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FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

From April 26th, 1907
To October 5th, 1911

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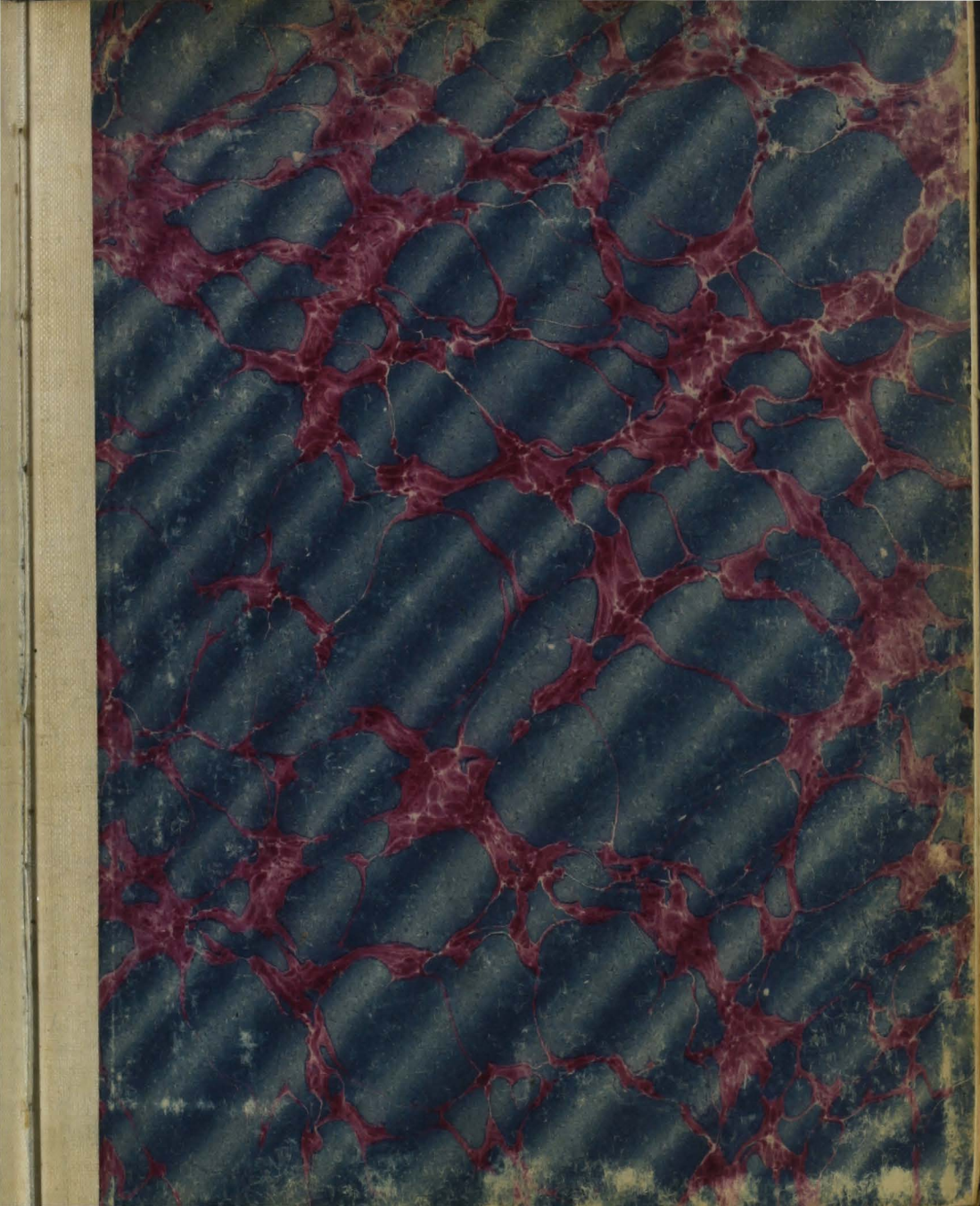
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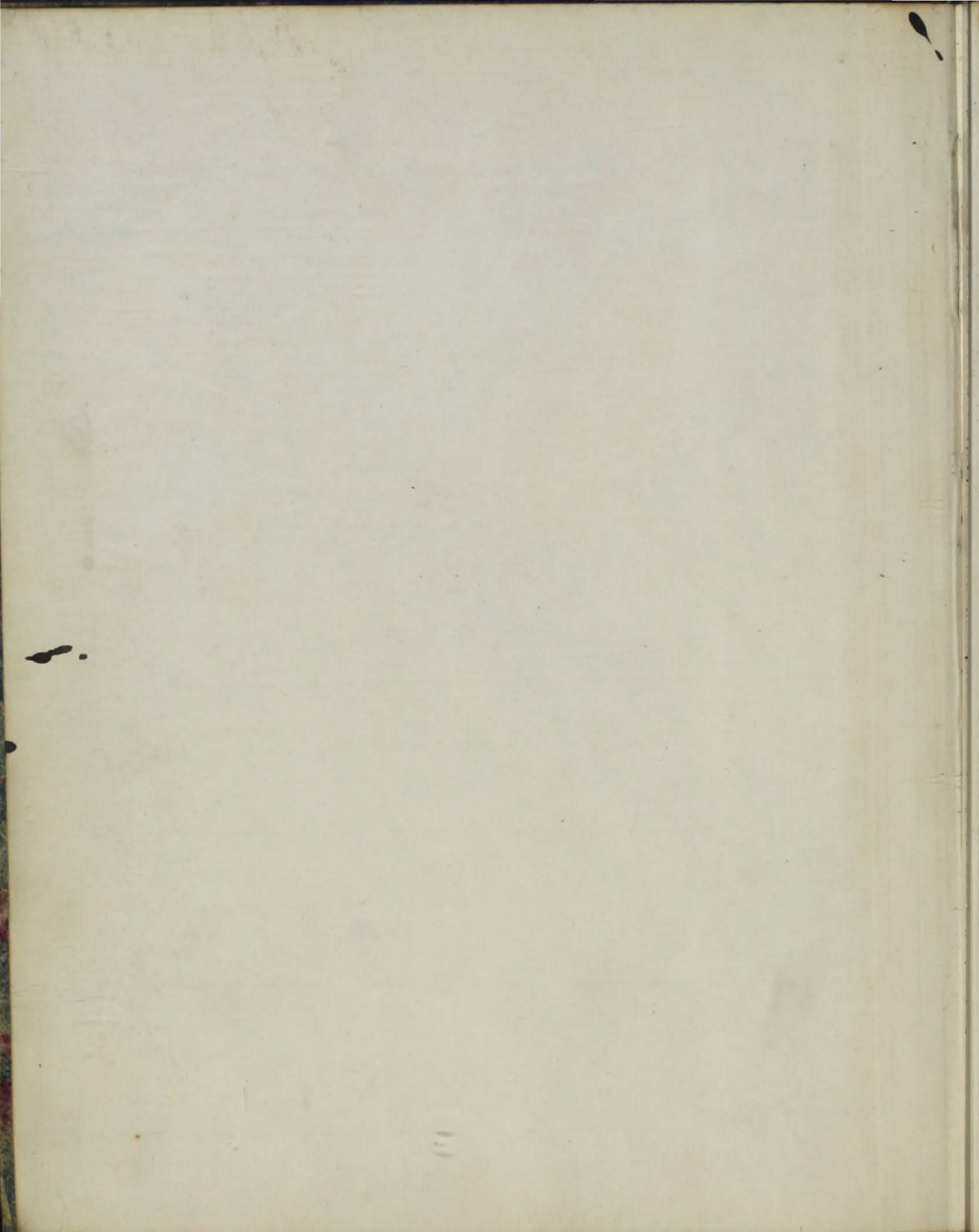
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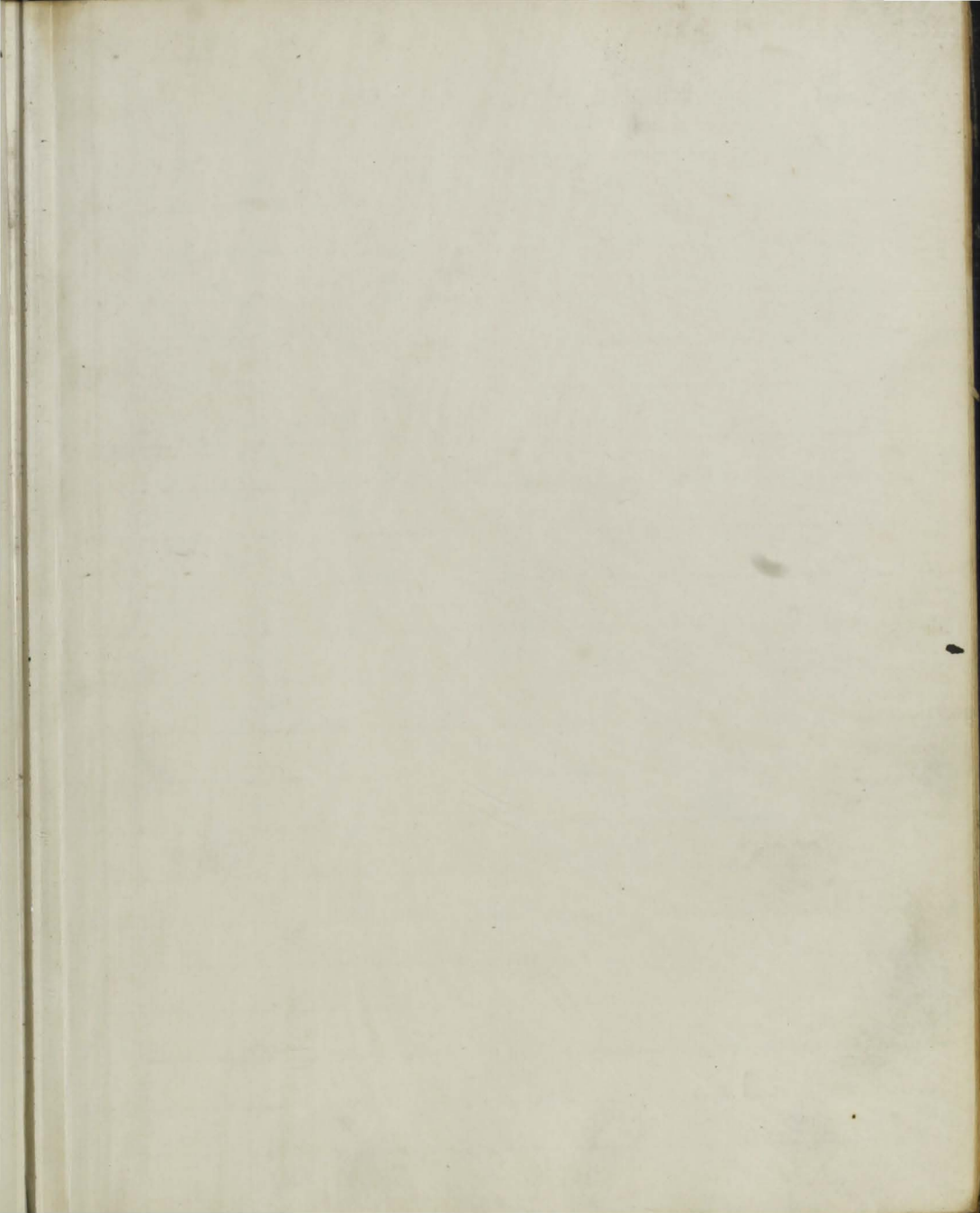
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Finance & General Purposes.

Committee for Year

1907-1908.

Chairman. Sidner Webb
Vice Chairman Ald. W. S. Sanders

Committee. Hubert Bland
Lawson Dodd
S. G. Hobson
F. W. Pettibone Lawrence
Aylmer Maude
Wm. Penhew Reeves
H. G. Wells Resigned Oct '07

* Edw. R. Pease Sec'y

Orders of Reference.

Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

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

a) Finance

- (1) The receipt and custody of the Society's funds;
 - (2) The subscriptions and donations of members, associates and others;
 - (3) The keeping of the Society's accounts, and the preparation of all necessary financial statements.
- on
- (b) The election of new members and associates
 - (c) The representation of the Society at Conferences, &c.
 - (d) The preparation of the Annual Report.
 - (e) The management of the Society's office and office staff.
 - (f) The supply of information in response to enquiries;
 - (1) The Local Government Information Bureau.
 - (g) All Bills and other Parliamentary papers matters.
 - (h) The Circulating Book-Boxes
 - ~~(i) The contents of Fabian News~~
 - (j) Any other business not falling within the reference to another sub-committee.

Meeting Friday April 26 1907
at 5.30 pm.

Present- Webb, Dodd, Wells Sanders,
Hobson Bland Mrs Reeves
Lawrence Maude + Secy

Absent. none

1. Webb was appointed Chairman to
Sanders vice-chairman

2. Correspondence.

Tillett memorial - No action
Paddington Group. Re Com^{ee} on Municipal
Trading. Refer to Pubⁿ Com^{ee},
as a Trust + not a Com^{ee} is needed.

Clifford Sharp on his resolution re Taylor.

Dr. Eder on same. Send no reply.

Mrs Hodgkinson on proposed rooms for
Rendezvous. Ask her if she
has tried rooms in Clements Ln.

C. R. Jones. Resignation on going to
America - accept.

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3. Annual Meeting. The Secy presented the following draft agenda, which was considered & approved. -
Order of Business.

- ① The Taylor Resolution
- ② The Annual Report
- ③ Amendment to rules.

[N.B. The Secy subsequently altered & transposed 2 & 3 with the consent of the Chairman. -

The following were approved & the Exec. recommended to support but not to press in event of strong opposition: -

RULE 3. Present Rule: In case of a tie there shall be a second ballot at the Annual Meeting, only those present voting.

Amendment: Delete words after "tie" and substitute "the candidate who has been longest a member of the Society shall be elected."

Present Rule: Vacancies which occur during the year shall be filled by election after due notice.

Amendment: Add "but only in the event of the number of the Committee falling below fifteen."

RULE 4. Alter names of Executive sub-committees as follows: (i) Propaganda; (ii) Publishing; (iii) Finance and General Purposes.

RULE 6. (In order to allow and regulate existing practice.) Add "Business may be taken at a public meeting, but only with the consent of the chairman previously obtained."

RULE 9. (In order to allow Tracts with the author's name to be issued by the Executive Committee.) Line 3, delete "by" and substitute "in the name of," and after "every" insert "such"; and at end "Tracts bearing the name of the author may be issued by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Society."

RULE 10. (Re-wording only.) After "election" insert the words "which shall be."

RULE 15. Groups. (Members shall be divided into groups according to the parliamentary constituencies in which they reside.) Amendment: Alter "parliamentary constituencies" into "localities."

(4.) It was agreed to propose Holbrook Jackson as chairman.

(5.) Accounts. Balance in Bank at date reported to be £66.2/-
The accounts for year were considered. -

(6.) Report on Subscriptions of April Candidates

about 5/- 19.

" 7/6 1

" 10/6 7

" 15/- 3

" 20/- 6

at 1/- 6

" " 6 not paid

" 2/6 18

} 36 Ordinary members

Average 9/6

} 30 Local Society members.

Averaged all 6/6.

(7.) Appeal to members for increased subscriptions
Agreed that this be sent out as a separate document & prepared by the Chairman & Secy

(8.) Chairman for Dods' Lecture - A. Maude.

(9.) Office Staff etc. Deferred.
Letter from Miss Moore. Decline.

(10.) Candidate for Stockton. Letter from J.P. Reid - Agreed to take no action.

(11.) Next Meeting. Left to Official. -

Alymer Maude
in the chair.
15. V. '07

Report of Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee.

(26th. April: present Bland, Dodd, Ensor, Hobson, Lawrence, Maude, Mrs. Reeves, Sanders, Webb, Wells, and the Secretary).

- 1.- We have elected Webb Chairman and Sanders Vice-Chairman.

- 2.- We have considered the Agenda for the Annual Meeting and the proposed amendments of Rules, and we have approved the insertion of formal notice in May "News".
We recommend:
That the Executive support the proposed amendments of Rules; but that if there is serious opposition to any item, it be not pressed.

We have invited Holbrook Jackson to be chairman.

- 3.- We are taking into consideration how to get an increase of the subscriptions from members, on which we shall report further.

- 4.- We have considered a somewhat elaborate scheme for providing quarters for the proposed Summer School, and have generally approved it, if it can be brought off.

Sidney Webb,
Chairman.

Meeting at Office 15th May 1907.

Present. Maude (in chair), Hobson, Bland:
for a time only owing to L.A. Edⁿ Com^{ee},
Welsh + Sanders: also Sec. J
Absent. Dodd Lawrence, Mr. Reeves, Wells.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. accounts. Sec. reported not ready owing
to audit. Balance May 14. £55.
Subscriptions April £55. Increase £25
Trade-Sales " 35 " £18.
Auditors Letter + signed accounts
received. —

Agreed hereon that Sec. write
Thomson to ask what we
are indebted.

3. Candidates Subs. Analysis.

Ordinary members	27	@ 5/-
	10	" 10/-
Average Ordinary	8/6	7 .. 20/-
all	8/3	Locals 3 @ 2/6.

(4) List of May Candidates. It was agreed

(1) That they be all elected & advised thereof except F. Hyndman.

(2) That the Exec. be asked to empower the Comtee to elect all un-opposed candidates.

(3) Re F. Hyndman. Letter read from T. Foster re his speech disclaiming Socialism at Burnley. Agreed that he be asked to explain.

(5) Resignations H. Wood: become Tolstoman
H. P. Adams: Changed opinions
Accept both.

(6) Correspondence

Sir John Gort. Declining to become a member.

Herbert A. Day. Reporters of provincial members. Say we are considering what can be done

(b) cont^d

R. Mosley - (a) Re legal advice. Say we are
will provide all we can. —

(b) Re getting socialist into public
employment. Say it is impossible
to organise any public scheme.

(7.) Tee Rendezvous. Letter from Mrs Hodgkinson.
agreed that the Sec-y write to the
Landlords asking on what terms
if any, they will consent to
~~to~~ release us from the lease. —
And in case ~~no~~ favourable terms
are not offered, that we tell Mrs
Hodgkinson that we cannot get
free of this place. —

(8) Political Comm^{ee}. It was agreed that
Webb prepare list of names:
that ~~consider to be~~ ~~official~~ members
not on the Exec. be included: that
Snell, Chesterton + Coit be members
+ that Hardie be asked to join it,

8 (cont'd) in view of the fact that he is too ill to attend, & membership would give him a locus standi to offer advice. -

(9.) Appeal for Increased Sub^{no} Agreed that Webb draft on lines of Circular of 1900 - -

(10.) Office Staff etc. Grant of £5. for object ~~as~~ named by the Secy was approved. -
Sec. reported that no notification of election had been sent to candidates since October, & it was impossible to find time for doing it. Agreed that a printed letter be sent out. The Sec. was authorized to engage the necessary assistance during July in his discretion.

(11.) Executive Com^{ee} = Agreed it be on May 31.

(12.) Arrangement of Com. Dates. Deferred to Autumn.

(13.) Delegates to Russian S. Dem. Conference. In response to invitation agreed to send Maude & Hobson as delegates.

(14.) The name Fabian. Agreed that Hobson be requested to ascertain whether the name can be secured under the Copyright or Trade Mark Law.

(15) Next Meeting Thursday.. June 6th

S. J. Hobson.
6/6/1907

Committee 6th June 1907.

Present Holson (in chair) Wells, Lawrence
Mauds Dodd, Blend Sanders
& Sec. 7

absence Webb (by inadvertence) & Mr Reeves

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. accounts. Ledger Balances for April were received.

May sub^{ns} £ 36. Increase £ 9.

.. Sales £ 39 .. 23

Bank Balance mar 1. £ 77.

3. June Candidates Sub^{ns}:-

29 @ 5/-

18 .. 10/-

2 .. 20/-

2 .. 40/-

51 Ordmar. Average 5/8

42 Unversat @ 1/-

1 Local .. 2/6

94 = Average

3. Candidates for June. all elected
subject to delay till 13th June
to await objections. —

(4) Resignations - O Dunkelshuhler. }
D. S. Schloss. }
Both new members. accept.
T. Sweetlove. ask why
he no longer agrees with Society

(5) Correspondence.

Hector Thomson. Saying audit is the
contribution in kind. ask
if he prefers to exchange
cheques or the described
as non auditor, send thanks

H. A. Dar. Further proposals for
enfranchising provincials
Refer to Propaganda Com^o

(6) Appeal for money. It was agreed that this
go out this side of the
holidays. otherwise deferred in absence of Chairman

7. Stuttgart-Confere after discussion it was agreed that we adopt the traditional practice of sending as delegates such members as decide to go at their own expenses & that delegates fee (10/-) be paid by the delegates themselves. —

8. Office Staff. Agreed that the Secy have power to engage a junior clerk, at a salary not exceeding 20/- a week. —

(9) Printed addresses. Resolved to obtain an estimate for printing addresses on gummed paper for the news.

10. Office work. Resolved that the Chairman & Chairman, Lawrence Bland & Mandel be a comtee to report on the work of the office.

11. Telephone. Resolved that the Exec. be recommended to authorise a telephone to be installed, & that Standing be requested to have one also. —
13. Summer School. Agreed to grant 2 Book Boxes to the Summer - School. —
14. Socialist Conference in Devon. Invitation from Mr. St. Maur to send delegate to address gathering at Stover on Aug. Bank Holiday. Agreed to suggest Hobson. —
15. Copyright in Fabian name. Deferred. —
16. Political Comtee Agreed, in the absence of the Chairman, to ask him to bring nominations to meeting of the Comtee to be held at 5. on Friday next, before the Exec. at 5.30. —

Sidney Webb

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Special Meeting Friday June 14th 09
at 5^{PM}.

Present: Wells (in chair) Sanders Dodd
Blanch Holson, Mrs. Reeves, Lawrence
Maude, Secy

1. List of nominations for the political
Committee prepared by the chairman &
circulated by him, was considered:
after discussion it was agreed
that the name of Lawson Dodd
be substituted for that of Keir
Hardie M.P. - Letter from Wells
was read suggesting Chozza-
money Rev R. J. Campbell, G. Trevelyan
Orage, Dr. Clifford, the Snowdens,
& Felo, & objecting to other
nominations. -
Finally it was agreed unanimously
to submit the following list to the
Executive Committee: -

Names for Political Committee.

Bland

Chesterton

Coit

Dodd

Ensor

Guest

Headlam

Hobson

Maude

Muggeridge

Mrs. Pember Reeves

G. Bernard Shaw

Snell

Webb

Wells

Pease as Secretary only.

2. Draft letter on Increase of Subscriptions sent out by order of the Chairman was considered & approved.

3. Secretary's Salary. After discussion in his absence, it was resolved to recommend the Executive to increase his Salary to £250 per annum as from the beginning of the Financial year (April.)

S. D. M. J. W. H.

Com^{ee} July 1st. (Monday) at 5pm.

Present - Webb (in chair) Sanders, Maude
& Sec. 7

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. July Candidates. Letter read from Sparling: the case of members (2) subscribing 2/6, & of one who had not actually signed basis because in New Zealand were reported on. Agreed that the list be elected subject to allowing the usual interval for objections. —

Ten subs reported were
1 at £5. 1 @ £3. 3 @ £1. 8 @ 10/-
13 @ 5/- 1 @ 2/6. —

3. Accounts. Sec. reported £83 in bank after paying Rent £30. Standing £50, Salaries with arrears £44.—
Other accounts not yet ready.

4. Lecture Expenses. Account from Haden Sweet for expenses of lecture (7/9th) in special circumstances was ordered to be paid. —

5. Correspondence.

T. Sweetlove insisting on resignation accept.

Aneurin Williams: saying why he cannot sign Basis. —
ask him to join as associate.

British Inst. Lab. Legn. Pay subn.
Jas. Finemell - a Royal Commission answer given. —

6. The Name Talian Report from Ensor that the name cannot be effectually protected except for trade purposes. noted.

7. Circular to members. It was resolved to resume this, & the chairman undertook to draft a new circular with

Della

omission of all parts requiring to be specially filled up for each member. -

8. International Socialist Congress. a number of circular letters were presented - It was agreed to send a bound set, + other papers asked for. -

9. Subscription Circular agreed to send it

- a. To all members
- a. To " associales
- c .. selected subscribers
- d .. new members: wherefor 1000 extra to be printed.

10. Book Boxes. Sec. reported unexecuted orders 16. Letter read from S. Whybrew re class of books &c. - Also from Dodd asking for a quantity of books for summer school. -

Agreed: to raise annual sub. to 10¢. from 1st Oct. =

10. Book Boxes (cont^d.)

To raise the total of sub^s if possible to £100 a year; to make the sub^s stick for a year & to charge $\frac{1}{4}$ for ($\frac{2}{6}$) for keeping overtime. -

To app^r to the No 2 ex Trustees for a grant of £100 for new books & boxes: & to grant as previously agreed, a supply of boxes to the Summer school. -

of Council

11. Report on Office work ^{amend (see Executive Min^{ts})} was adopted, made dissenting in respect of some details. Sanders undertook to take in hand at once the Lecture List. -

12. Next Meeting: to be settled by Chairman.

13. Addressed Envelopes: The Sec. was authorized to have 2 envelopes printed addressed to the Executive Com^{ee}. *Society Well*

Meeting 27th Sept: 1907 at 5pm.

Present Chairman (Webb), Sanders, Dodd, Mande,
Lawrence, Sec'y.

- (1.) Minutes of July 1 were adopted
- (2.) Election. August-Candidates (49) & Sept: (28) were all elected, including Miss Ward, who declined to subscribe more than 3/- Candidates for the same months in 1906 were 19, showing an increase of 58.

(3.) Resignations

- C.S. Myers, Cambridge. Too much L.H.P. accept
- B.B. Townshend (Oxford) Not in Sympathy ---
- W. Teignmouth Shore New Appointment. ---
- D. Kawaji Ill. Health ---
- Waller Edwards ---
- Harry Roberts. To become subscriber ---
- W. Ramsden " " " ---
- Rev J.R. Roberts Can't help ---
- Rev. A. Ryland. On change of Policy. Ask to hold over till there is a change.

(4.) Correspondence.

Women's Ind. Council. Asking Delegates to Confer
on Unemployed Women. Oct. 15th -
Agreed that Sec. 7 can nominate
any member a delegate.

Hampstead Soci. Centre. Gift of £7.7.0 to London
Propaganda. Record thanks
& report in news.

(5.) International Socialist Bureau British Committee.

Application for £7. for 1/2 year. -

Recommend that Exec. authorise payment.

(6.) Error in Postage account. The annexed report
was read. The Sec. reported that he was
personally satisfied that the error was due
to the omission at some later date of an
entry of stamps used. - It was agreed
that the Com. accept his explanation
as correct, & does not ask for refund of
the money. -

(7.) Balanced A/c to 31st August were presented

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(8) The annexed estimate of receipts & expenditure
to 31st March 1908 was received & considered.

The Secy notified that the standing charges for 1908-9 on present basis would exceed those of 1907-8 & £25, being Salary of organiser for a year in place of nine months. - He could not venture on an estimate of the subscriptions for 1908-9. -

It was agreed that an analysis of the expenditure on Postage be presented to the next meeting. -

(9) New Offices. Secy reported on noise of existing office, & need of more room. -

It was agreed to recommend the Exec. that the landlord be written on the lines drafted by Chairman, asking new Offices in exchange for present ones, not to exceed £150 in rent; also that Lawrence be consulted as to price of Offices, & Offices reported vacant & made to be seen. -

(10.) Next Executive Com^{tee} Oct 11

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Report on Error in postage account.

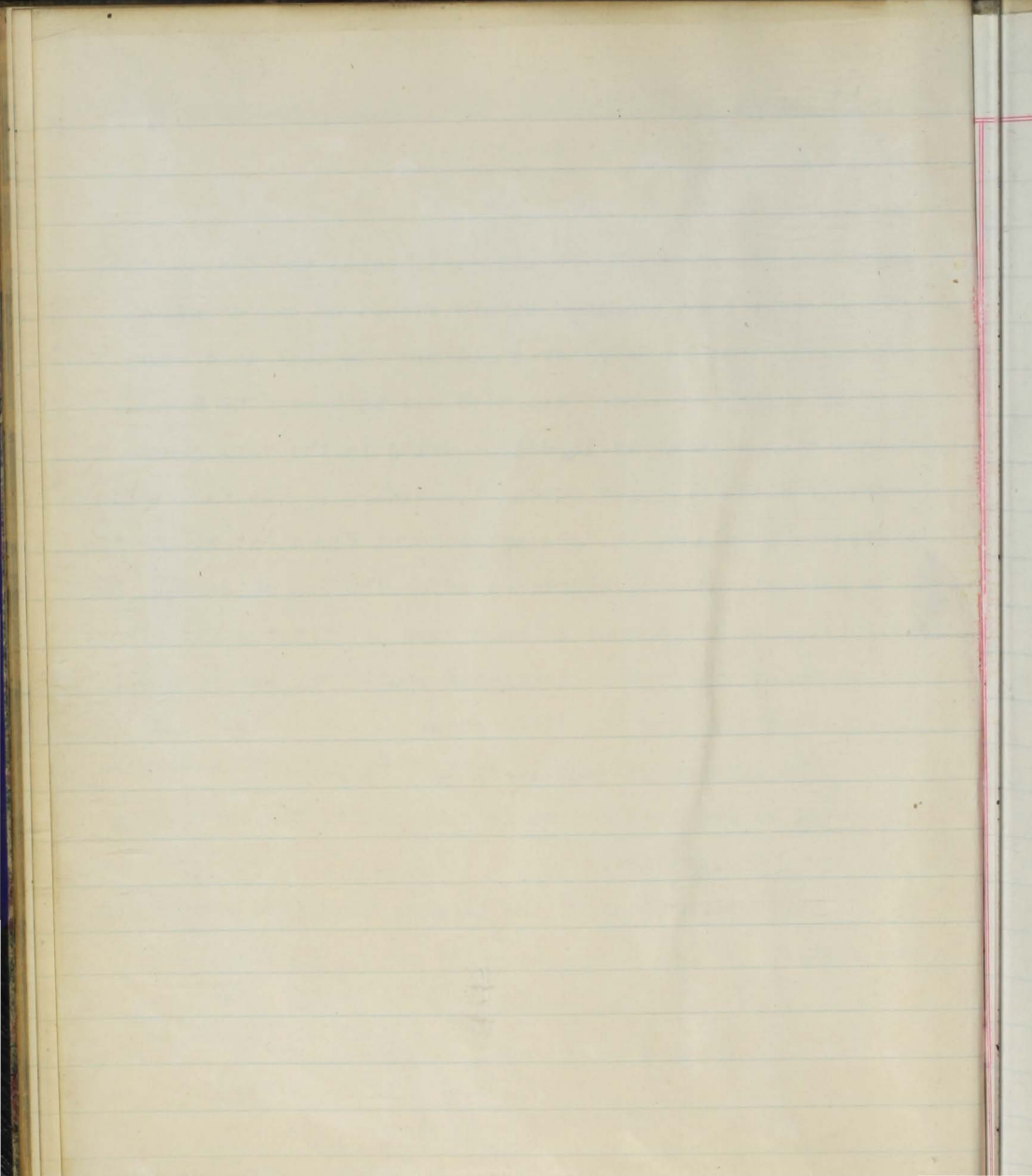
In examining the accounts the auditor checked the postage book which had never been examined before except on one occasion. He discovered that in November a mistake was made in a carry forward by which the amount expended was increased by £99 400 halfpenny stamps (that is 16/8d). Owing to the very great pressure of dutie business during the winter it was impossible to check-the-p balance the postage account for about six months and the account was only writtenup after the end of March. When finally balanced the amount in hand came out practically right, and it is impossible now to ascertain what entry has been omitted which would make up for the difference.

