

FABIAN COMMON ROOM

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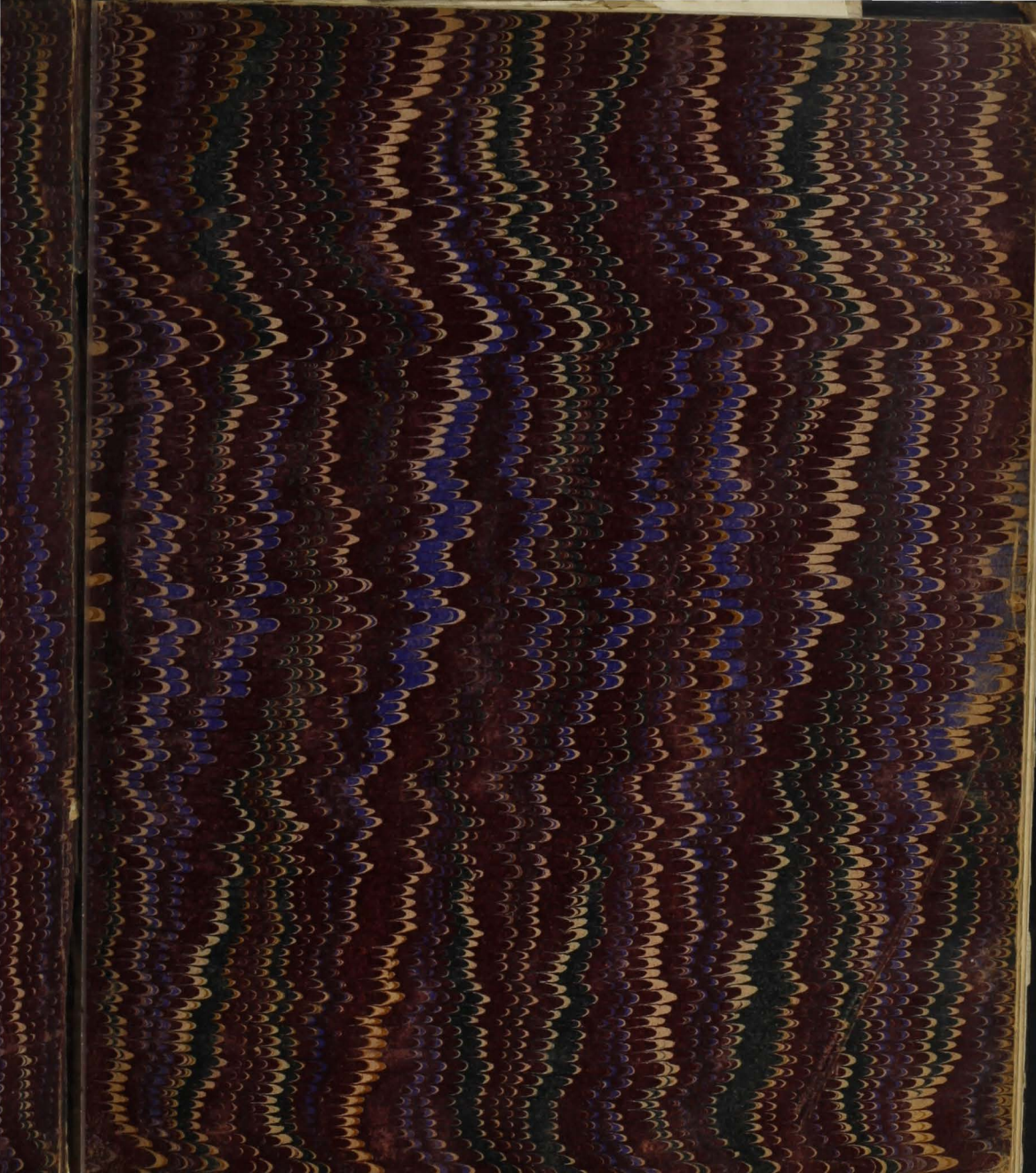
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Fabian Common Room.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

At a conference of members held on December 7th, 1914, it was decided to establish the Fabian Common Room. A Provisional Committee was elected, and this Committee arranged for the opening of the Common Room on January 21st, 1915. In order that those interested might have an opportunity of inspecting the premises and arrangements, the Common Room was open free until February 9th. On that date the first meeting of members was held and a Committee formally appointed.

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The Committee met five times during the year. Miss Hankinson was elected Chairman; G. P. Blizard, Treasurer; and the appointment of Miss F. E. Thomas as Secretary was confirmed. A sub-committee, consisting of the officers and three other members—Mrs. Reeves, W. Stephen Sanders, and Mrs. Trangmar—was appointed to deal with catering arrangements and emergency matters.

MEMBERSHIP.

Three hundred and forty-one members joined during the year, the membership being constituted as follows:

Original Members (i.e., those who joined before February 9th or within a month of joining the Fabian Society).

		Town.		Country.
Full year	... ..	236	...	70
Half year	... ..	5	...	—
<i>Ordinary Members.</i>				
Full year	... ..	14	...	8
Half year	... ..	6	...	2
		261	...	80

FURNISHING.

Owing to the generosity of two or three members, who contributed practically all the furniture, the Common

Room was relieved of further responsibility in this matter. The Common Room is also indebted to other members for much appreciated gifts during the year, especially for a clock and a portrait of Robert Owen, and for the loan of a fine reproduction of a Turner picture and some bound volumes of the *English Review*.

CATERING.

The catering receipts show a satisfactory increase during the course of the year. Owing to the popularity of the lunches, teas, etc., supplied, the question of increased service has become urgent, and the Committee are considering the provision of additional help. Since March last the Common Room has taken over the work of organizing the Society's "At Homes" to new members. Two of these have been held since that date, one in July, arranged so that Conference delegates might be present, which was attended by forty-seven persons; and one in December, to which Summer School visitors were specially invited, which was attended by forty-six persons. In addition to the official "At Homes," the Common Room has undertaken the catering and arrangements for other social functions for the Women's Group, the Research Department, and the Nursery, and has occasionally provided teas for outside societies who have hired the hall for meetings. The Fabian Group meetings have availed themselves of the privilege of coming to the Common Room after their meetings.

NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

The newspapers and periodicals provided have been largely used; they comprise:

- Two dailies (*Manchester Guardian, L'Humanité*).
- Nine weeklies (*New Statesman, New Age, New Witness, Punch, Labor Leader, Justice, Clarion, Herald, Glasgow Forward*).
- Three monthlies (*The Commonwealth, War and Peace, Progress*).
- Three quarterlies (*The Socialist Review, The Round Table, Economic Journal*).

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Of these several are supplied free from the publishers, and two of the quarterlies—*The Round Table* and the *Economic Journal*—are given by members.

The Common Room has been the means of extending the use of the Fabian Library. Many books have been borrowed from the shelves in the Common Room.

Group.

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| R. PAGE ARNOT. | MARY HANKINSON. |
| G. P. BLIZARD. | MAUD REEVES. |
| KATE M. DICE. | AYLMER ROSE. |
| F. LAWSON DODD. | W. STEPHEN SANDERS. |
| H. M. LAWSON DODD. | ALINE TRANGMAR. |
| JACK GIBSON. | JULIUS WEST. |

Committee for the year 1915.

F. E. THOMAS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Subscriptions from members	157	0	3
Donations	1	8	6
Catering Receipts	72	14	7
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		£231	3	4
<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Rent	70	0	0
Lighting, Heating, Attendance, etc.	37	2	10
Food and Gas	55	15	11
Furnishing and Fixtures	... ..	12	17	5
Printing and Stationery	... ..	8	3	10
Newspapers and Journals	5	16	10
Honorarium to Secretary	10	0	0
Sundries	6	9	0
Balance to next year	24	17	6
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		£231	3	4

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PRICE LIST.

SERVED AFTER 1.0 p.m.

Cup of Tea (Indian)	2d.
Pot do. for one	3d.
" two	5d.
" three	7d.
" four	9d.
China Tea $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra	
Coffee: per cup	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
for four or more, small cups, each	2d.
Milk: per glass	2d.
Lemonade <i>per bottle</i>	1d
Biscuits from.	1d.
Cake per piece.	2d.
Buns <i>each</i>	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Bread, white or brown	1d.
Butter	2d.
Margarine.	1d.
Scones & Buns	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
do. toasted	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Round of Toast	2d.
Jam & Marmalade.	1d. & 2d.
Honey	2d.
Cheese: per piece	2d.
Potted Meat	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Chocolate: per piece	1$\frac{1}{2}$d.
Oxo: per cup	2d.
Lime Juice & Soda	per glass 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

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NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, ETC. SUPPLIED.

Dailies:

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| ✓ MANCHESTER GUARDIAN | |
| ✓ THE TIMES | (By arrangement |
| ✓ GLASGOW HERALD | (with Women's Group. |

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Weeklies:

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| ✓ NEW STATESMAN | R. P. Arnot |
| ✓ NATION | |
| ✓ NEW AGE | |
| ✓ LABOUR LEADER | |
| ✓ JUSTICE | |
| ✓ THE HERALD | The Publishers |
| ✓ GLASGOW FORWARD | |
| ✓ TIMES LIT. SUPPLEMENT | Women's Group |
| ✓ CAMBRIDGE MAGAZINE | W. N. Edwards |
| ✓ CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH | The Publishers |
| ✓ COMMON CAUSE | |
| ✓ THE TRIBUNAL | The Publishers |

Monthlies:

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| ✓ THE COMMONWEALTH | The Publishers |
| LITERARY GUIDE | Francis Nunn. |
| U.D.C. JOURNAL | The Publishers |
| VOTES FOR WOMEN | Miss M. Moors |
| ✓ THE WOMAN WORKER | |
| THE LABOUR WOMAN | The Publishers |
| ✓ THE PLOUGHSHARE | do. |
| ✓ THE HUMANIST | do. |
| ✓ THE CLERK | do. |
| THE NEW EAST | Miss E. Smith. |
| THE ATHENAEUM | J. W. Nixon |
| THE SURVEY (New York) | |

Quarterly:

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| THE SOCIALIST REVIEW | The Publishers. |
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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It was contended, and perhaps fairly, that England produced as many outstanding scientists as those countries. But the continent produced scientific workers in far greater numbers, and what we wanted was to raise our general level.

A most important remedy was the better treatment of our teachers. They should be better paid and more honourably regarded. Their numbers were not growing, though many more were required. Men and women with university degrees were needed in elementary schools. University dons should sometimes take headship in these schools. The scale of payment should correspond with educational qualification.

All this was required in order to break down barriers, and to make our democracy a whole. We must recognise that there was no finality. Moral forces declined unless they advanced. The struggle for education and for democracy was a necessity. Increase of knowledge was the solvent for our social evils.

Business Notes.

ENCLOSURES.—(1) Lecture Card (London area only); (2-3) Common Room Conference Card and Letter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION. — Nominations, which must be in writing, for the Committee for the year 1917-18 must reach the Secretary before March 23rd.

**Fabian Common Room.
SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.**

THE past year has been an extremely anxious one, but the Committee is pleased to report that the expenses have only exceeded the income for the year by about a pound, thus leaving almost the same balance in hand as last year.

The Committee met four times during the year. Miss Hankinson was re-elected chairman; G. P. Blizard, treasurer; and Miss F. E. Thomas, secretary. The sub-committee, consisting of the officers and three other members, was re-appointed to deal with catering arrangements and emergency matters; Miss Dawson, Mrs. Reeves and Julius West were elected to this committee, which met five times during the year.

MEMBERSHIP.

There has been an inevitable decrease in membership and a consequent fall in subscriptions amounting to a considerable sum, and if the Common Room is to be efficiently maintained it will require the hearty co-operation of members by continuing their support and introducing new members.

There are two hundred and eighty-three members (of whom thirty-three have not yet paid their subscriptions) on the books at the end of 1916, as against three hundred and forty-one at the end of 1915, made up as follows:—

	Town	Country	Total
Renewals ...	199	64	263
New members	8	12	20
	207	76	283

There were seventy-eight resignations during the year.

CATERING.

The past year shows a considerable increase in the turnover, a very satisfactory result in view of the continued increase in the cost of food and the difficulty of obtaining supplies. Owing to the abnormal circum-

stances it was decided to hold only one of the Society's "At Homes" to new members; this took place on December 5th and was a marked success. The Common Room has on several occasions undertaken the provision of refreshments at gatherings of various Groups of the F.S. and to other organisations.

NEWSPAPERS.

With the exception of a few additions the newspapers and journals have been the same as those supplied last year, several being the gift of members to whom we again tender our thanks.

Papers, etc., supplied:—

Two dailies (*Manchester Guardian, L'Humanité*)
 Twelve weeklies (*New Statesman, New Age, Punch, Labour Leader, Clarion, Justice, The Herald, Christian Commonwealth, Glasgow Forward, Cambridge Magazine, Common Cause, Times Literary Supplement*).

Six monthlies (*The Commonwealth, War and Peace, Literary Guide, U.D.C. Journal, Votes for Women, Die Friedens-Warte*).

Two quarterlies (*The Socialist Review, The Round Tables*).

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 LILLIAN DAWSON, J. W. SHAW,
 WILLIAM GILLIES, SIDNEY WEBB,
 MARY HANKINSON, JULIUS WEST,
 M. A. E. MILTON,

Committee for the year 1916.

FRANCES E. THOMAS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, January 1st ...	...	24	17	6
Subscriptions from members ...	...	115	16	6
Catering receipts ...	...	106	1	6½
Sale of newspapers... ..	...	13	11	
		£247	9	5½
<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Rent ... ..	...	70	0	0
Lighting, heating, attendance, etc. ...	...	41	9	7
Food and gas ... ..	...	85	1	8½
Honorarium to Secretary ... ..	...	10	0	0
Newspapers ... ..	...	7	2	0
Printing, stationery, postage ... ..	...	4	10	6
Sundries (laundry, renewals, etc.) ...	...	5	8	10½
Balance to next year ... ..	...	23	16	10
		£247	9	5½

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions due in January are requested to send them to the office.

Fabian Education Group "At Home."

A MEETING of members and friends interested in the Fabian Education Group was held at the Fabian Hall on Monday, January 29th. Mr. Tibbey, who presided, extended, on behalf of the members, a hearty welcome to Mrs. Crosthwaite, who, after an absence of some years, had resumed the Hon. Secretaryship of the Group. Mrs. Crosthwaite having read the correspondence, offering many suggestions for the Group's consideration,

Dr. Garnett spoke of the need for larger areas for the administration of Higher Education—secondary, tech-

nical and university. He looked forward to the time when attendance at Continuation Schools would be compulsory; such attendance should be for fifteen hours a week, in the employer's time, but he conceived it probable that this time might be reduced by one-half where the young employes were shown to be receiving training for skilled work. Dr. Garnett thought that there was need for much improvement in the so-called commercial education, which, at present, merely trained for the keeping of accounts and records; in addition to this it was very desirable to have training for the buying, selling and transport of goods; he hoped that the time would come when there would be not one representative for six trades, but one representative of six firms in the same trade. It was most essential to break down the present system of competitive individualism.

Mrs. Dice, after referring to the successful Group meetings before the war and the valuable contributions to education accruing therefrom, spoke of education after school age. She said that they must not lose sight of the importance of the social side; this might be developed by the formation of clubs and recreative societies, which she considered should be managed, as far as possible, by the members themselves and not by the teachers of the schools.

Mr. Kettle said that he, personally, was specially interested in the psychological aspect of educational problems.

Dr. Hayward felt that in the various schemes being put forward at the present time there was a danger that the problems of the elementary school might be side-tracked. Everything depended upon an adequate supply of efficient teachers, and here he looked to the teachers themselves to give a lead and let the public know what they wanted. There were many questions of educational interest which should be considered, such as "Self-Government of the Teaching Profession," "Religious Education," "Should the Teacher tell the Truth in School?" "Should an Official be Original?" "The Liberty of the Teacher."

Mr. Mactavish, of the W.E.A., agreed with Dr. Hayward that the question of vital importance was that of the elementary school. "How were we to create a public feeling and faith in Education?"

Mrs. Boyd Dawson, representing the Fabian Women's Group, said that they considered the question of Continuation Schools of the utmost importance; there was grave danger lest these schools should result in mere "trade education."

At the conclusion of the meeting the Committee decided to hold a Group meeting on February 19th to discuss "Psychological Research in Schools."

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT.—The report of Conferences in February has been held over for want of space.

Subject Groups.

FABIAN WOMEN'S GROUP.

On January 24th Miss Winifred Stephens spoke on "The Position of Women in France." She pointed out that the position varies according to the part of the country, and to the class of society to which the women belong, and that their outlook and aspirations vary from one generation to another, or even from one year to another. Speaking very generally, one law stands out as fundamentally affecting the position of women in France—the law which places sons and daughters on an equality as regards inheritance from parents. This law is economically and morally of extreme importance, for by it a girl is given a status in the family. The custom, too, of providing the daughter with a dowry tends to equality between men and women; it also accustoms women to the manage-

ment of property and to the value of money, and has made French women stand out as the best business women among all nations. The corollary of the dowry system is the *mariage de convenance*, but this is not so general in France as it used to be, and the French husband is not the fortune hunter one is apt to think him. In no other country in the world, Miss Stephens said, is maternity so respected, so idealised, as it is in France. There is a comparative absence of social barriers between the sexes, and good comradeship exists between men and women. For the last three centuries Frenchmen have talked on equal terms with their women, and women have played a prominent part in politics, art and literature. This comradeship between the sexes is as noticeable in the business world as it is in the social world. The French wife is keenly interested and often takes an active part in her husband's business. This ability of women to carry on the work in the absence of the man has helped France enormously in the present crisis; and in agriculture, where women have never dissociated themselves from the land, she has depended upon her women to sow the seed, plough the land, and reap the harvest.

The movement of women towards professional careers has attracted considerable attention. Women have entered the teaching profession in large numbers since 1860, when the first woman took her B.A. degree. In 1907 there were four hundred and fifty medical women, and this number has greatly increased. The legal profession is open to women. In 1900 the first woman was called to the Bar, and now there are nineteen women barristers in Paris alone. For commercial careers women are able to fit themselves in a very thorough manner. A School of Advanced Commercial Studies for women has recently been opened.

French women have no vote for any municipal or central body. They seem to be more concerned in securing their economic independence than they are in securing their political freedom. There is practically no opposition to women having the local government franchise. Everyone agrees that they ought to have it. It would undoubtedly be a great benefit to France if she could bring to bear upon her national housekeeping all the frugality, organising powers and initiative that women have so magnificently displayed in their homes, in society, and in the business world.

Candidates for Election (6).

Miss D. B. Barry, Miss Cecily Dawson, Henry M. Gray, Miss E. Groves, Emanuel L. Hahn, Henry Harbour.

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THIS HOUSE, formerly the home of the Fabian Summer School, has been opened as a HOLIDAY GUEST-HOUSE.

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"Spain and the World War."

THIS WAS the subject of the lecture on February 8th by S. DE MADARIAGA.

