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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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From 20th January, 1938  
To 15th December, 1938

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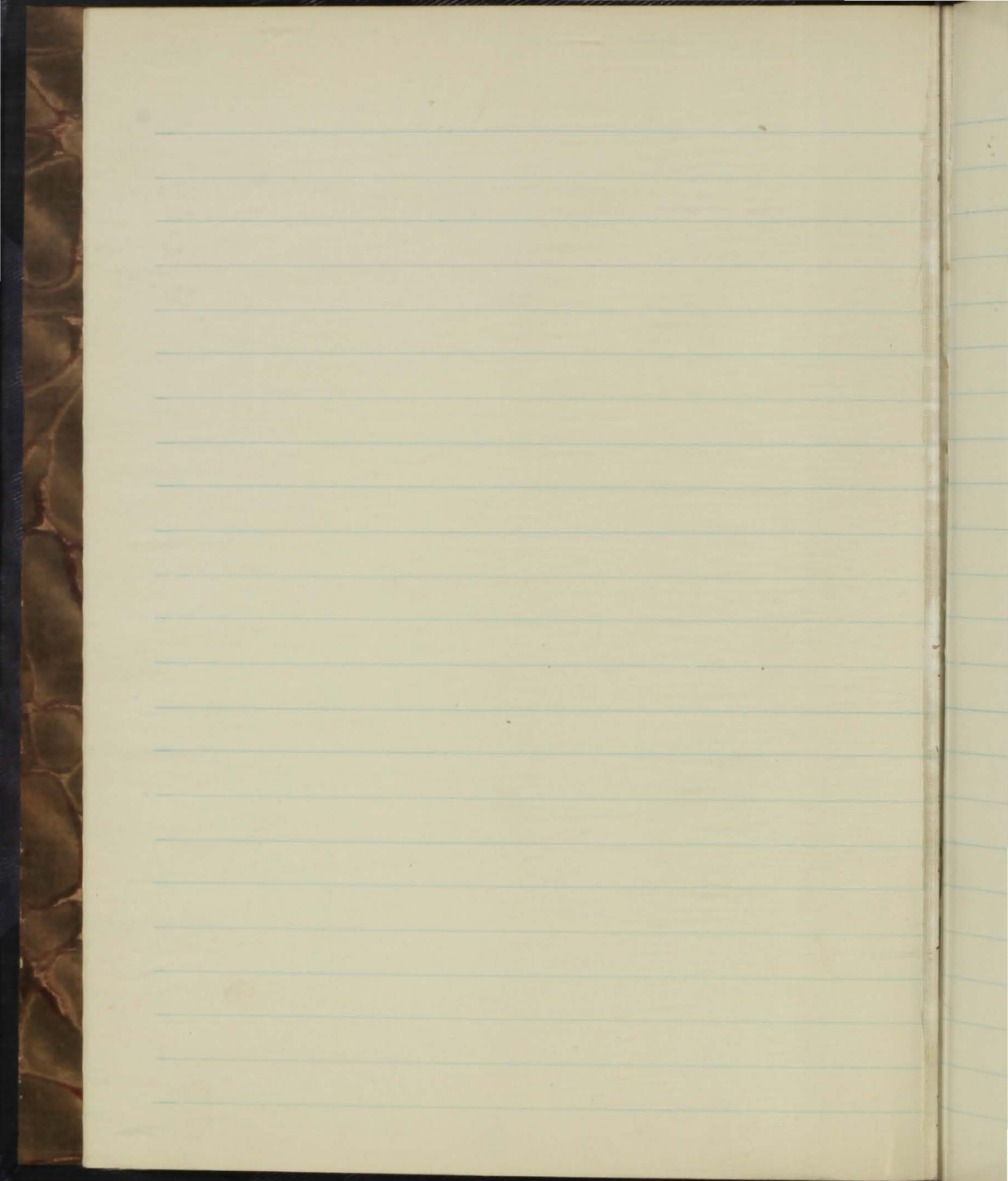
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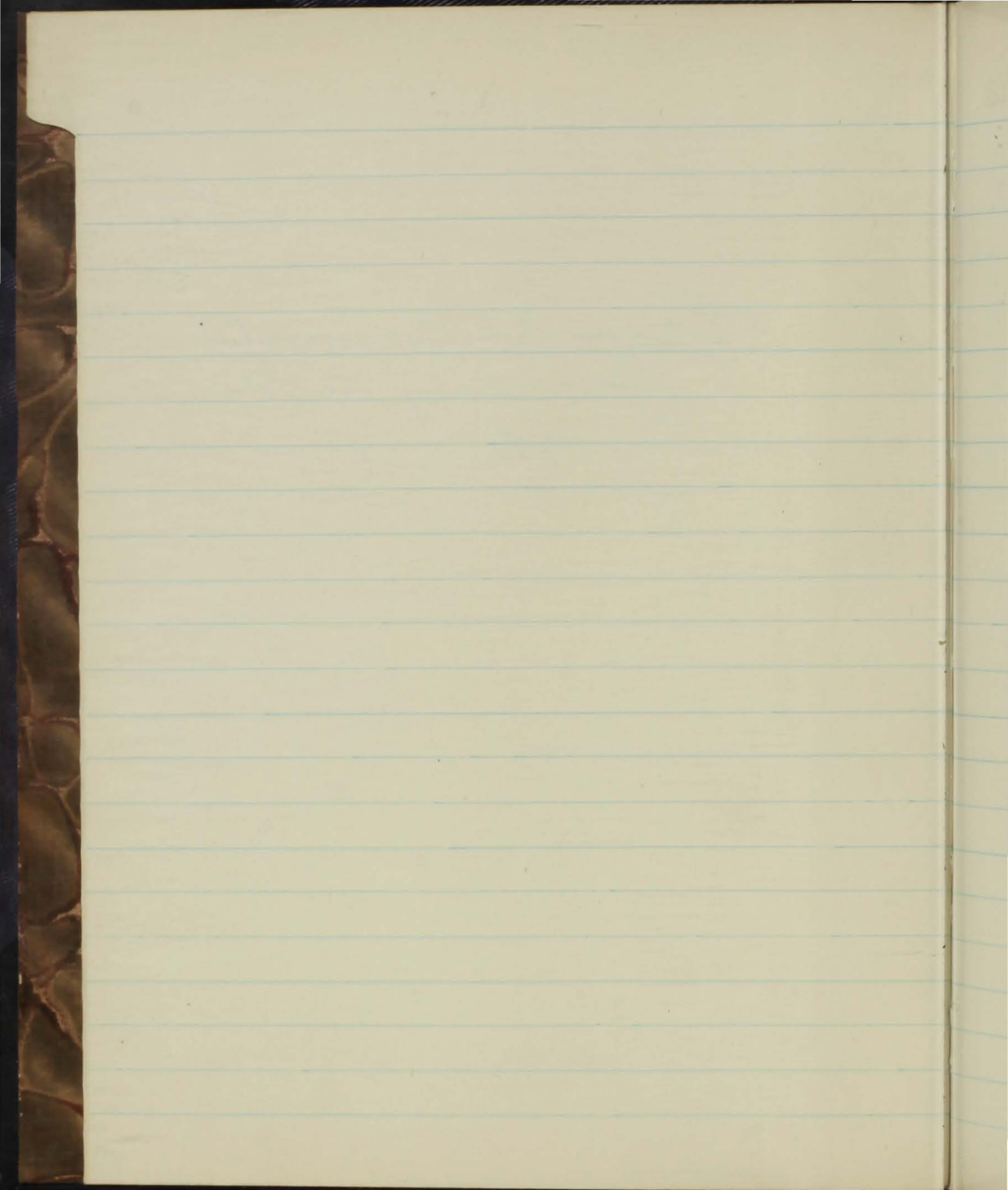
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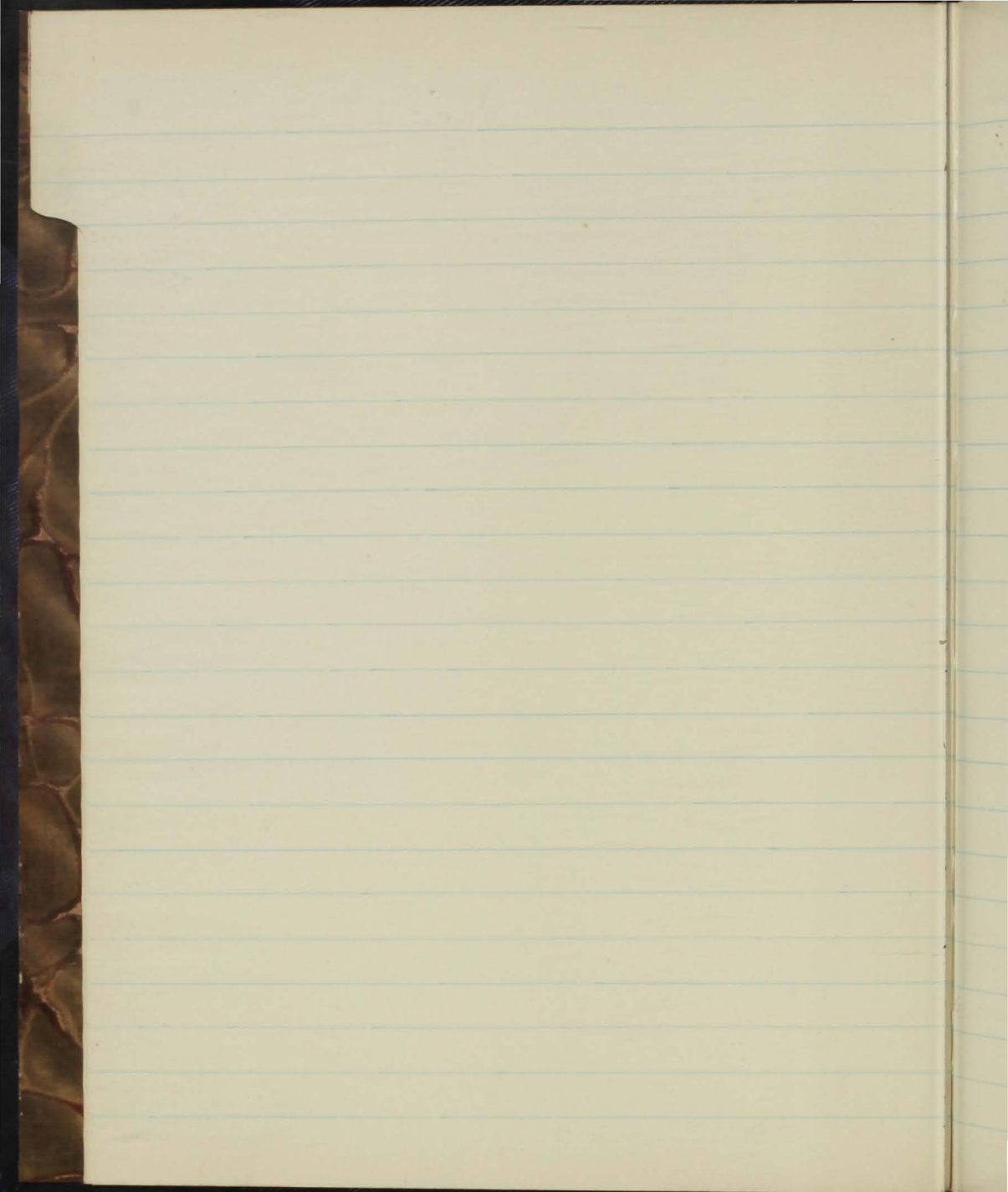
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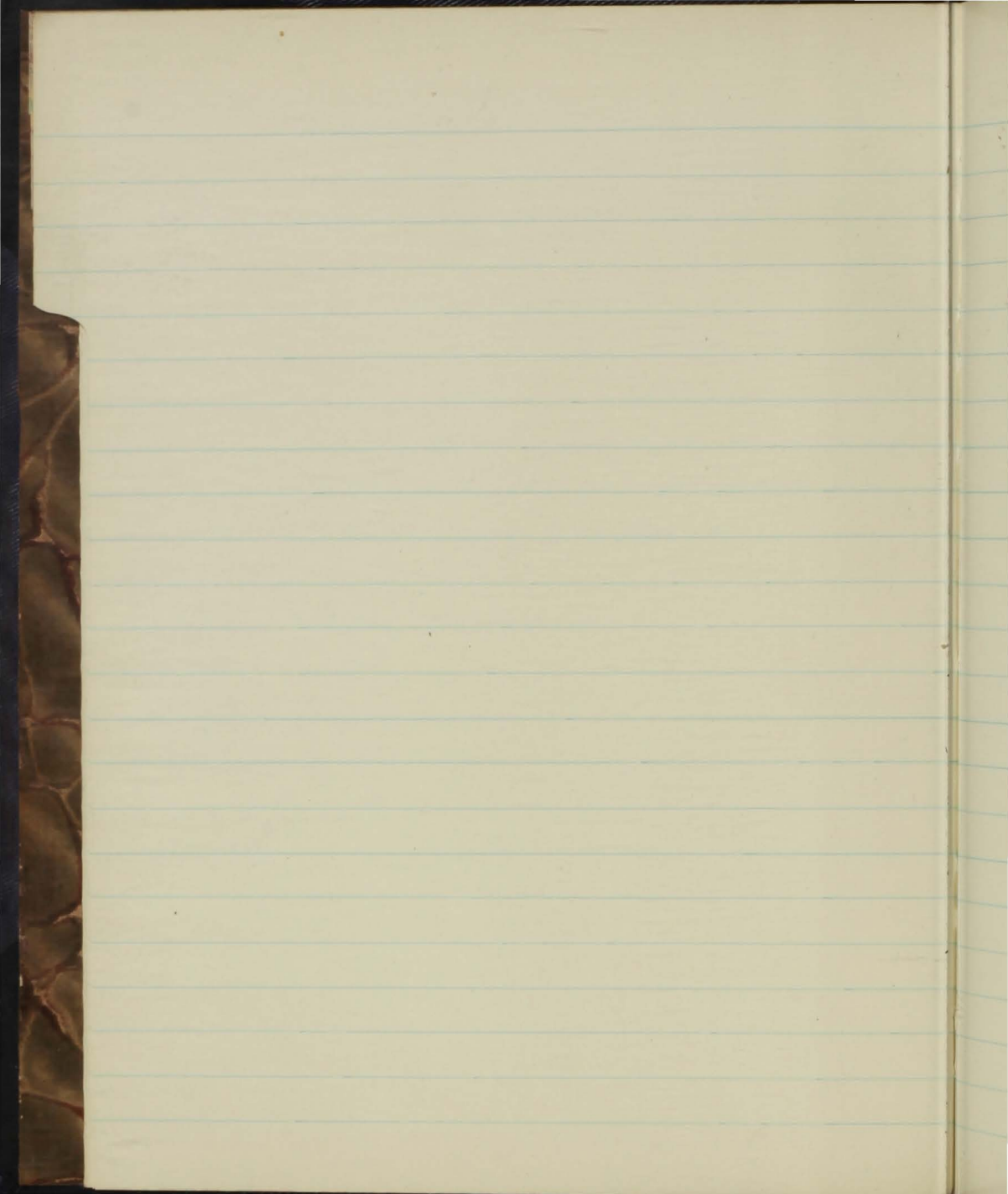
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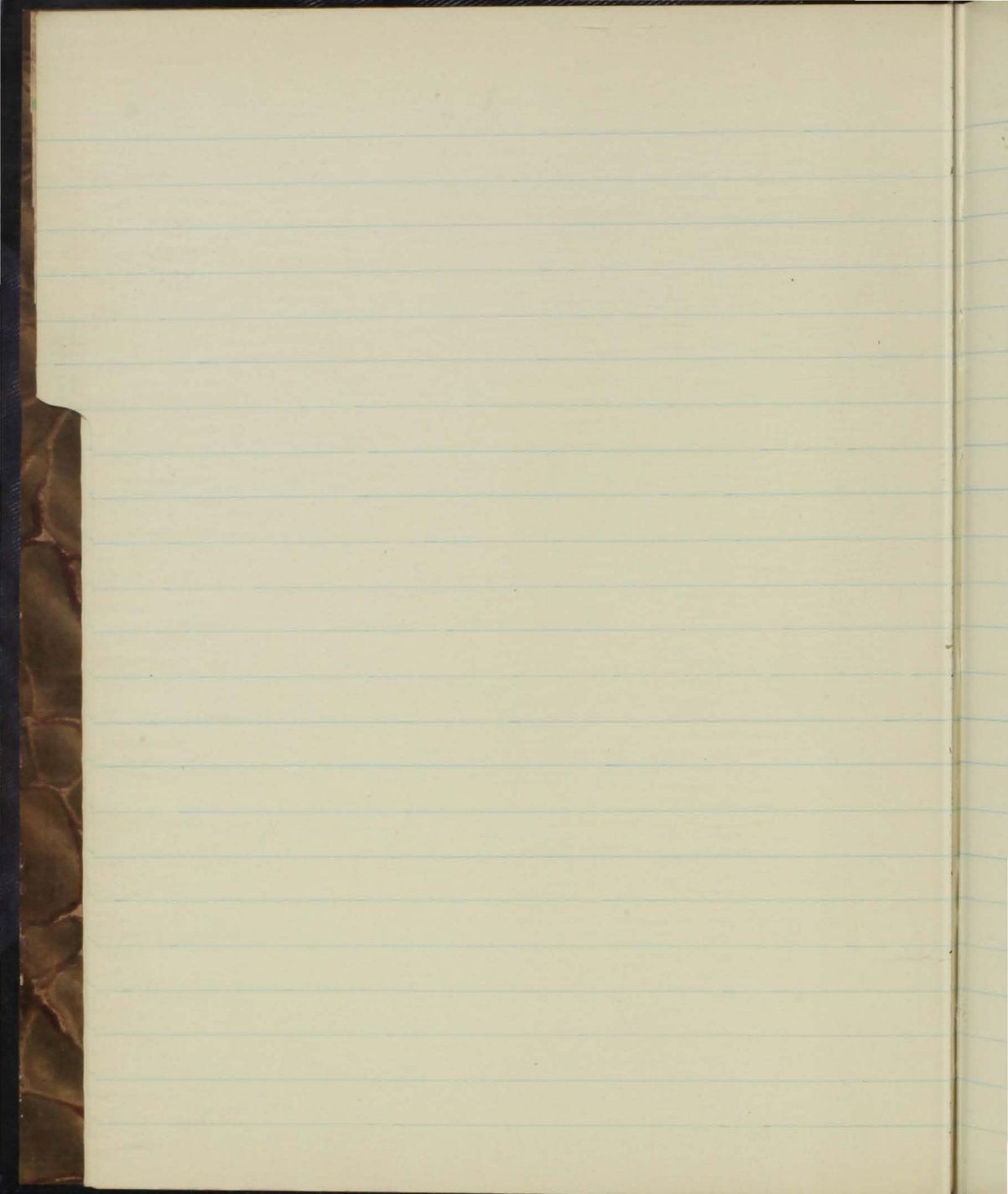
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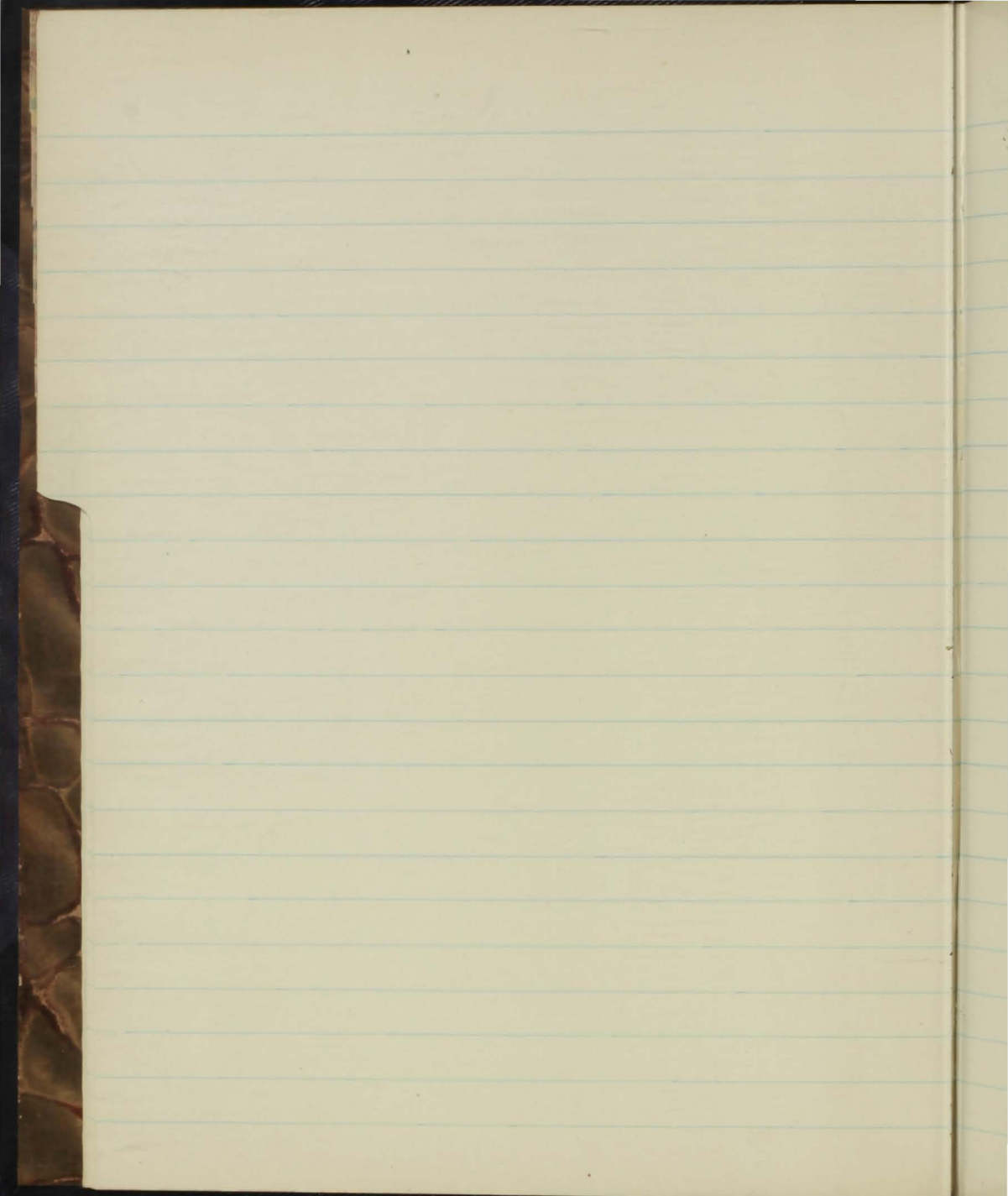
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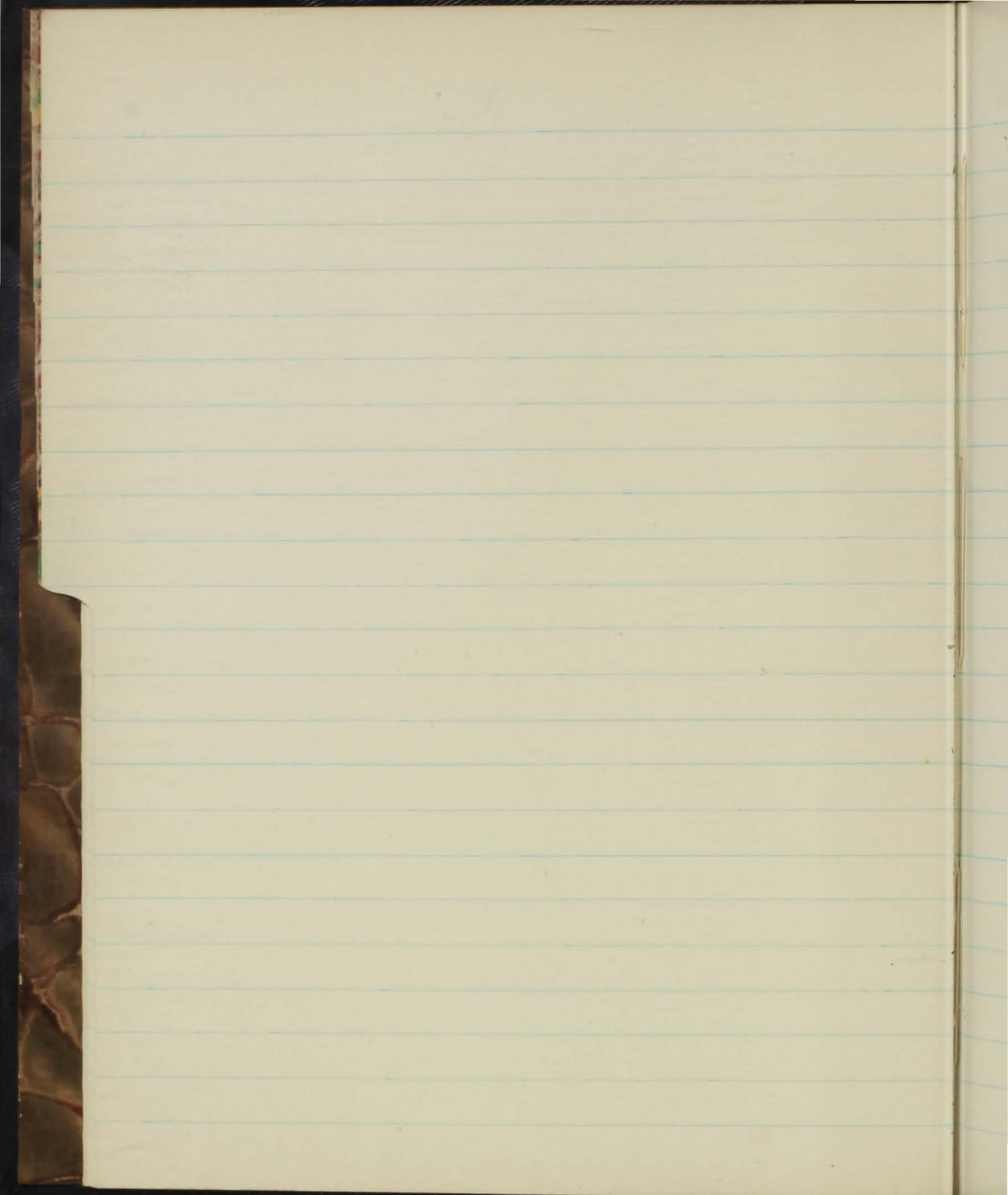


