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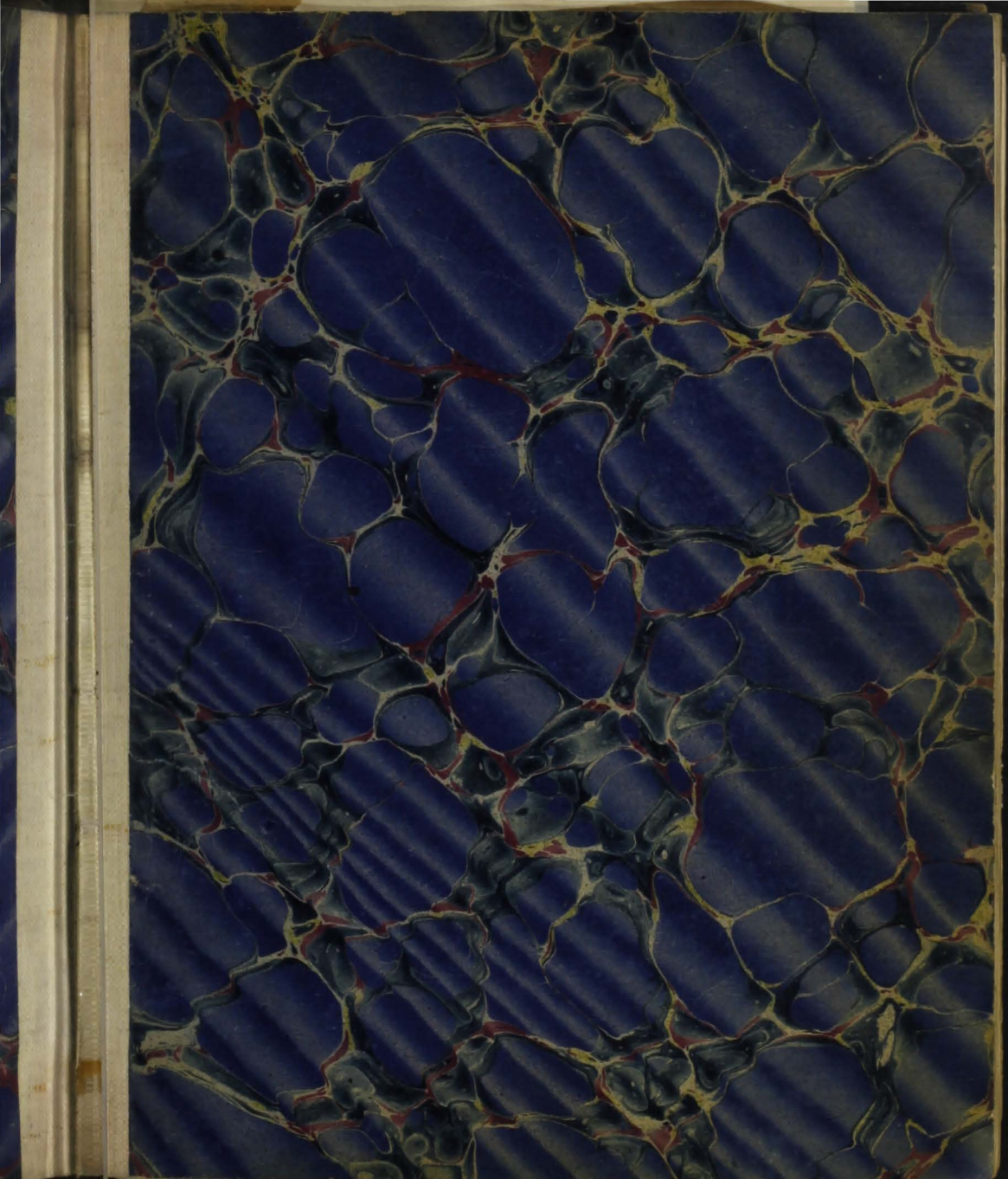
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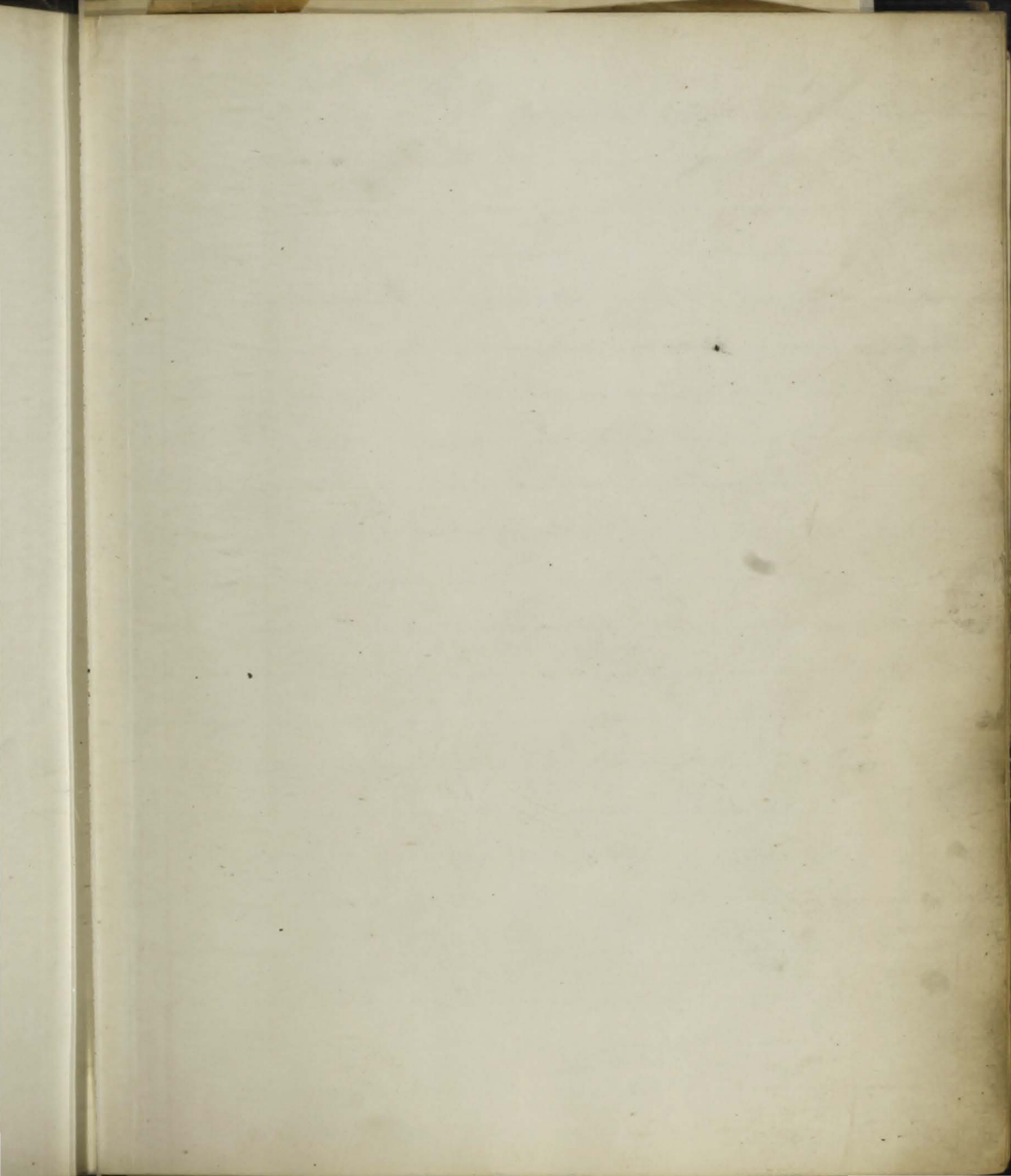
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Brussels, March 26th 1920.

Dear Comrade,

Enclosed we are sending you copy of an open letter addressed by Arthur Henderson, on behalf of the British Labour Party, to Camille Huysmans, secretary of the International.

We commend this letter to your careful attention, and shall be obliged if will ensure to it the greatest possible publicity.

With fraternal greetings.

Camille Huysmans



I much regret that I have not sufficiently recovered from my recent illness to be able to undertake the risks of the journey to Rotterdam. My regret at not being able to attend the meetings of the Acting Committee of the International is all the greater because the questions that have to be considered have a direct bearing upon the future of the International.

The task of reconstructing the Workers' International was entrusted at Berne to a Permanent Commission whose appointment received the unanimous approval of all the parties represented. The Commission began its work with a single-minded desire to serve the interests of the international working class movement and have endeavoured loyally to fulfil the obligations of their task. The principle upon which we have proceeded has been that the new Labour and Socialist International must be the creation of a General Congress from which none of the working class organisations in agreement with our general conceptions - Socialist, Trade Union, or Co-operative - would be excluded, unless they chose to exclude themselves.

But the efforts of the Permanent Commission are being seriously impeded by various sections of the organised movement in different countries, which profess to aim at the same objective, but on an entirely opposite principle. The new centres of reorganisation which have formed, notwithstanding the mandate given to the Permanent Commission, do not base their efforts on the principle of fundamental working class solidarity, but on a prior identity of thought and action which they assume to exist among the co-operating groups. It is a principle of exclusiveness rather than of comprehension. It presumes disagreement both in regard to doctrine and tactics, emphasises and advertises these differences, and carries separatism to the length of calling conferences from which sections of the working class movement in the several countries are ostentatiously excluded.

Were this principle carried to its logical conclusion there would be as many Labour Internationals as there are separate and divergent tendencies and conflicting policies within each national movement. If a complete identity of thought and action for all parties, whatever may be their national traditions and the character of their economic and political institutions, is to be the condition of international reconstruction, not merely a Second, a Third, but a Fourth or even a Fifth International will be necessary.

Such a conclusion would lead to the complete negation of the idea of international union. The creation of One International would demonstrate to the world the existence of the single working-class will which, consistently with the widest possible freedom in regard to method, can alone ensure the eventual triumph of our cause; but the establishment of Several Internationals would make the Labour movement a spectacle of derision and condemn it to perpetual frustration.

The British Labour Party holds itself still ready to co-operate with the Labour and Socialist Parties of other countries in reconstructing the International on the basis of freedom of tactics, mutual toleration, and liberty of thought; we believe that the interchange of experience and knowledge, considered action on matters of common concern, and frequent conferences on questions affecting the international proletariat, thereby rendered possible, as well as the inspiration that each national movement will derive from the successes of the others, will help us all in the difficult and arduous task of securing for the producers by hand and brain the full fruits of their industry and the most equitable distribution of social wealth on the basis of the common ownership of the means of production and the best obtainable system of popular administration and control of industry.

In the British Labour Party there is no belief in dictatorship as a principle of action, nor have we any desire to incorporate it in our vocabulary as a synonym of democracy. Taking this view, we do not desire to compromise with the advocates of this doctrine by using their language about Soviets, Revolution or Dictatorships, which must necessarily have a different signification for different countries. But we do not forget that we are under

involved. A similarisation at a conference on a comprehensive basis possible; and we did not anticipate that any section or party under a similar obligation would prejudice the question to the extent of attempting to reconstruct the International on the basis of their own conceptions of political method.

Free Even ~~the~~ if the British Labour Party were invited to take part in a conference dominated by this spirit of exclusiveness and intolerance we could not agree to attend. We do not admit that any one school of opinion in the International has a right to dictate the conditions of membership, neither can we consent to any group or the representative leaders of any party being excluded before the General Congress itself has defined the conditions and obligations of membership in the International. Opportunity was to be given at Geneva to those parties that desired to bring charges against others, but we refuse to allow any to be condemned unheard.

Free Recent events have shown that the European reaction takes advantage of the disunity of the working class movement. Effective resistance against the counter-revolutionary movement, which under various forms is working against the many-sided working class advance in all countries, is possible only if the working class are united and are organised for common action.

The situation at present inclines one to ask whether the International is indeed a symbol of the ideal of international working class unity, drawing together all sections of each national movement, or whether it has not become a centre from which divisive influences radiate to destroy the solidarity of national movements, setting group against group and leader against leader. If the latter conception, the fruit of intolerance and ignorance regarding the balance of forces in other national movements, is to determine the character of the International, more than one national party will be obliged to consider whether they ought not to separate themselves from a source of weakness rather than strength.

No party would regret this more than the British Labour Party, which is prepared to make every effort, in loyalty to obligations it accepted with other parties at Berne, Amsterdam and Lucerne, to re-establish the international organisation of the workers on a permanent foundation in the new spirit born of the agony of the war.

Fraternally yours.

(S) Arthur Henderson.

Accounts for 1915-6.

The auditor's letter confirming the account printed was read: it was agreed to make the alterations in wording as desired, & a vote of thanks was ordered to be given.

5. Finance

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First Meeting of the new Committee on
Tuesday 18th May 1916.

Present R. C. K. Ensor, Sydney Webb, Lawson Dodd
Julius West, + the Hon Sec.

1. Webb was elected temporary Chairman
2. The Minutes were confirmed
3. Constitution of the Com^{tee} Ensor was elected Chairman
+ forthwith took the chair. West was elected
Vice-Chairman. Tuesday, as the day of
meeting was confirmed.
4. Accounts for 1915-6.
The auditor's letter confirming the accounts as
printed was read: it was agreed to make
the alterations in wording as desired, &
a vote of thanks was ordered to be sent him.
5. Finance over

5. Finance. *See Sec. 7 reported as follows:-*

- (a) It has been impossible to write up accounts since the close of the year because (a) the cashier is away ill, (b) the books have been at the auditors, and (c) the new ledger is not yet ready.

(b) Cash position:

Balance in banks 17th May, £150 6 2

Cheques required:

Rates	39	5	10	
Fifield	62	10	0	
Petty Cash	15	0	0	
Milk	1	1	6	
Bread, etc.	1	5	0	<u>119 2 4</u>

Clear Balance £31 3 10

There are no other unpaid accounts exceeding 20/- except about £2 due to the New Statesman on current account.

(c) Internationalist Socialist Bureau, British Section:

Application for £20, being fees from July 1914 to June 1916.

Proposal that the Bureau be asked to charge this against our Loan

was adopted

(d) Bankruptcies:

Maunsel & Co. Debt for advertisement 21/-. The Secretary consented to accept a cash composition of 5/- in the £., and received this amount in a few days.

Mrs. Franklin. Debt 1/4d. Arrangement assented to.

(e) Investment of £5:

The honorary Secretary reports that he purchased a £5 Exchequer Bond in his name, and registered it at the Post Office, directing interest to be paid to the Fabian Society's Bank a/c. Documents will be submitted.

- (f) Nothing has been heard from Brimley, Senr., since February.

It was agreed to take no action.

6. Decoration of Hall.

On a letter from West, it was agreed that the Hall does not require re-decoration, but that the Exec. recommended to appoint a Com^{tee} to consider making the Hall more attractive to subscribers ^{and} advertising our publications therein.

7. London Labour Party. On a circular inviting us to nominate L.C.C. candidates, it was agreed to consult the Womens Group.

8. International Bureau. On the circular handed round at the last meeting of the Exec. asking for report on our ideas as to terms of peace, the Sec. reported that the I. L. P. ~~was~~ had enquired per 'phone if we were agreeable to a Conf. of the Three Soc^l Societies on the reply. Webb reported a private letter from Hymans. It was agreed to approve conference, tho' it was thought that a joint reply of the Socialist section wd. be undesirable, & the F.S. wd. probably desire to send its own reply.

9. Correspondence (Home):

National Land & Home League.

Re resumption of Conferences on amalgamation of rural reform societies, and asking delegates.

Agreed to drop out

Workmen's National Housing Conference.

Asking renewal of subscription, 10/- a year in recent years, and Request that appeal go out with F. News.

agreed to pay 10/-, but not to send out appeal

National Socialist Advisory Committee.
Printed Manifesto.

noted

10. Correspondence (Foreign):

Chinese Republicans. Appeal.

Parti Socialiste, Paris. Reports on Internat. Socialism

Socialist Party U.S.A: Resolution on Do.

noted

11. "News" to Neutral Countries. No report

12. Request for modernising sanitary arrangements.

note from A. K. Bulley. Note for future action.

13. Adolphe Smith. Letter re re-organising the Inter-national. Ask him to call.

14. Sentences on Defence of the Realm prisoners &c.

The Sec. reported request of Snell that the Exec. consider whether they could memorialise the Govt in favour of clemency for persons con- demned to long terms of imprisonment for injudicious speeches, & other similar cases.

It was agreed to report that the Com^{ee} considers that any action of us on the lines suggested would be futile.

R. C. K. Inver
29 June 1916.

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Meeting 29th June 1916.

Present Ensor (in chair) Dodd, West, Webb
& the Hon. Sec.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Finance.

The following report was presented:-

(a) Accounts. The books have been balanced to May 31st, and the accounts are written up to date completely.

(b) Results of two months to 31st May:

	<u>1916</u>	<u>1915</u>
Members Subscriptions	165	116
Other "	17	9
Literature sales (gross) (excluding History of F.S.)	44	20
Advertisements	3	3
Hall Lettings	7	1
Book Boxes	6	8

But the June Members' subscriptions compared with 1915 will probably show a decline of about £35.