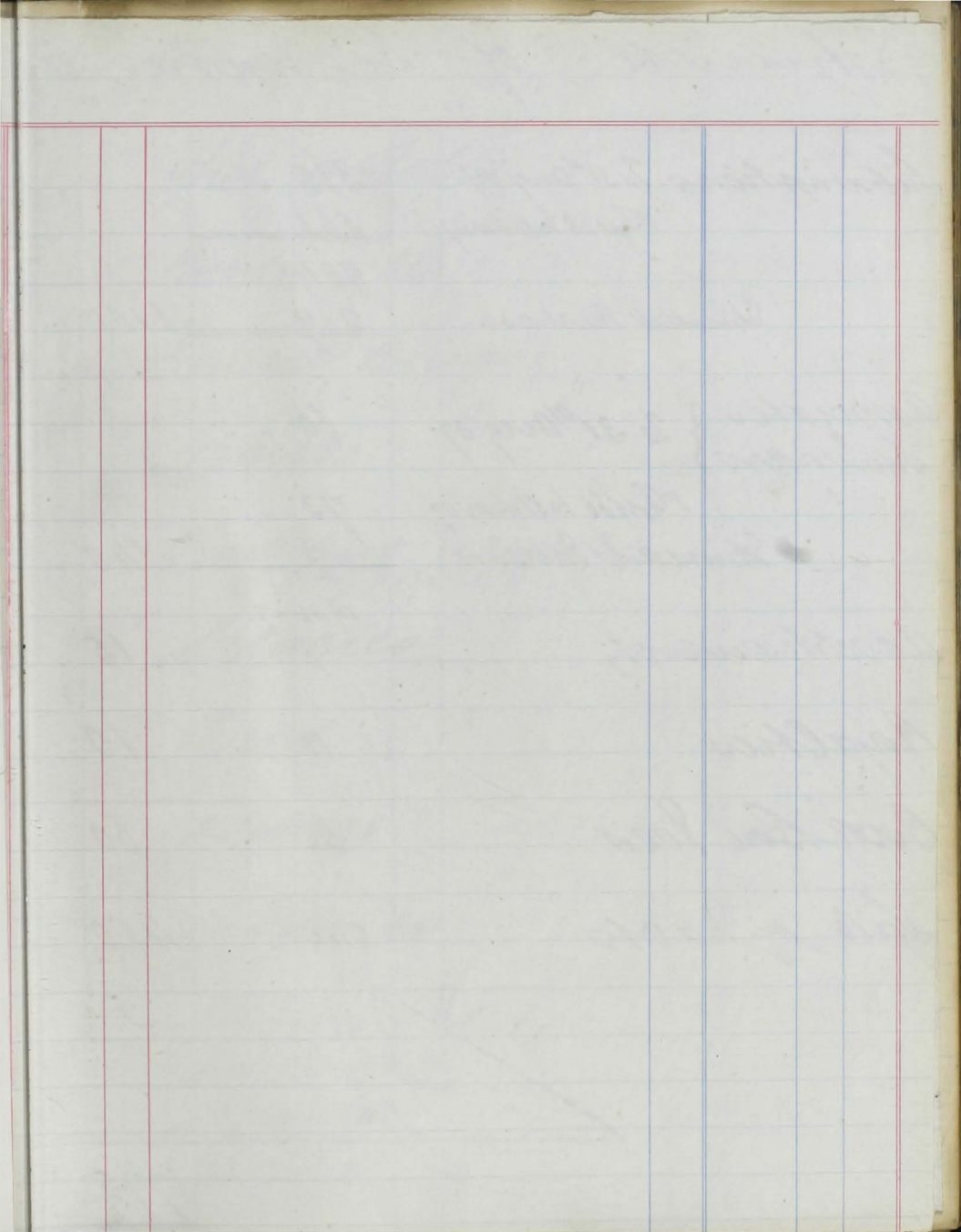
The postage account is managed by payment of cash to E. J. Howell as required and he is responsible for accounting for the money he receives.

The instructions of the Finance Committee are required in the matter.

Edw. D. Pease
Secy

5/7/09.





Estimate of Receipts and

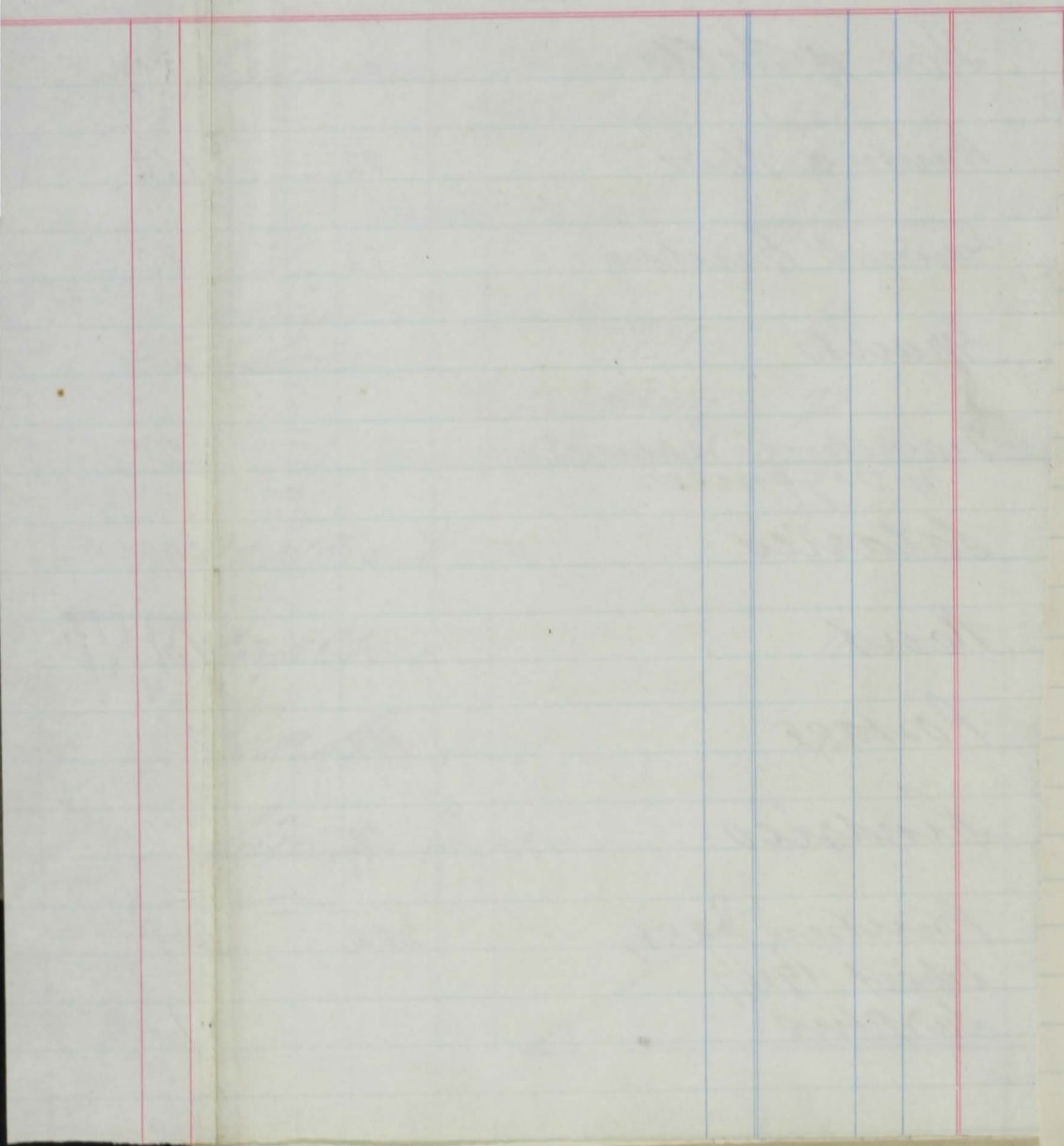
Subscriptions - To 31 st Aug '07	318	.. ..		
1 st Sept '06 to 31 st Aug '07	563				
	881				
Estimated Increase	219			1.100	
Associates } To 31 st Aug '07	60	.. ..		
Subscribers }					
1 st Sept '06 to 31 st Aug '07	73	.. ..		
Estimated Increase	7			140	
Advertisements	1906-7			15	
	8				
Royalties	11			10	
Book Box Fees	45			60	
Sale of rights	244			450	
				1775	

Expenditure 1907-8

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Hire of Halls	1906-7 60	80
Printing 'News'	82	110
General Printing	82	80
Grants		25
Travelling Expenses of Organizer		20
Salaries		600
Rent		120
Postage	119	200
Sundries	32	50
Printing Dept	202	450
Deficit 1906/7		30
Surplus		10

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(10) Members Meeting Oct 18. Agenda approved :-
viz:- Amendment of Basis.

Reports from Chairmen of 3 Com^{es}
Details to be put in news.
Sec. to draft briefs for chairmen.

(11) Book Boxes. Sec. reported circular completed.

Agreed to send it at present to
Members &c. with news 2000

J.W.P. 600

Coops. 2500. -

Orders 14. Boxes in 6. Boxes due. 34. -

(12) Circular to members for news, advising useful action.

after a short discussion, it was agreed
that the Chairman draw up a draft
for the next meeting.

(13.) Birth-rate Census Papers. Sec reported that F.

Keeling desired to be permitted to see
the census papers. After full debate it
was resolved by 4-1 that he be permitted
to see them in the office, conditionally on

his undertaking not to refer to individual cases or to the Fabian Society in any public use made of the data.

(14.) Insurance of Staff. It was agreed to insure the staff against liability under the Workmen's Compⁿ act, including the Secy. Lawrence to be consulted on the matter.

(15.) Next meeting fixed for Monday 21st Oct.
at 5.30 pm.

Arthur Blunt

Com^{ee} at Office Mondar Oct 21st '07 at 5.30/p.m.

Present. Bland, & subsequently Webb, in chair, Dodd, Maude,
Sec'y, ~~Webb~~ Hobson,
Absent. Sanders (lecturing in Edinburgh), Mrs Reeves, Lawrence,

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Election. October Candidates were all elected, numbering 41, against 22 last year.
Subscriptions, average 12/8 for 34 ordinary members.
3. Resignations. S. Horsfall Turner. Lecturer on Economics at Aberdeen.
Transf? to associates.
Rev. J. Roberts. Withdrawing his resignation.

4. <u>Accounts for 6 months.</u>	1907-	1906	Increase
Members Subs.	367	137	230
Other --	75	31	44
Sales Tracts	209 75	127 84	125
Salaries	255	127	
Postages	88	46	
Bank Balance Oct 18	£ 73.10.11.		

5. Report on Postage. - Sec. 7 submitted analysis of Postages for April, May, June 1907. viz:-

Railway parcels, nearly all book boxes, &c	6.14.9
News to members &c, 3 nos, one of them at 1 st each ∴ = 4 nos.	14.15.5
Cards to members for London Lectures once only	1.17.3
Reply post-cards purchased in block for printing re Lectures	4.15.0
On acc of Local Gov. Inf. Bureau	15.10
Notification of Election to Candidates	18.9
Balance, being ordinary letters &c.	18.2.0
	<u>£ 47.19.-</u>

6. Correspondence

Miss Legatt, re proposed members who can't pay 5/-
Say we will take them at 2/6.

London Trades Council. Right to Work Dem.
Say not disposed to take part.

Miss Hutchins. Report on Women's Unemployed Confer.
Labour Party. Nominations for Exec. Pease

" " Full Conference &c.

& held over second.

Resolutions. Held over.

7. New Office. Repr from Landlords submitted. Agreed to defer further action for the moment until the existence or non-existence of noise from the new engine is ascertained.

8. Insurance of Staff. Proposal to Coop. Insurance Society approved.

9. Circular of Exhortation to members. Chairman promised to prepare draft if possible for next meeting.

10. Lat. Correspondence
Bucklayer offering 1/- as candidate. Accept him, saying we usually get more.
Circular re Womens Suffrage. No action.

11. Railway Strike. Agreed to prepare manifesto, to be submitted in proof to Exec on Nov 1. Shaw to be asked officially to draft it.

12. Meetings Executive Friday Nov 2 12th
E.P. Comtee Nov 4 (Monday) 5. Political Comtee 5.30.
- Pol. Club & Dinner

Con^{ee} at Office Tuesday Nov. 7th 1907. at 5^{pm}.
Present Lawrence (in chair) Dodd, Maude Bland
Hobson Secy, Sanders.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates. November list was elected,
subject to payment of Sub^y in case
of Fred^o Paul & re-signature of
Vasis, in case of W. K. Sanderson,
who was in doubt as to becoming a
member or associate.

3. Subscriptions of Candidates for month

2 @ 2/6 or less	30 @ 10/-
41 .. 5/-	2 .. 15/-
10 .. 7/6	1 .. 30/-
	1 .. 42/-

& one at £5. (Paul) not yet received.
Average of ordinary members about 10/-

4. Resignation. A. L. Toke, on change of view
accepted & transferred, as requested to
subscribers etc.

(5). Correspondence

E. Anderson, wanting loan for Soc: Paper. Before L.H.P., asking permission (verbally) to use our members list for sending out appeal for Propaganda Fund. Dodd moved to accede to the request, but on a division the motion was rejected, & it was agreed to decline.

(6.) Publication of Sets of Tracts. Letter submitted to order of Pub. Comm from Fifield making proposal re reprint of Tracts as 60 Books, which wd involve our providing capital to ^{maximum} extent of £185. after discussion, the Comm. agreed that they concur in the financial side of the proposal & agreed to request the Trustees of No. 2 to advance money on loan for the purpose, if necessary. - Two of the three Trustees (Bland & Hobson) being present, concurred.

7. Labour Party Conference at Hull. Bland having intimated that he desired to attend at his own expense, it was agreed to appoint him as second delegate, & to pay fees for two.

~~W. J. Sanders~~
Nov. 14. 1909.

Com^{ee} on Tuesday 14 Nov. '07 at 5 pm.
Present. Sanders & subsequently, Welch in chair,
Hobson, Bland Maude Secy -
also Guest

1. Minutes of last-meeting were confirmed.

2. Members to be struck off: proposed by Secy:-

Com^{tee} Ballyhanj; last sub. 1901. Sec. wrote him in
when he was in London recently, & got no repl
Strike off.

W. R. Fitterton. Last sub 1901. - Write him once again.

3. October Accounts. Sec. reported Balance not complete,
but following results :-

	Oct 07.	Oct 06.	7 mos. 07.	7 mos. 06.
Subscriptions	98	48	466	184
Associates	18.	4	68	19
Donors	24	26	49	23
Tract Sales	64	22	270	106
Tract Printing			229	146
Salaries			306	147

4. Large subm. Sec. reported receipt from H. Alfrey of £100. for sub for years 1906 & 1907 + that the bank balance was £184, with cash in hand £35. —

5. Despatching news. Sec. reported that this now occupied too much office time. It was agreed to transfer to Standing on his estimate of 4/6 per 1000 for 1 enclosure
5/6 2 ..
6/6 3 ..

6. Office Staff. The Sec. reported that he was not satisfied with Ashleigh ~~on~~ on account of his lack of punctuality & the slowness of his work. It was resolved that the Secy. can give Ashleigh a week's notice should he fail to amend.

7. Boarding House at Croydon. Letter from Miss Grover suggesting making such a proposal in F. news. Reply we can put it in under "What members", asking replies to her.

(8.) Railway Dispute. Proposal of Webb that a letter to the Times be sent in name of the Society approving of the principle embodied in the agreement for arbitration was adopted, & Webb undertook to draft same for submission to the Exec. —

(9.) Feeding & Weighing School Children. Guest submitted a proposal for experimental feeding & weighing about 300 children at a Lambeth School. — The project was generally approved, & it was agreed in the first place to approach R.C. Phillimore (who offered to finance such a plan some time ago) & failing him that the Sec be empowered to issue a private appeal to the richer members, with the approval of the Chairman.

Sidney Webb

Committee at Office Friday 13 Dec. 1907

at 5.30 pm.

Present - Webb (in chair) Sanders, Lawrence ~~Stearns~~
Maudie Bland Mrs Reeves & Sec)

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. The Candidates in the Dec? List were elected, except Miss Pratt who had withdrawn her name. The Sec. reported that the subs of the 46 London-Society-only candidates averaged 107 -

3. Resignations

C. W. C. Barlow - Preferred the S.D.F. Accept.

Dr. F. Oswald - no reason given. - " -

Miss G. Pelty - Sec. J. to ask reason

W. G. Walling - Defer for Hobson to write

T. B. Simmons - Verbal. Cant pay. Say we will wait.

4. Finance. The Sec. J. presented report on Finance to 30 Nov. viz £.

(4) Finance. (Cont^d.)

	<u>8 mos. 1908.</u>	<u>8 mos 1909.</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Subscriptions	638	245	393
Donations	55	32	23
Associates	80	28	52
Tract Sales	325	127	198
Tract Printing	318	145	
Postage	115	71	
Bank Balance Dec. 11	£ 242.		
Due to Standing	£ 158		
" " School Feeding A/c	45	£ 213	
" from No. 2 a/c	115.		

It was agreed to put a sum on deposit.

(5) Correspondence.

Auler Watts. Terone + Williams Testimonial. Too late.

Labour Party. Agreed that Pease be delegate to Unemployment + Conference.

Workmen's Housing Council. Affiliation Fee 5/- to be paid

Maudslayi. Proposing telegraphic address. Agreed to take it if we can get the words Fabian or Fabius. —

Leslie Mitchell congratulations on Railway Manifesto.

(6) Glasgow University Rectorial Election. Letter from
Lansbury saying the Glasgow U. Fabians
wished to run Russell Wallace & Wells at a
cost of £200, & asking if we would assist.
after discussion agreed to not to give
a penny for Russell Wallace, & to ask
Wells if he wd stand sw^d pay any
thing. —

(7.) Railway Dispute. Sec. reported he had
received a requisition on Dec. 11th
signed by 53 members, & after
consulting the 3 chairmen had
fixed Monday Dec. 23rd action
approved. It was agreed to
invite Holbrook Jackson & Fairly
Linn H.B. Holding to be chairman.

(8.) Draft Annual Letter to Members. Draft considered
& approved with one amendment.
It was agreed to make the news Packet
for January 1st — Also to enclose Bankers
order form & codical form.

Wmsanders
11/1/08.

Meeting Tues. 14 Jan. 1908 at 4.45 pm.

Present. W. Sander, Mrs Reeves, S. S. Holson, S. Webb,
F. Lawson Dodd + Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed, ~~as~~ the vice chairman being temporarily in the chair.

2. Of the Jan. candidates, 53 were elected; Miss Brookes was held over pending reply re increase of her present subscription (3/-) & Horne because he attended a members meeting, though informed that he could not be admitted. Secy ordered to write him for an explanation.

Average of subscriptions 8/8 1 @ 3/- 19. @ 5/-
2 @ 7/6, 11 @ 10/- 4 @ 20/- 1 @ 25/- -

3. Resignations.

W. E. Walling (N.J.) Persistent objection to Railway Settlement
accept, & refuse to publish

Miss G. Petty, no longer interested accept.

Gustav Siosteen Berlin. Too remote. accept

J. Drenny new slack member accept.

T. Freeman force of circumstances - 11-

4. Defaulters. Sec. proposed to strike off for special reasons

H. A. Sheridan Beckers. 2 years arrears.

A. W. Hildreth, Newcastle, 4 months arrears.

After a long debate on the second name, the proposal was adopted unanimously.

5. Accounts to 31 Dec.

Sec. reported Balance Sheet not ready, but following figures. —

	<u>Dec 1907</u>	<u>1906</u>
Subs.	88	53
Ass. + Don.	14.	6
Sales	59	21
Cash in Bank Bank	£ 299	on Jan 10.
Due Standing	£ 180	
" School meals	79	£ 259.
Due from No 2 etc	£ 137.	1907. 1906
Subs. 9 months	727	298
Sales	381	148.

The Sec. was ordered to make further payments to Standing whether he wished it or not. —

Subs. Jan 1. 10. £ 127.

6. Correspondence.

G.P.O. Saying we cannot have Fabrice, as Telegraphic address + offering Naibaf. Letter from Maude commending proposal. -

Agreed to refer to Exec. -

J.F. Green asking £7. for British International Com^{ce} Fees for 1/2 year. Pay it.

Cardiff L.R.C. asking us to nominate Labour Candidate. Circular only. No. -

S. African British ^{Indian} Com^{ce} Re delegate to a meeting. Sec. reported Patchiffe sent with watching brief. -

Not our affair. -

7. Printed List of Members. Sec. stated a new list wd. cost about £25, & he recommended it be dropt. - Maude wrote urging printing. After debate it was agreed to recommend Exec. to authorise the printing of the list, & to put a notice in the News asking members desiring their names omitted to communicate with the office.

8. New Office. The Sec. was authorized to bring up a further report. —
9. Addressed Printed envelopes. On proposal of Maude it was agreed to print 250 envelopes addressed to the Society for sale to members. —
10. Urgent-business By request of the Sec. who was leaving for the Hull Labour Conference the following business re Fabian News was taken:—
- Advertisement offered by Harry Roberts was declined, in respect of certain parts of an unusual character.
 - Circular of Mrs Tennant. It was agreed to ask her to pay for its enclosure.
 - Stereo of Cane Chairs offered by Peach. Agreed not to insert picture advt. —
11. Education Bill. It was agreed to ask the Edⁿ group to report, & to take active steps to oppose contracting out, if it be proposed.

12. Junior Clerk. Sec. reported that Ashleigh had discharged himself by ceasing without notice to attend at the office from Jan'y 1st. & that he had engaged Julius Rapoport, a member & son of a member, on trial. Report approved.

Scowett

Committee 7th Feb. 7 1908.

Present Webb (in chair), Holson, Bland, Dodd,
Mr. Reeves, Sanders, Maude & Sec. 7

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Feb. Candidates. Tee List was elected, subject
in case of the Sheffield F.S. To satisfactory
evidence that each of them had signed
the Basis. Tee Sec. reported subs^{ns} as follows:
1 @ 2/6, 14 @ 5/- 3 @ 7/6, 20 @ 10/. 1 @ 15/. 5 @ 20/-
41 at £4. - Average nearly 11/. increased 2/4. -

3. Accounts. Dec. Balance Sheet ready. Jan 7
nd. ready.

Cash Feb 4 including Deposit £272.

Due Standing £117.

.. School Meals 81 £198.

Required for Fifield end Feb £170

Payments to Standing in Jan 7 £100.

4 New Office. Sec. reported new engine apparently
ready to start, & enquiry deferred till later.

(5) Resignations

Miss Rolfe (Camb) Not-a-Soc. - Desired to be associate.
agreed.

Miss Hammond - no reason. accept.

E. D. Girdlestone. altered Basis. accept.

Mrs. Colden Sickerl. Cannot do work. Write asking
her to remain without working.

(6) Book Boxes. Sec. reported Receipts to date of Subso
£76. Expenditure, over the £100 voted.
orders in hand 36, dating to mid. Dec.
After debate it was agreed to recommend Exec.
to authorise expenditure of £50 out of the Fees
for current year, & to suggest dividing the
Fees each year to renewals. -

(7) Tract on Parish Councils + Country Life. It was agreed to
recommend the Exec. to send out 10000 copies
to Parish & District Council Chairmen, with
a covering circular, & to try to get advts
to cover part of cost.

(8) Next Exec. Meeting Feb 14. approved

(9.) Education Bill. It was agreed to submit
to Exec. for issue in Times & a letter
was drafted by the Edu. Group protesting
in advance against contracting out in the
Education Bill. -

10. British International Socialist Comtee.

Request for three delegates for Comtee
on Feb. 13. Sanders, Hobson &
Pease were appointed. Teeseey
explained that by custom they wd.
be able to nominate one member to the
Standing Comtee who would doubtless
be elected. After a long debate
~~Hobson was~~ Bland was nominated
& Hobson nominated himself. -
A vote being taken

Bland obtained 3 votes, and
Hobson " 1 vote, his own.

Hobson hereupon declined to serve
as delegate to the Comtee & Bland
was agreed upon to take his place.

11. The Political Com^e Report.

Sec. reported 75 copies in stock. It was agreed to print 250 more. —

Resolutions of meeting: —

1-3 Referred to Propaganda Com^e

4-5. Referred to the chairman to bring up draft for consideration.

12. Privilege. Article in "Weekly Sun" purporting to be an account of the members meeting on the Political Report. Agreed to put a par. in Fabian news, stating it was unauthorised & inaccurate.

Article in "Standard" advocating Tariff Reform signed "By a member of the Fabian Executive" Agreed to put a par. in Fabian news saying that the Exec. deprecates the publication of articles so signed. —

Bland desired a disclaimer inserted on his behalf.

13. Educⁿ, Health Group. Agreed after discussion to recommend payment of cost of Cliffords Lane for discussion by Group of Medical Inspection.

Sept 19

Comtee. Office Thursday 8 Mar. 1908.
Present - Webb (in chair) Bland, Sanders, Dodd,
Maude, + Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Free Eighty Eight Candidates were ~~so~~ elected.
Subscriptions of 39. ordinary members:-
1 @ 2/6, 17 @ 5/- 13 @ 10/- 5 @ 20/- 1 @ 26/-
1 @ 42/- 1 @ £5. - Average 12/6. -

3. Resignations + Letters Herein

Mrs Cobden Sickerth. - no answer

G. D. Girdleston. - Thanks for reply.

Mrs Dally. - no reason given. accept.

Mrs Lohman Living in Australia. accept.

4. Accounts - Balances to 31 Jan. 7 completed.
Sundry accounts to 28 ~~Feb~~ Feb. reported on
Bank Balance £ 365.
Amounts Due - Fifield £ 140
Standruy £ 198
School Meals * 23 £ 361

(5) Estimate to Mar 31. Secretary presented a preliminary estimate to Mar 31, which showed that there might be a balance of £ in cash, after paying all ~~his~~ accounts due, including Fifield's expenses for the Series etc 1-4, without drawing the grants made from no. 2 etc. -

(6) Correspondence.

Mrs Stewart: notifying a legacy put in her will.
Send cordial thanks.

Mrs & Mrs Toyne: asking issue of manifesto on facilities for the W. Suffrage Bill.
Refer to Executive.

Cardiff L.R.C. asking Candidate for Parl!
Say no scheme ready yet.

Womens Labour League. Asking to send out appeal for funds. No. -

First May Celebration. Asking Delegates. No.

Labour Party. Asking Resolutions on Wemp? Bill. No.

A. B. Harrison. Suggesting Communal Fabian Home. Suggest Garden City, say we can't undertake it.

(6) Correspondence (contd)

John Martin. Saying his money is wanted for N.Y. Fabian movement & offering exchange in lieu of sub: Agreed.

(7) Suburban Lectures. Agreed to recommend Propaganda Council in view of state of Funds, to ~~be~~ arrange further lectures in autumn.

(8) Staff Salaries. Secy was directed to prepare report on the Staff + its salaries.

(9) Election Fund. The Chairman read a draft circular which was discussed. It was agreed to propose Webb, Bland + Pease as Trustees, & to set up the circular as drafted.

(10) Next Meeting. Secy to call it before Mar 31 if necessary to consider finances.

S. J. Webb



7/1/29

Com^{ee} at Office on 19th April 1908 (Tuesday)
at 5.30 pm.

Present, Webb (in chair) Sanders Maude Bland, Dodd
& Sec 7

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates April list elected.

Subscriptions reported viz:-

2 @ 2/6. 1 @ 5/- 2 @ 7/6, 14 @ 10/- 2 @ 15/-

4 @ 20/- 1 @ 30/- 3 @ 40/-

Average 47 ordinary members 11/3.

(3) Dr. Guest attended, & explained that his School Feeding Fund was exhausted, & he expected to get the remaining £50 required later on. A greed to advance a further sum of £20.-

(4) Resignations

F. D. Perrott. accepted.

Mr. Cobden Sackert, Luesching. Accepted.

A. J. Wyatt. & Turning associate. A greed

Miss Halfield. Ask her to send German Soc^y Tracts instead of sub^s -

5. Correspondence.

E. Kelly, thanks to Sec. 7 for arranging publication of the Demetrian by F. W. Wain, & a gain promising any surplus profits to the F.S. -

Womens Local Govt Soc. 7 - asking help for Kerr Bill.
Take no action.

Essex Socialist Society. asking Grant. no.

International W.S. Alliance. Writing delegate to Amsterdam. No action.

First May Celebration Com^{ce} asking grant. no. -

6. Womens Franchise. Resolution of Central Group asking Exec. to issue Manifesto. Agreed that the Group be informed the matter has been referred to the new Executive.

7. Street Trading Children. The Sec. 7 reported that the Glasgow Corporation had adopted the Fabian Amendments.

8. Labour Party. The Sec. 7 was directed to write to the Labour Party suggesting to the Executive that their accounts should be audited by a Professional auditor.

9. Auditor. The Secy reported that there was no rule requiring the auditor to be appointed by the Society, & it was agreed to ask Hector Thomson to do the work again.
10. Book Box Fund. Sec. reported a possible £50 from Mrs Bodkin, & a conditional promise of £50 from Mrs Shaw if £300 be subscribed by 1st May. agreed to ask the members at the meeting to make up the £75. -
11. Parly Fund. Sec. reported about £800 so far promised including £150 from E. Whalley of Liverpool. Letter on Cinn read. -
- (12) Amendment of Rules. Secy reported none urgently needed. agreed to make none.
13. Years Accounts. Secy made a provisional report.
14. Scrutineers. After discussion the Secy was ordered to borrow, if possible, office from Lauder,

(14) Scrutineers (cont^d)

+ a clerk from him, to be paid for. Also to place G.W. Shaw at the disposal of the Scrutineers. -

(15) Office Staff & Salaries. -

The Chairman presented a private report prepared by the Sec'y, & after full discussion & number of recommendations were agreed on & ordered to be reported to the Exec. -

(16) Executive Council. Friday April 24.

(17) Next Finance Council Meeting. Friday April 24 before the Executive.

