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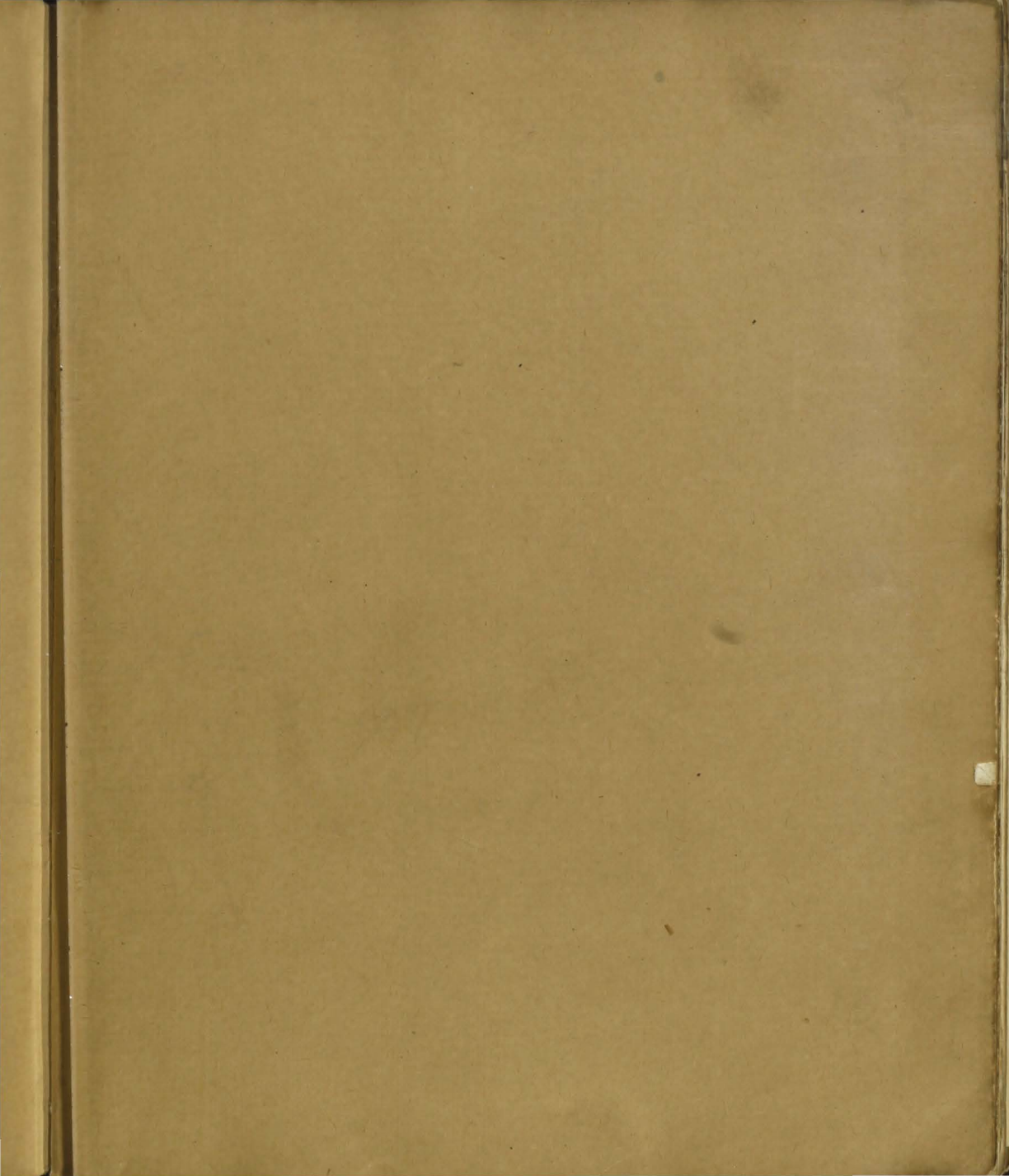
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General Purposes  
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Fabian Society.

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The Committee was constituted &  
the following resolutions adopted  
by the Executive Committee Dec. 15. 1899

That with a view to lighten the work of the Executive Committee,  
there be appointed, in addition to the Publishing Committee, a  
"Lectures and Organisation Committee."

That there stand referred to such Committee all business relating to

- (a) Provincial and other Lecturing,
- (b) Society meeting and functions,
- (c) Conferences of all sorts,
- (d) Groups.

That the two standing Committees (Publishing and Lectures & Organisa-  
tion) be authorised to carry out, without further reference to the  
Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive,  
reporting to each meeting of the Executive on matters of importance  
only.

On the same date the following were  
appointed members viz:-

Hubert Bland	J. R. Macdonald
Charles Charrington	Thomas M. O'Brien
J. F. Green	Wm. B. Shaw
Sidney Webb	+ the Sec. J. Edw. R. Pease



First Meeting at ~~276 Strand~~ 276 Strand  
on Friday 19 Jan. 7 1900. —

Present: Webb (in chair), Mr Shaw, Pease  
Absent: Green, Charrington, Bland, Miss O'Brien, & Macdonald  
(abroad)

1. Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

a Report from Shallard received  
Letters from ~~Shaw~~ Glasier on Irish plans  
read & noted.

(b) Cleveland Miners. Application for lectures  
Agreed to send Shallard in April.

(c) Shallard's Plans. Agreed to tell him that  
we shall help all we can if he decides  
to go to America, & also to Australia,  
but we do not advise the latter. —

2. Groups.

Chelsea wanting lecturer on Polytechnics  
Recommend W.C. Beckett.

3. Housing Conference. Proofs of syllabus. Agreed to ask  
Clem Edwards instead of Samuel  
Agreed also to invite selected vestrymen.

4 Fabian Lectures. Recommended: -  
 March 9<sup>th</sup> - Glasier on Ireland  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Bland on India  
 Agreed to decline  
 Prof. Heron on Iowa  
 Burrows on S. D. F.

5. New Office. Agreed to stain floor of Sec. 7's office,  
 & to have linoleum in sale office.  
 Agreed to get Wentley to move.  
 Agreed to leave old linoleum unless it be  
 saleable  
 Agreed to defer carpets & rugs. -

6 Dinner. Sec. reported 54 guests, &  
 result of accounts a deficit of 7/6,  
 which w<sup>d</sup> be carried to general a/c.

7. Pending Agreed to bind several complete sets  
 of F. News, & a lot of documents.

8. Chairman. Deferred. -

Sidney Webb

Meeting at Clements Inn Feb 2. '99  
Present, Webb (in chair) Pease, Charrington.  
Absent. Macdonald, Bland, Miss O'Brien Mrs Shaw Green

- 1 Minutes were confirmed
- 2 Fabian Lectures. Sec. reported Glasier accepted Morgan. Browne no reply. - Hurry him up.
- 3 Hutchinson Trust Lectures.  
Shallard in Ulster. Reports of good progress in arrangements.  
Glasier in Munster. Collapse of plans reported. Only Cork & Thurles certain. After discussion agreed that Glasier stay & make the best of it he can.
- 4 Housing Conference.  
(a) Speakers. Sec. reported all accepted except Bonmahon from whom no reply. Agreed to ask in default Knowles or Herbert Samuel, or Ald Jowett.
- 5 (b) Letter from Kneel's Housing Com<sup>ee</sup>. Agreed to ask him to speak on a resolution, & to send 20 tickets & more if desired



(4) cont. Housing. -

Agreed to print 3000 circulars & 1500 tickets

Agreed to send out as follows:-

- a. & to Fabians with March News
- β. Vestries. To send to each clerk & ask how many

γ. to L.C.C.

δ. to Societies, esp. S. D.F., I. L. P., R. L. R., I. N. S., Womens Societies, esp. W. Ind. Lib. Fed, & Nat. Womens Fed., Woolwich & Shalford C.C. C. O. S. &c. &c. -

ε. To scatter at Lab. Rep. Conf.

5 Furniture (a) Carpets. Wait.

(b) Bookshelves or Cases for Sec. Office.

Agreed to recommend several Book cases with doors, of useful size, secondhand.

(c) Hearthrug & oak coal box.

(d) Repairs to Howells desk

(e) New table for Howells room.

(f) Baize notice board

(g) Shelves in Howell's Room

(h) Display case for tracts. -

Wait suggested carpenter. -

G. P. Com<sup>ee</sup> 16 Feb. 1900. 4.35 pm.

Present, (Wells in chair), Bland Charrington  
Peace

absent. Mrs Shaw, Miss O'Brien Green, Macdonald.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Lecture reports received viz:-

Midlands Shallard

Ulster Do.

Munster Glasier.

also Memo on Irish L.S. Tract from  
Glasier, & letters.

3 Fabian Lectures

March 23. Sec. reported he had reminded  
Lawson Dodd, but had no reply  
from Prof. Murison

Apr 27. Nothing fixed

May 11. Annual Meeting

" 25. Agreed to ask Prof?  
J. G. Ritchie

4 Housing Conference.

Report on Prospectuses revised.

Agreed to send special letter to Sec. B. Vestice

Agreed to accept offer of Tracts from Mrs Perrott

4 (cont<sup>d</sup>)

Agreed to send special notices to delegates to the  
T. U. L. R. Conf<sup>ee</sup>

Agreed to approve printing the papers in a  
40p. pamphlet.

Agreed that Conville Thompson's pamphlet  
will do.

Agreed to refuse lecture offered by T. G. Duffe.

Agreed that Resolutions as printed  
be moved "en bloc" by the  
Chairmen, & that there be no  
attempt at ~~of~~ divided debates. -

5 Sundry Letters.

Garrity, agreed that his attendance  
as explained is enough.

H. S. Williams, re Recreation Grounds.  
no suggestion.

Laufer. Re Paris Exhibition  
names suggested.

Hammill. Charities. nothing to  
suggest. -

Julius Hand



G. P. Com<sup>ee</sup> 16 March. 1900. — (4)  
Present Bland (in chair), Mrs Shaw Charrington  
Pease, & before actual business, Webb.  
absent Green, Macdonald, Miss O'Brien

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Shallard's Tours. Reports submitted
3. Glaciers Tour Do. —
4. Hutchinson Trust Lectures in 1900-1. —  
letter from Shallard stating he  
was willing to be appointed. Agreed  
that he be employed during  
summer at 5/- a week, to occupy  
his time (a) in reading (b) in assisting  
at the office & (c) in supplementing his  
income by any press or other work. —
5. Accounts. Secy submitted accounts &  
estimates to the end of the year  
Mar 31 as follows: —

(4) Accounts (cont'd)

(a) Cash. A/c.

In Bank & available	£ 457.
Amounts due	<u>555</u>
deficit	98

against this, sums anticipated

General subs £ 25

Special "	<u>100</u>	<u>125</u>
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(b) Subscriptions

To March 16 General £ 263

d. arer Reeve 20

283

Last year to similar date

amounts were £ 294.

& Reeve	<u>50</u>	£ <u>344.</u>
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owing to office pressure, applications had been neglected for 3 months.

Up to Dec 31, £ 184 was received both years.

(c) H. Tract. Lectures. - Estimated Exp.

£ 390. - Actual expected to be £ 410.

Grant £ 440. -

(d) Grant for Special Tracts: -

98 Irish Rails. £ 7.7. writing, £ 13 Printing = 20.

99 Irish L.G. - 15 " 15

100. Irish Bowdler 13. " 27 - 40

Housing	25	<u>25</u>
Conference		<u>100.</u>

Accounts (cont<sup>d</sup>)

(2) Manchester L. Press, Debt of £5.18.5.

Agreed to ask Hudson to apply. —

(4) New Zealand Fd. Agreed to transfer £20.

to Book Boxes for books taken herefrom  
& to write off rest for Tracts Labours.

(9) L.C.C. Compensation

Received £ 300. —

Moving Expenses &c £28.10.5

Annuity for 7 years 190. — —

Balance 81.9.7 300. —

This sum of £81, ~~to~~ has been  
expended, less such amount as  
shall be at credit ~~at end~~ of Bank  
acc at end of year. —

Report received. —

5. Factory Act - Bill Circular. Approved;  
agreed to send to all M.P.'s  
unless ~~to~~ Webb strongly dissents.

Seaman Webb

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Committee at Office 11 Mar 1900.

Present- <sup>(in chair)</sup> Webb, Holson, Pease, Charrington, Mrs Shaw. Blund.

1. Minutes were conformed.
2. Letter read from Waelen asking to be excused from Com<sup>ee</sup> - agreed.
3. Shallards Lectures. Reports laid on table.
4. Audlunson Trust Lectures 1900-1-  
After discussion the following plan was adopted:-

- (A) Cleveland Oct
- (B) Liverpool & district - (Wallasey, Warrington, Birkenhead, &c: Nov
- (C) Plymouth, Exeter, Penzance, Bridport, Bridgewater, (? or Dec  
-say- Dorchester, or Tiverton, or Torquay, or Bournemouth)
- (D) Lincoln, Grimsby? Hull, &c:
- (E) Darlington, Stockton, Middlesboro, &c: } March, to be settled later.
- (F) Edinburgh, Alloa, Dalkeith, &c: }  
*Marseburgh*
- ~~(G) Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, &c:~~
- (H) Ireland, (Old district) say- Wexford, Waterford, &c: Jan
- (I) do (new do ) - Leitrim & N.W. Centre Feb

5. Proposed Plan of Lectures:-  
"Labour Measures for the Coming Election"  
approved.

6. Fabian Meetings  
June 8. Too near Whitsonwide  
agreed to have none.  
" 22. Education Tract.

7. International Soc<sup>y</sup> Congress. Mrs Shaw said  
she w<sup>d</sup> like to go. agreed to write  
we will send delegates. -

8. Book-cases. Sec. reported. agreed  
that he can go £20. -

Charles Charrington  
15<sup>th</sup> June 1900.

Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office 15<sup>th</sup> June 1900. —  
 Present - Charrington (in chair) Holson. Pease.  
 Absent - Webb, Bland, W<sup>o</sup> Shaw

1 Minutes were confirmed. —

2 Fabian Summer Lectures:-

It was agreed to propose a series on  
 Socialist Parties & Ideas abroad, e.g. -

- |         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Germany | Bernstein, Bax, Mother, & Schen |
| Belgium | W <sup>m</sup> Kufferath        |
| Italy   | Borsa                           |
| France  | Metri                           |
| America | Beard.                          |

3 Clements Inn Charges.

Letter read: 1 Re coal. Declining to make  
 reduction. Agreed that Sec. see others in  
 Building; & that he consult Solicitors.  
 (2) Re Light. <sup>offering</sup> ~~Agreeing~~ to charge same as  
 next year, per meter. - Agreed. -

4 International Congress. Agreed that credentials  
 be given to any member applying. -

5 Ventilation. Reference from Spec. Adjourned sine die.



b. Labour Members of Parliament Wages Fund.

ii. Hobson outlined a proposal: after discussion, it was agreed that he draw up a memorandum thereon for submission to the Exce. —

JG Hobson  
6/viii/1900

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Com<sup>a</sup> at office 6 July. or. —  
Present Hobson, Charrington Pease: also Anderson.  
Absent Webb, Bland, Mrs Shaw

- 1 Minutes were confirmed
2. Groups. Sec. reported on proposals for printing list of members, & it was agreed that they be arranged by constituencies & not by groups. —
3. Rent. Sec. reported he had paid Rent but not charges, & that the questions of Coal & Electric light were still waiting reports from the Landlords. approved.
4. International Soc<sup>y</sup> Congress.  
Agreed not to ~~have~~ send in any resolutions.
5. Dock Strike. Letters. Agreed to take no action.
6. Lecture Course for autumn.  
Sec. reported suggestion paper sent out to all Secs. but replies received only from Webb & Mrs Macpherson: —

The following was agreed to:—

October. Bliss. Limited & Sec. 7. Approved  
Subject America.

Belgium - Mr. Kufferath.

France - Ask metric of  
coming over.

Germany ~~Scandinavia~~ Do —

Holland Teriema; asked of  
Anderson & Willing. —

Italy. Malagodi, asked of  
Anderson & declined  
Borsa he asked.

Other suggestions noted.

7. Labour Candidates Fund. — The annexed letter  
already sent to Comtee, was considered.  
The alternatives in brackets were deleted  
(& 2-1) sundry verbal amendments  
were suggested, & the letter thus  
amended was ordered to be reported  
to the Exec. —

Scdney Webb



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the difficulty of  
**General Purposes Committee Friday July 6th.**ing themselves

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**Labour Candidates Fund.**  
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with the mining industry. It is felt that  
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**Draft by S.G. Hobson & E. R. Pease.** many candidates

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cially weaker unions, whilst others will be selected upon more distinctive-  
sent out privately to selected Trade Union leaders and others with a  
ly political grounds. If Labour reforms are to be effectively promoted  
**request for criticism, comments, and if possible endorsement by signature.**

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must have good security for his maintenance, quite apart from the pay-  
**a view to a conference.**

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present condition of advanced **C I R C U L A R** Great Britain, it is idle to

expect that  
**The Fabian Society does not run candidates at Parliamentary or**  
**other Elections but always cordially supports well accredited Socialist**  
**and Labour Candidates. It may therefore be regarded as being entirely**  
**disinterested so far as the following proposal is concerned - a proposal**  
**for which it bespeaks the careful consideration of Trade Unionists, Social-**  
**ists, and all others who are directly or indirectly concerned in the suc-**  
**cessful return of Socialists and Trade Unionists to Parliament. It is**  
**because of its complete disinterestedness disinterestedness that the Fabian**  
**Society ventures to bring forward the matter. to make the following**

selections  
**For many years past, the Labour and Socialist movements have**  
**been seriously hampered in the selection of candidates for Parliament by**

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the difficulty which such candidates would find in maintaining themselves if elected. Although a number of Trade Unionists have already been maintained when in Parliament by large unions, particularly those connected with the mining industry, it is felt that in the future many candidates will come before the electors, who are members of the smaller and financially weaker unions, whilst others will be selected upon more distinctively political grounds. If Labour reforms are to be effectively promoted in Parliament, it is obvious that every elected Labour representative must have good security for his maintenance, quite apart from the payment of election expenses. It is further to be remembered that in the present condition of advanced politics in Great Britain, it is idle to expect that Socialist and Labour Candidates will be the nominees of only one organisation. But although the different sections have each its own special point of view, in practice it will be found that there is substantial agreement on all points of immediate policy. It is therefore to the interest of everybody to get elected as many Socialists and Trade Unionists as possible, no matter to what section they may belong. Indeed, the more widely representative a Parliamentary Labour party is the stronger it must be.

The Fabian Society, therefore ventures to make the following

suggestions: (1) That a representative Finance Committee be constituted, by



... of the Trade Unions, the Independent Labour Party, the Social Democratic Federation and any other <sup>then</sup> electoral bodies concerned. (16)

(2) That ~~it~~ shall be the special function of this Committee to take steps for maintaining in reasonable comfort any Labour or Socialist candidate who may be successfully returned to Parliament.

(3) That it shall be understood that equal consideration be given to every elected representative without regard to his special views, the sole tests applicable being: (a) Is he a bona-fide Labour or Socialist representative? (b) Does he bona-fide need maintaining?

(Alternative to A. & B.) (That he is recommended to the Committee by a Trade Union of more than 500 members, of which he is a member, or by the Executives of the S.D.F. and I.L.P., provided that no one body shall recommend more than three candidates for the next General Election.)

(4) That the Committee shall proceed to obtain guarantees from all the organized Labour and Socialist Societies and from private persons, on the following plan, viz:-

To assume that ten Labour and Socialist candidates may be elected. To decide what would be a suitable income. (The sum of £200 is suggested.) If the Committee fixed upon that sum, next to proceed to obtain guarantees upon the basis of £2,000 <sup>for the duration of Parliament</sup> per annum. This should not be a difficult task in view of the wide constituency to which the Com-



(3) That the special function of this Committee to  
social Democratic Federation and any other electoral bodies concerned  
by a conference of the Trade Unions, the Independent Labour Party, the  
Committee could appeal. If, however, less than ten Labour Candidates were  
returned, say five, the Committee would call up only half the guaranteed  
amount, or if only three, then three-tenths, or whatever might be the  
proportion required.

(According to the alternative plan the guarantee would be for the  
number of candidates recommended)

It will be observed that this plan entirely obviates the main  
difficulty hitherto met with, that of raising ready money upon an indefi-  
nite basis. If the Trade Unions and all other Labour or Socialist Elec-  
toral bodies were to proceed on this system of guarantees, there would,  
upon the one hand, be no unnecessary drain upon funds, whilst, upon the  
other hand, there would be reasonable inducements offered to suitable and  
representative men of recognized probity and good influence to offer  
themselves as Parliamentary Candidates.

The Fabian Society reluctantly offers the foregoing suggestions -  
reluctantly, because it had hoped that payment of members would have been  
either an imminent or an accomplished fact by the end of the century.  
There is unfortunately no immediate likelihood of this. The Labour and  
Socialist movement must not wait for this most desirable Parliamentary  
reform, and it becomes, accordingly, the business of those interested  
to make due provision, on a reasonable, if not a generous, scale for  
those of its representatives men who are sent into Parliament to

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fight its battles. It is notorious that Labour Members in the past have been subjected to positive indignities because they had no assured income, fully guaranteed by a strong and fully representative Committee, such as that herein outlined.

It is needless to add that the Fabian Society will gladly take the preliminary steps to call into being some such Committee, if a general endorsement of the principle of the scheme be forthcoming.



# General Purposes Com<sup>tee</sup>

11 Oct 1900 —

Present Welsch (in chair), Holson, Charrington  
Mrs Shaw, Pease,

Absent ~~Stoddard~~ Blend. —

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Finances & subscriptions: —

Sec 7 presented the following reports: —

(a) Present Financial Position: —

Amounts due Standing	£ 170
Book-case	14.10. —
Salary	<u>12.10</u>
	197. —

Cash in Bank £ 23. plus

£ 100 just paid in for Hutchinson Trust Lectures.

Hutchinson Trust Lectures

Grant to 31 March £ 300. —

Drawn already 200. —

Expended £ 80 + say £ 20. office 100. —

(b) Report on Financial Position & cause of difficulty. —

Sec. reported that the account on opposite page was not materially altered



Accounts for 5 months April to August.

The financial stringency appears to be due to the following circumstances.

R E C E I P T S.

	<u>1900</u>	<u>1899</u>
Free balance from previous year	8	78
Subscriptions	79	94
Tract sales (special order of \$45 last year)	32	89
	<u>119</u>	<u>261</u>
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Deficiency of income	\$142	

E X P E N D I T U R E.

	<u>1900</u>	<u>1899</u>
Salaries	102	94
H. Trust Lectures	58	52
Printing	108	123
	<u>268</u>	<u>249</u>
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Excess of Expenditure	\$19.	

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Lectures.

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C. Report on Subscriptions: -

1900.

1 April to 30 Sep. + 179 subs. £ ~~96.12.8~~ <sup>98.3.8</sup>

1899

do \_\_\_\_\_ 183 .. £ 102.17.6

(+ H.C. Lander £5.- not yet paid)

Analysis of subscriptions

Apr to Sep. Years 1897 + ~~1899~~ 1900

	<del>1899</del>		1897	
	no <sup>1900</sup>	amt	no	amt.
Under 5/-	30	£3.11.0	42	£4.19.0
5/- + up to 9/6.	69	17.14.0	65	17.9.11
10/- .. .. 19/6	41	21.1.8	43	23.5.6
20/- .. .. 21/-	32	32.12.0	33	33.16.0
over 21/-	7	21.14.0	18	40.17.6
"Special"	0		1	50.-
	179	96.12.8	202	170.7.11

(3) These reports were considered & it was agreed that Webb draft a letter to be printed & sent to members. —

(4) Cliffords Inn Meetings.

Education Tract. Agreed that this be deferred to Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> & that Webb's offer to further revise be accepted. —

Nov 9. Agreed to ask Trieme on Holland

Future lectures

Italy. Malagodi

Germany. Webb reported Saunders w<sup>d</sup> do it in March.

objected  
to

Norway ~~H. L. Brakstad, N. L. C.~~

France. Metin very doubtful.

Austria. No one.

Denmark. Mrs Strinberg, if any one knows who she is.

objected  
to

Also agreed to ask Lawrence Cowen to apply to the Chinese Ambassador & to ask Lord Emly as agreed

(5) Irish Tours. Agreed to go forward with lectures in Ireland as proposed.

South Wales suggested as alternative

Charles Chapman  
18 Jan. 1856.



General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> at office

18 ~~Feb~~ Jan. 7 1901. -

Present, Charrington (in chair) Hobson Webb  
Pease

Absent Mrs Shaw, Bland.

- (1) The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
- (2) Society Lectures. Wedderburn on India. Mr. ~~decided~~  
Agreed to ask Prof. Earl Barnes  
on Education, & Percy  
Alden on Labour Party  
& its difficulties in W. Ham.  
Also that Charrington ask  
the latter. -
- 3 Theodore Wright's proposal. Pease submitted first  
draft of circular to non-  
members. Referred to Charrington.
- 4 L.C.C. Election Agreed that - all possible  
action be taken &
  - (1) ~~to~~ Giving list of Fabian Candidates & Com<sup>ee</sup> Rooms  
in News.
  - (2) Requesting members to canvas, to assist  
on Polling Day &c.

5 Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Sec. presented reports as follows:-

	<u>Estimate for current Year.</u>	
<u>Receipts</u>	Grant from Trustees	£ 300.-
	Deduct Office Exp.	50
	Available	<u>250</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	Per. up to balanced to 30 Sep.	56.10.5
	" " rendered to date 31 Dec	89.4.0
	Estimate to March 31	
	Salary	32.10.-
	Expenses	45.
	Printing	24
	Sundries	<u>10</u>
		<u>111.4.10</u>
		<u>256.16.3</u>

Showing a fairly level result.

Estimate for 1901 - 2 on proposed new Basis.

<u>Salary</u>	£ 150.
Seven months lecturing	
April & Oct to March at	
Fares & Hotels £15, Printing £8	= 161
Allowance for office	50
	<u>361.</u>

6 After debate, agreed to recommend the  
Exec. to offer £150. to Shallard &  
to apply to the Hutchinson Trustees  
for the necessary funds in due course.

7. Accounts. Agreed that the Sec. present  
to the C.P. Com<sup>ee</sup> once a quarter  
a statement of the Financial position  
of the Society.