(c) General Position:

Estimated cash in hand June 30,	£155.
Due Rent,	62 10 0
Sanders, 3 months	13 19 1
Summer School syl.	11 0 0
Tea (Common Room)	1 5 10
Electric Light.	1 10 9 90

Clear balance £85.

No other liabilities due (except to the Hon. Secy.)
exceeding 20/- are known to the Hon. Secy.
Standing's a/c. to May 31st, £27.

Last year " " £239.

2. Finance (contd.)

(d.) The Hon. Sec. reported that this month Howell had completed the 25th year of his service to the Society; he thought some recognition of this should be made & suggested a cheque for £25. He submitted figures showing that the salary list for the current year wd. not exceed £434; that it was £550 in 1915/6, £617 in 1914/5, & £676 in 1912/3. It was unanimously agreed to propose that the Exec. make the gift, accompanied with a formal letter signed by the Executive; & that the chairman report verbally on the matter.

(e) Report that three letters containing money (subscriptions 20/- and 10/-, and stamps 1/11d.) have recently been lost. The Sec. further reported

two other letters lost, (one of the Women's Group with cheque for £25) & that he now suspected that the absence of a letter box was the cause.

It was agreed that a box be procured at once.

(f) History of the Fabian Society.

Expenditure

500 copies at 2/6d. = £62 10
 Printing circulars 1 9 £63 19 0

Receipts

Sale of 279 copies £51 18 4
 Value of stock at 5/- = £55 5 0

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(2) Finance (contd.)

- (g) Donation of £4 4s. from the Clapham F.S. out of proceeds of a Shaw lecture was reported.

(3) Autumn Lectures:

- (a) In view of the King's Hall Lectures on consecutive Fridays from October 27th to Dec. 1st, it was resolved to have a lecture at Essex Hall on October 13th, and another, if a suitable one is available, on December 8th or 15th: also a Members' Meeting at the Fabian Hall on Dec. 8th or 15th.
- (b) It was agreed that the subjects selected should have, as a rule, some relation to the War.
- (c) It was agreed to ask Headlam, in response to his suggestion, if he is prepared to lecture on the Servile State, and to arrange a "Tariff after the War" lecture by Sir L. C. Money, or J. A. Hobson, or J. M. Robertson: also a lecture on Food Prices by Mrs. Reeves.

(d) Letter from Alfred Hicks offering reply to Loysen's Lecture was submitted, together with the Hon. Sec's reply thereto, which was approved.

(4) United Socialist Council:

On a letter from the B.S.P. sending resolution of their Annual Conference pressing for the formation of the Council, it was agreed that the Secretary draft a reply for submission to the Executive proposing delay because the purpose of the Council is co-ordinated propaganda, and this is not the time for propaganda.

(5) Keir Hardie Memorial: It was agreed to put a paragraph in Fabian News.

(b) Correspondence:

B.S.P. Glasgow. Appeal on behalf of J. McLean, sentenced to 3 years under Defence of the Realm Act. *no action.*

Islington Trade Council. Conference on Conscription, July 1st, 3 p.m. Delegates invited. *no. noted.*

G.W. Shipway of West China. Re Imperial Federation. *noted.*

International Bureau. 3 Circular letters.

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Meeting 22nd September 1916.

Present: Webb (in chair), Miss Atkinson, Dodd, West, Sanders, and the Hon. Sec. Also Blizard.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Finance:

(a) Report on Subscriptions, etc. to Aug. 31st.

	<u>1916.</u>	<u>1915.</u>	<u>Diff. in Aug.</u>
Members' Subscriptions	313	286	up 14
Other " "	32	32	down 7
Gross Sales of Literature	149	49	up 11
Book Boxes	10	13	down 2
Advertisements	5	5	down 1

(b) Owing to holidays the accounts are only completed to July 31st. The Summer School bills are not all in yet.

There are various liabilities but no unpaid bills.

(c) Receipts for the King's Hall Lectures amount to £82. To the same date last year the amount received was £83.55

(d) The Summer School 1916 Session (Receipts) amount to £399.

Expenses already paid	£290	
Further payments & Refunds	? £25	315
Rough estimate of net balance		<u>£ 84</u>

(e) The Bank Balance is £258 against which there are substantial payments nearly due for rent, postage, etc.

on (c) it was resolved that no posters be printed for the lectures & that syllabuses be posted forthwith.

3 Office Staff:

(a) In September the P.O. submitted to us two Postal Orders stolen from us in the spring, bearing the names of F. Partridge, the then office boy and (?) his mother. It may be assumed he stole all the letters lost at that period. He left for another place (without a character from us) in the summer.
Any action ?

(b) His last successor whom we slightly suspected, stole from the Secretary's office, (vacant owing to the holidays of the cashier) sundry letters, three of which he reposted to the Society. He was therefore discovered the same day and dismissed. Known thefts only 21/6d.
Any action ?

It was decided to take no action in respect of the thefts, & that an office-girl be engaged at not exceeding 15/- per week.

4 A Legacy:

The Sec. submitted letter from A. & W. Burt, Solicitors, Dunfermline, enclosing Will of Lieut. W. Tulloch (Edinburgh University F.S.) recently killed in France, who left "the whole of his property and effects to the Fabian Society, London." There are no executors. There are a brother and two sisters surviving and a niece for whom the deceased had offered a payment of £30. Lieut. Tulloch was a school teacher, and the estate is likely to be small.

The Secretary was directed to write to the War Office for forms to claim arrears of pay, etc. and to write to the brother asking about other property and saying the Society would act with every consideration towards the relatives.

It was further agreed to recognise the validity of the £30 gift.

It was agreed to say nothing about the matter in Fabian News.

5. House:

- (a) It was agreed to accept the tender of the Gas Light & Coke Coy. for £4 5s.0d. for placing two gas stoves in the Hall at an annual rent of £1 8s.0d.
- (b) The decision to stain the floor at a cost of £2 was approved.
- (c) On offer from A. K. Bulley to pay for modernising the Men's W.C. it was agreed that this be put in hand.

6. Lectures:

- (a) Sir Harry Johnston. Oct. 13th. It was agreed that we cannot pay more than £5 for the maps which he proposes to prepare.
- (b) Proposal of the Education Group that Lord Haldane be asked to lecture on Education was referred to the Executive.

7. United Socialist Council:

Letter was read reporting preliminary meeting of I.L.P. and B.S.P. and resolution urging the F.S. to rescind its resolution ~~regarding the~~ declining to act for the present. The matter was referred to the Executive and the Hon. Sec. authorised to see Johnson of I.L.P.

8. The Army:

On the motion of Miss Atkinson it was agreed to ask the Executive to appoint a Committee of 3 to investigate and report on the question How can a Standing Army be made compatible with Democracy.

9. Howell Testimonial

Letter read from Shaw declining to write the testimonial, + offering to pay for Smith printing it, or Walker doing it. Agreed to ask Emery Walker to do it, + to send the slip to Shaw.

10. Publications:

As a matter of urgency it was agreed to print 15,000 of Webb's "When Peace Comes, the Way of Industrial Reconstruction": to have a cover: to sell at 2d.: and to undertake a circularisation of it amongst Trade Unions, with the Book Box Circular, etc. to the extent of 10,000.

11. Compulsory Military Service Training

It was agreed to recommend that the Exec. accept offer (made to the Research Dept. & not accepted by it) of £25 made by P. H. Spry for an investigation into Compulsory Military ^{Training} Service, in commemoration of the late F. Keeling.

12. Correspondence: all noted.

Proposed Council for Boy Wage Earners, etc. Invitation to send delegate.

London Labour Party. Re Conference November 25th.

Parti Socialiste, France. Re proposed Conference of "allied" Socialist Parties.

Anglo Russian Friendship Society. Circular.

R. C. W. Inver
26 Oct. 1916.

Com^{ee} 26th October 1916.

Present Ensor (in chair) Webb, West Dodd
Mr Sanders, Hon. Sec. + also Mr. Schmidt

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Finance: The Sec. reported

(a) The accounts are written up to date, but in the pressure of business details must be deferred.

(b) Sales of Tickets amount to £418. Last year total (£380). There are of course very few left for sale. Bank Balances amount to £360: £100 has been paid to Standing. The cost of 15,000 When Peace Comes is £59.7s.8d., not yet paid.

(c) Staff Salaries. The Sec. reported that the Nat.

I Land + Home League had increased Miss Gibson's Salary from Oct for $\frac{1}{2}$ time from 22/6 to 25/-, & proposed that in view of her very satisfactory work, &c, we do the same.

This was agreed to, to date from Oct, 1st pay d. Mr. Herbert. On recommendation of the Comm. Room Com^{ee}, it was agreed to raise her salary to 21/- from 18/6, the C.R. to pay 1/6. This was agreed to.

Mrs. Monk - Charwoman. It was agreed

2. Finance (cont^d)

To pay her at the rate of 6^d an hour in place of 5^d -

3 Lieut. Tulloch's Estate:

- (a) The Secretary reported that the War Office had £35 at his credit. Total cash £123.
- (b) The action of the Secretary taken in accordance with circular letter, re solicitors and administrators was approved.
- (c) It was agreed to recommend the Executive to decide that the belongings (valued about £5) be handed to the relatives, and that the £30 promised to a relative by the deceased before his death be treated as a debt due by the estate.

4. Knigs Hall Lectures.

- (a) Payment to West for superintendence. Reference from Exec. - at his suggestion this was deferred to the end of the course
- (b) Request by Mrs Bridges Adams for permission to give away documents re Russian exiles in the Hall. After debate, agreed that we must maintain our rule that only Fabian literature can be given away in the Hall premises.

5. Reprint of Basis. In reference to suggestion of a new format, it was agreed that for the present the existing one be reprinted.

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6. London Labour Party:

It was agreed to nominate Miss Lawrence for the Executive, to appoint her a delegate to the Annual Conference on Saturday, Nov. 25th, and to refer to the Executive the nomination of 3 other delegates.

It was also agreed that the fee of 39/- for affiliation be paid.

7. Labour Party:

It was agreed to recommend that the following resolution be sent in for the Annual Conference:-

The Prevention of Unemployment.

That in view of the fact that there is only too much probability of masses of men and women finding themselves, after the war, unable to find situations, and that any solution of Industrial Problems (as well as the maintenance of Standard Rates of Wages) will be gravely imperilled by any widespread Unemployment, the Government be pressed to make all necessary preparations in advance in conjunction with Local Authorities so as to put in hand, immediately Peace is assured, sufficient public works of Housing, School-building, necessary re-equipment of the Army and Navy, roadmaking, afforestation and land settlement to enable a situation to be found at the Standard Rate of Wages for every unemployed soldier, sailor, munition worker and discharged workman.

8. United Socialist Council:

Correspondence of the Secretary with J.R. Macdonald was read: indicating his willingness to confine the work of the Council to agreed matters. It was agreed to recommend the Executive to confirm ~~the~~ its resolution to defer action in the matter.

* Unwillingness.

10. French Socialist Party:

- (a) Invitation to International Conference of Entente Countries in March.
- (b) Resolution passed in August.

It was agreed that action on these can only be taken by the Internat. Socialist Bureau, British Section.

10 Compulsory Military Training:

The decisions of the Special Committee and action thereon was reported, viz. that A. Greenwood had been asked and agreed to prepare a report on the subject, and that Mr. Spry had paid the £25.

Approved.

11. Chairs. The Sec. reported that 2 doz were required agreed to buy them.

13. Correspondence

- (a) "Radical Club," New York, (High School Boys & Girls) asking for large grant of literature.
- (b) Greek Socialist Party Manifesto.

It was agreed as to (a) to send a few tracts only

14. Members Meeting. Dec. 15th approved.

15. Gifts. It was agreed to send some books (Wells' Local Govt.) to Rubleben as desired by the B. of Ed., + some tracts to wounded Soldiers.

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23 Nov. 1916

Meeting 23rd November 1916.

Present - Enso (in chair) Webb, West, Miss
Atkinson & the Hon. Sec. also Mrs. Schward

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apology. Dodd: an important engagement

3. Finance:

(a) Accounts. These are balanced to Oct. 31st.

	7 months 1916	7 months 1915	Change in October.
Members' Sub- scriptions.	423	374	up 24
Other "	41	38	" 2
Literature sales gross	250	74	" 32
Book Boxes	19	26	down 4
The Book Box circular is being posted to ^{10,000} 1,000 Trade Union Branches			

(b) King's Hall:

	£	s.	d.
Sales of tickets to Nov. 23 rd .	505	6	0
Expenses to date and refunds.	<u>130</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>
Balance.	£374	9	0

Further receipts and expenditure will probably
approximately balance.

(c) Lieut. Tulloch's Estate:

Since the last report the lawyers write that the
testator possessed £75.11.10 in the P.O. Savings
Bank. Documents have been signed estimating the
total estate at £211. The position may be stated
as follows:-

3. Finances (c) cont.

	£	s.	d.
Goods agreed to be given to survivors	7	0	0
Sum promised before death	30	0	0
Estate duty	1	10	0
Legal charges (doubtful) say	12	10	0
Balance available	<u>160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>£211</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

(d) General position:

After payment of another £100 to Standing his balance due on Oct. 31st was £24. (Last year £324).
 The Bank Balances on Nov. 23rd were £280.
 The only unpaid account is £8 just received for storage of Summer School property.

Tax Report was received.

4. The Labour Party.

(a) Executive. It was agreed to recommend that Webb be re-nominated.

(b) Annual Conference at Manchester, Jan. 23rd. to 26th.

Nominations need not be sent in until Dec. 31st.
 Three Delegates. The following were mentioned as possible selections:

- Webb (as member of the Executive).
- Emil Davies
- Miss Lawrence
- Mrs. Reeves.
- W. S. Sanders
- Harry Snell.

(c) Agenda was submitted, but no amendments were suggested.

(d) *Lieut. Hugh Barr.* Letter read stating he wd. like to be a Labour Party Candidate: also reply from the Sec. Y stating the difficulties. The reply was approved.

Miss Schward.

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5. Conference on War and Food Prices, Central Hall, Westminster, Thursday, December 7th, at 10.30 a.m.
Number of delegates unlimited: fee 2/6d. each. The following were agreed to go:-
Webb, Ensor, West, Miss Atkinson.

b. Society Meetings:

(a) It was agreed to cancel the December Members' Meeting in the absence of business, and not to begin the lectures until January.

(b) The following arrangements were approved:

Jan. 12 A lecture.

" 26 Ensor. Fabianism & Fiscal Question. I.

Feb. 9 Lord Maldane, fixed for The Future of Education.

" 23 Webb. Fabianism & Fiscal Question. II.

March 9 Business Meeting.

" 23 Davies. Fabianism & Fiscal Question. III.

It was agreed that the meeting on Feb. 9th be confined to ticket holders, i.e. members, associates and subscribers.

(c) For the lecture on January 12th, it was agreed to ask:-

1. A. E. Zimmern. Industrial Organisation.
2. Christopher Turner. Agriculture after the War.
3. Kerr. British Empire.

7. Typewriter:

By arrangements of the officials concerned our Bar-lock Typewriter has been given to the National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution and their Oliver has been received in exchange. Formal approval by the Committee is required.

Approved.

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8. Correspondence, etc.

- (a) Danish Socialist Party. Re their joining the Coalition Government.
- (b) American Socialist Party. Re recent election.
- (c) French Socialist Party. Invitation to their National Conference.
- (d) Eugenics Education Society. Request for use of our list of members.
- (e) Eleventh National Peace Conference. Two delegates required.

(a) + (b) were noted.

(c) Polite letter of refusal to be sent

(d) A discussion took place on arrangements for allowing the use of our list, but no decision was arrived at

(e) no action.

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8 Dec. 1916

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Meeting 8th Decr 1916.

Present Ensor (in chair) Miss Atkinson, Well
West + the Hon. Sec.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies, Dodd, Bichning

3. Finance.

The following report was submitted + received:-

(a) The accounts are nearly completed to Nov. 30th. There are no unpaid bills.

	1916 8 mths.	1915 8 mths.	Variation in Nov.
(b) Subscriptions from Members.	455	402	up 4
Other subscriptions	47	38	" 6
Book Boxes	22	38	down 10
Advertisements	7	9	" 1

(c) The Bank Balances on 30th Nov. were £270

4- King's Hall Lectures:

(a) <u>Final Statement Account:</u>	£	s.	d.
Cash received	515	9	0
" due	1	0	0
	516	9	0
Expenses including refunds	134	3	6
Surplus	£382	5	6

(b.) Payment to West. It was agreed to pay him £3.

4. Kings Hall Lectures (contd.)

(4) On a proposal from Webb that part of the profits be allocated to a publication it was agreed to recommend the Exec:-

That out of the profits of the Kings Hall lectures, L. S. Woolf be offered £100 to prepare a volume on International Trade, & that the Research Dep^t be asked to appoint a Committee to supervise its preparation.

