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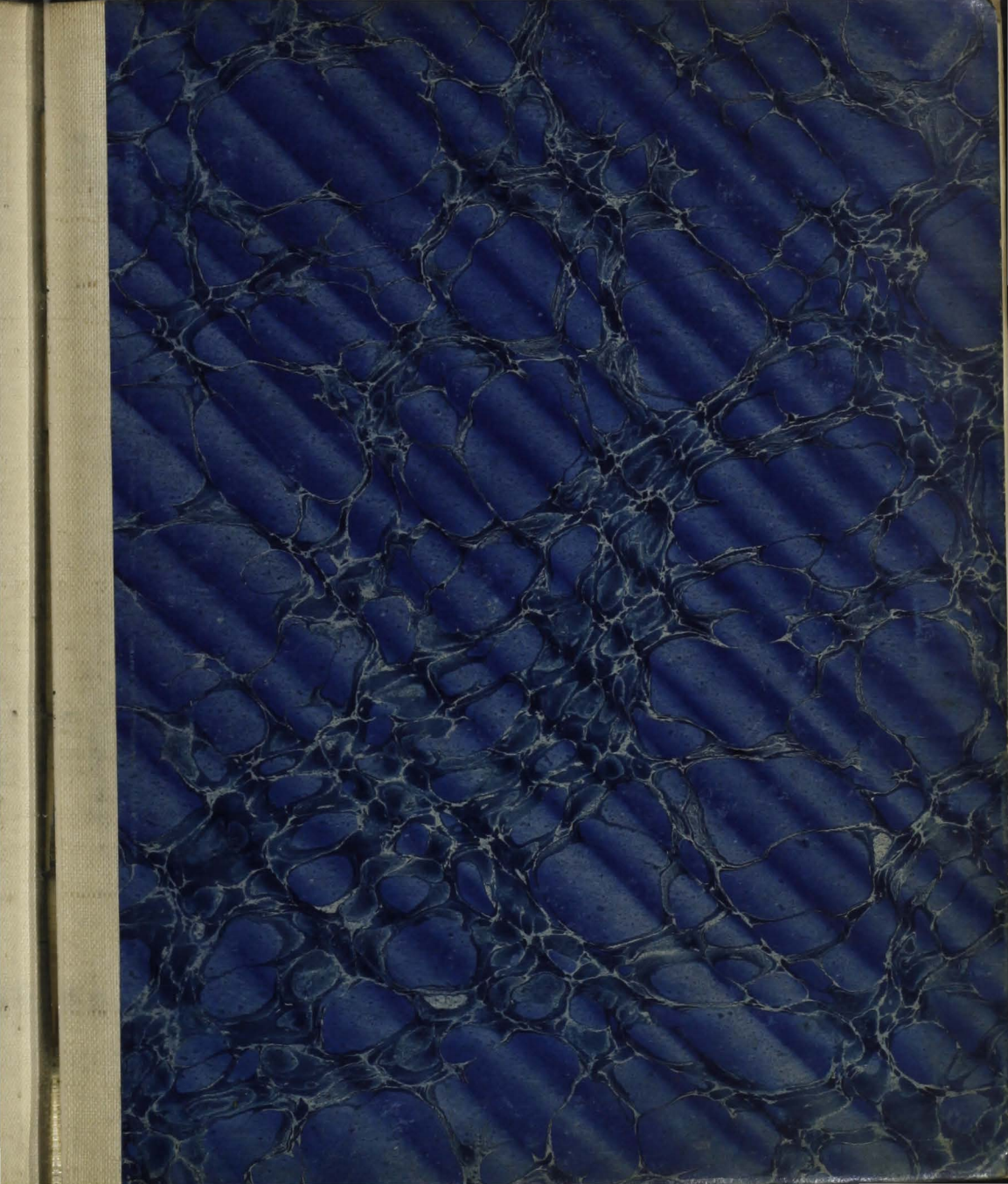
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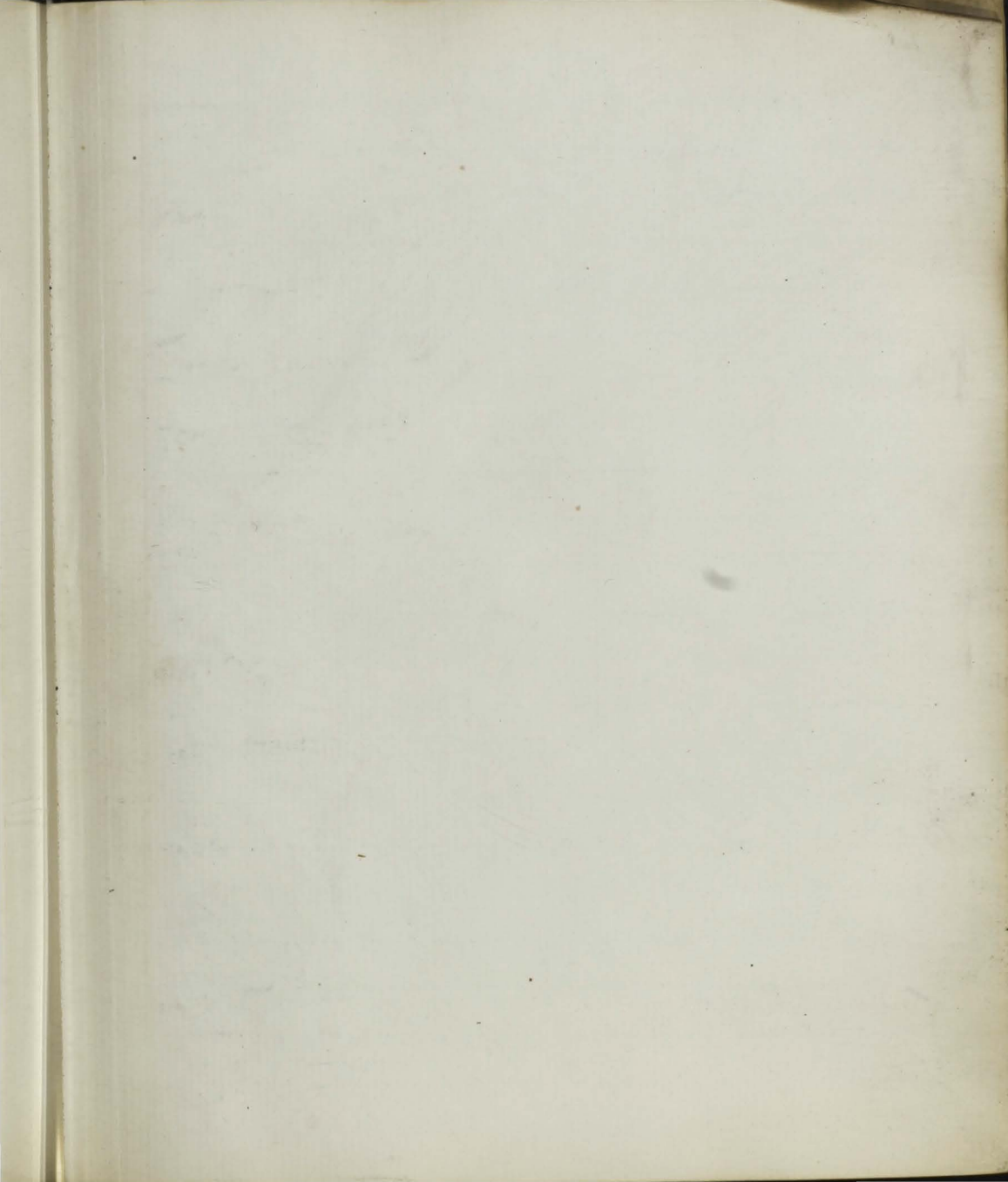
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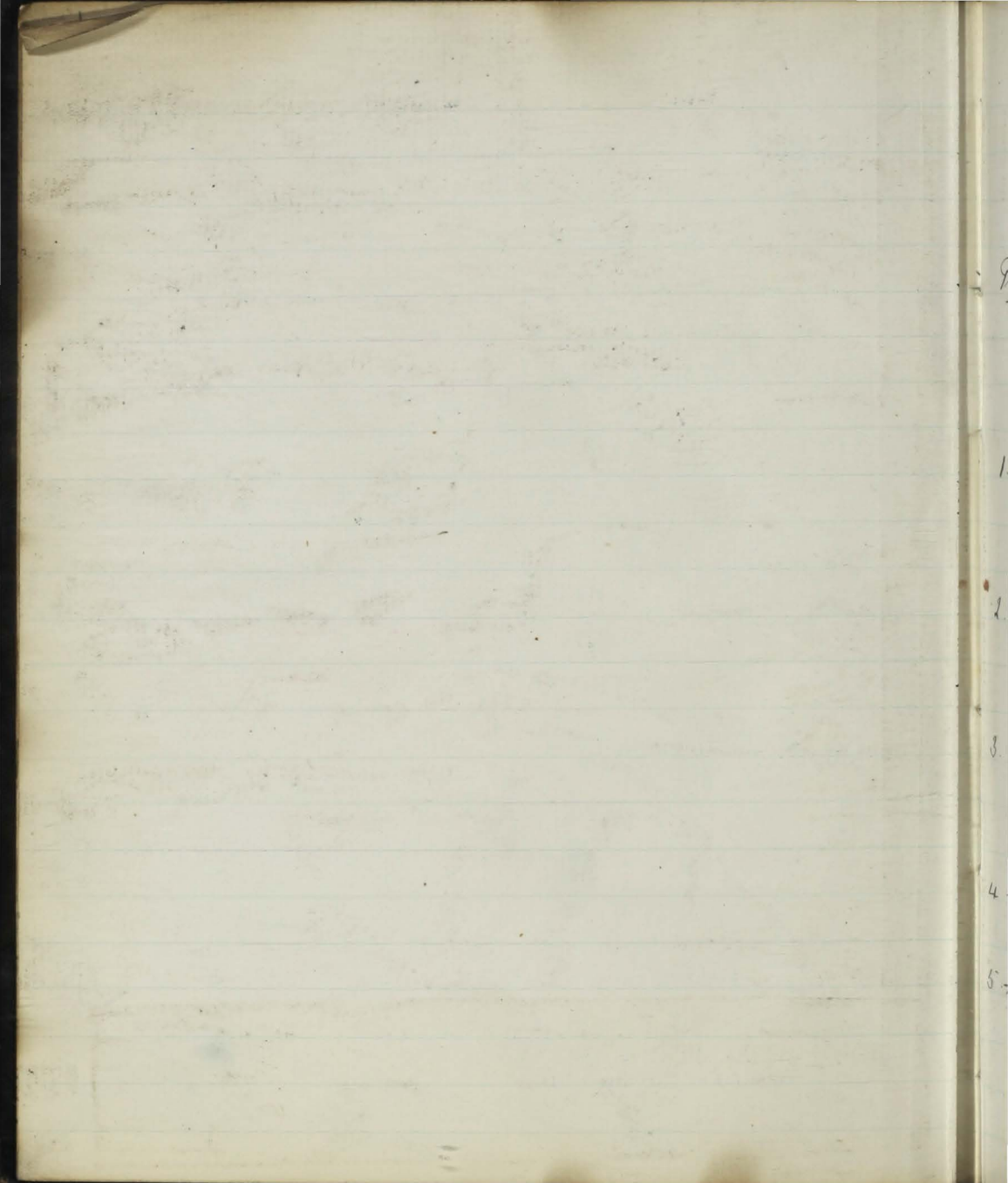
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Finance & Committee
First meeting of new Committee 1922-23
Friday 23rd June 1922

Present - Dodd, Humphreys, Haski,
Pease and Galton, secretary
(Also Mrs Lawrence - non member)
Dodd was elected to the chair.

1. Minutes - of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - were received from Davis, Rutchiffe and Webb.
3. Chair - Webb was re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
4. Meetings - Agreed that the Committee do meet on Fridays at 5 pm.

5. Finance

Report to 31st May.	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1921.</u>
Sales of Literature.	£200	£184.
Members subscriptions	£184	£244
Other "	£14	£22
Book Box Fees.	£6	£8
Hire of Hall	£5	£13

The report was received.

6. Membership.

- (a) May candidates to be elected (4), Last year (15)
(b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss M. Salmond,	London,	1917	5/-1921.	No time to take part and lost interest.
L. S. Sadasna,	London,	1921	10/-1921.	Returning to Siam.

The four candidates were elected and the two resignations accepted.

7. Autumn Lectures at Kings Hall. Course on "Can Labour Govern".? Arrangements to date as follows.

Oct. 13th.	Rt. Hon. A. Henderson.	Foreign Policy.
" 20th.	Sidney Webb.	Commerce and Industry.
" 27th.	Hugh Dalton.	The National Finances.
Nov. 3rd.	Vacant.	(Civil Service, etc.)
" 10th.	Vacant.	(Education)
17th.	G. Bernard Shaw.	Can anyone Govern?

Tawney and Wallas decline. Other suggestions to be considered and settled. Chairmen to be considered and panel arranged, etc.

After discussion, agreed that the following be invited in order named, viz:-

1. H. J. Wells (if adopted as candidate for London Univ).
2. Dr Temple.
3. Lord Haldane. (Education)
4. Ray-ford Thomson (Army).
5. Sir S. Osier (Colonies)

For Chairmen, the following have agreed to, viz

- 1. Wedgwood & Co. Clunes.
- 2. Mrs Lawrence^{no} (copy money) ✓
- 3. Mrs Lawrence (agreed)
- 4. Ind Haldane & Davis ✓
- 5. Mrs Webb & Davis ✓
- 6. St J. Evrard & J. C. Squire

8. Book Box Circular. Demand for boxes now very small. Necessary to issue circular again this autumn. To be considered and action authorised.

Agreed that circular be revised and application invited from organisations not directly affiliated to Labour Party.

9. Jonathan Cape, Publisher, offering:

- (a) To sell moulds of Pease's "History of the F.S." for £10.
- (b) To reprint 1,000 copies of Shaw's "Commonsense of Municipal Trading and cover for £30.

Agreed to recommend Executive to accept both offers. Shaw's Commonsense to be published at 1/6 net.

10. Garden City Press. Estimate for reprinting Robson's "Patronage to Proficiency". To be reconsidered.

In view of cessation of demand agreed to recommend Executive not to reprint this booklet.

11. Correspondence.

- (a) Various suggestions made at Annual meeting to be considered. Letter from W. C. Clippingdale thereon.
- (b) J. W. Robertson Scott - desiring reply in "Fabian News" to review of his book in last issue.
- (c) Miss Dawson, suggesting propaganda on behalf of the Co-operative Movement.
- (d) V. H. Collins - asking us to offer free to members copies of the late C. B. Wheeler's book "Wedges".
- (e) J. T. Whitehead re the small poll at Executive election.
- (f) James J. Dodd, re his Parliamentary candidature for S. Hereford.
- (g) H. D. Harrison re revival of the Birmingham University F. S.
- (h) Liverpool F. S. asking for lecturer.
- (i) Dr. Paraschivesco, Bucarest, asking permission to translate Wells' "This Misery of Boots".
- (j) E. Raband, Paris, asking help, financial or otherwise for Workers Study Circle, Paris.

(a) Considered - agreed to recommend Executive to invite Nursery to appoint a member to serve on Finance Committee.

(b) Consult Webb and publish if he agrees.

(c) Refer to Executive. (d) Agree. (e) Reply approved.

(f) Noted. (g) Noted. (h) Laski offered to lecture during +mas vacation. (i) Agree. (j) Reply sympathetically & refer to W. E. A.

The meeting then adjourned

Stoney Webb

Finance & Committee
Friday 21st July 1922

Present - Webb (Chair) Davies, Humphreys,
Pease, Ratcliffe and Galton, secretary
(also ~~was~~ Webb, non-member).

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Among these from it was agreed to add to recommendation to the Executive re purchase of Gould's of Pease's History of the F.S. that when the purchase is settled steps be taken to reprint the volume with a new chapter by Pease bringing it up to date.

2. Apologies - none.

3. Finance:-

Report to 30th June.	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1921.</u>
Sales of Literature.	£276	£278
Members subscriptions.	£245	£292
Other "	£20	£28
Book Box Fees.	£9	£18
Hire of Hall	£12	£23

The report was considered satisfactory and was received.

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Membership.

- (a) ~~May~~ ^{June} candidates to be elected (3), last year (8)
(") Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss Carol F. Gibb,	London.	1914	5/-	1921. Leaving London.
Bernard Gilbert.	London.	1906	10/6	1918. Re Summer School.
Mrs. K. Heady.	Herts.	1916	5/-	1920. Cannot afford to continue.

The candidates were elected, and the three resignations accepted.

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Autumn Lectures at Kings Hall. Arrangements for course "Can Labour Govern?" nearly complete as follows:-

<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
October 13th. Vacant. (Brig:Gen: Thomson invited)	Lord Haldane to be asked.
" 20th. Sidney Webb.	Ald. A. Emil Davies, L.C.C.
" 27th. J. R. Clynes, M.P.	Mrs. Sidney Webb
November 3rd. A. Henderson, M.P.	Col. Wedgwood, M.P.
" 10th. Hugh Dalton.	Miss Susan Lawrence, L.C.C.
" 17th. Bernard Shaw.	St. John Ervine.

Received and approved. For the vacant date the proposed arrangements were approved; feeling them too high ^{or} Welsh and Mrs Bondfield. He asked to lecture in the order named. For Chair, feeling Lord Haldane, Gen S. Olivier or Lord Russell suggested.

It was agreed to recommend the Executive accordingly, and that all other arrangements as to prices of tickets &c &c be the same as those adopted last year.

- 6. Sara Hall Trust. Arrangements for publication of series of six tracts on co-operation, and for six Conferences thereon in Autumn and Winter to be considered and recommendation made to the Executive Committee thereon.

Agreed to recommend Executive to authorize the meetings & publications.

- 7. Secretary to report that after consulting Chairman he agreed to let temporary use of hall as office to the reorganised Civil Service Union for a month, on weekly tenancy only, at 20/- per week. Four weeks expire on July 28th and possible renewal to be considered.

After discussion agreed that notice to terminate the arrangement be given to the C. S. Union forthwith and the tenancy terminated at the end of July.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Watford Labour Church - want speakers. Fee and expenses offered.
- (b) Central Y. M. C. A. want speaker. Fee offered.
- (c) Allen and Unwin re Book on British Labour Party and Foreign and Imperial Policy.

(d) Ellis Lloyd re Parliamentary Candidature S. Wales

(e) Suggest Ratcliffe, Treblein, Col Williams & others

(a) Ditto - offer anyone willing to go if
desired.

(c) Declined. (d) Refer to Equator Lake

The meeting then adjourned
Sidney Webb

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Finance Committee
22nd Sept. 1922.

Present: Webb (Chair) Dodd, Humphrey, Laski,
Pease, Stevens and Galton, secretary
(also Mrs Webb - non-member).

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

2. Apology. for absence was received from Davies.

3. Finance. (Usual statement not available as Miss Gibson away on holiday. Present position - Overdraught repaid and cash balance about £100. No accounts due and outstanding except Standing, and some Summer School matters not cleared up.)

After discussion the statement was received and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

- (a) July candidates to be elected (5), last year (5)
August do. do. (9), last year (2)
(b) Resignations - None.

The candidates were all elected.
and it was noted that there were
no resignations.

5. Kings Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete. Syllabus in course of issue. Cash receipts to date about £200. Advertisements in press to be considered and authorised. Publication of lectures to be considered.

Received and considered satisfactory. Edvts in New Statesman allowed and Secretary authorised to do more if considered necessary. As to publication agreed we cannot undertake it and that the Labour Party be allowed to publish the lectures if they so desire.

6. Summer Schools 1922. Both very successful. Accounts incomplete, but Priors Field should yield a good profit; probably a small loss at Heathfield.

Received. Discussion and consideration deferred till more details are available.

7. Winter lectures at Essex Hall. To be considered and recommendation thereon made to Executive. Some suggestions received and others invited.

Agreed to recommend that Essex Hall be taken as usual for alternate Sundays Jan'y to April excluding Easter. That Prof. Gilbert Murray's offer be accepted - date to be selected by him; and that Col. Williams be asked to lecture on India and J. L. Cohen on Unemployment Insurance.

Other lecturers suggested included, Sir A. Newsholme, Ernest Barker (King's Coll), Norman Angel, Hamilton Fyfe, and J.C. Hobson (Dodd to write him). Also suggested some lectures on Socialism in other countries, including Davies on Czechoslovakia, Lucret on Roumania & also J.H. Hammond to be asked to lecture. (The Nursery to arrange some speakers in debate)

8. Parliamentary Bye-election Fund. Holford Knight (member) adopted as Labour Candidate for bye-election at S. Hackney in August. Secretary to report that in response to request and after consulting and obtaining approval of the three trustees of the fund he sent a grant of £50 towards expenses. To be approved.

The action was approved.

(9) Correspondence.

- (a) London Labour Party - re Borough Council elections in November.
- (b) Communist Party of Gt. Britain - re Turkey and the Near Eastern Question.
- (c) A. P. Watt on behalf of H. G. Wells asking permission to include This Misery of Boots in new edition de luxe of Wells books.
- (d) London Co-operative Society - re arrangements for us to act as their agent for sale of books &c.
- (e) Chelmsford Discussion Society wanting speaker.
- (f) H. M. Hyndman Memorial Committee appeal for funds for memorials &c.
- (g) Warwick and Leamington Labour Party - re candidate.

a & b. Received. (c) agreed and approved (d) approved. (e) Ask Col Williams & Nursery (f) Put note in Fabian News. (g) Ask Col Williams & Nursery to write
 The meeting then adjourned.
 Hammond 24.11.22

Finance & Committee
Friday 24th November 1922.

Present - DAVIS, DODD, HUMPHREYS, RATCHIFF,
PLASE, and GULSTON, secretary

Chair - Dodd was voted to the Chair.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apology - An apology was received from
Webb (Chairman) away at Durham.

3. Finance. Report to 31st Oct.	1922.	1921.
Sales of Literature.	£513	£573
Members subscriptions.	499	567
Other "	41	56
Book Box Fees.	24	45
Hire of Hall.	26	46

(Financial statement not available at present, but all grants to candidates and all accounts due paid, except Standing and two or three small items on Summer Schools account. We sold our War Bond £150 to meet Election Fund expenses and there is an overdraft at bank also. Full details will be given next month.)

After discussion the Report was
received and considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

- (a) October candidates to be elected (6), last year (14)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
C. H. Barker	Glapham.	1907.	7/6 1921	None.
R. G. Cross	Ireland,	1907	63/- 1921	None.
Dr. Percy Dearmer	London,	1890	5/- 1922	Becomes Assoc:
James Forgie,	Newcastle.	1892	21/- 1922	None.
Mrs. M. Hermon,	Liskeard,	1889	21/- 1920	" (control etc
F. Gurney Salter,	London,	1906	21/- 1922	Agnst Government
Cecil J. Wray.	London.	1918.	20/- 1922	Becomes Assoc:

(a) The candidates were elected
 (b) The resignations were accepted
 except Cross & Forgie to be written to again.

5. Kings Hall Lectures concluded. Very successful in spite of changes, etc. due to election. Receipts £590. Expenses about £300. Sales of Literature £27. Shall we take the Hall again at once for next Autumn?

Received and approved. Agreed that Kings Hall to be taken for next year at once.

6. Winter Lectures at Essex Hall. Arrangements to date as follows:-

Jan: 12th.	J. L. Cohen, M.A.	Social Insurance.
" 26th.	Lt. Col. Williams.	India.
Feb. 9th.	Vacant.	
" 23rd.	H. Finer, M.Sc.,	Germany's experiment in an Industrial Parliament.
Mar. 9th.	Hamilton Fyfe.	The Manufacture of Public Opinion by the Press.
" 23rd.	Vacant.	
Apr. 13th.	Prof. Gilbert Murray	The League of Nations.
" 27th.	Vacant.	

Received and approved. Agreed to ask one of the new M.P.'s or two from Warrington for one vacant date and ask one later one other for the vacant.

7. Parliamentary Election Fund. Receipts £1365, including the £150 subscribed to first appeal. Grants made to about 30 candidates £1340. It was decided not to spend the balance of by-election Fund, about £150, but to carry this forward in view of probable early by elections.

*The Report was received and
acknowledged.*

8. Book Box Circular. Revised circular offering affiliation now drafted. Proof enclosed for consideration and approval. To be issued immediately.

*The circular was considered and
amended and agreed to be issued at once.*

9. Proposed dinner and reception to M.P. members. To be considered and arrangements authorised.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously:

- (1) That the dinner be held in January in the week Jan. 15 - 5 - 19. if possible.*
- (2) That it be given to the three members of the Executive elected "M.P.s"*
- (3) That a reception to the ten Fulham M.P. be arranged separately and later.*

Various suggestions were made as to place for the dinner and the Secretary instructed to obtain dates, prices & contact to Executive

10. Correspondence.

- (a) F. L. Stevens resigning from the Committee as he has left London.
- (b) Lt. Col. T.S.B. Williams - re Labour Party and policy in Palestine.
- (c) London Co-operative Society - re arrangements for sale of literature, etc.
- (d) Royal Holloway College Fabian Group asking for lecturer this term.
- (e) A. J. Thorogood, criticising the Society for merging in the Labour Party.
- (f) W. H. Spikes, complaining that the Society is not sufficiently supporting Labour Party.
- (g) Birmingham University Fabian Society - asking for speakers.

(h) Mrs Dawson - re International Congress of Women & Peace &c.

- (a) Received. Nursery to be asked to appoint a successor.
- (b) Referred to the Executive
- (c) Noted. Other Co-operation Societies to be tried.
- (d) Ask Mrs Dawson others.
- (e) Received
- (f) Received and Secretary's reply approved.
- (g) Ask them to join up with the Birmingham & S. (h) Agree that Mrs Dawson be appointed to represent the Society at the Conference.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. A. Pease

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Finance Committee

Friday 19th January 1923.

Present: - Davies, Humphreys, Pease
and Galtun, Secretary.

Chair - Pease was voted to the Chair.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Abolition - for absences were received from Dodd, Ratchiff and Webb.
Ratchiff wrote that he was going to America for six months and it was agreed that leave of absence from the Committee to him accordingly.
3. Cookham: - The Fabian Society nominated Mrs E. M. Gladwell to serve on this Committee in place of Stevens, resigned. It was agreed that Mrs Gladwell be coopted a member accordingly.

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4. Finance. Report to 31st Dec. 1922. 1921.

Sales of Literature.	702	760
Members subscriptions.	612	687
Other "	60	129
Book Box Fees.	34	72
Hire of Hall	44	52

(Present Position. Bank overdraft about £150. All accounts due paid except Staffing. With care and economy we may be able to do without raising more cash by sale of investments, but the bank overdraft must in that case be continued).

The report was received and considered satisfactory. After consultation it was agreed to recommend the Executive to sell the old £610 of an £1610, 3 1/2% Conversion loan stock.

5. Membership.

- (a) November candidates (6) and December candidates (6) were passed for election by Pease and Galton. To be approved.
- (b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Shaw Desmond.	London.	1908.	5/- 1921.	No longer a Socialist.
Eris Farmer.	!	1920	20/- 1920	Economy.
Dr. T.M.Glen.	Barnoldswick	1918	42/- 1922	None.
Miss R. Moore.	Golders Grn.	1906	5/- 1922	None.
G. R. Morden.	Hampstead.	1919	5/- 1921	Too busy, etc.
H. S. Polak.	London.	1918	21/- 1922	None.
W.W.Richardson.	Winchmore Hill.	1919	10/- 1921	Left London.
J. G. Stewart.	Letchworth.	1912.	15/- 1921	None.

(a) The action was approved and adopted

(b) The resignations were accepted except
D' Glen and H. S. Folak to whom the
Secretary was directed to write again

6. Winter Lectures at Essex Hall. Arrangements complete - as follows:-

Jan. 26th.	"The Problem of India"	Lt.Col.T.S.B.Williams.
Feb. 9th.	"Some Impressions of America"	St. John. G. Ervine.
" 23rd.	"Germany's Experiment in an Industrial Parliament"	H. Finer, M.Sc.
Feb. 9th.	"The manufacture of Public Opinion by the Press"	Hamilton Fyfe.
" 23rd.	(Subject to be announced later)	H. N. Brailsford.
Apr. 13th.	"The League of Nations"	Prof. Gilbert Murray.
" 27th.	"What should be the Fabian policy towards Eastern Nationalism?"	Prof. Arnold Toynbee.

Chairman for Col. Williams - Mrs. Webb.
Chairmen for Ervine and Finer required.

Approved. Chairman for Ervine - agreed to ask
J.C. Squire; Desmond MacCarthy and G. E. Davis in
add named. In Finer Wallas and failing
him Secretary Webb.

7. New Book. "Decay of Capitalist Civilisation" by S. and B. Webb.
Suggested copy should be sent to each of the Labour M.P.s
offering supply at reduced terms for distribution to
prominent supporters, etc. To be considered.

Agreed to recommend Executive that
this be done as suggested - terms
offered to cover cost at least

8. Labour Research Department. Question of an affiliation thereto to be considered and recommendation made to the Executive thereon.

Agreed to recommend Executive that the R.D. be informed that list is incorrect as we are not affiliated, and requested to remove our name from the list accordingly.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) W. A. Robson - resigning post as Local Government Adviser on leaving for six months lecturing tour in U.S.A.
- (b) J. M. Fells - joined as an associate. Interesting letter.

(a) accepted - to be referred to the Executive

(b) Received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Simon Webb

Webb.
M.P.S

Finance & Committee

Friday 23rd February 1923

Present :- Webb (Chair) Dodd, Miss Sidwell,
Humphreys, Pease, & Jackson Secretary

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

2. Apology for absence from Davis who had
gone to Huelhead in the Summer school.

3. Finance Report to 31st. January.

	1923.	1922.
Sales of Literature.	789	827
Members Subscriptions.	812	884
Other Subscriptions.	85	141
Book Box Fees.	39	23
Hire of Hall.	50	59

The Report was received & approved and
considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

- (a) January Candidates (37) Last Year (9) To be elected.
- (b) Resignations - None.

The 37 candidates were all elected.

Essex Hall Meetings. Chairmen required for
 March 9th. "The Manufacture of Public Opinion by the Press".
 Lecturer. Hamilton Fyffe.

March 23rd. "The International Scene and the Class Struggle"
 Lecturer. H. N. Brailsford.

1. Lunt (a) Lansbury. (b) Mackie
2. Lunt (a) Junt. (b) Mrs Pictor Turnbull
 C. Harry Snell.

6. New Book. Decay of Capitalist Civilisation.
 1st. Edition, 3600 copies almost sold out. Reprint to be
 considered. Suggestion that circular be issued to Trade
 Union Branches etc. offering copies at special cheap rate.
 to be considered and if so decided details settled.

Recommend. Open a reprint of 3600 a
 20 copies to extend at once as per Clark's
 Estimate, about £140. 3000 to be paper and
 the old 600 a 20 cloth. Send offer to
 T. W. D., Labour Parties, S.L.P. & N.L.T. Branches
 offering copies (paper) at 1/8 each postage
 & d extra; a 12 for £1 carriage paid
 if in one parcel.

• Fabian Education Group. Application for grant, say £5, to cover
 preliminary expenses of restarting the Group. To be
 considered and recommendation made thereon.

Recommend Executive not to make grant
 but to offer to pay expenses of special
 lectures etc.

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8. Correspondence.

- (a) Labour Party Annual Conference. London. June 26th. 1923. Delegates and nominations for the Executive Committee required.
- (b) Daily Herald. Requesting permission to have set of envelopes addressed to members for circular re the Herald.

(a) Agreed to nominate Webb and Mrs Lawrence as delegates and for election to the Executive

(b) Agreed. Envelopes to be addressed.

9. King's Hall lectures discussed. Suggestion of title - Is Capitalism Decaying. In lectures - Webb, Wallas, Shaw, Dalton, Laski, Tawney.

The meeting then adjourned
A.E. Davies

Finance & Committee

Friday, 23rd March 1923.

Present: Mrs. McDowell, Davis, Dodd,
Humphreys & Satten, secretary

Chair. Davis was elected chairman.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apoloias. In absence were received from Webb (Chairman) & Kease.

3. Finance Report to 28th February.	1923.	1922.
Sales of Literature.	£901	£1058
Members subscriptions.	892	976
Other "	215	153
Book Box Fees.	46	89
Hire of Hall	55	62

The Report was received and after discussion considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

- (a) Feb. candidates (9) Last Year (13). To be elected.
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
C. W. Emsden,	Bury St. Edmunds.	1917.	20/-1920.	None.
W.A. Goodworth.	Liverpool.	1920.	21/-1922.	Joined Liverpool F.S.
Stephen W. Smith.	Bristol.	1914.	5/-1922.	No Longer a Socialist.