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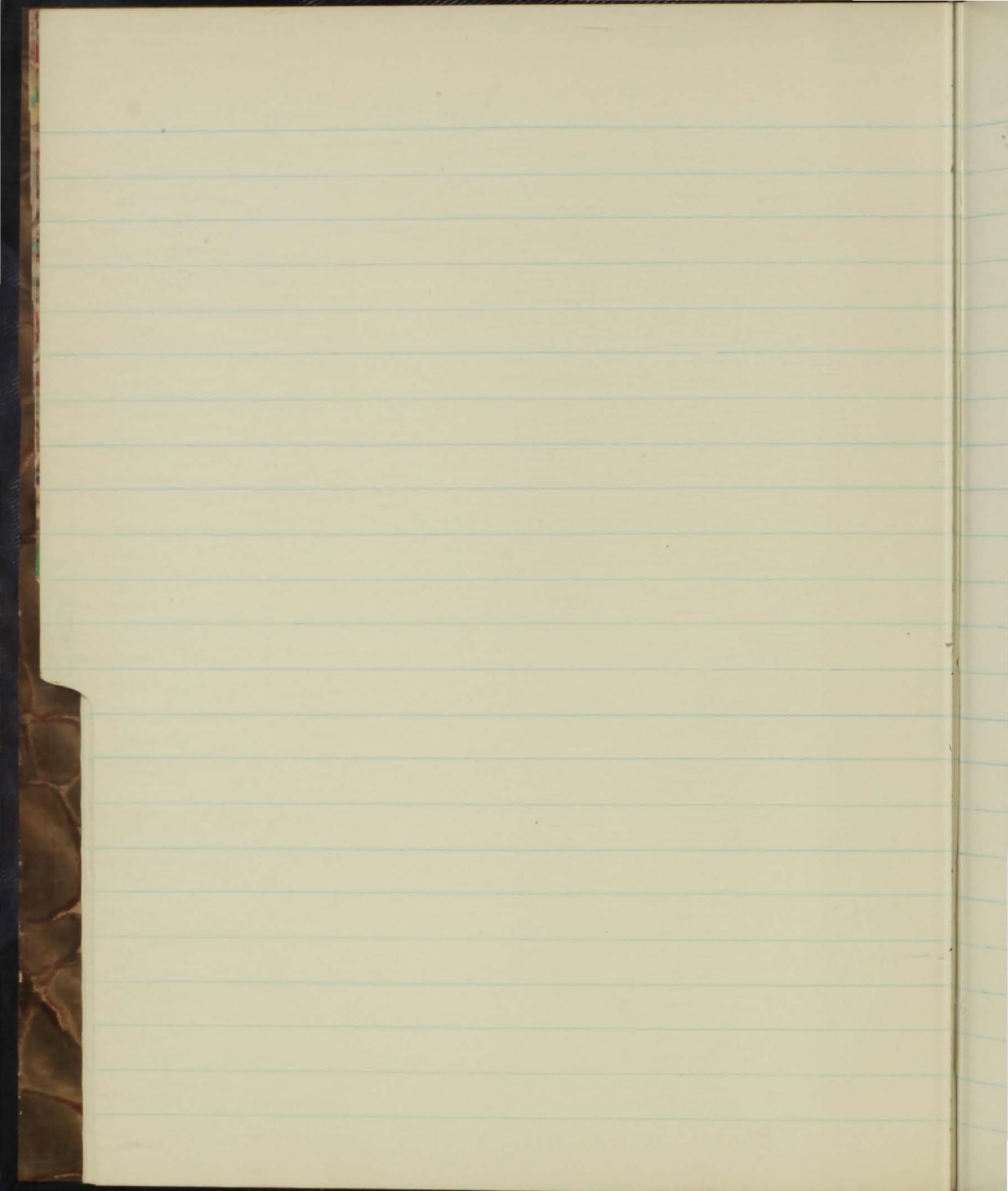




