (Standing) and if not seriously opposed, to move the publication of the lecture as a tract. -
14. Lectures Wanted. Aberdeen University per Prof. Paterson. Agreed to send + to pay part-exp. if others can be arranged at St. Andrews. Sec. to write to Rev. J. Herkless there Huddersfield. Bland to go. Cambridge for Feb 6. Bland to be asked. Leicester. Three days time for Macdonald. Agreed.
15. London T. Council Steamer Municipalisation Scheme. ~~the~~ Speakers wanted. Secretary to get them.
16. Federation of Labor Leagues &c. Three delegates wanted for Wed Jan 15th - Peace + any others he can get.
17. Correspondence
Bliss on Fabianism in America. Noted.
Sale of Dogs Prof. Club. Resolution re Sheppink.

17 Correspondence (cont'd)

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Wiltshire on American War feeling.

Send to Daily Chronicle.

W. Truome. Circular re Higher Grade Schools
Wtd.

H. Bodell Smith: asking Sec. to arrange paid
lectures to enable him to come
to London to discuss paid lecture-
ship. Don't encourage him, but
find out particulars.

Henry W. Macrosty

24.1.96

Executive at Office 24 Jan '96.

Present, Macarty (in chair) Shaw, Pease, Miss Brooke, Deamer
Miss Moten Standing Martin Webb, Miss Pucette, Bland

Absent, Oliver, Holding, Macdonald, Galeshott
lecturer

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{tee} Report approved. Agreed to give notice in News to print as tracts the four autumn lectures of Webb, Macarty, Macdonald & Pease: resolution to be taken at first Cliffords Inn meeting in Feb. 7. Agreed also to write letters in order to get a lot of Reviews of Tract 29. —
3. Receipt Book. Turner's letter read. Agreed to ask him to design receipt plate: Bland's signature to be engraved: cost to be 25/- or 30/-: sketch to be sent us. —
4. Fabian Lectures. Ronald Burrows on Mar. 27. Letter read from him accepting. Agreed to pay his fare & ask him how much.

5. Summer Term Lectures. agreed to ask Mrs Blatch to lecture on any subject she selects. -

6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Portsmouth. Agreed to guarantee £4. to Hales.

L.R. Macdonald. Application re special Hotel expenses. Agreed to pay these as an emergency, but not to make it a precedent.

7. Candidates held over. J. E. Matthews, W. Quin, T. A. Rose all elected

8. Resignations accepted John Nichlin, Cecil Phillips, W. F. Crothers.

9. Parage. The following whose addresses are lost were struck off the list: -

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| T. W. Corbett | Miss L. Friend |
| J. T. Kent | A. E. O'Flaherty |
| N. Forsythe | A. Seaborn |

Agreed to send final circular to remainder, & in some cases to write special letters.

Publishing Com^{ee} to settle form of final letter.

10. Federation of Labour Leagues. Pease reported on last conference.
Agreed that Macarty be delegate for Feb. 12
Agreed to send 5/- to Secy as contribution.

11. Lantern Slide Com^{ce}. Agreed to add Oakesholt.

12. Lectures wanted. Bland to go to Cambridge
Portsmouth Agreed to pay fare for Bland.

13. L.R.U. Vestry Tracts. Agreed to send with clowns
& exchange with L.R.M. -

14. Miss Hutchinson's Legacy. Pay for clowns approved.

15. Tracts to Economists Agreed to send 29 + 50 to Germans +
29 + 67 to others.

16. Correspondence.

Dr. H. D'Arcy Power Sacramento. Agreed to accept letter
in lieu of signature of form.

Lancs + Yorks Rly declining to pay for slides. No action.
Geo. Samuel on Liverpool folks. -

G. Bernard Shaw
31/1/96.

Executive at Office 31 Jan. 96. -

Present Shaw (in chair), Oakeshott, Standing, Macrosty,
Pease, Macdonald Bland, Miss Moten, Deanner,
Miss Priestley, Martin.

Absent. Webb, Olivier, Miss Brooke. ~~Went~~, Holding.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Pub. Com^{rs} Report adopted.
3. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported that Holding had declared he c^d. not lecture on Feb 14, & that the Hon. B. Russell had consented to take his place. Agreed on title of his lecture, & subject as proposed.
- + Summer Course. Sec. reported that lecturers in view were Lubbenicht, Mrs Blatch & Olivier. Agreed to ask also Galton, Wheeler, & possibly also Clem Edwards, Deanner, ^{or} Holson (on Education) Slater, Steffen. & Webb on Chartered Com^{rs}.
5. London Trade Council, Circular re long hours of L.C.C. Employees. Agreed to send to Fabian Com^{rs} before taking action.

6. Draft Resolutions For Socialist Congress. Macrotypo's draft considered. Resolutions on Eight Hours Child Labour, ^{Govt. Workshops} & Unemployed generally approved. Resolution re Factory acts referred back to Marriott to re-draft. Resolution on Peace & Foreign Politics referred to Shaw to re-draft. Agreed that Macdonald draft resolution on Referendum. Agreed to leave to Gen. Sec. to call meeting of members to consider. Should it be urgently necessary. —

7. Correspondence.

Jesse Hawkes, on amiable character of the Maidstone lecturers
Swindon F.S. New Society: lecturer wanted for Feby. —

Walter Blund

Lantern Com^{ee} at Office 10 Feb. 96.

Present Pease Weelen, Miss Priestly
Absent Oakeshott, Macdonald.

1. The Minutes of Dec. 12th were confirmed.
2. G. A. Bessford was elected to the Com^{ee}
3. New Lectures. How the Poor Live, in hand.
4. Clem Edwards's Lecture. Weelen undertook to report on slides.
5. In order to get new slides, it was agreed
 - (1) That Weelen & Miss Priestly go thro' catalogues & report.
 - (2) That Sec. write to Edwards re Portraits in Lab. Ann.
 - (3) That Miss Priestly write to Technical Papers & send circular.
6. It was agreed that the following be communicated with, viz:

Tomlinson (Ex Sec)	re Weekly Budget	Labour Songs.
Rev. S. P. Hall	re Cradley Death	40. -
Hamilton	re Cottages	
Riley	- - -	
Sparling	re Paris Photo	Frederick Melen.

Executive at Office 14 Feb. 96.

Present Bland (in chair) Webb, Pease, Shaw, Macrosty,
Miss Brook, Macdonald, Dearmer, Miss Priestley,
Martin, Cakeshott, Miss Morteu
Absent: Olivier, Holding, Standing.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The following were elected, ~~subject to~~ except
John Ablett held over for report from Burrows,
Chesterton, Millard, & R. W. Wright subject to
payment of Sub'n, & T. D. Morgan subject to credentials.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
<u>John Ablett, 43 Munster-square, Regent's-park, N.W.</u>	Miss E. M. Mallet & Mrs. Mallet.
A. W. Bacot, Bow House, St. James'-terrace, Clapton ...	A. W. Barneveld & J. W. Martin.
Thomas Barratt, 93 Winchester- street, S.W. ...	J. Potbury and Mrs. Putz.
Arthur Brownfield, Brownfield's Guild Pottery Society, Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent ...	Larner Sugden.
Ronald M. Burrows, Kelvinside- terrace, S. Glasgow ...	J. R. MacDonald.
<u>G. R. Chesterton, 11 Warwick- gardens, Kensington, W.</u>	<u>L. R. F. Oldershaw & L. A. Toke.</u>
Ernest J. Harrington, 92 King Edward-road, South Hackney	J. Potbury and E. Bottle.
F. P. Hardwick, 78 Norwich-st., Cambridge ...	Wm. Spetch.
Miss Jemima T. Mander, Glen- bank, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton	H. D. Pearsall & Mrs. Pearsall.
<u>Albert R. C. Millard, 28 Shaftes- bury-road, Hornsey Rise</u>	<u>Percy Widdrington & L. A. Toke.</u>
<u>T. Dudley Morgan, 49 Plasterton- avenue, Canton, Cardiff</u>	<u>Miss Kate Hines & A. C. E. Parr.</u>
H. D'Arcy Power, M.D., P.O. Box 549, Sacramento, Cal., U.S.A. ...	General Secretary.
Percy Cross Standing, 21 Bank- street, Hull ...	General Secretary.
Stanley Udale, 365 High-street, Lincoln ...	Caroline D. Martyn.
<u>W. R. Wright, Avenue-house, Holly-park, Crouch-hill, N.</u>	<u>Percy Widdrington & L. A. Toke.</u>

Elected 19/2/96 -

Elected 28/2/96

OXFORD SOCIETY.

J. Shackleton Bailey, Worcester College	L. R. F. Oldershaw & J. Bradbury
W. R. Barker, Worcester College	J. S. Bradbury & J. W. Crowfoot.
Albert Wm. Brown, Christ Church	L. R. F. Oldershaw and W. M. E. Glanville.
John Stewart Hay, St. John's College	S. Ball and C. F. A. Hore.
W. F. Nicholson, Oxford... ..	L. R. F. Oldershaw and R. E. Vernede.

Arthur J. Sargent, Brasenose College	J. S. Bradbury & J. W. Crowfoot.
T. W. Wright, St. Edmund Hall	Percy Widdrington and C. F. A. Hore.

3. London Trade Council Circular re L.C.C. overtime.
Well reported question difficult, & investigation in progress. Crooks & Steadman sent no replies.
4. Socialist Congress. Sec. as delegate reported that May 1st was fixed for Resolutions & no more money w^d probably be called for before 1st & child labour
5. Socialist Congress resolutions. After discussion, Municip^l referred to majority. One Women's resolution referred back: the other adopted. Resolutions on War & Factory acts deferred. Referendum not ready. - Agreed to hold members meeting to consider on a future date.
- b. Meeting tonight. Agreed that Secy propose Tracts & that the Armenian Com^{ee} be informed that we cannot authorise them to distribute pamphlets thereat.

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7. Summer Course. The following arrangements were made:-

Apr 24	Cliffords Inn	Wellb. Chartered Companies
May 8	..	Hewitts Legal Minimum Wage
22	..	Annual Meeting
29	..	Oficers if possible on Land
June 12	..	Mrs Blatch Girls Schools in London
.. 26	..	Unfixed.

Also, at Essex Hall on some date at present unfixed, Liebknecht on German Politics. —

8. Hutchinson Trust lectures.

Sheffield for Miss Stacy. Agreed to guarantee loss up to £10, on condition that the L.H.P. name does not appear on Bills.

Sec. reported that the Trustees had decided to continue grant for another year. Agreed to defer arrangements till the Sec. could present statement of accounts.

9. Receipt Book's Copper Plate. Agreed that Turner's design will not do: that ~~Shaw ask Crane~~ a Bland ask Barron or Houseman to make design. —

10. Death of W. Scudamore. Letters read. Sec. ordered to express report.

11. May Day Demⁿ. Invitations from S. D. F. + Legal Eight-Hours Day Assocⁿ - Sec. ordered not to reply.

12. University Coll of Wales F.S. Sec. reported formation with 25 members. Agreed to accept them as members of London F.S. on same terms as Oxford + Cambridge F.S. -

13. Correspondence.

Swindon F.S. - Agreed to grant 500 Leaflets.

Christ. Soc. League. Walthamstow, on Macroty's cloamner, & sending Don. of 2/6. Agreed to put in News.

F. Wolff, Bergen, sending Swedish Trans of F. Secaps

S. Jagger. Suggesting an eight hours agitation for North Country ^{mining} Corp. Reply it is being done.

Free Communist Colony, Newcastle. Report.

Ray Deaman
28. Feb. 96

Lantern Com^{ee} at Office 24 Feb. 96

Present Pease & Wheeler

Absent. Miss Priestley, Cakeshott, Macdonald.

1. Minutes of last Com^{ee} were confirmed.
2. Sec. reported he had omitted to summon Beresford.
3. Chem Edwards' lecture. Wheeler reported he had seen it. Agreed to get loan of slides to select from and to make arrangements with Terms to make slides for us & L.S.M. conjointly.
4. Catalogues of Slides. Wheeler reported he had not examined ~~slides~~ catalogues yet.
5. Slides in Labour Annual. Sec. reported Edwards agreed to let us have them.
6. New Slides. Sec. reported two ready. Wheeler reported that Miss Newcombe promised some. Sec. reported that Sparling promised some.

7. Agreed to put notice in news asking members to join the
Committee + to give assistance in getting slides. —

8. Also agreed to ask members to assist Waalen in making
collection of ^{pictures of} typical workers for slides + for other
purposes

Frederick Melen.

10. 3. 96.

Executive at Office 28th Feb. 1906.

Present Deamer (in chair), Caheshott, Shaw, Macrae,
Standring Pease, Miss Brooke, Miss Moten, Miss
Priest, Olivier Bland, Martin, Webb.
Absent - Holding, and (lecturing) Macdonald.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Deferred election. John Abblett. After debate & reports read from the proposers, agreed that Sec. enquire further as to cause of his alleged madness. -
3. L.T.C. resolutions as to L.C.C. Hours of Labour. -
A letter from Crooks read concurring in resolutions. After long debate, agreed to adopt the following:-

- (1). That whilst desiring a 48-hour week established for all Municipal Employées, the London County Council is respectfully urged to put into force a **Maximum of 60 hours per week** for all their Domestic Servants, Attendants, or Nurses, in the London County Council Asylums, and that no Workman under the County Council be employed more than **54 hours in any one week**.
- (2). That the Employées of the London County Council in the Main Drainage Department, and other unhealthy occupations, be not worked more than **48 hours per week**, and no reduction in the present weekly wages.

In regard to Hospital nurses' hours it was agreed that Miss Moten draft resolutions for Exec. -

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4. Summer Lectures. Sec. reported that Hewins accepts on Legal Minimum Wage. Olivier agreed to lecture on Mar 29th -
 5. Hutchinson Trust lectures. Sec. reported arrangements for Miss Stacey's Yorkshire tour about complete. He presented balance sheet showing maximum probably outlay (including London Office Expenses) to June 30, £245 against grant of £250. -
H. Bodell Smith agreed that we do not want him as lecturer at present.
 6. Receipt Book Design. Bland reported that Boneman promised design. -
 7. Publishing Com^{ee} Report:- generally adopted except that grant of 1 doz d^o 29 to Wallas was made on the understanding that it was not to be a precedent. Adotⁿ in "Single Tax" agreed to. -
 8. Womens Tract Com^{ee}. Letters from Mrs Jerrold making serious charges against Com^{ee} - Agreed that it be called at once to investigate them. -

9. Federation of Labor Leagues. Delegate wanted for March 11th. Sec. instructed to secure one.
10. ~~Auditors~~ Auditors + Scrutineers. Agreed that Tenny & Griffitt be asked to be auditors & that the Sec. obtain Scrutineers. -
11. Executive Election. Sec. reported that Holding wd not stand again. no similar action reported from other sitting members. -
12. Purge of members. Agreed that Miss Wilma Duncan & Pete Curran be cut out under Rule 12.
Resignations. Miss N. Shaw. accepted.
13. Irish Leasehold Emfranchisement Bills. Agreed to get the Bills & send tracts to promoters thereof.
14. International Congress. S. Oliver & Miss Merten were appointed delegates to meeting on Wed 11 March. Agreed that Groups be not instructed to send delegates. -

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15. International Congress Resolutions. (1) Eight Hours, (2) Child Labour
(3) Factory Legislation, (4) Women's Work, (5) Govt Workshops all agreed to.
(6) Nat^l & Municip^l of Industries, agreed to subject to re-arrangement.
(7) Unemployed (8) War (9) Prisons (10) Political Equality of women
all agreed to. (11) Minimum Wage referred to Macrosty to redraft.
(12) Abolition of Half Time: withdrawn. 13. Referendum: referred
to Shaw to draft.