8 Subscriptions Agreed that - at the first meeting  
of the Com<sup>ee</sup> after each quarter  
day the Sec<sup>y</sup> present to the  
Com<sup>ee</sup> a list of the subscriptions  
due in or before the last quarter  
but one + not paid. -

Charles Chumpton  
3 June 1901



G. P. Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm. —

Present  
Absent

Charrington (in chair), Hobson, + Pease  
Webb, Mrs Shaw, Dodd, Bland, Matthews.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Education Resolutions Agreed to send out  
100 to 80 Club  
250 .. " P.  
.. Press

Tom Clerk of C. Boos  
Clerks of C. E. —

Agreed to advertise in W. L. A. ~~by~~ agenda.  
at 5p. —

Refer to Pub. Com<sup>ee</sup> for other instructions.

3. Antichinson Trust Lectures

In absence of report from Shallard  
this was deferred. —

Agreed that Shallard is entitled to  
about 3 weeks holiday. —

4. Finances. Secy reported that receipts for two  
months were £97, compared  
with £67 last year. Annexed  
report was received. —

Financial Statement to 31 May 1901.

Receipts.

Balance from last year		5	4	4
Subscriptions	£47			
Annuity for Rent	15			
Other receipts	35			
		97.	0	0
		102.	0	0

Expenditure

Shallard A/c Hutchinson Trust	£12.	10		
Binding Tracts		4		
Petty Cash (Salaries, Stamps)	40		£56	
Cash in Bank			46	

Accounts Due. Secretary's Salary 2 mos. £25  
Standing on March 31 £90  
&c.

5. Overdue Subscriptions. List of members whose subs were due in period Jan March 1901 was submitted & Sec'y noted. —
6. Contributions from non-members. Sec. understood to prepare another draft. —

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7. Fabian Lectures for next Session. agreed as follows

(a) To have 5 Literary Lectures, on  
Social <sup>Tendencies</sup> ~~Features~~ of Modern Drama.  
Charrington to prepare scheme.

(b) To have 5 lectures on  
Limitations of Modern ~~Industrialism~~  
Modern Industrial Developments

(1) Limitations of Modern Industrialism. How  
Is English Trade Decaying? Morgan Brown  
Trusts. Macart

(c) To have other miscellaneous lectures,  
eg. Borsa on Italian Soc<sup>m</sup>  
Miss Macmillan on Education.

8. Next meeting before Exec. at 4.30 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> -

Charles Charrington  
14 June 1901



General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup>  
14 June 1901.

Present - Charrington in chair, Mrs Shaw Bland  
Pease. Also S. D. Shallard.  
Absent - Webb, Holson, Dodd, Matthews.

- 1 Charrington's scheme of Lectures was submitted & generally approved, with amendments.
- 2 Report annexed by S. Shallard was generally approved, & the following course of lectures was adopted for recommendation to the Exec:-

October	Ireland S. W.
Nov.	England S. Plymouth &c
Dec.	Bristol Newport &c.
Jan	Durham
Feb	Scotland
Mar.	East Anglia or Teesside.

~~Remaining~~ Later months to be subject to revision.

Sidney Webb  
4/10/01

Social Tendency in Modern Drama.

A series of Ten Lectures.

Norway	} -----	Philip Wicksteed
Denmark		Bernard Shaw.
Sweden		
Belgium	-----	Alfred Satrio.
Holland	-----	J. I. Grein.
France	-----	A. B. Walkeley.
Austria	-----	Janet Achurch.
Germany	-----	William Archer.
Spain	-----	Edmund Gosse.
Italy	} -----	Mabagodi
		G. Bernard Shaw.
		Philip Wicksteed
Russia	-----	P. Krupotkin.
England	-----	Charles Chesterton
		Bernard Shaw.

## Shallard's Plans

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1) To be in London <sup>for</sup> ~~until July 6th~~, three weeks, - that is, until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Then away lecturing & other business of his own until end of July. Proposes to be in town through August & September completing lecture arrangements & reading, & undertaking any work required by the Society.

2) For lecture arrangements - suggests that October in the South of Ireland & November in the South-West of England be definitely decided upon. Exeter, Plymouth & Truro & Truro have all asked for lectures. For remaining four months suggests four of the following districts -

(a) Durham, Chester-le-Street District.  
The Durham Labor Council, representing

(f) Rochdale, Oldham, &c.

(g) Stockton, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Hartlepool



the Miners' Lodges & other Unions, ~~write~~  
to arrange a series.

(b) West of England: Bristol &c:

Invitations from

Newport Fabians & Junior Liberals.

[The Bristol Trades Council,  
Bedminster Co-op, & Weston-super-Mare  
Co-op, have all asked for lectures  
since last there.]

(c) Cleveland.

(d) Scotland - either Paisley, Johnstone, Renfrew

&c:  
The District ~~Co-op~~ Association of Co-ops  
Educational Committees wrote us about  
lectures some months ago.

or

Alloa, Dunfermline etc:

(e) Leeds, Sheffield, Rotherham, Mexlrs'.

(f) Rochdale, Oldham, &c:

(g) Stockton, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Hartlepool

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(3) Proposes to ~~cut down~~ revise lecture syllabuses & at same time to cut them down. "Child Labor" to go out altogether & two new lectures to go in - namely, one upon "Trade & Commerce" & one upon questions of "Hours, Wages & Production."

[the lectures having <sup>by</sup> now altered considerably both in form & matter

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?/ a new lecture on local government.

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General Purposes Com<sup>tee</sup> on 31 Oct. 1901. -

Present With (in chair) Mrs Shaw, Matthews, Charrington  
 Bland, & Pease. also Macroft.  
 Absent Dodd: & Holson (- in America)

1. Minutes of 14 June were confirmed.
2. Hackney Group. Proposal to purchase for their use 5 copies of Holson's Social Problem, 9vol. They w<sup>o</sup> pay 5/- was approved.
3. Irish Tour. Reports from Shallard of difficulties & wires were laid before com<sup>tee</sup>. Agreed to wire him to do what he can & not to knock himself up. -
4. Appeal to Outsiders. Agreed to concur in draft proposed by the Pub. Com<sup>tee</sup>.
5. Finances. Amassed report sent to members was considered. - Also reports presented by Secy showing stocks of tracts for a series of years, & stock of tracts not selling freely.



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Report on Finances

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A General Purposes Committee will be held at the office on Friday October 4th at 4 30 pm to consider the following report and other business  
No Executive Meeting

The Secretary submits accounts annexed as follows:-

- Tract Sales 70
- (a) Rough account showing cash receipts and expenditure for 6 months to 30 Sep
- (b) Liabilities at date showing £194 due to Standring and allowing for a working bank balance nothing available against it
- (c) Comparison between past and previous six months, showing large increase in tract sales and a decrease in subscriptions for reason stated
- (d) Estimate of expected income and necessary expenditure for 1901-2, showing available balance of ~~300~~ £78
- (e) Statement of controllable expenditure on basis of previous year, amounting to £134, nearly all on Tracts
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Office Exp 15

The cost of printing the revise What to Read, say at least £40 will fall on the current year, and will not be recouped during the year

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The problems are

- (a) whether to reduce the loss on Tracts, by confining printing to tracts which will pay: or
- (b) how to raise additional funds
- (c) how to pay the debt £90 due Standring from last year

Post	530	530	Edw R Pease	
Less Annuity due	15		Secretary	
			2nd Oct 1901	15
Salaries				12
Standring				
(including £60 from last year)				184
				191
Less Cash				53
				138
Cash Deficit				100

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The secretary's annual accounts annexed as follows.

No Executive Meeting

October 4th at 7 30 PM to consider the following report and other business  
 A General Purposes Committee will be held at the office on Friday

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Rough Cash Accounts 6 months

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Receipts and Expenditure

6 months

R E C E I P T S

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Tract Sales	70	
Subscriptions	88	
Donations	12	
Book Boxes &c	10	
Hutchinson Trustees	<u>115</u>	<u>£295</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	108	
Rent	29	
Stamps	35	
Hutchinson T Lectures	57	
Office &c	<u>13</u>	
	<u>242</u>	
Cash in Bank	<u>53</u>	<u>£295</u>

the Subscriptions were in excess of last year, much political activity: the reverse  
 1904 was a time  
 Except that postage this year is £10 less than last year, expenditure  
 there appears to be the same, but as precise account depends on  
 rendering and payment of large accounts, comparison is uncertain

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Liabilities at Date

Rent	£30	£30	
Less Annuity due	<u>15</u>		15
Salaries			12
Standing			194
(including £90 from last year)			<u>194</u>
Less Cash			221
			<u>53</u>
Cash Deficit			168



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 RECEIPTS  
 HONGKONG CLEAR ACCOUNTS & MESSAGES

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 Receipts and Expenditure  
 6 months

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
	- :- (Continued)	
Subscriptions	- :- 88	98
Tracts sold	EXPENDITURE (70 necessary)	39
Donations	12	9
Book Boxes	\$120 Less annuity \$30	90 5
Lecture Halls	<u>178</u>	<u>151</u>
Fabian News	-----	
Stamps (average 3 years)		102

-:- Until September the Subscriptions were in excess of last year,  
 but September 1900 was a time of much political activity: the reverse  
 case is the case this year

EXPENDITURE

Except that postage this year is \$10 less than last year, expendi-  
 ture appears to be the same, but as precise amount depends on  
 rendering and payment of large accounts, comparison is uncertain

Expenditure subject to control

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Loss on Tracts 1901-2 1900-1		51
.. .. N Trust ESTIMATES 1901-2		7
Country Lecturers -----		9
Grants, Payments <u>RECEIPTS</u>		2
Subscriptions (estimated same as 1900-1)		389
-Do- special Printing (1901, less \$10 necessary)		120
Donations           ↓           "		34
Book Box Subs       "       "		17
Advertisements     "     "		10
Hutchinson Trust Lectures		50
		<u>620</u>
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Receipts and Expenditure

Receipts and Expenditure

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EXPENDITURE (necessary)

Rent	£120 Less annuity £30	90
Lecture Halls		20
Fabian News		46
Stamps (average 3 years)		102
Office 1901		24
Salaries		241
General Printing (minimum of 3 years)		19
		<u>542</u>
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Expenditure subject to control

Loss on Tracts 1901-2 1900-1	91
.. .. H Trust Lectures 1900-1	7
Country Lecturers	9
Grants, Payments &c	2
Books for Boxes	5
General Printing, (1901, less £19 necessary)	20
	<u>£ 134</u>
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(b) On the above & also on Fabian Lectures it was agreed to propose the following scheme to the Exec:—

- (a) That Webb Lecture on Nov: 8th on a Policy of National Efficiency.
- (b) That the Society be asked to approve the publication of the Lecture as a named tract.
- (c) That the informal offer of the Hutchinson Trustees to grant £100 for the circulation of this & other tracts, (to be ~~paid~~ taken out of stock & otherwise) to 10000 selected addresses, be approved, with the double object of extending our influence & laying off the printing debt.
- (d) That the Publishing Com<sup>ee</sup> be instructed to refrain from preparing tracts or revisions which are likely to be printed at a loss to the Society.

Sidney Webb  
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Replies to Tract Circular

General Approval.

- Postcard. Rev. W. Lawrence Schroder (1)  
 " J. E. Mackenzie (2)  
 Advocates Efficiency & Education  
 Headmaster Wallasey Grammar School (3)  
 Approves Education Policy  
 J. H. Thornton. Enthusiastically copies (4)  
 out pages  
 Wm. Watson. Often vainly tried to get (5)  
 Tracts  
 H.H.F. Hyndman. Approves Education (6)  
 Policy  
 F. E. Rogers. Hopes to join. (7)  
 Philip Bennett/ sending 10/6 (8)  
 H. G. Wells. Advocating Republicanism (9)  
 2 Letters.  
 Rev. W. Bradfield  
 Advocates Unsectarian teaching (10)  
 Rev. Dr. Gordon.  
 Will receive Bound Tracts Gratis. (11)  
 N. B. Not sent  
 J. A. Hogg. Cordial Approval (12)  
 Jas. Gordon. Sends Season's Greetings (13)

*C.S. G. Massey failing to  
 indirect and Education p51  
 Dr. Patrick M & sending 57*

Criticisms & Disapproval.

- H.T. Ashton. Sends a long (14)  
 thoughtful paper on Trades  
 Unions & Direct Employment  
 Evidently a Woolwich offic:  
 Capt. Stewart Murray. (15)  
 Long letter and pamphlets on  
 Food Supply in time of War  
 J. H. Tezer. Suggesting a (16)  
 lot of new Tracts.  
 T. B. Browning, Canadian (17)  
 Barrister. Offering Lectures  
 Interview. No Good.  
 J. Wallace, (Shetland) (18)  
 On local land system.  
 J. P. Milne (19)  
 On the grievances of Private  
 Schools.  
 Herbert Story (20)  
 On Cheap Transit.  
 Alex. McJames. (21)  
 Jesus Christ the only Physi-  
 Wm. F. Clarkson (22) (can  
 Believe in Individualist  
 Liberalism under God.  
 Rev. J. Chevallier (23)  
 Do Fabians distribute their  
 property?  
 J. Hayward (Bristol S.B.) (24)  
 Long letter. Disappointed  
 with Mr. Sidney Webb. Permis-  
 sion to print.

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General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1901.

Present Webb (in chair) Charrington Peace Matthews  
Holson Mrs Shaw  
Absent Bland. Dodd.

- (1) Minutes were confirmed.
- (2) Webb reported that Birmingham Soc. Sec. wanted a successor to ~~Shallard~~ <sup>Fallows</sup>. Agreed to tell Shallard at once.
- (3) Tract Circulation. Sec. presented Report as follows

(a)	Tracts sent out		
	All male London Graduates in Great Britain except many		
	.. .. Glasgow .. ..	.. ..	.. .. doctors
	.. .. St. Andrews .. ..	.. ..	including doctors
	.. .. Victoria .. ..	.. ..	including doctors.
	Total sent 9,878.	122 to be sent to U.C. of W. Graduates	
(b)	Out of pocket cost		
	Postage		£20 16 8
	Tract Printing		28 17 6
	Circular ..		8 5 0
	Sundries		5 0
	Total Cost		<u>£58 4 2</u>
(c)	Positive Results		
	Sets of Tracts sold about 4	Wrappers	<u>2 8 0</u>
	Twenty orders value say 20/-		<u>£60.12.2</u>
	One new member Dr. Theobald subscription 10/6		
	One subscriber 6/9 <sup>one 5/-</sup>		
(d)	Letters received per list	approve.	

Report was received.

- (4) After discussion it was unanimously agreed

to recommend the Exec. to send out another 5000 sets, at the expense of the Hutchinson Trustees, in February, to Private addresses of persons in Trade Lists, Barristers, Members of Chambers of commerce, members of Floyds, of Stock Exchange, Telephone subscribers or such other persons as may be suggested.

(5) On the subject of Imperialism, it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Exec.

(1) That a letter, as drafted, be sent to the Press, on the understanding that the proposal to bring forward another resolution on the subject of the War or Imperialism be abandoned. —

(6) Society Lectures. The following were recommended

Feb 14. S. G. Hobson: The necessary Relations between Civilised States separated by Sea. —

Mar 14 Chesterton or Wells

Apr 13. Holmes on Reformatories.

Sec. reported that T. B. Browning was willing to lecture but had nothing to say. —

S. G. Hobson  
6/6/1902



Draft Letter for Press suggested by General Purposes  
Committee for consideration of Executive.

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Sir,

Statements have appeared in the press to the effect that the Fabian Society is in favour of the policy of the Government in South Africa, or, as some put it, of 'Imperialism'. Will you permit me to say that the statement, in either form, is incorrect? The Fabian Society does not include in its "basis" any theory or policy on foreign or colonial relations. As regards the present issue, the Society has, on two occasions, by vote of its members, declined to formulate any collective opinion one way or the other. The only authoritative expression of its views is the Manifesto entitled 'Fabianism and the Empire' published in October 1900, which, as stated in the preface, represents the general views of the Society as a whole, but not necessarily those of any individual member.



G. P. Council 6<sup>th</sup> June 1902.

Present

~~W. H.~~ Holson (in chair), Hadlam, Charrington,  
Pease Mrs Shaw, Bland Webb

Absent

~~W. H.~~ Dodd. —

1 Minutes were confirmed. —

2 Lectures for 1902-3 session.

Agreed that a series on The State in  
Relation to Trade be prepared,  
& that Holson & Pease be a committee to draft  
same for use. — It was further  
agreed that some literary lectures be  
included in the course. —

3 Butchinson Trust lectures.

Memorandum from Shallard read.  
Agreed that separate courses be  
arranged if no regular lecturer  
can be secured, & that Holson  
make enquiries as to Ald Gouett  
of Bradford, for such courses. —

4. Defaulting Members. Agreed to send letter  
(annexed) to list annexed, except Miss Sargent,  
& to publish in News list of members with last addresses.

5 Suffolk Terrace  
Ramsgate. 19 April, 1902

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Dear Pease,

H. T. Lectures

- ① The <sup>chief</sup> value of these lectures <sup>should lie -</sup> ~~lies~~
- (A) In reaching those who, from ~~indifference~~, prejudice, misunderstanding, or for personal reasons, do not attend other Socialist lectures;
- (B) In bringing home to the local Socialists the necessity & importance of careful study as the first step towards making their propaganda effective;
- (C) In bringing together the various progressive forces upon a programme of practical work.

If these three <sup>aims</sup> ~~points~~ are achieved there is no doubt in my mind that the lectures amply repay the money spent upon them. The achievement of the aims naturally

The work seems to me to have been valuable. S.D.S.

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depends upon the lecturer, both in capacity of speaker & of organiser. When the lecturer knows the country, - is known, - & is prepared to take ~~much~~ <sup>considerable</sup> pains in organising his tours, their value is enhanced almost incalculably.

② In a general way "popular" audiences will not be secured, of course. But the very circumstances that tell against popular audiences, - e.g., the use of the word "educational"; the ~~printing~~ publication of a syllabus, etc. :- will draw some of the most influential & thoughtful of local administrators, & active social workers, who have neither time nor inclination for popular meetings.

③ As to how far ~~these~~ ~~name of the Fabian Society~~ ~~processes the~~ lectures enhance the reputation & influence of the Fabian Society it would be <sup>impossible</sup> ~~difficult~~ to say, but there



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is no doubt at all that they do enhance our  
reputation & ~~usefulness~~ influence  
~~is~~ & thus increase our power for  
usefulness. There may be ways in  
which the same sum of money might  
procure greater results, but altho' I have  
thought over the matter a great deal such  
other ways have not yet occurred to me.

(4) These lectures are reported in important  
papers at a length which <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ given to no  
other Socialist addresses, ~~is~~ indeed to <sup>almost no</sup> ~~any~~  
other lectures at all, - & lead frequently to  
valuable discussions in such papers.

Personal discussions with councillors etc:  
~~will almost frequently~~ are a usual  
result, & the lecturer may even turn the  
scale in some municipal discussion that  
hangs in the balance. I could give  
instances of having turned the scale in  
favor of municipal building as against

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leasing, - in favor of adopting the Act of 1890  
as against Chamberlain's abortive Act, - &  
even in the shaping of a Bill, - now an  
act, - for an Improvement Scheme. In the  
same way <sup>on</sup> Co-operative Committees the scale  
has been turned in favour of Labor representation,  
& <sup>in</sup> Friendly Societies in favour of State  
Pensions. These may seem comparatively  
trifling matters but as indirect results  
of the lectures they are worth consideration.  
For every such instance known to the lecturer,  
there ~~may be~~ would presumably be many  
~~not~~ not traceable. ~~In several~~

~~places I have~~

[Only last week I learned that the  
Weymouth Co-operative Society, which  
for 20 years had been a <sup>small &</sup> close corporation  
in the hands of local shopkeepers, has

Lesson

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now been brought into the Co-operative Union, its membership thrown open, & as a result the progressives have captured it. This was a result of our lectures there in 1900.]

5) In Birmingham, Dundee, Edinburgh, Workington, Carlisle, & several other places Municipal Workers' Committees have resulted from ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> lectures & have done good local work. The ~~the~~ organisation of a course of lectures has <sup>often</sup> been the first occasion on which the local Co-operators, Trade-unionists & Socialists have been induced to take any joint action.

In visiting districts in which Harry Snell had previously lectured I have almost always found that his work had left the best impression & in many cases tangible practical results,

The work seems to me to have been valuable. S.D.S.



6) To sum up - 6 (76)  
Whilst no <sup>precise</sup> estimate can be made of the  
educational effects of such courses upon non-Socialist  
workers & administrators, there is ~~little~~ no  
doubt in my mind as to the healthy effect  
which they have upon the Socialist move-  
ment & their invaluable effects in  
drawing together the various <sup>local</sup> progressive  
forces.

7) In all this there is the assumption that  
the lecturer is a man (or woman) of some  
capacity for organising as well as speaking -  
(which implies infinite patience & a sense of humour!) - and  
& with a general knowledge of the move-  
ments in the country.

Sincerely yrs

S. D. Shallard

P.S.

If the lectures are continued I hope that an  
effort will be made to give a month to  
Ireland. Looking back on the Irish tours, & apart  
from unfortunate circumstances of my own last tour,  
the work seems to me to have been valuable. S.D.S.

Ex-University Members who have not paid after leaving University.

Name	Address	Elected	University	Left, Un.	Decision
G. S. Adams	Hamilton	Nov. '99	Oxford		
Miss M. Ainscow	Bangor	April '96	Ab.		
J. C. Ashton	Machynlleth	June '96	Abersyt.		
W. G. Bell	Glasgow	Jan. '97	Oxford		
E. C. Bentley	Oxford	April '95	Oxford		
H. W. Bourne	Darwen	April '96	Aberyst.		
Herbert-Breek	Edinbu				
Herbert Brook	Bradford	Feb. '98	Edinburgh		
H.M. Brailsford	Covent Garden	April '96	Glasgow		
Mrs. Brailsford	Do. Do.	April '96	Glasgow		
G. K. Cuthbert	Forfar	Nov. '96	Glasgow		
W. H. Darby	Stockwell, S.W.	Dec. '97	Aberyst.		
Sam Davies	Pencaeder	Dec. '97	Aberyst.		
James Dinwoodie	Moffat	April '96	Glasgow		
C. W. Forster	N/C on Tyne	Feb. '98	Edinburgh		
Rev. H.T. Fotheringham	Bradford	July '97	Aberyst		
James Hay	Falkirk	April '96	Glasgow		
Rev. V. Herford	Oxford	Jan. '97	Oxford		
E. W. R. Jones	Glasgow	April '96	Glasgow		
J.D. Jones	Aberystwyth	June '96	Aberyst.		
Guy Kendall	Oxford	Dec. '97	Oxford		
J. W. Lamont	Edinburgh	Feb. '98	Edinburgh		
Norman Leys	Portugese				
A. F. Pearson	East Africa	April '96	Glasgow		
Kenneth Leys	Glasgow	Dec. '98	Glasgow		
A. D. Lindsay	Oxford	Dec. '98	Oxford		
J. C. Matheson	Falkirk	April '99	Glasgow		
G. H. Nott	Slaisbury	June '96	Aberyst.		
Owen R. Owen	Bala	April '96	Aberyst.		
R. Jenkyn Owen	Harmer Hill	April '96	Aberyst.		
Thos. J. Rees	Swansea	Nov. '97	Aberyst.		
F. Gurney Salter	Oxford	Dec. '97	Oxford		
Miss E. B. Shekleton	Oxford	De June '97	Oxford Women's		
J. H. Thompson	Oxford	Nov. '96	Oxford		
G.S. Wallace	New Milns	Dec. '98	Glasgow		
		(gone to S. Africa)			
A. W. Wilkie	Birkenhead	April '97	Glasgow		
Williams, S.C.	Cambridge	May '97	Aberyst.		
Maurice Williams	Swansea	Dec. '97	Aberyst.		
Robert Wilson	Glasgow	Dec. '96	Glasgow.		



EX-DIRECTOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERED RESUME DIRECTOR

Old members who have stopped contributing

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Old Members who have never paid anything.

Name	Address	May 88	Elected	Decision
Wm. Anderson	Chiswick Kensington	Aug. '90	Oct. '91	
Martin Anderson	Chelsea Do.	April '91	Oct. '91	
W.H. Baker	Wimpole St. S. Australia	1890	July '92	
W. S. Bickford	Brighton S. Australia	May '91	July '92	
D. M. Charleston	Brighton S. Australia	Sept. '90	July '92	
Frank Drummond	Larne Gateshead.	July '91	Sep. '90	
R. S. Guthrie	Oxford S. Australia	Sept. '91	July '92	
W. G. W. Hales	Portsmouth	May '91	March '93	
Rev. E. Pan Jones	Pharos Mostyn, N. Wales	Nov. '91	Nov. '91	
J. P. Morice	Bournemouth S. Australia	Oct. '88	July '92	
Mrs. J.P. Morice	Bournemouth S. Australia	Dec. '90	July '92	
A. F. Pearson	W. Kensington S. Australia	May '94	July '92	
D. G. Gostling	Bombay, India	July '89		
Mrs. G. Gostling	Do. Do.	Oct. '87		
H. Otto Thomas	Ware, Herts.	Aug. '95	7/6 3 yrs.	20/12/88
W. G. Wray	Finsbury Park	Feb. '97	Ex Oxford man	1/- paid through O.U.F.S.



Old members who have stopped subscribing.

