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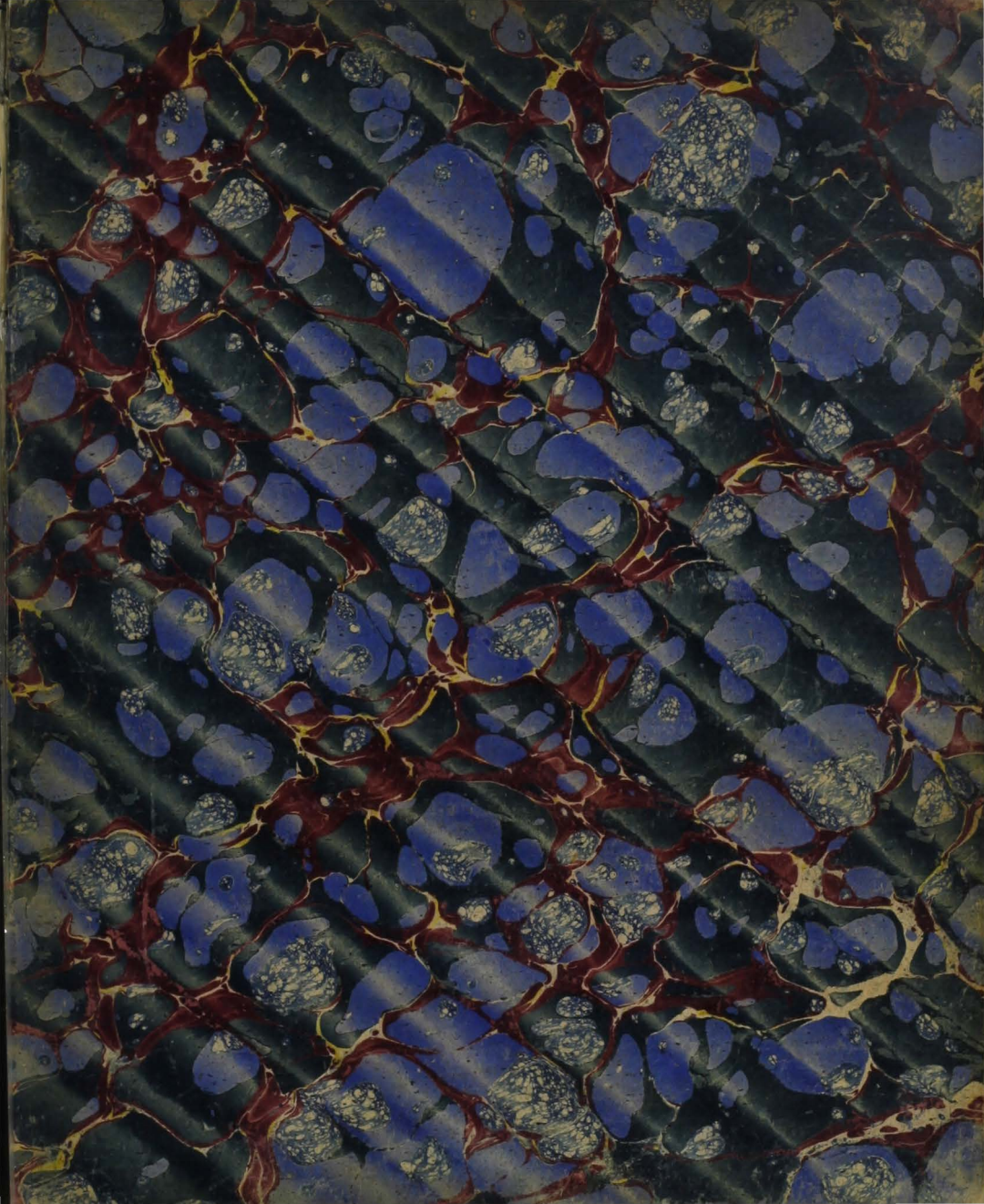
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Executive Committee 1891. 2.

Hulbert Bland
Robt. S. Dell
W. S. De Matto
Miss A. Hoatson
H. Lowerson

Mrs. C. Mallet
H. W. Massingham
J. F. Gaheshott
Miss M. Grover
Sydney Olivier

Edw. R. Pease
Mrs Sandham
E. B. Shaw
Graham Wallas
Sidney Webb.

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office, 5pm. 9 Sep. 91.

Present. Dell (in chair), Wallas, Mrs Sandham, Calvesholt
Lowerison Webb, Shaw, Peace, Miss Grover.

Absent. Bland, De Mattos, Miss Hoaton, W. Mallet, Massingham,
Olivier

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. A/c & Bank Book presented. Bal^{ce} on 31st Aug^r £ 190.3.0
3. Members elected :-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY.
Miss Annie H. Thomson, 55 Lichfield-road, Bow, E.	H. F. Johnson & E. Scott.
Mrs. Greenwood, 1 Lansdown-place, Brunswick-square, W.C.	B. Walter and G. Wallas.
J. E. Holdsworth, 47 Violet-st., Halifax	W. S. De Mattos.
William Hines, 92 St. Clement's, Oxford	W. De Mattos and S. Webb.
Miss Emilie Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Miss Annie Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Miss Ada Hines, " " "	Ditto.
Henry Thos Leonard, 5 Lincoln-villas, Sitingbourne	General Secretary.
T. R. Brice, 40 Machen-place, River-side, Cardiff	A. C. E. Parr.

4. Budget Tract Com^{ee} reported thro' Wallas that they had met, & adjourned to a future date.
5. Wallas reported Bibliography Tract in Progress. -
6. Agreed to send S. Reeve an a/c. of expenses incurred for furniture.

7. Agreed to send out to all members proofs of the four "Questions" Tracts, as follows, & that the Tracts be conducted by:-

London S. B. Questions	Wallas
Rural C. County "	Shaw
Town Council "	Wells
London County C "	Dr. -

8. Letter re French trans of essays in Rev. Soc? approved

9. Correspondence read:-

W. Scott: promising as asked

W. M. Coll. Group: notifying that W. Edwin was appointed Sec. approved.

Hammersmith Group, re Parl? Questions - referred to Group Secy meeting.

W. Scudamore re printing for Tracts: agreed that heading of leaflets for Agricultural &c. be plain.

Miss Forster, re pirated edition of essays, agreed to ask Humbolt Pub. Co. for a copy. -

Shaw, re things in general: approved.

Letter re progress in Halifax

10. Letter from Buttery read: on report of Shaw, agreed to reverse decision of last Exec. + to grant Wolverhampton Br. £3.12/- for season ticket for Buttery, on the understanding that he make ~~a~~ arrangements for a local Sec. to Wolverhampton Socy -

11. Letter from Bristol Sunday Socy asking for syllabuses. - Shaw agreed to exchange dates with Wallas.

12. Letter from G. A. Phillips with Ms. Wallas reported latter to be rubbish. Sec. to return it politely.

13 New Local Societies -

Sec. reported one forming at Bournemouth R.R. Steele ~~of~~ sent letter announcing formation of Bedford F.S.

Rev. C. L. Mason, as president, notified formation of S. Australia F.S. - agreed that he be permitted to ~~translate~~ republish tracts, + urged to see care, + to collect Facts for S. Australia

W. S. de Mullis

Exec. at Office 15 Sep. 91.

Present De Mattos (chair), Dell, Bahushoff, Lowerison, Wells,
Shaw, Wallas, Peace Oliver Miss Grover, Mr. Sandham
Absent Maseingham, Mrs Mallet, Bland Miss Hoatson

1. The Minutes of last meeting were signed.

2. Budget Tract Com^{ee} reported progress

3. New Tracts: agreed as follows:-

No 25	Quest. S. Board	print 10000	Stereo.
" 26	" L.C.C.	" 10000	No stereos.
" 27	Quest T. Council	" 10000	Stereo.
" 28	" Rural C.C.	wait.	-

4. Correspondence:-

Hayes to E.N.P. re March of Man
Jones " Tract 1. Welsh
Hart sending resolution of Group re local
Fabian meetings: reply impossible now.
" resigning Group Sec. 7: accept.
Pratt re becoming Group Sec. approved
Shoker resigning under pressure from directors,

4 Correspond. (cont'd)

H. M. Reade stating he can't continue to correspond with Woburnian Times: Suggest to ask Samuel to take his place.

Lorie, Leicester. Re Tract. Agree to take 500 in exchange for 500 ~~one~~ of our leaflets

Major Edwards, re candidature for Dover: write asking what special circumstances? say we usually disapprove of forced candidatures.

5. Letter read announcing new Society at Bradford, asking for our Crane plate: reply that we wd. like to revise publications.

6. Agenda for Group meeting settled

7. Sec'y agreed to prepare Draft Syllabus for Spring.

8. Sec'y to enquire price of Essex Hall.

M. Groves

Executive At Office 22 Sep: 1891

Present Mrs Groves (in chair) Dell, Maccingham, Olivier
Wallas, Welt, Oakeholt, Lowerson, Mrs Sandham
Peace, Bland.

Absent, De Mattos, (lecturing), Mrs Hoatson, Mrs Mallett, Shaw

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.
2. Budget Tract Com^{ee} reported progress
3. Wallas reported progress for List of Books.
5. Questions for Schol. Board discussed & settled.
6. Rural C.C. Questions: decided to send to 10 or 20 persons specially interested.
7. Green Hall. Sec. reported it c^d. he obtained for £4.4/- a night. Resolved we take it.
6. Griffith's proposal re altering Trade Option Clause to General Eight Hours with Trade Option Inclusion was discussed: resolved that it is premature to consider

The question till the tract it is necessary to print more of the Tract No 9. —

7. Agreed to print a supplementary page to Fabian News, & that Sec. get estimates for enlarging, &c. —

8. Correspondence:—

De Mattos, re Hutchinson &c

Major Edwards, in reply. Agreed that Wallas & Massingham dine & lecture him.

Wilshire, New York, asking for documents to found a new N. J. Fabian Socy

Mrs Cotton, proposing Group Party

F. S. Nitte, asking for article. Sec. to write it.

Committee of Carlisle (to Watt). Miss Grover to send tracts

T. M. Watt, asking questions.

Workers Productive ^{Coop} Bakery. Prospectus.

Leads F. S. suggesting Economic Tract, & sending Leads Tract eto 2. Write suggesting that we Rec Tracts; Webb to draft par. for etaws.

Oldham F. S. asking loan of £5. granted.

J. E. Broadbent re same.

J. W. Butler re Shaw & phonograph: ask him to get price.

Corresp. cont?

"Leader" notice of new paper.

Evacuated Shipson re his paper on art.

Jones re Welsh Trans Tract 1

9. Agreed that Sec 7 ask D. Reeve re continuance of tenancy of office.
10. Agreed that Wells see W. Scott re Apo.
11. Agreed that Griffith call meeting of S.E. & Woodlurch Groups jointly & report as to fusion & as to secretaryship.

Malcolm D. D.

Sept 29. 1891.

Meeting of Group Secretaries & Executive at the
Office on Thurs. 24 Oct ^{£ 24p} '91. -

Present: Central G. Miss Walter, Croydon G. E. H. Williams,
Eastern G. Bishop & Lowerison Hampstead G., Miss Broche,
Northern G., Pratt, N. Western Mrs Bateson, Southern
Runciman & Miss Bloch S. Eastern Griffith, S. Western,
Mrs Sandham, W. N. Coll, W. Edwin.

Exec. Miss Grover, Gaheshott, Mrs Sandham, Lowerison
Wallas, Wellb, Sec. 7.

1. J. F. Gaheshott was voted to the chair

2. Group Secs. reported the following work:-

Central :- ~~the~~ meetings alternate weeks, at wh. Marshall's
Pol. Econ. is being read.

Croydon :- Organising out-door lectures: 3 given: 12 to come

Eastern :- Monthly meetings: organisg Sunday morning
lectures at Dock Gate.

Hampstead :- Meetings 2nd Sab. in month: proposing to read Sidgwick's 'Politics'

N. Westⁿ :- Organising social meetings for workers.

S. Westⁿ :- arranging weekly meetings: supporting candidature of
King for S.B. & Smart for C. Council.

W. N. College :- arranging Weekly Economic Discussion Meetings.

and open-air lectures in Regents Park. Meetings
fortnightly for business, fortnightly for Economic Reading.

Hammermith :- sent no delegate. Monthly meetings.

Southern

S. Eastern } :- reported ^{special} no work doing at present. -

Northern

3. The ^{method of} use of Questions for Parliamentary Candidates was discussed & it was decided that the best means sh^d. be used to obtain a reply, & when a reply is obtained, pestering should cease. In the opinion of most, it was deemed better to risk sending too many, rather than to risk sending none. The notion of writing to the candidate that he was sent these questions in print in order to save the putting of them at public meetings was approved.

4. It was resolved that Group Secs should obtain their own Group Boxes. -

5. The following Model Group Agenda paper was proposed, & it was suggested that it be printed :-
1. Read minutes of last meeting.
2. Read Correspondence.

3. Receive reports of lectures ^{to be} delivered in Group Area; ~~in~~
4. ~~make~~ Make list of lectures to be given by Group members outside Group area; ~~send~~ copy to be sent to the Group Sec. concerned.
5. Receive reports of work ^{being} at Vestries.
 " Guardian Board
 in Local Press
 on School Management Comtee
6. Receive Replies obtained to Question Tracts
7. Receive Reports of New Clubs, Societies &c, in order to correct Group list. (send to Gen Sec.)
8. Arrangements for Special lectures & demonstrations, for distribution of literature &c.
9. Take reports of Special ^{Sub} Committees of Group
10. Make arrangements for Lecture Courses at Clubs &c.
11. " " " Circulation of literature
12. Make notes for "News" & Group Report.
13. Obtain information for Constituencies Register.
14. Paper & discussion.

b. The following suggestions for Group work were made:-
 a. That the Groups should ascertain what Parishes in the Group District have adopted the Free Library Act, the

Baths & Washhouse Acts, & what steps have been taken to provide swimming baths, seats in public places, & a Labour Bureau, Tree planting &c.

- (b.) That the Group members should take in hand the Free & Public Libraries, (e.g. Peoples Palace Library, Guildhall, &c.) should send "List of Books" when published, to every such library: should enquire for any proper books which these libraries have not got, & should put down such books in the "suggestion book". -
- (c.) That the Group should procure from the Office a list of all the clubs & societies known, & should correct & add to it.
- (d.) That the Group Sec. should secure Annual Printed reports of Vestries 2^d. (see list in Facts for Londoners) & of the Guardians
- (e.) That the Group Sec. should ~~keep~~ obtain & file reports of speeches of local politicians. -

7. After discussion the system of Group private Social Gatherings was preferred to a general social Gathering.

8. The proposal of a Pan Fabian Congress in November or the Spring was discussed, & generally approved

- 9. It was resolved that copies of these proceedings, cyclostyled or printed, be circulated amongst Group Secs.
- 10. It was resolved that a further meeting of Group Secs. be held on Oct 30th at 8pm.
- (13) Suggestion afterwards for Group agenda
 - (15) Run through ^{current} Fabian News to see if any points for discussion arise.

Graham Waller -

Executive at Office Tues. 29 Sep. 91.

Present Bland, (in chair) Webb, Wallas, Lowrie, Oakeshott,
Mrs Mallet, Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham, Maresingham,
Pease Olivier

Absent De Mattos + Dell (lecturing) Miss Hoatson, Shaw

1. Minutes of last meeting signed
2. Wallas reported on Major Edwards that he considered his candidature at Dover wise in the special circumstances
Report approved.
3. Rate-payers Defence Assoc: Tract on L.S.B. - Agreed to take no steps beyond procuring copy of tract
4. Decided not to advertise in "Leader"
5. Re Reviews: Resolved that a "List of Books" in style of that in P. M. Ls. be substituted for the Reviews in the News, that N. L. Griffith be asked to prepare it.
6. Proofs of Oct "News" approved + Webb's par. accepted with slight amendment.

- 7. Agreed to send Wallas's lecture Syllabus with news
- 8. Re Group Sec. meeting, agreed to prepare proof of important part of agenda, esp. Model Agenda, + circulate it with cyclostyle copy of rest.
- 9. Agreed to print 1000 copies of Webb's amendment on Eight Hours for the N. S. Fed'n, + to pay for those already printed.
- 10. Agreed to send copies of I.C.C. + L.S.B. Questions to the London Clubs.
- 11. Agreed to write Manchester F.S. re Election.

12. Correspondence

- 1. Griffith re Amendment to Tract 9. To stand over.
- 2. Runciman " single member Groups etc. -
- 3. De Malton " lecture tour + H. Hutchinson
- 4. D. R. Jones " re borrowing Tract 5 plates: approved
- 5. Greex Hall " agreeing to let it at £4.44-
- 6. N/C. Eight Hours League. Agreed to grant 1000 No 16.
- 7. Revue Socialiste. Reply one will permit French Trans gratis.

L J Mallet

Executive at office 6 Oct 91.

Present. Mrs Mallet (in chair) Wallas, Mrs Sandham,
Olivier, Miss Grover, Oakeshott, Massingham,
Lowerison, Peace

Absent Bland, Dell, De Mattos (all lecturing) Miss Hesteron,
Webb, Shaw.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read & signed.

2. The following were elected members:-

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

3. The Statement of Aps was deferred owing to absence of Bland

4. Agreed to offer the Ethical Society advert in News at 2/6^d. for one inch.

5. West Lambeth S. B. & Election, re retirement of Jephson, & candidature of one Browne discussed, & agreed to leave matter in hands of Mrs Mallet.
6. Grant of 1/- Essays, & Tracts to one Manomloff approved.
7. Massingham undertook to interview Daily Chronicle re omission of Fabian name in report of lectures.
8. Sundry lectures arranged, including Hammill at Leeds, whose expenses will be paid. —
9. Mrs Mallet made report on N. L. F. Meeting at Newcastle.
10. Wallas reported Strand Joint Com^{ee} dissolved (L. S. B. 21st)
- 11 Correspondence read:-
 Stacy re Tract 18 not selling in Shops
 re " 12, advising reprint: refer to Webb to revise
 Webb, advising sending T. C. Tract to Trade Councils. Approved
 Marles, re Trade Councils at Leeds
 Pimman re care in electing members to F. S.
 Cardiff announcing formation Cardiff F. S.

Correspondence (cont^d)

- Standing estimate for Diagrams: approved
" " Trach Covers: sec. 7 to get
completer particulars
" " Fabian News: sec. 7 to ask
for further particulars re paper
& to bring up estimate of income & proposals
for regular subscriptions at next Exec. -
- E. D. Girdlestone: re his amendment for systematic moral
teaching in S. B. Tract. Repl that
practical & not ideal reforms were advocated &
- N. L. Griffith, re Private Meeting on Eight Hours Bill.
Agreed to call such a meeting in November,
in Barnards Inn: 13th suggested.
- T. M. Watt, offering 20/- for revised edition of Farm
Labourers Tract. Decline, saying cost exceeds this.
- W. S. De Melton re Blatchford's retirement from Sunday
Chronicle, & engagement to Workman Times
- H. M. Peade re - Do. - Do. - & re Evening Times,
asking articles on Fabianism to be paid for.

H. W. Massingham

(10)

Executive at Office 13 Oct 91.

Present, Massingham (in chair) Olivier, Wallas, Lowerison, Bland
Pease, Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham, Gaheshot, Shaw
Absent, Dell, & De Mattos (lecturing), Wells, Mrs Mallet, Miss Watson

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Massingham reported he had let the D. Chronicle affair stand over till Shaw's lecture.
3. Aps read & passed: agreed with Pass Book.
4. Estimate of Income &c considered. Agreed that Treas. & Sec. draft a letter for Group Secs. on subject, & submit to next Exec.
5. Fahan news again discussed: Agreed to use Yellow Machine paper & to defer decision on other points.
6. New Tracts :- Budget: Wells to report
List of Books: Wallas reported progress
Q.uest. C. C.:- Gaheshot to examine suggestions
7. Sec. reported that Barnardo's Linn c^d. be had on Nov. 13th.

8. Sec. reported the following documents on the table:-
Proof of Group Agenda circulars
Foulger Election Fund papers
Hammersmith S. S. Basis
Oldham Fabian Institute Notice
Lib. & Prop. Dep. L. papers
9. Sec. reported a Joint Com^{tee} for L. S. B. forming in
Finsbury & Fabian Delegates invited.
10. Sec. reported interview with D. Reeve re tenancy of
Office: E.O. Bleakley owner, W. Cheese of 276 Strand ^{the} solicitor.
Reeve's tenancy expires 25th March. Decided to ask de Mattos
re Hutchinson's offer to guarantee rent. -
11. Sec. reported interview with F. Henderson re Labour
Leader. Resolved that we can give no facilities: have
refused before to other papers.
12. Correspondence read:-
(a) A. S. Porter & W. Porter resigning on becoming Indiv. Anarch.
(b) S. Teesdale re formation of Hull F.S.
(c) Humboldt Pub. Co. re pirated edition Essays

- (d) S. D. Evidestone : refer to letter.
- (e) H. M. Reade — Do. —
- (f) Bolas re Hogg + Olivier's ^{disrespect to} want of religion.
- (g) H. Philpot : re Fabian Library : referred to Group Mtg.
- (h) De Mattos : re Eight Hours Bill, + the weather
- (i) Miss Brooke
 - (1) Sending extract from Times re Fabian Group
 - (2) Asking about Org. of Unemployed paper: Show to report on it to next Exec.
 - (3) re Waste Land at Hampstead : See. To write to Costelloe + W. Saunders
- (k.) Mrs Grenfell : for Thomas Cornes, asking one day for lecture. Agreed to. —

13. Agreed that Olivier preside on Oct 16, & Lowerson arrange band of stalwarts to support chair.

J. F. Jackson

Executive at Office 20 Oct. 91 5pm.

Present - Gaheshott (in chair) Webb, Bland, Wallas, Pease,
Loverison, Massingham, Miss Grover, Mrs. Sandham, Mrs. Mallet.
Absent - Dell + De Matto^{o Shaw} (lecturing) Olivier, Miss Hoatson.

1. The minutes of last meeting were signed.
2. Massingham reported that he had spoken to Chronicle reporter, who had promised to report lectures as by Fabian Socy.
3. Finance letter discussed, & draft letter read by treasurer. Agreed that he send out to group Secs. a letter altered as suggested.
4. Agreed to print Nov. news with insert if necessary.
5. Drafts made:- Budget. Webb promised for next week.
Org. of Unemployed. Shaw away lecturing
No 1 Welsh Trans. Massingham reported in hand.
Quek County Councillors. Gaheshott reported in hand.
List of Books. Agreed that the Title be
"What to read, a Bibliography for Social Reformers" & that Wallas settle cover & get ready for Nov. news. -

7. Sec. reported that the solicitor for the owner informed him that a lease for the office for 21 years or less could doubtless be arranged, & that De Mattos was discussing the matter with H. Hutchinson.

8. Sec. reported that De Mattos was dealing with Hutchinson ament his revised basis.

9. F. Hammill attended to discuss proposal to urge the L.T.C. to use our L.S.B. & L.C.C. questions, or similar ones. after debate, Sec. was ordered to write to L.T.C. offering use of questions & to supply tracts.

10. Sec. presented statement of Stock of tracts: agreed that we print as follows, when necessary:-

- Tract 7: revised & Oliver
- " 8 " " Webb, in three parts
- " 12. 20,000 from Stereos
- " 16 50,000 " "
- " 24 10,000 " " with alteration in clause 24 if possible.
- " 5. Webb to revise.

11. Shand Election. Sec. to send Questions to Dr. Gutteridge,

4 to write to Mrs Cotton + L.E. Fraser urging them to pull Dr. S. up + protest if possible against his repudiation of Socialism.

12. Corresp^{ts}, viz:-
Yvain Soc. Union re Book List.
J. Brodhe " 'Local' at Holmfirth
Wolcomans Times " Mungam &c.
Reade " Labour Church
Sir H. Bacon " paying for Tract 28
Dell " Blatchford &c.
Weinmann " Bibliograph for German Review
put on Fabian free list, & ask terms of pay?
re progress &c.
Buttery
Pinnerman asking grant for Wandsworth Lectures
decline, as we do not pay for London lectures.

13. Letter + report from Scott, latter & Welt. Mistakes discovered all against Scott. A speed to pay up to 30th June.

14. Letter from Samuel + Loverson resigning Eastern Group Sec. and proposing A.C. H. Graham for Poplar, & E. B. Bishop for Hackney Groups, being division of old Eastern Group.
Proposal approved.
Sydney Oliver

27. 10. 91. ← in the Chair

Executive at Office 27 Oct. 1891

Present Oliver (in chair) Blind, Lowrieon, Shaw, Caheshott,
Mrs Sandham Massingham, Welch, Miss Grover, Dell,
Wallas Pease

Absent. De Mattos, (lecturing) Mrs Mallet, Miss Hoatson

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Sec. reported that in consequence of Dr. Gutteridge's replies to our questions, he had not written & as directed in No 12 of last meeting.
3. Draft letter to Group Sec. having been lost, it was agreed that it be re-written, & considered at Group Sec. meeting on 30th.
4. Agreed that the Treasurer place on deposit at our Bank, such sum as he deems fit in consultation with Sec. -
5. New Tracts :- Budget. Welch reported in hand.
 Org. of Unemployed. Shaw reported forgotten.
 Welsh Tracts No 1. Massingham reported in hand
 A res. for C.C. Caheshott " " "
 List of Books. Agreed that the title now be "What
 to read, a list of books for Social Reformers": that it be

Printed on paper came as news; that 3000 be printed.
that costs of type be taken. -

6. Review. No 7. Brought up by Olivier & referred back.
.. 5 " " " " Webb
.. 8 Reported by Webb in hand.
7. Question of Lease of Office deferred
8. Decided to omit par sent to news of S. McEwen
9. Masingham undertook to entertain Rev J. Wood.
10. Pan-Fabian Congress. De Mattos, Oakeshott, Wallas,
Bland & Pease appointed Com^{rs} to draft plan.
- 11 Correspondence read viz: -
 - H. Hutchinson, withdrawing his Alfred Basis proposed
for Serj & handing £150 for country lectures
on same subject
 - De Mattos re Hampstead lecture. Wallas to answer & go.
 - Miss Case
 - Longton F.S. announcing local Fab. formed.
 - Sir H. Bacon handing £5 on up tracts to be bought.

(11) Corresp. contd.

- Mrs Brooke re Bunting's S.B. Com^{tee} recommended to go
- Fleischmann (German translator) announcing his death.
- Eugene Teesdale, announcing Local F.S. at Hull
- H. M. Reade, approving Pan-Fabian Congress
- Major Edwards, submitting Labour party Basis
proposing white as socialist colour.
- Mrs. Blatch, handing copy Westminster Review.
- Bradford F.S. re progress, + proposed Yorkshire Fedⁿ
- De Waltho re things in general.
- Markes, Leeds " progress

(12) Letter of Runciman denouncing the stupidity of Exec. read, + asking grant of £2. towards advertising lecture in Wandsworth. agreed that he be told that his group is entitled to £2. for postage during current year, + they can take it all now if they like.

(13.) Gaheshott made communication re proposed Sunderland Fabian evening paper to be called Northern Light.
Isabel Sandham.

Meeting of Executive & Group Secs. at Office
at 8 pm. on Friday ~~Nov 3~~ Oct 30th 1891

Present. Hampstead Miss Broke
Southern Miss Bloch (sub)
Central Miss Walter
S. Western ^{H. S.} ~~H. S.~~ Barnard (sub)
Northern Pratt
W. M. Coll. Edwini
Hammersmith Bolas
Hackney Bishop
Poplar Graham
Executive :- Miss Grover, Oakeshott, Wallas Webb, Peau

1. Graham Wallas was voted to the chair
2. The Minutes of Sep 24th were confirmed
3. Model Group Agenda was discussed, & extensively amended, altered, & added to.
4. Letter on Finances was read, & it was agreed that the subject sh^d. be brought forward for discussion at the Groups. —

5. The following dates of Group meetings + records of work were reported viz: -

<u>Group</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Work</u>
Central.	1 st + 3 rd Monday 32 Great Ormond St.	Reading Fabian Essays. Preparing Local Govt. maps.
Croydon Hackney	no fixtures. Last Wed. in month 11 ^a College Avenue	Drawing-room meetings. Paper read.
Poplar	2 nd Monday Coop Hall, Brunswick R.	Courses of Welsh Economic Lectures Dock Gates Lectures.
Hammersmith	Various places on 1 st Wed.	
Hampstead	2 nd + 4 Sat 2 nd + 4 th Tues. S.B. Election Com ^s	Marshall's Economics S.B. Election Toy making Two Party Soc.
Northern	2 nd or 3 rd Wed 25 Tollington Place	
N. Western	Sundays irregular at 12 Oxford + G. Mans	Group Entertainments S.B. Election.
So. Group.	1 st Thursday 2 nd 3 rd + 4 th Thursday	Business Walker's Pol. Econ.
S. Western	Irregular.	Engaged over G. Wallas' lectures
W. in Coll.	Saturday Evenings at W. in Coll.	Group Papers.