16. Members Meeting. Agreed to hold in L.R.U. Board Room
on April 17th to discuss the resolutions, & that
they ~~be~~ be printed as a supplement to Fabian news.

17. Grants wanted. Douglas (Isle of Man) Free Library. Send Essays
& suggest Tracts for sale.
Wood Green F. Library. Send Essays & 13^d Tracts.

18. Cunyo Hospital. Query re Municipalisation. Agreed to send to
Donald Ed^r of London & suggest article.

19. Labour Leader. Proposed permanent adst. at 3/- per. ni. Declined.

J. R. Macdonald
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Women's Tract Committee at Office Tues. March 3. '96
Present Oliver (in chair), Mrs. Jerrold, Mrs. Brownlow,
Miss Allen, Gakeshott, Paddie, Shaw, Pease
Absent. Mrs. Blatch, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Mallet, Mrs. Welt.
Miss Brooke.

1. The Minutes of 25 Jan '95 were read & confirmed.
2. Gakeshott reported that the m.s. by Mrs. Blatch wh. was entrusted to him for preparation for the press had been urgently demanded from him by the author, who declined to return it, & had since published it in America. He was therefore unable to carry out his mandate. Shaw stated that the tract had never been sent to him for the same reason.
3. Proposal made in writing by Miss Brooke for immediate preparation of a tract on Women's suffrage was discussed, & in her absence, no resolution thereon was moved.
4. It was moved by Miss Allen seconded by Mrs. Jerrold and unanimously agreed.

That the Committee report to the Executive Committee that they have made no progress towards complying with the reference made to them, & they recommend that the Committee be dissolved. -

J. R. Mac Donald
Chairman of Executive

13/3/96

Lantern Slide Com^{ee} at Office 11 March '96
Present Wheeler (in chair) Miss Priestly, Beresford Pease
Absent Beckett, Macdonald, Oakeshott. Snell.

1. Minutes of the last meeting
2. Beresford, Snell, & Beckett were elected members.
3. Tomo's box of Slides illustrating Clem Edwards' lecture were examined & 24 selected to be bought at 1/- each, subject to Exec. approval.
4. Portraits in Labour Annual! Seventeen were selected; Sec. ordered to write Edwards hereon. Beresford undertook to make slides of Shaw, Bland & Wallas. Sec. ordered to write Bernstein & Lerman ~~the~~ portraits. Sparling to get French ones. —
5. Labourers Budgets. Sec. reported that I.L.R.L. wd. permit reproductions from their reports.
6. Miss Newcombe's sketches. Wheeler reported that he had her permission to use some of these. —

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7. Agreed to ask Exec. to authorise printing circular
re subjects of Lantern lectures. —

8. Correspondence

Trevor. re article in Labour Propagator.

Farnworth F.S. re local slides. Accept & enquire.

H. C. Rowe re Palmer of Clarion. Written to
enquire.

J. C. Richards, suggesting offer of prize. Agreed
to ask Exec. to approve & to suggest
that 10/- in cash or 15/- of books be
the prize, & the condition be that
any slide sent in may be bought
by society for 6/- —

9. Agreed to meet again on Wed. 25th inst 5^{pm} —

Frederick Meehan

4.3.95

Executive at Office 13 March 1896.

Present J.R. Macdonald (in chair) Macrosty Bland
Pease Miss Brooke, Martin, Miss Priestley
Miss Moten, Cakeshott, Shaw, Standing Order
Absent Webb, Holding, Dearmer.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The following were duly elected viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Charles R. Allen, Jun., Egerton Lodge, Fallowfield, Manchester	R. M. Pankhurst.
John Rooke Corbett, St. John's College, Cambridge ...	H. T. Holmes.
John Fletcher Dodd, 4 Upper Moira-place, Southampton ...	F. Lawson Dodd.
Ellis Mann, 2 Brunswick-terrace, Tunbridge Wells ...	F. Lawson Dodd.
O. S. Griffiths, "Walton," Oldfield-park, Bath ...	General Secretary.
Harold Clapham Lander, 22 Surrey-street, Strand, W.C. ...	F. Lawson Dodd & G. Desmond.
F. E. Sandbach, University Coll. of Wales, Aberystwith... ..	General Secretary.
Miss C. F. Payne Townshend, Walsingham House, Piccadilly	Beatrice Webb & Graham Wallas.
F. M. Wibaut, Middelburg, Holland	Edward R. Pease.

3. Candidature of John Abblett, after debate he was blackballed. -
4. Le C.C. Hours of labour Miss Moten's resolution was deferred.
5. Receipt Book Design. Bland reported in hand.

b Spring Purge of Members. The following were removed from the list under rule 12, have erased from this list having been excused for a time.

- A. Members (15) who have not paid since December 1892 or replied.
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| J. Hope Allan, Sheffield | Geo. Nelson, Liverpool |
| J.A.H. Catton, Manchester | T. Pennington, Ashton u Lyne (S) |
| Rev. E.E. Cleal, Bournemouth | T. Robinson, Kennington |
| J. Grice Cooke, Durham | W. Robinson, Poplar |
| Mrs. A.K. Donald, Peckham | Mrs. F.E.M. Steele, Grove Park |
| G.B. Munt, Croydon | W.H. Utley, N.L.C. |
| Edw. Morgan, Northampton | Geo. Willing, Poplar |
- A.G. Wolfe, Sheffield.

- B. Members (20) who have not paid since December 1893 or replied.
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| R. Aickin, Belfast | W.S.M. Knight, Bristol |
| Miss Batten, Walworth | Edw. Marsden, Halifax |
| David Bell, Sunderland | J. Shaw Maxwell, Glasgow |
| J. Bodman, Forest Mill | Rev. W.E. Moll, Newcastle |
| Arthur Clifton, Nottingham | Nelson Palmer, West Norwood |
| F.J. Coles, Kennington | Dr. A.C.E. Parry, Cardiff |
| J.T. Dunlop, Norwood | T. Smyth, Chelsea |
| G.C. Henson, Deptford | Henry Sharpe, Belfast |
| W. Hicks, Wandsworth | R. Vallois, Regents Park |
| H.W. Kay, Poplar | J. Whitehead, Newcastle. |

C. Members (20) whose address is unknown.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of last Sub.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>
H.A. Atkinson	March 1893	J.W. Grice	April 1894
J.N. Fraser	January 1893	J. Henderson	Dec. 93. £1 for Tract Loan resigned 1894)
Thos. Hammond	July 1893	C. Ivatts	Nothing at all
E.E.T. Irons	March 1893	H.J. Maidment	Jan 1893 (Cam.)
A.J. White	September 1893	G.T. Monson	1892
G.W. Whittington	Nothing paid at all.	F.K. Ritchie	Nothing at all
A.E. Anderson	Nothing paid at all.	G. Stainton	Nothing at all
J. Bineham	" " "	Ernest Jones	before 1892
Miss Corthorn X	December 1893	Walter Reed	" "
John Earl	July 1893		
Frank Critchley	before 1892.		

X Reapited

6 Spring Purge cont.

D. Members (5) who have replied offering to resign
x H. M. Reade. (111) x J. Whitburn
x H. G. Robbins Gibson x Paul Campbell
H. S. Penny.

x Respected In all. 49 Expulsions. -

7. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported that
Miss Stacey's Johns. Courses were arranged.
Report read of her Newcastle Courses.
" made of Macdonald of his courses.
8. Fedⁿ of Labour Leagues. Weekly Report received.
9. Socialist Congress Com^{tee}. Sec. reported.
10. Summer Lecture Course. Sec. reported change of date
due to Cliffords Inn arrangements. Wright's
lecture April 17 Members Mtg April 24. -
Agreed to ask Hon W. P. Reeves to lecture
for us
11. Irish Landlord Infranchisement Bills. Sec. reported he
considered them good, & it was agreed to take no action.

12. Lantern Slide Com^{ee} recommending purchase of 24 slides, + asking power to buy 17 portrait slides. approved. Admiring printed circular, + offer of prize for sets of slides. approved.

13. International Congress Resolutions. (1) Minimum Wage: Marriot reported not ready. (2) Referendum. Shaw reported same. agreed to refer to Publishing Com^{ee}. - (3) Nationalisation of Industries. Agreed to approve. (4) Appointment of International Sec. - Agreed to drop. -

14. Womens Tract Com^{ee}. Minutes read, reporting that Com^{ee} recommended its own dissolution. This was agreed to, + ordered to be reported in news. It was further agreed that Takeshott make report thereon to the members meeting. -

15. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports considered, + generally approved.
Re purchase of London Program. Deferred.
Advt. in Looking Backward. agreed.
Advt. in general. Referred back.
Sanitary Question Tract. approved.
Grant of Library Swags to Derby + Southampton. approved.

15 Pub. Com^{ee} Report. (cont^d)

Re Martin's School Board Lectures. Agreed that
he prepare leaflet.

Old Stock Tracts. Agreed to put par in papers.

16. Country Lectures. Macdonald's Scotch tour approved.

17. Correspondence

H. S. V. Belam. Resignation. accepted
New York F.S. Resolution re Scudamore "News"
Karl Cermak asking leave to translate into
Bohemian on Tracts. agreed.

Shirley Godfrey re tropical Africa. Wtd
Seattle (Wash. Ter) F.S. asking advice.

K. T. Kames Swedish article on F.S. Wtd
Aberystwith College F.S. Proposal re Propaganda
Referred to Pub. Com^{ee}

University of Glasgow Important new F.S. -
Agreed to accept members
on offod + Cam. plan, & not to
deal here with Associates. -

H. W. Maerosty
Chairman 27. 3. 96.

Lantern Slide Com^{ee} at Office 24 March 96.

Present: Whelen (in chair) Beresford, Miss Priestley, Snell Pease
McKillop.

Absent: Beckett, Macdonald, Oakeshott.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. J. McKillop was elected a member.
3. Portraits. Repr from Bernstein giving Berlin address read.
" " Edwards " addresses. Sec ordered
to write.
4. Palmer of Clarion. Whelen reported he had failed to see
him.
5. Letters in Photographic papers read & noted.
6. Agreed to record source from which slides are procured.
7. Circular re slides & competition. Amended & passed.
8. Beresford submitted his experiments. —

9. Slides sent on approval of Tyler, Newton & Riley were considered. 24 of Newton & 1 of Tyler were selected: and it was agreed to get one plain copy of a coloured slide of Riley. -

10. Arrangement of Slides. ^{McKillop} Whelan & Miss Preslter undertook this

11. Adjourned to ~~Wed~~ Tues. April 14. 5 pm.

Frederick Whelan
14 April 1896

Executive at Office 27 March '96. -

Present. Macrosty, (in chair), Shaw, Oakeshott, Miss Morden,
Pease, Bland, Standing, Dearmer, Martin Oliver,
Webb.

Absent. Macdonald (lecturing) Holding Miss Priestley, Miss Brooke.

- 1 The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Resolutions re L.C.C. Domestic attendants drafted by Miss Morden were agreed to, and ordered to be printed in "Fabian News" for submission to the Society at the members meeting. -
3. Receipt-book Design. Bland reported that Horseman had made attempts & failed. Agreed that he be asked to try again.
4. Summer Lecture Course. -
 - Mr. Blatch. Sec. read letter cancelling promise to lecture.
 - Oliver. Agreed to transfer him to June 12
 - Hon. W.P. Reeves. Sec. reported him asked for Essex Hall, but no reply.
 - F.H.P. Coste. Offer of lecture on Mallock. Agreed to ask to see syllabus. -

5. Lantern Slide Com^{ee} Report. Approved, including proposed purchases. —
6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. approved.
Forwards
7. Members Meeting April 24. Agreed that L.R.U. Room is too small. Sec. ordered to try Small Essex Hall, Club + J. Union Hall, or St. Martin's Town Hall, to pay any reasonable sum.
8. International Soc^y Congress. Resolution on ^{Minimum Wage} ~~Reports~~ _{adopted by C. & B. Shaw} approved. —
Agreed to grant £5. from the Society. —
9. Census of Fabian Societies. Agreed to obtain a return of Local Fabian Societies including particulars as proposed by J.W. Martin.
10. New Standing Order. Agreed that for the future a notice be sent to each member of the Soc^y ^{on Thursdays} giving the agenda for the meeting on Friday: that absence of any item from the agenda do not prevent its being discussed

4 decided at the meeting without notice, and that the absence of such agenda paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place.

11. Hutchinson Trust lectures.

Letter from Paul Stacy, re deficit at Bristol. Agreed that Sec. consult Stacy, & if he is of opinion that the amount be paid, the Sec. be empowered to remit it, the amount not to exceed £3. - Miss Stacy in Johns. Good Report.

12. Proposed S.L.B.L. Conference on Relief of Landlords
Agreed to cooperate.

13. Meeting. Agreed to have report on Glas. Univ. F.S.

14. Blue Books. Agreed that the Sec. have power to purchase same, reporting hereon to Exec. from time to time.

15. Correspondence.

Pete Curran
Leicester L.H.P.

Sending out? -
Testimony to our excellencies 4/10/6.

15. Correspondence (cont^d)

Miss Cameron on Italian Soc^m
"London" on London Handbook &
Municipal Hospitals.

Glasgow F.S. on arrangements re
associates. Agreed to
adopt their proposals and
abandon our own

G.L. Polton on muzzling the Northampton
S. D.F. Agreed we can't.

Newcastle (Staff) F.S. - Important
project for Study &
Lectures. Agreed to
approve & cooperate

London Trade Council Circular re May (Sunday)
Demonstration. Agreed to
write we will cooperate
in any way they desire.

John Worsley

Lantern Slide Com^{ee} at Office 14 April '96

Present Waelen (in chair) Caheshitt, Macdonald, McKillop
Sull. Pease

Absent. Beresford, Miss Priestley, Beckett

1. Minutes of last mtg were confirmed.
2. Portraits. German. Sec. reported 3 procured. agreed to get done & Shelley "Labour Annual" Portraits. Selection submitted & Shelley & seven selected.
3. Palmer of Clarion. Waelen reported he had written, but had got no reply.
4. Circular in F. News. Sec. reported no replies yet.
5. Arrangement of Slides. ~~W~~ McKillop, Miss Priestley. Not done.
6. Shelley. Important offer of cheap terms. agreed to accept them if his ~~other~~ work, other than portraits is satisfactory, on the understanding that agreement remains in force only during our pleasure. —

7. Geo. Smith. Slide submitted. Agreed to buy our
Firemans Funeral.
8. Riley Bros. Sec. reported slides delivered.
9. McKillops Diagrams. Agreed to submit to Shelly.
10. Mallocks New Book with designs. Agreed to
get it.