~~General non-subscribing members.~~

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	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Decision.</u>
	Thos. Bolas	Chiswick	May 85	10/6 25/3/97	
W.	Claude Burton	Kensington N.W.	Aug. '90	5/- 29/7/98	
	Mrs. C. Burton	Do.	Aug. '90	5/- 29/7/98	
	C.V. Burton	Chelsea	April '91	5/- 20/10/97	
P.	Mrs. C.V. Burton	She Do. in I. of W.	June '91	5/- 20/10/97	
	Dr. W. E. Burton	Wimpole St.	1889	previous to '96	
MI	Mrs. F. Charles	Islington	Jan. '94	10/- 22/2/98	
	(nee Skerritt)	Brighton	May '91	£1.1.0. 10/11/97	
	H. Croesel	Pentonville	April '92	3/- 20/7/97	
MI	J. S. Hamilton	Brighton Park	Sept. '90	10/- 15/6/97	
	Mrs. Hamilton	Do.	Aug. '94	5/- 20/3/97	
E.	H. H. Harris	Bury Bourne Park	April '94	2/6 9/8/98	
	Frank Haywood	Larne Co. Antrim	July '91	5/- 30/3/98	
Cl	Wm. Hines	Oxford Road	Sep. '91	5/- 4/5/96	
	Fredk. McQuire	Tufnell Park, N.	Oct. '94	5/- 25/2/98	
Mr	H. Morgan-Browne	N.L.C.	Nov. '92	5/- 22/7/97	
Ms	Thos. Naylor	Hornsey	May '91	previous to '96	
F.	Mrs. Naylor	Do.	Nov. '91	10/- 27/11/97	
J.	Geo. Palmer	Pharos Club.	Sep. '90	5/- 24/7/97	
MI	Miss A. Sergeant	Bournemouth	Oct. '88	£2.2.0 26/6/97	3 except.
				for 2 years.	
Rev	F. J. Shaw	N/C on Tyne	Dec. '90	5/- 17/1/98	
H.	T. Wilmshurst	Grosvenor Rd.	Dec. '93	5/- 2/2/99	
				for '97 & '98.	
Miss	J. E. Woolacott	W. Kensington	May '94	2/6 22/7/97	
	D. G. Gostling	Bombay, India	July '89	previous to '96	
W.	Mrs. Gostling	Do. Do.	Oct. '87	previous to '96	
Mrs.	C. W. Spiller	Mill Hill Park	May '97	10/- 5/7/98	
H.	Otto Thomas	Ware, Herts.	Aug. '95	7/6 3 yrs. 28/12/98	
W.	G. Wray	Finsbury Park	Feb. '97	Ex Oxford man	
				1/- paid through O.U.F.S.	



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 General Non-subscribing Members.  
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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Decision.</u>
W. S. Bushnell	Mill Hill, N.W.	July '95	10/- April 98	
Miss M. Balfour	Belfast		for 2 years	
F. P. Brown	Oxford			
P. Coleman	Shanklin I. of W.	May '95	5/- 16/10/97	
Miss G. Dix	Chandery Lake			
Miss M. Crees	Islington	Jan. '94	10/- 22/2/98	
W. Godfrey	Poplar	July '92	for 2 years	
A. G. Green	Baling	March '99	1/- 2/2/99	
Miss Jessie Currie	Regents Park	June '95	10/6 22/9/98	
C. W. Guest	Woolwich	June '99	5/6 22/9/99	
E. G. Dixon	Westbourne Park	Aug. '96	10/- 15/11/97	
	Edinb <sup>r</sup>	Ex Edinburgh		
Clem Edwards	Hyde Highgate Road	July '94	2/6 3/11/97	
H. Mackey	Belfast	June '99	5/- 20/2/99	
Mrs. Clem Edwards	Do. Do.	July '94	2/6 3/11/97	
Miss L. Marston	Westminster	April '99	5/- 17/5/00	
F. Victor Fisher	Hampstead	Feb. '90	Dec. '99	5/- E.S. 13/10/99
J. S. Rhys	Barnsbury	Aug. '98	2/6 18/7/98	
Miss M. Holt	Wolverhampton	Aug. '96	2/6 E.S. 9/9/96	
A. Major Scott	Edinburgh	Feb. '98	1/- Feb. 98	
Rev. R. Roberts	Bala, N. Wales	E.U. June '98	7/6 E.S. 28/5/98	
H. Sandilands	Bradford	Nov. '90	5/- 1.0. 30/3/98	2 years
				believed to have gone to Africa.
Miss E.A. Service	Glasgow	Feb. 97	3/- 24/12/97	
				gone to Australia
W. Spetch	Oakham	Dec. '95	2/- 20/4/95	
Mrs. C. M. Spiller	Mill Hill Park	May 97	10/- 6/7/98	
H. Otto Thomas	Ware, Herts.	Aug. '95	7/6 3 yrs. 28/12/98	
W. G. Wray	Finsbury Park	Feb. '97	Ex Oxford man	
			1/- paid through O.U.F.S.	



GENERAL NON-SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS  
 Members whose address has been lost.

Name.	Last address.	Elected	Last Sub.	Date of loss of address	Decision.
Miss M. Balfour	Portsmouth	Nov. '95	4/-	Nov. '98	
F.P. Brown	Oxford	Aug. '96	2/6	30/4/98	
Miss Corthorn	Kensington	Ap. '98	15/-	26/3/97	
Miss G. Dix	Chancery Lane	Jan. '93		previous to '96	
Joe Dyson	Durban S.A.	Jan '91	7/6	23/10/96	
W. Godfrey	Poplar	July '92	2/6	2/9/98	
S. C. Green	Ealing	March '99	1/-	15/2/99	
				Ex Camb.U. member	
C. W. Guest	Woolwich	June '99	5/6	July '99	
Jas. Hartley	Edinburgh	Feb. '98	1/-	Feb. '98	
				Ex Edinburgh U. member	
Miss Haycraft	Ryde I of W.	July '92	5/-	15/11/99	
H. Mackey	Belfast	June '99	5/-	20/6/99	
C.B. Mallock	Glasgow	May '97	5/-	7/4/99	
Miss L. Marston	Westminster	April '99	5/-	17/5/00	
J. Potbury	Kilburn	Feb. '90	£1.	2/7/98	
J. S. Rhys	Barnsbury	Aug. '98	2/6	18/7/98	
Basil Richings	Dorchester	Sep. '99	5/-	11/8/99	
A. Major Scott	Edinburgh	Feb. '98	1/-	Feb. 98	
				Ex E.U. F.S. member	
H. Sandilands	Bradford	Nov. '90	£1.1.0.	30/3/98	2 years believed to have gone to S. Africa.
Miss E.A. Service	Glasgow	Feb. 97	3/-	24/12/97	
				gone to Australia	
W. Spetch	Oakham	Dec. '95	2/-	20/4/95	
Mrs. C. M. Spiller	Mill Hill Park	May 97	10/-	6/7/98	
H. Otto Thomas	Ware, Herts.	Aug. '95	7/6	3 yrs. 28/12/98	
W. G. Wray	Finsbury Park	Feb. '97		Ex Oxford man	
				1/- paid through O.U.F.S.	



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Fabian Office,  
3 Clement's Inn, Strand,  
London, W. C.  
June 1902.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am directed by the Executive Committee to point out to you that by a rule of the Society members are required to subscribe to its funds at least once a year.

The Society depends on the contributions of its members for means to carry on its work: and although the Committee is willing to relax the rule in cases where members are temporarily unable to subscribe, it is impossible to retain on the books and to supply with our publications, those who are unwilling to pay anything towards the expenses.

I am instructed to remind you that it is several years since you sent your last subscription, and to say that in the absence of any reply from you, your name will be removed from the list.

I am,

Yours truly,

Ex-University Members who have not paid after leaving University.

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5 Rules of Debate were discussed, & it was agreed to recommend to the Exec. the following as standing orders:-

- (a) That the agenda of all Business meetings at which it is proposed to take a vote of the Society be posted to members at least a week before the date of the meeting.
- (b) That members who have amendments to move be requested to send them in writing to the Secy at least two days before the date of the meeting.
- (c) That the ~~following~~ following be submitted to the chairman of business meetings as rules of debate:-
- (a) The mover of a resolution to be allowed not more than a quarter of an hour unless he leave of the meeting.
- (b) The mover of an amendment <sup>on a substantial issue, notice of which has been given as proposed</sup> to be allowed <sup>more</sup> not ~~less~~ than 10 minutes & of other speakers not more than 5 minutes.

J. J. Hobson  
26/vi/1903

Present

G. P. Conlee at Office 5pm. 26<sup>th</sup> June '03.

Hobson in chair, Mr. Shaw, Wells, Bland Pease  
also Macrae.

Absent Myzgoriye, Charrington, Hedlam Dodd.

1. Minutes of last Meeting confirmed.
2. Antichism Trust Lectures. - Pease discussed.  
The Sec<sup>y</sup> was ordered to ~~omit~~ exclude  
Portsmouth, where the lecturer is a  
Candidate & otherwise was given  
no specific instructions.
3. Lectures, Session 1903-4.

Sec. 7 submitted :-

- (a) Letter from F. Welsh ~~offering~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~  
suggesting lecture on Tuberculosis
- (b) Letter from F. Kettle re lecture  
on Methods of teaching.
- (c) Annexed draft scheme. -

The latter was considered, amended  
in details & ~~not~~ generally approved.  
[The amendments agreed by the Exec.  
are embodied in the Exec Minutes.

over

Sedley Wells  
19/5/05 !!



Suggestions by the Secretary for a series of  
Fabian Society Lectures, 1903-4  
on  
EDUCATION AND RACE PROGRESS  
with suggested lecturers.

N.B. In several cases two subjects could be combined.

- (1) Education and Weismannism.  
The conclusions to be drawn from the non-inheritance of  
acquired characteristics.
- (2) The Owenite View of Education,  
and its modern justification F. Podmore
- (3) Athletics and Education  
Was Waterloo won on the playfields of Eton ? G. B. S.
- (4) Manual Education. Is it a reality ?
- (5) Defectives and Imbeciles. Their causes and cures. Dr. Sherrard
- (6) Limitations of Marriage of the Unfit.
- (7) Segregation of the Unfit.
- (8) Rural Depopulation  
as a cause of alleged racial degeneration. H. Wilson Fox
- (9) The Under-population Danger  
and its social implications E. Cannan
- (10) Racial Degeneration: is it a fact ? Bowden
- (11) The Unhealthiness of Modern Towns:  
Its causes and remedies. Dr. McCleary
- (12) The increase of insanity: its causes and remedies Lawson Dodd
- (13) Alcohol and Race Progress E. R. Pease
- (14) The Prevention of Professional Crime  
The Andersonian Method
- (15) Child Crime
- (16) How should children be punished ?

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# Committee on Electricity + Transit

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The Special Committee on the above subject met at the office on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1904 at 6 pm. -

Present - S. G. Hobson, (Chairman) H. T. Mugggeridge,  
Dr. Lawson Dodd, C. E. Chesterton  
Boyd Dawson 'Frank Ackroyd', &  
Pease (Secy)

Absent - G. B. Shaw, W. Sanders, H. G. Wells, G. Slater,  
C. H. Grinling, J. W. Bittery. -

- 1 The Chairman opened proceedings & an address on the work to be undertaken & the Com<sup>ee</sup>
- 2 It was decided to coopt G. R. S. Taylor, & H. T. Henke, (Barristers) and Councilor Pircombe, of the Willersden Electricity Com<sup>ee</sup> -
- 3 The following reports were ordered to be prepared, (in case of Taylor subject to his consent to serve on the Com<sup>ee</sup>) viz:-  
Boyd Dawson on Growth of electricity, public & private, on the comparative

cost of municipal & private supplies, & the  
alleged economy of large production.  
also on the History of the Electrical Industry.  
G. R. S. Taylor on Present Parliamentary  
powers in relation to Railway.

Mr Taylor was when asked to consult  
McChavim an as to his report.

C. E. Chesterton on the ~~Railway~~ <sup>Graduation & Report</sup> ~~Industry~~,  
Capital &c.

H. T. Muggersidge on the Railway Mania.

H It was agreed to hold the next meeting  
at 6 o'clock on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>.

G. Kobron  
7/21/1904



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# Committee on Underfed Children.

First Meeting <sup>Friday</sup> 20 Mar. 1904

Present Hubert Bland (Chairman) S. D. Headlam,  
C. E. Chesterton, W. S. Saunders,  
Dr. L. Dodd, Miss Atkew, Miss  
~~Miss~~ ~~Patt~~ T. Norris, F. Kettle, Mrs. Errington  
Mrs. Milne. — E. R. Pease Secy

Absent Mrs B. Shaw, Mrs Macpherson, Sister  
Kerrison, Mrs Polkinghorne, Mrs Harrington.

- 1 Proceedings were opened by a general discussion, ~~during~~ in which Rev. S. D. Headlam & others took part.
- 2 The Secy presented a Bibliography prepared for the Council of the British Library of Political Science.
- 3 The preparation of information & reports on the methods of feeding school children already in use was allocated to various members present, as follows:—

3 cont. America Mr. Milner Added 3 June  
Paris H. Bland. Mrs. Harrington Day.

Brussels  
Sweden } F. Kettle

~~Switzerland~~  
Switzerland } Miss Peth

Berlin Dr. Dodd

Scotland Miss Atken

Germany W. Sanders.

Councillor T. Norris undertook to report  
proposed methods of  
on administration of relief in London.

4. Graham Wallas's offer to address the  
Com<sup>ee</sup> - Agreed to hold the  
next meeting on Friday June  
3rd at 5 pm. provided Graham  
Wallas can attend then. —

Wm Sanders  
3/6/1904

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Com<sup>ee</sup> on Feeding School Children

Meeting Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> <sup>1904</sup> at 5.15 pm

Present H. Bland (in chair) Sanders, Dodd, Cheeterton,  
Headlam Mrs Macpherson, Kettle, Miss Aitken  
Mrs Polkinghorne, Miss Petty, Mrs Harrington,  
T. Norris + E. B. Pease

- 1 Alderman Sanders took the chair at the opening, but shortly gave place to the regular chairman.
- 2 The Minutes were confirmed
- 3 Reports were given of enquiries made by various members, those of F. Kettle on Brussels where there is no state feeding) + Wm Sanders on Breslau + showing some progress made.
- 4 The Secy presented copies of a supplementary Bibliography prepared by the British Society of Political Science.



5. The Secy was directed to apply for tickets for Conference at Toynbee Hall for 7 members of the Com<sup>ee</sup> -
6. Graham Wallas attended & gave evidence to the effect
- (a) That the figures collected by the L.S.B. were no good owing to faulty statistical methods.
  - (b) That deductions from C. Booth + B.S. Poincaré of percentages of poverty were a safer guide
  - (c) That the figures of tickets used were also a guide
  - (d) That the effective demand was only from December to March
  - (e) That dinners were only one form of poor relief, of the whole subject must be considered in relation to other forms of poor relief given by other authorities.
  - (f) That we must decide whether we want to provide dinners discriminately or indiscriminately. -
7. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned, to meet again when reports were ready, members undertaking to communicate with the Secy - Allen Blair

# Com<sup>o</sup> on Electricity &c.

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Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June '04 at 6 pm

Present

Holson (in chair), Muggersidge, Ackroyd,  
Chesterlin, Taylor, Sanders, Pease.  
Dawson.

Absent

Shaw, Wells, Slater, Grinling, Henle Buttery.  
Dodd. -

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Sec. reported that Henle + Taylor consented to join, + that Pincombe wd join also, but could not promise regular attendance. Agreed to put him on. -
3. Sec. submitted documents relative to the Tyneside Trams, which were considered + noted.
4. Taylor reported on Supply of Electricity Bill, (Govt), now before the House of Lords. - It was agreed that the Fabian Exec. be requested



To arrange for amendments viz:-  
Clause III Line 10. Insert "Local  
Authority". It appears that Clause 5  
does not cover the point.

also That a new definition of Local  
Authority is required, to make the  
word include County Councils.

5. Reports were presented as follows:-
1. Boyd Dawson :- Factors bearing on the  
Economic adaptation of  
Electricity
  2. - do - Progress of Electricity Supply  
with two maps.
  3. F. Ackroyd History of Production of  
Electricity & Electric Light.
  4. do. Supply of Electricity
  5. do. Some Recent Electrical Developments
  6. E. R. Pease Report on Railway Stocks &c.
6. It was agreed that 8 Carbon Copies be made of  
each for the use of the Comtee
7. Comtee adjourned to Tues. June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.  
E. R. Pease  
28/6/1904



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# Local Govt Committee

appointed 27<sup>th</sup> May 1904

To consider the areas & functions of Local Government + its relation to the Central Authority. — Alderman Wm Sanders L.C.C. —  
Chairman. —

First meeting ~~on~~ Wed. 22 June 04. 6 pm.

Present

The Chairman: B. Shaw, J. W. Read, Councillors  
Wilkinson, A. S. Lander, F. Ackroyd, G. R. S. Taylor,  
F. W. Dalton S. G. Hobson + the Secy.

Absent

H G. Wells. —

- 1 The Secy read the reference. —
- 2 The Chairman read a statement, drafted by S. G. Hobson, of the work the Comtee had before it. —
- 3 After a long discussion of the various points raised by the opening address & by subsequent speakers, the following list of Reports were ordered to be prepared, viz:

On the Break-down of existing areas.

Referred to the Electric Transit Comm.

On the required revision of water areas

A. S. Lander

On the abolition of "ad hoc" elected bodies

G. R. S. Taylor

On a proposed Boundary Commission

S. G. Nelson

On the elected paid expert.

W. Sanders

On the ~~re~~ redistribution of population

W. J. Reed

On American methods of Rating

E. R. Pease

H. It was agreed to adjourn to  
Wed. 7 July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

W. Sanders

~~S. G. Nelson~~

Electricity & Transit Com<sup>ee</sup>

Tues. 28 June 1904 @ 6 pm.

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Present:

S. G. Holton (in chair) Shaw, Dawson  
Muggeridge, Chesterton, Dodd Taylor,  
Peace, Saunders, Dickroyd. -

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Letter from Peassall, saying he wd. like to join the Com<sup>ee</sup>, but c<sup>d</sup>. not attend that day. agreed to elect him.
3. Newcastle Tramway Bill. Sec. reported various proceedings & negotiation in relation to the opposition to this Bill.
4. Electricity Supply Bill. The Sec. reported that he had been instructed by the Exec. to write to the press re amendments to this Bill & submitted draft letter. The draft was discussed, approved & one hundred or thereabouts ordered to be sent out; to be printed if necessary.



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5 Durham C.C. Electricity Bill. Sec. reported  
action in relation to this, & his offer  
to defray postage & expenses of  
any meeting of Progressive Councillors  
over the matter. His action was  
approved. —

6 Boundaries. The Secy reported that the  
Local Govt Comtee had referred that  
subject to this Comtee & Hobson  
undertook to deal with it in  
his report.

7. Report on Railway of Cecil Chesterton was  
read & ordered to be circulated.

8. Birmingham Tram troubles. It was agreed  
to ask S.D. Shallard to send  
a report on experiences in B'ham  
as illustrating the difficulties of  
the present areas for adequate  
provision of transit facilities.

9. Agreed to meet again on Tues. Oct 4.  
at 6 pm. —

J. J. Hobson  
18/10/1904

# THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

3 CLEMENT'S INN, STRAN  
LONDON,

SECRETARY:  
EDWARD R. PEASE.

To the Editor.

Sir,

## THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL

I desire to call the attention of your readers to the a  
which ought to be made in the above Bill, recently introduce  
House of Lords by Lord Wolverton on behalf of the Government

The effect of the Bill as drafted is to empower "any pe  
company" to supply electricity in bulk to "any local authori  
pany or person," and the Local Authorities for the purposes of the

ELECTRIC LIGHTING ACTS  
AMENDMENT.

about-  
12-7-04

A CHECK TO MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE.

The House of Lords Committee, which is in-  
quiring into the Bill promoted by the Board of  
Trade to amend the Electric Lighting Acts, met  
yesterday, under the presidency of Lord Wolver-  
ton, to consider the clauses of the Bill, the pre-  
amble of which was passed last week.

On clause 3 of the Bill, which gives the Board  
of Trade power by Provisional Order to authorise  
any company or person to supply electricity in  
bulk to any local authority, company or person  
authorised to supply an area,

Mr. Fitzgerald, K.C., proposed an amendment  
to give a local authority exactly the same power  
to supply in bulk as was proposed to be given  
to a company. He argued that there was no  
reason why a municipal authority which had a  
large power station should not be allowed to  
supply in bulk to a distributing company, even  
although it was outside their area.

Mr. Pelham, on behalf of the Board of Trade,  
said that his department thought it was some-  
what against the general policy of Parliament to  
authorise local authorities to go into those very  
large schemes which might be dangerous to the

ratepayers and result in loss. The Board of Trade  
were willing that a local authority should be  
empowered to supply other local authorities. If  
anything more was required they should cer-  
tainly go to Parliament for the necessary power.

The Chairman, after consultation with his col-  
leagues, said the Committee were of opinion by  
four against one that the amendment should not  
be inserted.

Urban Boroughs and



# THE FABIAN SOCIETY.

3 CLEMENT'S INN, STRAND,  
LONDON, W.C. (52)

SECRETARY:  
EDWARD R. PEASE.

1st July 1904.

To the Editor.

Sir, THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL

I desire to call the attention of your readers to the amendments which ought to be made in the above Bill, recently introduced into the House of Lords by Lord Wolverton on behalf of the Government.

The effect of the Bill as drafted is to empower "any person or company" to supply electricity in bulk to "any local authority, company or person," and the Local Authorities for the purposes of the Electrical Light Acts are the Municipal and Metropolitan Boroughs and the District Councils.

It is now well known both that electricity can only be supplied cheaply by concerns dealing with very large areas, and further that the use of electricity for the purposes of power is only prevented from becoming almost universal by the fact that most existing concerns have capital locked up in steam engines. If the supply of electricity in bulk is allowed to be monopolised by Companies we shall be creating a great system for our children and grandchildren to destroy, just as our fathers created the Company system of providing water and gas and tramways which we have to buy out at enormous cost. In order to give local authorities a chance of competing with private monopolists, County Councils, the only authorities with suitable areas, must be made local authorities under the Electricity Acts and Local Authorities as well as companies and individuals must be allowed to obtain



Provisional Orders for supplying electricity in bulk to other local authorities, companies and individuals. (55)

Our view is that County Councils might well take up the position of the Co-operative Wholesale Society which supplies its affiliated Co-operative Distributive Societies with goods direct at cost price, and indeed distributes the small margin of profit amongst its clients in proportion to their purchases. County Councils which manufacture electricity in bulk should be able to supply Boroughs and Districts within their areas at about cost price, leaving the minor local authorities to make such profits on their tramways, lighting and sales to private consumers as they in their wisdom think fit.

Some objection has been raised in the press to the power given by the Bill to the Local Government Board to override the veto of the local authority in the matter of Provisional Orders for the supply of electricity. We do not share in the objection made to this clause. Whilst every consideration should be given to the wishes of each locality as expressed by its elected representatives, we consider that the interests of the consumer in obtaining a cheap article must be considered first and the jealousies of small local authorities must not be allowed to stand in the way of the wholesale production of what is now a necessity of life in the most efficient possible manner.

But it is of the highest importance that the County Councils should be empowered to make and sell electricity in bulk, and I trust that you readers will use all the political power at their disposal to promote the necessary amendments on this vitally important point.

I am, &c.

EDWARD R. PEASE,  
Secretary.

Come on Underfed Children 15 July 1904

Present

Bland (in chair) Chesterton, Mrs Errington  
Kettle Mrs Milne Pease.

Absent

The Rev. Messrs Headlam & Norris, & Miss  
Patt & Miss Atken <sup>or Mrs Harrington</sup> sent apologies.

- 1 Minutes were confirmed
- 2 France. Letter from Mrs Harrington. agreed that Sec. write as suggested for report of arondissement in north Paris. —
- 3 Report of Toybee Conference was made.
- 4 Edinburgh Conference. Pease presented Scotsman Report & stated that it was wholly unpromising.
5. Peck Prize Essays. Sec. reported that Alden had read these & pronounced them to be useless for our purposes.



6. Reports were presented as follows:-

America	Mrs. Milne.	Negative.
Sweden	F. Kelle	Do.
Belgium	Do.	
Switzerland	Miss Pitz.	Valuable precedents.
Scotland	Miss Atken.	Negative
London	Miss Pitz.	Valuable.
Paris	H. Blaud.	

7. No Reports were received from Dodd & Saunders on Berlin, & on Germany & the secy was ordered to get write<sup>to</sup> them. -

8. General Report Cecil Chesterton undertook to prepare this, & the separate reports were handed him for his purpose. -

9. It was agreed to adjourn till the end of September

Miles Blum  
Secy



Local Govt Com<sup>ee</sup> 20 July 1904.-  
Present- W. Sanders (chairman) Galton, Taylor,  
Lander, Wilkinson, Ackroyd, Reid,  
Pease, Shaw, Hobson, & H. Catmur.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. H. Catmur was coopted a member.
3. Report on "Ad hoc Bodies" drafted by  
G.R.S Taylor was read & discussed.  
It was resolved by 5 votes to 1  
that a paragraph advocating the  
abolition of the existing municipal  
referendum be inserted.
4. Report by Lander on the revision of  
Water Areas was read & discussed  
& it was agreed to alter the phrase  
"nationalisation" to "control" of under-  
ground water: what was wanted was  
central control for apportionment.
5. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned to Wed 12 Oct,  
for further consideration of Reports.

Wm Sanders  
12/10/1904

Local Govt Com<sup>ee</sup>

held Wed. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

Present Sanders, (Chairman) Read, Taylor, Achroyd, Pease  
Hobson Catmur.

- 1 Minutes of July 20<sup>th</sup> were confirmed
- 2 A. M. Davies was elected a member.
3. Report on American Methods of Rating & E. R. Pease was read; which wholly negatived the idea that the suggested general property tax was desirable.  
Report was accepted, & Pease was directed to prepare a further report on the question: -  
Is money now raised for local purposes in the best way or are there any other sources of supply.  
Pease reluctantly undertook to prepare the report within the next decade. -
- 4 Report on the Paid Expert & the Chairman was read & was discussed with much approval. The reporter undertook to add the suggestion that appointment of the proposed experts should be controlled

of the Local Government Board.

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5 The next meeting was fixed for  
Tues. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1904 at 8 pm.

W. J. J. J.



Fabian Office,

3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

5th. October, 1904.

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Electricity and Transit Committee.

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This Committee was adjourned at its last meeting to Tuesday October 4th. But the Chairman was unable to prepare his report by that date, and by an oversight (for which the Secretary hereby offers his apologies,) the further adjournment of the Committee was not notified to the members before the appointed date.

The Chairman has now fixed Tuesday 18th. October at 6 pm. for the Committee. A further reminder will be sent out.