Wm. J. Sanders

7/24/1908

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Com^{ee} Meeting at Office Friday April 24.08

at 4.45pm -

Present, Sanders & then Wells in chair, Mrs Reeves
A. Maude.

1 The Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

Conference on Capital Punishment - Request for facilities
to send cards to London members. -

Refuse because impracticable

Copartnership Tennants. asking addresses for sending
Invitations. Refuse.

3. S. D. P. Request to disclaim Wells' letter to Daily News
on N.W. Manchester Election
Refer to Exec.

(H) Entertainments Com^{ee} Asking grant of £9. for nine
meetings to end of year. after
debate agreed to recommend Exec. to
grant £2. for ^{two} meetings, & just to
say further grants can be considered later.

(5) Library Book Lists. Chairman proposed re-issue.
Agreed to refer to him for further report.

(6) Local Govt Group. Letter handling resolutions on the
licensing Bill. Agreed to print
them in Fabian news.

(7) Parish Councils N.L.. Sec. 7 submitted draft letter to
accompany the tract. Referred to the
Chairman to settle details.

(8) Election Fund. Sec. reported replies mostly favourable
that £2125 had been promised,
including £500 from Harold Alfrey.
Agreed to publish result in news.
To place report on result on agenda
of Annual Meeting.

(9) Balance Sheet. Submitted, subject to audit. Sec. reported
that Book-boxes had been about £10. over-
spent in view of promises. Noted. -

S. W. Webb

Meeting at Office on Friday
8th May 1908 at 4.45pm.

Present Wells (in chair), Holson, Maude
Bland, Sanders + Secy

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Candidates -

The May list was elected. - The
subscriptions reported were:-

12@5/-, 1@7/6, 16@10/., 1@15/., 3@20/-

Average 9/3? -

3. Wells + N.W. Manchester. Letter from Sidney Herbert
asking procedure as to discussing Wells
letter on the N.W. Manchester Election
at the Annual Meeting. The Secy was
directed to reply that any subject
can be discussed on the Annual Report.

4. Wells New Worlds for Old. Letter from J. May offering £20
for its circulation to Public Libraries. Deferred.

5. Parish Council Circular

Well understood to provide a list of parishes
for Parishes without Councils.

Agreed to get Standing to despatch
on terms quoted.

Agreed not to insert in packet
anything else. -

6. Delegates asked:-

Shakespeare National Theatre

Mar 19. agreed to send Barber

Women's Industrial Council

Mar 19. Nobody. -

Julius Pland

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F. Committee for Year

1908-1909.

Chairman Hubert Bland
Vice chairman Mrs. Reeves

R. C. K. Euser

S. G. Hobson

Mrs. Murling

G. B. Shaw

Sidney Webb

Officio W. Sanders

Secretary E. R. Pease

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Com^{ee} at Office Thursday 14th May '08

Present Bland (in chair) Webb, Shaw, Miss
Mury, Hobson, Emsor, Sanders
+ Secy

1. Bland was elected chairman & Mrs
Reeves vice-chairman for the year.

2. The Minutes were confirmed.

3. The Secy presented report showing
£170 in bank at date, & other
provisional figures.

4. Correspondence.

Mrs McKillop asking 25 copies of a draft
for the Edⁿ Com^{ee}. Agreed to say
the groups are numerous; & such
grants cannot be freely made. Offer
8 copies to be made in office.

Soc^y for Abolⁿ of } Request for permission to
Vivisection } distribute tickets. Refuse.

5. Annual Meeting. Arrangements considered: Agreed

- (a) That Pease do Annual Report.
- (b) That Maude do Municipal Trading
- (c) That it will be more convenient to take any discussion of N.W. Manchester & Wells letter on the Political Report than otherwise.

6. Meeting of Secy. Sanders, Secy of the Purp^s Comtee ~~2~~ reported arrangements: -
June 19 Rutherford. No other regular meeting this season.
Dec. 11. Temple. Waste in Education. -
Agreed that a scheme of lectures for next session be considered next meeting.

7. Circulation New Worlds for Old: Letter of 8th May offering £20 for this purpose was further discussed - agreed to put par in views asking members to suggest names of smaller libraries to which copies could be advantageously given.

8. Revised membership letter.

Reprint, with minor alterations was approved.

9. Members Bookshelf. Proposal of Sec. 7 to provide out of funds subscribed for book boxes a small library for members was approved. It was agreed:-

- a That needless books be sold or got rid of.
- b That additional bookshelf-room be procured when necessary.
- c That notice be put in news giving the regulations.
- (d) That a catalogue of a few hundred books be prepared.

The Sec. 7 explained that the books would not be separate from those in the boxes, but an effort would be made to keep a stock in the office suitable for individual borrowers. —

(10) Library Book Lists - No further action was taken.

11. Parliamentary Fund. In view of the small proportion of members who had replied to the circular, it was agreed to send out another copy & to ask for more replies. —

12. Next-Meeting. Date was not fixed, but it was agreed to avoid Thursdays. —

Miss Dand

Com^{ee} Monday 15th June. 08
at 5.30 pm.

Present Bland (in chair) Mr Reeves, Shaw
Miss Murby, Holson + Secy.
Absent Sanders (lecturing) Welch (in country)
+ Euser.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Candidates were elected. Subs of 21
ordinary members: - 4 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6,
10 @ 10/- 2 @ 15/- 3 @ 20/- 1 @ 40/-
Average 12/4. -
3. Resignations. E. H. James (American)
+ J. H. Welch (going away) R. C. Fay
(Cambridge U.S.) + G. R. S. Taylor,
all accepted.
Miss Hatfield, withdrawing resignation
on the terms proposed.
4. Accounts to May 30th presented. Bank
Balance June 12 £250. -

(5) Labor Party Dues. Sec. 7 pointed out that members of local Societies not being members of the London Society exercised privileges of Labour Party, & should be paid for. It wd. not effect the affiliation fees paid at per 1000 members, but it meant 2^d. on 450 = £3.15.0 for the Party Fund. Agreed to pay as proposed, & to refer to the Fabian Conference the question of recompense of the Local Societies concerned.

(6) Guests' School Feeding Scheme. Guest who was present, reported deficit of £28 odd; that there were assets (forms utensils &c) & he hoped to reduce some accounts. He desired advance. Agreed after discussion to pay Guest £25 on loan forthwith; that he send receipts &c when all is settled, & that an appeal for the deficit be made when a complete account can be prepared.

(7) Correspondence.

H. Barrett, asking support to come to amend the Thames Conservancy Bill in interest of Upper Thames as a play-place. Agreed to say we will do what we can, but we don't know what.

H. St. Maur approving Wells' letter in News.
A. L. Mackinnon, re sending books to educate Chinese in Economics.

Epsom S.D.P. Resolution re political disabilities of Civil Servants. Send sympathetic reply.

Workmen's Nat. H. Council re appeal to C.C.C. against sale of unused land. Say we will join deputation.

Brussels Congress 1910 Preliminary notice ask for more prospectuses.

(8) New Worlds for old. Sec. 7 reported 11 applications for 16 copies. Agreed to send all asked for. —

(9) Book Boxes. Proposal to buy 1 doz "The Demitron" approved.

10. S. D. P. Invitation to take part in National Conference on Adult Suffrage on July 18th - Agreed to recommend that the Exec. do not take part.
11. List of Members. Secy reported request for copy of old list in order to send out prospectus of a School Company for Co. Education. Agreed to refuse. —
12. Library Book Lists. Webb write that Maude had undertaken to see Nursey about it. —
13. Local Govt Group. Appeal blue let off pay £ of 5/- for Prince Henry's Room for debate on Licensing Bill was acceded to.
14. Next Session Lectures
The following proposals were considered: —

(14) Next Sessions Lectures (cont^d)

- (a) W. Temple crying off lecture on Waste in Ed^u already fixed & suggesting another lecturer W. H. Frye. — Agreed to drop.
- (b) J. McMillan suggesting W. T. Stevenson (London School of Economics) on Railway National? — Letter from Webb strongly opposing. — Agreed to adopt Webb's view.
- (c) Maude offer of lecture on Tolstoi for his Birthday 10th Sep. — Deferred.
- (d) Dr. Lionel Taylor proposing lecture on the principles of the Franchise Deferred.
- (e) Motion of G. B. Shaw That the Essex Hall Lectures from Oct to Easter 1904 deal with the various aspects of socialism in 13 lectures on the lines of the syllabus annexed. — Letter from Webb suggesting lectures on the Basis. — After a long general discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Exec. a course of lectures on the following lines: —

(14) Next Session Lectures cont?

1913.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY consists of Socialists. ①

It therefore aims at the re-organization of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit. In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people.

The Society accordingly works for the extinction of private property in Land and of the consequent individual appropriation, in the form of Rent, of the price paid for permission to use the earth, as well as for the advantages of superior soils and sites.

The Society, further, works for the transfer to the community of the administration of such industrial Capital as can conveniently be managed socially. For, owing to the monopoly of the means of production in the past, industrial inventions and the transformation of surplus income into Capital have mainly enriched the proprietary class, the worker being now dependent on that class for leave to earn a living.

If these measures be carried out, without compensation (though not without such relief to expropriated individuals as may seem fit to the community) Rent and Interest will be added to the reward of labor, the idle class now living on the labor of others will necessarily disappear, and practical equality of opportunity will be maintained by the spontaneous action of economic forces with much less interference with personal liberty than the present system entails.

For the attainment of these ends the Fabian Society looks to the spread of Socialist opinions, and the social and political changes consequent thereon, including the establishment of equal citizenship for men and women. It seeks to achieve these ends by the general dissemination of knowledge as to the relation between the individual and Society in its economic, ethical and political aspects.

Proposed Lectures

Lecturers.

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|--|---|----------------------|
| ① Socialism as opposed to Liberalism
Toussain &c. | } | P. Snowden M.P. |
| ② The Land Question | | Ensor |
| ③ Capital | | Money M.P. |
| ④ Socialism & Inventions
or Individual Initiative | | S.G. Hobson |
| ⑤ Compensation | | Webb |
| ⑥ Personal Liberty | | A.R. Graye |
| ⑦ The Spread of Socialism | | W. G. ... |

Walter Roper

2. 2/100

Draft Scheme of Autumn Lectures

by G. B. S.

I. (?Bland ?Sanders).

The Socialist Criticism of Liberalism and of		the Liberals.	} ? One lecture, or five, or more, or less.
"	"	Unionism and the Unionists.	
"	"	Imperialism and the Imperialists.	
"	"	Labor and the Trade Unionists.	
"	"	Home Rule and the Irish Party.	

This should begin with the prologomena of Socialism and include not only a criticism of the theory of Liberalism etc., etc., etc., but of the actual measures passed by the parties, or pressed for by them. Hereditary politics only nominally Whig or Tory. Present Government violently anti-Liberal in its Denshawi executions and blasphemy prosecution. Unionist Government of 1902 highly Socialist in its Education Bill. Many Socialists violently anti-Socialist on the same question and in the South African business. Disestablishment, Taff Vale and the Labor Party etc. etc. Imperial Federation. Republicanism.

II (? Dodd ? Ashley Dukes)

Socialism and Human Nature.

This should assume that human nature is unalterable beyond the admitted and proved effects of feeding and culture. It should then demonstrate that without any alteration of human nature, very great

DISEASE SCHEMATA OF VARIOUS PEOPLES

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evils (plague and typhus, for example) have been got rid of as a consequence of the discovery of their causes. Human nature in ignorance of modern hygiene makes cesspools and privies in its basement and dies of putrid fever in humble submission to the divine will. Human nature hygienically enlightened carries out main drainage systems and dies much later of milder diseases. Similarly, human nature in ignorance of the Law of Rent wallows in poverty and inequality. Economically enlightened, it takes steps to socialize rent and gets rid of poverty and inequality whilst still remaining "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

III (? Webb ? Mrs Webb)

Socialism, Officialism and Democracy.

Officialism and bureaucracy. Its changed aspect when everyone is an actual or potential official. The Representative and the Expert. The Enthusiast and the Administrator. Government and technical trade. Democracy in theory and practice. The Referendum.

IV. (? Chiozza Money ? Hobson)

Socialism and Private Commercial Enterprise & Initiative

The independent private manufacturer or company. Economic position of private employees under Socialism. Exploitation of discoveries and inventions. Extent to which the private routineer will be absorbed by Socialism. Will there be any private banking? Money lending. Cases of jobs too small for the State: for instance, the tinker, the knife grinder, the groundsel picker, and the maker of apparatus which only half a dozen laboratories in the world need.

5.
V. (? Ensor).

The Litigant under Socialism.

Free justice. The extent to which the legal remedy is at present economically impossible for individuals. Blackmail actions. Actions provoked for the sake of advertisement. Class feeling in judge and jury. Debt. Contracts.

VI. (? Barker ? Jepson)

Socialism and the Artist, the Craftsman, and the Individual Producer generally.

Works of art not destroyed in consumption. The exhibition picture. The Prima Donna. The Pianist. The Actor. The Surgeon. The Barrister. Individual craftsmanship. The machine tool operated by electric power laid on to the private house. Intensive culture in gardens and small holdings. Fancy breeders of pigeons, dogs, birds etc. etc.

VII (? Blanco White)

Socialism and Free Speech, Free Thought, and Free Printing.

Changes in the law of libel consequent on the conversion of private business men into public officials. The present virtual freedom to libel party leaders. Lèse majesté. Blasphemy laws; changes already forced on us by the Empire. Books and newspapers under Socialism. Socialism and religious toleration.

VIII. (? Shaw)

Socialism and Equality.

This should be a reductio ad absurdum, consisting of a Utopia in

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which the distribution of wealth should be unequal according to the differences between individuals. Inequality wildly impracticable except in a constitution in which status is made absolutely independent of ability and character ("no damned nonsense as to merit about the Garter"), and absolute equality is enforced within each grade ("jury of his peers", for instance). Illustrations: Wellington as the inferior of George IV, Bismarck of William, Darwin of the Marquis of Queensberry, etc., etc. Classes under Socialism. Importance of equality of income. Equal wages. Impossibility of spending an excessive income on private needs: society must be organized for standard expenditures. Desirability of making income an invariable factor and making adjustments to individual cases by varying the other factors. Evils of Parasitism.

IX. (? Keeling ? Clifford Sharp)

Socialism and National Defence.

Martial Law. Discipline. "Kneel down, you dog." The policeman the superior of the soldier even for fighting purposes. Discipline less important in military than in civil life. Railway signalmen. Dynamite factories. Popularity of volunteering. Webb's half-time proposals. Real objections to conscription. Probable enormous popularity of a term of service in a free army. The navy. Possibilities of aerial warfare. International combination of armaments to police the world against war.

of opportunities of exploiting colored races and thereby making
white democracies into racial oligarchies. Status of the man who
is incapable of democracy.

X. (? George Trevelyan)

Socialism and Foreign Policy.

Attitude towards the autocracies - Russia and Germany. The
Republics: France, Switzerland, the United States. The Eastern
Question: Turkey and the Balkan States: The Yellow Races. The
Limited monarchies: Italy, Spain, Greece, Holland, Scandinavia. The
Home Rule problems: Finland, Poland, Ireland. Difficulties caused
by the different dates at which Socialism matures in different coun-
tries. Arbitration and the Hague Conference. What is our prin-
ciple to be, or must we be pure Opportunists in foreign policy?
Alliances. Rights of way through foreign countries. The Open
Door. Intervention or non-intervention? Language. Effect of
postal conventions and organization of travel in obliterating fron-
tiers. The future unit of national government.

XI. (? Olivier)

Socialism, the Empire, and the Problem of the
Uncivilized.

Australia and Canada: our hold of them. The White Man's burden
in Africa and Asia. Impossibility of shirking it. Policing the
frontier. The inevitable Alsatia beyond the frontier drawing the
frontier onward. The Powers must eventually meet frontier to frontier
as in Europe. Disappearance of Buffer States like Afghanistan.
Consequent equalization of the level of civilization under contiguous
Powers. Rights of natives. The Negro question in the West Indies
contrasted with the Native Question in Africa. Danger to Socialism

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of opportunities of exploiting colored races and thereby making white democracies into Grecian oligarchies. Status of the man who is incapable of democracy.

XII. (? Wells ? Dr C.E.Wheeler)

Socialism, Marriage and the Family.

Marriage an inexact expression. Scotch marriage. Civil marriage. Roman Catholic marriage. Marriage of cousins and with deceased wife's sister. Marriage in South Dakota - in France, Germany, etc. etc. etc. Obsolescence of the notion that parentage is a private matter between the parties with which society should not meddle. Socialism fatal to Free Love. A contract necessary: that is to say, marriage necessary. Conditions of contract and grounds of divorce. Will the contract be a standard one as at present, or be variable to suit individual cases? Case of women desiring parentage without marriage. Case of men desiring the same. Case of women desiring to live by prostitution. Eugenic considerations. Difficulty of combining wifhood with motherhood. Enormous importance of Socialism in widening the effective field of choice by abolishing the distinctions which at present prevent intermarriage between classes. Probable changes of public opinion as to sex morals under socialism. Mormon polygamy, the Varietists, and other American experiments and heresies. Extent to which the State will ^{act} as foster parent to all children. Experiments on children, state and parental. Difficulties of nominal changes much greater than of real changes.

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XIII. (? Graham Wallas)

Socialism and Religion.

State Churches. Endowment. Concurrent Endowment. What is a religion? Democratic local government of churches. Toleration: its limits. The main religions of the world. Probable growth of a reformed Mahometanism and Buddhism. Religious education. Desirability of teaching children the main tenets of all the religions without bias, and refusing to allow minors to make any sectarian profession. Absolute need for a metaphysical basis. Possibility of formulating one common to all religions.

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1/6, 9 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6,
 @ 7/5 - average
 1 subject
 any.

total the following
 be that &
 w F.S.: noted:-

Finance Com^{ee} Wed July 1. 1908
at 5.30pm.

Present Bland (in chair) Miss Murd, Shaw
Sanders + Sec. 7

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates for July -

Subscriptions: 1 (Labour) @ 2/6, 9 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6,
16 @ 10/. 2 @ 15/. 2 @ 21/- 1 @ £5. - average
32 12/1 - all elected subject
to objections made if any.

3. Sec. Resignations Sec. reported the following
removed from the list by
order of the Glasgow F.S.: noted:-
Robert Davie
Geo. Mitchell
Geo. Cristison
Dr. D. Grant
Miss J. Blacklock.

4. Library Book list. No news from Innes.

5. ~~at~~ Date of Com^{ee}. Agreed to fix Wed 7
as a rule, + to arrange
list in Oct?

6. "New Worlds for Old" It was agreed to author
ise the Sec 7 to write to the Clarion
& Labour Leader about our offer.

7. Correspondence.

Dinner to Ben Tillett. Invitation. Let it lie on
the table.

Bristol L.H.P. Appeal for victimised member.
Refer to Miss Hurly.

Mr. S. Taylor on Labour Clause in Part of
London Bill - Refer to Webb.

Womens Ind Council. Enquiry re Married
Women's Work. Write ~~me~~ to send
copies to Womens Group to Local
Societies in Burnley & similar places,
& put a note in F. news.

(7) Corresp^{ce} (Cont^d)

United Peace Demⁿ. Asking delegate. No action.

H. D. Barrell. Re Egyptian Land Question.
Recommend Albany Rev. art.

International Free Trade Congress. Prospectus &
Letter from Hecht. No action.

Amalg. Soc^y of Carpenters. Invitation to a
Salvation-Army-Sweating Conf^{er}
Peace to go as delegate.

(8) International Com^{ce} - Pay £7. decs.(9) Parliamentary Fund. Sec^y reported totals
of returns, 435 for, 186 apt., 18 doubtful.
Total promised £2653. -

Memoandum of Welby was read &
discussed at considerable length.
Finally it was agreed to adjourn the
consideration till after the holidays.

(10) Next Session's Lectures.

Dr L. Taylor on Representation, Maude on
Tolstoi, W. Poel on Shakespeare. Decline.

(10) Next-Lesson (Cont^d)

Chairman agreed to prepare syllabus of lecture ~~on~~ for Snowden. Letter from Mr. Snowden saying he accepts subject to ~~prospects~~ seeing the syllabus. —
No other action was taken. —

(11) (Cont^d) J.C. Wedgwood. M.P. Letter on amendments to children's Bill not supported by Labour Party. Sec. ~~at~~ said he had replied he thought Labour Party probably right. —
Com^{tee} agreed no action c^d. be taken on a case at most so doubtful.

M. S. Rivers
Sept. 23. 1908.

Committee 23rd Sept = 1908.

Present Mrs Reeves (in chair) Miss Mary Hobson, Sec-y & ^{also} part time, Guest.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Candidates were elected, Aug (26) & Sep (18).
Subscriptions of 37 ordinary members, (including one of £10) averaged 14/5.

3. Resignations. H. St. Maur J.P. D.L. (to become an associate) Miss Fenton, Miss O'Donnell, Mrs Waddington, J. Stansfield (Cam.) Miss D. Richardson, & J. B. Hamilton.
All accepted. Also Hamilton Fyffe.
Agreed to accept but to write him that if the absence of a printed list removes the objection to membership, we hope he will say so & remain. —

(4) Finances. Sec. reported a/c Balanced to July 31. Bank Balance at date £164. Show among.

(5) School Feeding Experiment. Guest reported that from the completed accounts he found that he had paid away £14.2.10 in excess of all receipts. It was agreed to advance this to him, (making £39.2.10 in all): that the proceeds of sale of utensils &c (estimated at £5.) he paid back when received: & that any sum received for a magazine article be at the disposal of the Committee, the question of payment to Guest hereof to be considered when the time comes. Further it was agreed not to make an appeal in this month's news. Finally it was agreed that the thanks of the Comtee to Guest for what he has done in the matter be placed on record. —

(6) Correspondence.

Salvation Army Sweating - agreed to vote
21/- towards expenses of Demⁿ
Cardiff R.R.C. Ashby Parly candidate
No action.

(6) Correspⁿ (cont^d)

Womens Industrial Council. Asking Delegates
to the Guildhall Conference Oct 6.
Miss Murg + Mrs Reeves to go.

~~Freeman~~ Knowles. Of South Dakota, asking
aid to fight legal case re newspaper
articles. Refuse as too remote.
Moral Education Congress. Delegates. No.

(7) Autumn Lectures. On letter from Bland, agreed ^{re cannot} ~~be expected~~
Letters of refusal from J. Jones,
A. R. Orage + Chozza money submitted.
Sec. reported acceptance from Shaw
for Nov 13. —

Tickets, & proposals in Sept:
views approved.

Dr. G.B. Clark, message offering
lecture on 40 years of the
Socialist movement. Refuse.
Penal Reform League. Offer of
Lecture. Deferred.

(8) Draft-scheme of Committee Dates. Approved.

9. International Socialist Bureau. Agenda for conference in October. Sent to Board without instructions.

10. Labour Party. Circular letters asking re political policy. Sec.'s reply that our policy could not be defined yet was approved.

11. Education Group. Appeal for grant for 6 lectures at Cliffords Inn (Hire of Hall) + for ads in Edⁿ Papers. After discussion it was agreed to grant hire of Hall for 3 lectures to Xmas, + to defer the others for a further application. Agreed also not to make grant for ads in Edⁿ Papers. —

Stonewell

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Com^{tee} Wed. 14th Oct. at 5.30 pm.

Present Welch (in chair), Shaw, Sanders Mrs
Reeves Miss Murly, Ensor, Holson
& Sec'y.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
(50)
2. Candidates for Sept 3rd were elected.
Subscriptions: 1@ 2/6, 2@ 3/6, 14@ 5/-
2@ 7/6, 10@ 10/- 1@ 13/- 6@ 20/. 1@ £2.2. -
1@ £3. 1@ £10. Average of 39 ordinary
members 16/3. —
3. Resignations. G. Merrett, accepted, H. Pickles
accepted, Miss A. G. Wood, accepted
but she told that we do not
publish a list now. H. Hamilton Fyfe,
letter saying he resigned because he
did not believe in the phrase of the
Basis "without compensation". Referred
to Shaw for reply. —
4. International Bureau. £7. as usual voted. —

5. Finances. Sec. reported on 6 months, viz:

Subscriptions to 30 th Sep.	£ 408.	£ 40+
Donations	£ 25	same
Associates	£ 44	£ 6-
Tract-Sales	£ 146	£ 62-
Book Box Subs	£ 28	£ 5+

Bank Balance Oct 12 £ 89. —

It was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com. to consider whether plans for increasing sales of tracts to local societies & groups can be devised. —

6. Right to Work - London Conference. Agreed that

Sec. 7 + G. Thompson be delegates for the meeting on Oct 19 & that the Sec. 7 have power to appoint the third delegate. —

7. Spring Lectures. Complaints abt the Hall read & noted. Sec to refer whether Hall available.

Penal Reform League. Offer of a lecture declined

7. Spring Lectures (cont?)

Shaw's Scheme was considered & no action
hereon was taken.

St James Hall. Agreed to recommend the
Exec. to authorise three St. James
Hall meetings on three Lecture Fridays
in Jan., Feb. & March, lectures
to be open to members &c, tickets
at 1/- for visitors: subject Exposition
of Socialism, & Propaganda thereof.

Other lectures. Agreed to ask
Keeling, on any subject he suggests.
J. O. Brady M.P., on ^{Comp.} Military Service
J. Wedgwood " " " "
Lord Milner on True Imperialism
The Rly Nat. Soc'y. (Galton) to suggest
a lecture on Railway Natⁿ & Practical
Methods. —

8. New Offices. Agreed to authorise the Sec'y
to ask the Manager of Clements
Im what he can offer us
for £ 150. a year. —

(9) Labour Party.

Nomination for Executive: Pease
Delegates to Portsmouth Conf^{er}
Pease, Sanders, Shaw
Resolutions. No action taken.

(10) Parliamentary Fund. After discussion
~~to be reported~~ & reconsideration
of the memo drafted by Welch
it was agreed that he prepare
a paragraph for the news,
to be submitted to the Exec.
at its next meeting. —

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Comtee 18th Nov. 1908 at 5pm.

Present Bland (chairman) Webb Holson Ensor
Miss Murly Mrs Reeves, Shaw, Sanders
to Secy
Absent None. —

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Candidates (101) elected. Subscriptions:-
1 @ 1/- 2 @ 2/6, 32 @ 5/-, 7 @ 7/6, 15 @ 10/-
3 @ 15/- 6 @ 20/- Average 66 ordinary 8/2?
3. Resignations. G. M. Trevelyan (prefers to be associate) Miss Smedley (other interests) Rev. H. A. King, Rev. G. Engelbach (can no longer accept basis) Miss Henry (W.S.P.U) W. Pittuck & Mrs Patkin, G. R. Comley, all accepted. —
W. A. Backett desiring to be associate, accepted, unless he withdraws. —
- (4) Conditions of membership. Resolved that these be considered next meeting.

5. Spring Lectures . Sec. 7 reported
- Jan 8. Members Meeting
- Feb 12. Emil Davis, already booked for Jan 8 asked to transfer to Feb.
- Mar 12. Spencer Wilkinson. Conditional promise on Compulsory Training for National Defence. Keeling. Courteous refusal to lecture at present. Macrosty suggesting Ratchiffe on India. Agreed to consider India but not Ratchiffe. Sharpe. Agreed to take lecture on F.S. from Standpoint of Nursery. Maude on Tolstoi. Deferred.

(b) New Offices. Sec. reported no answer to offer made of £150 for new premises. Ordered to hurry up

(7) Grants etc.

Workmens Nat. Housing Council. Pay 5/-
 Primitive Methodist Bazaar, Request for books
 Decline.

Fabian Social Com^{ee}. application for a
 second grant. Send
 £2. as before.

Public Opinion - (urgency) Offer of advt.
 agreed to take it.

(8) Delegates wanted.

Workmens Nat. H. Council. To lobby. No.

Folke Hall Company, Chandos Hall. No.

London District Right to Work. Sat Nov. 28. -
 3 Delegates. After discussion
 agreed to send none.

Right to Work Guildhall Conference. Three
 Delegates at 5/- each. Agreed
 to send Shaw, Hobson &
 Miss Murly.

(9) New Years Letter. Welch said he had not
 done it yet. agreed it be set up. -

(10) Finances. Sec. presented results showing
to 31st. Oct. :-

Subscriptions	£ 39	increase
Associates	£ 4	decrease
Donations	£ 14	"
Tract Sales	£ 99	"
Book Boxes	£ 8.	increase.

Resources

Bank Balance	£ 90
School Feeding	£ 32
Book Box Exp. owed:	50
	<u>£ 172</u>

~~Due St~~

Liabilities

Due Standing	£ 120.
Estimate for Seclures: -	

20 Suburban courses @ 8	£ 160
30 Provincial " 10	300
	<u>460</u>

Less expended already	110	<u>350</u>
		<u>470</u>

Agreed to request the Trustees of C602 app
to grant £200 for lectures if & when
required. -

(11) Parliamentary Fund. Secretary reported responses to paragraph in Fabian news:-

F. Waller, Hull F.S., sending report on West Hull & the chance of a Fabian there - Reply we will consider it, if moved by the local ~~authorities~~ bodies.

Dr G. B. Clarke. Offer to stand on his return from India to find money. Noted.

N. B. Howell } Suggesting Sanders. -
+ H. C. Sawyer } Say we will bear him
of Portsmouth. } fully in mind. -
E. W. Decker expressing doubt as to the fund & his promise. Sec. to reply.

12. Labour Party (Amendments). No action taken.

13. New Offices. Sec. reported no reply. To hurry up.

14. Defaulters. Sec. ordered to issue letter to subscribers much in arrears.

(15) Guests School Fund. It was agreed to ask Sweet-forkwith to prepare a brief report -

(15) Guests Fd. Cont'd

account: to send this to subscribers
& suggest their contributing to the
deficit: & to say they can have
copy of the full confidential
report, on application. Also that
Guest be asked to complete the
magazine article.

(16) Executive Attendances. The ~~Exec~~^{Sec} was
directed to prepare list of attendances
of members who have been much absent
with a view to the amendment of
the rules

Robert Clark

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Meeting Wed. Dec. 9th at 5pm.

Present- Bland (in chair) Webb, Ensor Shum
Mrs Reeves, Miss Murly & Secy

- ① The Minutes of Nov 18th were confirmed.
- ② Election of Candidates. (86). Subscriptions of
23 ~~La~~ ordinary members:- 13 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6, 7
@ 10/- 1 @ 15/- 1 @ 50/- average 8/6.
- ③ Resignations. A. W. Buckett, held over, was not accepted.
Miss J. Craig. (too busy) Miss A. M. Read,
Mrs Sennett (W.S.P.U) Mr. & Mrs W. H. Seed,
R. Mudie Smith, W. P. Strinson F. Tassart,
B. S. Townroe (becoming Lecturer to Nat. Service
League) were accepted = 8 dated from 1907
& 1 from 1906. —
- ④ Correspondence.
J. Hunter Watts, urging us to send delegates to
consider a Folke Hall. After careful
debate, agreed to refuse.
Womens Industrial Council. Do what they want.