11 Correspondence.

Radford on use of his lantern
Riley Bros.

S. Warburton. Offer. Agreed to decline
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Frederick Melen

2.6.96

Executive at Office 17 April 1896 -

Present Miss Norton (in chair) Oakeshott, Macdonald
Martin, Dearmer, Webb, Shaw, Priestly, Bland
Macroby, Pease

Absent Olivier, Standring, Miss Brooke, Holding.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. The following were elected

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Thomas Duckworth Benson, 8 York-street, Manchester ...	Tom Mann.
George Bird, M.D., 6 Windmill-hill, Hampstead, N.W. ...	Grant Allen and Fredk. Whelen.
Mrs. Nellie Campbell, 40 Derwent-grove, East Dulwich ...	Bernard Shaw and Geo. Samuel.
H. Carpenter, 24 Campdale-road, Tufnell Park, N. ...	H. B. Holding & H. G. Chancellor.
John Cash, 55 Buckingham-road, Harlesden, N.W. ...	H. Brazell and Helen Pütz.
E. F. Errington, 92 King Edward-road, South Hackney, N.E. ...	J. W. Martin & E. J. Harrington.
Sidney J. Farthing, 49 Park-ridings, Hornsey, N. ...	Graham Wallas & S. D. Headlam.
Miss C. M. Mayo, 148 Taylor-hill, Lockwood, Huddersfield ...	Mary Spooner.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.
Proposed by R. M. Burrows :- Miss Isabella Blacklock, H. N. Brailsford, M.A., William Boyd, M.A., James Davidson, M.A., T. B. Gillies, James Hay, E. W. R. Jones, Thomas Jones, James Dinwoodie, Norman Maclean Leys, Miss Jane E. Mallock, John E. S. Otty, Alexander Robertson, Jun., A. M. Scott, William Webster, Edward R. Weir, John C. Willis.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F. S.
Proposed by F. E. Sandbach :- Miss Margaret H. Ainscow, Harry W. Bourne, John R. Johnson, Owen Roberts Owen, R. Jenkyn Owen, Spencer W. Richardson, David John Saer, John Wells Wilkinson.

3. Receipt Book Design. Bland reported in hand.

4 Annual Accounts. Noted. Sec. instructed as to manner of presenting Hutchinson Trust Lecture Fund

5. Lantern Slide Com^{ee} report approved.
6. Slides proposed to be made from our Photos.
Agreed to.
7. Census of Fabian Societies. Deferred
8. Suggested monthly list of New Foreign Books
for news. Proposal rejected.
9. Summer Lectures.
F. H. Terry Coste. Deferred for further
repl from Crim.
Hon W. P. Reeves. Repl stating that as a
public official he cannot
address a public meeting. -
Repl we can't guarantee no
report, even of a private meeting.
Ask if he can give no material
for tract on Colonial Socialism
- 10 Newcastle Staff F.S. Lecture scheme. Deferred.

11. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Report from Southampton: and proposal for weekly lectures for L. S. P. Deferred.

Report (preliminary) from Reading. Est? Deficit £ 7. 7. 8.

Report from Newcastle. Deficit £ 5. Agreed not to offer to pay it.

Report from Halifax Great Success.

Letter from Macdonald offering to subjects for lectures in suburbs. Discussed, & offer withdrawn of Macdonald. Agreed to adjourn debate on method of expending the Grant from the Hutchinson Trustees.

12. Paid Lecturer in Fife. Macdonald brought forward plan to make some such arrangement, in conjunction with the Dunfermline F.S., & mentioned name of Smellie. Agreed that Sec. ~~is~~ write to Dunfermline F.S. & elsewhere if necessary, asking if such a project w^d. have the concurrence of the Miners Board: that no names be mentioned: and that he take counsel with Macdonald in drafting letters.

13. Resolution moved by Macdonald & debate adjourned

HUTCHINSON TRUSTEES- That the Hutchinson Trust having been left to promote Fabian aims and being associated with Fabian Society work in the minds of Socialists: This Executive considers that it ought to be informed from time to time of what the Trustees are doing and requests the Trustees to favour it, for the information of its members, with a statement of monies actually spent or voted and an estimate of expenditure during 1896.

It was proposed & Webb & approved that he make a full statement of the work of the Trustees to the Annual Meeting. —

14. Publishing Com^{ee} Report ~~considered~~ considered.
- Proposed Volume of Essays. Adjourned for further details.
- Webb's Diff. of Individ^m. Proposals approved.
- Annual Grant of £10 for ads. approved.
- Ball's "Moral Aspects of Soc^m". Debate adjourned.

15. Education Bill. Debate on policy, which showed considerable diversity of opinion, & it was agreed that in these circumstances no action can be taken. —

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16. Landlord Aid Bill. Sec. 7 reported that the S. L. R. L. had abandoned their proposed conference in view of projected conference of the Financial Reform Association.

17. Correspondence.

J. W. Hillier. Resignation. Accepted.

Leeds D. L. P. asking grant. Agreed to offer 1000 No 23 + Election leaflets.

Liverpool F. S. Labour Sunday Circular. News.

Plate Glass Bevelers: Appeal. Decline.

Aberystwyth Univ F. S. Wanting Lecturer. Blank agreed to go, & it was decided to arrange at least one other lecture for him. -

London Trade Council. Circular re Resolutions on s.c.c. Hours of labour. Agreed to send resolutions to the Clerk of the Council & to write Steadman & Fillett, asking why Com^{ee} does not report. -

J. F. Oakeshott

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Last meeting of 1895-6 Executive at Office
24th April 1896. -

Present. Gakeshik (in chair) Martin, Macdonald,
Macroft, Webb, Standing, Shaw, Pease
Deamer, Miss Morten, Miss Brothe Miss Presley, Olivia
Absent Bland. Holding.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.
 - (a) Recommending paid editor for new Volume Essays.
Referred back.
 - (b) ~~Report~~ Re Paper of Hon Pember Reeves. Shaw made
Report. Agreed to write him we should
like paper, with his name if possible, &
wish to add notes from English standpoint.
 - (c) Ball's "moral aspects." agreed to ~~ask for~~
~~permission to print.~~ refer to Shaw to
report to Pub. Com^{ee}
3. Receipt-book Design. No report.
4. Draft Annual Report. Agreed to put in proof for
news. -

5. Census of Fabian Societies. Sec. reported & report noted.

6. Summer Lectures. Proposed lecture of B. Turner, on old Age Pensions. Agreed to take in June.

7. Paid Lecturer in Fife. No reply. Debate adjourned.

8. Newcastle (Staff) Lecture Scheme. Sec. undertook to prepare report.

9. Hutchinson Trust Lecture Grant
Agreed that Webb Macdonald & Peace be a Comtee to prepare report, with power to ask assistance of any other member. -

10. Book Boxes & Agreed that Miss Priestley, Macdonald Webb, Peace & Macrae be a Comtee to consider & report on Book Boxes & Correspondence Classes, in order to ascertain if plan of work can be changed for the better.

~~9~~ 11. Education Bill. Debated & debate adjourned.
London Trade Council proposed Conference.
Agreed to take part, & that Martin be delegate.

12. Members Meeting. Movers of resolutions &c. settled, agreed that Oakeshott move that the instruction to the Executive to appoint a Women's Tract Comtee be discharged. -
13. International Congress. Proposals re Fabian Delegation. Deferred.
14. Libbrechts Essex Hall Mtg. Agreed that tickets be issued to members with June News. -
15. Hutchinson Trustees. Resolution. (Minute 13 of April 17th) adjourned debate was continued, & the resolution was agreed to & ordered to be communicated Officially to the Trustees. -
16. Applications for Lectures: Southampton, Maidstone, Newbury. Deferred. Re Aberystwyth, agreed to send Bland with or without another lecture.
17. Tom Mann at North Aberdeen. Request from L.H.P. that Sec. sh^d. sign appeal for funds. Agreed that he cannot sign an Official circular of the L.H.P.; that we will send a copy with News; & put a par-

17 (cont?)

Herein, saying subs. may be sent to Fabian Office.
Also agreed to offer Election Leaflets gratis. -

18. Correspondence.

Joe Edwards asking to send Labour Letter with news. Agreed.
Portsmouth, (Hales). Re Macdonald's lectures. all expenses
paid. Thank him.

Cress, Chester, Re Propaganda at Nat. Home Reading Mtg.
Ask ~~Porter~~ suggestions.

Agreed to advertise in N. H. R. Journal.

London T. C. Circular re "morning" blacklegs. Noted.

W. A. Steward, Re Contest for Party. Note in news.

Sidney Webb

Executive at Office 1 Mar '96. -

Present, Welt (in the chair) Caheshott, Standing, Miss Brooke, Miss Norton Pease, Shaw Macrost.

Absent. Macdonald (lecturing) Mann (electroengineering) Bland Martin, Olivier, Dearmer Miss Priestley. -

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed. -

2. Standing Orders: - The following were agreed to, viz:-

- (1) That no member smoke at Executive Meetings.
- (2) That the chair be taken & members in alphabetical order
- (3) That ~~at 10 minutes~~ a notice be sent to each member of the Exec. on Thursdays, giving the agenda for ~~the~~ the meeting on Friday: that the absence of any item from the agenda paper do not prevent its being discussed & decided without notice: & that the absence of the agenda paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Exec. will take place.
- (4) That the Preliminary Com^{ee} meet at 5 o'clock & the formal Executive at 5.30 pm. every Friday, unless the Secretary, ~~or otherwise~~ (by & with the advice of the Publishing Com^{ee} or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing Order 3. -

- (5) That a permanent Publishing Com^{ee} be appointed.
- (6) Moved by H. W. Macrost, seconded by B. B. Shaw & agreed to unanimously:-

That the Honorary Treasurer Hubert Bland & the General Secretary Edw. R. Pease be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society, & to conduct the Banking business of the Society, & that the said Edw. R. Pease be authorised to endorse cheques & other instruments payable to the Society. -

3.) Publishing Com^{ee}. Shaw, Macdonald Oakeshott, Standing Macrost & Pease were appointed.

(4) Paid lecturer in Fife. ~~A~~ Letter declining proposal from the Dunfermline F.S. - Referred to Com^{ee} on Prov. Lecture.

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved:-

- (a) Bull's moral aspects, to be published as tract.
- (b) 2nd Series Essays. Welch agreed to consider editing them if Pub. Com^{ee} w^d. submit papers they propose to include. -

(c) Proposed report for Internat Congress. (1) Special Fabian Report. Referred to Shaw. (2) Fabian share in Zurich Com^{ee} Report. Referred ^{each} to Pub Com^{ee}.

- (6) International Congress, Fabian Representation. Secretary instructed to prepare scheme. —
- (7) Liebnecht's Meeting at Essex Hall. Agreed to have tickets: —
1 blue ticket to admit member & friend to each member, marked "not transferable": with the statement that visitors may obtain white tickets for Galleries &c. —
8. L. L. P. Official letter ~~proposing~~ asking F.S. to write in calling a Joint English Socialist & Trade Union Congress. after debate, agreed "That the Executive Com^{ee} view with sympathy the proposal to bring into closer touch the Parl^y Com^{ee} of the T. U. Congress & the various Socialist bodies, & provided all the bodies named write in convening a conference, the Exec. Com^{ee} of the Fabian Society will cordially join in the invitation". —
9. Tom Mann's Candidature. Letter from Brocklehurst. Sec. reported resolution of members' Mtg & that he had advanced money to Macdonald to take him to Aberdeen; Action approved. —

10. Education Bill. After further debate it was agreed that in view of the wide divergence of opinion in the Exec. it is useless to attempt to make any pronouncement on the subject.

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11. Metrop. & Sub^r: Fed. of Lab. Leagues & Soc^l: Soc^{ies}. Proposal for affiliation. Agreed that the repl^y be that we shall be glad to cooperate in any way, but cannot see our way to affiliate.

12. Newcastle (Staff) Lecture Scheme. Refer to Com^{ee} on H. Trust lectures.

13. Vestry Elections. Appeal for funds for Steward. Agreed to say no. -

14. Jarrow. Rural Fabian Societies. Correspondence read. Agreed that we must recognise the living & not the dead, & that Hudson, Sec. of the dead Society sh^d: be asked to assist the live one.

15. Lecture Courses wanted. Southampton I.L.P. agreed to send up to 12 open air speakers.

(15) Cont.

Maidstone F.S. Plan agreed to
Newbury L. Club. Agreed to send.

16. Correspondence.

Holland Crompton. Resignation. Accept.

Kenniker Heaton. Post Office Red Tape. Thank
offer to cooperate.

Leeds L.H.P. Thanks for tracts

Hamwell Warder. Graphic Letter. Agreed to
send typed copy, without name or
address to Crooks, Steadman &

~~Some~~ members of Asylums Com^{ee} -

Burrows. Sec. of Lubi. Congress Dem. Com^{ee}
asking cooperation. Agreed to say
we will fit in as suits arrangements,
by separate platform or otherwise.
Ask, if otherwise, how many speakers wanted.

Isabel E. Priestley

Book Boxes & Comtee at Office 6 Mar 96.

Present Macarty (in chair), Webb, Pease, Macdonald, Miss Priely also Whalen.

Absent - none.

1. Special Book Boxes for H. Trust Lecturers. Letter from Miss Stacey objecting. Sec. instructed to ask why. Macdonald approved.
2. Annual Book Boxes. Agreed to suggest supply of boxes for 1 year with four changes for \$1- & to suggest to Exec. to authorize 6 new boxes.
3. Special Circular. Agreed to prepare circular on this & other points for issue to L. L. P. & P. S. A. branches.
4. Permanent Loan. Agreed to propose making permanent loan of a few specially valuable books to certain selected bodies such as L.L.P. clubs, where such books cannot be got into Free Libraries &c.
5. Correspondence Classes. Agreed to endeavour by circular, to extend these, & to employ paid tutor, if necessary.

6. H. Trust Lectures. Agreed to sound Miss Martyn
+ Miss Stacy as to future work.

7. Agreed that Pease draft circular & that Com^{ee}
meet again on ~~Monday~~ Wed. May 20th
at 5 pm

Sidneywell

Executive at Office 8 May 1896.

Present. Miss Priestley (in chair), Macrosty, Gakeshott, Macdonald, Olivier, Miss Brooke, Webb, Mann Bland, Martin, Miss Moken, Peace, Shaw.

Absent Standring. Dearmer.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Receipt-book Design. Bland. Reported received & lost.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted :-
 - (a) Scheme for 2nd Series Essays, generally approved.
 - (b) Reeves N. Zealand Tract. Noted.
 - (c) Lecture List to L.M.P. Branches. approved.
 - (d) International Congress Reports. Agreed that Pub. Com^{ee} get Resolutions translated into German & French: that lists of delegates & of Societies who represented at the Congress be obtained.
4. International Congress Representation. Agreed to issue letter to Local Fabian Societies pointing out that they should be represented, & if they can't send a ^{delegate} ~~man~~, we can suggest name of a London Fabian. Re Mr Russell

letter, agreed that we can do nothing.