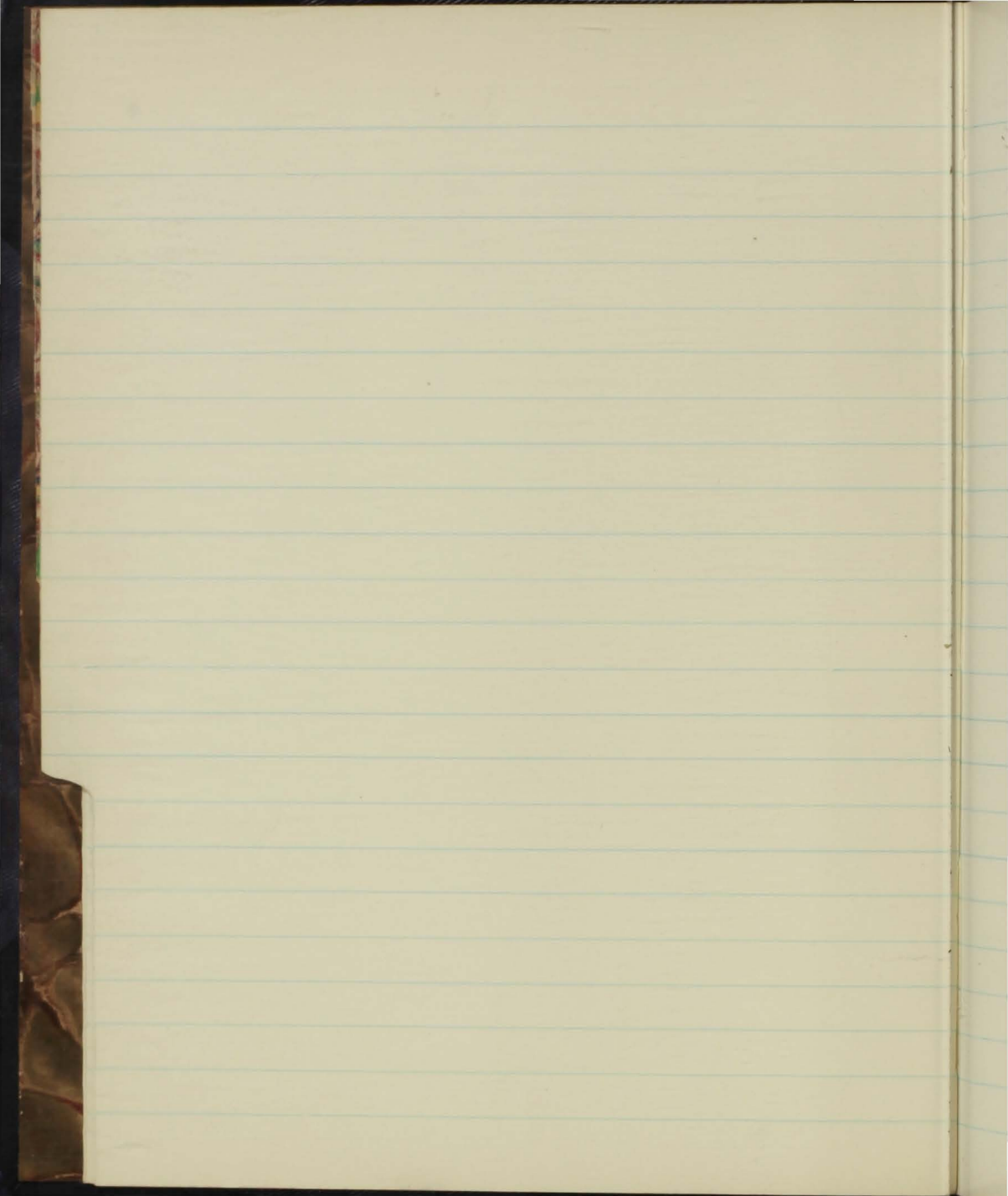
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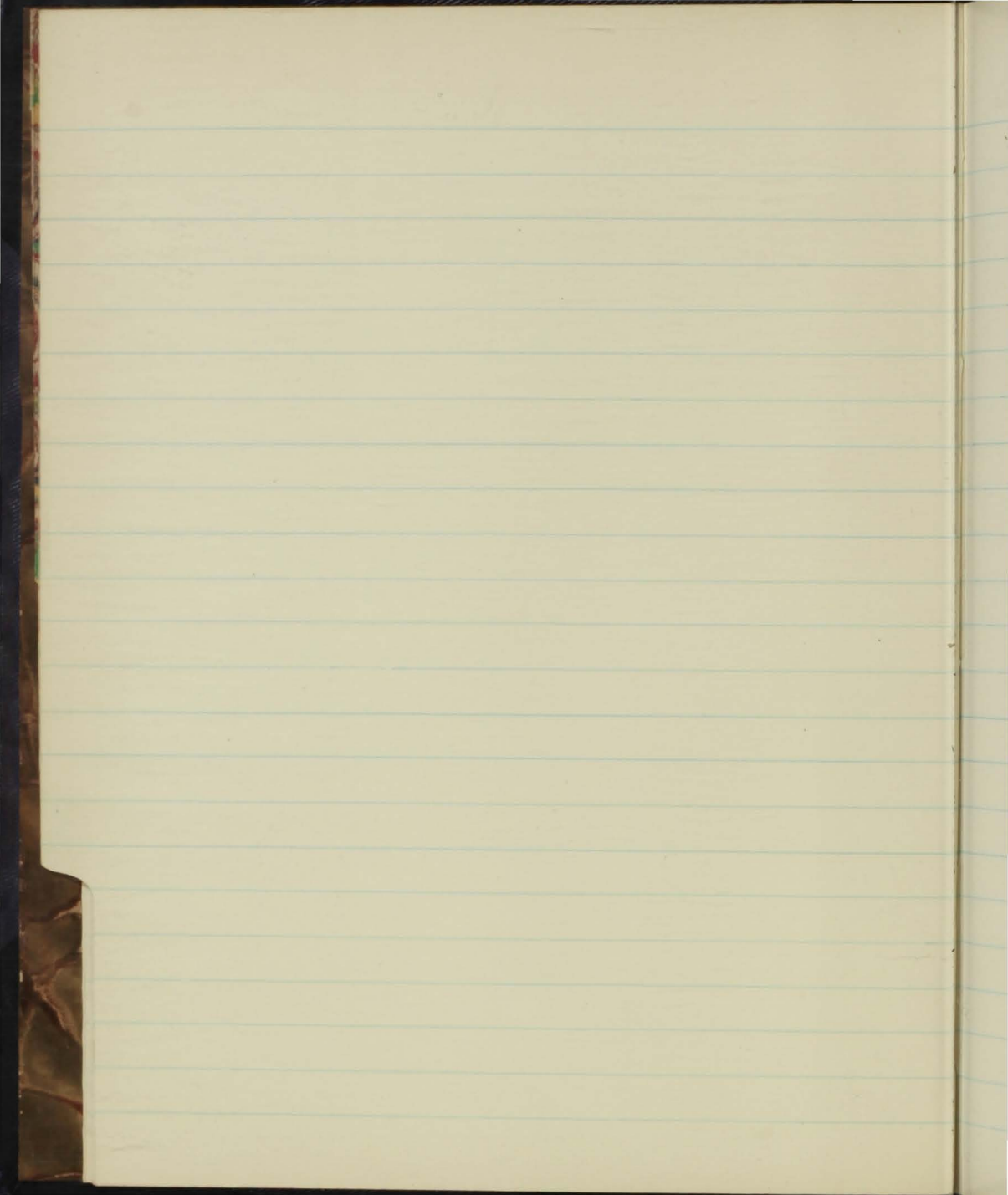
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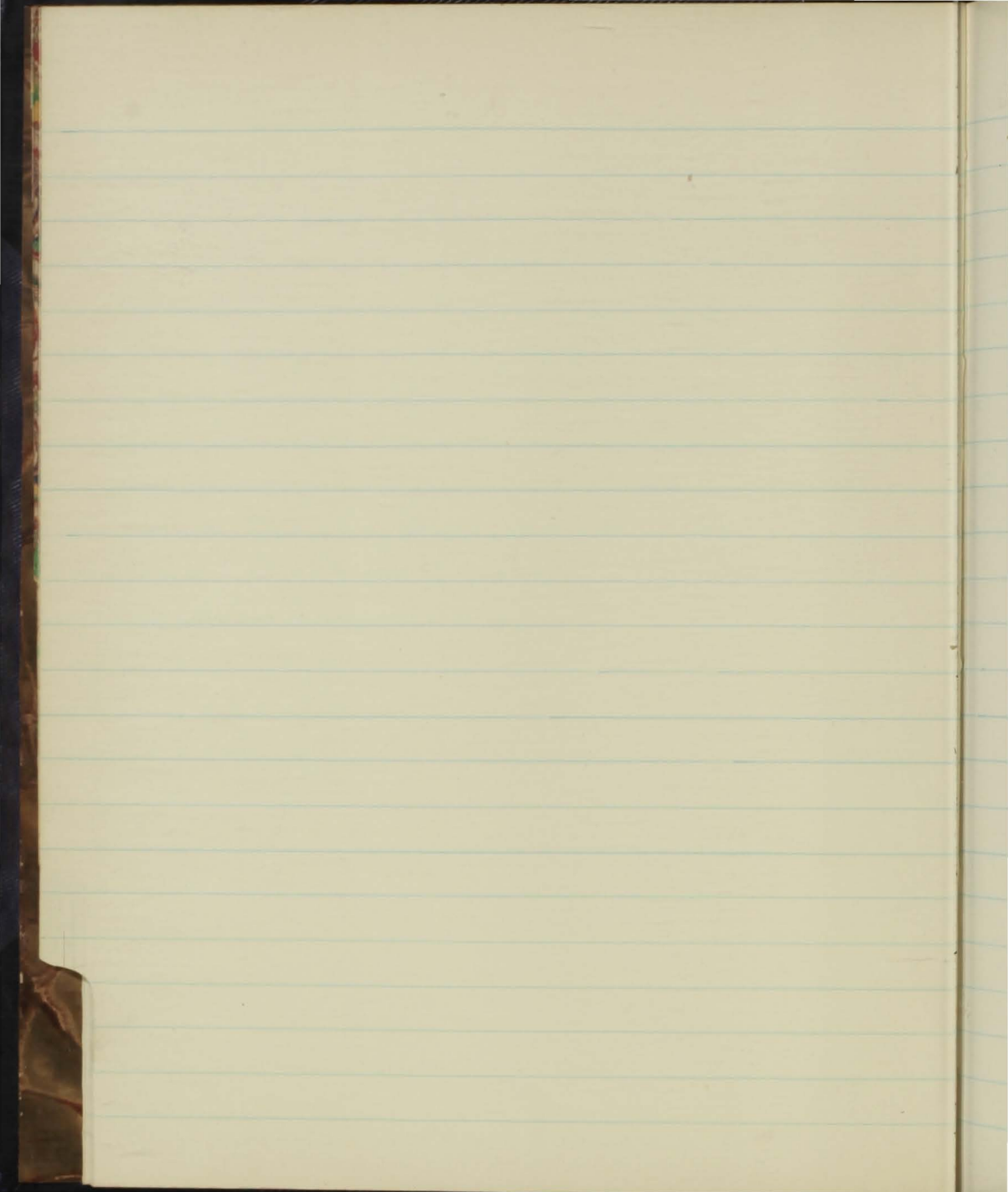


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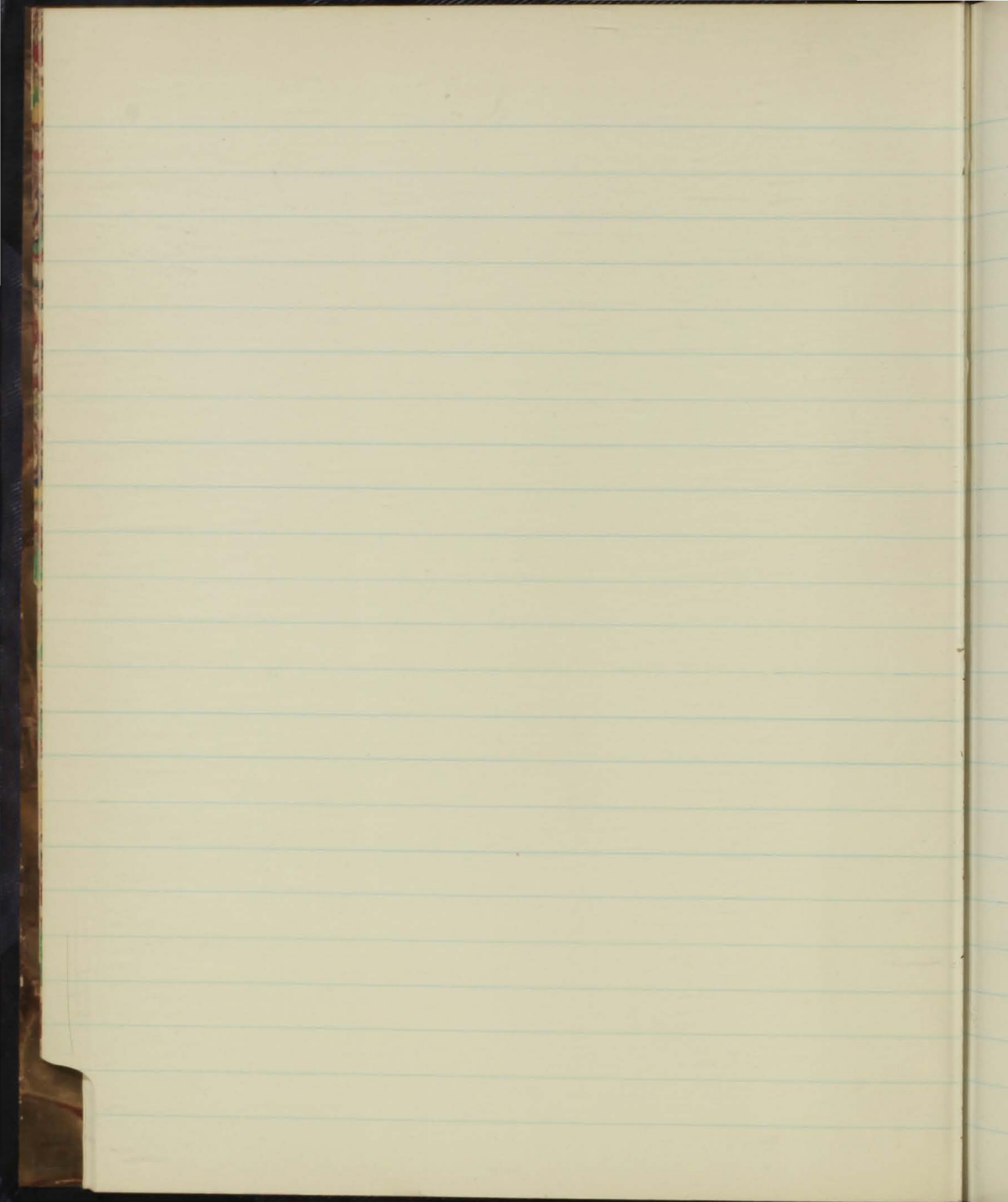