The war, he said, has stimulated the idea of nationality all the world over. Finns, Czechs, Poles, and Letts claim their rights as nations; Europe thinks in terms of nationality; every nation sees itself as a collective entity. The life of the individual is modified even in neutral States, and, as in a beleaguered city, everyone claims to be fed and protected by the State. Private rights which conflict with collective interests are closely scrutinised; without noticing it we have all become Socialists.

All this is true of Spain as of other countries, though Spain was less prepared for it than any other. The collective life is weak, and, whatever the law, laissez faire prevails. This anarchy, tolerable in peace, breaks down under the stress of war. Its effect was to stimulate the export of iron and textiles, and, in the first years, of food; whilst imports were checked. Hence money flowed into Spain, the peseta went to a premium, and the Bank of Spain was able to build up a great gold reserve.

But coal became scarce. Spain produces four million tons, and imports from England two million, which goes to the east coast, the industrial district of Barcelona, at a cheap rate, because return cargoes of oranges and other fruits are always available. Scarcity of tonnage stopped this trade, and freights rose sixtyfold, and are now £20 a ton from Cardiff to Barcelona.

The high plateaus of central Spain are so cold in winter that the railways are blocked with snow nearly every year, and the coal famine was a serious problem. Food prices, too, went up, partly owing to the world famine, partly to excessive exports to France, partly to profiteering. The railways, already unequal to the demands of industry, were utterly disorganised by an exceptionally severe winter, and many towns were without either gas or electricity. When a speech in Westminster ruined the orange growers of Valencia, the most individualist of Spaniards began to realise that the world is a community.

This credit must be allowed to Germany, that she bulies all neutrals with perfect equality, and her submarine attacks on Spanish ships have several times brought Spain to the verge of war. This, too, the idea of collective interest in foreign trade, has promoted the feeling of nationality. Just before the war the Minister of Fine Arts said he could not interfere when a "Van der Goes" was sold by some friars to a German gallery, because of the sacred and unlimited rights of private property. Today there is a Food Controller in Spain, and thus the war is teaching the lesson of Socialism.

As for politics, the Church, the Army, the Court, and the idle bourgeoisie are pro-German. The workers, intellectual and manual, are for the Allies. The division is sharp and bitter, and yet the strife raises the patriotism of the nation.

Spain is divided into kingdoms, which were separate in the fifteenth century, with their own laws and parliaments. The kings destroyed local liberties, not because they were local, but because they were liberties. The last traces vanished with the Napoleonic wars. In Catalonia, the most progressive province, there is a strong movement for local autonomy, partly of the business element, which resents the inefficiency of the cen-

tral Government, and partly of the Republican heirs of federalism, who believe in nationality as a natural form of human growth. The Basques, lovers of adventure, the best of Spanish sailors, and fanatical Catholics, are also Home Rulers; and, unfortunately, Spanish clericalism is not progressive. Galicia, which might be a wealthy country of cattle breeders, and has been kept in poverty by protection of maize for the benefit of Castile, is another nationalist province, and is acquiring solidarity by the growth of agricultural co-operation.

Political apathy has been most responsible for the ills which Spain has suffered, and the war has done something to remove it. The movement for efficiency began with the Army officers, who knew that the Army is both costly and inefficient. The Army Officers' Committee has been followed by Committees of Postal Offices, Customs Officers, Schoolmasters; in a word, by a movement for Syndicalism, and at the same time for localism. Both are alike based on community of interests, and through both is stimulated the spirit of co-operation, whose absence is the worst defect of the Spanish character.

Agriculturally, Spain is not a rich country. Of its area forty-five per cent. is bare rock or poor land, and only ten per cent. can be classed as really fertile. But the mineral wealth is great, especially in iron and copper. Unfortunately, much of the industry is controlled by foreign capital, and there is a lamentable lack of well-trained industrial experts. A bad judicial system and political instability are other hindrances to the growth of industry. But Spain is beginning to join the rest of the world in an era of effort towards economic and intellectual creation.

Fabian Common Room.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER, 1917.

THE year 1917 began with a balance in hand of £23 16s. 10d., and closed with a balance of £75 6s. 8d., a result on which the members may congratulate themselves when all the difficulties rising out of the war are taken into consideration.

The Committee met six times during the year. J. W. Shaw was elected chairman, G. P. Bizard was re-elected treasurer, and Miss F. E. Thomas continued as secretary. The House Committee, consisting of the officers and three other members—R. P. Arnot (who has since resigned), Miss Dawson, and Miss Hankinson—met five times during the year, and dealt with catering arrangements and matters of urgency.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the period under review a member of the Society, who desires to remain anonymous, made an offer of £20 to the funds of the Common Room on condition that the membership was doubled by June 30th. As a result of this a considerable number of new members joined in response to the appeal made by the Committee, and although the conditions were not fulfilled, the promised sum was handed to the treasurer. The thanks of the Committee were duly conveyed to the donor.

The membership at the close of the year was as follows:—

	Town	Country	Total
Renewals	175	52	227
New members	73	18	91
	248	70	318

A number of subscriptions were still outstanding at the end of the year. There were 55 resignations during the year.

"AT HOMES."

The Committee considerably developed the social side of the Common Room by holding a series of "At Homes" during the early part of the year, which were well attended, and gave members and prospective members the opportunity of coming into contact with the Executive Committee of the Society and other members. These were in addition to the usual "At Homes" given on behalf of the Fabian Society and the Summer School. As on previous occasions, the Committee undertook the provision of refreshments at gatherings of various groups and other organisations.

CATERING.

As a result of these greater activities and the increased cost of food supplies, the catering receipts show a considerable increase upon the figures of last year; and although prices have been kept down to a minimum, a satisfactory surplus has been carried to the funds of the Common Room.

NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers, journals, etc., provided by the Common Room are as follows:—

Manchester Guardian, Labour Leader, Clarion, Justice, The Nation, The New Age, Glasgow Forward, The Woman Worker.

For the following the Common Room is indebted to members and the publishers for gifts:—

Glasgow Herald, The New Statesman, The Herald, Christian Commonwealth, Times Literary Supplement, Cambridge Magazine, The Common Cause, The Labour Woman, The Tribunal, The Literary Guide, The Humanist, U.D.C. Journal, Votes for Women, The Commonwealth, The Ploughshare, The Clerk, The New East, The Survey (New York), The Socialist Review.

G. P. BLIZARD, W. CLIFFORD, MARY E. COATES,
LILIAN DAWSON, MARY HANKINSON, M. A. MILTON,
E. F. M. MOOR, J. W. SHAW, ELLEN SMITH, SIDNEY WEBB, JULIUS WEST.

Committee for the year 1917.

FRANCES E. THOMAS, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand January 1st	...	23	16	0
Subscriptions and Donations	...	159	16	0
Catering Receipts	...	153	8	10
Sale of Newspapers	...	1	0	6
		£338	2	2
Expenditure.		£	s.	d.
Rent	...	70	0	0
Food	...	111	13	4
Lighting, Heating, Gas, Attendance, etc.	...	49	1	10
Printing, Stationery, Postage	...	13	9	11
Honorarium to Secretary	...	10	0	0
Newspapers	...	5	7	0
Sundries (Laundry, Renewals, etc.)	...	3	3	5
Balance to next year...	...	75	6	8
		£338	2	2

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1918 are asked to send them to the Office, in order to save the expense and work of sending out individual applications. There are a number of subscriptions for 1917 still outstanding.

Personal Notes.

The Rev. N. E. Egerton Swann has published through Humphrey Milford a volume at 2s. cloth, and 1s. 3d. paper, entitled "The Hebrew Prophets and the Church," being No. 7 of the Series "The Church's Message for the Coming Time."

Louise and Aylmer Maude are publishing in the World's Classics (Humphrey Milford) a new translation of Tolstoi's novel "Anna Karenina." Others are to follow.

J. Hazelip, of Sunnybrook Avenue, Horsforth, asks members living in the Pudsey Division to communicate with him, if they are prepared to assist the Labour Party in the coming election.

We greatly regret to record the death, on February 8th, of the Rev. JOHN GLASSE, D.D., for many years Minister of the old Grey Friars, Edinburgh, and a prominent Socialist from the earliest days, when he was a warm friend of William Morris, and his house the headquarters of every well-known Socialist who visited Edinburgh to lecture. He had been a member of the Society since 1892, and on one occasion lectured on Christian Socialism at Essex Hall.

A few years ago he retired from the ministry, travelled in Palestine and elsewhere, and he generally looked in at the Fabian Office when passing through London.

We also regret to report the death, at the age of 37, of CLEMENT A. MILES, of Hampstead, who had been a member of the Society since 1909, and evinced his interest in our work by his regular subscription, though he was not widely known in the Society. He was connected with Mr. Fisher Unwin's publishing firm, had written and translated several volumes, and the *Times* describes his learning as encyclopaedic and cosmopolitan.

Candidates for Election (13).

Henry J. Bridger, Mrs. Mary E. Corber, Thomas K. Burden, J. W. Frings, Miss Agnes E. Koester, Miss M. C. Koester, George Lang, Vladimir Nosek, Harry H. Peach, George E. Smith, George Vickerson.

EDINBURGH F.S.—John McMillan, Miss Margaret K. Nelson.

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To the Secretary of the Fabian Common Room,

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Fabian Common Room.

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- M. A. E. MILTON,
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- AYLMER ROSE,
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- JULIUS WEST,

Committee for the year 1916.

FRANCES E. THOMAS, Secretary.

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THE FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

RULES.

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Membership of the Fabian Common Room is limited to members, associates, and subscribers of the Fabian Society who make application to be admitted, and pay an annual subscription to the Common Room Funds, and to such non-Fabians as may be elected honorary members.

II

The minimum annual subscription for members who joined before February 9th, 1915, shall be: for town members 7s. 6d., and for country members 5s. After February 9th, 1915, the minimum annual subscription shall be: for town members 10s., and for country members 7s. 6d., except that new members, associates, and subscribers of the Fabian Society may join the Common Room within a month after their admission to the Society at a minimum subscription of 7s. 6d. for town members, and 5s. for country members. The Common Room Committee shall decide on the admission of candidates as town or country members respectively. A person shall be considered to be a country member who resides at least twenty miles from London and has no employment, place of business, or residence within that radius from the Fabian Office. The annual subscription shall date from January 1st in each year, but members, associates, and subscribers of the Society shall, if applying for membership of the Common Room on or after June 1st in any year, pay half the annual subscription for the current year, and in subsequent years the full amount.

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III

The Fabian Common Room shall be administered by a Committee of twelve members elected at the Annual Meeting of members, and the Committee shall appoint a Chairman and the necessary officers.

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Members of the Fabian Common Room may introduce visitors (other than persons under the age of sixteen), whose names must be entered in the Visitors' Book.

VII

The Fabian Common Room shall, except when otherwise directed by the Committee, be open on week days from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., with the exception of Saturdays, when the closing hour shall be 6 p.m.

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Smoking is not permitted in the smaller room.

IX

Any member may borrow books from the library in the Fabian Common Room, but must enter his or her name, together with title of book, on the slip provided for the purpose.

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No alteration or addition to the Rules of the Fabian Common Room shall be made except at a meeting of members, and after notice published in FABIAN NEWS or otherwise not less than seven days before such meeting. No alteration or addition shall be made at any meeting other than the Annual Meeting, except by a vote of more than three fourths of the members present. Any alterations or additions to the Rules will not become effective until they have been confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society.

XI

The Executive Committee of the Fabian Society shall have the right to arrange for the use of the Fabian Common Room on not more than twenty-four days per annum for meetings open to all members of the Society.

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First Members' Meeting
Fabian Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 9th. 1915.

Sidney Webb was elected to the chair.

W. Stephen Sanders presented the appended report of the Common Room Provisional Committee which was adopted.

Draft Rules drawn up by the Provisional Committee were submitted, discussed and amended and finally adopted in the following form:-

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8. Smoking is not permitted in the smaller room.

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11. The Executive Committee of the Fabian Society shall have the right to arrange for the use of the Fabian Common Room on not more than 24 days per annum for meetings open to all members of the Society.

The Committee were then elected by ballot.
18 candidates were nominated and the result was as follows: -

Elected	Miss Hankinson	39
	Mrs. Reeves	39
	W.S. Sanders	39
	F. Lawson Dodd	35
	Jack Gibson	31
	J.P. Blyard	30
	Mr. Dodd	21

Elected	{	Alymer Rae	21
		R. Page Arnot	20
		M ^{rs} Dice	19
		M ^{rs} Trangmar	18
		Julius West	17
	a. h. Bacharach	15	
	W. Colegate	13	
	A. J. Throgood	11	
	M ^{rs} Bischof-Collins	10	
	J. Spencer Hill	9	
C. E. M. Joad	7		

Mr. S. Reeves
Feb. 9 1916

FABIAN COMMON ROOM PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS:-

R. P. Arnot	F. Lawson Dodd	Mrs. Reeves
A. L. Bacharach	Mrs. Dodd	W. S. Sanders
G. P. Blizard	Jack Gibson	Mrs. Bernard Shaw
W. Colegate	Miss Hankinson	Mrs. Trangmar
Mrs. Bischof Collins	J. Spencer Hill	Mrs. Sidney Webb
Mrs. Dice	C. E. M. Joad	

REPORT.

The Committee held three meetings.

A circular was drawn up based on the decisions arrived at by the Conference held on Dec. 7th at the Fabian Hall, and circulated with the Fabian News. The Common Room was thrown open to all members and associates of the Society from Jan. 21st to Feb. 9th, 1915. Arrangements were made for the provision of light refreshments and a scale of charges fixed and put into operation. Socialist and other periodicals of Great Britain, France and Germany have been secured and others ordered from America.

An estimate of the first year's current expenses has been drawn up as follows: -

	£
Rent	70
Heating, Lighting & Cleaning.	30
Attendance.	20
Newspapers & Magazines.	10
Honorarium to Secretary.	10
Sundries.	<u>10</u>

£150

Rules have been drafted for submission to the members' meeting.

Miss F. E. Thomas has been appointed as secretary subject to confirmation by the Committee to be elected on Feb. 9th.

The number of applications for membership is to date 277; 246 subscriptions, amounting to £114.6.0. have been paid, the average subscription being 9/3d.

The amount received for refreshments since Jan. 21st is £3.10.6.

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February 9th 1915.

Common Room Committee, meeting at Office, Thursday,
18th. Feb., 1915

Present:- F. Lawson Dodd, M^{rs} Dodd, M^{rs} Alan Tringham,
Julius West, Clybena Rose, M^{rs} Dice, W.S. Sanders,
S.P. Blyard, R.P. Armit, + the secretary.

Chairman:- F. Lawson Dodd was elected to the
chair.

Minutes of Members' Meeting were read & confirmed.
Apologies were made on behalf of Miss Harkness
& Jack Gibson.

Officers:- It was decided that a permanent
chairman should be appointed: Miss
Harkness was elected to this office.
It was also decided to elect a treasurer;
S.P. Blyard was elected.
The election of Miss F. E. Thomas as
secretary was confirmed.

Sub. Committee:- It was agreed to appoint a Home
Committee consisting of the officers and
three other members of the Committee.
M^{rs} Reeves, M^{rs} Tringham & W.S. Sanders were

elected.

Membership:- The secretary reported that the membership to date was 303 and the amount of subscriptions received, £126. 13. 6. It was decided that the secretary should write to members who had not yet paid & remind them that their subscriptions were due. It was agreed that a typewritten list of members should be kept in the Common Room.

Refreshments:- The secretary gave the following financial statement with regard to refreshments:

Receipts	£ 6. 11. 2	Payments	£ 5. 4. 10 ¹ / ₂
Stock of tea on hand	<u>1. 19. 0</u>	Also outstanding entry	<u>11. 0</u>
	£ 8. 10. 2		5. 15. 10 ¹ / ₂
		Balance	<u>2. 14. 3¹/₂</u>
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Rules:- It was agreed to have the rules printed, and Mr Sanders was asked to draw up a draft of a prospectus to be sent to new members and enquirers. This was

referred to the House Committee.

Meetings: It was agreed that the Committee should meet quarterly (unless otherwise called) on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday, March 9th at 5.30 p.m.

Other business:- Application having been made by the Nursey, it was agreed that the Common Room could arrange to cater for the Nursey Social on March 19th at 6d per head, the refreshments being similar to those supplied at the "At Homes" to new members.

Rent. It was agreed that the Common Room should pay rent from January 1st, 1915.

Mary Hankinson
March 9th 1915.

Meeting of House Committee, Monday, March 1st. 1915.

Present: - Miss Harkness, Mrs. Alban Trarogran,
G.P. Blizard, W.S. Sanders, & The secretary

① Refreshments. It was agreed that these, on the whole, were satisfactory and that one or two slight alterations, with regard to size of courses, etc. should be left for the secretary to deal with.

② Arrangements with Groups & "At Homes." It was thought desirable that Groups should be allowed to come up to the Common Room after meetings, for coffee and biscuits at a small charge per head. Miss Harkness undertook to draw up a sliding scale of charges, to be submitted to the Committee on March 9th.

It was ^{thought desirable} agreed that the Common Room should express its willingness to take over the At Homes to new members, and that there should be held quarterly in the Hall & Common Room, refreshments and entertainment being provided in the Hall, free to new members, all others attending to pay 6d. each and the Fabian Society to refund

Get a lead for new members.

(3) Gas Stove. W. S. Saunders undertook to see the Gas Company with regard to gas stove, the present one being too small and inconveniently placed.

(4) Cloak Room. It was agreed that more pegs should be supplied in the men's cloak room and that a table or small chest of drawers should be obtained for the women's cloak room.

(5) Washing Facilities. It was thought desirable that washing facilities should be provided and that the House Committee should see if this could be arranged.

(6) Newspapers + Periodicals. The secretary was requested to place a copy of "Fabian News" in the Common Room.

(7) Suggestions. It was agreed that the Suggestion Book should be kept by the secretary and that a notice be put in the Common Room requesting members to send suggestions and criticisms to the secretary in writing. The suggestions already

in the book were dealt with, one being "washing materials", & the only other one, "a waste paper basket". It was agreed that the latter should be supplied. It was also agreed that a notice "No smoking allowed" be placed in the smaller room, and that a notice indicating the position of the cloak rooms be put up.

8) Nursey Social It was agreed that the Common Room could not undertake more elaborate refreshments than those supplied at 6d. per head at the "Old Homes," and that any extra refreshments must be arranged for by the Nursey themselves.

May Hankinson
June 7th 1915

Common Room Committee Meeting Tuesday,
March 9th, 1915.

Present: F. Lawson Dodd, M^{rs} Dodd, M^{rs} Dice,
Jack Gibson, Mrs Hankinson, Felo
W. S. Standers, Julius West,
Olympe Rose and the secretary.

Apologies: G. P. Blyard unable to attend.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read &
confirmed.

Membership: The secretary reported that the member-
ship to date was 312 and subscriptions
received £137-2-6. Reminders had been
sent to those members who had not paid
their subscriptions as a result of which
several subscriptions had come in, ~~there being~~
being 17 members whose subscriptions were
still unpaid.

House This was received.