5. Society Lectures

- (a) Trevelyan's Report on arrangements as published in Fabian news was approved.
- (b) On application for a ticket for Haldane's lecture from H. A. Day, it was agreed that tickets be given to members, subscribers & associates only.
- (c) The title of the course, "Fabianism & the Fiscal Question" was criticised, but no alternative was adopted.

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6 Paris Socialist Conference:

- (a) The Secretary invited Harben to be delegate. His reply explains that he cannot.
- (b) Courteous letter from the French Parti Socialiste.

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7. The Circular to Trade Union Branches:

About 5,000 are posted out of 10,000.
Some orders for Book Boxes are coming in and a few for "When Peace Comes."

8. Organising & Propaganda Committee business:

In order to avoid holding a purely formal meeting of this Committee, the Secretary submits the following:-

- (a) Election of Candidates in December News, 9:
last year 7.
- (b) Resignations:
 - Dr. J. E. Esslemont, Bournemouth. Last sub. 10/3d. Jan. 1915. Emphatic.
 - Miss Candler, Bexhill, Last sub. 10/-, Jan. 1916. Pacivist.
 - Miss Wagstaff, Acton, 5/-, 1914. Emphatic.
- (c) Rev. R. J. Campbell and G. C. Beresford written to on 23rd and 20th Nov. re long arrears, have not replied.

Since resigned

Two candidates were elected. The resignations together with that of Mrs Townsend were accepted. The two defaulters ordered to be taken out of the list.

*Julius [unclear]
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(Since resigned)

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Meeting 11th Jan: 1917.

Present West (in chair), Webb, Dodd & Hon. Sec.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies, Enns, at work.
3. Grant to officers. On the minutes, Item 4th was re-considered, & it was agreed to recommend the Exec. to make a grant of 30/- to Miss Thomas & Howell for services at the Six Kings Hall lectures.

4. Finance.

(a) The Secy reported the accounts balanced to 30th Nov, & nearly complete to Dec. 31st. No unpaid bills exceeding 20/- were outstanding except some about to be paid, for which cheques for signature were presented.

(b) Report to Dec. 31st.

	9 mths. 1916.	9 mths. 15.	Change in Dec.
Members' subscriptions	519	477	up 14
Other "	59	39	" 10
Book Boxes	57	48	" 7

Bank Balances January 10th about £350, including £125 allocated for publications.

4. Finance (cont'd)

(c) Tarlec reported that

A sum will be put on deposit when the rest of the Tulloch Estate comes in.

approved.

(d) Grant to Research Department:

Letter from Shaw asking that a grant of £100 from the King's Hall Lectures be made to the Research Department. Reply indicating what has been done

was ordered to be sent to him.

5. Tulloch Estate:

The Secretary reported two thirds of the Estate actually received; and that Messrs. Burt were consulting an uncle of the testator as to the proposed further benefaction to the family. Arrangements as to the disposal of the final balance were deferred.

6. Cellar Flooding:

The Secretary was authorised to expend not more than £10 on a plan to prevent this.

7. The candidates (2) for January were elected.

8. Shaw's proposed Manifesto:

It was agreed to recommend that Shaw be invited to move at the next Members' Meeting that a Committee be appointed to consider and report on a new constitution for the Empire including the question of the substitution of a president for the hereditary monarch.

9. Correspondence.

The following was submitted :-

- (a) Fabian Club, Boston, asking to be put on our list. *agreed*
- (b) London Labour Party Conference. Report.
- (c) Women's International Council of Socialists, etc.
Resolution re aims of war. *Report etc.*
- (d) International Socialist Bureau. Papers on Belgian
Deportations.
- (e) Belgian Socialist Party. Resolutions.

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Com^{ee} Meeting 9th Feb. 1917
Present Ensor (in chair) Webb + Hon Sec.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Dodd, ill, West away, Miss Atkinson.

3. Finance:

(a) Report on 10 months to Jan. 31st.

	1917	1916	<u>Change in Jan.</u>
Members' Subscriptions	661	623	down 3.
Other "	80	52	up 7
Book Boxes	60	54	up 14

Bank Balances to Jan. 31st, £427.

Tulloch Estate, in hand £101, and £65 still to come from the War Office.

Standring's a/c. only £13 to Jan. 31st.

(b) The accounts are balanced to Dec. 31st, and there are no outstanding accounts exceeding 20/-

(c) Our 5% Exchequer Bonds. Letter from Davies concurring in the Secretary's opinion that the £155 Bonds held by us should not be ~~renewed~~ converted.

(d) Miss Brook, office-girl. Ten Sec. reported she has been at work since Sep 26, & was very satisfactory. It was agreed to increase her wages from 10/- to 12/6-

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

COPY of LETTER from MR. J. A. TULLOCH, in reply to our letter
to Messrs. A. & W. Burt.

14, Buchanan Street,
Dunfermline.
9th Jan., 1917.

Edward R. Pease, Esq.,
Hon. Secretary,
The Fabian Society,
London.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 29th ult. to my niece - Mrs. C. Richardson, Cowdenbeath, has been handed to me as also yours of 19th ult. to Messrs. A. & W. Burt, Solicitors of this town.

Enclosed please find acknowledgment of the cheque for Thirty Pounds (£30) drawn in favour of my sister, Miss M. Tulloch.

From the tone of your letter to Messrs. Burt you seem to consider the present case rather an uncommon one. A few further details, to those previously supplied, may be of interest to you and may suggest a way out of the difficulty as to the best disposal of the sum you have so generously returned from Lieut. Tulloch's estate.

My nephew was an exceptionally honourable and upright man in all his dealings but he was very reserved in speaking about his affairs. Although closely connected with his monetary matters for a long time I can only surmise the reason he had for leaving his small belongings as he did. He was the youngest of the family and early evincing a studious cast of mind his parents decided to make him a teacher. His father was a factory operative - not a highly paid occupation - but his income was regular and both he and his wife were thrifty Scotch folks and in course of time a few hundred pounds stood at their credit. William's prospects were often the subject of talk in the family and it was well known that part of the parents' savings were to be used in enabling William to attend the Normal College, after his pupil teacher apprenticeship was completed. William had a higher ambition than merely to pass the usual sessions at the College for he longed to get to the University.

Just as his College curriculum was passed and his parents had decided to allow him a session or two at the University, they both took ill and died. In an ordinary course the parents' savings would naturally have been divided amongst the members of the family, but they, knowing their parents' wishes in the matter agreed to allow him to use what would have been their share along with his own while staying for at least two years at the Edinburgh University. Confirmation was taken out by a

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young sister as Executrix Dative, (the parents having died intestate and the brother being in India). The total personal property was put under my care to disburse; in January 1910 it amounted to £218 and after two years it was reduced to £90. Besides paying his living expenses during that time it had also been decided to pay Mrs. C. Richardson her share, in full, amounting to £45 which sum was handed to her in November 1911. With a very strong desire to remain another year at the University he readily got his brother and sister's consent. He obtained some tutoring to do while at his studies, the fees from which helped him somewhat. At the end of his third year he saw his way pretty straight before him to sit for his final examination and this he did in his fourth year with the result that he passed with honours.

Still there was a balance of his parents' savings - It must be confessed they had been carefully used and guarded. - From the balance, £20 was paid to his brother ~~and his brother's~~ ~~and his brother's~~ (who is in a good position), and the remainder, £25, was paid over to him, part of which he decided to send to his younger sister. When he most required help she was a teacher with a very good salary, who was not exacting. Now she is the wife of a "frontiersman" in Alberta with a daughter of her own. In his letter to me acknowledging the final disbursement made to him I think he gave a very good clue to what his ideal was to be and I have no doubt had he been spared he would have carried it out in its entirety. "When these details have been dismissed I shall feel myself secure in at least one brick of the foundation of a life which I hope and believe will be well worth living."

I am,

Yours very truly,
(Signed) JAS. TULLOCH.

COPY of Reply to above Letter.

Jas. Tulloch, Esq.,
Dunfermline.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt for the thirty pounds sent to Miss Tulloch. I am obliged to you for your full and interesting account of the affairs of the late Lieut. Tulloch, which I will communicate in due course to my Committee.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) EDW. R. PEASE.

3. Finance (contd.)

(e) Labour Party Annual Report. Offer of advt. page for £4. It was understood that the Research Dep^t. would take $\frac{1}{2}$ page, & it was agreed that we take the other $\frac{1}{2}$ page.

(f) Woolf's book on International Trade. The Secy reported that negotiations carried on wth Webb were now concluded, & Woolf agreed to do the book for £100, with books to be purchased for his use to ~~be~~^{an} amount not exceeding £15. Draft agreement was submitted & with one amendment, approved & ordered to be sent him for his approval.

4. Tulloch Estate: On references from the Executive

(a) That the Committee be instructed to make enquiries and report whether any and if so what further amount should be offered to the relatives by way of educating a child or otherwise.

Copy of Letter from J. A. Tulloch annexed.

It was agreed that this discloses no case for the action contemplated, & that no further reply be sent until the disposition of the estate has been settled

4. Tulloch Estate (contd.)

- (b) That the Committee be directed to consider and report whether to any and if so, to what, special purpose the capital sum or the interest thereof should be devoted, e.g. (1) a memorial publication, or, (2) the endowment (temporary or otherwise) of an annual lecture in Scotland, or (3) something else for the benefit of Scotch Fabianism, or (4) a prize to teachers, or (5) anything else.

This was discussed, & it was agreed to refer to Mr & Mrs Webb to draft scheme or alternative schemes for the use of the money.

- (c) The Secy was directed to apply for £150 War Loan as an investment of the Estate.

5. Shaw's "Manifesto."

Letter from him cordially approving the proposals of the Executive, sending a re-drafted resolution of reference for the Committee, and suggesting that the subject would be suitable for Autumn King's Hall Lecture Course, and for the Summer School.

6. April - June Lectures:

April 6 . . . Good Friday.
April 20 or 27. A Lecture.
May 11 Annual Meeting.
May 25 A Lecture.

Suggestions:-

Shaw on his tour at the Front.

Unused suggestions: A.E. Zimmerman - Industrial Organisation.

Christopher Turnor - Agriculture after the War.

H. P. Kerr - British Empire.

(b) Lectures (contd.)

It was agreed to ask Shaw to lecture on his experiences at the Front on April 20 or 27 & A. E. Zimmerman on Industrial Organisation after the War on any similar subject!

7. International Socialist Conference of Allied Nations fixed for Paris in March. F.S. entitled to send two delegates.

It was stated that the date was fixed for March 13th. It was intimated that Mr & Mrs Webb, & Sanders were prepared to go, & the matter was left for further enquiries. It was thought that Webb might get a Labour Party Delegation.

8. Letter to New Members.

This was allowed early in the War to go out of print, for the sake of economy. It was agreed to reprint, & Webb undertook to consider revision.

9. Membership.

- (a) Candidates in January News for election, G, (last year G). *Selected.*
- (b) G. C. Beresford, struck off, has paid up.

10. Chairman for Haldane - Webb.

11. Correspondence

- (a) Andreas Boje, sending volume of 168 pp. in Danish, "The German S.D. Party before and under the Present War", and asking us to arrange for its translation and publication (at a small royalty !)
- (b) F.L. Kehrbahn, a member, (the hunchbacked German who escaped from interment). Appeal for defence fund.
- (c) R.F. Marsh (Cork) announcing he has made a will leaving £100 to the F.S.
- (d) B. Lasker, now Editor of The Survey of New York, asking to be put on Free List, etc.

(a) Agreed to refer to Allen + Unwin

(b) No action

(c) Noted

(d) Put on ~~Free~~ Exchange List.

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Committee Meeting 22nd Feby 1917.
Present Welch (in chair) Miss Alkenson, Dodd
West & the Hon Sec.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Finance:- Report presented:-

- (a) The accounts are balanced to Jan. 31st. There are no bills outstanding exceeding 20/-.
- (b) Tulloch Estate. The balance from the War Office has been received, and is £7 in excess of amount previously advised.

The account stands as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Mat Balance previously in hand.	101	8	0
Received from War Office.		72	19 5
		<u>174</u>	<u>7 5</u>
Invested in £150.5% War Loan at 95.		142	10 0
Balance in Bank.		<u>31</u>	<u>17 5</u>
		<u>174</u>	<u>7 5</u>

(c) Bank Balances: Feb. 20th. £386.

(d) Position at end of Financial Year:

It is only possible at present to form a rough estimate, but it appears that on Jan. 31st, 1916, our cash liabilities exceeded cash assets by £280 and on Jan. 31st, 1917, cash assets exceeded cash liabilities by £343. As the ordinary receipts of February and March plus £50 from Brimley sufficed to clear all cash liabilities, a cash balance of £570 may be anticipated. Of this £32 belongs to the Tulloch Estate, £115 is allocated to Woolf, and £25 belongs to the Spry Fund, total £172.

It is unnecessary to decide now, but probably the best plan would be to create a Publications Reserve of £300 or £400, including these allocated amounts.

(e) A question of a Special Subscription.

The Report was reviewed & on (e) it was agreed to take no action.

3. Tulloch Estate.

- (a) It was agreed to invest the balance in War Loan.
- (b) Draft schemes submitted by Webb.

It is suggested that (without binding ourselves as to the future) we should aim at (a) a permanent memorial; (b) which should in some way be connected with Scotland; and (c) also with teachers. Two suggestions commend themselves, viz:-

(i) An annual or biennial Tulloch Essay, on some subject connected with Socialism, to be prescribed a long time in advance, and thrown open to all teachers, or to ~~Scottish~~ Scottish teachers only; which might be read publicly at a joint meeting of the Scottish Fabian Societies; and published by us.

(ii) An annual or biennial Tulloch Lecture, to be delivered at the Edinburgh University Fabian Society or at a joint meeting of ~~Scottish~~ Scottish Fabian Societies; and published by us.

As the available income will only be about £8 a year the funds are not really sufficient to allow of anything being done annually. But £16 every other year might be an adequate sum.

The Tulloch Essay would have the advantages of (a) securing a widespread advertisement of the F.S. in the press and among teachers' organisations; (b) setting to work a number of competitors (c) possibly producing some papers of value. But with only £16 to offer, it is speculative.

The Tulloch Lecture might be of more certain use to the Scottish Fabian Societies, which are represented as needing the stimulus of the visits of leading Socialists. But it has the drawback of being rather in the nature of a gift to ourselves in turn.

after discussion the Com^{ee} agreed to report that they were unable to recommend either of these & that they were disposed to prefer

3. Tulloch Est. (cont?)

III. The preparation of a book or books, if such can be arranged.
agreed to

IV. They also report the suggestion that part of the income should be used to give a week's hospitality at the Summer School to a Scotch student.
agreed to

Finally the Committee report that an immediate decision is not imperative.

4. International Conference at Paris beginning March 13th.

(a) Formal invitation was submitted.

(b) It was agreed that it is important to send 2 delegates, if it can be done free of expense to the Society.

(c) The only names suggested as possibly willing to attend were Sanders, Middleton, and Harben, who is in Paris.

as Mr. & Mrs. Webb found they could not go.

5. Social Lectures.

April 20. Sec. reported that Shaw declined & A. R. Zimmern accepted. Of the several titles he offered very preferred Socialism + Nationality.

May 11. Annual Meeting

.. 25 a Lecture, left open.

b. Woolf Volume. It was reported that he accepted our draft agreement, & it was ordered to be signed

3. Finance (c) Cost?

In view of the superfluity of cash, and in order to simplify accounts, the Secretary proposes that this royalty be paid, and the balance written off. Sales at present are slow, but are fairly sure to continue. *agreed*

(d) Summer School A/c.

The profit for the session 1916 was £80, and the credit balance of the account will be about £90. In order not to make our balance appear too large it is proposed not to write off anything for postages this year, with the result that the balance will appear as a debt to the School. *agreed.*

(e) Circularisation of Book Boxes, etc.

	£	s.	d.	
Cost of postage	19	19	4	paid by F.S.
Cost of addressing	8	14	6	" " Research Dept.
	<u>28</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>	

agreed to ask the Research Dept. to pay one third.

(f) Another Legacy.

Letter from G. C. Hearn, Solicitor, Glasgow, stating that Captain Hugh Barr, M.B., R.A.M.C., who died of wounds on February 27th, left by his will £100 "to the Fabian Society". The money will not be paid very soon.

(g) Legacies, etc. in Fabian News. Draft paragraph *was ordered* to be submitted *to the Executive.*

(h) Situation at end of year.

Owing to decline in subscriptions, an unexpectedly large payment (£56) found due to the Research Department, and the absence of a special subscription, the estimate now stands as follows: -

3. Finance (Contd)

(h)(cont'd)	Cash in hand	£ 495	
	Estimated Takings 8 working days	40	
	Rents due	<u>37 3 11</u>	572
	<u>Due</u>		
	Rent	62 10 0	
	Pease 3 months	18 0 0	
	" Royalties	18 15 0	
	Tulloch Est. Invest.	31 17 5	
	Standing	37 3 11	
	Essex Hall	18 18 0	
	Petty Cash	20 0 0	
	Research Dept.	<u>56 8 1</u>	261
	Estimated Clear Credit Balance		£ 311

The Secy reported that Standing a/c was £46 + not as stated & that further sums of £8.2. + £5. payable by the Society had been found. It was agreed that the amount

(i) King's Hall Lecture 22z.A/c.