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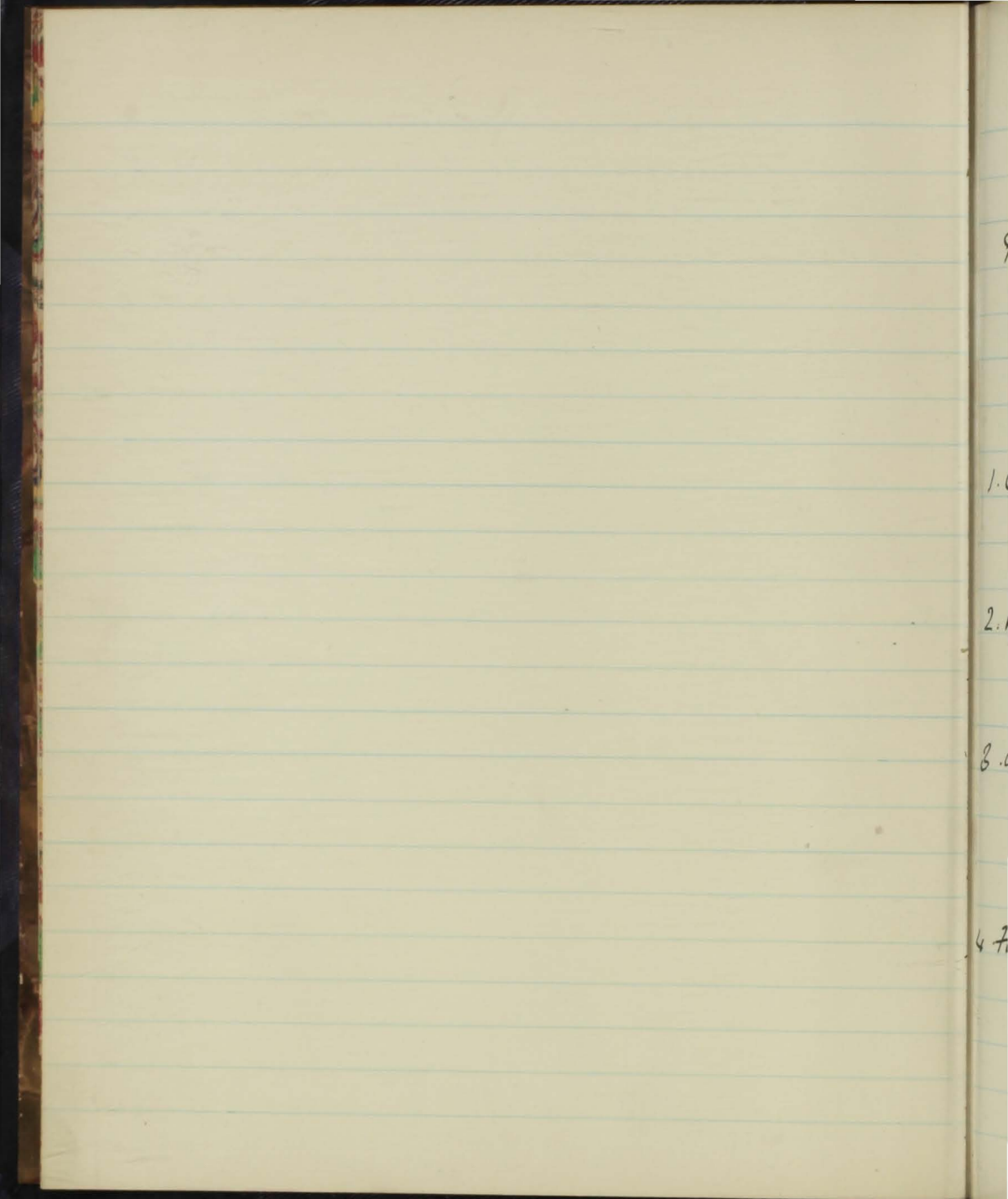


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Execution Committee.  
Thursday 20 January 1938

Present Mr Lawrence, Miss Jatis,  
Messrs Beaumont, Davis, Fletcher  
Fraser, Galt, Humphreys  
Pease, Ramage and Samuels.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Mr Susan Lawrence.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
3. Apols Apologies for absence were received from Mr Bacon, Guest, Thomas & Blaine White.
4. Finance Mr Davis reported the meeting of the Finance Committee held earlier this evening and the report was received and approved and its recommendations adopted.

It was agreed that Hubert Beaumont  
be appointed delegate to the Labour  
Party Conference on Unemployment &c.

Ernie Davies then summed the  
report of the previous meeting of  
the Finance Committee, annexed  
and it was received and approved  
and its recommendations adopted.

### 5. Publications

The report of the Publishing Committee  
annexed was read by Grafton  
Paras 1 to 5 were received and approved.  
On Para 6. the suggested pamphlet  
by D. Dalton discommence and it  
was decided to defer to next meeting.  
Suggested that such a tract should  
be about the ~~Present~~ Present Position  
and the question of Liberty and  
Efficiency.

Agreed that Miss Grace Coleman  
be asked to do a tract on Cost of Living  
with three amendments in  
addition the report was



received and approved and its  
recommendations adopted

6. 7. 55. Report of the Summer School Committee  
amended was moved by Ramage  
and received and approved.

7. Shud  
etc Noted and decided to defer to next  
ordinary meeting if Dr Hadwin guest  
can attend then.

8. S. A.  
Civ. Ramage reported on the proposals  
of the Social Activities Committee and  
the report was received and approved.

9. Conf The report in progress of the  
Conference of Professors & Workers  
arranged for Saturday 12 Feb  
was received and noted, and  
agreed that any further steps  
possible be taken to increase  
the interest and attendance.

10.7.42.

The booking of the Friends Hall for the usual Autumn course of lectures was approved and confirmed. A short discussion of a preliminary fund about subject-lectures followed and the matter was deferred to next meeting for further consideration.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wm. Rance  
24<sup>th</sup> February 1942

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 20th January, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Miss A. S. Lawrence.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.P.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee in December annexed. Emil Davies to report meeting of the Committee held earlier to-day. See Agenda annexed.
5. Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee annexed.
6. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
7. Special Sub Committee on Fabian activities. Further report now prepared. Executive to decide whether to deal with it at our next ordinary meeting or to arrange a special meeting to consider it.
8. Social Activities Committee - Report by Ramage on proposed weekend Conference at Easter and on Social Party later (See also Finance Committee report and agenda).
9. Conference of Professional, etc. Workers, Saturday, February 12th. Arrangements complete but response to invitations to send delegates disappointing. Further reminders, etc. sent out this week. Any other efforts to increase interest welcomed.
10. Friends Hall Lecture, 1938. Provisional booking of the hall for six Thursdays, October and November next to be approved and confirmed. Preliminary consideration of subject, lecturers, etc. to be begun.

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Present: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Miss Yates, Messrs. Fletcher, Galton, Ramage and Sanders.

1. Finance. The usual monthly financial statement was received and approved.
2. Report that the Hon. Treasurer's Fund now amounted to £597. 4. 6d. was received and noted.
3. Membership. November candidates (4) were elected. Last year (3). One resignation was accepted.
4. Report re result of the Friends Hall Meetings. Receipts £586, Expenses £288 was received and considered satisfactory. Agreed that the hall be booked provisionally for the six corresponding Thursdays in 1938.
5. Livingstone Hall Lecture. Arrangements made were approved, and Chairmen appointed or suggested for all the lectures.
6. Ramage reported on proposed arrangements by Social Activities Committee, to include a weekend Conference at Easter and a Social Party in February. The weekend party was approved, but the proposed Social Party was referred back for reconsideration in view of the Nursery Dance arranged for February 11th.
7. It was agreed that a further 2,000 copies of "Facts for Socialists" be printed and kept in sheets at a cost of £13. Also that the stock of old library books be offered free to local Labour Parties and to the International African Bureau who had asked for a gift of books.
8. It was agreed to send a donation of two guineas to the Mackay Memorial Fund being raised by the Edinburgh Fabian Society.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Monday, 3rd Jan. 1938.

Present: Ivor Thomas (Chair), F.W. Bacon, F.W. Galton and H. Samuels.

1. Book out of print. Webbs' Decay of Capitalist Civilisation. Letter read from Sidney Webb withdrawing licence to print. Received and noted and agreed that the book be dropped from our list.
2. Finers Book - British Civil Service. Report 2,000 printed, 1,000 bound in paper and 500 in cloth. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the remaining 500 sheets be bound up in cloth forthwith.
3. Facts for Socialists. Report 2,000 printed. Stock about 800. Finance Committee had agreed to reprint of 2,000 in sheets and this was approved.

## Reports of Sub Committee (contd) (Publishing Committee)

4. R.B.Suthers - Mind Your Own Business. Proposed revise and reprint. The Billson Trustees agree to defray cost. Suthers had agreed to revise and it was agreed that this be approved and agreed to.
5. Proposed booklet on Production of Oil from Coal. Report in preparation by a Committee of experts. Proposed joint publication with the Labour Party. Agreed to recommend the Executive to approve of joint publication subject to the Billson Trustees agreeing to meet our share of the cost.

The Chairman reported he hoped to prepare a tract on Nationalisation of Mining Royalties for the Society and this was approved.

6. Agreed that Dr. Dalton be asked to write a tract on Democracy and Dictatorships on his return from Australia. Also that Miss Ellen Wilkinson be asked to submit a short tract on the Hire Purchase system. Also that a tract on population problems was needed and Emil Davies' lecture on the subject to be considered for publication as a tract.

Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee on Monday, 17th Jan, 1938.  
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Present: G.R.Blanco White (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Miss Clothier, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Yates, Messrs. Beaumont, Cassie, Fletcher, Galton, Jupp, N.A.Pease and Ramage.  
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1. Chair. G.R.Blanco White was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee for 1938.
2. It was decided that the Committee should meet on Wednesday at 5.15.
3. Place of School. Report re visit to Dartington by Miss Yates and D.Cassie was received. Letters from Mr. Curry of Dartington read.  
RESOLVED unanimously - that the offer of the School at Dartington Hall be accepted on the terms arranged in correspondence.
4. The three resolutions approved and passed by the Executive Committee at its meeting in October and referred to the Summer School Committee were approved and agreed to, and arrangements to carry them out ordered accordingly.
5. Appointment of Manageress. Considered and letters from Miss Hankinson and Mrs. Guy Keeling read. After discussion and division it was resolved THAT Miss Hankinson be invited to act as Manageress of the School for 1938 on the terms laid down in the resolutions referred to above.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 24 February 1938

Present - Mr. Drake, Messrs. Bacon, Davies,  
Hitchin, Fraser, Galtm. Guest,  
Pearce, Ramay, Sanders  
~~and~~ Thomas, and White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by  
John Ramay.

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

3. Appt. Absences & presence were noted  
from Mrs Yates, Messrs.  
Reamant and Humphrey.

4. Finance A. Emil Davies reported on the  
proceedings of the Finance &  
Committee meeting held  
earlier this day. On the item  
of Chairman he brought lecture by

D. Hudson just it was agreed  
 That D. M. Fraser do preside  
 The Finance Committee recommended  
 the Executive to appoint a special  
 sub-Committee of four members to  
 confer with a similar sub-Committee  
 of the N. F. R. B. as to co-operation  
 and possible amalgamation of  
 the two bodies. The recommendation  
 was adopted nem. con. and  
 Messrs. Davies, Felton, Cotton  
 and Roman appointed as the  
 special sub-Committee.

With these additions the  
 report of the Finance Committee  
 was received and approved

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Blanco White then moved the  
 report of the Summer School Committee  
 entered and it was received  
 and approved and its recommendation  
 re Directors of the School for 1938  
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9. C. M.

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7. Spec  
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On this item D. Guest moved that consideration of the report be postponed pending the negotiations with the N. F. R. B. and this was agreed to unanimously.

8. S. A  
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Report submitted on the arrangements made by the Social Activities Committee for weekend party at Easter and Social & Dance on April 27 the report was received & approved.

9. Emp

D. M. Fraser reported on the Conference of Professors in which was held on Feb. 12 and the report was received and noted and approved.

10. F. H. L  
1938

The arrangements for the Autumn lectures were then further considered and a general discussion on subject-lectures took place. Some



Suggestions were made, i.e.  
for future titles

(a) Roads to Peace or War

(b) The Changing World.

and many suggestions for  
possible lectures were made  
& noted for circulation.

The meeting then adjourned.

F. W. Bacon  
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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.  
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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office  
on Thursday, 24th February, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.

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1. Chair - John Ramage.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - H. Beaumont, H. Humphreys.
4. A. Emil Davies to report on the meeting of the Finance etc. Committee held earlier this afternoon.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Special Sub-Committee on Fabian activities. Report circulated to the Executive last week, to be considered. Please bring your copy with you if possible.
7. Social Activities Committee. J. Ramage to report arrangements for Easter Weekend and Social Party on April 27th.
8. Conference of Professional Workers, etc., Saturday, 12th February. Quite successful. Delegates Fees etc. about £11. A small deficit as expenses about £14.
9. Friends Hall Lectures, 1938. Consideration of subject, Lecturers, etc. Any suggestions invited.
10. Correspondence - if any.