6. S. Webb urged the free use of Tract 10 at local elections, & it was agreed that every group should have a free grant of 20 copies Tract 8. —
7. A proposal re Libraries was discussed & it was recommended that the Groups should seek out some person to think out & undertake the management of a Fabian Library.
8. School-Board Elections were discussed & much work reported.

Sydney Thores

15 Jan: 92

Executive Com^{ee} at office 3 Nov. 91
 Present, Mrs Sandham (in chair) Innesingham, Mrs Mallet,
 Shaw, Webb, Pease, Lowerison, Oliver Wallas,
 Bland Oakeshott.

Absent, Dell & De Mattos (Lecturing) Miss Grover, Miss Horston

1. The Minutes of last Executive were confirmed
2. The following were elected members:-

Candidates for Election.	
CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Thomas Barlow, Bleak House, Cearan, Newport, Mon.	Mrs. H. E. Williams and H. Lowerison.
F. C. Baum, 59 Porchester-road, W. ...	R. E. Dell and Tom Mann-
Miss Kate Billings, 225 Brook-road, Upper Clapton, N.E.	E. Davies & H. Lowerison-
Joseph Burgess, 38 Effingham-road, Hornsey, N.	H. Holding and P. R. Pratt-
George S. Christie, Victoria-villa, Colwick, Nottingham	E. L. Manning. -
Miss Coates, Russell House, Tavistock-square, W.C.	J. Tenney and L. T. Mallet-
Walter Edwards, 10 Albion-gr., Barnsbury, N.	J. W. Martin & E. R. Pease-
Wm. Henry Fenton, 11 New Oxford-street, W.C.	G. Wallas and S. Webb. -
Thomas Hammond, 5 Argyle-square, King's Cross, W.C.	H. B. Holding & T. Naylor -
Dr. E. Pan Jones, Mostyn, N. Wales ...	David Rhys Jones
K. Robert Kuypers, 33 Cranbrook-park, Wood Green, N.	G. Palmer and H. Holding
Edgar E. Metivier, 61 Fairbridge-road, Upper Holloway, N.	N. Palmer and E. R. Pease -
Mrs. Mary E. Naylor, 86 Fairfax-road, Hornsey, N.	H. Holding & E. Williams -
Albert E. Pain, 28 Nelson-sq., Blackfriars, S.E.	G. Wynne and E. R. Pease -
Thomas Runciman, 21 Geraldine-road, Wandsworth	J. Runciman and H. Bloch -

3. Draft Circulars to publishers re Bibliography in News, & to other Societies re issue of new Tracts were ordered to be cyclostyled & printed respectively.

4. New Tracts + Revises reported as follows:-
Budget. Webb. In hand
Org. of Unemp. Shaw. Reported in progress & promised }
Welsh Tract 1. Massingham. Nothing doing. } next-exa. }
Questions for C.C. Galushka, Waiting Sir H. Bacon.
Capital & Land. Olivier, in hand
Facts for Londoners Webb

5. Sec. reported that H. Hutchinson offered thro' de Matta to guarantee lease of office for a year. Agreed that Sec. write to owner asking terms (i.e. what reduction) he can make for 3 years agreement or 7 years lease. Also that he procure moveable Electric Lamp for desk.

6. L. School Board Election discussed. Letter from W. Edwin on Mrs Mallet's program read: from Miss Brooke re Bunting's Maryelone Com^{tee}. Agreed that she do not write. draw. Agreed that nearer election a general summary of answers of candidates to Fabian Questions be issued

7. Agreed that A.S. Barnard be S.W. Group Sec. in place of Mrs Sandham, retiring.

9. Pan Fabian Congress. Report of Com^{ee}, as presented ~~was~~ generally approved. after debate it was agreed that the Conference be on Feb 7 at St James Hall Restaurant, Banqueting Hall, and that Massingham read his paper on the preceding Friday. -

10 Agreed to send out Kings Labour Catalogue with News, + to defer till next week the question of the separate issue of Tract 29. -

11 Correspondence

- (a) Tom a Hannam, re proposed F.S. at Stafford
- (b) M. H. Pattison " tract, send set.
- (c) Tom Mann " Tract 19. Write that we can consider revision best when it is reprinted. That he can open

(if that is the) academic discussion on Nov. 13, by letter or speech

- (d) Hudson re using Liberal Vans for Fabian Speeches
Notice in News to Country members in Spring
- (2) De Mattos re lectures etc. -

12. Wallus moved resolution sent up by Central Group, urging the immediate formation of a

Fabian Library Com^{ee} & that S. Scott be on
that Com^{ee}.

Resolved that Scott, Wallas, Griffith, Miss
Belcher, Pratt, Turner, & Pease be a Com^{ee} to
report, & Pease be Secy

L. Ronald Shaw.

10th Nov. 1891.

Executive at Office on 10 Nov: 1891.

Present Shaw (in the chair) Caheshok, Bland, Olivier, Massingham, Wallas, Loverison, Pease, Mrs Mallet, Mrs Sandham, Miss Grover + Dell.

Absent. De Mattos + Webb (lecturing) Miss Hoatson

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. A/c were gone over to 31 Oct, Bank-book agreed, + report of Treasurer that £100 was put on deposit at 7 days notice was approved.
3. New Tracts:-
 - Budget - Webb to report. absent
 - Welsh Trans Tract-1. Massingham reported in progress.
 - Overton for C Cornillios. Caheshok reported writing pleasure of premier & baronet.
 - Capital + Land. Olivier promised to complete.
 - Facts for Londoners. Webb to report. absent.
 - Organisation of Unemployed. Shaw reported it was good, in parts, but wanted more work. It was agreed that it should be sent round a Comtee of Shaw, Webb, Wallas, Mrs Sandham, Peartree, Olivier, Mann, to report upon.

(x since resigned)

4. Proposed Summary of replies to S. Board Questions.
Decided that no steps be taken.
5. Agreed to make a special issue of Tract 29 & members.
6. Agreed to pay Shaws fare to Oxford for lecture.
7. Agreed to vote thanks to Cyprius for his gift of a picture.
8. Agreed that Bland take the chair at the meeting on Nov. 13, that the mover & seconder of the resolution have together half an hour, & that the other speakers be limited by the discretion of the Chairman.
9. Wallis undertook to search for Replies to East County C. Elects Questions.
10. Resolution from Hammersmith Group read. Sec. instructed to reply that the Executive agrees with the views expressed & will do what it can to act in the spirit recommended. —

11 Correspondence read: -

Dr. Watt, re Com^{tee} on Tract 19. Agreed that Maccingham draft
tract on Agricultural Labourers. Write Watt so.

Dr. A. S. Williams, British Guiana, re King in general -
Agreed that Olivier (C.O.) draft reply.

Barnard: re debate on Eight Hours at Stenier's

Puncunian: re 'cuteness of Executive'.

S. Webb: proposing grant 30 Tract 9 to Oxford. Agreed.

Hood Barr, sending resignation: ask him to withdraw it.

N. L. C. Com^{tee} asking set of Tracts: granted

E. Teesdale, re "news".

H. M. Reade, re progress, & relations of Man? S. D. F. & Fabian

Oldham F.S., agreeing to pay £1. a month from Dec 4
to clear off loan - approved.

re song Book - Shaw to reply.

F. W. Wihant, handing Vol 1. Dutch Edition Essays

W. B. Lewis, re Fabian Almanach & support to Labour papers

W. Edwin, re Mrs Mallet's program for L.B.

H. H. Gore, re replies to Tract 24.

W. S. De Maltos, re £2.2/- paid by Bristol Sunday Soc. - Write him
we don't want to make profit out of them.
re lecture at Haverham Oshershot to take it
re continuing lectures after Xmas.

Coresp: contd.

De Matto contd. Sec. to write Hutchinson asking
if he desires no to go on, or to get his
promise in writing before we settle.
- " - re Hyde Actvty

Sidney Wilford

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Executive at Office 17 Sep. 91.

Present Webb (Chairman) Bland, Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham,
Dell, Shaw, Massingham, Wallas Peace Lowerson
Absent De Mattos + Oakeshott (lecturing) Mrs Mallet, Oliver Miss Hutton

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. New Tracts:

Budget	Webb -	In hand
Webb Trans Vol. 1.	Massingham	" "
Facts for Londoners	Webb	" "
Org. of Unemployed	Shaw	" "

3. Griffiths' Resolution re Com^{ee} to redraft Trade Option Clause, 8 Hours Bill. After discussion agreed that Sec. write Griffiths that we will appoint Com^{ee}: asking him to nominate it: + stating that Old Exec. members of Com^{ee} will attend but will not serve on Com^{ee} -

4 Report of Library Com^{ee} considered + rejected. Resolved that ~~the~~ for the present a Library be valued about, but nothing be done.

5. Resolved to obtain from Group Secs. if possible copies of election addresses & of answers to questions from all London S.B. Candidates.

6. Report of Conference Com^{tee} considered & with amendments adopted. Agreed that Wallas prepare it for issue in the News.

7. Agreed that henceforward Howell's wages be 15/- a week.

8. Correspondence.

Mrs. Wilson re additions to Tract 29. Write will be added

Mrs Clapperton " " " " " } in future edition

S. Mansud .. Do. & Book Agency. Plan approved.

Sir H. Bacon sending amendments to Tract 28, & offering to pay for it up to £10. Accepted.

Rev. C. Chorley re Fabian Society at Bournemouth

H. Mitchell " " " " Stockport

T. Pennington " " " " Aston

J. Trevor asking advice re Labour Church. Send on forms.

S. N. F. re contributions & aid to Free Speech Defence matter discussed but no conclusion come to.

8 Correspondence (cont.?)

Economic Review re sending out their Index. Agreed to Mr. Cheese, re lease. Agreed to go it for £ 3 years

Wemmian re Bibliography for German Review.

K. Scott recommending Trade Exemption Clause

Mrs Brooke, asking to be on Library Comtee agreed

R. P. Hardy, sending P. L. Pension papers

Eugene Teedale re Hull prospect

Mrs Skerritt re Liberal Party + Labour League

De Mattos re Lectures after Xmas

" Bristol + £ 22. - saying it was not much above expenses: approved.

" Number of Lectures

" Marxian + his ^{column} ~~subject~~ in Workman Times.

F. Hudson " Replies to Tract 24

L. Shortbridge " " " " Graham Wallas -

Executive at Office Tues. 24 Nov. 91.

Present: Wallas (in chair) Bland, Mrs Sandham, Mrs Mallet,
Miss Groser, Shaw, Webb, Olivier, Massingham Pease,
Gahesholt

Absent: De Mattos (lecturing) Dell, Miss Houlson, Lowerison

1. Minutes of last meeting read & signed.

2. New Tracts.

Budget; Webb. Reported done. Referred to Shaw
Webb Trans. No 1. Massingham. Ready. Sec. ordered
to send to Dr. Pan Jones, asking him if he can
get it printed at our expense.

One for County C. Gahesholt reported done. Referred to Webb.

Fact for Londoners Webb. In hand

Org. of Unemployed Shaw. " "

3. Reprints No 7. Ready. Referred to Gahesholt

" 16. Decided in view of Com^{ee} on Eight
Hours Bill, not to reprint.

4. Decided to accept Philpots 51. for library: to put catalogue
in News; + notice that members can have books on pay-

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ment of carriage

5. Conference. Wallus reported par. for cNews not yet drafted & Webb undertook to do it.
6. Sec. reported owners preferred a lease for 7 or 14 years with power to break after 3 years. Sec. ordered to ask cost of drawing up lease & agreement.
7. Agreed to send copy of Group Agenda Paper to Locals, but not to keep up type.
8. Agreed to put on agenda of next private meeting, appointment of auditors.
9. Agreed to get quotation for St James Rest. Banquetting Hall for Conference before next Exec. -
10. Agreed to let Caheshott insert in cNews par about ~~Grace~~ S. Allen's paper.
11. Agreed to reprint Basis Leaflet. -

12. Correspondence:-

1. O. Bloch, complaining of non-putting of resolution re A. B. C. Coy.
2. Southern Group circular libeling ~~me~~ Webb about same.

Write referring them to Rules, & give notice in News.

3. Gore, offering debate or lecture from one Herbert Batty Ash for interview with Exec. members if in town.

4. Reade, re progress: re Samuel & W. Times. -

Write asking him to make definite proposal respecting course of lectures.

5. Lowerson & Samuel, re Workman's Times.

6. Hill asking advice re proposed Pol. Econ. of Jesus

7. R. Hardy on Poor Law Pension

8. H. Hutchinson promising £200, if needed for lectures

9. The Independent asking adob. - Spend 5/- Hereon

10. W. Reeves on Tract 29

11. Miss Sherritt asking about Liberal coopⁿ with Soc.

12. A. Stuart on revival of Tyne-side Socy.

13. Rogers & Shallard asking for B. Election funds. Decline

12. South Australia F. S. Report.

13. Stafford, Ashton - under type, & Holmfirth reporting formation Local Fabian Societies. -

Walter Blaud
(Chairman)

Executive at Office, 1 Dec. 91 H. Bland in the chair.

Present. Bland, Dell, Olivier, Shaw, Calvesholt, Walla
Pease, Maddingham, Lowerson, Mrs Mallet, Miss Grover,
Absent De Matto, (lecturing) Webb, Miss Watson, + Mrs Sandham

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts. Budget. ~~Webb~~. ~~No report~~.
Budget. Shaw. Making progress.
Quest. C.C. Webb. No report.
Org. Unemployed. Shaw. Making progress.
3. Reprints. No 7. Have 5000. -
4. Agreed to lend Office to S. F. R. Freedom Wed. 9th June
5. Agreed to approve Lease for 7 or 14 years with power to terminate after 3 years; to be in names of Sec. & Treasurer; draft to be sent to F. Hudson, with request to draw up clause transferring it to existing officers of Society if possible.
6. Shaw brought M.S. of lecture of Webb at Nottingham wh. they propose to print locally. Agreed that it be submitted

as a Fabian Tract, after revision by Webb.

7. Re Spring Lectures, agreed that Wallas take 1st Jan. Headlam 1st March (Wallas to write), & that a paper be read on 2nd Jan. evening on need for a Labour Party. Sec. to write (1) Blatchford (2) Lister (3) Dello or Fillett.

8. Correspondence:-

- (1) De Mattos. Agreed that we can't at present ask anyone for more large donations: that De M. be asked to attend Exec. mtg in Dec.
- (2) A.H. Jones, Re last Blochs.
- (3) St James Hall (a) refusing to let for Feb 7. Sec. to enquire of Essex Hall, Bloomsbury Hall, West-² Town Hall, Old Friends Hall, Hollow T. Hall.
(b) Complaining of "our men" selling papers. Sec. to write that we don't allow it, & suggesting that they should abate any nuisance on the stairs.
- (4) Miss Skeritt, re her removal from W. L. A. Tell her we will back her up, & ask Massingham to deal with matter in Chronicle.
- (5) H. Holdsworth re Women & Soc^y. - Say that forthcoming paper may form basis of tract.

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- (6) T. M. Watt, asking leave to use Tract 19. in new tract.
Say we can't object.
- (7) H. M. Reade, re Trade Option clause.
- (8) S. D. F. asking Delegates to Conference or Chelsea Rists.
Massingham & Lowerson appointed.
- (9) Jephson, suggesting reprint of Massingham's D. Chron.
article on Duke of West? - Reply that we have
asked Massingham to draft leaflet.

9. Agreed to hold no Exec. meeting on Dec. 29th -

10. Letters from Miss Brooke & others re Southern Group
Circular were read, & it was agreed that the following
resolution be sent to J. F. Runciman
That the Executive desire to draw the serious attention
of J. F. Runciman to the circular sent by him to
members of the Society accusing Sidney Welch of
dishonourable conduct, & the explanation sent him
by order of the Executive, & they desire to know
what steps J. F. Runciman now proposes to
take. -

M. Groves

Executive at Office 8 Dec. 91.

Present, Miss Grover (in chair), Wallas Mr Sandham,
Webb, Shaw, Lowerison, Bland, Massingham Mr Mallet
Bell Oakeshot, Pease, Olivier.

Absent De Mattos (lecturing), Miss Hoatson

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. The apts to 30th Nov. were reported not ready
3. The list of ~~new~~ candidates was brought up for election: James Crowther was deferred for further information, & A.S. Putoffch until he had duly attended. The remainder were elected:-

Chas. J. Dormer Andrews, 74 Ship-st., Brighton	General Secretary.	Fred Henderson, 28 Wharton-street, King's Cross-road, W.C.	E. Williams & J. Runciman.
Henry Richard Aldridge, 1 Crawford-st., Camberwell, S.E.	G. Wallas & J. Buckingham.	W. Hicks, 41 Amerland-road, Wandsworth	J. Runciman and A. Gridley.
Miss Katherine St. John Conway, 55 Bloy-st., Lower Easton, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.	John Mackie Niven, 63 and 64 New Broad-street, E.C.	R. Steele and J. Henderson.
Geo. Crother, 7 Merland-rd., Penzance	Mrs. E. H. Williams and H. Lowerison.	Arthur Silas Putoffch, 13 Shaftesbury road, Richmond, Surrey	E. Irons and W. H. Harland.
Sydney A. Driver, 5 Narcissus-road, West Hampstead	E. R. Pease and E. Brooke.	Harry G. Robins, 26 Ingestre-road, Stafford	J. W. Buttery.
Wm. Dyche, B.A., 9 Leicester-terrace, Heath, Halifax	W. S. De Mattos and J. Lister	William Sinclair, Nenthead, Alston, Carlisle	General Secretary.
George Freaan Evans, Eversley, Sittingbourne	General Secretary.	Robert W. Sindall, 40 Station-street, Sittingbourne	General Secretary.
Miss A. I. Fergusson, Carlton House, Southwell-street, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.	Paul Stacy and Miss Enid Stacy, 18 Cotham-road, Bristol	W. S. De Mattos.
Miss Lizzie Friend, 52 Kent House-road, Sydenham, S.E.	Mrs. Williams, H. Lowerison.	Miss H. Thomas, Alexandra House, Kensington-gore, W.	Marjory Pease and E. Pease.
Harry G. Gibson, 32 Waterloo-road, Wolverhampton	J. W. Buttery.	John Trevor, 20 Acomb-street, Greenheys, Manchester	Graham Wallas.
W. S. Godfrey, Billing-road, Northampton	R. R. Steele.	John Upton, 42 Fullerton-rd., East-hill, Wandsworth	J. F. Runciman & H. Bloch.
F. Hall, 5 Chapel-terrace, Stafford	J. Buttery and T. Hannam.	Rev. Alexander Webster, Moorfield House, Kilmarnock	W. S. De Mattos.
Jas. Keir Hardie, Lochnorris, Cumnock, Ayrshire, N.B.	W. S. De Mattos.		

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4. It was agreed to put note in News urging care in nominating candidates, & stating that the Exec. would require a letter from both proposer & seconder in all future cases. —
 5. New Tracts:— Budget. Show no further progress
Org. of Unemp. " " "
Quest C. C. - Webb " " "
 6. Re tract referred to in Minute to last mtg, it was agreed stated by Webb that as it was already in type it could not be used as a Fabian Tract. Webb undertook to see to the matter.
 7. Massingham gave report on Chelsea Priests Council, to the effect that nothing required doing at present. —
 8. Wallas undertook to interview Mr. Herbert Batby.
 9. Grant of set of tracts to H. S. Foxwell Cambridge, approved.
 10. Agreed to get copy of Truskwell's paper on Parish Councils.

11. Eight Hours Redrafting Com^{ee} as proposed of
N. L. Griffith, was duly appointed, viz:-
R. W. Reynolds, H. Lowerson, A. C. H. Graham, Louis Cohen
R. Banner, F. Hammill, Tom Walker, C. V. Burton,
G. Turner, G. J. Incecarty, F. C. Baum, Rev. W. A.
Morris, R. S. Bell, N. L. Griffith, W. S. De Mattos.

12. Reply of Runciman to resolution of last meeting
was considered. After prolonged discussion it was
resolved.

- (a) That a special notice calling a private meeting
at Barnards Inn, on Sat Dec. 19th, be issued
(b) That the notice be as follows:-

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

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

"1. Resolution re Aërated Bread Company's employees.

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

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

"23rd November, 1891.

"(Signed) JOHN F. RUNCIMAN.

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

(c) That a special intimation be sent to J. F. Runciman
(a) That the order of business be: ~~to~~ to read (1) Notice
concerning meeting ~~of Runciman's expulsion~~ (2)
Correspondence between J. F. Runciman & the Gen
Sec. 7

(e) That in the event of Runciman's refusing to
withdraw his accusation, and to undertake
to give that withdrawal the same publicity
as was given to the original circular, his
expulsion from the Society be moved on
behalf of the Exec. —

(f) That no special action be taken in respect
of the A. B. C. resolution on the agenda
for Friday Dec 11th

(g) That Graham Wallas take the chair on his day

(h) That the grant of £2. to the Southern Group
for postage be made forthwith

13. Correspondence (summarised of Gen Sec.)

1. N. W. Group censuring Runciman
2. Miss Sherritt saying she is still Treasurer of W. L. A.
3. John Howden, re his S. B. candidature at Darlington
4. F. Hudson, returning amended draft-leave

5. Sunderland F.S. re formation of Labour Party
6. Stafford " " reporting satisfactory progress
7. Ashton " " " " " "
8. Scudamore " " activity at Cambridge
9. J.W. Buttery stating he had been deceived by sham photographs.
10. S. H. Williams resigning^{as} Croydon Group Sec: in deference to Home Office. W. Strangham his nominated successor approved.
11. Rev. Par Jones undertaking to see to trans. of our Tract.
12. Miss Brodie ^{unhelpfully} seeking nomination
13. J. Shepherd asking advice re questions for Labour Commission. Shaw to reply.
14. Legal & Hours Dem. Com^{tee} asking delegate. Samuel or Lowrie appointed.
15. Reddish F.S. announcing their birth.
16. De Mattos asking lectures for Ashford Coop. Oliver undertook it.
17. Letters re conference: Grex Hall offering Hall for £3.3/- agreed. Halifax Society promising delegate. W. Johnson, Mans F.S. demurring to Constitution. Sec. to reply that the Conference has no authority to vote anything. - L. J. Mallet

Executive at Office Dec. 15. 91. 5 pm.

Present Mrs Mallet (in chair) Miss Cross, Mrs Sanham, Webb,
Gaheshok, Oliver, Shaw Massingham Pease Wallas
Bland

Absent Dell & De Mattos (lecturing) Miss Hoaton Lowerison.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Accounts ~~to~~ to 30 Nov. were read.
3. New Tracts. Budget. Shaw. In hand.
 Org. of Unemployed Wallas, "
 Questions for C.C. - Webb reported
 ready. Review profs ordered. -
4. Wallas reported Mr Herbert Batty to be a distinguished
 Indian official, & a peculiarly pestilent crank.
5. Gift from Bolas of copies of Looking Backward, to be
 sold. Accepted, but not to be sold at public meeting.
6. Sec. reported J. W. Stranghan, nominated Sec. of Croydon Group,
 to be a member of the S.S. Group. The matter of Sec. 7 was referred
 to the Group to report. -

7. Manchester Campaign. Letters read from Reade resigning office of Manchester Sec. owing to ill-health. From De Mattos re grant of £1.- per lecture for 4 lectures: From Dugdale (Treasurer Man² F.S.) stating that three Halls had been engaged at cost of £5.12/-, & he wanted to take Eccles Town Hall also at cost of 3/-: further that he understood the London Society would bear whole cost.

Agreed (1) To wire & write De Mattos not to authorize taking of Eccles T. H. (2) To write De Mattos that we will pay ^{the} £5.12/- ~~as~~ arranged for, but not more. (3) To write De Mattos not to engage more payments to Local Societies &c before his conference with Exec. —

8. Spring Lectures. Sec. 7 reported that Blatchford & Lister declined to lecture on Jan 22. Resolved that De Mattos be asked to lecture on Present Position of Labour Movement in Provinces.

9. Private Meeting re Runciman. Correspondence read from A. W. Carlisle, S. Borker, & J. H. Buckingham

condemning Runciman, & from Block condemning
Exec. - Letter from Runciman read, with circular
issued by him, apologising to Webb.

Agreed (1) That Headlam, & failing him, Griffith
take the chair

(2) That Shaw read ^{in full} all the correspondence
concluding with Runciman's last circular,
& excluding his last letter: that he conduct the
case on behalf of the Exec., & move That this meeting
approves the action of Sidney Webb in the chair on
20th Nov., & is unable to find any justification for
the resolution passed by the members of the S. Group.

(3) That a report appear in news, ~~to~~ including
apologetic circular.

(4) That no action be taken by Exec. in respect of
Runciman's position as Group Sec. -

(5) That proposal to re-issue Tract 16 be laid
before meeting. -

(6) That F. Hudson & H. L. Griffith be proposed as auditors.

10. Re Welsh Trans. Tract 1, agreed that we have 5000,
with stereo plates, same style as our Tracts with
stereo of adobe. in English on the back. -

11. Re Conference. Letter read from Manchester N.W. Group, re Labour Party.

- Agreed (a) That Group Reports of Work are desirable
(b) That in addition to Sunday morning & afternoon, a sitting be held on Sat evening.
(c) That Barnardo's Inn be secured for Sunday evening.
(d) That the matter be not discussed on Sat ^{19th inst.} at the private meeting.
(e) That there be no Com^{ee} to arrange for housing of delegates
(f.) That Mrs. Mallet & Mrs. Sandham be a Sunday Tea & Coffee Com^{ee} with Sec.
(g.) That Massingham, Shaw, & Wallis be a Report & General Arrangements Com^{ee}.

12. Agreed to call a Group Sec. Meeting to discuss the L.C. Election on Friday Jan 15th.

13. Correspondence. New Era. asking for advt. Refused.
Oldham F.S. asking aid for S.B. Election - Do -
Report on Eight Hours Dem^o Com^{ee} from Turner.

Corresp. (cont.)

- H. Hutchinson, letter to DeMatos praising his work
- R. Aickin re small success of Belfast F.S.
- S. Maud re his prize essay.
- W. Arthur re Selections in U.S. Send No 14.
- W.H. Harland } re candidature A.S. Puttock.
- E & T. Irons } Agreed that he be elected.
- Hayes, re candidature Dells, saying he only
 just knows them. Agreed to ask
 Bolas (other nominator) to secure another
 recorder. —

H.W. Maxingham

Executive at Office 22nd Dec. 1891, 5 pm.
Present Massingham (in the chair) Webb, Shaw, Mrs
Mallet, Miss Grover, De Mattos Pease, Olivier
Absent - Calverton (lecturing) Baland, Dell, Lowrie, Miss Watson
Mrs Sandham, Wallas.

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Accounts agreed with Bank-book.
3. New Tracts:- Budget. Shaw. In hand
Org. of Unemployed Wallas. Absent
Facts for Londoners Webb. In hand
Agricultural Tract Massingham In hand
Leaflet on Grouse Landlords " "
Questions for E.C.C. Prop on table.
Agreed to print 10,000, stereos, to proceed after
memo. from one or two Sec. - Send circular to
Clubs, + Assoc^{ns} in country. -
4. Report for News amended + approved, re private
meeting. Ordered to be sent to Sec. Southern
E. Group. -

5. Conference. Agreed to try to get Essex Hall for £4.4/- on Sat Feb 6th. Will to draft par. for news.
6. Lease. Agreed that Bland + Peace sign it, + that a/c for £5.17.6 be paid.
7. ~~Agreed~~ Agreed to sell Eng. L. R. League Reports.
8. Agreed that De Mattos continue lecturing till Easter. & that he bring up proposal re salary. - April 30th
9. Agreed to pay about 30/- for altered copies of Tract 7. reprinted ~~to~~.
10. Agreed to refer Poplar Group Proposal re Associate to Group Secs. Meeting.
11. Agreed to ask for 500 London L. & R. U. Program.
12. Correspondence.
 Miss Forster. Announcing Edinburgh ^{Society} Group
 H. S. Williams, re James Crowther. agreed to elect him. -

12 Correspondence (cont'd)

F. W. Wilbent. Handing Dutch Trans Vol II.

S. D. F. Deptford. Agreed to grant them
500 leaflets, stating we usually
charge 5/-

13. Agreed That Welsh Trans. Tract 1 be numbered
Tract 31.

14. Lister's proposal to prepare Facts for Halifax
& Bradford. Agreed to write him we
will include in our list. Presume
local people will bear cost, or part of it,
& taking copies.

Miles Clark

Jan 5. 1892.

Executive at Office 5 Jan '92. 5pm.