Committee

Reports

On (2) It was agreed that those attending Group Meetings should be allowed to come up to the Common Room after meetings for coffee and biscuits at a charge of 2d. each for 12 or under and 1d. each for any number after the first 12.

It was also agreed that the Common Room should express its willingness to take over the "At Home" to New Members and that these should be held quarterly in the Fabian Hall and Common Room, refreshments and entertainment being provided free to new members, all other attending to pay 6d. each and the Fabian Society to refund the Common Room for new members at 6d. per head.

On (8) The discussion with regard to catering for the Nursery Social being reopened, it was agreed that the secretary should communicate with the Nursery and see what could be arranged at a charge of 9d. per head for a guarantee of 30 people. It was also agreed that if this were arranged the secretary should purchase 4 doz. Tumblers as these would be required for Common Room purposes in the summer.

The Report as amended was adopted.

Day of Meeting It was decided that the day of meeting should be changed to Monday, the date of the next meeting to be fixed provisionally for the second Monday in June.

Chimneys. It was agreed that Mr Sanders should see if anything could be done

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to remedy the smoking of the
chimneys in the two rooms.

Piano It was agreed to accept D^r Dodd's
offer to obtain a piano second-hand
towards which he would pay £11,0
and advance the balance to be
paid back out of hiring fees and
subscriptions. It was agreed that
an appeal & subscription list should
be placed in the Common Room.

Easter opening
Dressing table. It was agreed that the
Common Room should be closed for
the Easter holidays from Thursday,
April 1st to the 6th.

Mary Hankinson
June 7th 1915.

Meeting of House Committee, June 7th, 1915 at 5.0 p.m.

Present:- Miss Hankinson (in chair), Mr. Truongman,
J.P. Blizard, W.S. Sanders & Secretary.

1 Refreshments.

It was decided to recommend:-

- (a) That owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the milk supplied & ~~was~~ unpunctuality of service we should change the dairy, also that butter should be supplied in larger portions, 25 to the lb.
- (b) That Soda Water, Lime Juice &c. be supplied.
- (c) That the charge for a pot of tea for two persons should be 5d. instead of 6d.
- (d) That refreshments should be served from 1 o'clock onwards.
- (e) That more small cups and saucers and milk jugs should be obtained. Miss Hankinson undertook to order these.

2 Furniture.

It was decided to recommend:-

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- (a) That the settee, price £3.6s. be retained.
(b) That two or three more small tables be obtained.

Wray Standen
Oct 11th 1915.

Common Room Committee Meeting Monday, June 7th
1915.

1. Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), M^{rs} Alan Tranganer,
M^{rs} Dice, S. P. Blyand, Julius West,
F. Lawson Dodd, Albin Rose,
R. Page Armit, & the secretary.
2. Apology for absence was received from M^{rs} Dodd,
away for tour.
3. Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

4. Membership & accounts:

The secretary reported that the membership
to date was 334 and that there were
12 members whose subscriptions had not
been paid; most of these had been written
to. It was agreed that Bernard Shaw,
W. D. Harben and Basil Hall should not
be asked for subscriptions and should be
considered members by virtue of donations
given to the Common Room Furnishing Fund.
It was agreed that the others who had not

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paid should be written to again, with the exception of two members abroad. Statement of account, as appended, was submitted and passed, an amount 18/- for a chest of drawers, having been added as an amendment to the Liabilities

Financial Statement to May 30th, 1915.

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions	149	7	3
Catering	30	0	10
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Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
Rent, Cleaning, Catering, China, Journals, Secretary's Salary, etc. etc.	65	2	4
Balance	114	5	9
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	179	8	1
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Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
Settee, if retained	3	6	0
Rent, Cleaning, Attendance, Secretary's salary, etc. due on June 30th.	27	10	0
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	18	0	0
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	£ 31	14	0
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Chest of Drawers,
for dressing room.

Catering Account.

Month	<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Receipts</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January	3	14	0	1	18	6
February	3	1	6½	7	11	10
March	4	9	10½	8	19	3
April	3	14	5	6	13	11
May	6	5	3	4	19	4
	21	5	1	£ 30	0	10
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	£ 19	3	4			

Balance £10 17s. 6d.

5. House Committee's Report:

This was received and adopted, the secretary being directed to carry out the recommendations.

6. Papers and Periodicals:

It was agreed that "The Independent" and the Glasgow "Forward" be taken. The secretary was directed to report to the next meeting as to how much was being spent on papers.

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7. Social & "At Home" on July 3rd:

It was agreed that this be held at 8 o'clock and that the House Committee should make the necessary arrangements.

8. Rules:

M^r Sanders reported that Rules & application forms would be sent out with Fabian News for July together with a notice informing members of the Society that they could join for half a year at half subscription.

9. Date of next Meeting:

October 4th was decided on provisionally as the date for next meeting.

10. Suggestions:

It was decided to substitute a box into which letters or slips of paper could be put, for the book tickets used.

May Hankinson
Oct 11th 1915.

Second Meeting of House Committee, Monday,
June 7th to arrange for "At Home."

Present: - all the members of Committee.

Refreshments: It was agreed that Coffee, tea,
lemonade, cakes etc. should be
supplied, this to be left to the
secretary and housekeeper.

Speaker. It was decided that Mr Webb
should be asked to give the address.

Entertainment: It was decided that Mrs Robinson,
Miss Dassin, Mr St Clair Collins &
Mr Owen should be asked to take
part in the entertainment.

May Hankinson
Oct 11th 1915.

Meeting of House Committee, Monday, Oct. 11th, 1915
at 5.0 p.m.

Present:- Miss Hankinson (in chair), Mr. Truongman,
S. P. Blyard
W. S. Sanders, Secretary.

- 1 Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2 Refreshments.

It was agreed that these were satisfactory;
as alterations were proposed.

- 3 Clearing of covers of chairs &c.

It was decided to leave this until the spring.

4 "At Home"

It was agreed to recommend that the next "At Home" be held on Friday, Dec. 3rd and that a notice be put in Yalbar News, Nov. & Dec. with special invitation to attract Summer School members. It was also agreed that the House Committee should make arrangements for the "At Home" & that a host & hostess should be appointed in addition to a speaker.

Mary Hankinson
Feb 22nd 1916

Common Room Committee Meeting Monday, Oct. 11th
1915 at 5.20 p.m.

Present: Mess Hankinson (in chair), M^r Truongman,
S.P. Blyard, W. S. Sanders, Julius West,
F. Lawson Dodd, Jack Libron, M^r Reeves,
& the Secretary.

1. Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies: Apologies were received from R.P. Amst, out of town, and Sylvia Rose, unable to be present.
3. Report on Membership & Financial Statement:
The secretary reported that the membership to date was 344; there having been one resignation. There were seven subscriptions still outstanding for members; ~~one of these~~ ^{one of these} it was agreed that J. Fowler Shore, who had been applied to three times should be struck off the list of members. Statement of account as appended was submitted

and passed:-

Financial Statement to September 30th, 1915.

<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.
Subscriptions	153 18 0	Rent, Cleaning, Catering, Attendance, Secretary's salary, etc.	150 18 2½
Catering	50 11 11½	Balance	53 5 9
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Outstanding Liability

Settee £3 6s.0d.

Catering Account

<u>Month</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January	3 14 0	1 18 6
February	3 1 6½	7 11 10
March	4 9 10½	8 19 3
April	3 14 5	6 13 11
May	6 5 3	4 19 4
June	3 13 4	6 9 9
July	4 11 1	5 10 11
August	5 8 18	3 16 4½
September	3 13 5½	4 14 1
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estd. Tea)	2 6 9	
& Biscuits)	<hr/>	
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Balance	£ 14 7s. 7d.	

4. House Committee's Report:

This was received and adopted, the only recommendation being with regard to the next "At Home".

5. Papers and Periodicals:-

The appended Report of papers taken by the Common Room was submitted and passed.

It was agreed that "Punch" should be added.

It was also agreed that the New Statesman and New Age should be offered for sale at half price and that the Manchester Guardian should be offered to the Women's Group at half price.

6. Time of Closing:-

It was agreed that unless notice be given beforehand the Common Room should be closed at 10.15 p.m. when no members were present.

7. Suggestion: A suggestion Per Quarter. that

	<u>Cost.</u>			<u>Postage.</u>			<u>Total.</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<u>DAILIES:</u>	the gas stove. W.S. Sanders and the								
Manchester Guardian	6	6		-	-	-	6	6	
L'Humanite.	3	3		2	10		6	1	

WEEKLIES:

2. <u>New Statesman.</u>	5	5		-	-	-	5	5	
New Age.	6	6		-	-	-	6	6	
Labour Leader.	1	1		-	-	-	1	1	
Justice.	1	1		-	-	-	1	1	
Clarion.	1	1		-	-	-	1	1	
X Independent.	1	1		-	-	-	1	1	

9. <u>Herald.</u>	Free.						Nil.		
Glasgow Forward.	1	1		6	½		1	7	½
New Workers.	Free								

MONTHLIES:

Commonwealth.	Free						Nil.		
War and Peace.	Free						Nil.		

QUARTERLY: as Holidays:

Socialist Review.	Free						Nil.		
<p>should be closed for the same period as the office, notice to be placed in the Common Room beforehand; also that a box</p>									
	£	1	7	1		3	4	½	£ 1 10 5

Given by members: The Round Table. The Economic Journal.

7. Suggestions: A suggestion was received that a table or shelf should be placed by the gas stove. W.S. Sanders and the secretary were directed to see to this being done.

8. Next "At Home".
Friday, Dec. 3rd, as recommended by the Home Committee was provisionally agreed to, arrangements to be left to the Home Committee.

9. Gift of Picture:
It was agreed that a letter of very hearty thanks be sent to M^{rs} Drake for the permanent loan of a reproduction of Turner to the Common Room.

10. Christmas Holidays:
It was agreed that the Common Room should be closed for the same period as the Office, notice to be placed in the Common Room beforehand; also that a prose be placed in the Com. Room with a notice inviting members to contribute towards a Xmas present for M^{rs} Hubert.

11. Next Meeting:

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Feb. 9th, 1916, the anniversary of the first Members Meeting

Mary Hankinson
Dec 9th 1915

The House Committee resumed its meeting and it was agreed :-

- (a) To ask J. Squire to give the address on Dec. 3rd.
- (b) " " M^{rs} Corner, Miss Potts and M^{rs} Bartram to sing.

Common Room Committee, special meeting on
Thursday, Dec. 9th. 1915, at 5. p.m.

Present: Miss Harbison (in chair), Julius West,
F. Lawson Dodd, Mr. Reeves,
Mr. Alan Traugott, R. Page Anst
& the secretary.

1 Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read
& confirmed.

2 Mr. Herbert's Salary:

It was agreed to recommend to the Executive
Committee that Mr. Herbert be given an
increase in salary of 2/- per week (his present
salary being 16/6). The secretary was directed
to draw up a statement showing what
proportion of the 16/6 was being paid by
the Common Room and also how much
was paid for cleaning; this statement
with the above recommendation to be
submitted to the Executive Committee.

2. Proposal from M^{rs} Reeves that the members of the Women's Volunteers Reserve should be allowed to use the Common Room at dining certain hours and for a small payment.

After some discussion it was agreed that this was not practicable, but that an arrangement might be made for the use of the hall. The secretary was directed to approach the Executive on the matter, but before an opportunity of doing so arose M^{rs} Reeves withdrew the proposal.

Mary Hankin
Feb 2nd 1916

Common Room Committee Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 1st.
1916, at 5.45 p.m.

Present :- Miss Hankinson (in chair), S.P. Blizard,
R. Page Armstrong, M^{rs} Truongman,
Julius West, & the secretary.

- 1 Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2 Apologies: Apologies ^{for absence} were received from
D^r & M^{rs} Lawson Dodd.
- 3 Membership & Finance:
The secretary reported that the membership at the end of 1915 was 341; that 21 members had renewed their subscriptions for 1916 & that there had been 1 new member in 1916. Financial statement as amended & attached herewith, and also statement of Catering Receipts were passed, and the secretary was directed to ^{revise} prepare

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these financial statements for presentation to the
Annual Meeting on Feb. 9th.

FABIAN COMMON ROOM

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Financial Statement for the Year 1915.

Dec. 31st. 1915

RECEIPTS:

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions from members	157	0	3
Donations	1	8	6
Catering Receipts	72	14	7*

EXPENDITURE:

	£	s.	d.
Rent	70	0	0
Lighting & Heating	6	19	4
Cleaning	8	11	6
Furnishing:			
Furniture	9	2	6*
China	2	14	11
	11	17	5
Attendance	21	12	0
Cost of Food supplied	52	14	3 ⁰
Gas for Cooking	4	4	8*
Fixing of Gas Stove	0	0	0
Newspapers, etc.	5	16	10
Printing & Stationery	8	3	10
Honorarium to Secretary	10	0	0*
Sundries	6	9	0
	<u>206</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>
	207	8	10
		24	17-6
Balance	<u>23</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>

* of this amount £3-14-4 was received by H. J. Brumby & not entered in the Cash Book. The amt. will be refunded by the F.S. & therefore does not affect the financial statement of the C.R.

* Pd. in 1916

Gas 2-12-8 Jan 31 - see Ledger
 4-12-6 of Jan. 31 see Ledger
 Settles 3-8-6
 Club Room Notice 9-0
 Hinge table 15-0
 Hn. G. Sec. 2-10-0 £9-15-2

§ Not including £3-7-6 pd on Dec 31 for tea

£ 231 3 4

£ 231 3 4

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Statement of Catering Receipts and Expenditure 1915.

Financial Year ending 31st Dec 1915.

Expenditure			Receipts.	
<u>on Food</u>				
£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Jan.	3 14 0		1 14 2	
Feb.	3 1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		7 5 0	
March	4 9 10 $\frac{1}{2}$		8 6 1	
April	3 14 4 $\frac{3}{4}$		7 11 4	
May	6 5 3		5 0 11	
June	3 12 4		5 18 2	
July	4 11 1		6 0 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Aug.	5 8 1 $\frac{3}{4}$		3 8 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Sept.	3 13 5 $\frac{3}{4}$		4 14 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	69-19-12
Oct.	4 8 5		6 17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Nov.	5 1 4 $\frac{3}{4}$		6 19 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Dec.	8 10 9 $\frac{1}{2}$		8 18 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	56 11 8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
ss tea on				
nd Dec.31	3 17 6	52 14 2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Attendance @ 4/-				
per week, 50 wks.	10 0 0			
do. for "At Homes"	1 19 0			
Gas	4 4 8			
Breakages, estd.	3 0			
	69 0 10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Profit	3 13 8 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	£ 72 14 7		72 14 7	

4 Annual Meeting:

Draft Annual Report, which had been circulated to Committee members, was passed as amended below. The secretary was directed to ~~prepare duplicate copies~~ present this at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 9th, 1916, and to prepare duplicate copies for circulation.

It was agreed to ask Mr. Reeves to take the chair, a failing Mr. Reeves, Julius West.

It was agreed that the new Committee should be elected by ballot & that attendances of present members should be read ~~out~~ at the Meeting.

5 Recommendations of House Committee:

As only two members of the House Committee were present at time fixed for meeting, the business of the House Committee was dealt with by the full Committee.

- (1) It was agreed that for ordinary "At Homes" not more than 2/6 should be given to the housekeeper to enable her to obtain extra help, and that only under special circumstances should more than this sum be given.
- (2) The secretary reported that a Social had been arranged for the Nursery on Saturday, Jan. 1st. on the same basis as the last Nursery Social, viz. 6d. per head, refreshments & arrangements being similar to those provided at the Society's "At Homes."
- (3) It was also reported that the Common Room had been used by three members & friends on Saturday, Jan. 29th and that payment had been made.
On the above the Committee agreed that the Common Room should not be used on Saturday nights except in very special circumstances.
- (4) The secretary reported that the catering arrangements had been undertaken for the Women's Group "At Home" on Friday, Jan. 21st,

and that the Women's Group proposed to pay an inclusive charge of 15/- for refreshments &c. The Committee agreed to this.

- (5) The serving of meals to non-members.

It was agreed to adjourn this question until after the proposed alteration to rules had been dealt with by the Annual Meeting.

- (6) It was agreed that date & arrangements for the next "At Home" should be left for the ^{next} Committee.

- 6 Provision of additional help for housekeeper.

After some discussion it was agreed to appoint a special sub-committee, consisting of Miss Harkinson, R.P. Arnot & the secretary, to deal with the question of wages, the proportionate amounts paid by the Common Room for wages, cleaning, etc., this Committee to report to a special meeting of the full Committee half an hour before the Annual Mtg. on Feb. 9th.

7 Suggestions:-

"That the 'Woman Worker' be taken."

This was agreed.

Sidney Webb

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First Annual Report.

The catering receipts for the year were £10.10.0. The increase during the course of the year. Owing to the popularity of the lunches, teas, and suppers, the question of increased service has become urgent. The Committee are considering the provision of additional staff. At a conference of members held on December 7th, 1914, it was decided to establish the Fabian Common Room. A provisional Committee was elected and this Committee arranged for the opening of the Common Room on January 21st, 1915. In order that those interested might have an opportunity of inspecting the premises and arrangements the Common Room was open free until February 9th. On that date the first meeting of members was held and a Committee formally appointed. Arrangements for other social functions, for the Women's Group, the Research Department, and the Nursery, and has been made. The Committee met five times during the year. Miss Hankinson was elected Chairman; G.P. Blizard, Treasurer; and the appointment of Miss F.E. Thomas as Secretary was confirmed. A sub-committee consisting of the officers and ~~xxxxxxx~~ three other members, Mrs. Reeves, ~~xxxxxxx~~ W. Stephen Sanders and Mrs. Trangmar, was appointed to deal with catering arrangements and emergency matters.

NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

MEMBERSHIP.

Members and periodicals provided have been largely as they comprise:-
341 members joined during the year, the membership being constituted as follows:

- 3 Weeklies (New Statesman; New Age; New Witness; Punch; Daily Worker; Justice; Clarion; Herald;
- 3 Monthly (Health; War and Peace; Progress)
- 3 Quarterly (The Fabian Review; The Economic Journal; The Fabian Quarterly)

Original members;
(i.e. those who joined before Feb. 9th or within a month of joining the F.S.)

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>
Full year	236	70
Half year	5	-

Ordinary members:

Full year	14	8
Half year	6	2
	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>

FURNISHING.

Owing to the generosity of two or three members who contributed practically all the furniture, the Common Room was relieved of further responsibility in this matter. The Common Room is also indebted to other members for much appreciated gifts during the year, especially for a clock and a portrait of Robert Owen, and for the loan of a fine reproduction of a Turner picture and some bound volumes of The Economic Journal.

CATERING.

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The catering receipts show a satisfactory increase during the course of the year. Owing to the popularity of the lunches, teas, etc. supplied, the question of increased service has become urgent and the Committee are considering the provision of additional help. Since March last the Common Room has taken over the work of organising the Society's "At Homes" to new members. Two of these have been held since that date, one in July, arranged so that Conference delegates might be present, which was attended by 47 persons; and one in December, to which Summer School visitors were specially invited, which was attended by 46 persons. In addition to the official "At Homes" the Common Room has undertaken the catering and arrangements for other social functions, for the Women's Group, the Research Department, and the Nursery, and has occasionally provided teas for outside Societies who have hired the hall for meetings. The Fabian Group meetings have availed themselves of the privilege of coming to the Common Room after their meetings.