The credit balance is £388. Proposal to transfer £250 or £300 to deposit a/c. as a Publications Reserve, and charge it to this a/c. and the Spry a/c.

It was agreed to invest whatever sum is available in 5% War Loan.

4. International Socialist Conference at Paris.

(a) Wire and letter from French Socialists that the Conference has been cancelled.

(b) Letter from Shaw. *Noted.*

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5. Labour Party Conference on Electoral Reform, March 20th.

The notice of this was not sent us in proper time for a Committee. The Secretary decided to appoint Miss Smith and himself, who duly attended: fees 5/-

approved.

6. Society Lecture.

For the open date, May 25th, a lecture on Food Restrictions or on Russia was suggested.

7. Boje's Book on German Social-Democracy.

Allen & Unwin decline to publish because the story is still incomplete:

It was agreed to take no further action.

8. Empire Reconstruction:

It was agreed to insert in Fabian News a notice asking for names of members willing to work at -

- (a) The method of getting a head of the State.
- (b) The constitution of a Second Chamber, if any.
- (c) A constitution for the British Empire.

The Secy reported that G. H. Corner desired to serve on the Council

9. Executive Election:

The Secretary reported that there would be no contest. Ratcliffe (from whom he had not heard) had been nominated in place of Allen.

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LIST OF 56 MEMBERS WHOSE ADDRESS IS LOST.

A number after the subscription signifies the total number
subscriptions paid.

A. F. Barnes	1913	7/6.	2.
J. F. H. Beddow	1909	10/-	1.
J. F. Benison	1909	Local	F.S.
M. Beer	1914.	5/-	1.
Mrs. Best	1915	15/-	1.
W. J. Bingham	1912	Local	F.S.
F. Bowman	1908	Do.	
Dr. R. Broda	1910	5/-	3.
Miss B. Bunting	1908	2/6	7. paid
Mrs. Bernard Campbell	1911	Husband	off.
F. P. Clark	1906	£2.2s.	pd. 1912.
C.B. Clark	1913	Local	F.S.
Mrs. Walter Coates	1909	Husband	off.
T. Coggoshall	1913	5/-	1.
Miss L. Cunningham	1905	6/-	1914.
Miss F.E. Daw	1910	5/-	3.
Ashley Dukes	1906	10/-	1910
J. C. Fowlger	1885	2/-	1911.
R. Gleadhill	1909	6/-	1.
F. H. Grigsby	1909	7/6	1914.
Mrs. Hartog	1913	5/-	1.
H. Stanley Jevons	1912	20/-	1.
Rev. C. Lester Johnson	1913	3/6	2.
Tudor Jones	1913	5/-	1.
Rev. W.E. Kilduff	1913	10/-	2.
Ralph Knight	1908	5/-	1912.
M. Loewenberg	1914	Local	F.S.
J. S. Messent	1911	7/6	1.
Jas. Montgomerie	1910	21/-	1913.
Miss E. L. Moss	1914	10/-	1.
C. S. Nielsen	1893	5/-	1911.
Mrs. K. L. North	1905	10/-	1914.
C. E. Oakley	1908	4/-	1914.
W. L. Paino	1913	22/-	1.
K. M. Panniker	1915	Oxford	U.F.S.
Miss B. Paul	1913	10/-	1.
Will Pearson	1911	20/-	1914.
W. Piercy	1910		3.
Miss W. Porter	1909		3.
T. Quayle	1913	London	U.F.S.

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Rowland A. Richards	1890	7/6	1913.
H. Ridpeth	1912	21/-	2.
Rev. J. D. Roberts	1913	7/6	1.
David Robertson	1911	21/-	3.
Mrs. Chas. Robertson	1913	20/-	3.
Charles Robertson	1913	20/-	2.3
Guy C. Robson	1910	10/6	3.
Countess Russell	1907	10/6	1913.
Miss Eleanor Saunders	1911	10/-	3.
Miss Gilderoy Scott	1908	5/-	1910
H. E. Seed	1914	Bocal	F.S.
S. D. Shallard	1893	5/-	1911
Jas. G. Stewart	1912	Birm.	U.F.S.
Rev. Odell Zuka Tribe	1909	10/-	1913.
H. Hill Trenery	1914	10/-	1.
Miss Leila Watt	1890	7/6	1909
Miss M.J. White	1913	5/-	1.
E. P. Wilkinson	1914	Local	F.S.
William Wilkinson	1915	10/6	1.
Miss W. H. Wortham	1906	5/-	5.

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LIST OF MEMBERS TO BE STRUCK OFF.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last. Sub.</u>	
Baldwin, H.	Tonbridge	1908	Ilford F.S.	
Baptista, Joseph	Bombay	1898	1913 Pd. in 1910.	
Beatty, Miss	Ealing	1907	5/- 1911	
Beatty, Mrs. Pakenham	"	1907	10/- 1913	
Brettell, F.G.	Birmingham	1908	10/6 1911	
Burfield, Albert	New Cross	1908	21/- 1912	
Craig, W.	Leek	1895	2/- 1912	
Davidson, R.H.	China	1913	5/- 1913	
Dawson, T.	Kennington	1911	7/6 1912	
Driver, Sydney	Colchester	1898	2/6 1911	Retained
Edmonds, H.E.	W.C.	1910	21/- 1912	
Elvin, H. H.	Westcliffe	1914	5/- 1914	paid
Fabian, Miss E.	N.W.	1914	6/- 1914	
Farley, R.A.	Golder's Green	1907	20/- 1912	
Groom, Tom	?	1895	10/- 1909	
Hardy, E.C.	Leyton	1911	2/6 1912	
Harris, Joseph A.	Barnsley	1902	5/- 1910	
Holding, Miss E.B.	Letchworth	1908	5/- 1911	
Hinley, Miss M.A.	Dulwich	1911	10/- 1913	
Goodman, E.	New York	1911	10/- 1913	
Hill Louis A.	? E.C.	1908	7/3 1914	address lost.
Ingle, Wm.	Cork	1908	10/6 1912	
Jackson, Holbrook	Mill Hill	1904	10/6 1913	
Jermyn, Col. T.	Weston -s-M.	1913	£2.2s. 1913	Resigned & paid
Jones, E. Furnivall	Barnet	1903	10/6 1913.	
Jones, Miss W.M.	Yerks	1910	15/- 1914	paid
Jordan, Miss E.	N.W.	1913	5/- 1913	
Kerr, H.D.	Chichester	1893	7/6 1911	paid
Kennedy, Wm.	S.W.	1913	10/6 1913	
Lawrence, A.H.	Chesterfield	1904	2/6 1913	
Letzon, Miss L.W.	Holloway	1910	5/- 1913	
Lunn, W.	Leeds	1893	5/- 1912	
McClare, H.	Essex	1903	10/6 1913	paid
Mahany, Mrs.	Brixton	1914	10/- 1914	paid
Maheshway, L.L.	India	1909	5/- 1913	
Mansfield, Miss	Croydon	1911	5/- 1912	
Moore, Mrs.	Dulwich	1908	2/6 1913	
Nivet, Miss	Trinidad	1911	£3 1912	
Oakeshott, Harold	Elmers End	1891	25/- 1911	
Oakeshott, Mrs.	"	1909	- -	
O'Grady, Jas., M.P.		1898	5/- 1907	
Ould, H. R.	Herne Hill	1906	10/6 1912	paid & resigned
Palin Gurdon	Waxington			
	Wallington	1907	30/- 1914	paid & resigned.
Parfitt, J. B.	Reading	1907	10/- 1914	paid
Paton, Miss A.M.	W.C.	1914	5/- 1914	
Peacock, Miss Finlay	Finchley	1908	5/- 1914	
Pell, Miss F.J.	N.	1906	5/- 1913	

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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	
Perry, Miss L.E.	Leytonstone	1912	7/6	1913.
Pick, Miss M.	Rossshire	1912	5/-	1914.
Pickering, Rev. E.	Belfast	1905	5/-	1914.
Peacock, Miss E.	W.	1903	3/6	1914.
Popp, V.C.	Queensland	1913	7/6	1913.
Rankin, Miss A.	Essex	1907	5/-	1913.
Reade, S.C.	Sydney	1908	5/-	1913.
Reeve, Geo.	Catford	1894	1/-	1911.
Reeves, Miss B.	S.W.	1907	10/-	1912.
Rodger, J.	Scotland	1902	6/8	1914.
Rowland, Grafton	Finchley	1914	21/-	1914.
Rowland, Miss	"	1914	21/-	1914.
Russell, Miss E.H.	Dulwich	1914	10/-	1914
Saunders, J.W.	Liverpool	1911	5/-	1914.
Sawyer, W.E.	Ealing	1913	10/-	1913.
Shone, J.F.	St. Margaret's	1911	5/-	1914.
Simmons, T.B.	Dulwich	1906	2/6	1910.
Skelton, Robert	Ceylon	1909	21/-	1913.
Spink, Miss W.V.	W.C.	1912	5/-	1914.
Stebbing, Mrs.	N.	1911	5/-	1914.
Stockdale, Miss	S. Africa	1911	5/-	1914.
Stratton, Mrs. J.E.	S.E.	1906	10/6	1913.
Slaughan, Mrs. E.	Hythe	1912	10/6	1912.
Swingland, C.	S.E.	1907	20/-	1913.
Thayer, Miss	W.	1914	5/-	1914.
Thomas, Miss M.	Walthamstow	1908	5/-	1912.
Thorne, P.C.L.	Isleworth	1911	10/-	1914.
Townsend, Mrs. P.	W.	1912	5/-	1914.
Vaughan, Dr. Marion	S.W.	1907	10/-	1912.
Vernall, H.H.	Essex	1913	10/-	1913.
Ward, Miss J.	W.	1912	5/-	1913.
Watkins, Alan	W.	1908	10/-	1914.
Welsh, L.	E.	1912	?	
Whelen, F.	N.W.	1892	21/-	1910.
Wilson, Miss M.	S.W.	1912	5/-	1914.
Wissotzky, A.	Hampstead	1914	10/-	1914.
Wissotzky, Mrs.	"	"	10/-	"
Withers, W.	W.	1909	?	
Wolff, Stefan	N.W.	1914	10/-	1914.
Wyley, D.H.F.	E.C.	1910	21/-	1912.

Associates.

Burrows, Major E.	Pentonville	1913	10/-	1913.
Ettlinger, J.	N.W.	1910	10/-	1914.
Sarabhai, Miss A.	India.	1914	10/-	1914.
Simson, Mrs. Lena	Ashwell W.	1913	20/-	1914.
Tomlinson, Mrs. J.R.	Cheshire	1912	10/-	1914.
Tyrrell, Miss A.H.	W.C.	1911	10/6	1914.
Westwood, Miss E.H.	U.S.A.	1911	9/4	1914.

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10. Correspondence.

- (a) Mrs. Reade presenting Rothenstein process portrait of G.B.S.
 - (b) War Emergency Comm^{ee}. asking opinion on the New Statesman Sugar purchases schemes.
 - (c) Central Conference on Pensions (Lansbury & others) Saturday, March 24th. Asking delegates: fee 1/-
 - (d) London Trades Council. Conference on Industrial Conscription, Saturday March 31st, asking delegates; fee 2/-
 - (e) Ben Turner Testimonial.
 - (f) *National Socialist Party, Conference on Food, Nat. Service, Russia on Wed April 14.*
- (a) + (e) were noted, + the others referred to the Exec. for volunteers.

11. Organising & Propaganda Comm^{ee}. Business.

(taken with the authority of the Chairman thereof).

- (a) Election of March candidates.
- (b) List of 60 members "address lost" to be struck off, annexed.
- (c) List of 87 members and 7 associates to whom the Secretary has written stating that they will be struck off in default of reply, and who have not replied, annexed.
- (d) Resignations, etc.
 Miss Gertrude Cohn: only subs. 2/- in 1913. In Amsterdam. Letter about her.
 A. Kemp Brown. 5/- in 1916. Pacifist.
 Bower Marsh. Member since 1891. 21/- in 1916. No reason.
 Mrs. Theodore Wright. Husband subscribed.

- (a) *The members candidates were elected.*
- (b) *Sundry addresses were given + letters ordered to be sent.*
- (c) *Sidney Driver was ordered to be kept on.*
- (d) *March was ordered to be written to, Miss Cohn kept on, Brown accepted, + Mrs Wright struck off.*

Julius Rose 4/5/17

Meeting 4th May 1917.
Present, West (in chair) Miss Atkinson, Webb
Dodd & Hon. Sec.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Finance: The following report was received:-

(a) The auditors have not been able to start the audit yet.

(b) Report on month:

	1917	1916
Members' subscriptions	88	86
Other "	8	6
Book Boxes	7	3

(c) Bank Balances on April 1st were £45: on May 1st £100.
The only account payable is £40-5s. for rates.

(d) The balance to April 30th is nearly finished.

3. Staff Salaries. Reference from the Executive to determine a War-Bonus to the Staff.

It was agreed that the Bonus be 20 per cent for the Clerical Staff to date from the beginning of the financial year, making:-

Howell	50/-	Bonus	10/-
Miss Thomas	40/-	..	8/-
Miss Gibson	25/-	..	5/-
Miss Brooker	12/6	..	2/6

Half time

4. Com^{ee} on Empire Reconstruction. It was agreed that the Com^{ee} consist of the Executive Committee with G.B. Shaw, H. Duncan Hall, H. S. Corner, & D.W. Caddick: that Mr. Hall be asked to suggest a day, a Tuesday or Friday if possible, & at some hour preferably early in the afternoon.

5. Lecture of Sanders. It was agreed that in the event of his failure to lecture, Ratchiffe be invited to lecture on America, & if he can't, that West & Maude be asked to speak on Russia.

6. Process-portrait of Shaw.

The proposal of the Common Room Committee that a new frame be procured for the picture presented to the Society & Mrs. Reade was rejected.

7. Chairman for Annual Meeting
Agreed to ask Aylmer Maude

over.

8 Membership:

(a) Report on March "purge".

56 members "address lost."

1 has written and paid. Several have been communicated with, but nothing has yet resulted.

86 ordered to be struck off.

10 have paid and been re-placed.

2 " " " resigned.

1 in Russia has replied and been replaced.

(b) Election of May candidates.

(c) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Bacharach, A.L.	London	1909	7/6 1916.	None.
Benson, T.D.	Manchester	1896	£2. 1917.	Poverty. <i>Reinstated Aug 17</i>
Davis, Miss Dora	Blackheath	1908	5/- 1915.	None.
French, J.J.	Isleworth	1913	21/- 1916.	Not a Socialist
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Sopote, M.	Oxford	1910	5/- 1915.	See letter.
Palin, Gurdon	London.		Reply to final letter.	
Jermyn, Col.	Weston.		Reply to final letter.	

(d) New list for expulsion:

Cardiff U.F.S. Dead and nothing ever paid.

Jones, J. E. Address lost.

Johns John, B.B. Written to.

McCulloch, R.A. Address lost.

Sheffield U.F.S. state that they disaffiliated a year ago.

5 members taken out.

(e) The following 15 were written to on April 27th and should be taken out in default of reply:-

Adkins, Miss E. ¹⁹¹¹	Coventry F.S.	dead.	No sub recorded.
Anderson, R.D.	Lee	1909.	21/- 1912.
Baker, Miss B.M.	Bristol	1910	21/- 1913.
Bradley, W.J.	Leytonstone	1912	10/- 1913.
Burrage, Cyril	Beaconsfield	1901	5/- 1912.

8 (cont.)

List of Defaulters (cont.)

Cocksedge, H.E.	Cheshire	1908	20/-	1913.	
Elder, James	W.L.C.	1908	20/-	1913.	paid
Giesler, C.F.R.	Wood Green	1914	5/-	1914.	
Griffin, J.D.	Nottingham	1910	15/-	1913.	paid
Hall, W.	Leytonstone	1912	5/-	1913.	
Henriksson, Fritz	Wimbledon	1908	20/-	1913.	
Ireland, W.	Cumberland	1912	20/-	1913.	
Jowett, Rev. Hardy	China	1912	5/-	1913.	
MacGregor, G.	Kirkaldy	1897	7/6d.	1913.	
Wolf, E.S.	E.C.	1912	20/-	1913.	

The resignations were accepted, & the defaulters ordered to be dealt with as proposed.

9. Correspondence:

- a. Private Henry Thomas, R.A.M.C., late of ~~AMEX~~ Cardiff U.F.S., now at Poona, asking gift of Fabian literature.
- # b. Free Library of Pennsylvania, asking to be on Free List.
- c. Party Socialiste Paris re documents.
- d. London Labour Party, asking sub. to Circular.
- e. London Russian Socialist Group. Circulars.
 - (a) Miss Atkinson promised to send new Statestmanis
 - (b) Yes. (c) none to send. (d) Subscribe 1/- for a year (e) noted.