Present, Bland (chairman) Lowerson, Babeshok, Wallas Well-
Massingham Pease De Mattos Shaw Dell Mrs Sandham
Miss Grover Olive
Absent Mrs Mallet, Miss Hoatson.

1. Minutes Confirmed.

2. ~~#~~ New Tracts: Budget. Ordered to be printed in review.
Quest. C.C. - Ordered to be printed.

Sir H. Bacon's letter read.

Org. of Unemployed. Wallas. In hand.

Trans. Welsh Tract etc. Letter read from

Dr. Pan Jones, regarding new trans. - Ordered to
be printed, provided it is at a "fair horse". -

3. Election of new members. Letters read from nominators,
& following were elected, viz:- W. Bursler, Miss Clifford,
Miss A.S. Dell, Miss S.G. Dell, J. W. Helps, W. Morris
(of Wolverhampton) H.T. Muggerridge, A. S. Southam,
& H. O. Thompson. - E.S. Burchett, Mrs Dell, J. Ellis,
Mrs Henderson, & H.W. Kay held over till letters
from nominators are received. -

4. W. S. De Mattos proposed that he receive £20. + expenses for returning up to April 30th - Proposal agreed to.
5. Re grants to Local F. S. for his lectures. Agreed that he make grants of 20/- + under at his discretion, but refer to Exec. for all sums above this. Agreed that we guarantee the organisers of his lecture at Glasgow up to £5. - , as his expenses are paid by Glasgow Phil. & Physical Society.
6. Eight Hours Com^{tee}. after debate, resolved, That we pay expenses of printing + issuing the circular already printed, but the Com^{tee} be requested before incurring ~~the~~ further printing or other expense, to make application to the Executive thro' the Secretary in a formal manner.
7. Hon. Treasurer instructed to draft circular to be sent to members who have not paid a sub. in the year 1891
8. Agreed that Shaw report on expenses of an Elocution Class

for lectures.

- 9. Two communications from Punciman laid on table, & the latter read. Agreed that in accordance with his request the former be, (& thereby was) burnt. Agreed ~~that~~ in reply to the latter, ~~as~~ which enclosed a letter for Fabian news impugning the account of the meeting of Dec. 19th in the ~~December~~ news, that the Secretary write Punciman that the Executive consider his letter unsuitable for insertion in the news.
- 10. Alabama Song Book. Agreed that in reply we cannot help the Alabama F.S. in the matter.
- 11. County Council Election:-
 - (a). Proposal to print syllabus for courses of lectures at clubs approved.
 - (b). Resolved, that the lecturers likely to lecture on London topics be invited to a conference on Monday 11th inst at office at 8 pm. To discuss the syllabus of lectures on the L.C.C. Election, & the points to be mainly dealt with. -
 - (c) That a sub-committee be appointed to organise and

an energetic educational campaign in connection with the Election, & that it be specially charged

- (A.) To get up courses of educational lectures on election topics
- (B.) To prepare election literature
- (Y.) To organize through the groups, distribution of literature at every election meeting in London.
- (D.) To educate every candidate of whatever hue, & the press.

(d.) That the Subcommittee meet on Sat. 9th at 5 pm., & weekly at least afterwards, until the election: that it consist of de Mattos, Pease, Wallas, Dell, Lowerison, Caheshott, Mrs Mallet, Miss Grover, & the Group Secretaries, & that it have power to add to its number.

(e) That seven leaflets out of Facts for Londoners, viz:

The Unearned Increment

Municipalisation of Docks

" " Trams

" " Gas

London's Water Tribute

London's Neglected Heritage

The Scandal of London Markets

he printed in proof at once, & circulated with a notice convening a special meeting of the Society for Tuesday Jan 19th at Barnards Inn at 8 pm. To discuss these tracts, & the campaign. -

12. Fabian Conference. Draft syllabus of meetings prepared by Webb was read. Agreed that the general Com^{tee} (Wallas, Shaw, & Maessingham) revise & complete it, & that it be circulated to members, together with proofs of Tracts ordered above.

13. Correspondence :-

J. W. Buttery, nominating Miss Abraham. Agreed that she must attend qualifying meetings.

Bombay F.S., Report

Oldham F.S., asking deferment of repayment of loan. agreed.

Derby F.S., asking reasons why they are running Labour Candidate. send tracts.

Cardiff F.S., sending syllabus of Watch Night Gathering

J. R. Seager, declining to send copies of L. S. & H. N. prog.

W. S. Ludbey. Re propaganda among police &c. -

J. F. Oakeshott $\frac{12}{1}$
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Executive at Office on Tues. 12 Jan. 92.

Present Balshott (in chair) Miss Grover, Mrs Mallet, Dell,
Massingham, Oliver, Bland, Lowerison, De Mattos Wallas
Pease, Shaw.

Absent. Webb (Lecturing) Miss Hoatson, Mrs Sandham

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. Accounts to 31st December were read: Bank book not made up. —
3. Satisfactory letters having been read / the remaining member candidates were elected, making the complete list.

from nominators

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

4. Resignations of H. W. Carr + H. C. Donovan were read.

4. Circular re Subscriptions drafted by Treasurer was amended & adopted.

5. Elocution Class. Shaw reported that the best man seemed to be ^{Smith} Belinhe: that he usually charged 2/- a lesson but he w^d. charge only 24 qrs. for 12 lessons to a class of 20. - It was agreed that such a class be arranged on the basis that the ~~Soc~~ Society pay $\frac{1}{2}$ cost & the best students the balance. The Sec. was ordered to obtain list of names.

6. Recommendations of the L.C.C. Election Com^{ee} were approved, viz:- (a) That the Leaflets to be published in London have a subtitle, Fabian Program for London, the number 2. (b) That Webb & Wallas draft a new Leaflet to be laid before the nitg in M.S, entitled Labour Program for London County Council.

7. 8. J.W. Sraughan was approved of as Group Sec. for Croydon, + Charles Burton as joint Sec. for N.W. Group.

9. Circular from S. D. F. re Free Speech at Chelsea was read. It was agreed that Wallas (vice of Loverson) & Massingham be Delegates, + be instructed to vote & speak strongly against

the projected forcible demonstration on Jan 7 31st.
And further that a special meeting of the Executive be
held on Friday 15th next at 7 pm. to hear
report, & take further action.

10. Resolved Webb Bland Wallas Olivier & Peace be a
Com^{ee} to revise rules with a view to bring them
into accord with the practice of the Society

11 Resolved that the Secy prepare an account of
lecturing expenses & Receipts. —

12 Correspondence

Miss Brooke (1) asking Exec. to define position & powers of
Group Secs. — Reply Com^{ee} appointed on rules.

(2.) Handing resolution to be proposed & well at Conference.

P. R. Pratt. asking advice re progressive Candidates in N.
Lobington. Reply the Society does not decide, as such.

Ethical Society, Students Library, asking for Grant of Essays.
after prolonged debate, it was decided to grant a copy.

Miss Abraham, declining to be nominated for the Society

Circular re Confectionery Girls Strike.

E. T. Young, Handing pamphlet on German Insurance
Laws.

Correspondence (cont^d)

Jan

Artworkers Guild (1) letting no Barnards in for Feb. 19, & saying prices not be raised.

- " - (2) declining to carry out agreement to let it no for Feb 7th -

Sec 7 instructed to apply at numerous places & to take any suitable one at once. -

F. W. Hayes, handing Hammersmith Group Proposal for Fabian assisted education Bill. Sec. to write asking group to bring it before a special meeting & not before the conference. -

Council of taxation of Ground Rents, sending invitation to conference
W. Edwin, asking how to squeeze further a squeezable m.P.

Gechar Waller -

Meeting of the Executive & Group Secs. on Friday
15th Jan. 1892 at 8 pm.

Present. Oliver (in chair) Miss Groves, Calverly, Shaw, Pease
N. Group P. R. Pratt,
Hachey, E. B. Bishop
Hammersmith Mrs. Dell (pro sec)
W. M. Coll. Steward (" ")
S. W. Barnard
S. Williams (" ")

1. The minutes of last meeting (Oct 30) were read
& signed.
2. Resolution from Poplar Group proposing that
Associates should be elected was discussed, but
found no support, & the Secy was directed
to write to the Poplar Group to this effect.
3. The meeting then resolved itself into the L.C.C.
Election Committee.

Not. Griffiths
9 Jan 1892.

Executive at Office on Friday 15 Jan. 7 pm.

Present Wallas (in chair) Shaw, Oakeshott, Welch,
Bland, Pease, Olivier, Mrs Sandham

Absent De Mattos (lecturing) Miss Grover, Lowerison, Massingher,
Dell, Mrs Mallet, Miss Hoatson.

1. The meeting was called to discuss the action of the Soviet in respect of the Free Speech agitation at Chelsea.
2. after discussion it was resolved
 - (a) That Wallas go to Bristol in Shaw's place.
 - (b) That Shaw be one delegate with instructions to vote + speak against a force demonstration on Jan 7 31st.
 - (c) That Lowerison be second delegate with instructions to vote with Shaw. -

Given Wallas

Executive at Office on Tues. 19 Jan. 92 at 5pm.
Present Wallas (Chairman) Webb, Shaw, Massingham
Oakeshott, Lowerison, Olivier, Mrs Sandham Pease
Absent Bland & De Mattos, (lecturing) Mrs Mallet, Dell, Miss
Holtson Miss Grover.

1. The minutes of 12th & 15th Jan. were confirmed.
2. Bank Book presented & agreed with Aps. —
3. New Tracks. Org. of Unemployed. Wallas, Lu Luan
Massingham's Draft on Unearned Increment.
MSS ready. Handed to Olivier to report.
4. Shaw reported on Free Speech Defence Council & his action
as delegate. It was agreed that we withdraw our
delegates, & alter to his effect drafted by Shaw, was
adopted. —
5. Letter was read from Harcourt Barnard giving notice that
he would ask questions & move a resolution on this subject
at the Members meeting that night. Agreed that Olivier
give all possible information on behalf of Executive.

b. Agreed that Oliver conduct the Tracts on behalf of the Executive, & that he read the M.S. Tract brought up by Webb, on Labour Policy for the Com. Council.

7. Fabian Conference.

- (a) Sec. reported Cavendish Rooms engaged for Sunday Socie at 3/6. Mrs Sandham undertook to see about tea. -
- (b) Peace & Massingham were instructed to draft the report on the Societies before next Exec. -
- (c.) Sec. reported that 20 out of 28 Societies had sent reports, & that about 17 delegates were announced. -
- (d) Question of ~~for~~ the London Socie paying delegates expenses was deferred.
- (e) It was agreed that no previous notice be given of any resolutions to be moved.

8. Sec. reported that Turner had attended Eight Hours Demonstration Com^{ee}, at which 7 Societies were represented: & that 25/- to 30/- was required for preliminary expenses for the next demonstration. Agreed to grant 5/- as our share thereof.

9. Correspondence

Dell, suggesting that a deputation be appointed to attend Cardinal Manning's funeral. Agreed that Dell be the deputation.

Sir H. Bacon, handing cheque for £5.10/- for cost of tract c/o 28. -

Sowerly Bridge F.S., notifying formation of Society.

W. Clarke, asking grant of 3 sets of Tracts for S. Halifax's W. M.'s Club. Agreed.

Northern Group, Proposing division of Group. Agreed that Sec'y have power to arrange it.

Dr. Foster Re conference. -

Isabel Sandham.

(5)

Executive at Office ~~Fabian~~ Tues. 26 Jan. 92. 5 pm.

Present. Mrs Sandham (in the chair) Webb, Wallis, Bland, Peace ~~and~~
Lowerison Shaw, Caheshott.

Absent De Mattos, (lecturing) Mrs Mallet, Miss Hoatson, Massingham
Olivier, Miss Brover.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. "Free Speech" Affairs. Massingham & Wallis were appointed delegates to the Deputation to the Home Sec. which is being organised by the L. L. & R. U.
3. W. S. Godfrey's letters were laid on table & Shaw reported his reply to one of them.
4. Fabian Conference (1) Agreed to reprint syllabus in the News.
(2) Agreed to offer Oldham Society 40/- towards expenses of delegate, & Manchester 40/- towards expenses of H. M. Pade
(3) Agreed that Lowerison draft London Report.
(4) " " Strangers be not admitted.
(5) " " post-card be sent to all members to be used as admission ticket to conference.
(6) " " Beever cannot be an ex-officio delegate,

but must be delegated to some Society.

- (7) Agreed that a special Exec. be held at Office at 10 pm. on Thursday to discuss the Electoral Policy of the Society.

8. New Tracts.

Agreed to ~~revise~~ print series of the London Fabian Municipal Program Leaflets.

Agreed to print the Labour Policy for Public Authorities.

" That the title of No 31 be "London's Heritage in the City Guilds".

" That Webb's circular to candidates offering tracts be adopted.

" That Barnard's draft tract be pigeonholed.

9. Secretary announced donation of £10. from H. R. Tomkinson, + of 18/- from A. J. Marriott for the Library to purchase Buckle's History of Civilisation. Ordered to write thanks.

10. Secretary brought up statement of a/c of County Lectures, showing £300 received, + £321 expended. Ordered to write detailed letter to H. Tomkinson asking for remittance. —

11. Agreed to send with News Bill of Wells 1/- Program for London, his lecture at Nottingham, + W. Phillips Londoners Home Rule catechism.

12. Correspondence.

F.A. Fallows, re Persecutions in his erracy.

Folkestone Debating Socy. asking lecturer. Say we cant send unless Exes. are paid, + suggest Edwards.

Chesterston re County Council books.

Miss Mallet, re death of her father. Write condolences to Mrs. Mallet. -

Erskine Wallis

Special Executive at Office on Thursday
28 Jan at 10 pm. -

Present. Shaw, Mrs Sandham, Miss Grover, Webb
Bakerlyott, Wallas Peace Bland

Absent. De Mattos (lecturing) Dell, Mrs Mallet-Olivier
Miss Hoatson, Lowerison Massingham.

1. Account of Free Speech matters for news written
by Webb, was adopted, subject to correction by Shaw.
2. Webb undertook to draft report of Local Societies
3. Agreed to Write Hammersmith Club suggesting Cox
as possible L.C.C. Candidate
4. Agreed to reply to Clifton F.S. re complaint that
Mrs Mallet went to speak for Liberals & practically against
Socialists at the S.B. Election, that we concur with
their views, but cannot at present lay them before
Mrs Mallet owing to the death of her husband.
5. Letter from De Mattos read asking advice
whether he sh^d accept proposal that he be

Labour candidate for East-Bradford. Secy ordered to reply counselling him not to accept offer for reasons stated.

- b. After a prolonged debate it was unanimously resolved that a 16 p. Tract be written embodying the views of the Exec. on the Labour movement & the attitude of ~~the~~ the Fabian Society towards the Liberal, Conservative & Labour Party. It was agreed that the Tract be full of matter: that it be drafted by Shaw, & that all suggestions & facts obtainable be sent forthwith to him.

Graham Wallas

Executive at Office at 5 Jan. 2 Feb. 92

Present Wallas (in chair) Shaw, Dell, Gaheshott, Miss
Grover, Pease, Lowerson, Bland, Mr. Sandham ^{Messingham}

Absent De Matto (lecturing), Olivier, Mr. Mallet, Miss Houston
Webb (lecturing).

1. The minutes of Jan 26 + 28 were confirmed
2. New Tracts:- Report on Unemployed. Wallas In hand
Messingham's Draft. Olivier Absent
Fabian Policy Shaw In hand.
3. Reprints Agreed to print 10,000 each, with stereos
of Tracts 30 to 37. -
10,000 of No. 16. -
4. Agreed that Wallas, Webb, Shaw, Gaheshott, Bland
Pease be a Com^{ee} to revise Tract 24. -
5. Recommendation from L.C. Election Com^{ee} that Fabians sh^d.
be offered to L.C. Candidates as speakers was discussed
& rejected. -

read

6. Letter from De Matto, stating that Hutchinson was angry with Shaw, & intimated he w^d stop supplies of cash. Shaw declining even to write a p.c. the Sec. was ordered to write a pacific & explanatory letter.

7. Correspondence :-

H. H. Harland, asking advice re action in S. Group.
Masterly inactivity recommended.

Batley F. S. announcing a Society formed.

H. M. Reade, re sending another to represent Manchester & Hove Dem. Com^{ee} asking for delegate. Can't send one on Feb 7.

Free Speech circulars read.

Major Edwards, asking for leave to print local statistics on blank p. of leaflets. Refused politely. -

S. W. Group advising monthly business meetings. Referred to Rules Com^{ee}.

Barnard, Re Vacant Land in Chelsea. Referred to ^{his} group.

A. C. H. Graham, re funds for Crookes on L.C.C. Suggest ^{his} issuing a circular to Fabians. -

8. Sec. instructed to write Slater for particulars of his contest in Plymouth.

9. Mr. Sandham reported that tea could be obtained for 6^d. with one kind of cake, & 9^d. with 6 kinds. Decided on 9^d. guaranteed 150. —

10. Resolved that on the first meeting ~~of~~ of the Conference the Chairman put it to the Delegates that Resolutions are inexpedient, & it is better to discuss the whole paper: and that a vote be taken thereon.

That at the Sunday meetings no such instruction be given to the chairman.

That Headlam be chairman on Sat. Oliver on Sunday morning, & Bland on Sunday afternoon.

11. Resolved that Bland, Shaw & Oakes should be a Com^{ee} to revise ~~the~~ London & Local Report for Conference, to meet on Friday at 6. —

12. Recommendations of Conference Com^{ee} adopted viz:-

That invitation cards be sent to ^{at} London & other members at the discretion of the Secy

That Salti be selected for dinner & tea

That we ~~are~~ invite Candidates & Wilshire. —

That the limit to speeches be 10 minutes

12 (cont)

That the paper on Sat. he read at 8

That 500 agenda papers he printed

That T. Wright be asked to write a "full report",
as full as he sees fit.

By Bernard Shaw

Executive at Office Tues. 9 Feb. 92. 5 pm.

Present Shaw (in chair), Olivier, Pease, Mrs Sandham,
Dell, Lowerson, Massingham, Galeshot, De Mattos
Miss Groves, Bland.

Absent. Wallas (lecturing) Welch, Mrs Mallet Miss Hoatson

1. The Minutes of the last-meeting were confirmed.

2. New Tracts. Massingham's draft on Growth Rates:- Olivier reported on it, & it was decided to drop it for the present.

Shaw's Policy Tract. In hand.

Reprint No 5. Agreed to print 15000 & no extras.

Leaflets. London Program. Agreed that Sec 7 use discretion in circulating them, & that no more be printed at present.

3. Agreed that G.R. Seager be written to on the question of free grants of leaflets.

4. De Mattos reported fresh letter from Hutchinson. Shaw promised to write to him.

5. Election of New Members. The list was gone thro, & F.W. Heal, G. C. Henson & W. M. Rowe were ordered to stand over. Law was withdrawn by his nominators. The rest, as published in the Feb. news were elected.
6. Circular to ^{the} Candidates approved
7. Olivier was granted set of Tracts for general revision.
8. Date of annual meeting fixed for April 1st -
9. Oakeshott was authorized to incur expenses for searching names of L.C.C. Candidates who are shareholders in Gas & Water Coys, &c. -
10. Report of Conference. T. Wright was thanked for his report: it was ordered to be type-written for circulation amongst local Societies, if required by them, & that a two column report be inserted in the News. -
11. It was agreed that an estimate be obtained of the cost of printing Shaw's paper as a pamphlet. -

12. Notice was given, after discussion, that Massingham would propose the formation or promotion of a Talbot Candidature Fund. —

13. The request of Speaight (I.C.C. cand for Holborn) for Fabian speakers was considered & deferred till next year. —

14. Summer Lecture Course discussed. a proposal to have only one public meeting a month, & one private members meeting was adopted. —

15. C. Correspondence.

A.C. H. Graham, ~~asking~~ proposing to sell set of London Program Leaflets in red cover for 1st - Sec. to get estimate for 1000. —

Baum on Leasehold enfranchisement. Sec to write that proposal is dead. Want Urban Holdings Act, &c. &c.

Mrs. Mallet: asking re Shaw's paper. Reply.

Strudwick: re leaflet for asking men to vote: reply that M. R. F. are issuing it. —

C. Booth: re Maps. Say we can't guarantee a sale.

Correspondence (cont^d)

T. G. Wallas, sending for re n. l. F. agreed to insert substance.
Slater re Plymouth S.P. Election: write on omnibus.

Sidney Webb

List of Candidates elected for Feb.

Candidates for Election.	
CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Walter Anderson, 30 Richmond-rd., N.	S. M. Fagan and E. Scott.
Wm. Ballance, 48 Cambridge Buildings, Pimlico, S.W.	Jas. Pickersgill and H. W. Macrosty.
Miss Gertrude Beane, Neatishead, Norfolk ...	F. E. Green.
Miss Augusta A. Brown, 161 Bird in the Bush Lane, Peckham, S.E. ...	B. Riley and A. H. Walker.
Miss Lillian M. Burton, 24 Wimpole-street, W.	C. V. Burton & R. E. Dell.
Wm. D. Clayton, 9 St. Wilfrid's-place, Ripon ...	H. S. Hodgson.
Fred W. Heal, 2 Gresham Buildings, High-road, Willesden ...	F. C. Baum & J. Henderson.
C. C. Henson, 100 Manor-road, Deal, S.E.	J. W. Grice & F. E. Green.
J. Alfred Jones, 4 The Pavement, South Norwood ...	Graham Wallas and E. R. Pease.
John Kent, 30 Holbeck-road, Stockwell, S.E., ...	John Knee & E. E. Williams.
W. H. Knight, 5 Selborne-road, Woodgreen, N.	H. B. Holding, and W. R. Wells.
W. E.	W. E.
Harry McVicar, Balliol House, Toynbee Hall ...	W. E.
Rev. Herbert V. Mills, Anchorites' Well, Kendal ...	J. W. Grice & F. E. Green.
C. T. Mohun, 7 Fountain Brow, Fellside, Kendall ...	W. S. De Mattos.
Mrs. Jeannie Mole, Grove Park, Liverpool ...	" "
Robert A. Peddie, 29 Bracewell-road, North Kensington, W.	E. E. Williams and H. G. Barnard.
Mrs. Maria Pratt, 25 Tollington-place, N.	H. B. Holding and H. M. Hart.
W. M. Rowe, 90 Frithville Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, W.	Samuel Bullock and E. R. Pease.
George Stainton, 7 Egerton-street, Sunderland ...	David Bell.
W. L. Sugden, 27 Queen-street, Leek, Staffordshire... ..	H. Roberts.
John Whitburn, 16 Dunning-street, Middlesborough ...	W. S. De Mattos.

Feb⁹²

Executive Com^{ee} at Office on Tues. 16 Jan 92 5pm.

Present Webb (chair), Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham, Wallas,
Shaw, Gaheshott, Maesingham Lowerison
Olivier Peace

Absent Bland & De Maltos (lecturing) Mr Mallet, Miss Hoatson
Dell.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. The accounts to Jan 31 were read by the Sec.
3. Messrs Heal & Rowe were elected members.
4. New Tracts. Budget. Revises were handed to Gaheshott & Shaw to look over.
Fashion Policy. Shaw reported in hand.
5. On further consideration it was resolved to reserve Shaw's Conference paper for proposed 2nd Series Essays, & Wallas & Peace were instructed to prepare a report thereon.
6. On reconsideration the date for the annual meeting was

Fixed for April 8th

- 7. Massingham's resolution re Tillett Election fund was discussed, & it was decided that he inform Tillett we may be prepared to get the necessary cash if he will undertake to stand, & that a Massingham bring up a report to next Exec. - ~~also to find out~~ stating Returning Officers expenses.
- 8. Resolved not officially to support Speaight
- 9. Resolved to order 1000 red covers for London Program Leaflets per sample. -
- 10. Resolved to take no steps re sending delegates to L. T. C. 8 Hours Dem. Comtee.
- 11. Grants of Tracts were made to Caine (set) Kempt (set) Marriott (200 leaflets) & Sleffen (15 No 29)
- 12. Circular (2nd) to non-subscribing members approved
- 13. Draft of Reply P. Card to be sent to members re work on L.C.C. election day was approved. -

14. Correspondence.

- A. Ballard. Proposal for Population Diagram. Wait Census returns.
Eighty Club, Agreeing to send no 500 copies Wells' pamphlet.
Agreed that it be sent to members.
- Phipseon Proposal for New Tracts. To be considered at
the Green Valleys. —
- Barnard Re Executive Policy. Read & noted.
- Baum Agreeing to keep silence on Leasehold Emfranchisement.
Seager re our giving away leaflets. Agreed his
caution may be disregarded. —
- Miss Leo. offering us a Tract, Masses & classes on
Sale or Return. Agreed to take 100. —
- Baum asking Speakers Mar. 2. Oliver or Wallis.

15. Com^{tee} on Rules. Agreed that Sec. send the members
a com of existing rules.
16. Re Dillingworth. Agreed that Sec. write formally
asking a reply to our Questions. —
17. Agreed that the News contain statement that
several Exec. members ~~are retiring~~ will not
offer themselves for reelection, & a notice that all

The rules will be revised.

- 17. Summer course discussed
 agreed (1) That the meetings on April 8, May 6
 June 3, & July 1 be private, be held
 at Barnardo's Inn, & be devoted to
 annual meeting, & Rules, to Revised 8 Hours
 Bill, New Tracts &c.
 (2) That the meetings on April 22, May 20
 June 17, & July 15 be public, be at
 Essex Hall, & that ~~W~~ Wallas &
 Pease prepare scheme for Kiem. -

18. Agreed that expenses of Wallas to Cambridge &
Shaw to Oxfordshire be paid.

Robert. Dele.

Exec. at Office 23 Feb. 92.

Present Dell (in chair) Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham, Oakeshott,
Pease, Webb, Wallas, Shaw

Absent Bland & De Maltos (lecturing) Massingham, Mrs Mallet,
Olivier, Miss Hoatson, Lowerison.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Budget. in hand by Shaw & Oakeshott
Policy " " " "
3. Wallas & Pease reported that there appeared to be a prospect of making a second series of essays; but matter wd. be reconsidered.
4. Shaw moved & it was resolved to rescind the resolution re his conference paper, & to revert to previous resolution ordering the Secy to obtain estimate for printing it. —
5. Wallas for Massingham reported that Tillet had resolved to stand for Bradford & it was decided to insert notice of the proposed fund in the News. —

6. Agreed to receive as sub. from S. Wallas ~~so~~ sum of £2.12.4 paid by him to release Free Speech prisoner. -

7. Agreed to reprint 10000 Tract 22. -

8. Agreed to send Tracts to Cambridge Voters for Wallas Motion at Union debate.

9. Correspondence.

Chelsea S. & F. re our unsatisfactory lecturers.

Slater " S. B. Elections.

Blackburn F.S. " formation of new Society

Legal 8 Hours Dem or Com. Agreed not to send delegate.

J. Clare, n/c. " Congratulations about Free Speech efforts.

Miss Cameron " F.S. + Women. Reply ~~was~~ F.S. is a Socialist Society & has always favoured W.S. -

Camendish Rooms. Ac of Soci. Ordered for payment

Holdring Report of debate with anarchist.

J. B. Tomerson Address as C.C. Candidate for Wigan

Woolwich Labour Rep. League. Asking leaflets. Send 500

Paddington S.D.F. " " " 200

A. T. Leonard. Re Cartoon. Tell him to write Sect. -

W. Johnson. Re Manchester F.S. Resolution on Liberal Officers. Send pacific reply. -

10. The Sec. was instructed to write again to Ellingworth.

11. Sec. was instructed to send about 1000 leaflets to each ^{Fabian} candidate desiring them, 500 to Girdley, + 1 doz. Webb's book to Palmer. —

12. Summer Course discussed. It was agreed that the four public meetings be

Wallas on Parish + Vestries

Grice " Pensions

Trevor " Labour Church

J. M. C. Group

Trimmer or Steward

} " Practical Policy on Land Questions

M. Grover

Exec. at office Tues. March 1st 5pm.

Present:- Miss Grover (Chair) Mrs Sandham, Wallas, Mrs Mallit, Bakeshott, Massingham, Olivier, Lowerson Bland, Shaw, Pease
Absent De Mattos (lecturing) Webb, Miss Hoaton, Dell.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts:- Budget. Shaw + Bakeshott. In Land Policy -- -- -- --
3. Reprints. Decided only to reprint no 22 at present.
4. Tillett Fund. Illingworth's refusal to answer "Questions" was read. Resolved: that Bradford people be asked to pester him, & that Massingham draft manifesto for the next meeting.
5. Dates of Meetings agreed to, the last to be on July 15th
6. Letters read from De Mattos, A. Dugdale, & W. John Thomson on the resolution of the Manchester F.S. (see news for March). Agreed that Olivier write to "Clarion", Bland if possible to "Sunday Chronicle" & Sec. reply to letters.