5. Finance The Secy reported: -

Bank Balance Dec. 5. £102
accounts to Dec. 30th

	1908 89	1907.	
Subscriptions	£596	£638	including £100 from all free
Donations	47.	55	
Associates	80	80	
Tract Sales	197	322	
Book Boxes	57	48	

6. Spring Lectures. Letter from Clifford Sharp
describing the lines of his proposed lecture.
The lecture was approved.

Verbal offer from W. C. M. Wilson of
lecture on the economic degradation of
the Family. Repl^y the Com^{tee} is favourably
disposed but wd like to see syllabus.
Talster & India held over.

7. New Years Letter. Completed for press.

8. Defaulters Form. Approved with amendment.

9. New Office. Sec. reported offer of 3 Rooms in same block, also basement, floor space 976 ft (compared with present space of 483 ft) at £150. - The Com^{ee} inspected the offices, & ordered the offer to be provisionally accepted, the lease to be proposed as a continuation substitution of the present lease. -

10. Lecture Hall. The Sec. reported that the Memorial Hall, Faringdon St. had a large Hall seating 1050 at £8.8.0 & a smaller hall seating 500 at £6.6.0, less 25% for a series, & that they could be used as we thought fit, larger or smaller. The Report was received with favour, & the subject was ordered to be put on the agenda for the members meeting.

11. Conditions of membership. The Report discussion was adjourned

- (12) Members meeting Notice from members of the nursery proposing constitutional changes. Agreed that they be opposed: & be set up for news, in time for the Exec. —
Memo. from Sanders read. —
- (13) Executive Attendance Fee annexed report was submitted, & it was agreed that Bland draft an amendment making non-attendance a bar to re-election & the Comtee recommend the Exec to support it.
- (14) Chairman for Welh. Mrs Reeves. —

Alfred Bland

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Report on Executive Attendance of Absentee Members.

<u>Committees.</u>	<u>Executive.</u>	<u>General Purposes.</u>	<u>Prop.</u>	<u>Publishing.</u>
Meetings.	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>
Granville Barker x	3	-	-	4
Rev. R. J. Campbell	0	-	0	0
L. G. Chiozza Money	2	-	0	-
Mrs. Ethel Snowden †	3	-	2	-

x Granville Barker regularly "reads" for the Publishing Committee.

† Mrs. Snowden missed no meetings till she left for America.

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Committee at Office 13 Jan. 7 1909
at 5 pm.

Present. Bland in chair, Welch, Shaw, Sanders
Ensor Hobson, Mrs. Reeves, Miss Murby, & Secy

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
 2. Five Jan. 7 candidates were elected.
Secy reported subs of 23 ordinary (out of 42 candidates) as follows: —
8 @ 5/- 11 @ 10/- 4 @ 20/- Average 10/3.
Last month 8/2. Agreed that Secy prepare averages of both categories & of the whole combined. —
 3. Resignations, per list opposite, & of a R. tray were accepted, except in the case of F. J. Matheson who was asked to remain on & temporarily excused.
- (4) Suspensions. It was agreed that about 120 members in arrears, already

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List of resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subscription.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
• M. Arnfield	London.	Artist	1908	5/-	Change of Opinions.
Arnold Bennet	Paris	Author	1906	£3.3.0.	Can't do work
• F. Brocklehurst	Manchester	Barrister	1897	10/-	Unionist
• M. A. Buckmaster	London	Schoolmaster	1907	5/-	-
• Miss J. Clarke	Hornsey	Guardian	1894	10/-	Change of Opinion.
• F. S. Flint	London	Typist	1907	5/-	Fool.
• Rev. J. A. Grant	Streatham	Parson	1907	20/-	Poverty
• Mrs. Grant	"	"	1907	5/-	"
• Richard Head	Camberwell	Clerk	1906	10/6	"
• Mrs. M. Holmes	Croydon	-	1907	7/6	W. S. P. U.
• Mrs. Kidd	Birmingham	-	1901	10/-	Poverty
• H. Ledward	Putney	Engineer	1907	21/-	?
• Mrs. Levetus (nee Charrington)	Hampstead.	-	1907	10/-	To be Sub- scriber.
• F. J. Matheson	London	Sec. British Institute	1906	10/-	?
• G. H. Purney	Herts	-	1906	5/-	Can't work.
• G. E. Rice	Petersfield	Bedales Master	1891	20/-	Left London
• Mrs. R. A. Roberts	London	-	1906	5/-	-
• J. H. Skilton	London	-	1906	5/-	?
• J. F. Steele	Grove Park	Clerk	1907	5/-	Study.
• H. Telford	St. Helens	-	1907	20/-	I. L. P.
• P. Varnals	London	Translator	1892	10/-	?
• F. M. Wibaut	Amsterdam	-	1896	5/-	-

• a. R. Orage

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(4) suspensions (cont?)

notified he suspended, that ~~the~~
the Hon Treasurer & the Secretary be
a Comtee to report on them & on others
not yet notified, who are much
in arrears. —

(5) Finance. Sec. reported Balance Sheet to
Dec. 31st not ready: results so far:—

	<u>To Dec. 31.09</u>	<u>To Dec. 31.07</u>
Subscriptions	667	727
Associates	85	91
Non-members	55	58
Tract Sales	218	331
Book Boxes	65	61
Bank Balance 12 Jan 09		£246.
Subscriptions Jan 1-12		£175.

(6) Correspondence.

Horace Holton. Liberalism & Labour. Noted
1st May Celebration. No action
Land Values Taxation Conference 8th Feb
Send Ensur & any other journals

(7) The following arrangements for meetings were approved:-

Mar 5. St James Hall - Webb

19 Do. Course.

April 2. Memorial Hall - Sharp. (small)

" 23 Do. Mrs Webb & Lansbury
(big Hall)

For the rest:-

- (1) Annual meeting
- (2) Spencer Wilkinson. Military Training
- (3) Mrs C. M. Wilson Economic ^{Drainage of Labour} Degradation of the Family. -

Suggested Lecture on Domestic Economy of Mrs Atkinson, proposed by Mrs Wilson.

Say we will consider later.

F. W. Hayes, Offer on Dogma of Confucianism.

Say we can't look just yet: will consider later. -

8. Memorial Hall. The Sec' was ordered to engage the memorial Hall for lectures from April 2 onwards, as an experiment on terms suggested.

9. New Office. Enson reported that draft lease was generally in order & that the charge £5.5. must be paid as the minimum. Agreed that ~~the~~ Bland & Peace sign.

10. Committee on Furniture. Agreed that Mr. Reeves, Mr. Shew, Sanders & Sec 7 be a Com^{ee} to procure new furniture within reason.

11. Parliamentary Fund.

Rev. Conrad Noel. Sec. reported that he & Sanders had extinguished a projected candidature as contrary to the law. Action approved.

F. Marquis of Bunsby. Sec. reported he desired to be a candidate. noted.

Tamilton. A proposal of a Fabian candidature was discussed, & it was agreed that a bye-election at Tamilton is not a good occasion for the first Fabian candidature, but if the Rev

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R J - Campbell chose to stand, we might support him.

(12.) Disaffiliation with the Labour Party. A letter from S. S. Hobson claiming a referendum on his resolution, defeated at the members meeting on Jan 8th by an amendment, against which 65 voted, was read. After a full debate it was resolved that the Exec. he recommended to reply that a referendum cannot be granted, because the case does not come within the rule giving the right to claim a referendum. Hobson alone voted against this resolution.

13. Publication of addresses of candidates in the news. On the motion of Bland & after a considerable debate, it was decided for the future that the names alone of candidates should be published in the news.

Committee 18th February 1909 at 5pm

Present Mrs Reeves (in chair) Welt, Shaw, Bland
Enos Miss Murby, Secy -

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. ~~Subs~~ Candidates

The Feb'y list was elected. Subscriptions:-

2 @ 2/6, 20 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6, 13 @ 10/- 3 @ 20/- 1 @ 35/- 5 @ 40/-

Averages 45 ordinary 11/- each month 8/2.

20 Unmerit 1/-

9 Local 2/6

74 Total 7/3 average (Even as 5/6)

3. Resignations A. E. Gomme, H. Edwin, P. W. Johnson
(to become subscribers) Mrs E. Mann,
& W. Temston, all accepted.

(4) Finance. Accounts to Dec 31 not completed.

Subscribers to 31 Jan 09. 907. Do. of 963

Associates 108 .. 106

Subscribers 63 69.

Unmerit Report. £70. - Bank Bal. £287.

5. Correspondence.

J. F. Whitehead on members opposing Socialist Candidates. Send thanks.

N. W. Larnach asking Fabian Candidate. Agreed to decline on advice from Labour Party.

Miss D. Halling - asking permission to use Fabian name for a Concert Party. - Secretary's Refusal confirmed

Reformers Book Stall - asking to return old edn. Fabian Essays. agreed.

~~London~~ to a reasonable amount.

London District Rt. to Work. asking delegates. Sec 7 empowered to appoint.

West Rand LHP asking for book box. Say yes, if they pay carriage, but advise them to buy. -

H. M. Tweedam asking assistance re Hereditary Legislature. Refuse. -

6. Fabian Summer School. In view of expected invitation to nominate delegates on the Comtee, agreed to propose Maude & Mrs. Ryan

7. Lectures. The Secy proposed as follows: -
- May 21. Spencer Wilkinson. Military Training
 - June 11. Endowment of Material of Harlan, paper prepared for Birthrate vs Com^o + strongly recommended as a tract.
 - June 25. Mrs C. M. Wilson. Disintegration of Family. ~~is~~ approved. -

Letter from Mrs C. M. Wilson strongly urging a paper of Miss Atkinson on Coop. Housekeeping. Agreed to take it at a July meeting.

N. M. Cooper, offering lectures on India. -

Agreed that Secy see him & offer groups.

Clynes. Agreed to consider him for the autumn

8. A. Snell Letter proposing a Fabian Political Program. After discussion agreed that Shaw, Bland & Gussor be a com^o & that the Reid Program be referred to them.

9. New Office. Lease reported arranged & entry in a week.

10. Tarnton Bye-Election. Sec. reported the Labour Party Officials had enquired if we wd. run a candidate, & suggested Frank Smith L.C.C. —

In view of the favourable circumstances of the contest, the suitability of the proposed candidate, & the small expense involved it was unanimously agreed to recommend the Executive to consent. —

11. Social Com^{ee}. The Sec. of the Com^{ee} submitted Report on expenditure, & asked for a further grant. It was resolved to grant £5. to last till the end of July, & to request for a report & account up to that date, when further action will be considered.

12. Enclosures with news. On application from Tawney to be allowed to send out paper on Byg Labour, which the Sec. said wd. cost £6.10. extra postage, if sent at once, agreed to send, but not to exceed 2d. weight unless he pays.

(13.) New Rule re membership. Sec. submitted draft:-

To add to rule 10 :- "but no candidate shall be entitled to vote as a member till six months after the publication of his name in the news". after debate in which a diversity of opinion was expressed it was agreed to refer to the Committee on the Constitution. -

Mulraj Bhand

Committee 17 March ~~at~~ 1909 @ 5:30pm.
Present Bland (in chair), Eusor Sanders, Secy
Miss Murby absent (sickening)

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. Candidates: 52 elected compared with 88 last year.

Subscriptions 1 @ 2/6, 3 @ 5/-, 3 @ 7/6, 12 @ 10/-, 1 @ 15/-
3 @ 20/-, 1 @ £2, 4 @ £5.-

28 ordinary subs. av. £1.4.1

8 University -1.-

16 Local 2/6

Average 52. 13/11.

3. Resignations. Miss M. Billing, A. M. Glaser, J. Dalley
A. S. Horsfall, Rev. C. F. Kite, T. Lurge,
Miss F. K. Browne. All accepted.

4. The Case of Van Raalte. Letter read from T. Barratt, Secy
Hampstead Group. Report from Secy - No action
taken. But Secy instructed to make enquiries.

5. Report of Pange Com^{ee}. Secy reported 112 members struck
off, including R. S. Dell, Cecil Chesterton & T. R. Mason

(b.) Accounts to end of Feb'y presented.

	1909	1908
Subscriptions of Members	1027	1044
.. Associals	120	113
.. Subscribers	70	74
Tract Sales	251	456
Minority Report Receipts \$188.		Paid Welch £150.
Election Fund Receipts \$421		Payments 295. Due ^{from P.P.} £15.
Cash in Bank £337 (Mar 15) including \$100 from Mrs. Shaw.		

7. Election Fund. It was agreed that the Balance be placed on Deposit in the names of the three Trustees. —

8. Office Furniture. The Sec'y reported that acting on advice of the special com^{ee} he had ~~procured~~ ^{submitted} as follows:—

Purchases made.

Desk for organizing Sec'y £6.18.6.

Fender do . . . 12. 6

Floor cloth 7 5. —

Gift by Mrs Shaw

Book Case similar to our present one
(over)

8. Office Furniture cont?

Estimates:-

Cupboard & Shelves in small Office	£ 17.12.0
50 Folding chairs	8.2.6
Safe re about	5.0.0
Extra table about	5.0.0
Deal Table for packing re	4.15.0
Clocks	

All approved. -

9. Correspondence.

Land Club League, asking use of list of Rural members to send out appeal. Agreed.

Women's Freedom League. Demonstration June 19.

Referred to Women's Group.

Internat. W.S.

Delegates 26 April ^{for report} etc.

Referred to Women's Group for report

National Food Reform - asking use of list. No

League of Prop. Thought. Delegates for welcome to Campbell on return from States in October. Say we will consider later.

10. Tamton Election

Protest from Clifford Sharp. Read + noted.
 Agents Report Read + received.
 Agents Report on Register. ~~Received~~. Deferred.
 Cost to us about £280. - Total cost ^{about} £320.
 Subscriptions direct for motor from Fels, + £10
 per Henderson besides smaller ~~for~~ sums.
 Proposal to maintain the seat. Deferred.

11. Croydon Election. Sec'y reported that Frank
 Smith w^d probably be run for the Bye Election
 of the L.L.P. That the Emergency Com^{ee} of
 the L.L.P. had consented: that Mugggeridge
 + others had asked the F.S. to take part:
 that the L.L.P. w^d make the candidature
 a joint one, if we desired to join + use the
 balance of our Tamton Fund for that purpose:
 but the L.L.P. w^d go on in any event.
 After full discussion it was agreed that the
 subscribers + members would not generally approve
 a second propaganda contest with no hope
 of victory, + that therefore no offer be made
 to the L.L.P. or other action taken.

12. Other Elections

Merioneth. Letter from Clifford Sharp on the suitability of N. Wales & from J. K. Macdonald M.P. on same subject were read & noted.

London University Letter suggesting a Fabian Com. was read & deferred.

13. No 2 etc. Sec. reported that a new Trustee must be appointed in place of Holson, no longer a member, that Macrosty desired to retire. Agreed that Euseb & Pease be appointed.

14. Society Meetings

April 23. Lansbury Town Hall seats 1000. Agreed it can be open to visitors.

Joseph Fels. Sec. reported no reply yet received from him to offer of April 28th or May 7th.

A. P. Esrenfall & suggesting lecture of Rider Haggard on afforestation. Deferred for reconsideration in Autumn.

15. Political Program. Comtee Deferred

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16. Scrubbers. agreed to nominate Keeling Tiffen & Chas. Ball or two of them.

17. next meeting. Date left to Secy. -
Miles P. Lane



Council Tuesday 22nd April^{'04} at 5.30pm
Present. Bland (in chair) Webb. & Secy

(1) Minutes were confirmed

(2) Candidates were elected - Subscriptions:

8 @ 5/-, 3 @ 7/6, 4 @ 10/-, 1 @ 15/-, 1 @ 20/-

17, average 8/2. Last month 24/1: 10 Unversity

@ 1/- & Local @ 2/6 Average 35 4/10 Last
month 13/11. -

(3) Resignations Miss Baines, Miss Richardson J.S. Bartrum,

A.W. Shepherd Mrs A. Wakefield, Mrs J.

Wentworth; all accepted: W.S. Hadaway,
gone to India, & Bankers order cancelled: regarded
as resignation. Miss Pitts. To be associate.

The Case of F.W. Gallon. Letters &c submitted.

Agreed to accept resignation with regret,
& express hope he will become associate.

Resignations to become associate Agreed the Secy
can deal with these & report.

Resignations ~~to~~ through Local Societies. Agreed
the Secy can deal with these.

(4) The Case of Van Raddle. Letters read. agreed to drop the matter. —

(5) Defaulters. The Secy was ordered to report on plans for systematically removing defaulters every month.

(6) Correspondence

G. S. Brown, Baltimore, proposing me circularise 500 citizens in a precinct. Say yes, if he will pay cost.

W. Durran, proposing Anti-Dreadnought Crusade
No.

J. C. Kay. Re advt. — Insert it. —

(7) Lectures Offered —

Haden Guest. Experiences of a Dispensary Defer.
Capt. Petavel. Land Question. No.

(8) Minority Report. On Govt's 8 to. Reprint Webb proposed we sell the Poor Law 2^d vol at 1/- + account to Ann at proportionate rate. After discussion it was agreed to adopt this from 1st May.

- (9) Minutes Report. Letter from Miss Bodkin offering £50 for a promotion of the proposals of this report. Well understood to consider the matter.
- (10) Political Program. Letter from P. J. Reid asking if Ratcliffe c^d. be paid to write a part of his Unauthorised Program. Reply no.
- (11) Balance Sheet for year was considered & passed. Agreed to invite Hector Thomson to be styled on the title page, Hon Auditor.
- (12) Party Fund. Sec. reported Miss Seruya had transferred to the Fund £50 loaned to the Summer School. Agreed to ask the School to pay in cash at earliest convenience.
- (13) Labour Party. Agreed that they be allowed to put adverts. of meeting on the chairs at Memorial Hall.

(14) Election Policy.

(a) Farnham. Sec. reported that the Liberals were now proposing a candidate: letter from Peters asking us to decide, & urging action at once. —

Pease reported Smith w^d stand again or stand aside, as we preferred. Resolved to defer.

(b) Portsmouth. Agreed to ask Sanders to present a formal report on finance &c, to be considered at the next meeting with a view to taking over his candidature.

(c) Huddersfield. Letters from the L.R.C. & F.S. asking help from the Fund for Snell L.L.P. Candidate. Sec. reported he had replied provisionally that our Fund was for running Fabian candidates & could not be used for helping other candidates. Reply endorsed.

(d) London University. Suggested Candidate. Deferred.

(e) Geo. Lauebury. Mentioned.

(15) Annual Inty Agenda. Draft Submitted. Proposals to report on Basis Committee, & discuss Election Policy were deleted, & the rest amended & adopted.

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Report adopted by the Executive 23 April 09.

Reminders re Subscriptions.

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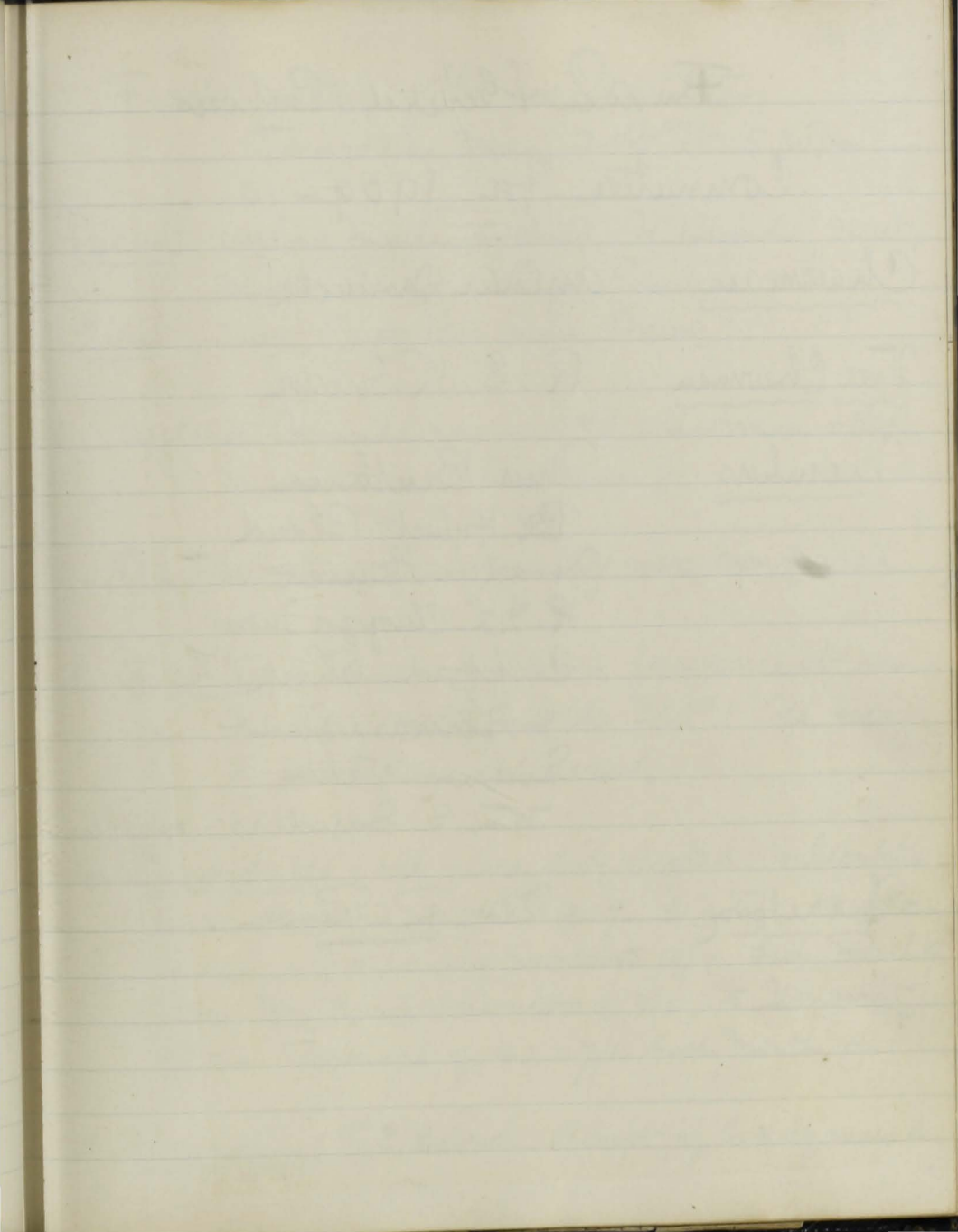
The system hitherto in force has been to remind members, associates and subscribers the month following that in which their subscription falls due (Form 1 annexed). In the case of subscribers if there is no response, say within a month or so, their cards are removed from the list. Associates (whose minimum subscription is 10/-) are allowed a little longer grace.

Until December last year, members generally speaking were allowed to remain on the list and reminded again in the following year.

It is now suggested that in addition to the ordinary reminders in the month following that in which the subscription becomes due, members should receive say three months later a second reminder marked "second application" (Form 2 annexed). Should they fail to respond to this, within say two months, the special letter (Form 3 annexed) should be sent. Failure to respond reply to this should be followed by report to the Finance and General Purposes Committee

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and Executive for removal from the list. Members six months in a
arrears would thus come up for review periodically.

The present practice regarding ordinary subscribers might
be continued. In the case of associates, the form No. 3 might be
sent say after 3 months, failure to respond being followed by
removal under report.



Finance & General Purposes.

Committee for 1909-10. -

Chairman Aylmer Maude

Vice Chairman R. C. K. Euser

Members

Miss Bentham

~~B~~ Hulbert-Bland

Haden Guest

R. G. L. Chozza money

Clifford Sharp

G. Bernard Shaw

Sidney Webb

Wm. S. Sanders ex officio

Secretary

Edw. R. Pease

First Meeting of the New Committee

Tuesday, May 20th 1909 at 5.30pm

Present - Aylmer Maude (in chair) H. Bland, Guest,
Sharp, Shaw, Webb, Sanders & Secy
Absent - Ensor, Miss Bentham, Money.

1. Aylmer Maude was elected chairman & R.C.K.
Ensor vice-chairman.
2. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
3. Absentees - Ensor apologised for absence at an
N.A.C. meeting of the L.P. He was
& resolution excused.
4. Candidates : all were duly elected. Subscriptions:
1 @ 4/- 2 @ 5/- 1 @ 7/6 3 @ 10/- 3 @ 20/- 1 @ £5.5.0.
Average, 11 ordinary members 19/9. Last month 8½.
Also 24 local members @ 2/6, 5 Unversit
@ 1/- Average of 40 = 7/6. Last month 4/10.
5. Resignation. T.C. Derrick. Accept, if he really means it.

6. Accounts for current year. April balance not ready. Results so far: -

	<u>April</u>	<u>1909</u>	<u>1908.</u>
Subscribers, members		£122	53
" Associates		21	10
" Donors		5	8

Bank Balance Mar 19. £193. -

7. Annual Accounts: Sec 7 reported that they had been completed by the auditor, but his letter had not come. Agreed it be submitted to the Executive tomorrow.

8. Inventory Report Sec 7 reported: -

Fabra Edition 2000. Sold & paid for
Webb's 1st Edn. 1000. Nearly all sold
& about £80 due to Webb herefor.

Webb's 2nd Edn. 1000. Ordered but
not delivered. Webb to get
£66.13.4. Saleable for £100 less
discounts. Noted.

9. Defaulters. Scheme not in working order yet.

10. Soirée + Dinner - The Secy reported an expected profit of £2.-

11. Parliamentary Fund. Secy reported -
 on Deposit by Trustees £140.-
 In current a/c 31.9.10 £171.9.10.
 Also charge of £50 on Summer School of wh. £18. is expected to be paid soon.
 The Secy was ordered to pay in the balance when the £18 is received, to the Deposit a/c.

12. Elections. I Portsmouth. - The annexed report was considered. After full discussion it was agreed to recommend the Exec: -

To ask the consent of the LHP, to take over the responsibility for Sanders at Portsmouth

To write the Labour Party that we accept full financial liability + ask their concurrence in the transfer.

To inform the Portsmouth Labour Party that ~~we~~ of our proposal; to say that

12 Elections - Portsmouth (cont^d)

we have set aside £200 for the Election Fund, + it can be drawn on during two years for the expenses of a Registration Agent + Organising Secy (to be chosen subject to our approval) + on the understanding that every effort be made locally to replace this sum in the Election Fund before the Election.

Sanders stated that one McTavish was a suitable person + likely to be available for the post. -

II Tamton. Letter from the local Labour Party was read: also one from Peters. After full discussion it was agreed to advise the Exec. to write to the Tamton J.R.C. that we are not disposed to take any fresh responsibilities in respect of a candidate, + we hopefully will find another elsewhere. -

III Other places Lanchury: Jackson S. Leeds.

~~Strictly Private.~~

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Report on Wm. Sanders' candidature at
Portsmouth.

By Wm. Sanders.

I was adopted as Labour candidate ~~to~~ at Portsmouth, a two-membered constituency, in May 1903 by the local Trades Council, the adoption being ratified by a mass meeting of trade unionists shortly afterwards. At this time there was no Socialist or Labour organisation of a political nature in the borough. A local Fabian Society had existed a short time prior to 1895 having Father Dolling as its most distinguished member. An I.L.P. branch had had a very unsuccessful life up to about 1900 when it was killed though its most prominent member becoming a professional Tory workingman agitator. In 1904 a local Labour League and a local Labour Party ~~were~~ formed. A skeleton organisation was got together by January 1906, when the general election took place. At this date we had the nucleus of an election fund raised locally, the general support of the organised workers and the Church of England. The assistance of the latter I secured by shewing some knowledge of the working of the Education Acts. The result of the election was as follows:-

T. A. Bramsdon	Lib.	10,500
Sir John Baker	Lib.	10,236
Wm. Sanders	Lab.	8,172
Major E.H.Hills	C.	7,970
Mr. A. Whitelaw	C.	7,752
M.F.T. Jane	(Navy)	1,859.

My votes consisted of about 4,000 plumpers, 1,500 splits with Jane (which indicates that I obtained a heavy naval and military vote) about 1,500 splits with the Liberals, and the remainder, about 1,000, splits with the Conservatives. The history of the representation of the borough since 1892 is as follows:- 1892 Liberal majority 478; 1895 Liberal majority 713; 1900 Conservative majority 478.

I was my own election agent and I had no paid workers excepting six unskilled labourers who pushed about perambulating hoardings. My total election expenses including returning officer's fees, were about £205, all raised locally with the exception of £17.5.9. subscribed by members of the Fabian Society. I had no support financial or otherwise from the National Labour Party. I may mention that the declared expenses of the Liberals were £1,700 and of the Conservatives £1,800. We had practically no local labour speakers, but the clergy of the Church of England gave me oratorical support of some value. G. Bernard Shaw was the only speaker from outside the borough who rendered help.

The present position is as follows. There are now about 11,000 electors in the constituency. The Labour and Socialist organised strength is centred in the Local Labour Party consists of the Trades Council with 4,000 affiliated members; the Independent Labour Party, which has absorbed the Labour League, with 300 members;

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Women's Labour League with 80 members - a most efficient body. Sixteen Ward and district Committees with memberships ranging from ten to thirty have been created: some of which have done exceedingly valuable intensive work. It would be safe to say that there is now in existence of body of 300 workers who have had experience in canvassing, organising and other electioneering work. Owing to the extremely progressive character of the local government administration it has been difficult to make out a strong case for Labour or Socialist representation in municipal affairs, and until last year, although the Labour Party had fought many local elections and polled well, a Labour or Socialist had never been returned to the Town Council. Last year, however, in spite of the general slump the Labour Party with a good candidate, an eloquent and fairly well educated workman, member of the I.L.P. with Fabian views, secured a seat, polling 1100 votes against a combined Tory and Liberal candidate who had sat for the ward for a lengthy period. On the Board of Guardians the Labour Party have one member, a popular Evangelical Church of England Clergyman with a liking for Socialist proposals, coupled with a strong dislike of the name. There are no paid workers in the Labour Party, all work being done voluntarily. The Party possesses headquarters in a fairly prominent position, but they are now inadequate. With regard to finances, there are no debts and the fund for the next election had to its credit on December 31st. last the sum of £127. 0. 6½. My candidature is endorsed by the National Labour Party on the nomination of the N. A. C. of the I. L. P.