10. Chairman for annual meeting. Maude.

Julius Rose
28/1/17

Meeting 25th May 1917.

Present. West (in chair) & the Hon. Sec.

Also Dr. Fairfield.

Apologies, Miss Alison Todd, Welch, Snell, Davies.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. The election of a permanent chairman was deferred.

3. ~~The~~ Finance. The following report was received:-

- (a) Audit not yet started. The Report is being completed without waiting for it.
- (b) The accounts are balanced to April 30th.
- (c) There are no outstanding bills exceeding 20/-
- (d) Bank Balances on April 24th (owing to receipt of special subscription of £100) are £209.

4. United Socialist Council of L.L.P. & B.S.P.

Invitation to Conference at Leeds on Russia on June 3rd. Resolved not to accept.

5. Chairman for Sanders.

Agreed to settle before the meeting.

6.

Membership:

- (a) Two of the last list of defaulters, James Elder and J. D. Griffin, have paid.
- (b) Resignations:
Richard Higgs: 1898. Paid £2.2.0 May 1917. Out of sympathy.
- (c) Address Lost:
Thomas Tarleton. 1915. 5/- only 1915.

Resignation accepted, + member struck off.

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Correspondence:

Alfred Hicks desiring alteration of day of meeting.
 Dan Griffiths Fund. Appeal for C.O.
 London Labour Party. Circular on Food Crisis.

The first was rejected, & no action taken on the others.

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Meeting 21st September 1917.

Present Welch (in the chair) Dodd, Innes, Snell,
& the Hon. Secy. Also Dr. Fairfield
Blizard & Middleton

1. ~~The~~ Welch was elected temporary chairman
2. The minutes were read & Confirmed
3. Welch was elected Chairman of the Com^{tee}.
4. Apologies. Davies - hour too early - West in Petrograd.

5. Finance:-

- (a) The accounts, owing to the audit and holidays, are only balanced to July 31. There are no unpaid bills.
- (b) The audit is done, but report from auditor awaits his return from holiday.
- (c) Subscriptions to Aug. 31st, 2412 (including 'G.B.S. £100). Last year, £313.
- (d) King's Hall Lectures:
Receipts £119. Expended £71.
- (e) Summer School:

Receipts for session	2939
Expenditure to date	
	2456
Accounts due, say	250
	703

Est. profit £233.

5) cont.

(f) Russian Delegates' Reception:

Loan	£20
Repaid on a/c. 10	

An account was submitted showing £10 due to F.S., £5 to R.S.P. & £3 to E.R.P.: Balance in hand £6.4.7. Deficit £11.15.5, towards which £5 was promised. Agreed to await further developments.

(g) West's Delegation to Petrograd:

Voted	£100
His a/c. Advanced	£70
Repaid	2 14 3
Net cost	£67 5 9

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(h) Empire Reconstruction Com^{tee}. The Secy reported that H. Duncan Hall wrote he was at liberty to do work on the Report of this Com^{tee}. After discussion it was agreed that Welch write Hall

I. Asking him to undertake the Spry Report on Military Training

II Proposing to him to undertake the Empire R. Report for a suitable remuneration, &

III That the Empire R. Com^{tee} be informed that the Finance Com^{tee} are prepared to recommend that the necessary funds be provided for payment for the preparation of a Report, & for its publication.

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5. Finance (cont'd)

- (j) Bank Balances, about £630.-
Against which are due
Summer School A/cs. estimated at £250

6. Tulloch Fund:

Proposal from the Glasgow F.S. Establishment of
an Information Bureau for Scotland.

Agreed to defer till the second Scottish Legacy be paid.

7. Membership:

- (a) Candidates to date all elected.
(b) Resignations since June:-

Mrs. Granville Barker	1907.	21/-	No reason.
Mrs. L. Isserlis	1906.	7/3d.	Husband remains.
J. Jacob	1903.	21/-	Objects to Pacivism.
Rev. W.H. Paine	1909	5/-	Objects to Stockholm.
Miss Saxby	1910	5/-	No reason.
Mrs. Russell Scott	1907	10/-	Husband remains.
Miss M. Stewart	1917	5/-	No reason.
Mrs. R. Uniacke	1917	20/-	Objects to Pacivism.

All accepted.

8. King's Hall Lectures:

(a) Receipts, 1917 1916
To Sept. 18th 119 64

(b) Advertising: 15,000 Syllabuses printed.
Fabian News 2,500

Already addressed:-

Old subscribers, }
M.P.s, L.C.C., } about
Research Dept., } 3000
Summer School, }
Peace Year Book, }
Literary do. }

8. Kimp Hall Lectures (contd.)

To be done:-

Nat. Council for)
Civil Liberties;) ? 1000
UK Union of Demo-)
cratic Control.)

It was suggested that Copies be sent to Agent-General's Office
to Colonial Newspapers, &c.

- (c) It was agreed that the circulars already addressed
be sent out about Sep 25th -

9. Society Meetings.

(a) The Sec. reported that the only proposals for a
Lecture in October were by John Arnall
(pro-Turkish Peace-Terms) & Arnold Lupton
on Individualism. Both were refused.

(b) It was resolved that the October meeting
be a Members Meeting in our Hall, the delegates
to the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference, on
October 12th or 19th.

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Allied Socialist Conference:

Report that Webb having been delegated by the Labour
Party, the Secretary appointed Miss Susan Lawrence in
his place as one of the four Fabian Delegates.

Approved

Committee Meeting 15th November 1917.

Present Wells (in Chair) Dodd, Davies, Ensor & Hon. Sec.

1. The Minutes were confirmed.

2. Finance:- Report submitted:-

(a) The accounts are balanced to October 31st and there are no unpaid bills.

(b) Report to Oct. 31st.

	<u>1917</u>	<u>1916</u>
Members' subscriptions	509	423
(including £100 G.B.S)		
Other subscriptions	47	41
Book Boxes	28	19
Advertisements	8	7

(c) Summer School: The net balance on 1917 session is £214 and the total at credit of the School is £297.

(d) King's Hall Lectures:

Sale of Tickets to 14th Oct.	3448
Last year's total	518
Estimate for this year	470
Estimated surplus	320

(e) Audit: The Secretary has not yet had the final conference with the auditor.

(f) The cash balance in Banks is £480 - with no accrued liabilities.

(g) International Socialist Bureau: Application for £25,

being 1/2 year for 1914, + years 1915, + 1916. -

Agreed that this be paid.

(h) London Labour Party: Affiliation fees payable. Agenda.

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2. Finance Report (cont^d)

(j) The cost of Tract Printing:

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- (K.) It was agreed to put £300, or any other sum available, on deposit.
- (L.) It was agreed to pay 5/- a night for the lectures to the Staff as last year.
- (M.) Webb reported that he was sending out circulars through the office for formation of a Westminster Labour Party, & it was agreed that he have the Hall, & that postage to be paid by the Society.
- (N.) It was agreed that the Research dept. in special circumstances, let the Hall to another body for 3 nights at 5/- a night.

3. King's Hall Lectures:

Wallis ill. A. E. Zimmern takes the lecture.

i. Duncan Hall accepts chairmanship.

It was agreed to announce this at the next lecture, & also to announce the Reform of the House of Lords Tract.

+ Membership:

(a) Election of candidates:
October List 11 Last year 6
November List 10 Last year 15. *all elected*

(b) Resignations:
Mrs. Maplebeck. No reason. *accepted*
E. T. Shawcross Do. *Do.*
C. Tattersall Dodd Do. *Deferred. F.L. Dodd to report.*

5 Society Meetings and Lectures:

(a) Dec. 15 Henderson will address a Members' Meeting, if formally invited, on Labour Party Policy. Essex Hall engaged.

Approved, & agreed to send invitation to Henderson: also not to have tickets: also that it is too late for a resolution on the Education Bill

(b) Spring Lectures:
No arrangements. Matter urgent.
Jan. 11 & 26
Feb. 6 & 22
Mar. 8 & 23
Suggested Education Lecture

It was decided not to have a lecture on Education, but to continue the series on War in relation to Countries, & to ask Ratchiffe to recommend a lecturer or to lecture on India, Alder on U.S.A., S. de Madariaga on Spain; also that Davies seek a lecturer on Italy, Dodd on Spain failing Madariaga, & to consider Iceland.

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6. Spring Course at Kimp Hall.

It was agreed that Webb draft plan for a course at Kimp Hall in the spring of 8 or 4 lectures on the Labour Party, to be given by Henderson, Webb, Shaw, & a woman.

7. Labour Party.

(a) It was agreed to recommend that Webb be nominated for the Executive.

(b) It was further agreed that the report on the Policy of the Society in relation to the Party be deferred till after the Members' Mtg on Dec 14

8. Empire Reconstruction Book:

Agreement concluded with H. Duncan Hall on lines proposed.

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9. Reform of the House of Lords:

Practically ready. Propose circularisation of M.P.'s etc.

Agreed to send to the House of Commons, to the Bryce Com^{ee} with a letter & to the Labour Party list with a Circular, if it can be arranged.

10. Correspondence

- (a) Frank Sandon, Friends' Ambulance Unit, asking loan of Book Box for France.
- (b) The New Way. Offering help for propoganda in Ireland.
- (c) Mrs. Bridges Adams. Long letter asking us to lend books on T.U. to a Russian in prison, Tchitcherine.
- (d) Mrs. Bland. Offer of sheets of "The Eyes of a Man."

- (a) Agreed that a box cannot be sent, as the risk of loss is too great.
- (b) Agreed to put on Free List.
- (c) Agreed that we cannot lend the books as desired.
- (d) Agreed that as the publisher cannot sell the book, we cannot.

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Meeting 11th January 1918.
Present. Webb (in chair) Sanders Davis
Snell Ensor, Dodd, Miss Atkinson, &
Hon. Secy. also ~~Dodd~~ Mrs Salmond

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. Apologies. ~~Snell~~ Ratchiffe.

3. Finance.

(a) The books are balanced to Nov. 30th: there are no unpaid accounts.

(b) The audit is still unsettled.

(c) Report to Dec. 31:

	1917	1916
Members' subscriptions	644	519
Other do.	67	59
Book Boxes	36	60

Bank Balance, 10th Jan., about £270 in addition to £200 on deposit.

(d) Queen's Hall Russian Delegates Meeting:
Final account from Lee showing deficit of £4:2s.
Of our advance of £20, the sum of £17:5:4 has been repaid. Balance of £2:14:8 to be written off to Grants and Donations A/c.

The whole was adopted.

4. Membership - 4 January Candidates (12) were all elected. Last year the number was

4. Membership

(b) Resignations:

W.D.Caddick (1914) 10/-	General disagreement.
Miss M.E.Dickinson (1908) 10/-	No reason.
M.B.Reckitt (1914) 5/6d.	Guild Socialism.
Mrs. Slessor (1908) 7/6d.	Do.
Philip Snowden, M.P., (1907) 10/-	No reason.
Mrs. Snowden (1907)	Do.

N. B. Dunning 6/3. -

all were accepted, except the last which was referred to Mrs Webb.

C.T. Dodd, Lawson Dodd reported that his brother had withdrawn his resignation.

5. King's Hall Lectures on the Labour Party:

The following report was adopted:-

- (a) On consideration, it seems desirable to restrict these to three (Henderson, Webb, Shaw).
- (b) In order to avoid Whitsuntido, the dates should be Fridays, 26th April (Henderson), 3rd May (Webb), 10th May (Shaw).
- (c) Admission should be, for the course, 10/6d., 5/6d., 2/6d.; for single lectures, 5/-, 2/6d., 1/-, as heretofore.
- (d) Detailed Syllabus as heretofore should be posted to previous subscribers and others about the first week in March; and therefore must be got roady promptly (to printer by 14th Feb.).
- (a) The Committee should give definite instructions to-day
 - (a) To book the hall;
 - (b) To ask the lecturers;
 - (c) To print the Syllabus;

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5. King's Hall Lectures (cont'd)

- (d) To put the addressing in hand;
- (e) To announce the dates in Fabian News for Feb.
- (f) Proceeds to the Labour Party Research Department.

6. Proposed Tutorial Class upon the Principles and Programme of the Labour Party.

The following proposal was approved for publication in Fabian News:

Various enquiries have been received by the Fabian Society as to the possibility of opportunity being given for more careful study of the Labour Party Programme, and for questions and discussion upon it.

The Fabian Society is prepared, if 30 applications for admission are made, to arrange for a Tutorial Class, meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in six successive weeks beginning ~~28th~~ May, at the Fabian Hall, 25 Tothill Street. Sidney Webb has consented to give a brief explanatory lecture at each meeting, to answer questions, and to deal with difficulties. Fee for the course 10/6d.

(As this proposal is entirely contingent on 30 applications being received, and as not more than 60 persons can be admitted, immediate application for admission to the class should be made to The Fabian Society, 25 Tothill Street, S.W.1.)

7. Society Lectures:

The following arrangements were approved as settled or ordered:-

- Feb. 22. Prof. Mantoux on Alsace-Lorraine;
- March 8. H.S.L. Polak on India;
- " 22. Signor Aldo Cassuto, suggested by de Madariaga, to be asked to lecture on Italy.
- Dr. Soskice. Suggested lecture on Russian. Deferre

7. Society lectures (cont'd)

Mrs Ransome. Offer of Lecture on India. Refused.

It was agreed to have a lecture or meeting on April 12th -

Chairman for Guest's lecture. Sanders.

8. Summer School: It was agreed to propose that Emil Davies, Lawson Dodd, G.F. Blizard and Mrs. Salmond be the four delegates of the Executive Committee.

9. Publishing Business:

- (a) Article on the Referendum by Shaw was referred to Webb for further report.
- (b) MS. on Children's Employment 1914-1916, prepared by Mrs. Salmond and submitted by the Women's Group was considered more suitable for an article than a Tract and was referred back to the Group.
- (c) On a suggested Tract on the Education Bill by the Education Group, it was agreed that the subject might be suitable for a Memorandum, but is not suitable for a Tract..
- (d) It was agreed not to reprint Tract 70 "Report on Fabian Policy."

10. Womens Group. An elaborated draft scheme for a Womens Section was submitted of the Group, + after a preliminary discussion, was referred to Webb for a report.

11.

The Labour Party and Elections:

(a) Draft Election Fund circular was approved in ms. ordered to be set up for circulation to the Executive in proof.

(b) Capt. Haden Guest. Letter asking to be adopted as a Fabian candidate; report by the Hon. Sec. that as a matter of emergency he had nominated him for the Selection Conference of the Southwark Trades Council on January 12th.

The Hon. Sec.'s action was approved, and it was agreed to do all that is necessary in relation to Guest's candidature.

(c) It was reported that Major John Kynaston R.A.M.C. has been adopted by the Trade Council Exec. as Labour Candidate for S. Walberhampton.

12. Correspondence

Mrs. Bland Tucker, regretting that we will not take the sheets of Bland's work for sale.

Rekel binding cost 11^d a vol.

Hollando Scandinavian Socialist Comtee. Declaration of Jewish Poale-Zion Confederation.

Home Rule for India League. Circular letter.

Le Devoir, French Socialist Paper. Do.

Free Library of Philadelphia asking to be put on Free List.

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13 Westminster Labour Party: It was reported that there are 25 Fabians in Westminster constituency. It was agreed that the F.S. subscribe 21/- as affiliation fee. Also that the notice to be put in the office window take the form of a glass hanging plate bearing the words "Westminster Labour Party: Particulars Within."

*H. Bull
5 Feb 1918*

Meeting 8th Feb'y 1918. -

Present Webb (in chair); following Snell at the opening,
Ensor, Sanders, Dodd, & the Hon. Sec.
Also Miss Moley, Mrs Salmon & Mrs
Boyd Dawson for Henry.

1. The minutes were confirmed
2. Apologies - Cyril Davies, speaking at a meeting.

3. Finance:

(a) The Books are balanced to Dec. 31st, and there are no unpaid bills.

(b) Report to January 31st:

	1918	1917	
Members' Subscriptions	858*	660*	* should be £806
Other "	04	00	
Book Boxes	41	60	
Gross Receipts for sales	474	379	

(c) Bank Balances on Jan. 31st, £389.

(d) Audit. Letters from the auditor

- (i) stating that the accounts as presented show a debit balance of £106, when in fact they should show a credit balance of £459; pointing out some trivial errors discovered, and stating that otherwise they are correct. He declines to sign the account as rendered and will require modifications for the next one.
- (ii) suggesting claim for return of income-tax.

It was agreed that the views of the auditor must be met

3. Finance (cont'd)

in the present year's accounts, & that the over-paid income tax be not reclaimed but adjusted in the next year's pay! -

4. Membership:

(a) February Candidates for election, 18, last year 8.

(b) Resignations:

J.C. Dixon, Calcutta, 1909, 20/- "Various reasons"
F.A. Huckle, Oxford, 1890, 20/- No reason given.
Miss A. Sprott, Move, 1913, 1/- do.
Geo. H. Wood, Muddersfield, 1896, 10/- Incompatible position.