7. Agreed that Oliver draft "Annual Report"

8. Summer Course. Agreed that the expenses of Trevor be paid. Replies from Watson Grace, accepting & from W. M. Coll. Sec. nominating Turner read & approved.

9. Correspondence.

1. Darlington, announcing new Society

2. Scott sending ap, to be paid

3. Ward & F. " " " " "

4. Standing " " " " "

5. Internat. Congress 1893 Circulars

6. Cairne, thanking for lecture & asking more

7. Free Speech Defence Fund. Agreed not to send delegate

8. Dr. Watt asking questions. Wallace write reply.

9. Night Club, Sec, asking publications. Grant 6/- exp

10. H. Hutchinson handing £150. -

10. W. L. Griffith wrote proposing action in regard to Small Holdings Bill. Agreed that Gaheshott Peace Oliver & Webb be a committee to report on proposal.

H. W. Harrison

Executive at Office 8 March 92. -

Present Massingham (in chair) Mr Sandham, Gabeeshott,
Wallas Shaw Lowerion, Miss Grover Mr Mallet, Pease
Absent, Dehalto (lecturing) Well, Dell, Bland, Miss Hoctem, Oliver.
(lecturing)

1. Minutes last meeting were confirmed

2. New Tracts. Budget. Gabeeshott & Shaw reported ready
for final revise. -
Policy. Shaw. no report.

3. Tillett Fund. Massingham promised draft manifesto
for next Exec. without fail.

4. Pease & Gabeeshott reported that the Land Bills Conference
Com^{ee} recommended that the Fabian Society appoint two
delegates & ask the L. L. & N. & the M. R. F. to
appoint two each also to confer & make arrangements.
After debate it was resolved that Pease see Verinder
on the matter, & meantime nothing be done.

5. The ~~nominee~~ candidates for membership were discussed
& elected except Miss Bennett, H. G. Chancellor, & a Seaton

who were held over.

6. Masingham introduced subject of small Com^{ee} to ~~dis~~ obtain information about Parliamentary candidates. It was agreed to defer till next Exec. -
7. It was resolved to allow Eastern Group to spend up to £5. in advertising public meeting at Poplar Town Hall. -
8. Correspondence :-
 1. Bland, agreeing to stand for Exec. & Treasurer.
 2. Miss Cameron re Women Fabians.
 3. Standing Estimate for printing Shaw's Conference address. Agreed to print it as a tract, & to get block from Crane. 5000.
 4. Haigh, re Labour Party in Huddersfield.
 5. De Mattos, re Coops. in Glasgow &c.
 6. ²/₂ H. J. Wilson M.P. on our 8 Hours Bill.
 7. Holson, Sheffield, asking delegate re International Labour Congress. Pearce appointed.

J. F. Oakeshott

3. New Tracts. Policy. Shaw reported in hand.
4. Reprints. No 30. Ordered 1000 with such alterations as can easily be made.
5. Com^{tee} on Tract 24 reported progress.
6. Tillet Fund. Massingham read draft manifests. Agreed to have it set up in form to go on Quarto page, larger type (same as Shaw's paper): 3 proofs.
7. Annual Report. Olivier reported progress.
8. Rules. Agreed that Sec. have his draft set up for News, & circulate ~~to Sec.~~ ~~to Exec.~~ prop to Exec.
9. Agreed that the Title of Shaw's tract be
The History & present attitude of the Fabian Society,
& that Miss Newcombe's offer to design a block for
the cover be accepted.
10. Agreed that Shaw's reply to Newington Reform Club Questions be approved, that a copy be kept, & the Sec. suggest publication.

of correspondence in the Daily Chronicle.

11. Agreed that Oakeshott, Shaw, Wallas & Mr. Mallet be a Com^{ee} to meet at 4 pm to go thro' agenda with Sec. 7 before the Exec. meeting, & deal with minor business: that any two with the Sec. 7 be a quorum.
12. Agreed that the General Exec. devote itself specially to the General Election & work therefor.
13. Hyder, (Sec of L. N. Society) attended to discuss a Conference on the Land Question. After discussion it was agreed that Massingham & Pease be a Com^{ee} to confer with the L. Nat. Soc. & the English Land Restⁿ. League: that Torrinder be asked to reprint his article in the Church Reformer, & that the Com^{ee} have power to commit the Society to expend £2. - The N.L.C. Conference Room was suggested.
14. Correspondence: -
 J. Syden Jr. asking re Lodging Houses in Glasgow
 A. Dugdale; re Manchester exclusion resolution. Agreed to send early proof of Shaw's Paper.

Correspondence (cont'd)

H. G. Barnard, re Labour Party. Refer to Policy Tract.

Gorton F.S. re formation thereof

A. J. Marriott re New Railways

Miss Martyn re poachers: reply can't assist on his successes.

D. R. Jones re formation Welsh speaking F.S.

H. J. Wilson M.P. asking re Tract 9. Wallas to reply.

Pickle, Bradford F.S. offering to dispose of copies Tract 9. speak asking if we wd. assist lottery: reply we dare not.

Standing offer to reprint "Butchered to make a Fabian Holiday". Reply we can't circulate it officially, but many Fabians wd. like to see it. —

J. F. O'Connell

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office 27th March '92. -

Present J. F. Oakeshott (chair) Mrs Mallet, Miss Grover, Mrs Sandham, Peace, Loverson, Massingham, Shaw

Absent De Matto (lecturing) Bland, Webb, Wallas, Oliver Bell, Miss Hoatson.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The preliminary Com^{ee} dealt with the correspondence as follows, & reported to Exec: -
 1. Miss Sherritt, announcing formation of Berke F.S.
 2. B. G. E. Raby asking to be known as Geo. Adrian. Agreed.
 3. T. H. Browne asking for advt. in Workman's Times. Declined.
 4. Standing re Butchered article.
 5. Newington Reform Club, Acknowledging letter.
 6. Scott announcing edition of 4600 Essays.
 7. J. H. Greville, re joining F. S.
 8. Mrs Cotton re Book offered. Agreed to decline.
 9. De Matto re Liverpool F.S. Deferred to next Mtg.
 10. Sheet 4b: gift of Modifications of organisms.
 12. T. Pritchard asking grant of Tracts: send 250. -
 13. Morse, Middlesbrough, re speaker. Ignore. -

3. Accounts were gone through by the preliminary Com^{ee}
4. Budget Tract No 39. Agreed to print 5000 with Stereos.
Shaw reported just finally revised.
5. Tracts in hand: Policy Shaw. Progress
Org. of Unemployed, Wallace. ~~W~~ absent.
6. Com^{ee} on Tract 24. No report.
7. Agreed to send out T. Dodd's Pamphlet.
8. Draft rules discussed, with Welby's amendments: \therefore
adopted with amendments.
9. Elocution Class. Shaw agreed to write par. for News.
10. First May Demonstration. Par approved. -
11. Annual Meeting. Agreed to keep to Barnardo Ann,
& to get out seats for Hall.
12. Land Law Conference. ~~at~~ Sec's report approved,

& agreed that he still advocate a Conference.

13. Agreed that Reports of Local Societies be printed in the Annual Report.

14. Tilletts Fund Manifesto. Letter read from Bradford. Agreed that it be set up as Standing suggests. That proofs be sent to Pickles & Halford, & they be asked to verify statements, give passages in Illingworths speeches to cover points raised, &c &c. —

Graham Wallas

Executive at Office on Tues. 29 March 92.

Present. Wallas (in chair) Mrs Sandham, Mrs Mallet,
Miss Grover, Pease, Loverison De Mattos
Caheshott, Shaw, Massingham Olivier
Absent Webb, Dell, Bland, Miss Hoatson.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Policy. Shaw. In Land.
Gg. Unemp. Wallas Do.
3. Com^{ee} on Tract 24. no report.
4. Land Law Conference. Manifesto read, & Sec.
instructed to sign the same on behalf of the E.C.,
& to take his share in expenses & work on behalf of
the Society.
5. Tillett Fund. Draft Manifesto laid on table, and
letter from Bradford, & circular from Ellingworth. Action
deferred pending replies from Bradford.
6. ^{annual} Draft report read by Olivier & ordered to be set up.

- 7. Census of Parl: Candidates; draft circular by Webb read, & referred to Massingham to add to, & report on.
- 8. Purge of Members. Sec 7 instructed hereon. -
- 9. Sec 7 instructed to insert in news par. an abstract of Mrs Mallet's reply re Bristol S. B. Elections.
- 10. The Sec 7 was instructed to write to Steadman endeavouring to get an invitation to take part in the L. T. C. Eight Hours Demonstration Delegate meeting on Friday.
- 11. The preliminary Com^{ee} reported on the Correspondence as follows:-
 - (1) Manchester F.S. re Facts for M. - Recommend a leaflet. To print to publish. -
 - (2) Atkinson Free Library, asking essays re. Grant 6/- Essays + set.
 - (3) Ockenden re Expenses in Liverpool. Grant 11/6?
 - (4) Invitation to Bland to Debate at Cardiff. De Mattos to arrange it if he can get other lectures.
 - (5) Jones & Derfel re Basis in Wales. No action. -

J. F. O'Connell

5:18:42

Last meeting of the 1891-2 Executive Com^{ee}
 at office on 5 April 1892 at 5pm.

Present. Gaheshot, Wallas, Sandham, Lowerison, Massingham
 Miss Brover, Mrs Mallett, Shaw, Pease Oliver
Absent, De Malto (lecturing) Dell, Webb, Bland, Miss Hoatson

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. The following were elected members except J.T. Wadhams

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Miss Louisa Appleford, 28 Woodberry-grove, Finsbury Park, N.	H. B. Holding & W. R. Wells.
Henry Crossel, 7 Acton-street, King's Cross-road, W.C.	W. W. and Mrs. Bartlett.
Alexander Fairweather, Warmshill, Sittingbourne	H. T. Leonard & R. Sindall.
P. W. Harvey, 7 Catherine-st., Frome	John Coles, jun.
F. E. Haynes, Marlborough, Massachusetts, U.S.A.	W. Scudamore and M. C. Irvine.
J. A. Hurst, 10 Ockenden-rd., Canonbury, N.	W. W. and Mrs. Bartlett.
Jas. Leakey, 256 Burdett-road, E.	G. E. Bottle and W. H. Paul Campbell.
Geo. S. Ross, 156 Horseferry-road, Westminster, S.W.	J. Pickersgill & W. Ballance.
Wm. Jas. Saveall, 10 Albion-place, Maidstone	General Secretary.
John T. Wadhams, 10 Bevil-street, Battersea, S.W.	J. Pickersgill and H. W. Macrosty.
J. Bruce Wallace, 57 Chancery-lane	E. R. Pease & H. B. Holding.
H. Wilshire, 15 New Steine, Brighton	E. R. Pease & Sidney Webb.
Miss Ada C. G. Wright, Salcombe-mount, Sidmouth, Devon	General Secretary.

x withdrawn of Pickersgill

3. Accounts for year were submitted & passed.

4. New Tracts. Policy Shaw. In progress
 History F.S. Shaw. In press
 Org Unemp. Wallas. In progress

5. Com^{ee} on Tract 24. No report.

6. Tilletts manifests. Proof to be revised, + further news from Bradford awaited. Marsingham stated that Caine was his authority for the statement re proposed joint program.

7. Draft Report further considered: 200 galley proofs ordered.

8. Wells's Census Circular: order to be printed + issued.

9. Agreed that Shaw be chairman of meeting, Wallace conduct Rules, + Lowerson + Podmore be scrutineers.

10. Elocution class. Deferred to new Exec. —

11. The preliminary Com^{ee} reported on correspondence: —

- 1. Mrs Cox, Resignation accepted
- 2. F.W. Hayes, suggesting tract on ~~an~~ electoral qualification. Reply that it wd not sell.
- 3. J. P. Moise, reporting progress in S. Australia.
- 4. Dieter, asking for May. day lecturer at Halifax. Reply wanted here.
- 5. Blatchford, re Hyndman.
- 6. Irvine + Hayes, re errors in Tract 39.

Graham Wallace

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Executive Committee.

Robert Banner

Hubert Bland

Robert S. Dell

W. S. De Mattos

Noel L. Griffith

Fred Hammill

H. W. Massingham

J. F. Oakeshott

Sydney Olivier

Edw. R. Pease

Mrs. Sandham

Es. B. Shaw

H. H. Sparling

Graham Wallas

Sidney Webb.

First Meeting 1892-3 Executive at Office Tues 12 April 5p.
Present Mrs Sandham, Bakeshott, Oliver, Massingham
Sparling, Hammill, Shaw, Peace, Wallis
Absent De Matos (lecturing), Webb, Bland, Dill, Banner, Griffith.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Policy. Shaw. In progress
Org. of Unemployed. Wallis. In hand
Com^{tee} on Tract 24. In hand.
Hist. of F.S. Shaw. Agreed that Shaw call
on Standing to select type tomorrow.
3. Tillet Fund. Agreed that the Manifesto be called
the Ben Tillet Election Fund, & that a revise of it be
obtained. Letter from Bradford read, & agreed that
Sec. write saying we cannot delay more. Also that
he write Tillet asking for his Election address, & his
views on Eight Hours, Land Nat^y &c. — ~~Agreed to send
next envelopes and on cases printed thereon.~~
4. Draft Annual Report. Amendments of Rules confirmed.
Agreed that Oliver & Sec. finally revise report, & that
Oliver redraft amendment to rules re Group Sec. grants.

5. Agreed that Wallas undertake to acquaint Miss Lacey's notice of motion for next private meeting.

6. Agreed that the next Exec. Meeting be on Monday 25th April at 5.30 pm. That Wallas, Sparling, Galeshott, Hammill, Mrs Sandham, Massingham, Peck & Shaw be a preliminary Com^{tee} to decide minor matters, two with the Secy to be a quorum. This Com^{tee} to meet at 4.30 pm. —

7. Parliamentary Census. Prop amended. Agreed to print 1200, to send out in envelopes printed with our name, + 1/2d stamps. —

8. Eight Hours Com^{tee} Agreed that Mrs Sandham, Hammill, & others be a Com^{tee} (a) to arrange speakers, (b) to arrange sale of literature (c) to arrange decoration of car.

9. Distribution of leaflets discussed. Agreed that for the present no more be given away (except ~~in~~ single copies) & that the full price 10/- per 1000 be charged. Also that 10,000 of nos 1 + 37 be printed.

10. Elocution Class. Agreed on list of 20 names as first selection. Shaw undertook to ask Behrke if he could reduce his course to six lessons. —

11. Correspondence:—

Manchester F.S. re result of Exclusion Debate.

Welsh F.S. re more Welsh Trans. Refuse.

Hines asking for Lecturers & Tract 39. Grant 1 doz refer to De Mattos.

Polas re Hammersmith Progressive Assn.

Boston F.S. re Grants of leaflets.

Brussels Congress Com^{ee} re publication of report of Congress; Decline to take any.

Circular re East End Labour Council. —

Graham Waller

Executive at Office 25th April 1892. -

Present Wallas (in chair) Pease, Mrs Sanham Caheshitt,
Bland, Griffith, Shaw-Sparling, Hammill, Massingham
Banner Oliver.

Absent DeMatto (lecturing) Dell White

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts :- Policy. Shaw. No progress.
 Org. Unemp. Wallas Do.
 Hist of F.S. Shaw Do.
 Parl. Questions Com. Do.
3. Tillett Fund. Letter with amendment to Manifesto
 read. agreed to accept it, & that Sec. write to Tillett
 to explain that it can't go out with May news. -
4. Draft Report & amended wording in Rule 14
 agreed to. -
5. Agreed to print notices of motions by Misses Lacey
 Brooke & Corthorn.

6. Eight Hours Demonstration. Report of Com^{ee} received. Grant of 25/- confirmed. List of Speakers adopted with additions. Shaw to be chairman. Resolved that decorators be instructed not to use more than two uprights.
7. Agreed that Question leaflets be still given gratis.
8. Elocution Class. Shaw reported no action taken.
9. Purge. Agreed to cut out Blandford, Dimmond, W. Ellis, S. Ellis, A. P. Laurie, A. & Varley, Mrs Wilson, they having neglected to reply to letter asking if they desired to continue members, that Sec-y write to Sisterson & Jephson.
10. Preliminary Com^{ee} reported on correspondence:—
 - (1) Democratic Club, asking if we wd send out Circular. Declined
 - (2) Roberts Re Socialist Society at Leek. India
 - (3) Lincoln S. Assⁿ re our Small Holdings Circular.
 - (4) Hutchinson promising cash. Agreed that Oakeshott read his book.
 - (5) Standing re Tract Covers. Agreed to give up the

idea, & that Sporking get estimate for binding.

Wolverhampton F.S. re a Tract on Socy. Repz can't be done. Let em try.

re Plain Type for Tract headings. Try it -

Manchester F.S. Re their difficulties towards. -

Graham Wallas -

Exec. at Office on Monday 2 May. 5.30pm.

Present. Wallas (in chair) Griffith Peace, Sparling,
Massingham Shaw, Bland, Gakeshott, Mrs Sandham, Dell Bamor.
Absent Hammill, Webb, Olivier, & (lecturing) De Mattos.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. New Tracts. Shaw promised "Policy" by May 20th
Org. of Unemp. Wallas. In progress
Part. Q.uest. Prof presented & ordered
to be put into type
Hist. F. S. Ordered to be set up in
long primer, & Sec. to obtain
copy of design, not for publication.
Tract 39. Poster ordered for erroneous passage.

3. Tillet Fund. Agreed to make preliminary sub:
Massingham subscribed 10/-, Wallas, Griffith, Gakeshott,
Bland Shaw - Dell 2/- each, Mrs Sandham 10/- -
List of wealthy Fabians made to whom Sec. sh^d send
proof. Agreed to print 5000 & to send to all
Fabians, ~~clubs~~, newspapers, Selected M.P.s, M. R. F.,
L.C.C. &c &c. — Sec. reported Tillet had replied

an universal yes to our Quest. Parl. Cand. -
& also gave details of interview with Drew, Pres.
of Bradford Labour Council.

4. Elocution Class. Shaw reported no reply received
from Beluke.

5. Sparling reported no estimate yet obtained for
binding tracts.

6. Group Secs. Agreed to call a meeting of Group
Secs. & others to suggest re-arrangement of
Groups.

7. Radical Review. Pease reported editor desirous of
obtaining revised copy of Radical Program
in F. Essay, for standing publication in
his paper. Agreed that Pease & Cakeshot
prepare it. Agreed also that we pay not
exceeding 10/- for an advt. in paper, one
insertion, & the Editor to insert as often after-
wards as he thinks fit.

8. Report for 1891-2. Agreed to print 4000.
9. Letter from Webb proposing to send out Tract 30 to M. P. s in view of debate on May 4th on Unearned Increment. Agreed to send out to London members & 20 others, to be selected.
10. Agreed that Sec. get rubber stamp with moveable type, & print Re Unearned Increment ~~to~~ on the envelopes. —
11. Preliminary Council reported on Correspondence viz:—
 - (1) J.C. Reed (Atlanta U.S.A.) rejoicing in L.C.C. Elections. Noted.
 - (2) N.L.C. offering to send 100 copies of Pamphletology. —
 - (3) Buttery asking advice re Labour Candidate for Stafford. —
 - (4) Holson on situation in Wales —
 - (5) Hines, re Wallas at Oxford &c —
 - (6) Carton, re turning etow into newspaper. Repl don't want to.
 - (7) Somerset Labour Union asking grant of Tracts & re lecturer. Agreed to send 500 etow 19, & to refer to Bristol, we paying expenses.
 - (8) Hammersmith Labour Council asking statistics of Unemployed. Agreed to consult Webb. A long & unfinished debate ensued.

Sidney Webb

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office of Mar 92. 5.30 pm.

Present Well (in chair) Pease, Hammill, Griffith, Shaw, Wallas,
Cahelick, Mrs Sandham, Bland, Sparking, Olivier.

Absent, De Mattos (lecturing) Massingham, Dell, Banner.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. Accounts were presented, but not compared with Bank book.
3. List of ~~members~~ Candidates was considered: Rev. S. W. Teackeray & J. R. Kent were deferred. Mrs Sales was rejected. - The Sec. was ordered to write to W. A. Morris re Mr. Teackeray & to inform De Mattos & Mrs Williams of the rejection of Mrs Sales asking the latter to notify Mrs Sales.
4. New Tracts. Policy. Shaw. Well in hand.
Org Unemployed Wallas. In hand
Parl. Questions. Proofs ready. Agreed that Wallas bring up Review at next private meeting for confirmation.
Hist of Fabian Society. Proofs (part) ready.
 Tract 39. Poster not ready. Sec. ordered to bring up report as to stock for next mtg.

5. Fillett Fund. Sec. reported £ 34.13.6 promised, including £ 20 from D. Reeve. Agreed that names of subscribers be printed.
6. Elocution Class. Shaw reported that Behrke in? not do less than 12 lessons. Deferred till autumn.
7. Binding Tracts. Sparking reported cost: Cloth 1/- Buckram 1/3 Half Roan 1/9. Agreed to bind 1 doz copies in Buckram. —
8. Agreed that the order of business at the next private mtg be
1. Bill to be read 2. Report by Turner 3. Motions of Griffith.
4. Motions re Women as announced.
9. Gladstone's alleged post-card was considered. Agreed that Webb write to Herbert Gladstone to ask if it be genuine.
10. Proposal from De Mello to organise meetings in Hyde Park was discussed. Agreed that he be authorised to arrange 4: but not to print handbills. Shaw undertook to speak at one. Agreed also that the ^{be asked to} groups undertake to open-air work. —

11. Re Unemployed: agreed to give notice that subject will be discussed at Central Group Meeting on May 20th - That a par. be prepared for June Fabian News - That Wallas & Shaw with power to add be a Com^{ee} to prepare proposals on the matter.

12. Correspondence, as reported of Preliminary Com^{ee}:-
J. C. Kennedy, re Fabian Societ^y formed at Carlisle
Tottington (Lane) Fabian Societ^y Letter announcing formation
Dublin F.S. re formation & asking if lectures can be sent. Agreed we can't.

Bradford Labour League & De Matta, asking for series of Sunday Lecturers. Agreed to finance four only. -

Stacy re Labour Demonstration in Somerset. Agreed that we pay his expenses if he can't make them do it.

Wm Wilson re membership. Agreed.

J. W. Wilson re Poor Law. Agreed to refer to T. Dodd, & to ask Peartree to see him.

13. Agreed to ask Banner what is value of time he loses & ~~cost~~ of attending Wec. & we will pay.

G. Bernard Shaw

16/5/92

Exec: at Office Monday May 16: 5.30 P.M.

Present Mr. Shaw (chair) Mr. Sandham Mr. Oakeshott
Wallas Island Webb Griffiths Massingham Olivier
Spaerling & Miss Brooke for Secretary (ill)

Absent Mr. Banner Dell Hammill & Mattos (ELRL)

I. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

II. New Tracts. "Policy": Shaw reported 1st draft ready.
Agreed that he send it on to Webb & then
to a selection of the Executive; then that
it be referred to a special meeting.

Org. of Unemployed: Com^{ee} to meet at 32 Gt
Ormond St. on May 20.

Public Questions: To have 1st place on Agenda
at next private meeting 10th June & Wallas to
bring it up.

Budget: 2150 in stock: agreed to use this
withon & then Webb & Oakeshott to bring up again.

III. Tillett Fund: Final proofs not arrived. Wallas
had been asked to write on Tillett's behalf
in Brad: Lab: Unworn Journal & was to do so

If he liked. Pease to write officially to Sec: to say we will bank £120 as reserve fund for the returning officer's expenses. Also to write to responsible persons in Bradford saying the fund is so reserved.

IV Gladstone Post Card: Webb reported a cordial letter from Mr: Her: Gladstone saying that a contradiction had been sent to papers. Resolved unanimously that the matter drop.

V "Unemployed" J. K. Macdonald: Sec: to write & ask him to join Com: on that question.

VI. Eight Hours Bill: Letter from Bowd Holding proposing new resolution: agreed that Webb draft an amendment to the effect that the whole thing be referred to a Com: for such alterations & amendments as may be required in tracts 9, 16, & 23.

VII. Summer Lectures: Webb moved that Dr Mattos be asked to organise the lecture work during the summer. It was resolved that

De Mattos & Pease bring up a joint report
as to what is to be done during the summer
in the way of arranging for next season's letters.

- VIII: - Banner's resignation: agreed that the Sec:
write & ask if there is no way out of the
difficulty. Action to be deferred until the 23rd.
- IX: - Fabian Opportunities: short paper by Webb
submitted for Fabian news & unanimously accepted.
- X. - Manchester F.S.: Webb reported this Socy.
anxious to print a "Mth Facts" but were
frightened at cost. Resolved that if they
give £5 the London Exec: will make up
the amount. Webb to write to them to that effect.
- XI. - Correspondence as reported by Preliminary Com^{ee}
Geo: Samuel enclosing Dostoy Papers
W.A. Morris re election of Mr. Thackeray: see
to refer back to proposer
Bond Holding - noted
Banner - noted

Hutchinson re funds: agreed to leave it till
he calls a Sec: to tell him Burns wants money.

Editor of Voice will exchange for F. News: agreed.

H. H. Cain re Woman's Coop: in Richmond: tract to be sent

De Matos starting May 16 (to-day) for ELRH: agreed

to pay him \$2 for extra Fab: work up to May 15.

Mrs. Williams re Head: Sales

XII - Candidature of Mrs. Williams to
be written to a tow executives were unanimous
in rejecting her: De Matos to be asked to
inform Mrs. Williams of the same.

J. F. Osterliff

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Exec: at Office Monday May 23rd : 5:30 P. M.

Present Mr. Oakeshott (chair) Mr. Sandham, Mrs. Black
Dell Griffiths Oliver Spurling Shaw Waller Webb
& Miss Brooke for secretary (ill).

Absent: Banner Hammill Marrison & De laet
(lecturing.)

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts: "Policy": G. B. Shaw to take the
manifesto to Stanning to-morrow
morning to get it in type: failing
Stanning Loop. Printing 5001 to be tried. Proof
to be sent with the June "News" & notice of a Private
meeting on June 3rd to be given in the "News":
work for this meeting to be secured.
"Org. of Unemployed": In Progress.
"Party Questions": out of stock for this:
an urgency vote to be taken at next
ordinary meeting to print new edition straight off.
"Budget": Mr. Oakeshott reported one or two
alterations had been made & it was now done.
"Election Literature": Mr. Webb proposed 3 questions

for Candidates to be printed on slips suitable for handing up at election meetings to local candidates: resolved that 5000 of each be printed.

3. Lecture Organisation: Sec: to write to Mr De Mattos & say no more provincial lectures to be organised at present owing to want of funds, but the London courses to be gone on with. Meeting with Hutchinson to be postponed.
4. Banners Resignation: Sec: to write accepting it with great regret.
5. Mad Sales: notice of Ballot to be put in "News" & Sec: to write to Mr Williams to say that Mad Sales's will not be permitted to speak at any private meeting.
6. Gladstone: a letter has been written to him sending 8 hours literature.
7. Rearrangement of Groups: cards to be

sent out calling 9. Secretaries' meeting
for June 9th.

8. New Lecture list: this to be delayed &
report brought up next time

9. Fabian News June: Mr Oakeshott to edit
it. Mr Webb submitted several papers: touching
election news which were approved.

10. Secretary's illness: Subst: to be provided. C. Smith
to be written to at once. W^h was done. And members
of Sec: to come in every day to direct.

11. Candidates for membership: J. J. Kent passed.
Sec: to write to A. Brasley to say he is elected.

12. Brown Tracts: Mr Sparling brought a small
stock which were approved

13. Correspondence as reported by Prelim: Council.
J. W. Battery with cheque £5.3.0 owed
by W. F. S.

D'Arcy Reave with cheque £20.0.0 Tillet Fund
 " " " " " " £80.0.0 General Exp:
 " " " " " " £1.6.8 from L.N.S.

share of exps:

Miss Foster: progress of Soc: League in America
 Geo: Nelson: proposing a L. pool F.S. to open with
 a big demonstration: Sec: to write & advise of the latter

J. Pickhall: Stockport F.S.

C. J. Johnson: re lectures: Mr Griffiths on 30th &
 Sec: to send to De Maters for June 20.

T. H. Murray: send Basis a bit of literature

C. Sheilsen: concerning publication of his Soc: pamphlet

May: Edwards: asking to open literature act: Sec:
 to ask to what amount.

J. Gustin: send Basis a "Objects of Lab: Socy"

D. R. Jones: re Pure Jones lectures: Sec: to say
 no more funds for Pwo: lectures

Geo: Brown: resignation: Sec: to say no need.