5. Candidates, all elected :-

Candidates for Election.	
CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
William Westby Downing, 65 Esplanade, Scarborough ..	General Secretary.
Miss A. S. Goulden, 1 Trafford- bank, Old Trafford, Manchester	E. Pankhurst & R. M. Pankhurst.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Ebenezer Fraser, 314 Renfrew- st., Garnethill, Glasgow ...	Tom Jones.
Miss Sarah M. Robertson, 86 Hill- st., Garnethill, Glasgow ..	Tom Jones.

6. Vestry Elections. Martin mentioned case of Everard. Agreed that a verbal appeal for funds be made at Members Mtg on behalf of Fabians in need of help, especially Everard & Steward.
7. Annual Report. Agreed when printing to omit
para 4 p. 5 of proof re London School.
8. F. H. Perry Coste. Letter + syllabus of lecture. Agreed to write that we are full up for present season + hold in reserve for next year. -
9. Book Boxes + Com^o Report, & Hutcheson Trust Grant
Lecture Report. Adjourned for full Report.

10. Resignation. Ben Wilson. Accepted.

11. Annual Meeting. Agreed that Bland be nominated as chairman.

12. Liebkecht Queens Hall Mtg.

The following names were mentioned as suggestions to Zurich Comtee for Platform Tickets, viz:-

A. R. Wallace

Dr. Pankhurst

Dr. Furnivall

J. A. Hobson

Grant Allen

Wm Besant

John Powell

T. Kirkup

H. W. Massingham

R. B. Haldane

T. Rae.

L. Bernard Shaw

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Book Box ~~+~~ ~~Hutchinson Trust~~ ~~Lecture Grant~~

Committed at Office 20 Mar '96.

Present Welch (in chair) Miss Priestly, Macrosty, Peare
also Waker

Absent. Macdonald.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read & signed.
2. Draft circular, (prepared by Welch & sent out to the Com^{tee}) was considered: also amendments by Macdonald. After prolonged discussion it was adopted with amendments & ordered to be reported to the Exec. —
3. Lecture List. It was agreed to enclose this with circular & to refer to it in the circular.
4. Book Boxes. It was agreed to recommend the Exec. to equip 6 new book-boxes forthwith.
5. It was agreed to send out in the first place 300 copies of the circular to societies taken at random from all the classes of bodies whom it is intended to circulate.

b. Hutchinson Trust Grant. The Sec. reported receipt of ~~proposed~~ ~~to~~ scheme from Macdonald part of which was the expenditure of £200 a year on Fabian Educational Lectures. - also suggestion by Macdonald of Miss Macmillan as lecturer. He further reported letters from Miss Stacy + Miss Martyn consenting to lecture. -

7. Agreed to recommend Sec. to arrange for (a) further lectures by Miss Stacy; and (b) that Miss Martyn be invited to lecture after a course of study in London for which a grant of £30 should be made to her.

8. The proposal re Miss Macmillan was negatived.

Agreed to meet again on Wed June 10th at 5^{pm}.

Frederick Melen
14.7.96-

Executive at Office 22 May '96. -

Present E. B. Shaw (in chair) Oakeshott, Standring, Miss Brooke,
Macdonald, Webb, Peace, Mann, Olivier, Martin,
Miss Priestley, Macrotz, Bland.

Absent Dearmer, Miss Norton.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Receipt Book Design. Bland reported still lost: Houseman agreed to prepare finished design, according to lost sketch, provided we undertake to accept it, after discussion, it was agreed to give him undertaking.
3. Publishing Comtee Report considered, & approved.
Grant to Hickmott, deferred.
Error in Tract 50. Arrangements agreed to.
Proposal to send tracts to Womens Lib. Fed Soc.
Tract 50 & Soc. 7 Tract 67 to be given by Mrs Webb
agreed to. -
4. Hutchinson Times. Reply from administrator to resolution per minute 15 of 24 April 96 was read & discussed.

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5. Fabian Representation at Internat. Congress. Replies to circular. Liverpool, Newhall, & Maidstone sending own members. Dublin, wanting ~~own~~ nominees at once. Shaw nominated. Drumfermline, desiring Macdonald. Agreed to. Kendal & Townhill, asking nominations. -
 6. Book Boxes &c. Com^{ce}. Proposed circular approved - agreed as suggested to send out to 200 organisations selected at random.
 7. Proposal by Macdonald for Lectures &c. Agreed to send copies to Exec. & defer to June 5th. -
 8. Provincial Socialism. Proposed investigation scheme. Agreed to approve generally & refer to Wheeler for elaboration, & drafting circular.
 9. Classification of Fabians. Oakeshott. Deferred.
 10. Internat. Congress Demⁿ. Circular re aid. Agreed to send to groups. -
 11. Liebkecht at Essex Hall. Arrangements deferred to

29th May. - Re his subject agreed to ask
him to deal specially with relations of S.D. Party
with other parties. Letter of offering hospitality
drafted by Shaw, approved & ordered to be sent.

12. Michael Flürscheim. Application for membership, on
the understanding that the word "community" as
~~the~~ used in basis, "is not confined to political
community." Agreed that we cannot accept
him as a member but will cooperate in any
way, send him publications, &c. -

13. Correspondence.

Norwich L.H.P. wanting speakers. Send Macdonald
on Oct 4th & others.

New York F. S.

Report

Will Crooks

stating he had put motion on
L.C.C. agenda re Asylum attendants.
stating he cannot induce the
Popular Guardian to hold
conference on our Reform plan.

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Try. Rev. S. T. Hamel.

J. F. Oakes to H.

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(4) Liבקnecht Mtg continued

Agreed to send Blue Tickets to subscribers
+ others such as Bernstein, Mendelsohn &c.

Agreed to ask L. if we should invite any
one for him.

Agreed to send tickets to Mann, Dearmer,
Terunder, Creswell, L.V.M., Mrs. Jerrold
+ Russell, of University Hall.

Agreed to read Minutes of Annual Mtg.

Agreed that Webb be chairman.

Agreed that chairman open with 3 minutes speech.

Agreed that Speakers be on platform.

Agreed that Miss Moten see to decoration of
platform: + expend suitable sum.

Agreed that Gabelshott + Standing secure the
necessary tipples.

(5) Order of speakers after Liבקnecht:-

Webb on position of Society + Municipalisation

Show .. F.S. + Liberal party

Macdonald .. " .. L.P.

Clarke .. Socialist press.

Bland .. Working Man + failing Clarke, on Press also.

(5) cont.?

Wallas on non-political propaganda.

Liébknecht to reply.

Speeches not to exceed 10 minutes

Geo. Staudring

June 5/96

Lantern Com^{ee} at Office 2 June 96. ~~Open~~
Present Whelen in chair, McMillop, Pease
Absent Macdonald, Snell, Berezford, Miss Priestley Beckett.

1. The Minutes of 14 April were confirmed
2. Sec. announced Oakeshott's resignation.
3. Arrangement of Slides. Miss Priestley was discharged from the duty of Secord (with McMillop) appointed in her place.
4. Dr. Howe Tolman, New York. Sec. reported letter handed to Whelen, & later reported that he ^{had replied}
5. Berezford's Designs. Whelen reported excellent in lantern.
6. Snell. Letter offering lantern on various terms. Agreed.
7. Slides from Shelley, viz: Moscheli's pictures, various portraits &c. approved.
8. Malloch's Book No designs therein. McMillop to get copies.

9. Beckett, letter handing negative of Farm Labourers. Agreed to ask him to make slide. -

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10. French Slides. Sec. instructed to hurry Sparking up.

11. Lantern Slide Lectures. Agreed to propose to exec. that the following lantern lectures be prepared for publication as tracts if suitable

<u>Name of Lecture</u>	<u>Suggested author</u>	
Parish Councils + Farm Labourers	R.C. Phillimore	yes
Growth of Factory System	Macrae	yes
Cause + Cure of Poverty	A.M. Davis	yes
Socialism True + False	Sidney Webb	no, can't be done
Municipal Socialism	Wreelan	yes
Life in Villages	J.S. Hamilton	yes
People + Land	Riley	
Distribution of Wealth	Shaw	
National Education	Martin	
The Unemployed	Emil Staez	
Womens Work	C.S. D. Martyn	yes

ask advice of Verinder

Frederick Melen

21.7.96

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Executive at Office 5th June 1896.

Present. Standing (in chair) Martin, Welch, Oakeshott
Shaw, Macrost, Macdonald, ^{Miss} Moten, ^{Miss} Brooke, Bland
~~Wheeler~~, Olivier, Miss Priestley. ~~Pease~~

Absent. Dearmer, Mann.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Lunatic Asylum Attendants. Miss Moten reported that the L.C.C. Report dealt only with wages & conditions of labour, & did not refer to the training of attendants. Agreed that Sec. write calling attention thereto.
3. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted & grants approved.
4. Provincial Investigation. Deferred in absence of report from Wheeler
5. Book Boxes Com^{ee}. Recommendation to purchase 6 at once. Agreed that it stand over & that Sec. make enquiries of N. L.C. for their Village Library Box maker. —

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6. Lantern Com^{ce}. Scheme for lantern lectures to be printed
as Tracts. approved. -

7. Classification of Fabians. Deferred.

8. London Trade Council Educⁿ Bill Conference. Agreed
that Wallas be delegate.

9. International Conference Delegation.

Agreed to appoint 3 Executive Com^{ce} Delegates,

viz :- Miss Brooke, Oliver & Pease.

Agreed that Webb be delegate for
Glasgow F.S. & that nominations for
Kendal, Townhill, & Soverly Bridge F.S.
be deferred. -

10. Correspondence

Torquay Socialists, asking Tracts. Grant 200

German S. D. Library. Asking news. - Send

Bound ~~Complete~~ Tracts, Essays &

complete set of news from Jan 7 onwards. -

Oford F.S. asking lecturer. Send if possible

Portsmouth S.L.P. " " " " " "

Prepared by J.R. Macdonald

11. The following was considered: -

SUGGESTIONS for an EXPENDITURE of £500-£600 per annum
by the FABIAN SOCIETY to

1. Bring it before the public again :
 2. Make public opinion :
 3. Discipline Socialist opinion.
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£50

Two sets of educational lectures in London-one on Economics and the other on History. A room in Essex Hall or the Memorial Hall should be taken, and the lectures worked through the Club and Institute Union, Co-operative Societies, and all similar bodies, but managed under the name and from the office of the Fabian Society.

£100

Advertising the Fabian Society-its lectures, pamphlets, books &c- in such papers as the "British Weekly", "New Age", University journals &c. Something like this must be done, because whether we like to confess it or not, the Society is dropping out of the public eye. Even alive Socialist societies are forgetting its existence.

£200

Six sets of six lectures each to be delivered in the provinces on present Hutchinson Trust Lecture lines.

£200

A travelling Secretary or representative (call him what you like) should be appointed so that the influence of the Fabian Society may be ^{constantly} brought to bear on the provinces-particularly on active centres of Socialist work. Whether we sneer or not at S.D.F. or I.L.P. these bodies are alive and are doing work without us. The work is all the poorer for that, and the ultimate influence and prospects of Socialism are all the more uncertain. The objection to a mere lecturer is apparent enough but I think it is possible to keep clear of the mechanical talker and yet secure the lecturer.

I would propose :

1. That it be arranged that he be in London a month in every four, and that in that month he work at the office, the School of Economics, the British Museum, or anywhere else where he can put in time most advantageously for his own efficiency and the Society's good.

2. That his lectures be delivered from a syllabus carefully drawn up and approved by the Executive. These could be printed on one side and supplied to the people for whom he is to lecture. The could be used for handbills announcing the meeting, for distribution among the audience, for leaflets-and more especially if a short list of what to read were added to each they could be made the means of splendid educational work amongst those who would not turn out to hear a lecture. But the very thoroughness of such work would get people to turn out that would not do so under any other conditions. In fact we would very likely be able in this way to invade a completely new field, and get before us (once again) the old unconverted audience. There will be little difficulty in getting these leaflets distributed. In nearly every industrial centre there are now "Clarion Cycling Clubs" and they are long to have some definite work to do. They could take outlying districts and the ordinary Scouting Corps could do the inlying work.

I am sure if this scheme were announced in the "News" it would be supported by special subscriptions from members who now do not know whether the Society is doing anything except the very harmless thing of publishing the "News". All that would be required would be a guarantee. If this work were launched, the Trustees could be supplied with some more ideas to enable them to spend to some purpose another £200-still reserving £200 to £300 a year for the School.

(Signed) J. R. M.

after prolonged debate paragraphs (4) advocating a travelling secretary, (1) advocating London lectures, & (3) advocating Country lectures were adopted nem con. - Clause (2) read & was referred to the Publishing Committee for Report. - Letter from P. Dearmer in favour of the advertising proposal was read. -

It was ~~was~~ agreed that the adoption of these resolutions would signify for the present no more than abstract general approval ^{in principle} ~~and~~ ~~not~~ ~~commit~~ ~~the~~ ~~Executive~~ ~~to~~ ~~any~~ ~~action~~. -

12. Sidney Webb read the following Report of the Hutchinson Trust Grant Comtee.:-

- " Pending the consideration of any other suggestions
- " that may be made, we think that steps should
- " be taken to make the preliminary arrangements
- " to enable the Provincial Lectures to begin
- " again in October. The Lectures were much
- " appreciated in the towns in which they were
- " given, and applications for the courses have
- " been received from Leicester Birmingham,
- " Bolton, Nottingham, Northampton, Derby & Glasgow.

" We understand that Miss Stacy is prepared to lecture
 " between October & Xmas, & we think she should
 " be at once asked to do so, & invited to revise her
 " syllabus in any way she thinks desirable to make
 " the lectures more effective. We suggest on the
 " whole that the Group of Midland towns should
 " be chosen, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester & some others,
 " & that Pease be authorised to make arrangements
 " on past lines. We are not sure whether
 " Miss Martyn is still available, but we think
 " a sub-Com^{ee} should consider further as other
 " ~~to~~ & other lecturers."

J.R. Macdonald presented the following minute report on his own behalf viz: -

" I regret that I do not feel it possible to
 " join in any recommendation to the Executive
 " regarding the Hutchinson Trust Grant as the money
 " is earmarked for provincial educational lectures.
 " and so I think that any consideration of
 " further expenditure should be made in
 " connection with a much larger scheme
 " than this Com^{ee} has been empowered
 " to discuss; and therefore I resign my

position on the Com^{ce} - after debate the
Report of the Committee was adopted
by 7 votes to 4. -

J. W. Martin
Chairman
12/6/96

Executive at Office 12 June 1896. -

Present, Martin (in chair), Oakeshott, Bland, Olivier, Miss
Morton, Pease, Macrat, Welch, Miss Brooke, Deamer
Miss Priestly Shaw.

absent Macdonald, Mann, Standring

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, as amended.
2. Election of Candidates. Sabine was blackballed.
The rest were elected :-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Tom Cooper, 74 Lumn-st., Hyde, Cheshire...	General Secretary.
James Fairbrother, Cameron-st., Burnley ...	General Secretary.
Herbert Douglas Carr , Hampden House, Hampden-st., N.W. ...	H. C. Lander and J. E. Matthews.
W. P. Grieson, 65 James-st., Jarrow-on-Tyne ...	General Secretary.
Harry Mainwaring Hallsworth, 307 Oxford-st., Manchester ...	General Secretary.
Hubert Bertam Matthews, 11 Cavendish Villas, Wood Green, N.	H. B. Holding and Clara Jerrold.
David Morris, 7 Westwood-terr., Leek ...	J. E. Ingham and Larner Sugden.
Albert Sabine, 9 Cowan-street, Albany-road, Camberwell ...	G. B. Shaw and Edw. R. Pease.
Miss Margaret Sim, 43 Mall-chambers, Kensington, W. ...	Emma Brooke & Florence Hobson
Miss Helene Simon, 3 Torrington-square, W.C. ...	Harry Snell and John McKillop.
F. W. Stansfield, M.B., Ch.B., 80 Southampton-st., Reading ...	J. R. Macdonald.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F. S.
Proposed by F. E. Sandbach :- J. C. Ashton, Charles R. Chapple,
J. D. Jones, Gilbert H. Nott, B.A.