(c) M.D. Dunning. Referred to Mrs. Webb for report.

(d) Proposed to be struck off:

Miss B.M. Blackwood	1910.	Will not pay.
E. Bottle	1911.	do.
Capt. F.A. Brown	1913	In Canada. ---
Capt. A.M. Mann	No sub.	Correspondence.
✓ Fred Marquis	1911	Will not pay --- p ^o
Miss Normanton	1913	do.

It was agreed that the ~~the~~ Candidates be all elected, the resignations (b + c) all accepted, & the defaulters, in case of no reply to final letter, all struck off.

5. Publishing Business

(a) Tract 153. Twentieth Century Reform Bill. Stock 200.
Should be withdrawn. *agreed.*

(b) The New Way, Dublin, special scheme of advertising. *Yes.*

5. Publications (contd.)

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- (c) Tract 185. Abolition of Poor Law. By Mrs. Webb. Proofs circulated. Finance: contributions to cost:- Joint Comtee. of F.S. & I.L.P. £40.

It was stated that the National Comtee for the Rev. of Dist. would pay for a part, & that final proposals would be made later.

3. Common Room:

- (a) Resolution of Committee asking Executive to provide regs.
- (b) Resolution from Annual Meeting urging that Mrs. Herbert wages be increased from 25/- to 30/-, the C.R. to pay half.

Both were agreed to, subject to arrangements as to position of Regs.

7. Women's Group (a) Financial statement was submitted.

(b) Draft proposals by Chairman:-

1. That the Executive Committee might take ~~Miss Dawson~~ upon its staff, for half time, at £50 a year;
2. That Miss Dawson should be available for general work in the office, but would deal especially with the side of the Society's work touching the women members;
3. That the Women's Group continue to function as at present, paying rent for its room, and making an effort to increase its membership, and to enlist their interest both in the Fabian Research Department and the Common Room, and also in the Labour Party;
4. That endeavour will be made to afford more space in Fabian News for reports of the doings of the Women's Group, if the MS. is submitted in time.

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5. Women's Group: *(contd.)*

In view of the fact that Miss Dawson has been paid £100 a year for part time only, and that only a small part of her work has been actually for the Women's Group as such, whilst the rest has been for Fabian work (on Women's Labour, care of children, etc.) on which the Women's Group has specialised, it was agreed to recommend:-

That the Executive pay Miss Dawson £100 a year in addition to the £50 paid by the Women's Group, for full time, and that she assist in the work of the Society, under the direction of the Hon. Secretary in addition to her work for the Women's Group.

6. Women's International Socialist Council:

On the nomination of the Women's Group, Miss Case was appointed to succeed Dr. Fairfield. resigned.

7. King's Hall Lectures:

Webb reported on the chairmen, Maurice Howlett, Miss MacArthur, and J. H. Thomas, M.P., and ~~the following exercises~~ instructions for addressing the circulars were given.

Spry Fund:

8. In view of the failure to carry out his plan, it was agreed that Webb write offering to return the money.

9. Society's Meetings:

(a) April 12th. Nothing fixed.

Offer from F.A. Hayward, D.Litt., D.Sc., of the L.C.C. Staff, who sends absurd document A Russian Lecture by Soskice or Litvinoff

(a) Agreed that Mr Hayward's offer be refused: that Litvinoff be not asked, + the matter be adjourned.

(b) Chairman for de Macharuga. Dodd.

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Parliamentary Fund:

(a) Receipts:	Balance in hand	59	
	James Billson	10	
	A. Inskip	5	
	J. Brown	5	
	Smaller sums	<u>5</u>	04
Promises:	J.A.Fallows	100	
	R. Robinson	50	
	R.G.Brown	20	
	C.S.Giddings	10	
	H.T.Holmes	5	
	F.R.Cripps	<u>5</u>	190
			<u>£ 274</u>

Later 1/11. -

Later £100 Miss Keith

(b) Candidates:

In addition to list in Fabian News:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Finance.</u>
James J. Dodd	A good deal
G.Sydney Giddings, J.P.	Nothing substantial
F.E.Green	Nothing said
Robert Jones	do.
J.J.Mallon	do.
Stanley Udalo	A good deal.
F.R.Cripps (?)	

also
W.E. Willford
Major L. Aman.

(a+b). Deferred.

(c) Letter from Tnaddle re Glasgow. Referred to Webb

Correspondence:

- D.G.Jones, Milford Haven. Re Nationalisation of Fishing Industry.
- Edgar Hammond. Notifying that he is preparing a will with a legacy to the F.S.
- Prestwich By-Election. Appeal for funds.
- N.E.Fedⁿ. of Local Labour Parties. Circular.
- Miss Annie Bell. Resigns associateship for strange reason.
- Co-operative Union. Conference Farringdon Hall, Feb. 9th. 2-30.
- B.S.P. Circular re seizure of Pamphlets.
- M. Litvinoff. Circular from Russian Soviet, for communication to members: mainly attack on middle-class Socialists.
- Catering Workers Council. Circular re Food supply.

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Meeting 12th April '18

Present Webb, in chair, Ensor, Snell, & the
Hon. Sec. Also J. W. Shaw.

1. The Minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Dodd in Wallis

3. Finance: the following report was approved.

(a) Balance in Banks on March 31st.

Deposit	£ 200
Caxton House	324
Law Courts	<u>143</u>
	667

This includes £150 a/c. Haden Guest.

(b) Balance (Drawing a/cs.) on April 11th. £713
Proposed to put on deposit a further £500.

(c) Members' Subscriptions for year to Mar. 31st. £998.
Last year. 816.

(d) The accounts are well in hand but the King's Hall Lectures have occupied the office to the exclusion of other matters.

(e) "This Misery of Boots." The Secretary has accepted American offer to reprint at a Royalty of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent a copy.

(f) The Case of Geo. Thrower, who won't pay his a/c.

No action to be taken except pressing for
payment

(g) Salaries. The Secy reported that at the question of

(3) Finance (contd.)

Salaries had been raised, & he thought a further war. bonus might be given, except in the cases of Miss Dawson, just appointed, & Miss Herbert, recently advanced. It was agreed to recommend that sum of 15% to the nearest even figure be granted to the rest of the Staff.

4. Annual Meeting. The Secy reported that the Annual Report could not be prepared whilst the King Hall lectures were in hand, & it was agreed to fix June 14th for the Annual Meeting.

5. King Hall Lectures

Ticket Sales to 11th inst.	£160
Maximum about	<u>250</u>
Expenses: Hall	47
Printing	28
Postage & advertising, say,	<u>25</u> <u>£100</u>

Webb reported that Maurice Hewlett had failed & the Rev. Wm Temple wd. take his place. approved. It was agreed to pay 5/- a night to the Staff: also to pay £8.8.0 for 2 Back page New Statesman ads.

6. Tutorial Class

The Secy reported over 50 applications
It was agreed that he + Webb he
authorised to take a Hall, preferably
the Central Hall Council or Council Room
to make other arrangements.

7. Parliamentary Fund:

- (a) Cash received
including Balance in hand. £ 250
Promises 333
583
- (b) The Pott offer of £100. The Secy reported this
paid & included in the above.
- (c) Letter from Jesse Hawkes saying he understood
he wd. get about £50. Reply politely that
any definite promise is impossible.
- (d) James May, ex L.C., was reported on
as a new candidate.

8. Membership:

- (a) Candidates for election 17. Last year 8.
- (b) Resignations:
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|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------------------|
| Morace Barrett | Woking | 1907 | 30/- | No reason. |
| Mrs. J.A. Fallows | Bournemouth | 1907 | - | Out of London. |
| J.T.W. Newbold | Manchester | 1910 | 2/6 | No longer Fabian |
| A.H. Spiers | London | 1906 | 10/6 | No reason. |

8 Membership (Contd.)

Three candidates were elected, & the resignations accepted, with the exception of Horace Barrett, to whom the Secy was directed to write.

9. Chairman for Hawkeim. Davis

10 Correspondence.

- a Upton Sinclair, California. Asking names for circular of new Magazine.
- b Workmen's National Housing Council. Delegates for Annual Meeting, Wed. April 17th.
- c H. Duncan Hall. Report of progress of his book.
- d London Labour Party Conference Saturday, May 25th, 3 p.m. Delegates.
- e National Peace Conference. Delegates invited.
- f Charles Charrington Martin, re Lecture on Alsace-Lorraine. The Suffragist, Washington. Asking to be put on Exchange List.
- g Washington Women's Council of National Defence. Asking to be on Free List.
- J J. Silas Whybrow. Offer of lecture on Housing.

- (a) Send a list of names
- (b) & (d) Tell Secy to send any delegate he selects.
- (c) noted (e) noted (f) noted
- (g) + (h) Refused
- (j) Refused.

S. W. Webb

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Meeting 14th June 1918.

Present Webb (in chair), J.W. Shaw, Sme
Insor, Dodd, Sanders, Davies
Miss Lawrence & the Hon Sec.

1. The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.
2. Sidney Webb was re-elected chairman for the year.

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Finance:

(a) The a/cs. are balanced to April 30th and there are no unpaid bills exceeding £1.

(b) Financial position:-

Assets.

Cash in Current A/cs.	£378
" on deposit	1000
Investments including Tulloch Estate	479
	<u>£1857</u>

Chief Liabilities.

Labour Party (King's Hall Lectures)	£150
Parliamentary Fund.	484
	<u>£634</u>

(c) Report to May 31st.

	<u>2 mos. 1918.</u>	<u>2 mos. 1917.</u>
Members' Subscriptions	126	280
Other "	14	25

£100 from G.B.S. reod. last year, will be paid to the Research Dept. this year. June subscriptions to the 13th are £37 up on last year.

(d) Clement A. Miles, Decd. Legacy of £20 received.

Ordered to be added pro. tem. to the Tulloch Est. of.

3. Finance cont.

(e) Letter from Hector Thomson, expressing provisional approval of the form of the Annual Aps.

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4 King's Hall Lectures:

Receipts	£277
Out of Pocket Expenditure	105
Balance	<u>£172</u>

Agreed to allocate £22 to Office Expenses, (Petty post-ages, Stationery, etc.) to pay £150 to the Labour Party "for the purposes of Advisory Committees."

5. Tutorial Class:

Receipts to date. 87	
Expenditure.	<u>24</u>
Balance.	<u>£63</u>

there are no

6. Tract 186. Central Africa, etc.

This will cost for 5,000 roughly £20. Hawkin promised to pay part. What shall we propose ?

ask him to pay half the cost or £10. -

7. Parliamentary Fund:

(a) Present position.

Cash received	£484
Promises.	333
	<u>817</u>

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- (b) W.J.Beck, in India, offering to be candidate.
- (c) Lieut. Comdr. Hope on his candidature.

Reply to Beck that candidature is impracticable whilst he is in India. Hope's letter noted.

ceived.
W. J. Beck.

8. Annual Meeting:

Agreed to select chairman at the meeting & that Webb speak on Electoral matters &c.

9. London Labour Party.

- (a) Report from Blizard received
(b) On the resignation of Miss Lawrence, agreed to appoint Blizard to the Executive Comtee

10. Membership:

(a) Candidates for May, 14: last year, 6.

(b) Resignation:

Mrs. Behrend (late Miss Sandham) 1907, 20/- No reason.

Miss Normanton: has become an associate.

(c) To be struck, if no reply to final ~~notice~~ notice, 17:

H.G. Bennett	Harrogate	1913	2/-
H. Bounds	London	1914	5/-
A.K. Constantine	Mombasa	1913	21/-
Mrs. A.K. Constantine	Do.	Do.	21/-
G.A. Gregory	Essex	1914	15/-
C.H. Harbert	No address	1914	
Harry Holmes	Sheffield	"	
Miss Olive Hooper	Birmingham	"	6/-
E.J.W. Jackson	No address	"	
Dr. K. Korsch	? Germany	"	10/-
John Leishman	No address	"	
C.G. Lowman	London	1914	7/6
Miss B. MacGregor	Sheffield	"	
Edw. J. Mann	No address	"	5/-
Geo. Marriott	Manchester	1908	
Miss Williams	Sheffield	1914	
Miss Willoughby	"	1914	

(d) Horace Barrett, Resignation held over. Ceased to take interest in politics.

(a) Candidates elected
(b) Resignations accepted
(c) approved.
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correspondence:

J.N. de Arenas. Re Madrid Society and affiliation.
Labour Party, refusing Hawkin's offer re book on Registration.
Circular re destruction of printing machinery under D.O.K.
French Parti Socialiste, Handing resolution.
Illinois State Defence Women's Com^{ee}, asking to be on Free List.

(a) Send polite reply

(b) Noted

(c) Agreed to recommend Exec. to pass resolution
to be drafted by Dodd.

(d) Noted

(e) Refuse.

H. Snell 19 Sept. 1918

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Meeting 19 September 1918.

Present - Snell, & Latta, Webb, in chair, &
J.W. Shaw. Sanders, Davis & Ketter. Sec.
Also Dr. Fairfield.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Finance.

- (a) The Books have been audited to March 31st, and the account passed as issued in the Proof Report, with verbal alterations only. Letter of thanks to the auditor.
- (b) The Books are balanced to Aug. 31st. There are no outstanding bills exceeding 20/-.
- (c) Cash in Banks, on Deposit £1000, on current a/c. £170. Considerable payments are nearly due, for King's Hall rent, Standing (£100) etc., and it may be necessary to withdraw money from deposit, if King's Hall cash does not come in rapidly.
- (d) Guest's a/c. We have paid away £130 out of the £150 received from him, and a further £50 has been received from Mrs. Elder on his a/c.
- (e) Results for 5 months to Aug. 31st.

	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
Members' subscriptions	337	312
*£100 from G.B.S. deducted.		
Other subscriptions	40	35
Book Boxes	23	222
Gross sales Literature	351	176
Hire of Hall	13	10

all noted,

2. Finance (Cont'd)

Howell Testimonial. The Secy reported ak from Emery Walker for £2. For his: that Shaw had promised to pay: Walker had been directed to send ak to Shaw, & nothing had been heard till receipt of ak recently. Agreed that it is too late to open the question with Shaw, & that the ak be paid.

3. Summer School.

The Secy reported that it had gone off very well, & there wd. be a profit of over £20.-

4. King's Hall Lectures.

Syllabus just posted to members, and about to be posted to previous subscribers, etc.
Receipts £27 on Fabian News notice.
Exchange arranged with the League of Nations Society:

Agreed that the Secy select the leaflet to be sent out.

5. Publications:

- (a) Tract 107 "The Teacher in Politics" published. 10,000 printed, of which Webb requires 5,000.
- (b) Tract 106. By R.C. Hawkin. He has paid £17.10s., being half the cost.

(c) Tract 146. Socialism & S. Braint. 8.p.
Reprint + make 2^d.-

6 Gas and Coal:

We have applied for a special assessment for our public hall.

In 1917 we used about the equivalent of 13 tons of coal and our allowance is 11.

We used 577 units of electricity and our allowance is only 30

approved.

7. Research Department:

Their tenancy has been renewed till the end of the year.

8. Parliamentary Fund:

(a) Amount reported on July 17th has not substantially altered

Allocated £413

Unallocated 420 £833.

(b) Candidatures: Many of our members have been fixed up. Sanders will not stand at present

An Engineer has been adopted for Gravesend. F. E. Green was reported adopted for Chichester. W. Twaddle wrote about F. Candidate for a Glasgow seat. Referred to by Peters.

(c) New Appeal for Funds. Agreed to get it ready for issue at appropriate time.

9. Society Lectures and Meetings:

(a) A members' meeting in October on the Election was contemplated, but there is now no occasion for it.

It was agreed to have an Essex Hall Lecture on Oct 11 or 18th on "A Levy on Capital" as it was thought that Petruch Lawrence could not do it, it

9. Social Lectures (cont'd)

was agreed to ask Sidney Arnold M.P. + failing him, J. A. Hobson, & the matter was left in the hands of the Sec'y.

(h) Spring Lectures. Deferred

10. Membership:

The August candidates 11 (last year 3) were all in order and were elected by the Secretary. *Noted.*

11. Delegates and Correspondence:

- (a) London Labour Party. Conference of Labour Women, Sat., Oct. 12
- (b) Labour Party. Conference, Oct. 15 & 16, at Caxton Hall, on Women's Civic & Political Rights.
- (c) Civic Federation of Dallas, Texas, asking to be put on Free List.
- (d) Government offer of Free Publications.

(a. + b) agreed to send delegates to be selected & Miss Dawson

(c) No.

(d) Agreed to accept 2500 Pan-German Socialism & W.S. Sanders to send out with F. Pass.

12. P.S. Labour Party Candidates:

E.W. Wilford, Market Harborough Divⁿ., and W.H. Hallam, Loughborough Divⁿ., will each deposit £300 with the F.S. and be responsible for further expenditure. They ask the Executive to accept responsibility for the candidatures.