As to the general situation it is considered locally that my position is stronger now than at the last election. I hold frequent ward and other meetings and am a regular local institution. The organisation has been much improved since the General Election. I think the Church still looks upon me as a person worthy of support and I have done nothing to antagonise the service vote. My middle class supporters, who are by no means few, do not seem to have fallen off. Having fought the Liberals as well as the Conservatives I do not think that the growing unpopularity of the Government will affect me. Tariff Reform does not raise much enthusiasm among the electors. One of the sitting members is 81 years old. He will probably be a centenarian but it is generally understood he will not stand again. It is doubtful whether the Liberals will run two candidates at the next election. On this point nothing is known or said officially but it may be mentioned that the hon. sec. of the local Liberal Association has just joined the Fabian Society and he and I travel occasionally together from Portsmouth to London. The Conservatives and Liberal Unionists have two candidates in the field. At the moment of writing the Conservatives are endeavouring to squeeze out the Liberal Unionist who is a very poor creature and to get a second Conservative candidate adopted. The Liberal Unionists are a pretty strongly organised body and threaten to run their man independently if he is thrown over by the Conservatives. If a second Conservative candidate is put up he will be a local brewer. This will tend to strengthen my position as there is a strong anti-liquor element in the Conservative church circles which gave me support at the last election.

13. Correspondence

British assn for Lat. Leg. Annual Meeting - June 16.

Secy to first delegate. -

Workman's Natl H Council. Re LCC. Lands.

Sale of lands. Discussed & decided

no action can be profitably taken

International W.S. Alliance. Report of Mrs Wilson

Agreed to print in news.

14. Committee for Promoting Break up of Poor Law

Reported that the £50 offered by Mrs Bodkin had been used to

start this. The Secs. action in sending a letter to selected members,

typed by the above Com^{ee}, was approved & it was agreed to pay the postage.

15. Program Com^{ee}. Reported nothing done yet.

16. Land Clubs &c. Agreed to recommend H. & R. to appoint a Special Com^{ee} to deal with the Resolution adopted by the Members Meeting, & to prepare abstract.

17. Local Govt Information Bureau. Sanders was appointed in place of Taylor no longer a member.
18. Chairman for Spencer Wilkinson. Bland
19. Autumn Lecture Course. Briefly discussed Karl Pearson suggested. Guest again offered lecture on Dispensary experiences.
20. Day + time of Meeting. Agreed on Tuesdays at 5. -
by Mrs Bland

Com^{ee} Thursday 10th June at 5pm

Present Maude (in chair), Shaw, Sharp, Enos, Gued, Webb
Bland & Secy

Absent Sanders (on duty), Miss Bentham, Honey.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies. Sanders reported absent on duty.
3. Candidates, all elected. - Subscriptions
9 @ 5/. 6 @ 10/. 1 @ 30/. 1 @ 42/. Average (17) 10/5.
13 University @ 1/- 3 Local @ 2/6. Total av. 6/-
4. Resignations. F.P. Bradshaw, because he can't pay.
Say we can wait a while.
T.C. Derrich - Letter re resignation.
Say we will keep him on.
5. Accounts to May 31 completed & reported.
Subs. 1909 £173. 1908 £155
Tract Sales " 30 " 64.
Cash Balance 8th June £101. —

6. Circular to Groups re. on Tract Selling. Draft submitted & Webb, approved, & ordered to be sent. Return requested of Webb as to amounts of Sales & various local Societies was considered. -

7. Accounts for Year 1908-9. Auditor's Report.

Letter from Thomson read. - Agreed he be thanked for his services. -

A discussion arose on his observation that nobody appeared to be ~~resp.~~ actually responsible for the Balance of the School Feeding Fund, £27.9.8. - In the end Haden Guest desired to be put on record that he accepted personal responsibility for the amount, & he undertook to send a letter, (he drafted & the Secy, to the subscribers asking them to pay up the outstanding balance. -

8. Extra Postage on F. News. On report that the News to London Members had a penny stamp, & the extra cost was £2.4.6, it was agreed to ask the National Committee for the ~~Abolition~~ Break Up of the Poor Law to pay half this: $\frac{1}{2}$ to ^{claim} ~~reimburse~~ the rest.

9. Parliamentary Candidatures.

Portsmouth. Secy reported verbally that our proposals were accepted & all concerned.
Oldham. Letter from the local L.P.C. read, asking us to suggest candidate & a second letter describing the electoral position. ~~It~~ It was stated that Guest had been suggested as a possible candidate. - after a considerable discussion it was agreed

(a) to write the Oldham & Dist Labour Party to ask

- (1) Cost of Election
- (2) Local Contribution anticipated
- (3) Number of Catholic Electors
- (4) Number of children attending
(A) Catholic (B) Other Elementary Schools
- (5) Results of recent local elections.

& (b) to ask them to attend at the next meeting to discuss situation

10. Chairman for Mrs Wilson, Sharp,

11. Autumn Fabian Course.

- (1) Offer of 5 lectures & Fabian nursery (Sharp)
- (2) Proposed Political Policy Course to be prepared by the Political Policy Com^{ee} (Bland)

Both were briefly considered & ordered to be drafted & submitted to the next meeting.

12. Prize - Secy reported the scheme was not in working order yet, but list would be presented at the next meeting.

13. Delegates - Conference on Food Supply called by the S. D. F. - Decline Hyde Park Demⁿ on Land. Delegates asked of M. Fordham - Decline.

14. Press Conference - Proposal to send pamphlets to the delegates was considered & rejected.
Bymer & Bland

Committee Meeting 1st July 1909 at 5.35pm
Present Maude (in chair) Miss Bentham Bland
Ensor, Guest, Sanders, Sharp, Shaw
Webb + Sec. 7

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates 16, all elected. Subs. 1@4/- 1@2/-
1@15/- 5@10/- 1@7/- 2@5/- Average
13/- Locals 3@2/6. University 2@1/-
Average of all 9/6. -

It was agreed that the Sec. 7 can elect during the holidays, provided that he hold over any cases as to which any doubt arises.

3. Resignations ~~Warrant~~

Geo. Samuel sending £2. accept resignation
Ernest Bury " "
Mrs. Mary Stanbury (not the Lecturer) " "
Jerome K. Jerome " "
T. W. M. Jeffreys " "
Harry Hayland Poverty. Keep on.

4) Restatement-

R. E. Dell. Sec 7 reported £10. paid for back subs.

5. Purge List. The following were considered. It was agreed to send them a typed personal letter & to strike them off in the absence of a reply:-

	^{Elected}	Last Sub	Date.
R. M. Abraham	July 07.	10/-	July 07.
A. S. Dunn	July 07	£3.3.0	June '07
C. W. Edwards	Nov '07	£1-	Oct 07
W. S. Glyn Jones	Nov 07	10/6	Oct 07
Mrs Glyn Jones	"	5/-	"
E. P. Jewett	Dec '06	10/-	Feb '08
W. King	Sep 07	2/6	Aug. '07
D. King - Page	Jan '08	5/-	Dec 07
Mrs R. C. Lambert	Apr '06	2/-	Oct 07
Miss A. Lamm	Nov '07	5/-	Oct 07
E. Maynard	Nov 07	1/-	Oct '07
F. N. Pullar	Nov '07	7/6	Oct 07
D. M. Richards	Dec '06	2/6	Feb '08
A. M. Scott	Apr '06	3/-	Dec 07
W. Singer	Oct '06	5/-	Jan '08
J. Stomley Smith	Oct '07	18/-	Sep 07
G. F. Taylor	Nov 07	5/-	Oct '07
Miss Walkham	Sep '07	5/-	Aug 07

5. Purge List (Cont')

It was further agreed that the following should be written to but not struck off without further notice :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub</u>	<u>Date</u>
John Davidson	Mar '01	5/-	Jul '07
H. G. Eastwood	Nov '07	5/-	Oct '07
Mrs J. G. Grenfell	1890	5/-	Feb '08
Holford Knight	Nov '06	5/-	Mar '08
W. J. Pincombe	1893	5/-	Nov '07
T. F. Richards M.P.	Aug '07	18/6	Jul '07
T. B. Simmons	Feb '06	5/-	Dec '07

6. Balance Sheet to 30th June was presented -
 Subscriptions £284 (1908 £230)
 Tract Sales £46 (" 85)

7. Circular re Tract Sales Sec. reported it sent on June 16 but only 3 replies yet.

8. School Feeding Fund Sec. reported 21 letters sent on 28th June & two answers pending £10/- received - -

9. University Members' Subscriptions. On the motion of Bland it was agreed to recommend that the Exec. raise the subscription at present 1/- a year, asked from University Members, & that this resolution be reported to the Organisation & Propaganda Committee & they be requested to forward it to the Executive with their opinion thereon.

10. Correspondence

Workmen's Nat. Housing Council. Renew 5/- subⁿ
 Miss Hodgkinson re Memorial to the late Miss Pitts.
 Put note in news & refer to Headlam.
 Miss A. Wellington asking us to intervene in regard to an assault at a Bazaar & a "comrade" employed & Wilshire on Miss Dutcher (Fabian)
 Reply we are too far off.
 International Socialist Bureau. Re Special Meeting. No.
 Re Newspaper Correspondents. Put note in news.
 Labour Party - Speaker for Anti-Gas Meeting July 25.
 Desiring Shaw. Agreed that he go.
 A. J. Lewis asking help to oppose MacDonald's Medical Treatment Bill. We are entirely opposed & will take action later.

11. Constituencies. Mr Arthur Peters, Election Agent for the Labour Party, attended & request Oldham. Correspondence in answer to our questions was read. Mr Peters advised strongly against action. After discussion it was agreed that the Oldham L.P.C. be informed that we are not prepared to put forward a candidate.

Hammermith Letter from Minnitt was read suggesting a Fabian candidate agreed to decline to put one forward.

11. Lecture Hall. The suggestion to revert to Essex Hall was rejected, & it was agreed to continue at the Memorial Hall unless something else preferable can be found. Hall in the Adelphi was suggested.

- (13) Autumn Lectures. The annexed course offered by the Nursery was accepted unanimously & ordered to be taken once a month.

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 therefore. Reservations and objections in relation to the plan.
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 immediate future.

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1.- The Heart of Socialism. (W. A. Colegate). of railways to the painting

"From each according to his ability; to each according to his
need". Divested of its original Anarchistic interpretation this
maxim appears as the Alpha and Omega of Socialism. Although the
practical expression of the idea has varied with varying circum-
stances it has always been and is now more than ever the inspiring
principle of all concrete proposals.

The task of Modern Socialism:- (1) The discovery of suitable
sources of Public Revenue. Taxation of Wealth (ii) The discovery
of needs and the means of satisfying them. Public Assistance.
The National Minimum. Public Health. Public Enterprise. General
review of problems to be discussed in future lectures.

The worth of the ideal. What is the motive? Humanitarianism?
Patriotism? Efficiency? General implications. A World State?
Economic Equality?

2.- The Future of Industry. (C. D. Sharp).

Suspension of universal and uniform application of State ownership.
Steady development of State regulation and national municipal enter-
prise need not and probably will not proceed to its logical conclu-
sions. What is the meaning of the phrase, "such industrial capital
as can conveniently be managed socially"? Development of sugges-
tions contained in Par. VIII ("Fabian Individualism") of Tract 70.
Variations in amount and character of State control over various

industries, from case of "routine" industries with complete State or Municipal management to case of "original" or novel industries with free individual or co-operative enterprise under State regulation. A scale of classification from the running of railways to the painting of pictures. Position of consumers (i.e. the State) and of producers (i. e. Trade Unionists and craftsmen) in relation to the control of industry. Various possible forms of industrial organisation.

3.- The Future of National Finance. (G.R. Blanco White).

Probable increase on national expenditure. Rising Minimum standards of Life.- Armaments. How far desirable? Possibilities and limits of taxation as a means to the absorption of all forms of Rent. Protection or Free Trade - exaggerated advantages and dangers - the policy of Socialists. relative financial advantages of taxation and nationalisation. Profit making - when justifiable. Financial relations of local and central governments. Collective versus Individual expenditure. General economics of State Industry - existing waste and how far it may be remedied. Effect of collectivisation on National Income. Chance of ultimate financial equality.

4.- The New Environment. (S. C. Herbert).

Position of the individual as citizen and consumer in childhood and health, sickness and old age. Social insurance. The function of Education - to producer efficient consumers as well as efficient producers. The social and moral revolution consequent upon the achievement of substantial social equality and economic

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security and the decay of the worship of the Almighty Dollar -
a chance for art and letters. Effects of assimilating social
environments of road-scraper and Prime Minister - increase of
social fluidity and therefore of efficiency of community as a whole.
Women and the family. Increase of personal positive personal
liberty.

5.- The Political Future. (H. H. Schloesser).

The immediate outlook. Existing political division and their
correspondence with distribution of Socialist ideas. Significance
of anti-Socialism producing conscious Socialism by antithesis -
position of Liberals, Progressives and Labour men dubbed "Socialists".
Growing cleavage between monopolist and collectivist - Squeezing
out of individualistic democrat. "Imperialism" and the Middle
Classes. Difference between present drift towards Socialism and
a deliberate advance.

Machinery of Government. Socialism and Democracy. Machinery
of democracy purely empirical at present, governed by necessity of
combining efficiency with consciousness of control by the people.
Possible forms and experiments. Place of Local Government.
Effect of industrial upon political democracy. Amateur or Expert.
Delegate or Representative. Reaction of re-organisation of Govern-
ment on parties.

The future. The Class Struggle ? Future of the Party
system. Precedent and custom in politics of the future.
Political effects of Socialist success.

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Notes by Lecturers. All the lectures outlined above will be composite in their authorship. The name against each being merely that of the draftsman whose work will be subject to detailed revision by the rest. All the lectures will be written; and it is our present intention after they have been delivered, criticised and if necessary revised, to offer them to the Publishing Committee. If apologies are necessary for the ambitious character of the course as a whole we may say that that character is inherent in an attempt to take long views instead of short ones. We desire to undertake a piece of deliberate speculation with the object not of formulating a political programme but of classifying our more ultimate hopes. We shall not therefore expect to attain that amount of scientific definition which is characteristic of most Fabian work but which is only possible when one is dealing with the developments of the very immediate future.

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(13) Autumn Lectures (cont^d)

Political Course - Deferred in the absence
of a report.

(14) Next meeting July 22nd -

Stymer Claude

Meeting Tuesday 22nd July 1909 @ 5pm
Present Maude (in chair) Webb, Guest
Sharp, Bland, Miss Bentham, Sanders
Insr & Secy

- (1.) The minutes were confirmed.
- (2.) Resignation C. G. Ketherton. accepted
- (3.) Purge list. (a) Paid up T. F. Richards m.p.
(b) Not paid up. Letter not yet sent.
- (4.) Membership. The Secy was directed to send a typed letter couched in cordial terms to each candidate elected. To accompany the printed letter.
- (5.) Circular re Tract Sales. Fourteen replies were submitted. The Org. Sec. was directed to send a circular letter based on the replies to all Societies.

(6) Correspondence

See Exec.
Minutes.

British Assocⁿ for Labour Legislation, Application for subⁿ - Agreed to stop it.

Apprenticeship & Skilled Employment - Assⁿ
Appeal for voluntary assistants.
Agreed to send it out.

Union of Canadian Municipalities Enquiry re International Municipal Congress
We approve, but it is not exactly in our power to help.

Labour Party. Sending Anti-Gas Circular.
Agreed to buy 3500 copies for Fabian News.

Land Reform Demⁿ. Asking what we can do collectively. Too late.

7. Coal Com^{tee}. Proposal to spend 20/- on typing copies of a memorandum.
Agreed ~~not~~ to do it at not more than 20/-

8. Constitution Com^{tee} Agreed to call a meeting early in October.

9. Autumn Course. arranged as follows

Oct 8. Harben

26. Guest on a year in a
Slum Dispensary

Nov 12. Colegate. Nursery I.

26. Members Mtg. Conclusions

Dec 10 Sharp. Nursery II Report.

17. A meeting.

10. Parliamentary Candidatures.

East Northants. Socialist & Labour Party

Letter asking if we are prepared
to put forward Guest as candidate

Full report from Labour Party
on the Constituency. Guest

stated he did not propose to
stand. Agreed that we can
take no action.

11. Book Boxes. (a) Sec. was authorised to
advertise by sending circular
to branches of a selected Trade
Union or two. —

11. Book. Boxes (cont^d)

(b) Sec. reported the extraordinary case of the Box lent - the Canterbury F.S., as to which neither Speed nor Ald Jenkins M.P. wd. send any reply. Ensor & Pease were appointed to act in the matter in any way short of legal proceedings.

12. Time of meeting. Agreed to alter it to 5.30 pm.

13. Next meeting. Tere Sec. 7 to fix date after the holidays. -

Clifford D. Shank.

Committee 30th Sept: 1909.

Present Sharp in chair, Dr. E. Bentham, W. S. Sanders & Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidatures. Secy reported August (4) & Sep. (9) elected & himself as authorized. October (15) were duly elected. Total for 3 mos. 28. Last year 94. —

3. Resignations

Dr. McCleary. Professional Reasons.

F. S. Snell Cambridge. Another Society

H. S. Grace. Change of opinion

Miss Power. Resigned a year ago

Miss E. Higgs. Can't attend

Mrs. Badley W.S.P.N.

F. J. Welch. Change of opinion

Rev. H. Ham. Wants to be subscriber

Two Glasgow F.S. members.

all accepted.

Dr. R. A. Kirby. No reason Refer to Guest.

All

accepted

(4) Prize List of 27 members listed July 15th Sec. reported 10 paid, 1 promised, 2 Resigned, & no reply from 14..

(5) Subscriptions for 3 months.

6@5/- 1@7/6, 7@10/. 4@15/. 3@20/. Average 10/6
Seven Local members @ 2/6. Average of all 8/9.

(6) Accounts to 31 Aug were presented.

(7) Correspondence.

A. M. Hoart. asking us to take up Fiji.

ask him what he actually proposes.

L.N.P. Circular re Labour Press. Noted.

May Day Socialist Pageant. No action.

Internat. Soc^l. Bureau. Circular re affairs in Spain. agreed to propose to Exec. that a resolution re Ferrer be proposed at the next meeting.

S.I. Fed. Soc^l. Societies. Handling resolution re minority Report. Refer to Mrs Webb.

C. E. Oakley. Asking use of list re ventilator
Refuse.

(8.) L. G. Chiozza-money. The Secy reported that he had been absent from four consecutive meetings of the Exec. May 21, June 25, July 9 & July 23, & from 4 consecutive meetings of the Finance & G.P. Com^{ee} May 20 June 10, July 1 & July 22 in both cases without leave of absence granted & that he appeared & Rule 3. to have vacated his seat in both cases. Letter from money was read urging that the rule be not put in force, & explaining that his non-attendance was due to exceptional pressure of parliamentary work. It was agreed to grant leave of absence to ~~the~~ money from the Finance Com^{ee} on July 22nd & to recommend the Executive to grant leave of absence for the next meeting, July 23rd —

9. Parliamentary action

Tamilton. Letter from the Tamilton L.L.C. asking us to reconsider decision to stand out at Tamilton. Letter from Grenfell submitted. Agreed to recommend the Exec. not to alter their decision.

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9. Parl. action (cont'd)

Rockdale. Letter from L.P.C. asking us to offer a candidate. Reports from Labour Party read. Agreed to decline. -

10. Labour Party.

Conference Circulars. Deferred.

11. Date of Constitution Com^{ee}

Referred to Exec.

12. Late correspondence

W.S.P.U. asking list of medicals for protest re compulsory feeding. Agreed to supply it.

Fisher Union. Asking use of our list to send out adot. of Wells' Anna Veronica. Agreed to let him send a man to copy addresses from our list.

13. Dates of Meetings. After discussion, deferred for decision at Exec. -

S. W. W. H.

Committee Meeting Friday Oct. 15th at 4 pm.

Present: W. Webb (in chair), Bland, Shaw, Guest, Enzor, Sanders & Sec'y also, part time, Snell.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Resignations Miss Collar (5. '08) Accepted
R. S. F. Woods (13. '08) --

3. July Purge Sec. reported 3 members whose names were reserved for consideration (viz John Davidson, W. J. Pincombe & H. S. Eastwood,) had been written to & had not replied. Agreed to strike them off.

4. Accounts to 30th Sep.

	1909.	1908
Members Subscriptions	463	408
Assoc. --	59	44
Subscribers --	26	25
Tract Sales	82	146
Minutes Report	127	—
all noted. —		

5. Grants asked. ~~The~~ Internat. Soc^l. Com^{ee}, $\frac{1}{2}$ yr. £7. Pay.
Abolition of Half Time Com^{ee}: 10/- paid already.
Further grants asked. No.

6. Parliamentary Fund. Secy reported promises over 5 years
say £2500. Called up Feb. 09 including
payments in advance £478.86. - expended
Tamton £274.12.8. Portsmouth £50. In
Land, balance, £153.15.10. -

Agreed that the Exec. be asked to
authorize a further call up of one
year's contribution.

7. Parliamentary Business

(a) Portsmouth. Report of agent was submitted &
ordered to be acknowledged

(b) Blackburn - Snowden. Letter from him read, thanking
the Exec. for considering his proposal &
saying that in deference to the advice
of his I.S.P. colleagues, he had decided
to withdraw it. - Agreed
to acknowledge letter with
thanks.

7. Parliamentary Business (contd.)

Huddersfield. Snell was in attendance. -

Sec. reported a talk with Snell & suggestion that he should be taken over from the L.H.P. & stated the L.H.P. appeared to be willing. - After full discussion, it was unanimously agreed: -

- (a) That the Exec. be recommended to adopt Snell as Fabian Candidate.
- (b) That hereupon the L.H.P. be asked to give their consent to the transfer.
- (c) That Snell be authorised to consult his Committee informally forthwith, & submit to them the following proposals:
 - I That provided the sum of £150 is deposited in the Bank by 31 Dec. 1909 the Fabian Society would for an election in Jan'y 1910 bear the remainder of the expense, not exceeding £250.
 - II That provided a suitable man can be found an assistant agent be at once engaged at the expense of the Fabian Society to give his full time at £2. a week for a three month's engagement.

8. Borough Council Elections The Sec. reported a circular sent out on behalf of Dr. Bentham & Mrs. Levine. Ordered to put a list of candidates in F. news.
9. Lectures to the Society For Dec. 17, at present open, it was agreed to ask Miss Bondfield on "Married Women in Industry". Middle class Defence Union. Offer of lecture by the Secy Lloyd Williams, per Adbrook Jackson. Refer to nursery.
10. Labour Party. agreed as follows:-
Nomination for Exec. - Pease
Nominations of Congress Delegates. Bland, Shaw + Pease.
Resolutions for congress. To send in one advocating employment of Professional auditors.
Womens Local Govt Secy. asking us to send resolution re Kerr Bill. Decline.
- 11 Execution of Ferrer. Request from S. D. P. to send speaker to Trafalgar Sq. Secretary to send one.

12. Chairman for Guest's lecture. Bland.

13. Day of Meeting. Thursdays.

14. Date for next Executive. Oct 29.

Bymer Claude

Committee Tuesday 18th Nov. '09 at 5.30 pm.

Present ~~Blair~~^{Mauds} (in chair), Miss Bentham, Ensor, Bland
Sharp & Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apology from Chozza-mony for absence from the previous meeting was accepted.
3. Candidates for election . 40. Last year ~~8/6~~ - 86.
Subs. 6@5/. 5@7/6, 10@10/. 3@20/. av. 24 9/6.
16 Locals & @ 2/6. av. 40. 6/6.
All duly elected.

4. Resignations &c.

W. J. Fincombe, struck off for non-payment, reported paid & reinstated.

Mr. Kirby. Resignation held over. No reply to letter. Ordered to be accepted.

Resignations made in response to subscription reminder:-

G. Brown, Miss Cartwright, Miss Day, C. J. J. Fox
Miss Freeman, Miss Hay, F. W. Hays (Delighton) R. Marshall
E. T. Moore, E. B. Robson, W. K. Sanderson, Miss Tonia
S. S. Lawrence, all accepted.

5. Accounts to 31st Oct. were presented.

6. Correspondence.

Miss Strudwick objecting to the nursery as educational.
Sec. ordered to delete reference to nursery
in Lecture notices in the news.
Gilbert Slater re Vice-principal of Ruskin Hall.

7. Lectures Sec. reported alterations of Decr. dates
Jan'y Lectures. Agreed to let off Miss Bondfield
if she ~~can~~ desires it for election work.
Agreed to have a lecture on Care Committees
of Mrs. Townshend or Dr. M. Phillips.

8. Labour Party Agenda ~~sub.~~ of Conference submitted.

9. Huddersfield Telegram received saying the Local Party
desired to appoint full time agent as per
our first offer. Agreed to reply that
we accept his proposal.

10. Potomouth Proofs of appeal submitted & approved.
Ordered to go out at once.

11. Resolution on Forcible feeding at members meeting. See reported that he had not sent this to the press till requested to do so & Miss Atkinson = that she also desired it sent to the Socy., on which matter he asked instructions. After discussion it was agreed to refer the point to the Exec. —

Mr. Bentham stated she wd. move a resolution on the subject of action to be taken on resolutions adopted at Society meetings.

Aylmer Maude

Committee 2nd Dec: 1909.

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Present Maude (in chair), Dr. Bentham Shaw-
Ensor, Bland, Sharp + Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Money. accepted.

3. Candidates. List of 106 elected. (Last
Year 86) Two names not printed, &
special request, were approved.
Subscriptions 1 @ 2/6, 1 @ 3/6, 10 @ 5/-
2 @ 7/6, 12 @ 10/- 1 @ 55/- Average 27
Ordinary 9/2. Average all 3/11 $\frac{1}{2}$

4. Resignations. R.B. Greig. Aberdeen Professor.
Becomes subscriber. A.F. Skinner
D.M. Sutherland, Horace Norton,
all accepted.

5. Purge List. Final Circular sent to be
annexed 51 members. Sec. ordered
to send the typewritten letter.

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List of Members to be struck off.

Name.	Address.	Description.	Elected.	Last. Sub.	Date.
A. Aladin	Hammersmith	Ex-Member Duma.	Jan.08.	10/-.	Dec.'07.
T. Balston	S. W.	Student	Jan.08	10/-	Dec.'07
Cuthbert Bates	Bristol.	Traveller	April 08.	10/-	March'08
B.S. Beck	Birkenhead.	---	March '07	5/-	May '08.
Miss Bessent,	Barnes.	---	Jan.'08.	10/-	Dec.'07
S.H. Bhawe	India	---	Nov.'06	5/-	Dec.'07
G.R. Brett	Cardiff	---	Nov.'95	6/-	Apr.'08
F.E. Brightman	St. Neots	Confectioner	Apr.'08	10/-	March '08
Miss Brookes	Lost	-----	Jan.'08	3/-	Jan.'08.
Miss M.L. Browne	Letchworth	-----	Jan.'07	5/-	March '08
G.B. Bryan	Deveonport	Schoolmaster	Apr.'07	5/-	Aug.'08.
A. J. Bull	Croydon	-----	Jan.'07	15/-	Feb.'08
C.E. Burbridge.	S. W.	-----	Feb.'06	10/6	May '08
G. S. Butler	Lost	-----	June '07	---	---
Cocks, Paul	Swansea	Clerk	Feb.'08	5/-	Jan.'08
Miss C. Craig.	Woolwich	Art Student	Nov.'07	7/6	Oct.'07
S. J. Dark	N. E.	Bookkeeper	March '08	5/-	Feb.'08
Mrs. Davidson,	Abbey Wood	---	March '08	2/6	Feb.'08
James Duncan	Tranent, N.B.	Blacksmith	Feb.'08	2/6	Jan.'08
W. H. Eyre	Edmonton	Printer	Jan.'08	5/-	Dec.'07
Wm. R.S. Frost.	Wanstead	Works Manager	Feb.'08	21/-	Jan.'08
Mrs. Frost.	Do.	-----	Apr.'08	10/6	March '08
J. C. Fuller	Insurance	Official			
J. C. Fuller	Baling.	Insurance			
		Official.	Feb.'08	10/6	Jan.'08
Geo. Haw	Hendon	Journalist	Aug.'01.	10/-	Dec.'07
W. V. Hawken	Pinlco	Trader	Dec.'07	10/6	Nov.'07
W. Henderson	Streatham	-----	Dec.'06	20/-	Dec.'07
P. Henrikason	Tooting	Journalist	Mar.'08	10/-	Feb.'08
Felix Holt	Lost	-----	Dec.'06	15/-	Mar.'08
Wm. Ingle	Gork	Boot Manufacturer.	Feb.'08	10/-	Jan.'08
W. Alban Jones	Leeds	Architect	Apr.'07	5/-	June'08
Rev. H.A.S. Kennedy,	Hendon	Clerk in			
		Holy Orders	Jan.'08	10/6	Dec.'07
Hy. Lavender	Clapham	-----	July'06	10/-	Nov.'07
Alex Miller	Gloucester	-----	Feb.'06	4/-	June'08
Thos. Oldham	Thornton)	Printer's)			
	Heath.)	Overseer)	Dec.'07	12/6	Nov.'07
Rev. F.A.N. Parker,	Clitheroe	Vicar	Apr.'08	10/-	Mar.'08
Sydney W. Peet	Kew.	Clerk	Jan.'08	10/6	March'08
H.H. Peters	Dulwich	Draughtsman	Dec.'07	10/-	Nov.'07
J.M. Phillips	Swansea	Schoolmaster	Feb.'08	5/-	Jan.'08
Counc. J.W. Pratt	Glasgow	-----	Oct.'05	5/-	Aug.'08
H.S. Reittinger	S. W.	-----	June'07	1/-	May '07
Walter Ritchings	Burnley	Science Master	March '07	5/-	Jan.'07

W. E. ...	...	...	...	...
H. B. ...	...	...	...	...
G. B. ...	...	...	...	...
S. M. ...	...	...	...	...
W. T. ...	...	...	...	...
H. W. ...	...	...	...	...
Rev. J. E. ...	...	...	...	...
R. W. ...	...	...	...	...
H. Branson ...	...	...	...	...
Miss Madge ...	...	...	...	...
Miss P. ...	...	...	...	...
W. Torry ...	...	...	...	...
S. M. Udale ...	...	...	...	...
Miss H. M. ...	...	...	...	...
Hans Weiglin ...	...	...	...	...
Rev. Thos. ...	...	...	...	...

Rev. J. E. Roberts, Spennymoor	----	Dec. '00.	2/-.	March '08
R. W. Ross Hackney	Civil Service			Feb. '08
	Clerk.	Mar. '08	12/-	
H. Branson Smith Putney	Clerk	Apr. '08	10/6	Mar. '08
Miss Madge Smyth Croydon	Clerk	Apr. '08	15/-	Mar. '08
Miss P. Stringer Sidcup	Nurse	Nov. '07	5/-	Oct. '07
W. Torry Dalston	Warehouseman	Feb. '07	10/-	Jan. '08.
S. M. Udale America	-----	May '05	7/6	Apr. '07
Miss H. M. Watson, Redford)				
	Park) Teacher	Mar. '08	10/-	Feb. '08
Hans Weiglin Lost.	Hairdresser	Oct. '07	5/-	Sept. '07
Rev. Thos. Williams,				
Welshpool	----	Aug. '02	5/-	Jan. '08.

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6. Mr. + Mrs. Fels. The Secy presented the following report.