Edw. R. Pease  
Secretary.

will be returned to the Secretary of the Committee

# Housing Committee

appointed to consider the Bill drafted by H. a. Day, & to report whether this bill or any other Bill to be drafted ~~would~~ could be recommended as a practicable measure for Housing Reform. —

Members appointed by the Executive: Comtee: —  
H. W. Macrosty, Ald. Sanders, Dr. Dodd, H. a. Day,  
G. R. S. Taylor, F. W. Galton & E. R. Pease

First Meeting at Office Tues. 18 Oct. 5pm.  
Present, all except H. a. Day (not asked to come from Norwich) & F. W. Galton.

1. H. W. Macrosty was elected chairman.
2. The Sec. reported that he had invited F. Knee, Sec. of the Workmen's Housing Council, to attend & give evidence. — Approved.
3. Mr. Knee was welcomed by the chairman.
4. The Sec. reported that he had Day's Bill, the Workmen's Nat. H. Council Bill, & a rural housing

Bill brought in by H. Samuel & others.

6 Mr. Kree then gave evidence on the reforms of Housing Law in his opinion needed, intimating that the creation of the will to house in the minds of the L. G. B. Officials, & of elected persons & local officials was the prime necessity: that the existing law is adequate, if this will were present - to put it into operation, but that certain reforms would facilitate operations. He dismissed as impracticable the "tax & vote" idea: considered that land taxation of itself would achieve little; and contended that a further extension of the period of loans came to practically nothing. — He advocated as a possible plan, the removal of the L. G. B. Veto, altogether, except in respects of loans applied for.

7. The next meeting was fixed for Tuesday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Mr. Kree promised to attend, & to present a report on Day's Bill, which he took with him to consider. —

H. W. Macveigh



# Electricity & Transit Com<sup>ce</sup>

Meeting on Tuesday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1904  
at office at 6 pm.

Present Hobson (chairman) Sanders, Dodd, Ackroyd,  
Chesterton, Shaw, Taylor, Dawson & Peare }  
Absent Pearsall, Myggeridge, Wells, Beulé. ~~Peare~~ }

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. The chairman read his sketch of draft report, which was discussed at considerable length.
3. The chairman undertook to complete his draft in the sense of the discussion, & present it to the next meeting.
4. The next meeting was fixed for Tues. November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm.

H. J. Myggeridge.

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# Housing Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office

1 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1904 @ 5 pm.

Present. H. W. Macrosty (in chair) Dr. Dodd,  
 Taylor, F. Knee, Sanders. —  
Absent. F. W. Galtow. — also Day.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Mr Knee ~~continued~~ gave a report on Day's Bill. He considered it rather a scheme than a Bill, & the main point to be commended was that it provided for housing in general, & not merely working class dwellings.
3. Mr Knee further reported on Foster's Bill, which applied to Rural Districts only. Its main features were proposals to abolish the County Council jurisdiction, substituting for it that of the L. G. B. which at present, in its capacity of sanctioner of loans has concurrent power to vote. Further the Bill extends cottage gardens to an acre in area & £5. in value.

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4. After further discussion it  
was agreed to adjourn to  
Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. @ 5.15 pm.

H.W. Macrosty.



Local Government - Com<sup>ee</sup> <sup>(6)</sup>  
at Office Tues Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm.

Present

Sanders (in chair) Holson, Read, Catmur,  
Tease, Taylor, ~~etc~~

Absent

Lauder, Dawson + others.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Comments on Water Area Report, (prepared by Lauder), submitted by A. M. Davies were read, & Lauder's comments thereon. —
3. The Problem of Municipal Civil Service was discussed at some length.
4. Taylor agreed to prepare a report on the abolition of Rural District Councils.
5. It was agreed to invite the Electric & Transit Com<sup>ee</sup> to meet on Tues. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> with this Com<sup>ee</sup>, to consider Holson's Report.

Wm Sanders

Feb. 22/05

Joint meeting of the  
Local Government Com<sup>ee</sup> & the  
Electricity & Transit Com<sup>ee</sup>  
at the Office. Tues. Nov 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 5.30 pm. —

Present

F. W. Galton (in chair) Catmur, Dodd, Taylor,  
Chesterton, Ackroyd, Pease, Hobson  
Davies, Reed, Dawson. —

(1.) Hobson read his Report on Boundaries  
as far as drafted

(2) A long discussion followed, chiefly  
turning on the question whether  
changes in area of existing authorities  
should be made on the application  
of the authorities concerned, or by the  
proposed Commission on its own initiative  
in the interests of the community. —

A division, taken to ascertain the opinion  
of the Com<sup>ee</sup>, gave a substantial majority  
for the latter course. —

(3) It was agreed that the Elec. & T. Com<sup>ee</sup> meet  
again on Tues. Nov. 22 at 5.30 pm.

*A. J. Muggers*  
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# Underfed Childrens Com<sup>ee</sup>

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Meeting at Office on 15<sup>th</sup> November (Thursday)  
at 5 pm. —

Present

Bland (Chairman) Sister Kerrison, Mrs Crossthwaite,  
Rev. S. D. Headlam, Mrs Milne, Mrs Harrison  
Mrs Errington, C. E. Chesterton, Mrs Pettr, and  
Sanders, & E. B. Pease.

1. The minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed
2. Letter of apology for absence from Mrs Macpherson  
was read. —
3. Draft report of evidence was read by  
Cecil Chesterton. —
4. After a long discussion the following  
were agreed to as indications of  
the line the Report should take:—  
I That the local Education Authority  
should be empowered to provide  
meals for school children, independently  
of voluntary aid, & to incur any expense  
necessary for carrying out the plan  
II That a substantial contribution



towards the cost should be made as part of the Education Grant of the Central Government.

(5) A discussion took place on the question whether the Central Govt should be empowered to compel feeding of the local authority where necessity was shown to exist; but no resolution was come to.

(6) The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned till Thursday  
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. —

*M. S. P. S.*

A meeting of the Housing Com<sup>ee</sup> was called for Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5.15 pm. Only F. Knee + the Secy attended.

- (1) The minutes were not read
- (2) The Secy + Mr Knee discussed Housing + other matters for nearly 3 hours, + the Secy undertook to draft a Report, + to summon another meeting to discuss it

H. W. Macrosty

# Electricity + Transit Com<sup>a</sup>

Meeting at Office on Tues. Nov.  
22<sup>nd</sup> at 5.30, to which the Exec.  
was invited --

Present: Muggidge (in chair), G.B. Shaw, Lawson Dodd,  
E.K.S. Taylor, H.W. Macrae, B. Dawson, W. Sanders,  
S.G. Holson + Secy

- 1 The Minutes of Oct 18 + of Nov 8  
were confirmed
- 2 S.G. Holson read his Report, which  
was discussed + generally approved.



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Underfed Children's Comm<sup>ee</sup>  
1 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1904. 5.30pm.

Present Bland (in chair) Chesterton, Dodd, Mrs Crosthwaite,  
Miss Hutchins, Miss Pelt, Mrs Errington,  
Mrs Shaw, Pease Kettle, Mrs Polkinghane

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies from Mrs Macpherson & Mrs Milne were read.
3. Report made by Secy on the vote at Bradford Town Council for free meals. —
4. Report prepared by Mrs Harrington, on County Council Free meals was presented & read.
5. Draft report prepared by Chesterton & the Chairman was read & discussed.
6. It was agreed that the Report be typed & re-considered at meeting Friday Dec. 16 at 5.30  
Stewart Heallen

Allotments & Small Holdings Com<sup>ee</sup>  
at office Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 5 pm.

Present Macroby, Hobson, Pease  
Absent Taylor, Alden, Hardie.

1. H. W. Macroby was elected permanent Chairman
2. Letter from Ken Hardie outlining his idea of the work of the Com<sup>ee</sup> was read & considered.
3. It was resolved to ask Taylor to prepare a memorandum on existing powers under the present law.
4. It was left to the Secy to arrange the date of the next meeting.  
H. W. Macroby

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Underfed Childrens Com<sup>ee</sup>  
Meeting December 16 (Friday) 1905.  
at 5.30 pm.

Present

Bland (in chair) Headlam (in chair at start)  
Clesterton, Mrs Shaw, Dodd, Mrs Milne,  
Mrs Croshawite, Miss Audlums, Kettle  
Mrs Harrington, Mrs Errington, Miss Pelly  
ald. Sanders, & Peace. —

1. The Minutes were confirmed.
2. The Report, already circulated in typed Copies, to members was considered.  
~~& generally approved.~~
3. Peace proposed<sup>n</sup> an amendment to insert a passage relative to immediate relief. after debate, Clesterton agreed to insert a passage which met the amendment part-way. The amendment was there-upon withdrawn, & the Report was approved. —
4. The next meeting was fixed for Friday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm.  
Allen Bland



# Small Holdings & Allotments Com<sup>ce</sup>

Meeting at Office on Tues. 17 Jan. at 5 pm.

Present - Macrosty (in chair) Alden, Taylor & Pease  
Absent - Hobson & Hardie, both out of town.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Card read from Hardie re Education Act.  
Agreed to write him that he has not understood the Section, which is useless for our purpose. —
3. Report of Taylor on present powers of Local Authorities for allotments & Small Holdings was considered. —
4. The annexed Report was drawn up, & copies ordered to be sent to the Exec. Com<sup>ce</sup> & to J. Keir Hardie
5. The next meeting was fixed for  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. - at 5. pm.  
Henry W. Macrosty

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**Definitions.** Statutory Committee for small

That the County Council should be empowered to extend the powers of the proposed Small Holdings Committee with delegates appointed by the County Council, and that a distinction must be made between allotments, which are merely detached cottage gardens, for the use of persons otherwise employed, and Small Holdings which are intended to occupy all the time of the holder.

In view of the desirability of handing over the powers of Boards of Guardians to other local authorities, it is not desirable to press that a distinction must be made between the unemployed from trade depression and the unemployed from physical or mental reasons or from changes of trade.

**Powers of the proposed Joint Statutory Committee.**

**Use of Small Holdings and Colonies.**

That an agricultural committee of the Small Holdings Committee should be appointed to advise the County Council and representatives of the County Council on any general system of Farm Colonies and small holdings is not desirable for the unemployment due to trade depression, but is perhaps the best means of relief for men permanently thrown out by changes of industry, who can be trained in agriculture and subsidiary trades in a special class of colony for the unemployable, groups of small holdings, the agricultural committee should be empowered to

**Authority for Small Holdings.**

That the County Councils and the Joint Agricultural Committees should be empowered to purchase small holdings, and that the best method of creating new bodies is statutory joint committees, on the lines of Mr. Long's Unemployed Scheme.

The present powers of sale of small holdings should be repealed.



2.- That the County Council has already a statutory Committee for small holdings, whose powers should be extended, and which might be empowered to act as a statutory joint Committee with delegates appointed by the adjacent Town Councils.

3.- That in view of the desirability of handing over the powers of Boards of Guardians to other local authorities, it is not desirable to press for the general revival of their dormant powers for the purchase of land under Acts of Geo. III and William IV.

That we draft a Bill, repealing the Small Holdings Act 1882, and re-enacting its main provisions with amendments to meet the Powers of the proposed Joint Statutory Committee.

4.- That an agricultural committee formed of the Small Holdings Committee of the County Council and representatives of Town Councils should be created with powers inter alia to establish 'farm colonies' on which men raised on the land who had gone into the town might be trained in agriculture. When efficient these men might be provided with small holdings, the Agricultural Committee supplying tools, stock, seed, &c. on proper terms of repayment.

5.- That the County Councils and the Joint Agricultural Committees should be given compulsory powers to purchase small holdings and all restrictions of size of holding, length of tenancy, &c. be removed.

6.- That the present powers of sale of such holdings be repealed.



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- 4.- That the Committee should have power to advance money to tenants of small holdings on the security of the implements, and stock, to be purchased therewith.
  - 5.- That the Board of Agriculture be given power to compel the County Council to take action under the proposed Small Holdings Act, after a local enquiry.

Procedure.

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That we draft a Bill, repealing the Small Holdings Act 1892, and re-enacting its main provisions with amendments and additions to meet the foregoing resolutions <sup>2</sup> an amending Act embodying the proposed changes. <sub>1</sub>

*It is recommended that the Committee should draft a Bill repealing the Small Holdings Act 1892, and re-enacting its main provisions with amendments and additions to meet the foregoing resolutions, and also draft an amending Act embodying the proposed changes.*

# Widowed Children Com<sup>ee</sup>

Friday Jan 30 '05. at 5.30 pm.

Present- Bland (in chair) Mrs Shaw, Mrs Harrington Mrs Strayton  
Mrs Crosthwaite Miss Hulchins, Miss Petty, Gold,  
Chesterton Headlam Pease: also Macrosty.

1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Reports of the Guildhall Conference were made  
by Bland + Chesterton who  
attended as delegates of the Society.
3. New passages in the Report were read  
discussed + generally approved.  
On Dr. Scholtz's statistics Miss  
Petty undertook to ascertain from him  
exactly how he obtained his figures.
4. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die. —

Alloiments & Small Holdings Com<sup>ee</sup>  
also called Agricultural Com<sup>ee</sup>

Meeting at office Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feby  
at 5pm.

Present

Macrae (in chair), Alden Taylor Peace Hobson.

- 1 Minutes were confirmed.
- 2 On the question of the scope of the Com<sup>ee</sup> it was agreed :-  
That the proposed Govt measure removes the necessity of our drafting proposals for dealing with Farm Colonies.
- 3 It was agreed after prolonged discussion :-  
That the Com<sup>ee</sup> does not consider that it is desirable to make any effort to prepare amendments of the Small Holdings Act for the coming session.
- 4 It was agreed that Macrae draft a scheme for the re-organisation of agriculture practicable say 10 years hence.



5. It was agreed to purchase copies of  
Pratt's Re-organisation of agriculture  
for the use of the Committee

6 Committee adjourned till Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb  
at 5.30 pm.

H. W. Macrosty

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International Soc<sup>y</sup> Congress Com<sup>ee</sup>  
at Office Tues Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm

Present Macrae in chair Chesterton Anderson  
Hobson & Pease

1. Anderson submitted draft report prepared by himself at request of the Sec<sup>y</sup>.
2. The Report was considered & discussed at considerable length. A number of amendments were agreed to & the Report, as amended, was adopted, as follows:—  

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3. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.

Present: Anderson, Caesterton, Hobson, Macrosty and Pease. (70)

The following draft, presented by Anderson was amended and agreed to:-  
"received, matters of urgency excepted. All (71)

(1) The Fabian Society is in favour of the proposal to form a British Committee to attend to International Congress business, shall

(2) It considers that such a Committee should be established at a Conference composed of delegates from those bodies that were represented at the Amsterdam Congress, etc."

(3) The F.S. will contribute annually to the funds of the Bureau.

(4) With regard to the Hodge proposals, the F.S. agrees in principle to "being sent out in good time to all known eligible

No. 1 "That each nationality be responsible for the scrutiny of associations."

"and acceptance of the credentials of the delegates

(5) With regard to the other proposals, the F.S. considers that the system of Commissions (or sub-committees) ought to be retained, as

"of their own nation with the right of appeal against rejection to a Standing Order Committee proposed to be the method of Congress work past few years to all delegates save

"be appointed as hereinafter set forth." the British, and as corresponding to British methods outside Congresses

No. 5 "That all resolutions must be in the hands of the (as, for instance, in Parliamentary and municipal work). To avoid

"Bureau two months previous to the date fixed for the the inconvenience it might caused by the simultaneous sitting of Congress and Commissions, the F.S. recommends that the order of business

"meeting of Congress, and must within one month from shall be as follows:-

"such receipt be issued. No new resolutions to be shall welcome the

"accepted, issued or placed before Congress not so announcements, shall

two votes and was thus able to neutralise the votes of St. Britain

nominate representatives to the Commissions; that on the Monday, the

the Congress proper shall not sit, the morning and afternoon being



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Our food must be efficiently distributed at a fair price to the people who need it, and not wasted or sold for next to nothing as happens too often at present.

#### No. 8.—WAGES.

Workers in the villages have for generations been underpaid. Trade Unions of agricultural labourers have not proved permanently successful in most parts of the country, and workers on the land are still receiving lower wages than any other skilled trade in England. In some districts men working in the fields are earning as little as 1s. 6d. or 2s. a day. It is true that farmers as a rule do not make large profits, but the landlords who are sleeping partners in the business of agriculture draw, amongst them, over fifty million pounds a year from agricultural land.

The fundamental principle that the proper payment of the labourer is the first charge on the fruits of his labour must be enforced and labourers must receive fair payment for their work before the landlord gets his rent. Men will not stay in the villages unless they get fair wages. The way to secure this is to establish wages boards in the rural districts, as is already being done in the towns, to fix a rate of wage below which no worker can be employed. This will make it impossible for anyone to be forced by poverty or misfortune to compete against his fellows and take less than the rate of wages usual in the district.

#### No. 9.—PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCILS.

So long as the laws are administered by the wealthier classes the interest of these classes will be looked after; at present few but the rich take part in the work of administering the laws in the County and Rural District Councils. If the laws are to be administered justly to all classes, it is essential that all classes should be represented on the Councils. Now men and women who belong to, or are qualified by experience to represent, the working people, are seldom sufficiently well off to give the time for and incur the expenses involved in acting on the Councils. It is therefore absolutely necessary that the people's representatives in the councils should be paid for their time and expenses.

This then is the present Political Programme of the Land Club League. As it becomes law the League will be ready with more good proposals for improving the life of the country people, and making useful to them the land which belonged to their forefathers and some day will belong in use, if not in ownership, to their children.

ISSUED by the Land Club League, MONTAGUE FORDHAM, Secretary, Limpsfield, Surrey, from whom full information as to the League and the Land Clubs can be obtained.

Copies of this pamphlet can be obtained from Land Club Secretaries, from Montague Fordham, Limpsfield, Surrey; and from Messrs. Hooker Bros., Westerham.

Price, 3d. a dozen; 1s. 3d. per hundred; 10s. per thousand.

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"received, matters of urgency excepted. All (7)

"amendments to resolutions must be in writing and

"submitted to the Standing Orders Committee who shall

"decide as to whether such amendments are vital and

"not attempts to substitute new resolutions under the

"guise of amendments."

No. 7 "That our members on the Bureau be responsible for the

"proper issuing of the invitations and the resolutions

"being sent out in good time to all known eligible

"associations."

(5) With regard to the other proposals, the F.S. considers that

the system of Commissions (or sub-committees) ought to be retained, as

being the method of Congress work most familiar to all delegates save

the British, and as corresponding to British methods outside Congresses

(as, for instance, in Parliamentary and municipal work). To avoid

the inconvenience hitherto caused by the simultaneous sitting of Con-

gresses and Commissions, the F.S. recommends that the order of business

shall be as follows:- On the Sunday, the locally appointed chairman

shall welcome the delegates, who, after the preliminary courtesies and

announcements, shall separate to meet in their national sections to

nominate representatives to the Commissions; that on the Monday, the

the Congress proper shall not sit, the morning and afternoon being



given up to the various Commissions. Incidentally, this would prevent the scandal of taking money from the public for admission to the gallery to hear nothing worth hearing, as happened more than once at Amsterdam, when the Congress sittings were stopped at the end of half-an-hour, in order that Commission work should be continued.

(6) The F.S. agrees is not at present prepared to commit itself to any particular limitation of speeches, but is in favour of educating the Congress in a more vital belief in the virtues of the cloture.

(7) The F.S. disagrees with No. 4. (Ballot to decide order of subjects for discussion).

(8) The F.S. recommends that the payment to the British interpreter be settled by the Committee before each Congress in accordance with circumstances.

(9) The F.S. recommends that Resolution No 7, read "That each national Committees, wherever constituted, be charged with the issuing of the invitations and resolutions to the various bodies eligible." The F.S. approves of the idea of having British credentials verified in advance in England by the British Committee.

(10) The method of voting by nationalities is objectionable in its present form. At Amsterdam the single Japanese delegate had two votes and was thus able to neutralise the votes of Gt. Britain



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or Germany. Similar excess of influence was exercised by miniature delegations from liliputian parties in Serbia, Bulgaria, Argentina, the British Colonies, &c. It would be better to give each nation a voting power in Congress at the rate of one vote for each five delegates or part of five. In this case, the strength of the nation which is host to the Congress should be calculated on the basis of five-fourths of its numbers at the preceding Congress, the extra fourth being added to meet the objection that the movement in the particular country had grown in the interval.

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# Local Government Com<sup>ee</sup>

at Office Wed. Feb. 22. at 8 pm.

Present

Sanders (in chair) Hobson Taylor Ackroyd  
Wilkinson Lander Catmur Pease Read.

- 1 The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, & those of the Joint meeting read.
- 2 Letter from Catmur was read & received.
- 3 The Chairman made a statement on the Scope of the Com<sup>ee</sup> which was discussed. It was agreed that the material under consideration will make a series of Tracts: That the Exec. be recommended to authorise a numbered series with one sub-heading, the Tract on Electricity & Transit loc<sup>o</sup>r.
- 4 Taylor read report on proposed abolition of Rural District Councils which was discussed.
- 5 The draft plan on next page was generally approved.
- 6 It was agreed to adjourn to Wed 5 April.

Wm Sanders

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Draft Scheme of Tracts  
for series :-

- Reorganisation of Area
- Representatives + Officers
- The Problem of Electricity + Transit
- The case for National Railways
- The Care of the Poor
- Higher Education of the People
- The Conversion of the L.G. B.
- The Revival of Agriculture



Agricultural Com<sup>ee</sup> Tues. March 7<sup>th</sup> 1904  
at 5.30 pm.

Present

Macroft (chairman), Taylor, Hobson, Alden,  
Gunsor, Weiler Pense

- 1 The Minutes were confirmed
- 2 Draft Report, prepared by the chairman was read by him & discussed at some length
- 3 It was agreed that the Exec. Co recommended to appoint April 7<sup>th</sup> for the presentation of the Report to the Society.
- 4 The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.

# Local Government Com<sup>ee</sup>

— Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1905  
at 8 pm. —

Present Sanders (Chairman) Lander Wilkinson  
Taylor, Catmur Hobson Pease

- 1 The Minutes were confirmed, after an addition had been agreed to.
- 2 The Secy reported that R. C. H. Gussor had been added to the Com<sup>ee</sup> of the Exec. & an apology from him for absence was read. —
- 3 The Chairman presented draft report up to a certain point. A number of problems were carefully discussed & the solutions settled. —
- 4 It was agreed to adjourn to a date to be settled by the Chairman & Secy whenever the Chairman was ready to present his report in a further approximation to completion.

Wm Sanders

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Minimum Wage Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1905. —

Present - Macroft (in chair), Mr Shaw, Pease, Holson  
&ensor. —

- (1) Macroft was elected chairman
- (2) Housing Paper of Pearsall. The Com<sup>ee</sup> decided to refer this to the Housing Com<sup>ee</sup>. —
- (3) The annexed memorandum was considered, and a discussion took place on the line to be adopted.
- (4) It was agreed that Macroft draft a Report of proposals on the lines suggested by the discussion & that the Com<sup>ee</sup> meet again on April 19<sup>th</sup>. (Wed 7) at 5<sup>pm</sup>.

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I' the case for the relief employment of a minimum number of 1710

Note analogy of schooling (any others?) - The case of the child.

School meals &c. The adolescent. Free Trans - Housing

Extension of Half-Time Age to 18 or 21; in conjunction with compul-

2. Local secondary continuation school, technical education, physical training

and military training - (query hot suppers and table manners)

Minimum, but still open to those of the quality of well-paid trades and

VI. The Case of the Woman Worker.

impossibility of administration in sweated trades.

(Failure of Technical Education (Failure of Technical Education

3. Regulation because they all marry before 25 (or expect to) as industries are

Should the Standard Rate for a woman be the same as for a man?

(a) (If yes - will she be employed?) - Zealand, (b) Trade Wage Boards

as in Victoria. See 'State Arbitration and the Living Wage', Trade

Draft by H. W. Macrosty

Boards suitable for well-organized-----N. K., Local Boards for

Assuming the desirability of the State Regulation of Wages, the object of the Enquiry is to discover the best modes of carrying it into effect.

1. National Minimum. Conception of Minimum as a means of raising condi-

4. Sweated Trades. Abolition of home-work, condition precedent to regula-

tion of wages. Minimum wage now determinable - determinable by cost of

trades; all employers paying above the minimum would advertise their

excellence as a means of stopping public support to movements for rise

in wages; difficulty of getting up the political steam of the trade

of funds or for industrial. So far is wage to be fixed above

unions to support such a measure; difficulty of enforcement in home

absolute minimum - but the union what it will stand. Manual.

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(Definition of)

H. W. Macrosty's Draft.

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(No. 4 continued)

Means of enforcement - workpeople acquiescent in employer's offences.

5. Other Considerations. Effects of minimum wage on prices, on rent. Old-age pensions, workmen's compensation, free meals for school-children, &c. as national contribution towards a living wage.

Notes by H. G. Wells.

? Omit Webb V. details of educational provision in kind and the continuation of education as separate question.

Webb VI. A Socialist Society should boldly state the need of subsidising children with bearing upon the question of women's wages.

Macrosty (1). Is there really a difference in the cost of living as between country and towns over and above the rent difference or only a different local standard of living? E.g. Elementary education in London much higher than in contry, children must be booted in London but not in Hartlepool.

The question is inseparable from the question of housing if above supposition is correct.

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the question is inseparable from the question of housing if above supposition is correct.

A general view of

(No. 4 continued)

Means of employment - workable schemes in embryo, a chance.

H. G. WELL'S, a DRAFT



H. G. WELL'S NOTES CONTINUED.

The only practicable idea is to supply free to every one who needs it, without indignity or disenfranchisement, housing, food, clothing, education, life at the minimum. This an impossible proposal for the agents at the hustings, but the F.S. exists to establish ideas.

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Agricultural Com<sup>ee</sup>

at Office Tewksdar April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
Present Macrosy (in chair), Hobson Taylor, Ersoe  
Pease, also Shallard. -

- (1) Shallard was elected to the Com<sup>ee</sup>
- (2) After a long discussion on the points raised in the debate on the Report presented to the Society on April 7<sup>th</sup> it was agreed to recommend the Executive to set apart the meeting of the Society on June 9<sup>th</sup> for the discussion of a resolution ~~to be~~ moved by Ersoe, "That ~~the~~ it is desirable to revive agriculture not only on economic grounds but because an agricultural population is an essential factor of national life." and that an amendment thereto be moved by Shallard, Shaw, or Sanders, the drafted & approved by them. -
- 3 The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.