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Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on  
Wednesday, 16th February, 1938.  
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Present: G. R. Blanco White (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Sinclair,  
Miss Yates, Messrs. Beaumont, Cassie, Fletcher, Fraser,  
Galton, Jupp, N. A. Pease and Ramage.  
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1. Letter from Mr. Curry at Dartington confirming the letting of the School to us for August. Terms, 50/- per head per week. No guaranteed number required. Received and approved and considered very satisfactory.
2. Letter from Miss Hankinson re appointment as manageress, asking for further information as to duties, etc. Received and noted and reply setting forth the duties agreed to and ordered to be sent.
3. Form of application for membership of the School was considered. Some amendment to last year's form were agreed to and was ordered to be printed and sent out to members with April Fabian News.
4. Directors of the School. The following panel was agreed to, viz: Blanco White, J. Ramage, Dr. E. Fletcher and H. Beaumont, with Dr. M. F. Yates and H. Humphreys as reserve in case of vacancies arising.
5. Programme of lectures, etc. It was decided not to arrange special subjects for each week but a general mixed series with some on Foreign and Home politics, etc., and some on literature and art, etc.
6. The Scholarship Fund. It was decided to reopen the Fund for 1938 bringing forward the balance from last year.
7. The N.F.R.B. Davies wrote saying the N.F.R.B. were not arranging a Summer School this year and would co-operate with us. Agreed that they be invited to help in any way possible.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

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Executive Committee.

Thursday 26 March 1938

Present Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Bacon,  
Beaumont, Dumas, Fletcher  
Fraser, Fulton, Hemphrey,  
Miller, Pease, Ramage and White.

1. Chair. The Chair was taken by F Bacon.

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

3. Gifts. Certificates for absence were received  
from Mrs Yates and N. Samuels.

4. Finance  
A. E. Miller reported the  
meeting of the Finance &  
Committee held earlier this  
day and explained some items.  
The Report was received  
and approved.

5. Summer  
9 clock.

C. R. Milano White reported  
the meeting of the Summer  
School Committee, report annexed,  
The report was received and  
approved.

6. N.F.R.B.

A. Emil Davies reported the joint  
meeting of our subcommittee with  
the sub-committee of the N.F.R.B.  
and explained the various ways  
in which it was agreed to  
recommend cooperation between  
the two bodies. These were all  
agreed to unanimously.

On the question of possible  
amalgamation a discussion  
took place, but no resolution  
was proposed and it was left  
to the subcommittee to make  
further enquiry and  
investigation and bring in  
Report and Recommendations  
if any in due course.

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Ramsey reported on the arrangements made by the Social Activities Committee for Easter Weekend and Social Party on April 27. The report was received and approved and it was suggested that some distinguished Quaker refugees might be invited to the party & one of them asked to speak.

8.7.H.L.

A long discussion ensued at the Autumn lectures and many suggestions for subjects, speakers &c were made (See separate list). It was decided to defer the matter till the April meeting when a decision must be made.

The meeting then adjourned

Hubert Beaumont

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on Thursday, 24th March, 1936 at 5.30 p.m.

1. Chair: H. Samuels.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Miss Yates.
4. The Chairman of the Committee to report on the meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier to-day.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Emil Davies to report on the preliminary meeting of the Joint Committee with the New Fabian Research Bureau, re co-operation, amalgamation, etc.
7. Social Activities Committee. J. Ramage to report on arrangements for the Easter Weekend Conference, and for Social Party on April 27th.
8. Friends Hall Lectures, 1936. Further consideration of general subject, lecturers, etc. Some suggestions circulated. General arrangements to be settled if possible.
9. Correspondence - if any.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,  
16th March, 1938.

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Present: G. R. Blanco White (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Sinclair,  
Miss Yates, Messrs. Cassie, Fletcher, Galton, Humphreys,  
Jupp, N.A. Poase, Ramago.

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1. Appointment of Manageress, Miss Hankinson's letter declining the invitation to act as Manageress of the School was received and noted. After consideration agreed that Mrs. Beaumont or Mrs. Bart Kelly be invited to consider the possibility of acting as Manageress in the order named.
  
2. Form of application for entry. It was decided to add a note about the hour of general closing and that a room would be available for those wishing to stay up.

Also agreed that the charges for each person for single and double rooms be the same, viz. Members £3. 10. Od., Non Members £4 each per week.

3. Programme of Lectures, etc. Considered and agreed to accept any offers of lectures and/or entertainments from Dartington and its subsidiary organisations.

A long list of possible lecturers was also drawn up and agreed and noted. Invitations to be issued as soon as practicable.

The meeting then adjourned.



-Execution Committee  
 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1930

Present - Mr Drake, Mrs Lawrence,  
 Mr Yates, Mrs Bacon, Beaumont,  
 Daves, Hase, Galtin, Humphrey,  
 Miller, Ramapo and Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by  
 Herbert Beaumont.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting  
 were read and confirmed.
3. Appl Apologies for absence were received  
 from Mrs. Fletcher, Pease  
 Samuels & Sanders.
4. Finance Emil Daves reported the meeting of  
 the Finance & Committee held yesterday  
 & that they had agreed to a completely  
 revised form of A.P.s for the  
 Annual Report. Also that they

decided to recommend the Executive Committee to propose to the annual meeting that the Publications, Psy-  
-election fund be concluded as no longer required & the balance transferred to a staff Pension fund. After some discussion this was agreed to mem. com.

5. Exec

Committee reported on the Executive Committee election. It was agreed that Mrs. Meadell & H.C. Heath be each appointed Secretaries of the votes again. Furling either of them Morris Janis to be appointed.

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After discussion and discussion it was agreed that the General title of the series this year be 'New Tyrannies or old?'

For details of subjects, lecturers &c see schematic note.

The meeting then adjourned.

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 28th April, 1938 at  
5.15 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Hubert Beaumont.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Ald. A. Emil Davies to report meeting of the Finance Committee held yesterday.
5. Executive Committee Election. Seven new candidates and a contest necessary. Scrutineers of votes to be appointed.
6. Friends Hall Lecture, 1938. General subject to be considered and settled, and lectures and lecturers arranged. See annexed for the suggestions to date.

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FRIENDS HALL LECTURES

1938.

1. Suggestions for General title:-

- I New Tyrannies in old. agreed. 28/4/38*
- (a) Roads to Peace or War.
  - (b) This Revolting (or Restless) World.
  - (c) The Changing World - Dangers and Possibilities.
  - (d) Dictatorships (or Autocracy) and Democracy.
  - (e) Democracy and War.

2. Lectures and Lecturers suggested.

- (a) Rival ideologies in theory and practice.  
B. Russell, H. Laski, J. Strachey *John Hiltner*
- (b) Danger Spots in Europe. *Wickham Steed. Noel Baker*  
~~S. King Hall, Capt. Liddell Hart, Sir A. Zimmern, S. King Hall~~
- (c) A new technique of conquest.  
~~Wickham Steed, Liddell Hart, General Temperley.~~
- (d) Collapse of Western Democracy under Capitalist domination.  
Mme Tabouis, Laski, Strachey *H. Martin, N. Angell*
- (e) The New Dark Ages.  
~~B. Russell, Sir A. Salton, Laski, Hiltner~~
- (f) When and how a renaissance.  
H. Morrison, ~~Lord Snelz~~, Sir S. Cripps.

~~3. Letter from Mrs. Sidney Webb with various suggestions to be considered.~~

4. Other possible lecturers suggested include, Lord Ponsonby, H. Dalton, Sir F. Whyte, Sir N. Angell, Prof. E. Hiltner, Noel Baker.

Executive Committee  
 Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 1938

Present Mr Lawrence, Mr Jates, Messrs  
 Mr Bacon, Fletcher, Fraser,  
 Davies, Galt, Humphreys,  
 Pease, Ramap & Blamo White

1. Chan The Chan was taken by  
 Ald. A. Emil Davies.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting  
 were read and confirmed.
3. Abs Absences & absence were received  
 from Mr Drake, Mr Beaumont,  
 Ernest Miller and Samuels.
4. Fin Report of meeting of the Finance &  
 Committee held earlier today was  
 given by the Chairman and  
 received and approved.

5. S.S. etc.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee (amended) was moved by Ramsay and second and approved.

6. Public

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee (amended) was moved by Bacon. On Item 1, the report on Indian Federation agreed to refer back to the Chairman & Secretary to consider in view of the new pact in India published by the N.F.C.B. Also to ask the cartoon to add the Indian Congress resolutions.

On Item 4. Agreed that Mrs. Bullock should be asked to prepare a tract explaining the provisions of the Home Purchase Bill when it is passed to be published jointly with the Labour Party.

With these additions the report was second and approved and its recommendations adopted.

7. Ann. Rept.

The proof of Annual Report which had been circulated was considered. Many amendments were agreed to and it was approved and ordered to be sent out to members.

8. Ann. Mtg.

It was agreed that the Annual meeting be held on Thursday 16 June at 8pm in the Committee Room at Lincolns Inn Hall. One of the unsuccessful new candidates for the Executive to be invited to preside. The resolution to be proposed on behalf of the Executive was approved.

Mr. Judson's proposed resolutions were considered. It was decided to recommend the meeting to amend No. 1. to read "That the Society shall endeavour to provide an adequate pension fund so that members of the paid staff may retire at 65 years of age"; and the remainder of the resolution to be deleted.

Agreed that the resolutions are

2. and 3. be approved and the meeting recommended to reject them.

A Meddams had sent in a notice of resolution also for the Annual meeting, it was read and considered and agreed that it be obtained and the meeting recommended to reject it.

Q. F. H. L. The motion considered and the proposals noted. Agreed that Fred Swell be asked to give the first lecture; Capt. Reddell Hunt to be named to do the third; and Tomney the fifth. The other three acceptances were approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

Jan. 15.

Walter Humphreys



Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 19th May, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.

1. Chair: Emil Davies.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - if any.
4. Emil Davies to report the meeting of Finance, etc.  
Committee held earlier to-day.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee annexed.
7. Annual Report and Accounts. Proof copy enclosed. To be considered and passed to go out to members with June "News".
8. Annual Meeting. Date and place to be considered and settled. Thursday, 18th June suggested. Chairman required.  
Resolution to be proposed on behalf of the Executive as follows:  
THAT the sum of £160 representing the balance of the old By-Election Fund be transferred to form the nucleus of a staff Pension Fund.  
Notice of motions by Miss Judson received for the Annual Meeting - see copy annexed. To be considered and action to be taken thereon agreed to.
9. Friends Hall Lectures. Progress slow. Bertrand Russell and Laski decline as they will be in America this autumn. Professor J. Hilton declines. Too busy with other lectures. Wickham Steed, Mme Tabouis and Herbert Morrison accept, but Steed and Morrison criticise the scheme and object to title suggested. Capt. Liddell Hart has not yet replied. More suggestions for possible lecturers required.
10. Correspondence - if any.

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Resolutions to be proposed by Miss Judson, and seconded by E. Errington.

(1)

That the Society shall endeavour to provide an adequate Pension fund so that members of the paid staff shall retire, men at 65, women at 60 years of age and that at the present time such pensions shall be partially financed by appointing new members of the staff at lower salaries, which shall rise to the present level by annual increments, if the funds are forthcoming.

(2)

That no new member of the salaried staff shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.

(3)

That Secretaries of subsidiary Groups, e.g. Women's Group, 1936 Group, Fabian Nursery, etc. shall, ex officio, be members of the Executive Committee, without voting power.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,  
11th May, 1938. (26)

Present: Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Sinclair, Messrs. Fletcher, Fraser,  
Galton, Jupp, N.A. Pease, and Ramage.

1. Report on progress of bookings. About 40 persons had booked over 60 weeks to date. Much better than last year at same date. Received and considered satisfactory.
2. Appointment of Manageress. Mrs. Hubert Beaumont had agreed to accept the post on conditions laid down.  
RESOLVED - That Mrs. Beaumont be appointed manageress of the School for 1938 accordingly.
3. Programme. Report on progress of arrangements for lecturers. About nine acceptances. Many refusals. More suggestions required. Considered and a further list of about 20 possible lecturers to be invited agreed to - one of them Mr. Chapman Cohen - after discussion and division.
4. Scholarship Fund. Now amounts to £8. 6. 6d. Agreed that the Chairman and Secretary be appointed a sub Committee to administer the fund.
5. The draft programme for the last week of the School submitted by the N.F.R.B. was approved. It was agreed to invite the N.F.R.B. to appoint a representative to attend meetings of this Committee as observer.
6. Many other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee on Monday, 9th May, 1938.

Present: Mrs. Drake, Messrs. Bacon and Galton.

1. New Tract suggested. Indian Federation by Mr. Bool Chand. Considered and agreed to recommend the Executive that it be published as a tract. Lori Snell to be asked to read and report on it before the Executive meeting.
2. Revised Booklet. *Mind your own business*. R.B. Suthers has it in hand but has been ill. Received.
3. Facts for Socialists. 2,000 copies printed and in sheets not likely to be sold now. How can they be used? Considered. Agreed to recommend the Executive that the 2,000 be bound up and copy sent to every member with July Fabian News. (Cost of binding about £5)
4. Ivor Thomas who sent an apology for absence reported that the proposal for tracts by Dalton, on Democracy and Miss Ellen Wilkinson on Hire Purchase, had fallen through. The booklet on Oil from Coal was prepared but the Labour Party proposed to publish themselves. He hoped to be able to write tract on *Industrial Education* soon. Received and noted.

*Some other matters agreed with and the Committee then adjourned.*

Executive Committee  
Thursday 16 June 1938.

Present Mrs Curdley, Mrs Jates, Mrs Arnold,  
Bacon, <sup>Davies</sup> Fletcher, Sutton, Frost,  
Humphreys, Miller, Pease, Ramson,  
Webb, and Blanes White. (14).

1. Chair Hubert Humphreys was elected Chairman  
of the meeting.

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

3. Apologies Apologies for absence were received  
from Mrs Proctor, Mrs Duke & W.S. Scudder.

4. Finance Ramage reported the meeting of  
the Finance & Committee held  
earlier, mentioning especially the  
letting of the vacant rooms upstairs.  
The report was received  
and approved.

5. 5. C. Election Galtin presented the report of the sentences on the result of the election of the Executive Committee for 1838-39. It was received & voted.

P. &amp; H. L.

6. Notes Agreed that the Committee do continue to meet on Thursdays at 5.30 pm.

7. Sub. Com. The lists of resolutions for the standing sub-committee which were circulated at the meeting were considered and approved and the Committee adjourned accordingly.

See list annexed

8. A. M. Arrangements for the Annual Meeting tonight were considered. Agreed to ask Chairman to take item 6 after item 3 of the meeting would agree, and to limit time for minutes if necessary.

Davis & Galtin to dine with Miss Judson's proposals, and expect to reply to meetings if possible.

Q. & H. L.

The arrangements to date were approved. Emert was asked to press Laddell Hall to accept the 8th lecture.

As chairman the following panel suggested, viz for lecture no

- 1. J. J. Mallon.
  - 2. Lord Southwood
  - 3. J. R. Clunes.
  - 4. D. N. Prittle.
  - 5. Lord Braden.
  - 6. J. Mansfield
- with Dr. Sumnerhill as the Dean of Chichester as alternates.

Agreed that further details arrangements be referred to a sub-committee of members of Emil Davis, John Romase and F. W. Gutter to complete and settle.