Kerr

not elected

3. Publishing Com^o report was adopted, including the proposal to get estimate for spending £100 in ads. -

4. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Webb, Macrosty, Gakeshott,
& Sec. 7 were appointed a committee to make
arrangements for Miss Stacy's lectures and to
report on any other lectures. -

5. Provincial ~~Lecture Scheme~~ Investigation. Wadley's scheme.
Referred to Publishing Com^{ee}

b. International Congress Delegation. Secretary reported
letter from Dunfermline saying they were no
longer a F.S. - Thus three Local F.S., Kandal
Sowerby Bridge & Townhill wanted delegates;
& three members of Exec. were willing to serve.
On the motion of Miss Morten it was carried
with ^{two} ~~one~~ dissent, that Mrs Sidney Webb
have one of the three delegations. - Dearmer
withdrew in her favour. It was agreed
that Macdonald, Martin, & Mrs Webb have
the three places: that Martin get delegated
otherwise, if possible. That for any seats available
the choice be ~~to~~ Dearmer, W. Crooks, (who had
expressed willingness to serve) & Mrs Stanton Blach,
in this order of preference; & that the Sec. write

Mrs Blatch asking if she wishes a place ~~provided one is~~
~~available~~ should one be available. -

7. Newcastle F.S. - Proposal that we pay for speakers to the
Northumberland + Durham Inners Galas.
Agreed that the speakers must be Fabians, &
we will consider any reasonable detailed plan.

8. Resignations - Rev. T. A. Lacey + H. R. Ponder. Accepted.

9. Correspondence. J. M. Will, proposing Exams for Fabians.
Sec. to send suitable reply.

Aford Dist. Union. Re Lectures + Hires, agreed
in the circumstances not to
send a lecturer.

B. Tillelt, Tickets for Internat. Congress
Crystal Palace Felt. Take care.

Mrs Pitts. Resignation Sec ship Hampstead
Group. Send special letter of
thanks. & reply.

Miles Plater

Executive at Office 26th June 1896.

Present Bland & then Webb, in chair, Shaw Miss Brooks,
Miss Preetz, Miss Moten, Macrat, Pease,
Standing, Oakeshott, Dearmer,
Absent. Mann, Macdonald, Olivier, Martin.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report viz:-

(a.) Fabian Report for Congress. Estimate submitted.

Shaw submitted & read M.S. report. Agreed to print, send out with news, & call members' meeting to discuss it on July 10th. Agreed also to translate into French & German, & print with Congress resolutions in those languages. — Also that Exec. discuss fully later on.

(b.) Proposed Process Block for Receipt Design. Agreed & referred to Pub. Com.

(c.) " New List of members. Agreed

(d.) " " " " Lectures "

(e.) " Circular to members "

(f.) Agreed that Olivier's lecture on Land, revised, go into the new volume of Essay

(g.) Provincial Enquiry Form. Webb brought

(e) That Snell be asked whether he be willing to lecture at some future time, & he informed that we will be disposed to employ him. Agreed

(f) That the ~~scheme~~ letter from Newcastle Staff F.S. be referred to ~~Mr~~ Wahlen & he be asked to undertake lectures & prepare scheme; for reference to Exec. Agreed.

(5) Proposals of J.R. Macdonald on his scheme.

(a) That it be published in July news. It was moved that this be agreed to excepting item 2, advertising, but the motion, after debate was lost by 5 to 2. — Miss Brooke did not vote.

(b) That items 2, (advertising) and 4 (Travelling Sec.) be kept on agenda till dealt with. After debate it was agreed to ask Macdonald to make any motion dealing with them, & to put them on agenda only on receipt of such motion.

(c) That Item (1) (London lectures) be referred to the Anderson Trust Lecture Com^{ce}

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with instructions not to discuss Finance, but only subjects, men, places, & advertising. Macroft having undertaken to prepare scheme, the motion was agreed to. —

6. Internat. Congress Delegations. Sec. reported places found for Dearmer, & Crooks, & that Wæleen had been appointed: also that Mrs Blatch desired to serve. Sec. instructed to endeavour to secure place for her.

7. Conferences of Delegates suggested by Miss Brooke:-

(a) of Women Delegates. Approved.

(b) of Fabian Delegates. Agreed that Key be asked to attend Exec. Mtg before Congress.

8. Next Session's Lectures. Agreed that Miss Brooke, Bland, Shaw, Dearmer, Macroft, Gakeshott, Webb, & Pease be Com^{ee}. Thereon.

9. Classification of London Members. Gakeshott proposed issue of circular to members who have not replied. Agreed, & details of circular & time of issue referred to Publishing Com^{ee}.

10. Essex Hall Lectures Jves Guyot. Agreed not
to ask him.

W. A. Tremwith M.P. of Victoria. Agreed to
invite him to lecture in July or Sept?

11. Increased Armaments Protest Com^{ee}. Agreed to
send out their tract with News, but not in
July; and to add formula that Society is not
responsible for opinions in tracts so sent.

12. Correspondence.

Oxford & D. Soc Socy on Hines. Noted
Hines: wanting leaflets. Agreed to
send him 500, & same no to the
Oxford & D. Soc. Soc. —

Bruce Wallace. Notice of resolution re
Interpretation of Basis. Agreed
to put on agenda for July 10.

Edinburgh F.S. reporting dissolution
Marson wanting lecturer. Send Bell or Hamilton.

Potomouth wanting lecturer. Send.

Rev. Aug. Esdardon asking books for review
in Swiss papers. Send. —

12 Corresp. (cont^d).

Whether re Free Speech in Manchester.
Agreed to ask for exact particulars, &
to say the only way we can think of helping
is by ~~the~~ writing articles in London papers.

Emma Brooks

Executive at Office 3 July '96

Present Miss Brooke (in chair) Macrosty, Oakeshott,
Standing, Webb, Pease, Shaw, Olivier Martin
Miss Priestley. -

Absent. Miss Moxter, Mann, Macdonald, Bland, Deanna

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Publishing Com^{ee} Report adopted. agreed to publish Turner's Lecture in some form.
3. Advertisements. Haddon's Report. Macdonald suggested that it be held over till after the holidays & that Haddon be written to this effect.
agreed. -
4. Travelling Lecturer. Letter read from Macdonald proposing J. S. Hamilton. after debate it was agreed that he be written to: ~~to~~ asking whether he will accept post for a 3 or 6 months experiment at a salary of £150 a year, & travelling expenses, provided we are in a position to make him such an offer.

5. Finances. Agreed that Sec. write Treasurer explaining project; saying we have opened negotiations: that we reckon cost £400 a year: that we understand the H. Trustees are disposed to increase their grant of £200 a year, but are not disposed to defray the whole: that we can't expect very much from an appeal in the news: that at present we are short of cash owing to absence of Reeve's usual subscription: and that it would be convenient if he could ascertain whether Reeve intends to continue it, & whether he w^d assist his project. -

6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Repl from Snell, saying he can't lecture whilst at the School of Economics. Agreed to ask him to bear the matter in mind & prepare for work in the future. -

7. Revision of Standing Orders. Miss Norton. Deferred.

8. St. Petersburg Shik. Agreed that Sec. write v^o of sympathy. -

9. L.T.C. Education Conference. Agreed to grant 10/- to Expenses

10. Lecture of A. W. Trenwith. Letter saying he may be able to lecture in July. Agreed if he can to issue special bill to London Members
11. Free Speech in Manchester. Agreed that Shaw draft letter to London Editors, & Sec. send it out free. -
12. Lecturers. Agreed to pay exp. of D. Morris on trial & that we cannot do anything for Scarratt.
13. Report to Congress. Report was fully discussed & various amendments adopted. Agreed to get it translated at once into French & German. -

J. F. Oakeshott

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Executive at Office 10th July '96

Present, Gakeshit (in chair), Miss Brooke, Miss Morden, Miss Pritchard, Shaw, Mann, Standing, Webb, Macrae, Pease, Oliver, Bland

Absent Martin, Dearmer, Macdonald.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Publicity Com^{ee} Report was adopted.

3. Next Session^{com^{ee}} report was adopted, viz:-

Cliffords Inn.

Sep. to Dec:

Six lectures on Machinery of Democracy & Webb.

- Do -

January to March, or later

Miscellaneous lectures; the following to be asked:-

- Miss Brooke, Legislation for Women
- Mrs. Blatch, Factory Legislation.
- Miss Morden, Municipⁿ of Hospitals.
- S.S. Williams, Natⁿ of Railways
- F. Charrington, Peoples Theatres
- Ronald Burrows, Soc^m + Protection.
- Shaw, Limits of Colledⁿ in Production
- Whelen + H. Morgan Brown

3 (contd) at Essex Hall
Sep. a Oct. A. W. Tremwith.

4. Election of Candidates. The following were elected:

Candidates for Election.	
CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
James Thomas Cattle, 21 South-moor-road, Oxford	Frank Haywood.
J. Hallam Fountain, 24 Prince's-sq., St. George's-in-the-East ...	E. R. Pease and Geo. Standing.
Frank Jno. Thomas, 52 Holywell-street, Oxford	Frank Haywood.
Alfred J. Thorogood, 7 Westdown-road, Catford, S.E.	Geo. Samuel and T. A. Murray.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES.
Proposed by F. E. Sandbach:—Herbert Osborne, Miss Muriel Marles-Thompson.

5. Travelling Lecturer. Letter read from Hamilton intimating that he will accept post if offered.
6. Financial Situation. Letter read from Treasurer approving of action of Exec. & undertaking to ~~write~~ ask Dr Argy Reave re his subscription.
7. Agreed that draft par for News be submitted to Exec. —
8. Hutchinson Trust Lecturer. Letter of acceptance read from Miss Martyn. Re Mrs Mallet, agreed to tell her we are arranging for Travelling Lecturer & can't

do more at present.

9. Re Time of Executive Mtg. - Agreed that the Chairman report regularly the proceedings of the Preliminary Com^{tee} to the Exec, after the minutes have been read, & that the Sec. arrange the agenda in the order of importance. -
10. Resignations. Mrs. Hamlet Philpot of California. Accepted.
A. W. Skinner - " -
11. Meeting of Members. Agreed that Oliver be nominated as chairman.
12. Report for Congress. This was further considered & amended. -

Henry W. Maccoy
17. 7. 96

Book Box + Correspondence Class Com^{ee} at Office 14 Jul '96
Present Walk Peace (Wheeler)
Absent Mrs Priestley Macrosty Macdonald.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Sec. reported 180 circulars sent out to various bodies, + 450 to Womens Lib. Fedns. - Replies were applications for 6 Annual Boxes + 1 Reference Box.
3. Reform of Box. N.L.C. Box. Estimate from Barber too high. Agreed to get new estimate.
4. Arrangement of Boxes. Agreed to send out miscellaneous boxes as at present.
5. Agreed to recommend Exec. to get 6 new general boxes + 1 Reference box + to include this in their proposed appeal for funds. -
 - b. Agreed to recommend Exec. to send circular with F. News, + to post free to L.L.P. & other organisations.

Executive at Office 17 Jul. 96.

Present, Macrotz (in chair) Oakeshott, Standing, Bland,
Miss Brooke, Miss Moten, Miss Priestly, Webb, Pease
Dearmer.

Absent = Olivier, Macdonald, Martin, Mann, Shaw.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Comments on Congress report by

A. R. Dyhurst, Geo. Samuel, E. D. Girdleston,
J. J. Buckland, & Mrs Betch, were considered.

Letter from Paul Campbell resigning. Accepted.

3. Correspondence.

J. Clayton, re Grant for Hines-lectures. Decline
Miss Appleford. Resignation. Accept.

John Edwards (a) on Report. Noted.

(b) re Fedⁿ of Prov. Fab. Soc? are none to federate.

(c) suggesting report of Exec. Mtg for News. Agreed
To try: rec. to submit par to next Exec.

4. Congress Hyde Park Demⁿ - agreed to pay 5/- fee & to nominate
Shaw, Crookes & Martin.

5. Conference of Fabian Congress Delegates. Agreed that
Exec. meet at 4.30, (Pres. Com^{ee}) and delegates
be asked to come at 6 on Friday next. —
6. Congress Record. Agreed to put a $\frac{1}{4}$ Col. adlot in
Congress Record 48/-, eight issues, to include
Tract 70 & other Tracts.
7. Book Box Com^{ee} Report, agreed to. Six new boxes,
+ ~~approx 200~~ reference boxes to
be purchased. Circular to be sent
out freely, to members, press, & organisa^{ns}.
8. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. agreed to.
Agreed to print 5000 Tract 70 English
1000 " " French
1000 " " German
agreed to sell in Parks as far as possible.
9. Application Rochdale L.M.P. for permission to use Tract 1
witha Lecture Circular. Agreed either to lend
them Stereo, or to print for them as they
prefer.

10. Newcastle n. Tyne. Scheme of Warden to deliver three lectures on Municipalisation. Cordially approved.

11. Travelling Lecturer + Finance.

No News. adjourned. -

J. F. D. A. B. H. K.

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Lantern Com^{ee} ~~Report~~ at Office 21 Jul 96
Present. Whelen, McKillop Pease, Snell
Absent Macdonald, Beresford, Miss Priestly Beckett.

1. The Minutes of June 2 were confirmed.
2. Arrangement of Slides. Very nearly complete. McKillop agreed to finish; it was agreed to buy 3 new boxes.
3. Beresford's Designs. No report in his absence.
4. Lantern Slide Lectures. Sec. reported replies, mostly promising to write lecture.
5. Arrangement of Slides for Lectures. Whelen & Pease undertook to see to it after the Congress.
6. Lantern Slide Prize Competition. Sec. reported not a single repr.
7. Letter from Riley sending valuable slides, agreed to buy or accept them.

- 8. Mallocks Designs. agreed they will do.
- 9. Glasgow Sewer Slides offered by L.R.M. agreed not to take them
- 10. Rochdale L.P. wanting slides. Repl.
 Consett L.P. asking information. Wether to reply.
 Bristol " " " has replied.
- 11. Shelly was elected to Com^{ee} as soon as he is a member of the Socy.