NEWSPAPERS, ETC.

The newspapers and periodicals provided have been largely read; they comprise:-

- 2 Dailies (Manchester Guardian; L'Humanite)
- 9 Weeklies (New Statesman; New Age; New Witness; Punch; Labour Leader; Justice; Clarion; Herald; Glasgow Forward)
- 3 Monthlies (The Commonwealth; War and Peace; Progress)
- 3 Quarterlies (The Socialist Review; The Round Table; Economic Journal).

Of these several are supplied free from the publishers, and two of the quarterlies, The Round Table, and the Economic Journal, are given by members.

The Common Room has been the means of extending the use of the Fabian Library. Many books have been borrowed from the shelves in the Common Room.

R. PAGR ARNOT
G. P. BLIZARD
KATE M & DICE
F. LAWSON DODD
H. M. LAWSON DODD
JACK GIBSON

MARY HANKINSON
MAUD REEVES
AYLMER ROSE
W. STEPHEN SANDERS
ALINE TRANGMAR
JULIUS WEST

Committee for the year 1915.

F. E. THOMAS
Secretary.

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and numerous suggestions were made for
the Committee's consideration.

Alteration of Rules:

It was agreed to interpret Rule 1 to
include associates and subscribers of
Fabian Groups & local societies.

Election of Committee:

Resignations were received from:-

M^{rs} K. H. Dice

D^r Lawson Dodd

M^{rs} Dodd

W. Stephen Sanders

& M^{rs} Tringham

Committee for 1916

The Committee was elected as follows:-

R. Page Arnst

Albena Rose

S. P. Bliggard

Julius West

Miss Hankinson

Sidney Webb

M^{rs} Reeves

Miss Milton

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J. E. Bartrum

William Gillies

J. W. Shaw

Miss Dawson

It was agreed that Miss E. F. M. Mor be elected in place of any of the above who might be unable to serve.

~~Primo.~~

Sedruy Webb

Common Room Committee,

Tuesday, Feb. 15th. 1916 at 5.15 p.m.

Present: Sidney Webb, J.E. Barton, Julius West,
Miss Milton, Miss Dawson, W. Gillies,
J.W. Shaw, S.P. Blyard, R. Page Armstrong
& the secretary.

Chairman

Sidney Webb was elected to the chair.

Minutes

Minutes of Meetings on Feb. 1st & Feb. 9th were read & confirmed.

Election of
Officers &
Sub-Committee

Miss Thomas was elected secretary, Miss Hankinson
Chairman & S.P. Blyard Treasurer for the year
1916; these officers together with M^{rs} Reeves,
Miss Dawson & Julius West were appointed as
a Sub-Committee to deal with house matters &c.
It was agreed that accounts should be
referred to this Committee before being paid,
& that accounts should be checked by the
Treasurer or Chairman.

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Letter sent out to members who had still not
paid for 1916.

7th April, 1916.

Dear

As we have had no reply to the letter sent to you on the 1st March last, I think possibly it has not reached you or that it has been overlooked. I am therefore venturing to write again to remind you that your subscription for 1916 to the Fabian Common Room was due on January 1st, and I would ask you to be good enough to forward a remittance for the amount with the enclosed form.

The Common Room, for various reasons owing to the war will necessarily have a struggle for existence during the first year or two, and in view of the valuable asset it has become to the Society and of the conveniences and advantages it affords to members, the Committee is anxious to retain your name on its membership roll and would therefore make an appeal for your continued support.

I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed by EDW. R. PEASE)

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F A B I A N C O M M O N R O O M .

25, Tothill Street, Westminster,
London, S.W.

1st March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

In enclosing the first Annual Report of the Common Room Committee, I am to remind you that subscriptions for the current year became due on the 1st January last. If you have not already paid your subscription, may I request you to forward me cheque or postal order at your earliest convenience. You will remember that in order to make the Common Room available to members with narrow resources the device was adopted of fixing a minimum rate of subscription, namely, Town members, 7s.6d. for original members and 10s. for others; Country members, 5s. for original members and 7s.6d. for others. It was hoped that members who could afford to subscribe a larger sum would voluntarily pay it, and many have generously done so. We appeal to these to renew their generosity. The extremely low rate of subscription makes punctual payment of special importance.

The Common Room has, during its first year, been well used; especially in the afternoon, and before and after evening meetings. The accommodation which it affords for interviews and enquiries, for the perusal of newspapers not easily obtainable elsewhere, for rest intervals, and for light refreshment in quiet comfort, have been much appreciated. Country members have found it of special use. Members of the Parliamentary Labour Party and Trade Union officials have found useful opportunities for consultation. The Executive Committee of the Fabian Research Department, of the Women's Group, and of the Fabian Society itself, have expressed their sense of the considerable advantage that it has been to the Fabian work. We are convinced that

Membership

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The Secretary reported that 30 members had renewed their subscriptions to date in 1916 & there had been 1 new member. A sum of £13.15.6 had been received in subscriptions.

A draft of a ~~suitable~~ suggested letter asking members to renew was submitted by Sidney Webb & was passed with slight alterations. It was agreed that ^{4.00 or 5.00 copies} this should be printed in imitation typesetting, & signed by the Secretary & sent out to members with a copy of the Annual Report & abbreviated Financial Statement.

It was also agreed that the An. Report & abbreviated Financial Statement, but not the statement of Catering Receipts, be printed in Fabian News.

Catering

It was agreed that in view of the increased cost of food our prices must be raised, & it was thought advisable to raise prices rather than diminish quantities. The revision of the tariff was left to the Sub-committee.

members who have not hitherto made use of its conveniences will, if they only begin to do so, wonder how the Society remained so long without such an addition to its amenity and its usefulness.

I am to add that, although the first year's receipts leave us with a balance in hand, the ever-rising prices, and the departure of so many members for war service, compel us to seek an increased membership, in order to maintain, and if possible develop, the accommodation and facilities that the Common Room affords. Will you, therefore, be good enough to take any opportunity that presents itself for inducing other members or associates (of the Society, of any provincial Fabian Society, or of any of its Groups) to join the Common Room? The Committee would also be grateful if any members would supply them regularly with any of the Monthly or Quarterly Magazines, or with any additional weekly journals that the Common Room cannot at present afford to purchase.

A form for remittance of the subscription for 1916 (due 1st January last) is enclosed.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

Membership

The Secretary reported that 30 members had renewed their subscriptions to date in 1916 & there had been 1 new member. A sum of £13.15.6 had been received in subscriptions.

A draft of a ~~suitable~~ suggested letter asking members to renew was submitted by Sidney Webb & was passed with slight alterations. It was agreed that ^{400 or 500 copies} this should be printed in imitation typesetting, & signed by the Secretary & sent out to members with a copy of the Annual Report & abbreviated Financial Statement.

It was also agreed that the An. Report & abbreviated Financial Statement, but not the statement of Catering Receipts, be printed in Labour News.

Catering

It was agreed that in view of the increased cost of food our prices must be raised, & it was thought advisable to raise prices rather than diminish quantities. The revision of the tariff was left to the Sub. Committee.

Permission of
meals to
non-members.

It was agreed that non-members of the C.R. could not be served with meals except when ordered & paid for by a member.

Piano

It was agreed that the following recommendation should be sent to the Exec. Committee of the F.S.

That as the piano is in the custody of the Fabian Society and not of the Common Room the Fabian Society become responsible for it.

The Common Room Committee also recommends that a scale of charges for hire be arranged and suggests the following:-

For outside Societies, 10/- per evening

For F.S. a Group "At Home" -

for a dance, 7/6 d.

for occasional use

during evening, 5/- if more than 30 present

2/6 for less " " "

Mary Stanbury
May 17th 1916.

Meeting of House Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 22nd at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Hankinson, Miss Dawson,
S.P. Blyard, and the secretary.

A revision of the Tariff was made according
to Price list now put up in the Common Room.

PRICE LIST (Revised 22/2/16.)

Cup of Indian Tea . . . . .	.2d.
Pot of do. for one . . . . .	.3d.
Do. do. for two . . . . .	.5d.
Do. do. for three . . . . .	.7d.
Do. do. for four . . . . .	.9d.

Cup of China Tea . . . . .	.2½d.
Pot of do. for one	3½d.
Do. do. for two	5½d.
Do. do. for three	7½d.
Do. do. for four	9½d.

Biscuits 1½d. & 1d.

Coffee: per cup (large) . . . 2½d.
Do. for 4 or more,
small cup per person 2d.

Milk: per glass 1½d.

*(24) Milk
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Roll: per piece 1d.

Scones & Buns: each 1d.

Butter 1d.

Toasted Scone & Butter . . . 2½d.

Round of buttered toast . . . 2d.

Cake: per piece 1d. & 2d.

Cheese: per piece 1d. & 2d.

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Jam or Marmalade 1d.

After Meetings.

Coffee or Tea (small cups)
2d. each up to 12 and 1½d.
each after 12.
Biscuits extra.

Meeting of House Committee, Wednesday, May 17th at 6 p.m.

Present: S. P. Blizard, Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson,
Mr. Reeves & the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Catering: It was agreed to leave the secretary
and chairman to raise prices proportionate
to the increased cost of food.

At Home: It was agreed that it was inadvisable
to hold another "At Home" until the
autumn.

Wor. Hankinson

Oct 9th 1916.

Common Room Committee, Wednesday, May 17th. 1916
at 6.15.

Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), J. E. Bartrum,
S. P. Blyard, Miss Dawson, W. Gillies,
M^{rs} Reeves, J. W. Shaw, Sidney Webb,
and the secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Membership & finance:
 - (a) Financial Statement to April 30th, as appended, was received and passed.

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FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO APRIL 30th, 1916.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance,			
31st Dec. 1915	24	17	6
Subscriptions 1916	85	11	0
Catering Receipts	33	18	11
Sale of newspapers	3	0	
Outstanding do.	7	5½	

£ 144 17 10½

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Rent to March 31st	17	10	0
Cleaning & Attendance to March 31st	8	2	6
Heating - Lighting to March 31st	4	0	4
Gas do.	1	8	2
Catering	27	18	10
Stationery, printing, etc.	3	17	3
Secretary (Honorarium)	2	10	0
Newspapers to March 31st	3	1	6
Sundries	1	15	9½
	70	4	4½
Balance	74	13	6

£ 144 17 10½

Liabilities: -

Alteration of Gas Stove	1	7	6
Newspapers (April)		8	3
Due June 30, Estd.			
Rent	17	10	0
Cleaning & Attd.	8	2	6
Light. & Heat.	1	0	0
Gas	1	0	0
Secretary's Hon.	2	10	0
	30	18	3

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(b) Statement of membership & subscriptions received as attached, was received and passed.

It was agreed that a letter to the draft signed by Miss Hankinson, as chairman, should be sent to the members who had not paid for 1916.

<u>Town Members.</u>				<u>Country Members.</u>			
	<u>Orig.</u>	<u>Later.</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Orig.</u>	<u>Later.</u>	£ s. d.	
Jan.	22		10 13 0	2		10 0	
Feb.	13		4 17 6	4		1 2 6	
March	52	5	27 18 0	19	4	12 10 0	
April	37	3	19 13 6	17	1	8 6 6	
May (-15th)	11	2	5 18 6	2		12 6	
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	135	10	£69 0 6	44	5	£23 1 6	
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Total membership: 194 (of these 191 are renewals and 3 are new members).

Total subscriptions received: £92 2s.0d.

Membership 1915 . . . 341

1916 Resigned 55
 paid 194 249
 Still to pay. . . 92

as appended

(c) Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenses to May 15th
 was received and passed:-

Catering Receipts and Expenses to date (May 15th, 1916)

<u>Receipts.</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>Expenditure.</u>	£	s.	d.
					<u>22</u>		
January	10	4	1	Food	23	10	9½
February	9	4	10	Outstanding a/cs.			
March	8	3	9	A. & M. Stores	4	8	0
April	6	6	3	Baker	1	5	0
May (to 15)	5	6	10	Milkman	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5½</u>
				Attendance:			
				Estd. @ 4/- per week,			
				19 weeks.	3	16	0
				Extra help.		15	0
				Gas to March 31st	1	8	2
				Estd. Ap. & May	10	0	1
				Alteration of Stove . .	1	7	6
				(not yet paid)			
					<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>
				Less Tea on hand,			
				Estd.	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
					<u>36</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>
				Profit on 4½ mths.	2	13	10
					<u>£39</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

4. Recommendations of House Committee:

The secretary & chairman were instructed to raise prices proportionately to increased cost of food.

It was agreed to hold the next "At Home" in the autumn.

- 5 It was reported that further gifts for members had been received :-

Literary Guide from Francis Nunn

Cambridge Magazine " W. N. Edwards

Votes for Women " Miss H. Mears

Die Freundens-Warte " Prof. Weiss

also The Christian Commonwealth

The Woman Worker

& "U.D.C."

} for the Publishers

The secretary had written letters of thanks to the members for their gifts.

6. Correspondence:

(a) A letter from H. J. B. Fry, a member, was read asking that, as he never used the Common Room, his membership might be delegated to any body of either sex, Socialist & Trade Unionist, who for financial

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reasons was unable to join the C.P.

It was agreed that this should be done and that the selection of a suitable person should be left to the chairman and secretary.

(b) A letter was read from W. Game, a member, asking that a friend of his, Miss Hampshire, who had come up to London to do war work, might be allowed to join the C.P., although not a member of the F.S. It was agreed that this could not be allowed, and that the secretary should write to ^{Miss Hampshire} Mr Game to this effect.

Miss Hampshire
Oct 9th 1916

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F A B I A N C O M M O N R O O M .

25, Tothill Street,
Westminster, S.W.

1st June, 1916.

I am writing on behalf of the Common Room Committee to remind you that your subscription to the Common Room for 1916 is still unpaid.

I understand that two applications have already been sent to you, to which no reply has been received. As your subscription is now five months overdue, the Committee would be glad if you would forward it to the Secretary without further delay in order that the Common Room may meet its liabilities for the current year.

Trusting that you will give the matter your attention,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Chairman of the Common Room Committee, 1916.

You paid the sum of _____ as your subscription in 1915.

Meeting of House Committee, Monday, Oct. 9th. 1916
at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Julius West and the secretary.

Tariff: The secretary reported that the baker,
N. Gray, who had supplied us since the
opening of the Concessions Room, could no
longer deliver goods in this district and
a temporary arrangement, not wholly
satisfactory, had been made with a
local shop. It was suggested that
Hills might be willing to supply us and
the secretary was directed to negotiate
with them if possible.

It was proposed ~~to add~~ ^{that} tinned meat
and chocolate (the latter if obtainable
at wholesale rates) be added to the tariff.

Mary Hankinson
Nov 15th 1916.

PRICE LIST.

SERVED AFTER 1.0 p.m.

Cup of Tea (Indian)	2d.
Pot do. for one	3d.
" two	5d.
" three	7d.
" four	9d.
China Tea $\frac{1}{2}$ d. extra	
Coffee: per cup	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
" for four or more, small cups, each.	2d.
Milk: per glass	2d.
Biscuits	from 1d.
Cake per piece	2d.
Roll, white or brown, per piece	1d.
Butter	1d.
Scones . 1d. & 2 for	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Toasted Scone & Butter .	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Round of Buttered Toast.	2d.
Jam & Marmalade	1d.
Cheese: per piece	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Potted Meat	2d.

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Meeting of Common Room Committee, Monday,
Oct. 9th. 1916 at 6 p.m.

Present: Miss Hawthorn (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Julius West, Miss H.A.E. Milton,
Aylmer Rose, J.P. Blyzaid & the Secretary.

- 1 Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
- 2 Resignation of J. Bartrum from the Committee owing to his having been called up for Service, was received and accepted.
- 3 Membership & Finance:
 - (a) Financial statement to Sept. 30th, as appended, was presented and passed. It was agreed to recommend to the F.S. that Mr Herbert's salary be increased to ~~£21~~ from 18/6d to 21/-, towards which the Common Room would be prepared to pay 1/6d.
It was agreed that discussion as to the financial position of the Common Room be left for the Annual Meeting.

Arising out of the Financial Statement, Mrs
Harrison agreed to contribute "The Common
Cause" to the Common Room till the end
of the year.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, Dec. 1915	24	17	6
Subscriptions 1916	109	8	0
To Sept. 30th. Catering Receipts	77	9	7
Sale of newspapers	10	8	

Expenditure.

Rent	52	10	0
Cleaning	6	16	6
Attendance	17	11	0
Heating & Lighting	4	11	10
Gas		1	9
		6	7
Catering			
Tea	8	16	8
Coffee	2	8	4
Bread, Milk, Sundries, etc.			
	49	7	7½
Newspapers	5	13	3
Printing	2	7	0
Secretary (Honorarium)	7	10	0
Sundries	5	9	3

(Cleaning of room 15/7)

164	17	8½
161	11	11
47	14	7½
	8	0½

Balance
Sept. 30. Bal.

£ 212 5 9

£ 212 5 9

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(b) Statement of Membership, as appended, was presented and passed.

	<u>Renewals</u>	<u>New Members</u>	£	s.	d.
Jan.	23	1	11	3	0
Feb.	16	-	6	0	0
March	78	-	40	8	0
April	60	-	28	15	0
May	13	3	7	3	6
June	27		10	16	0
July	3	5	2	17	6
August	1	1	12	6	
Sept.	1	4	1	12	6
	<u>222</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>£109</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>

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Total membership: 236.

Membership 1915 341

1916

Resigned 74

~~Renewed~~ Renewed 222

Abroad or

address lost 5 301

Unpaid 40

(c) Statement of Catering Receipts and Expenditure,
 as appended, was presented and passed.

<u>Receipts</u>				<u>Expenditure.</u>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Jan.	10	4	1	Food	60	12	7½
Feb.	9	4	10	Attendance:			
March	8	3	9	Estd. ? at			
April	6	6	3	4/- per week	7	16	0
May	9	14	1	Extra help	15	0	
June	9	3	6½	Gas	1	9	8
July	8	0	7				
August	8	10	6½	Profit on			
Sept.	8	1	11	9 months. . .	6	16	3½
	<hr/>						
	£	77	9 7		£	77	9 7
	<hr/>				<hr/>		

4 Recommendations of House Committee:

Proposal to add jotted meat and also chocolates was approved; and the secretary was directed to make the best possible arrangement for the supply of bread, scones, etc., the baker who originally supplied us the C.R., having ~~to~~ joined the Army.

5 Use of Common Room by non-members:

It had been brought to the notice of members of the Committee that the smaller Common Room had been frequently used by members and visitors of the Research Department who were not members of the Common Room and that smoking had taken place on these occasions, also that meals were being served in the Research Department to non-members of the Common Room. The secretary was directed to write a letter ~~to~~ drawing the attention of the Research Department to the above and saying that if both practices must cease, and that non-members of the Common Room could not be served

with meals except when such meals were ordered and paid for by a member and served in the Common Room.