The 9 candidates were elected and the three resignations accepted.

5. Essex Hall Meetings. Both the lectures arranged for April have fallen through. Suggestions for lecturers and chairmen required.

After discussion agreed that the following be asked to fill the vacant dates, viz
J. L. Hammond, E. P. Gooch, Norman Angel,
R. Nichol M. D. and H. J. Parker.

6. Executive Committee. No contest this year. Two resignations - Attlee and Sir Leo Money, and two nominations only received.

Recorded - and noted that Mr. Corner and J. H. Macrae follow were the two new members of the Executive Committee

7. Annual Meeting. Date and Place to be settled and chairman arranged.

Agreed to recommend Friday 25th May in Jubilee Hall at 8.15 pm. Capt. Bond Hall to

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be asked to preside. coffee & cigarettes
in Common Room after the meeting as usual.

8. Audit of accounts 1921-22. Agreed that
Baum be asked to act again.

9. Request from Labour Party for new list of possible
Parliamentary candidates. Shall we take steps
to compile again? By-election Fund now reduced
to £150. Fresh appeal to be made to replenish
it in case of need?

Agreed that steps be taken to compile list
again; and Executive recommended to
authorise issue of fresh appeal
by for by-election fund.

10. Autumn Lectures at Kings Hall. Present suggestion for
title "Is Civilisation Decaying"? To be further
considered and recommendations thereon made to
Executive.

Agreed to recommend title "Is Civilisation
Decaying". And to add to list of suggested
lecturers the following, viz H. G. Wells,
Bertrand Russell, Bishop Temple,
Dean Inge, Sir Michael Sadler,
J. Galworthy and A. G. Gardiner.

11. Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. First Edition sold out. Allen & Unwin have ordered 1900 copies of second edition. They agree also to make payment on account of this book in May.

Receipt and acknowledgment. Variation of order for bound copies also agreed to.

12. Correspondence.

- (a) Fabian Nursery. Requesting that arrangements may be made for them to have use of hall, etc on their lecture night to 10.30 p.m.
- (b) Westminster Labour Party. Asking if we would let them the small common room as office temporarily on terms.
- (c) Miss F. Howard. Interesting communication on sale of honours.
- (d) Robert Dell - re deputation of German women from the Ruhr and Rhineland to speak on situation there, etc.
- (e) Labour Party Annual Conference, Resolutions, if any to be sent in by 1st April.
- (f) Labour and Socialist International. T. Shaw, M.P., sending draft of proposed rules, etc.
- (g) National Conference of Labour Women. First agenda sent for information.

(h) Futura - a unit in Futura News

(i) Agreement for loan of St Edmunds for Summer School.

(a) Referred to Miss Pickwell to reply verbally.

(b) Agree on suitable terms for morning only

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and terminable at short notice.

- (c.) Noted. Refr to Executive Committee
- (d) Referred to Executive with recommendation to appoint delegate and submit the proposal.
- (e) Resolved - no resolutions proposed
- (f) Noted. Refr to Mrs Webb as delegate to International Conference
- (g) Noted. Refr to Women's work.
- (h) Considered - but declined with regret. Not willing to insert notices of ballots in. Try the Herald.
- (i) Agreement approved and ordered to be signed.

The meeting then adjourned
S. Webb

Finance & Committee
Friday 11th May 1923

Present - Webb (Chair) Mrs Gladwell,
Daves. Dodd, Humphreys, Pease
and Galtan (also Mrs Webb, non member).

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - none

3. Finance. Usual Report not available as books away in hands
of auditor. Subscriptions and book sales both keep
up well. Report will be available as usual next month.

The Report was received

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Membership.

- (a) April candidates (8). Last year (9). To be elected.
(b) Resignations (Two months)

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last sub.</u>	<u>Reasons.</u>
Miss I. de Reyes.	Wellingboro,	1911	10/-	1922. Change of Views.
E.C. Everett,	Sheffield.	1921.	20/-	1922. No time.
F. Victor Fisher	Hampstead.	1899	10/-	1922 Change of Views
J.L. Flowerdew,	India.	1916	10/-	1921 None (Objects
O. Hilton,	Northwood.	1897	5/-	1919 Financ: (to Labour Pt)
J.R. Jones.	Billericay.	1908	2/6	1922 Cannot take Part.

The Candidates (8) were all elected, and

The six resignations were accepted.

- 5. Kings Hall Lectures. Subject - Is Civilisation Decaying, now settled. H. G. Wells declines to lecture. Bertrand Russell accepts. Any other suggestions?

Agreed and approved. The six lecturers to be Webb, Lasker, Russell, Irvine, Tawney & Shaw in the order named, with Dalton and Graham Wallas in reserve in case of need. In chairman the following were agreed, viz. Lord Kimberley (for Webb) P. Hastings K.C.M.P. (for Lasker) Mrs M. Ryden (for Russell) J.C. Squire (for Irvine) Bertha Temple ^{Wm. P.} (for Tawney) Gamble Barker (for Shaw). With Mrs Snowden & Mrs Webb in reserve. (N.B. Webb will ask Hastings when programme is ready).

- 6. Parliamentary By-Election Fund. New appeal to be made. Proof of draft circular enclosed for consideration and approval.

Considered and approved and ordered to be issued with July News.

- 7. H. Finers Book "Representative Government and the Parliament of Industry" to be published by Atkinson Trustees. Authority to use name of Fabian Society is required.

Agreed to use of the Society's name as joint publishers with Allen & Unwin Ltd

8. The Large Common room urgently needs cleaning and repainting. To be considered and Fountain's estimate £10 received.

Agreed to have the work done but Fountain's estimate considered excessive. Secretary to obtain others and put work on hand to lowest - a most reasonable.

Correspondence.

- (a) London Schools Swimming Association thanking us for paying for the repair and renewal of shields - £2. 12. 0d.
- (b) Socialist Academy, Moscow, asking for free literature.
- (c) The Modern Quarterly, U.S.A. requesting exchange, etc.

(a) noted and received

(b) agreed - send set of recent publications.

(c) agreed - send them some recent parts etc.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. P. Pease

8/6/23

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Finance & Committee
Friday 8 June 1923

Present - Davies, Dodd, Miss Glewweil,
 Humphreys, Pease, Ratcliffe & Galton.

Chair - Pease was elected chairman.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Agology - Webb away at Durham.

5. Finance. Report to 31st May.	<u>1923.</u>	<u>1922.</u>
Sales of Literature.	£491	£200
Members Subscriptions.	177	184
Other "	49	14
Book Box fees.	7	6
Hire of Hall	8	5

(Present Position. Allen & Unwin Paid £350 on account of "Decay of Capitalist Civilisation". We paid Clarks £260 for printing first edition and stereos, and Standing £100 on account. Liabilities outstanding, besides Standing, are Clarks £140 for second edition of "Decay, etc" and Leicester Co-operative Printers £104 for the six tracts on co-operation. No other accounts due and unpaid, but we still have an overdraft of £50 or so at Bank).

Received and after discussion
 approved.

4. Membership.

- (a) May Candidates (8) to be elected. Last year (4)
- (b) Resignations - None.

The candidates were all elected.

5. Audit of Accounts. Bacon has completed and returned all books with certificate. Fee to him to be considered. (Last year £4. 4. Od.

Resolved. Agreed to recommend that £4-4-0 be paid to Bacon as before.

6. Kings Hall Lectures. Subject settled and six lecturers arranged, viz., Webb, Laski, Bertrand Russell, Ervine, Tawney and Shaw in the order named, beginning Tuesday, 16th October. Chairmen now being invited as arranged at last meeting.

Resolved. Agreed that Oswald Morley M.P. be asked to preside for Tawney if the Bishop of Manchester declines.

7. Redecoration of Large Common Room. J.W. Wheeler, Westminster, tendered estimate £6 which was accepted and the work done. To be approved.

Resolved and the action approved.

8. Annual Meeting to-night (June 8th). Chairman - Capt. Basil Hall to be proposed. Any special arrangements? Suggestion we should invite members to join Labour Party Excursion to Easton Lodge, June 30th, either by train or by arranging a motor charabanc. To be considered.

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Cabinet. Hall wrote reporting he could not attend. Agreed that Secretary arrange for Chairman at the meeting. Agreed also to cooperate with Labour Party in the excursion to Easton Lodge but not to support a cinema bus.

9. Correspondence.

(a) Blakeley Division, Manchester, Labour Party require a Parliamentary Candidate.

(b) Kings Lynn Division - ditto

(c) Webb. re publication of his speech to Labour Party Conference.

(a) Refer to Wake. (b) Counsel Noel Munster & Col Hoare. Refer to Wake

(c) Agreed that the speech be published as pamphlet as suggested by Webb. Secretary to arrange accordingly

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

13/1/23

Finance & Committee

Friday 13 July 1923.

(First meeting of new Committee 1923-24).

Present - Davies, Dodd, Humphreys, Macree, Simon
Pease and Galtton.

Chair. Pease was elected chairman.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Hedwell and Webb.
3. Chairman - Webb was re-elected chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
4. Meetings - It was resolved that the Committee do continue to meet on Fridays at 5 pm as heretofore.

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4. Finance. Report to 30th June.	1922.	1921.
Sales of literature.	£621	£276
Members Subscriptions.	243	245
Other "	61	20
Book Box fees	8	9
Hire of Hall	14	12

(Present Position. The appeal for Parliamentary Bye-Election Fund has yielded about £250 to date. This has been used to clear off bank overdraft, and to pay £250 of the liabilities shown in the balance sheet for last year. Summer School cash has hardly begun to come in yet, and it is probable there will be more than a small balance of Profit on the school this year. No accounts due and outstanding except Standing at Present).

The report was received and considered satisfactory and approved.

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Membership.

- (a) June candidates (12) to be elected. Last year (3)
- (b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last sub.	Reason.
Alfred E. Bing.	Sevenoaks.	1913	10/-1922.	None.
Mrs. A.E. Bing	"	1921.	5/-1922.	None.
Robt. W. Oates.	Putney.	1908.	10/-1922.	Unable to continue sub:
Mrs. O'Riordan.	Ealing.	1907	10/6 1923.	Husband remains.

The 12 Candidates were elected and the 4 resignations accepted.

6. Kings Hall Lectures. Arrangements as follows:

	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Oct. 16th.	Sidney Webb.	Earl of Kimberley.
" 23rd.	H. J. Laski.	P. Hastings, K.C., M.P.,
" 30th.	Hon. B. Russell.	Dr. C. W. Saleeby.
Nov. 6th.	St. John Ervine.	R. Ellis Roberts.
" 13th.	R. H. Tawney.	Oswald Mosley, M.P.,
" 20th.	Bernard Shaw.	Vacant.

Chairman required for Shaw. Massingham declines.

Recused and approved. It was agreed that S.K. Ratcliff be asked to preside for Shaw.

7. Tract No. 207. Webb's speech at Labour Conference, 5,000 printed. 3,000 sold have nearly covered cost. Not sufficient left to send copy to members as promised in "News". Type standing. Can we reprint at once? If so, how many?

Agreed that reprint of 5000 copies be ordered at once. Type then distributed.

8. New Typewriting machine urgently needed for office. A new Oliver can be obtained for £13. Shall we purchase? Old one to be kept for rough work, etc.

Agreed. But try to get a cheaper - number £9 or £10.

9. Correspondence.

(a) Wimbledon Labour Party requiring Parliamentary candidate.

*Consented. Refn to Executive
Watts.*

Suggestions made at the Annual Meeting.

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To be considered.

1. Accounts. Print figures of Previous year opposite current figures on both sides of the account.
2. Common Room. Increased catering suggested, i.e. Poached eggs, etc.
3. Hall. Increase charge. At Present 21/- for evening; 10/6 for day time. Arrange to keep hall open till 10.30. (Extra charge involved for housekeeper) Provide Hat racks at back of hall.
4. New series of Fabian Essays required.
5. Paragraph in "News" urging members, especially country members to buy books through the Society, etc.
6. University Fabian Societies. Revival suggested.
7. Book Box fees - can we reduce the Present charge, 15/-. Suggested 10/- for London and 25 miles round, and 15/- beyond.
8. Summer School - a school abroad suggested.

1. Agreed. 2. Agreed - add anything else possible (e.g. Sardines on toast &c.) (3) No change in charges or hours. Hat Rack referred to Executive
 4. Referred to Publishing Cttee. 5. Agreed.
 6. Referred to Executive with recommendation to avoid inhibition from universities. 7. Recommend Exec. to agree to 15/- country, 10/- London & 25 miles
 8. Referred to Summer School Committee
 The meeting then adjourned.

Sumner Webb 28/10/19

Finance & Committee
28th September 1923.

Present - Webb (Chair) Mrs Corner,
Dodd, Pease, Ratcliffe and Falton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - for absence were received
from Davies, Mrs Gledwell & Humphrey.

3. Finance.. Report to 31st August.	1923.	1922.
Sales of literature.	£944	£378
members Subscriptions.	374	370
Other "	69	29
Book Box Fees.	12	18
Hire of Hall	27	15

The report was received and
discussed and considered satisfactory.

4 Membership.

- (a) July candidates (3) were elected by the Secretary.
There were none in August.
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reasons.</u>
M. E. Bunn,	Lichfield.	1918	5/- 1919.	Cannot subscribe.
A. D. Denning,	Stafford,	1919	10/- 1920.	None.
Miss E. Spensley,	Vancouver.	1909	20/- 1921.	Married and left England for good.
Miss M. E. Wilson,	Hammersmith.	1906	2/6 1920.	Cannot take Part.

- (a) The action was approved
- (c) The four resignations were accepted.

5. Kings Hall Lectures. Unprecedented success. All seats sold out in course tickets three weeks before the course begins.

Resolved. Agreed that lecturers be asked to supply a summary, 500 words a 20. of their lectures to be published in the press before the meetings.

Agreed that platform tickets be not issued to all members of the Executive but only to those who apply and for such lectures only as required

6. Winter Lectures, Essex Hall. General title of course to be considered. Hall to be taken for Fridays Jan. 11th and 25th, Feb. 8th and 22nd, March 7th and 21st, and April 4th. (April 18th is Good Friday).

Agreed that Essex Hall be taken for the seven dates named; To recommend Executive title of course "Europe in Revolution". Suggestions for lecturers, Count Karolyi (Hungary) T. Okey (Italy) Madrasa (Spain) Count Kessler (Germany) Farberman (Russia) Buxton (Balkans)

Agreed also that Executive be asked

to consider preparation and issue of
brief syllabuses on lines of Kings Hall
lectures but in smaller & cheaper form.

7. Reorganisation of Local Government Bureau and issue of monthly
bulletin. To be considered and recommendations made to
the Executive. See memorandum thereon annexed.

The memorandum was considered
and approved and it was agreed to
recommend the Executive to adopt the
scheme outlined. In answer Robson
and Playford were supported but no
recommendation was made the
arrangement being left to the Executive
Committee. (See memo. annexed).

8. Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. List of those adopted given
in "News". List of those willing to stand but unattached
annexed. To be considered and names of those approved
sent to Labour Party for inclusion in their list.

The list (annexed) was considered and
amended and approved and a copy
was sent to Inspector Wake for information.

9. Book Box Circular, etc. Now revised and boxes offered at
10/- in London area, 15/- elsewhere. 5,000 to be issued
in October.

Received and noted and approved

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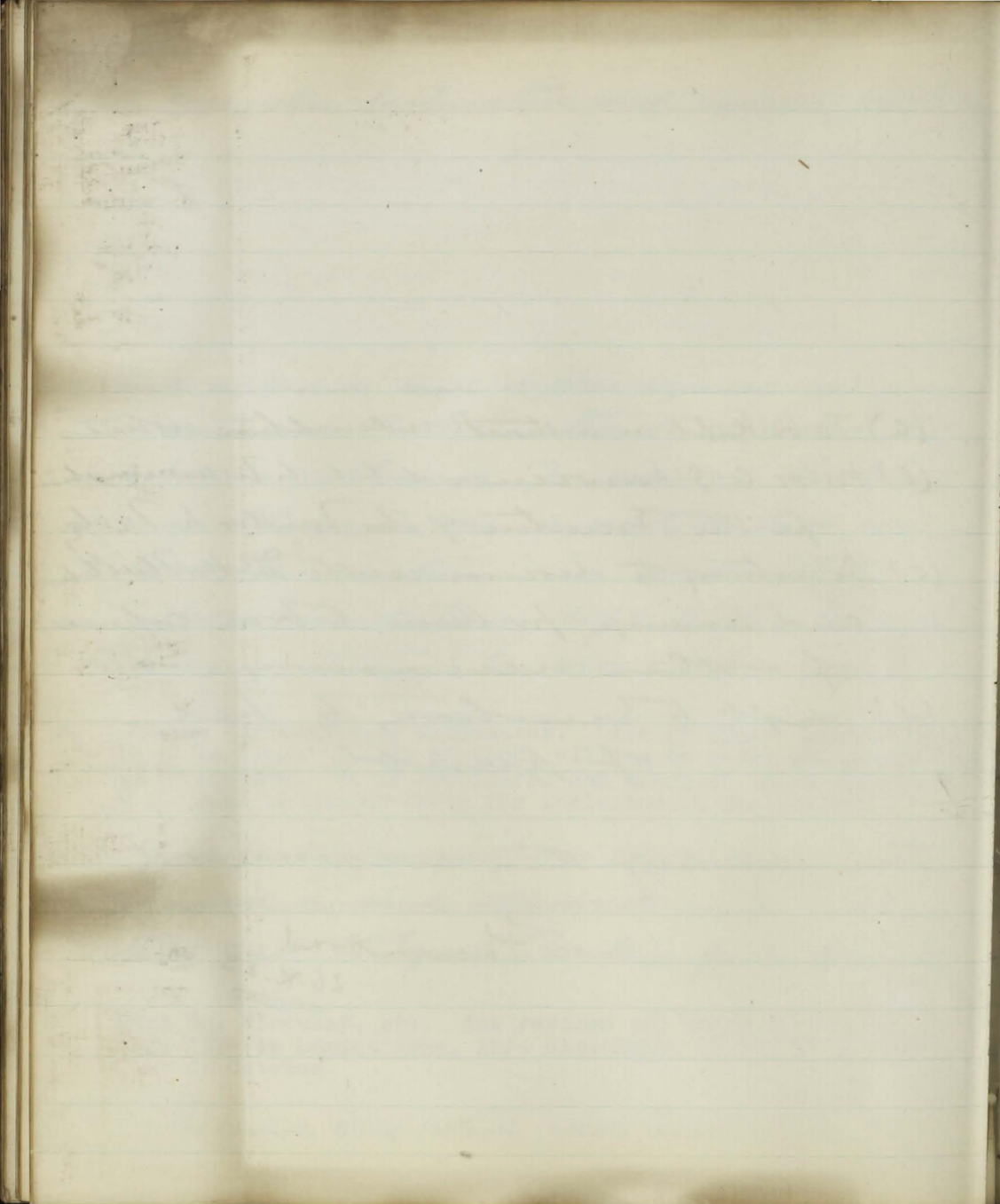
10- Correspondence.

- (a) J. E. Matthews - old member re subscription.
- (b) London Labour Party. Tenth Annual Conference, Nov. 24th at 3 P.M. Nomination for officers and Executive Committee required.
- (c) Miss Dawson - re request of Labour Party for her services as speaker at meetings, etc.
- (d) Highbury Quadrant Literary Association, asking for prominent speaker to take part in debate on capitalism, etc.

- (a) To be kept in without subscription notices
- (b) Miss A.S. Lawrence L.L.C. to be nominated for the Executive of the London L. Party
- (c) Secretary to discuss with Dr. McPhillips and arrange for them to bear expenses if & when necessary.
- (d) Left to Secretary to feel of possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

F. Hammond,
26.12.23



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Proposed reorganisation of Fabian Local Government Inquiry Bureau
and issue of monthly bulletin,

The Labour Party has now decided to ask the Fabian Society to undertake the work of Publishing a Local Government Bulletin subject to an agreement that the Party shall have a definite option to take it over at the end of two years from the Publication of the first issue of the bulletin. The Atkinson Trustees have agreed to make a grant of £350 Per annum for two years certain towards the expense of the work, and the Executive Committee at its meeting in June last instructed the Finance, etc. Committee to consider and report on the matter and bring up a scheme.

The following suggestions for a scheme are Put forward as a basis for discussion:-

- (1) It is Proposed that a Part time adviser be appointed to edit the bulletin, and reply to enquiries on Local Government matters; that he should be Paid a fee of say £150 Per annum, and required to give say two hours daily to the work for five days a week.
- (2) That a monthly bulletin should be issued ten times yearly (omitting August and September when Councils are in recess) beginning in January 1924. An 8 P. monthly about size of Fabian News, 2000 or so copies each issue would cost about £15 Per issue for Printing, etc. say £150. Postage, etc. would cost £5 monthly - making £200 yearly, and with salary of editor, etc., £350.

(3) It is suggested that of the first issue some 7,000 - 8,000 copies should be printed and a specimen sent to all labour members of local authorities with circular offering to supply one copy regularly for annual subscription of 1/-, or a number of copies in one parcel for all the members of the same council for 2/6 per annum. D/123

(4) This would produce a small result, probably £25 or £30 in the first year, which might increase later.

(5) The bulletin would be sold price 1d, and in the course of time some regular sales and possibly some advertisements might be secured, but this could hardly be expected to yield any substantial revenue in the first year or two.

(6) On this basis the grant of £350 per annum promised would just about cover the expenses. Any extra revenue the first year would be absorbed by the extra cost of first issue, etc.

List of members willing to stand as Labour Parliamentary Candidates
at Present unattached.

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W. J. Beck.

Capt. E. N. Bennett.

G. P. Blizard.

G. Burgneay.

Mrs. H. Cotter-Ludby.

Hugh Dalton, D.Sc.,

J. James Dodd,

Alban Gordon.

Capt. Basil Hall, R.F.

Lt. Col, C. H. Moore.

Fred Hughes.

John Lewis.

J. Henry Lloyd.

H. Samuels, M.A.,

A. West.

Lt. Col, T.S.B. Williams.

~~R. C. Woodward.~~

*Deleted by Finance
ctn. 28/9/23.*

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Finance & Committee
26th October 1923

Present - Mrs Corner, Dodd, Humphreys,
Mace & Wilson, Pease & Gator.

Chair Dodd was elected chairman

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Edgewell, Davies & Webb.

3. Finance. Report to 30th Sept.

	<u>1923.</u>	<u>1922.</u>
Sales of literature.	£995	£458
Members Subscriptions,	435	418
Other " "	81	37
Book Bx Fees.	17	22
Hire of Hall	30	18

The Report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

(a) September candidates (12) to be elected. Last year (6)

(b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
H.W. Hazlehurst	Leicester	1919	10/- 1921.	Cannot afford sub. Joined I.L.F.
R.C. Musson,	Kensington,	1919	10/- 1920.	Must cut down all subs.

- (a) The sixteen candidates were all elected
(b) The two resignations were accepted.

5. Winter Lectures. Essex Hall taken for seven dates arranged. For the course Europe in Revolution, L. Farbman (Russia) and Count Karolyi (Hungary) accept. Prof. Salvenini (Italy) may possibly be available. Count Kessler (Germany) no address obtainable. More suggestions for lecturers required.

Resolved. Agreed to add G. M. Franklin
or T. O'Key (Italy) and Montoux (France).

6. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. Some further applications to be put on list to be considered.

It was agreed to add, Mrs. Comer, F. W. Peltack-Lomrena & Rev W J. Piggott to the list; but to decline application of H. E. Weaver (Purley).

7. L.C.C. Elections, March 1925. Appeal to members to stand as Labour candidates produced two replies only. To be sent to London Labour Party? Any further action?

Agreed that the two names, Mrs. Mabel Smith & S. Rene Mackay, be sent to Morrison and that the proposal be inserted in the News upon letters in next few.

8. Kings Hall Lectures. Suggested Broadcasting of G.B.S.'s lecture on November 20th. Some negotiations proceeding. To be considered and action authorised.

The suggestion was considered and approved

and the matter left to the Secretary to arrange terms as if possible and if C. B. Sherris gives consent.

Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Corner suggesting consideration of Possibility of fixing regular day or days for meetings of Executive Committee.
- (b) R. H. Tawney - inquiring if day of Executive meeting can be altered from Friday.
- (c) Edinburgh University Labour Party asking insertion in "Fabian News" of appeal for help and funds for Mr. Bertrand Russell's candidature for the Lord Rectorship of the University.

(a) Agreed to recommend Executive to consider and fix a regular day for meetings in future.

(b) Resolved - no action

(c) Considered. Declined with regret.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

16/11/23

Finance & Committee
16th November 1923.

Present. Webb (Chair) Macrae-Johnson,
Pearse Ratcliffe, and Galton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from
Mrs Coma, Davis, Dodd & Humphreys.

3. Finance. Report to 31st Oct.	1923	1922.
Sales of literature.	£1102	£539
Members subscriptions.	507	499
Other	89	41
Book Box Fees.	21	24
Hire of Hall.	35	26

Record and approved and
considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

(a) October candidates (12) to be elected. Last
year (6).

(b) Resignatures:-

Name	Address.	Elected.	Last sub.	Reason.
J.L. Andrews	Marylebone	1913.	10/-1919.	None.
Miss E. Lunn,	Battersea.	1918.	5/-1919.	Now a Communist.
L. van Raalte,	Hendon.	1908.	5/-1923.	Cannot afford.

(a) The twelve candidates were elected.

(b) The three resignations were accepted.

- 5. General Election. Appeal for Election Fund. Revised draft in print - proofs will be available at the meeting. To be considered and approved and issued forthwith. Trustees to be appointed and any instructions given, etc.

The revised draft appeal was amended and approved and ordered to be issued forthwith. The four trustees were appointed my men: Dodd, Lasker, Macrae Johnson, Pease and Gaxton.

- 6. Winter Lectures at Essex Hall. Arrangements as follows:

Jan: 11th, G. P. Gooch,	(suggests Austria or general survey)
" 25th, Haden Guest.	Czecho-Slovakia.
Feb: 8th, Count Karolyi,	Hungary.
" 22nd, Brig.Gen. C.B. Thomson,	Jugo Slavia.
Mar: 7th, Noel Buxton,	Balkans,
" 21st, H. Farbman,	Russia.
Apr: 4th, Vacant.	? abandon.

The following have declined: T.Okey and G.A.Trevelyan (Italy); Count Kessler (Germany); P. Mantoux (France), S. de Madariaga (Spain), Prof. Salvemini might possibly be able to take Italy later.

Approved. Prof. Westermarck was suggested for Finland. appeal to ask Prof. Kantorowicz for Germany April 6' offer fee. Also to accept Gooch's suggestion to speak on Austria and to arrange others later if practicable.

7. Correspondence.

(a) Walter Baker - would value a letter from the Fabian Society supporting his candidature at Bristol.
What action.

(b) St. John Ervine - Very nice letter declining to accept fee for his Kings Hall Lecture.

(c) S.H. Ruge asking to be put on list of Fabian Parliamentary candidates

(d) Bassettlaw Dr. North asking for Fabian candidate

(a) Appt. - send formal letter and to any others who apply.

(b) Record noted with thanks

(c) Refuse decisively

(d) Refuse to write immediately.

The meeting then adjourned.

Swanwick

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Finance & Committee

Friday 11 January 1924

Mrs Corner,

Present - Webb (Chair) { Davies, Humphreys
 Macrae-film, Pease & Gulton

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apology for absence was received from Rataliffe

3.	3. Finance. Report to 31st Dec. 1923.	1923.	1922.
	Sales of literature.	£1405	£702
	Members subscriptions.	631	612
	Other subscriptions.	134	60
	Book Box Fees.	34	34
	Hire of Hall	49	44

The Report was received and adopted and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

(a) December candidates (10) to be elected. Last year (6)

(b) Resignations: (Two months):-

Name	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Mrs. H.M. Bernard	Bishops Stortford.	1903	5/- 1923.	Too much abroad.
James Forgie,	Newcastle,	1892	21/- 1922.	Change of opinions.

Miss C. Heaviside, West Ham.	1908	5/-	1923. Leaving London.
Francis Lee, Wallington.	1906.	5/-	1923. A confirmed invalid.
B. McQuillan, Leicester.	1918-	10/6	1922. None.
Miss J. Rickett, London-	1910.	£5-5-0	1921. No longer a Socialist.
Mrs. K. Trounson, London.	1918-	10/6	1923. None.
E. H. Wrong, Oxford.	1915.	20/-	1923. Is a Liberal.

(c) Purge of "Dead Heads". Proposal not to have a general purge this year owing to bad times, etc. But following 16 members, who only paid once on election to be considered and if so decided struck off.

G. A. Bennett,	London.	1918-	2/6d.
S. P. Dobbs,	Cambridge.	1919	1/-
D. B. Drummond,	Cambridge	1920	Nil.
H. P. Dickinson,	Cambridge	1919	1/-
Philip Gray,	Thrapston,	1919	5/-
Miss E. Hindsley,	Walsall,	1919	5/-
G. A. Hutt,	Cambridge.	1920	Nil,
J. L. Lean,	Cambridge.	1919	1/-
Lt. Col. E. Lowdell,	London.	1918	5/-
Eric Major	Cambridge.	1919.	Nil,
Miss E. Moore,	London.	1920	5/-
Mrs. E. Real,	London.	1921	2/6
Miss Rosenthal,	London,	1918	5/-
Miss E. M. Sadovsky,	London,	1918	5/-
S. Sen-Gupta,	Calcutta,	1918	5/-
F. R. Sherrard,	Cambridge.	1919	1/-

- (a) The ten candidates were all elected
- (b) The resignations were accepted except B. McQuillan & Mrs. Trounson to be written to again.
- (c) The sixteen names considered and ordered to be struck off subject to final letter being sent and a special one to Sherrard.

- 5. To co-opt G. R. Blanco to this Committee on nomination of the Nursery in place of Miss Glidewell.

This was agreed to.

- 6. Essex Hall Lectures. Now complete. Syllabus enclosed. Sale of tickets satisfactory and will cover cost of printing syllabus and fees to three lecturers. Chairman required for to-night, 11th Jan., lecturer G. P. Gooch, and Jan. 25th, lecturer Haden Guest. Can we now abandon the reading of minutes at these meetings in view of altered circumstances?

Resolved & adopted. Resolved to proceed for forth. Secretary to arrange Chairman for first. Agreed unanimously to abandon the reading of minutes at these Essex Hall meetings.

- 7. Proposed Fabian Dinner. Marylebone Room at Hotel Great Central (accommodation 200) available for Friday, 14th March. Menu at 8/6d each offered. To be considered and recommendation thereon made to the Executive.

Agreed to recommend Executive to accept these arrangements. To charge 18/6 for tickets - Any Fabian minutes to be printed as presents and G. B. Shaw pressed to take the chair.

- 8. Kings Hall Lectures, 1924. The Hall much booked up and only a broken series of dates available. Shall we try elsewhere?

Agreed that application for dates

terms to be made to Kingsway Hall
and the question considered again
at next meeting of the Executive.

9. Fabian Hall. Complaints of insufficient lighting.
Suggested addition of four brackets (two each side).
Fountain estimates cost £9. To be considered.

*Agreed to accept Fountain's estimate
that the work be done forthwith.*

10, Correspondence.

- (a) Wayfarers Travel Association sending copy of
letter from Scott Dearing, New York re
proposed lecture tour in England and asking
our co-operation.
- (b) Oxford City Labour Party - Want a Parliamentary
Candidate.
- (c) League of Nations Union - re Conference on
Unemployment in March.
- (d) Les Annales de la regie directe - re alleged
arrears of subscription.

- (a) Refer him to Lucelin & Christie Miller*
(b) Refer to Executive to make
(c) Noted - well understood
(d) To be on table.

11. It was agreed that the Executive Committee meeting
this month be deferred from the 18th to 25th inst.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

15/3/24

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Finance & Committee.

15th February 1924

Present - Mr Comer, Davies, Humphreys,
Murray-John, Pease and Galton.

Chair - Pease was voted to the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apology - In absence was received from Dodd.

3. Finance. Report to 31st January.	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1923.</u>
Sales of Literature.	£1497	£789.
Members subscriptions.	846	812
Other " "	155	94
Book Box Fees.	37	39
Hire of Hall	57	50

The statement was received and
considered satisfactory. It was
agreed that a cash statement
should be added in future
from time to time.