Executive at Office 24 July 1896. —

Present Gakeshok (in chair) Learner, Macdonald Webb Pease
Miss Brooke, Miss Norton, Bland, Standing, Oliver
Shaw

Absent Mann, Macrosty, Martin, Miss Priestly.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Lantern Com^{ee} Report approved: Com^{ee} instructed to give short notice of extension of time of prize competition.
3. Miss Carrie Martyn - Sec'y instructed to write her family expressing sympathy of Exec. & regret at her sudden death. Mrs Pease requested if possible to attend funeral on behalf of Society. —
4. Report of Exec. Mtg for news. Draft considered & not approved. Agreed to insert only "Exec. Notes". —
5. Holiday Season. Agreed to adjourn to a later date in Sept., but meetings to be called by Sec. if found necessary.

6. Publishing Com^{tee} Report approved.

Re Distⁿ of Tract 70 agreed to address one to each foreign Delegate.

Re Tract on Old Age Pensions, agreed that the ~~Exec.~~ Pub. Com^{tee} see it thro' the Press; Webb to see proof. -

7. Motion of J.R. Macdonald :-

"That in the opinion of the Executive it is unbecoming for individual members of the Executive to attempt to influence the opinion of meetings of members of the issue of Whips." -

After discussion the motion was & leave withdrawn. -

8 Finances. Hon. Treasurer reported that Darcy Reeve did not propose to terminate his subscription.

9. Travelling Sec'y. Agreed to make formal offer to J.S. Hamilton on lines proposed already, for a term of six months from Oct 1. -
Draft par. for news considered & approved.

10. Hutchinson Trust lectures agreed to write John Powell, & make other enquiries re Joseph Clayton.

11. Arrangement of Lectures. Agreed that Webb Macdonald
& Sec. be a com^{ee} to arrange details
as to Hamilton's lectures &c. —

12. Armaments Tract. In view of excess postage
agreed to hold over till Sept.

13. Correspondence.

B. Pilez. Donation of Slides. Accepted.
Clarion Soc Club. Sheffield. Agreed to grant
500 leaflets.

J. Clayton Approving refusal of grant to himself.
Wodurch Coop

C. H. Grinling Wanting H. Trust lectures at Wodurch Coop.
Agreed we can't make offer at present.

14. Lectures at Oxford. Webb said he could go in Oct^r
or Nov^r

G. Bernard Shaw

25/9/96.

Conference of Fabian Delegates to the International Socialist Congress.

Present

The (London) Fabian Society	...	Miss Emma Brooke	
	...	Sydney Olivier	
	...	Edward R. Pease	
	...	M. C. Irvine	
Cambridge University	...	Bernard Shaw	
Dublin	...	Sidney Webb	
Glasgow University	...	Will Crooks	
Jarrow	...	The Rev. Percy Dearmer	absent
Kendal	...	Mrs. Jeanie Mole	
Liverpool	...	Jesse Hawkes	
Maidstone	...	Alfred Hicks	
Newcastle-on-Tyne	...	Mrs. H. Stanton Blatch	absent
Newcastle (Staffs.)	...	W. Oakley	
Newhall	...	Lucian R. F. Oldershaw	
Oxford University	...	Hubert Bland	
Ramsbottom	...	A. Halliday	
Scarborough	...	Mrs. Sidney Webb	
Sowerby Bridge	...	Frederick Whelen	?
Swindon	...	J. R. MacDonald	
Townhill	...	O. S. Griffiths. B.A., or	absent
University College of Wales	...	J. W. Wilkinson.	

Sidney Webb took the chair & the following resolutions were agreed to :-

- (1) That the Fabian Delegates be requested if a chairman of the English Section or of the Congress be nominated by the Parliamentary Council, to give that candidate the preference in the voting, & in case of need, to prefer our own member Mann, to Hyndman.
- (2) That in with regard to Anarchists we agree to support each nationality in its decision as to its own credentials and in the English nationality to stand by the Zurich resolution.

3. That ~~P~~ Pease be requested to give such
notice & information to the Fabian delegates
during the Congress, as may be possible.

G. Bernard Shaw
25/9/96.

Executive at Office 25 Sep. '96.

Present. Shaw (in chair) Macrosty, Webb, Miss Brooke, Macdonald, Martin, Pease, Bland, Standring, Oliver. Absent Miss Morten, Miss Priestly, Cakcehok, Mann, Dearmer

1. The Minutes of the last Mtg of the Conference of Fabian Delegates of same date were conformed.
2. The following were elected subject to payment of sub. 2 in case of Tarry, Brown, & O'Mahony.

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
L. G. Burchett, Edith-cottage, East-street, Epsom ...	E. R. Pease and H. Guy Bentley.
Miss M. E. Gladstone, 17 Pembroke-square, W. ...	Beatrice Webb & Honnor Morten.
J. W. Jones, Bangor-ter., Cauldon Lowe, near Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent ...	General Secretary.
William Ranstead, Inveresk-cot., Tilson by Malpas, Cheshire ...	Larner Sugden and Mary Clodd.
E. T. Robinson, 23 Crichton-st., Cardiff ...	G. R. Brett.
<u>Samuel Gilbert Tarry, 122 North End, Croydon ...</u>	<u>Mary Grover & H. T. Muggerridge.</u>
James Wilson, 28 Canterbury-road, Croydon ...	Mary Grover & H. T. Muggerridge.

29/9/96 Pd. & Elected

30/9/96. Pd & electd

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
<u>Fred P. Brown, 49 Juxon-street, Oxford ...</u>	<u>Frank Haywood.</u>
Ernest G. Dixon, 9 Westbourne Park Villas, W. ...	Harry Snell & Edward R. Pease.
Mrs. Grace Goodall, 3 Guilford-place, Russell-square, W.C. ...	Tom Mann and Bessie Walter.
Miss Mary Holt, New-road, Wiltenhall, Wolverhampton ...	O. S. Griffiths.
William Lunn, Jun., 20 Butcher-lane, Rothwell, Leeds ...	C. A. Pease.
<u>W. W. O'Mahony, 13 Castle-st., Enniscorthy, co. Wexford ...</u>	<u>General Secretary.</u>
Mrs. C. P. Stetson, c/o The Woman's Journal, Park-street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A. ...	R. W. Anderson & Beatrice Webb.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.	
Herbert Ham, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford ...	T. W. Wright and Percy Widdrington.

3. Miss Stacy's Lectures. The Sec. 7 gave report of arrangements made, which was approved.
4. J. Clayton. The Sec. 7 reported that he found it necessary from Clayton's standpoint, to decide his appointment in August, & on receipt of a favourable report from John Powell, & after consultation with various members of the Exec. he had decided to offer Clayton £30 for 3 months preparation of lectures. The above was approved.
5. J. S. Hamilton. Sec. 7 reported that Hamilton had accepted our offer, subject to dating it from Sep. 1st, & that after consultation with most of the Exec. Com^{ee} he had agreed to this. Agreed. He further reported that arrangements were completed for a month's lecturing in Birmingham & ~~the~~ were in progress for lectures in S. Wales. Also that Hamilton had prepared syllabus. - Agreed to refer Syllabus & other details to Com^{ee} of Webb, Macdonald & Sec. 7 for discussion with Hamilton.

6. Sec. reported arrangements of lectures for 1896.
Approved.

7. Spring Lecture arrangements. Deferred.

8. Resignation - A. Wilks. Accepted.

9. Correspondence

Durham Union Lodge. Jubilation over Book Boxes.
Armenian H.P. Dem'n. Invitation to send speakers
declined.

Huddersfield L.H.P. Re Fund for Joe Dysow. Agreed
we can't subscribe, but individuals
may do so. 22/6 collected.

A. Preston, Clucap. Re ~~J~~ Gurnsey Market. Refer
to Wallis or Galton.

A. Field, Maidstone, ask. 7 grant of 25/- towards
Educational Lectures. Write
to Jesse Hawkes thereon.

Sheffield F.S. Revival. Letter re tracts re.

Queensland Soc. Soc. Re purchase of books.
J.W.J. Pincombe on Election as Guardian
at Willesden for L.H.P.

10. Bolas. Libel on Spec. & With. Agreed to ignore.
11. Correspondence Classes. Two Classes, 100 students.
Sec. reported that J. McKillop was willing to organise these. Agreed to offer him 1/- a paper, with minimum of £10 & maximum of £20. - & to add that we can reconsider latter if necessary. -
12. Book Boxes. Sec. reported applications for
55 Annual
13 Quarterly
26 Reference.
That he had bought & sent out 8 new ones making 20 in all: that six new ones had been presented to Society of Miss P. Tomhead.
13. Reference Boxes. No action taken. Referred to the Pub. Comtee. -
14. Finances. Sec. reported that special appeal had realised £29. in addition to the six boxes aforesaid.

- 15. Application to Hutchinson Trustees. Agreed to apply for a special grant to cover cost of book boxes. -
- 16. Publishing Com^{ee} Reports of 12 + 18th August approved.
- 17. Volume of Essays. Webb reported that he had received essays from Macdonald, Macroft, Ronald Burrows & B. Turner. That if published the volume sh^d. be called Studies in Democracy, or some such title. That Macdonald's was excellent. Turners good with additions wanted. Macroft's do. - Burrows quite impossible. Agreed to refer to Pub. Com^{ee} to get the Rest of the Essays & report thereon.
- 18. Resolution for Mtg to discuss with drawal of Tract 70. - Sec. reported receipt of this & suggested Oct 9. for date. Agreed. It was further agreed unanimously that W. Sanders should be nominated & Sec. for Chairman, Macdonald to second. -
 W. Sanders
 2/10/96

Executive at Office 2 October '96

Present, Standing (in chair) Bland Pease, Webb, Macrosty,
Shaw, Olivier, Miss Morten, Miss Brooke, Oakeshott,
Martin.

Absent, Mann, Macdonald, Miss Priestley, Deamer.

1. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.
2. Correspondence. F. J. Shaw, handing excellent tract on Mcasts.
Agreed to take 2 doz. & review in News.
Indian Professor, Madras. Send him ~~the~~ papers.
Macrosty to report.
Dyson. Reply from Huddersfield. Agreed to
offer introduction to Olive Schreiner,
to enquire of Gardiner & to get
particulars of occupation ^{wanted} for Olivier.
3. International Congress. Balance Sheet. Noted.
Official Report. Agreed we can
take 100 copies if it be printed,
on assumption that it be 6? -
4. Tom Mann. Resignation of ~~the~~ Mann from Exec. Com^{ee}

owing to inability to attend. accepted, & agreed to state reasons as given, in news.

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. approved. Shaw reported on Ball's Tract. Agreed that he write his views & that the Sec. transmit them to Ball.

b. Hamilton's Lectures. ~~Car~~ Webb reported that the Com^{ee} had seen Hamilton & explained their views to him fully.

7. Spring Term Lectures :- The following were agreed to.
- Miss Brooke. Legislation for Women.
 - Miss Moten. National^{ty} of Hospitals.
 - E. E. Williams. Railway Nationalisation, not on Protection.
 - H. M. Browne. India
 - S. Bernstein. Marxism, True & False.
 - F. Whelan. on growth of Agitations.
 - Charles Chompton. Peoples Theatre.
 - J. McKillop. Soc^{ism} + Currency

and at Essex Hall, Bernard Shaw - on Limitations of Coll^{ec}. It was agreed to enquire further re Arthur Hickmott's lecture, & not to have McEwen Perry Coste. Mr. Blatch was reported abroad, & Ronald Burrows too long. -
Simon Webb

Executive at Office of th Oct. '96

Present Sidney Webb (in chair) Macrosty, Macdonald,
Miss Moten, Oakeshott Dearmer, Miss Brooke
Peace, Standing Shaw, Bland
Absent Oliver, Miss Priestley, Martin, ? Martin

1. The minutes of last Mtg were confirmed
2. The following candidates were elected viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Frank Reginald Andrews, Rutland Villa, Bexley Heath, Kent	Alys Russell and Sidney Webb.
Miss R. F. Andrews, Rutland Villa, Bexley Heath, Kent ...	Do. Do.
L. J. Burke, 6 Dudley-rd., Ilford, Essex ...	H. R. Aldridge and J. Leakey.
Benjamin Evans, 174 Carlisle-st., East Moors, Cardiff ...	E. T. Robinson.

3. Resignations. Mrs Dallow, & Mrs Larkcome Jacobs Accepted. R. E. Thomas reinstated
4. Publishing Comtee Report adopted.
5. Correspondence. Soverly Bridge F.S. Resolution
Tolkenham G.L.P. Ashing Subⁿ for Hall.
6. Death of W^m Morris. Sec. was instructed to write to relatives on behalf of the Socy

7. Maidstone. Application of A. Field for grant was again considered, together with letter from Hawks favourable thereto. Agreed that any grant to Maidstone must be made to the Fabian Society here
 Lectures to F.S. Sec. was authorized to arrange them. -

8. Mr. Oscar Pagny Pagnay (M.P.) & A. de Wilde attended & asked assistance for Jonkers Strike in Brussels. Agreed that a Resolution be proposed at members meeting, expressing sympathy.

Aldred Blane
 H.T.

Executive at Office 16 Feb. '96

Present Bland (in chair) Pease Macdonald Macrosty
Martin Shaw, Miss Priestley, Standing Well
Miss Moten, Gakeshott

Absent. Dearmer Olivier

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Resignation. F. E. Powell, accepted

3. Correspondence.

Portsmouth Trade Council wanting weekday lectures - ask re
probable audience. -

Thomas + Cattle re usefulness of Hines' Book Box. ask
him to send it back.

Belgian Joiners Strike - Official notice.

Birkenhead F.S. Revival, wanting Bland
Well + Shaw. Bland agreed to go.

4. Spring Fabian Lectures. Syllabus from Hickmott. agreed
to hold over lecture for present.

5. Miss Brooke. Letter of resignation from Exec. accept with regret.

6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report; approved.

Reeves "New Zealand". Deferred till read of Exec.
Re Turner Tract on Old Age Pensions. Referred to
Pub. Com^{ee} to consider prompt publication.

7. Hamilton's lectures. Reports noted.

Sec. reported Welsh arrangements left largely
to Geo. H. Wood, a new member.
Re Expenditure, agreed to pay his accounts for
lodging &c. without question
Re fares, agreed to ask local L.H. &c to pay
in Wales. -

Re work. Agreed that he stay in London after Dec. 6.

8. Office Work. Sec. reported considerable arrears. -

Agreed that he employ typist for
two weeks, & then report to Executive.

9. International Congress Official Report. Further correspondence

from Brocklehurst read: Macdonald reported on contents
of proposed report. After debate, agreed to guarantee
£5. towards cost, as requested.

10. Oakeshott gave notice to rescind standing order against smoking

11. Ken Hardie's Candidature. Sec. reported Lantern
slides sent. Agreed to inform members
at meeting that we were taking steps &
& making enquiries as to assistance. -
Agreed to pay expenses of speakers if required.
Agreed to write to Bradford for information
as to the conduct of the campaign:

G. Bernard Shaw.
23/10/96.

Executive at Office 23 Oct. 96.

Present. Shaw (in chair) Cakeshott, Macrosty, Bland, Peace, Macdonald, Standing, Webb, Martin, Oliver.

Absent. Miss Priestley, Miss Molen, Seamer.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

Hamilton's report of work. Noted.