The meeting then adjourned  
Donald Fraser  
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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 16th June, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Mrs. B. Drake, L.C.C.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Mrs. Bolton.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier to-day to be given by Chairman of the meeting.
5. Executive Committee election, 1938.  
Report of Scrutineers to be received.
6. To consider and settle day and hour for meeting of the Executive for the ensuing year.
7. Appointment of Standing Committees and rota of Chairman for the ensuing year.

(Lists of selections will be circulated at the meeting)

8. Annual Meeting. To-night, Thursday, 16th June. Arrangements for speakers on the various motions of which notice is given in Fabian News to be considered and settled.

It is hoped that all members of the Executive will make an effort to attend the Annual Meeting.

9. Autumn Lectures, 1938. General title: "New Tyrannies for old"

Arrangements made:

1. Rival ideologies in theory and practice. Lord Snell.
2. Danger Spots in Europe. Wickham Steed.
3. A New Technique of conquest.
4. Failure of Western Democracy under Capitalist domination. Mme. Genevieve Tabouis.
5. The New Dark Ages.
6. When and how a renaissance. Herbert Morrison.

Capt. Liddell-Hart invited re No. 3 and considering it but not decided. Tawney declined No. 5 and R.H.S. Crossman invited - not replied yet.

Chairmen required for the six meetings and alternative lecturers for the two not yet filled. Can we refer to small sub committee to consider and settle outstanding matters as time is getting short.

10. Correspondence - if any.

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Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office  
on Thursday, 16th June, 1938 at 5.15 p.m.

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Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E.R. Pease, J. Ramage, W.S. Sanders, and Miss M. F. Yates.

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1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Apologies - if any.

3. Finance - Report to 31st May, 1938.

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£65	£37
Members Subscriptions.	£152	£183
Other " "	12	9
Book Box Fees	2	5
Advertisements.	1	3

(Bank Balance £250. Accounts due: Standing £160).

4. Membership:

(a) May candidates (6) To be elected. Last year (3)

(b) Resignations.

G.S. Speed, Hampstead. 1933. 15/- 1936. No time to take part.

5. Correspondence.

(a) Dulwich Labour Party. Parliamentary candidate wanted.

(b) Sir Leo Money. Suggesting lecture by himself on Fascism and Socialism.

(c) J. F. Drabble. request to add his name to list of possible Parliamentary candidates.

(d) Major W. F. Vernon - ditto.



FABIAN SOCIETY.

Selections for sub committees, 1938-39.

FINANCE, ETC.

P. Arnold.  
A. E. Davies  
Dr. E. Fletcher,  
H. Humphreys.  
J. Ramage.  
W. S. Sanders.  
Miss Yates.  
E. R. Pease.

PUBLISHING.

F. Bacon.  
Mrs. Cruchley.  
Mrs. Drake.  
Dr. H. Finer.  
Miss Lawrence.  
Ivor Thomas.  
E. R. Pease.

PROPAGANDA.

Mrs. Bolton.  
D. M. Fraser,  
Dr. L. H. Guest.  
Capt. W. J. Miller.  
M. Webb.  
Blanco White.  
E. R. Pease.

Rota of Chairman - All accept except P. Arnold, Mrs. Cruchley  
M. Webb, and E. R. Pease.

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Executive Committee  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1938.

Present Mr. Bolton, Mr. Cuckley, Mrs. Yates,  
Messrs Arnold, Bacon, Davies,  
Fletcher, Fraser, Galt, Humphreys,  
Muller, Pease, Thomas, Webb  
and Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by D. M. Fraser.

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

3. Apology Apology for absence was received  
from John Romase.

4. Finance  
Chair A. Emil Davies reported the meeting  
of Finance & Committee held earlier  
this day. The report was received and  
approved and the recommendations for  
(a) To open a deposit acc with the C.W.S. Bank  
and (b) to accept Fountain's estimate

for rededication of the offices  
were approved and agreed to.

8.7.H.

5.7.S.S. &amp; Co.

C. R. Blanco White reported the  
meeting of the Sumner School Committee  
(see annex), and related to matters  
arising therefrom. The report  
was received and approved.

6. S. Webb

Sidney Webb's letter was read.  
It was agreed to accept his resignation  
as Trustee with respect and thanks  
for help to. Restored. That D. Eric  
Fletcher be appointed a Trustee  
in place of Webb accordingly.

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N 772 B

7. C. B. S.

The purchase of C. B. S. was in view  
and was generally admired and  
considered very good. It was agreed  
that it is desirable to purchase it  
for the Society at a cost of £28 and  
that a special fund be raised for  
the purchase and subscriptions invited.

8.7.H.L.

The arrangements to date for the Beckman lectures were approved. It was noted that the Rt Hon. A. V. Alexander had been asked to fill the vacant chairmanship.

It was agreed that a circular inviting recruits to join the Society be sent out with the syllabus.

Some discussion arose re proposal to send out also a business reply envelope. This was referred to the special sub-committee to consider and deal with.

9.7.56  
N 77213

A. Emil Davis gave a full report on the progress of the negotiations with the N. 77213 for the amalgamation of the two bodies. Some discussion ensued and some questions were asked and replied to.

It was agreed that the report be read and thanks recorded to the sub-committee for their work in the matter.

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- (a) The Labour Party - in Mrs. Vanden Elst.  
Read and received and noted
- (b) Letter for Taxation of Land Values.  
Referred to Secretary
- (c) Mr. McKean - received  
and noted
- (d) S. K. Ratcheffe - the letter from  
would for minutes to read.

The meeting then adjourned.

L. Hade Guest

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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 21st July 1938 at 5.30 p.m.

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1. Chair: Dr. Eric Fletcher, I.C.C.
  2. Minutes of last meeting.
  3. Apologies - J. Ramage.
  4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier to-day to be given by the Chairman of the Committee.
  5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee, annexed.  

(Since the meeting the bookings have increased steadily. About 130 persons have now booked 220 weeks. Much better than last year but not so good as expected).
  6. Sidney Webb writes resigning from the Trusteeship of the freehold house belonging to the Society. To be considered and accepted and a substitute Trustee appointed.
  7. Mr. Swinson submits portrait of Bernard Shaw and offers us the first refusal of purchase. The portrait is on view in the office. To be considered and if so decided a fund opened to purchase the painting.
  8. Autumn lectures. Arrangements nearly complete as follows:

	<u>Lecturer.</u>	<u>Chairman.</u>
1. 20th October,	Lord Snell	Dr. Mallon.
2. 27th       "	Wickham Steed.	Francis Williams.
3. 3rd November.	Major Gen. Temperley.	
4. 10th       "	Mme Tabouis.	D.N. Frott, K.C., M.F.
5. 17th       "	R.H.S. Crossman.	Lord Marley.
6. 24th       "	Herbert Morrison.	Dr. Summerskill, M.F.

(J. R. Clynes invited to preside on November 3rd but has not yet replied. Four syllabuses received and others promised).
- Proposal to send out with the syllabus a circular inviting recipients to join the Society as members or associates. To be approved.
9. Emil Davies to report progress of negotiations with the N.F.R.B. re possible amalgamation.
  10. Correspondence.
    - (a) The Labour Party - notifying that Mrs. Van der Elst is no longer deemed to be a member of the Party.
    - (b) League for Taxation of Land Values asking for lecturers this autumn and winter.
    - (c) W. R. McLaughlin - long letter on the political situation.
    - (d) S. K. Ratcliffe - long letter from New Zealand on his travels, etc.

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Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office  
on Thursday, 21st July, 1938 at 5 p.m.

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Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Percy Arnold, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E. R. Fease, J. Ramage, W. S. Sanders, and Miss M. F. Yates.

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1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Apologies - J. Ramage.

3. Finance - Report to 30th June, 1938.

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1937.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£86.	£62.
Members Subscriptions.	£223.	£264.
Other " "	17	18
Book Box Fees.	3	6
Advertisements.	2	3

(Bank Balance £300. Accounts due: Standing £150)

4. Membership:

(a) June candidates (5). To be elected. Last year (5)

(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
H. J. Belshaw.	Belfast.	1928.	20/- 1937	None.
J.L. ETTY,	Abingdon.	1924.	21/- 1937	Given up politics.
R.H. Rhodes,	Lymington.	1932	21/- 1935	Lost interest.
R.C. Woodward,	Smethwick.	1911	2/6 1935	Now National Labour.
Mrs. E.F. Young.	Marylebone.	1934.	10/- 1937.	Now an anarchist.

5. Suggested redecoration of our office. Fountain estimates cost £16. To be considered and recommendation made to the Executive. To be carried out in August if agreed.

6. Correspondence.

- (a) Major Gardiner - application to be put on list of possible candidates. Interview to be reported.
- (b) Dr. A. T. Schofield. Request to add his name to list of possible candidates.
- (c) Mr. F. T. Willey ditto.
- (d) Sir Leo Money - re autumn lectures.

Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,  
22nd June, 1938.

Present: Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Yates, Messrs. Cassie,  
Fraser, Galton, Jupp, N.A. Pease, and Ramage. Also  
H. D. Hughes representing the N.F.R.B.

1. Chair. In the absence of Blanco White, chairman of the Committee, J. Ramage was elected to preside.
2. Report on progress of bookings, About 90 persons had booked about 130 weeks to date. Better than last year, but not so good as in 1936. The list of applicants was read and approved and referred to Mrs. Beaumont and Secretary to arrange rooms, etc.
3. Programme. Proof of programme had been circulated and was considered, and amended and approved. To be sent out to all members with the July issue of "Fabian News".
4. Scholarship Fund now amounts to £14. 6. 6d. The sub-committee is considering applications and suggestions for grants.
5. Mrs. Beaumont gave a full report on her visit to Dartington. It was noted that there is no multiple room accommodation available. Otherwise all seemed to be in order and Mrs. Beaumont was thanked for her visit and report.
6. At the suggestion of I. F. Wallis it was unanimously agreed that Miss Hankinson be invited to spend a fortnight at the School as the guest of the Society.
7. Some other matters of detail were dealt with. It was decided that the Committee should not meet again till after August unless some emergency arose requiring a meeting.

The Committee then adjourned.



Executive Committee  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1938.

- Present Mr Bolton, Mr Cuckley, Mr Drake,  
 Mess Arnold, Bacon, Davies,  
 Hitchen, Fraser, Galtin, Ernest  
 Humphreys, Muller, Roman  
 Sanders and Marina Webb.
1. Chair The chair was taken by D. L. Hudson  
 Ernest M.D.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting were  
 read and confirmed.
3. Appts. Apptois pro absentia were received  
 from Miss Yates and E. R. Pease.
4. Finance The report of meeting of the Finance &  
 Comtee held earlier this day  
 was presented by Eric Davies.  
 On the question raised by D. Freeman  
 of calling a special meeting of members

to consider the crisis, discussion came.  
D. M. Fraser moved. That we agree to  
the suggestion, but found no second.

F. Bacon then moved that we call  
a Special Public meeting on this  
question, but found no second.

The report was then received  
and approved and all its  
recommendations adopted.

5.7.5.5 The preliminary report of the  
Sumner School was received  
and noted.

6.8.6.6 It was resolved that the Social  
Activities Committee for the coming  
year be set up forthwith.

Mr. Bolton, Mr. Conchley,  
Capt. Miller and John Ramage  
were appointed the Committee  
accordingly with power to add  
to their number by co-optation.

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The report was received and the falling off of sales of tickets owing to the crisis was noted. It was agreed that publication be arranged with Allen & Unwin on the same terms as in previous years.

8. N.F.R.B.  
4.

D. Emil Davies reported fully on the meeting and discussions with the N.F.R.B. He noted "That the Executive Committee accept in principle amalgamation with the N.F.R.B. on the basis of the draft-rules circulated, and that it be referred to the special sub-committee to continue negotiations on other points and report further to the Executive in due course.

Considerable discussion ensued in which many members took part and a number of suggestions and criticisms were made and noted. Finally the motion moved

by some donors was put to  
the vote and agreed to have em.

9. Comes

It was agreed that Mrs. B.  
Drake be nominated again  
as our representative on the  
Executive Committee of the London  
Labour Party. Mrs. Drake  
noted her willingness to  
serve.

The meeting then adjourned.

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Hubert Humphrey

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 22nd September, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.F.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Miss Yates.
4. Report of Meeting of Finance Committee held earlier to-day to be given by Emil Davies.
5. The Summer School. Full report and financial statement not yet available and the Committee has not yet met. So far as we can tell it was very successful.
6. Social Activities Committee to be appointed for coming year. An Hon. Secretary required in place of Miss Judson resigned.
7. Friends Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets to date £141. Last year same date £201. The crisis which arose last week greatly diminished the sales which were going on well until then. Some signs that they are reviving again now.  
  
Publication arranged with Allen & Unwins as in past two years. To be approved.  
  
Set of platform tickets enclosed for your use. Please return all or any not required.
8. Suggested Amalgamation of F.S. and N.F.R.B. The joint Sub-Committees have held several meetings, together and separately and have agreed to the enclosed draft rules as a basis for amalgamation of the two bodies. To be considered and any further action authorised.

Correspondence.

- (a) London Labour Party. Notifying Annual Conference, Saturday, November 26th. Notices for agenda if any to be sent in by Oct. 1st. Nominations for Officers and Executive Committee by November 1st.

F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 22nd September, 1938 at 5 p.m. (8)

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Percy Arnold, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E. R. Pease, J. Ramage, W. S. Sanders, and Miss M. F. Yates.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Apologies - Miss M. F. Yates.
3. Finance - Report to 31st August, 1938. 

	<u>1938.</u>	<u>1937.</u>
Sale of literature.	£118	£104
Members Subscriptions.	340	403
Other "	27	25
Book Box Fees.	5	8
Advertisements.	4	3

(Bank Balance £350. Accounts due: Standing £180).

4. Membership:

(a) July candidates (8) to be elected. Last year (6)  
August " (1) do do (4)

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Owen Davis	Bloomsbury	1934	21/- 1935.	None.
Mrs. E. Jervis	Brighton.	1920	10/- 1937	Cannot afford.
Stanley Norfolk.	Flymouth.	1925	10/6 1936	Cannot take
Dr. A. B. Stick.	Tunbridge Wells.	1926.	21/- 1936.	None. (part

5. Deposit account to be opened with Co-operative Wholesale Bank. Arrangements to be completed and documents signed, etc.
6. Reprint of booklet "Mind your own Business" by R. B. Suthers. Copy received. Three estimates sent in to be considered and one of them accepted.
7. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1939. Hall provisionally booked for Thursdays, January 12, 26th, February 9th, 23rd, March 9th, 23rd. (Easter is April 7th - 10th) To be approved. Preliminary consideration of subjects and lecturers, etc. Letter from Kilburn Scott thereon.
8. Speakers Class, 1938-9. Shall we endeavour to arrange this again? Director required, etc.
9. Book Box Circular. Now revised ready for reprinting to go out this autumn. To be considered and any suggestions for Societies to be sent to received.