4. Membership.

- (a) January candidates (22) to be elected. Last year (37)
(B) Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss F. Moss.	Newdigate.	1922.	10/- 1923.	None.
Miss D.H. Revell.	Taunton.	1911.	7/- 1921.	"
C. Templeton.	Minchinhampton.	1908.	2/6 1923.	"

The 22 candidates were elected. The two resignations were accepted - Mr. Templeton to be written to before acceptance.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Very satisfactory and good audiences. The two changes of lectures arranged. Prof. R. W. Seton-Watson taking Lord Thomson's place on Feb: 22nd, and C. Roden Buxton taking Noel Buxton's place on March 7th; subject in both cases unchanged.

Record read and approved.

6. Fabian Dinner, Friday, March 14th. Great demand for tickets the 200 seats available nearly sold out. Details as to Chairman, toasts, and speakers, etc. to be considered and settled.

Record. Decided. (a) Chair - Show of possible feeling from Pearce. (b) Toasts 1. The King.
2. ^{H. Mr. Government} The ~~presence of the evening~~ ^{The presence of} (3) The ~~Fabian Society~~ ^{Fabian Society} of the evening. (4) The Fabian Society
5. The Chairman. Speakers to be invited as follows: - 1. Chairman
2. Professor Mrs Lawrence. Reply Lord Olivier with Noel Buxton

- 3. Professor St. J. Evans. Reply Webb.
- 4. Professor W S Sanders. Reply A. Henderson.
- 5. Professor. Ind Thomson. Reply Chairman.

7. K. H. Lectures, 1924. Kingsway Hall booked for six successive Wednesdays beginning October 22nd. Preliminary consideration of subject, lecturers, titles, etc. to be begun.

Revised - Consideration deferred.

8. Local Government News. No. 1 issued in January and 5000 copies circulated and now O.K. Well received and subscriptions for over 800 copies of the issues for first year paid, and still coming in.

Received and considered satisfactory

Fabian Parliamentary candidates. First list to be considered and if so decided recommended to the Labour Party.

Deferred to next meeting.

10. Piano in Hall - repair required. Estimate of Army and Navy Co-operative Society £21 to be considered.

Referred back for further estimates to be obtained.

11. Staff questions.

- (a) Miss Gibson - asks for reconsideration of her salary.
- (b) Miss Gooderson - salary to be reconsidered.

(a) Deferred to end of year in March

(b) agreed to increase of 5/- to 45/- per week

12. Correspondence.

- (a) National Conference of Labour Women, London, May, 1924. Delegates wanted.
- (b) L. Haden Guest, A.I., re election expenses
- (c) G. W. Shipway - member in China - re advertisement in "Fabian News".
- (d) Stockton Fabian Society - asking us to suggest Parliamentary Candidate.
- (e) Sparkbrook Division Labour Party re Parliamentary Candidate.
- (f) Central Leeds Division Labour Party re Parliamentary Candidate.

- (a) Agreed to recommend Executive to appoint the 12 members of the Fabian Women's Fresh Committee and any others desiring to attend.
- (b) Declined with regret. (c) Agreed that the motion should be not accepted.
- (d), (e) & (f) Refer to Executive who send him list of candidates as soon as available.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
28/2/24

Finance & Committee.

28th March 1924

Present - Davies, Dodd, Macrae Gibson,
Pease, Blanco (Nurse) & Galtm.

Chair - R. Pease was voted to the Chair.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from W. Corner and Humphreys.

3. Finance. Report to 29th February.	1924	1923.
Sales of Literature	£1592	£901
Members Subscriptions.	972	892
Other "	186	215
Book Box Fees.	47	46
Hire of Hall.	59	55

(Bank balance, about £50, reduced by payments to Standing. No accounts due and unpaid except Standing and his account much less than this time last year. As near as can be estimated, until accounts for year are finally made up, we shall have paid our way this year and possibly show a small balance to the good on the year's work).

The Report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

- (a) February candidates (39) to be elected. Last year (9)
(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Rev. R.H. Sharpe.	Burton on Trent.	1917	5/-1922	None Emphatic.
Mrs. A. Symms.	Highgate	1921	20/-1923	Husband remains.
Mrs. Trangmar.	Pinner.	1908	15/-1923	"

*The 39 candidates were all elected
The 3 resignations were accepted.*

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1924. Further consideration of subject, lecturers, etc., and recommendations thereon made to Executive if possible. (Suggestions invited from members of the Executive).

After discussion agreed to recommend Executive:

- (a) That the general title of the course be "The Interlocked Paths in Politics". For the lectures
1. Economic aspects of internationalism;
 2. The Policy of Raw Materials;
 3. The Problem of the Middle East;
 4. The extent and effect of speculation in Commodities.
 5. How to deal with disarmament.
 6. Agriculture and its future.

6. End of year 31st March, and election of Executive 1924-25. A ballot necessary as seven new candidates nominated and only one member (Mrs. Boyd Dawson) withdrawn. As Easter falls awkwardly Secretary has slightly altered date of polling, etc. as provided in rules. To be approved

Secretary intimated dates altered to April 25th for close of poll, and April 28th for new Executive to take office. A speed that this be approved and confirmed and submitted to the Executive for approval.

7. Executive Meeting to pass Annual Report, etc. Good Friday is April 18th and very awkward. To be considered and date fixed, or other arrangements authorised.

Agreed to recommend Executive to defer Annual meeting to date to be fixed in the middle of June; and that proof of Annual report be passed in May and issued with June News.

8. Resignation of Miss Dawson as Secretary of the Fabian Women's Group and from her duties for the Society on February 29th last. To be received. Consideration of steps to be taken to fill the vacancy. Recommendation by the Women's Group thereon to be considered.

Agreed to accept Miss Dawson's resignation with regret and thanks for her work and congratulations on her new appointment.

To recommend the Executive as follows
 (a) That the present arrangement be not renewed, but that an educated shorthand-typist, preferably a member of the Society, be engaged to

act under the orders of the General Secretary;
and that the clerical work of the Women's
Fund be carried on by the office under
the direction of an Honorary Secretary
to the Fund.

(b) That an advertisement be inserted
in the next issue of Fabian News for
May, offering a commencing salary
of £2-10-0 per week for the post.

9. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. List to be considered.
Deferred from last meeting.

The list was considered and approved
and ordered to be sent to Executive Committee.

10. Proposed appeal for increased subscriptions. Draft of circular
copy enclosed - to be considered.

The draft circular was considered and
amended, and referred to the Executive with
recommendation that it be sent out to selected
list of members & signed by the Honorary Officers

11. Oliver typewriter. The old machine has broken down. Estimate
for repair or for new machine to be considered.

Estimates considered and agreed that new

I. Correspondence.

- (a) Hungarian University, Buda-Pesth. Request for free literature.
- (b) Sir J. Gollancz - British Academy Committee - request for free literature for Tokyo University.
- (c) Escuela Nueva, Madrid. Congratulatory letter on Labour Government, etc. Referring to case of Prof. Unumuno.
- (d) B. Kemmis, London, re proposed protest against banishment of Prof. Unumuno by Spanish Government.
- (e) First of May Celebration Committee. Request for delegates.
- (f) Dr. White. Request for support for Lunacy Law Reform.
- (g) H. E. Seed, and A. G. Edwards (members) requests for lists of local members in Harrow and Finchley in connection with formation of I.L.P. Branches in those districts.
- (h) Labour Parties. East Middlesborough and Cleveland divisions - re Parliamentary Candidates.

(a) & (b) agreed to send. (c) Received and noted.
 (d) Enquire of Madanaga as to facts about this before taking any action. (e) Declined.
 (f) No action. (g) Decline - but report facts to Executive for approval. (h) Refer to Executive Walse.

Edw. R. Pease

9.5.24

Finance & Committee
9th May 1924

Present - Macrae Wilson, Pease and Galtier, Secretary.

Chair - Pease took the chair.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - were received from Webb and Dodd.

3 Finance.

(The usual financial report is not available as books for April are not made up yet and the audit for 1924-24 has begun. But receipts keep up well and we have a small cash balance in bank at present.)

Record.

4 Membership

- (a) April candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (8)
- (b) Resignations (Two months)

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reasons.
H. Granville Barker.	Devon.	1903	£5 1923.	Complicated.
Miss F. Grigg,	London.	1917	5/- 1923.	Married and left England.
G. C. Maberly,	Hampstead.	1906	10/- 1923.	None
Percy Salter.	Loughton.	1920	5/- 1921.	Altered views.
Wm. C. Thompson,	Wood Green	1914.	5/- 1921.	Cannot attend or subscribe.
T.E. Williams,	Watford.	1920	10/6 1920.	Ill Health.

- (a) The candidates were elected.
- (e) The resignations were accepted, except that of James Barker referred to the Executive Committee.

Annual Meeting. Date and place to be considered and recommendation made to the Executive thereon. (The Annual Report and accounts 1923-24 completed and proofs will be sent to the Executive this week for consideration at Committee Meeting, Friday next 16th inst.)

Agreed to recommend Executive that the A.M.C. held in Fabian Hall on Friday 20 June; and that Hope Shergin be invited to preside.

Resignation of Miss Dawson. Advertisement inserted in "Fabian News" and about 40 replies received to date. To settle on method to be adopted to consider them and make the appointment.

Agreed to refer ~~copies~~ to sub-committee of Mrs. Drake, Macrae-Blum, Pease, Robson and Galtin to consider and return to half a dozen or so. Also to accept the suggestion of the Women's Joint Committee and submit the short list when available to the three members proposed. Recommend Executive that the Finance Committee be authorized to make the appointment

definitely at their next meeting on the result-
of the report of the Sub-Committee, and of
the representations of the Fabian Women's Group.

7. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. List of 14 names approved at last meeting. To consider following applications for addition thereto, viz., Mrs. Cotter Ludby, Montague Fordham, David Freeman, S. F. Markham, E. J. O. Neep.

Agreed that the five names be added
to the list of Fabian candidates

8. Correspondence.

- (a) James Bacon - agreeing to audit accounts 1923-24 as in previous years.
- (b) E. de Laderjaga - re the case of Prof. Unamuno.
- (c) Mrs. Bentinck - protest against Dr. Childe's advocacy of vaccination in our pamphlet No. 208.
- (d) A. G. Edwards - ditto.

(a) Record. (b) Noted with thanks
(c) & (d) Record and Secretary's reply
approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sidney Webb

Finance & Committee
Special meeting. 30 ~~June~~ ^{May} 1924

Present Daves, Dodd, Pease, Kitchiffe,
Robson, Webb, ^{W.C.} Williams, Guttin
and Macrae-John (non member).

Chair - Webb was elected chairman

Apology for absence was received
from Mrs Drake.

Lectures - read from Mrs Corner, Mrs Haskie
and Mrs McKeloh with
reference to the candidates
for the vacancy in these.

Candidates interviewed - Mrs D. Taylor M.A.
Mrs R. J. Hardy B.A. and
Mrs F. E. Thomas attended
and were interviewed
by the Committee in the order
named

Appointment. After the interview
the Committee discussed the
matter. It was decided
that Miss D. Taylor will
be appointed to the vacant
post on the conditions
advertised in Fulham News.

The General meeting adjourned
the ladies ^{with} the decision
The meeting then terminated.

S. J. Webb

Finance & Committee.
Friday 20th June 1924

Present: Webb (Chair) Pease, Robson,
Lt Col Williams, and Blanco (Nursery)
and Gulton.

Minutes of the last ordinary and of special
meetings were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence received from Davis.

Chair - E. R. Pease was elected Chairman
of the Committee for the ensuing year
and thereupon took the chair.

Meetings - Resolved that this Committee
continue to meet on Friday at 5 pm.

5. Finance Report to 31st May.	<u>1924</u>	<u>1923.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£170	£490
Members Subscriptions.	261	177
Other "	37	49
Book Box Fees.	5	6
Hire of Hall	16	8

(Receipts keep up well. The appeal for increased subscriptions has met with a good response. Cash Balance at present about £100 and no accounts due and unpaid except Standing.)

The report was received and considered satisfactory and adopted.

6. Membership.

- (a) May Candidates (16) to be elected. Last year (8)
(b) Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss G. Atkins, London		1906	4/-1922	Reducing Subs.
Miss L. do Gaskowski, Barnos.		1908	5/-1923	ditto
Mrs. St. J. Ervine, London.		1910	10/-1923.	Anti Free Trade
Dr. L. D. Fairfield, London.		1912	20/-1923.	No longer a Socialist.
Mrs. A. L. Gardner, Burnley.		1919	5/-1923	None.
Mrs. M. C. Geare, Wallington.		1918	10/-1921	Financial.
Miss A. Nelson, Falkirk.		1922	10/-1923	Cannot take part
Mrs. M. Steppat, London.		1918	10/6 1923	Financial.
R. N. Vaidya, India		1922	10/ 1922	Gone back to India.
E. R. Wood, Hendon.		1912	5/-1922	None.

- (a) *The 16 Candidates were all elected*
(b) *The 10 resignations were accepted.*

D. Fairfield's resignation was reported to the Executive and noted in Fabian News.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements to date.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>
Oct 22nd	Hon. E. Russell.
" 29th	Oswald Mosley, M.P.,
Nov 5th	Sidney Webb, M.P.
" 12th	J. Wheatley, M.P.
" 19th	
" 26th	Bernard Shaw.

Maxton, Tawney and Graham Wallas decline definitely. Still one date to fill. Suggestions - Miss Lawrence, Dalton, Laski, Clifford Allen, Lord Arnold, Lees Smith. To be considered. Chairmen required for all the meetings.

Resolved. Agreed that Dalton, Lees-Smith ^{or} Laski be asked to take Nov. 19th in the order named. For Chairmen

- 1. Hugh Church ^{in P.}
- 2. Lord Arnold
- 3. Lees. Smith (if not lecturing).
- 4. Mrs. Webb.
- 5. Ernest ^{in P.}
- 6. Lt. Col. Williams ^{in P.}

3. By-election at Lewes. Capt. Basil Hall, R.N. to stand. Application for grant from By-Election Fund to be considered. Trustees consulted and their recommendation to be considered and approved. *Trustees recommend grant of £100.0.0*

Approved. Cheque for £100⁰⁰ to be sent and reported to the Executive at next meeting.

9. Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. List of 19 names already approved and sent to Labour Party. Further requests to be put on list from Rev. D. Kirtlan, E. A. Martin, S.C. Moore, W. Harvey Moore and Lt. Col. A. C. Osborn.

Approved and agreed that the five members be added to the list.

10. Miss Dawson's resignation. Mrs. Beadle has carried on the work voluntarily since. An honorarium to be considered and recommendation thereon made to the Executive Committee.

Considered. Resolved that an honorarium of Ten guineas be given to Mrs Beadle

as a slight acknowledgment of her
help with best thanks for all she
has done during the past three months.

11. Annual Meeting - tonight, Friday, June 20th at 8 p.m. in Fabian Hall. Members of the Executive requested to attend. Bacon has completed audit. Fee to him to be considered.

Recommend a special honorarium of four guineas be sent to Bacon to cover out of pocket expenses with our cordial thanks for his services.

12. Correspondence:-

- (a) Labour Party 24th Annual Conference, London, October 7th-10th, 1924. Nominations for Officers and Committee and delegates required and notice of any resolutions, etc.
 - (b) West Birmingham L.P. want a candidate.
 - (c) Rutland & Stamford L.P. ditto.
 - (d) Labour Party re advt of Fabian tracts, etc. in the new "Speakers Panel".
 - (e) Allen & Unwin - re Sturt's "Socialism and Character".
 - (f) League of Nations Union re library of the late International Association for Labour Legislation.
 - (g) London Labour Party re London Labour Fair, November next. Inviting gifts and help, etc.
 - (h) Westminster Labour Party - re candidates for L.C.C. election, March next.
 - (i) Camborne Labour Party. Request for insertion of appeal for funds for election in "Fabian News".
- (f) Stockton Fabian Society. Various requests.
- (a) Resolved that Mrs S. Lawrence and Sidney Webb be nominated for the

- (b) Suggest Mr W. Hawley Moore. (c) Consult
 Fulham and/or City and suggest either.
 (d) Decline. (e) Report we cannot help.
 (f) Suggest no demand for printed index but
 a written one might be considered.
 (g) Refer to Fulham Women's Club
 (h) No action. (i) Considered but declined
 in view of an own appeal.
 (j) Report we cannot comply.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease,

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Finance & Committee
Friday 11th July 1924.

Present: E. R. Pease (Chair) Daves,
Robson, Blanco and Eक्टर.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies - for absence were received from
D. F. Hanson Dodd and Col. Williams

3. Finance Report to 30th June.	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1923.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£256	£621
Members Subscriptions.	364	243
Other "	107	61
Book Box Fees.	8	8
Hire of Hall	28	14

up
(Subscriptions now £120/on last year due mainly to results of appeal for increased amounts. Literature sales have declined, due entirely to the large sales of "Decay of Capitalist Civilisation" last year. At present a small overdraft due to payments to Standing and from the Parliamentary By-Election Fund, and to fact that Summer School fees have hardly begun to come in yet.)

Received and after discussion
considered satisfactory and approved.
(Further details from letter on
item 6 of the agenda)

Membership.

- (a) June Candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (12)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. Burton Brown,	Godalming.	1921.	21/- 1923	None.
Miss E. Mann,	Ealing.	1906	15/- 1922	None.
J. Potbury,	Chiswick.	1890	20/- 1924	Leaving England
Mrs. Potbury	"	1916	20/- 1924.	for good.
Miss D. Torr,	Cheshire.	1918.	10/- 1921.	None.

*The candidates were all elected.
 The few resignations were accepted
 subject to Mrs. Burton Brown being
 referred to Mrs. Hankinson to
 consider if a letter would be useful.*

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Autumn 1924.

Arrangements to date.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
Oct. 22nd.	Hon. B. Russell, F.R.S.	
29th.	Oswald Mosley, M.P.	
Nov. 5th.	Sidney Webb, M.P.	H. B. Lees-Smith.
12th.	J. Wheatley, M.P.,	Mrs. Wobb.
19th.	H. Dalton, D.Sc.,	L. Hadon Guest, M.P.
26th.	Bernard Shaw.	Lt. Col. Williams, M.P.

Major A. G. Church and Lord Arnold decline chairmanship of first two meetings. Miss A. S. Lawrence, M.P., and Lord Thomson invited.

*Received and approved. Secretary
 reports that Thomson had now accepted
 for Oct 29. Agreed that Frederickson Lawrence
 for Oct 22nd. H. J. Lasker to be asked to preside*

6. Appeal for increased subscriptions. Results to date to be reported. The question of staff salaries deferred from February meeting to be considered and dealt with.

Secretary reported results to date as follows - about 100 members had paid menses amounting to £70. About 60 others had promised menses amounting to about £50. Total menses paid and promised £120 and some others would no doubt come in. R.H. Pott had paid £50 in redemption of his promise and hoped it would cover his liability in the matter.

Received and approved. To be reported to the Executive and a note fixing the facts inserted in Fulham News.

After discussion agreed to recommend the Executive that wages of Howell & Miss Pinn be increased 10/- per week each, to £5.10 & £4.10 respectively.

7. Local Government News. Circulation now 2,000 monthly. To consider suggestions for (a) Enlargement of the Journal; (b) obtaining advertisements; and (c) further increasing the circulation.

Considered and discussed and agreed

to recommend the Executive to adopt the proposals. A report with facts and figures to be presented to them with the agenda for next meeting.

3. Correspondence.

- (a) G. A. Gaskell (member) re proposed donation to the Society.
- (b) Barth Shekai, Tokyo, Japan. Large order for books, etc. but no bank or other reference. Shall we accept it?
- (c) H. J. Stenning re proposed publication of book by Karl Krantsky, "The Labour Revolution" asking our co-operation.
- (d) P. Deys, Rotterdam. Cool suggestion re book he is writing.
- (e) Brixton Labour Party re candidate.
- (f) East Hants Labour Party ditto.
- (g) Lady Emily Lutyens asking our support for the Jubilee demonstration to Dr. Anne Besant. Would like some one from here to speak.
- (h) Hants, etc. Labour Federation. Asking support for resolution for Labour Party Conference.
- (i) Labour Housing Association inviting delegates to Annual Meeting.

J. Prof. Schulze - Germany. re loan of books.

- (a) Received and noted with thanks
- (b) Send notice and ask for payment - a bankers reference.
- (c) Offer to take 25 copies only on the terms proposed.
- (d) Await reply to see if they either asking for more information.

- (e) Send names of Cuthbert, Latham
and Neek.
- (f) Refer to Wake. (g) Secretary's action
approved. Ask Shaw a guest
to attend and speak.
- (h) Declined - not an practice to
have delegates instructions.
- (i) Refer to Executive.
- (j) Offer to lend duplicates. Refer to
Executive as to others.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee

Friday 12 September 1924

Present: E. R. Pease (Chair) A. S. Davis, H. Col
Williams M.P. G. R. Blanco and J. W. Galton

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies - were received from Dodd,
Robson and Webb.

- Finance - Usual statement not available as Miss Gibson away on holiday at present. Funds continue to come in well. No accounts due and unpaid except Standing (£350) and Clark's (£107) for printing Gordon's Social Insurance - to be charged to Tullock and Barr Fund account.

The report was received and considered
and considered satisfactory.

Membership:

- (a) July Candidates (13) to be elected. Last year (3).
- (b) August Candidates (4) to be elected. Last year None.
- (c) Resignations - None.

The candidates were all
elected, and it was noted that
there were no resignations.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures - Lecturers and Chairman all settled and cash for tickets coming in well - nearly £200 to date. But only three syllabuses received at present and this serious as time is now short. Shall we print and issue notices without syllabuses and supply them later at the meetings? Any other suggestions. A decision necessary or success of the Course may be endangered.

Secretary reported one more syllabus received. That from G. B. S. It was agreed that the programme be printed and issued forthwith with the four syllabuses available, and titles of lectures only in the other two cases.

6. Local Government News - Arrangements for efforts to increase circulation and secure advertisements for larger paper sanctioned by the Executive at last meeting now in hand. To be reported.

Secretary reported progress and explained the difficulty that had arisen re the advertisement agent. It was agreed to go on for the month of September and re-consider them if necessary.

7. Matter of Urgency. Proposed tract on Corrupt Practises Act. Now drafted and offered to Labour Party. If they decline authority to print and issue as Fabian Tract required.

This not now needed as the Labour Party

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had accepted the hat and would
hunt and secure it.

Pictures for Common Room. Pease and Secretary agreed to purchase copy of photograph of the Cabinet and frame for Common Room. Cost about 15/-. To be approved. Several members have suggested purchase and framing of admirable portrait of G. B. Shaw. Cost £3.3.0. To be considered.

The action was approved. Agreed that the Shaw portrait be purchased and be asked to autograph it before framing.

Correspondence:

- (a) Mrs. Beadle - thanking the Committee for honorarium.
- (b) James Bacon - thanks for fee for audit.
- (c) Grimsby Fabian Society - urgent request for Fabian Speaker this autumn.
- (d) London Labour Party - re 11th Annual Conference Saturday November 29th.
- (e) Westminster Labour Party - re Candidate for Abbey Division.
- (f) Dr. Robert Eisler, Bavaria - Visiting England in October. Offers lecture.
- (g) Joseph Rohrer, Augsburg. Germany. - request for free books, etc.
- (h) Dr. Adolf Hohenstein, Berlin - indefinite letter about Colonial Policy, etc.

(i) D. H. Lowenstein. Request for introduction to Colonial Office & permission to use the library there.

(a) Received. (b) Received.

(c) Col Williams spent a Saturday in the autumn

- (d) Ask Mrs Lawrence again - feeling her
Ald. A. S. Davis appointed
- (e) No action. (f) Repeat. But ask him to call
- (g) Send more books. (h) refer to Bureau of
Democratic control. (i) Agree.

10. Essex Hall Lectures 1925. Candidates
Preliminary suggestions for Executive

1. G. A. Lloyd - on Study.
2. Sir T. Chambers - Garden Cities & Satellite Towns
3. C. E. and Davies - America. Impression & Depression
4. H. Morrison. M.P. - The issues of L.C.C. election
5. Geoffrey Whitworth - A National Theatre
6. H. G. F. B. Phibbs, C.P. - Arabia
7. Mrs. A. S. Lawrence M.P. - Russia

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Friday 14th November 1924

Present: E. R. Pease (Chair) Dodd, Webb
and Galtin. (Also Locke and
Muerse fibron, non members).

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

? Ahologies for absence were received
from Davies, Ratcliffe, Robson,
Col. Williams and Blanco.

Finance Report to 31st Oct.	1924.	1923.
Sale of Literature.	£659	£1102
Members Subscriptions.	641	507
Other Subscriptions.	135	89
Book Box Fees.	22	21
Hire of Hall.	42	35

(Funds continue to come in well. No accounts due and
unpaid except Standing to whom we owe over £200 less
than at this time last year. Present position is that
we are about £500 better off than when the year began.)

The report was received and
after discussion approved and
considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

- (a) September candidates (2) to be elected. Last year (16)
- (b) October candidates (11) to be elected. Last year (12)
- (c) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss A. Bulloid	Chelsea.	1907	10/- 1923	Objects to Labour Party.
James Forgie	Newcastle	1892	21/- 1924	Resigns after each General Election
Miss E. Lonsdale.	Westminster.	1919	10/6 1923	Leaving England for good.
Robt. F. Mack	Streatham.	1908	£2 1923	None.
R. H. Pearsall	Letchworth.	1902	5/- 1918	Objects to L.P.
Mrs. E. Rigby	Preston.	1907	5/- 1924	None.
A. J. Thorogood.	Oxted.	1893	15/- 1924	Political.

- (d) Seven members of former Oxford University Fabian Group. No subscription from any since 1919 when 1/- or 2/6 each paid. To be purged.

- (a) & (b) The candidates were all elected
- (c) The resignations were accounted except that of Mrs Rigby to the extent of without subscription. Letter to the extent to Forgie hoping he would resign again.
- (d) The names to be struck off after issue of usual final letter.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Very successful. Receipts from sale of tickets to date £922. Sales of literature at 4 meetings, £40.

The report was received and considered

very satisfactory. Resolved - to recommend
the Executive that the Kewbury Hall
be engaged again for six Wednesday
next autumn, at once.

Essex Hall Lectures. Spring, 1925.

Arrangements at present.

Friday, Jan:	16th.	Graham Wallas.	Palestine.
"	"	30th.	A. Emil Davies. America.
"	F8b:	13th.	Herbert Morrison. The L.C.C. Elections.
"	"	27th.	E.A. Lloyd. Co-operation in Italy.
"	McH:	13.	Geoffrey Whitworth A National Theatre.
"	"	27th.	Vacant.

Chairmen required, and arrangements for syllabus, etc. to be considered.

approved. Following suggestions for
Chairmen abnormal, very

- 1. Dodd
- 2. Lurki
- 3. H. Lawrence
- 4. Webb
- 5. Shaw
- 6. Tawney

Local Government News. The enlarged issue a success -
letter from Mr. George Caubury thereon to be read.
Circulation increased considerably. The advertisement
effort not successful and has been abandoned. The
whole position needs consideration in view of the
the completion of first year in December. Suggest
appointment of small sub Committee of three to consider
and settle various detailed matters.

Received. After discussion agreed that
Gatten, Macra plus & Robson be
appointed subcommittee and empowered
to consider and settle all matters
of detail and report.

8. Office matters. Willison, the shop-boy's wages to be considered. At present 30/- per week. Last increase 2/6 in July, 1923.

Agreed that Willison's wages be raised to 35/- per week & he to be again advised to seek a better post.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) London Labour Party. Annual Conference, 29th Nov. Three delegates to be appointed.
- (b) Fabian Nursery - request for consideration of small grant to their funds.
- (c) A. R. Blanco - request for consideration of compensation for coat stolen from these premises.
- (d) R. & R. Clark, Ltd. - re distribution of type of Gordon's Social Insurance.
- (e) M. Marc Semenov - asking if we can help in regard to his "Histoire de Russie".
- (f) ~~Z~~ionist Organisation - Request for free gift of books and publications.
- (g) Daily Herald Chapel - re Election suggesting National Conference.

- (a) Referred to the Executive. (b) Agreed to give grant of £5 in the special circumstances*
- (c) Agreed to offer £2. (half cost of coat) without admitting any liability.*
- (d) Agreed that it be distributed. (e) Report cannot be further sent to L.S. Economics*
- (f) Send a few books to. (g) No action.*

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee

Friday 12th December 1924

Present. Pease (Chair) Ratcliff, Col
Williams, Blance and Galtou.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

Apoloias for absence were received from
Davis, Dodd and Robson.

Finance Report to 30th Nov.	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1923.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£771	£1318
Members Subscriptions.	710	569
Other Subscriptions.	354	114
Book Box Fees.	26	30
Hire of Hall.	48	41

(Funds continue to come in well. We have greatly reduced the liabilities of the Society but have a small overdraft at Bank at present owing to debt payments and the investment of Gaskell's £200 in the Arcos Bank. No accounts due and unpaid except Standing).

The report was received and approved
and considered satisfactory

Membership.

- (a) November Candidates (21) to be elected. Last year (10)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Frank M. Dean.	Acton	1911.	10/- 1919.	Too busy and too poor.
Walter H. Fielding.	Evesham.	1918.	20/- 1919.	Financial.
Miss D. Howard.	Chesham.	1923	20/- 1923.	None.
J. Lawson.	Tottenham.	1923	10/- 1923.	Prefers I.L.P.
Mrs. E.M. Moore,	Eastcote,	1917	5/- 1923.	Cannot take part.
Ernest Price.	Shipley	1910	5/- 1924.	Must reduce subs.
Ivor Price,	Hammermith.	1922	10/6 1924	Ill health.
Charles S. Rose,	Chesham.	1923	20/- 1923.	None.
F.T. Trounson,	Holborn.	1924.	10/6 1924.	Unable to continue.

(c) List of 64 members - names annexed - subscriptions not paid since 1919-1920 to be considered and if so decided, struck off.

- (a) The candidates were all elected.
- (b) Of the nine resignations, six were accepted; Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Moore, and Ernest Price. Mr. Kept on without subscriptions at present.
- (c) The list was dealt with. Special letters to Constance, Edmunds, and Gelford. The remainder to have usual formal notice and to be struck off. Subst annexed.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures concluded and very successful. Receipts sale of tickets £941. 14. 5d., Expenses £362. 6. 6d. Profit £580. Sales of literature at the six meetings totalled £55. 7. 0d.

Receipts and expenses and considered very satisfactory. Report to

6. Summer School 1924. All accounts now settled and paid.
Receipts £1019. 8. 6d. Expenditure £859. 7. 5d.
Balance profit £160.

*Receipts and expenditure and
considered satisfactory*

7. Essex Hall Lectures 1925. Arrangements complete - see
list of lectures, subjects and Chairmen in December
"Fabian News". Syllabus in hand and will be ready
for issue shortly.

Receipts and expenditure.

8. Local Government News. The Sub Committee met and made
arrangements for further efforts to secure advertise-
ments and increase circulation. Decided also to
resume 8 pp. issues with occasional 12 pp. only until
some advertisements are secured.

Receipts and expenditure.

9. Blanco expressed his thanks to the Committee
for action re his lost overcoat

9. Correspondence.

- (a) G.A.Gaskell - re his donation of £200
- (b) Kingsway Hall - re course of lectures next
autumn asking questions re dates.
- (c) Architectural Press Ltd., 27, Tothill St.,
re damage to roof caused by our stack pipe
blown down in gale on 27th Nov.
- (d) The Fabian Nursery - Thanks for grant of £5
- (e) Westminster Labour Party re Parliamentary
candidate.

*(a.) Receipts and noted
(b) agreed to suggest a date*

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Nov. 11th entirely and learn out that
week, taking Nov. Oct-21-28. Nov 4-18. 25
& December 2nd To be whited to
Executive before final decision

(c) Agree that in pay to 2-10-6 the
cost incurred - and that the
lease to be examined later if
we on the lands are
legally responsible.

(d) Received and noted

(e) Received - no action.