It was also agreed that the practice of allowing the staff to have tea at a reduced rate be ~~discontinued~~ discontinued.

6 Closing hour:

It was agreed that when no members were present at 9.30 and no meeting was being held in the hall the Common Room should be closed at this hour until further notice, and that a paragraph to this effect be inserted in Fabian News.

7 "At Home":

It was decided to hold the next "At Home" early in December, Dec. 5th or 6th being agreed on provisionally, and that a notice be inserted in Fabian News in both Nov. & Dec. issues, and that arrangements be left to Home Committee.

THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

Telephone: VICTORIA 1915.

HON. SECRETARY:
EDWARD R. PEASE.

GENERAL SECRETARY:
W. STEPHEN SANDERS.

25 TOTHILL STREET,
WESTMINSTER,
LONDON, S.W.

19th Dec., 1916.

Dear Sir or Madam,

FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

I regret to have to remind you that your subscription to the Common Room for the current year is still unpaid, the applications for payment which have been sent you having met with no response.

As your subscription for 1917 becomes due in January I should be glad if you would make it convenient to pay your subscription for 1916 without further delay. The Common Room has heavy liabilities to meet which it cannot do unless members pay their subscriptions regularly and promptly.

Yours sincerely,

Secretary.

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It was decided that members desirous of exhibiting notices, ^{on the notice board} might do so after obtaining the consent and approval of the secretary, written notices to be not larger than postcard size.

Mary Hankinson
Feb 23rd - 1917.

Meeting of House Committee, Wednesday,
Nov. 15th, 1916, at 4.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), Miss Dawson
& the Secretary.

The Committee met for the purpose of making
arrangements for the "At Home" on Dec. 5th.

It was decided to ask: -

- (a) M^{rs} Selmond to give the address
- (b) M^{rs} Reeves & other members of the Committee
to act as welcome new members.
- (c) Miss Wiseman, Miss & J. W. Nixon
A. L. Bacharach, Harry Snell and Miss Muly
to take part in the entertainment.

It was also agreed to ask Bernard Shaw to
read a short play. (~~But~~ he declined.)

The Secretary was directed to send out invitation
cards to new members & to circulate members of
the Summer School resident in London who are not also
members of the F.S.

Mary Hankinson
Jan 23rd. (917).

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Meeting of House Committee, Tuesday, Jan. 23rd 1917
at 5.15 p.m.

Present: Mess. Hankinson (in chair), Mess. Dawson,
S.P. Blyard and the secretary.

Minutes: Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Catering: The secretary reported that a
satisfactory arrangement had been
made with Messrs. Hill & Son for
the supply of bread, cake etc. but
that it was becoming increasingly
difficult to obtain sugar.
No alterations were suggested.

J. W. Shaw
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Meeting of Common Room Committee,
Wednesday, Jan. 23rd¹⁹¹⁷ at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Hankinson (in chair), Miss Dawson,
S.P. Blizard, R. Page Arnott, J.W. Shaw,
and the secretary. Also M^{rs} Webb.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Apologies were received from M^{rs} Reeves, Miss M.A.E.
Hilton & Sidney Webb.

Membership & Finance

(a) Financial Statement for 1916, as appended,
was passed for presentation at the
Annual Mtg.

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FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

Financial Statement for Year Ending Dec. 31st, 1916.

Receipts.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Jan. 1st			
To balance .	24	17	6
Subscriptions	115	16	6
(Last year			
157 0 3)			
Catering Receipts	106	1	6½
(Last year			
72 14 7)			
Sale of Newspapers	13	11	

	£	s.	d.
Rent	70	0	0
Attendance 25 9 4			
Cleaning <u>10 1 7</u> . . .	35	10	11
Light 3 19 8			
Gas 2 2 8			
Fires <u>1 19 00</u>	8	1	4
Catering:			
Bread, Cakes			
& Provisions. 56 7 8½			
Tea	12	4	2
Milk.	11	1	11½
Coffee.	3	5	2
	82	19	0¼
Honorarium to			
Secretary	10	0	0
Newspapers.	7	2	0
Printing & Stationery	2	14	2
Postage	1	16	4
Sundries			
(Laundry, Renewals &c) <u>5 8 10¼</u>			
	223	12	7½
Balance	23	16	10

247 9 5½

247 9 5½

Adj. Bal. 22-10-10 because £1-6-0 was undebitd in error to C. R. & rectified in Jan. 1917

(b) Statement of Membership, as appended, was presented & passed.

With regard to subscriptions still unpaid, the secretary was directed to try take further steps to get these paid, to write to these members sending a stamped p.c. for reply, and after consulting with Mr Pease, to strike names of membership list.

	<u>Renewals.</u>		<u>New Members.</u>		<u>Total.</u>
	Town	Country	Town	Country	
Jan.	21	2	1	-	24
Feb.	12	4	-	-	16
March	57	21	-	-	78
April	41	19	-	-	60
May	11	2	2	1	16
June	20	7	-	-	27
July	2	1	2	3	8
August	1	-	-	1	2
Sept.	1	-	1	3	5
Oct.	4	1	1	1	7
Nov.	1	1	-	-	2
Dec.	4	1	1	3	9
	171	59	8	12	250

Membership, 1915	341
1916	
Resigned &)	
addresses lost)	
	78
Renewals	230
Unpaid	<u>33 . . 341</u>

(Town 261
County 80
341)

(c) Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure
as appended was presented and passed.

Statement of Catering Receipts and Expenditure
for the year 1916.

<u>Receipts.</u>			<u>Expenditure.</u>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Jan.	10	4 1	Food	82	19 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Feb.	9	4 10	Gas	2	2 8
March	8	3 9	Attendance:		
April	6	6 3	Estd. at (?)		
May	9	14 1	43 wks @ 4/-.	8	12 0
June	9	3 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 do. @ 5/6	2	9 6
July	8	0 7	Extra help	<u>1</u>	<u>7 10.12</u>
August	8	10 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Renewals		9 4
Sept.	8	1 11	Laundry		10 12 3
Oct.	9	11 9			
Nov.	9	16 2	Profit . . .	7	0 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Dec.	(8	17 6 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	(6	6			
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	106	1 6 $\frac{1}{2}$		106	1 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
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Totals for 1915:

Receipts \$22 72 14 7
Expenditure £ 52 14 3
(on food only)

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DRAFT. SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

Although the past year has been an extremely anxious one, the Committee is happy to report that the expenses have only exceeded the income for the year by about a pound, thus leaving almost the same balance in hand as last year.

MEMBERSHIP.

NEWSPAPERS There has been an inevitable decrease in membership and a consequent fall in subscriptions amounting to a considerable sum, and if the Common Room is to be maintained it will need the co-operation of all the members in continuing to support it and bring in new members.

Papers There are 283 (?) members on the books at the end of 1916, as against 341 at the end of 1915, the membership being constituted as follows:-

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>
Renewals	(171	(59	(230
(Unpaid	(28	(5	(33
New members	8	12	20
	<u>207</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>283</u>

Resignations 78.

CATERING.

The past year shows a considerable increase in the turnover which is very satisfactory in view of the continued increase in the cost of food and the difficulty of obtaining supplies.

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Owing to the abnormal circumstances it was decided to hold only one of the Society's "At Homes" to new members; this took place on December 5th and a very successful gathering was the result. The Common Room has on several occasions undertaken the provision of refreshments at gatherings of the various Groups and also to outside ~~Societies~~ organisations. *which Mr. Shaw & the Society agreed to carry out.*

NEWSPAPERS.

With the exception of a few additions the newspapers and journals have been practically the same as those supplied last year, ~~many~~ several being the gifts of members to whose generosity we are again indebted.

Papers, etc. supplied:

- Two dailies (Manchester Guardian; L'Humanité)
- ~~Twelve~~
Eleven weeklies (New Statesman; New Age; Punch; Labour Leader; Clarion; Justice; The Herald; Christian Commonwealth; Glasgow Forward; Cambridge Magazine; Common Cause, *Times Literary Suppl.*)
- Five monthlies (The Commonwealth; War and Peace; Literary Guide; Die-Friedens-Warte; Votes for Women).
- Two quarterlies (The Socialist Review; The Round Table).

R. Page Arnot	Maud Reeves
G. P. Blizard	Aylmer Rose
Lilian Dawson	J. W. Shaw
William Gillies	Sidney Webb
Mary Hankinson	Julius West
M. A. E. Milton	

Committee for the year 1916.

F. E. Thomas, Secretary.

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Annual Meeting of Members, fixed for Tuesday, Feb. 5.

at 8. p.m.
as appended.

(a) Draft Annual Report, ^{as appended.} was submitted, ~~for presentation at the Annual Mtg.~~ and passed, except for a few minor alterations in wording which Mr. Shaw & the Secretary agreed to carry out.

(b) It was unanimously agreed to ask Bernard Shaw to read a Play at the Annual Meeting; the secretary was directed to write to him accordingly.

Resolution re use of Common Room
by the Research Department.

The following resolution was received from
the Research Department and it was agreed
to recommend it for adoption by the Annual Meeting.
(subject to the provision added at the end.)

"That a grant of £10 (ten pounds) be
offered to the Fabian Common Room for
1917, to enable the enjoyment of the
privilege of membership of the Common Room
(except voting at the meetings or for the
Committee) to be conceded without personal
subscription to (a) the officers of the Research
Department; (b) volunteers actually attending
regularly for work (c) Trade Unionists coming
for consultation, etc., - subject to the
understanding that (i) the privilege be limited
but more than 20 persons at any one time;
(ii) care be taken not to discourage anyone
from separately subscribing to the Common
Room; (this arrangement to be subject to review
at the end of each quarter, the sum to be
payable quarterly.)"

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Miss-use of Common Room.

The secretary reported that she had had some correspondence with Miss Bondfield who had used the smaller Common Room for a meeting without having asked permission and that smoking had taken place on this occasion. Miss Bondfield had apologized & had promised not to offend again.

Newspapers.

It was agreed that any changes in the newspapers, etc. supplied should be left over till the Annual Meeting.

Mary Hankinson
Feb 20th 1917.

Annual Meeting of Members, Tuesday, Feb. 6th, 1917
at 8 p.m., at 25 Tothill Street.

Sidney Webb was elected to the chair.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting, Feb. 9th, 1916,
were read and confirmed.

Annual Report & Financial Statements:

This was received as amended, and the
management was congratulated on having
maintained the Common Room in the somewhat
difficult circumstances with such a satisfactory
financial result.

Election of Committee for 1917

A resignation was received from W. Gillies.
The following members of the 1916 Committee
were nominated:

R. P. Arnst

Miss M. A. E. Milton

S. P. Blizard

J. W. Shaw

Miss Dawson

Sidney Webb

Miss Hankison

Tulius West

4 additional nominations were also received, viz.

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Miss W. M. Clifford

Miss Ellen Smith

Miss M. E. Coates

Miss E. F. M. Moore.

All were elected.

Resolution by the Research Department: -

"That a grant of £10 (ten pounds) be offered to the Fabian Common Room for 1917, to enable the enjoyment of the privilege of membership of the Common Room (except voting at the meetings or for the Committee) to be conceded without personal subscription to (a) the officers of the Research Department; (b) volunteers actually attending regularly for work; (c) Trade Unionists coming for consultation, etc., - subject to the understanding that (i) the privilege be limited to not more than 20 persons at any one time; (ii) care to be taken not to discourage anyone from separately subscribing to the Common Room; this arrangement to be subject to review at the end of each quarter, the sum to be payable quarterly."

The resolution was adopted & the offer accepted;

subject to

Newspapers:

Suggestions were received that The Common Cause, The Nation, and The British Citizen should be supplied. As it was agreed that no more money should be expended at present, Miss Smith offered to give The Common Cause, and Mr. Anst offered ^{to give} The New

Statesman in order that The Nation might be substituted.

The Women's Group agreed to lend The Glasgow Herald to the Common Room.

The secretary was directed to put up ^{on the Notice Board} a list of papers supplied indicating which were gifts with the name of the donor in each case.

A suggestion was made by Sidney Webb that in order to popularise the Common Room and attract new members monthly "At Home" should be held, at each of which some members of the ~~Committee~~ Common Room Committee & possibly of the other F.S. Committees should undertake to be present. This was referred to the new Committee

JW Law
5 Feb 1918

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Meeting of Committee at office on Tuesday,
Feb. 20th. 1917. at 5.30 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), R. Page, Arnot,
S. P. Blyard, Miss Clifford, Miss Coates,
Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson,
Miss Milton, Miss Moor, Miss Smith,
Sidney Webb, and Julius West.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.

Miss Thomas was re-elected secretary
and S. P. Blyard, treasurer. J. W. Shaw
was elected chairman for the year.

The sub-committee, consisting of the
officer and three other members was
re-appointed, and Mr. Arnot, Miss Dawson
& Miss Hankinson were elected to serve on
this Committee.

Annual Report & Financial Statement

It was agreed that the Annual Report with the Financial Statement, the latter abbreviated as last year, should be published in Fabian News, with a note at the end asking members to send their subscriptions to the office, ^{not be printed separately, as last year} & that the Report shd. be printed separately. It was agreed to defer sending out a letter of appeal until later. Arising out of this a proposal was brought forward that a letter should be enclosed with Fabian News specially appealing to non-members of the Common Room to join. This was agreed upon and the secretary & chairman undertook to draw up the letter.

Prospectus & Rules.

The secretary reported that the 16-page leaflet containing prospectus, application form and rules was out of print. It was agreed that 500 should be printed, the chairman to make any necessary revisions.

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Monthly "At Homes"

A suggestion by Sidney Webb was referred for the Annual Meeting, viz. to hold monthly informal gatherings in the Common Room with the object of giving both town & country members a chance of meeting each other, and of inducing non-members of the C.R. to join. The proposal was adopted and it was agreed that a card giving particulars should be enclosed with the News and that non-members should be invited to come on one or two of the occasions. The chairman undertook to revise the suggested draft which Sidney Webb had made.

Use of Common Room by

- (a) Education Group.
- (b) Research Department.

The Secretary reported that the Education Group had held an "At Home" on Monday, Jan. 29th, (for which a payment of 11/- was made for catering*) and that the Research Department had held an "At Home" on Saturday, Feb. 17th (for which a

Fabian Common Room.

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25 Tothill Street,
Westminster,
London, S.W.

1st March, 1917.

Dear Sir or Madam,

You will find in this month's "Fabian News" the second Annual Report of the Common Room Committee. I would ask those members of the Society who have not already joined whether they will not seriously consider the question of doing so. Although the end of the year left us with a balance in hand, the continued rise in prices, and the departure of so many members for war and other service, compel us to seek an increased membership, in order to maintain, and if possible develop, the facilities that the Common Room affords.

Since its opening at the beginning of 1916, the Common Room has been well used, especially in the afternoon and before and after evening meetings. The accommodation it affords for interviews and enquiries, for the perusal of newspapers and periodicals not easily obtainable elsewhere, for rest intervals and for light refreshment in quiet comfort, has been much appreciated.

You will remember that in order to make the Common Room available to members with narrow resources, the method adopted was a minimum rate of subscription, namely, Town members, 10s. (7s. 6d. for original members); Country members, 7s. 6d. (5s. for original members). Many members who could afford to subscribe a larger sum have generously done so.

member

could afford to subscribe a larger sum have generously done so.

You will see from the accompanying card that the Committee is arranging a series of informal "At Homes." I hope you will be able to attend on at least one of these occasions.

Hoping you will decide to become a member, if you have not already done so,

I am,

Yours truly,

F. E. THOMAS,

Secretary.

minutes on Monday. ~~April~~ 5th.

Hand
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St. Miss Dawson.

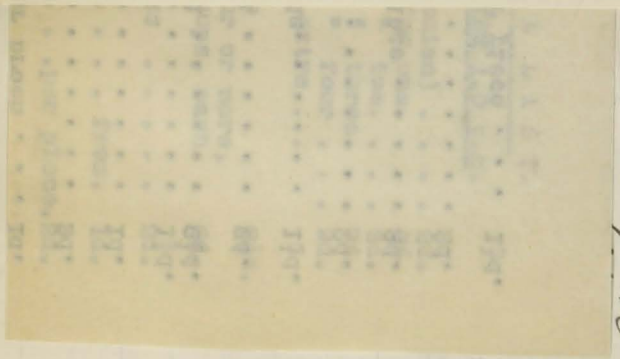
son, J. W. Shaw, & the secretary.

ing were read & confirmed.

read according to list attached.

It was agreed to change

just read



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payment of £1-12-6 was made).

W. Shaw
17/4/17

FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

IN order to give London and provincial Fabians some stated opportunities for meeting each other and the members of the various Committees of the Society, the Common Room Committee has arranged a series of informal gatherings on the days mentioned below.

Members and associates who have not yet joined the Common Room are also cordially invited to come on one or two of these occasions, so that they may become better acquainted with their fellow-members and with the activities that are being carried on.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society, the Research Department, the Women's Group, the Nursery, the Education Group, and the Summer School Committee have undertaken to be present (in addition to the officers) as stated on the following dates:

- Friday, March 9th: Miss ATKINSON, F. LAWSON DODD, Prof. MORLEY, Mrs. WEBB and others.
 - „ April 20th: Mrs. CROSTHWAITE, J. J. MALLON, SIDNEY WEBB and others.
 - „ May 11th: G. P. BLIZARD, EMIL DAVIES, J. S. MIDDLETON, HARRY SNEEL and others.
 - „ June 8th: Mrs. CROSTHWAITE, EMIL DAVIES and others.
- 4.30—6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at a small charge.

March

Meeting of House Committee on Monday, April 5th, at 5.0 p.m.

Present: - R. P. Arnot, Miss Dawson, Miss Henderson, J. W. Shaw, & the secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Tariff: Prices were revised according to list attached.

Informal "At Homes". It was agreed to charge 6d. per head for tea. *J.W. Shaw*

PRICE LIST.

SERVED AFTER 1.0 P.M.

Cup of Tea (Indian)	2d.
Pot do. for one.	3d.
" two.	5d.
" three.	7d.
" four	9d.
China Tea ½d. extra	
Coffee: per cup	2½d.
for four or more, small cups, each.	2d.
Milk: per glass	2d.
Biscuits from.	1d.
Cake per piece.	2d.
Bread, white or brown	1d.
Butter	2d.
Margarine.	1d.
Scones	1½d.
do. toasted.	2½d.
Round of Toast	2d.
Jam & Marmalade.	1½d.
Honey	2d.
Cheese: per piece	2d.
Potted Meat	2d.
Chocolate: per piece	1½d.

Meeting of House Committee on Tuesday, April 17th, 1917
at 5 p.m.