H.W. Macrosy



Committee on Electricity Supply Bill.  
Galton Hobson Taylor, Dawson Pease

Present All except Galton.

1. Hobson was elected Chairman
2. Apology from Galton Read.
3. Bill considered. It was agreed that the amendments proposed last year should be again put forward.  
That the Exec. be recommended to issue the suggested amendments as a letter to M. P. & to the press & to send therewith a copy of our Tract 119. —  
See Comtee of 28 June last.
4. The Secy was instructed to draft the necessary amendments.

Minimum Wage Com<sup>ee</sup>

Wed April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

(8)  
Sanders

Present Mrs Shaw, Hobson, Macroft, also ~~Hobson~~.

- (1) Owing to a slight accident to his ~~and~~ right arm, the Secy left apology for the absence of written minutes, & for the absence of himself.
2. Letter from J. H. Morgan offering help was read.
3. At request of Secy the Com<sup>ee</sup> as a matter of urgency considered & approved (with the addition of quotation-marks) the title page of Tract-120.
4. It was reported that the Com<sup>ee</sup> had informally agreed to ask Sanders to undertake the work, & therefore he was present.
5. Memorandum prepared by Macroft was approved.
6. It was agreed to recommend the Exec. to appoint Sanders to work up the draft-report.



A National Minimum Wage.

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1. The Problem.

- 1.- A national minimum wage may be defined as that necessary to maintain a worker and his family in healthy existence, certainly so that he and his family shall not degenerate, but not necessarily that they shall progress (at least without great care and frugality). Or it may be limited to maintenance of the worker alone.
- 2.- The problem of the minimum wage must be differentiated from that of wage regulation, which may and probably will be necessary for reasons whole country, so that there may be no low-wage district with a definite advantage over the others. Assuming that it is possible to enforce a minimum of education; we compel all persons of all ages and both sexes to conform to a certain sanitary minimum; we compel all employers to conduct their businesses according to a certain measure of safety and healthfulness; we accord to women, young persons and children a minimum of leisure under the Factory Acts.
- 3.- These fragments of a Standard of Life are limited in their utility, because we do not insist that every person industrially employed shall be ensured a minimum of remuneration. So far, the only provision which we make towards the minimum of subsistence is to provide a maintenance in prison or/ workhouse for all who care to



7.- (Continued)

qualify, and to extend to children some protection from parents

(c) Possible substitution of labour of young persons (apprentices  
who starve them.

or improvers) for adults. Shall wages of apprentices and im-

5.- We may secure the national minimum indirectly by

(a) Maintenance of children (school meals, scholarships, &c.)

(b) Old Age Pensions, Sick, Accident, and Invalidity Insurance.

(c) Labour colonies open to all who may apply for work at the  
minimum wage.

(d) Insufficiency of (c); economic and political objections. Prior or

simultaneous abolition of home-work, shall be considered.

6.- It is therefore necessary to proceed by enactment applying to the

(f) Importation of sweated goods.

whole country, so that there may be no low-wage district with a de-

(g) Effect of minimum wage on prices; available margin in sweater's  
based advantage over the others. Assuming that it is possible to  
profits.

determine a national minimum of real wages i.e. such a wage that by

(h) Effect on rents; rents in country customary, in towns determined  
working out its equivalent in cash all local variations in cost of  
by supply and demand - both independent of wages; case of tramway  
living may be equalised, we must next consider the following

extension, rents increased on account of greater demand and in  
questions.

return for advantages in accommodation, health, &c., economic

7.- (a) Shall the minimum wage be based on the cost of maintenance of a

(i) single adult man, or of an average family?; Possible substitu-

(j) tion of unmarried for married men, possible?

(b) Shall there be the same standard for working women as for men?

If so, will women be employed? Relative cost of maintenance,

at subsistence level, of men and women - is it really different?

If cost of man more, how far is this balanced by superior effi-  
ciency?

(b) ...  
(c) ...

2.- ...

also ...

- (c) Possible substitution of labour of young persons (apprentices or improvers) for adults. Shall wages of apprentices and improvers be regulated, and, if so, how and on what basis? Shall minimum of food and clothing necessary for the healthy maintenance of (a) and adult men, (b) an adult woman, (c) an ... their numbers be limited?
- (d) Relation of piece-work rate to minimum wage in piece-work trades. This will be estimated in kind, as by Mr. ...
- (e) Difficulty of enforcement especially in sweated trades. Prior or

2.- It shall be ... simultaneous abolition of home-work.

- (f) Importation of sweated goods.
- (g) Effect of minimum wage on prices; available margin in sweater's profits.
- (h) Effect on rents; rents in country customary, in towns determined by supply and demand - both independent of wages; case of tramway

3.- It shall be referred to the local authorities - county councils, borough councils, and urban sanitary district councils - to translate friction.

- (i) Shop-workers - Shall living-in be abolished; or how to be valued? ...
- (j) Domestic service - Is a minimum possible? ...



(c) POSSIBLE VARIATION OF RATES OF RENT BEFORE (SUBSISTENCE)

## II. The Solution.

- By this plan the same minimum standard of life would be established all over the country, while at the same time such wages would vary according to local circumstances. The information in Rowntree, of (a) and adult man, (b) an adult woman, (c) an average family. Health, and the Fiscal Blue Books might enable the writer to give This will be estimated in kind, as by Mr. Rowntree &c. some general indications or estimates of what the cash equivalent
- 1.- Ascertainment of by a Commission, or by the Labour Deptment, of the minimum of food and clothing necessary for the healthy subsistence of (a) and adult man, (b) an adult woman, (c) an average family. This will be estimated in kind, as by Mr. Rowntree &c. some general indications or estimates of what the cash equivalent
  - 2.- It shall be enacted that the minimum wage shall be such as will provide the above maintenance plus the rent of a house complying with the legal requirements of sanitation and accommodation. Such wage shall be in two categories: (a) for adult men based on subsistence cost of an average family with husband as worker; (b) for adult woman supporting herself only.
  - 3.- It shall be referred to the local authorities - county councils, borough councils, and urban sanitary district councils - to translate into cash the national minimum of real wages according to local variations in prices and rents. The period of time for which such rates would hold should be at least a year, and might be longer.
  - 4.- To enforce the law factory inspectors should be empowered to examine wage-books. Employers breaking the law should be heavily fined for the first offence and imprisoned for the second.



- 5.- By this plan the same minimum standard of life would be established all over the country, while at the same time cash wages would vary according to local circumstances. The information in Rowntree, Booth, and the Fiscal Blue Books might enable the writer to give some general indications or estimates of what the cash equivalent of the national real wage would be in different parts of the country
- 6.- One effect of the varying cost of manufacturers would be a tendency - so far as any a greater cost was not compensated by market advantage or proximity of raw material - for certain industries to move from the high-cost to the low-cost districts. That would really be a move from the high-rent to the low-rent districts or from the large factory town to the small rural town or to the country, and is to be welcomed.
- 7.- Another effect would be to relieve factory industry from the low-grade (because low-wage) competition of domestic industry - again an advantage.
- 8.- Under this plan the widow with a family will be paid the same wage as a single woman, leaving the children, in default of other sources of income, to be maintained by the State. Yet if her wage was fixed on a family basis, the widow would not get work, the woman without a family would be preferred owing to her cheapness - and

in that case both widow and family would have to be maintained by  
the State. The case for paying unmarried men the same wage as  
married men is different because the proportions of those working are  
different from those which obtain in the case of women.

9.- Only the average family is legislated for. The man with a family above  
the average in number will still earn below the minimum family sub-  
sistence. Practical difficulties compel us to leave this defect  
unremedied.

10.- In fixing the minimum wage we regard the husband as the supporter of  
the family - earnings of wife and children are not taken into account.  
This simplifies education problems.

11.- Risk of substitution of adult labour by apprentices &c. would be pre-  
vented by regulation of number of apprentices, improvers, &c., by  
Labour Department according to needs of individual trades. If the  
current regulation of wages were taken in hand by the State, the fix-  
ing of the wages of non-adult workers would help, but only partly help  
to solve the difficulty.

12.- Straining after scientific precision absurd; rough measure only of  
justice necessary.

13.- General effects of national minimum. Abolition of "residuum".

Peroration!

Henry W. Macrosty.



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# Subcommittee on Annual Meeting Agenda

~~19 May~~ 5 May 1905 at 12.30. —

*Present*  
Sanders, Chesterton Salton } Pease Taylor.  
(in chair)

- (1) The following agenda was drawn up & it was agreed that Salton take the Unemployed Bill & Chesterton the Aliens Bill : —

## AGENDA :—Motions by the Executive Committee :—

(1) That the Annual Report and Accounts be adopted.

(2) The Unemployed Workmen Bill :—

That the Fabian Society cordially welcomes the Unemployed Workmen Bill as an embodiment of the principle of State responsibility for the welfare of its citizens, and expresses the belief that it will do something to mitigate the evils caused by the private ownership of the means of production.

It considers that the bill should be so amended as to provide that the Exchequer should contribute a share of the cost of administering the Act; and also in the following particulars :—

Clause I. (1), page 1, line 7, and elsewhere :—Substitute "Unemployment Board" for "body."

Clause I. (2), page 1, line 23. Alter "may" to "shall."

Clause I. (5), page 2, line 15. After "provided," insert "that the rate of wages shall not be less than the Trade Union rate of the district but." Delete "weekly," and insert after the word given, "in any one week."

Clause II. (1), page 3, lines 23-6. Delete all words after "may" (which render optional the constitution of "Bodies" in county boroughs) and insert "by order include such county borough in the area of the county board as constituted Section II. (2)."

Clause II. (2), page 3, line 27. Insert after word county, "or borough," and after the words guardians, "or otherwise."

Clause II. (3), page 4, line 11. After the words "of a" insert the word "county."

(3) The Aliens Bill :—

That the Fabian Society, while recognizing that the exclusion of aliens is, in itself, no solution of the problems created by low-priced labor, and will not even substantially mitigate the evils of unemployment, yet recognizes the importance of maintaining the standard of life in the ranks of unskilled labor, and therefore sees no objection to the exclusion of alien labor where such labor maintains a lower standard than that which obtains among British workers. It therefore does not oppose the Aliens Bill, but suggests the following amendments :—

Clause I. (3), page 2, line 5. To insert a new sub-section :—"If he has been brought over to this country by an employer in order to take the place of British workmen during an industrial dispute."

Clause II. (1), page 2, line 26. (Qualifications of members of Immigration Boards). Insert after "business" "Trade Union."

Clause III. (1, b, 1), page 3, line 23. (Expulsion of undesirable aliens). Insert after "overcrowding" "or has been employing labor or working under conditions which violate any provision of the Factory and Workshops Acts."



General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup>  
19 May 1905 at 3 pm.

Present Well- (in chair) Holson, Headlam, Mrs Shaw,  
Taylor Pease  
Absent Bland Dodd.

- 1 Minutes of 26 June 1903 were taken & read & signed —
- 2 Book Boxes. Sec. reported steady demand. Proposed a further extensive issue of circulars with a view to an increase in the work of his Department. Agreed to authorize issue of circular, & to recommend a grant for 10 Boxes forthwith. —
- 3 Fabian Lecture Scheme 1905-1906. Agreed that the subjects suggested be the same as last year viz:  
Minimum Wage  
Prophecy of the Victorian age  
Committee Reports. —
- 4 Educational Lectures Agreed to defer decision.

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5 Local Government Inquiry. a suggestion of S. G. Holson that a grant should be made ~~to~~ to enable a member to work up this subject was considered & deferred. —

6. Minimum Wage. The proposal of Mrs. Shaw to pay for preparation of work out of a "Special Fund placed at the disposal of the Society for the purpose" was considered & the offer was accepted. — It was further agreed that Wm Sanders be formally invited to do the work: that the sum of £20 be offered for the first Tract-lecture, + further like sums for subsequent Tract-lectures, if found practicable, with a maximum of £60 = & that any books & reports required be purchased by the Society. — The sec. was empowered to communicate the proposal to Sanders. —

Mildred Bland

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# Local Government Com<sup>ce</sup>

at office 19 Mar 1905 at 6 pm.

Present Sanders (in chair) Shaw, Catmur, Lauder,  
Hobson, Cusor, Taylor, Read Pease  
also English Walling -

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Report of Chairman was read, discussed at some length & approved for presentation to the Society on 26<sup>th</sup> May.



The Agricultural Council met at Office  
Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

Present

Chairman H.W. Macrow. S. S. Holton & E. R. Jones

1. Minutes of last meeting were signed.
2. Chairman's Report. Alterations made in response to criticisms were approved & it was agreed to recommend the Exec. that the Report be printed & submitted to the members meeting on July 14
3. Letters from Higgo were read. —  
It was agreed to recommend the Exec. to ask him to prepare another lecture on his own experience as an agriculturist. —

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The Birth-rate & Inf and Mortality Com<sup>ee</sup>  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 1905 at 5.30pm.

Members of the Com<sup>ee</sup>:-

Present-

Bland (chairman) Chesterton, Miss Hutchins  
A. Levine, Dr. L. Dodd, Dr. McCleary,  
G. Standing, F. W. Salton, G. R. S. Taylor,  
A. K. Constantine & E. R. Pearce

Absent

Haden Guest, G. B. Shaw, G. H. Wood

Country:

A. G. Donald, H. G. Wells

Resigned

J. Wilkinson

Elected  
Extra

W. Spencer. also Dr. Eder. —

G. H. Wood  
resigned

- 1 The chairman took the chair.
- 2 W. Spencer was elected a member
3. Apologies from J. Wilkinson & G. H. Wood were read
- 4 The chairman read the circular annexed,  
& the replies thereto
- 5 It was agreed that the Com<sup>ee</sup> in the  
first place devote its attention to the  
decline of the Birth-rate.
6. after a discussion ~~on the~~ it was



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Fabian Office,  
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.  
8th. June, 1905.

Committee on  
The Statistics of Birth-rate and Infantile Mortality.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I beg to inform you that the Executive Committee has nominated you as a member of the above Committee. The dates and times of the meetings will be fixed by the members themselves, but 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday is most likely to be fixed.

I should be glad to hear from you:-

- (1) Whether you accept nomination
- (2) Whether the selection of any of the days named would prevent your attendance and to receive
- (3) Your reply, if any, to the annexed communication from the Chairman.

I am,

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease  
Secretary

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Letter from the Chairman to the members of the Committee.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Executive Committee has appointed a Committee, of which you have been nominated a member, to enquire into and report upon the fall in the birth rate of the United Kingdom. The reference is an extremely wide one and the scope of the Committee's work is practically unlimited. I shall be obliged, if, at your early convenience, you will favour me with any suggestions that may occur to you as to the immediate direction which, in your opinion, the enquiry should take, and, generally, as to the method of enquiry which should be adopted.

It would be convenient that I should have an opportunity of considering the proposals of members before summoning the first meeting of the Committee.

I am,

Dear Sir or Madam,

Yours obediently,

Hubert Bland

Chairman.



agreed to take 1881 as the starting point for the enquiry, on the grounds that the Birthrate had been been practically stationary for 20 years, & that the difficulties of preparing statistics were greater, if a longer period were taken, owing to variations in method of different censuses. —

- 7 The Secy was directed to lay the Annual Report of the Registrar-General. —
- 8 Dr. McCleary undertook to draft a paper on the fecundity of women with special consideration of the alteration of the age of marriage.
- 9 He also undertook to tabulate the evidence of doctors on suggested increase of sterility.
- 10 Geo. Standring undertook to prepare evidence, from commercial sources, of the growth in the sale of preventive appliances. —
- 11 Miss Hutchins presented statistics of the

birthrates of three towns & undertook to try to get more, both of other towns & of rural districts.

12 F. W. Galton undertook to bring up to date the hearts of oak statistics given in Industrial Democracy, & to attempt to get those of the Standard Society.

13 He also undertook to get figures of the Peabody Trust for Building population.

14 A. Levine undertook to get comparative statistics of the families of certain Presbyterian ministers & to try to obtain those of Jewish & French societies.

15. It was agreed to recommend the Exec. to take a census of the Society ~~activity~~ questions in order to obtain information on the questions under discussion.

16 The Committee adjourned to October  
M. J. P. S. C.

Housing Com<sup>ee</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> July 1905 at 5pm

Present: Macrost, (in chair) Salton, Taylor Pease, Sanders  
ndale.

- 1 The minutes of Nov 1 + 15 were confirmed.
- 2 Report of H & Pearsall was considered
3. Draft report prepared by the Com<sup>ee</sup> was read by E. T. Pease & discussed. Sundry alterations & deletions were agreed to, & it was agreed that the Report be approved, subject to the various amendments, to be made by the author & submitted to the Chairman.
- 4 It was agreed that the report so amended be printed as an extra to Fabian News.
5. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.



# Birthrate & Com~~ee~~ on

Tuesday Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 1905 at 5.30 pm.

Present - Bland (chairman) Mrs Spencer, Miss Hutchins, A. Lennie,  
H. T. Holmes, Constantine, Chesterton, Standing  
Galton Shaw Pease, Taylor, Wood. -

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies for absence for Dr. McCleary & Dr. Dodd  
attended a conference on Infant mortality  
both gone to Paris were received.
3. H. T. Holmes was elected a member, & Mrs  
Spencer's acceptance of membership notified  
Offer of Miss Atkinson to help from Newcastle  
was accepted & she was asked to send  
anything she could get on the subject.
4. Re publication of Statistics in the R.S.S. Journal,  
Miss Hutchins was authorised to act as  
seemed best. -
5. Draft-Census paper gave rise to a  
prolonged discussion. Many  
amendments were proposed,  
of which the chief were  
as follows: -

- (a) Introduction of Jes + no columns approved.  
 (b) " " <sup>Male & Female</sup> " " " "  
 (c) Deletion of cause of death of children  
 (d) The Combination of questions [agreed to].  
 9. + 11 (second revise) into one. — Agreed.  
 (e) Proposal of Shaw to add questions  
 re method of limitation was defeated,  
 only 3 voting for it. —

- 6 It was agreed to send out the Breast-feeding Paper separately at a future date.
- 7 It was resolved, by a majority on a vote, to send the paper to both Husbands & Wives, if both are members, & to request that only one return be made. —
- 8 Reports as annexed list were notified by the Sec-y as presented. They were referred to Miss Hutchins to analyze & report on.
- 9 A. Levine reported that he c<sup>d</sup> not get statistics of Jewish Friendly Societies, & the commission was discharged.
- 10 G. Standing announced that he had

prepared & submitted to the chairman a report on the commercial ~~statistics~~ statistics of the matter. It was agreed that this report be read but not reproduced at present. -

11 F. W. Galton reported that he had already obtained Hearts of oak & other statistics of great interest, which he wd soon have ready for presentation. -

12. It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

Melvin Bland



Birth-rate Committee.

19th. October 1905.

List of Reports, documents, &c. in the possession of the Secretary.

A. M.S.S. Reports ordered and presented.

- 1.- Fecundity of Women, &c. Reports and Letter by Dr. McCleary  
(Promised report on Sterility not ready)
- 2.- Birth-rate in Rural Districts. Miss Hutchins.
- 3.- Families of Presbyterian Ministers. A. Levine

B. MSS. Reports not ordered.

- 4.- Chart relating to Birth-rate and Infantile Mortality  
by H. T. Holmes.
- 5.- Valueless ? Document on Infant Mortality by Dr. Frost.
- 6.- Infant Mortality Figures by H.R. Aldridge (previously presented)

C. Printed Matter.

Annual Report Registrar General, 1905  
Infant Mortality, Its Causes. By G.H.B. Ward. (Copies ld.)  
Vital Statistics of Jews. By S. Rosenbaum,  
Health Officer of Croydon. 1905 Report.  
M.O.H. Edinburgh. Report 1904  
Race Suicide in France.  
Cutting from Evening Standard 27/7/05.

D. Reports promised but not presented.

Dr. McCleary. Increase of Sterility.  
Geo. Standring. Commercial Statistics.  
F.W. Galton. Hearts of Oak and Peabody Buildings.  
A. Levine. Jewish Friendly Societies.

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# Poor Law Reform Com<sup>ce</sup>

First Meeting Tuesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1905 at 4.30 pm.

Present

J. F. Oakeshott, G. R. S. Taylor Miss Kerrison  
Es. Stanning F. W. Galton, G. R. Pease

Absent

S. Webb. Miss Clarke. —

Visitors

invited

Theodore Dodd & Miss Sellers. —

- 1 J. F. Oakeshott was elected chairman.
2. Letters of regret for absence were read from Miss Clarke (declining to serve) Miss Sellers, & J. F. Dodd. —
3. The subject of evidence at the Royal Commission was briefly considered & adjourned.
- 4 The paper prepared by G. R. Pease was partly read & considered. It was decided to hand it round amongst the members. The suggestion of Miss Sellers to transfer casuals to the police was approved & ordered to be embodied.
- 5 The Com<sup>ce</sup> adjourned to Tuesday Nov 2 at 5 pm.

J. F. Oakeshott



(4) Synopsis of Paper on Abolition of Guardians. (97)

The acceptance by all of the new pension plan admits that prepared by Edw. R. Pease.

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Thrift is inapplicable to provisions for old age.

Introduction, showing that nearly all local government has been reform-  
The Malthusian spectre has vanished.

ed save the Guardians: the peculiar position of Guardians, ad hoc  
The distinction between pauperism and unemployment has been  
elected, and with areas unrelated to the others.

How this arose. How unions now stand in relation to other areas.  
But the Guardians are still generally ignorant of all this.

Table supplied by Local Government Board.  
Hence

Duties of Guardians in addition to Poor Law.

The New Broom wanted. Local Government required mild periodical  
Assessment, Vaccination, &c. Obvious need to transfer these to other  
revolutions. New Bodies with new names and new members sweep  
local authorities.

away old vicious habits. Change in itself spells reform.

The Evolution of Poor Law Philosophy.

Reasons why Guardians should be abolished.

(1) The Profitable Workhouse Stage.

"Ad hoc" authorities are objectionable

(2) The State-aided Minimum Wage Stage

from ~~1800~~ 1795 (Speenhamland Act) to 1834. Local Government.

(3) The Self-sufficiency of Individualism stage, inaugurated by the

Act of 1834. Pensions will be unworkable while Poor Law remains.

Its necessity at the time. The thoroughness of its work. Its  
erroneous assumptions; the adequacy of thrift, and the danger of  
over-population.

(4) The Modern view of valuation as already proposed by the

Communal Provision adapted to special needs.

Local Sanitary Authority to take Vaccination and Infant Life



(4) Continued.  
(Proposals Continued)

The acceptance by all of Old Age Pension plan admits that  
thrift is inapplicable to provisions for old age.

The Malthusian spectre has vanished.

The distinction between pauperism and unemployment has been  
legalised, all indoor relief, and of out-relief to the aged.

But the Guardians are still generally ignorant of all this.

Hence the County Rate.

The New Broom wanted. Local Government required mild periodical  
revolutions. New Bodies with new names and new members sweep  
away old vicious habits. Change in itself spells reform.

Reasons why Guardians should be abolished.

'Ad hoc' authorities are objectionable

The Union areas lends confusion to Local Government.

Guardian elections are a farce.

Old Age Pensions will be unworkable while Poor Law remains.

The relief of Unemployment and of Feeding School-children  
is needlessly complicated.

Proposals. areas of Local Government

County to take over valuation as already proposed by the  
Local Government Board.

Local Sanitary Authority to take Vaccination and Infant Life

Protection

The County and County Borough to take over all Institutional  
Poor.

The Local Sanitary Authority to administer out-relief.

The cost of all indoor relief, and of out-relief to the aged,  
medical out-relief, and relief to permanent sick to be placed  
on the County Rate.

Other out-relief to be levied over the local sanitary area. (In  
County Boroughs the two are of course identical).

(Results of proposals continued.)  
1.- The Case of Women Guardians

Statistics of existing conditions

Necessity of Women on all Poor Law Authorities.

2.- Proposed Co-option of Women when not elected.

Erroneous notions as to inferiority of Co-opted persons and  
in large areas.

as to "undemocrateness" of co-option.

3.- Results of Proposals.

A large measure of equalisation of rates.

Systematised areas of Local Government

Simplification of function in respect of

Education of Children

Care of Insane

Sanitation

Hospitals

all now carried on by at least two authorities.



...in regard of  
...local government  
...of large

2<sup>d</sup> - Results of Proposals

... of co-objon

The County and County Borough to take over all Institutional  
Erroneous notions as to inferiority of co-objed persons and

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2<sup>d</sup> - Proposed co-objon of Women when not elected.

The Local Sanitary authority to administer out-relief,  
necessity of women on all poor law authorities.

The cost of all indoor relief, and of out-relief to the aged,  
satisfactory of existing conditions

medical out-relief, and relief to permanent sick to be placed

1<sup>st</sup> - The Case of Women Quardians

on the County Rate.

County Boroughs (the two are of course identical).

Other out-relief to be lowered

(Results of Proposals, continued).

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Saving of expense now entailed by needless re-duplication  
of institutions.

Increase of efficiency due to differentiation only possible  
in large areas.

Diminution in Local Government Board Control and Red Tape.

Extinction of Pauperism.



Housing Com<sup>ee</sup> 2 Nov. 1905 (Thursday)  
at 5 pm.

Present

Cakeshott (in chair), Galton, Taylor  
Miss Kerrison Pease

1. The Minutes were confirmed
2. Report, which had been read & all present was further discussed especially the question of the transfer of out-relief to the Local Sanitary Authority as proposed in the Report, or to the Parish Council in Rural Districts, as suggested by Taylor.
3. Ultimately it was agreed to recommend the Executive Com<sup>ee</sup> that the Report be presented to the Society at a meeting.
4. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die

J. F. Oakes

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Birthrate & Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office  
on Tuesday Nov-9<sup>11.05</sup> at 5 pm. -

Present

Bland (in chair), Standing, Shaw, Levine  
Wood, McCleary, Dodd, Holmes  
Cresterton Taylor Pease

- 1 The minutes were confirmed
- 2 Correspondence. Apologies for absence from Miss Aldrich & Mrs Spencer. Letter from Dr McCleary suggesting an enquiry into effects of consumption of alcohol on birth-rate & Infant mortality. -
- 3 Commercial Statistics Report by George Standing chiefly relating to the sales of Neo-Malthusian literature, & to the history of the movement at home & abroad was read & discussed
- 4 Report on Statistics G.H. Wood read a valuable report on the statistics already sent in, which had

been prepared by Miss Hutchins & herself & submitted a provisional diagram indicating that a large part of the fall in the B. rate appeared to be due to the slight rise in the average age of marriage -

- 5. This report was discussed & the Com<sup>tee</sup> adjourned till Tuesday Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. —

Miss Hutchins



Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1905

Birthrate &c Com<sup>ee</sup>

Present-

Blund (Chairman) Standing Wood,  
Dodd, Levine Chesterton Pease Constantin

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1. Minutes were confirmed
2. Apology from Miss Hutchins for absence read.
3. Correspondence Leigh Orton Salford, Offer of help.  
F. Marquis Manchester " "  
Dr. Slater Statistics  
G. H. Wood Outline of plans.