The Strange Case of Mr. & Mrs. Fels, who subscribed
Mrs. Fels £10.10.0 in 1902.
£25. " 1903.
£10. " " special
Joseph Fels £25 " 1903.
£100 " 1904.

and nothing since except 21/- to School Feeding Fund.

The Sec. was directed to write to them pointing out their neglect. -

7. Accounts: The following was reported:-

Accounts to 30th. November.

	1909.	1908.
Members Subscriptions.	£673.	£597
Associates "	£ 78	£ 80
Non-members "	£ 43	£ 47
Tract Sales	£125 }	£196
Minority Report	£163 }	--
Book Boxes	£ 58	£ 58

Bank Balance 30th. November £88

Parliamentary Fund.
£160 more put on Deposit making £300
In current a/c £5.

The report was received.

8. Parliamentary Fund.

The Secy reported as follows:-

Parliamentary Fund.

Balance in hand Nov. 1st. £154

Receipts to Dec. 1st. call on gurantors £334
 " " " " New subs. 51

385

Promises for January &c.

£539

76

Total in sight

£615

Money and promises still coming in
 Nothing heard from Allfrey.

Rough Estimate of minimum Expenditure

Spent Bye-Election Portsmouth £200

Cost General Election " 350

" " " Huddersfield 250

Organising " 30

£830

9. Huddersfield Agent. The Secy reported that Montague had been appointed on the decision of Riley & Wintley, as provided in the Executive Com^e resolution

10. L.C.C. Elections

Letter from Webb re appeal for women candidates. Agreed to defer till after the General Election.

11. Chairman for Mrs Figner. Maude.

Request that a collection be allowed for the Russian exiles. Agreed that this cannot be permitted.

12. Lectures to the Society

Miss Bondfield. Request that her lecture be deferred. Agreed.

Mrs Townsend. Consent to lecture on Jan. 14.

Hilvaire Belloc. Suggestion that he be invited to give an anti-Socialist lecture. After debate agreed to recommend that he be invited.

13. New Year's Letter. Agreed that Webb be asked to draft it.

14. Action on Resolutions passed at Society Meetings

Letter from Dr. Bentham. Agreed that the Secy inform movers of resolutions that the action to be taken on them must be indicated at the time.

15. Correspondence

Labour Party, asking if we will send our candidates to the Demonstration at Manchester Dec. 17. Agreed to do so.

London Branch Bund Worker. Asking representative speaker. Send a Jew.

16. Census Papers

It was agreed to grant permission to Dr. Bentham to examine our Limitation of Families Census papers.

17. Political Policy

Letters from Mrs. Wilson & A. P. Greenfell on the action of members at the election. -

After discussion it was agreed that a recommendation to members to vote ^{for} for the Liberals, in places where there are no Labour Candidates be sent to the members & that Shaw draft it. -

Byline Claude

Committee 13th January 1910
Present Maude (in chair) Dr. Bentham, Gussor,
Guest, Sharp, Shaw, Weht, + Sec. 7.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Money (electioneering) & Bland (speaking for Snell) were excused.
3. Candidates. The List of 47 was elected. Last year 42.
Subs. 12 @ 5/. 1 @ 7/6, 7 5 @ 10/. 1 @ 20/-
average 7/2. Locals 11 @ 1/- 17
@ 2/6. Average of whole 4/.

(4) Accounts to 31st Dec. were presented.

(5) Parliamentary Fund. Accounts showing receipts
£ 880. Payments £ 702. Balance in hand
£ 178. Promises due about £ 40. Letter from Snell saying
more money will be wanted. Sec. reported that after
consulting Trustees, he had written Snell & Sanders
that if more money ~~was~~ could be properly spent
it would be forthcoming. Action approved.

6 Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Sub'n</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Result</u>
Mrs Burner	London	1905.	5/.	No time.	accept.
C.S. Buxton	Oxford	1907	-	Lib. Cand.	Defer.
H.A. Day	Norwich	1897.	20/.	Long letter.	accept
After discussion agreed to ask to become associate.					
W. Dexter	Feltham	1904.	5/.	Poverty.	Keep 1 year.
W.S. Glyn Jones	London	1907	10/6.	Lib. Cand.	Defer.
Miss Hatfield	Germany	1893	-	4 th time.	accept.
Geo. Haw	London	1901	10/.	None	"
G.L. Lloyd	"	1908	10/.	No time	"
Miss Moulder	Cheltenham	1908	1/.	Poverty	"
Miss Norman	London	1909.	5/.	Going to N. Zealand	"
Rev J.S. Roberts	Durham	1900	2/.	Poverty	Keep 1 year
Rev F.A.H. Parker	Clitheroe	1908	10/.	"	accept
W. Torry	London	1908	10/.	"	"
John Trevor	Sussex	1896	10/.	"	"
H.S. Wilkins	Calford	1908	5/.	"	"
F. Woodfull	London	"	5/.	Leaving London	"

(7) Mrs & Mrs Felo. See letter saying we can turn out, but he may pay labor on - keep on to let Guest see the reply. -

(8) Haggerston Election. Letters from T. Foster,
Rev W. H. Paine, Rev Egerton Swan, & H. L.
Woods, re ~~his~~ Chancery's opposition to
H. Burrows (S.D.P.) & re issue of poster
saying "Socialism is a dream". Agreed to
report to the Exec. that reply should be
sent that no objection in principle can
be taken to a Fabian opposing another Socialist.
& that exact particulars be obtained as to
the poster, & reported to the Executive.

(9) Correspondence.

Johnson, Sec. of L.H.P., suggesting L. G. L.B.
Conference of Elected Persons in London
& asking our help. Agreed to concur
cordially in the proposal.

Sheffield F.S. asking if we will contribute towards
a Town Council Election. No.

First of May Celebration. Invitation to join. No.

V. F. Spalding. On Transvaal Indians. Not our line.

Miss Leigh, asking repudiation of Blatchford. Sec'y's
reply approved. Suggestion made that
some policy about military service be considered.

10. Lectures to the Society.

Vacant Dates

Mar 4

Apr 8 & 22

May 13. Annual Meeting

Mar 27.

Hilaire Belloc. Not yet asked.

Mrs Hylton Dale. asking us to get up W. Suffrage
Demonstration. Refuse politely.

Offer from Dr. Brod's Com^{tee} of Lecture on the
Cong^{ress} of Vandervelde, in French. Refuse

Try Dr. Veidl on Vienna

11. Date of Meeting. after the Com^{tee} had partly dispersed
it was agreed to suggest Wednesday
instead of Thursday for meeting.


[N.B. Subsequently overruled by Exec.
& Thursday adopted]

R. C. K. [unclear]
3 Feb. 1910.

Meeting 3rd Feby 1910. Bland
Present Ensor (in chair), Dr. Bentham, ~~Ensor~~, Maude,
Shaw, Sharp, Welch & Sec'y

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Sanders, lecturing, & Guest, Honeymoon
&c. were accepted.
3. Candidates, all elected, 26: last year 74.
Subs. 5@5f. 2@7/6, 6@10f. 1@12/5, 1@15f.
1@20f. 1@40f. 1@60f. Average 13/10
Average (26) 10/1.

(4) Resignation. C.S. Buxton Defeated Lib. Card. ask to withdraw
W.S. Glyn Jones " " " " " "
E. Giddeler - no reason. Accept
M. Murray domestic reasons " "
Mrs. D.D. Ritchie. Change of opinion " "
W. Ingle Temporary poverty Keep on
Miss Waltham Poverty " "



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5. The following list of members in arrears was considered, & it was agreed to retain Walter Coffin, & to send a final letter to all the rest :-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Subscription.</u>	<u>Date.</u>
Miss E.B. Bunyard	London	Teacher of Physical Exercises	July '08.	15/-	2/6/08
Miss M. Cheesman	Putney.	---	April '08	5/-	19/3/08
Walter H. Coffin	London		June '85	20/-	26/6/08
Miss H.M. Dallas	London	Artist.	July '08	15/-	22/6/08
W.A. Davidson.	London	Surgeon	May '07	5/6	25/6/08
Lewis Edwards	Liverpool.	---	July '07	2/6	7/9/08
Miss E.L. Friedeberg.	Wimbledon	--	July '07	3/-	24/2/08
Mrs. Gabler.	Surbiton.	Music Teacher.	June '07.	5/-	10/7/08
Capt. C.P. Greig	London	Army Capt.	June '08	£2.0.0.	12/5/08
W.A. Hoffmann	Tonbridge	Schoolmaster.	July '07.	10/6	28/9/08
R. R. Lawrence	Martock (Somerset)	----	July '94.	10/-	2/6/08
Miss P.A. Mordin	Brixton	Teacher	June '08	10/-	7/5/08
Mrs. Clarence Rook	Kensington.	---	June '08	21/-	6/5/08
M. P. Shiel	London	Author	July '08	10/-	3/6/08
J.L. Stonier	Fulham	Civil Servant	July '07.	10/6	15/6/08.

b. The following statement of accounts was presented :-

Members subscriptions	£990	£907
Associates "	115	110
Subscribers "	56	63
Book Boxes	72	71
Tract Sales	171	236
Minority Report	183	---
Parliamentary Fund	844	---
Lecturing Expenses	269	267
Bank Balance 31st. January.	Parliamentary A/c	£209
	Ordinary A/c.	45
		£254

Tract sales show an increase for the month of £6.
Subscriptions are the same, a total of £240.

7. Parliamentary Fund & Candidates.

The following statement was presented :-

(a) Cash Balance February 2nd.	£213.
<u>Requirements.</u>	
Portsmouth about	£100
Huddersfield, Organising	30
Do. at least	50
	<u>£180</u>

About £20 could be collected from unpaid promises for January.

- (b) Letter from Whiteley, Huddersfield, asking us if we wish to keep organiser on & urging us to continue Snell's candidature. Letters from Goodchild (Fabian) & H. Wood. Agreed to write that we will carry out our arrangement to pay Montague for three months, & no more at present.
- (c) Report, annexed, from Sanders was read. It was agreed to give notice to terminate arrangement with Election Agent on Mar 31st.

On the whole subject - it was agreed that the Trustees of the Fund prepare a report on future activities for presentation to the next meeting of the Sub. Committee

8. I.C.C. Election

Circular was approved & ordered to be issued at earliest.

9. Lectures to the Society

The Secy reported :-

Mar 4. Dr. Veidl accepts on Municipal Socy in Vienna

May 27. Dr. Broda accepts on Coop. Societies in Vienna.

Hilfaire Belloe written to, & no reply.

April dates open: May fixed.

No action taken.

(10) Newport Conference.

Secy was appointed delegate to the Special Confes on the Osborn Case.

Shaw reported he could not leave London, & Sanders was appointed to take his place. -

It was agreed to pay delegate's expenses
Letter from Walter Baker asking support to the Postal Telegraph Clerks Resolution - agreed.

11. Julius West - Request for increase of salary from 21/- agreed to make it 25/-

12. Correspondence. Miss Bacon. Asking ~~Head~~ for Round-About-Club no.

The liberal asking opinion on ~~Part~~ Lab election. no.
Young Socialist League. asking delegate to confer on Socialism + Nat. Defence. send West.

Prof. F. A. Smith on his reasons for voting Unionist. Secs. reply approved.

13. Elected Persons Confce. Sec. reported that a regular conference wd. probably not be held. noted.

14. Chairman for Herbert: J. W. Shaw - to arrange.

15. Mower. Sec. reported he had lost & not paid for Shaw's Quinquessence of Libersim. no action to be taken. -

16. Social Com^{ce}. Agreed to grant £5 for future work.
Herbert Shaw

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Portsmouth.

As the Executive Committee will be considering the question of parliamentary election policy of the Society I submit the following report with regard to Portsmouth. The poor result of the election was due to the enormous influence exercised by the personality of Lord Charles Beresford together with the skilful engineering of the Blatchford German scare. With an ordinary candidate the Labour Party would have done much better. In spite of the heavy fall in the Labour vote I am of the opinion, founded on talks with several leading Liberals, that if a strong Labour candidate came into the field early the Liberals would only put forward one candidate. The organisation of the Labour Party is fairly good, a large staff of workers being now available. Nevertheless I do not consider that the Fabian Society should be responsible for the constituency at the next election seeing that Beresford is likely to stand again ^{and} if the next election comes soon it will be impossible for the Liberal or the Labour Party to beat him or his Tory colleague. The claim of the Labour Party to one seat should be maintained, but the cost of making the claim good should be borne by some other section of the Labour Party - or Trade Union or the I.L.P.

I therefore recommend that the Fabian Society should give due notice to the Portsmouth Labour Party that it cannot make any further contributions to the salary of the local organiser after March 31st.

Wm. Stephen Sanders.

Meeting 10th March 1910.

Present Maude (in chair) Dr. Bentham, Bland, Emor,
Guest, Shaw, Sharp, Sanders, + Sec. 9

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Webb, lecturing in S. Wales., Excused.
3. Candidates elected 33, Past year 52.
Subscriptions 8@5/. 4@10/. 2@20/. Av-8/7.
Locals 16@2/6, 3@1/- Gen-Av. 4/11?

4. Resignations

Miss M. Billings	5/. 1908.	No reason.	accepted.
C. S. Burton.		Prefers Liberal Party	"
J. D. Clark	7/6 1908.	No reason	"
Miss D. Colebrook	7/6 1909.	Poverty.	Leave on
W. Gillison	5/. 1907.	Dislike Labour Party,	accepted.
Dennis Ford	5/. 1907.	Can't help.	"
W. Langham	20/. 1908	No reason	"
Rev E. G. Maxted	7/6 1906.	Prefers S. D. P.	"
Miss J. Mitchell	5/. 1907.	Can't attend	"
Rev. J. C. Pringle	5/. 1903.	Gone to Japan	"

4 (cont.?)

Resignations

Henry a. Herring 10/- 1909. Gets no value accepted
P.R. Pratt, 20 years a member. Leaving London 1.

5. Defaulters

E. Levin Finchley. 1908. 5/- once. Off.
A. B. Reynolds Bowes Park. 1906 5/- twice Off.
Miss Inez Mulholland 1908. 10/- once. Keep on.

6. Correspondence

A. M. Hocart. Re absence of Grievances
of Fiji natives. Noted.
International Congress of Administrative
Sciences at Brussels. Noted.
Clarion Scouts. Asking cooperation in
Herre's Sentence Protest. No.
Brit. Assn. Lab. Legn. Asking Delegation
Refer to Exec. -

7. L.C. Election Fund.

Amended report was presented.
It was agreed to follow precedent in not charging
costs to the fund, + to divide the General Fund equally.

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L. G. C. Fund.

(8) Finances.

- (a) Balance Sheet - to Feb 25th was presented.
- (b) Estimate presented showing probable deficit of about £200; expenses of lectures chargeable to C/o. 2 a/c over £400. Required for deficit + working balance £200 or £250.-
- (c) C/o 2 a/c. Balance £68. Proposed to request the Trustees to sell £300 Serly 3%, wh. will yield about £250, + leave £800 in hand.
The above was approved.
- (d) School Feeding Fund. after further discussion Guest undertook to pay part of ~~it~~ the balance at once + the rest later.

9. Infringement of Copyright. Secy reported on the proceedings, which resulted in Simpson Hb. declining to accept responsibility. -
It was agreed that Shaw's offer to take over the case be accepted.

10. Womens Bureau. The resignation of Mrs Townshend one of our delegates was accepted, + pending a report from Miss Murg, no action was taken.

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11. Annual Meeting &c. Letter from Shallard about a possible demand for a special meeting to discuss political policy was submitted & no action taken.

Letter from Dr. A. D. Macpherson sending in a very long notice of motion on the use of titles of the Society was discussed. Proposal to decline the notice was negatived. It was agreed that the Secy write him that so long a notice cannot be printed: if he cannot send a short resolution, only a notice of its purport can be given.

12. L.L.P. Bazaar Handbook. Page adob at 15/- approved.

13. Parliamentary Fund & Policy. The annexed report was received, & it was agreed to refer it as a whole to the Exe. - The majority proposal as to Crookes was generally approved, but no resolution was moved, or decision come to. The Secy was ordered to consult Shell as to the ~~to~~ Huddersfield proposals, ~~the copy~~ was favourable to paying the deficit as proposed if Shell concurred.

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Report on Parliamentary Policy by the Trustees
of the Parliamentary Fund for the General Purposes Com-
mittee on March 10th. 1910, with a Minority Report on
Woolwich by Bland.

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The Expenditure has been as follows:

Parliamentary Fund.

Frank Smith at Parliament

1904. 12. 8

Income and Expenditure to date.

Harry Smith

1910. 3. 1

Total promises in 1908 for 5 years	£2,637. 0. 0
<u>Deduct lapsed</u>	<u>361. 0. 0</u>
	2,276. 0. 0
<u>Add Subscriptions to fund not included in promises</u>	<u>154. 0. 0</u>
	2,430. 0. 0
<u>Deduct receipts</u>	<u>1,130. 0. 0</u>
Total uncalled	1,300. 0. 0
say	1,250. 0. 0
Of this £400 is due from Allfrey.	
Amount in hand	66.11.10
Possible promises (payable to 1913!)	<u>1,250.</u>
say	1,300. 0. 0

It should be observed that when the fund was proposed, we contemplated re-imbursing the Labour Party for the salary of any elected member. This contingency need not now be considered.

General Election Results.

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Portsmouth. In view of the drop in Sanders' vote, he has decided definitely not to contest it again, and there is no reason why we should run another candidate there.

The Expenditure has been as follows:-

Frank Smith at Taunton	274. 12. 8
Harry Snell at Huddersfield	216. 13. 4
W. S. Sanders at Portsmouth By-Election	200. 0. 0
Do. Do. General Election	270. 0. 0
Organising at Huddersfield	26. 0. 0
" " Portsmouth	75. 0. 0
Manchester Conference	3. 7. 6
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	1,065. 13. 6
Cash in hand	<u>66. 11. 10</u>
	<u>£ 1,132. 5. 4</u>
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General Election Results.
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decided definitely not to contest the seat again, and there
is no reason why we should run another candidate there.

Huddersfield. Snell did better than was expected and the local
people wish him to stand again. The expenses to us were
extremely moderate and the additional £50 which we authorised
Snell to expend was not claimed. The election account closed
with a deficit of £28.19. 2., which the local people propose
to pay. The Executive might consider whether they should not
send a cheque for it.

Candidate.

Three Candidates have been under consideration

Harry Snell Huddersfield.
Will Crooks
W. S. Sanders.

Proposals.

(1) In the event of a General Election this summer:-

Huddersfield. We suggest that Harry Snell should be encouraged
to continue his candidature and that a small contribution
if necessary, be made to organising expenses, say in the

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first case for 6 months. It is possible, if Snell remains in the field, that the Tories will not run a candidate. In that case Snell's candidature would be very promising. If thought fit, we might arrange with Snell that he should withdraw at the last moment, unless prospects seemed exceptionally good.

presumably

Crooks. At the General Election he would probably stand again for Woolwich. We might arrange to supplement local funds, and promote general appeal.

Sanders. He has some idea of standing again but it is too early yet to come to any decision.

II. If there be no General Election in the summer.

Snell. The candidature at Ruddersfield should be kept simmering.

Crooks. He is by far the best fighting candidate available for the Labour Party, but he has no funds behind him, because the Coopers' Union which nominally supports him is too small to provide even a ten pound note.

It is therefore suggested that the F. S. should intimate to Crooks and to the Labour Party that the Society will be ready to come forward in the event of a by-election which offers reasonable prospects of success. His strong personality and wide popularity would enable the Society to appeal for help beyond its own immediate circle, and we think the few hundred pounds required for a

reasonably cheap seat could be obtained without difficulty.

Sanders. As he has nothing definite to suggest at present, his case must stand over.

We suggest that Mr. Allfrey should be asked whether his promise of £400 still stands good.

Hubert Bland (subject to memorandum below)
Sidney Webb
Edw. R. Pease
Trustees.

I agree with the Report except in the matter of our financing Crooks at a By-Election.

If Crooks will personally announce himself as the Candidate for Woolwich and will at once begin to work the Borough I think we might undertake to finance that Candidature. He would be practically certain to win. We could do that job pretty thoroughly and could pour in a lot of canvassers etc. when the time came. But I should not care to do even that unless it were made quite clear that he was a Fabian candidate - a Labour Party Candidate too of course - but the Fabian name must be made quite prominent. ~~Should the Fabian~~ I want the Fabian name to be associated with victory next time. The election is sure to take place soon - and I have no doubt whatever that he would win. I think we might well wait for the General Election and not bother about by-elections especially doubtful ones. Let us concentrate on one election and win it.

Unless Crooks fight Woolwich I don't think I care to back him. He is not a candidate of the "Fabian type" in any way, and the fund was specially raised for that type of candidate: but I would overlook that disqualification for the sake of a winning fight.

Hubert Bland.

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Committee 15 April 1910.

Present. Maude (in chair), Innes, Welch, Bland
Miss Bentham, Sharp, Guest, Sanders & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates were elected. Subs. 1@2/6, 6@5/-
1@7/6, 9@10/. 1@15/. 1@20/. av. (19) 8/10; average
of whole 4/11?

(3) Resignations: accepted:-

Miss Burnett	1893.
Mr. Stanton Cost	1906
Miss Hilda Daws	1908
Dr. Mabel Hardie	1907
G. S. Hooper	1907
Miss G. Mann	1907
W. O. Peake	1905
A. H. Pemberton	1908
Cosmo Rowe	1906
Miss M. Sanders	1906
M. J. Sief.	1908
Miss Friedberg	

(3) cont: Resignations not accepted.

Tom Groom Gloucester 1895. Poverty etc. Kept on.

W. S. Glyn Jones. Resigned when Liberal Candidate.
No reply to request to withdraw
Deferred.

D'Arcy W. Peave. Sec. reported subⁿ reminder sent
without his authority: Letter saying
he can't now subscribe. Sec. to write
personal letter saying we regard
him as a life member.

(4) Lectures to Society

Sec. reported no fixtures for June.

Letter from E. V. Shellard suggesting lecture
by Mrs Pinsett on Care of Feeble-minded.

Agreed to decline.

(5) Balance Sheet for year. Proof submitted &
approved.

(b) Parl. Business

Letter from North of England W. S. Society asking us to
suggest W. S. Candidates. None to offer.

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(6) cont. Party Business

C.S. Moore asking suggestion for candidate for
Sowerby Divⁿ of Yorks. Sec. reported the
Labour Party agent said seat impossible one
Rep^y none to offer.

A. D. Lewis asking us to request the L. Party to
support the Half Time abolition Bill.
agreed to do so.

(7) ~~What~~ Parliamentary Candidatures.

The Trustees of the Parly Fund (Webb, Bland & Peace)
reported the substance of an interview they had just
had with Grinling & Barefoot representing the
Woolwich Lab. Repⁿ Assocⁿ - Further a letter
was read from the Sec^y of the Labour Party
asking the Exec. to reconsider their decision
to abandon Huddersfield, because the
Party considered it a seat wh. should be fought,
& objected to affiliated societies making rapid
changes of policy in constituencies. - after
discussion it was agreed to ~~recom~~ report
to the Executive to the following
effect: -

(7) Parly candidates: (cont^d)

I That any action with regard to Crooks' Candidature be conditional on satisfactory guarantees being first produced that £500 will be paid in to the Woolwich L.R.A. before nomination day & that the Woolwich L.R.A. undertakes to hold no harmless beyond £500 as a maximum.

II ^{Trust} Subject to satisfactory undertakings being given as aforesaid the Exec. Com^{ee} be recommended to nominate to the Labour Parly - W. Crooks as Parly Candidate for Woolwich.

III. That a strong appeal be made by the Exec. jointly with the Trustees of the Parly Fund to the subscribers & to the members generally to raise £500 for Crooks & £250 for Shell: and an appeal be also made to the subscribers to the Tchaikovsky Fund to allow the whole or ~~any~~ part of any funds returned to be allocated to this purpose.

- (8) Amendment of Rules. It was agreed that the Sec 7 draft, & the Exec. he recommended to adopt 5 amendments to Rules as follows:-
- (a) As to requisitions (25) + urgency requisitions (50) signatures, to alter the figures to 50 + 100. An amendment favouring 40 + 80 was lost.
 - (b) That resolutions once defeated, be not again introduced within a year without the consent of the Exec.
 - (c) As to rule about 4 absences from the Exec. that no alteration be proposed.

(9.) Week End Club. It was agreed to allow him a bribe to circularise members & see the office for a meeting in promotion of this project.

(10) Land Clubs. on letter from Fordham it was agreed that there is no objection in principle to the Land Club League using the office on terms to be arranged.

Arthur Maudslayi

Committee Friday May 6th at 5pm.
Present Maude (in chair) Miss Bentham Welch, Mary
Shaw, Essie Sanders & Sec'y

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates, 33, were elected. Subs. 11 @ 5/-
2 @ 7/6, 3 @ 10/- 2 @ 2/- . Average 18, 8/-
11 locals @ 2/6, 4 Univ. @ 1/- Average of 33, 5/4.

3. Resignations

Miss Bernard	Jan '09	5/-	No reason	accept
Miss Cotterill	Aug '08	10/-	Becoming Subscriber	"
J. S. Garrett	Nov '09	20/-	" "	"
J. H. Machay	Dec '93	5/-	Joined Reading F.S.	"
Edw. Rapley			Poverty	"
Miss Emily Edwards			"	"
Miss S. M. Watt	Apr '09		"	Keep on.

4. Accounts for April submitted.

Members Subs.	£ 136.	Ln 1909	£ 122
Associates "	6	" "	21
Tract Sales	20	" "	18.

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(5.) Labour Party.

Circular on Extravagance at Elections.

After discussion decided to take no action

Circular on Election Fund. Agreed in view
of our own appeal, to take no action.

Re Candidates' Conference. Noted.

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Committee 1910. 11.

Chairman R. C. K. Euse

Vice Chairman G. Bernard Shaw

Members

- Granville Barker
- Dr. Ethel Bentham
- Hubert Bland
- Aylmer Maude
- L. G. Clizga Mosey
- Miss Millicent Murby
- Clifford Sharp
- Sidney Webb

Ex officio. W. Stephen Sanders

Secretary E. R. Pease

Meeting Friday 27th May 1910 at 5 pm.

Present Aylmer Maude, Granville Barker,
Miss Murg, Dr. Bentham, Sharp. & Secy

1. Aylmer Maude was elected chairman of the meeting
2. The Minutes were confirmed
3. R.C.K. Euseb was elected Chairman of the Com^{ee}
& G. Bernard Shaw vice chairman
4. It was agreed to meet on Tuesdays, as a rule
the 1st of the month.

5. Resignations

H.C. Ridsdale	Harrow	1908	5/-	Can't attend
Mrs. H.C. Ridsdale	"	"	5/-	"
H. A. Thompson		1909	10/-	No reason
Mrs. Blanco White	Kensington	1906	10/-	"

All accepted.

Rowland A. Richards Roberts 1906. 5/- Probable
temporary poverty. Agreed
to keep on for a time.

b. Parliamentary Business.

Sec. 4 reported.

(a) Members Meeting. His report, made in the absence of Webb, of the Exec. proposals was well received.

(b) Woolwich. Guarantees had been received as required from Woolwich, & the consent of the Coopers Union & the transfer of Crooks to the F.S. had just come in. He proposed to nominate to the Labour Party Jollith

(c) Huddersfield. The Executive's new plans would be reported in Fabian News, & he proposed to take no action at present.

(d) Sunderland. Guarantee from the N. U. T. was to hand: Goldstone had been duly selected candidate. He proposed to nominate him to the Labour Party as soon as documents explaining his position in relation to the Constitution were received.

(e) Tchaikovsky Fund. ~~For~~ The amt. allocated to the Parly. Fund so far was £17.

6. Parly Business (cont'd)

(f) Issue of appeal. As the election was put off, the issue of appeal was adjourned sine die.
The Report was received

(7.) Correspondence

Memorial to T. Summerbell dec? - No action.

Appeal for subs. for decoration of Chandos Hall. - Insert in F. News, but not as a direct appeal for subs.

Traut Lib. Assn. - Books for Bazaar. No.

Labour Party. Request for names for Sp. Fund. Send names, but not of members.

(8.) Average Subscriptions. The Sec. was ordered to ascertain the average subs. of 200 men ordinary members + 200 women + to state average monthly.

R. C. K. Enson
9 June 1910.

Committee Tuesday June 9th 1910 at 5.30.
Present Euseb, in chair, Miss Mary, Miss Bentham,
Maude, Bland, Sanders, & Sec'y

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. Apologies. Webb: abroad: accepted.
Shaw: no reason: noted only.

3. Election of Candidates. 36 only elected (J. G.
Birkhead, entered in error). Subscriptions
Men 1 @ 5/. 2 @ 10/. 1 @ 20/. av. 11/4 } av. 10/6.
Women 4 .. 2 .. 2 10/1 }
Locals 13 @ 2/6, 11 @ 1/- Gen. av. 4/8.

4. Mens + Womens Sub:. Report that 400 names from
A. onwards, omitting all local Society members,
all couples both Fabians, + all subs over £5:-
Average 200 men 13/9
" " Women 10/6.

5. Resignations

Miss E. M. Backett 1908. 10/. Poverty Keep on.
D. J. Evans. 1906. 2/6. Objects to Anti Xianity of Soc.
Drop

b. Members to be struck off.

(a) Addresses lost for many months: 17.

Thos. J. Bennett, W. B. Bridges, Bernard Caiger^x
 Miss F. E. Christien, J. R. Crawford, Eliot Harrison^x
 Miss L. Fletcher, Hardress O'Grady, Dr. A. C. Rainer
 F. B. Sinclair, Pharall Smith^x, Mrs. Pharall Smith
 Miss Gertrude Stewart, Fred Taylor, Miss M.F. Towers
 F. J. W. Whipple, Mrs. Wilkinson.

(b) Received 3rd. and final reminder in April.

A. B. Coleman, Crouch Hill, 1908.	3/6 E. S.
Mrs. Coleman " " "	3/6 E. S.
R. E. Dowson, Watford. " "	10/- E. S. - ^{12/9}
J. Pascoe Elsdon W. " "	10/6 E. S.
Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Lyceum Club, 1908.	5/- E.S.
A. T. Merrifield, Plaistow. 1908.	5/- E. S.
J. H. Morrison, Oxford Univ. 1907.	nil.
J. W. Straughan, Croydon. 1890.	10/- 1907. ^{p^d}

(c) Subscriber only: one reminder only

H. G. Wells 1909. 10/- Feb. 1909.

Of these addresses were given for Caiger,
 Mrs. Harrison, Pharall Smith & Mrs. P. Smith
 Those who could not be found or did not
 reply & pay were ordered to be struck off.

7. Accounts. Tre Sec. reported on a/c for two
 months & reported that the audit had
 been completed. It was agreed to
 send the a/c to the auditors. -

8. Tchaykovsky Bail Fd. Tre Sec. reported on this
 fund, showing £ 28 transferred to Parly Fund.

9. Parl. Business The Secy reported: -
Woodwich, all arranged, except the final approval
of the Labour Party.
Huddersfield. Nothing fresh.
Sunderland. Correspondence still in progress re
the Labour Party Constitution.