Present:- J.W. Shaw (in chair), S.P. Delyard, Miss Dancer
& the Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. The secretary reported that "At Homes" had been held & special lists supplied as follows:
^{50-60 people.}
 - (a) Feb. 10th Research Department. Receipts £1-12-6.
 - (b) March 9th 1st of series of informal "At Homes". about 25 people were present. Receipts 8/6.
 - (c) March 30th Research Department. 19 people. Receipts 7/6d.
" " Nat. Union of Women Welders. Tea provided for Con^{ce}.
3. It was agreed to defer the question of having a gas fire in smaller room till the autumn.
4. It was also agreed to defer clearing of covers.
Worked in June for 7/4

J.W. Shaw

1917
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Meeting of C.R. Committee, Tuesday, April 17th, 1917.
at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- J. W. Shaw (in chair), E. P. Blyard,
Miss Clifford, Miss Dawson, Miss Milton,
Julius West & the secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. Apologies, from Miss Hankerson, Miss Moor & Sydney Webb
unable to be present.
3. Financial Statement, to March 30th, as appended,
was received & passed.

Statement of membership, as appended, was received.
The secretary was directed to send a letter
applying for subscription to members who had
not paid for the current year.

The secretary reported that of the 30 members
whose subscriptions for 1916 were still outstanding,
1 had paid, 2 promised to pay, 6 resigned
9 were on Active Service, or in prison, & had
not been applied to, and 12 had been struck off list.

Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure to March 30
 as appended
 & was received and passed.

Financial Statement, January - March, 1917.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st. 23 16 10 (Last year £24-17-6)	23	16	10
Subscriptions. (Last year £57-11-0)	32	5	0
Catering. (Last year £27-12-8)	33	10 18	0 9
Sale of journals.	17 9	11 3	

Outstanding a/c. for
 newspr.

£ 90 9 10

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Rent (1 quarter).	17	10	0
Cleaning & Attendance. . .	9	18	0
Heating & Lighting.	2	6	4
Gas.	11	4	
Catering (Food).	29	0	11 ³ / ₄
Printing & Stationery, (Letter & Card in News)	3	17	6
Secretary's salary.	2	10	0
Newspapers.	8	11	
Sundries.	9	4 ¹ / ₂	

66 12 5¹/₄
 Balance. 23 17 4³/₄
 (Last year
 £54-10-1³/₄d.)
 £ 90 9 10

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STATEMENT OF CATERING RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE to
March 31st, 1917.

<u>Receipts.</u>			<u>Expenditure.</u>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Jan.	9	1 11½	Food.	29	0 11½
Feb.	10	14 2½	Outstanding a/c.		
March	14	2 7	Baker . . .	1	5 5
			Attendance,		
			Estd. at 5/6d.		
			per week. 3 11 6		
			Extra help. <u>16 0</u>	4	7 6
			Gas.	11	4
			Laundry.	3	1
				<u>35</u>	<u>8 3¾</u>
			Less Tea on		
			hand, estd. <u>4 4 0</u>	4	4 0
				<u>31</u>	<u>4 3¾</u>
			Profit	<u>2</u>	<u>14 5½</u>
	<u>£ 33</u>	<u>18 9</u>		<u>£ 33</u>	<u>18 9</u>

Statement of Membership, Jan. - March, 1917.

	<u>Renewals.</u>	<u>New members.</u>	£	s.	d.
Jan.	23	2	10	19	0
Feb.	16 (1 being for 1916).	1	9	10	6 (including quarterly payment by Res. Dept. £2-10s.)
March	18	6	11	15	6
	<u>57</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Last year. 117		-	£ 57	11	0

5. Newspapers. Statement showing expenditure on Newspapers & journals, as appended, was submitted:-
It was decided not to renew subscription to 'L' Humanité'. This subscription expired on April 11th.

6. Portrait of Bernard Shaw.

The secretary reported that M^{rs} Reade, of Kensington has given a portrait of Bernard Shaw, by Rotherstein, and that it was proposed to hang this in the Common Room.

The Secretary was directed to enquire as to the value of the picture, whether it was an original, etc., and also to ask the Fabian Society to re-frame it.

It was also agreed that an inventory of the furniture and accessories in the Common Room should be made.

7. It was agreed to hold the next Comtee Meeting early in July.

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EXPENDITURE ON NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, Etc. (per Quarter).

1917	Cost.		Returns		Total.		1916.	Cost.		Returns.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Man. Gdn.	6	6			6	6		6	6			6	6
L'Humanite	6	1			6	1		6	1			6	1
New Statesman	-				-			6	1			6	1
New Age	6	6	1	7½	4	10½		5	5	2	8½	2	8½
Nation	6	6			6	6		6	6	1	7½	4	10½
Punch	3	3	1	1	2	2							
	6	6	3	3	3	3		3	3	1	1	2	2
Labour Leader	1	7½			1	7½		1	1			1	1
Clarion	1	1			1	1		1	1			1	1
Justice, 2d.	2	2			2	2		1	1			1	1
Glasgow Forward								1	1			1	1
	1	7½			1	7½		1	7½			1	7½
Total	1 18	7	4	10½	1 13	8½	1	12	7½	5	5	1 7	2½

W. H. Hankinson
 May 1st 1917

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FABI AN COM MON ROOM.

25, Tothill Street,
Westminster, S.W. 1

April 1917

I am writing on behalf of the Common Room Committee to remind you that you have not yet paid your Common Room subscription for the current year.

You will see from the Annual Report which appeared in the March "Fabian News" that the Common Room only just managed to pay its way last year, and in these increasingly difficult times we are relying on the support and co-operation of the members in maintaining as efficiently as hitherto this very useful centre.

I enclose a form for remittance and may add that the subscription you paid last year was

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Meeting of the Common Room Com^{ee} on Friday, May 11th 1917
at 6.30 p.m.

Present:- Miss Hanhison (in chair). S.P. Blyard,
Miss Clifford, Miss Dawson, Miss Miltor
Gulian West & the secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. With regard to the offer of £20 and conditions attached, it was agreed, on the understanding that the cost be refunded if the conditions were not fulfilled, that a letter ^{& form of application} be sent to London members of the Fabian Society and a leaflet or notice inserted in the June "Fabian News".

3. The portrait of Bernard Shaw.

The secretary reported that in response to the request to reframe the picture the Executive Committee replied that if the C.R. wants this done, they must do it themselves.

J.W. Shaw
5/12/17

(43/74)

Meeting of House Com^{ee} on Thursday, July 5th,
at 5.15 p.m.

Present:- J.W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Hamblison
and the Secretary, also G.P. Blyard
and Sidney Webb.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Arising out of this it was the secretary
reported that the chair + sofa covers ^{which were very dirty} had
been washed instead of cleaned, at a charge
of 9/6d.
2. It was agreed that prices should remain
unchanged, any alterations before the next
Committee meeting to be left to the discretion
of the chairman & secretary.
3. The secretary reported that the receipts at
the four monthly informal "At Homes" had
been 8/8d, 13/6d., 11/-, & 7/- respectively;
that catering had been done for a series of
soldiers' entertainments given by an outside body.
It was agreed that more large cups + saucers

should be ordered.

4. It was agreed again to defer the question of whether a gas fire should be fixed in the smaller Common Room until the next meeting.
5. As some arrangement had to be made for Mr Herbert's holiday & no substitute could be found, it was agreed to recommend that the Common Room should only be open during the F.S. office hours for the first fortnight of August, and that no catering should be suspended for that fortnight.
6. It was agreed that the secretary should prepare an inventory of the Common Room furniture & accessories.

Mary Stankeuson
Sep 24th 1917.

(43/75)

Meeting of Common Room Com^{ee} Thursday, July 1917
at 5.30.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), G. P. Blyard,
Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson, Miss M. L. M.
Miss Moor, & the Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

2. Apologies; Miss Coates unable to be present.

3. Membership & finance:

(a) The secretary reported that ~~at~~ there had been 53 new members since the date of the £20 offer up to the end of June, and that the majority of these had joined in response to the circular letter sent to all London members of the F.S. Four conditional promises were also received; with regard to one of these, C. H. Grialby, it was decided that his offer to join as a Country member should not be accepted. C

Cash received in respect of new members £33-3-6d.

Cost of circularisation, £8-9-3d.

(b.) The appended statement of finances was presented & passed; and also the statement of membership. It was decided that members joining in the middle of the year and paying a full year's subscription should be entered for the current year & not applied to for renewal of subscription until anniversary of payment.

Financial Statement for 3 months ending June 30th, 1917.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
By balance March 30th	23	17	5
Subscriptions and donations . . .	87	2	6
Catering receipts . .	34	14	8
Sale of newspapers	4	6	

Expenditure.

Rent (1. quarter) . . .	17	10	0
Cleaning & Attendance	10	15	0
Heating & Lighting . .	1	16	7
Gas	19	3	
Catering (Food)	25	13	0
Printing & Stationery	3	12	5
Stamp Postage	5	0	6
Secretary's salary . . .	2	10	0
Newspapers	1	8	4
Sundries (Laundry, etc)	13	2	

<i>Sdys</i> (76-0-11 $\frac{1}{4}$)	69	18	3
Balance	76	0	10
June 1916 -			
(£69-13-1)			

£ 145 19 1

£ 145 19 1

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Statement of Membership, 3 months ending June 30th, 1917.

	Renewals		New members		Cash received.
	Town	Country	Town	Country	
Jan. -					£ s. d.
March	45	12	7	2	32 5 0
April	34	6	2	-	20 5 0
May	28	13	19	7	44 4 0*
June	11	5	23	4	22 13 6
	<u>118</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>£119 7 6</u>

Total: 218 (Last year 221) £119 7 6 (Last year £104-5-6)

* Including quarterly payment from Research Dept.)

(c) Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure, as appended, was presented & passed.

(over)

Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure
3 months ending June 30th, 1917.

<u>Receipts</u>						<u>Expenditure.</u>	
		<u>Daily Receipts</u>		<u>Special Recpts.</u>		Jan. - March	£ s. d.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan.-							27 0 4
March		30	17	1	3	1	31 4 4
April		7	12	4½	13	6	
May		9	11	7½	11	0	
June		11	10	2	4	16	0
		<u>59</u>		<u>39</u>			
Total		£68	13	5			
		<u>68</u>		<u>13</u>		<u>5</u>	
						Food	27 0 4
						Attendance	
						Estd @ 5/6	
						per week. 3-11-6	
						Extra. 1-13-0	5 4 6
						Gas	19 3
						Laundry	2 9
						64	11 2
						Less goods in	
						stock, estd.	1 10 0
						63	1 2
						* Profit	<u>5 12 3</u>
						£ 68	<u>13 5</u>

Profit for 3 months Op. - June £2-17-10

(d) Newspapers. The secretary reported that the net amount now being spent on newspapers, journals, etc. was at the rate of £1-4-4 per quarter, as against £1-13-8d. last quarter. The decrease was due to having discontinued L'Humanité, ^{to Harry Loan of New Statesman} and to re-selling The Nation. Prices of some papers had increased, the Labour Leader to 1½d., Justice 2d., and the Saturday

Manchester Guardian to 2d. ^{& of its general tone}
 In view of increased price of Punch to 6d. 1
 it was agreed, after considerable discussion,
 to discontinue taking this until the Annual
 Meeting.

4. Recommendations of House Committee:-

The following were agreed upon

- (a) That more cups & saucers should be obtained.
- (b) That the catering should be suspended for the first fortnight in August, during Mrs Herbert's holidays, but that the rooms should be open till 5.30 each evening & newspapers re. supplied as usual. The secretary was directed to put a notice to this effect in August Galois News, & to put a notice also in the Common Room.
- (c) That an inventory should be made of the Common Room furniture and accessories.

5. On a question as to whether a further series of "At Home" should be held, it

was agreed that this was desirable
and that arrangements for the first
one should be left for the House
Com^{tee}, also that a preliminary notice
should be put in the September News.

W. H. H.
20/10/17

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Meeting of C.R. House Com^{ee} on Monday, Sept. 24th.
at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Miss Hamkinson (in chair), Miss Dawson
& the Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
2. It was agreed that another informal "At Home" be held on Oct. 12th, 4.30-6.30.
3. The secretary reported that a letter from a C.R. member had been received proposing that a Reading Circle be formed. It was agreed that a paragraph should be put in Galbraith News asking members interested in the idea to attend at 6.0 on the day of the "At Home" to discuss the matter.

At a further meeting arrangements were made for the H.S. & Sunrise Sch. "At Home" on Dec 11th.

J. Ham
11/18

Meeting of the Common Room Committee, Thursday,
Oct. 25th, ¹⁹¹⁷ at 5 p.m.

Present:- J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Coates,
Miss Dawson, Miss Harrison, Miss Milton,
Miss Smith & the Secretary.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed
Arising out of the minutes, the secretary reported that an Inventory of Common Room furniture &c. had been made (as attached herewith); also that protests had been received from 4 members against ceasing to supply Punch in the Common Room.
2. Apologies were received for S. P. Blyard - had to attend another Com^{ee}.
3. Membership & Finance:
 - (a) Financial Statement for 3 months July - ~~Oct~~ Sept. (as appended) was presented and passed.

Financial Statement to September 30th, 1917.

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<u>Receipts.</u>		<u>Expenditure.</u>	
	£ s. d.	(June - Sept.)	£ s. d.
Balance in hand		Rent	17 10 0
June 30th	76 0 10	Attendance & Cleaning	10 2 6
Subscriptions		Gas	16 4
June - Sept.	11 9 9	Light	7 6
Special Donation	20 0 0	Catering (Food)	23 9 7
Catering Receipts	39 10 6	Printing & Stationery	10 6
Sale of Journals	1 6	Secretary's Salary	2 10 0
		Newspapers	2 0 0
		Sundries (Laundry, etc.)	14 0
			<u>£58 0 5</u>
		Balance . . .	89 2 2
			<u>£ 147 2 7</u>
	<u>£ 147 2 7</u>		<u>£ 147 2 7</u>

(Balance on Sept. 30th, 1916,
£47-8-Od.)

(b) Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure
(as appended) was presented & passed.

It was agreed that instead of running
a separate Tea Club, the staff of the Y.S.,
Research Dept. & Women's Group should be
allowed to have tea at cost price (at
present time 1d. per cup of tea & biscuit)

Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure,
September 30th, 1917.

Receipts.

	Daily Receipts.		Special Receipts.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan.-				
June	59	11 3	9	2 2
July	12	6 11½	8	14 0
Aug.	7	7 2		
Sept.	11	2 5		
	<u>90</u>	<u>7 9½</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>16 2</u>
Total	£108	3 11½d.		

Expenditure.

Jan.- June	64	11	2
Food	23	9	7
Attendance Estd. @ 5/6d. per week. 3-11-6 Extra	2	0	0
Gas	16	4	
Laundry	3	2	
	<u>94</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
Profit on 9 months	13	12	2½
	<u>£108</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11½</u>

(Profit Sept. 30, 1916, £6-16-3½d.)

(c) Statement of Membership (as appended) was presented & passed. The secretary reported that 51 subs. were still outstanding, the majority of which were those of members who were on Active Service, or who for other reasons never came to the Common Room.

Statement of Membership, September 1917.

	Renewals		New members		Cash Received		
	Town	Country	Town	Country	£	s.	d.
Jan.- June	118	36	51	13	119	7	6
July	3	2	3	1	3	0	6
Aug.	4	-	3	1	22	15	6
Sept.	6	-	5	2	5	13	9
	<u>131</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>

(Including spec. Don. £20)

Total 248 members paid. Cash received £150-17-3d.

(1916 at same date:

236 members paid. Cash received £109-8-0d.)

4 Report was made that an "At Home" 4.30-6.30 had been arranged by the House Com^{ee} and held on Oct. 12th, it was not very well attended, and the tea receipts were 7/6d. At 6.0 those interested in forming a Reading Circle met and discussed the matter. Two meetings for November were arranged and a notice was prepared which appeared in Fabrian News.

5 Peps for men's hats & coats. It was reported that the accommodative upstairs was inadequate and that more peps were needed.

J. W. Shaw
22/1/18

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INVENTORY OF COMMON ROOM FURNITURE AND ACCESSORIES.

as at 25th Oct., 1917.

(Except where otherwise stated the articles were given by Mrs. Bernard Shaw or provided by the F.S.)

13 Small Plates

Sofa & Cover

- 3 Upholstered Arm Chairs & Covers.
- 2 Adjustable Arm Chairs, upholstered.
- 6 Wicker Arm Chairs
- 1 Wicker Settee (Bought by C.R.)
- 3 Windsor Arm Chairs
- 3 Small Folding Tables
- 1 Nest of 3 Tables (Bought by C.R.)

Linoleum

2 Rugs

Writing Table, Inkstand, Calendar, and Pad.

1 Folding Table

2 Pairs of Curtains

2 Coal Scuttles, Tongs and Pokers.

Clock (Given by A. J. Thorogood)

7 Pictures:-

Venice (Loaned by Mrs. Drake)

William Morris

Bernard Shaw

Design by Walter Crane

Portrait of W. Hutchinson

Capital and Labour

Photograph of Fabian Dinner Group.

3 Glass Vases

5 Ash Trays

2 Plants and Pots

Suggestion Box

Games:- (Given by members)

4 Sets Chessmen and Boards

5 Ash Trays
Plants and Pots
Suggestion Box

- 4 Sets Chessmen and Boards
- 1 Set Drafts and Board
- 1 Set Dominoes.

Upstairs.

- Chest of Drawers and Mirror (Bought by G.R.)
- 2 Enamel Washstands do.
 - 9 Hand Towels do.
 - 1 Large Table Cloth do.
 - 1 doz. Tea Cloths do.
 - 10 Teapots (4 large 6 small)
 - 2 Coffee Pots
 - 3 Cafetieres (2 large 1 small)

at 8.30
me. Com^{tee} Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 1918
at 5 p.m.

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1 Shaw (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Harrison and the Secretary;
o Has Halls

minutes meeting were read
and.

and that prices be unchanged
out.

reported that the following
had been held:-

Sept. in October, proceeds 12/-

" Federation " " 10/8

S. " At Home " on Dec. 11th.

proceeds £2-0-0.

noted that more cups, saucers had
- and it was agreed that a further
be obtained by the same. Reply 5 in

23/1/18 Mrs. Harrison

INVENTORY OF DOMESTIC HOUSEHOLD AND WORKSHOP.

10/10

- 12 Large Cups (Norfolk pattern)
- 29 Small do. do.
- 47 Saucers do.
- 18 Small Plates do.
- 6 Large do. do.
- 4 Milk Jugs do.
- 7 Basins do.
- 3 Small Sugar Basins do.
- 1 Large White Milk Jug
- 7 Cream Jugs (Bought by C.R.)
- 4 White Sugar Basins do.
- 1 doz. Tumblers do.
- 5 Jam Dishes do.
- 47 Tea Spoons
- 2 doz. Small Knives
- 6 Large Knives
- 6 Green Trays
- 6 Smaller do.
- 1 Small Round Tray
- Washing-up Bowl
- 2 Kettles (Bought by C.R.)
- 2 Saucepans (Bought by C.R.)
- 1 Shopping Basket
- Large Table (Cost 30/-, towards which Mrs. C.M. Wilson paid £1 and F.S. 10/-)

Faint handwritten notes, possibly a list of items or prices, written vertically on the right side of the page.