4. Fabian Census. Secy submitted a provisional report-annexed which was discussed

5. G. H. Wood submitted diagrams indicating results in various towns, & explained them.

6. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourns to Tuesday Jan 11  
at 5.30 pm

Jules Blund

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Interim Report by the Secretary on Census Papers 208  
received to 29th. November

Strict accuracy not guaranteed. 154  
The few second marriages provisionally ignored.  
(Intending marriages)

Papers sent out	42	654
Less Duplicates to husbands and wives		<u>30</u>
		604
Not delivered		<u>5</u>
		599

"No Limitation" Marriages			
Returns to 29th. Nov.	299		
" " on 30th. " "	8	Childless	1
" " 1870-8	6	" "	2
No. Returns yet	11	" "	5
" " 1900-5	17	Not expected	2
			<u>10</u>
	<u>PAPERS.</u>		

No. of Marriages	215
" " Bachelor returns and living children of 1299	<u>84</u>
marriages, actual or (where stated) expected.	

<u>No. of Children</u>	<u>No. of Marriages.</u>	<u>Total Children.</u>
0	<u>Returns of Marriages</u>	0
1	34	34
2	48	86
3	10	51
4	2	76
5	1	50
6		18
7		14
10		10
	<u>Of the ante 1870</u>	<u>Children 339</u>

Limitation used	(above)	2	215
" " not used		5	
No information		3	
		<u>10</u>	

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Marriage returns of 1870 and later 202

Limitation adopted	154	
"    to be adopted	3	
(Intending marriages)		
No limitation	42	
Obscure or inconsistent	3	
	<u>202</u>	<u>202</u>
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'No Limitation' Marriages

Decade	1870-9	8	Childless	1
"	1880-9	6	"	2
"	1890-9	11	"	5
"	1900-5	<u>17</u>	Not expected	<u>2</u>
		<u>42</u>		<u>10</u>
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Number of parents and living children of limited marriages, actual or (where stated) expected.

No. of Children	No. of Marriages.	Total Children.
0	25	0
1	34	34
2	43	86
3	17	51
4	19	76
5	10	50
6	3	18
7	2	14
10	1	10
	<u>154</u>	<u>339</u>
	Parents	-----
	(about) 315	



Birth-rate Committee 11 Jan. 7 1906.

Present Bland (in chair) H. T. Holmes, G. Standring  
A. Levine, G. F. McCleary, G. H. Wood,  
Mrs. Spencer, Miss Hutchinson, & E. R. Pease.

1 Minutes were confirmed

2 Correspondence. Russell Scott  
Dr. Rlyo Jones } Offer of extra data for  
~~to G. H. Wood~~ } census. agreed to  
decline.  
G. H. Wood. Plans of work.

3 Census. The annexed report was presented.  
The method of publication was  
discussed & no decision come to.  
Geo. Standring, G. H. Wood, A. Levine  
& H. T. Holmes were appointed  
a sub. comtee to consider doubtful  
cases. —

4 G. H. Wood reported on the R. S. Statistical  
Society's Discussion. —

5. Report from Miss Atkinson was handed Wood

Report on Census Papers to 9th, January 1906.

Papers sent out		634	
Deduct duplicates to Wives	30		
Returns by G.P.O. &c.	5		
Returned Blank	<u>1</u>	<u>36</u>	
		<u>598</u>	<u>598</u>
			<u>-----</u>
Total returns received		421	
Returns not received		<u>177</u>	<u>598</u>
			<u>-----</u>
Bachelors	114		
Refusals	2		
Native Indian	<u>1</u>	117	
Marriage Returns		<u>304</u>	<u>421</u>
			<u>-----</u>

Returns of Married Persons.

Married once	292	Parents	584
.. twice	<u>12</u>	..	36
	304		<u>-----</u>
Hence total marriages	<u>316</u>	Total Parents	<u>620</u>
			<u>-----</u>

Marriages prior to 1870	15		
Generalised and undated	3		
Incomprehensible	1		
Relevant to Period	<u>296</u>		
			<u>315</u>
			<u>-----</u>

Limitation (all marriages)

Not stated because prior to 1870	5		
Incomprehensible	1		
Unlimited, (25 per cent)	77		
Limited (75 per cent)	<u>232</u>		
			<u>315</u>
			<u>-----</u>

6 It was agreed that the Comtee adjourn  
until Pease be ready to present  
the Report on the census. —

Wm. D. D. D.  
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# Poor Law Comtee

Wed 7 Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1906. -

Present - Cakeshott, Shaw, Galton Taylor Pease Miss Keirion

(1) J. F. Cakeshott was elected chairman

(2) The Minutes were confirmed.

(3) The tract was considered, & several amendments were made in

Fabian Office,  
3, Clerkenwell Inn, Strand, auffg  
London, W.C. (15)

February 5th, 1906.

To the Members of the  
Poor Law Revision Committee.

*/mdl*  
The amendment adopted of the motion of Shaw to the Poor Law Tract which defends the co-option of women on the ground that they do not form a separate indirectly elected body like the M.B.W. and the Water Board, a pain for which 'nothing could be said in defense', and 'which would certainly result in corruption' is in direct opposition to our latest Tract 'Municipalization by Provinces', and also to No. 119, 'Public Control of Electric Power and Transit, which recommend that plan of indirect election for very extension. The Poor Law Tract forms one of the new Heptarchy series, and either the two former tracts must be withdrawn or the amendment adopted must be dropped. It is not necessary, because nobody objects to co-opt women on the ground that the plan will lead to corruption. I therefore propose to cancel the amendment.

I think members of Revision Committees who propose amendments adding to or reversing the text of the Tract under consideration should send such amendments to the author of the Tract for consideration before the meeting.

Edw. R. Pease.

# Socialist Program Com<sup>tee</sup>

Meeting Friday Feb 2 1906. 5.30pm

Present Taylor, Bland, Shaw, Chesterton Macroste  
Pease Sanders. Dodd. —

1 Taylor was voted to the chair

2 The following scheme was adopted: —

Bland Introduction

Macroste Budget

Education

Unemployment

Pease

Poor Law

O. a. Revisions

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Taylor

Agriculture

Sanders

Minimum Wage

To take from

Track

} Railway Nat<sup>n</sup>

# General Purposes Com<sup>ee</sup>

26 April 1906. —

Present- Bland (in chair), Hobson Taylor Pease

1 Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 1905 were confirmed

2. The annexed plan of lectures drafted by Macrosty was considered & it was agreed to recommend the Exec. to have a series of lectures on  
Socialism & the Middle Classes.

- (1) Psychology & Economics of Middle Classes (Bland)
- (2) Small Capitalist (Macrosty)
- (3) Salaried men (Olivier)
- (4) Socialism & the Professions (Wells)
- (5) Socialism & the Arts (Shaw)
- & a special lecture
- (6) Socialism & the Press. (Chesterton)

The names attached were subsequently decided on by the Executive Com<sup>ee</sup>



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## Socialism & the Middle Classes.

The object of the course is to expound the position of the "middle classes" under the existing industrial system and their interest in a socialist reconstruction.

1. **Introductory** - What are the Middle Classes - their historical past - their characteristics - their efficiency as a ruling class in State affairs and in private industry - their position before the rising working class.  
*Shaw, Bland.*
2. **The Manufacturer** - The private entrepreneur - the joint stock company - the trust - la carrière ouverte aux talents - the private commercial civil service - cooperative production - national and municipal production.  
*Hobson, H.*
3. **The Shopkeeper** - The shopkeeper - the shop assistant - the department store - cooperative distribution.  
*Snell, Chaderton*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. **The Merchant** & the black-witted plutocrats.  
*Thurgood*
4. **The Medical Profession** - The general practitioner - the specialist - hospitals - dispensaries - chemists & druggists - state organisation.  
*Good, Great, Giggles*
5. **The Legal Profession**  
*Taylor, Shaw*
6. **The** Technical Expert  
Engineering & Chemical Professions.  
*Chapman, Harris, White*
7. **The Ratepayer**.  
*Sanders, Pease.*

# Public Health Com<sup>ce</sup>

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Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> May, 1906.

Present  
Absent

Dodd Shaw, Dr. Eder, Pease  
Standing, Galtow, Guest,  
Dr. Newman, Mr. Hodgkinson, McCleary.

1. Dodd was elected chairman
2. Letter from Dr. Newman was read  
agreeing to join the Com<sup>ce</sup>
3. The subject was generally discussed.  
Dodd undertook to deal with Sanitation  
& Public Health & Dr. Eder with  
Food & Drugs.
4. It was agreed that the meetings be  
on Mondays at 5.45, the chairman  
to settle the date of the next.
5. The chairman undertook to prepare  
a detailed syllabus for the next  
meeting.

Minimum Wage Com<sup>ee</sup> held  
April (?) 1906. —

Present - Sanders, Macrost Hobson  
? Taylor Pease. —

- 1 The Tract was considered & a number of amendments decided on. It was referred to Sanders to make the necessary alterations & ~~to~~ agreed to submit the Tract as amended to the Exec. —



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Birthrate & Council 6<sup>th</sup> June 1906

Present- Bland (in chair) Taylor, Standing  
Leone Holmes, Standing  
Dr. Eder Shaw.

1. The minutes of last mtg were confirmed
2. Report on the Family Census drafted by the Secy was read & considered. —
3. It was agreed: to recommend the Executive Committee that the Report should be offered to a magazine & that the name of the Society should be used in connection therewith.
4. Dr. Eder was elected a member.
5. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.

Mildred Bland

Birthrate & Com<sup>ee</sup> Friday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 1906  
at 5.35 pm. —

Present Bland (in chair) Shaw Taylor, Pease  
Mrs. Spencer Miss Hutchins Standing.

1. Minutes were confirmed.
2. Apologies from Dr. Dodd & Dr. McCleary,  
Sec. stated Dr. Eder had only been summoned  
(owing to an error) a few hours before.
3. After a long discussion it was resolved  
by 6 to 1  
"That the Times letters be reprinted if  
possible as a Tract with Welch's name  
together with an introductory paragraph  
by the Committee"
4. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die.

Alfred Bland







Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 07

Conference of local Societies and Groups with the Executive.

Present. Members of the Executive. Island, Shaw, Maude, Crest, 18  
Sanders, Pease, Ensor, Miss Murby, Mr. Reeves.

Representatives of Groups. (Local) Hamptstead, Shaw Hyams.  
Croydon Harrison, Oakeshott. E. Middlesex Martin of Constance  
Kensington District Miss Senrya, McTulloch. Paddington Marylebone

Miss Salom Lewis, Northern Heights. Archibald Wilder  
West Central Mr. Wilson P. Vaughan. Clapham. Peacock Corner.

Representatives of Subject Groups. Nursery Rosamma Bland &  
Colegate. Education Bray & Miss Lowe. Biological Dr. Eder & Humby  
Carver. Arts & Philosophy Holbrook Jackson & Gill.

Representatives of local Societies Letchworth. Brooks & Lander.

Broughton. Brown & Alnutt. Manchester. Douglas Canterbury  
Speed & Ellis. Bunby Foster. Buckhurst Hill. Read Harris

Representatives of University Societies. Oxford. Lister & Lindsay  
Cambridge. Miss Reeves & Gomme. Oxford Women Miss Ballache

#### Conference of Local Societies and Groups.

THE Conference of delegates from Local Fabian Societies and London Groups assembled at Prince Henry's Council Chamber, 17 Fleet Street, London, on Saturday, July 6th, at three o'clock. Hubert Bland was in the chair, and there were present eight other members of the Executive Committee, ten delegates from six local societies, five delegates from three university societies, sixteen delegates from eight London groups, and eight delegates from four special subject groups, including the Nursery; in all forty-eight persons.

After the roll had been called, Holbrook Jackson rose to move a resolution congratulating the Labor party and Pete Curran on the great victory at Jarrow, which was unanimously adopted amidst applause.

The chairman then gave a brief introductory address in which he described the first and last national Fabian Conference, which was held at Essex Hall in 1892, prior to the formation of the I.L.P.

The proposed regulations for local societies and groups were then introduced by Alderman Sanders, and the first debate arose on the proposal of H. G. Corner (Clapham), supported by Miss Murby and Bernard Shaw, to delete the London group rules altogether in order to apply the local society regulations to London as well as elsewhere. R. C. K. Ensor, W. A. Colegate, Alderman Sanders, and others supported the rules as proposed; and on a divi-

# Birth-rate & Infant-Mortality Committee.

Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 1907 (Wed)  
at 5.30 p.m. -

Present: Bland (Chairman) Standing  
McClary, Levine, Miss Hutchins  
Mrs Harrison & Secy also  
after business, A.K. Constantine.

- 1 Minutes of Nov: 2<sup>nd</sup> were confirmed.
- 2 Letters of apology from Galton & H. T. Holmes were read. The latter tho' now resident in Manchester, was requested to retain membership.
- 3 It was agreed that Dr. McClary & Miss Hutchins prepare a Report on the facts as to Infant Mortality & death rate of children from the ages of 2 to 5 inclusive.
- 4 The Secy was requested to ascertain from the Ed<sup>o</sup> Dept: what number of Ed<sup>o</sup> authorities are attending P. E. Schools



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authorities have refused to admit  
children under 5. -

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Infant Mortality Com<sup>ee</sup> at Office  
Monday Nov-18<sup>th</sup> 1907 at 5.35pm

Present Bland (in chair) Shaw, Standring, Eder  
Dodd, Miss Hutchins & Secy -

1. Minutes of 24<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed
2. Apologies were read from Wood, who resigned on leaving London, Dr McCleary & Levine. -
3. Miss Hutchins read a Report on Mortality of Children aged 2/15 5 inclusive, and after discussion it was referred to Dodd to consider whether it could be worked up, with additional matter, into a tract.
4. Endowment of Motherhood. This subject, referred to the Com<sup>ee</sup> by the Executive, was considered & it was agreed that Dr Eder prepare a report or project for submission to the Com<sup>ee</sup>
5. It was further agreed that notice be

Given in the Fabian News that the Comtee has  
this subject under consideration: that  
members be invited to apply for membership  
of the Comtee with a view to this subject, & that  
the Secy be empowered to invite such  
applicants to the meeting to be held to consider  
Dr Eder's report

6 The Comtee adjourned sine die

Arthur Blaed.

The Infants Mortality &c. Com<sup>ce</sup>

Meeting of Office on Monday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Present - Bland (in chair) Dr. Eder, Wells,  
Mrs Larkson Jacobs, Miss Mary Sister Kerrison  
H. Carber, W. Sanders, Miss Antelius,  
Mrs Eder, Miss Moggridge.

- 1 The Minutes of the last meeting - were confirmed.
- 2 Mrs Eder, Miss Moggridge, Mrs Larkson Jacobs,  
H. S. Harben, Sister Kerrison & Miss  
Atkins, were elected members
- 3 Dr. Eder read a paper on Endowment of  
Motherhood, & a discussion followed.
- 4 It was agreed that no further action sh<sup>d</sup>.  
be taken on the lines suggested by Dr. Eder's  
paper, & that another meeting should be called  
when some fresh material was ready for  
consideration.

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Geo. Steadring  
30 Mar/08



Childrens Bill Comtee

Meeting at office on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1908

Present - Webb (in chair) Miss Mary Miss Huldins  
Sanders, Barber, Ensor & Pease

(1) Sundry amendments were discussed, & agreed to

(2) It was agreed that Ensor job them into proper shape & that they be presented to the Executive.

# Infant Mortality & Council

Meeting, Monday Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm.  
1908.

Present

Standing (in chair), Dr. & Mrs Eder, Miss Hoggridge  
Mrs. Larkcom Jacobs, Mrs. Miell-Smith, Miss  
Murey, Sister Kerrison, Miss Hutchins,  
Harben, Gallon, H. Carter & Secy

- 1 The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
- 2 Miss Hutchins read two brief papers on  
Maternity Insurance in  
Germany & abroad, & F. W. Gallon  
a paper on Voluntary Maternity  
Insurance in England. A discussion  
followed
- 3 A Council consisting of Standing,  
Miss Hutchins, Harben, & Miss  
Murey was appointed to prepare  
a further report on the subject. —

Arthur Kland

Infant Mortality & Com<sup>ee</sup>  
Meeting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1909  
at 5pm

Present

Bland (in chair), Standing, Sister Kerison,  
Galton, Dr. Taylor, Miss Murly, Miss Moggeridge (?),  
Mr. M. Smith, Harben & Secy, & Miss Adkins.

1. The number of 30<sup>th</sup> March's were confirmed
2. Dr. Taylor was elected a member of the Com<sup>ee</sup>
3. H. D. Harben read his paper on  
a Scheme of Maternity Pensions,  
which was received with general & warm  
approval, & ordered to be reported to  
the Executive as suitable to be read  
to the Society as a lecture & afterwards  
published as a tract. —



Agricultural Land Club Com<sup>ce</sup>  
or our Rural Program Com<sup>ce</sup>

Members. appointed by the Executive  
Chairman A. Mande;

R. C. K. Ensor<sup>+</sup> W. Sanders, M.  
Fordham<sup>+</sup>, A. P. Grenfell, Mrs Hodgkinson, R. C.  
Phillimore<sup>+</sup> + Sec. y

Coopted: - J. H. Greenwood - C. M. Lloyd.

Rural Program Com<sup>ce</sup>

Meeting Thursday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1904 at 5 pm.

Present

Mande in chair, Sanders, Grenfell, Fordham  
Greenwood - + Sec. y

- (1) Apologies from R. C. K. Ensor + R. C. Phillimore were read. -
- (2) J. H. Greenwood + C. M. Lloyd were coopted members.

- (3) Letters were read from R.C. Pullman on the effects of Land Taxation from W. Aston offering a few copies, & from W.C. Turner on our Agricultural Program. -
- (4) - Draft Rural Program prepared by Fordham was read & part of it was discussed.
- (5) It was agreed that procedure should take the form of further discussion of this report, & that Fordham be requested to amplify those parts which had not been fully considered.
- (6) The Committee adjourned to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
at 5 pm.  
By Mrs. Claude

# Public Medical Service Committee

First Meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1909 at 4.30pm

Present Sanders (in chair) Welch, Dr. Bentham, Sharp  
& Secretary.

1. Apologies from Dr. Haden Guest & Dr. Wheeler both made.  
The present were read.
2. A discussion on the subject ensued.
3. It was agreed that Dr. Bentham & Sharp should  
read the Guest <sup>& Layton</sup> MSS. & also Welch's memo.  
on the Dodd Tract & make suggestions thereon.
4. It was agreed to meet again on Friday  
June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm.

Wm. Stephen Sanders



The Rural Program Com<sup>ee</sup>

Meeting Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1909 @ 5pm. -

Present: Maude (in chair), Enos, Lloyd, Grenfell, Fordham  
Sunders Greenwood & Secy. Also Miss  
Maud Davies & J. Archibald

- 1 The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
- 2 Miss Maud Davies & J. Archibald were coopted
- 3 An animated discussion on the Memorandum drafted by Fordham followed: parts were amended & adopted.
- 4 The Com<sup>ee</sup> resolved to meet again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.

Stymer Maude

# Public Medical Service Com<sup>ee</sup>

The second meeting was held on Friday

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1909 at 4.30 pm.

Present Sanders (in chair) Sharp, Dr. Bentham,  
Mr. Stanley Moore & the Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Mr. Stanley Moore was cooped
3. Further discussion as to the proposals in Dr. Gueble's paper ensued.
4. It was agreed that Dr. Bentham & Sharp should collaborate to prepare ~~for~~ report or tract,
5. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned sine die. -

Dr. Bentham considered  
the matter till Dec 1910  
& then gave it up. -

The Rural Program Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Meeting Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm -

Present: J. G. M. Maude (in chair), C. M. Lloyd, J. Archibald, J. A. Greenwood,  
R. S. K. Enea, W. Sanders, + Secy A. P. Garonfel,

- 1 The minutes were confirmed.
- 2 Further debate on the Rural Program drafted by Fadhams ensued.
- 3 The abolition of Game Laws was deleted, with verbal alterations made.
4. The Com<sup>tee</sup> adjourned to Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

C. M. Lloyd.



# Coal Municipalisation Com<sup>ee</sup>

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First Meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1909  
at 5.30 pm

Present

W. Sanders (in chair) Barker Miss Gardner,  
H. Houston, A. L. Simpson

Absent

Haden Guest (chairman) who sent apology, Pease  
Secy (ill) Miss Atkinson, H. R. Bayliss. -  
Alec J. Billson of Leicester & Dr Layton of Leeds.

1. Miss Gardner submitted answers to questions drawn up by Pease & Sanders, & read a draft of argument in favour of a Municipal Coal supply.
2. After discussion it was resolved that the "Answers to questions" be typed for each member of the Com<sup>ee</sup>.
3. It was also agreed that Guest, Miss Gardner, Simpson, Sanders & Pease be a Com<sup>ee</sup> to prepare scheme for the full Com<sup>ee</sup> & that the Sub-Com<sup>ee</sup> meet on Wed July 28 at 5.30 pm

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Fabian Office,  
3, Clements Inn, Strand  
London, W. C.  
26th. July, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I enclose copy of the data on Coal Mines. I am sorry to say the date fixed for the Sub-Committee, Wednesday 28th. July, at 5.30 p.m. had been already annexed by the Agricultural Committee on which Sanders and I sit. In these circumstances the Coal Committee must I fear stand over till after the holidays, as I am leaving London on the 29th.

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease  
Secretary.

Rural Program Com<sup>ee</sup>  
at Office Wed. 28 July 09.

Present - Lloyd + (subsequently) Maude in chair  
M. Fordham, J. Archibald, Miss Davies  
R.C.K. Ewart, A.P. Greenfell + E.R. Pense

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. The debate on the Rural Program was resumed + concluded. Ewart undertook to draft paragraph on Taxation + rating of land values or site values; + ~~it~~ it was agreed that Fordham should complete the draft as proposed.
3. The Com<sup>ee</sup> did not decide what was to be done with the program, + agreed to meet again after the holidays. -

No subsequent meeting was held. The program was printed as amended.



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**A RURAL PROGRAMME.**  
**THE POLITICAL REFORMS ADVOCATED**  
**BY THE LAND CLUB LEAGUE.**

*Adopted 27th October, 1909, and issued with explanatory notes.*

**HOMES AND LAND—**

1. To restore our people to the land, the first step must be a complete valuation of the land as provided in the Budget of 1909.
2. Rates and taxes must be placed on the land in accordance with the capital value given to it by the growth of population and the industry of the people.
3. Power must be given to local authorities to take land needed for all public purposes at prices based on the valuation.
4. On every parish and urban district must be placed the duty of providing homes and land needed for the people, and also where required, village halls, reading rooms, and playgrounds.
5. A commissioner must be appointed for every county to see that the duties referred to in the last clause are carried out, the Small Holdings and Housing Acts promptly administered, and the land developed to its best advantage.

**MARKETING—**

6. To secure that the cultivators of the soil, especially where grouped into co-operative societies, receive fair treatment in the sale of their produce, restrictions on new markets must be abolished, existing markets must be linked up with new markets wherever required and a complete system of collecting depôts in the rural districts established.
7. Railways and canals must be nationalised, and road motor services arranged for transport.

**WAGES—**

8. To improve the position of the labourers on the land, wages boards must be established in agricultural districts.

**PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF COUNCILS—**

9. Members of County and other Councils must be paid for their time and expenses.

THE LAND CLUB LEAGUE, the federation of the Land Clubs, which are gradually spreading over rural England from East Surrey and West Kent, where they were founded in 1908, is working for the Revival of Country Life, by obtaining Allotments, Small Holdings and Homes for its members under the Acts of 1908 and 1909, and by promoting the interests of the people living on the land in other ways.

The League affirms the right of the people to homes and land in their own country on fair terms, of workers on the land to fair wages and above all the right of the people to control the land for the benefit of all. To secure these rights it is not only necessary to

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try persistently to make the best of existing laws, but also to agitate for such alterations in the laws as are needed in the interests of those who wish to live and work in the country. These alterations are set out in the foregoing programme of political reform which requires the following explanation.

Nos. 1 & 2.—VALUATION AND TAXATION.

The League supports the proposal for the valuation of all land, because land should be taxed and rated in accordance with its capital value, and also because, whilst there is no official valuation of the land, owners can, and constantly do, ask extravagant prices for any land that is required by any public authority for cottages, small holdings, allotments, or any other public purpose. The valuation to be made under the Budget of 1909 will show what is the worth of the land itself, apart from the buildings and improvements of all kinds upon it. It is this value that has to a large extent escaped contributing its share to public expenditure. When we have found by valuation what the worth of land is, we shall be able to charge on it an important part of our national revenue and local rates. This is fair, because the value arises from the presence, the growth and the enterprise of the surrounding community, and not from any action of the landowners themselves, who, as such, have done nothing to create it. Moreover the taxation of land not now put to its proper use, will bring it into full use, and if this tax is extended, it will, in time, break the power of the land monopoly which has driven millions of people from the country into the towns and abroad.

Our present system of rating and taxing is unjust. Every improvement made by labour or by expenditure of capital on a cottage or land, means that the owner has to pay more rates. On the other hand a landlord has only to prevent the land being used, keeping it idle for sport or speculation, and he will escape most or even all the rates. Under the present system those who make full use of their land have not only to pay their own shares of the national and local expenses, but also the shares of those who escape by not putting their land to the best use. This injustice will be put an end to by valuing the land and rating and taxing it on this value.

Nos. 3, 4 & 5.—THE PROVISION OF HOMES AND LAND.