P. R. Pratt: he & H. Brown to write to the co-secs:
 for Northern Group: agreed.

F. C. Braun: re attempt to capture F.S. Sec: to
 write & say we must reciprocate the effort.

F. W. Hayes: re Hammersmith So: League: left
 over for next time.

Allen & Wood

Exec: at office Monday May 31st 5. 30 P.M.
Present Mr Blaud (chair) Mr Sandham Shaw,
Oakeshott Hammill Sparling Dell Webb Griffiths
Wallas Olivier & Mrs Brooke (for Sec. ill).

Absent: Massingham Banner & Dr Kuttos ~~to~~

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Private meeting for June 3rd: Barnard's Inn not to be obtained: Essex Hall engaged by Mr Webb for 4 guineas & notice put in news.
3. Ballot: Mrs Sales' letter to be read at the meeting before ballot taken. Sparling to put it into type. 300 papers with stamp of the Socy & "yes" & "no" to be printed for the occasion. Dell to do it.
4. Secretaryship: Mr. J. H. Macdonald to be engaged at £2 a week for one month with a week's notice on either side & to do 6 hours work a day.

5. Accounts: -

- 6. Mr. Percy Jones' candidature. A list of his dates open for speakers was handed to Sec: & lecturers requested to put their names down.
- 7. Mr. Wilshire's offer to lecture at his own expense in provinces: refer to De Mattos.
- 8. Naylor Daily Chronicle: to have the "Policy" on the night of the meeting but not before.
- 9. D'Arcy Reeve: Webb to write & thank him for cheque
- 10. Wadhams' candidature: Sec: to write to Pickers-gill for a letter of reference.
- 11. Correspondence as reported by Prehm: Com: & Ho: Muse: leaflets not to be granted & no further letters to be written.
Walter Vickers: open-air meetings & difficulties at Hyde: Webb had written.

Amaudio Holtreman: Portuguese Fabiana.

J. Kunciman: no reply required.

New Sales: noted

W. H. Drew: sending Labor Union Journal

Birmingham Annual Report: see: to write
asking for 50 copies.

80 Club Pamphlet on Pensions received.

Pat: lib: Club list of literature with prominent
place given to our own.

12. Webb reported upon replies to cards:
a par: to go to Daily Chron: & a sub.
- committee to be formed for this work.

13. Heckling questions & B. Dillett Fund to be
sent to Trades Councils & every club.

14. Invitations: to Mr. Hutchinson for June 3rd
to Osann for Org: of Unemployed Com^{tee} June 2nd

15. Parly Questions: 5000 to be printed.

Graham Waller

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Meeting of the Executive and Group Secs.
on Thursday, 9 June, 1892 at 8 p.m.

Present: Noel Griffiths (in the chair); Graham
Wallis, Bernard Shaw, Fred Hammill.

N. Group: P. R. Pratt

Hammermith: Mrs. Sell (pro sec.)

Central: Mrs. Walker

Hampton: Mrs. Brock

Graydon: Straphan,

Hackney: Stephenson (pro sec.)

S. H. : A. Barnard

Chelsea: Harcourt Darnard.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.
2. The proposed Reorganisation of the Groups was discussed. After a letter from Mrs. Bateson had been read and sundry suggestions offered, it was agreed to refer the question to the Executive.

3. Proposals were considered with reference to the work to be undertaken by the Society in the coming general election. Wallace brought forward a Syllabus of a course of four lectures to be delivered by Fabians at Workingmen's Clubs, which after some discussion was passed with certain amendments and the secretary was instructed to send it to the printer.

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Meeting of the Executive at Office, Monday
June 13th 1892 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:- Wallas (in the Chair) Mr Sandham,
Blair, Webb, Shaw, Griffiths, Dukescott,
Oliver and Dill. Miss Brooke and Reynolds
represented the Secretary.

Absent: Baumer, Hammill, Haddingham,
Spauling, Dr. Mattocks and Price, the last
through illness.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Secretaryship: It was agreed to ask W. H. Witley, to take the Secretaryship temporarily at a salary of two pounds a week.
3. The following were elected members of the Society with the exception of Hubenast about whom it was agreed to apply to the King for further information:

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
John Atkinson, 31 Strode-rd., Willesden-green, N.W.	F. W. Heal and G. T. Monson.
Alfred Beasley, 67 Dalling-road, Hammersmith, W.	F. W. Hayes and G. B. Shaw.
H. Coleman, 23 Rawcliffe-st., South Shore, Blackpool	General Secretary.
John Grice Cooke, 38 Durham-rd., Black-hill, Durham	General Secretary.
G. Dard, 37 Camden-road, N.W. ...	W. W. and Mrs. Bartlett.
Wm. Godfrey, 21 Glencoe-street, Poplar, E.	A. C. Graham and Geo. Willing.
Arthur Hickmott, 4 Camden-grove, St. John's-rd., Sevenoaks	H. B. Holding.
John Wesley Hillier, High-street, Melksham, Wilts.	General Secretary.
Fredk. Augustine Hoare, 3 Creswick-road, Bow, E.	Fred. Butler and Israel Ellis.
James Shaw Maxwell, 35 Perran-road, Tulse-hill, S.E.	G. Palmer and H. H. Sparling.
Andreas Scheu, 2 College-terrace, Harrow	G. B. Shaw and J. F. Oakeshott.
Sergius Stepniak, 31 Blandford-rd., Bedford-park, W.	E. R. Pease and Marjory Pease.
John Wm. Wood, Idlesleigh-house, Hormead-rd., Westbourne-pk., W.	S. E. Dark and F. C. Baum.

4. Reprinting of Tracts: It was decided to reprint No 16. to the extent of 3,000 copies. and to submit the Circular of Instructions to members to Webb for revision before printing any more.
5. It was decided to get a new list of members into print at once.
6. Correspondence as reported by Preliminary Committee: -
~~By~~ Letters from Mr. Dutton & Mr. Hallett with reference to the proposed reorganisation

of the Groups. Shaw undertook to reply.

(b) from Mr Markwick, offering the Society his partner shares in the Radical Review at a nominal price: secretary instructed to politely decline.

(c) from Drew with reference to the Dillett Fund: Shaw instructed to reply saying that the £70 collected by the Fabian Society would be banked in the Society's name and expended solely in ^{support} returning Officer's expenses.

(d) from W. S. Caine enclosing a donation of £10 to be spent in gratuitously distributing Webb's London Programme: after much discussion it was decided to accept the offer on the donor's terms and Shaw undertook to reply.

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7. A Syllabus of a proposed course of lectures on the General Election was submitted: it was decided that there was no time to get the lectures delivered and the scheme was dropped.

8. The Manifesto; Well and Hammill having refused to let their names appear among the signatures of the Election Manifesto, it was finally decided ~~after~~ that the signatures should be omitted altogether and the Secretary was instructed to give communication at once with the printer.
9. Webb proposed that a political sub-committee should be formed to deal with emergency business: ~~accepted~~ it was agreed that such of the Executive as were able should meet daily at the Office at 1.30 for this purpose.
10. It was agreed that a circular writ to members with reference to the Election should be drawn up and issued at once.
11. It was decided that the ~~Executive~~ Committee for redrafting Tracts 9, 16 and 23 should not meet till after the General Election.

12. Bland undertook to write to D'Arcy Reeve with reference to his offer of £500 for defraying ~~a~~ ^{the} expenses of a Fabian ^{lecturing} campaign during the coming winter

G. Bernard Shaw
20/6/92.

Meeting of Executive at Office, 20 June 1892, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: ~~Walter~~ Shaw (in the chair), Bland, Griffith, Oakeshott, Mrs Sandham, ~~Shaw~~, Wallas, Webb, Oliver

Absent: Banner, Dill, de Mattos (returning), Hammill, Massingham, ~~Oliver~~, Pease (ill), H. H. Sparling.

W. H. Utley was present as Secretary pro. tem.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. A letter having been received from H. B. Holding & Co. inquiring for the suitability of A. H. Hillmott as a member of the Society, he was elected.
3. New Tracts: Shaw reported on No 41.

4. - New Leaflet: Shaw was deputed to prepare a leaflet on "Indifference", to be distributed to electors urging them to vote.

5. Next Private Meeting: In consequence of the approach of the Gen. Election it was agreed that the Private Meeting of members fixed for July 8th. be not held. Sec. to write to Barnard's Inn, asking to be excused as it will be inconvenient to have meeting.

6. ^{Hampstead.} ~~N.W.~~ Group: In response to an application from Miss Brooke a grant of £1 was made to the ^{Hampstead} ~~N.W.~~ Group for Ex's.

7. S.W. Group: Sec. to send all notices etc. to Miss Cameron as well as to Harecourt Barnard.

8. Miss Brooke's Exs: A grant of 12/- was made to Miss Brooke for expenses incurred whilst performing the duties of Secretary. Sec. to ask Miss Brooke if that sum represented the whole of exs. she has incurred.

9. Tillet Fund: Bland undertook to write to dister of Halifax to arrange that money may be paid into the hands of the returning officer on

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nomination of Tillett.

10. Banner's resignation: Wallas undertook to rewrite to Banner again respecting this asking for a reply per return.
11. Autumn Course: Webb moves that the Emergency Committee be deputed to consider and make suggestions for the Autumn Course of Lectures for next meeting of Exec.
12. Questions to Parl. Candidates: When ready, send lists of those candidates who have not pledged themselves to Railways or Mines & Iron & Steel to corresponding organisations, urging them to get their members to make renewed efforts to obtain satisfactory pledges from their candidates.

Completed table of replies to be sent when finished has follows:—

portion dealing with Devon Cornwall to Slater, Plymouth
" " " Lancashire to M/c F.S.
" " " Yorkshire to Halifax F.S.
asking them to try and get it inserted in

local papers or a summary of it, and to get further information, the lists to be returned to the office.

13. Fabian News: Editor to insert a ~~par.~~ note to Local Societies not to change their name or basis. ~~to~~
14. Antwerp Congress: Webb reported that he had prepared two notes, one on 8 Hrs. Question and one on 8 Hrs. literature for this Conference. Sec. instructed to forward them to Secs. of Conference. ~~and to~~
15. Hitzky's Free Land Scheme: Sec. reported that P. Brailsford Bright wished to suggest to the Society Exec. that a lecture be arranged for the Autumn course on this subject. Declined.
16. Correspondence as reported by Prelim. Committee.
- a. - Geo. Nelson, Liverpool Fabian. announces that he was calling a meeting for June 22nd. to form F.S.M.

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Liverpool. wants to start a paper like "Justice" with 5000 guaranteed circulation. Will Exec. contribute articles. Sec. to write nothing new Society but discouraging newspapers

3.- Dora Foster. Edin. Fab. supporting John Wilson because liberal whom he opposes is no good: Sec. to write, pointing out that McEwen (Wilson's opponent) was the capitalist who turned Massingham out of the "Star". - She must be careful not to libel him.

4.- Russell Smart: New Fab. Soc. 12 members in St. Helens Lancashire. Can help Tillet. Noted.

5.- Carson Manchester F.S. Circular about paid organizer. Conference must be postponed. fears fears unsuccessful. Noted.

6.- S. G. Hobson - Cardiff F.S. - only waiting for one Unionist candidate's replies to flood ^{Welsh} press with results. ^{his} E. G. has answered all questions save one favourably. Noted.

7.- Faulger: wants canvassers. Sec. to do his best. Noted.

8.- G. Netherston, Richmond. New Fabian Society. wants speaker for ^{June 20th.} ~~night~~: - Sec. to write and say that it should be formed into a local Society, the members

of the London Society who live in the neighbour-
hood to be notified and to be advised to join
the Local Society.

0. - Librarian People's Palace: asks for public^{no} of F.S.
for the library: - See. to ask if they have a copy
of Feb. ~~the~~ Essays? If not to send them one,
and promise them a bound set of Tracts as
soon as the Hist. and Basis is finished.

Isabel Sandham.

Meeting of the Exec: at Office, June 27th. 1892.

Present: Mrs. Sandham (in the chair), Shaw, Oakeshott,
Griffith, Dell, Oliver, Wallas, Webb.

Absent: Bland (lecturing), de Mattos (~~lecturing~~), Hammill,
Massingham, Pease (ill), H.H. Sparling.

W.H. Utley was present as Sec. pro tem.

- i. - The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
confirmed.
- ii. - Vote leaflet: it was decided to print 5000 and to sell
them at cost price.

iii. - New Tracts: No 41: Shaw reported that he was leaving this over till after the election: Some discussion as to cover. proofs to be obtained for Exec. to S.E.E. Organist of Unemployed (Wales): also waiting till after election.

iv. - The Sec. reported on the quantity of leaflets of tracts in stock. It was agreed to reprint of No 1: 10,000.
 " " 20: 10,000 (Revision by Webb)
 " " 13: 20,000. (" " Shaw)
 " " 22: 5,000.
 " " 30: 5,000.
 " " 31: 5,000.
 " " 34: 5,000
 of Tracts No 5 & No 40, 5000 each.

v. - Dell reported about Hammill and Newcastle election. Sec. to write Hammill that he should consider well even if he obtained support of Trades Council, how much that support was worth, seeing that at the Town Council Elections the party had failed utterly; that he ought not to stand unless he could satisfy himself of the possibility of obtaining at least 1000 votes

and that he should be extremely cautious in the matter and satisfy himself fully as to the source of the money so that he may at any time be able to avow the source; further that the Exec. considers that at this late hour ~~that~~ his candidature would be practically hopeless and of no use.

vi.- Webb reported re Bradford and produced £60 which he had received for the Ben Tillett Election Fund. He reported that it seemed just possible that Tillett might succeed and that the whole affair was looked upon in Bradford as a Fabian Society movement. The people were very enthusiastic & the election was being worked fairly well by Drew, who said he had £200 in hand. He suggested that the Society should do all it can to assist Tillett's candidature. Wallace offered to go to Bradford. Sec. to write Drew and ask if he wanted literature & offer leaflets free.

vii.- Sec. reported that Tilletts Fund up to June 27/92 amounted to £81.15.4. With the £60 announced by Webb this made a total of £141.15.4.

viii:- Sec. presented Balance Sheet of Society to end of May, which showed an income from members Subscriptions of £111.18.0, and a balance at Bank of £197.10.7.

ix.- Banners resignation: A post card from Banner indicating that if hour of meeting of Exec. was not changed he could not attend, ~~He~~ must tender his resignation: it was agreed to accept his resignation.

x.- Autumn Course: Consideration postponed.

xi.- Correspondence as reported by preliminary committee.

P.C. Glubb: re H. R. Taylors appeal for Funds: Sec. to reply.

Adolphe Smith: re Socialist Workers, Paris: invitation to Congress from 3rd July to 10th. for one representative. Sec. to decline + send literature.

James. Librarian People's Palace: wants more "Fabian Essays"
to be sent.

McC Fabian Society: re Conference & to appoint General
organiser for Northern Counties: Conf: proposed not
to interfere with Gen. Electⁿ. noted.

Stramp: Congres International-Domanier d'Anvers:
wants to know if Delegate has been appointed.
& wants informⁿ respect^s ways^{shown} in textile
industries of Britain. See to reply.

Banner: resigning his position on Excc: on account of
inability to attend owing to hours of meeting.
resignⁿ accepted [see above]

Mrs. Pütz: nomⁿ of Miss Brooke for Excc. noted

Henderson: " " " " " "

Banner: for Reir Hardie. wants speakers &
literature. to be sent

Varlez: (Gand, Belgium): A-B en Télett Fund.

Samuel: re new list of members. noted.

Sidney Webb
4/7/92

Meeting of Exec: at Office, 4 July 1892.

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Present: Webb (in the chair), Bland, Griffith, Massingham
Oakeshott, Shaw, Wallas.

Absent: Well, de Mattos, Hammill, Olivier, Pease (ill)
Mrs Sandham, Sparking.

W. H. Uxley as Sec. pro. tem.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

i. - Vote! leaflet: 15,000 to be printed, making in all 20,000.

ii. - Tracts: Sec. reported on stock and issues.

No. 41: Shaw reported.

Agenda for next week: to seriously consider new Tracts.

iii. Ben Tillet Fund: Sec. reported that the fund amounted to over £145. Some discussion took place as to disposal of surplus: this to stand over to next meeting. Sec. to report re Fund. Shaw reported re Bradford & Tillet's prospectus.

iv. Autumn Course: Wallas made suggestions and after some discussion it was agreed that the Sec. ~~to~~ invite the following to read papers on the subjects suggested: Costelloe: "Incidence of Taxation"

Gustav Steffen: "The Industrial Revolution".

Llewellyn Smith: "Technical Education in London".

Schloss: "Boards of Arbitration & Conciliation"

or: "A Labour Bureau"; or any other subject he likes.^F

Wallas & Webb ("what can be got out of the next Parliament")
to take the remaining lectures of the course.

vi. Local Societies: Letter from Paul Stacey re Bristol
S. D. F. and its relations with Bristol Fabian Society.
Shaw to answer. A discussion ensued, concerning
relations of London Society to Local Societies.
Sec. to find out date of Manchester Conference.
Bland mentioned Blackburn Fabian Society, which he
reported to be moribund. Sec. to inquire what is ~~the~~^{its}
condition and what help is needed.

vii. - Hammill's Letter to Justice: - To be considered next week.

viii. - Archive Box & New Pigeon-Holes for office: - Sec. to obtain
them at his discretion.

ix. - New Lecture List & Re-arrangement of Groups: - Sec. to
arrange by correspondence with Group Secs; the

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Exec. then to decide.

- x. - Miss Brooke: Sec. to write Miss Brooke, conveying thanks of Exec. for her services whilst Acting Secretary.
18/- (in addition to 12/- already granted) for her expenses.
- xi. - Resignation: A letter from H. E. Williams resigning from the Society.
- xii. - New Lecture List: Sub-committee to consider and report. Sec. to write de Mattos.
- xiii. - Fabian News: - Sec. to see to it & write Group Secs. to send up news of Group Work.
- xiv. - Book Box: to be ordered, Wallas to prepare list of books to be placed therein.
- xvii. - Libraries: Local Societies to be requested to see if a certain books are in the Public Libraries within their areas, & where not to make every attempt to get them in: Wallas to prepare list of books
xiv & xv to be done by circular.

xviii. - London Groups: Webb & suggested that Shaw & Wallas be recommended to go round to London Groups to see what they were doing and to give good advice &c.

xix. - Webb draw attention to the recently issued Town Holdings Report.

Correspondence as reported by prelim. com:

1. - G. J. Anderson, Dunedin: B. - Writes for specimens of literature. already sent.
2. H. E. Williams: resignation of membership. noted.
3. Dr Mattos re lecture dist. [4000 in stock]
4. W. A. Carson, wife F. S. re Picnic & Demonstration. notes.
5. G. F. Hammill: re Candidature for Newcastle-on-Tyne noted.
6. G. Stacy: re Manifesto Sale + Tillet Fund and action of Bristol F. S. with reference thereto. Shaw to reply.

7. J. Lister: re Tillett's Returning Officers
Ecs. notes.

8. Miss Walker, re Central Group Report in News.
notes.

Isabel Sandham.

Meeting of the Excc. at Office 11 July 1892.

Present: Mrs Sandham (in the Chair), Shaw, Bland
Oakeshott, Griffith, Oliver, Dell, Wallas, Webb.

Absent: de Mattos, Hammill, Massingham,
Fraser (ill), Sparling.

W. H. Uxley, present as Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Shaw reported that he had not ^{yet} written to Stacy, as his letter did not seem to require any answer, but since the last meeting of the Excc. he had ~~reported~~ ^{pointed} out ~~declined~~ to lecture for several S. D. F. branches who had asked him to lecture the difficult position of Fabians who lecture for S. D. F. branches owing to the continual attacks made on the Fabian Soc. in Justice

ii.- The following candidates for membership were elected.

Candidates for Election.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Walter H. Baker, Parkside, S. Australia	Graham Wallas.
C. W. C. Barlow, 28 Carlyle-road, Cambridge... ..	Maziere Irvine.
W. S. Bickford, Edison-street, Glenelg, S. Australia	C. L. Marson.
D. M. Charleston, Birkenhead, S. Australia	C. L. Marson.
J. W. Cleland, Glasgow University, Glasgow	General Secretary.
Osborne Graham, 6 Agamemnon-road, West Hampstead	S. A. Driver and Miss Brooke.
R. S. Guthrie, Mead-street, Peterhead, S. Australia	C. L. Marson.
Miss M. W. Haycroft, 232 Marylebone-road, N.W.	Mrs. Ritchie and Mrs. M. Pease.
H. T. Maidment, Fern Cottage, Carlyle-road, Cambridge	Maziere Irvine.
Mrs. Lucy Morice, Glenelg, S. Australia	C. L. Marson.
J. P. Morice, Glenelg, S. Australia.	C. L. Marson.
Touzeau Parris, 28 Riverscourt-road, Hammersmith	G. B. Shaw & Graham Wallas.
A. F. Pearson, North Uluby, S. Australia	C. L. Marson.
F. J. Stephens, Ashfield, Falmouth	E. D. Girdlestone.
Joseph Thornton, 298 New Kent-road, S.E.	Frank Smith & E. E. Williams.
George H. Underwood, 88A Commercial-road, Bournemouth ...	Rev. E. E. Cleal.
Wm. Webster, 14 Hanover-road, Plumstead, S.E.	H. Snell and J. S. Gibson.
R. F. E. Wills, Arnside, Dacre-hill, Birkenhead	H. V. Mills and Mrs. J. Mole.
Geo. Nelson, 145 Queen's-road, Liverpool	General Secretary.

Sec. to write Thornton, asking him if he has attended 2 meetings and if he ^{fully} accepts the basis of the F.S. also to Stephens, asking him if he accepts basis.

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iii. - New Tracts: "Workers Political Programme". Shaw to revise.

"Organ" of Unemployed." taken over by Olivier

iv. - B.T. Fund: Sec. presents balance sheet, showing ~~£~~ £152.7.1 recd. a/c to be prepared deducting ^{printing} Exs. surplus to be sent to Dr. W.

v. - Hammill + "Justice": left over.

vi. - New lecture list: inactive lecturers to be left out.
new active .. to be inserted.
local ~~Secretaries~~ ^{Lecturers} to be omitted +
^{+ addresses} names of ~~Secs.~~ local Secs. to be inserted. Sec. to ~~be~~ prepare list with help of de Mattos.

vii. Book-box: being prepared. Wallas presents list of books to be placed therein. £5 granted to purchase books.
Web drafting paragraph for News + circular to be sent round to local Societies

viii. - Public libraries: Webb preparing circular urging local societies to see that public libraries have a books in a list to be prepared by Wallas.

ix. Webb suggested a correspondence class in Economics for country members. This to be incorporated in circular. Circular authorised.

x. Liverpool F.S.: 5000 leaflets granted.

xi. 8 Hrs. Committee: Peartrie to be asked to act as Sec.

~~xii.~~ Correspondence as reported by prelim. Comm:

Liverpool F.S. wants 5000 leaflets. granted.

Bucher: wants to translate a pamphlet + F.S. to publish it by Annie declined.

Mrs. Brooke: withdraws her candidature for Sec.

Autumn Course: Costelloe + Schloss accept.

Worcester, F.S. - doing well.

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Stukeley Bland
18/7/92.

Meeting of Executive at Office, on Mon. 18 July, '92.
Present: Shaw (Chair), Bland, Dell, Griffith,
Hammill, Massingham, Oakshott, Oliver,
Mrs Sandham, Webb.

Absent: de Mattos, Pease (ill), Sparling, Wallas.
W. H. H. present as Sec. pro. tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, amended
and confirmed.

- i. - New Tracts re: a. "Advice to New Members": Oliver to revise.
1000 to be printed.
b. Application Forms (London) 1000 to be printed
c. "Democratic Budget": has been revised &
now reprinting.

A conversation ensued re Shaw's New Tract and
its suggested title.

iv. Hammill's letter to Justice: Hammill's ~~letter~~ explained that his letter to Justice was only intended to explain the appearance of his name in the manifesto. Shaw expressed the opinion of the Executive in the matter.

A conversation ensued as to what the Fabian policy really is and as to the course of action to be pursued at Newcastle, in case John Morley has to seek re-election.

v.- New Lecture List & List of Members: Sec. reported progress.

vi.- Autumn Lecturing Campaign: Letter from de Mattos re D'Arcy Reeve's offer. It was decided to take advantage of Reeve's offer, and a lecturing sub-committee (Wallas, Shaw, Dill, Blend & Massingham) ^{was appointed} to arrange for Autumn Campaign. Sec. to find out what lecturers can go, & to intimate to de Mattos that the Executive do not propose to have any one man tour.

Mem: organising Sec. for Lancashire.

vii.- Br. Tillet Fund: Sec. presented balance sheet, showing a surplus of £7.17.7. Treasurer to send this to Drew.

viii.- Advs. for "Fabian News": Sec. to write to publishers (one each month) pointing out increased "circulation" of "News" and special advantages of advertising in it.

ix.- Book-Box: Wallas to be reminded

x.- Public libraries. do. do.

Correspondence, as reported by Prelim. Committee.

J. M. Forgie. - Newcastle-on-Tyne wants to start F.S. Old F.S. (Tyne side) extinct. one Gills still claims to be Sec.

Refer to Tyne-side Fabian; not to do anything without communicating first with Exec.

J. P. Morice: Oth. Australia F.S. has 44 members, 3 of whom are M.P.'s. Port Pirie & Fort Augustus going to start local F.S's

PIRIE.

J. Edwards (Liverpool F.S.): Will Exec. publish a "Facts for 'Pool."
Sec. to intimate that if work satisfactorily prepared, Exec. will probably be ready to bear a portion if not the whole of the expense.

W. Howe Tolman: Wants historical details of Vanities slides re F.S. Is going to lecture on us. Already ansd?

S. D. Headlam: Would we give simple lectures on Hist. Lit. and Pol. Econ. to boys, girls and adults at Board Sch. Evening Classes?

Yes! if he will circularize.

Watt: Offers $\frac{1}{2}$ page advt. in 'Contemp. Rev.' for 50/- or $\frac{1}{4}$ page 25/-
Declines

De Mattos: Wants £1.17.6 sent to Buttery for Exec. at Bromley Leicester.
Autumn Campaign. Stud to Buttery.

J. Selten: Southampton F.S. - Wants leaflets. 1 Guardian + 1 Sel. Bd. in
Society. Stud leaflets

Thos Lacey: "Fabian Women". read. Sec. to thank Miss Lacey
& point out that Exec. has done nothing

T.C. Calvin: - Wants "Distr. of Wealth" lectures on Mon. at 8 at
1 Maple, Limehouse. open air.

Refer to Poplar Group.

Herbert Daniell, Austr. Soc. League. wants tracts. Many trade
have started genuine Co. op. Several branches.
No literature, no money. five years old.
Refer to Austr. F. S.

Stacy.

Alex. Blair
Chairman -

~~Execution at office. July 25th. 1892.~~

~~Present: Blair (chair), Sparling, Oakshott.~~

Executive at Office, July 25th, 1892.

Present: Bland (Chair), Sparling, Shaw, Griffith,
Oakshott, Mrs Sandham, Wallas.

Absent: Dell, de Mattos, Hammill, Massingham,
Oliver, Frase (ill), Webb.

W. H. Uelley present as Sec. pro. tem.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. New Tracts. — No 41. (Shaw.) Revised proofs laid before Exec. A discussion ensued re Title. Resolved that the title as printed stand i.e. "The Fabian Society: what it has done and how it has done it."
10,000 to be printed and moulds to be taken.
"Advice to New Members." — Oliver sent revise which was passed. 1000 to be printed.
3. Reprints. — "Democratic Budget." revised.
5000 to be printed and moulds.

4. Fabian News.- 3000 to be printed, or as many
as may be necessary. (8)

5. Ben Tillet Fund.- Balance sheet only to
be printed in News.

6. New Lecture list and New list of Members.-
See reported progress.

7. Political Information Circular.- A draft circular
prepared by Sidney Webb dealing with
political information, correspondence classes,
book boxes, free libraries, and other
action by local Societies.

Correspondence classes agreed to on Webb
& Wallas undertaking to do the work.

The book-box already prepared to be
made into two. Present Box to be
used as Archive Box.

Each Society loaning a Book-box to be

charged $2\frac{1}{2}^d$ for each period of 3 months.

Circular ^{and to pay carriage both ways} ordered to be printed & sent to Local Societies.
also form for Report on Free Libraries.

8. Questions to M. P.'s. - No further applications to made.
9. - Vacancy on Executive. - Election to take place at first private meetings on Sept. 23rd.
 day for nominations, July 23rd.
10. - News (August). - Shaw read draft article on the results of the election. passed.
11. - Autumn Campaign. - The Sub-committee reported that they had drawn up a list of Lecturers to be ~~sent out~~ ^{asked to} ~~used~~ for lectures in provinces & that the Secretary was in communication with them & with Local Fabian & other Societies.
12. New Rug. - Sec. authorised to purchase New Rug for office.
13. Howell's Overtime & Holiday. - $\frac{8}{6}$ allowed for overtime worked during election, and to have 10 days holiday.