The Committee there
adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
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Let of 66 names - about 7/12/1924

List of 64 names - struck off 12/12/24

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>
R.Clifford Allen.	1910	10/-	W. Houghton.	1918	30/-
R.Page Arnot .	1911	5/-	+ Ralph Hyams.	1906 (7)	20/-
W. H. Atkins.	1908	5/-	H.H.Ison.	1896	10/6
Miss Ethel Barnett	1911	2/3	G.E.M.Joad.	1912	20/-
S. G. Banker.	1914	10/-	D.G.Jones.	1907	21/-
John Beattie	1918	10/-	Miss W.M.Jones.	1910	10/6
Wm. Bell,	1907	10/-	J.T.Kenrick.	1919	22/-
Miss B. M. Blackwood.	1910	6/-	George Lang.	1918	15/-
Stephen Brechin.	1918	20/-	S.Lefkowitz.	1919	10/-
Miss G. I. Brown.	1907	10/-	Miss K.Manicon.	1916	5/-
Harold Carter.	1918	10/-	Ernest Marsh.	1919	10/-
+ A.K.Constantine.	1905 (5)	52/6	James J.Martin.	1907	23/-
+ Mrs.Constantine.	1906 (5)	52/6	K. A. Mitchell.	1914	10/6
Sapt. J. Danny.	1909	£2	+ Edw.Mooney.	1901 (4)	£2
Thos. Dawson.	1911	20/-	Mrs.J.E.Murfitt	1918	10/-
Miss Jeanne Dell.	1918	5/-	Capt.G.Murfitt.	1916	20/-
Wm. R. Dover.	1909	10/6	F.C.Ranger.	1918	7/6
Mrs. D.Dowling.	1918	10/-	T.R.R.Rao.	1919	10/-
J. de Sa.	1917	5/-	S.H.Riza.	1918	20/-
Sydney A.Driver.	1891	2/6	E. H. Ryle.	1917	20/-
+ Joseph Edwards	1896	5/-	F.B.Scoffham.	1913	21/-
Gordon S.M.Ellis.	1911	10/-	Alf.Simpson.	1913	5/-
G.H.Elphick.	1919	10/-	Miss G.Snelling.	1908	4/-
+ J.T.Fisher.	1906 (4)	20/-	Miss H.V.Stuart.	1919	20/-
+ H.J.Forman.	1912 (4)	20/-	Harry Sykes.	1902	5/-
+ Dr. Didney Gilford.	1923 (5)	£5.5.	Harold Taylor.	1918	20/-
A. W. Grant.	1919	10/-	J.Trotskey.	1918	21/-
Miss P.C.Grant.	1918	5/-	G. Vickerson.	1918	10/-
Rt.Rev.Vernon Herford.	1897	10/-	W.W.Wellings.	1919	10/-
Miss H.H.Herne.	1919	15/-	M.Whiteley.	1917	5/-
G.M.Heydon.	1919.	£2	F.C.Wright.	1917	5/-
T.H.Heyworth.	1918	15/-			
Geo. F. Holland.	1918.	5/-			

+ To be written & checked.

Finance Committee
16 January 1925

Present - Pease (Chair) Davies, Dodd,
Col William, Blanco and Gaeton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - for absence were received from Ratcliffe, Robson and Webb.

3. Finance Report to 31st Dec:	<u>1924.</u>	<u>1923.</u>
Balo of Literature.	£877	£1405
Members Subscriptions	804	631
Other Subscriptions.	376	134.
Book Box Fees.	30	34
Hire of Hall	58	49

Received and approved and
considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

(a) December Candidates (21) to be elected. Last year (10)

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss G.E. Bland,	Westminster,	1924	20/- 1924.	Going Abroad,
Thos. Howe,	Westminster,	1915	21/- 1924	None.
Mrs. W.M. Johnson,	Chelsea,	1921	5/- 1923	None.
Chas. F. Nash,	Sydenham.	1917	10/- 1924	Left London.
W.J. Pincombe,	Norwood,	1893	10/- 1924	Political.
L.C.C.				

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- (a) The candidates were all elected.
 - (b) The four resignations were accepted.
- Circular letter to be sent to Lincoln.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. First meeting to-night. Syllabus published and distributed - about £10 taken for tickets for non-members to date.

Receipt and acknowledgment, and considered satisfactory.

3. L.C.C. Election, March 1925. Twelve members of the Society already adopted as Labour candidates and more likely to be adopted. Some appeals for financial help already received. Can we insert usual appeal for funds in February "News" with list of candidates standing?

Agreed that appeal be inserted in February News. Executive to be asked to decide if circular should also be issued to London members.

Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. The Labour Party would like list of members willing to stand. Shall we insert notice in "Fabian News" inviting members desirous of standing to notify us accordingly as usual?

Agreed that notice be given in February News and steps taken to compile list for submission to Labour Party as in former years.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Aylmer Maude suggesting lecturer opposed to our views.
- (b) Sozialwissenschaftliches Archiv. Berlin. Request for free literature.
- (c) J. Pearce - out of work painter - suggests doing up our shop front.
- (d) Westminster Labour Party re Parliamentary candidates for Westminster.
- (e) First of May Celebration Committee - inviting delegate.
- (f) John Turner and others - re proposed Committee of protest against Fascism in Italy.

- (a) Ask Mr Leake to submit outline of his views for consideration. Refer also to Summer School Committee
- (b) Send some of our publications
- (c) Agree that shop front be done up by Fountain and Pearce
Thanked for his suggestion
- (d) No action (e) No action (f) No action

The meeting then adjourned.

John R. Pearce
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Finance & Committee
Friday 13th Feb 1925.

Present - E. H. Pease (Chair) Lt Col.
T. S. B. Williams & F. W. Coulton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Dodd, Ratcliffe, Robson and Webb,

3.	Finance Report to 31st Jan:	<u>1925.</u>	<u>1924.</u>
	Sale of Literature.	£934.	£1497.
	Members subscriptions.	1022	846
	Other Subscriptions.	412	155
	Book Box Fees.	35.	37
	Hire of Hall.	64.	57.

The report was received and approved and considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

- (a) January candidates (11) to be elected. Last year (22)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss A. Hicks.	Danbury.	1914.	5/- 1924	None.
F. L. Pick,	Oakham.	1924.	10/- 1924.	A Public Official.

- (a) The eleven candidates were elected.
(b) Mr. Puck's resignation accepted. Miss Hicks to be asked to remain without subscription for the present.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Sir T. Chambers unable to lecture March 27th owing to ill-health. Offers April 24th. Shall we accept and arrange alternative for March 27th? If so who to be invited?

Agreed to accept and defer Sir T. Chambers lecture to April 26. Recommend Executive that C. F. Marsh Roberts be asked to lecture on Russia on March 27 in Sir T. Chambers place.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Hall now booked for six Wednesdays, omitting Nov. 11th as arranged. Suggested we might prefer to alter night to Thursdays and so get six consecutive dates. To be considered. Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers for the course to be begun.

Considered and agreed to refer back to the Executive for further consideration with recommendation to take Thursdays in place of Wednesdays as arranged.

7. L.C.C. Election. (a) Sixteen Fabians now adopted as Labour candidates. Appeal for fund in "Fabian News" has produced no result. To consider and decide if circular appealing for funds shall be issued to London members.

(b) Manifesto - issue of Fabian manifesto approved by Executive and referred to this Committee to settle. Draft by Laski has been circulated. To be considered and if so decided approved for issue in names of the Executive Committee.

(a) Considered. Agreed that it be left to Secretary to send out appeal if it seems desirable next week.

(b) Amended and approved and ordered to be issued with names of Executive attached.

8. Fabian Parliamentary candidates. Very short list at present in response to note in "Fabian News". Shall we reinsert it again in next or subsequent issues?

Agreed that notice to go again in next and/or succeeding issues.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Fabian Nursery.- nominating F.A.A. Menzler to serve on this Committee in place of A. R. Blanco.
- (b) W. E. Clippingdale - asking for official recommendation from us for H. T. Muggerridge as Labour Parliamentary candidate for Romford.
- (c) Miss M. Hicks - asking for free loan of Fabian Hall for several days and evenings end of March for exhibition of her paintings to raise funds for Dorset Agricultural Co-operative Market.
- (d) Percy Loake (suggested as lecturer by Aylmer Maude) sending outline of his views for consideration.
- (e) A. E. Sayers (suggested lecturer by F. L. Dodd) submitting outline of his views on Banking Credit and Unemployment.

- (f) F. W. Roques (member) suggesting addition of some French Newspapers to Common Room.
- (g) Standing Joint Committee Industrial Women's Organisations re Affiliation Fee.
- (h) National Conference of Labour Women, Birmingham, May 27 - 28th, inviting appointment of delegates.

- (a) Agreed that money to be collected to this Committee in place of Blanco
- (b) Agreed. Letter to be sent. (c) Decline
- (d) Too abstract for F.S. Decline.
- (e) Refer to Fabian Nursery & Summer School Committee. (f) declined
- (g) Agreed. Fees to be paid.
- (h) Refer to Women's work and Executive Committee to nominate delegates willing to attend at their own expense.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
13 March '25

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Finance & Committee.
Friday 13th March 1925

Present - E. R. Pease (Chair) H. C. Williams,
F. A. G. Menger and F. W. G. G. G. G.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Dodd, Ratcliffe, Robson, & Webb.

3. Finance Report to 28th Feb:

	1925.	1924.
Sale of Literature.	£994	£1592
Members subscriptions.	1108	972
Other Subscriptions.	433	186
Book Box Fees.	41	47
Hire of Hall	73	59

The report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.
 - (a) February candidates (10) to be elected. Last year (39)
 - (b) Resignations:-

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Mrs. H. Bryan.	London,	1909.	5/-	1924. Husband Remains.
Mrs. G. C. Carter,	Aberdeen.	1908	10/-	1924. Ill-health.
H. G. Chancellor.	London.	1892	20/-	1924. Political.
Miss M. F. Cross,	Herts.	1907	5/-	1924. Cannot take part.
Miss E. Moller.	Reading.	1919	10/8	1924. None.

- (a) Nine candidates were elected.
The tenth one J. R. O'Connell elected if
when he buys the subscription form.
(b) The four resignations were accepted.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Fred Bramley accepts March 27th.
Subject "My Impressions of Russia". Chairman:
Montagu Fordham.

Received and approved.

6. L.C.C. Election (a) Only four Fabians elected out of 18
candidates, viz., J. P. Blake, Dr. Stella Churchill,
Miss Susan Lawrence, Herbert Morrison.
(b) Election Fund - total receipts £47. 11. 6d.
Grants paid as follows: Mrs. Macrae-Gibson £10;
H. Morrison £6; Mrs. Malone £5; T. W. McCormack £5;
J. H. Harley £2; B. Skene Mackay £2. Total £30.
The balance £17. 11. 6d in hand to be allocated
by this Committee.

(a) Received and noted

(b) The following grants were made
viz. J. H. B. Morgan £5; Leopold Shero £5;
J. H. Harley £3 (making £5 in all); and
the balance £4-11-6 to Mrs. Macrae Gibson.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Hall now engaged definitely for
six Thursdays beginning October 22nd. General subject
to be further considered. At present only one
suggestion from Laski, viz. Socialism and Current
Questions.

Received and noted. Agreed that
Members suggestion of Socialism and
Industrial organisation be added to

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suggestions for the Executive; members
to read in full particulars. Also
that Canon Donaldson, the master of
Ballhol and Romlyn Hutchins may
be added to list of suggested
lecturers.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Westminster City Council intimating they are considering proposal to renumber Tothill Street, altering us from 25 to 39 and asking for our views thereon
- (b) Labour Party. Executive Committee's statement on Conference decisions re the Communist Party.
- (c) Romford Labour Party. Thanks for recommendation of Muggoridge.
- (d) Guildford Labour Party - requiring a Parliamentary candidate.
- (e) Parents National Educational Union re Conference at Canterbury April 14th - 18th inviting delegates.
- (f) League for Industrial Democracy U.S.A. asking permission to reprint some Fabian Tracts.

(f) Egerton Wake - re Parliamentary candidates
(h) Miss Evans. Women's International League
re the signing of the Protocol.

- (a) Considered - decided no further action
- (b) Received and noted.
- (c) Received. (d) Send to Egerton Wake
- (e) No action. (f) Agree to Wells Ministry of Bootes. Refer others to Shaw and Webb.

(g) Considered. Agreed that Secretary
write circular letter to ~~Committee~~
members previously candidates
or on list of possible candidates
certainly if they wish to be put
on list again.

(h) Considered. no action

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee

Friday 24th April 1925.

Present: Pease (Chair) Robson, Col
Williams, Menzies (Nursing) & Galton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Dodd, Ratcliffe & Webb.
3. Financial statement. Draft balance sheet enclosed and discussion deferred to item 7 of the agenda.

Membership.

- (a) March candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (20)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. A. A. Baird.	London.	1924.	10/-1924.	Inconvenient to continue.
Albert E. Dice,	Lewisham.	1909	10/-1924	Quarrel with
Mrs. Dico.	"	1909	10/-1924	local L.P.
A. J. Gibbons,	Wimbledon	1909	10/-1924	Local work.
Miss E.C. Hargrove,	I. of W.	1912	5/-1924	None.
Major G. Head.	London,	1920	£2.10.1925	Objects to Trade Unions.

Fred Marquis,	Liverpool	1905	10/6	1920	None.
J. E. Williams,	London.	1923	10/-	1924	None.
A. E. Young,	London.	1924	10/-	1924	Too busy with other Societies.

(c) Member to be removed from list for non-payment of subscription:

V. P. Downs, London. Elected 1922. Subscription:
10/- 1922 only.

- (a) The seven candidates were elected
 (b) The nine resignations were accepted subject to A. J. Cubbins standing over for a time to see if any reply to my letter.
 (c) The member was struck off for non-payment of subscription.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Final lecture of session to-night, April 24th by Sir Theodore Chambers.
 Chairman - R. H. Tawney.

Records and notes read and approved.

6. Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. Lists enclosed.

- (a) 22 members already adopted as Labour candidates in various constituencies.
 (b) 34 members willing to stand if adopted. All but six of these on former list.

To be considered and if approved sent to the Labour Party.

The lists, (Copies annexed) were considered

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and approved and advised to be sent
to the Labour Party.

- 7. Annual Report, etc. and Annual Meeting. Proof of draft balance sheet enclosed. Bacon asked to audit again and agreed and audit begun. To be approved. Date for Annual Meeting to be considered and recommendation made to Executive thereon. Proposed to submit alteration of Rule 3 which requires Annual Meeting to be held in May so as to read "before the end of June".

To be considered and if so decided recommendation made to Executive thereon.

(a) The action was withdrawn and agreed that Bacon be asked to audit as before.

(b) The draft balance sheet considered and some amendments agreed to.

(c) Agreed to recommend Executive that the Annual meeting be held on Friday June 12 or June 19; and that it be proposed to alter the Rule 3 as suggested.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Prof. V. Schulze-Gaevornitz offering lecture to the Society in June - Fee required.
- (b) Gravesend Labour Party - request for list of Fabian Parliamentary candidates.
- (c) Westminster Labour Party - re appointment of delegate from the F.S.

(d) Fabian Women's Group - re expenses of delegate to Labour Women's Conference at Birmingham.

- (a) Agreed not to arrange Essex Hall lecture for Prof. Schulze-Gaevernicus but offer him lecture at our Summer School if he is here then
- (b) Agreed that copy of list be sent
- (c) Agreed that Col. Williams be appointed
- (d) Refer to Executive with recommendation that we maintain a usual practice of not paying expenses of delegate other than paid staff of the Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. Re Pease
15/5/25.

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ADOPTED.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>CONSTITUENCY.</u>
Bentham, Dr. Ethel.....	East Islington.
Church, Major A. G.....	Leyton East.
Churchill, Dr. Stella.....	North Hackney.
Dale, J. Gilbert.....	East Walthamstow.
Elvin, H. H.....	Watford.
Garratt, G. T.....	Cambridgeshire.
Gould, Mrs. Ayrton.....	Northwich.
Hastings, Dr. Somerville.....	Reading.
Henderson, W. W.....	Enfield.
Knight, Holford.....	Devonport.
Latham, C.....	Wandsworth Central.
Lathan. G.....	Park, Sheffield.
Lawrence, Miss Susan.....	East Ham, N.
Neep, E. J. C.....	Leeds Central.
Picton Turbervill, Miss E.....	Stroud.Glos.
Pole, Major D. Graham.....	Cardiff Central.
Roberts, J. Jones.....	Merionethshire.
Rowe, Frank. A.P.....	Camborne, Cornwall.
Samuels, H. W.....	Swansea West.
Smith, Frank.....	Nuneaton.
Walkden, A. G.....	Heywood & Radcliffe.
White, A. R. Blanco.....	Holland, Lincs.
Wilmot, J.....	East Lewisham.

UNATTACHED.

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Adams, David..... Jesmond Cottage, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Aitken, A..... Bayswater Chambers, St. Stephens Road, W.2.
Beck, W. J..... 10, Warrior Square, St. Leonards-on-Sea.
Bennett, W..... 181, Windsor Road, Torquay.
Blizard, G. P..... 40, Rusholme Road, Putney, S.W.
Butler, P..... 21, Maresfield Gardens, N.W.3.
Cohen, J. L..... 1917, Club, 4. Gerrard Street, W.1.
Corner, Mrs. A. E..... Junipers, Milford, Surrey.
Croasdale, Clifford..... "Lyndale", 13, Gordon Street Church, Accrington.
Dallas, G..... 15, Dartmouth Street, Westminster, S.W.1.
Etty, J. L..... Wantage Hall, Reading.
Fisher, A.R.Colborne.... 7, Upper Hornsey Rise, N.19.
Fordham, M..... 40, Well Walk, Hampstead, N.W.3.
Fraser, J. A. Lovat..... 3, Flowden Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.
Gordon, Alban..... 23, Compton Avenue, Brighton.
Hall, Capt. Basil. R.N.. 28, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, S.W.3.
Harley, J. H..... 59, Parliament Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3.
Hope, Lt.Com. R.H.K..... 4, Hedgway, Onslow Village, Guildford.
Laycock, H. C..... 114, Wellington Road, Leeds.
Ludby, Mrs. H. Cotter... Coniston, Epsom Road, Guildford.
MacKay, B. Skene..... 28, Thurlow Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.
Mc.Keag. E. L..... 4, Holmesdale Road, Kew Gardens, Surrey.
Martin, A. E. Huntley... 285, Holmesdale Road, South Norwood.
Mayer, S..... 1, Garden Court, Temple, E.C.4.
Moore, S. C..... 9, Calder Terrace, Mytholmroyd, Yorks.

Moore, W. Harvey..... 5, Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.4.
Morden, C. R..... 16, Fellows Road, Hampstead, N.W.3.
Sayle, Miss A..... 53, Campden Hill Road, W.6.
Scott, A. Mac.Callum.... 81, Albert Bridge Road, Battersea, S.W.11.
Spencer, Col. Maurice... The Old Rectory, Lower Hardres, Canterbury.
Townsend, Mrs. R..... 2, Orchard Studios, Brook Green, W.6.
Udale, Stanley..... Spring Cottage, Church Road, Hanwell.
Wheeler, Capt. H. F.....
Williams, Lt.Col. T.S.B. Imperial Chambers, 3, Cursitor Street, W.C.2.
Wingfield, Lawrence..... 7, Queen Street, Cheapside, E.C.

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Finance & Committee

Friday 15th May, 1925

Present - Pease (Chair) Cabot Hall,
Ratcliffe, Col Williams & Galtin
(also books. Mr. member).

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

- Accounts for absence were received
from Daves, Dodd & Webb.
- Chair - Pease was re-elected
chairman of this Committee for the
ensuing year.
- Meeting It was agreed that this
Committee do meet on the
second Thursday in ~~each~~ the
month at 5 pm for the
ensuing year.

5. Finance Report to 30th April.	1925.	1924.
Sale of Literature.	£ 80	£ 81
Members Subscriptions.	106	106
Other "	14	22
Book Box "	3	1
Hire of Hall	6	9

*The report was received and
approved and considered satisfactory*

6. Membership.

- (a) April candidates (4) to be elected. Last year (9)
 (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss E. M. Creak.	York.	1924.	10/- 1924.	None.
David Pearson.	Saffron Walden.	1912.	10/- 1924.	None.

- (a) The four candidates were elected
 (b) The two resignations were accepted.*

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1925. Arrangements to date.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>
1. Oct. 22nd.	Hon. B. Russell.	Freedom in Society
2. Oct. 29th.	H. J. Laski.	Political Freedom.
3. Nov. 5th.	Sidney Webb.	Industrial Freedom.
4. Nov. 12th.	The Master of Balliol.	Freedom to initiate and experiment.
5. Nov. 19th.	Vacant.	
6. Nov. 26th.	Bernard Shaw.	The Impossibilities of Freedom.

(Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P. has not yet replied to the invitation. Laski will take any other date if required. Webb's date and subject are not fixed definitely).

Chairmen required - to be considered and recommendations thereon made to the Executive.

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arrangements obtained. Secretary reported
Ruslyn Mitchell had no need to
take recent date. The Chairman
agreed to recommend Executive

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| 1. Tannery | 4. Lord Olivier |
| 2. McCullum Court | 5. Lord Gersell |
| 3. 4 St. J. B. Philly. | 6. Robson. |

8. Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. To add to list:

- (a) Adopted - Major H. E. Weaver. Isle of Wight.
- (b) Willing to stand - Peter Freeman, Mrs. H. J. Massingham. *L. Shiers.*

(a) agreed to add to adopted list
 (c) agreed to add Freeman & Shiers
 to list eventually, & Mrs Massingham
 when elected a member.

Annual Meeting - now fixed for Thursday, June 11th in Fabian Hall. Chairman required and any other business to be considered.

agreed to recommend Executive Unit
F.C. Mingle to be asked to preside

Report from the Atkinson Trustees that they have defrayed cost of reprinting Pease's "History of the Fabian Society, and will ask for royalties on copies sold or refund of part cost later if considered necessary and desirable. Also recommending that the fee paid to the Editor of Local Government News and adviser to the Local Government Inquiry Bureau be increased by £50 per annum as from May 1st, 1925.

Record a noted with thanks. The recommendation
to increase Roberts fee agreed to.

11. Lloyd's Book. The Co-operative Movement in Italy prepared for Atkinson Trustees now ready for press. Price and binding to be considered and settled.

Agreed that it be bound in blue cloth, similar to Lobb's "Decay"; and that the price be fixed at 4/6 net.

12. Correspondence.

- (a) Communist Party of G.B. re affiliation to Labour Party.
- (b) Oldham Labour Party re candidate.
- (c) Friends of Italian Freedom League re Conference May 16th inviting delegates.
- (d) Westminster Labour Party re candidates for Borough Council and L.C.C.

(a) No action. (b) Send copy of form list of candidates. (c) No action. (d) No action.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 11th June 1925

Present. Pease (Chair), Dodd, Cull Hall
Webb, Mungler (Nanny) & H. Crutten.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies - for absence were received
from Davis, Ratcliff and Col. Williams

3. Finance Report to 31st May.	1925.	1924.
Sale of Literature.	£267.	£175.
Members Subscriptions	199	259
Other "	26	48
Book Box "	5	5
Hire of Hall	10	16

The report was received and after
discussion approved and considered
satisfactory.

4. Membership.

- (a) May candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (16)
- (b) Resignations:-

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Miss J. Keith	Oxford.	1913.	£5.1925.	Ill-Health.
Mrs. S. S. Knight.	Coulsdon.	1907.	5/- 1924.	Husband remains.

The candidates (9) were elected; and
the 2 resignations accepted.

5. Annual Meeting - to-night, Thursday, 11th June in Fabian Hall at 8 p.m. Members of the Executive Committee requested to attend. Chairman required as Menzler asks to be excused owing to another engagement. Any instructions as to arrangements, etc.?

Resolved. Agreed that Menzler be relieved
if the Secretary find a chairman in the
meeting.

Mr. Bacon the candidate sent his
certificate for the accounts. It was
agreed that he be thanked and that
charges for five pounds be sent
to him to defray expenses incurred
in conducting the audit.

- 6 Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements to date.

	<u>Date.</u>	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
1.	Oct. 22nd.	Hon. B. Russell.	R. H. Tawney.
2.	" 29th.	H. J. Laski.	Lord Gorell.
3.	Nov. 5th.	Sidney Webb.	H. St. J. B. Philby, C.I.E.
4.	" 12th.	The Master of Balliol.	
5.	" 19th.	E. Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P.	Miss S. Lawrence, L.C.C.
6.	" 26th.	Bernard Shaw.	W. A. Robson.

(Philby consents provisionally as he may be abroad in
November. Lord Olivier is abroad and has not yet replied to
invitation for Nov 12th)

Resolved and approved. Secretary reported
three syllabuses received to date.

Parliamentary By-Election Fund. The trustees to report that they have unanimously agreed to make a grant of £50 from the fund to Col. Williams towards his expenses at the Eastbourne By-Election.

Received and allowed to be repaid to the Executive.

- 8. (a) E. H. Brooks our sub tenant re rent overdue.
- (b) Lawson Dodd - presenting handsome oak reading desk to the Society.
- (c) Labour Party. Annual Meeting Liverpool, September - re delegates, and nominations for Committee and officers.
- (d) Mr. A. Henderson and Egerton Wake - re National Labour and General Friendly Collecting Society - a society affiliated to us.
- (e) Sunderland Labour Party re formation of Local Fabian Society. Speaker required.
- (f) L. J. R. Cripps - member - re small advertisement in Fabian News.

- (c) Counsel Robson and fees for Brooks.
 - (b) Noted with cordial thanks to Dodd for gift.
 - (c) Webb & Miss Lawrence to be nominated as delegates for the Executive
 - (d) Noted. Add sentence to Book Box Circular to define position more clearly.
 - (e) Tell them to form the Society as necessary
 - (f) Agree to decline the offer.
- The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. P. Pease
9.7.25

Finance & Committee.
Thursday 9th July 1925.

Present - Pease (Chair) Todd, Capt Hall,
Lobb, Col Williams, Specter.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Arising therefrom the Secretary reported that Mr Brooks an tenant had paid the rent due last month.

2. Gifts - none.

3. Finance Report to 30th June.	<u>1925.</u>	<u>1924.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£192	£236
Members Subscriptions	291	364
Other "	35	107
Book Box "	6	8
Hire of Hall	20	28

(Owing to Summer School and Kingsway Hall Lecture receipts we have a balance in hand, and no accounts due except Standing, about £300. The falling off in subscriptions is due to the fact that a considerable number of members paid their (increased) subscriptions last year in response to the circular earlier than usual and these have not yet been reminded for the current year.)

The Report has received and approved and considered satisfactory.

Membership.

- (a) June Candidates (6) to be elected. Last year (9)
- (b) Resignation:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address-Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. C.M. Drysdale.	Paris.	1924.	£2, 1924. Left England for good.

The candidates were elected, and the resignation accepted.

- 5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements all complete but still only three syllabuses. Shall we arrange to print the programme when we get Shaw's in as last year, omitting the other two if necessary?

instead of necessary to print 2500 copies with 4 syllabuses only for members; the balance for general public sale with additional syllabuses if obtained.

- Essex Hall Lectures. Spring 1926. Preliminary consideration of dates, etc. General subject agreed to by Executive:- Practical Problems of the day with special reference to Housing, Unemployment and Rural Problems. Any suggestions, etc. to be considered.

Suggestions made were:-

1. Housing. & practical lecture by R. L. Reiss
2. Finance - Dalton.
3. Rural Policy. Fitchman
4. Personally Prof. Pears of Nottingham.

7. Correspondence.

- (a) C. Delisle Burns and Mr. Olivier Harvey re case of Prof. Salvemini.
- (b) Egerton Wake - re case of Friendly Collecting Society affiliated to the Fabian Society.
- (c) Guy W. Keeling - re Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux, suggesting affiliation.
- (d) Westminster Labour Party - re affiliation fees.
- (e) Labour Housing Association re Conference at Scarborough, September 5th. Inviting delegates.
- (f) Chelmsford Labour Party - wanting speakers.
- (g) Ongar I.L.P., wanting speakers.
- (h) Cameograph, Ltd., re Bust and plaque of G. B. Shaw.
- (i) C. Brown - re Prof. Peers of Nottingham.

- (a) Received and noted with thanks
(b) Received and noted. (c) Decline with thanks
(d) Continue application and pay usual fee
(e) Offer to any member in neighbourhood
(f & g) Refer to Murray & for any help.
(h) Decline with thanks. (i) noted with thanks. Ask books.

8. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive Committee be deferred to July 23rd in view of the recess in August. The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee

Thursday 17 September 1925

Present. Pease (Chair) Capt Hall, Ratcliffe,
Col Williams and Craton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Davis, Dodd, Munglu and Webb.
3. Finance. Report not available owing to Miss Gibson's absence on holidays. If possible figures will be circulated at the meeting.

Received and noted.

Membership (a) July Candidates 18 to be elected. Last year (13)
Aug: Candidates (6) to be elected. Last year (4)

(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Abrahams, J.B.	Golders Green.	1912.	21/- 1924.	None.
Burgnoay, Mrs.	Lewisham.	1922.	10/- 1923.	Husband remains.
Haigh, Miss E.	Merioneth.	1922.	10/- 1923.	Change of opinions
Johnson, A.W.	Ilford.	1919.	7/6 1924.	Financial.
Pearsall, Mrs.	H.D. Letchworth	1894.	10/- 1922.	Change of opinions
Smith, E.P.,	St. Johns Wood.	1920.	21/- 1921.	None.
Thengdi, D.R.,	India.	1899.	5/- 1925.	None.

The candidates were all elected,
and the seven resignations
were all accepted.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements all complete and syllabus ready to post out. Demand for tickets very good so far without any advertisement.

Secretary reported 6650 circulars sent out today from card catalogue. Received

6. Circular re Books in Public Libraries. Proof enclosed. To be considered and passed so as to go out to Members with October "News".

The circular was considered and some additions and amendments made. As revised it was approved and ordered to be sent out to members with October News.

7. City of Westminster. Notice of reassessment and increase from £250 to £280. Notice of objection given by Secretary to be approved.

The action was approved and Secretary instructed to appear and support the appeal.

Correspondence.

- (a) The late Mrs. Maybury. Miss Snape (Executrix) re bequest of books to the Fabian Library.
- (b) The late T.E. Vasey. Public Trustee notifying bequest of £21 free of duty and one eleventh share of residue.
- (c) James Bacon, Auditor - thanks for grant of £5.5.0d. sent to him.
- (d) H. Bevan Ward - request to be put on list of possible Parliamentary Candidates.
- (e) Bury St. Edmunds Divisional Labour Party - want a Parliamentary candidate.
- (f) J. Theodore Dodd - re Poor Law Reform, asking us to help in various matters.
- (g) H. Duncan Hill, Australia, re Instituto of Pacific Relations sending memorandum.

(h) Welwyn Garden City Ltd. Request for permission to send out Prospectus and invitations to take up shares to members of the Society.

(i) London Labour Party, 12th Annual Conf: Sat. 28th Nov.

- (a) Record & noted. (b) Record and noted.
- (c) Record. (d) Agreed to add H.B. Wood to list of possible candidates (e) Refer to Labour Party
- (f) Refer to Labour Party Ctn on local government.
- (f) Refer to Ratcliff & Col Williams to report.
- (h) Decline. Cannot depart from usual practice
- (i) Refer to Davies and take action if desired.

9. The Chairman and Secretary brought up the question of Miss Taylor's salary, and 70/- per week at which she commenced. As she has been here for 18 months and her work from entire satisfaction recommended increase of 10/- per week to £4. This was unanimously agreed to - Mr Roberts to the Executive
The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

8.10.25

Finance & Committee
Thursday 6 October 1925

Present. E. R. Pease (Chair) Colburn
and F. W. Custer

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Davis, Dodd, Capt Hall, Cobb & Mungler.

Mungler wrote resigning from the Committee as he was no longer a member of the Nursery Committee, and his resignation was accepted.

3. Finance Report to 30th Sept.	<u>1925.</u>	<u>1924.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£375	£448
Members Subscriptions	491	590
Other "	53	129
Book Box "	11	17
Hire of Hall	27	41

(Owing to Kingsway Hall Lecture receipts we have a substantial cash balance in hand and no accounts due and unpaid except Standing.)

The report was considered and Secretary gave explanation re decline in Subscriptions Record and considered satisfactory

Membership.

- (a) September candidates (4) To be elected. Last year (2)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. Boyd Dawson.	Bucks.	1906.	10/6d 1925.	Gone to Rhodesia to settle.
Miss C.M. Mitchell.	London.	1922.	£5.1924.	Now married and busy and change of view

The four candidates were elected; and the two resignations accepted.

- 5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets very satisfactory. Receipts to 30th Sept. £496. Last year same date, £464. Philby unable to preside on Nov. 5th and A. MacCallum Scott has accepted in his place.