~~Inventory. An Inventory of the Common
Room Furniture and Accessories
was as prepared by the secretary
was submitted (as appended) and
approved.~~

NO. 10
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10 per. % Ocha (NOL-10118 bar. 10118)

Meeting of House Com^{ee} Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 1918
at 5 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Miss Hankinson and the secretary;
also Miss Hiltner.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. It was agreed that prices be unchanged for the present.
3. The secretary reported that the following "At Homes" etc had been held:-
 Research Dept. in October, proceeds 12/-
 Workers Suff. Federation " " 10/8
 F.S. & F.S.S. "At Home" on Dec. 11th,
 proceeds £2-0-0.
4. The secretary reported that more cups & saucers had been bought and it was agreed that a further $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. should be obtained as they were likely to run out of stock.
 23/4/18 W. W. Shaw

Meeting of Common Room Com^{ee} Tuesday, Jan 22nd
1918, at 5.15 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Miss Hankinson, Miss Milton, and
the secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
Arising out of the minutes it was agreed that
the Executive Committee should be asked
to put up a row of pegs for on the landing
for men's hats & coats.

Apologies. Miss Clifford unable to attend.

Membership & Finance

a) Financial statement for 1917 was submitted
& passed for presentation to Annual Meeting.

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Financial Statement for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1917.

Receipts:

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand			
Jan. 1. 1917.	23	16	10
Subscriptions (including £10 from Res. Dept. & £20 from Reginald Pott)	159	16	0
Catering Receipts	153	8	10
Sale of Journals	1	0	6

Expenditure:

	£	s.	d.
Rent	70	0	0
Cleaning & Attendance	40	16	0
Gas	2	12	6
Heating & Lighting	5	13	4
Food	111	13	4
Printing, * Stat- ionery & Postage	13	9	11
Secretary's sal.	10	0	0
* Newspapers	5	7	0
Sundries (Laundry, Renewals, etc.)	3	3	5

* outstanding a/c
£1-12-10
making total
£6-19-10

£ 338 2 2

262 15 6
75 6 8
£ 338 2 2

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Statement of Membership for year ending Dec. 1917.

was submitted and passed.

	Renewals		New Members		Cash received.		
	Town	Country	Town	Country	£	s.	d.
Jan.	18	5	2	-	10	19	0
Feb.	11	5	1	-	9	10	6
March	16	2	4	2	11	15	6
April	34	6	2	0	20	5	0
May	28	13	19	7	44	4	0
June	11	5	23	4	22	13	6
July	3	2	3	1	3	0	6
August	4	-	3	1	22	15	6 *
Sept.	6	-	5	2	3	13	9
Oct.	1	-	3	1	3	16	3
Nov.	2	1	5	-	3	17	0
Dec.	-	-	3	-	1	5	6
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	134	39	73	18	159	16	0
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Total membership paid = 264 (last year 253)

The secretary was directed to insert a note in Fabian News after the announcement of the Annual Mtg asking those who had not paid their subscriptions to do so before the Annual Mtg.

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(c) Statement of Catering Receipts and Expenditure for year ending Dec. 1917.

was submitted & passed.

Receipts.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Jan.	9	1	11½				Food	111	13	4
Feb.	10	3	2½	11	0		Attendance			
March	11	11	11	2	10	8	estd. at			
April	7	12	4½	13	6		5/8 per week			
May	9	11	7½	11	0		Extra	14	6	0
June	11	10	2	4	16	0		5	7	0
July	12	6	11½	8	14	2	Gas	2	12	6
Aug.	7	7	2				Renewals	1	5	8
Sept.	11	2	5				Laundry	13	1	
Oct.	12	19	3	14	7					
Nov.	15	9	9				Profit (estd.)	17	10	9½
Dec.	13	10	8	2	10	8				
							(Last year			
							£7-0-10d.)			
	132	7	5½	21	1	5				
	21	1	6							
Total	£153.	8.	10½					£153	8	10½

(d) It was agreed that owing to difficulties of obtaining food & consequent decrease of custom, the quarter of additional help should be deferred.

Annual Report.

Draft Report, ~~as appended~~, was submitted & passed with one or two alterations, as appended, and passed for the Annual Meeting:

Third Annual Report.

The year 1917 began with a balance in hand of £23-16-10d., and closed with a balance of £75-6-8d., a result on which the members may congratulate themselves when all the difficulties rising out of the war are taken into consideration.

The Committee met ~~a~~ six times during the year. J.W.Shaw was elected chairman, G.P.Blizard was re-elected treasurer, and Miss F.E.Thomas continued as secretary. The House Committee ~~met~~ consisting of the officers and three other members, Miss Dawson, Miss Hankinson and R.P.Arnot, met five times during the year and dealt with catering arrangements and matters of urgency.

MEMBERSHIP.

During the period under review a member of the Society, who desires to remain anonymous, made an offer of £20 to the funds of the Common Room on condition that the membership was doubled by the 30th of June. As a result of this a considerable number of new members joined in response to the appeal made by the Committee, and although the conditions were not fulfilled the promised sum was handed to the treasurer. The thanks of the Committee were duly conveyed to the donor.

The membership at the close of the year was as follows:-

	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>
Renewals	175	52	227
New members	73	18	91
	<u>248</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>318</u>

A number of subscriptions were still outstanding at the end of the year. There were 55 resignations during the year.

"AT HOMES".

The Committee considerably developed the social side of the Common Room by holding a series of "At Homes" during the early part of the year, which were well attended and gave members and prospective members the opportunity of coming into contact with the Executive Committee of the Society and other members. These were in addition to the usual "At Homes" given on behalf of the Fabian Society and the Summer School. As on previous occasions the Committee undertook the provision of refreshments at gatherings of various Groups and other organisations.

CATERING.

As a result of these ^{greater} ~~increased~~ activities and the increased cost of food supplies the Catering Receipts show a considerable increase upon the figures of last year, and although prices have been kept down to a minimum a satisfactory surplus has been carried to the funds of the Common Room.

NEWSPAPERS.

Newspapers, journals, etc. provided by the Common Room are as follows:-

Manchester Guardian,
Labour Leader,
Clarion,
Justice,
The Nation,
The New Age,
Glasgow Forward.
The Woman Worker.

For the following the Common Room is indebted to members and the publishers for gifts:-

Glasgow Herald,	Literary Guide,
The New Statesman,	The Humanist,
The Herald,	U.D.C. Journal,
The Christian Commonwealth,	Votes for Women,
Times Literary Supplement,	The Commonwealth,
Cambridge Magazine,	The Clerk,
Common Cause,	The Ploughshare,
The Tribunal,	The New East,
The Labour Woman,	The Survey (New York)
	The Socialist Review.

Annual Meeting.

The secretary reported that no resolutions had been received, that no nominations had been sent in ^{for the new coffee} and that R. Page Annot had resigned some months previously.

It was agreed to hold the meeting in the Common Room, to ask Sidney Webb to take the chair, and to serve coffee to those present after the meeting.

J. W. Shaw
25/7/18

Annual Meeting of Members, Tuesday, Feb. 5th,
1918, at 8 p.m., held in the Common Room.

J. W. Shaw was elected to the chair.

Minutes of previous Annual Meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies was received from G. P. Blyard - unable
to attend.

Annual Report and Financial Statement :-

This was received and passed. Arising
out of it, with regard to expenditure on Attendance,
it was agreed :- That assuming M^{rs} Herbert's total
cash wages to be less than 30/- a week, the
Common Room should increase their proportion
by 2/6d. and recommend the F.S. to do likewise.

Election of Committee :-

No nominations having been received by the
secretary, the following were nominated at
the meeting :-

M ^{rs} Bartrum	Miss Milton
S. P. Blyand	Miss Moor
Miss Clifford	J. W. Nixon
Miss Dawson	J. W. Shaw
George Lye	Sidney Webb
Miss Hamkinson	Julius West.

All were elected.

Newspapers:-

The Secretary reported further gifts from members, The New East; (monthly) on loan from Miss Ellen Smith; The National Weekly, from Condr. Hope.

It was agreed:-

- (a) That letters of thanks be sent to the donors of gifts;
- (b) That The Clarion be suspended for a quarter, its renewal to be decided by the Com^{ee} with regard to whether protests had been received;
- (c) That in view of the decreased rates of expenditure on newspapers and of the increased profits on the year's expenses, the following additions should be made:-

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- (i) The Athenaeum; the secretary to ascertain whether a former loan from J. W. Nixon could not be renewed, but that it be added in any case;
- (ii) The Common Cause; the gift of this from Miss Smith not having been renewed;
- (iii) The Times; by arrangement with Miss Dawson at half price.

Comforts Fund:-

It was proposed by Reginald Pott that a Fund should be raised, members to be invited to contribute thereto, for providing amenities to make the rooms more comfortable and attractive. This was referred to the new Committee.

J. W. Nixon
13 Feb'y '19

Common Room Com^{ee} at Office on Monday,
Feb. 25th, 1918, at 5.30 p.m.

J. W. Shaw was elected to the chair temporarily.

Minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Apology for absence was received from Miss Hilda.

Election of officers and House Committee.

Miss F. E. Thomas was re-elected Secretary
J. W. Shaw, chairman, and G. P. Blyaid
Treasurer.

The House Committee, consisting of the officers
and three other members, was re-appointed,
Mr. Bartrum, Miss Dawson and Miss Harbison
being elected to serve on this Committee.

* see additio at end overleaf

Outstanding Subscriptions

The secretary reported that 50 subscriptions
were still outstanding for 1917, the list of defaulters
was read to the meeting. ~~It was agreed.~~

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In view of most of these being on Active Service or away from London it was agreed not to do anything for the present, also to defer sending out reminders to those who had not paid for 1918 till after Easter.

Amenities and Comforts Fund - referred from Annual Meeting:-

It was agreed that a notice be placed in the Common Room inviting contributions, a box to be provided for the purpose, but that no notice be put in the News.

Gift of Picture

The Secretary from Mr. Webb a copy of a cartoon from Punch, given to the Common Room by Mr. Pott. It was agreed that this be framed in a narrow dark oak frame, if the cost does not exceed 5/-, and hung in the Common Room.

"At Homes."

It was decided to hold a further series of "At Homes", two to be in the afternoon,

and two in the evening, on the
following dates, notices to be inserted
from time to time in Galois News:-

Thursday, March 14th, at 8 p.m.

(after Women's Group Mtg. at 6)

Friday, April 26th, 4.30 - 6.30

(King's Hall Lecture in the evening)

Friday, May 10th, 4.30 - 6.30

(King's Hall Lecture in the evening)

Tuesday, June 4th, at 8 p.m.

* With reference to the election at the Annual
Meeting of G. W. Nixon to the Committee it
was agreed that the secretary reported that
J. W. Nixon was no longer an individual
member of the Common Room but came under
the Research Department subscription, and
he was therefore ineligible to sit on the
Committee.

J. W. Shaw

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Meeting of House Committee on Tuesday, April 23rd
at 5.15 p.m.

Present: M^{rs} Bartrum, Miss Dawson, J.W. Shaw
(in chair) and the secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.

"At Home" April 26th. It was agreed that
the 6d. tea should be supplied
as usual.

The secretary reported that the covers of
chairs & sofas were very dirty and
also needed reupholstering. It was
decided to have these done when prices
had stopped and it could be arranged.

J.W. Shaw
24/9/18

Meeting of Common Room Committee on
Tuesday, April 23rd, 1918, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), M^{rs} Bartrum,
Miss Dawson, G. P. Blyard,
George Eyre, Miss Hankinson,
Miss Milton and the Secretary.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

Membership and Finance

- (a) Financial Statement as appended, was
submitted and passed:

(b) Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure
as appended was presented and passed:

Statement of Catering - for 3 months, Jan. - March, 1918.

<u>Receipts.</u>				<u>Expenditure.</u>			
				£ s. d.			
				Food	30	10	5½
				Attendance:			
				(estd. ½ wages			
				paid.	3	11	9
				Extra	5	6	
				Gas	19	6	
				Renewals.	10	6	
				Laundry	3	0	
					36	4	8½
				Less Tea in stock,			
				estd.	1	10	0
					34	14	8½
				Balance.	3	1	2½
				(Profit)	37	15	11
					37	15	11
	<u>Daily</u>		<u>Special</u>				
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.				
Jan.	13 11 11½		12 0				
Feb.	11 5 6		9 0				
March	10 6 5½		1 11 0				
	<u>35 3 11</u>		<u>2 12 0</u>				
			35 3 11				

Last year for same period:-
 Receipts.... 33 18 9
 Expenditure. 31 4 4
 Profit... £ 2 14 5

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(c) Statement of Membership was presented, as appended, and passed.

It was agreed that another notice should be put in Fabrian News asking members who had not paid their subscriptions to do so, and that individual applications should not be sent out till June ~~or~~ so as to include those who had joined in response to the £20 offer, also that special reminders should be sent to those who still owe their subscriptions for 1917, those who do not respond to be struck off.

Statement of Membership - for 3 months, Jan. - March, 1918.

	<u>Renewals</u>		<u>New Members</u>		<u>Cash Received</u>		
	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	£	s.	d.
Jan.	20	6	5	2	17	10	0
Feb.	9	2	3	-	7	2	6
March	8	7	3	1	8	1	6
Total.	<u>37</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>	= 66.£32 14 0		
					Last year: <u>57. £32 5 0</u>		

Newspapers:

Statement of Expenditure, was as appended, was submitted.

The secretary reported that Mr Webb would in future present "The New Statesman" to the Common^{Room}, the gift copy presented by Mr Anst having ceased to come some weeks previously.

It was agreed that "The Times" and "Manchester Guardian" should be continued in spite of the increased price; also that "The Christian Commonwealth" should be subscribed for - this had ceased to come as a free gift from the publishers.

Expenditure on Newspapers.

	<u>Current Qrt.</u>	<u>Last Qrt.</u>
Manchester Guardian	13 0	10 3½
Times (shared with W.G.)	9 9	6 6
New Statesman	5 5	nil
Nation (total after sale) . .	3 9½	3 9½
New Age(do. do. do.) . .	4 10½	4 10½
Labour Leader	1 7½	1 7½
Justice	2 2	2 2
Glasgow Forward (includ. Post)	1 7½	1 7½
Clarion	nil	1 1
Common Cause	1 1	nil
Christian Commonwealth . .	2 2	nil
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	£2 5 6	£1 11 11½

Furnishing Fund.

The secretary reported that a notice had been placed in the Common Room explaining the purpose of the Fund and inviting subscriptions and suggestions, for which a Box was provided. No response having been received it was decided that nothing further be done and the Box notice and Box removed.

Carpet for M^{rs} Herbert.

In view of the ^{rug} carpet in M^{rs} Herbert's room having worn out on account of the much passing necessitated in fetching water, it was agreed to allow her £1 towards a new rug.

C. W. Shaw
9/10/18

Meeting of House Committee meeting Tuesday
Sept. 24th at 5.15 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Miss Hankinson & the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

At Homes. It was agreed that further "At Homes"
be held, the first to take place on
the day of the first autumn Essex
Hall Lecture, provisionally arranged
for Oct. 11th or 18th, a failing the
lecture being arranged, to take place
on the day of the first of the King's
Hall lecture, Oct. 25th. (The Essex
Hall lecture was ^{subsequently} fixed for Oct. 18th
and a notice of the "At Home" for
this date 4.30-6.30 was inserted
as usual in "Fabra News."
Further dates for "At Homes" were fixed
provisionally, Nov. 8th & 29th.

Future of Common Room.

The financial position of the Common Room was considered with a view to its being taken over by the Fabian Society. J. W. Shaw undertook to prepare a draft report on the matter for presentation to the Executive Committee, to be submitted to the next Common Room Committee.

for P. Bejard

Meeting of Common Room Com^{ee}, Wednesday,
Oct. 9th, 1918, at 5.15 p.m.

Present:- J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Dawson,
Miss Hankinson, and the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.

Apology was received for George Eyre, unable
to be present.

Membership and Finance.

(a) Financial Statement as appended was presented
and passed.

(b.) Statement of Membership as appended was
presented and passed. The Secretary reported
that she had sent a duplicated letter of
application for subscription to all members
who had not paid for 1918 & 1917. A
number of resignations was reported, the
names being read out to the Committee.

FABIAN COMMON ROOM.

25, Tothill Street,
Westminster, S.W. 1.
30th Sept., 1918.

I am writing on behalf of the Common Room Committee to remind you that your subscription for the current year is now due.

You were good enough to join the Common Room last year in response to the special appeal which was made in May and in connection with which we received a donation of £20 for the Common Room funds.

I may add that in these increasingly difficult times the Common Room can only pay its way with the continued support and co-operation of members.

Cheques and postal orders should be crossed "London County, Westminster & Parr's Bank" and sent to the Fabian Society. The subscription you paid last year was

I am,

Yours truly,

Secretary.

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(c) Statement of Catering Receipts as appended was received and passed.

(d) Statement of Newspaper Expenditure was presented and passed. Arising out of this it was agreed that the A.B.C., the price having increased to 2/-, should only be taken quarterly or when train times are changed.

Statement of Membership:

Subscriptions paid:

	<u>Renewals.</u>		<u>New Members.</u>	
	<u>Town.</u>	<u>Country.</u>	<u>Town.</u>	<u>Country.</u>
Jan.	20	6	5	2
Feb.	9	2	3	-
March	8	7	3	1
April	4	1	2	-
May	10	1	2	1
June	4	2	10	-
July	6	1	2	0
August	1	-	2	-
Sept.	11	1	3	-
Oct.				
(to date)	28	8	-	-

101	29	32	4
29			
32			
4			

Total paid. 169

Resignations 22 Town members
 9 Country do.
 Total. 31

Catering Receipts. Jan. - Sept.

	<u>Daily.</u>			<u>Special.</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan.	13	11	11½	12	0	
Feb.	11	5	6	9	0	
March	10	6	5½	1	11	0
April	11	1	9½	8	0	
May	11	8	9	10	0	
June	11	2	7½	7	9	
July	11	4	1	1	3	7
Aug.	4	17	9	1	5	6
Sept.	11	7	2	-	-	-
Total.	96	6	1	6	6	10
				<u>96</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
				Total.	102	12
					<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>

Newspapers: Rate of Expenditure, Quarterly.

	<u>Current period.</u>			<u>Last half year.</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Manchester Guardian	13	0		13	0	
Times (shared with Women's Group).	9	9		9	9	
New Statesman.	-			5	5	
(now given by Mrs. Webb).				3	9½	
Nation (total after sale)	3	9½		4	10½	
New Age	6	6		1	7½	
Labour Leader	2	2		2	2	
Justice	2	2		1	7½	
Glasgow Forward (& postage)	1	7½		1	1	
Common Cause.	2	2				
Christian Commonwealth.	2	2				nil
Totals.	£ 2	3	4	£ 2	3	4

Report on the future of the Common Room presented by the Common Room Committee to the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society.

Arising out of the conversations which took place at the last Annual Meeting of the Society the Common Room Committee has considered the question of the future of the Common Room and begs to submit the following Report and Recommendations in regard thereto:-

For some time past there appears to have been a considerable falling off in the attendances at the Common Room apart from special occasions such as "At Homes", etc., and the rooms are very little used, if at all, in the evenings.