14. Executive Holidays.- The meetings of the Executive to be adjourned to Monday, Sept. 5th, those members who can attend at office to be a permanent committee.

- 15. Correspondence - as reported by preliminary com.
 - a. Gorton F.S. - propose to run candidates at Municipal Election. want facts for Gorton. Sec. to reply.
 - b. Barrow in - Furness F.S. - Want to run a Labour Candidate at next General Election. Sec. to reply - refer to manifesto.
 - γ. Trip Brooke - apologising for mistake re Mrs Pütz's post card meeting. Sec. to reply gently, also to Mrs Pütz equally gently, not to heed post cards Fabian Society.
 - δ. Steffen - Agreeing to read paper for Autumn Course on "Industrial Revⁿ"
 - ε. Swan, Sonnenschein. - want to push sale of Webb's "London Programme": offer 1000 at 6^d each, with 5% off. Sec.

to offer to take 100 on these terms the
Sag Society, will do its best to push the
Sale.

5. - Hewllyn Smith. - can't read paper for
Autumn Course. Sec. to ask Karl
Pearson to lecture.

Richard Wallas -

Executive at office Sep 5. 1892.

Present Wallas (chair), Pease, Caheshott, Shaw, Bland,
Olivier (with Wley acting Sec)

Absent Webb, Mrs Sandham, Massingham, Hammill, Sell,
Griffith, De Matto, Sparking.

1. The minutes of July 25th were conformed
2. Candidates in Aug. News were considered + elected except Harry Brown + Miss Esther Walker.
3. New Tracts.
 - I Organisation of Unemployed. Olivier. In hand.
 - II Webb's Contemporary Rev. article Copy to be sent Shaw.
 - III Proposed 8 Hour Leaflet N.C.F.S. Write them to prepare stuff for us.
 - IV. Headlan's Paper on X'tian Soc^y. Ask if we may print it + discuss Sep. 23rd
 - V. Letter from Standing reporting excess of 5000 copies No 41 printed in error. Agreed to defer consideration till we are in his debt.
4. Reprints.
 - No 27. 10000. - Passed, + moulds.
 - " 37 Revised by Webb. Passed. 15000 + mould.

5. Proposed 2nd Series Fabian Essays. On report of Wallis, agreed to abandon the proposal.
6. Agreed that publication of Shaw's Anarchism be considered. Shaw to report. -
7. Town Council Elections. Utley reported issue of a Circular handing Tracts 27 + 37 + offering supplies. Action approved.
8. Autumn Campaign. Utley reported probable cost to be £300 for lectures in 80-100 places, + 2 or 3 lectures in each place. Treasurer to write to D. Reeve for £100 on a/c. Agreed that we must make the best of our lecturers, + cannot employ a paid professional.
9. Proposed Paid Organiser Lancashire Dist. Reports from Lancashire + Leeds were read throwing cold water on the plan, + it was decided let the matter stand over.
10. Letter from Ashton-under-Lyme asking Loan or Grant of £10 or £15. - To be gently refused.

11. Proposed Circular to London Clubs. Negatives
12. Autumn Course. Utley reported that K. Pearson had declined, she had asked Stepanish, who consented. Course approved.
13. New Lecture List. Agreed to prepare enlarged & revised Edition. -
14. Business meeting on Sep 23rd. - Agreed that in addition to other business, we propose publication of Headlam's "Xtian Soc^y" Tract, & that a Resolution be moved proposing action by the Society in regard to Trafalgar Square. -
15. Correspondence Classes. Utley reported a number of applications. Referred to Webb & Wallas.
16. Proposed purchase of Typewriter. Agreed to try a Hammond & defer decision. -
17. Office Work. Agreed that Utley continue for one week at any rate.

18. Accounts to June 30th presented.
19. A. W. Steward. Agreed to defer consideration.
20. Proposal to send lecturer to Australia. Suggestion that Utley go approved: Bland to write to C. L. Mason to this effect.

21. Correspondence.

1. R. W. Sindall, asking grant of books. Send 6/- Sessgo + London Programme.
2. Boston Book Co. offering Social Science Reports 1860 or Union for 8/- each. Buy one. -

H. Halliday Sparling

Meeting at Office on Monday 12th Sept: 92.

Present Sparling (in chair) Griffith, Galeshott, Peace, Wallas Oliver.

Absent Webb, Bland, Hammill, Shaw, Mr. Sandham, Massingham, Dell, De Mattos.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts:- Organⁿ of Unemployed. Oliver. In hand.
 Webb's Contemp. Rev. Art. Shaw. No report
 Shaw's Anarchism Shaw - - do -
 Headlam's Xth Soc^m Paper. Sec. reported
 that Headlam agreed to our publication as a tract, but
 that by an error no notice of it had been given in the
 News. Agreed that Urquhart be moved for it, & Wallas
 lay it before the Society.
3. Autumn Campaign. Letter from Bland read saying that
 D. Reeve promised £100 at once. Uler reported Lectures
 courses arranged for Newcastle, Halifax & Lancashire
 Districts. Letters from Cardiff read that they had ar-
 ranged course of London lectures & asking Exec. to pay.
 Agreed that we pay travelling expenses, provided

concurrent lectures are arranged at Bristol & elsewhere; but that Cardiff Society is requested not to make their own arrangements again without consulting us.

4. Paid Organiser for Lancashire. Letters from Man: F.S. read advocating this, & from Webb suggesting we spend £50, on it. - Agreed (1) that Sec write to D. Reeve to ask if he agree to devote £50 to this purpose (2) that Sec. write to Lancashire Societies asking how much they can raise locally (3) that they be asked on what terms he would take the job.

5. The following were elected members, viz:-
 Harry Brown (Ang. news) making the complete list
 * except Miss Esther Walker:-

Miss N. Anders, 27 Lenhill-rd., W.	S. E. Dark and Miss L. Burton
Harry Brown, 10 Plevna-st., Isle of Dogs, Poplar, E.	A. C. H. Graham and G. Willing
John J. Buckland, Heathfield, Bennett's-hill, Oxton, Birkenhead ...	General Secretary.
J. A. H. Catton, 180 Bury New-rd., Cheetham, Manchester	W. S. De Mattos.
Arthur Clendon, Allhallows School, Honiton, Devon	General Secretary.
Fredk. Cox, 10 Vernon-place, W.C.	Geo. Palmer and W. Anderson
John Exten, jun., 70 Clifford-street, Southampton	General Secretary.
John H. Greville, 24 Dalberg-road, Brixton, S.W.	Miss A. Brown and H. Aldridge
Mary E. Irvine, Mangakino, Hokianga, N.Z.	Maziere Irving.
Chas. Ivatts, 11 Beckett-rd., Canning Town, E.	W. Reed and W. H. Campbell
R. B. Kerr, 60 Castle-st., Edinbro'	Dora Foster and Rev. J. Glasse
N. A. Mercer, Hextable, Swanley, Kent	General Secretary.
Sid. Thomson, 19 Hildrop-rd., N.	A. L. Dawson and E. B. Bishop
Peregrine Varnals, 151 Earlsfield-road, S.W.	J. F. Oakeshott and Miss E. Newcombe.

* Miss Esther Walker, 36 Learnington-road, Villas, Westbourne-park
 John F. Wilder, 75 Westbourne-park
 Bron Rasbury, N.W.
 Beni. Wilson, c/o F. J. Quilter, Kirkcaldy, Orkney, Yorks.
 S. E. Dark and Mrs. L. Mallet
 S. A. Driver and Mrs. Pütz.
 General Secretary.

* Elected 19 Sep. 92

also the list ~~are~~ in the September News as under, except those underlined in red ink: viz: -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
John Hope Allan, 11 Mowbray-st., Sheffield	Rev. Charles Peach
John Bineham, Wye House, Pier-st., Cubitt Town, Poplar, E. ...	A. C. Graham and G. Willing
Robert Bishop, Sea View-rd., Parkstone, Dorset	Graham Wallas
Thos. Lowe Bunting, 250 Westgate-road, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	E. R. Pease
Geo. J. Caffley, 88 Old-st., E.C. ...	Geo. Samuel and E. B. Bishop
<u>F. V. Conolly, 64 Crescent-road, Clapham, S.W.</u>	<u>Fred Henderson and R. Smart</u>
Mrs. Jas. Duncan, 57 Park-avenue, Sydney-parade, Dublin	General Secretary
Jas. W. Forgie, 26 Westmoreland-place, Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	General Secretary
Miss Kate Hines, School House, Botolph Claydon, Winslow, Bucks	W. S. De Mattos
Mrs. Harry Lowerison, 19 Glenarm-road, Lower Clapton, N.E. ...	H. Lowerison and S. Brooke
George Manton, Burton-lodge, Clifton, York	J. Bruce Wallace
Miss Margaret McMillan, 9 Tadema-road, Chelsea, S.W.	P. Campbell and J. B. Wallace
John Richardson, South Park, Lincoln... ..	Miss C. E. D. Martyn
Miss Daisy Scheu, 2 College-terr., Harrow-on-the-Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Steffen
<u>Alfred Sellicks, 205 Burrage-road, Plumstead</u>	<u>Tom Mann and Jos. Burgess</u>
<u>Thomas Spink, 4a Blenheim-villas, St. John's Wood, N.W.</u>	<u>Graham Wallas and J. Foulger</u>
John Scott Stokes, Stanstead-cott., Caterham	R. E. Dell and H. H. Sparling
Mrs. Ethel Scott Stokes, do.	" "
<u>H. Hyde Ward, 113 Church-street, Edgware-road, W.</u>	<u>J. B. Bright and J. C. Foulger</u>
Chas. Edward Watson, Sea Bank, Cleethorpes	Miss C. E. D. Martyn
Fred Weston, Westport, Curry Rivel, Taunton	W. Bartlett and H. B. Holding

Elected 24 Oct 92

Elected 19/9.92

Elected 31/10/92

6. Correspondence Classes. Wallas undertook to prepare a scheme

7. Elocution Class - deferred in Shaw's absence.

8 Office Work. Agreed that lecture Sec. must not continue to arrange lectures if absent from London: also that Gen. Sec. prepare estimate of cost of short-hand clerk to assist in office

9. Accounts. Balance to 31st August presented. Resolved that the Bank account be transferred to London, be opened in names of Bland & Peace, & that receipts be all banked at least weekly, & money drawn for Petty Cash.

10. Agreed that North St. Pancras be transferred to Hampstead Group

11. Agreed that Wallas be empowered to purchase 2nd Hand Economic Works for Book-Boxes or library, to the extent of £2.-

12. Correspondence.

Major Edwards, re Lib. Elect. Rules. Send nice reply.
S.W. Johnson re reference to Stuart in Sept. News.

Sec. to write that the passage was overlooked: that Exec. admit justice of much of his letter, but

circumstances will not occur again.

Librayd Tipton asking grant of books. Refused.

S. D. F. asking delegate re Trafalgar Square Meeting.

Wtey to go & report: a watching brief only. -

Manchester Labour Day Dem: - asking subscription.
Declined.

Julius Ward

19/5/92.

Executive at Office 19 Sept: 1892.

Present, Bland (Chair) Gakeeshott, Shaw, Sparking, Wallas,
Hammill Griffith Pease (also Utley)
Absent. Olivier, Webb, Massingham, Mrs Sandham,
De Matos, Dell.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts:- Org. of Unemployed. Olivier. No report.
Anarchism Shaw. " "
Webb's Contemp. Rev. Art. Shaw reported
that it was not in his opinion adapted for a
tract, but he w^d write to Webb thereon. —
3. Paid Organiser in Lancashire:-
Letters read from Reave, approving expenditure of £50
for this purpose, from his promised gift; & enclosing
£150. — From J. Lister (2) suggesting S. S. Dask
as organiser. — Circular sent to Lancashire Societies
recommending proposing the plan. — Utley stated
that he would take the work at £2. — per week &
travelling expenses. —

- 4. Miss Esther Walker + Alfred Sellich were elected members, + on a letter from Webb, the removal of F. Drummond from the list was rescinded.
- 5. Correspondence Classes discussed, + proposed circular approved, with amendments to be made by Wallas.
- 6. Elocution Class. agreed to send out circular.
- 7. Office-work. after discussion, decision was deferred.
Wtly to continue for the present.
- 8. Accounts. Treasurer reported that Transfer of Banking a/c would be made shortly. -
- 9. Hamstead Group. Agreed that E. W. St. Paneras be transferred into this group. -
- 10. Trafalgar Square. Wtly reported on the meeting at 327 Strand + the Exec. agreed to support his motion on Friday next.
- 11. Secretary reported new Locals formed at Blackpool + Walthamstow.
- 12. Agreed to reprint 5000 No 12 Tract.

13. Agreed to grant set of Tracts to Rev. S. Armitage per Miss Brooke.

15. Agreed that Chairman on Friday be Bland.

16. Agreed to write Burgess asking him either to withdraw heading Fabian Notes in the Workman's Times, or else to insert a line to the effect that the Society is not responsible for the contents.

17. Correspondence (as decided on by the preliminary Comtee).

1. A. R. Burn Landing proposed Tract on Coop. Production.

Gabehott to send final report.

2. C. L. Money Re Jarvis. Shaw to reply.

3. Miss Brooke, offering to do book of newspaper-cuttings, approved.

4. Stockport, asking if Fabians can abstain from joining Trade Unions.

We can make no absolute rule.

5. Eng. L. R. League asking re Cirencester & H. Lawson.

Agreed to grant Sparling 500 or 1000 Tracts.

6. W. Scott. Sale of 1395 Reaps reported for 6 months.

7. G. W. Johnson reply.

8. Pickersgill asking advice re Mahon. Send reply.

9. Bolton F.S. Landing Manifesto re Town. Council Elections.

Sparling to annotate & return. Robert E. Dale.

Executive at Office 26 Sep. 92 . -

Present ~~Present~~ ~~at the office~~: Dell, in the chair, Mrs Sandham
Shaw, Bakeshot, Peace Sparring Bland, Griffith Wallis.

Absent Wtly (lecturing) DeMatto, Massingham, Olivier, Webb
Hammill.

1. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts. Headlam's Xthm Soc^m. Print.
 Org. of Unemployed. Olivier. No report
 Anarchism. Shaw Do.
 Webb's Contemp. Art. Shaw Do.
3. Organiser. Agreed to appoint W. H. Wtly Organiser
 for Lancashire & the North at £2. a week
 & Hotel & Travelling Expenses. The appointment
 to date from today.
4. Agreed to put par. in News re Correspondence Classes &
 announcing that the Voice Production class is abandoned
 owing to the death of Mr. Behnke.
5. Agreed to print title page for Bound Tracts.

6. Agreed to put par in news re Nat. Lib. Fed?
7. Agreed that Wallas & Shaw be delegates to the Trafalgar Sq^{re} Demonstration Com^{ee} with orders to say that we take part in it only if there be no conflict with the Government.
8. Agreed to send Nelson Palmer to the country for a week or so if his services are wanted.
9. Agreed to reprint Library Circular.
10. Agreed to write E. J. Watson asking if he desires to remain a member.
11. Agreed to buy a Barlock Typewriter: also that the Secy engage a Typist at 25/- a week, and pending a permanent arrangement that he secure a temporary assistant. —
12. Agreed to send out Wallas' Extension lecture handbill with news. —

13. Correspondence.

- 1. Eng. L. R. League offering copy of their Queen Side of Landlordism for each member, & also some for sale. agreed to both.
- 2. Rt. Hon. J. Chamberlain asking for Literature.
- 3. Gorton F.S. re progress.
- 4. Kidd asking for grant of Literature: refused.
- 5. F.S. Green re D.S.P. Lectures at Deptford.
- 6. Miss Comar asking grant of £5. Secretary's reply approved. Write confirming it.
- 7. Halford. asking re Andrew Reid: nothing known.
- 8. Labour Journal Bradford asking adots & help. Defer, & ask for copy. —

J. M. Hammill
 Chairman

9 Oct 1892.

Executive at Office Monday 3 Oct. 1892

Present. F. Hammill (in chair) Mrs Sandham, Dell,
Griffith, Gakeshot, Wallas, Pease, Shaw, Sparling
Absent Utley (Lecturing) De Matto, Webb, Bland,
Massingham, Olivier,

1. Minutes of last meeting confirmed
2. New Tracts: Organ. of Unemployed Olivier no report
Anarchism Shaw " "
Webbs Cont. Rev. art Webb " "
3. Organiser. Sec. reported that Utley accepted
the post, & that many local societies
had written approving, some promising
small contributions. —
Reports were read from Organiser on Liverpool F.S. &c.
4. Sec. reported that par. in news on Nat. Lib. Fed.
was cut out by the printer, for want of space.
5. Trafalgar Square. Delegates reported. agreed to
appoint delegates at next Exec. Mtg.

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b. Accounts. Sec. reported Bank A/c transferred to London & opened in name of Society :-

Resolved. That the Honorary Treasurer Hubert Bland, & the General Secretary Edward Reynolds Pease be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of the Society, & to conduct the Banking Business of the Society & that the said Edward Reynolds Pease be authorised ^{to endorse} all cheques & other documents payable to the Society.

Cheques were ordered to be signed as follows

Petty cash (signed already)	£ 5. 0. 0
E. L. Manning	1. 8. 0
G. Wallas (Economic Books)	1. 8. 6
Gen. Sec. Salary	25. 0. 0
H. Bland Bal ^{ce} etc	1. 14. 0
Blackburn F. S.	1. 13. 0
Miss Conway (Lectures)	5. 0. 0
Barloch Typewriter	22. 15. 3 (Less Dist)
Rent	18. 0. 0

7. Wallas reported on arrangements for Corresp. Classes & report was approved —

8. Letter from Miss Priestley offering to take post of typist at 257-^{a week} was read, + testimonial to her from W. T. Stead. Agreed that she be engaged on the terms named, with permission to take private work in addition, & that the Sec. write her that the Society does not claim more than 33 hours work in the week from her. —
9. Agreed that Wilshire be sent lecturing to the country if required.
10. Sec. reported that J.W. Grenille desired to form a T.U. among the Central Market meat porters. Referred to Hammill to consider + assist.
11. Agreed to take no new steps in reference to Workman's Times pending publication of Shaw's letter.
12. Labour Journal. Application for assistance re-considered. Agreed not to advertise, but to offer literary assistance. —

13 Correspondence :-

- (a) Nat. Reform Union asking renewal of Advt.
Agreed to do so at 20/-
- (b) Irish Nat. Union asking grant of books: refused.
- (c) Stafford F.S. asking re Destitute aliens.
Shaw agreed to send address of Wilkins.
- (d) Hyde F.S. asking re Free Education. Advise him
to write to Education Dept., asking re form
of memorial, & in any case to let us know result.
- (e) Job F.S. asking aid for Sparling's lecture.
Grant 25/- for rent of room.
- (f) Hnis, asking grant in aid for lectures.
agreed to defray cost up to £5.- &
to ask Maxwell to go.
- (h) S. E. Williams re to Headlam's Tract in press.
Write that we cannot insert disclaimer,
but we will make it very clear that
the Tract is Headlam's, & it be so
advertised.

Nov. Pittier

Exec. at Office on 10th Oct. 1892

Present. Griffith (in chair) Mr. Sandham, Bland, Wallas, Webb, Shaw, Cakeshild, Hammill, Sparling, Bell, Pease.
Absent Utley (lecturing) De Mattos, Massingham, Olivier

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Candidates were elected except D. W. McQuire held over:-

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Mrs. Grace Bishop, 7 Anton-st., Hackney	O. Stephenson & Samuel
R. Dempster, Morn-st., Alyth, Perthshire	E. R. Pease.
Alfred Everard, 7 Morning-lane, Mare-st., Hackney	E. B. Bishop & G. Samuel
Miss Edith E. Garland, Spring-hill, Upper Clapton, N.E.	H. Limebeer & Mrs. Pütz
Thos. Laen Gay, 11 Percy-terrace, Hackney Wick, E.	E. B. Bishop & G. Samuel
Colin Gowans, Baldragon, Strathmartine, Dundee... ..	General Secretary.
Archibald Halliday, Castle School, Guildford, Surrey	General Secretary.
G. C. Henson, 108 Manor-rd., Brockley, S.E.	K. R. Kuypers and J. Watson Grice.
J. W. Hincley, 49 John-street, Lincoln	Miss C. E. D. Martyn.
<u>D. W. McQuire, 11 Thornhill-crescent, Thornhill-sq., Barnsbury, N.</u> ...	J. T. Kent & P. R. Pratt.
Lawrence S. Moore, 78 Petherton-rd., N. H. Wm. Pearson, Broad-st., Haverhill...	S. Webb & E. R. Pease.
Herbert H. Roper, 1 Vine-st., Lincoln ...	H. Halliday Sparling.
Miss E. Shaw, Beckenham-rd., Penge ...	Miss C. E. D. Martyn.
Logan Pearsall Smith, Friday's Hall, Haselmere	J. W. Straughan and Miss L. Friend.
Miss Alys W. Pearsall Smith, 44 Grosvenor-road, S.W.	G. Wallas & H. Sparling.
H. Ernest Wilson, Worcester Coll., Oxf'd	H. H. Gore. "
Ernest Robert Youngusband, New College, Oxford	Paul Stacy.

Electd 17/10/92 -

3. Resignation J. E. Watson accepted
B. H. Watson. Sec. to write asking him to reconsider.
3. Title page for Bound Tracks modified & approved.

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4. Agreed to bind 2 complete sets of Tracts for the Library.
 5. London Groups. Grant of £2. to Northern Group approved.
N. W. Group. Gen. Sec. instructed to call meeting.
S. Group. Letter read from W. Sanders proposing to form
Battersea & Clapham Group. Sec. ordered to write
that Sec. concurs subject to consultation with
Southern Group Sec.
 6. Agreed to print 1100 List of members.
 7. Agreed that Sparking prepare revise of Tract 29.
 8. Agreed that Webb revise letter to newly elected members,
& consider its use for local Societies.
 9. Agreed to print 50 posters of Fabian lectures.
 10. New Tracts. Organisation of Unemployed. Olivier absent.
Anarchism Shaw. No report.
Webb's Cont. Rev. Art. Agreed to drop it.
Christian Soc^y. Headlam & Shaw to revise proof.
Proposal to reprint Shaw's Fabian Essay. Negatived.

11. Trafalgar Square Mtg. Agreed that Shaw & Hammill
be delegates.

12. Accounts. Balance Sheet to 30 Sep & Bank Book
laid on table. Agreed that in future Sec. bring up
abstract for Exec. -

Cheques passed viz:- Petty Cash £5.

E. R. P. Balance to 30 Sep £2.11.9

Ward - Foxlow £8.17.6

Macdonald, for lectures as required

Martin " " " " " "

13. Agreed that Bland, Pease, Griffith, Hammill
& Wallas be a Comtee to report on Finance.

14. Workmans Times. Sec. reported Standing heading inserted.

15. Sec. reported that Battersea Labour League proposed
to publish Tract on Old Age Pensions by J. Burns, &
inquired if we w^d take Trade Agency. Sec. ordered
to reply we w^d favourably consider the proposal, but
w^d like to see proof of Tract before final decision.

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office Monday 17 Oct. 92
Present, Massingham (in chair), Webb, Sparling,
Cokechist, Mr. Sandham, Pease, Dell, Hammond,
Oliver, Bland, Griffith, Shaw.
Absent Utley (lecturing) & Mattos, Wallas.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. D. W. McQuire was elected a member.
3. Letter from S. Group ^{Sec.} was read, approving of proposal to constitute a Clapham Battersea & Wandsworth Group. Agreed that Massingham consult John Burns & report.
4. Posters, approved.
5. Sets of Tracts. Agreed not to alter price.
6. Agreed to break up type of lecture - list.
7. Letter read from Baum resigning membership. Agreed to report resignation in News. -

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8. Agreed to get a series of scrap. books for each local
Society. -

9. Correspondence:-

Howden re books. Referred to Spashing.

Boaler re statistics. Advice to buy Sedch census Report.

Glasgow F.S. - Re Tracts: approved.

Poplar Com^{ee} on Unemployed. Referred to Olivier.

Edwin re Caine. Refer to S. Group, & mention Poplar.

Wm. Cotton re her suggested course of lectures.

Agreed to pay printing if no one else will.

Hines re lectures at Oxford. Agreed.

10. New Tracts: Anarchism Shaw. No report.

Christian Socialism. Reported by Shaw ready subject
to one amendment. Title page approved.

Unemployed. After debate Olivier undertook
to prepare negative tract. MSS to be sent him.

11. Trafalgar Squ^{re}. Shaw reported on meeting. Shaw & Hammill
continued as delegates.

12. Eight Hour Bill Com^{ee}: no resolution come to.

13. Revise of Letter to members. Well. No report.

14. Fabian Conference. Deferred

15. Proposals of Group Organisation of Lorain.
Agreed to refer to Mtg of Group Secs.

16. Accounts. Cheques approved :-

Petty Cash £5.

Ashton F.S. Deficit 11/-

Sunderland F.S. " £ 3.0.0

Newcastle F.S. " £ 1.7.6

Resolved that in future grants of fixed sums be made to Local Societies in anticipation of lectures & that Utley be so instructed.

17. North Manchester Group F.S. - application for assistance. Referred to Utley for report.

18. Report of Comtee. on Finance made by Olivier, wh. recommended circular to members asking them to promise fixed annual subscription. Circular as drafted approved, with amendments to be made

by Oliver, & ordered to be sent by letter post to all members.

19. Motion proposed by Hammill, amended, and unanimously adopted, viz: -

That a Committee be formed to consider whether it is desirable that the Fabian Society should take steps to form a United Socialist party. -

Resolved further that the Comtee be summoned for 8pm. at the office on Friday 28th inst, & consist of

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| The Executive Committee | W. Sanders |
| F. S. Green | G. Samuel |
| E. S. Williams | A. C. H. Graham |
| Robt. Banner | A. Schew |
| Shaw Maxwell | A. W. Steward |
| Rev. S. D. Headlam. | J. Burgess |

J. Bernard Shaw.
24th Oct. 1892.

Exec. Com^{ee} at 276 Strand on Monday 24 Oct 92
Present Shaw (in chair) Pease Bland, Mr Sandham, Hammill
Gakeshot, De Mattos, Dell, Griffith Wallas, Webb. }
Absent Massingham, Olivier: Utley (Lecturing) } Spurling }

1. The Minutes of last Mtg. were confirmed.
2. Elections: Francis Conolly.
3. Groups. Resolution of Southern Group objecting to proposed division read. No report from Massingham. Decision deferred.
Proposed Polytechnic Group. Sec. to write suggesting that members join through Group meetings of Central or other Group. —
4. New Tracts. Anarchism. Shaw. No report.
Unemployed. Olivier. Do.
Suggested Tract on Gov^t powers. Agreed to send circular to ^{members in} Gov^t offices.
5. Trafalgar Square. Shaw reported on delegate Mtg. —
Further instructions deferred. —

6. Private Meeting - agreed to hold one on Nov. 11th if Barnards Inn can be obtained. Agreed to print summary of Report of Eight Hours Com^{ee} as agenda No. 1. also to give notice of Report of Com^{ee} on formation of Soc^y party. Also that Miss Brooke's resolutions appear on agenda, & she be informed that the Exec. can provide no special facilities for so vague a resolution, or be referred to Rule 16. -

7. Revise of letter to newly-elected members. Will. No report.

8. Falrian Conference. Deferred.

9. Proof of Circular on Subscriptions approved. 1000 to be printed for use of future members: to be sent in closed envelopes. -

10. Accounts. Cheques approved: -

Patry Cash	£ 5.
Trafalgar Sq. Dem ⁿ : Com ^{ee}	£ 1. -
Oldham F. S.	£ 1.5.5
Barlock Type Co.	£ 5.3.2

North Manchester F.S. - Utley's report read. Question deferred till his return.

11. Tract 14. Agreed to send copy to Cabinet Ministers with appropriate letter.
12. Grants of Tracts &c:-
Wells for F. N. Congress 8/10¹/₂
Howell Williams & Co per John Burns 2/-
Rt. Hon J. Chamberlain, Book bought 2/1.
13. Spring Course. Shaw appointed to ~~an~~ draft scheme.
14. Rt. Hon J. Chamberlain. Sec. ordered to ask him to address meeting of Society on Labour Question, not more than 600, persons, with press. —
15. Correspondence. Hines, re lectures. Agreed to grant him app. of Wilschires lectures in addition to £5. —
16. Fabian News. ~~An~~ article by Wells to be inserted. Economic Class Circular to be printed if there be room. Proposal to send out the Herbyra Circular negatived.

W. S. de Meates

Special Meeting of Exec. Com^{ee} with Com^{ee} appointed
17 Oct^r: last at office on 28 Oct. 92 8pm.

Present. De Mattos, in chair, Bland, Dell, Pease,
Griffith, Hammill, Olivier, Shaw Sparling
Wheeler ^{Walter} Webb, two Sandham Wallas.