Received & returned & candid and satisfactory

- 6. Essex Hall Lectures, 1926. Arrangements to date.
 - Jan. 15th. Dr. Finer. America.
 - " 29th. M. Fordham. Rural Problems.
 - Feb. 12th and 26th, and March 12th and 26th vacant.
 - April 16th. H.St.J. B. Philby. Arabia.
 - " 30th. Vacant.
 Chairmen required. Syllabus and details of meetings to be considered and settled.

Received & returned. Col Williams to preside for Philby. Other Chairmen deferred till more lectures arranged. Agreed that syllabus to be issued & that all other details as to charges, discussion to be arranged on similar lines to last year.

7. Summer School, 1925. The financial results satisfactory - a net balance of about £75 after meeting all charges and expenses. The Summer School Committee suggest we should authorise advertisements for next year's school in press in December.

Resolved & noted. Agree that Secretary be authorised to insert advertisements as before in suitable papers in November and/or December.

This included the minutes and the Committee adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
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Finance & Committee
12th November 1925

Present. Pease (Chair) Dodd. Capt Hall
 Col Williams & Crutten.

Minutes. of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence - none.

Finance Report to 31st October.	<u>1925.</u>	<u>1924.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£556	£859
Members Subscriptions.	590	641
Other " "	71	135
Book Box " "	14	22
Hire of Hall.	30	42

Record and considered satisfactory

Membership.

- (a) October candidates (15) to be elected. Last year (11)
 (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
R. Powys-Lybbe.	London	1919.	£15 1920.	None.
Miss C.L.Thomas.	Ealing.	1916	20/- 1924	So many calls. Cannot Subscribe.
Miss M.J.Thomas.	Walthamstow	1908	10/- 1924	Change of views.
Miss C.Willmott,	Enfield.	1922.	10/- 1924	To busy to take part.

The Candidates were elected except J.A. Larkin - Birmingham F.S. It was decided to refer his case to the Executive with recommendation that he be elected if not a member of the Communist Party and on condition that he agree to resign his membership here if he should join that party at any future date.

These resignations were accepted. Mrs C. L. Thomas refused back - to be asked to continue a member at reduced subscription.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. All going on satisfactorily. Receipts to date £872. Last year £917. The cheapest seats (6/- course tickets) which all sold out last year did not go off so well this year. Out of 1015 such course tickets, about 180 not sold.

Records reviewed considered satisfactory

6 Essex Hall Lectures 1926. Arrangements for lectures complete as follows:

January 15th,	H. Finer, D.Sc.,	Impressions of America.
" 29th	Montague Fordham.	The Rural Problem.
February 12th	R. B. Forrester.	Co-operative Marketing.
" 26th	Professor R. Peers	Can we Educate the Community?
March 12th	Arthur Greenwood,	The Present position and future
"	M.P.,	policy in regard to Housing.
" 26th	C. S. Orwin.	Land Tenure.

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April 16th. H. St. J. B. Philby, Arabia.
C.I.E.,
" 30th. Rt. Hon. Sidney Poor Law Reform.
Webb, M.P.,
Chairmen required. Syllabus now being asked for, etc.

~~after~~ *Recend and returned.*
In Chairman suggested
1. Laski. 2. Coldwell. 3. Dodd
4. Tammey 5. Eric Jones. 6. Melville
7. Col Williams. 8. & R Pease.

7. Tract No. 218. The County Council. Now ready to print off.
Is this to be sent to all our members? It seems very
wasteful as few are really interested. Decision
required so as to order quantity to print.

*Agreed that it be sent out to all members
as usual with Fabian News.*

8. Book Box Circular revised and issued to about 6,000 various
societies. Copy enclosed for information. Some
responses being received.

Recend and returned.

Correspondence.

- (a) Fabian Nursery nominating Miss Acheson for ~~_____~~
co-option to this ^{year} in place of Menzler resigned.
- (b) The Labour Party - request for payment of second
affiliation fee for this year as decided by
Liverpool Conference.
- (c) The Labour Party - circular re Conference decisions re
Communist Party.
- (d) London Labour Party - re delegates to Annual Conference,
affiliation fees, etc.

- (e) National Book Council - request to us to prepare bibliographies for circulation; and to consider if we can assist towards expense of printing same.
- (f) North Cornwall Labour Party require a candidate.
- (g) C. Croasdale - suggesting enlargement of Fabian News.
- (h) Messrs. Clark - inquiring re distribution of type or moulding of Lloyd's book on "Co-operation in Italy".
- (i) Pan-Pacific Union - re Conference at Honolulu, January 1927.
- (j) Louth (Lincs) Labour Party require a candidate.

- (a) Agreed. Mrs. Acherson consulted to the Committee.
- (b) Agreed that it be paid. (c) Noted. Refer to Executive.
- (d) Mrs. Lawrence, Davies & Col Williams appointed as delegate. Fees & etc. to be paid.
- (e) Agreed. Bibliographies to be prepared as a part of £3 authorized for printing.
- (f) Refer to Executive. (g) Recommended Executive that Fabian News be increased to 8 p. per week.
- (h) Type to be distributed - no moulds required.
- (i) Refer to Executive - Col Williams to report.
- (j) Refer to Executive.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
 Thursday 10th December 1925

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Capt Hall,
 Ratchiffe, Webb, Col Williams
 Mrs S. Acheron (Nurse) & Esultin.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - none.

3. Finance Report to 30th November.	1925.	1924.
Sale of Literature.	£661	£771
Members subscriptions.	656	709
Other "	88	353
Book Box "	21	26
Hire of Hall	37	48

(Payment of accounts due and expenses of Kingsway Hall lectures, etc. have depleted our funds and we have now an overdraft at the bank of about £100. This will probably be cleared off in January which is a very good month for income.

The report was received and after discussion approved and considered satisfactory.

4. Membership:

- (a) November candidates (13) to be elected. Last year (21)
(b) Resignations:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Aubrey Clark.	Chiswick.	1923.	15/-1923.	None.
Sydney Smith.	Hornsey.	1923.	20/-1924.	No time and financial.
Miss M. Sullivan.	Marylebone.	1919.	20/-1924.	Financial.

- (c) List of 54 members enclosed. No addresses for a year or more. To be struck off unless addresses can be provided. (Members of the Executive are requested to examine the list and supply addresses for any of those named if possible).

- (a) The candidates were all elected.
(b) A. Clark's resignation was received. The two others to be asked to continue.
(c) A few addresses were provided. Agreed that all the others to be struck off unless addresses are forthcoming.
See list annexed.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Results: Sale of tickets £895. Last year £941. Expenses £345. Last year £365. Sales of literature at six meetings £29. Last year £55. To consider booking of hall for next year and make recommendations thereon.

Received and considered satisfactory
Agreed to recommend the Executive that the hall be engaged forthwith for the six successive Wednesdays in October and November 1926. The

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subject to be considered and put on agenda for next Executive meeting.

6. Essex Hall lectures, 1926. Arrangements complete except for Chairman for first lecture (Dr. Finer) on Jan: 15th. To be considered and settled. Four syllabuses received and authority to print programme when six or more available to be given.

Received. Syllabus to be printed when six or more available. Haden sent ¹⁹²⁵ to be invited to preside on Jan: 15th - feeling him Secretary to arrange.

7. (a) G. W. Shipway - re China and India.
(b) Miss H. C. Russell - re K.H.L. and disturbances by late comers, etc.
(c) London Labour Party circulars re adjourned Annual Conference; Meeting re Board of Education circular; proposed orchestra, etc.

a. Received & noted. Suitable reply to be sent

- (b) Agreed that for next year notice of reservation of seats to be altered from 8.45 to 8.35 pm. Also that Chairman be asked to appeal for early attendance; and speakers reminded the hall is large and it is necessary to raise their voices.
c. Insert notes in Fulham News.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
21. 1. '26

List of Members, Addresses Unknown. P. . . Return Marked "Gone Away".

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<u>NAME.</u>	<u>LAST ADDRESS.</u>
ABRAMS, S.P., B.A.....	24, St.Alban Street, Leeds.
ATKINSON, J.W.....	Hampden Club, Hampden Street, N.W.1.
BARSON, G.H.....	67, Ellorton Road, Tolworth, Surbiton.
BRACEGIRDLE, Mrs.....	33, Markham Square, Chelsea, S.W.3.
BLOMFIELD, Edwin.....	2, Spring Villas, New Road, Ham Common, Surre.
BRANDT, S.....	1917, Club, 4, Gerrard Street, Soho, W.1.
CLARKE, E.Dillon.....	The Holt, Wokingham, Surrey.
CLARKSON, Mrs. J.D.....	53, Madrid Road, Barnes, S.W.13.
COOKE, Miss L.A.....	8, Albert Street, Belper, Derby.
COPSON, Albert S.....	Hagg Lane, Sandygato, Sheffield.
CROSSAN, Charles.....	96, Victory Avenue, Gretna.
DALE, Miss Edith..	189, Brixton Hill, S.W.2.
DAVIDSON, W.E.F.....	23, Mill Road, Cambridge.
DAVIES, J.W.....	95, Hailsham Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2.
de CETTO, Rev. A.E.M.....	Tongham Vicarage, Farnham, Surrey.
DESSIN, Miss Eva E.E.....	20, Disraeli Gardens, Putney, S.W.
DOUGLAS, W.....	13, York Road, Rangoon.
EDMINSON, F.J.....	22, Linden Road, Bourneville, Birmingham.
EMPSON, C.W.....	25, Delaware Mansions, W.9.
FLEMING, Harold M.....	C/o American Relief Admin: 9, Elizabethstrasse
FLETCHER, Miss F.....	(No Address ^{USA} ^{Robson St} Vienna 1, Austria.
GARNER, F.H.....	303, Halkot Street, Oakland, Pittsburgh, U.S.A.
GARDY, Miss Rose.....	Sunnybank, Carr Hill Heights, Yorks.
GREENBANK, John A.....	44, Hamilton Gardens, St.Johns Wood. N.W.
GREENE, W.S.Clayton.....	"Woodside", Peppard, via Henley, Oxon.
GREENWOOD, Ernest.....	72, Butler Road, Harrow.
GURNEY, Capt. W.E.R.....	13, Cryeon Road, Jhauve V.P., India.
HARGROVE, Miss A.L.....	(No Address) ^{50 Glenlock Rd. A.W.3}
HARRIS, Elex C, M.A.....	Birstall Hall, Nr.Loicester.
HARWOOD, Miss M.....	(No Address) ^{2 Commercial Rd S.E.15}
HAYES, Miss R.W.....	C/o Mrs.Williams, 5, Park Street, Southport.

1st Stock Park 62 Pall Mall S.W.

HARWOOD, Miss R.W.
 HAYES, Miss R.W.
 HERZ, Harry
 HOLGATE, E.F.
 LASCELLES, Mrs. C.
 MC CLARE, Hugh
 MAY, James
 MEARS, Miss M.
 MOORHOUSE, E.R.
 PARK, Miss Greta
 Pennington, Mrs. H.E.
 PIRIE, G.W.
 PRYDE, Miss I. Brown
 PUTZ, Mrs.
 SCOTT, Mrs. M.I.
 SMITH, A.D. Howell
 SMITH, G.E.
 SMITH, Herbert J.
 STARK, Miss W.N.
 THOMAS, Miss Emma
 WATERHOUSE, Mrs. K.
 WILKINSON, Mrs. C.G.
 WILSON, Geo. A.R.
 WYLES, Albert, Jnr.

12, Priory Court, Mayfield Avenue,
 C/o Cox & Co., Charing Cross, S.W.1.
 43, Cornwall Gardens, S. Kensington.
 26, Heath Drive, Gidea Park, Essex.
 31, Rosslyn Hall, Hampstead, N.W.3.
 5, Argyle Terrace, North Shields.
 1, Tufnol House Anson Road, N.7. *High on Sea*
 (No Address) *Dundonald Villa Dundonald Drive*
 Shidlaw, Cornhill-on-Tweed, Northumberland.
 Wardend, Terrace, Nr. Glasgow.
 C/o Mrs. Forbes, Athole, New Scotland, Transvaal
 1, The Grango, Belsize Park, N.W.
 27, West Heath Drive, Golders Green, N.W.
 27, Telford Avenue, Streatham Hill, S.W.2.
 16, Kingscliffe Gardens, S.W.19.
 118, Belsize Road, N.W.6.
 Emerson Club, 19, Buckingham St. Strand.
 8, Clapton Square, E.5.
 53a, Carlton Hill, Abbey Road, N.W.8.
 111, Smither Road, Sheffield.
 101, Leadenhall Street, E.C.2.
 7, King's Hill Road, Dursley, Glos.

Committee
 11th February 1924

Dated
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£776.	£876.
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9) to be elected. Last year (21)

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List of Members, Addresses Unknown. P. . . Return Marked "Gone Away".

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LAST ADDRESS.

ABRAMS, S.P., B.A..... 24, St.Alban Street, Leeds.
 ATKINSON, J.W..... Hampden Club, Hampden Street, N.W.1.
 BARSON, G.H..... 67, Ellorton Road, Tolworth, Surbiton.
 BRACEGIRDLE, Mrs..... 33, Markham Square, Chelsea, S.W.3.
 BLOMFIELD, Edwin..... 2, Spring Villas, New Road, Ham Common, Surre.
 BRANDT, S..... 1917, Club, 4, Gerrard Street, Soho, W.1.
 CLARKE, E.Dillon..... The Holt, Wokingham, Surrey.
 CLARKSON, Mrs. J.D..... 53, Madrid Road, Barnes, S.W.13.
 COOKE, Miss L.A..... 8, Albert Street, Belper, Derby.

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 21st January 1926

Present. Pease (Chair), ^{Dodd} Cuth. Hall,
Col. Williams and Garton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. Ashwin, Ralcliff and Webb.

Finance Report to 31st December.	1925.	1924.
Sale of literature.	£776.	£876.
Members Subscriptions.	727	804
Other " "	120	375
Book Box " "	28	30
Hire of Hall	45	58

(The falling off in subscriptions is due to arrears as evidenced by the increasing number of second reminders sent out each month. The other items call for no remark, the variations from last year being slight and probably temporary.)

The report was received and after discussion considered satisfactory.

4. Membership.

- (a) December candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (21)
- (b) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss M.E. Clarko,	Selsey.	1918	2/6. 1925	Financial.
Edw. Garnett.	Edenbridge.	1906	7/6 1925	None.
Q. Husain,	Hampstead.	1922	16/- 1925	Returning to India.
W.G. Launder,	Enfield.	1923	15/e 1925	Personal.
A.W. Pucknell	Sevenoaks.	1924	10/6 1924.	No time or money.

- (a) The candidates were all elected
- (b) Resignations of Garnett, Launder and Pucknell accepted; Miss Clarko to be asked to continue at reduced sub., and Husain to be asked to continue in India or to join the Indian T.S.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. About 40 course tickets sold, as well as a number of single tickets for various meetings. Everything proceeding satisfactorily but the weather gave us a bad start last Friday.

Receipt and amended satisfactory

6. Kingsway Hall lectures. The Hall booked for six Wednesdays, Oct. 20th to Nov. 24th, 1926. Subject and lectures to be considered.

Receipt and notes. Dodd made suggestions for a series which seemed suitable and he was asked and agreed to elaborate it for next Executive.

7. Facts for Socialists - now revised and nearly ready to print off. It is very expensive. Price to be settled.

Agreed that price to be reviewed in suitable cover

8. Galtin mentioned the case of William
an ship boy who will be 21 years old
in March. It was agreed that efforts
should be made to find him a post-
elsewhere & feeling that the matter
but an agenda for next meeting

7. Correspondence.

- (a) Pease to report Mrs. Stanton Blatch's 70th birthday and action taken thereon.
- (b) Messrs. Allen & Unwin conveying offer of American firm of publishers for copies of Pease's History, and Lloyd's Co-operation in Italy in sheets. To be considered.
- (c) Parliamentary Labour Club. Miss Dawson asking us to send out to London members with February Fabian News prospectus of the Club, free of charge.
- (d) J. Theodore Dodd - re Poor Law Reform.
- (e) Labour Party - National Conference of Labour Women, Huddersfield, May 12th and 13th. Inviting delegates.
- (f) First of May Celebrations Committee. Inviting affiliation and delegates.

- (a) Report received and action approved
- (b) Appeal to accept offers contained in the Woman's letter of Jan 12th
- (c) Agreed. (d) Refer to Webb.
- (e) Refer to Women's Group to appoint delegates - w. to pay fees but no expenses
- (f) No action.

The meeting then adjourned

11/2/26 Edw. R. Pease

Finance & Committee
Thursday 11th Feby 1926

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Capt-
Hull, Col Williams & Esulton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Ratcliffe, Webb & Miss Acheron.

3. Finance Report to 31st January.	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1925.</u>
Sale of literature.	£828	£934.
Members Subscriptions.	943.	1022.
Other "	152	412
Book Box "	33	35
Hire of Hall	55	64

(The financial position is easier owing to large receipts from subscriptions, etc. during January. But we still have an overdraft though no accounts due and unpaid except Standing.)

The report was received and after discussion considered satisfactory.

4 Membership.

- (a) January candidates (12) to be elected. Last year (11)
- (b) Resignation.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
H. S. Johnston.	Holders Green.	1923.	15/-	1925. F.S. not advanced enough.

(g) No general purge of members in arrears proposed this year, owing to bad times. But list of 25 members annexed who joined in 1920-22 and have paid only one small subscription to be considered, and if so decided ordered to be struck off after final notice.

- (a) The candidates were all elected
- (b) The resignation was accepted.
- (c) approved. The list (annexed) was considered. Special letter to be sent to McNamee, Mitchell, Watson & Miss Woodbridge. Mr Robinson's name was withdrawn. The remainder to leave final letter and be struck off if no response.

Kingsey Hall Lectures. Further consideration of subject and lecturers. Dodd submits annexed proposals. To be considered. Other suggestions invited.

Considered. Dodd's proposal (annexed) was revised and amended and advised to be laid before the Executive with any other suggestions received

Next meeting of Executive - due on Thursday, 18th. Proposed to defer to Thursday, 25th as Secretary has received Jury summons for next week. To be approved.

approved - Executive to meet on Thursday 25 February.

7. Correspondence.

- (a) Ratcliffe - apologises for absence - gone to U.S.
- (b) Fordham - asking if we can take any steps to give support to the Rural Construction Association.
- (c) Stewart Headlam Memorial Committee appealing to F.S. for support.
- (d) Basil Howell - re formation of Indian Fabian Society.

- (a) Record - refer to Executive
- (b) Refer to Executive and ask Fordham to submit suggestions
- (c) Insert notice in Fabian News and write members to subscribe. Scouting to night and forward any subscriptions sent to home.
- (d) Noted with thanks. Report to the Executive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease
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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>lected</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>
Miss Joice Burnett.	Liverpool.	1922.	10/-, 1922.
	Hampshire.		
Miss J.H.Cropper,	Livorpool.	1922.	5/-, 1922.
John Stewart Ford.	Cambridge.	1920	7/6d 1920.
Miss K. Gavin,	Haverstock Hill,	1921.	5/- 1921.
F. Kennedy.	Chadwell Heath.	1922	12/6, 1922.
Miss I. F. Luckraft.	London.	1921.	10/- 1921.
Hugh McNieso.	London.	1920	10/- 1920.
Henry Park.	Cumberland.	1920.	5/- 1920.
D. E. Maguire.	London.	1921.	5/- 1921.
W. T. Mitchell.	Tboting.	1920	21/- 1920.
C. B. Mogridge.	Wimbledon.	1922.	10/- 1921.
C. A. Muller.	London.	1919.	3/- 1921.
W. Rentall Read.	Plumstead.	1921.	5/- 1921.
Miss J. E. Reade.	Lincoln,	1922.	10/- 1922.
Mrs. Jean Robinson.	London.	1922.	5/- 1922.
J. W. Seamark.	Bedford.	1920.	5/- 1920.
H. B. Shah.	Antwerp.	1921.	5/- 1921.
Miss Frances Stern.	London.	1920.	10/- 1920.
Miss G. F. Townley.	Thornton Heath.	1921.	5/- 1921.
J.H.von Haast.	Butlers Cross.	1922	10/- 1922.
Arthur E. Watson.	Croydon.	1921.	5/- 1921.
H.E. de C. Wheeler.	Ireland.	1921.	10/- 1921.
A. E. Williamson.	London.	1921.	10/- 1921.
Miss F. D. Wooldridge.	London.	1922.	7/6d 1922.
Miss P. Weismann,	Kow.	1922.	7/- 1921.

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 11th March 1926.

Present: Pease (Chair) Mrs Acheson, Dodd,
Cuth. Hall, Webb, Col Williams & Electon.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed

? Photology for album received from Ratchiffe.

6. Finance Report to 28th February.	1926.	1925.
Sale of literature.	£912	£994
Members Subscriptions.	£1033	£1108
Other "	196	433
Book Box "	37	41
Hire of Hall	61	73

(The year has not been a very successful one financially. Receipts are reduced, and expenditure heavy due partly to the issue of five new tracts, the reprinting of several others, and the revise and reprint of Facts for Socialists which is very expensive. The result is that the accounts for the year will show a deficit - not a large one - probably about £70 on the year's working)

Received and after discussion approved
and considered satisfactory
Agreed to refer to Publishing Committee to
consider issue of circular to members offering
publications, Fabian Essays &c. at reduced prices
so as to dispose of some old stocks.

4. Membership.

- (a) February Candidates (6) to be elected. Last year (10)
(b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
W.G. Gilbert.	Streatham.	1907.	21/- 1925.	Lost interest and leaving London.
Mrs. Richards.	Forost Gate.	1909.	10/- 1926.	Age and cannot attend mtgs.
Mrs. Robinson	Streatham	1922	5/- 1922	(Cannot attend
T. Robinson.	Streatham.	1919	5/- 1922	(or subscribe.

(a) The candidates were elected
(b) The four resignations were accepted.

5. Executive Committee 1926-27. The new nominations received to date. If any members of the existing Committee do not desire to be nominated again notice of withdrawal should be sent by the 20th inst.

Received and noted, No action taken.

6. Annual Audit of Accounts. Shall we ^{write} write Bacon again as usual?

Depend that Bacon be invited to act again this year.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Scheme as drafted by the Executive Committee annexed. Referred to the Finance Committee to consider and revise and return to the Executive with recommendations if any.

The draft scheme was considered and commended and ordered to be laid before the Executive at next meeting.

- 3. Suggestion by Laski, to be considered. That in order to resume issue of tracts in the name of the Society, the New Fabian Group be invited to prepare and submit tracts to meetings of the Group open to all members of the Society. If passed and approved by the Executive such tracts should then be published as Fabian tracts without names of authors.

After discussion agreed to refer to the execution in the following form:-

That in order to resume the issue of Fabian tracts without an author's name it be open to any group of the Society to prepare and submit tracts to meetings of the Group open to all members of the Society. If passed, and approved by the Executive such tracts should then be published as 'prepared by the [] group' without name of author.

- 4. Suggestion by Robson to be considered. That a small publicity group be formed to watch the press and send suitable replies to matters of interest.

Robson attended and explained his proposal. It was agreed to refer it to the Executive for consideration and Robson requested to prepare and bring up a detailed scheme for carrying out his suggestion.

10. Correspondence.

- (a) Fordham - asking us to send out to members with Fabian News, free of charge, a circular about the Rural Reconstruction Association, inviting them to join that body.
- (b) Buckrose Divisional Labour Party - Thanks for promise of grant from D.E.-election fund.
- (c) Rev. J. V. Hodgson - re proposal to write history of Elton Village, Huntingdon.
- (d) J. C. Harris, Canada. Request to try to secure publication of article in suitable paper.
- (e) Allen & Unwin - offering copies of Wallas's Life of Francis Place 8/6d edition for 3/9d or 4/- each, to sell at any price. Only 100 copies available.

- (a) Fordham withdrew this request as the circular was not yet ready.
- (b) Notice. Refer to Executive. (c) Secretary to send encouraging reply (d) Notice - has on to Peace Society to consider
- (e) Left to the Secretary as office detail.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Peace
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KINGSWAY HALL LECTURES 1926.

Draft scheme for consideration.

GENERAL TITLE - THE SHRUNKEN WORLD.

1. The Control of World Finance. J. M. Keynes.
2. Europe Limited, or The United States of Europe.
 - (1) E. Fimmen.
 - (2) P.J. Baker.
 - (3) Sir A. Salter.
3. The Danger of Croed Wars. B. Russell.
4. Probable consequences of the new checks to
the migration of Peoples. Prof. Carr-Saunders.
5. What scope is there for voluntary international
Associations in the evolution
towards a World State. Sidney Webb.
6. The Future of Mankind. Bernard Shaw.

(Alternative to No. 4. Explosive Force of new ideas among backward Races; or "The Rising tide of Colour")

(Alternative lecturers suggested possible: Graham Wallas, A Ponsonby, H. N. Brailsford. S. K. Ratcliffe).

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Finance Committee

Friday 16 April 1926

Present: - Pease (Chair) Mrs Acheson,
Capt Hull, Webb, Col Williams & Gaston

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
2. Accounts for annum were received from Dodd, Davies & Ratcliffe

3. Finance Report to 28th February.	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1925.</u>
31 st March		
Sale of literature.	£1358	£1255
Members Subscriptions.	1179	1274
Other "	230	454
Book Box "	40	47
Hire of Hall	72	80

(The Accounts and Balance Sheet for 1925-26 are now completed and show as anticipated a small deficit of £68 on the year's working. It will be printed and circulated as soon as possible.)

The Report was received and considered
satisfactory

4 Membership.

- (a) March candidates (14) to be elected. Last year (7)
- (b) Resignations:-

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
B.F. Besemer.	Clapton.	1925.	10/-1925.	Left England for good
R.C. Burt.	Croydon.	1914.	21/-1924.	Cannot afford Sub.
W. Stribling.	E. Ham.	1925.	10/-1925.	Too busy locally.

(a) The candidates were elected.

(b) The resignations accepted, except Burt left kept-in for present without sub.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures.

- (a) General Title - The Skrinking World.
- (b) Lectures and Lecturers arranged.

- (1) Oct. 20th. The Control of World Finance. Vacant.
- (2) " 27th. The United States of Europe. Prof. A. Toynbee.
- (3) Nov. 3rd. The Danger of Creed Wars. Hon. B. Russell.
- (4) " 10th. Voluntary Internationalism. Sidney Webb.
- (5) " 17th. The Rising Tide of Colour. S. K. Ratcliffe.
- (6) " 24th. The Future of Mankind. Bernard Shaw.

Both J. M. Keynes and Sir Josiah Stamp have declined the first lecture. Philip Snowden suggested. To be considered and settled.

Approved. Agreed that Snowden be invited to do the lecture on Finance & the usual fee offered.

- Scrutineers of votes for Executive Election to be approved ^{agreed}
Mrs. M. E. Beadle and A. R. Colborne Fisher suggested.
To be approved.

Approved. Mrs Beadle and A. R. Colborne Fisher were appointed scrutineers accordingly

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year's

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7. East Ham Parliamentary By-Election. Miss Susan Lawrence adopted as Labour candidate. Proposed to issue special whip to London members urging help and support as too late to insert notice in Fabian News. To be approved.

*agreed - circular to be issued
as soon as possible.*

8. Mrs. Palmer (Mabel Atkinson) now on visit to England. Suggested meeting and lecture by her on Race Problem in South Africa. Friday May 28th offered. To be considered and settled.

*agreed to arrange meeting in Tedham Hall
for Friday 28. May or other suitable
and convenient date.*

9. Robson - requesting consideration of office accommodation arrangements for Local Government work.

*Considered. Reply - in principle to
provide small common room for the
purpose. Offer further report of
drawers or other office appliances
if that would help.*

10. Correspondence.

- (a) Bank for Russian Trade re deposit of £200
(per Gaskell and interest.
(b) E. H. Brooks, sub-tenant of 3rd floor here,
giving notice of termination of his tenancy
on 29th September next.

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- (c) Webb re donation (anonymous) of £100 towards expenses of Local Government News.
- (d) J. Silas Whybrew re Labour Housing Association, and his resignation of secretaryship.
- (e) International Association for Social Progress (British Section) Request for subscription.

- (a) Recd. Agreed that the report to date be withdrawn
 - (b) Recd and noted
 - (c) Recd and noted
 - (d) Noted. No action at present
 - (e) Agreed not to subscribe as a society
1. Agreed that the next Executive meeting be summoned as soon as draft Report is available. Thursday 29th inst. if possible approved

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease
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Finance & Committee

Thursday 20th May 1926.

Present: - Pease (Chair) Mrs Acheson,
Dodd, White, Col Williams & Galton.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - received from Capt. Hill, Mrs Keynes & Webb.
3. Chairman - Pease was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

4. To consider and settle day and hour for meetings of the Committee for the ensuing year. Letter from Miss Keynes thereon to be read.

Mrs Keynes' letter was read. After discussion resolved that the Committee do continue to meet - on Thursdays at 5 pm, the second Thursday in the month when practicable.

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5. Finance Report to 30th April.	1926.	1925.
Sale of Literature.	£51.	£80
Members Subscriptions.	£130.	£106
Other " "	£16	£15
Book Box " "	£ 2	£ 3
Hire of Hall	£ 4	£ 6

(The books are now in the hands of the auditor who hopes to complete the audit before the Annual Meeting).

The report was received and considered satisfactory

6. Membership.

- (a) April candidates (5) to be elected. Last year (4)
- (b) Resignations:-

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
J.B.Parfitt.	Reading.	1907.	10/- .1924-25.	None.
R.W.Reynolds.	Paddington.	1923.	10/- 1923.	None.
Colin Rolls.	Wimbledon.	1925.	20/- 1925.	Cannot take part.
B. H. Tripp.	Croydon.	1925.	10/- 1925.	Not a Socialist.

The five candidates were elected and the four resignations accepted.

Annual Meeting arranged for Wednesday, 16th June. Chairman required. Small revision of Summer School By-laws to be authorised. Any other business.

Agreed that A. MacCallum Scott be asked to preside. Funding from B.K. Martin. The small amendment of Summer School By-laws was withdrawn and ordered to be put on agenda for Annual Meeting.

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Kingsway Hall Lectures.

- (a) General Title - The Shrinking World.
 (b) Lectures and Lecturers arranged.

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| (1) | Oct. 20th. | The Control of World Finance. | Rt. Hon. W. Graham, M.P. |
| (2) | " 27th. | The United States of Europe. | Prof. A. Toynbee. |
| (3) | Nov. 3rd. | The Danger of Greed Wars. | Hon. B. Russell. |
| (4) | " 10th. | Voluntary Internationalism. | Rt. Hon. Sidney Webb, |
| (5) | " 17th. | The Rising Tide of Colour. | S. K. Ratcliffe. |
| (6) | " 24th. | | Bernard Shaw. |

Chairmen required. To be considered and recommendation made to the Executive thereon.

Approved. Ratcliffe's change of title to
 "The Conflict of Race and Colour" agreed to.
 His suggestions for Russell and Webb
 to be sent to them for consideration
 For Chairman, recommendation to Executive

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| 1. Noel Austin M.P. | 4. Mrs Lawrence M.P. |
| 2. Hugh Dalton | 5. Lord Olivier ✓ |
| 3. Mrs Webb ✓ | 6. A. Greenwood. M.P. |

9. Mabel Atkinson's meeting. Arranged for May 7th but postponed owing to strike. Fresh date to be settled. Letter thereon from Miss Atkinson.

Agreed that the meeting be arranged in Jubilee Hall for Monday 21st June at 8th. and that Mrs Atkinson be allowed to make an appeal for funds & books for the Native Trade Bureau in S. Africa

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The Lockout of Miners. Some members have suggested an appeal for subscriptions to the Miners Relief Fund, and some sums have been sent or promised. Shall we insert a notice in Fabian News?

Considered. Agreed that notice be wanted in Fabian News accordingly.

Correspondence:-

- (a) Miss Atkinson - request for gift of books to Native Trade Unionists Clubs in South Africa.
- (b) Sir John Maynard - request to be put on list of possible Labour Parliamentary candidates.
- (c) Birmingham F.S. inviting members of the Executive to visit and address the Society.
- (d) The Editor "Industrial Hawaii" inviting replies to questions on International Peace.
- (e) Labour Party Annual Conference, Margate, October 11th. Invitation to appoint delegates, nominations for Executive, Resolutions for agenda, etc.
- (f) Westminster Labour Party - request for appointment of delegates.

(g.) Prop. Abi, Tokoro. re Translation of Fabian Leaflets.
(a) Agreed. (b) Agreed - to be sent to Labour Party
(c) Referred to Executive. (d) Declined
(e) Refr to Executive and suggest Webb and
Wm Lawrence as delegates & nominees
for the Executive. (f) Refr to Executive
(g.) Nihil. Secretary's reply affirmed
The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Wednesday 16th June 1926.