The Sec'y reported he had written to the Labour Party provisionally accepting financial responsibility, & it was unanimously agreed to confirm his action formally. *Stoneywell*

Come 6th Dec 1918.

Present. Wells (in chair) Ensor, J. W. Shaw
+ ER Pease Hon Sec.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Apologies. Davies: Mr Salmond.

3. Finance:

(a) The accounts are balanced to October 31st.
There are no unpaid bills.

(b) Report to Nov. 30th.

	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
Members' subs.	500	600*
Other	60	62
Book Boxes	35	32

*Including £100 G.B.S.

(c) King's Hall Lectures:

	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>1916</u>
Gross receipts.	563	493	517
Expenses and cash returned.	181	171	149
	<u>402</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>368</u>

Grant to Staff for evening work.

Agreed to pay 5/- a night + 10/- = £2. each.

4. Our ~~Trashed~~ Tenants:

(a) The Labour Research Repartment will stay on to
March 25th.

(b) The Women's Group may give up their room on March 25th

Inspected.

5. Common Room.

In view of the uncertainty of the Office accommodation available, the Hon. Secretary suggests that the question of the Common Room be again deferred.

Agreed

6. Fabian Essays.

Stereo Plates received from Walter Scott.

Agreed to consult Fifield with a view to a reprint by him.

7. Meetings of the Society.

January 10th & 24th, Feb. 14th & 28th, March 14th & 28th.

Proposals:

Dr. Soskice desires to lecture against the Bolsheviks.

Rev. Shell is willing to lecture on Russia.

Michael Pease on Germany during the War.

Dr. Maden Guest on Palestine and Allenby's Victory.

A members' meeting ?

On the above it was decided :-

Jan 10th Michael Pease on Germany

24 Dr. Maden Guest on Palestine

Feb 14. Mr. Tilak on the Indian Problem.

Re Russia, to defer Shell since die, & to write Soskice that we should like his lecture (anti Bolshevik) if we can arrange a pro. Bolshevik lecture concurrently, & would like any suggestion from him. Question of members meeting deferred

= 2. each.
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March 25th.

8. L.C.C. Elections.

Proposal by the Women's Group that Mrs. Salmond should run and a fund be raised for her expenses.

Discussed in presence of Miss Dawson & generally approved

9. Membership.

(a) December Candidates for Election, 17. Last year 10.

(b) Resignations:

Dr. Stanton Coit. 1906. 21/- . Objection to Labour Pty.
Mrs. L. Hacon. 1905 10/- . Re-married and going to Canada.

Mrs. G. Roberts. 1917. 5/- . Illegible.

Charles Fockel 1913 5/- no reason

(c) To be sent final letter, and struck off:

	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	
Harold Alfrey.	1906	£100	1908
Edw. Alwyn	1913	5/-	1915
Mrs. Barrington	1909	10/-	1913
T.A. Barnes	1914	7/6	1914
A.A.J. Bernstein	1912	5/-	1913
J.H. Binkworth	1908	5/-	1915
C.T. Browne	1906	20/-	1913
C.A. Burall	1913	15/-	1914
J.W. Buttery	1900	10/6	1912
Eric Cooper	1913	5/-	1915
Miss E. Dale	1914	5/-	1915
Miss S.R. Day	1912	5/-	1914
Edwin Deller	1912	10/-	1913
Mrs. Deller	1913	5/-	1914
R.F.C. Dolley	1913	10/6	1914
Miss M. Duke	1914	15/-	1915
H.J. Forman	1912	5/-	1914
Mrs. T.D. Hawkin	1900	5/-	1914
Miss Hindsley	1914	5/-	1914
Rev. R.V. Helt	1907	2/6	1912
Clement Hopkins	1907	5/-	1912
A.G. Jones	1914	5/-	1914
L.C. Miller	1908	2/6	1908
A. Millor	1906	1/3	1915
L.A. Pavey	1914	10/6	1914
H. Pochin	1909	20/-	1915
Miss Rosenberg	1914	6/-	1915
Miss M. Young	1915	10/-	1915

*The candidates were elected.
The resignations were accepted.
The final letters were ordered & sent.*

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9. Salaries. Further War Bonus requested:-

- (a) Mrs. Herbert. Engaged 1914, 14/-; Jan. 1915, 16/6d.; Dec. 1915, 18/6d.; Nov. 1916, 21/-; June 1917, 25/-; Feb. 1918, 30/-.
- (b) Mrs. Grant. Works 26 hours. Paid 15/- = 7d. an hour.

Application made about Oct. 18th. and any alteration should date back.

Agreed on the above to award an increase of 2/6 each to Mrs. Herbert & Mrs. Grant from date of reference by Exec. to the Finance Comm.

10. Publishing.

- (a) Reprint of Necessary Basis of Society by Webb. Sales 1915, 112; 1916, 87; 1917, 135; 1918, 332. *Reprint 2000*
- (b) Clutton Brock's Philosophy of Socialism. Stock 60. ~~2~~ Reprint 2,000.
- (c) No. 148. What a Health Committee can do. o/p. Shall it be reprinted? *Reprint 1000,*
- (d) Sales to Webb. "The Teacher in Politics" 10,000 cost £51.10s. 3000 Reprint £14.10s. ~~50~~ Webb had 5200 also. *Towards Social Democracy (1/-) in addition to 100 granted free.*

Agreed to make these a free grant to Webb

- (e) Robert Owen & Miss Hutchins. Reprint 2000.

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 The final letters were ordered

12. Correspondence.

- (a) H. Duncan Hall on the progress of his book.
- (b) "The Coming Europe" asking exchange
- (c) David Freeman (Malay States) on A Home ~~at~~ for the London University.
(a) Noted
(b) agreed
(c) Write that at the moment nothing can be done
- (d) Letter from Tom Shore asking us to make an offer for his Library.
agreed to reply that we have no funds for buying a library: write also to the Librarian of the London School of Economics suggesting that he offer to house the books.

Thompson
10.1.19

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Meeting 10th Jan. 4 1919. -

Present Dodd, + subsequently Webb in chair,
Sanders, Snell, Ensor, J.W. Shaw + E.R. Pease

- 1. The minutes were confirmed
- 2. apologies. Davies: out of town.

3. Finance.

(a) The Summer School Sale has produced £258. The sum of ~~£258~~ £250 should be put on deposit or invested. Seven cases of reserved goods sent here.

Agreed to invest £250 in War Loan or War Bonds, + that Pease + Dodd may buy a few sheets if they wish.

(b) Report to Dec. 31st.

	1918	1917.
Members Subscriptions	571	643
Other "	73	67
Book Boxes	37	36
Literature Sales, gross.	637	426

* includes £100 from G.B.S.

(c) The accounts are balanced to Nov. 30th, and there are no outstanding a/cs. Balance in Banks Dec. 31st = Deposit £600, Current a/c. £498.

(d) Finchley F.S. Letter sending £14.10s. Balance funds on dissolution, and suggesting donation to Finchley Labour Party. Agreed to ask particulars of

(e) Stockholm Delegate Fund: £6.5/- paid. agreed to ask the the donors to transfer to Park Fund or otherwise

4. General Election:

- (a) Report of the Trustees of the Parliamentary Fund on the final disposition of the Fund.

That it was proposed to give the Balance - £30 or more, to Squire towards his £150: further that printing &c wd. not be charged against the Fund. approved.

- (b) H. D. Harben. Offer to pay for a Caxton Hall "At Home" to Fabian M.Ps., or Labour L.Ps., made before the Election.

after discussion agreed that this scheme is undesirable, & that Harben be asked if he has anything else to suggest.

- (c) Lt. Col. Kynaston. Remarkable story of Election Libel, and request for a Guarantee of £1000 for the purposes of an Election Petition. Figures:- Wolverhampton, Bilston. General Hickman, Co.U. 10343; Kynaston 6744.

Agreed we cannot get the guarantee & advise against the petition.

- (d) J. C. Squire. Any appeal for subscriptions towards his forfeited £150.

No.

- (e) Reports from F. E. Green, H. T. Muggerridge, S. R. Bower & P. Blyard. (Walsall). Noted.

5 Membership: Candidates elected & resignation accepted, viz:-

- (a) December candidates for election, 9. Last year, 12.

- (b) Resignations: Harold Murray. 1906. 10/-. Going abroad.

Society meetings:

Feb. 14th and 28th, March 14th and 28th.

(a) St. John Ervine offers lecture on experiences at the front.

(b) Russia:

Letter from Soskice saying he cannot suggest a pro-Bolshevik lecturer.

Suggestion by Ensor of several possible lecturers recently returned.

(c) Tilak. may be willing to lecture on India, Feb. 14th.

(d) Dr. G. B. Clark offers lecture on Land Tenure.

after discussion

(a) Ervine, was accepted

(b) Russia. Agreed that Ensor get Halpern, if possible

(c) Tilak, to be taken.

(d) Dr. Clark; not at present.

Other suggestions:

(e) Norek to be asked to advise as to Gyoko-Shwah lecturer.

(f) Sir F. Maurice on the army.

(g) Sir F. Evans on Jugo Slavs.

(h) J. Cippico on Italy.

(i) Agreed to have no members meeting.

17. Chairman for Michael Pease. Sanders, (who in fact gave way to G.B. Shaw.)

8. Office Staff and accommodation:

- (a) General Secretary. No settlement yet possible.
- (b) Research Department. Practically certain to move out in a few months.
- (c) Office staff at present insufficient owing to increase of Literature business.
- (d) An additional room required for storage of literature and for arranging Book-boxes.
- (d) Report on Sale of Albert Hall tickets.

Considered + adjourned.

9. Common Room. Any action on the C.R. report ?

10. Country Lectures. Any action this year ?

11. Propaganda amongst University Graduates.

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12. L.C.C. Election

(a) It was agreed that Mrs. Salmond may be nominated by the Society.

(b) It was agreed to issue an appeal with Fabian News.

(c) Application of London Labour Party for leave to send appeal for Labour Candidates with F. News was rejected.

(d) Guest, Blizard + Mrs Salmond were subject to their consents, appointed delegates to the L.L. Party Conference on Feb 14

Publishing Business.

- (a) Fabian Essays. Fifield strongly recommends delay in view of present high prices.
- (b) Tracts out of print:-
 - 113. Communism. By W. Morris. 1902. } agreed
 - 109. Cottage Plans and Common Sense. 1903. } Drop.
 - Both old and slow sellers.
- (c) L. S. Woolf. Report on progress of his book.

Agreed to ask him to submit MS. when quite finished.

11. Correspondence

J.C. Harris Re Canadian Debt-
 Australian J.M.C.a. asking Lectures: Snell to
 consider.

J.R. Cripps on Electoral Policy. Sec. 2: Rep approved.

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Meeting 7th Feb'y 1919.

Present. Webb (in chair), J.W. Shaw, W.S. Sande
(R. Shrike!) & the Hon. Sec.

1. The Minutes were read & confirmed.

2. Finance:

(a) The accounts are completed to Dec. 31st and there are no unpaid bills.

(b) Results to Jan. 31st.

	1918.	1917.
Members' subscriptions.	738	806*
Other "	88	84
Book Boxes.	42	41
Gross sales Literature.	43	
	746	479

Includes £100 G.B.S.

(c) The £250 Summer School Auction receipts has been invested in War Loan in names of E.R. Pease and F. Lawson Dodd. *Approved.*

3. Parliamentary Fund:

	£	s.	d.
(a) Total Receipts	1301	10	8
" Grants	1361	4	6
Balance in hand.	20	6	0

(b) Question of £20 which Snell can return.

(c) Stockholm Fund £6.5.0 - of 3 donors, 1 (5/-) allocates to Parl. Fund, and the two others

(£6) leave to Executive to decide allocation.

(d) Expenses of Printing and Postage, £18.8.10 not charged in above.

(e) Hence Maximum Balance in hand, £46.11.0

(f) Squire requires no further grant.

Appeal on behalf of J. Gilbert Dale.

3. Parliamentary Fund (cont'd)

On the above it was agreed

- (a) To accept the £20 returned of Snell
- (b) To allocate £6. from the Stockholm Fund to the L.C.C. Election Fund
- (c) To charge Printing & Postage to the Parliamentary Fund.
- (d) To grant the Balance £22.2.2 to the J. Gilbert Dale.

4. L.C.C. Election:

- (a) Letter from G.P. Blizard, candidate, asking grant from Election Fund.
- Letter from Secretary of the London Labour Party on same and on Mrs. Salmond.

Agreed to put a par in F. News asking contributions for Blizard & any others.

5. Common Room:

Resolution by the Committee on Jan. 22nd:-
That the Executive be requested to reduce the Rent (£70) of the Common Room by £10.

Deferred.

6. Country Propaganda:

Report from Snell recommending abandonment of Course lectures on week-days, and proposing single Sunday lectures in large towns.

This proposal was not approved.

It was generally agreed to resume work on "Hutchinson Trust" lines, in connection with Coop. Societies, Local Labour Parties, Prof. Univerities, Womens Organisations etc, & to look out for a Woman speaker.

7. Membership.

- (a) Election of February candidates (21); Last year 18.
- (b) Resignations:

		<u>Joined.</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>paymt.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
L.D. Coueslant	Sunderland	1897	1913		Society's Paid.
F.J. Thomas	Clapham	1896	1914		Poverty.
Miss L.J. Mander	Tunbridge Wells	1896	1915		Must retrench.
Charles Record	Leyton	1912	1916		Become revolutionary.
Hugh R. Gillespie	Golders Gr.	1915	1919		Going to India

- (d) About 60 members whose addresses are not known and who were several years in arrears with subscriptions have been struck off.
- (e) About 190 Final Letters have been sent to members who have not paid subscriptions during the past three years. A large proportion of these were members of provincial and University Societies which used to pay subscriptions for them but the Societies have now lapsed.

The candidates were elected, the two resignations accepted & the report approved.

9. Publishing:

- (a) Tracts nearly out of print:
 - No. 83 State Arbitration and the Living Wage, 1898.
 - No. 128 Case for Legal Minimum Wage, 1906.
 - No. 131 Decline of the Birth Rate, 1907.
- (b) Proposal to publish, National Finance - What the Labour Party Intends, by Sidney Webb (King's Hall Lecture), about 8,000 words.

(a) agreed to drop 83 & 128, & to reprint 131 with amendments by the author.

(b) Agreed to publish.

(c) Agreed to consider Report of Mrs Webb on Women's Work & Prov. Agreements ~~subject~~

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RULES AND BASIS.

DRAFT ALTERATIONS PROPOSED BY SIDNEY WEBB.

TO THE MEMBERS.

At the forthcoming Annual Meeting on the 23rd of May next, the Executive Committee will submit to the members proposals for the revision of the Rules, Bylaws, Regulation and Basis of the Society as stated below. As a result of the dislocations of the past five years the formal constitution of the Society has, in various ways, ceased to correspond with the facts. The Local Societies and Groups, with a few exceptions, no longer exist, and it has been impossible to hold the Annual Conference. This compels a revision of the constitution of the Summer School Committee. Minor changes in the Rules and Bylaws are required to bring them in accordance with practice.

It is suggested that the opportunity should be taken to redraft the Basis so as (whilst retaining unchanged the essential affirmation and definition of the Society's Socialism) to make clear, both its lifelong association with the Labour Party and the International Socialist Congress, and the particular functions that it seeks to discharge.

There are indications that we are on the eve of a great expansion of Socialist thought and activity, in which the Society can play a useful and a distinctive part. The Executive Committee feels that the Society should now put its constitution in order, reorganise its machinery, call upon the members for renewed effort, and develop all the various branches of its work, with a view to exercising, through an enlarged membership and increased financial resources, all the influence in these formative years to which its work and its thirty-five years' record entitle it.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

RULES.

Rule 3. (Members of the Executive to vacate seats after 4 absences)

Last line but one, insert after "deemed," "upon a resolution to that effect being passed by the Executive Committee."

Rule 5. (Two business meetings to be held)

At end, add: "Provided that if due notice is not given of any business for any such private meeting, it need not be held."

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Rule 11. (Sanction of members' meeting to undertaking responsibility for Parliamentary Candidates)
After "emergency" insert; "And apart from any action in connection with any specially subscribed Parliamentary Fund."

Rule 17. (Members in London area shall be divided into groups)
Line 1, omit the first word (the). For "shall," substitute "may".

BYELAWS FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES &C.

III. A. (The Provinces)
Omit No. 4. (Requiring periodical Conferences).

III. B. (Local Groups)
1. (Executive to form Groups)
Line 2, omit "shall endeavour to," and substitute "may".
Line 3, "and such groups may be formed."

REGULATIONS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Omit the whole.

SUMMER SCHOOL BYELAWS.

I. (Delegates from the Executive Committee)
Omit "four" and substitute "seven."
Omit "the Nursery, the Research Department. . . . and the University Societies affiliated to the University Socialist Federation."

Omit "One member shall be elected by the representatives of the other local Fabian Societies at the Annual Conference in July, and shall become a member of the Committee in the ensuing January."

BASIS.

Omit all after 'people' at the end of line 5, and substitute the words as given below. (The proposed new Basis is set out in full).