Birkenhead F.S. on absence of Fabian leading in provinces. Noted.

Ironbridge F.L.P. asking for box consisting of Gronlund's "Coop. Commonwealth". Declined.

Zürich Com. Balance Sheet.

3. Fabian Spring Course. Letter from Bernstein suggesting as title "Teachings of Karl Marx & so-called Marxism". Agreed to ask him to substitute "Marxism True & False", or "What Marx really taught". Sec. stated that on information received he understood Miss Brooke desired to withdraw her promise to lecture. Agreed to ask her not to take this step.

4. Report in News of Members Meeting. Agreed not to give report of debate.

5. International Soc^y Congress Official Report. See. reported that on information received he had written to Brockslehurst asking him to hold over the guarantee. Letter read from Brockslehurst. After debate it was agreed to withdraw guarantee, stating that we understood report w^d contain translations of nationality reports, but now learn that it will consist of reports of the debate, which we do not consider valuable.

6. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, approved, including grant of leaflets to Keir Hardie. -

Volume of Essays. On report of Com^{ee} it was agreed, after debate, that the proposed volume be given up for the present.

Reeves New Zealand. Agreed that proof be sent to members, & that proposal to issue as a tract be put down for the first meeting in November.

Statistical Tract on Progress of Municipalities & Welsh

This offer to prepare this was accepted.

Turners Old Age pensions. Same as Tract approved.

7. Lectures. Agreed that Welsh go to Glasgow + Oxford + Pease to Oxford.

8. Motion of G. F. Oakeshott. "That the standing order prohibiting smoking at the Executive Meetings be rescinded." after debate this was of consent withdrawn & it was agreed to add to standing order No. 1 the following words: ~~to~~

"but this ~~order~~ shall not prohibit the smoking of cigarettes after 6 pm."

9. Keir Hardie's Candidature. Letter from him asking for funds. Agreed to issue a special appeal with Fabian News: & that proof thereof be submitted to the next Exec. - also that it be applied, as before, to the Returning Officers Expenses. Reports from Bradford were noted.

10. Other late correspondence.

Dundee, wanting lecturers & a monument to Caroline Martin
Leaker, re discharge of Reed & L.C.C. Webb undertaken
to enquire

Waterhouses F.S. New Durham Miners Soc. 7

11. Joe Clayton. Agreed to write to him for syllabus & report.

12. Internat. Congress. Agreed to bind set of documents.

J.R. Macdonald 30-10-96

Executive at Office 30 October 1896.

Present. J.R. Macdonald (in chair) Gakeshott, Standing
Bland Pease, Macrosty, Dearmer, Shaw
Martin Miss Puestter

Absent. Olivier { Webb, } Miss Morten.
lecturing }

1. The Minutes of last Meeting were confirmed
2. Correspondence. Oxford ^{univ} F.S. Resolution approving Tract 70.
3. Fabian Course. Letter read from Miss Brooke persisting
in withdrawing from lecture
Offer of lecture from Feinscheim. Agreed
to hold it over for present.
4. Miss Stacy. Report of lecture. Noted.
5. Joe Clayton. ~~See~~ Letter reporting serious illness &
enclosing syllabus of lecture I. Noted.
6. J.S. Hamilton's Lectures. Reports from him + confidential
Report from Groom read + noted
Fenny Stratford Club. Agreed he go there in Dec.

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7. S. Eastern Group. Miss Dickson, late Sec., sent up with
"1/8" Deficiency. Agreed to credit same to
her as a subscription.

8. Mr Keir Hardie's Candidature. Proof of appeal & par
in News were considered, amended, & passed.

9. Publishing Com^{ee} Report.

Proposal to buy Reference Boxes at 4/- each
was referred back for fuller report. -

Macroft further reported on Hickmott's Horeing
of W. Clares M.S. - Agreed to write Hickmott
asking if we may use his material to knock
up a tract. -

10. J.W. Martin moved "That a Loan Library be established
at the Office for the use of London members"
This was after debate adopted without opposition
& ~~Mr~~ Martin was instructed to send a detailed
proposal to the Pub. Com^{ee} -

Horner Motion

Executive at Office 13 Nov^r '96. —

Present Miss Molen (in chair) Pease, Bakerstick, Standing
Well, Dearmer, Shaw-Bland, Martin, Oliver
Miss Priestly.

Absent Macrosty (ill) Macdonald.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Correspondence.

J. W. B. Dush on Guernsey markets.

Larner Sugden, Project for affiliating Labour
Churches. After debate, agreed to
ask him for a more definite
proposal.

Leicester L.P.

Wanting lecturers. Agreed that they
should pay fares. —

Warwick W.L.A. wanting lecturer. Bland to go.

J. E. Holdsworth asking about recent Industrial
history. Refer to Dyers Evolution
of Industry & Webb's article on Coop.
Wholesale's Report for 1892 (? 1893)

— Do —

Re Recent ~~Legislation~~ Legislation.

Refer to annual Register

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3. Workman in 1842 & 92. Article of Webb in Coop. Workman.
Pub. Comtee ordered to report on it for
publication as a tract.

4. Additional Clerical Aid. Sec. reported a typist
employed for 11 days, & arrears lightened,
but still much to be done. Agreed he
continue to employ one for part week
at 5/- a day. -

5. New Zealand Tract. Agreed to add Bibliography &
that show more its adoption. -

6. Miss Stacy's Midland Lectures Very favourable report, noted.

7. Hamilton's ~~Webb~~ Lectures in B'ham. Valuable report
from him, & letter from West Bromwich. Noted.

8. Tract Distribution. Proposal re special editions of
tracts for local circulation, made by Hamilton,
referred to ~~the~~ Pub. Comtee, to carry out
if possible. -

9. Hamilton's Lodging Expenses. Agreed on his suggestion to offer him fixed weekly sum for his lodging expenses, & that the amount be 3/- per week. —
10. Future Hutchinson Trust Lectures.
Hamilton in Jan - Feb. Cheekine Dist.
Clayton in Feb. Glasgow, subject
Miss Stacy. To advice of Burrows
agreed to ask her re
further lectures.
11. Hutchinson Trust Lectures in London. Adjourned.
12. Fabian Spring Course. Suggested lecture
by J. M. Robertson. Agreed to have
him at Cliffords Inn. —
13. Reir Hardie's Election. See reported fund £13.2.6
Agreed to publish list of subscribers in
Labour Papers. Report on Election from
F. Smith. Agreed to pay Shaw's expenses
to Bradford on behalf of Hardie.

15. The following were elected members except R. C. Stafford, deferred for further information :-

Candidates for Election.	
CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Dr. Franz Aichinger, Sachstrasse 70, Graz, Styria, Austria ...	General Secretary.
John Clapham, Jun., Carlton House, Hornsey-lane, Highgate	H. C. Lander & F. Lawson Dodd.
Arthur Samuel Hodge, 24 Rushey-green, Catford, S.E. ...	Edith Nicholson & F. E. Green.
<u>Robert C. Stafford, 13 Commercial-road, Newport, Mon. ...</u>	<u>General Secretary.</u>
Edwin John Syer, 70 Glengarry-road, East Dulwich, S.E. ...	W. P. Toussaint & Geo. Samuel.
George Hy. Wood, "Rhosyn," Corporation-rd., Newport, Mon.	E. T. Robinson.
	OXFORD F. S.
John Hampden Thompson ...	J. W. Crowfoot & L. R. Oldershaw.
R. V. Vernon ...	F. Henle and L. R. F. Oldershaw.
Geo. Ogilvie ...	Tom Jones and Norman Leys.
G. Kydd Cuthbert ...	Tom Jones and Wm. Boyd.
John Maclean Ramsay ...	Tom Jones and Wm. Boyd.

Elected 11/12/16

16. G. H. Wood. It was reported that he was paid lecturer of the Bi-Metallic League, & the Sec. was instructed to write that he had better not become Sec. of the Newport F.S. - in course of formation.

17. Executive Election. Sec. reported nominations of Wheeler, Pinesmbe, & Devine. Nomination of Mrs. Sparling was handed in. -

18. Advertisement Project. Debate adjourned

19. Classification of members. In absence of report of Miss Pueritz, debate again adjourned.
20. Publishing Com^{ee} Report approved, including proposal to provide Books for Members Library in London Office out of Book Boxes as returned. - Scheme for Reference Boxes approved.
21. Training Colleges. Agreed to offer Bound Tracts & Library Essays to Debating Socy Secs. in Training Colleges per Crimes.
22. Hutchinson Trusts. Agreed to apply for £150 as further & final grant for Book Boxes, & to make hereout about 30 Reference Boxes at a cost of 40/- to 45/- each, & the balance for Book Boxes.
23. Miss Morden drew attention to alleged statement of Mrs Sidney Wehl at Manchester that the F.S. had condemned 'E. Williams' book "made in Germany". Sidney Wehl on Mrs Wehl's behalf explained that she could

we recollect what she said, but at any rate she did not mean to commit the society in any way. -
The subject has dropped. -

24. Leeds. Agreed to pay 1/2 fare to Bland for lecture here. -

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Executive at Office 27th Nov^r 1896.
Present Gakeshott (in chair), Martin Macrosty,
Pease, Olivier, Bland, Standing Webb,
Dearmer, Miss Priestley, Miss Morden, Shaw
Absent Macdonald. - Secretary

1. The Minutes of last Mtg were confirmed
2. Correspondence.
Sutton, cant Norwich S.B., asking us to pay Exes. of J.F. Green
who went to assist him. Agreed not to do so.
Leicester J.M.P. Thanks for Miss Stacy's lectures
Newhall F.S. Report on Hamilton's lectures
Hamilton Report on Welsh Tour
Miss Mary Forster, Letter on Buffalo affairs.
P. Verhaegen asking to be put on Free List. Agreed
3. Free List. Referred to Pub. Com^{ee} for Revision.
4. Preliminary Com^{ee} Agreed that the Chairman's Report shall
be confined to the decisions of the Com^{ee} only.
5. Classification of Members. Adjourned in absence of Report.

6. Fabian Spring Course. Letter from J. M. Robertson.
Agreed to accept his offer.

7. Future Hutchinson Trust Lectures

Clayton in Glasgow Diet. Letter from Burrows.

Agreed to adopt his suggestion.

London Scheme.

Agreed to "Remember London".

Miss Stacy

Letter intimating she will not
be open to an engagement till
after March at any rate.

9. Pub. Com. Report, adopted.

Proposal to publish Shallard's Story.

M.S. referred to Bland for Report.

10. Executive Election. The Sec. reported he had received
nomination of Miss Constance Williams on the
23rd instead of "before the 23rd" as required
by rule. After long debate it was decided
by 5 to 1 "that the Sec. be advised not
to accept the nomination" is invalid."

The Advertisement Project - adjourned.

10. Advertisement Project. Adjourned

11. American Lecture Tour. Discussed.

By Bernard Shaw.

11/12/96

Executive at Office 11th Dec = 1896.

Present Shaw (in chair) Bland Peace, Macroft, Martin
 Miss Morten Gabelstt Standing Oliver Webb
Absent Macdonald, } Miss Priestley, Dearmer.
 Section

1. The minutes of last Meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

Larner Sugden, re W. Morris Lab. Church. Pub per miles
 Blackburn L.P. askg grant of leaflets in view of
 Election - agreed to send
 some, but to write that the Socy
 is not here committed to approval
 of the contest.

F. Smith Thanks for K. Hardie Fund
 Reichstag Library Thanks for tract

J.A. Hobson. = Criticisms of review in News. Reply
 that to publish it w^d. be a bad
 precedent, but we w^d. be glad
 of another lecture from him.

Bradford Lab. Inst. Appeal for shares. Noted.

F.M. Wibaut asking re Tracts. No information.

F.R. Andrews asking help for S.D. Election. Too far.

3. J. S. Hamilton. Reports on Wales. Noted.
4. Resignations. S. Herbert. Accepted.
5. Classification of Members. Miss Priestley. Absent
6. Proposed at Homes. Sec. reported Miss Payne Tomshunt was willing to give Fabian "at Homes", she suggested to arrange them on lines of Classification, e.g. Education, Poor Law.
Plan approved. -
7. Railway Nationalisation Sec. reported on projects. Agreed that we accept offer of tract by Clem Edwards.
8. Reference Book Boxes. Sec. submitted sample cost 14/6, and proposed to buy 29 at a cost of about ^{including covers} 50/- each & six new ordinary boxes. -
Proposal approved. -
9. Advertisement Scheme. Deferred.

10 Elections. R. C. Stafford. Elected.
 Candidates for month were elected, subject
 in case of G. A. Koek, to payment of
 subscription :-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Gilbert A. Koek, 2 Middle Temple-lane, E.C.	F. G. Gardiner & Leslie A. Toke.
Miss Ada Neild, 3 Vincent-street, Crewe	R. L. Gorton.
Miss Florence Underwood, 22 Alfred-place, Bedford-sq., W.C.	Rose L. Gorton & G. Underwood.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Robert Wilson, M.A., Students' Settlement, 10 Possil-rd., Glasgow	Tom Jones and Norman Leys.

Sec reported that W. L. Jones was a candidate who had only subscribed 1/- . Agreed that the proposer, G. H. Wood, be written to thereon.

11. Shallard's Story. Bland reported it fairly good, but not in his opinion suitable as No 1. of a Fabian Series. After debate, it was agreed that Bland send the MS. to Miss Moten for further report.

12. Hitchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. reported letter from Cleveland making preliminary arrangements if we can send lecturer. -
Snell. Agreed to ask him to take a course, & to offer him £10. study money.

13. Hamiltons Midland Lectures. Sec. reported letter from
Crewe, saying cost of hall was a difficulty.
Agreed to grant £5. Towards cost, if
the Trade Council undertake the arrangements.
14. Hamiltons Engagement. Sec. instructed to ask
him whether he desires to
continue.
15. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Approved generally.
Tract-Sales for 6 months. Debate adjourned
Balls Tract. After debate, resolved by
about 5 to 1, not to suggest
to him to contribute towards his
tract printing. -
Revision of Free List. Gone over & mostly
confirmed.
Gifts to British Library &c. Confirmed.

Geo. Staudring
Dec. 18/96

Executive at Office 18th December 1896.

Present. Standing (in chair) Bland, Gaheshott, Huu Morken,
Macrosty, Macdonald Pease Webb

Absent. Mrs Sparling, Wheeler, Olivier, Martin, Dearmer Miss
Priestly, Shaw.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Resignations. Mrs Pratt. Accepted.

3. Executive Election. Sec. reported Mrs Sparling &
Wheeler elected.

4. ~~Barry~~ Correspondence.

Barry Trade Council Re failure of lecture.

Agreed to offer to pay out of p. Expenses.

Prof. Masaryk. Wanting information about books.

Agreed to send what to read & to recommend

Sonnenschein's Best Books. -

Miss Stacy. Lecture Report. Sec. instructed to ask re classes.

John Edwards. Re Stacy lectures, & proposed lectures of
Clem Edwards. Agreed to pay expenses.

Keighly Economic Class. Re syllabus. Don't want more.

4. Correspondence (contd)

Julian Harney Test. Agreed to put par in news.
C. Charrington. Agreed not to insist on syllabus, but to ask one from Bernstein.