Present: - Pease (Chair) Mrs Acheson,
Dodd, Capt Hall, Webb, White & Galton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies were received from Mrs Keynes, and Col. Williams. In view of Mrs Keynes letter it was decided that she be transferred to the Publishing Committee and Ratchiffe to this Committee in Mrs Keynes' place.
3. Finance. The usual financial statement is not available this month as the books are all away at audit. We had a very bad month in May owing to the strike and Whitsun holidays and the bank overdraft was accordingly much increased.

Received and noted,

4. Membership.

- (a) May candidates (12) to be elected. Last year (9).
- (b) Resignations - None.

- (c) The candidates were all elected.
- (d) It was noted there were no resignations.

Annual Meeting, tonight Wednesday, June 16th in Fabian Hall at 8.p.m. A. MacCallum Scott accepts invitation to preside. See Fabian News for Business. It is hoped as many members of the Executive will attend as possible.

Resolved. Agreed that Luske be asked to reply to Crozier's motion in behalf of the Executive; and that some members of the Executive deal with the question of subscriptions &c.

Miss Atkinson's Lecture on S. Africa in Fabian Hall, Monday next, June 21st at 8.p.m. Lord Olivier writes offering to preside. Accepted by Secretary. To be approved.

Resolved and the action endorsed.

Kingsway Hall Lectures. Dates and Lecturers all settled. Chairmen suggested at last meeting appear in minutes. Lord Olivier offers to preside for Graham or Ratcliffe. Other suggestions for Chairmen to be considered.

Agreed to accept Lord Olivier's offer to preside for Ratcliffe; and to confirm invitation to Mrs Webb to preside for Russell. The others referred to Executive with following additional suggestions, i.e. Emil Davies, J. M. Pellett M.P., J. B. Melville, and F. W. Pettibone-Lawrence M.P.

8. Correspondence:-

- (a) Mrs. Cowley, Hon. Sec. Birmingham F.S. re Crosoer's motion for Annual Meeting.
 - (b) Haden Guest enclosing letter from A. G. Hays, American Lawyer, offering lecture on the Scopes Case.
 - (c) National Labour Housing Council - application for affiliation fee.
 - (d) New Fabian group asking for nominated representative of the group on this Committee
- (a) Noted. Dealt with above on item 5.
- (b) Decline - not possible to fit in meetings in London in July & August. Ask Hays to lecture to the Summer School
- (c) Decline and cease to be affiliated.
- (d) Letters from Mrs Taylor and Mrs Keynes therein read. Agreed unanimously to decline with regret as we do not give such representation to women or other groups represented on the Executive. It was given to Nursing because they had no representation on the Executive.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance Committee

Thursday 15th July 1926

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Ratcliffe
Col Williams and Galtou.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from Davies and Blanco White.

Finance Report to 30th June.	1926.	1925.
Sale of Literature.	£178.	£202
Members Subscriptions.	306	291
Other " "	124	35
Book Box " "	4	6
Hire of Hall	16	20

(The great decline in receipts in May was largely overtaken in June as the figures show. But we still have a heavy overdraft which it may be necessary to increase for the Summer School if fees do not come in soon. Authority to be given to arrange for this to be done if necessary.)

The report was received and after discussion and explanation of the details approved and considered satisfactory.

with reference to the bank

overdraft it was resolved that the Society's certificate for £1000 in 3½% Commonwealth Stock be deposited with the bank as security and that the bank be asked to increase the overdraft to £500. Also that Mr. Deane's parentage being then no longer necessary be cancelled and returned to him with thanks for his help in the matter.

4. Membership.

- (a) June candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (6)
 (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Rev. R. N. Flew.	London.	1912.	6/- 1921.	None.
C. K. Mees.	New York.	1906.	20/- 1926.	New settled in America.
Geoffrey Paget	Liverpool.	1910	5/- 1923	Cannot support
Mrs. G. Paget.	Liverpool.	1912	5/- 1923.	Labour Party who heartedly.
F. G. Stone.	London.	1924.	25/- 1925.	Too busy and prefers I.L.P.

(Few if any resignations of members can be traced definitely to the General Strike. But we have lost half a dozen or so Associates specifically on that account)

- (a) Six candidates were elected. The seventh G. A. Stolar was elected subject to payment of subscription
 (b) The five resignations were accepted.

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Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements now complete and three syllabuses in print. The Chairmen arranged are as follows:-

- 1. Geo. M. Gillett, M.P.
- 2. Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P.
- 3. Mrs. Sidney Webb.
- 4. Miss Susan Lawrence, M.P.
- 5. Lord Olivier.
- 6. J. B. Melville.

The programme and syllabus is set up and will be printed as soon as complete and sent out as usual in September.

Received and the arrangements approved.

Book Box Circular. Re-issue in the autumn to be considered, and if so decided the bodies to be circularised to be settled.

Considered. Agreed that the circular be reprinted and sent out in the autumn to such bodies as would undertake distribution to their branches &c.

Correspondence.

- (a) James Bacon F.I.A. sending audited balance sheet and certificate. Fee to him therefor to be considered and settled.
- (b) Bexley Heath U.D.C. re offer for sale of the late Wm. Morris's house, The Red House at Bexley.
- (c) The Labour Party - circular re Communist party tactics, etc.

(a) Agreed to recommend the Executive to offer fee of five guineas to

Bacon as honorarium with
an thanks for his assistance

- (b) Agreed that a paragraph about
the matter be inserted in Fabian
News and details sent to any
members interested and likely
to consider the matter.
- (c) Read and noted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 16 Sept 1926

Present: Pease (Chan) Dodd, Ratcliff
Col Williams, Mrs Acheron, and
Gutter. Also Robm. non member.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

1. Apology for absence was received
from Blanes White.

2. The usual financial statement is not available owing to Miss
Gibson's absence on holiday. All the items of income
however are satisfactory, except sale of literature,
which is still very low. Members subscriptions were
£50 up at the end of July.

Resolved and voted.

3. Membership.

- (a) July Candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (8)
- (b) August candidates (3) to be elected. Last year (6)
- (c) Resignations (two months):-

Name.	Address	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
.E.B. Behrens.	Kensington.	1924.	£1. 1926.	None.
.Col. F.B. Buist.	N. Wales.	1926.	42/- 1926.	Giving up Politics.
.F.H. Carr)	Hampstead.	1908.	20/- 1924.	Lost interest.
.Mrs. Carr)	Hampstead.	1908.		
.Miss F. Farmer.	Hampstead.	1910.	20/- 1925.	Cannot take part.
.W.E. Fisher.)	Wolverhampton	1912	20/- 1926.	Lost interest in the
.Mrs. Fisher.)		1914		Society & Politics.

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| 8. Col. J. Kynaston. Westminster. | 1917. | 42/- | 1924. | No longer in agreement |
| 9. Miss H. Langelaan. Hornsey. | 1923. | 20/- | 1925. | Too busy in other qtr |
| 10. Sir C.S. Nair. India. | 1921. | 20/- | 1926. | Gone to India for good |
| 11. H.T. Nightingale) Sandor- | 1911 | 10/- | 1925. | Ill health and |
| 12. Mrs. Nightingale stead. | | 10/- | 1925. | poverty. |
| 13. C.W. Plank, Putney. | 1914. | 10/- | 1925. | No longer in agreement |
| 14. P.M. Sturge, Birmingham. | 1897. | 21/- | 1925. | No longer in agreement |

(a) and (b) The Candidates were all elected.

(c) Twelve resignations were accepted. Mr & Mrs Nightingale (No 11 & 12) to be kept on for the present without subscription.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete and full syllabus issued. Demand for tickets satisfactory, results to date amount to £230. Last year same date £165.

Records and notes and considered satisfactory

6. Essex Hall Lectures, Spring 1927. Dates to be considered and settled. General title for course and lecturers to be considered. Correspondence thereon from Madam Malmberg and others.

It was agreed that Essex Hall be taken for the seven alternate Fridays Jan. 14 to April 8. 1927 and that no meetings be arranged after Easter at present.

For subject. After discussion and consideration of correspondence to it

was agreed to recommend the Executive to arrange a series on general subjects on the lines suggested by Dodd for course on "untrodden paths". This would exclude lectures on foreign countries such as suggested by some members.

- 7. Offices on 3rd floor vacant on 29th inst. Offer of the Railway Club to take the rooms at same rent, etc. as at present. To be considered.

Considered. Action from references and present-landlord to read.

Agreed - That the Railway Club be accepted as tenants of the rooms on the terms indicated, subject to final confirmation by the Executive.

- Parliamentary By Election Fund. The fund is now reduced to about £230. Last appeal for the fund issued in June 1923. Should we not make a fresh appeal this Autumn as no General election in sight? To be considered.

Agreed to recommend the Executive that the appeal be re-drafted and prepared for issue early in 1927.

9. Staff matters. Wages of

- (a) Miss M. Gooderson.
- (b) J. Willison.

To be considered. Miss Gooderson at present £2. 10. Od. Last increase 5/- per week in February 1924. Willison at present 35/-. Last increase 5/- November 1924.

Resolved - that the wages of these two persons be increased by 5/- per week each forthwith.

20 Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Palmer (Mabel Atkinson) thanks for help given during her visit.
- (b) Prof. D. Vaerturg of Berlin. Asking if we can help to secure publication of translation of his book on Psychology of sex.
- (c) P. Hopkins. Offering free scholarship for a year to son of a member of the Society recommended by us.
- (d) League for Industrial Democracy, New York. Asking if we can suggest a member to undertake six months lecturing tour in America under their auspices.
- (e) N. Cumberland by-election. Request for financial help to Labour candidate.
- (f) Indian Fabian Society. Thanks for help and free literature.
- (g) Holland with Boston Labour Party, Request for support for resolutions submitted to Labour Party Conference

(h) Teachers labour league - a publication of report on Education in Russia

- (a) Received and noted*
- (b) Declined with regret as the subject not in our line.*

- (c) Refer to Executive.
- (d) Try J. Woodwood jr. & any others
- (e) Receive & noted. Secretary's letter declining as the candidate is not a member of the Society, asking
- (f) Receive and noted
- (g) Refer to Webb to consider the suggestions re Appendix
- (h) Ask them to submit the ms. keeping it to a small book size, and consider when read.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
14.10.'26

Finance & Committee
Thursday 14 October 1926

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd. Capt Hall,
White, Mrs Acheson & Coltrane.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from
Ratcliffe, Webb, and Col. Williams

3. Finance Report to 30th Sept.

	1926.	1925.
Sale of Literature.	£314.	£354.
Members Subscriptions.	534.	494
Other " "	161	63
Book Box " "	7	11
Hire of Hall	24	27

After discussion the report was received
and considered satisfactory

4. Membership:

(a) September candidates (11) to be elected. Last year (4)

(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Frank B. Phillips.	Harrow.	1924.	20/-1925	None.
K.A. Usherwood.	London.	1924.	15/-1924.	None.

(a) The candidates were all elected

(b) The two resignations were accepted

- 5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Progress continues satisfactory. Receipts to date £674. Last year same date £719.

It was explained that the demand had inextricably fallen off during the Post-war period. The report was received and considered satisfactory.

- 3. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. Hall engaged for seven alternate Fridays, January 14th to April 8th. Series as suggested by Dodd approved by the Executive. General title required. The following lectures suggested:-

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>LECTUROR.</u>
(a) The Suppression of Democracy.	H.J.Laski.
(b) Inheritance.	E. D. Simon.
(c) Family Endowment.	C.M.Lloyd.
(d) Free Justice for all.	Various.
(e) Free Medical Service for all.	Various.
(f) The Regulation of imports.	E. F. Wise.

Any further suggestions and additions to be considered.

After discussion, agreed to recommend the Executive Committee:-

- (a) That the general title be "Unorthodox Paths in Politics".
- (b) That the list of lectures be approved.
- For (d) ~~it was agreed to ask~~ (1) Mr Clarke Hull, (2) Judge Parry (3) Mr Cairns. (4) Lord Haldane in the order named.
- For (e) to ask (1) Sir Archibald Knox Lane (2) Dr Salady (3) Dr S. Hastings in the order named.

In the seventh lecture (8) to University
(8) The Psychology of Propaganda
and to ask C. de Kool Burns to lecture.

7. Correspondence.

- (a) The Individualist Bookshop. Asking our help in their work!
- (b) Labour Party, re reorganisation of Westminster Labour Party.
- (c) R. C. Woodward - asking to be put on list of possible Parliamentary Candidates.

(d) F. Allen - re his book

(e) Indian Labour Party - re Conference &

(a) Reply that as we are not in sympathy with their aims we cannot offer help.

Ask them to take our publications on sale

(b) Agree to take part and to re-apply to the reorganised Party.

(c) Enquire at Birmingham as to his publications &

(d) Offer to take 25 copies re. etc.

(e) Recommend Executive to submit Davies, Mrs Lawrence & Col Williams as delegates, to nominate Davies for reelection to the Executive.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease 18/11/26

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Finance Committee
Thursday 18th November 1926

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Col. Williams
Mrs. Acheson (Nuney) & Slaughter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Apologies - there were no apologies for absence.

Finance Report to 31st October.	1926.	1925.
Sale of Literature.	£406	£452
Members Subscriptions	603	591
Other	166	71
Book Box	8	14
Hire of Hall	25	30

The Report was received and considered satisfactory

4. Membership:

- (a) October candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (15)
- (b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
G.S.W. Epps.	Guildford.	1907.	42/-	1923. None.
A. Parsons,	Chiswick.	1907.	21/-	1925. Lost interest.
Mrs. J.H. Smith,	Henley.	1906	10/-	1925. Too old to continue.
Fredk. Thoresby.	London.	1906	21/-	1925. None.
Mrs. Thorogood.	Oxford.	1903	10/-	1923. None.

- (a) The seven candidates were elected.
- (b) The four resignations were accepted.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Quite satisfactory so far. Receipts to date £815. Two lectures still to be given. Total receipts probably £830 or so against £890 last year.

The report was received and considered satisfactory

6. Essex Hall Lectures 1927. Arrangements to date as follows.

Friday, Jan. 14th.	H.N. Brailsford.	"Family Endowment"
" " 28th.	C.de Lisle Burns.	"What people want to believe".
" Feb. 11th.	E. F. Wise, C.B.,	"The New Corn Laws".
" " 25th.	Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane.	"Free Medical Service for all.
" " Bt.,		
" Mch. 11th.	H.J. Laski.	"Can Democracy Survive".
" " 25th.	E.D. Simon.	"The Inheritance of Wealth".
" Apl. 8th.		Vacant.

Judge Parry, Mr. Clarke Hall, and Mr. Cairns decline. Zimmern asked for April 8th, but no reply yet.

Chairmen required and to be arranged.

Received and approved.

For Chairmen: agreed that the following be asked

1. (a) Mrs. Laurence M.P. (c) F.W. Pettibon
2. Blanes White
3. R. H. Tarnery
4. F. Lamm Dodd
5. S. K. Ratcliffe
6. (a) Sidney Webb (c) W. G. Rolson

7. H. Snee M.P. if Zimmern accepts.

It was decided also that effort be made on a more extensive scale than in former years to make the lectures known by circulars, advertisements &c

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Book Box Circular. Revised and issued. Copies dispatched to branches, etc. viz.,

(a)	Labour Party.	850
(b)	I.L.P.,	1200
(c)	Co-operative Union.	1500
(d)	Workers Edu: Asscn,	600
(e)	Union of Post Office Workers.	<u>1200</u>
		5350

Received and approved.

Parliamentary Bo-Election Fund. Appeal to be issued early in 1927. Draft revised by Peaso enclosed. To be considered and approved.

Draft discussed and approved and referred to Executive with recommendation to pass and issue.

Fabian Bookshop. Laski suggests turning the bookshop into a co-operative Society, with £1 shares and dividend on purchases. To be considered.

Discussed. Agreed to refer to the Executive without recommendation. (Peaso & Van Acherm submitted recommendation to reject).

1. Correspondence.

- (a) Humphreys, Birmingham re R.C. Woodward's application to be put on list of Parliamentary candidates.
- (b) Wm. Pickens, U.S.A., Association for advancement of the Coloured People. Offering lecture.
- (c) Percy Aldon - re helper for the work of British Institute for Social Service.
- (d) Alban Gordon - suggesting tracts on agricultural subjects.

- (e) J. A. Fallows - suggesting reprint, as tract, of Shaw's article on Socialism in the Supplement to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.
- (f) London Labour Party - re reorganisation of the Westminster Labour Party. Delegates to be appointed.
- (a) Refu to Executive with recommendation to decline the application.
- (b) Refu to Nursery. (c) Insert para in News
- (d) Declined. Not our work & no one available to do it. Refu to L.P. Agricultural Policy Unit at Fudham.
- (e) Consult Shaw. (f) Agree that Mrs D. C. Begg be appointed as delegate.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 13th June 1927.

Presents: E.R. Pease, (Chair) Capt. Hall,
 Ratcliffe, White, Col. Williams
 Mrs Acheson and Esalter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Apology for absence was received
 from Sidney Lock.

Finance Report to 31st December.	1926.	1925.
Sales of Literature.	£560	£671
Members Subscriptions.	749	727
Other " "	210	121
Book Box " "	14	28
Hire of Hall	30	45

The report was received and after
 discussion and explanation of
 various details was approved
 and considered satisfactory.

Membership:

(a) November candidates (8). To be elected. Last Year (13)
 December " (4) " " " " " (9)

(b) Resignations, two months:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss E.S. Bullar,	Chiswick.	1913	10/- 1926.	None.
PLC. Glubb,	Eastbourne.	1899	63/- 1925.	Lost sympathy.
J.W. Longsdon,	Kew,	1894	20/- 1925	None.
E.A. Martin,	Norwood.	1924	10/- 1926	Various.
Mrs. Menzies,	Kensington,	1915	5/- 1926	Other interests.
Miss O. Mines,	Hampstead,	1910	5/- 1925	None.
F. Pratt, C.S.I.	Oxford.	1924	30/- 1926	None.
Mrs. D.T. Symons,	Islington.	1910	10/- 1925	Cannot afford.
Robt. Wiggins.	Northampton.	1918.	21/- 1924.	None.

- (a) The candidates were all elected.
(b) Eight resignations were accepted.
The matter, F. Pratt, C.S.I. to be written to and asked to reconsider etc.

5. Essex Hall Lectures - Arrangements complete, and syllabus issued. Copy enclosed. About 30 course tickets sold to date. Letter from Dr. Dalton declining to take chair for E.D. Simon to be read and considered.

Received. Syllabus considered satisfactory and approved. Dalton's letter read and noted.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures Autumn 1927. Hall engaged for six consecutive Wednesdays, Oct. 19th - Nov. 23rd. Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers to be begun.

*Noted and approved. Subject to be considered by the Executive.
(Suggestions (a) objections to syllabus. (b) Next steps to syllabus. (c) False doctrines of the day and (d) dominant heresies of the day etc.)*

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7 By-election Fund appeal, as settled now printing. Date of issue to be considered and decided.

Considered and decided that it be issued about the middle of February.

6 Correspondence.

- (a) R. C. Woodward, Birmingham, re list of Parliamentary candidates. Letter from Fred Hughes thereon to be considered.
- (b) British Charter for the Mines. Request to us to purchase and send out copies of the Charter to members.
- (c) Union of Democratic Control - re proposed courses of lectures on international affairs. Inviting our co-operation.

- (a) Refer to Executive and recommend that Woodward be put on list of Candidates
- (b) Refer to Executive - no recommendation
- (c) Decline to send delegates to the Committee, but offer help to make the meetings run etc.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance Committee
Thursday 17 February 1927

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Capt Hall,
Webb, Col Williams, Mrs Acheson
and Garton.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from
Ratcliffe & Blanes White.

3. Finance Report to 31st January.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£639.	£723.
Members Subscriptions.	945.	943.
Other "	238	152
Book Box "	18	33
Hire of Hall	34	56

(We still have a large overdraft. The year now ending has been a very unsatisfactory one financially. With the exception of the subscriptions and donations which have kept up well, every other item of our income shows a decline, in some cases a considerable one. So far as can be judged at present there will be a deficit of over £200 on the year's working)

The report was received and, after discussion and explanation of various items, approved and considered satisfactory

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Membership:

- (a) January candidates (6) To be elected. Last year (12)
- (b) Resignations.

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
R. Gore-Graham.	London.	1924.	10/- 1926.	Now a Communist.
S. Hyde-Smith.	Chichester.	1924.	10/- 1926.	Taking Holy Orders.
S. L. Salzedo,	London.	1906.	10/6 1921	In a huff.
Arnold Walker.	Stalybridge.	1906.	5/- 1924.	Now a Liberal.

The candidates were elected and the four resignations accepted.

Parliamentary By Election Fund Appeal. Issued on Friday, 11th February. Results to date not unsatisfactory - about £75 received in cash, ~~etc~~ and a few promises.

Rebecca Secretary reported the response now about £100.

Correspondence.

- (a) London Labour Party - asking if we will send out to members an appeal for individual subscriptions to the Party.
- (b) Labour Party - National Conference of Labour Women. Notice re delegates, etc.

(a) Referred to Fabian Women's groups to appoint delegates as usual. Ask the group to consider a resolution on Don how for the Conference

(b) Agreed to send out the appeal to London members only.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Tasse

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 17th March 1927

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Webb,
White, Mun Acheson & Galton.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received
from Ratcliffe & Col Williams

3. Finance Report to 28th February.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£699	£807
Members Subscriptions.	1031	1033
Other " "	255	198
Book Box " "	23	37
Hire. of Hall	36	61

Considered, and after discussion
received and approved.

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Membership:

(a) February Candidates (5) to be elected. Last Year (6)

(b) Resignations: Last

Name	Address	Elected	Sub.	Reason.
H. J. Birnstingle.	West Wycombe.	1912.	5/- 1926.	None.
L. Haden Guest.	London.	1899	20/- 1926.	Wishes to Continue as subscriber only
David Scott.	Snaresbrook.	1926	10/- 1926.	Cannot Take part.
H. Thomas.	Ruddersfield.	1909	10/- 1926.	None.
Julius Wilkinson.	Shanklin.	1908	2/6 1926.	None.
Mrs. Wilkinson.	Shanklin.	1906	2/6 1926.	None.

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- (a) The five Candidates were elected.
 - (b) The six resignations were accepted.
- A letter of regret to be sent to Haden
Guest on behalf of the Committee.

Annual Audit of accounts: Should we ask Bacon to act again as usual.

Agreed that Bacon be asked to act again.

Eye Election Fund appeal. Not very Successful. . . About £120 received in cash and a few promises to date.

Recend and considered not unsatisfactory

Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1927. The draft scheme approved by last Executive now accepted by the six lecturers proposed. Letter from Shaw with suggested title and alteration of one of the lectures to be considered.

Six chairmen required. Suggestions at present are Lord Haldane, Capt. Wedgwood Benn, Sir Herbert Samuel, and H. B. Lees-Smith. To be considered, and panel submitted to next Executive meeting.

Recend and approved. Letters from Shaw & Patchiffe referred to Executive. For Chairmen the following six names referred to Executive to settle, viz Mrs Webb, Capt. Benn, Lord de la Warr, St. J. Brown, H. B. Lees-Smith & Sir J. Maynard

9. National Conference of Labour Women. The Fabian Womens Group have nominated as delegates, Mrs. Corner, Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Malone, Mrs. Tawnoy, and Miss Taylor. To be approved.

Agreed that this be approved and the five delegates nominated by the Society and delegates fees paid.

12. Coorrespondence.

- (a) W. H. Marwick, M.A., asking to be put on list of possible Parliamentary candidates.
- (b) G. W. Shipway - Long letter re China.
- (c) J. M. Scott, Dundee - re reorganisation of local Fabian Society.
- (d) Globe Publishing Co. - re circular to members of the Society about the collected edition of Shaw's works.
- (e) Annals of Collective Economics - re their journal and our subscription thereto.
- (f) The Labour Party inviting delegates to
 - (1) National Conference on Local Government at Sheffield April 9th.
 - (2) National Conference on Unemployment Insurance, London, April 28th.

- (a) Agreed and that Wake be so informed.
- (b) Read & noted. Reply thanking but regretting cannot take action (c) Refer to Webb to inquire about it. (d) Charge of £5 per 1000 names including halfpenny postage
- (e) No action. (f) Refer to Executive & recommend that Mrs Drake & Blanco write to appropriate party others willing to go at own expense & II Refer to Executive

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

Finance & Committee
Thursday 28 April 1927

Present:- Pease (Chair) Webb, White,
Col. Williams, Mrs Acheron & Galton.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from
Dames, Capt Hall and Ratcliffe

Financial Statement. Proof of draft accounts & balance sheet
for the year 1926-27 enclosed. To be considered. James
Bacon asked and agreed to audit again and audit begun.

Resolutions and considered item by item
and approved.

Membership:

- (a) March candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (14)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Lt. Col. C.H. Hoare (Grey)	Cranbrook.	1919	21/-1927	China
Alan Trangmar.	Pinner.	1912	21/-1926	None.

- (a) The seven candidates were elected.
- (b) Resignations of Col Hoare accepted subject
to what the Executive Trangmar - in quire
as to reason and accept of satisfactory.

5. Annual Report and Annual Meeting. Report drafted and in printer hands. Special meeting of Executive arranged for Thursday May 12th to consider and pass report. Date for Annual meeting to be considered and recommendation made. Any alteration of rules required to be considered.

Record. Agreed to recommend Executive that the Annual Meeting be held on Thursday 16 June in Fabian Hall, and Sir John Humphreys nominated as chairman. No alterations of Rules necessary this year.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1927. Further correspondence re titles,

(a) Present arrangements:-

1. Victorian Democracy.
2. Its rivals (a) Fascism,
3. " " (b) Communism,
4. " " (c) Nationalism.
5. Multiform Democracy.
6. Democracy as a delusion.

(b) Ratcliffe's suggestions, as revised by Webb:-

1. Victorian Democracy.
2. Fascism - the super Bourgeois State.
3. Bolshevism - The illusion of proletarian dictatorship
4. Industrial Feudalism. The capitalist autocracy.
5. Why Democracy to be real must be multiform.
6. Democracy as a delusion.

(c) Ratcliffe's suggestions as revised by Laski:-

1. Democracy and the Victorian Tradition.
2. Nationalism as Democracy.
3. The Assault on Democracy I. Fascism.
4. " " " " II. Communism or Bolshevism.
5. Social and Economic Democracy.
6. Democracy as a delusion.

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To be considered. Final decision for recommendation to Executive necessary. Rota of Chairmen to be reconsidered and recommendations made.

Considered and after discussion agreed to recommend Executive to accept (b) Ratcliffe's suggestion as revised by Webb. For Chairman, to recommend the following:

- 1. Merrin ✓
 - 2. Irvine ✓
 - 3. Hon Webb.
 - 4. Sir John Hayward ✓
 - 5. Lord de la Warre ✓
 - 6. Blanche White
- with Kenworthy and Oliver Baldwin as reserves if needed.

Correspondence.

- (a) Webb intimating he does not wish to be nominated for Labour Party Executive again.
- (b) Westminster Labour Party re delegates, fees, etc.
- (c) Indian Fabian Society - asking financial help towards salary of secretary.
- (d) Dundee Fabian Society - explanation of reasons for revival, etc.
- (e) Epsom Labour Party - require a Parliamentary candidate.

(a) Accepted. Sneece to be asked to stand. (b) Agreed fees to be paid. (c) Report unable to help as suggested.
 (d) Noted. (e) Refer to Wake for Labour Party.
 The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
 26/5/24

Finance & Committee
Thursday 26 May 1927.

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Ratcliffe
Col. Williams & Galton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apology for absence was received from Humphreys.
3. Chair - Pease was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
4. Meetings - It was agreed that the Committee do continue to meet on Thursdays at 5 pm as hitherto.
5. To co-opt a representative of the Nursery to the Committee for the ensuing year in place of Miss Acheson, resigned. G. Van Raalte nominated by the Nursery Committee.
Miss Acheson's resignation was accepted, G. van Raalte was co-opted to the Committee as Nursery representative in her place.

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6. Finance Report to 30th April.	1927.	1926
Sales of Literature.	£ 60	£ 53
Members Subscriptions.	100	130
Other "	63	66
Book Box "	4	2
Hire of Hall	3	4

The audit 1926-27 now completed and auditor's certificate received. Thanks to be given to James Bacon and fee to be considered and settled.

The report was received and approved and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that thanks be given to Mr Bacon and the Executive recommended to pay him the usual fee of Five guineas.

7. Membership. (a) April candidates (4) to be elected. Last year (5)
- (b) Resignations: None.

The four candidates were elected. It was noted that there were no resignations.

Annual Meeting, Thursday, 16th June. Kingsley Martin agrees to preside. Motion re T.U. Bill to be submitted on behalf of the Executive, now drafted by Laski, as follows:-

"That this meeting of the Fabian Society protests energetically against the Trade Disputes and Trade Unions Bill as reactionary and repressive. It records its considered opinion that the Bill is conceived in malice and directed to ends that are hostile to the best tendencies of social legislation since 1875. It pledges its members to co-operate heartily in all efforts of the Labour Party to secure its repeal at the earliest possible date."

To be approved. Any other business for the Annual Meeting to be settled.

Arrangements approved. There were no other matters of business for the Annual meeting. The resolution re T. H. Beech was considered and approved.

9. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements now complete except Chairman for Miss Lawrence. No reply at present from J. M. Keynes. Alternative to be settled in case he declines.

Keynes had now replied declining. It was agreed that H. Sneece M.P. or R. H. Tawney be asked to preside for Miss Lawrence's lecture.

10. The members of the Nursery have now again redecorated Fabian Hall as a voluntary gift to the Society. Shall we pass vote of thanks or recommend the Executive to do so?

Agreed to recommend the Executive to pass a vote of thanks to the Nursery for their work.

11. Correspondence.

- (a) The New Fabian Group asking reconsideration of question of co-opting a representative of this Group to this Committee.
- (b) re nomination for Labour Party Executive in place of Webb. Snell willing to accept nomination. Tawney declines.

(a) Considered and after discussion decided to decline on same grounds as given before.

(b) Noted. Agreed that Executive be recommended to nominate Snee

12. The Secretary raised question of our deposit in Acis Bank, and asked if any action was necessary in view of recent developments.

It was decided no action was necessary at present - the matter to be reported to the Executive Committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

7/7/27

Finance & Committee
Thursday, 7th July, 1927

Present: Pease (Chair) Davies, Dodd,
Humphreys, Ratcliffe, Van Raalte
(Nursery) and Galtow.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
2. Apologies - none.

3. Finance Report to 30th June.	<u>1927.</u>	<u>1926.</u>
Sales of Literature.	£209.	£176
Members Subscriptions.	281	306
Other " "	79	124
Book Box " "	6	4
Hire of Hall.	10	16

(We still have a heavy overdraft, about £500, increased by large payments at end of half year for Rent, Rates, etc. Receipts from Summer School and Kingsway Hall Lectures now coming in will, it is hoped, reduce this substantially in the course of the next two months).

The report was considered and received. It was decided that an advt. of Fabian Hall should be inserted in the Daily Herald in September and /a October next.

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Membership.

- (a) May candidates (6). Last year (12). Provisionally elected by Chairman and Secretary. To be elected.
- (b) June candidates (6). Last year (7). To be elected.
- (c) Resignations (Three months)

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Capt. J. Dunworth,	Battersea.	1923.	20/-1926.	None.
Hon. A. Keppel,	Cambs.	1924.	£2 1927.	Dissatisfied with our Economic Theories.
Miss M. Richards,	Burton on Trent.	1925.	10/-1926	None
W. T. Symons,	Highgate.	1921.	20/- 1925.	We ought to concentrate on Finance.
T. Walsh.	Manchester.	1921.	10/- 1923.	Cannot subscribe. Has been excused once.

- (a) The action of the Chairman & Secretary was confirmed & the six candidates elected.
- (b) The six Candidates were elected
- (c) The five resignations were accepted subject to any reply being received from Capt. Dunworth.

Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements now complete. Snell agrees to preside for Miss Lawrence. Some syllabuses received and being set up. To go out as usual in September - October. Proposed to vary advertisement arrangements and try advertisements in special journals, i.e. The Highway, Headway, Foreign Affairs, etc., etc.

Record and allowed. Agreed to add some more and Teachers Journals & others such as the Common Cause & the list for advertisements.