10. Lecture Course 1910-11.

Bernstein on State Insurance. Sec. reported
that Dr. Broda now said the cost to
us of the lecture wd. be £5. -
Agreed to decline it.

Letter from Sliaw suggesting
a course on

What the Society is neglecting.

After discussion it was agreed to
arrange a course under the title

"What the Socialist Movement is neglecting"
Mande offered lecture on Tolstoy's
ideas, wch entitled The change
of heart, which was accepted.

It was agreed that the Chairman, V. Chairman
& Officers be a com^{ee} to sketch a course.

11. Annual Meeting Resolution

After Enson left it was agreed that he be requested to draft the Report on Fabian Policy for the Exec. -

12. Copenhagen Congress Report - Shaw stated he could not do a report on Fabian Policy, + it was agreed that the Secy. prepare a Report on the Work of the Society. -

R. C. K. Enson
14/7/10.

Committee 14th July 1910.

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Present Ensor (in chair), Shaw, Bland, Miss
Murby, Barker, Maude, Webb, Sharp
Sanders & Secy.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates (31) were elected: (last year 16)
Subs. 1@2/6 3@5/. 3@10/. av. 4q.
av. 5 men 6/6. 2 women 7/6.
17 Locals @ 2/6, 7@ 1/. Gen. av. 3/1.

3. Resignations. The following were submitted:—

Mrs. Grant Allen	1906.	10/6.	No reason
F. N. Evans	1907.	5/-	Disapproves extreme policy.
F. A. Farquharson	1908.	5/-	Becomes subscriber.
A. W. Gomme	1906.	20/-	No reason (Cambridge U.F.S.)
Miss Harcastle	1908	5/-	No reason.
F. T. H. Henle	1909	42/-	Political aspirations.
Mrs. C. E. Kelsey	1907	5/-	Can't attend
Mrs. S. Udale	1908	5/-	" "
Miss E. W. Webster	1909	4/-	Poverty.

All were accepted except the last, as to wh.
The Sec. was directed to write that we would
retain Miss Webster for the present, if desired.

4. Purge List. The annexed list was approved for the usual procedure.

Purge List.

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Name.	Address.	Occupation	Elected.	Subscription.	Date.
✓ Miss M. Adams	Kensington	---	Nov.'08	5/-	8/10/08
✓ James Allen	Leyton	Commercial	Nov.'07	10/-	23/11/08
✓ Wm. A. Baker	Islington	---	Oct.'06	5/-	20/11/08
✓ Miss J. E. Barritt	Wandsworth	---	Dec.'06	5/-	6/10/08
					for '07 & 08
<i>paid</i> H. C. Bazett	Hendon	Medicine	Mar.'07	Nothing	---
F. Blumer	Liverpool	Clerk	Nov.'07	12/-	2/12/08
✓ A.N. Cox	Southwark	Medical S.	Nov.'08	5/-	8/10/08
✓ A. E. Chapman	Banger	Lecturer	Dec.'06	7/6	14/4/08
✓ C.H. Cunningham	Hammersmith	---	Oct.'06	6/-	4/1/09
✓ E. B. D'Auvergne	Chelsea	Author	Nov.'08	2/6	27/10/08
<i>paid</i> L. Dibben	Surbiton	---	Jan.'08	5/-	26/1/09
D. Dickson	Kirkintilloch	---	Nov.'06	5/-	9/7/08
					for '07 & '08
✓ E. P. Fielden	Southall	Civil Ser.	Jan.'09	12/6	15/12/08
<i>paid</i> Rev. E. Geary	Brighton	Minister	Sep.'08	10/-	14/8/08
B. Gorsuch	Stratford	Doctor	June'07	5/-	11/1/09
✓ Miss M. Jagger	Huddersfield	---	Nov.'08	2/6	9/10/08
W. Johnson	Clapham	T.U. Sec.	June'95	5/-	7/10/08
✓ Mrs. Johnson	Clapham	---	Nov.'08	5/-	7/10/08
Paul Kennaday	New York	---	Jan.'08	20/-	6/12/07
W. J. Lewis	Banger	Lecturer	Dec.'08	5/-	10/11/08
<i>paid</i> N. G. Loughnane	Surbiton	Civil Ser.	Dec.'07	5/-	8/1/09
Chas. Charrington-Martin	St. Pancras	---	Ap. '95	20/-	2/11/05
✓ Mrs. Charrington-Martin	Do.	---	Feb.'03	23.	31/3/03
✓ Jas. P. Mattinson	Manchester	Butcher	May '98	15/-	9/11/07
					for '05, '06, '07
✓ Prof. J.H. Morgan	Hampstead	-----	Jan.'98	15/-	9/9/08
					for '05-'08
✓ A. Pepsy	Dalston	Cabinet M.	Nov.'07	5/-	8/12/08
Fred Paul	City	Underwriter	Nov.'07	25.	1/10/08
✓ Prof. D.K. Picken	New Zealand	----	Mar.'06	5/-	15/9/08
Miss Popham	S. Kensington	----	Dec.'06	10/-	1/1/09
					for '07 & '08
Frank Ppiewell	Norwood	Civil Ser.	Nov.'07	23/-	30/12/08
Wm. M. Sampson	Upton Manor	Clerk	Nov.'07	5/-	2/12/08
M. Scott	Honor Oak	Med. Student	Nov.'08	5/-	29/10/08
Louis Williams	Tipton	----	Mar'06	6/6	14/1/08
					for 1907
Geo. L. Williamson	Springfield	Engineer	Nov.'08	8/-	14/10/08

The following names and a sum which has been paid in arrears, and a sum which has been paid in arrears, are included in this list.

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5. Finances. The following report was received:-

Accounts to 30th. June.

	<u>1910.</u>	<u>1909.</u>
Members' Subscriptions	£249	£283
Associates' "	22	38
Non-members "	12	18
Tract Sales	43	49
Book Boxes	14	19.

Fall in subscriptions. Last year £10. was received for 10 years arrears, and a £5. sub. which has been paid in July. The following shows the irregularity of Subscriptions

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>July.</u>
1910	£136	59	54	£249	---
1909	122	51	110	283	53
1908	54	101	75	230	57
1907	56	38	51	145	100

b. Payments for consideration

Workmens Nat. Housing Comitee. Usual Sub? - Send it (5/-)

Labour Party. Authority asked to pay share of the cost of the Osborne Case, final appeal, which was guaranteed by the Joint Comtee. + the Labour Party through it. Agreed that payment not exceeding £5. be made without further authority.

Summer School Comtee. Appeal to be excused payment of £6. odd, cost of extra postage on Syllabus sent with news by order of Comtee at last moment. after debate, agreed, that the School Comtee do pay it.

7. Members Bookshelf. The Sec reported that her Select Catalogue is out of print: 3500 printed in July 1908 cost £8.10/. It was agreed to reprint, to add advt. of Book Boxes etc, & to send a copy to every member.

8. Correspondence.

Postal Clerks. Resolution on P.O. Saving Banks extension. It was agreed to appoint a Comtee in October to consider how the P.O. can be extended.

Miss Watt. who was recently excused her subscription, sending 2/-

John C. Miller. Reasons for impending resignation. Noted.

9. Womens Group. ~~The~~ Letter submitted stating:-

(a) Hyde Park Demⁿ. That the Group was asking men speakers & practically making the Society as a whole responsible

(b) Royal Comⁿ on Divorce. That the group was tendering evidence. -

Letter was noted, & no action ordered.

10. International Bureau: English Section. Bland resigned his seat & Pease was appointed.

11. Fabian Party Candidates

Sunderland. The Sec. reported that arrangements had been made by which Goldstone would be an outside candidate supported by the Labour Party, but not technically on the list. The agency of the Fabian Society therefore ceases. —

Woolwich. The transfer of ^{Crooks} ~~his~~ candidature to the F.S. was reported as completed.

Letter from him asking if we wd support him elsewhere either at a bye- or at the General Election.

Sec. reported he had in conversation ~~been~~ stated that prospects at Woolwich were unfavourable.

It was agreed:—

- (a.) That we cannot undertake to support Crooks in any other constituency because the conditions, peculiar to Woolwich, & complex arrangements made with local people alone enabled us to afford assistance here
- (b.) Sanders was ordered to enquire into registration at Woolwich, & Bland agreed to confer with Grimling,

12. The Holidays. The ~~officer~~ secy was empowered to elect candidates during the holidays, reserving any cases in any respect doubtful, & it was agreed that in ordinary circumstances the Com^{ee} meet again in Sept: -

13. ~~Business~~ Next Session Lectures -

(a) The Hall. The Secy raised the question of return to Essex Hall. After discussion it was agreed to remain at the Memorial Hall.

(b) Special Meetings.

Nov 18. Loison on Syndicalism. already fixed November Report to be prepared by Inso. It was agreed to take this, if possible, at a members meeting this month, possibly as a lecture.

International Labour Legⁿ Lecture suggested by Miss Hutchins. Negatived.

(c) Education Group. Sanders reported he had secured two lectures of Cyril Jackson + R. Blair for the Group. It was agreed they be taken on Friday, in our series, under the joint auspices of the Group. -

13. Autumn Session (contd.)

(d) Regular course. -

It was agreed that the title be

Some open questions of Socialism

Lectures fixed

Maudsley	The change of heart
Sanders	S. + Voluntary Cooperation
Guest	S. + Native Races
Shaw	S. + Equality
Bland	S. + Crime (in Feb'y)
Pease	S. + Currency.

The last was discussed, as Pease doubted if he had much to say for Fabians. He was asked to do it.

Further lectures proposed

Guarantees of Liberty. Wallace to be asked
Socialism + Irish Question.

Socialism + Geography } It was agreed
to ask Enser (who had left)

Socialism + Handicrafts. Rejected

Socialism + Insurance -"-

S. Webb

Committee 29 Sep. 1910.

Present - Webb, in chair, Miss Murby Maude
Sharp, Bland, Dr. Bentham Sanders & Sec.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. The following report was presented on Candidates :-

Candidates for Election.

September 7. Last year 9. October 20. Last year 15.

Subscriptions:

Men. 1 @ 1/6, 4 @ 5/-, 1 @ 7/6, 3 @ 10/-, 1 @ 15/- 15/-,
3 @ 20/-, 1 @ £2.2.0, 1 @ £5.5.0, 1 @ £10.10.0

Average 31/6.

Women. 4 @ 5/-, 2 @ 10/-, 1 @ 20/-. Average 8/7.

Average both 24/- . Locals 2 @ 2/6, 2 @ 1/-.

Average of 27, 18/6.

All were elected, subject in the case of the
October Candidates to declare for publication.
Harry Roberts on his application, was replaced
on the list.

3. Accounts. The following report was presented :-

Accounts to 28th. August.

	1910.	1909.
Members' Subscriptions	366	405
Associates' "	34	45
Non-Members' "	18	23
Tract Sales	(net) 64	(net) 71
Book Boxes	19	25

Bank Balance 28th. Sept. £120.

3 Accounts (cont'd)

On Book Boxes, the Secy was directed to apply to the Nat. Home Reading Union & the Brotherhood movement (W. Ward Secy) ~~to~~ with a view to increase our subscription list.

4. Resignations: the following were accepted

<u>Resignations.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
	Mrs. J.A. Bright	Rochdale	'07	20/-	Suffrage
	Miss M. Bryant	Forest Hill	'08	5/-	Excused al-ready
	Miss G. Bryant	"	'08	5/-	Do.
	Ald. J.C. Curle, J.P.	Bristol	'98	(1901)	Ceased from Politics.
	H. Glover	Manchester	'08		Per Manchester P.S.
	W. Matheson	London	'07	10/6.	Leaving London
	D. R. Stephen	Tonbridge	'07	20/-.	Private Reasons
	Miss E. Stringer	Sidecup	'08	5/-	To Sidecup P.S.
	Miss A. Stringer	"	'08	5/-	Do.
	Mrs. Wilner	Hackney	'08	5/-	Only a wife.

5. Correspondence.

G.W. Shipway. Central China, Congratulating Exec. re Shalard.

Hammermith S.D.P. Demonstration re Ferrer. Refuse.

F. L. Combs N.3. Re correspondence classes. Refer to Rushin Hall.

Labour League, Alhus. Send greetings

Liverpool F.S. Re use of Library by those who are only members of Local Societies. Say they can & join the London F.S.

6. Delegates wanted.

I. L. P. Abolition of Debitum Oct 7-8. Fee 2/6. -
Take 8 Delegates, with preference to Exec.
& as many ^{more} at 2/6 as wish at their
own expense.

Labour Party. Many Circulars. Deferred.

Womens Labour League. Oct 26. Do.

Socialist Womens Bureau. Wanted in place of Miss Murly
& Mrs. Tommsland resigned.

On Miss Murly's recommendation it was
agreed to appoint no successors.

7. Fabian Lectures

Sec. reported Dr. Broda had made a mistake
& fixed Loynson for Nov 25th when the
Memorial Hall was engaged. - But
Essex Hall could be had. Agreed to
alter date to 25th & take Essex Hall.
Agreed also that F.S. & London School
of Economics be put down as subscribers
to the International Institute.

Emil Davis. Offer of Lecture on State Reproductive
assets. - Agreed to accept.

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7. Fabian Lectures (contd)

Fitzherbert. Offer of lecture on Land Natⁿ in New Zealand.

Recommended by Shaw. Agreed that it is not good enough for us. -

Saleeby. It was agreed to ask Dr. Saleeby to decline on Dec. 2 or 16. -

Blair. It was reported his lecture was withdrawn

8. New Reform Bill. Ten following were ordered to be asked to serve on the Com^{tee} :-

R. Jones, B. White, Schlosser, Sharp, Miss Atkinson Oakeshott, Dr. Phillips.

G. Menard Shaw.
20/10/10.

Committee 20th October 1910.

Present ~~W~~ Shaw (in chair), Sharp, Maude, Bland
Miss Murly, Dr. Bentham, Sanders, & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Money, for previous meeting.
do. for current meeting - accepted.
3. Resignation from Com^o Barker tendering his resignation.
agreed not to accept it at present.

4. Resignations of members

	Elected	Sub	Reason
L.C. Bishop London.	Oct '09	15/-	22 Labour Party accepted.
Miss Melladew "	Feb '09	20/-	do accepted
H.A.M. Branham Bishop Stafford	Oct '09	10/-	Business accepted.
David Dawson - London.	Apr '08	5/-	Poverty Keep on. -

5. Chairman for Jackson - Sharp.

b. Accounts to 30th Sep. submitted

	1910.	1909.
Members' Subscriptions	£429	£463
Associates' "	43	59
Non-members' "	21	26
Tract Sales	82	81
Book Boxes	23	34
	net	

Bank Balance and Cash in hand Sep 19 £82.

Expenditure on Provincial and Suburban Lectures to 30th. is £89 and there is due to Standing over £200, so authority desired to draw £100 from No. 2 A/c in which there is a balance of £131. *Agreed*

Proposed Grant to Nursery of £6 or £7 for Hall for Educational Course of Lectures.

Agreed. —

7. Correspondence.

Brit. Assn. Lab. Leqn. Agreed to renew subn 2/-
Les Annales de la Regie Dord. Agreed to renew
subn + to offer specimen copy to some
members on application.

8. Fabian Lectures - The Secy reported

- That Saleby accepted for Dec. 16.
- That Emil Davies accepted for Feb or March.
- Offer of Ratchiffe of Lecture "Socialism in relation to Eastern Nationalism" was recommended but declined.
- Shaw promised to take Dec 2. —

9. Delegates &c.

Labour Party Circulars

Resolutions for Agenda. Nov 1. None.

Nominations for Exec.

Delegates to Conference } Deferred.

Womens Labour League.

Fractional Delegate. Dr. Bentham.

News League for W. Suffrage

Trafalgar Sq. Dem? Nov. 12. Exec. invited
to Platform. Announce tomorrow.

Joint Board. Special Conf. Nov. 10th
at Caxton Hall. No fees. - Two delegates.

Agreed to appoint Shaw & Sanders
& to refer to Exec. for instructions
if thought fit.

London Trades Council. White City Oct 22.
Decline politely.

10. Committee on Policy. On the motion of Bland it was
agreed that the Exec. be recommended
to appoint a Com^{ee} to consider the policy &
methods of the Society, & to report to the Executive, &
that Bland, Shaw, Sharp, Money & two

10 (cont?) Committee on Policy (cont?)

Shaw be the Committee, with Blond as chairman.

11. South Shields. The Secy reported that the statements in the press about the part played by the Society in the election were, in so far as they were positive, wholly inaccurate.

12. Library Catalogue - Proofs passed.

Stephen Claude

3. 11. '10

Com^{ee} Nov. 3rd 1910.

Present Maude, & subsequently, Eusor, in chair, Sharp,
Bland, Shaw, Dr. Bentham, Miss Murby
Sanders & Secy.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Apologies. Money. Excused.

3. Candidates:

Subscription. Men, 5 @ 5/-, 2 @ 10/- 1 @ 20/-, 1 @ 30/-
Average 10/9. Women, 4 @ 5/-, 1 @ 7/6, 4 @ 10/-.
Average 7/7. Total 18. Average 9/2.
Provincials &c. 6 @ 2/6, 8 @ 1/- . Total average 5/10.
Last month (exceptional) average of London members 24/-:
of all 18/6.

all elected. -

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Resignations.

Miss J. Coates	1907.	5/-.	Gone away.
W. J. Smith	1907.	5/-	"Circumstances have occurred
Matthew Webb	1908	10/6.	Gone to country.
Mrs. M. Webb	"	"	"

all accepted.

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Report that of 34 members ordered to receive the last personal letter terminating their membership, 5 paid, 5 wrote resignations, and 24 did not reply and were removed from the list. Amongst the latter were Chas. Charrington-Martin Mrs. Charrington-Martin and Professor J. H. Morgan.

Noted

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Accounts to 31st. October

	1910.	1909.	Deficit.	Compared with 30 Sept
Members' Subscriptions	£504	£547	£43	+ 9
Associates'	51	70	19	+ 3
Subscribers "	24	32	8	+ 8
Book Boxes	35	43	8	- 3
Traet Sales	98	100	2	+ 3

noted.

7. Tehaykovsky Bail Fund. Final Report.

Received from Miss Tehaykovsky	<u>£209.16. 6</u>
Repaid to lenders	155.17. 1
Transferred to Parliamentary Fund	35. 1. 0
Transferred to other accounts	4. 4. 8
Balance	<u>14.13. 9</u>
	<u>£209.16. 6</u>

Analysis of Balance.

Loan of Mrs. W. Eason: cannot be found	£2. 10. 0
" " Miss Pitts dead	1. 0. 0
" " A. J. Newton no reply	2. 6
Interest not claimed	<u>11. 1. 3</u>
	<u>£14.13. 9</u>

a motion by Maude that an attempt be made to discover the views of Miss Pitts was rejected, 2 only voting for it, & a resolution that the Balance of £14.13.9 be transferred to the General Fund was agreed to. —

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8 Delegates & nominations

Labour Party. For Exec. - Edw. R. Pease.

For Conference. Nominations deferred. Ent. agreed to ask John Edwards if he would accept nomination as a representative of Provincial Fabianism.

National W. Housing C. - Request to send evidence to L.C.C. Enquiry re L.C.C. sale of land. On full explanation of Enscr. agreed nothing can be done.

9. Correspondence.

Workington Trade Council asking the excused pay for lost books. Yes.

S. S. P. Sending Report of Conference. W.S.

S. Jagger Bradford. Testimonial to value of F.S. -

10. Members Meeting.

Bland to be chairman. Action on resolution if any discussed.

11. P. H. Laxon.

agreed to pay cost of entertaining him at dinner.

12. Lectures to Society.

Jan 13. Welch to be asked to take Osborne Case
+ attitude of T. Ministry to Politics.

27. Guest. Subject: Race.

Feb 10. Sanders Coop = under Soc. M.

Other lectures promised: -

Wallas (The State) Emil Davis (Fed. or Mar) Peace

+ ? Bland. -

New lecturers to be asked: -

Money. Bland to correspond re subject.

Barker. Public Management of Theatres.

Lady (Carl) Meyer, on School Clinics. after
long debate, carried & Chairman's vote.

Names proposed & rejected

Edgar Jepson

Halliday Sparling.

R. C. K. Eason
17 Nov. 1910.

Comml 17th Nov 1910.

Present Emsor in chair, Shaw Bland Sharp
Miss Murby, Dr Bentham, Maud Sanders Wilk & Secy

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1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies - Money - accepted
3. Resignations

Mr C. R. Ashbee. accepted

H. C. Golding "

Brian Townshend ~~W. S. Saffrage~~. accepted.

H. M. Hallsworth. On receiving an appointment
Referred to Miss Atkinson for further report.

Percy Braby, because he was refused
admission to the Summer School.

Request to withdraw because the Exec
has no control over & no official
knowledge of the matter.

4 Correspondence

John Edwards refusing to be delegate to the Labour
Party Conference. Ask the Liverpool F.S. to

4. Corresp. (contd.)

nominate a delegate

Arnold Freeman asking permission to be present at an Executive meeting - Decline.

5. Fabian Soc. Lectures :- The Sec. reported.

Jan 13 - Webb - accepts on Osborne

" 27 - Guest

Feb 10 - Sanders.

No replies from Lady Meyer or L. G. C. Mowery.

Letter from Emil Davies asking if he may get slides to amt of £3. or £5. - Reply recommending diagrams - saying he may spend up to £5. on slides, & adding that we cannot yet decide whether the slides he used at his Fabian lecture or not.

6. The General Election

- (a) Request from Liverpool F.S. to nominate Charles Whitley as candidate at large for the Labour Party. Letter from him saying he cannot stand for 12 months. Defy, & explain that a Gen. Election clears the slate.

f. Elections - (cont^d)

(b) Issue of appeal for Funds. Prof of circular was submitted & approved. It was ordered to be sent out at the earliest. a motion to add Lanebury's name to the circular ~~of~~ asking for helpers for him was rejected, & it was agreed to make a special appeal in the news.

(c) Woolwich. going on all right.

(d) Huddersfield. It was unanimously agreed to nominate Snell to the Labour Party, & accept full financial liability as required. The Sec. was directed to inform the Huddersfield Secy agent of this: also to claim a veto on the appointment of Election agent: also that Sanders offer to act as Election Agent be accepted, & submitted to Huddersfield. Snell attended & conferred with the Com^{ee} —

On all these the approval of the Exce. wd. be asked before action was taken.

6. Election (cont.)

(2) Funds. Treas. reported £112 in hand
against £800 required

7. Manifesto in F. News.

Agreed that Shaw be asked to draft a
Manifesto on the same lines as that of
Jan 7 last - for publication in the News.
Shaw agreed to do this.

8. Re Shaw's Lecture

It was agreed to issue tickets, when signed
by the member etc., & to issue F. News
not later than the 29th —

R.C.K. Eason
1 Dec. 1910.

Finance Comtee Meeting 1st Dec. 1910.

Present - Inso (in chair) Shaw, Maude, Sharp,
Miss Murely, Dr Bentham + Self

1. The Minutes were conformed

2. Bland absent-electioneering was excused.

3. Candidates, all elected, 60. Last year 106.
Subscriptions Average Men 9/2, Women 8/7
Gen av. 8/11. Average including Country 4/8.

4. Resignations :-

Miss B. M. Brooke 1909. Illhealth. Accepted

W. Durran 1909. No reason "

Miss A. Harvey 1907 " " "

S. Phillips Oppenheim " " "

Percy Braly Letter sending £10. 10/- for
Crooks + confirming resignation
accepted.

5. Accounts. December Balances not ready
Bank Balances £100.

6. Election Fund - Secy reported to Wed 7

In hand before election	£ 112	
Cash received	351	
Promises "	<u>14</u>	£ 477.
<u>Payments made</u>		
Huddersfield	£ 200	
Woolwich	<u>250.</u>	450.

Subscribers to date 320.

Letter read from Mrs Dylton Dale who declined to subscribe on Women's Suffrage grounds.

7. Electoral matters

- (a) Woolwich & Huddersfield were reported on.
- (b) Burnley. Letter from F.S. complaining that Wedgwood was speaking for Hyndman. Refer to Fabian News.
- (c) Leyton Socl Socy proposing Demonstration. No.

8. Fabian Lectures

Suggestion of Mrs Shaw, Lecture on Social Enquiry & Mrs Reeves. Ask Mrs Reeves for details.

Hadley Guest: Proposal to ask Mrs Besant to lecture on India & her work there. After discussion, rejected.

8. Fabian Lectures (cont^d.)

Emil Davis, letter saying he does not propose to use slides for his Fabian Lecture approved.

9. Labour Party Delegates Deferred.

10. Members List.

R.C. Phillimore. Request to send out 500 applications for help. Agreed that it may be done at his expense.

P.H. Lyson. Request to circulate his paper to members. Agreed the Secy do what can be done. -

11. Next Meeting. Dec. 15

R. C. K. Ineson
Dec. 15. 1910.

Com^a Dec. 15th 1910, at 5.30pm.

Present- Ensor (in chair) ~~Dodd~~, Sharp, Maude, Sanders,
Shaw, Dr. Bentham, Miss Murry, Webb & Sec. 4
Also Dodd & Miss Atkinson (for the Summer S. Report)
& Schloesser for his resolution.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Bland, absent for ill-health, was excused

3. Resignations

Miss Olive Birrell	Too Busy	accepted
Miss G. Jevons	Reasons not explained	"
W. A. Ross	To be associate	"
W. Taylor	Too S. D.P.	"
G. S. Crook	Too poor. Invite to remain on.	

4. The List of Defaulters on next page was submitted,
& the Secy was ordered to send final letters
to all of them.

5. Labour Conference at Leicester. Agreed to appoint
as delegates Schloesser, Pease, the Liverpool
nominee, & Crooks or Goldstone.

List of defaulting members for final letter.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Date of Election.</u>	<u>Sub.</u>	<u>Date of</u>
H. Grant Bailey,	Chester,	Jan '99.	£1.	1/2/08
H. J. Bridges,	Kensington,	Feb. '08	7/6	(two year 10/3/09
Cyril Burrage,	Woodford,	Aug. '01.	5/-	4/1/09 (3 years)
Miss Annette Caldicott,	Kensington,	Aug. '06.	5/-	5/1/09
A. Clutton-Brock,	Godalming,	Feb. '09	£2.	28/1/09
Mrs. Clutton-Brock	Do.	Feb. '09	£2.	28/1/09
R. W. Coit,	Hyde Park Gate,	March '06	10/6	7/10/08
Chas. Colton,	Maida Vale	March '94	2/6	1/1/09
Rev. R. K. Davis,	Holland Park,	Dec. '07.	5/-	11/2/09
R. W. Graham,	Swiss Cottage,	Dec. '95	10/-	23/2/09
Horace Horsnall,	Doughty Street,	April '06.	5/-	8/1/09 (two year
John Jackson,	Lancaster,	Dec. '05.	10/-	4/1/09
Mrs. North,	Chelsea,	April '07.	10/-	(two year 20/1/09
George H. Robinson,	Tooting,	Feb. '09	5/-	15/1/09
H. R. Stockman,	Highbury,	Jan. '07.	10/-	8/2/08
Chas. Voysey,	Hampstead,	Jan. '07	10/-	12/1/09.
W. Walter Crotch,	Croydon,	July '97	£1.1.0.	13/6/07 (two year

b. Correspondence

Joint Com^{ee} for abolition of Half-Time. A plea to renew Subⁿ First of May Celebration Com^{ee}. No action.

Socialist Journal for Home Reading. Letter from Miss Hicks. Prospectus circulated. Reply we regret we cannot do anything.

7. Accounts to 30th Nov:

	1910	1909
Subs. Members	619	673
" Associates	62	79
Sales Tracts	120	124
Book Box Fees	46	58
Parl & Fund	350	150.

8. Election Fund. State of accounts was reported, showing expected assets £685: payments made £450: Expenses £16.17.7. Balance in hand £218. Estimated liabilities £210. - Account Received.

9. Electoral Matters.

Womens Group. Resolution on Suffrage - Tottenham. attack on Alden as a Fabian - a

9. Electoral Matters (contd)

Burnley F.S. Resolution + Letter from T. Foster
in support of G.R. Wedgwood M.P.
of Morell (Lib) against Hyndman.
Sec. ordered to reply that we
recommended our members to vote for
accredited Socialist Candidates.

10. Lectures to the Society

Proposal of Dr. Bentham Lecture of M^{rs} Malmberg
on Education in Finland. Discussed + deferred.

Geo. J. Dodd. Lecture on Fabian Alliances. Sec.
said he did not press it. Rejected.

M^{rs} Pember Reeves. Particulars of Lecture
suggested for her. Agreed to accept.

11. H.H. Schloesser moved & permission

*That a Committee be appointed to consider in what
ways the work of the F. S. and the I.L.P. can advan-
tageously be co-ordinated and to suggest, if thought
fit, proposals to that end.

The motion was agreed to + the following were nominated :-
H.H. Schloesser, Dr. Bentham, Miss Alkerson, Eneon,
Sanders, Peace, Arnold Mande + C.M. Lloyd

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12. Shaw's Lecture on Equality. Agreed that the ordinary report be inserted in F. News
13. Webb's Lecture on Osborne Case. Agreed to have large Hall & admit visitors.
14. Summer School. The resolution of reference of the Executive was submitted for consideration. Webb submitted a draft report which was read & discussed, amended in one passage, & then agreed to unanimously. —

Sidney Webb
19/1/48

Meeting 19th Jan. 1911.

Present Webb, + later, Emsor, in chair, Maude, Sharp,
Dr Bentham, Miss Murky, Sanders + Secy

2. Apologies Bland in Cornwall + Shaw on ocean
were excused.

1. Minutes were confirmed

3. Membership

- (a) Defaulters List. Of 17 members written to 4 have paid (W.W. Crotch, C. Voysey, H.R. Stockman, and H.J. Bridges) and one C. Burrage writes letter to be submitted.
- (b) Elections: 45 candidates, (last Jan. 47) *Average 6 to 8 repl. Males.*
Subscriptions, 11 @ 5/-, 1 @ 7/6, 7 @ 10/-, 1 @ 20/-,
Average 10 men 8/1. 10 women 7/3. Both 7/8.
Locals 19 @ 2/6, 6 @ 1/- . Total average 5/-.
Last month 8/11 for London members, 4/3 for all. *Elected*

The name of Miss Christine Challenger included in above, an artist on the "Globe" newspaper has not been published by special request for obvious reasons.

(c) Resignations.

W. S. Glyn-Jones, M.P. courteous final resignation. Mrs. Glyn-Jones remains.

H.M. Hallsworth, held over, persisted in resigning.