The Committee therefore anticipate that it will be difficult to keep up the present membership even by continued special appeals, and this view is borne out by the resignations received in response to reminders regarding the year's subscriptions. It is unlikely that members will remain and pay subscriptions if they find that they cannot make use of the facilities offered.

It thus seems to the Committee that it would be well if the Common Room were now merged in the Society and thrown open for the use of members generally.

In order to ascertain the financial aspect of this proposal the Committee has examined the accounts for the year 1917, the last completed year.

It finds that apart from the Catering account, the receipts from subscriptions (excluding exceptional items) were, in round figures, £130 and the expenditure £134. The net surplus on the catering was £39.

	£	s.	d.
Expenditure: Rent	70	0	0
Cleaning & Attendance	40	0	0
Heating & Light	5	13	0
Hon. to Secretary	10	0	0
Newspapers	4	8	0
Sundries	3	3	0
	134	0	0
Less net profit on catering	39	0	0
Net expenditure	£ 95	0	0

Future of Common Room

A draft of recommendations to the Executive Committee was submitted by the Chairman (J.W. Shaw). A few minor alterations were made and the Report, as appended herewith, was passed, the Secretary being instructed to present it to the Executive.

J. J. Bejard

Meeting of Common Room Committee, Wednesday,
Jan. 22nd., 1919, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: - G.P. Blyard (in chair), Miss Dawson,
George Eyre, Miss Hankinson, Miss Miller
and the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Apology was received ^{by proxy} from T.W. Shaw,
kept in City.

Membership & Finance: -

(a) Financial Statement for the year 1918;
as appended, ^{already} ~~was submitted~~ ^{as circulated} ~~and~~ ^{was} passed
for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

Arising out of this a resolution was passed
that the Executive Committee be asked to
reduce the rent by £10.

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Financial Statement for the year ending
Dec. 31st., 1918.

<u>Receipts.</u>			<u>Expenditure.</u>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in hand			Rent.	70	0 0
Jan. 1. 1918. .	75	6 8	Cleaning & Attendance.	43	8 6
Subscriptions (including £10 from Res. Dept.)	110	10 0	Gas.	3	19 9
Catering Receipts.	141	16 2	Heating & Lighting.	5	14 6
Sale of Newspapers.	13	7	Food.	117	4 11
Refund for new mem- bers of F.S. attending "At Home"	2	6	Printing & Stationery.	3	5 0
Refund for breakage.	1	0	Secretary's Salary.	10	0 0
			Newspapers.	9	6 4
			Renewals.	3	11 10
			Postage.	1	6 6
			Sundries.	1	15 11
				269	13 3
			Balance.	58	16 8
	£	328 9 11		£	328 9 11

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c) Statement of Membership for the year 1918,
as appended was submitted and passed.

Statement of Membership: 1918.

Subscriptions paid:-

	<u>Renewals.</u>		<u>New Members.</u>	
	<u>Town.</u>	<u>Country.</u>	<u>Town.</u>	<u>Country.</u>
Jan.	20	6	5	2
Feb.	9	2	3	-
March	8	7	3	1
April	4	1	2	-
May	10	1	2	1
June	4	2	10	-
July	6	1	2	-
August	1	-	2	-
Sept.	11	1	3	-
Oct.	47	14	-	-
Nov.	7	3	3	-
Dec.	5	3	1	1
	<u>132</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>

Total, Paid, 214. Resignations, etc. 47.

Outstanding subs. 100 (of these 30 have not paid for 1917 & 1918
and 6 for 1916, 1917 & 1918).

With regard to subscriptions unpaid, it was agreed that members on Active Service who had not used the rooms should not be applied to for back subscriptions; also that it should be left to the Secretary and chairman to deal with other defaulters and strike off those who were not likely to pay.

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Fourth Annual Report, for the Year ending 31st December, 1918.

The balance in hand at the close of the year under review was £58.16.8d. compared with £75.6.8d. in hand on the 1st of January, 1918, quite a satisfactory result all things considered.

The Committee met four times during the year. J.W.Shaw was re-elected Chairman, G.P.Blizard continued as Treasurer, and Miss F.E.Thomas as Secretary.

The House Committee, composed of the officers and three other members, Mrs. Bartrum, Miss Dawson and Miss Hankinson, met three times during the year, to deal with minor matters of routine.

Membership.

The membership at the close of the year was as follows:-

	<u>Town.</u>	<u>Country.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Renewals	218	55	273
New Members	<u>36</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>41</u>
	254	60	314

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a reduction on the number on the books at 31st December, 1917, the number of resignations being 47.

"At Homes."

The Committee continued the practice of holding series of "At Homes", thus bringing members into touch with each other and various members of the Executive.

Catering.

Receipts are about £18 down compared with the previous year, and owing to the continued rise in prices the cost of food has increased by about £6. No increase was made in the prices ~~charged~~ charged.

Newspapers.

Newspapers.

The Committee in the autumn drew up a Report on the future of the Common Room with a recommendation that it should be taken over, and come under the direct control of the Fabian Society. The consideration of this Report by the Fabian Executive has been deferred until various prospective changes in tenants in the building become definite.

Committee Meeting on Wednesday.
held at 5.0 p.m.

S.P. Blyden (in chair) Miss Dawson.
Miss Humphreys and the Secretary.

Don't meeting were read & confirmed.

The Secretary reported that
the "Homes" had been held as
arranged on the following dates:-

1st. 18th, receipts 6/2d.

2nd. 29th " " 3/6d.

29th " " 7/-

3rd. 16th (Summer School (Reunion) 25/6d.

was agreed that two further
Homes be held, on dates of
the Hall lectures, provisionally
28th. and 7th (1911).

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Annual Meeting,

(a) Draft Annual Report was submitted as appended, and passed, with the exception of Membership figures - to be revised - for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

(b) It was agreed that the date fixed ^{Tuesday} February 11th being inconvenient to several members of the Committee, this be changed with the chairman's consent to Monday, Feb. 10th or Feb. 14th. It was also agreed to serve Coffee, as last year, at the close of the meeting.

J. W. Shaw
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House Committee Meeting on Wednesday,
Jan. 22nd. at 5.0 p.m.

Present: G.P. Blyard (in chair) Miss Dawson,
Miss Hambrook and the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

"At Homes". The secretary reported that
"At Homes" had been held as
arranged on the following dates:-

Friday, Oct. 18th, receipts 6/2d.

" Nov. 9th " 3/6d.

" 29th " 7/-

Monday, Dec. 16th (Summer School Reunion) 25/6d.

It was agreed that two further
"At Homes" be held, on dates of
Essex Hall Lectures, provisionally
Feb. 28th, and March 14th).

J. Shaw
22/5/19

Annual Meeting of Members, Thursday
Feb. 13th. 1919, held in the Common Room

T. W. Shaw was elected to the Chair

Minutes of previous Annual Meeting were
read and confirmed.

Annual Report and Financial Statement:

M^r Swan moved and Miss Harbison
seconded the adoption of the report, the
membership figures having been amended.
This was passed for publication in "Habrai News".

It was agreed that the Executive
Committee of the Habrai Society be urged
to decide what action should be taken
on the Report presented by the Common Room
Committee as to the future of the Common Room.
M^r Shaw agreed to raise the question at the
next Executive Com^{ee} Meeting.

Election of Committee for the year 1919.

The following nominations were received:

Miss M. Berry	* Miss Merton	
* F. P. Blijard	* Miss Moor	(* member of 1918 Comtee)
* Miss L. Dawson	* J. W. Shaw	
* George Eyre	Herbert J. Smith	
* Miss Harbison	The Rev. N. E. Swann	
Miss Kelball	* Sidney Webb	

All were elected.

Resignation was received from Mr Bartrum,
out of London and unable to attend
Committee for several months.

Meeting of Common Room Committee, Monday,
March 24th, 1919, at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Berry,
S. P. Blyard, Miss Dawson, Miss Harkness,
Miss Kelsall, Miss Milton, Miss Moor,
H. J. Smith, & the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Apology for absence was received from the Rev
Egerton Swann, away lecturing in the north.

Election of officers and House Committee.

Miss F. E. Thomas was re-elected Secretary,
J. W. Shaw, chairman, and S. P. Blyard, Treasurer.
Miss Berry, Miss Dawson and Miss Harkness
were elected to the House Committee.

Newspapers.

The secretary reported that the following
newspapers were at present being supplied
to the Common Room:

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NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS, ETC. SUPPLIED.

March, 1919.

Dailies:

MANCHESTER GUARDIAN
THE TIMES.

How Obtained.
Paid for.
Shared with W.G.

Weeklies:

NEW STATESMAN
NATION
NEW AGE
LABOUR LEADER
JUSTICE
GLASGOW FORWARD
THE HERALD
CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH
THE TRIBUNAL
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and that the rate of expenditure was as follows:

Rate of Expenditure on Newspaper. March, 1919.

<u>Price.</u>	<u>Current Qtr.</u>			<u>Last Qtr.</u>		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1½d. Manchester Guardian.	9	9		13	0	
3d. Times. (½ with Women's Group) . .	9	9		9	0	
6d. Nation (net cost after sale) . . .	3	9½		3	9½	
7d. New Age.	7	7		7	7	
2d. Labour Leader.	2	2		2	2	
2d. Justice.	2	2		2	2	
2d. Glasgow Forward (includ. postage)	2	8½		1	7½	
2d. Christian Commonwealth	2	2		2	2	
2d. Common Cause	2	2		2	2	
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	£	2 2 3		£	2 4 5	
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It was agreed that the following be added

- The Daily Herald
- The Woman Worker
- The Guildsman

The Secretary reported that Patten had been received asking us to take "Ways and Means" and "The Nation" (America). It was agreed not to take either but to offer to place a copy of "The Nation" in the Common Room if they thought it worth while ^{to send} for the sake of advertisement.

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The Secretary reported that the last two "At Homes" had been badly attended. It was agreed not to continue these frequently but to hold an evening "At Home" in the spring if this ~~was~~ was practicable.

It was agreed that the rooms be closed for the Easter holidays for the same period as the office.

Date of next meeting. Owing to the Easter holidays it was found difficult to arrange for a meeting after Easter in time to put a notice of an "At Home" in "Galvan News". It was left to the Secretary to arrange a suitable date, or failing this to call the Home Committee only.

J. W. Shaw
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Meeting of House Committee, Thursday, May 22nd
1919, at 5.15 p.m.

Present:- J. W. Shaw (in chair) Miss Berry and
the Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

2 "At Homes". The Secretary reported that
"At Homes" had been held as follows:-
Feb. 28th 4.30-6.30, receipts 8/8d.
March 14th do. " 8/-d.
May 9th do. " 8/-d.

On the last occasion S. K. Ratchffe gave
an address at 5 o'clock on "Labour in America"
there were about 25-30 people present.

It was decided that no "At Homes" be
held during the summer.

3. The secretary reported that 1 doz. more
plates and $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. small jugs had been
bought owing to urgent need; also that
at least a dozen more small cups & saucers

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were needed. As those of the same pattern could not be obtained at present, and the being on "At Home" during the summer it was agreed to postpone the matter till the autumn.

4. It was agreed that the covers be cleaned and repaired as in former years.
5. It was agreed that an effort be made to introduce more variety in the food served, particular as regards potted meat and sauces.

Meeting of Common Room Committee,
Thursday, May 22nd, 1919, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: J. W. Shaw (in chair), Miss Berry,
Miss Milton, H. T. Smith, and the Secretary.

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies were received from:—
Miss Dawson, speaking at Leicester
George Eyre, another engagement
Miss Kehall, out of town
Rev. N. E. Swann, another engagement.
3. Membership & Finance:—
(a) Financial Statement, already circulated,
was passed as appended below herewith.

Financial Statement for 3 months ending March 31st, 1919. (43/109)

Receipts.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Balance in hand, Jan. 1st, 1919.	58	16	8
Subscriptions	30	17	6
Catering Receipts	48	14	5
Sale of Newspapers.	6	0	
Returns (A. & N. Stores)	2	5	$\frac{1}{2}$

	£	s.	d.
Rent. (1. quarter)	17	10	0
Cleaning & Attendance	11	1	6
Heating & Lighting.	2	11	6
Gas.		12	7
Food.	40	8	$2\frac{3}{4}$
Secretary's Salary.	2	10	0
Newspapers.	14	8	(2-4-11)
Postage.		5	0
Sundries (Laundry, Renewals, &c.)	1	4	0

76 17 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

Balance. 61 19 6 $\frac{3}{4}$

£.138 17 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

138 17 0 $\frac{1}{2}$

	1917			1918		
	Jan.	-Mar.	0	Jan.	-Mar.	0
Subscriptions.	32	5	0	32	14	0
Catering Recs.	33	18	9	37	15	11

(b) Statement of Membership, already circulated was presented and passed, as appended: -

Statement of Membership for 3 months, Jan. - March, 1919.

	<u>Subscriptions paid</u>		<u>Renewals.</u>		<u>New Members.</u>		<u>Cash Received.</u>		
	1918		1919				£ s. d.		
	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Country</u>			
Jan.	2	1	16	-	2	2	11	12	0
Feb.	5	-	5	-	1	1	9	3	6*
March	2	1	10	3	7	-	10	2	0
Total	9	2	31	3	10	3	£ 30	17	6

= 58 subscriptions paid. About 190 unpaid.

Last year for same period: 66 subs. pd. Cash recd. £32 14.0d.

* including £2.10s., quarterly payment by Research Dept.

The secretary reported that twenty-four subscriptions for 1918 were still outstanding and ^{in addition} ~~also~~ about sixteen members ~~are~~ active service or as C.O.S.

It was agreed that the sending out of individual reminders be deferred till the end of June.

© Statement of Catering Receipts, already circulated, was presented and passed, as appended:-

Statement of Catering Receipts & Expenditure for 3 months, Jan.-March, 1919.

	<u>Receipts.</u>			<u>Expenditure.</u>		
	<u>Daily.</u>		<u>Special.</u>			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan.	17	12 7	1	1 6	Food.	40 8 2 ³ / ₄
Feb.	14	0 4		14 10	Attendance, (estd. $\frac{1}{2}$ wages paid... 4 4 6	
March	14	0 9	1	4 5	extra.. 7 0	4 11 6
	45	13 8	3	0 9	Gas.	12 7
			45	13 8	Laundry.	1 4
					Renewals, etc.	2 11
					Balance.	45 16 6 ³ / ₄
						2 17 10 ¹ / ₂
						<u>£ 48 14 5</u>
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4 Use of small Common Room for Meetings.

It was agreed that the small Common Room might be hired out for meetings occasionally, for a fee of 2/6d., notice to be given beforehand and a card pinned up on door when such meeting was taking place.

5. Newspapers.

It was agreed that no changes be made.
The Secretary reported that the London Agents for the American "Nation" had accepted the proposal to send a copy regularly for 3 months as an advertisement and in the hope that we might after that period subscribe for it.

6. Circular

The Secretary reported that the 4-page circular - application form and rules was almost out of print. It was agreed that 250 - or 500 if the difference in cost was not more than a few shillings - be ordered, and that the following alterations should be made:-

P. 1. Line 6 - omit "ordinarily" and substitute

"at present."

Line 12 omit "low" and substitute "moderate."

Print last 4-5 lines in heavier type.

J. W. Shaw
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Meeting of Common Room Committee Oct. 24th 1919

Present. J.W. Shaw (in chair) Miss Dawson, Miss Kelsall
Miss Berry & W.D. Sanders.

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- (2) Apology was received from the Rev. Egerton Swann.
- (3) Finance. It was reported that to Sept 30th 1919 there was a Balance in hand of £82.11.2.
On Sept. 30th 1918 Balance was £42.13.7.
- (4) At Home. It was decided to hold an afternoon At Home on Nov. 14th next. & evening Dec. 9th.
- (5) Future of Common Room. Proposal from the Ex. Com: that the Common Room be enlarged and thrown open to all members & that a special Common Room Fund be raised for this purpose, was discussed & generally agreed to. It was decided to consider it further at a meeting to which delegates from the Ex. Com: should be

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present. Date of this meeting was fixed provisionally
for Nov. 10th.

J. W. Law
27/11/19.

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COMMON ROOM A/Cs.

Financial Statement for 10 months ending October 31st, 1919.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>				
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
Balance in hand							
1st Jan, 1919.	58.	16.	8	Rent (3 quarters)	52.	10.	0
Subscriptions.	93.	0.	0	Cleaning and Attendance.	34.	9.	9.
Catering Receipts.	120.	15.	0	Heating, Lighting and Gas.	9.	7.	5.
Sale of Newspapers.	18.	6.		Food.	104.	10.	2.
Returns (Army & Navy Stores)	9.	3.		Secretary's Salary.	8.	0.	0
				Newspapers.	4.	17.	2
				Postages.	1.	8.	3
				Printing	2.	2.	6
				Sundries (Laundry, Renewals, etc.)	3.	10.	9
				<u>Balance</u>	<u>56.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>£273.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>5d.</u>		<u>£273.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>5d.</u>

Statement of Catering Receipts and Expenditure for 10 months ending October 31st, 1919.

Daily Catering Receipts.	110.	12.	10.	Food.	104.	10.	11	
Special Catering Receipts.	10.	2.	2.	Attendance.	15.	5.	0	
<u>Deficit.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>	Laundry		4.	4	
				Gas.		3.	5.	0
				<u>Renewals.</u>		<u>10.</u>	<u>11</u>	
	<u>£123.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>			<u>£123.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Statement of Membership for 10 months ending Oct. 1919.

Renewals - Town	104
Country	26
New Members. - Town	26
Country	5
Outstanding subscriptions paid.	<u>11</u>

172 accounting to 1923.

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COMMON ROOM A/Cs.

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Sale of Newspapers.	18.	6		Food.	104.	10.	0
Returns (Army & Navy Stores)	9.	3		Secretary's Salary.	5.	0.	0
				Newspapers.	4.	17.	0
				Postages.	1.	6.	0
				Printing	2.	3.	0
				Sundries (Laundry, Renewals, etc.)	3.	10.	0
				Balance	56.	5.	0
	<u>£273.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>8d.</u>		<u>£273.</u>	<u>19.</u>	<u>0d.</u>

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Special Catering Receipts.	10.	2.	2.	Attendance.	15.	5.	0
Deficit.	3.	0.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Laundry		4.	4
				Gas.	3.	5.	0
				Renewals.		10.	11
	<u>£123.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>		<u>£123.</u>	<u>15.</u>	<u>4$\frac{1}{2}$</u>

Statement of Membership for 10 months ending Oct. 1919.

Renewals - Town	104
Country	26
New Members. - Town	26
Country	5
Outstanding subscriptions paid.	<u>11</u>
	<u>172</u> amounting to £93.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

COMMON ROOM COMMITTEE.

Agenda for Meeting, Wednesday, 26th November, 1919.

1. Minutes.
2. Accounts.
3. Proposal for Future of Common Room.
 - (a) How to be brought before members.
 - (b) Alteration of Rules.
4. Evening At Home in December. 9th

Hankinson

Moore

Berry

Dawson

Shaw

Milton

Kelsall

H. G. Smith

Evans