10. Correspondence.

- (a) H. St. J. B. Philby. Request to add his name to list of possible Parliamentary Candidates.
- (b) Howard Samuel ditto.
- (c) F. Gordon Walker - re grant to by election expenses at Oxford.
- (d) Labour Party - request for list of members to send out circular re literature, etc.
- (e) Church Union. Request for speaker against Family Endowment.



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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the office on  
Thursday, 20th October, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: H. Humphreys.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies: Mrs. Cruchley, Dr. Haden Guest, M.P., who requests leave of absence till January.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier this evening to be given by its Chairman, A. Emil Davies.
5. Report of meeting of the Publishing Committee annexed.
6. The Summer School accounts not yet settled. The Committee Meeting next week to wind up. Receipts amount to £900 and there will be a net surplus after paying all expenses of about £150.
7. Friends Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets to date £290. Last year same date £469. The crisis reduced the sales very markedly. Some improvement in the past two weeks but not enough to overtake the slump.

Lord Marley writes cancelling his promise to preside on November 17th. A chairman for that night to be arranged.

8. Amalgamation of F.S. and N.F.R.B. Further negotiations and arrangements proposed. Enclosed are
  - (1) Draft of Revised Rules as agreed to by the Sub Committees.
  - (2) Proposed Draft for temporary Rules to carry over the interregnum.
  - (3) Minutes of meeting of the Joint Sub-Committees on Sept. 26th with various recommendation.
  - (4) Draft Resolution - to be submitted to the General Meeting of members on December 8th rescinding existing rules and adopting the new ones proposed.

To be considered and any matters arising therefrom decided.

9. Correspondence.
  - (a) London Labour Party. Annual Conference Nov.26th. Three delegates to be appointed.
  - (b) Professor Laski in New York. Sending greetings to everyone.



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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.

Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office on Thursday, 20th October, 1938 at 5 p.m.

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Percy Arnold, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E. R. Fease, J. Ramage, W. S. Sanders, and Miss M. F. Yates.

- 1. Minutes of last meeting.
- 2. Apologies - if any.

3. Finance - Report to 30th Sept., 1938.

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937.</u>
Sale of Literature.	£143	£130
Members subscriptions.	393	476
Other	34	32
Book Box Fees.	8	9
Advertisements.	6	4

(Bank Balance £700. Accounts due £250. There is a liability of £130 to Dartington Hall not yet passed by the Summer School Committee and some other items. The bank balance includes the deposit of £120 on account of Dr. R. Rabl).

4. Membership:

- (a) Sept. candidates (4) to be elected. Last year (4).
- (b) Resignations;

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
C.J.Hodgins	Kensington.	1933	25/- 1937.	None.
Miss R.Fearce	Winchmore Hill.	1936	10/- 1936.	Left London.
L.G.Wills.	Kensington.	1927.	15/- 1937.	None.

- 5. Proposed Deposit Account. Arrangements with C.W.S.Bank fallen through. Suggested opening the account with F.O.Savings Bank. To be considered and recommendation made to the Executive.
- 6. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1939. Further consideration of subjects and lecturers. Letter from N.F.R.B. thereon with suggestions to be considered and recommendations made to the Executive.
- 7. Correspondence.
  - (a) Letter from the Myochet Party, Rangoon, Burma asking us to support their objection to recent act of the Governor. Letter from D. Freeman recommending no action.

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y.  
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Report of Meeting of the Publishing Committee on Monday,  
3rd October, 1938.

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Present: Ivor Thomas (Chair), Mrs. Drake, F. Bacon and F.W.Galton.

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1. Ivor Thomas was re-elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
2. It was decided that the Committee should continue to meet on Monday at 5.15 p.m.
3. R. B. Suthers' booklet "Mind your own Business". Revision now completed. Agreed that it be printed at once in time for the Municipal Elections. Cost to be met by the Billson Fund.
4. New Tract. "Our Ageing Population", by Emil Davies. Proof considered and some suggestions and corrections made and referred to the Author. Agreed that it be printed at once as Fabian Tract No. 246, price 2d. Cost to be borne by the Billson Trust.
5. New Tracts suggested.
  - (a) Capt. Miller submitted draft of tract on "Socialism and Empire." Considered. Agreed to defer to next meeting, the draft to be read by Bacon and others, and they asked to report thereon.
  - (b) Victor Cohen - suggested publication of translation of pamphlet by Leon Jouhaux on "Le Syndicalisme". Considered. Agreed to decline with thanks - not enough general interest to justify expense, etc.
6. Some matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then adjourned.

Executive Committee.  
Thursday 20 October 1938.

Present Mrs Proctor, Miss Yates, Messrs Arnold, Bacon, Davies, Fraser, Jones, Craltm, Humphreys, Miller, Pease, Ramage, Webb and Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by Hubert Humphreys.

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

3. Reports Reports for album were received from Mrs Embley, Mrs D. White, and D. Fletcher. Also from Dr Hadamant who requested loan of album from the Committee till January next, and this was agreed to.

4. Finance Report of meeting of the Finance & Committee held earlier this evening

was given by Emil Davis. The  
 recommendations (a) to open deposit  
 a/c at the P.O. Savings Bank; and  
 (b) as to lectures at Longstone  
 Hall after terms were approved.

The report was received  
 and approved accordingly.

5.7.1908  
 C.W.

Report of meeting of the Publishing  
 Committee was given by James Bacon  
 and received and approved.

6.7.1908

The preliminary report of the  
 Annual Report Committee on the  
 results of the year was given by  
 Thomas White and received,  
 and noted.

7.7.1908

Galtin reported the progress  
 of the F.H. Lectures much impeded  
 by the Crisis. The report was  
 received and noted.

8. Annual  
with  
N.F.R.B.

The documents relating to the  
proposed amalgamation of the F.S. and  
N.F.R.B. which had been circulated  
were then considered. After discussion  
the draft-revised rules with minor  
amendment to Rule 2 <sup>(Temporary rules)</sup> suggested by  
the N.F.R.B. were approved; and  
also the draft temporary rules.  
The minutes of the meeting of the Joint  
sub Com were received and noticed  
and the proposed arrangements approved.

Agreed that a special general  
meeting of members only of the F.S.  
to be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
at Linnestown Hall to adopt  
the new Rules and rescind  
the existing Rules of the Society  
and that the draft-resolution  
be approved and submitted  
to the special general  
meeting accordingly.

Any further arrangements to  
be settled at the next Executive Meeting

9. Cones 1a1 Indian Labour Party - Annual Meeting. Appointment of delegates.

Agreed that Mr. Drake, and  
 a-Emil Davis and J. Remage  
 be appointed as delegates to  
 the said meeting.

(4) Lusk's letter received  
 and noted.

10. N.Y. Please mind that a cable of  
 congratulation be sent to Mr.  
 Walter Nash on the success of the  
 Labour Government in New Zealand  
 at the recent general election,  
 and this was agreed to unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned

Wm. Remage  
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FABIAN SOCIETY and NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU :: Proposed  
draft for Temporary Rules (to be in force from 1 January  
1939 until the first annual meeting of the joint society)

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- 1 All persons who are members of the Fabian Society or  
New Fabian Research Bureau at the date of amalgamation  
shall be members of the joint society.
  
- 2 All those members of the two executive committees  
who are willing shall serve on the joint executive  
committee until the first annual meeting of the  
joint body. *The Joint Executive shall have  
all the powers given to the Executive in  
the first rules.*
  
- 3 Galton and Parker shall act as joint secretaries of  
the amalgamated society until the end of June 1939
  
- 4 Until the date of the election of the new executive  
committee the following shall be invited to act as  
honorary officers of the society:

President:	Mrs Webb
Treasurer:	Emil Davies
Asst Treasurer:	George Wansbrough
Chairman of EC:	G.D.H.Cole

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FABIAN SOCIETY and NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU :: PROPOSED AMALGAMATION

MINUTES of a Joint Meeting of the Fabian Society and New Fabian Research Bureau Sub-Committees held at the Fabian Society offices, 11 Dartmouth Street, S.W.1 on Monday 26 September 1938 at 3 p.m.

Present Fabian Society: Davies (chair), Fletcher, Galton, Ramage.  
NFRB: Cole, Mrs Cole, Parker, Wansbrough.

It was agreed to recommend amalgamation to the Executive Committees of the two Societies on the following terms:-

- 1 Rules A revised draft was to replace the existing rules of both societies (draft attached).
- 2 Temporary Rules A number of temporary rules were to operate from 1 January 1939 until the first annual meeting of the joint society (draft attached).
- 3 Staff Existing staffs were to continue subject to provisions in the next paragraph and in the temporary rules.
- 4 Finance The finances of the societies were to be merged. The following pensions were to be paid:
  - (a) Howell was to be retired by the time of amalgamation with an ex gratia pension of £120 per annum. No arrangements were to be made to replace him pending consideration by the joint Executive Committee of future staff requirements.
  - (b) Galton was to retire from the secretaryship as from 30 June 1939 with an ex gratia pension of £200 per annum.
- 5 Procedure for Amalgamation Agreed Resolutions were to be placed before the Annual General Meeting of the New Fabian Research Bureau on 25 November 1938 and a Special Meeting of the Fabian Society on 8 December 1938 (drafts attached). Should they be passed, activities of the two societies were to be coordinated as rapidly as possible and amalgamation completed by 31 March 1939.

F.W.GALTON  
JOHN PARKER  
Secretaries



10 October 1938

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FABIAN SOCIETY and NEW FABIAN RESEARCH BUREAU: Draft Resolutions to be  
put before both Societies at their Meetings ::::::::::::::::::::

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That this Special Meeting of the Fabian Society  
approves of the proposals put before it for amal-  
gamation with the New Fabian Research Bureau, in-  
cluding the revised draft of the rules and tempor-  
ary rules, which shall come into operation on  
1 January 1939, on which date the existing rules  
of the Society shall be rescinded. It authorises  
the Executive Committee to take all necessary steps  
to complete the amalgamation by 31 March 1939.

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That this Annual General Meeting of the New Fabian  
Research Bureau approves of the proposals put  
before it for amalgamation with the Fabian Society,  
including the revised draft of the rules and tem-  
porary rules, which shall come into operation on  
1 January 1939, on which date the existing rules of  
the Society shall be rescinded. It authorises the  
Executive Committee to take all necessary steps to  
complete the amalgamation by 31 March 1939.

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Final Draft of the REVISED RULES of the FABIAN SOCIETY as  
agreed between the Fabian Society and New Fabian Research  
Bureau Sub-Committees ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

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RULE 1 The name of the Society shall be the Fabian Society.

RULE 2 The Society consists of Socialists. It shall be affiliated to the Labour Party. Its object shall be the furtherance of socialism and the education of the public on socialist lines, by the holding of public and private meetings, lectures, discussion groups, conferences and summer schools, the promotion of research into political, economic and social problems, national and international, the publication of books, pamphlets and periodicals, and by any other appropriate methods.

RULE 3 The Society as a whole shall have no collective policy beyond what is implied in confining membership to supporters of the Labour Party of all shades of opinion; its research shall be free and objective in its methods.

No resolution of a political character expressing an opinion or calling for action, other than in relation to the running of the Society itself, shall be put forward in the name of the Society. Delegates to conferences of the Labour Party, or to any other conference, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee without any mandatory instructions.

RULE 4 Membership of the Society shall be open to (a) all those willing to sign a declaration that they accept the 'Basis' of the Society, and (b) individual members of the Labour Party, or such members of bodies affiliated to it as are not members of any other political party. Federations of Labour Parties, Borough, Divisional and Local Labour Parties, Trade Unions or their branches, Co-operative organisations or other bodies may become subscribing bodies to the Society. Any person may become an Associate if in general sympathy with the objects of the Society. Acceptance of such persons and bodies shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may in special cases elect honorary members of the Society, who shall not, however, in that capacity be entitled to vote or to take part in private business meetings.

RULE 5 The Society shall be governed by an Annual Meeting of members to be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. All members shall have the right to attend and vote at the meeting. Associates and one representative from each subscribing body shall have the right to attend, unless specially excluded from

any private session, but shall have no right to vote. Special private meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or at the request of at least 100 members sent to the General Secretary in writing, but no alteration of or addition to the Rules or Basis shall be made save at the Annual Meeting or at a special private meeting convened solely for that purpose. When a requisition signed by not less than 100 members is presented to the General Secretary, calling for a private meeting to discuss any resolution, the Executive Committee shall order the resolution to be published, and shall appoint for the meeting the earliest convenient date thereafter. Any proposal to alter the rules shall be circulated to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting.

RULE 6

The Executive Committee, including officers, shall consist of not more than 24 members, of whom the Hon. Treasurer and 14 other members shall be elected as provided in Rule 7 following. The elected members shall then have the right to coopt not more than 9 other members to serve for the remainder of the year. The full Executive Committee (including the coopted members) shall elect such other officers for the year as it thinks necessary. The elected members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill from the existing members of the Society any casual vacancies in its ranks as they arise. Five members shall be a quorum for the Executive Committee. Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the Committee or its standing sub-committees without obtaining leave of absence shall be deemed, upon a resolution to that effect being passed by the Executive Committee, to have vacated his seat on the Committee or sub-committee.

RULE 7

Before the Annual Meeting, the Society shall elect by ballot an Hon. Treasurer, and 14 other members of the Executive Committee to hold office for one year. Nominations for these shall be invited from members at least one month before voting papers are sent out. All nominations must be returned within 21 days of issue. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Executive Committee whose duty it shall be to open the ballot box, to count the votes, and to certify to the General Secretary the number of votes polled. The new Executive Committee shall come into office immediately after the Annual Meeting. Notice of the Annual Meeting and the Annual Report shall be sent out to members at least 14 days before the Annual Meeting.

RULE 8

The Executive Committee shall conduct the general business of the Society, appoint such paid officers and staff as it deems necessary, create from among the members of the Society such sub-committees and groups as are considered desirable from time to time, sanction publications and appoint all delegates to represent the Society. Subject to the decision of the Annual or any Special Meeting, the

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Executive Committee shall have full control over the affairs of the Society.

RULE 9 All books, pamphlets or tracts submitted to the Society for publication shall be approved as of a suitable standard according to rules made by the Executive Committee. All publications sponsored by the Society shall bear a clear indication that they do not commit the Society, but only those responsible for preparing them.

RULE 10 The Executive Committee may at any time refer any question to the decision of the whole Society, the voting to be by post.

RULE 11 Members are expected to subscribe annually to the funds of the Society in accordance with their means. The minimum annual subscription for members of the Society and for all subscribing bodies and associates shall be 10/6. A 10/6 subscription shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of any periodical publication and all pamphlets priced 6d or less issued by the Society. A subscription of 21/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications priced 1/- or less. A subscription of 42/- or more shall entitle the subscriber to receive a copy of all publications issued by the Society, save such, if any, as are excluded by special decision of the Executive Committee. Student members of the W.E.A. and N.C.L.C., members of Labour Youth organisations, undergraduates and other full time students shall be allowed to become members at the discretion of the Executive Committee for an annual subscription of 5/- for which they shall receive any periodical published and such a limited number of pamphlets as the Executive Committee shall decide. The Executive Committee shall have power to strike off the books any member who after notice fails to pay his subscription.