A.E.R. Gill, Sussex.	'06.	10/-.	No reason.	<i>Held over</i>
Brame Hillyard, Balham.	'09.	5/-.	Gone to Texas	
Miss Jordan, Lewisham.	'09.	10/-.	No reason	
Mrs. King Farlow, Kent.	'06.	21/-.	Becomes associate.	
R. T. Manson, Liverpool.	1900.	5/-.	Inability to pay.	
Miss F. J. Pell, Highbury.	'06.	5/-.	"	"
Miss F.E. Stainforth,				
Crouch Hill.	'09.	10/-.	Can't attend.	
Mrs. A. Wills, Stafford.	'05.	21/-.	Widowed & homeless.	

Accepted

3. Membership. cont'd

- (a) Burage was to be retained + asked to address Book Box Circulars to the A.S. R.S. -
- (b) Ten candidates were all elected.
- (c) Gill's resignation was held over for enquiries + the rest were accepted. -

(4) Accounts: Report to Dec-31.

	<u>1910.</u>	<u>1909.</u>	<u>Difference.</u>	<u>Decrease on Mon</u>
Members Subscriptions	696	759	- 63	9 th.
Associates "	70	90	- 20	3
Subscribers "	+ 57	50	+ 7	
Parliamentary "	581	546	+ 36	
Book Boxes	54	68	- 14	2
Tract Sales	138	146	- 8	4
Advertisements	26	10	+ 16	

+ £15 Tchaykovsky Fund included.

Noted, + Book-box circulars ordered to be sent out.

(5) Parliamentary Fund a/c -

In hand at start	112. 2. 2
Cash to date	585.13. 7
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	697.15. 9
Our Share Cost of Huddersfield	219.17. 7
" " Cost of Woolwich	460.13. 9
Charge for Office Expenses	<u>15. 0. 0</u>
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	695.11. 4
In hand	2. 4. 5
Promises to come in	5.15. 0

(5) Part 7 Fund. (cont'd.)

Huddersfield. a courteous letter of thanks for services rendered was submitted.

(6) Salaries (a) Letter from J.W. Shaw asking a rise in salary from £125 to £150. - after discussion it was resolved that no increase be recommended for his work as bookkeeper, but that a sum be paid for his work as Secy of the Summer School Com^o, provided the School be carried on as proposed viz: £15. for the current year from Jan 71.

(b) The Secy was directed to bring up the subject of Salaries in Jan'y of each year

(c) Other salaries were discussed & no alteration recommended.

(7) Summer School. (a) The Exec was recommended to appoint Miss Atkinson, Dodd, Sharp & Webb the ~~Com^o~~ for members of the ~~Exec~~^{Exec}, appointed by the Exec. under the Scheme, as a provisional Com^o to carry on the work.

(b) Also that the Secy & Org. Secy be ex-officio members

(7) Summer School (cont')
of the S.S. Com^{ee}

(c) That J.W. Shaw be Secy of the Com^{ee} & be paid
therefor as previously mentioned.

(8) Lectures & Meetings The following were agreed to:-
Mar 10. Members meeting, Summer School 40.
24. Mrs. Reeves.
May 12 annual meeting.

Telefaxed later. Wallas The State
Sanders Corpⁿ & Secⁿ
Tease State Banking

Mr Bisant. No repl yet recd. -

Other matters. Guest. Desires to alter subject to
"organisⁿ of democracy". ask
to explain subject.

Sir Horace Pembert. In America.
Capt St John. American Prisoners. Declines.

J.J. Dodd. The Fabian Socy "
Internat. Race Congress. A lecture suggested
not entertained.

9. Delegations.

Labour + L.C. Sat. Feb 4. Euseb Lushbery + Smith
Cliffords Inn, Four Delegates asked by L.C.P.
agreed to send 4, to pay 1/- each, as
fee & to appoint Sanders Dr. Bentham &
any other two members of the F.S.
Internat. Comtee of British Women Socialists.

Papers mislaid. Agreed to appoint
Mrs Wilson + Miss Murby, if the Exec
concurs, when particulars are submitted.

British Nat. - Comtee Internat. Soc! Congress.

Delegate Meeting: 17 Feb. 3 pm.

Peace & Dr Bentham to the delegates.

10. Universal Peace Congress, July. Letter asking if we
will send one leaflet free, one for pay, + suggesting
a lecture etc. Refuse to do anything except for pay.

11. Loch Heads. Sec. ordered to do nothing.

H. Bernard Shaw.

9th Feb. 1911.

Conce 9th Feb. 1911.

Present Shaw (V.C.) in chair, Dr. Bentham, Miss Muly,
Blund, Maude, Inos, Sanders & Secy

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Apologies from Money for last meeting & from Webb were accepted.

3. Candidates

25 Candidates for February. Last year 26.
 12 Men 6 @ 5/-, 1 @ 7/-, 1 @ 10/-, 4 @ 20/-. Average 10/9.
 4 Women 3 @ 5/-, 1 @ 7/6. Average 5/7. Joint Average 9/5.
 Last month 7/8.
 2 Provincials @ 2/6, 7 @ 1/-. General Average 6/6.

All were duly elected.

4. Members to have the final letter: all approved it to the church
 off in absence of reply:-

Name.	Place.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Date.
R. B. Cole ✓	Wembley.	'07	10/-	March '09
J.C. Jackson	Liverpool	"	5/-	Apr. '09
E.W. Nicholls	Clapham	'06	10/-	" "
H. McClare	Richmond	"	21/-	(Jan. '09
				(for 1907 & 8
Albert Smith	Howes Park	'07.	10/-	Feb. '09

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5. The following retained for various reasons were ordered to be written to where necessary to struck off in due course:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	
F.P. Bradshaw,	Birmingham	'06	Oct. '07	Excused '08
Huntly Carter,	London	'03	Jan. '06	Special case
E. T. Carver,	Wimbledon	'07	June '07	In Australia
Walter Dexter,	Felixstowe	'04	Feb. '09	Retained by
Mrs. Morice,	S. Australia	1892	Aug. '07	
Mrs. Podmore,	?	1889		
I. G. Rogers,	Forest Gate	1891	1906	
Jas. Timewell,	Gower Street	1903	1905	

b. Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
F.G. Abbis,	Brockley	'07	20/-	F.S. too moderate
Miss Boyd,	London	'06	8/-	Left London
D. Dainow,	Manchester	'08	5/-	Excused before
L.E. Daish,	Mill Hill	'09	10/-	"Circumstances"
A.E.R. Gill,	Sussex	'06	10/6	(Womens Suffrage excess of relig)
Mrs. Haslam,	Barnet	'09	10/-	? Marriage.

J.C. Wedgwood M.P.

No longer a Socialist

G.R. Mackie

No reason.

All accepted. Abbis to be informed that the Comtee regard his reason as insufficient.
Shaw agreed to write to Gill & to get him to withdraw if possible.

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7. Abstract of account was submitted & received:-

			Decrease on last year	On last month.
Subscriptions	Members	£900	90	27 ⊕
"	Associates	89	25	5
Advertisements		31	+ 19	+ 3
Book Boxes		62	10	+ 4
Literature Sales		156	15	7



+ Increases ⊕ 2 subs. of £10 and 2 of £3. account for this

Stanaring was paid £100 during the month, but £371 is now due.

8. Meetings of the Society. The Secy reported:-

Mrs. Besant, accepts for May or June.

Fixed for May 26.

Only dates open to end May

April 7 & 28.

Lectures in view:-

- ✓ Sanders. Co-operation & Socialism.
- ✓ Guest Writes he prefers "Negro races".
- ✓ Barker. Promised on Municipal Recreation or Theatres.
- Pease. State Banking.
- Wallas. ? The State.

It was agreed to take Guest on Subject Races on April 7th + Pease or Sanders on April 28. Also to ask Barker to prepare his lecture for June.

J. L. Dodd. Correspondence read, & proposed resolution. Agreed to ask him to leave out "social fellowship" + that his resolution be taken at the Annual Meeting.

9. Members Meeting March 10th

- (a) Summer School Com^{ee} Report - was printed in F. news.
- (b) Maude to introduce the Report.
- (c) Todd to introduce Swiss project
- (d) Macpherson's resolution on Socialistic Representation
was ruled out of order as meaningless
- (e) Macpherson's resolution on use of titles was
~~passed~~ given in news if required by him.
- (f) Chairman, a member of the Exe.

10. International Bureau - It was agreed

that the delegates (Pease and Dr. Bentham) be instructed to vote for Labour Party Scheme

(a) to divide cost in proportion to voting power
(a reduction of £4. per annum to us)

(b) That the Secretary of the Labour Party be ex-officio
Secretary of the British Committee.

11. Humanitarian League Appeal was signed by several
members individually

R. C. K. Sumson
9/3/11.

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Comtee. 9th March 1911.Present Euseb (in chair), Bland, Miss Murry, Shaw,
Sharp, Sanders & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies. Webb, in the country, accepted.
3. Resignations:-

Name.	Place.	Date of Election.	Sub.	Reason.
apt. Berkely Hill,	India.	1906.	10/-	Unless we expel seditionists.
Miss M. Calthrop,	Dorset.	1908.	25/-	Turned Roman Catho- lic.
Leonard Crook,	Wimbledon.	1908.	7/6.	Gone abroad.
Miss C. Emery,	Letchworth.	1906.	10/-	Belongs to local F. S.
Miss Evans,	Tufnell Park.	1909.	5/-	Marriage.
Oscar Faber,	Croydon.	1906.	15/-	Altered opinions.
Mrs. Rosalie Gardner,	Kent.	1909.	15/-	Left London.
J. B. Hassell,	Hendon.	1909.	10/-	Poverty.
B. S. Heulin,	ex-Cambridge	1908.		Dissatisfaction.
Mrs. Holbrook Jackson,	Mill Hill,	1907.	10/6.	No longer inter- ested.
Mrs. Pethick Lawrence,	Strand,	1907.	10/-	Electoral Policy.
Miss H. W. Nightingale				
Miss H. W. Lake,	Surrey.	1910.	7/6.	No reason.
David Lowe,	Glasgow	1905.	5/-	Poverty.
John Morgan,	S. Wales	1901.	10/-	Do.
Miss M. Taylor,	Derbyshire.	1907.	£2. 2.0.	Electoral poli.

All accepted, except J. Morgan & D. Low, who asked
to remain on if only temporarily unable to pay.

4. Candidates, all elected

Subscriptions: 3 @ 5/-, 2 @ 10/-. Average men 8/4, women 5/
 joint average 7/-. Last month 9/5. 17 @ 1/-, 3 @ 2/6.
 General average 2/5. Last month 6/6.

5.

Accounts to Feb. 28/, submitted & accepted

	£	Last year.	on year.	on month.
Members' Subscriptions	1005	1082	- 77	+13
Associates' "	103	128	- 25	+ 3
Donations &c.	75	60	+ 15	+ 1
Tracts	195	182	+ 13	+ 27
Book Boxes	67	84	- 17	- 7
Advts.	32	19	+ 13	- 6

Book Boxes. As a result of circularising the Railway Servant,
 Branches 6 orders have already been received. A circular
 is being sent to the A. S. E. Branches.

b. Cost of Lecturing & No 2 a/c

To end February including Summer courses and organising expenses	} 57 Courses	£303
Estimate to March 31.		80
		383
Already drawn from No. 2 a/c.		100
		<u>£283</u>
Balance in No. 2 a/c Current a/c		43
Proposed sale £300 Derby 3% @ 83 =		249
(leaving £500)		<u>£292</u>
	(47 Courses only)	<u>£292</u>

Last year £377 was expended, but only
 £200 drawn from No. 2 a/c.

The Sale of £300 as proposed was authorised,
 & payment of the whole from No. 2 a/c as proposed

6. Cost of Lecturing (Cont^d)

It was agreed that the Propaganda Com^{ee} be requested to report to the Finance Com^{ee} on the estimate for lecturing next season before making arrangements herefor. -

7. Rough estimate to March 31st was presented :-

Receipts to March 31.

	£
March 7. Cash in hand	109
Expected receipts to 31 March (hypothetical but probably under estimate)	270
Drawn from No. 2 a/c	283

	<u>662</u>

Payments.

Salaries	42
Rent	50
Standring	400 (?)
Fifield for Trade Union Volume	40
Petty Cash	20
Provincial Lectures	80
Lecture Hall for quarter	26

	<u>658</u>

Last year Standring's a/c was £530.
This year it will be £675 to £700,
or more.
Last year we paid Fifield, net £91.
This year probably nothing.

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(8) S. D.P. Letter reporting refusal of the L.P. to take part in an advisory Comtee, agreed to acknowledge.

(9) Delegates wanted.

International Womens Suffrage Conference at Stockholm. Agreed to invite the Women's Group to send a delegate from the Group.

Labour Party. Asking delegate to dinner to Australian Premier at 57. agreed to appoint the Secy.

National Peace Congress Edinburgh No.

10. Correspondence.

S. Weybrew. asking Motor Cars for L.C. bye-election. Shaw offered personally.

C.C. Read. Letter re failure of Compulsory Arbitration act in Australia + other subjects was read.



R.C.V. Eason
20/4/11.

4. Resignations (cont'd)

Mrs H G. Wells . 1905. No reason. accept.
G. S. Young 1907. Gone to USA. "

5. Accounts for year were considered & approved

6. J. J. Dodd's circular. Letter saying he wished his memorandum circulated, was willing to alter it, but could not pay for printing. Agreed to upl we cannot print it.

7. Correspondence etc.

New Zealand

Asking the Secy to

draft a leaflet. No instructions.

Rd. Higgin asking us to finance a candidate at Dover. No.

The Joint Board. Asking us to pay pro rata (about £6.15/-) to the cost of the Osborne Appeal Case. Agreed to pay.

David Thomas Carnarfon. (a) Satisfactory sale of his book (guaranteed by the C.H. Trust)

(b) Complaint of Dr. Clifford's support of Hugh Edwards against V. Hartshorn. No action.

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7. Correspondence (cont^d.)

Nat. Union of W. Suffrage Soc^{ies}. - Inviting delegate to a Joint Board. agreed to refer to Womens Group for report.

L.L.P. L.C.C. Election Conf^{erence}, April 29. Fee 1/- - Invitation to send 2 delegates. Dr. Bentham & Sanders appointed with matching brief ref.

S. D. P. Invitation to joint action on Savakar Case. Reply in negative.

Universal Races Congress - agreed to subscribe 7/6 for proceedings

Sheffield Clerks. asking support of Bill to facilitate qualification of Solicitor Clerks & Solicitors. agreed to invite Crookes to support.

Wm Stephen Sanders
11/5/1911.

Committee for 1911-12.

Chairman. - Aylmer Maude
Vice Chairman. - Emil Davis
Members. - Miss Alkenson
Dr. Bentham
F. Lawson Dodd
Miss Muelly
H. H. Schloesser
Clifford Sharp.
Secretary Edw. R. Pease

First Meeting of the New Committee
at the Office on Thursday 11th May 1911

Present. Maude (in chair) Davis Dodd Sharp
Schlosser, ~~Dr.~~ Dr. Bentham Miss Murly, Sanders & Secy

1. W^m Sanders was elected temporary chairman
2. These minutes were confirmed
3. Apologies. Miss Atkinson: accepted.
4. Aylmer Maude was unanimously elected
chairman of the Com^{ee} & hereupon
took the chair.
5. Emil Davis was elected Vice. chairman
6. The Day of Meeting was fixed for Thursdays
7. The audited balance sheet for last year
was presented, with an alteration charging
printing for the dinner to the dinner account.
The amendment, after discussion was approved.

8. Accounts for April were submitted

	1911	1910
Members Subs.	88	136
Associales	3	6
Subscribers	3	3
Tract Sales	21	20
Book Boxes	5	3

The Sec. explained that April 1911 included Easter + 5 Sundays + reminders were in consequence late. ^{April} 1910 receipts for subscriptions exceeded May + June together.

9. Organising + P. Com^{ee}. Proposals on Finance were considered + it was agreed (in view of doubt expressed as to what the proposals really were) that the O. + F. Com^{ee} be requested to take them back for further report.

10. Silk from Central China - The Sec. reported that S. W. Shipway had sent two pieces of silk to be sold as a subscription. After debate it was resolved that the offer of 25/- from Lawson Dodd be accepted.

11. Correspondence.

Women's Group. Asking Exec. to agitate for the
~~the~~ Local Govt. Local Bill. Agreed
 to ask the Leader of the L.P. to support.

R.H. Hooper n-3, suggesting that we ask the
 N.S. Attorney General Dr. Findlay
 to lecture. Agreed to recommend
 Exec. that he be asked.

People's Assn. of Brit. Guiana. Asking advice &
 sending Manifesto. Send advice.

Daily Herald. Appeal for Funds in which
 H.H. Schloesser was referred to as
 a member of the Exec. of the F.S.
 Schloesser explained that this was
 issued without his authority or approval.
 No action of any sort to be taken.

12. Tract 155 Referendum. Proposal of Mrs Shaw
 that it be sent to M.P.'s. - Proposal
 to send the Twentieth Century Reform Bill
 also. Agreed to send with a printed
 letter drawing attention to the Tracts

13. Government National Insurance Bill.

Proposal of Webb that a Com^{ee} be appointed to consider amendments & to prepare a letter Kerion to Trade Unionists if thought fit. Agreed that the Exec. be recommended to appoint a Com^{ee} consisting of Dr. Bentham, Sanders, Dodd, Mrs Wilson, Schloesser, & any other members, & that notice be given in the news.

14. Lectures for 1911-12. It was agreed to appoint Miss Mary Dodd, Davis & Schloesser a Com^{ee} to bring up a scheme. —

Emil Davis
8/6/11

Committee 8th June 1911

Present Davies (in chair) Miss Alkinson, Dr.
Bentham, Miss Murg, Dodd Sharp
& Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. The following report on a/c was submitted:-

	2 Months.	Last year.	on the month.
Members Subscriptions	179	194	+ 32
Associates "	23	18	+ 8
Subscribers "	8	7	+ 1
Book Boxes	11	7	+ 1
Tract sales	32	30	+ —
Advertisements	10	6	+ 7
	<u>£263</u>	<u>£262</u>	

3. Organising & Prop. Com^{tee}:-

The following was approved:-

Proposal to expend £250 only against £390 and £373 in previous years, on Provincial and Suburban Lectures, to be given under the auspices of Fabian Societies and Groups except under special circumstances: this sum to be a grant from No. 2 a/c if required.

(4) Agendas of Sub-Committees on the motion of Mrs. Shaw - it was agreed to recommend that the Agendas of Standing Sub-Com^{tees} be sent to all the Exec.

5. Correspondence.

Landlords Mortgages, re Rent. Wld
Bermondsey L.P. re Fund Wbury Hall,
Agreed to allow them to send 20 appeals
to be posted from the office
to members likely to subscribe.
Dr. Storer. Scheme re Pensions to Doctors.
Refuse.

6 Civil Service Entrance. On letter from Mrs
O'Brien Harris, it was agreed to
recommend

That a Committee be appointed to
consider entrance to the Civil Service
with Miss Alkenson as Chairman,
& Miss Nurely, & that the following
be invited :- S. Herbert, J. Gibson
Mrs. O.B. Harris, H. W. Macrosty,
W. G. Gilbert & W. R. Southard.

7. Delegates. Labour Movement; on Nat Insurance
& Osborn. Harben appointed
British Assn for Lab. Leg. - Refer to Exec.

7. Delegatis cont.

Nat. Housing Assn. Wed June 28.

Miss Alherson, Miss Murg & Corner.

8. Fabian Lecture Course

(a) Tubic. reported Dr. Findlay c^d visit-lecture
on June 30.

(b) Part of Report of Joint Standing Committee with
the I.L.P. referred to the F. & G. P. Committee
by the O. & P. Committee

Joint Lectures.

It was agreed to recommend that a course of
propaganda lectures be held jointly by the
I.L.P. and Fabian Society on Friday evenings
next session in place of usual Fabian lec-
tures: suggested subjects, "Next Steps to
Socialism". Lectures to be held at Queen's
Hall or large Memorial Hall. Number of lec-
tures six or eight. Lecturers suggested,
Shaw, Snowden, Mrs. Webb, Macdonald, Clynes,
Ensor, Anderson, Hardie. Tickets to be
issued for reserved seats to cover cost.

After discussion it was resolved 25-1
That the recommendation for Joint
Lectures with the I.L.P. be adopted, pro-
vided that there be not more than 6 in
all, + that 2 of them be Demonstrations
to be held in Queens Hall, + the rest of
the proposed series lectures with discussion
at the Memorial Hall.

8. Fabian Lecture Course (contd)

(2) Report of the Special Com^y on Lectures.

The Sec. reported this was not completed,
+ was to be presented to the Exec.

(d). Proposal of Miss Atkinson for lecture by
Rev. W. Temple on Workers Ed. Assn. Deferred

9.- Special Committee on Fabian Policy.

This Committee was appointed by the Executive in October 1910, with Bland as Chairman, and Shaw as a leading member. The Sec. was a member but did not act as Secretary and no minutes were taken. A number of sittings were held, but no report was presented and the Committee appears to have lapsed.

- (a) The Resolution on Fabian Policy moved by J.J. Dodd and accepted by the Executive was referred to this Committee, but the Committee has not met since.
- (b) Webb gave evidence before the Committee and made proposals of which the Secretary kept notes.
- (c) The Secretary has also Notes for Report of Committee, drafted, he believes, by Sharp.

after debate

(a) Dodd's resolution. Deferred.

(b) Webb's proposals. The Sec. was directed to analyse these + refer them to the Com^y concerned.

(c) Sharp agreed to go thro' his report + report what was suitable for ^{the} consideration

10. Resignation of J. W. Shaw. Letter read saying
he proposed to resign from Sep. 30th or
such other date as cld. be arranged,
as the work was more routine than he cared for.
No action taken.

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6. 7. '11

Committee 6 July 1911.

Present, Maude (in chair) Dr. Bentham
Miss Mary, Mabel Atkinson, Dodd Davis.
Schlosser, Sanders & Sec'y

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. Accounts for June were reported: -

	<u>3 months</u>	<u>Last year</u>	<u>On the mtg</u>
Members subscriptions	217	248	- 16
Associates	27	22	- 3
Subscribers	14	12	+ 1
Book Boxes	16	13	- 1
Tract Sales	43	43	- 2
Advertisements	11	9	- 2

The month has been very broken, and in the absence of J.W. Shaw on holiday, no subscription reminders were sent out.

3. Summer School A/c

Report that £92.17. 3 has been received from the sale at Llanbedr, (from which £5, for expenses of West to Llanbedr must be deducted) and £100 is in hand for fees, etc. The sum of £100 has been placed on deposit.

approved

4. Woolwich. Letter from Barefoot asking if we can help to finance registration. After discussion it was agreed that Sanders report to the next meeting on what should be done.

5. Correspondence.

S.D.P. proposing a Trafalgar Sq. Demⁿ: re Miss Malecka.
Agreed to reply that we can't take part because we think the effects likely to be harmful to Miss Malecka, & we ask the S.D.P. if they will not reconsider the proposal & postpone the Demⁿ:

S. M. Boyd - asking us to advertise New Rural Socialist Society - Reply no room.

Nat. Boot & Shoe Ops. Letter re Trade Union Label & request to advertise it. Agreed to send favourable reply: to ask re list of retailers & of wholesalers who are union houses, & if they can secure the label against misuse.

6. Delegates.

Womens Internat. Soc^y & Lab. Orgⁿ.

Agreed that Mrs Wilson, Miss Morley & Miss Atkinson be delegates representing the Fabian Society & that the fees, 5/- each + 2/6 per Society be paid.

J.L.P. & Joint Board. Demonstration to Jaurès
Aug 13. Cooperation + speaker. Appointment made.

7. Office Staff. Resignation of J.W. Shaw. Agreed that the Sec. submit report on Salaries & the matter be adjourned.

8. Professional Lecturing. The Hon. Treasurer drew attention to the arrangements & it was agreed that a report on the history of our Lecturing arrangements & on the present payments be prepared.

9. J.J. Dodd's Resolution. Deferred.

10. Report of the Special Com^{tee} on Policy. Deferred.

11. Course of lectures on Equality

Mr. Wilson reported that Edw. Jenks, Ensor, Miss Moly had accepted, & Wallas & James Dickenson had been asked. These proposals were approved.

It was agreed that these lectures be given once a month & that the Memorial Hall be again engaged

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Comtee 20th July 1911.

Present Maude (in chair) Mabel Atkinson
Dr. Bentham, Miss Muriel Dodd Sharp
Schloesser, Sanders & Secy

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Finance. The Sec. reported some £700 in the Bank. It was left to him to put on deposit, if thought fit.
3. Grants &c.
Workers National Housing Comtee. Pay usual 5/-
F. Montague Presentation. Agreed to vote 10/6, in view of his services as our Election agent at Huddersfield, Jan. 1910.
Workers Educ. Assn.. Proposal to "affiliate" (i.e. pay 2/-) was discussed, but in view of opposition, but chiefly because our affiliation might damage the assn in the eyes of public authorities, the proposal was dropped & agreement. —

4. Office Staff & Professional Lecturing

Full reports on these subjects were submitted, & a long discussion ensued. On the proposal to refer to a Committee, an amendment of Sharp "that the matter be determined now" was lost by 4 votes to 3. The resolution

(a) That a subcommittee to meet in the autumn be appointed to report to the Finance & C. P. Com^{tee} on the Office Staff & its remuneration & on the method of payment for professional lecturing, was carried by 4 - to 2. -

It was agreed:-

(b) That the Com^{tee} consist of Dodd Sharp Miss Nurbly & Davie with Harbison coopted.

(c) That Shaw be requested to defer his resignation.

(d) That the present arrangement for professional lecturing be continued for the coming season

(e) That the Sec. be authorised to engage a junior at not exceeding 24/- . . .

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5. Autumn Lecture Course.

Lecture on Town Planning. Proposed by Org + P. Com^s
Referred to the Pub. & Com^s to propose
a tract + use the tract as a lecture if
suitable.

Walter J. Read. Offer of lecture on Equal
Work for Equal Pay. Ask him
to send syllabus to be considered
when the Equality Course is arranged.

16) J. J. Dodd's Resolution - Deferred

(7) Off. Report for Com^s on Policy. It was agreed
that the paper be referred to the
Chairman for report.

8. Next Meeting, September

By Mrs. Claude

Com^{ee} 5th October 1911.

Present Maude (in chair), Schlosser Dr. Bentham,
Dodd, ~~Maude~~, Miss Mury Mrs Alkinson, Davies, Sharp
Sanders & Secy

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Accounts for 3 months were received:-

	<u>3 mos. 1911.</u>	<u>3 mos. 1910.</u>
Members' Subscriptions	£151	£175
Associates' "	19	21
Subscribers "	8	9
Book Boxes	9	10
Tract Sales	28	38
Advertisements	9	6

4. Office Staff.

Report that it has not been necessary to engage a Junior; that J. W. Shaw is staying on for the present, and the Committee on the Staff is about to meet.

Report received.

5. Railway Nationalisation. On the motion of E. Davies it was agreed to recommend the Exec. to issue a manifesto, & that Davies be requested to have it drafted, if he can, in time for the Exec. Com^{ee} on Oct 6th

b. National Insurance - Notice of Motion of Mrs. Wilson was considered:-

"That a sub-Committee be appointed to carry forward the agitation against the National Insurance Bill in its present form".

After discussion, it was resolved by 4-3 that the Exec. be recommended to pass the resolution thus amended:- That a sub. Comm^{ee} be appointed to consider the advisability of either agitating against the Insurance Bill or of pressing for drastic amendments to it, & be instructed to ascertain the present position of the Labour Party Exec. in relation to the Bill.

7. Meetings & Lectures.

- (a) Report that 7 Lectures have been arranged in the Equality Series, one on a Tuesday, and a special syllabus printed.
- (b) Report that the I.L.P. has provided for the First Steps Joint Series Anderson (Oct. 13), Snowden (Jan. 12), and probably J. R. Clynes M.P. for Nov. 10.

Report received.

Abolition of poor - Shaw having refused agreed that Harben take the lecture as offered, the title not to be ridic poor.

Abolition of Anarchy of Competition - Sec. reported Ensworth refused: & he had refused. agreed to ask Shaw.

7. Lectures & Meetings (cont'd)

Insurance Bill. The Secy reported that proposal made by L.G.C. move for a debate had been withdrawn & wire.

Offers re.

Rd. Higgs. Lecture on Agriculture. Agreed to accept.

Walker & Read. Syllabus of Equal Pay Lectures already offered. Repl me can't give answer till after Equality Series is completed.

Dr. G.B. Clark. Offer for Sept. 1911. Agreed to ask him to take a date in the Spring. Subject: History of Soc^y. Mov^t.

Holmes. Agreed to ask him on the necessary reforms in Education.

Schlusser. Suggested private meeting for a lecture of him on Policy. Agreed that he put notice on a future agenda.

8 Chairmen. Equality Course. Agreed to ask Shaw to take the lot provided that he also be expected to speak. Failing Shaw, to ask Ensor for Oct 2. Anderson Oct 13. (1) Bland (2) Barker (3) Maudsley

9. Arrangements for Lectures

Minutes. Agreed that none be read at Joint-L.M.P. Meetings.

Special Comtee Report - Recommendations :-

- (a) Chairman to be appointed 14 days in advance. Intd.
- (b) Selection of Speakers to open debate. L.M.P. Course: not necessary. Equality Course. Agreed to ask the Comtee which arranged the lectures to suggest names.
- (c) Previous study. Not necessary at present to do more.
- (d) Advertising. Agreed to send to Press a leaflet specially prepared on the Equality Series.
- (e) Official Report. Agreed to ask Lecturer to supply one in advance. Failing him Davies will try thro' Central News. -
Tickets to be sent to the Press.
- (f) Invitations to Celebrities. Only for special subjects.

10. Labour Party Paper. Appeal for help to raise money. Agreed to afford all help, send out notice with news; supply list of possible subscribers &c.

11. Testimonial to J.R. MacDonald Labour Party Secy Agreed after discussion to grant £2.2.0 for a portrait.

12. London Labour Electoral Council P/161
Agreed to appoint Schloesser in place of Gual-
(retired) to the Exec. & that the Exec. be
ask to nominate delegates for Oct. 7.
13. West Leeds - Request for a Parly Candidate.
Sec.'s reply that we had none to offer approved.
14. Labour Party Annual Conference. On motion of Schloesser
it was agreed that the Sec'y & he be empowered
to send in the resolution:-
That a Labour Party legal fund be established
and administered by the Executive and that the
various bodies affiliated to the Labour Party
be invited to co-ordinate their legal work
under one central organisation.
15. Foreign Copyright of Fen's Misery of Boston. In respect
of a proposed French translation, it was agreed
on examination of Wells' letter of gift, that the
right to grant licence to translate belongs to
the Society.
16. Education Group - Agreed to pay for 4 Clifford Linn meetings
17. Deferred J.G. Dodd's resolution & Report on paper on Policy.

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