6. Book Box Circular. The issue of 5,000 last Autumn rendered a failure partly owing to General Strike, etc. Proposed this year instead of circular to T.U.Branches, etc. a small advertisement in selected list of T.U.Journals. To be considered.

Resolved and approved. Agree that we ask for Editorial notice when sending advts. Also that the Book Box Circular be revised and if possible shortened when relevant required.

7. Suggestions from Annual Meeting to be considered.

- (a) Bookshop. Rebuild shop front in modern bookshop style and re-arrange interior, etc.
- (b) A catalogue of books in Library.
- (c) Special appeal to members, etc. for fund to clear off deficit.

- (a) Agree that estimates of cost be obtained and brought up to the Committee with report.
- (b) Decline. We cannot afford to maintain two libraries
- (c) Defound. Not present not a suitable time for appeals. To be reconsidered early next year.

Correspondence.

- (a) The Modern Quarterly, U.S.A. re visit of Editor, V.F. Calverton to London in July.
- (b) Crouch End Literary and Debating Society want speaker to take part in debate on House of Lords.
- (c) East Toxteth Labour Party, Parliamentary candidate required.

(a) Left to father to see him

(b) Refer to the Italian Nursery and New Italian group.

(c) Refer to Labour Party - send them list of any possible candidates.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw R. Pease

22-9-27

Finance & Committee

Thursday 22nd Sept. 1927

Present:- Pease (Chair) Humphreys,
van Raath, and Gratton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Dodd, Capt. Hall, Ratcliffe & Webb.
3. Finance. The usual financial statement is not available owing to Miss Gibson's absence on holiday. But funds for Kingaway Hall Lectures are coming in well and the financial position is much easier.

Records and notes.

4 Membership.

- (a) July candidates (2). Last year (7), and August " (2) " " (3)
To be elected.

(b) Resignations - ten weeks.

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Miss E. Banks.	London.	1924	10/6 1926	Returning to U.S.A.
W.E. Meads,	Bexhill.	1911	5/- 1926	None.
Rev. D. Mellone.	London,	1910	10/6 1926	None.
J.G. Wilcox.	Australia.	1924.	20/- 1924.	To poor to subscribe.

(a) The four candidates were elected

(b) The four resignations were accepted

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5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets very good - above average of last two years to date. All arrangements complete and every prospect of very successful course.

*The report was received and
approved and considered satisfactory*

- Essex Hall Lectures. Spring 1928. Preliminary consideration of subject and lectures to be begun. Any suggestions welcomed.

*Considered. Agreed to recommend
the Executive to arrange a mixed series on
current questions, including*

- 1. The Surtax. W. Graham or Lees-Smith*
- 2. Living Wage or. John Strachey*
- 3. Ludwici - as a suitable subject &c.*

- Tract on New Reform Bill. To consider appointment of small special Committee to revise for publication and make recommendation thereon to the Executive Committee.

*Considered. Agreed to recommend
the Executive to appoint a Committee for the
purpose including Webb, Walker, Nech
F. Hughes, G. Sheppard, Ratcliffe
and R. Walker of Nursery & any other
members of the Nursery sub-Committee
desirous of serving.*

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Correspondence.

- (a) Prof. S. Ahmad Khan - asking if we can arrange for him to lecture on India.
- (b) David Weston - asking to have his name put on list of possible Parliamentary Candidates.
- (c) Capt. A. G. Pape - similar request to the foregoing.
- (d) G. A. Smith - asking suggestions for Labour candidate for Luton.
- (e) M. Sutherland - re Lord C. Oil and the League of Nations.
- (f) London Labour Party - re Annual Conference, Nov. 26th and nominations for officers, etc.
- (g) Temperance Legislation League re Conference on Carlisle Scheme.
- (h) A. V. Jacobs - re Saccho and Vanzetti case.
- (i) Southgate Labour Party - want speaker for important meeting.

- (a) Report our course arranged and cannot arrange another. Ask Labour Party to arrange if possible.
- (b) Agreed. (c) Agreed. (d) Send any suitable names over to Labour Party.
- (e) Noted. (f) Nominate Davies again for Executive if he desires to continue.
- (g) Send any member who wishes to attend.
- (h) Noted - no action. (i) Ask Haski and/or any others suitable.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

12/10/27

Finance & Committee
Thursday 13th October 1927

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd,
 Humphreys & Cutton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
2. Apologies for absence - none

Finance Report to 30th Sept.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£446	£313
Members Subscriptions.	512	535
Other " "	101	161
Book Box.	9	7
Hire of Hall.	18	24

The sales of literature recovering from last year's slump. Other items show casual variations only.

The Report was received and abundant and considered satisfactory

Membership.

- (a) September candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (11)
 (b) Resignation:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Miss D.M. Barnett.	London.	1924.	10/- 1926.	Left London and cannot take part

- (c) The nine candidates were elected.
 (d) The resignation was accepted.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Cash Receipts to date £697. Last year same date £663. Quite satisfactory - but one day less to go this year as first lecture is a day earlier than last.

The report was received and considered satisfactory. It was decided that estimate of cost of an amplifier be obtained & arranged for if possible.

6. Essex Hall Lectures - Spring 1928.

A series on questions of the day agreed to at last meeting

Dates - Fridays January 13th, 27th, February 10th, 24th, March 9th, 23rd. (April 6th is Good Friday).

Some suggestions to be considered:

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| 1. The Proposed Surtax. | W. Graham or Lees Smith. |
| 2. The Living Wage, etc. | John Strachey. |
| 3. Case for Conservatism. | A. M. Ludovici. |
| 4. Future of Democracy. | Kingsley Martin. |
| 5. House of Lords Reform. | Laski or Lees Smith. |
| 6. Attacks on Local Government. | W. A. Robson. |
| 7. British Guiana. | H. Snell, M.P., |
| 8. Credit and Banking. | J. L. Cohen. |
| 9. Is Britain Overpopulated. | R. B. Kerr. |

Considered. The dates were affirmed. Agreed to renumerate the list to Executive credit No 2. 6. and 9. To alter Cohen's title to "The State and Credit"; and add a lecture by S. F. Markham, and one by John Lee of the Telegraph series or if obtainable. (N.B. Jos. Bradshaw for an intervention)

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H. Snell, M.P.. Member of the Royal Commission on London Squares inquires if the Fabian Society has any views on the subject to put forward.

Referred to the Executive.

Report that Miss S. Lawrence, M.P., and H. Snell, M.P. our delegates to Labour Party Conference and nominees for the Executive were both elected thereto.

Noted, with congratulations to the two members upon their election.

Correspondence, etc.

- (a) Mark Paul, British subject from Germany recommended by Stilling, M.P., and others asking if we can help him by work or otherwise.
- (b) C. S. Giddins, J.P., asking to be put on list of possible Labour candidates for Parliament.
- (c) Mrs. Walter Samuel - similar request.

- (a) *London Labour Party - re delegates*
- (e) *Ed. W. Shubway - re his circular letter*

(c) Reply cannot be. (b) agreed.

(c) Refr to Executive. (d) ditto - Executive

(e) Reply annual meeting so recently and decisively negated this suggestion we cannot unbecomely consider it again

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

16/11/27

Finance & Committee

Wednesday 16 November 1927.

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Webb,
and Exaltor.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Humphreys & Ratcliffe

3. Finance Report to 31st Oct.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£526	£406.
Members subscriptions.	589	603
Other	108	166
Book Box.	9	8
Hire of Hall	21	25

(The bank overdraft reduced from July to October by Summer School and Kingsway Hall Lecture receipts, is now increasing rapidly as outgoings exceed income. We ought to consider if the time is propitious for an appeal to members to clear off the £900 deficit and if so recommend the Executive accordingly.)

Received and approved and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that a list of 50 or so members be prepared and a letter asking for special donations

to clear off the deficit to sent to them signed by Webb ^{Dodd} and Pease. Webb to be appointed chairman of this committee for the purpose.

Membership.

- (a) October candidates (6) To be elected. Last year (7)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Dr. A. W. French,	London.	1926.	21/-1927.	Leaving England for good.
Rev. A.W. Harrison,	London.	1921.	5/-1924.	Dissatisfied with Labour Party.
Miss K.W. Spikes,	Birming- ham.	1923.	5/-1925.	Left London and joined Birmingham F.S.

- (a) The six candidates were elected.
- (b) The three resignations were accepted.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Quite satisfactory and successful so far. Receipts to date £845. Last year same date £813.

Recent and volume and considered satisfactory

Essex Hall Lectures, 1928.

Arrangements to date.

- 1. Parliamentary Control of Finance. W. Graham, M.P.,
- 2. Trusteeship for Africans in Theory and Practice. Lord Olivier.
- 3. Socialism and the British Monarchy. S.F. Markham.

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| 4. | Reform of the House of Lords. | H.J. Laski. |
| 5. | British Guiana. | H. Snell, M.P. |
| 6. | The Indian Situation. | Sir J. Maynard. |
| 7. | The Proposed Surtax. | H.B. Lees-Smith, M.P. |

Only six required. Lees-Smith's acceptance very indefinite. To be considered and settled and dates arranged. Chairmen required. Programme, etc. to be printed as usual?

Agreed. Agreed that Lees-Smith on Surtax be omitted, & that Secretary arrange dates with lecturers.

For chairman the following agreed to

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| 1. Bethune-Laurance | 4. Barker & Bonnett |
| 2. Hugh Cluneh | 5. Dodd |
| 3. Mrs Lawrence | 6. McCallum Scott. |

Programme & syllabus to be printed and issued as usual.

7. Correspondence:-

- (a) H. Williams - suggesting a gift of plate as permanent memorial to his late brother Col. Williams.
- (b) Westminster Bank - asking formal resolution re an overdraft.
- (c) R. J. Davies - asking if we can suggest a lecturer to visit U.S.A. in winter 1928-29.

- (a) Supper. (1) & Club. (2) Framed portrait.
(3) Movies
- (b) Ref. to execution. (c) Try Hankham & construct Ratchiffe.
- The meeting then adjourned.

Sunderbett
15.12.27

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 15th December 1927

Present: F. L. Dodd, E. R. Pease, S. K. Ratcliffe
Sidney Webb and J. W. Craxton.

Chair - E. R. Pease resigned the chairmanship
of the Committee and Webb was
elected Chairman in his place
and thereupon took the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apology for absence was received
from H. Humphreys.

Finance Report to 30th Nov.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£608	£477
Members subscriptions	687	666
Other "	145	187
Book Box	11	12
Hire of Hall	31	25

The report was received
and approved and considered
satisfactory.

4. Report on Special Appeal. 57 letters sent to members. To date 19 have responded sending £280; two have promised donations after Christmas; and four have replied regretting inability to subscribe. Letter from G.A. Gaskell thereon to be read.

Shall we follow this up in January with wider appeal to 200 or so members? To be considered. Also shall we refer to it in January Fabian News or leave to later stage.

Present position is that the deficit of £900 with which we began the year now reduced to £450 or less as result of the appeal and the surplus on ordinary income this year.

The report was received and approved. Cruskell's letter was read and it was agreed that he be thanked and his offer to release £100 of the £200 on deposit accepted.

Agreed also that the appeal be sent out as soon as practicable to a further list of 200 or so members, since that it be personally signed as before. Agreed also that reference to the matter in Fabian News be deferred till after this further appeal has been made.

Item (3) was received and noted.

5. Membership.

- (a) November candidates (13) to be elected. Last year (8)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. J. Gwyther,	London,	1906	21/- 1926.	None.
J.C. Squire.	London.	1906	20/- 1920	None.

(a) The candidates were all elected
 (c-) agreed to accept resignations
 of Mr & Mrs J.C. Squire. Mrs
 Gwyther to be invited to
 asked to reconsider.

- 6. Essex Hall Lectures 1928. Arrangements complete except for Chairman for Laski on February 24th. Lord De la Barr and Lord Arnold decline. No reply from Lord Gorell. Any other suggestions?

Received. agreed that Farley and
 Currie, Earl Russell and/or St. Com.
 Kemworthy be asked to provide

- 7. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928. The Executive decided to take the hall again for Wednesdays next year. But G.B.S. would much prefer Thursdays. Hall is available for the six consecutive dates required on either night. Shall we alter to Thursday? To be considered and settled.

Concluded and agreed that the
 hall be taken definitely for the
 six Thursdays in Oct & November.

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Walter Samuel - re her application to be put on list of Parliamentary candidates.

(b) Kiplin Hall - appeal for funds.

(c) Bradford J L P asking for free gift of books for Institute library

(d) Miss Hugh. Aman, re handing by election at Taversham, asking for grant from the By-election fund

(a) Agreed that Mrs Samuel's name be added to an list. (c) Rept. No funds available for such purpose.

(c) Agreed. send some second hand books, duplicates or from library

(d) Agreed to recommend execution to value of grant of £50 if authorised by the Trustees of the fund.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

19/1/28

Finance & Committee
 Thursday 19 January 1928

Present: H. Humphreys, E. R. Pearce
 and F. W. C. Sutton.

Chair - The Chair was taken by E. R. Pearce.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Apologies - An absence was received
 from Dodd & Ratcliffe.

Finance Report to 31st December.	1927.	1926.
Sales of Literature.	£687.	£560
Members Subscriptions.	742	749
Other	158	210
Book Box	13	14
Hire of Hall	44	30

The Report was received and
 considered satisfactory

Report on Special Appeal. The response received to date
 amounts to £380. There are still about 50 letters to
 go out, and several promises to be redeemed.

Received and considered satisfactory
 and that a note on the matter
 be inserted in the February issue
 of Fulham News.

5. Membership.

- (a) December candidates (9) to be elected. Last year (4)
(b) Resignations:-

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
H.C. Laycock,	Leeds.	1924.	10/-1926.	No longer in agreement.
Miss M.L. Mare,	London,	1921,	10/-1926.	None.
Com. Ramsay-Fairfax,	Stirling.	1926.	20/-1926.	None.
Miss F. Smith,	Henley,	1918.	7/6 1926.	Joined local Labour Party.

(a) The candidates were all elected

(b) The four resignations were accepted.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1928. Hall engaged for six consecutive Thursdays October 18th-Nov. 22nd. Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers to be given. Some correspondence re the arrangements, suggestions for lectures, etc. to be considered.

The dates were approved. Letters read and referred to the Executive Committee.

7. L.C.C. Election, March 8th 1928. About fifteen members of the Society adopted as Labour candidates at present. Usual appeal to London members of the Society for fund to support Fabian candidates to be considered and authorised.

Agreed that note to be inserted in Fabian News and the usual appeal for fund made to London members only.

8. Suggested reconstruction of shop front. Estimate and plan submitted by Fountain and Co. to be considered.

Considered. Agreed to defer for present. Landlords to be asked if any room to assume early termination of our tenancy

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9. Local Government News: Mr. Noel Buxton has promised £200 towards expenses of the "Local Government News", etc. for 1928. Advertisement campaign for increased circulation to be authorised. Suggested Association of Members of Local authorities in connection with the Fabian Society to be considered.

Mr Buxton's promise noted with thanks. Agree that advertisement by circular through Labour Party to be approved. Recommend Executive to approve of plan for Association, subject to consultation and agreement with the Labour Party.

10. Report that Mrs. Herbert, (housekeeper) is now in receipt of pension under the Widows, etc. Old Age Pension Act, 1925

Received and noted.

11. Correspondence:

- (a) Bank for Russian Trade re withdrawal of deposit, etc. Necessary action to be authorised.
- (b) Major D. Leigh Aman. Thanks for grant of £50 from By-Election Fund towards expenses at Faversham.
- (c) Miss H. M. Keynes - request to be added to list of possible Parliamentary candidates.
- (d) H. Williams - re suggested gift as memorial of Col. Williams.
- (e) Fabian Nursery - nominating H. Palmer for co-option to this Committee vice G. van Raalte resigned.
- (f) Westminster Labour Party - inviting nominations of candidates for L.C.C. in Westminster.
- (g) Dr. Norman Leys - re review in "Fabian News" (December) asking insertion of a reply.

- (a) Agreed that Dodd & Shulton be
authorized and requested to sign
the necessary papers &c.
- (b) Noted - (c) Agreed that Mrs. Kames
be added to the list forthwith.
- (d) Noted. Agreed that the arrangements
be suggested are quite satisfactory.
- (e) Resolved - agreed that H. Palmer
be co-opted to this committee
accordingly.
- (f) Resolved - no action.
- (g) Considered - referred to
the Executive.

The meeting then adjourned

Sidney Webb
16/2/28

24/11/2

Finance & Committee
Thursday 16 February 1928

Present - Webb (Chair) Dodd, Pease
Pulmer (Nurse) & Craxton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received
from H. Humphreys & J. K. Ratcliffe.

3. Finance Report to 31st January.	1926.	1927.
Sales of Literature.	£743	£639
Members Subscriptions	938	945
Other " "	239	238
Book Box Fees.	16	18
Hire of Hall	47	34

The Report was received and approved
and considered satisfactory

4. Report on Special Appeal. Cash Receipts to date amount to
£490. 0. Od. There are still several promises to be
redeemed. Shall we reprint notice and appeal revised in
March issue of "News"?

Received and considered satisfactory
agreed to reprint notice revised in March
News & keep fund open till 31st March.

5. Membership.

- (a) January candidates (10) to be elected. Last year (6)
(b) Resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Alfred Hicks.	London.	1916	21/- 1927.	None.

- (a) The ten candidates were elected
(b) The resignation was accepted.

6. Essex Hall Lectures. Satisfactory so far though attendance not very large. For March 23rd, Snell withdraws offer to lecture on British Guiana. Dr. Norman Leys and Major A.G. Church have agreed to debate on Kenya on that date. To be approved and necessary arrangements authorised.

Record. Snell's letter read and his withdrawal accepted. The proposed debate in Kenya for March 23rd approved and Secretary left to make the arrangements accordingly.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Further consideration of general title, lecturers, etc., and any recommendations thereon for the Executive. Present suggestions are (a) Labour Party's Electoral Programme; and (b) the principles of Western Civilisation.

Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive for title 'The Future of Western Civilisation'. For subjects in

1. The distinctive features of Western Civilisation
2. Science. B. Russell. C. de la Roche.
3. Labour. Lusk, Tennyson, a lecture

- 4. Women & the Family. M. Rayden or Mrs. H. H. H. H.
- 5. Religion. M. Rayden or L. P. J. J.
- 6. The Future. E. B. S. S.

B.

C.C. Election Fund. Cash Receipts to date £27. 0. 0d. Miss Hutchins letter to be read and contribution from her donation to be made to the fund. List of Fabian candidates to be considered and grants recommended. Application for financial help received only from Woolwich at present.

List of 14 Fabians standing as Labour Candidates (annexed) considered
 Letters from Woolwich L.P. & Totterd.

Agreed that a grant of £5 to be made to Woolwich in response to the appeal.

Also that £5 each be granted to
 G. Bursney (Leamington) Mrs L. Dawson (Manselton) B. Skene Mackery (Milton Green) Mrs A. Single (Hackney) and F. H. Wiltshire (Westminster)
 if applications are received from them for financial aid.

Agreed also to defer the question of Miss Hutchins donation to see if other requests for financial assistance are received and to insert notice re the fund in March issue of News.

9. Local Government News. Report that almost 12,000 circulars advertising the "News" sent out through Labour Party and W.E.A. and fresh subscriptions coming in. Advertisements exchanged with "Labour Magazine" and "London Labour News". Any other suggestions? Letter from Middleton re proposed Association of Labour Councillors, etc. to be considered.

Received and approved. Agreed that letter be sent to selection of local papers drawing attention of Councillors & candidates to the News. The proposed assn. was deferred for further correspondence and interview with Middleton.

10. Correspondence:

- (a) Messrs. Brodie, Timbs & Co., (Agents for Landlord) re our Tenancy of 25, Tothill St.
- (b) Mr. H. Williams agreeing to give the fee of £5. 5. Od. yearly for a Col. Beauchamp Williams Memorial lecture at Kingsway or Essex Hall.
- (c) Farnham (Surrey) Labour Party - wanting a Parliamentary candidate.
- (d) N. Fujimura (a member) asking permission to translate Finer's "British Civil Service" into Japanese.
- (e) Brighton Fabian Society asking for speaker for May Day demonstration on Sunday 29th April.
- (f) The Adler Society - asking for lecturer on Fabianism and What it stands for".
- (g) Maldon Branch Union of Post Office Workers. Very appreciative letter re Book Boxes and donation to Book Boxes Expenses fund.

(a) Received and noted

(b) Agreed. The Col Williams Memorial Lecture to be made the first one of Essex Hall series each year

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- (c) Send any suitable ~~names~~ names and refer to Wattle.
- (d) Agree subject to Francis's consent & suitable acknowledgment of the F.S. in translation.
- (e) Ask Mrs Lawrence & any others likely.
- (f) Refer to Nursery or New York.
- (g) Record & noted. Print the letter in next North box calendar if possible.

The meeting then adjourned.

S. J. Webb
15/3/28

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Fabians standing as candidates for the L.C.C. Constituency.

Alfred Baker, J.P., L.C.C.

Hackney, South.

J.P. Blake, L.C.C.,

Camberwell, Peckham.

Francis Bowie,

Hammersmith, North.

George Burgneay, J.P.,

Kewisham, West.

Dr. Stella Churchill, L.C.C.,

Southwar~~k~~, South East.

Miss Lilian Dawson, J.P.,

St. Marylebone.

Mrs. Barbara Drake,

Hammersmith North.

H. Finer, D.Sc.,

Hammersmith South.

Marshall Jackman

Hackney South.

B. Skene Mackay

Bethnal Green South West.

Harbert Morrison, J.P., L.C.C.

Woolwich East.

Reginald H. Pott,

Woolwich West.

Miss Amy Sayle.

Hackney Central.

F. H. Wiltshire

Westminster (Abbey)

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 15th March 1928

Present: - Webb (Chair) Davies, Dodd,
Capt Hall, Humblreys, Palmer
(Nursery) and Esaton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Accounts for absence were received from E. R. Pease & S. K. Ratcliffe

Finance Report to 29th February.	1928.	1927.
Sales of Literature.	£820.	£699
Members Subscriptions.	1037	1031
Others "	267	255
Book Box Fees.	17	23
Hire of Hall	50	36

As the financial year ends on the 31st inst., appointment of auditor is necessary. Shall we ask James Bacon as usual?

Received and abridged and considered satisfactory. It was agreed that James Bacon be requested to audit the a/c for the year 1927-28 as in former years.

4. Membership.

- (a) February candidates (17) to be elected. Last year (5)
(b) Resignations (6)

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last</u> <u>Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>	
Mrs. M. Abbott,	Woodford.	1924.	10/-	1925.	No Time.
Dr. E. Vipont Brown.	Manchester.	1908	5/-	1927	None
Sir Thomas Rose,	Hindhead.	1906	42/-	1924	None
J. Stirling Ross,	Finchley,	1918	10/6	1927	No Time
R. W. J. Saunders,	Plumstead.	1912	10/-	1927	Went to India.
Miss K. Silver.	Stepney.	1924.	17/-	1927	Going abroad.

(c) List of about 50 members annexed for whom (with one exception) we have had no addresses for over a year. To be struck off unless addresses forthcoming. Members of the Committee are requested to examine the list and supply any addresses if possible.

- (a) The candidates were all elected
(b) The six resignations were accepted.
(c) The list was considered. A few addresses were supplied. It was agreed that the remainder be struck off the list of members if addresses are not forthcoming.

5. Report on Special Appeal. Cash receipts to date a little over £600. Two or three promises still to be redeemed. The appeal to be closed on March 31st. Final note and report to be printed in April Fabian News.

Received and approved and considered satisfactory. Note to be inserted in April News accordingly.

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- 3. L.C.C. Election Fund. Poor response. Total receipts £32. 4. 0d. Grants of £5 each made to six constituencies, viz., Bethnal Green, Hammersmith, Lewisham, St. Marylebone, Westminster and Woolwich, absorbed £30. Balance to be disposed of. Six of the 14 members standing as candidates were elected, viz., A. Baker and M. Jackman (Hackney S.) F. Bowie, Hammersmith North, J.P. Blake, Peckham, Dr. S. Churchill, Southwark and H. Morrison Woolwich.

Received and acknowledged. Agreed that the balance in hand £2-4-0 be sent to Central Hackney in recharge to the above receipts from them.

- Local Government News, etc. re proposed Association of Members of Local Authorities. No further reply from Middleton. Draft of suggested scheme annexed to be considered.

Considered and acknowledged in principle with reservations. To be referred to the Executive Committee.

- Notice of motion by Laski: That the charge for insets in Fabian News be increased (The charge was 15/- prior to 1911 when it was increased to 21/-, and again increased to 25/- in October 1920.)

Considered. After discussion decided that no action be taken in view of the comparatively recent increases & the fact that most insets are mere leaflets and about members books.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Helyoake Marsh presenting framed portrait of Robert Owen.
- (b) G.P.O. re confiscation of parcel of books sent to customer in India which were proscribed by the Government of India.
- (c) Birmingham Fabian Society sending copy of resolutions passed by them and asking us to forward them if approved to Labour Party.
- (d) Frank Smith (old member) asking if we can do anything to get his name added to the Commission of the Peace for London.
- (e) Co-operative Wholesale Bank. Notifying opening of Branch at Transport House, Smith Sq., Westminster.

- (a) Accepted with thanks to Mrs Marsh.
- (b) Referred to Webb to make inquiries.
- (c) Refer to the Labour Party
- (d) The Secy F. Smith's name forward to the proper quarter on our behalf.
- (e) Received and noted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Samuel West

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LIST OF MEMBERS FOR WHOM WE HAVE NO ADDRESS.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Last address.</u>
Aye, Maung	1923	21/- 1925.	London.
Barrett, Miss R.	1907	20/- 1924.	Hampstead.
Billson, Miss Joan.	1919.	15/- 1921.	London.
Bishop, Robert.	1892	10/- 1921	Dorset.
Brettelle, Clifford.	1918	50/- 1923.	Middlesborough.
Buck, E. J.,	1924.	21/- 1925	London.
Charry, P.V.,	1920.	5/- 1922	London.
Clipstone, H.V.,	1921,	21/- 1923	Golders Green.
Cobbold, Mrs. E.	1910.	15/- 1922	Warwickshire.
Cullen, Charles,	1920.	21/- 1921	Streatham.
Freeman, L.A.,	1920	10/- 1924	Hampstead.
Frost, William.	1908	£5 1918	Sutton.
Goller, Rev. Izak	1923	10/- 1923	Walthamstow.
Hall, Wilfred,	1920	10/- 1920	Ferryhill.
Hardy, C. Graham,	1915	2/3 1923	Enfield.
Heitner, Jesse.	1913	42/- 1921	Dalston.
Hore, C.F. Adair,	1895	84/- 1919	Baywater.
Humphreys, Miss M.	1920	10/- 1920	Ravenscourt Park
Jackson, J. Emerson,	1924	10/- 1924	Thornton Heath.
Jacobs, J.M.,	1924	10/- 1924	New Ferry, Cheshire
Jennings, Miss I.E.	1924	10/- 1924	Mexborough.
Johnson, Mrs. R.F.	1913	2/6 1923	Hale, Cheshire.
Kininmouth, C.P.,	1914	42/- 1921	Bramhall, Cheshire
Monteith-Dunn, M.D.	1922	21/- 1921	Lavender Hill.
Moore. Cyril F..	1921	10/6 1921	Wells.

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Heitner, Jesse.	1913	42/- 1921	Dalston.
Howe, C.F. Adair,	1895	84/- 1919	Bayswater.
Humphreys, Miss M.	1920	10/- 1920	Ravenscourt Park
Jackson, J. Emerson,	1924	10/- 1924	Thornton Heath.
Jacobs, J.M.,	1924	10/- 1924	New Ferry, Cheshire
Jennings, Miss I.E.	1924	10/- 1924	Mexborough.
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Kininmouth, C.P.,	1914	42/- 1921	Bramhall, Cheshire
Monteith-Dunn, M.D.	1922	21/- 1921	Javelier Hill.
Moore, Cyril F.,	1921	10/6 1921	Wells.
O'Donnell, Francis	1920	50/- 1920.	Tooting.
Overton, A.C.,	1918	10/- 1919	Thorpe Bay.
Patterson, T.P.,	1907	20/- 1922	S. Croydon.
Penney, Charles.	1919	42/- 1921.	Kensington.
Preston, Miss C.R.M.	1920.	5/- 1922	Bristol.
Roberts, Mrs. Ethel	1919	10/- 1924.	Westminster.
Robinson, C. Norman	1926.	20/- 1926	S. Croydon.
Rudderham, Mrs. S.	1923	10/- 1923	S. Kensington.
Scott, C.R.,	1919	5/- 1922	Midstone.
Sodgwick, Russell,	1924	20/- 1924.	St. Johns Wood.
Skilton, J.H.,	1906.	10/- 1920.	Holborn.
Smyth, Miss J.H.,	1922	10/- 1923	Balham.
Steele, J.P.,	1915	10/- 1920	Rye.
Thomlinson, Miss A.	1918.	7/6d 1919	London.
Unwyn, Alfred.	1923.	10/- 1923.	Kilburn.
Wade, Miss Florence	1921	5/- 1922	Leeds.
Waterfield, Miss C.	1921	5/- 1923	Central India.
Watson, Miss H.M.	1909.	5/- 1923	Dartmouth.
Worthington, F.M.	1924.	10/- 1924	Ilford.

Finance & Committee
Thursday 19 April 1928

Present: Webb (Chair) Calist Hall, ^{Humphreys} Pease,
Ratcliff, Palmer (Nurses) and Galton.
also En John Hayward - non-member.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - Dodd - away in country.

3. Finance Report to 31st March.

	1926.	1927.
Sales of Literature.	£995	£907
Members Subscriptions.	1190	1215
Other "	287	281
Book Box Fees.	19	27
Hire of Hall	52	45

The accounts for the year are now completed and shew a total net reduction of the deficit by £615. 16. 10. during this year.

The report was considered and received and considered satisfactory

4. Membership.

(a) March candidates (9) all Provincial, to be elected.

Last year (7)

(b) Resignations (3) Last

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Sub.	Reason.
Miss C. Dawson.	Purley,	1917	30/-1927	Cannot continue sub.
Clifford Sharp.	Hampstead.	1905)	40/-1920	No longer in
Mrs. C. Sharp.	"	1906)		sympathy.

- (a) The more candidates were elected.
- (c) Mr & Mrs Shanks resignation accepted
Mrs Dawson to be asked to continue
at reduced subscription if necessary.

Kingsway Hall Lectures, 1928. Bertrand Russell, Prof. J.B.S. Haldane, C. de Lisle Burns and Bernard Shaw accepted. Tawn^g away and no reply. Miss Rebecca West declines as in America in the autumn. Correspondence to be considered and any necessary action authorised.

Receipt and Mr Russell's letter read approved. For woman lecturer agreed to recommend the Executive to recommend and to ask 1. Mrs Rose Macaulay 2 Mrs. G.E. Hammett & Mrs E. Power in the order named.

Notice to terminate our tenancy of this house received on 24/3/28, expiring 24th September next. The situation arising to be considered. Secretary to report on action taken and possible alternative accommodation. Recommendation thereon to be made to Executive.

Considered and report by factum on alternative accommodation received. After discussion it was resolved to recommend the Executive to purchase the freehold of 11011 Dartmouth St. Westminster if suitable terms can be arranged.

Galtier was authorized to inform the agents for the premises accordingly, and to connect Mr John Roberts, solicitor and take his advice therein and also in regard to matters arising out of the termination of an tenancy at 25 Tothill St. It was agreed that Mr Roberts should make an offer for ~~the~~ No 11 Dartmouth St - on our behalf, & that if possible arrangements should be made for members of the Committee to view the premises.

7. Correspondence.

- (a) General Post Office and India Office, etc. re the parcel of books confiscated as being proscribed by the Indian Government.

Considered and referred to Webb to have further inquiries made.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

10 May 1928.

Finance & Committee
Thursday 10th May 1928

Present - Capt. Hall, Sir J. Mansford, Pease
Ratcliffe, Palmer (Nurses)
and Craton.
Also Leake - non-member.

Chair - Pease was elected chairman
of the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from
Dodd, Humphrey, and Webb.

Chairman - Pease was unanimously
elected Chairman of the Committee
for the ensuing year.

Meeting - It was decided that the Committee
should meet on Thursdays at 5 pm
for the ensuing year.

5. Finance - The usual financial statement is not available this month as the books are away at the auditors.

Received and noted.

6. Membership.

- (a) April candidates (5) to be elected. Last year (4)
(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss M. Dore,	Earlsfield.	1923	10/- 1923	None.
Mrs. A.S. Sheppard.	Kensington.	1924	20/- 1924.	None.