To the people of each parish, urban district, or borough, represented by its council, must be entrusted the duty of providing cottages and land wherever needed for all the people who live and work in the district. These councils must be empowered to purchase whatever land they need, at a price based on the official valuation, or to hire it compulsorily at a fair market rate.

Every council must be given power to provide on land so acquired, cottages with gardens, allotments, small holdings, common grazing land, a village hall and reading room, and a recreation ground according to the needs of the inhabitants.

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County Commissioners must be appointed by the Government whose business it would be to see that the laws are properly carried out in every county. Just as Factory Inspectors and Mine Inspectors are appointed by the Home Office to visit every factory and mine to see that the laws for the protection of the workpeople are observed, so the County Commissioner would be appointed to visit every village and small town in his county to enquire whether the Housing Acts were properly carried out, and so secure the provision of enough good healthy cottages: whether the Small Holdings and Allotments Acts were put into force, so that every man in the parish who wanted land got it; whether the Acts for providing Reading Rooms and Recreation Grounds, and all the other laws for the benefit of the people were put into operation or neglected and forgotten. If he reported neglect, then the local council would be warned, as it is warned now by the Board of Education if it does not provide sufficient suitable schools for the children. Finally, if any council persistently neglected its duties it should be the business of some other body to step in, the County Council, or the Government itself, in order to see that the needs of the people are properly supplied.

There need be no difficulty in respect of money for all these purposes. England now supplies capital to every 'new' country in the world, to build its railways, and lay out its cities. A little of this capital kept at home, and lent to the State will be enough, in a few years, to rebuild our villages and lay out small holdings wherever they are needed.

By these methods land will be gradually restored to the people from whom it has been taken in the past.

Nos. 6 & 7.—MARKETING, Etc.

It is useless for our country people to work hard to produce our food if, as sometimes occurs, by the mismanagement of railways and markets, by the overcharges of dealers or by competition amongst producers, prices are brought down to so low a figure that those who take the land can only after great labour just pay their way. The difficulty must be faced in time and the question of marketing and carriage must be dealt with by legislation, for no small holder, by himself, can remedy the evils of the present system under which the producer often fails to get a fair price for his goods. It is necessary that there should be organised:

(a) Depôts or centres for collecting produce in country districts which could well be managed in connection with the local co-operative societies.

(b) Wholesale and retail markets wherever needed in the towns, where responsible salesmen should conduct the sale of the produce sent in.

(c) Information bureaux which should give throughout the country reports of what is wanted and where it will sell and what prices are current.

(d) Nationalised railways and canals and road motor service available for taking produce to the district where it is needed and to bring to the producer the manures and seeds he requires as quickly and cheaply as possible.



Minutes of Meeting ~~of~~ of Post Office  
Sub Committee held at Fabian Office on  
Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1910

Present. Miss Purdy (in Chair) Messrs Pease,  
Mr Shaw, Ambrose Parsons, Whybrow &  
Ernest Wilder.

A preliminary ~~After~~ discussion bearing more or less  
on the possible extension of the powers of the P.O.  
in a Socialist state ~~or~~ includes mention  
of the following points.

a. The need for better housing of P.O. employees  
in rural districts. It was suggested that  
Postmen's Federation shd be approached, &  
also that the powers of the P.P.C. as <sup>distinct</sup> opposed  
to the Office of Works & the Treasury be  
ascertained definitely.

b. The advisability of starting the P.O.D.  
system internally. Mr. Anson was  
asked to give information on this  
head.

c. The conditions of employment of P.O.  
servants. Mr. Whybrow undertook to  
prepare a report on this, after which  
it wd be decided whether any of the  
matter could be incorporated in the  
proposed tract.

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- d. International Parcel Postage
  - e. Agricultural Parcel Post
  - f. Collection of Small Debts (as in France)
  - g. Delivery of Newspapers as in Germany
  - h. Switzerland, Denmark etc.

The Secretary then read the resolution contained in the letter from the Leeds Fabian Group, which constituted the terms of agreement to this Sub-Committee by the parent Society, viz:-

and the Committee then discussed the questions of Banking and Insurance.

As regards Banking, the main difficulty in extending postal facilities seemed to be the question of current accounts, and the provision of the necessary safeguards. Also the present Insurance limits to the annual deposit, and purchase of Government Stock, were criticised. Extension favoured, and present expense and bother condemned.

As regards Insurance of industry, Accidents & Property Insurance was ~~discussed~~ favourably considered.

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Annuitants ~~might naturally be~~ ...  
the P.O. as the national pension paying authority  
but five insurance would be rather a  
matter for municipal authorities.

Full consideration of the P.O. insurance  
must be <sup>include reference to</sup> ~~include reference to~~ the publication of the  
proposed State Insurance scheme, and

? { It might also be possible to cover the  
provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act

Mr. Pease pointed out that the P.O. was a  
striking example of a great & successful  
business being carried on without capital.  
- its annual expenditure being met out  
of revenue.

Next meeting arranged for December 9<sup>th</sup>  
when Mr. Colby will speak & present his  
report on the condition of P.O. servants,  
and Mr. Pease will speak.

Miss Moly promised to classify the expenses  
advocated by Herbert Heath on his  
retirement from Parliament.

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Miss Moly

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P.O. Com<sup>e</sup> 11 Jan. 1911

Present-

Miss Murly, (in chair) J.W. Shaw, J. Polbury  
J. Frazer Wilder T. Wilson + E. R. Peace

1. The Minutes prepared by Miss Murly, were read
2. H.H. Schloesser sent- apologies  
Ambrose Parsons resigned  
S. Weybrew- apologised for absence.
3. Labour Questions Memorandum of S. Weybrew on Labour Conditions in the P.O. was read, & it was resolved  
That the Com<sup>e</sup> do not for the present take up Labour Conditions, but deal with them if they come up otherwise.
4. Administration. A long discussion on Administrative Reforms took place, & it was finally agreed that this subject be left over for the present & also dealt with incidentally if necessary. -
5. Banking. J.W. Shaw & J. Polbury were appointed a sub. Com<sup>e</sup> to prepare a memorandum on this subject.

6. Technical Management - T. Wilson was appointed  
to report on this subject. -
7. The Com<sup>ee</sup> decided to hold its next meeting  
on Thursday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.

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P. O. Council - <sup>Feb</sup> 9 ~~Jan~~ 1911

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Present Miss Murly in chair, ~~Johnston~~, J. Frazer Wilder  
T. Wilson J. W. Shaw + Secy

1 The minutes were confirmed

~~2. Apologies H. H. Sedgwick & W. J. Taylor~~

~~3. Resignation of Honorable Persons accepted.~~

2. J. W. Shaw read a paper on proposed extension of P. O. Banking, which was discussed. He was asked to make further investigations into cheque-banks & the subject was ordered to be reconsidered at a future meeting.

T. W. Shaw



Song Book Committee.

Tuesday Jan. 10. 1911. 5.30pm.

Present Miss Atkinson, Mr Wood, Miss  
Santers.

Chairman Miss Atkinson was elected to the  
Chair

Agreed that a Song book contg 100 to 150  
Songs be published at 3<sup>d</sup> unbound

Mr Wood was appointed to collect songs.

Misses T. Loring

Post Office Com<sup>tee</sup> Wed. 6 March 1911

Present, Miss Mury (in chair) Frazer Wilder, J.W. Shaw,  
G.W. Thompson, St. John Ervine, & Secy

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. The subject of Insurance was discussed.

Adjourned Meeting

Com<sup>tee</sup> Mond 28<sup>th</sup> Mar.

? Present - Thompson, Miss Mury Pease, J.W. Shaw,  
Wilder Armon, Polby.

Com<sup>tee</sup> April 30<sup>th</sup>

Present Miss Mury Pease Shaw Wilder  
Polby Thompson & Ervine

Minutes of meeting of National  
Insurance Bill Subcommittee  
held on Monday 9 Oct 1911 at 4.30 pm

Present - H.D. Harben, Mr Reeves, Mr  
G.M. Wilson Clifford & Sharp.

H.D. Harben. was elected Chairman.  
It was agreed to ask Mr Bernard  
Law to join the Committee and that Mr  
Law be co-opted.

It was decided to recommend that  
a manifesto be published against the  
Bill, and that a draft be submitted to the  
next meeting of Committee. Clifford Sharp  
agreed to draw it up.

The next meeting was fixed for  
Monday 16 Oct at 4.30 pm

Henry D. Harben

Reference to carry forward, subject to the  
approval of the Executive, the agitation against  
the National Insurance Bill in its present form,  
with instructions to ascertain the present position  
of the Labour Party & the N.A.C. of the I.L.P. in relation  
thereto.

Subcommittee Mr Wilson, Mr Reeves, Harben, Schlosser  
Sharp, with power to add



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Training of Lecturers Joint Committee.

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Meeting Wednesday November 1st. 1911.

Present: H.H.Schloesser (in chair), Mrs. Bentinck,  
Miss Atkinson, Sharp, and Sanders (E.C.),  
Gibson, Kelsey, (Nursery), and Dodd (by invitation)

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The reference of the Committee was discussed at length and the following report was decided upon:-

We have carefully considered the instruction given to us to draw up a scheme for the training of lecturers and are agreed that the following methods should be adopted. In order to test the possibilities of training an experiment should be made with a class limited to say 20 persons. They should all be accustomed to speaking and have had experience in lecturing on Socialist subjects. The class should have two courses; one in voice production and the proper use of the voice; and the other in methods of propaganda, the art of interesting an audience, preparation of lectures, the way a meeting should be run, duties of chairman &c. &c. The two courses should comprise from 10 to 12 lessons, the number of lessons to each course to be settled in consultation with the lecturers or teachers. The first course should be given by a paid professional expert who would be expected to give individual instruction and criticism to the members of the class. The second course might be undertaken by a volunteer who has a wide knowledge of propaganda work and who can impart information effectively. If such a volunteer cannot be found professional service should be obtained. Individual instruction and criticism should be also be given in the second course. We think that it would be well to make a small charge of say one shilling to each member of the class. The details of the two courses should be drawn up by the instructors in consultation with this Committee and a start made in January next. We should be instructed to approach suitable persons to take the two courses and submit names to the E. C. for appointment as early as possible.

We therefore recommend:-

(a) That a class for the training of lecturers on lines similar to those sketched above be commenced in January next; that the charge for the class be one shilling; that the number of the class be limited to 20.

(b) That the Training of Lecturers Committee be empowered to submit names of suitable persons as instructors for the class and to draw up details of instruction &c and generally to manage be responsible for the class.

Henry H. Schloesser

Training of Lecturers Joint Comtee  
Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 1912

Meeting 11th. December 1911.

Present: Schloesser (in chair), Dodd, Mabel Atkinson,  
Gibson, Pease and (in part) Sanders.

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It was agreed to recommend:

- 1.- That Mrs. Manson, of Garden Suburb, L.C.C. Teacher of Voice Production, a Socialist and interested in the scheme, be engaged for 6 lessons (unless she considers more necessary) at her price, 10/6 per lesson = £3.3.0.
- 2.- That Graham Wallas be asked to give one lecture on the Psychology of Propaganda and be offered £2.2.0
- 3.- That Sanders give 5 lectures on the practice of propaganda.
- 4.- That the lectures be held at the Fabian Office.
- 5.- That the fee be 1/- for the whole
- 6.- That the class be limited to 30.
- 7.- That it be advertised in "Fabian News" and the "Labour Leader", with the statement that preference will be given to members of the F. S. and I.L.P.

H. H. Schloesser  
Chairman.

Post Office Com<sup>ee</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7 1912

Present Miss Murey, Pease, Potbury & St. J. Ervine.

Miss Murey Submitted Report which was read & discussed.



# Special Com<sup>e</sup> on Internal Policy

Meeting Thursday Jan 9, 1911 at 5.30.

Present H. D. Harben, Miss Murk, Sharp, for the Exec.  
H. F. Schluesser, Dr. Phillips + Ervine for the F.R.C.  
Pease + Sanders, ex. officio.

Absent Dodd, still abroad, + Davies for the Exec.  
Allen for the F. R. C.

1. H. D. Harben was elected chairman.
2. a discussion on the memorandum followed, + certain conclusions were arrived at provisionally.
3. The Com<sup>e</sup> resolved to meet again on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> (Tues) at 5 pm. & that the following meeting may be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 5 pm.

Henry D. Harben

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Special Com<sup>ee</sup> on Internal Policy

Meeting Tues. 30 Jan. 1912

Present: Harben (in chair) Miss Mary Sharp, Schlosser, Dr.  
M. Phillips, Irvine, Dodd, Peace, Sanders.

Absent: Allen, Davis.

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Further discussion followed, & the Secy was ordered to obtain an estimate from Standing for a 2 page ~~page~~ sheet for correspondence in Fabian news.
3. The Com<sup>ee</sup> resolved to meet again at 5 pm on Monday Feb. 5, & to sit after dinner in the evening.

Henry S. Harben

Special Com<sup>ee</sup> on Internal Policy,  
Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1911 at 5.30 to 9.30

Present Schlosser, Mr Dr. Marion Phillips &  
Irvine: Miss Mury, Sharp, Davies,  
Dodd, & Harben (Chairman),  
Peace & Sanders Secs.

- 1 The Minutes were read.
2. The Sec<sup>y</sup> reported that Standring's estimate for a separate sheet with the news for correspondence was £ 3.10 to £ 3.15.
3. Memorandum on proposed Fiction Council, drafted by Sharp was considered.
- 4 The preliminary discussion of the Reform Com<sup>ee</sup> memorandum was concluded.
5. The Com<sup>ee</sup> adjourned to 19<sup>th</sup> Feb at 5.30.

Henry D. Harben



# Special Com<sup>tee</sup> on Internal Policy Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1912 at 5.30pm

Present Harben, in chair, Miss Murg, Sharp, Todd, Ervine,  
Dr. Phillips Schlosser - + the Secs. Sanders + Peace

1. The minutes were confirmed.
2. Letter from Miss Atkinson was submitted.
3. A number of proposals were then voted on:-
  - a. That six delegates to the Labour Party Conference be elected at the Annual Conference.  
For 3. Against 4.
  - (b) That the Conference be held in time (say the middle of Nov<sup>r</sup>) to discuss the Labour Party Conference agenda. -  
For 3. Against 2.-
  - (c) That Bye Elections be held when there is a vacancy on the Exec.  
For 3. Against 4 (Chairman's vote)
  - (d) That notice be inserted in F. News asking for nominations for Labour Party Delegates  
Carried.
  - (e) That the Exec. be authorised to issue tracts in the name of the Society after submitting resolutions or principles to the members' meeting.

(7) That arrangements be made for Election Addresses  
For Executive Elections

For 3. against 4.

(8) That the standing order for secrecy be  
abolished.

Carried

(9) That the right to circularise members  
be admitted.

For 3. against 4. -

4. It was agreed that the Chairman draft  
& circulate the Report, & only call  
another meeting of the Comtee, if  
differences of opinion as to the report  
justify him in so doing.

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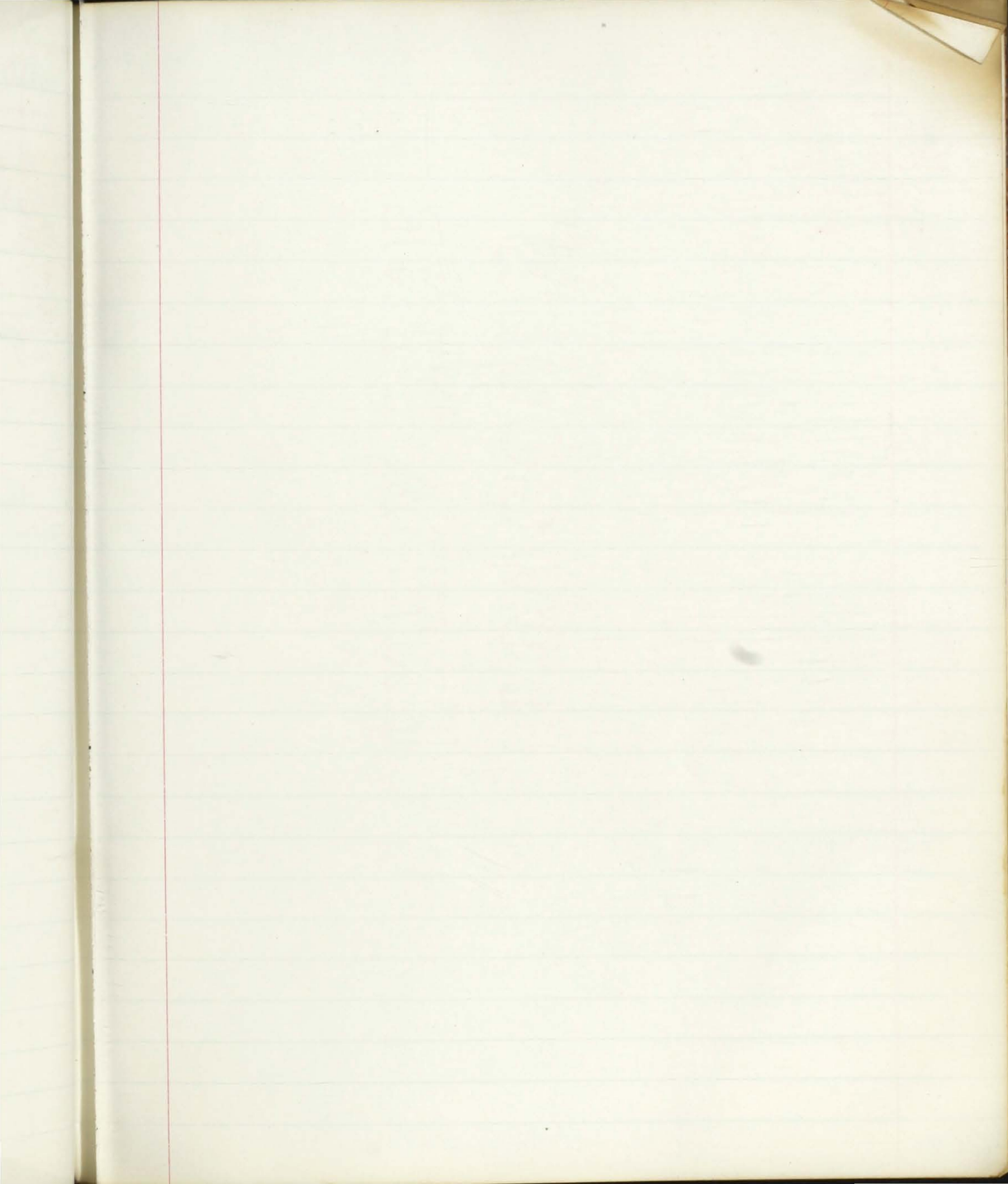
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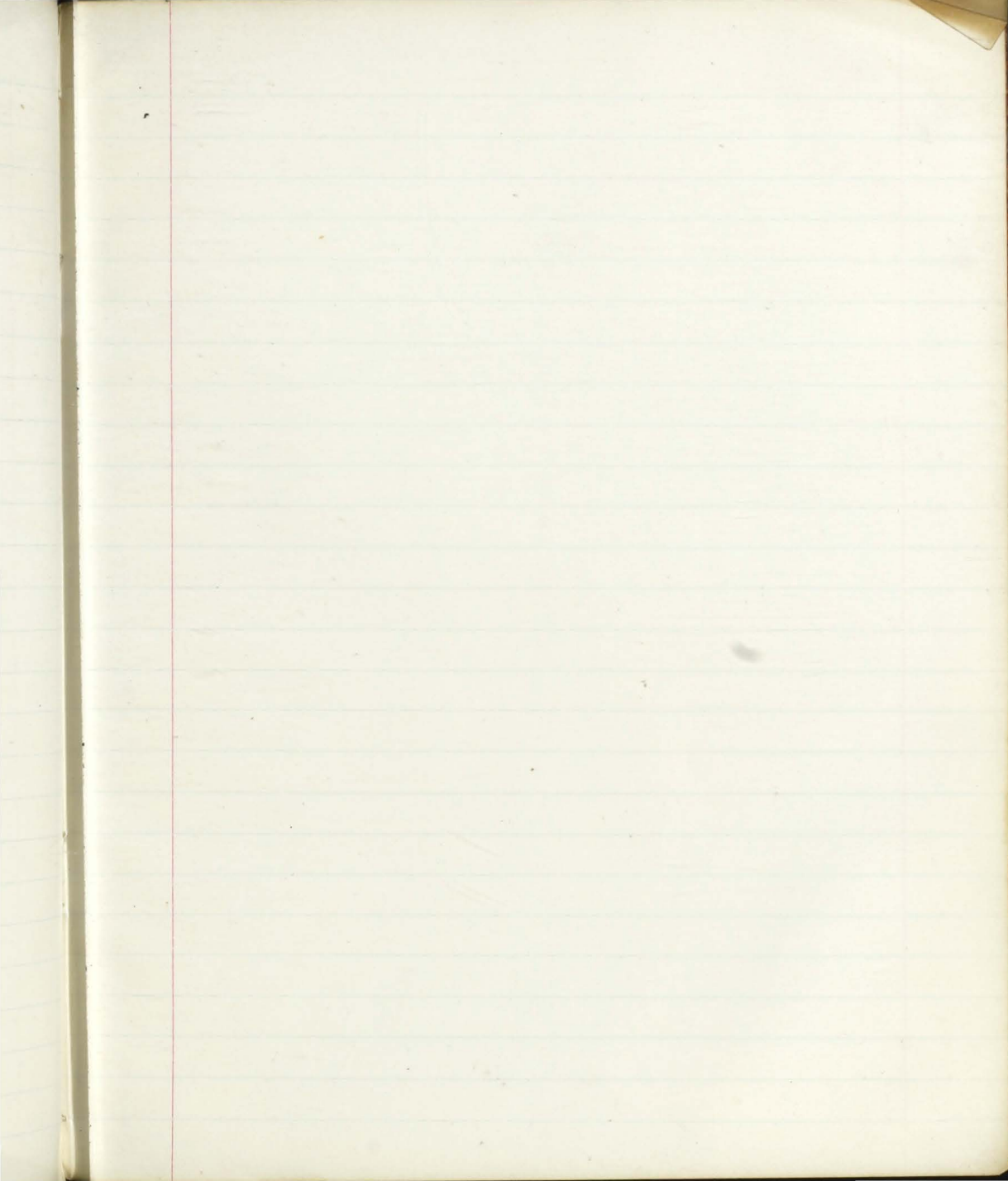
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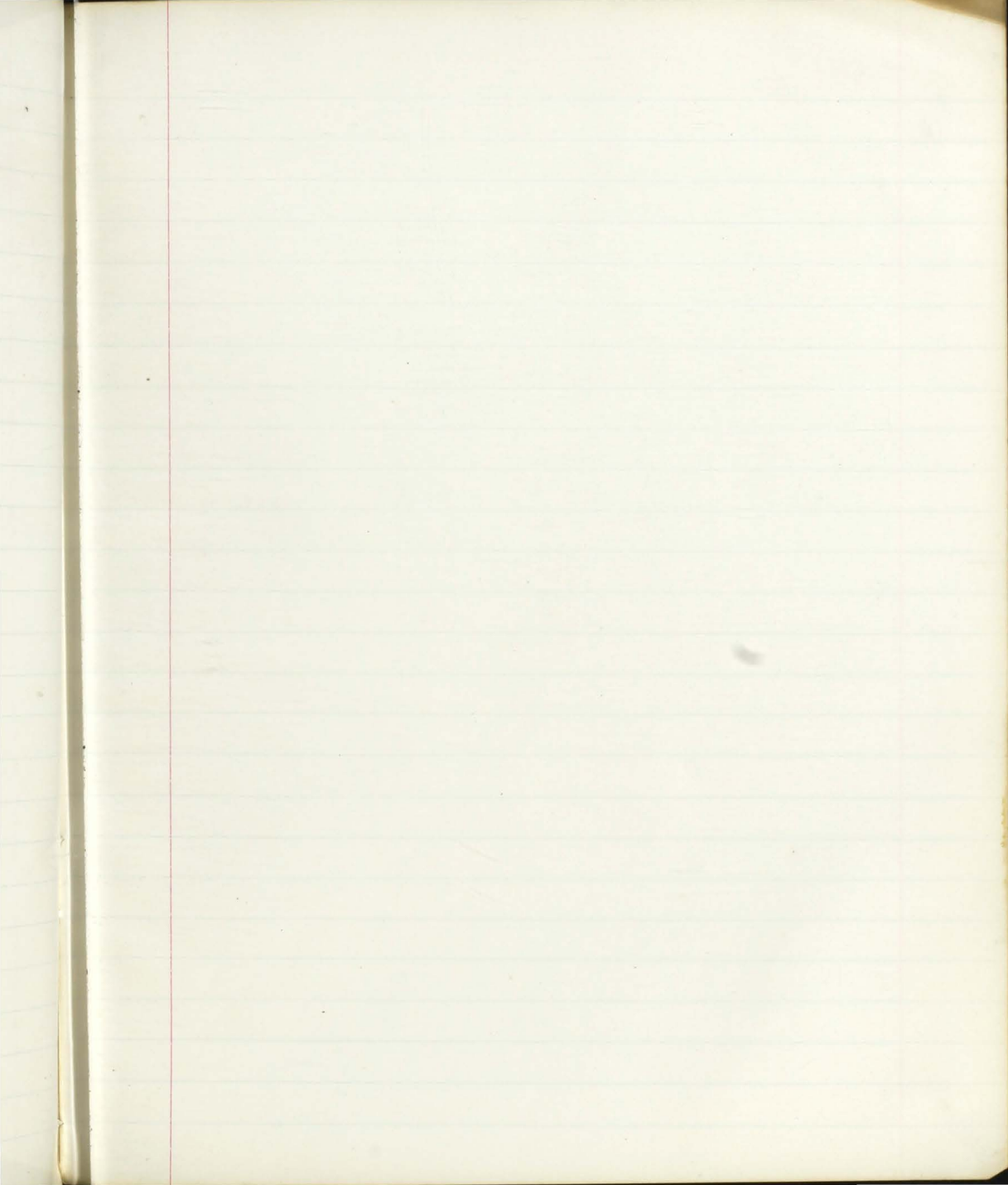