Executive Committee  
Thursday 17 November 1938

Present Mrs Cuckley, Mrs Arnold, Baer,  
 Davis, Hatcher, Fraser. Guest  
 J. J. Humber, Pease,  
 Ramage, Webb, and Blanco White.

1. Chair The Chair was taken by J. Ramage

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

3. Abs Absences for absence were received  
 from D. Haldenquest-Hill and W. J. Miller.

4. Finance A. Emil Davis reported the meeting  
 of the Finance Committee held  
 earlier this evening. On the claim  
 of Linnstrom Haec lectures it  
 was agreed to accept the offers  
 of D. J. J. and Mrs. Blanco White  
 to lecture. The list of suggested

possible lectures recommended by  
the Finance Committee was approved  
and the following added

1. E. Padmore for Colonial questions  
of Macmillan facts.
2. D. Dalton & Roy Harrod on  
rearmament - the Royal Review  
J. Mason asked about the  
correspondence with the Navy  
& some discussion ensued.

The report was received  
and approved and its  
recommendations adopted.

6.7.55. G. R. Blanes wrote about the  
meeting of the Summer School  
Committee and the report was  
received and approved and  
considered very satisfactory.

6.7.55. The report on progress of the Friends  
Hall lectures was received and noted.

7.7.58  
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It was decided that the Summer School Committee for 1939 to set up and the following seven members of the Executive were appointed to Ramsey, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. Arnold, Fletcher, Humphreys, Ramon, Webb and White.

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The arrangements for the special general meeting were considered - agreed

1. That Blanco White do preside
2. Teller: Agreed to nominate Freeman, Measum, Meldings or any two of them.
3. Davis to report on the negotiations and move the resolution on behalf of the Executive Committee.

It was agreed also that a short memorandum be sent out to members with December Julian News urging attendance & submit

Davis, Galtin & Ramon to draft the note for issue.

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The letter from Mr Walter Nash  
in reply to the congratulatory  
cable sent by order of the last  
meeting, was read.

Resolved that it be published  
in the December issue of  
Fulmer News.

The meeting then adjourned

Jercy Arnold  
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Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 17th November, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: Miss A. S. Lawrence.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - Dr. Guest, M.F.
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier this evening to be given by Emil Davies.
5. Report of meeting of the Summer School Committee annexed.
6. Friends Hall Lectures. Sale of tickets to date £397.  
Last year same date £560. Chairman for to-nights lecture  
G.R. Blanco White, K.C.
7. Summer School Committee, 1939 to be set up. Seven members of the Executive to be appointed to serve for this year.
8. Amalgamation of F.S. and N.F.R.B. Special General Meeting arranged for Thursday, 8th December at 8 p.m. Agenda to be drawn up and settled. Chairman and tellers to be appointed or arranged. Any other necessary arrangements to be settled.
9. Correspondence:  
  
Hon. Walter Nash, N.Z., acknowledging with thanks congratulations sent by Cable.

FABIAN SOCIETY.

Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office  
on Thursday, 17th November, 1938 at 5 p.m. (8)

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Percy Arnold, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E.R. Fease, J. Ramage, W. S. Sanders, and Miss M.F. Yates.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

2. Apologies - if any.

3. Finance - Report to 31st October, 1938.

	1938	1937.
Sale of literature.	£180	£203
Members Subscriptions.	464	542
Other " "	37	24
Book Box Fees.	8	9
Advertisements.	7	4

(Bank Balances: Deposit £200. Current a/c £200.  
Accounts due £250. The bank balances include deposit  
of £130 on account of a member).

4. Membership:

(a) Oct. candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (8).

(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Hector Hughes, K.C.	Temple	1929	21/- 1936	Political
L. Tomlins	Willesden.	1933	21/- 1938	ditto
Mrs. Tomlins,	"	1937	21/- 1938	ditto
Ernest Wetton.	Temple	1930	21/- 1934	ditto
Miss G. Wildman.	Iver.	1908.	10/- 1937.	Cannot take part.

5. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1939. Little progress.  
Cole accepts for March 23rd. Herbert Read and R.H. Tawney decline. Macmillan away in West Africa. No reply from Herbert Clay.

F. J. Osborn writes suggesting lecture on Decentralization of Great Towns. W.S. Sanders writes re suggested lecture by A. Barnes, M.F. on the Co-operative Party and Labour.

To be considered and further list of possible lecturers arranged.

6. Correspondence.

(a) West Lewisham Labour Party - re grant to By-election expenses.

(b) Fabian Nursery - re damage to street door, etc.

F A B I A N S O C I E T Y.

Report of Meeting of the Summer School Committee on Wednesday,  
26th October, 1938. (6)

Present: G.R. Blanco White (Chair), Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Beaumont,  
Messrs. Beaumont, Cassie, Galton, Humphreys, N.A.  
Pease, Ramage and H. D. Hughes, (N.F.R.B.)

1. Finance. Financial statement was presented showing total receipts £910. 12. 0d., expenses to date and accounts due £698. 2. 2. Balance in hand £212. 10. 7d. Received and approved and accounts due ordered to be paid forthwith.
2. Fee to Manageress. Considered. Agreed that a fee of £15. 15. 0d. be paid to Mrs. Beaumont for services as Manageress with cordial thanks for her help and work.
3. Gratuities to staff at the School. Considered and agreed that the sum of £25 be sent to Mrs. Norman the house-keeper at Dartington to distribute among the staff as she may think proper.
4. Fees paid and bookings cancelled. The cases were considered and it was decided to refund £6 to Miss Macnamara.  
  
(Thus the net result after meeting all expenses, etc. is to leave a balance in hand of £165. 15. 7d.)
5. Mrs. Beaumont gave a report on the school but no special matters arose therefrom.
6. Galton reported the Scholarship fund amounted to £14.16.6. Grants had been made to several members amounting to £12. 10. 0d. leaving a balance of £2. 6. 6d. to carry forward to next year.
7. Preliminary consideration was given to the question of the place for school next year and some correspondence thereon read. It was agreed nem con that Dartington be asked to give us the first refusal of the School again for next year.

Some other matters of detail were dealt with and the Committee then dissolved having concluded its business for the year.

Executive Committee  
 Thursday 15. December 1938

- Present. Mrs. Molton, Mrs. Cusibley, Mrs. Lawrence,  
 Miss Arnold, Bacon, Davis, Fraser,  
 Galt, Pease, Ramage & Webb.
1. Chair The Chair was taken by  
 Percy Arnold.
2. Minutes Minutes of the previous meeting  
 were read and confirmed.
3. Apology Apologies for absence were received  
 from Miss Fines, Fletcher, Humphreys  
 & Blanco White. D. Sweet & Capt-  
 Muller were still out of England.
4. Finance A. Emil Davis reported the meeting  
 of the Finance Committee held  
 earlier today. The report was  
 received & explained after proposed  
 issue of 6 or 8th News in Jan<sup>y</sup> agreed to.

5 L.H.L.

The arrangements for lectures at  
Linnystone Hall, June to March  
1929 were approved. For Chairman  
the following agreed to for the first  
three meetings, viz

1. F. Bacon. 2. Tom Lawrence
3. Mauna Webb.

Agreed that the N.F.R.B. be asked  
to arrange chairman for ~~the~~  
remaining three lectures.

6.7.H.L.

The report on the financial  
result of the funds held  
lectures was considered and  
after discussion read and  
approved. It was considered  
not unsatisfactory in view  
of the exceptional circumstances  
arising from the crisis in  
freem affairs in September  
last.

78.R.P.

Edward R. Pease the Hon Secretary announced his resignation from that office after Hon Secretaryship after 55 years as Secretary, Hon Secretary & member of the Executive.

Peace word, set was received and resolved unanimously that the Committee records its regret at the severance of the long association and its sincere and cordial thanks for the long and valuable services rendered to the Society by E. R. Pease.

9. Feb. 1911

It was resolved that the Special sub-Committee of four members (Davis, Hetcher, Galtin & Ramsey) be empowered to continue and to deal with any matters concerning the amalgamation that may arise.

The meeting then adjourned

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F A B I A N   S O C I E T Y .

Agenda for meeting of the Executive Committee at the Office on  
Thursday, 15th December, 1938 at 5.30 p.m.  
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1. Chair: W. S. Sanders, M.F.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Apologies - H. Humphreys. (Dr. Guest and Capt. Miller are away abroad)
4. Report of meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee held earlier to-day to be given by Emil Davies.
5. Livingstone Hall Lectures, 1939. Arrangements to date as follows:-

January	12th.	Dr. H. Finer.	The Terms of National Unity.
"	26th.	A. Barnes, M.F.	The Co-operative and Labour Parties.
February	9th.	Mrs. Blanco White.	Pro-Fascist propaganda - How to meet it.
"	23rd.	Rt.Hon.L.S. Amery, M.F.	The Case for Family Allowances.
March	9th.	Herbert Read.	The Necessity of Anarchism.
"	23rd.	G.D.H.Cole.	Autarkie - or How they do it in Germany.

Chairmen required for all the six meetings and to be arranged.

Any other details to be settled.

6. Friends Hall Lectures, 1938. Total receipts for tickets £415. Last Year £586. Expenses £299. Last year £288.

Sale of pamphlets, etc. this year £9. Last year £17.

Very disappointing altogether owing to the slump caused by the crisis.

7. Correspondence - if any.



Agenda for meeting of the Finance, etc. Committee at the Office  
on Thursday, 15th December, 1938 at 5 p.m.

Members of the Committee: A. Emil Davies (Chair), Messrs. Percy Arnold, Eric Fletcher, H. Humphreys, E.R. Fease, J. Ramage, W.S. Sanders, and Miss M. F. Yates.

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Apologies - H. Humphreys.

3. Finance - Report to 30th November 1938.	1938.	1937.
Sale of Literature.	£216	£243
Members Subscriptions.	544	611
Other	44	54
Book Box Fees.	9	12
Advertisements.	9	5

(Bank Balances - Deposit £200. Current a/c £100. Accounts due £315. Deposit £130. The Billson Fund owes the Society £140).

4. Membership:

(a) October candidates (7) to be elected. Last year (4)

(b) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
F. J. Bryant.	Belgium.	1929	10/8 1938	Political.
Miss G. Hill,	Bayswater.	1930	10/- 1936	None
M.L. Nicholson.	Kennington.	1936	10/- 1937	Cannot afford.

5. Fabian News. Can we print a 6 pp. or double number in January to include remaining reports of Friends Hall lectures this year?
6. The Burglary on these premises. Messrs. Jardine Whyte & Co., our tenants ask for protection of back windows against further possible thefts.
7. Correspondence.
  - (a) Messrs. Bennett & Son, Surveyors re the completion of the Party Wall matter.
  - (b) Lady Fares - request to send out appeal for Quakers shilling emigration fund with Fabian News.
  - (c) Manchester Fabian Society - asking questions as to their position after amalgamation, etc.



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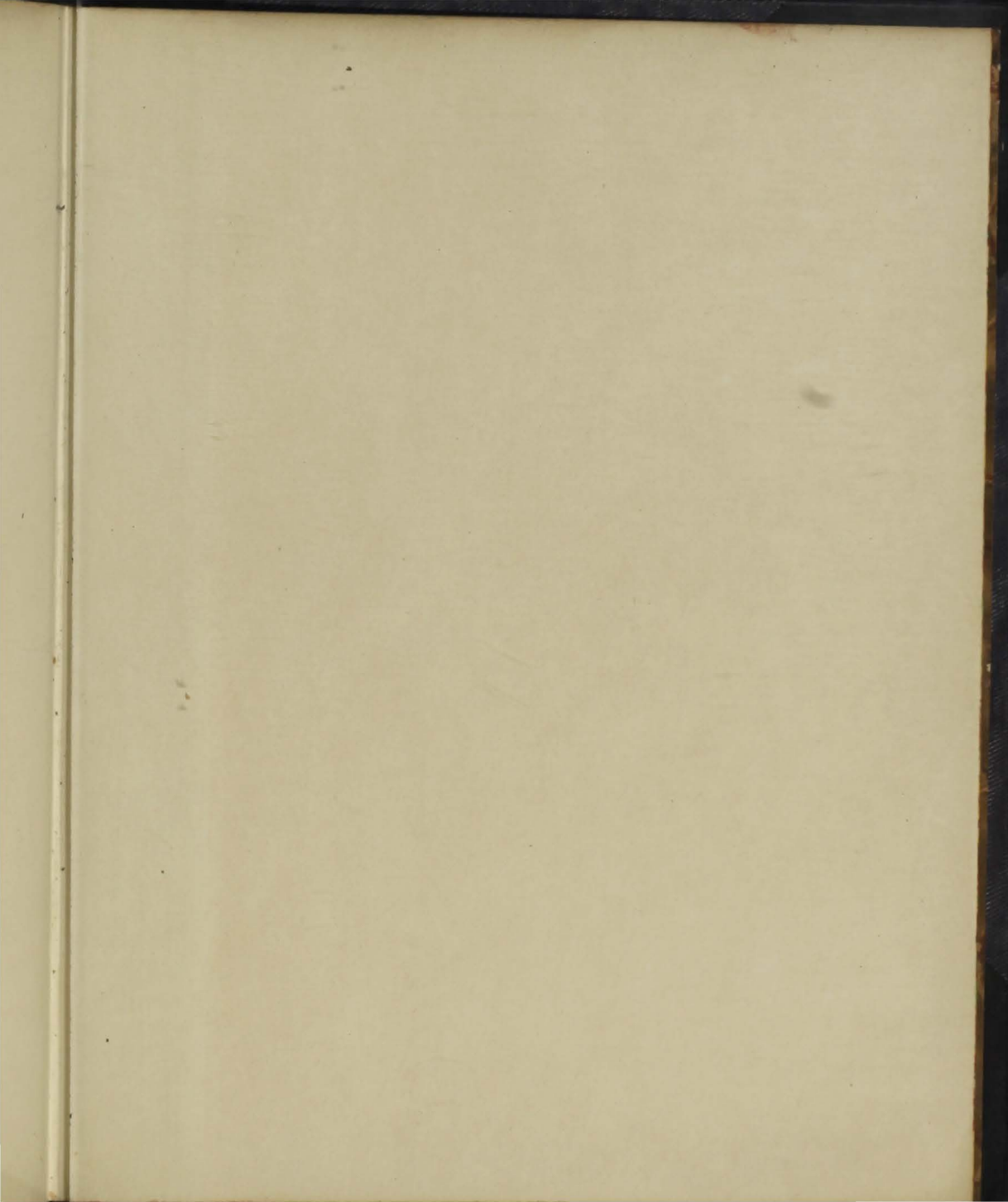
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