Absent. Massingham, Oakeshott (lecturing)

Added members present:- Green, Banner,
Steward, Burgess, Samuel, Maxwell,
Sanders, E.S. Williams, Headlam, Shew

1. After debate, resolved
That this Com^{ee} reports to the Executive that
at present no united Socialist party
formed by the Fabian Society is possible.
Vote 16 for 1 against.

2. Further motions were proposed but were
met by two motions, (1) to proceed to next
business & (2) that the business for wh.
the committee was called is concluded. These
were carried in each case by considerable
majorities. -

W. S. de Mattos

Exec. at Office 31st October 5.30 pm

Present. De Mattos (in chair) Mrs Sandham, Griffith,
Massingham, Uley, Dell, Bland, Peace, Shaw-
Olivier, Hammill, Wallis

Absent Webb, Gakeshott, Sparling.

1. The minutes of the last Exec. Mtg & of the special Committee were confirmed.
2. H. Hyde Ward was elected a member.
3. New Tracts:- Anarchism. Shaw. No report.
Unemployed. Olivier. Begun: to be submitted
~~at~~ to Bland & Massingham.
Christian Socialism. Agreed to print 15000 +
stereo plates. }
Policy Tract. Agreed that Hammill,
Dell, Bland, & Griffith be authorised
to prepare a Tract on Policy. -
4. Trafalgar Square. Shaw & Uley reported, & it was agreed
that Shaw move the 'previous question' when it is proposed
that the Com^{tee} considers the Gov^t concessions inadequate.

5. Private Meeting. Sec. announced it for Nov. 25th -
Agreed that Hudson + Macrae be proposed as
auditors, & that Miss Brooke be requested to
communicate her resolutions to the Ex. Com^{ee} -

6. Review of letters to members. Webb. No report.

7. Fabian Conference. Sec. to prepare draft letter
for Local Societies.

8. Accounts :- Cheques passed.

National Reform Union (advt),	£1. 0. 0
Reddish F.S. Lecture Bales	1. 7. 0
Standing	14. 14. 0

9. Spring Course. Shaw promised report for next Ex^{co}.

10. N. Man? F.S. Group. Utley reported, & Sec. ordered
to write that we w^d probably make them a grant
or loan when we see how they settle arrangements

11. Olivier, Sparling & Shaw were appointed a
Com^{ee} to report on proposed improvements in track-printing.

12. Poor Law Reform Conference. Agreed that Mrs Sandham, Shaw, Wallas, Griffith, Pearce or any others suitable be delegates to the proposed conference

13. Correspondence: -

Rotherham F.S. re Kings in general

Gorton F.S. " Municipal contests.

Glasgow F.S. " Municipal Tract.

Rt Hon J. Chamberlain, declining to lecture

Bristol Strike Com^{ee} asking assistance. Decline.

Reminder re Leasehold Imp. Mtg. Grant leaflets.

14. Agreed to grant to Country Lectures up to £5. of leaflets. -

J. F. Oakley

Exec. Com^{ee} at Office Monday 7 Nov. 5:30 pm.

Present. Gakeshott (in chair) Shaw, Hammill, Dell, Peace
Bland, Utter, Wallas, Sparling, Olivier.

Absent De Mattos (lecturing) Griffith, Massingham, Mrs Sandham
Well.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Anarchism Shaw. No report.
Christian Socialism, agreed to have same paper
as Vol. 7. -
Administrative Reforms. Olivier No report.
Unemployed. Olivier read draft. Agreed
that details of powers of authorities be added,
& it be expanded into a 1st tract.
3. Trafalgar Sq^{re} - Shaw reported "Previous Question" moved &
rejected; & resolution passed. Also that the Com^{ee} would
probably be constituted a permanent Com^{ee} on Unemployed.
Agreed that he continue delegate for Exec, & that
the Groups be invited to send delegates & circulars.
4. Review of letter to members. No report from Well.

5. Fabian Conference. Draft letter of Sec. 7 approved.
6. Accounts. Balance Sheet, Bank Book &c. to end October presented. also Summary. —
 Cheques approved £5. petty cash
 £14.14/- Standing Sept =
 £32.19/- Do. Oct =
 £6.13.2. Barlow Co. for Wages &c.
7. Agreed to pay Utley at same rate during his sojourn in London.
8. Spring Course. No report. To be considered next Exec. early.
9. Private Mtg. Letter from Miss Brooke read declining to disclose the nature of her proposals. Sec. ordered to write expressing regret at this. —
10. Voice Production. Letter from Mrs Larkcom-Jacobs read offering to teach class, gratuitously as a trial. —
 Sec. ordered to write accepting with thanks, and asking re dates & hours. —

- 11. Agreed that Schloss be asked to present copies of his paper on Sweating System, she told it is not adapted for publication as a tract.
- 12. Resignations J. H. ~~Maywood~~ Maywood for illness & Miss K. Billings. Accepted with regret.
- 13. British Museum. Sec. ordered to send bound copy of Tracts. -
- 14. Tract Grants. Municipal Reform League 700 Markets &c. Compston, Macclesfield 200 No. 16. -
- 15. Financial Reform Almanack. Agreed to take a £5. Advt. on a full page: Shaw to draft it.
- 16. N.W.S. & F. application for Seerx Hall Collectⁿ. Declined. Metivier re Leasehold Enfr. Nitg. Grants of Tract 22 approved. Jones asking for aid to "The Celt". Declined. F. Burgess asking to be admitted member without attendance. Sec. ordered to put forward candidature. North Man^r: Group. Renewed application for aid. Wttr to report, & sec. to write explanation. Edith Sandham.

Executive Committee at Office 14 Nov. 92

Present Mrs Sandham (in the chair) Webb, Shaw, Massingham
Wallas, Sparling, Olivier, Bland, Oakshott Utley }
Absent De Mattos (lecturing) Sell (lecturing) Hammill Peace Griffiths }

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts :- Anarchism : Shaw : no report.
Unemployed : Olivier : in hand
Administrative Reforms. Circular letter ordered to be issued. }
Christian Socialism : Sec. reported he had ordered 10,000 only. approved.
3. Trafalgar Square & Unemployed Com^{tee} - Shaw & Sparling appointed delegates. Subject debated, but no resolution come to.
4. Webb's revise of letter to members approved with alterations.
Agreed that copies be offered to local Societies at cost price.
5. Accounts : Cheques to Partridge & Cooper £7.12.3 approved.
6. Mrs. Larkum-Jacob's Voice Class. Sec. 7 to fix date. —

7. Financial Reform Almanac advt. approved.

8 Election of members: the Nov: list was passed except Radford, to whom the Sec. was ordered to write re his views on Leasehold Enfranchisement.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Hobt. Morgan-Brown, 46 Ridgmount-gardens, Gower-street, W.C. ...	A. Friend and J. F. Oakeshott
Cornelius Castell, 30 Norman-road, South Wimbledon ...	G. E. Bottle and D. McEwen
David Hutchison, 1 High-st., Lochie... ..	R. Dempster
Henry S. Liesching, Aviemore, Thurlston-road, West Norwood ...	B. Wallace and S. Maxwell
Chas. G. Netherton, 2 Clarence-street, Richmond, Surrey ...	A. S. Puttock
<u>Albert William Radford, 59 Median-road, Clapton ...</u>	<u>H. Lowerison and E. Bishop</u>
Frank K. Ritchie, 6 St. John's-terr., Rosebery-avenue, E.C. ...	Nelson Palmer & G. Palmer
W. H. Satterford, 65 Market-street, Torquay, Devon ...	General Secretary
R. Vallois, 63 St. Paul's-rd., Highbury	E. R. Pease & W. De Mattos
Josiah Clement Wedgwood, 6 The Grove, Greenwich, S.E. ...	E. R. Pease and N. L. Griffith

Elected 16/2/92

9. Agreed to purchase a desk for £ 3. 15/-

10. Agreed to take on sale & return 100 copies of the Huddersfield F.S. tract on Trade Depression.

11 Shaw's Draft course of lectures adopted. agreed to ask as lectures W. Clarke, H. M. Hyndman, P. Dearmer, H. Cox, S. Olivier, & H. G. Wilshire, & for Summer series, Bruce Wallace, J. M. Robertson, K. Pearson, R. R. Steele, T. Parris, & H. Bland. Agreed to hold Annual Mtg on April 28th -

12. agreed to ask Publishers to advertise in News.

13. agreed to send £5. to the L. Trade Council,
expressing regret that this was not done before.

14 Correspondence: -

Hines Report of lectures in Oxfordshire
Bethnal Green N.S.S. asking donation of books.

agreed to send London Program & decline other.

Mildmay R.C. asking for speaker for Public Debate

Agreed to send Sparring.

Buttery re Town Council Committees & public

N. Man: Group re Debits.

Sowerby Bridge F.S. re S. B. Victor's

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G. Bernard Shaw.

21/11/92.

Executive at Office on Monday 21st Nov. 92.

Present Shaw (in the chair), Gabeeshott, Dell, Mrs. Sandham, Pease, Bland, Sparling, Griffith, Wallas,

Absent De Matos + Utley (lecturing) Massingham, Olivier, Webb, Hammill.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts - Anarchism - Shaw - no report
Unemployed - Olivier - absent.
3. Trafalgar Sq^{re}. Shaw reported Com^{tee} formed into an Unemployed Com^{tee}, & that instructions were to be taken of delegates re "Land League" work.
4. Cheques. Dell for Expenses £6.9.8. -
6. Voice Production. No one could go that evening, but Shaw + Sparling agreed to go on Sat 26th to Mrs Larkcom - Jacobs. -
7. Agreed to get slips to place in Books for Library
8. agreed that Miss Priestly attend Exec. Mtg^s.

8. Fabian Course. Agreed to ask Hyndman to take
Lump. Federⁿ, Shen to do Peace & War, Cox to do
Land in Yang, & to write Dearmer - that the Exec.
prefer him. Also that Clarke be let off.
9. Agreed to take Essex Hall up to June -
10. Resolution re Unemployed from N.W. Group read.
Agreed to write that the Exec. prefer members to send
any notice in on the matter, but advise them that the
question is already being dealt with. -
11. Copy of requisition from Miss Broome for private meeting
was laid on the table. Sec. was instructed to reply
suitably re circular sent out by her about the
alteration of her notice to ~~the group~~ re Reform of
Constitution.
12. Correspondence. P.O. Library. agreed to Grant them
6/- Essays, Lond. Prog. & Bd. Tracts.
A.C. Black re Advt.
N.G.L.P. Middleboro
4c 4c 4c.

- 13. News: Agreed to meet Par. re 4th Clause & Man: F.S.
 Also formal account of Com^{ee} on United Socialist Party.
 Also notification of Policy Tract in preparation.
- 14. Proposed Grant of Tracts, & question of Library Reports
 were deferred.
- 15. Agreed to write to John F.S. re Expulsion of Manton.
- 16. Agreed to summon a Group Sec's meeting.
- 17. Agreed to nominate Sanders or Hill as chairman
 on Friday & that Bland oppose on behalf of Exec. -
 Miss Brodie's resolution. -

H. Halliday Sparling
 28. 11. 92

Executive at Office 28th Novem^r 1892.

Present Sparling (in Chair) Shaw, Pease, Bland, Griffith, Oliver
Bakeshott, Massingham, Mrs Sandham, ~~Dr~~ + Miss Priestley.

Absent Uley & De Matto (lecturing), Webb, Wallas, Hammill, Sell.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts - Anarchism. Shaw. No change
Unemployed Oliver. Resolved that he be
requested to lend his mind to it.
3. Unemployed Com^{ee} Shaw reported. Agreed to give these
delegates no instructions. -
4. Cheques approved Gen. Sec. on a/c Salary £15.
Miss Priestley Nov. £5.8.4
5. Voice Production. Shaw + Sparling reported that Mrs L. Jacks
w^d. take a class of 6 Fabians for 12 lessons for £3.3.0, the
nominal amount being £5.5.0. - Agreed to put par in
news to this effect.
6. Fabian News. Agreed to hold no Members Mtg in Dec. : No Exec.
Mtg on Dec 26, but one on Jan 2. Sec. to fix Group Sec. Mtg.

- 7. Fabian Spring Course. Agreed to ask Cairne to lecture on Imperial Federation.
- 8. Agreed that Sec. 7 decline to grant tracts in future without consulting Exec., unless in special cases.
- 9. Eight Hours Report. Agreed to ask Macroft to suggest a select Comtee to prepare new Tract.
- 10. Tract No 9. Agreed that it be "withdrawn": that copies be all stamped to this effect: that none be sold ~~except~~ unless specially asked for, except in sets: and that the charge be 1s each. + that it be no longer advertised.
- 11. Grant of Tracts (per Wallis) + library reports, deferred.
- 12. Reprints Agreed on 5000 No 1
5000 " 22
+ that notice of No 19 be given in News, + copies supplied to Exec. members.
- 13. A.T. Marles. Agreed that he continue a member free of sub.
- 14. Resolved (by chairman's vote) that the Central Group Report

be printed in the etens regardless of cost.

15. Free Russia. Agreed that Meeting be announced at Essex Hall, & that copies of the paper may be sent in parcels. -
16. Poor Law Conference. Agreed that Peartree & others be delegates.
17. Sparling's proposal re voting for Executive & post was debated & debate be adjourned. -
18. Agreed to take on sale a return E. L. R. L. Tracts.
19. Election. Letter read from A. W. Radford - Shaw to correspond further with him.
20. Fabian Conference. Reports considered. Agreed to put in news that Conference will probably not be held.
21. Clag. Books. Quotation for 100 at 1/- discussed & matter deferred.
23. On recommendation of Wley $\frac{1}{2}$ 5. was granted to the N. Man. F.S.

23 Correspondence:-

Utley reporting work done, + objecting to proposed par
re A. Marx F.S. -

Cardiff F.S. asking re unemployed.

Wibaut asking permission to translate part of Tract 42
agreed.

Miss Foster, letter re W.C. Owen. -

Stafford F.S. re Tract 9.

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J. F. Oberholser

Executive at 276 Strand on Monday 5 Dec. 92.
Present Oakeshott (in chair), Wallas, Peace, Dell, Sparling Shaw
Hammill, Mrs Sandham, Olivier. + Miss Priestley
Absent, Utley + De Mattos (lecturing) Webb, Bland, Massingham
Griffith.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Anarchism. Shaw. In hand.
Unemployed. Handed to Shaw for revision
Poor Law. Wallas. Discussed
Administrative Reform. Sec. ordered to hurry up informant
3. Unemployed Com^{tee}. - On Shaw + Sparling's reports it was resolved to send 2/- + to write withdrawing our delegates. Also to inform Darr, + to write to the Groups instructing them to withdraw their ~~at~~ delegates.
4. Sec. gave preliminary report on finances. Agreed that he write D. Reeve asking for written information in respect of his promised cheque with a view to borrowing. A/c of Walker + Bontal passed. -

5. Agreed to call special Exec. for Thursday at 5.30 to consider Unemployed, & to discuss proposed alteration of date to Thursday of date of Exec. Mtg. -

6. Sec. reported one application only for voice Production Class. Dell added his name

7. Sec. 7 presented agenda paper for Group Sec's Mtg'.

8. Spring Course. Sec. reported no reply from Caine. Letter from Miss Grover read suggesting the Drink Question for treatment. Agreed on division that Sec. ask Caine to take that subject in preference to Imperial Federation.

9. Letter read from Macrostr suggesting that the Select Comtee on the Eight Hours Bill be G. Turner, F. W. Galton & himself. This was agreed to.

10. Grants agreed to: - per Webb E. R. L. Gould U.S.A.
per Wallas, Bradford Jun: L. Club, & Molinari
Borough Polytechnic 6/- Essays. -

11. Election of Radford. Shaw reported he had forgotten.
12. Fabian Conference. Debate adjourned.
13. Manton. Report from John F.S. & letter from Dr. Watt read. Agreed to write Manton for his view of the case.
14. Letter read from De Mattos proposing Spring County lectures. Agreed to write him that we think well to send other lecturers in the spring.
15. Agreed to print 500 New Member Letters.
16. Correspondence:-
 - John F.S. wanting a candidate.
 - Richmond F.S. on lectures.
 - &c &c.

Ed. Bernard Shaw
12/12/92

Meeting of Group Secretaries & Executive at Office

~~Time~~ Wed 7 Dec. 8pm

Present, Oakeshott, in chair, Pease.

- of Groups n. Pratt Hammersmith Bolas
 - W.M.C. Turner N.W. J.W. Wood
 - C. Mrs Fagan Hackney Martin
 - S.W. Miss Cameron
- also Mrs Mallet + J.S. Lorrain.

1. Proposal for Group Organisation made by Lorrain was debated: it was agreed that the proposal sh^d be communicated to the Groups + Locals in the News.
2. ~~Turner~~ It was agreed that it is desirable to hold monthly meetings of Group Secs., the date to be fixed but the Secy to notify if there be no sufficient agenda. -
3. Agreed that the Exec. be recommended to issue a leaflet on Poor Law Reform in view of the interest likely to be taken in the Guardians Election owing to the reduction of the Qualification.
4. Agreed that the Exec. be requested to appoint

a select Committee to prepare a tract on the Sweating system, & home work, embodying part II of Tract 9. -

5. It was suggested that the Secy write to C. Booth asking if he c^d. let us have copies of his map for indling or for par (purple shading map). And also if he w^d. have it made into a lantern slide.
6. In the absence of Miss Brooke her ~~own~~ motion was not proceeded with. -

Noil. Wiffill

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Special Executive at Office on Thursday
8 Dec. at 5.30 pm.

Present Webb, Wallas, Mrs Sandham, Pease,
Sparking (in chair) & Miss Priestley.

1. Webb gave a report on his enquiries re Unemployed,
& it was resolved that the Sec. write T. H. Mann
Toynbee Hall, asking for 1000 copies of the Toynbee
Comm. report for proportionate cost of printing.
2. Letter read from S. D. F. re our reasons for withdraw-
ing delegates. Also from E. S. Williams on same.
Replies to both were drafted. -
3. Agreed to purchase 100 copy books to be used for
Local Society publications. -
4. Agreed that the preliminary Exec. be held at 1 o'clock
on Mondays, & the regular Exec. at 5.30. -

G. Bernard Shaw
12/12/92.

Executive Committee on Monday 12 Dec. 92
Preliminary at 1 pm. - Exec. at 5.30 pm.

Present. Shaw (chairman) Wallas Webb Hammill, Dell
Sparling Oliver Peace Griffith.
Absent De Mattos, & Uley (lecturing) Masingham, Bland & Mr. Sandham
Oakeshot lecturing

1. The Minutes of Dec 5 + 8 were confirmed + of Dec 7
were read.

2. New Tracts. Anarchism. Ready. To be sent to Standing for editorial
Unemployed. Shaw. ordered to hurry up.
Administrative reforms. M.S. &c. to be sent to Webb.
Poor Law Leaflet. Suggestion of Group Secs
approved.
Sweating & Home Work. Agreed that Macroby be
asked to nominate a select Committee.

3. Unemployed O. Com^{ee} Letter from Lee read + circular
sent to our groups. Agreed that Sparling + Shaw draft
circular in reply to be sent to groups, to "D. Chronicle", to
Lee, to Williams &c. Agreed further that Sec. write

E. E. Williams that the Exec. will see one or two members of the U.O.C. if they desire it.

4. Agreed that a meeting of Group Secs. with Exec. & a few others be called for 3.30 on Sat. next, to consider the Unemployed Question, & that the U.O.C. affairs, and the Toybee Hall Report be discussed.

5. Accounts. Balance Sheet to Nov. 30 presented. Agreed that Sec. report to next meeting on the state of finances & result of the call for subs. —

b. Elections

Radford. Shaw reported no reply.

The following were elected excepting those underlined in red:—

Elected 16/12/92

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Grove

Elected 16.12.92

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CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Jas. Bodman, 6 Bovill-road, Forest Hill	F. E. Green & Gertrude Green
F. Burgess, 15 Bellevue-road, New Southgate	H. Russell Smart
<u>Charles John Catt, 52 Station-road, Harlesden</u>	H. Brazell and J. Henderson
Arthur Clifton, 32 Marcus-st., New Lenton, Nottingham	H. Snell
F. A. Coulson, 41 Nightingale-road, Willesden, N.W.	H. H. Sparling and S. M. Allen
W. Fearné Crowther, 4 Wellington-ter., Hailsham, Sussex	Francis M. Clayton
Miss Florence Cross , Lung'arno, Guicciardini 1, Florence, Italy	General Secretary
John Jackson, Model-villa, Aspatria	James C. Kennedy
<u>George Marsh, 2 Christchurch-ter., Chelsea</u>	Isabel Sandham & S. Peartree
Miss H. Morten, Ivy-hall, Richmond	Mary Belcher and S. M. Fagan
<u>H. D. Pearsall, 16 Willow-rd., Hampstead</u>	Emma Brooke & J. Henderson
<u>Frederick Whelen, 59 Rosetti-mansions, Cheyne-walk, Chelsea</u>	S. Peartree & Isabel Sandham

7. Fabian Conference. Agreed to put notice in News that the Conference will not be held at present.
8. Letter from John F.S. re Manton, & other documents were read. Agreed to write him that we do not desire to take sides in a local dispute, but accept his offer of resignation on the ground that it w^d. be an anomaly for him to retain membership in our Society when he had left the John F.S. -
9. Agreed to hold Executive Meetings at 5.30 on Fridays
Preliminary Com^{ee} at 4.30. -
10. Agreed to reprint "Red Covers" subject to Taste Com^{ee}
11. Correspondence: - Rogers, Washington Terr. per Burns. Send some Tracts.
 B. M. M. , Adelaide, re Australian F.S.
 W. H. . Reports, & proposing to cease organising after Xmas, but to do a tour in Jan. 9. agreed.
 G. K. M. ~~at~~ be next Private Meeting. Fix Jan 13th
 de M. M. . re fixing country lectures. Tell him to fix lectures but
 Miss Brooke, on Executive Conduct. de de. ^{ndi-lecturers}

Isabel Sandham

Executive at Office on Friday Dec. 16th at 5.30 pm.

Present Mrs Sandham (in chair) Hammill, Sparling, Peace, Olivier, Bland, Griffith, Wallas Shaw. ~~Dell~~.

Absent. Uter, & De Mattos (lecturing) Webb, Massingham, Cakescott, & Dell

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Unemployed - Shaw. In hand.
Adminish. Refoms. Sec. reported M.D. sent to Webb
Anarchism. Estimate from Standing read. Agreed
to hold over to a more pecunious season.
3. Unemployed Com^{ee}. Letter from Lee to read.
4. London Groups. Letters read from Hampstead, N. W.
Poplar Groups re withdrawal of delegates.
also letter from Peartree. Sec. ordered to reply & reply drafted.
5. Accounts. Sec. announced loan of £25 from Mrs Sandham.
6. Subscription Circular Sec. reported :- Replies 226. Subscribers in
1892 182. Amt £220. Do. 1892 £116. Defaulters 233. Total 641.
Ordered to send second copy of circular with slip urgently

requesting an answer. Also to put a par. in the news on the subject.

7. Elections: - A. W. Radford, C. J. Catt, Geo. Marsh, & Fred^r Wheeler were duly elected.
8. Agreed that the next ~~public~~ Executive Mtg be Dec 29th.
9. Sec. 7 stated that Ward desired to publish Costello's paper. Agreed that he ~~could~~ may do so, so far as we are concerned, & he be asked to let us have a copy apiece for our members, & an advt. on the back. -
10. Spring Course. Agreed not to have posters.
11. N. W. Group proposal for a collection in aid of Bristol strike considered, & proposal rejected.
12. Agreed that Webb open proceedings at the Group Secretaries' meeting.
13. "Red Covers": proof referred to Committee on Taste.

14 Correspondence

Russell Smart, asking aid re N.C. N. I. L. P. Declined.

- " - re appointment for one Wallace, Barrow. Do.

Peter O'Leary re London World's Fair.

etc etc.

J. F. O'Keefe



Meeting of Group Secretaries, Executive Committee &
Others at Office on Sat. 17 Dec '92 at 3.30 pm.

Present. Executive. Shaw, Bland, Mrs Sandham, Hammill,
Pease, Sparling, Webb, Dell, Olivier. Griffith
Groups. Central N. Western Miss Belcher
Croydon Straughan Poplar
Hachmer Bishop Southern
Hammersmith Bolso S. Eastern
Hamptead Miss Brooke S. Western Miss Cameron
Northern Chaucello W. M. C. Turner
Also. E. E. Williams, Nelkerton (Richmond F.S.), Darke,
Kelf, Galton, Driver.

1. Webb gave an account of the facts relating to the Unemployed in London, as given in Report of Small Com^{ee} sitting at Toyne Hall, which he had drafted.
2. It was resolved That Group Sec. be urged to enquire whether there is any general lack of employment in their district as compared with previous years & in case such exists that they should enter into communication with their respective local authorities in order to get carried out the suggestions

in the report annexed, & that copy of report be sent to each Group Sec. herewith. —

3. It was further resolved that the Sec. obtain from F. Hammill account of what was done at Woolwich, & copies of Theo. Dodd's articles in the Star, & send same to Group Secs. —

4. Shaw gave a sketch of proposed Tract on Unemployed which he is prepared to draft, & it was generally approved.

5. The action of the Groups in regard to the Unemployed Organisation Com^{ee} was discussed at length. —

Graham Wallas —

Executive at Office 30 Dec. 1892.

Present, Oakeshott (in chair) De Mattos, Utley, Hammill,
Pease Shaw, Webb, Bland.

Absent: Massingham, Mrs Sandham, Sell, Wallas, Oliver,
Griffith, Sparling.

1. Minutes of last Executive Com^{ee} ~~read~~ ^{confirmed} & of Group
Sec. Com^{ee} read.
2. New Tracts. Unemployed. Shaw. No report.
Administrative Reforms. Webb reported
some progress & Utley agreed to assist.
Anarchism. Sec. reported that Standring
offered to print in odd times & not
to enforce payment during 1893. Agreed
to accept, subject to obtaining written agreement.
Poor Law Leaflet. No progress.
3. News. Agreed to get estimate of cost. —
4. Subscriptions. Sec. reported second circular sent to all
members who had not replied, or subscribed in
1892. Agreed ^{not} to send to ~~no more~~ 1892 Subscribers

- 5. Executive meetings. Friday afternoon confirmed.
- 6. Cheques passed. Gen. Sec. £10. Miss Priestley £5.8.4.
Financial Reform Almanack £5.3.6. -
- 7. Letter from W. Cowen read asking Gen. Sec. to join a Court of Honor on his conduct. Agreed that the Secy he recommended to decline, as it does not now concern the Society.
- 8. Gakeshot reported favourably of Tract on Qualification of Voters & Candidates by S. N. Lumb. agreed to buy 100 copies & to advise him to send copies to local Fabrian Societies..
- 9. Red Covers. Letter read from Standing Repl^r ordered that we desire same as before.
- 10. Com^{rs} on Taste. Sec. ordered to require Sparling to produce design for Tracts.
- 11. Secy read letter & gave account of dispute in respect of Lecture Expenses with S. Maxwell. Letter in repl^r drafted.

12. Correspondence: -

Carson, re collapse of Manchester F.S. Noted.

North Manchester F.S. asking for organiser. Reply that
Wheeler will confer on subject.

Buttery suggesting Miss Stacy as organiser. Noted.

Drew, Bradford, suggesting that Fabrian Socy send delegates
to N. J. L. P. Congress. Agreed that

Bland & Shaw be delegates: that Bland draft letter
(to be approved by Shaw) proposing to Carson Glasgow that
we send delegates on the understanding that ~~it~~ doing does not
hamper our independence, & that copy of letter be sent
to Drew.

Hudson, advising that we may safely concur with L.C. Shand
~~from~~ Improvement.

Hammerwith Soc. Socy proposing conference to form
United Socialist party. Agreed to accept
conference: to offer the use of office after Jan 20,
for any evening suitable: that sec. summon
members of Exec. or failing such, other members.

Peartree. Apology. Accept, & say incident is ended.

Wm. Robins. Resignation. accept.

A. J. Marxist. Donation of 25/- . Both apply to Book Boxes.

S. Australia F.S. Report. Noted.

Barrow F.S. asking re Unemployed & N. Wages.

Reply that L.C.C. pays 6' minimum
& Millbank Prison is being pulled down by
Contractors who are bound to employ local labour
at 6'2 per hour. —

Arthur Peacock
Jan 6. 1893.