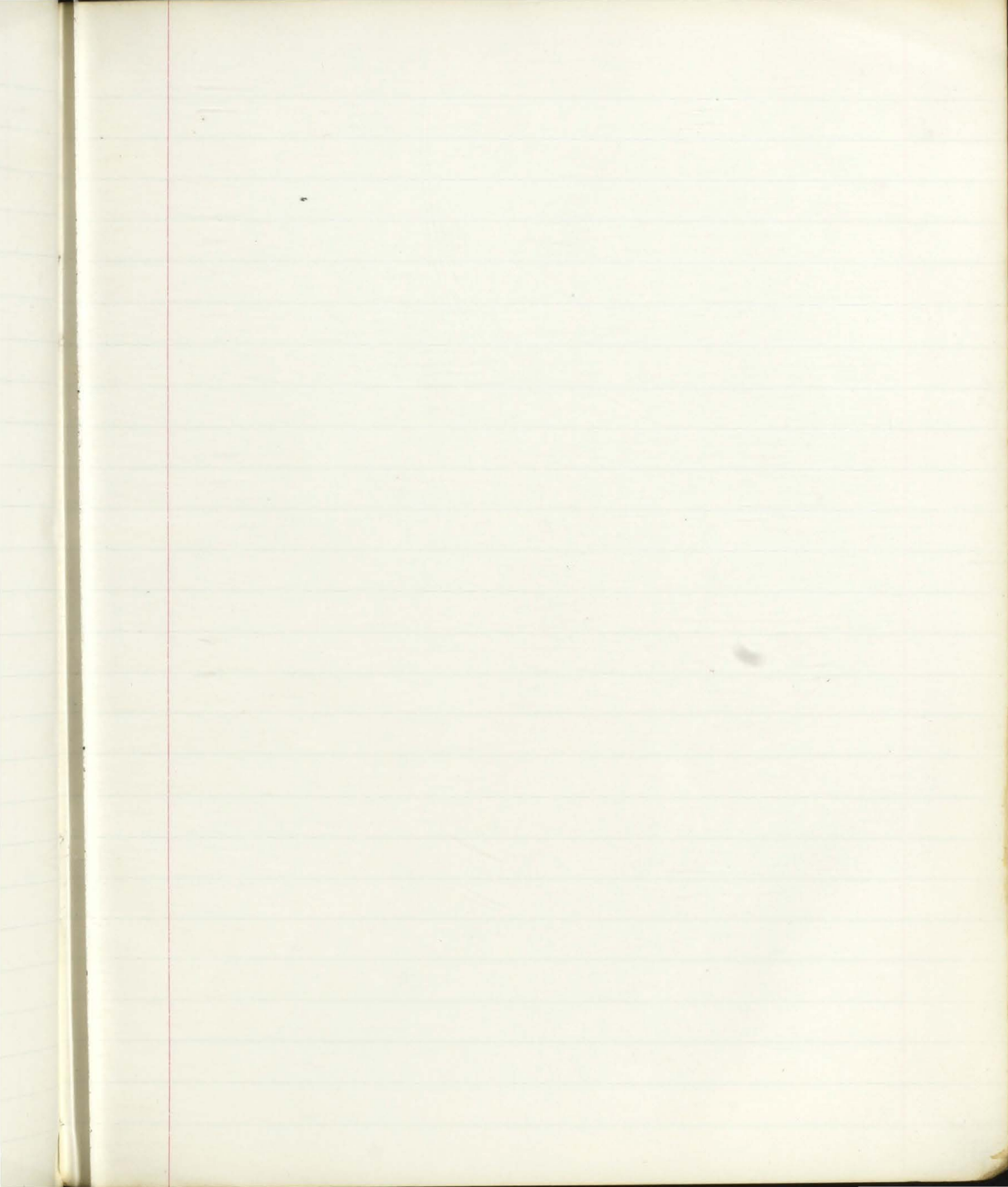






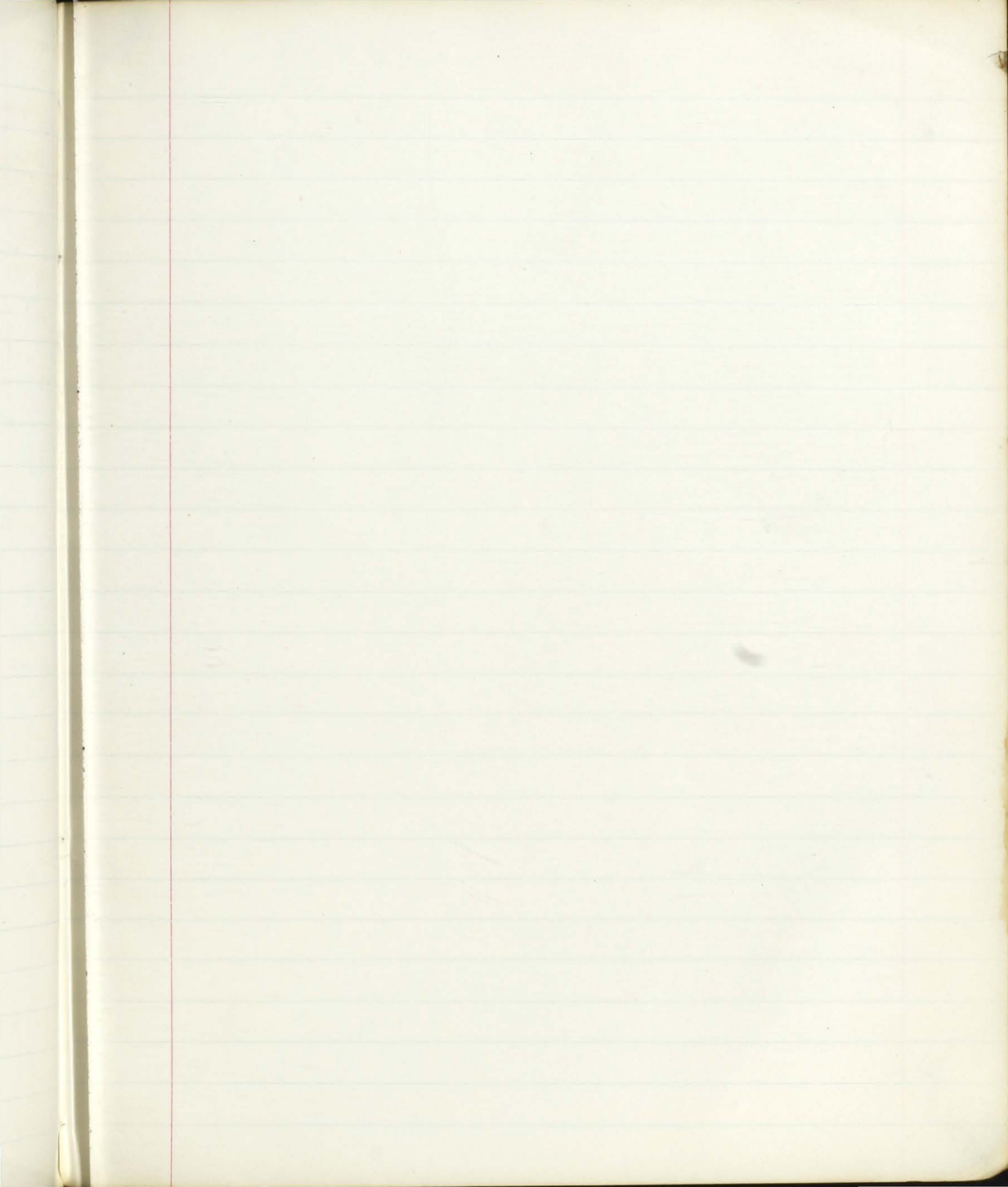




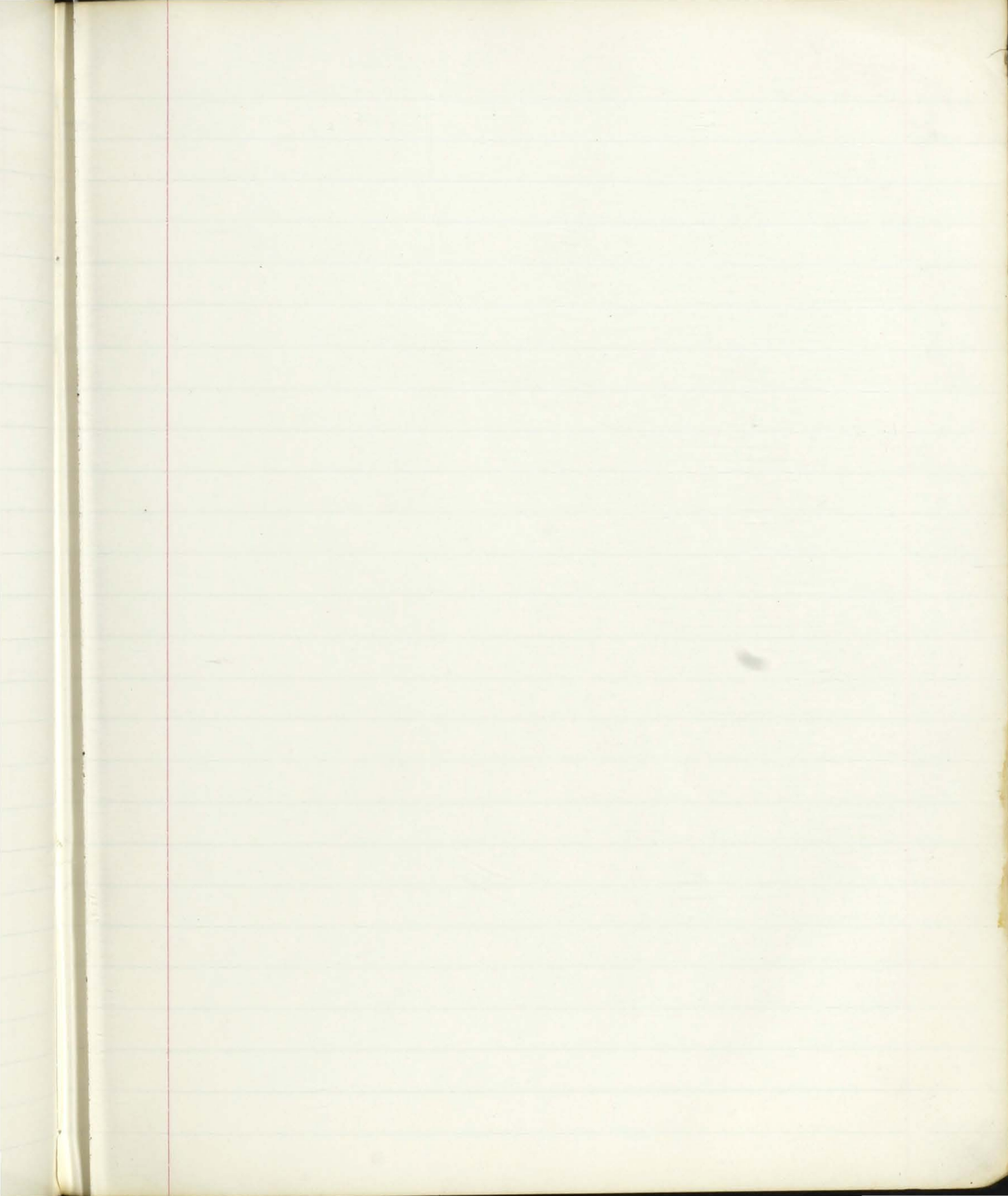








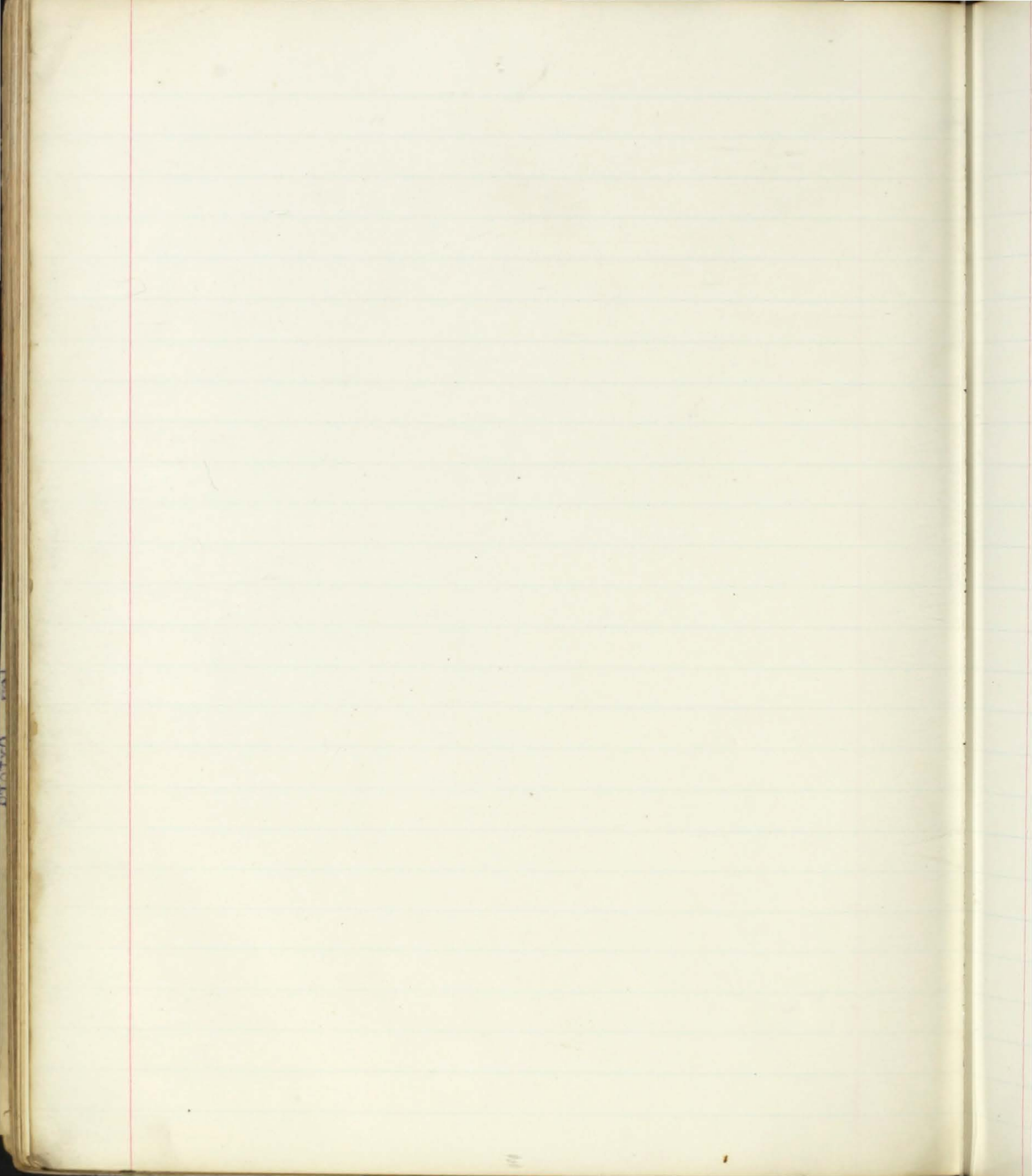




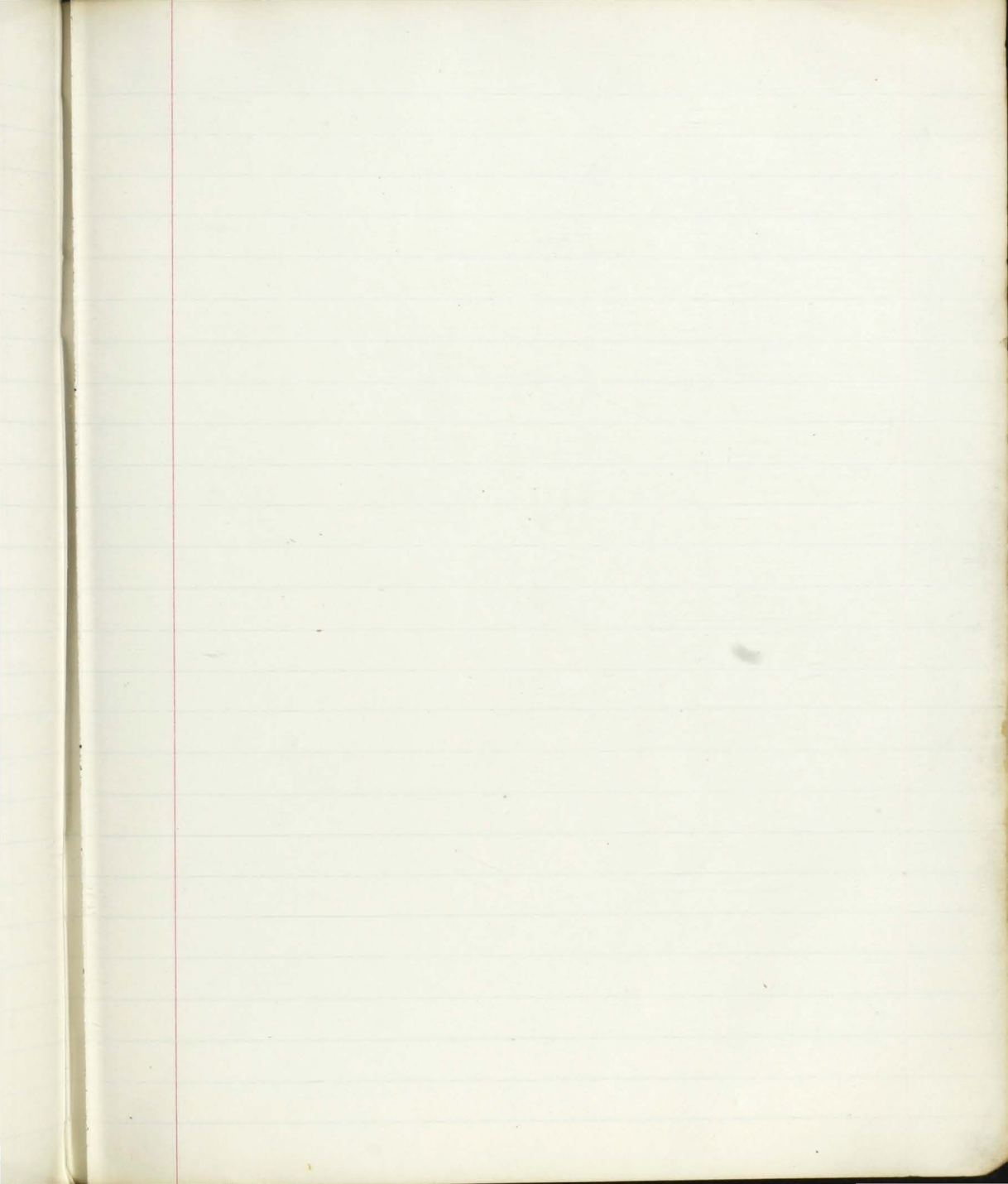




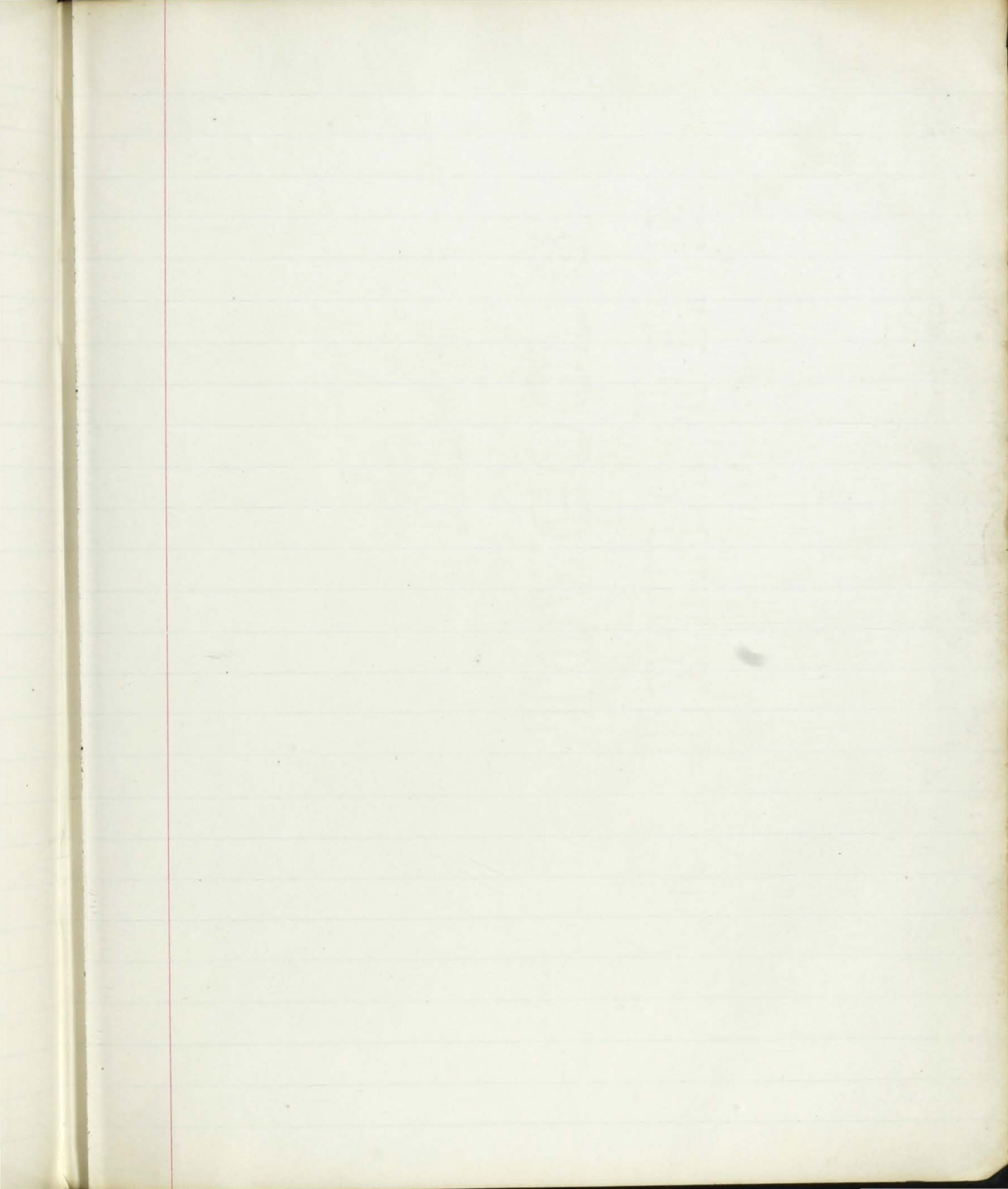
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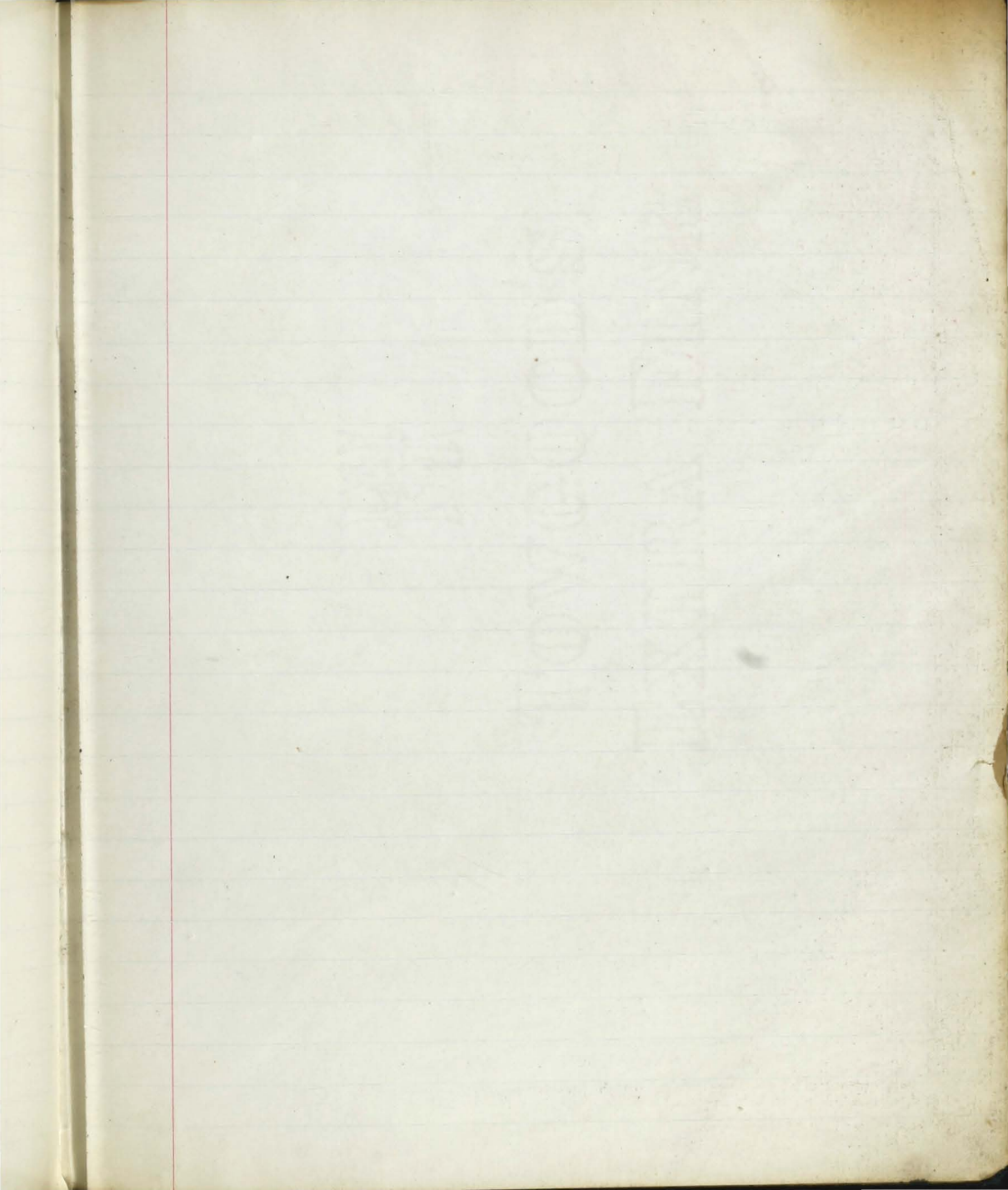












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