(a) The candidates were all elected.

(b) The two resignations were accepted.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Professor Ernest Barker accepts for November 8th, suggesting slight change in title of subject. Chairmen for the meetings required.

Received. Prof Barker suggested letter agreed to. For chairmen the following panel suggested and referred to the Executive to settle, viz. Blanche White, Woodford Benn, Michael Pean, H. Dalton, Capt Hull, H. B. Lees Smith, Laski, Ratchiffe, Mrs. Drake & Mrs. Keynes.

8. New premises. John Roberts (Solicitor) writes enclosing copy of letter from Trollopes, accepting the offer of 3,000 guineas (£3150) for the freehold of No. 11, Dartmouth Street. To be received and considered and if so decided the necessary arrangements made to enter into contract to purchase, etc.

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Received and approved and considered
very satisfactory. Roberts and
Gutter to push on with the matter.

Resolved - That Messrs. Sidney
Webb, J. W. Gutter and H. J. Baskin
be appointed to act on behalf of
the Society in the acquisition of the
freeloid premises No 11 Dartmouth
St. Westminster; that they be
authorised to enter into the contract
for purchase, and also for the
conveyance of the property; and
that they execute a declaration
of trust in favour of the Fabian
Society.

Correspondence:

- (a) E. J. Robertson, Manager of the New Generation,
suggesting exchange of advertisement with Fabian
News.
- (b) John W. Martin, U.S.A., re his visit to England
and lectures this Autumn.

(a) agreed - exchange advt of L. & News.
(b) Gutter to send suitable reply.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
- 14.6.28

Finance & Committee.
Thursday 14 June 1928

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Humphreys,
Sir J. Maynard, Webb & Coates.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Cholera for absence were received from Capt. Bond Hall.

3. Finance.	Report to 31st May.	1928.	1927.
	Sale of Literature.	£72.	£142.
	Members' Subscriptions	£187	£199
	Other "	£32	£73
	Book Box Fees	£2	£5
	Hire of Hall	£4	£5

(The decline in sale of literature is rather startling, but probably temporary. The figures for June will show a marked recovery).

Fee to James Bacon, auditor to be considered and recommendation made to the Executive thereon.

The Report was received and after discussion allowed.

It was agreed to recommend the Executive to send Bacon £5-5-0 as last year.

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Membership.

- (a) May candidates (5) To be elected. Last year (6)
- (b) Resignations: None.

(a) The candidates were elected
 (b) Noted.

Annual Meeting: To-night June 14th at 8 p.m. in Fabian Hall.
 H. Clapham Lander agrees to accept nomination as Chairman. ANY
 business to be considered. Members of the Executive are
 requested to attend if possible.

Arrangements approved. Agreed that Galtin
 should make a statement about the
 new premises & at the close of
 the business on the agenda.

Kingsway Hall Lectures. All arrangements now complete and
 several syllabuses secured. Ratcliffe suggests slight
 change in general title. To be considered.

Arrangements approved. Ratcliffe's suggested
 change considered and agreed to. The title
 to be "Western Combination; Whether is it foreign?"

New Premises. The deposit of 10 per cent on purchase price
 (£315) now paid and contracts exchanged with the vendors.
 Title now being investigated. The question of mortgages to
 be considered. Our tenants the Railway Club to be informed
 that we cannot provide accommodation for them and any suggestion
 by way of a solatium to them to be considered.

Report on progress received and approved.
 Re mortgage - Webb undertook to suggest
 this to C. B. S. Felling that Galtin

to take the question up with Roberts,
(Com Solicitor) J. P. Blake &c and the Bank.

Re. Railway Club. Question of some
allowance to them deferred to see
how much we shall receive out
of the £250 compensation due to us
for the termination of the lease
of 25 Tottenham St.

8. Parliamentary By-Elections. Fabian candidates in two
constituencies, viz. Epsom (Miss Keynes) and Carmarthen
(D. Hopkin). Application received for grant from By-election
Fund for Hopkin, and the Trustees of the Fund agreed to give
£50 which has been sent to him. To be approved. For Miss
Keynes assistance will be forthcoming from the donors of
the motor car. Both candidates would like a message of
support from the Committee.

The grant of £50 to Hopkin authorized
by the Trustees of the Fund was approved.

The proposal of the donors of the car to
give £50 to the Parliamentary By-Election Fund
to be given to Miss Keynes for the Epsom Election
was received and approved, with thanks.

Agreed that further send a message
to both candidates as desired; and
also for any help possible in
funding speakers, motor cars &c.

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Correspondence:

- (a) The Labour Party - re delegates to Annual Conference and nominations for the Executive Committee.
- (b) Dr. Norman Leys - re insertion of a paragraph in Fabian News about the debate on Kenya.
- (c) G. W. Shipway - suggesting publication of report of the Kingsway Hall Lectures.
- (d) J. Ward Stimpson - presenting copies of his books to the Fabian Library.

- (a) Agreed to recommend that Mrs Lawrence & Ince be approached and nominated again if they consent.
- (b) Considered. Dr. Leys suggested paragraphs were not agreed to. A paragraph was drafted and approved and Galtier directed to insert it in July News after sending copy to Miss Church.
- (c) Decline - a suitable reply to be sent.
- (d) Received and noted.

The Committee then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
19.7.28

Finance & Committee
Thursday 19 July 1928

Present - Pease (Chair) Humphreys,
Palmer (Nursery) & Gattton
also Robson, non-member.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
2. Apologies for absence were received from Dodd, Capt. Hall, Sgt. Maynard and Sidney Webb.

3. Finance.	Report to 30th June.	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1927.</u>
	Sales of Literature.	£152	£209
	Members Subscriptions.	285	281
	Other "	93	79
	Book Box Fees	2	6
	Hire of Hall	2	2

(The sales of literature much improved on last month, though still below last year. The July figures will show a further improvement on this item)

The Report was received and approved and considered satisfactory.

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Membership.

- (a) June candidates (6) To be elected. Last year (6)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. Berry,	Hereford.	1920	10/-1924.	None
Miss C.M. Thompson,	Golders Green.	1923.	20/-1924.	Left England

- (a) The six candidates were elected
- (b) The two resignations were accepted.

Kingsway Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete and five out of the six syllabuses received. Sale of tickets to date very good and considerably in advance of last year.

Receipts and cashed satisfactory

New premises. Removal to take place from Monday 17th Sept. to Saturday 22nd. The new owners of 25, Tothill Street (The Federation of British Industries) cannot arrange to allow us to stay on after September 24th. Some possibility of getting possession of 11 Dartmouth St., or part of it, early in Sept. Correspondence thereon and with solicitors of late and present owners of 25, Tothill St., re the compensation to be paid, to be read and considered.

*Receipt and proposed arrangements
 cubbed. Letter read and agreed that
 Roberts has asked to advise a notice
 to terminate our tenancy here on Sept 24
 Palmer agreed to examine Fountain's
 estimate for work to be done. To
 suggest marble for floors instead
 of linoleum.*

7 Correspondence.

- (a) James Bacon, our auditor, thanks for cheque sent.
- (b) Arthur Henderson, M.P., request to the Society for help in raising the Labour Party Election Fund.
- (c) Liverpool F.S. suggesting Fabian school in June next year at Buttermere.
- (d) Robinson Defence Fund Liverpool - re help in raising funds.
- (e) Labour Party and Trades Union Congress re the American proposal of peace pact.

(f) Mr. Masenham re Labour Party Programme.

(a) Received and noted

(b) Galtton to see Henderson and explain position & discuss with him

(c) Referred to Summer School Committee

(d) Report - no action.

(e) Agreed. (f) Send copy of the resolution to Puel & Mrs Lawrence for consideration at the Labour Party Conference in October.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 4th October 1928

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Humphreys,
Palmer (Nursery) and Esalter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence received from
Davies, Capt. Hall, C. J. Maynard & Webb.

5. Finance: Report to 31st August (September figures not yet
available.

	1928	1927.
Sale of Literature.	£269	£366
Members Subscriptions.	409	447
Other "	102	96
Book Box Fees.	3	7
Hire of Hall	10	15

Receipts and expenditure and
considered satisfactory.

Membership:

- (a) July candidates (5) Elected by Pease and Galton. To be
confirmed. Last year (7)
August candidates (5) Last year (3)
September candidates (A), Last year (9)
To be elected.

(b) Resignations. (Ten weeks)

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub:	Reason.
Miss D.M. Front,	Islington,	1928.	15/-1928	Not in sympathy
Miss M.O. Sullivan	Marylebone,	1919	10/-1926	Going abroad.
R.M. Simon,	Marylebone.	1925.	15/-1926.	None.

(a) July Candidates - election confirmed.
August & September do Elected.

(b) The three resignations accepted.

5. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Very successful - the hall sold out in course tickets. Receipts to date £850. Last year, same date £533

Recommend a candidate very satisfactory

6. Essex Hall Lectures, 1929. To be considered and general title recommended. Suggestions for lecturers: (a) The first lecture to be the Col. Williams memorial lecture, (b) G.D.H. Cole, Major Church on T. U. in Germany, etc., and Sir W. Leslie Mackenzie.

Agreed that the Hall be taken for six Fridays Jan. 11 & 25. Feb. 8 & 22, Mar 8 & 22.

To recommend a series on general subjects the first one to be the Col Williams lecture. Lecturers suggested.

1. G.P. Cook, a Toyman, ex D Paris. H. Schmitz on Turkey & recent developments.
2. G.D.H. Cole. Labour Policy.
3. Ralstiff - U.S.A.
4. Major Church - Germany.
5. Sir W.L. Mackenzie
6. Lordwood Burner - issues of coming election.

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7. Mrs. Blanco White - Women's
Common Election.

Matters arising from removal.

- a) Common Room to be reopened on Oct. 15th. Shall we arrange a house-warming party after that date?
- b) Piano - Not now required and no room. Can it be sold?
- c) Railway Club. Rent for Sept. quarter to be considered and some allowance made. (We have received the £250 compensation for termination of our Lease.

(a) Agreed to recommend House warming Party, Thursday 13 Decr 8. 10.30. pm

(b) Agreed that the piano be sold if it is our property.

(c) Recommend the Executive to make an allowance of £20. For desserting.

Correspondence.

- (a) London Labour Party re Annual Conference Saturday, 1st December. Any nominations for officers or resolutions for agenda.

Considered - No action taken.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

15/11/28

Finance & Committee
Thursday 15th November 1928.

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Humphrey,
Sir J. Maynard, Ratcliffe and Galton

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received
from Cubt Hall and Webb.

3. Finance: Report to 31st October.

	<u>1926.</u>	<u>1927.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£376	£526
Members Subscriptions.	542	589
Other "	120	108
Book Box Fees.	5	9

The report was received and after
discussion approved.

On Book Box Item it was decided
that the circular be redrafted and
reduced to 4 pp & sent out to local
Labour Parties & Cook: Family. Agreed to
recommend the Executive that the Book
Box fee be reduced to 10/- to all
applicants irrespective of distance.

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Membership.

- (a) October candidates (8) To be elected. Last year (6)
- (b) Resignations (Six weeks).

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
H. Fleming,	Highgate,	1918	21/- 1928.	Cannot take part.
Miss M. Hicks,	Wimborne,	1924	10/- 1924	Never in London.
Miss M.S. Laing,	Lee,	1922	20/- 1927	None
Miss E. Lolley,	E. Yorks.	1908	7/6 1928	Never in London.
Rev. C.H. Poppleton	Streatham.	1907	10/- 1927	Cannot Subscribe
A. Temple.	Islington.	1916	5/- 1927	Domestic.

(a) The eight candidates were elected.
 (b) The resignations of H Fleming, Miss Hicks and A Temple were accepted. The other three to be written to & urged to continue &c.

Essex Hall Lectures. Lectures arranged to date.

Jan 11th.	G. P. Gooch.	The Balkans.
" 25th.	S. K. Ratcliffe,	U.S.A.
Feb. 8th.	Major Church.	Germany.
" 22nd	D.G.H. Cole	Nationalisation.
Mar. 8th	Mrs. Blanco White,	Women and the Election.
" 22nd.	Com. Kenworthy, M.P.	The Coming Election.

Chairmen required for all the meetings and any other details to be settled.

The arrangements were confirmed for Chairmen the following agreed to

1. F. L. Dodd	4. C.M. Lloyd or A.P. Davis
2. H. Lush	5. Sir J. Mansfield
3. H. Finer	6. H. Snell, or H. Hambrey.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures. Still very successful. Receipts to date £988. Last year same date £844. Some complaints about Prof. Barker's lecture to be considered.

*Received & considered very satisfactory
Letter re Prof. Barker's lecture
read and noted.*

7. The Piano. No response to the advertisement in "Fabian News". Shall we sell it to the Army & Navy Co-operative Society?

*Applied that the A & N. Co-op Society offer
of £12 be accepted.*

8. Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Mayne - offering to speak on her recent visit to Russia.
- (b) E. G. Macky - notifying establishment of a Fabian Club at Auckland, New Zealand.
- (c) National Peace Council - re visit of J. W. Martin, from U.S.A. an old member of the Executive now in England
- (d) Cunard S.S. Coy. Suggesting party to visit Canada next year and offering special terms.
- (e) Union Europeenne - re suggested Universal day of Peace.

*(a) Refer to Women's Franchise, Nursery & New Grants
(b) Received & noted. (c) Received & noted
(d) Refer to Dodd to consider possibility
(e) Received - no action.*

The meeting then adjourned.

*Edw. R. Pease
13/12/28*

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Finance & Committee.

Thursday 13th Decr. 1928

Present - Pease (Chair) Hamshreys,
Sir J. Maynard, Palmer and
Cuttler. Also Robson and
Blanco White, non-members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

1. Cholopolis for absence were received
from Dodd & Ratcliffe.

3. Finance: Report to 30th November.

	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1927.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£427	£608.
Members Subscriptions.	612	867
Other " "	150	145
Book Box Fees.	11	12

The Report was received & approved.

Membership.

- (a) November candidates (13) To be elected. Last year (13)
(b) Resignation:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss C.I. Fowkes.	Derby.	1906.	10/-1928.	None.

- (a) The candidates were all elected
(b) The resignation was accepted

5. To consider and settle question of alteration in day of meeting of the Committee (at present Thursdays). (b) F

Deferred to next meeting - to be put on agenda again then.

6. To receive and consider report of sub-Committee appointed to arrange for the proposed At Home and Reception. (c)

The report recommending that the Party be held in Lutynstone Hall, on Wed or Thursday 13 or 14 February was received and approved & adopted.

- 7 Essex Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete and programme in proof but awaiting two syllabuses. Shall we advertise these lectures in press? If so in New Statesman and any others?

Approved and adopted. Agree to advertise in New Statesman and humbly London Labour News. Also to consider next year alteration of the night of these meetings to Thursday and the time to 8.30 pm.

8 New Premises. Various matters arising from removal, etc. to be considered and settled:-

- (a) Trust Deed executing declaration of Trust by the three members in whose names the freehold is vested.

b) Fountain, the builder, etc. Accounts.

(1) Repairs, alterations, decorations, etc. to 11, Dartmouth St.,	£382. 15. 3d.
(2) Expenses of Removal.	58. 12. 6
(3) New furniture, etc. bought.	21. 18. 6
	£463. 6. 3
Total	£463. 6. 3

(c) Advertisement on flank wall or outside shop to be authorised.

(a) The draft Trust Deed was read and considered and a number of corrections and suggestions were made to it. Agreed that Gallton see Roberts thereon and discuss there ~~the~~ proposed changes and that the matter be brought up again at next meeting.

(b) Invoice NO 1. with original estimates referred to Palmer to examine and report. NO 2 & 3 passed and agreed that they be paid

(c) Agreed that the adobe be put outside shop. Estimate as per specification obtained and Humphreys consulted thereon and if he agrees the work to be done forthwith.

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Correspondence.

- (a) F. H. Wiltshire (member) asking to have his name added to list of possible Labour Parliamentary candidates
- (b) G. W. Shipway. Inquiry re Annuities, etc

(a) agreed that Mr Wiltshire's name be added to the list as desired
(b) Regret we cannot undertake the matter and refer to the C. W. S Bank & Insurance Society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 17th Jan 1929

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd, Surf. Maynard,
Palmer (Nursery) and Galtorn.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received
from Humphreys & Ratcliffe

Finance: Report to 31st December.	1928.	1927.
Sale of Literature	£492	£687
Members Subscriptions.	683	742
Other "	159	150
Book Box Fees.	14	13

(Copy of revised Book Box Circular enclosed for information).

The report was received and approved.

4. Membership.

- (a) December candidates (7) To be elected. Last year (9)
- (b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Mrs. G. McDonnell,	Stoke Newington.	1899	21/- 1928	None
H.S. Redgrove.	Croydon.	1921	19/6d 1928.	Not in sympathy.

- (c) List of 12 members excused subscriptions some years ago, annexed. To be considered.
- (d) List of 47 members, no subscriptions paid for some years, annexed. To be purged. (Letter has been sent to them and some replies).

- (a) The seven candidates were elected.
- (b) The two resignations were accepted.
- (c) The list considered. Ten of the names to be taken off the list. Mr Bruce Glasier and Rev. Basil Martin to be retained & Dodd to see the latter.
- (d) The list considered. Mr & Mrs Bellenden to be kept in and subscription excused. Sir J. Hayward to see or write to Lt. Col A. G. Walker. Coulton to see J. C. Whitist. The others to be purged from the list.

5. To consider and settle question of alteration in day of meeting of this Committee. (Deferred from last meeting).

This item was withdrawn.

6. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1929. The Hall booked for Thursdays, October 17th - Nov. 21st. Preliminary consideration of subject and lecturers.

Referred to the Executive Committee

7. Housewarming Party and At Home. Hall booked for Thursday 14th February 8 - 10.30. Shaw promises to attend, but complications with Webb and Mrs. Webb already engaged that evening. To be considered and settled and programme decided.

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Agreed that the date arranged, 27/1/32 be adhered to, and referred to the special sub-Committee to complete arrangements.

- 8. Essex Hall Lectures. Fairly successful. Cash receipts £20, i.e. about 70 course tickets at 5/- and a number of single tickets sold. First meeting last Friday well attended (copy of syllabus enclosed for information)

Received and considered satisfactory

- 9. South Battersea By-Election. Labour Candidate W. Bennett, a member of the Society. Appeal for help from By-Election Fund. To be considered.

Resolved to recommend the Trustees of the By-Election Fund to make a grant of £50 towards the expenses of the By-Election.

- 10. Matters arising from Removal:

- (a) Trust deed redrafted by Roberts, solicitor, to be received and considered.
- (b) Fountains a/cs. Palmers report on charges for rebuilding and decorating, etc. to be received and considered.
- (c) Insurances on building and contents, etc. to be considered and if so desired recommendation made to the Executive thereon.

(a) Considered. Referred to Dodd and Blanco White to consider. Resolved to recommend the Executive to pass a motion and pass the necessary resolution, subject to Dodd and White agreeing.

- (b) Putman's report read. Agreed that Fountain be asked to consider it - and reduce the charges wherever possible, & that subject to this the a/c be approved and paid
- (c) After discussion Resolved that the fire insurance on contents of the house be increased from £1250 to £1500.

Resolved also to Recommend the Executive that the fire insurance of the Building be transferred from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Coy to the Coheration Insurance Coy & that the amounts insured be

(1) The Building £2500. ⁽²⁾ One Year's rent £250.

11. Correspondence.

- (a) East Aberdeenshire Labour Party asking endorsement of candidature of Rev. J. E. Hamilton (member Edinburgh F.S.) in succession to the late A. McCallum Scott.
- (b) Westminster Labour Party - re candidate for Westminster, Abbey division.
- (c) Miss H. Fryer - reply to letter re her resignation of membership.

- (d) Bristol Labour Weekly, asking permission to reprint Shaw's Commonsense of Municipal trading as a series of articles. Letter from Shaw thereon. To be considered.
- (e) Robert Owen Memorial Fund. Appeal for funds for statue of Owen for the International Labour Office, Geneva.
- (f) Liverpool Exchange Division Labour Party - wanting a Parliamentary candidate.

- (a) Agreed that we submit nomination as requested
- (b) No action. (c) To be returned as donor only.
- (d) Agreed - as a series of articles only and not to be reprinted as booklet
- (e) Refer them to the Sara Hall Trustees.
- (f) Secretary to send any suitable names from our list.

The meeting then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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List of Members who have paid no subscriptions for some years.

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Joined.</u>
Arnold, N.A.,	London, W.C.1.	1912.
Baker, Charles,	Strand.	1913.
Baker, Frank.	Sedgley, Staffs.	1919.
Clarke, E. Dillon,	Westminster.	1918.
Barns, Charles,	Wandsworth Common.	1923.
Bethder, Mr. and Mrs. J.F.	Stoke Newington.	1907.
Biss, A.E.	Denmark Hill.	1920.
Blackburn, Miss E.B.	Westminster,	1919.
Blomfield, F.B.	India	1920
Burford, Miss D.M.	Croydon,	1919.
Burton-Brown, Miss B.	Godalming.	1921.
Campbell, Thomas,	Canada...	1918.
Chaudhri, <i>K.R.</i>	Paddington,	1923.
Davis, Herbert,	Tufnell Park.	1919.
Elkington, Miss Norah,	Rhyl.	1920
Fardo, Miss Ethel	Sydenham Park Rd.	1923.
Greenfield, T.H.	Accrington.	1912.
Hall, Miss Ella,	Portman Square.	1920.
Hall, Miss M.P.	Peckham.	1921.
Harris, Alex C.	Leicester.	1897.
Heald, Miss N.S.,	Long Acre.	1919.
Hinton, Mrs. Hinton,	Welwyn Garden City.	1919.
Hyman, Marcus.	Clapton.	1923.
Jones, <i>J.F.</i>	<i>John David. Polypridd</i>	1918.
Kronzin, Miss C.	Battersea.	1918.
Macdonald, Miss M.,	Peckham.	1923.
Martin, C.,	Dartford.	1919.
Mayman, Miss A.G.,	London.	1920.
Nathan, Eric B.,	Bedford Row.	1919.
Renshaw, Arthur S.,	Golders Green,	1916.
Richmond, Clifford S.	Barnes.	1921.
Russell, Councillor R.,	Windsor.	1920.
Saffell, F. Horace.	London.	1918.
Seruya, Miss Sime	Hampstead.	1906.
Small, Lothian.	Brussels.	1908.
Sprenkel, Mr. and Mrs. v.d.	London.	1923.
Smith, Alfred.	Sydenham Park.	1920
Syer, Mr. and Mrs. E.J.	Caterham.	1896
Thomas, S.E.W.	Hampstead,	1921.
Tovey, Philip.	Wallington.	1910.
Van Varenbergh, L.	Belgium.	1919.
Walter, A. Gordon,	Worthing.	1920.
Wilmot, John C.	London.	1918.
Wood, O.E.E.	London.	1919.

Members who have been excused subscription.

Bainbridge, Thomas.	Brighton.	1918.
Casnett, Miss I.,	London,	1913.
Cuzner, Bernard.	Birmingham.	1902.
Clasier, Mrs. Bruce.	Colne.	1891.
McQuillin, B.L.,	Leicester.	1918.
Martin, Basil.	London.	1920.
Maw, G. F.,	Scunthorpe.	1923.
Palmer, F.C.,	Thames Ditton.	1909.
Watkins, Mrs and Mrs. A.	London.	1908.
Watson, Arthur E.	W. Croydon.	1921.
Wright, C.P.,	Golders Green.	1919.

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Finance Committee
Thursday 21st February 1929

Present - Pease (Chair) Dodd, Humphreys,
Palmer and Esulton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from
Curt-Hall, Sir J. Maynard, Ratcliffe & Webb.

3. Finance: Report to 31st January.

	<u>1929.</u>	<u>1928.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£559	£743
Members Subscriptions.	886	938
Other "	185	239
Book Box Fees.	15	16
Advertisements in "Fabian News".	25	24

The report was received & approved.

Membership.

- (a) January candidates (14). To be elected. Last year (10)
(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
B. Harvey-James,	Iver, Bucks.	1926	12/6 1928.	Not in agreement.
Miss A.H. McClemens.	Lambeth,	1925	10/- 1928.	None.
Miss H.A. Reason.	Welwyn.	1926	10/6 1926.	None.

- a. The candidates were all elected
(b) The three resignations were accepted.

List of members who have paid no subscriptions for some years. D/H/135

5- Housewarming Party - Very successful - about 190 tickets sold yielding £19. Expenses £18. 10. Od., not including postages and circulars. Letter from Sir J. Maynard thereon, to be considered.

Receipts and considered satisfactory.
Sir J. Maynard's suggestion of an annual Party to be borne in mind next year.

6. Essex Hall Lectures. Mrs. Blanco White not in London on March 8th owing to by-election at Holland with Boston. Kenworthy asked and has agreed to exchange his date, March 22nd, with Mrs. White. To be approved.

The rearrangement of date was approved and agreed to.

7. Kingsway Hall Lectures 1929. Any further suggestions for subjects and lecturers invited and to be considered.

Some further suggestions were made and the matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

- 8 By-Election. Holland with Boston, Lincs. G.R. Blanco White the Labour candidate. Appeal for grant from the By-Election Fund to be considered and recommendation made thereon.

Agreed to recommend the Executive Committee to make a grant of £50 (Fifty Pounds) towards the expenses of the by-election.

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Proposed daylight sign for shop front. Plan and estimate submitted. Letter from Humphreys thereon. To be considered and if approved ordered to be put up forthwith.

The plan and estimate were approved and accepted. Single line Fabian Society only - and the sign advised to be erected as soon as possible.

Correspondence.

- (a) Miss B.G. Hutchins - suggesting a lecture on French Politics, and Socialism.
- (b) Fabian Women's Group - nominating three members to be appointed delegates to the Labour Women's Conference.
- (c) Library of the Soviet Union Moscow - asking exchange of current publications.
- (d) Lothian Small - former member. Instructions required re old account due from him.

(a) Bear in mind and ask Dell if he will be in London & would address the next meeting

(b) agreed. Mrs. Dicks, Mrs. Corner & Mrs. Mulvan appointed

(c) agree. (d) Send invoice to 29 N Union and ask them to help in the matter.

The meeting then adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease
14/3/29

Finance & Committee

Thursday 14 March 1929

Present: Pease (Chair) Humphreys,
Webb, Palmer (Nurse) and Galtow.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Capt Hall, Sir J. Maynard & Ratcliffe

3. Finance: Report to 28th February.	1929	1928
Sale of Literature.	£618	£828
Members Subscription	978	1037
Other " "	209	237
Book Box Fees.	16	17
Advertisements in "Fabian News".	27	26

The Report was received and approved.

4.

Membership.

- (a) February candidates (13). To be elected. Last year (17)
(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
I. J. C. Brown,	London,	1910	10/- 1926	None.
Miss D.F.Codd,	Berks.	1921	21/- 1926	Left England for good.
Hon. Mrs. R.C. Phillimore.	Herts.	1906	£2 1927.	Residing abroad.

(a) The Candidates were all elected.

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(c) The three resignations were accepted.

Essex Hall Lecture - Friday, March 22nd. Improbable that Mrs. Blanco White will be in London. A substitute to be arranged for. Capt. Hall has promised to preside.

Agreed that Dr. Peacock, or Miss Lawrence, be asked to give the lecture of necessity. As Capt. Hall cannot preside the Secretary to find a Chairman

Kingsway Hall Lectures. Any further suggestions for subject and lecturers invited and to be considered.

No further suggestions received. The matter was briefly discussed and referred to the Executive.

Matters arising from removal, etc:-

- (a) Account of receipts and expenditure annexed. Allocation of cost as between Property a/c and current expenses to be considered and recommendation made to the Executive. Letter from James Bacon thereon to be read.
- (b) Solicitors a/c to be considered and passed for payment.
- (c) Estimate of Annual cost of Rent, Rates, etc. annexed to be considered. The Trustees of the Atkinson Fund will bring up a proposal in reference to interest and / or repayment of the advance made from the Fund

(a) Considered and letter read. Agreed to recommend the Executive to authorize charge of £3500 to the Capital a/c as asset. And the remaining expenditure to current a/c.

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For good
broad.

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(b) The solicitors' fees charged are considered and approved and agreed to be paid.

(c) Agreed to recommend the Executive to agree to the proposal of the Trustees of the Museum Fund, namely that no interest be charged on the advance, but that the Capital sum be repaid by ten annual instalments of £100 each.

8. Agreed that James Bacon be asked to audit accounts for 1928-29 as before.

9. Correspondence.

(a) H. St. J.B. Philby re Parliamentary candidature.

(b) The Guildhouse - asking appointment of delegates to meeting.

(a) Refer to Labour Party

(b) Sentinels solely approved.

The meeting thus adjourned.

Edw. R. Pease

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HOUSE PROPERTY & ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

HOUSE PROPERTY & REMOVALS ACCOUNTS.

RECEIPTS.

Loan on Mortgage (G.B.S.)	£2,500.	0.	0d.
Advance from Atkinson Fund.	1,000.	0.	0
Compensation for removal, 25, Tothill St.	250.	0.	0
Sale of Piano.	12.	0.	0
Interest on deposit.	11.	12.	11

Total	£3773.	12.	11
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EXPENSES PAID.

Purchase of Freehold house.	£3150.	0.	0d.
Repairs and rebuilding.	382.	15.	3
Removal expenses.	60.	1.	3
Furniture, Fittings, etc.	46.	18.	6
Miscellaneous.	12.	12.	11

Total Paid.	£3652.	7.	11.
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EXPENSES UNPAID.

Solicitor's a/c for charges.	£80.	5.	0d.
ditto for disbursements.	92.	8.	6

£152.	13.	6d.
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Grand Total Expenses £3,805. 1. 5d.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL COST OF RENT, RATES, etc., 11, Dartmouth Street, and 25, Tothill Street.

1. 11, Dartmouth Street.

Interest on mortgage at 5 per cent.	125.	0.	0d.
Rates.	50.	0.	0

Less rent received.	175.	0.	0
	25.	0.	0

Net	£150.	0.	0
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Plus any charge for interest and /or repayment of advance from Atkinson Fund.

2. 25, Tothill Street.

Rent	£250.	0.	0d.
Rates	150.	0.	0

Less rent received	400.	0.	0
	125.	0.	0

Net	£275.	0.	0
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The running expenses will be considerably less at Dartmouth St. than at Tothill Street where the cost of upkeep, gas, electricity, etc. were much heavier than is probable in the new premises, and this may perhaps be set off against the loss of receipts from hire of hall.

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Finance & Committee
Thursday 18th April 1929

Present: Pease (Chair) Dodd,
Humphreys & Stratton.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Applications for admission were received from Davis, Sir J. Maynard, Ratcliffe, Webb & Palmer.

3. Finance: Report to 31st March.

	<u>1928.</u>	<u>1928.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£729	£995
Members Subscriptions.	1147	1189
Other "	251	287
Book Box Fees.	16	19
Advertisements in "Fabian News".	27	27

The report was received and approved.

4. Membership.

(a) March candidates (13) To be elected. Last year (9)

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
G.H. Farrington,	Surbiton.	1922	10/- 1928	Going abroad.
G.W. Gaye.	Chelsea.	1929	12/6 1929	Rambling.

(a) The candidates were all elected.

(b) The two resignations were accepted.

5. Essex Hall Lectures. Series concluded and on the whole quite successful. Receipts for tickets £26 this year, against £12 last year.

The report was received and considered very satisfactory

- 6 Kingsway Hall Lectures. Mr. Bertrand Russell unable to lecture as in America this Autumn. G.D.H. Cole and Delisle Burns asked but no replies yet. To be considered and other names suggested.

Received and noted. Mr Russell's letter read. After discussion agreed that Graham Wallas and Ratchoff be added to the list of those to be asked to lecture.

7. General Election. Appeal for Fund now revised and ready for issue. Date of issue to be considered and any recommendation made thereon.

Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the appeal be issued early in May as soon as the prorogation of Parliament takes place is announced.

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Correspondence.

- (a) Athelstan Rendall - asking to be put on list of possible Parliamentary candidates.
- (b) Messrs. Allan & Unwin - re suggested publication of translation of German Book.
- (c) Hereford Labour Party - wanting a Parliamentary Candidate.
- (d) National Labour Housing Association re Conference, April 20th.

(a) Agreed - and that the Labour Party be so informed.

(b) Refer to Lasker to consider

(c) Secretary to send any suitable names from an list.

(d) No action.

The meeting then adjourned.

S. W. R. Pease
6/6/29