5. Publishing Com^{ee} Report. Approved

6. Stand Improvement. Official notice re Ejectment.
Agreed, subject to compensation,
& to advice of F. Hudson, Sol:

7. Proposed Sheatham Group. Letter from A. Halliday.
Agreed to offer general assistance

8. J. S. Hamilton Agreed to make him formal offer to continue engagement till end of May.

9. H. Snell. Reply probably accepting: also sketch of two courses. Agreed to prefer the non-biographical course

10. ~~Stallard to Storer~~

10. Joe Clayton's lectures. Report on his work from Wallis.
Sec. reported Glasgow plans not going well. Instructed to write to Dr. Dyer.

11. Shallard's Story. Miss Moxton reported she had had the story 40 minutes long.

12. Sale of Tracts. Referred after debate, to the Pub. Com^{ce}. Sec. instructed to put par in news. —

13. Sec Francis Sec. presented report on next page —
Agreed that he write to Dr. Reeve.
Agreed also that extra office expenses be charged to General acc. —

14. J. W. Jones. Sec. reported Welsh Candidate sending 1/- org.
Agreed he write hereon.

15. L.N.P. Formal Invitation to Conference on United Soc^l Party.
Agreed that Sec. write that provided the other Socialist bodies concur, we shall be glad to appoint delegates, & to put this office at disposal for meeting

Hubert Bond

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Cash Statement to 18th. December 1896.

Cash in Bank	£128	
.. .. hand	<u>14</u>	<u>142 . 0 . 0</u>

Hutchinson Trust Lectures A/c

Balance from Last year	£ 17.10. 0	
Cash from Trustees	<u>200. 0. 0</u>	<u>217.10. 0</u>

Deduct.

3/4yr. Office Contribution	£ 37.10. 0	
Cash expended to date	<u>157. 0. 0</u>	<u>194.10. 0</u> 23 . 0 . 0

Book Boxes

Receipts H. Trustees	500. 0. 0	
Miss Payne-Townshend	29. 0. 0	
Subscriptions to Book Boxes	<u>26.10. 0</u>	
	355.10. 0	
Expended to date	<u>240. 0. 0</u>	<u>115 . 0 . 0</u>
		<u>138 . 0 . 0</u>

Balance A/c General Exes. 4 . 0 . 0

Due at end of year Rent and Salary	£50	
Standing ?	<u>50</u>	
	£80	

A/c to 31st. October 1896

	1895	1896	
General Subs. (including Special Fund 1896)	£120	£156	
D'Arcy Reeve	<u>200</u> £320	<u>50</u>	£ 186
Tract Sales	84		52
	<u>404</u>		<u>218</u>
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Deficit on Last Year

Tract Sales	52	
D'Arcy Reeve	<u>£ 150</u>	
	202	
<u>Less Extra General Subs</u>	<u>16</u>	
	<u>186</u>	

Executive at Office 15 Jan 97.

Present Bland (in chair) Macdonald, Martin, Pease, Standring, Macroft, Whelen, Home-Moyle, Mrs Priestly, Dearmer, Gakesholt, Shaw

Absent Webb, Mrs Sparking Oliver.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

2. Resignations Miss E. M. Mallet, W. A. Pitkin, Rev. S. T. Sadler accepted. Miss G. Dix, on account of temporary inability to subscribe, not accepted.

3. Candidates, all elected (subject to payment of subscription & Richard Roberts) viz:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
William Henry Brown, Victoria-house, Hanley	F. Whelen and Lamer Sugden.
Ben Cooper, L.C.C., Cigarmakers' Associatn., 60 Exmouth-street, Stepney, E.	W. C. Steadman and S. Webb.
Athelstan Rendell, Yeovil, Somerset	Clare Jerrold.
<u>Richard Roberts, 4 Glenview-villas, Treharris, Glam.</u>	<u>J. Stewart Hamilton.</u>
Frank Smith, Rugeley-rd., Hedenesford, Staffs.	General Secretary.
John Sneyd, Bedford-st., Basford, Stoke-on-Trent	Katherine Glasier and L. Sugden.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.	
F. W. Barford	W. M. Glanville and C. F. A. Hore.
William Gregory Bell	" " J. M. Gibbon.
Vernon Herford	" " W. Whitaker.
O. Hildsheim	" " R. Vernede.
R. F. Cameron Hillman	C. F. A. Hore and W. M. Glanville.
J. Morgan Jones	W. M. Glanville and J. M. Gibbon.
W. Sutton Page	" " R. V. Vernon.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.	
Gregor MacGregor	Tom Jones and Norman Leys.

4. Auditors. Agreed to ask Griffith & Tenney as last year.

5. Correspondence:-

Chas. Smith B.A. offering to do N. Trust Act'ing. Agreed
to bear in mind

F. Brocklehurst Application for membership. Noted
Emil Stacy on failure of classes after lectures. Noted.

H. G. Walshe on expected revolution in U.S. "

H. S. Kerr " free silver "

Mrs. Spargo Fraser " American tactics.

"American Fabian" declining to publish rejoinder
Lamer Luggen sending a Duches's Sub'r to F. News.

F. G. Gardner on Dublin F.S.

Edw. Grubb Middle-class expenditure papers.

Dr. Aclinger sending £5 per Burns.

6. Pub. Com^{ee} Reports approved.

American Bibliography. No one undertook to revise
Proposed Tract on Employers Liability. Macdonald reported
that Prog. Review directors objected to the
immediate reprint of Webb's article.

7. Finances. Sec. reported £50 received from S. Reave.

8. Shallard's Story. Miss Norton reported adversely. After debate agreed that ms be declined, & a true statement of reasons be given to the author.

9. Hamilton's Lectures. See. reported arrangements completed for Lech, Crewe, Hanley &c. - Agreed that he be sent next to Brighton, Lewes, Hastings, Red Hill & District, but not to Southampton & Portsmouth.

10. Snell. Letter accepting appointment. See. reported arrangements for Cleveland & Durham in hand. Agreed that he be authorised to use lantern & slides as additions to lectures.

11. J. Clayton. See. reported Glasgow plans a complete failure. Also that he had arranged a few lectures in Oxford, Warwick, &c & proposed to pay for them at usual rate. Agreed. - Also that arrangements for Norwich & district were in hand. - Also that Snell Clayton had consulted him as to acceptance of offer for a six months engagement at Southampton &c. after the Norwich course.

(11) Clayton (cont?) & that he had advised Clayton that the Exec. m^o? not object. This was approved after discussion, & further Macdonald intimated that in case of Clayton's Southampton engagement being made more permanent, he saw no objection to his accepting temporary engagements to do H. Trust lecturing in the autumn. It was also understood that H. Trust lectures at Portsmouth &c. might be arranged for Clayton this spring. -

12. Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported that E.S. Williams desired to be let off his lecture & he had arranged with Clem Edwards to take his place. Approved. -

J.A. Hobson. Letter read from him consenting to lecture if desired, & Sec. reported he had suggested Currency. After debate, it was resolved that he be invited to lecture on underconsumption, or any other subject except currency.

Burns. Sec. reported he offered to lecture on "Anarchy or Amelioration". after

12. Fabian Lectures (cont.) discussion it was agreed to ask him to lecture at Essex Hall: that it be an additional meeting: that members friends be admitted & tickets only, to be rigorously taken at door; and that Burns be asked, if he w^d take "The State & its Servants, & the Right of Combination" as his subject

13. Miss Brooke's Factory Act Table. Sec. reported that Mr. Holson had enquired whether the Exec. w^d assist in the publication of this. agreed we can do nothing.

14. ~~Letter~~ Joint Soc^y Party Conference. Letter read from L.N.P. stating that the S.D.F. had sent favourable reply, & that the L.N.P. had appointed three delegates. -

After discussion the following were nominated & voted for: - Bland, 11 votes, Shaw, Pease, Webb 7 votes each, Macdonald 2 votes.

On a second Ballot between the three the vote was Shaw 7 Pease & Webb 5. -

The Chairman therefore declared that Shaw, Pease, & himself were duly appointed the delegates to the conference. -

J. R. Macdonald

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Executive at Office 29 Jan. '97.

Present Macdonald (in chair) Honor Norton, Martin, Webb,
Pease, Oakeshott, Macrosty, Weelen, Standing
Deamer, Shaw, Bland

Absent. Mrs Sparling, Oliver, Miss Priestly.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Correspondence. R. R. Whitehead on want of Fabian pro-
nouncement on currency.
Bimetallic League. Generous gifts. Take all.
3. Nomination of Auditor. Sec. reported Terry accepted: Griffith
refused: Limebeer, no reply. Agreed to
ask Holding failing Limebeer.
4. United Socialist Conference. Sec. reported no further advice.
Agreed to put par. in news.
5. Hamilton. Reports read from Leek. Sec. reported
lectures looked at Brighton, & perhaps at
Truro, Wells, but elsewhere difficulties.
Agreed to get Snell to go to make ar-

5. (cont'd) arrangements. -
Re next place; agreed to send him to Barrow.

b. Snell. Sec. reported arrangements practically complete.
Re next place, agreed that ^{Snell himself} ~~he~~ make arrangements
for another month in same locality. -

7. Clayton. Reports from Oxford read. -
Sec. reported Norwich + Yarmouth fixed.
Otherwise plans difficult. -

8. Fabian Lectures. Burns. Letter read deferring lecture
for the present
J.A. Hobson. Letter offering a Fair Bargain
for April 9. accepted.
Oliver Schreiner. Agreed to ask her to
lecture.

9. Additional Correspondence.
Dr. Clifford, application for membership
Miss Clapperton, asking help for W. S. Bill.
Agreed that the only thing
we can do to par in news.

10. Publishing Com^{ee} Report, adopted.
Agreed to proposal re Housing W. Classes Tract.

11. Employers Liability. after discussion agreed.

(1) That Galton be asked to lecture on
Feb. 26th on the subject.

(2) That Macdonald, Macrosty, Staudring &
Pease (sec) be a Com^{ee} to prepare
report on subject.

(3) That sets of the S. News, & Chron. articles
be got for the Com^{ee}.

J. W. Martin

12/2/97

At an informal meeting held later on same day, after
the Cliffords Inn Lecture (Present Bland, Hornum, Martin,
Staudring, Shaw, Macdonald, Macrosty, Gakesholt
& Pease) it was unanimously agreed:-

(1) To have a members meeting on Feb. 26, to consider
Report on Emp. Liability, instead of lecture of Galton.

(2) That in case the Society be asked to send delegate to St. James
Hall meeting on India, Morgan. Brown be the delegate.

J. W. Martin
12/2/97

Executive at Office 12 Feb 97.

Present. Martin (in chair), Maerdyk, Pease, Oakes, Stoddard, Macdonald, Hornor, Foster, Nielsen, Standring, ~~Barmer~~, Shaw, Bland, Wells, absent Mrs Spauling, Oliver, Miss Proetty.

1. Minutes of last meeting & of informal meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence Dr. Clifford. Nominations formed: allowed once more
A. C. H. Graham: agreed to advise him to nominate
Gael Funda members 2/6 for Walker 5/- for other.

8. The following were elected viz: -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
F. Brocklehurst, 8 York-street, Manchester	E. R. Pease.
George Cathey, 7 North-street, Middlesborough	General Secretary.
G. Herbert Davis, "Nutfield," Herne Hill, S.E.	Rev. P. Dearmer and E. R. Pease
Joseph T. Gumersall, 76 Corporation-street, Birmingham ...	S. G. Hobson.

Alexander C. Harris, Craven House, Princess-road, Leicester	E. R. Pease.
Miss Ethel Newcombe, 1 Hamilton Terrace, Commercial-road, Southampton	Bertha Newcombe.
Emery Walker, 3 Hammersmith-terrace, W.	G. B. Shaw and E. R. Pease.
Bertram Wilson, 25 Stoke-road, Stoke-on-Trent	Larner Sugden and Mary Clodd.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F.S.

Robert McLaurin... ..	Ronald Burrows and Tom Jones.
Miss Elizabeth A. Service ...	Ronald Burrows and Tom Jones.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES F.S.

T. M. Evans	R. Jenkyn Owen and H. Osborne.
B. Scott Williams... ..	R. Jenkyn Owen and H. Osborne.

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W. G. Wray, 37 Southmore-rd., Oxford	W. M. Glanville & J. M. Gibbon.
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- 4. Resignations. Halliday Sparling & Miss M. Macmillan. Accepted.
- 5. Auditors On further report from Sec. agreed to propose Waldegrave in place of Holding.
- 6. Hamilton. Reports from & of him were read. - Sec. reported courses at Brighton & Cambridge & also probably at St. Leonards. After debate it was agreed to pay him, if required, 30/- a week for board during month, as before. It was agreed to give him written notice to conclude engagement at end of May. - It was further agreed to ask him for written report on failure of Crewe, & on his work for Socy, on one side paper, & that Sec. prepare therefrom column for News. -
- 7. Clayton. Arrangements reported. Agreed to pay him £15. for his courses in Norfolk. - Agreed that arrangements be made for Portsmouth & Eastleigh. at 15/- a lecture.
- 8. Snell. Arrangements &c reported.
- 9. Fabian Lectures. Letter from Olive Schreiner declining. Agreed to ask Mr. Cromwright. Agreed to ask Prof. Diaz

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STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS

31st January 1897.

BOOK BOXES

Receipts	£356	
Expenditure	£306	Cr.£50

HUTCHINSON TRUST LECTURES

Received from H. Trustees	£318	
" " special Subs.	24	
	£342	
Less deduction for Office Expenses for one year	50	
	£292	
Expenditure	£242	Cr.£50

GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Cash in Bank, etc.,	£124
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TRACTS

Cost, Printing	£101	£102
Sales	50	103
Loss	£ 51	Profit £ 1
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SUBSCRIPTIONS

General	£223	£223
Special Fund	24	
D. Reeve	100	200
	£347	£223

ESTIMATED LIABILITIES to March 31st.

Standing, a/cs rendered	£38	Snell ... £20 £35
" " not rendered		Clayton 20
McKillop, Correspondence Classes	15	Hamilton 40
Current Expenses		

For Essex Hall on Referendum + Democracy. Agreed to ask Morgan Brown to exchange places with Honor Minton.

10. Club + Inst. Union. Letter proposing Conference on Municipalisation etc. Agreed to take part therein.

11. Letter from Wigand's Verlag re German Transl'n of Essays. Agreed that we cannot give ~~of~~ special authorisation, but we will not enforce our rights.

12. Finances. Sec. presented report. Bland stated that we shd not, in his opinion, get more money from Reeve this year. Agreed to make appeal for more money for lectures, in news. Agreed also that Macdonald draft letter asking results of H. Trust lectures. [see over]

13. Offices + Compensation. Deferred for report from Webb.

14. Employers Liability. Preliminary Report made. Agreed to have ^{Spec} Exec on 19th.

15. Pub. Com^{ee} Report, especially on proposed Fabian Series to be arranged by Macdonald was approved. Agreed to ask H.T. Lecture Organisers to put Read Fabian Tracts on their ^{little} ~~bulletin~~ _{posters}.

Henry W. Macrosty.

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