Executive at Office on Friday 6 Jan. 1893.
Present Bland (chairman) Mr Sandham, Webb,
Gakeshot, Hammill, Wallas, Sparling, Griffith
De Mattos, Wley Peace Shaw
Absent Massingham, Olivier, Dell.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Agreed that Gakeshot stamp the agreement with Standing.
3. New Tracts. Unemployed. Shaw. No progress.
Administrative Reforms. Webb. Progress reported
Poor Law. No report.
4. Accounts. Bank Bal^{ce} Dec 31 £ 41. Cheques wanted £ 161.
5. Finances. Agreed that Bland, Peace, Wallas, Olivier,
Gakeshot, Mr Sandham De Mattos be a
Com^{ee} to prepare report on adjusting the income
of the Society to its expenditure, & that after Jan 15
the Sec^y summon them by letter, asking them
to prepare suggestions in advance. —

6. Labour Party Conference. agreed that, failing Bland, De Mattos be our Delegate. Further that copy of our letter to Carson + of his reply (when received) be sent to Workmans Times. Also that the Bradford Sec. be asked to call a preliminary meeting of Fabian Delegates.

7. Private Meeting Jan 13. Agreed that on Mr Fagan's resolution the Executive express no opinion, & that it concur in the motion for Poor Law Committee. Further that Wallas conduct Anarchism Tract, & prepare amendments for Farm Labourer Tract.

8. Purge of members. Resignations of membership accepted :-

Mrs Cameron.

a. Peddle

Miss Ferguson.

Excused from subscription at present.

W. a. Carhile

Walter Reed

G. G. Wenttington.

9. Sec. instructed to write to Pearce in reply to his request

for further information re conduct of the Executive
& the U.O.C., that we have nothing to add
to the statements already published in Chronicle
& Workmans Times.

10 Correspondence: -

Standring, agreeing to print Anarchism tract as proposed.

Rev. H.A. Kennedy, asking grant for Clubs: - send
Library Essays, Round Tracts, London Prog.

E. Harvey - asking speakers for Unemployed Mtg. Refer to Pratt,
Miss Brooke &c &c.

Sellers, Hill, Re Unemployed. Send Toybee Report.

Dyson & Balmforth, re Vacancy at Huddersfield. Advise
Labour Candidate if they have funds, & can make show.

Lister re Vacancy at Halifax. Suggest Costelloe.

Mrs. Larkcom-Jacobs, re Voice Class. Ask her to propose terms.

Malhin, asking about direct employment. Ask Wood-Barrs.

Burns, Leicester, announcing collapse of Leicester F.S.

McEwen, offering lecture on Honing of People.

&c &c.

Isabel Sandham

Executive at Office on Friday 13 Jan 1893 at 5.30pm

Present, Mr Sandham (Chair) Webb, Sparling, Cakeshott,
Bland Peace, Hammill, Oliver Wallas
Absent Demattos, Wley, Shaw (lecturing), Dell, Messingham,
Griffith.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed

2. New Tracts:-

- Unemployed. Shaw. No report.
- Poor Law Leaflet " " from Cakeshott
Mrs Mallett nearly ready.
- Administrative Reforms. Webb. In hand.
- Eight Hours Tract. Draft sent in by Macrosty
handed to Webb for report.
- No 29. Review. Wallas. In hand.

3. Accounts. Balance sheet to Dec 31 presented with
summary for month. A good deal 19/6 he paid
for extra typing per Wallas for ^{econ.} History Class. -

4. Sec. reported that no reply had been received
from Shaw Maxwell or Kerr Hardie to letters re accounts.

5. Committee on Finance fixed for Friday at 3 pm.

6. H. W. Macrosty, as requested, proposed the following as the select Committee on Sweating System, viz:-

Miss Brooke	H. W. Macrosty
Miss Cameron	S. R. Pease
F. W. Galton	Geo Turner
J. S. Mc Carthy	F. Wheeler.

Proposal adopted.

7. Draft Circular to London L. Assoc., Clubs &c, prepared by B. F. C. Costelloe, advising agitation on reforms was adopted with addition of payment of members.

8. Purge of members. Agreed that Secy obtain information where needed from Group Secs & Local Societies re Defaulters.

9. Resignations: S. J. Morgan accepted
C. S. Watson excused from subscription.

10. Draft letter to members of Poor Law Commission was approved.

11. Letter read from Nat. Educ. Assn. agreed to put as a par. in the news.

12. Candidates elected, viz: -

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
James Thomas Chambers, 27 Norwich-street, Cambridge	F. A. Huckle.
Miss Gertrude Dix, The Champions, Limsfield, Surrey	Sydney Olivier.
Mrs. Sarah E. C. Greville, 24 Dalberg-road, Brixton, S.W.	H. Aldridge and J. H. Greville.
Miss Rose Hatfield, Carlton, Byrneroad, Sydenham, S.E.	Agnes Henry and F. Plowright.
William F. Heddon, 18 Cheverton-road, Hornsey Rise, N.	P. R. Pratt and H. Chancellor.
Geo. Bampton Hunt, 31 Oval-road, Croydon	G. E. Bottle and Mary Grover.
Anthony C. Meyjes, Hogarth-cott., Harrow-on-the-Hill	Theodore Wright and O. Bloch.
Edward Morgan, 85 Cloutham-st., Northampton	G. Bernard Shaw.
Mrs. L. E. Morgan-Browne, 46 Ridgmount-gardens, W.C.	L. T. Mallet and Mary Grover.
Robert Chas. Phillimore, The Coppice, Henley-on-Thames	Sidney Ball.
Alderman J. C. Powell, Regent-st., Swindon	John S. Hamilton.
Ferdinand Rees, 20 Dicconson-st., Wigan	General Secretary.
Ernest Wright, 46 Derby-road, Northampton	G. Bernard Shaw.
Joseph Hy. Yarwood, 99 Elthorne-road, Upper Holloway, N.	E. Metivier and H. Chancellor.

13. Agreed that Olivier + Pease draft Annual Report.

14. Spring Lectures. The Proposed course was considered & various changes adopted.

15. Agreed that the Country Lectures go on slowly.

16. Letter read from Coop. Printery estimating for news above the figure now paid. Agreed to consult with Standring

re getting it cheaper.

16. Correspondence:-

A. J. Mavridt askg permission to circulate his tract
on Teetotalers at Cairns' meeting. Decline.

Hammermith Soc: Soc: Con^{ee} acknowledging letter.

S. W. Group & S. M. Peartree re N. O. C.

Shaw re proposed conduct at Bradford

N. Manchester F.S. annual Report.

W. M. C. Group re ~~for~~ Poor Law Lectures. Refer to P. S. Committee

17. Agreed that Sec. write to Huddersfield
recommending action hostile to Mr Woodhead,
that he send copy to Shaw, & further that
he consult de Mattos re Mc Linn at Hexham,
with a view to stirring up opposition amongst Railway
men.

W. S. de Mattos

Executive Com^{ee} at Office on Friday 20th Jan. 93.

Present, De Mattos (in the chair), Olivier, Cakeshott, Mrs Sandham, Wallas, Hammill, Utley, Sparling, Pease, Griffith, Bland, Webb, Shaw.

Absent Massingham Dell.

1. The minutes of the last Mtg were confirmed

2. New Tracts. Unemployed. Shaw - not ready
Poor Law Leaflet. Mrs Mallet's draft handed to Cakeshott.

Administrative Reforms. Webb. In hand.

Eight Hours. Webb. No report. Promised before March news.

No 29. Review. nearly ready. Wallas.

3. Group Secs. Mtg's on Friday. Agreed to place on the agenda

(1) Finance. Olivier to report. (2) Guardians Election (3)

Postage Grants. -

4. Bradford Conference. Shaw gave report, & it was agreed that he further report to the Public Mtg in the evening.

5. Hammersmith S.S. - Agreed that the Fabian Delegation have no special instructions provided always that they have no power to bind the Exec. or the Society.

6. Twice. Resignation of Montague Eder accepted
T. C. Davidson + T. Bolas excused from subscription.

7. Letter read from T. Bolas offering books - Agreed that he be cordially thanked, that Wallas report on those desirable for the Library, provided Bolas can really spare them.

8. Guardians Committee. Letter read from Turner nominating the following Com^{ee}, viz:-
R. A. Peddie A. L. Dawson W. H. Fenton
F. S. Green H. R. Aldridge Miss A. Brown
J. H. Greville J. H. Buckingham Miss E. Brooke
together with himself & at least one member of the Exec. Com^{ee}. Date proposed for meeting Wed. Feb 1st at Office at 8pm. -
Report adopted.

9. S. Olivier on behalf of the Finance Com^{ee} made

The following recommendations ~~was~~ wh. were adopted, viz:-

- (1) That a par. in the Chronicle be arranged for
- (2) That we obtain adts. in tracts at £3. per page, especially in Tract 29.
- (3) That a leaflet asking for aid from nonmembers be prepared. Olivier to draft it.
- (4) That the News be 4 pp. only.
- (5) That a 5/- Entrance fee be proposed.
- (6) That Country Lecturing expenses be wholly stopped for the present.
- (7) That members of Correspondence classes be asked to pay postage.
- (8) That 1/- be charged for the report, next year to be issued in same form as this year.
- (9) That no list of members be issued
- (10) That a price of 1/- be put on the News.
- (11) That no public meeting be held in July, & Holding be consulted as to price of Essex Hall.
- (12) That a publishing Comtee be appointed, to consist of Shaw, Sparling, Olivier, Standring, & Peace to make suggestions for securing a paying publishing business.
13. That a circular be issued to the Local Societies asking suggestions for making news more valuable, asking

them to pay for postage of it, & whether they wd. assist towards its cost. Further notifying that we can no longer pay carriage on parcels of tracts below 10/- in value.

- (14) That a personal Canvas of members of the Exec. be made, in order to obtain increased subscriptions.
- (15) That it be considered whether we cannot increase profit on tracts & issue of superior editions by exchange with other bodies.
- (16) That Sonnenschein & others be asked to advertise in the News. —

10 Correspondence:—

Tom McCarthy, arranging to take Tract 18 at 4½ pence.

Mrs. Green handing letter of exact law on married women & guardians elections.

Goman, Guildford, asking for lectures. Referred to Dell, or failing him, to be matter.

Coop. Printing Society, re tender for News.

Bradford F.S. re Voice Production.

to do.
Fred Cammell

Committee Meeting with Hammersmith Socialist Society Committee on Monday 23 Jan. 1893. -

Present Fabians Utley, Olivier, Wallas, Peace, Shaw, De Mattos.
H.S.S. W. Morris, Beasley, T. Parris, Modhurst Davis
Grant, Toccatti.

1. W. Morris was asked to take the chair.
2. After a prolonged discussion, it was moved & W. Utley & unanimously adopted :-
That in the opinion of this meeting of delegates of the F.S. & H.S.S. it is advisable for a joint Committee of the H.S.S., F.S. & S.D.F. to meet to arrange if possible an alliance of the various Socialist Organisations & means of a conference or otherwise.
3. Agreed that Thursday 2nd Feb. at 8.30 pm at 337 Strand, be the place & date of mtg. -
It was further agreed that Beasley prepare an agenda paper. -

Fred Hammett

Executive at office on Friday, 27 Jan. 1893.

Present F. Hammill (chairman) Bland Peace, De Mattos, Oakeshott,
Mrs Sandham, Griffith, Oliver Massingham Wallas
Webb Shaw, Utley.

Absent. Sparling (lecturing) Dell.

1. Minutes of Jan 20th were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Unemployed. Shaw. No report of progress.
Administrative Reforms. Webb. In hand.
Eight Hours. Webb reported, & it was agreed to
refer back to Macrosty for revision.
Revisé 29. Wallas. nearly ready.
~~2~~ Poor Law Leaflets. (1) Mrs Mallett. On report
of Wallas, Webb, & Oakeshott, it was rejected.
(2) Draft of Mrs Sandham. Referred to Oakeshott.
3. Socialist Alliance. Delegates reported, & after debate it
was resolved by 9-2
That recognising the advantage of friendly cooperation
among Socialist Bodies, the Executive of the F.S. think it
desirable that there sh^d. be periodic private meetings of
delegates of the three London Socialist Bodies for the

purpose of discussing points of action, & that our delegates vote for such a course, and take no further action pledging the Society without consulting the Executive.

It was agreed that Oakeshott, Shaw, Utley, de Matos,

4. Olivier Sparling Pease & if necessary Mrs Sandham be delegates.

4. It was agreed that H. Mills & H. Limebeer be added to the Guardians Com^{ee} & Pease agreed to attend on behalf of the Exec. -

5. Sec 7 reported stock of Guardians Questions only 650. Referred to Guardians Com^{ee} to revise.

6. Finance Com^{ee} Report deferred.

7. Com^{ee} for Purge. agreed that Bland, Oakeshott & Pease be the Com^{ee} & meet on Monday at 3.30. -

8. J.W. Martin & G.A. Beresford were added to the Com^{ee} on Sweating

9. Halifax Election. Letters were read from J. Lister,

a. T. Marles, & Halifax F.S. re Lister's candidature.
It was agreed (1) That Massingham prepare a Manifesto.
(2) That Shaw, Webb, Bland, De Mattos, & Macdonald
go down to assist when required, & that the Sec. expend
£ 7. 10/- for them in fares if necessary. - (3) That we
decline to open a fund as suggested. - (4) That
we advise Halifax F.S. to take election Manifesto (No 40)
but decline to grant tracts, as being contrary to the law,
except 1000 No 43. -

10. Unemployed organisation Com^{tee}. Letters read from
Miss Burton (in abstract) Macrosty, Miss Cameron, &
Shallard (to S.W. Group) asking that F.S. delegates
return, & from Turner protesting against it. Agreed
to discuss at next private meeting.
11. Agreed to hold Members Meeting at Barnards
Inn on Friday 10th to discuss
1. Report on Financial position of Society
 2. " " Work of Society in connection with Unemployed.
13. The following resolution was moved by F. Hammill,
but was not seconded or put :-

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"That the speech delivered by Benjamin Tillett at the Bradford Conference of the Independent Labour Party on January 13th, 1893, and in which he denounced Socialists, condemns him as an enemy of Socialists and Socialism, for which we hereby ignominiously expel him from the Fabian Society."

It was agreed that the Sec. write ~~to~~ stating that he is reported to have declared himself not a Socialist, and asking if the report be correct.

14. Mrs Fagan & Gakeshott nominated the Select. Com^{tee} on the Tract ~~for~~ on Women as follows Mrs Fagan, Mrs Green, Miss Camerow, Gakeshott, Shaw, H. Morgan - Browne, & Olivier. Miss Newcombe was added & the nominations accepted.

15. Correspondence

Poor Law Reform Assocⁿ: Ash's delegate. Referred to W. M. C. Group Verinder. Red Van Report. Agreed to take 108, & to ask for £ 650 in exchange for our Report.

Marrist, offering Lecture on Imp. Fedⁿ. Reply we have no room till next year

Wallas, reporting on value of Bolso's offer of Books. agreed to write that we do not wish to demand his library, but shall be glad of any he can spare. —

Correspondence (cont?)

Russell Smart, Re lectures in Durham. approved &
referred to Sec. 7 to arrange in
due course, if possible.

Hayne, California, re American Lecture Tour.

Write referring him to Clubb.

Miss Broome Re Toybee Hall Report Committee.
Manchester F.S. re Reorganisation.

4c

2c.

16. Resignation. Thomas Ritchie. accepted.

J. F. Outlets

Meeting of Group Secretaries & Exec. at Office on Friday
27 Jan 7, 1893.

Present Wallas (in chair) Oakeshott, Olivier, De Mattos, Shaw,
Utey, ~~Fagan~~ Pease.

<u>W. M. C.</u> - Turner	<u>Central</u> - Mrs Fagan	<u>Southam</u> a Bamard
<u>Hackney</u> - Bishop	<u>Holtam</u> Pralt	N. W. —
<u>Hampstead</u> - Miss Brooke	<u>S. W.</u> Wheeler	Croydon —
<u>Hammermith</u> - Mrs Dell	<u>Poplar</u> F. Butler	S. E. —

1. The minutes of Dec 17 were confirmed.
2. Olivier made report on Finances wh. was discussed at great length. Suggestions were made for minimum sub. of 5/- in addition to Entrance fee, & that 5/- sh. be asked for "charges". a proposal that 50 members sh. double their sub. was approved.
3. Proposal to abolish Grant of £2. per ann. to Groups was discussed, & approved by some, whilst others strongly opposed. It was agreed that this matter & the whole question sh. be referred to the Groups for discussion & report.
4. The Technical Education Report, the question of deficiency in School accommodation, & the Guardians Elections were briefly discussed.

5. On the question of the Unemployed Butler of Poplar gave a very instructive report, wh. was also sent in writing by A.C.H. Graham. It was stated that local committees are at work in Plumstead, Hackney, Poplar, St. Pancras, & the Sec. was instructed to write to the Mansion House Com^{ee} to ask if it will answer questions & give advice to them.

H. Halliday Sparking
Chair, 24. 2. 93

Executive at Office 3 Feb. 93.

Present, Oakeshott (Chairman) Pease, De Mattos, Hammill,
Mr. Sandhau, Shaw, Sparling, Utley, Webb, Griffith
Wallas Olivier, Bland.
Absent Dell, Massingham.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed & the Group Secs. meeting were read.
2. New Tracts. Unemployed. Shaw. Deferred.
Administrative Reforms. Webb. Duhan.
Poor Law Leaflet. (~~Mr. Sandhau~~ ^{Mr. Whaley}) Wallas. no report.
Review of 29. Wallas ~~no report~~ next week.
Farm Labourer. M.S. from Dr. Watt. De Mattos to report to Exec, & sec. to write meantime that we have no intention of doing more than publish a leaflet.
3. Guardian Com^{tee}. Sec. 7 reported that Com^{tee} had revised the Questions. It was agreed that they be brought before the members meeting, that Webb revise in meantime; also that a circular be sent to selected clubs offering lectures on Guardian's Elections, circular to be typewritten.

4. Circular re Col. Hughes' Motion regarding God's Sweating, as proposed by Webb, was ordered to be sent to Groups &c -

5. Finances. Bank of £60.18.7. Liabilities £1/30. Draft Circular to Local Societies ordered to be printed. Secy reported interview with D'arcy Rees, & instructed to write him that he did originally offer £500, but we ~~accepted~~ replied we c^d. not spend more than £300 on the campaign. Agreed that Bland report to the Society on the Budget on Friday. -

b. Purge. It was agreed to remove from the list of members the following whose address was unknown
J.C. D. Andrews W.B. Lewis A. Seaborn
P. Bralazon A.S. Southam G. Grant
& to accept the resignation of Tom Lockwood.
It was further agreed to send (a) a circular to about 40 deadheads (b) a second circular to about 25 defaulters, (c) that Shaw draft a third & milder circular for a selected list of other defaulters.

7. Halifax Election. Manifesto by Mussingham was read. It was agreed that Shaw revise it, & that cyclostyled copies be sent to Local & London Press. -

8. Socialist alliance. Delegates reported & debate was adjourned.

9. Ben Tillett. His reply was read, & Shaw agreed to draft rejoinder.

10. Reprints. Agreed to 1000 No 35 from Stereos
5000 " 13. " "

11. Letter to Chancellor of Exchequer was approved & Sec. ordered to publish ^{with} reply. -

12. J. W. Martin was selected as Chairman for Friday.

13. Correspondence.

Re Leicester F.S. from Billson & Gallon

" Manchester " " " J. M. Beale.

Essex Hall, saying they m^d. consider reduction of price after June

Methuen & Co. offering 3 in. advt. for 10/- accept.

Scrivener Walkden offering books. accept.

13 Conesp. (cont?)

Mansion House Prof. Unemployed Conf.^{ca} re Local Consp.
H. M. Reade asking permission to use name "Fabian"
for a shirt. Reply "we have no power to authorize it".

Isabel Sandham

Executive at Office on 10 Feb. 1893.

Present. Mrs Sandham (in chair) Uley, De Mattos, Peace
Sparling, Shaw, Welch, Bland, Olivier
Absent Massingham, Dell, Gakeshott, Hammill, Wallas, Griffith

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. New Tracts :-

Administrative Reforms. Referred to Pub. Comm^{ee} for report.

Poor Law Leaflet. Wallas no report.

Farm Labourer (Dr. Wall's) De Mattos reported not much use.
Ordered to be returned to Dr. Wall.

Revue No 29. In hand.

3. Finances. Letter promising cash from S. Reeve read. Balance Sheet for Jan presented. Agreed to pay Welch expenses of ~~the~~ journey to assist sister at Halifax.

4. Country Lectures. Letter from Newcastle F.S. asking a guarantee of £10. for taking Tyne Theatre for Welch. Agreed on condition that another £10. is guaranteed locally. Lecture at Norwich declined all round. Agreed not to insist on payments of contributions promised

of local societies to Organisation Fund.
 Re Debate at Barrow agreed that the subject
 of it sh^d. be the Fabian Basis, & that De Mattos
 correspond further & report again.

5. Purge Shaw's draft of 3 Class Defaulters circular
 was approved & list made out.

6 Ben Tillet's Repr read & accepted.

7. Chancella of Exchequer - no repr. Sec. ordered to wait.

9. Election of members: the following were elected exapt
Miss Larner & H. A. White, not yet in order.

CANDIDATES.	PROPOSED BY
Alex. Ellis Anderson, 36 Victoria-road, Northampton	W. L. Sugden and H. Roberts.
H. A. Atkinson, University Hall, Gordon-square, W.C.	W. S. De Mattos and E. R. Pease
Miss Mary Clodd, 13 Derby-street, Leek	H. Roberts and W. L. Sugden.
Harold Cresswell, The Beeches, Ainslie-street, Grimsby	Bessie Walter.
H. W. Gloyne, 3 Cheapside, Wakefield... ..	W. H. Utley.
Rev. T. A. Lacey, St. Edmond's Vicarage, Northampton	Mary R. Lacey.
<u>Miss Georgiana Larner, 32 Heath-street, Hampstead, N.W.</u>	<u>W. L. Sugden and H. Roberts.</u>
A. E. O'Flaherty, Oriol College, Oxford	W. Hines.
Miss Isabel E. Priestley, Fabian Office	E. R. Pease and G. Wallas.
H. C. Rowe, 40 Brook-st., Cardiff..	A. C. E. Parr.
Geo. Standing, 7 and 9 Finsbury-street, E.C.	E. R. Pease and H. H. Sparling.
<u>Herbert A. White, Arundel-house, Tisbury, Wilts.</u>	<u>Edw. C. Chorley.</u>

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10. Resignations: - Alfred Hayes, because he considered the Birmingham Society enough, & K. R. Kuypers were accepted. Dr. W. G. Burton's was not accepted.

11. Agreed to pay 20/- a year for a 16 candle light for the office.

12. Proposal from North Manchester F.S. to publish a weekly Parliamentary Report was rejected on account of cost, & the Times suggested instead.

13. Letters from South Side Labour Fedⁿ & Green re Col. Hughes motion were ordered to be acknowledged.

13. Summer course was finally settled.

14 Correspondence. Lanc. & Cheshire Conference. Wtq to go if possible. Miss Hitch asking leave to reprint No 42 with ^{omissions} Declined. Bolas: asking that Railway Leaflet go out with news. Agreed. Labour Press Society, asking for notice in news. Agreed. Marriott, asking us to take up case of low paid clerk convicted of theft. Declined. Independent Labour Party Congress Report. Agreed to take & two dog.

By Bernard Shaw.
17/2/13.

Executive at Office Feb 17. 1893.

Present Shaw, in chair, De Mattos, Sparling, Hammill,
Welch, Gakeshot, Mrs Sandham Pease Bland Oliver
Absent Dell, Massingham, Uley, Griffith Wallas.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. New Tracts. Poor Law Leaflet. Oliver. No report.
3. Finances. Secy reported £150 received from D. Reue,
for County Lectures, + that £25 had been repaid
to Mrs Sandham
4. Elections. Miss Lerner & H.A. White were elected.
5. Publishing Committee reported that they had selected a
cheaper paper for the Fabian News. Report adopted.
6. The Secretary reported that W. Aberdeen's letters came
back marked "gone no address", + it was agreed
that he be purged.
7. Reprint Guardians Questions. Agreed to make minimum

~~may~~ wage clause" 6^d per hour: To print 5000, + to give them away when necessary.

8. Annual Report. Agreed that there be no census of lectures this year. Agreed that Bland, Sparling, Webb & Pease be a Committee to revise Rules.

9. Agreed that Shaw, Olivier, Utley, De Mattos & Pease be appointed delegates to attend ~~the next meeting~~ of the Socialist alliance.

12. Agreed that Guardians & Vestry Elections & proposed change in method of Executive Elections be considered at Group Sec. Mtg.

13. Correspondence:-

- Lancashire & Cheshire Fab. Fed. Report of Mtg.
- Tyldesley F.S. New Society announced
- Bishopston F.S. Agreed to grant 10/- of leaflets against Country Lecture Fund.
- Newcastle J.L.P. Agreed to take 1 doz. Hammill's Speech on Sale.
- Newcastle F.S. Re Webb's lecture. Suggest chairman & Bills.
- J. W. Buttery, Scrivener C. Scrivener, &c &c.
- H. Balliday Sparling
- Chair 23/2/93

Executive at office 24th Feb. 93. -

Present Sparling (in chair) Bland, Uley, De Mattos,
Hamnill, Shaw, Cakeshott, Pease, Olivier Webb

Absent Dell, Wallas, Mr Sandham, Griffith Massingham

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. New Tracts:-
Poor Law Leaflet. To be typed & referred to Shaw, Sparling, Olivier, Webb, & printed if approved. -
Revisé No 29. Referred back to Pub. Con^{ee} for further report.
Eight Hours. Macrosty to be asked to have draft on Friday.
3. Publishing Con^{ee} reported that Standring had agreed to set print future tracts in Caslands Old Style Type.
4. Keir Hardie Letter received giving details of account, agreed that it be paid. Subscription to be deducted as suggested.
5. Shaw Maxwell. Letter received proposing settlement. On a division it was agreed that asp be paid, but letter be written expressing regret that he had not conformed to our practice.

- 6. Summer course discussed. Sec. reported that J. M. Robertson & Corie Grant declined. Sec. ordered to write to D.G. Ritchie asking him to take Taxation, & the other lecture was deferred.
- 7. Private Meeting. Agreed to hold one in March (10th) & to discuss Poor Law Leaflet, & proposed change in method of electing Exec. -
- 8. Accounts Sec. reported that Essex Hall Com^{ee} declined to reduce charge. A/c £25.4/- ordered to be paid. Sec's account ordered to be paid. Royalties for 6 months £15.3.4.
- 9. Letter from J. L. P. Newcastle read, re Hammill candidature, & offer of £100 from H. H. Champion. Agreed that Shaw draft reply.
- 10. Sec. ordered to buy new Copying press.
- 11. Letter re Chicago Exhibition Labour Congress approved.
- 13. Agreed to ask for a stall for books at the Labour Exhibition in the Agricultural Hall.

14. Shaw reported that the ~~S~~ Joint Com^{ee} of Socialist bodies had been formed with Utley & Dolson as Secretaries, Olivier as Treasurer, & Morris as Chairman for 3 months. Also that he had been appointed with Morris & Hyndman to draft a manifesto.

15. Correspondence.

Miss Brooke, re Unemployed. Advised to apply to Unwrest M.P. & writing for K. Hardie's motion.

Oldham F.S. asking Contributions to Shile Fund. Refused

Barrow F.S. asking Grant to out of work Town Councillors. Refused.

Richmond F.S. proposing Fabian Club & Elypium on River

Miss Grover re lecture list to W.L.A. Sent already.

Wilhelie saying he c^d exchange dates with Olivier. Agreed.

Miss Conway on Lost parcel of Books. Agreed to write off.

Newcastle F.S. re Webb's lecture.

International Soc^l Conference & Seidel re preliminary Conference at Brussels &c. Refuse. -

Dr. F. M. Watt, on Tract 19.

Dr.

Dr.

Willie T. Utley

Meeting of Exec. Group Sec. at Office Friday 24 Feb. 8pm.

Present: Sparling (in chair) & Pease

- Groups. Hammersmith Bolas & another
- Hampstead Miss Brooke
- Central Mrs Fagan
- N.W. Miss Belcher
- Croydon J.W. Straughan
- Hackney Alf. Everard
- N. P.R. Pratt

S., S.E., Poplar, & W.M.C. or S.W. not represented.

1. Minutes of Jan 27 were adopted.
2. Reports on Lorrain's Scheme were made. It seemed that in every case except Croydon the plan was approved & in most the Conveners were appointed. But little or no work at present had been done.
3. Vestry Elections, Guardians Elections & Colonel Hughes Motion were discussed.
4. Proposal that the Executive Com^{ee} should be elected by ballot - paper sent to every member of the Society

was discussed, & most present were of opinion that in any case the ballot must continue to be a secret one. -

5. Scheme suggested by Pease was then discussed, that every group should be allotted one member of the Executive, who should be expected to attend the Group Meeting regularly & should report on Group Doings to the Executive. -
 after debate, it was unanimously resolved to recommend the Executive to adopt this scheme.

H. Halliday Spaulding
 Chair, 12. 5. 93.