The FABIAN SOCIETY consists of Socialists.

It therefore aims at the reorganisation of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit. In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people.

The Society accordingly works for the extinction (with equitable consideration of established expectations, and due provision as to the tenure of the home and the homestead) of private property in land, and for the transfer to the community of such industrial capital as can, from time to time, conveniently be managed socially.

The Society is a constituent of the Labour Party and of the International Socialist Congress; but it takes part freely in all constitutional movements, social, economic and political, which can be guided towards its own objects. Its direct business is (a) the propaganda of Socialism in its application to current problems; (b) investigation and discovery in social, industrial, political and economic relations; (c) the working out of Socialist principles in legislation and administrative reconstruction; and (d) publication of the results of its investigations and their practical lessons.

The Society, believing in the equal citizenship of men and women in the fullest sense, is open to persons ~~ir~~respective of sex, race or creed who commit themselves to its aims and purposes as stated above, and undertake to promote its work.

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9. Fabian Lectures and Meetings:

- March 14. Tilak: is this advisable
- " 20. ? Ervine.
- April 11.
(Good Friday April 18).
- May 9.
- May 23. Annual meeting. ? Essex Hall.
- Suggestions. A.T. Whyte, Sir F. Evans, J. Cippico.

On the above it was agreed to go on with the Tilak Lecture. Telegram from Ervine was read saying he cd. not lecture this season.

Agreed to invite W. Graham M.P. Ben Spoor M.P. or Sir Owen Thomas M.P. C.H. Sitch M.P. on anything.

11. Revise of Rules & Basis.

Agreed to report to Exec.

12. Correspondence:

- (a) G.A. Gaskell. Scheme for Workers' Councils in Towns.
- (b) Col. Kynaston. Election Petition abandoned.
- (c) Appeal for family of W. Parfitt (Liverpool) deceased.
- (d) Prohibition in Canada. Remarkable report from H.D. Kerr
- (e) Mrs. Bruce Glaisier. Her husband dying.
- (f) J.C. Harris, on Conscription of Labour.

all noted.

13. Oxford F. Group. On letter agreed to ask Davies to lecture & to pay ~~his~~ railway expenses.

14. Meeting of the Executive. Friday 14th -

Thomson 7.3.19.

Finance & C. Comtee on 7th March 1919.
Present Dodd (in chair) Sanders, Euse, Shaw
& the Hon. Sec. - also Mrs. Webb.

1. The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed
2. Apologies. Webb (Coal Commission) Davies, (Lecturing)
3. Finance: Report presented:

(a) The accounts are completed to Jan. 31st and there are no unpaid bills.

(b) Results to February 28th:-

	<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>
Members' subscriptions	892	*891
Other "	104	95
Book Boxes	45	47
Literature, gross sales	685	530
Hire of Hall	54	32
* Includes £100 G.B.S.		

(c) Dr. Barr's Legacy of £100. The amount of this, less duty, plus interest, £97.5s.0d., has been received.

(d) Assets. The liquid assets of the Society now are:-

Summer School Fund	£250	
Publications Reserve	250	
Miles Legacy	20	
Barr Legacy	97	
Tulloch Legacy	<u>174</u>	291
		<u>1089</u>
Excess of Income during several years		<u>1800</u>
Invested in Govt. Stock	729	
Deposit a/c.	600	
Current a/cs. about	<u>551</u>	
		<u>£ 1800</u>

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3. Finance (cont'd.)

(e) Parliamentary Fund. Report by Secretary that he had overlooked £10 sent in a special manner. Hence he has paid £10 to Stewart of Glasgow as voted, and £22.2.2. to Dale as originally ordered by the Finance Committee.

The Report was received, & it was agreed to invest £1000 in War Loan or Bonds.

4. Woolf's MS on "Power Policy & Commerce"

Mrs. Webb stated that, supposing this had been undertaken by the Labour Research Dept. she had already obtained special funds for its publication which would be expensive. It was thereupon agreed to recommend the Executive Comtee

"That Woolf's book be handed over to the Research Dept. for publication on condition that the £75 already paid to Mrs. Woolf for the preparation of the book be refunded to the Socy of the Dept."

5. London United Socialist Council. On an informal request to send delegates, it was agreed to recommend the Exec. to refuse on the ground that the F.S. is not a local London Society.

6. L.G.C. Fund: Report submitted:-

Receipts, allocated, £9 10 6
" not allocated, 68 1 0
Total. £ 75 11 6

The six Fabian Labour Candidates are: C.R. Attlee, G.P. Blizard, L. Haden Guest, Miss Lawrence, B. Skene MacKay and H. Snell.

Presumably Miss Lawrence does not require assistance, and the obvious thing is to divide the available sum equally amongst the rest.

The report was received & the recommendation approved.

7. Publishing. Report submitted:-

- (a) Tract 180. National Finance. Complete, Proposed to print 7,000.
- (b) Revise of 62. Parish &c. Councils done.
- (c) Tracts out of print:
185. Abolition of Poor Law Guardians. Mrs. Webb.
176. The War and the Workers. Webb.
163. Women and Prisons. Miss Blagg.
Proposed to drop all.
- (d) Suggestions, &c.
Reprint of Mill's articles on Socialism.
Mrs. Webb's Women's Work.
- (e) Fabian Essays:
In view of financial surplus, we might reprint?

(a) (b) + (c) were approved: (d) was to be considered.
(e) Mrs. Webb said Webb would probably write a new preface, & it was agreed to consult Fifield.

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8. Lectures:

April 11th and May 9th unsettled.

W. Graham, N.P., refuses definitely.
Tilak. No further action taken in view of trial.
Devlin and Harben, refused.
Benn desired to defer.
Halpern, no news.

On this it was agreed to ask

- (1) Sir A. Evans on Jugo-Slavs (2) Davies (3) Rodcliffe, (4) Reenes on East Greece, (5) Mrs. Salmoud.

7. Membership:

(a) Election of February Candidates (11). Last year (13)

(b) Report on Purge:-

As reported on Feb. 7th last, about 190 Final Letters were sent out in January 1919 to members who had not paid subscriptions during the past three years.

About seventy-five have replied, and excepting in a few cases, sent subscriptions: 115 have not replied and, with the exception of the four mentioned below, have been struck off. Among the 115 are a considerable number of members of extinct Local and University Societies who did not contribute direct to the parent Society.

The following are reported to the Committee:-

	Joined	Last sub.	
Maitland Radford	1906	1914	21
Gerald T. Hankin	1906	1915	21
Edward Carpenter	1908	Member of Sheffield F.S.:	did not contribute direct.
J. Lionel Taylor	1907	1913	10/6d.

Instructions with regard to these should be given.

(c) Resignations:

J.H. Howell, 1898	Resident in New Zealand.
Mrs. Howell, "	- Do. -

(a) All elected. (b) Agreed that the 4 be retained on the list for the present. (c) Accepted.

10. Propaganda Lectures. It was agreed to ask C. M. Lloyd if he can undertake any lecturing, & to defer action as to Miss Barrett & Miss Barnett.

11. Executive Comm^e Elections.

Letters from Harben & Miss Atkinson offering to withdraw were referred to the Executive.

Ensor intimated his wish to retire.

The Secy was authorized to suggest candidatures to Worthington, Guest, Mowry, Lloyd & C. R. Alee.

12. Correspondence:

Copenhagen. Letter from Students F.S.

Granville Barker. On his subscription and the future of the Society.

International Congress on League of Nations. Berne, 5th March. Invitation.

Noted.

S. Brownwell

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Finance & G. P. Committee Meeting
March 28th 1919.

Present. Webb (in chair) Pease, Blizard, Enoot,
W. Shaw, Snell, Gen. Sec.:

- (1) The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed
- (2) Apologies: Mr. Salmond (ill); Dodd (electioneering)

(3) Annual Account

The Hon. Sec. reported that the ^{auditor} desired that the form of the accounts be altered. He proposed
(1) A Profit & Loss Ac for the year. (2) A balance sheet showing outstanding amounts. The Hon. Sec. agreed with these proposals.

It was decided that the auditors proposals be agreed to without using the term "Profit & Loss".

(4) Duncan Stalls Book

The Hon. Sec. reported with regret that he had paid Duncan Stall the final instalment for his book in December last overlooking

the stipulation that it should have been retained until the M.S. had been delivered.

It was decided that Duncan Hall should be asked as to the date of the delivery of the M.S.

(5) Maudie Davies Trust. In reference to the loan of £100 from the Trustees (Webb & Pease) to the Fabian Society, the Trustees, both being present, agreed that the interest already accrued & to accrue in future be granted to the Society for its ordinary purposes.

(6) Office. The Hon: Sec: reported that W. I. Sanders proposed to resume his duties as from April 1st. On the question of his salary it was decided to recommend that it be raised to £500 per annum on the understanding it be reconsidered should he be elected to Parliament.

It was decided further to recommend that the Executive Committee place on record its hearty

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appreciation of the services of E. R. Pease, the Hon: Sec: in carrying on the secretarial work of the Society without salary during the three years absence of the Gen: Sec: on War Service.

1) Resignations

Miss E. W. Allen, 1891. 6/- Ill health.
Principal R. M. Burrows, 1896. 10/-. No longer interested.
Mrs. May, 1907, 10/-. Husband remains.

All accepted.

2) Labour Party Conferences.

(a) Invitation received to Labour Party Conference on League of Nations, Central Hall, Thursday April 3rd; 2 Delegates, Fee 2/6 per delegate.

H. Snell was appointed; other delegates to be arranged by Office.

(b) Invitation received to Annual Labour Party Conference June 25th, Southport. Resolutions to be sent in by April 1st.

It was agreed that no resolutions be sent in.

(9) Publishing

(a) It was reported that a second thousand of Tract on Parish & District Councils had been ordered owing to rapid sales.
Approved.

(b) Fabian Essays. Letter from Fifield received proposing terms which appeared high, and a second letter recommending delay.

Agreed that Fifield be again consulted; also St. Clements Press.

(10) Lectures. It was reported that Tilak was fixed for May 9th

(11) Correspondence:

(a) From Crewe Labour Party asking for nomination of a candidate.

Agreed to send list of our candidates at next election with the addition of Mr Sanders.

(b) From Messrs Lotheran on Annual Dubon for Fabian News. Agreed no reduction on 7.

(11) Correspondence (cont'd)

(c) Labour Statistical Dept., Paris, requested to be supplied with a large amount of information.

Agreed to refer to British Institute of Soc. Sci.

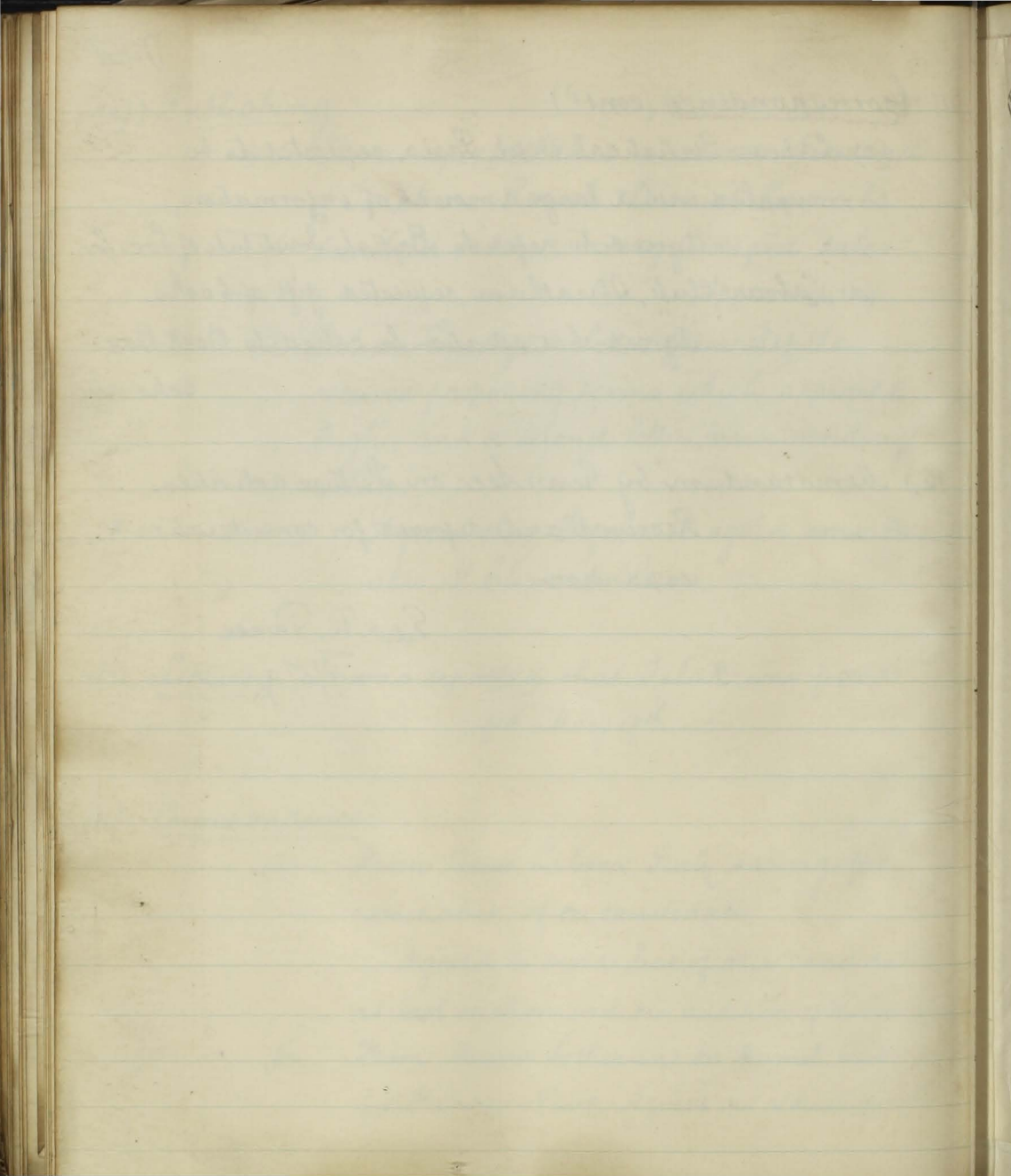
(d) Labour Club, Streatham requested gift of books.

Agreed that attention be called to Book Box Scheme.

(12.) Memorandum by Gen: Sec: on Future activities.

Received and deferred for consideration of expansion.

Edw. R. Pease
9/5/19.



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FABIAN SOCIETY.

SCHEME OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

MEMORANDUM BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

Methods to Increase Membership:

The present widespread interest in social and political questions should afford an opportunity to increase the membership ~~of the Society~~ and the financial resources of the Society. The following methods might be adopted for this purpose:-

(1) The issue of an appeal to members to recruit for the Society. A membership form could be sent to each member with the appeal.

(2) The circularisation of the members of the Universities (beginning with London and the Scottish Universities) and members of Civil Service organisations.

In this connection it would be most useful if a Tract could be prepared on "Socialism and the Professional Classes", meaning the Middle Classes. In view of the Labour Party's decision to endeavour to represent brain workers as well as hand workers such a document is really necessary. Bernard Shaw used to deal most effectively with the subject in his provincial lecturing campaigns previous to the war pointing out that the interests of the professional classes were more closely allied with those of the working classes than with those of the capitalists. Perhaps he would be willing to produce something on these lines.

Lecturing:

The Hutchinson Trust Lectures, which are to be revived, will, it is expected, be welcomed by the newly formed Local Labour Parties throughout the country. In order to economise the Society's resources it would be well in arranging courses to give preference to the Labour and other organisations in London and surrounding districts. There would appear to be ample scope for propoganda in this region judging from the results of the County Council elections. The subject of the courses might be "The Labour Party: its History and Programme."

Endeavour should be made to organise again a corps of voluntary lecturers for single lectures. In connection with the Universities a demand is arising for addresses from distinguished members of the Society. It may be possible for a

number of autumn dates to be placed by such members at the disposal of the Secretary.

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It is too early to consider what topics should be dealt with in the King's Hall course but it would appear advisable that the position of the Middle or Professional classes in relation to Socialism should be considered.

Local Government:

There is a renewal of interest in Local Government which cannot be adequately met by our present Tracts. It would be well if the Society devote special attention to this subject, think out a new policy and prepare new Tracts. For instance, new Tracts on Housing and the powers of Education Authorities are urgently needed. It might be well to appoint a special Committee, including non-members of the Executive, to consider the matter.

The Book Shop:

The turnover of the Book Shop shows a big development as compared with previous years in spite of the handicap of a restricted staff. The business should be capable of considerable expansion, especially in the sale of general books and publications, providing additional assistance can be given in the work of collecting books from publishers, and if new books likely to interest our members are systematically brought to their notice and the Bookshop well advertised in Fabian News.

Book Boxes:

The Book Box scheme might be advertised during the summer to the branches of one or more of the big Trade Unions. The I.L.P. might be willing to send out the circular to all its branches, the number of which has increased considerably during the war.

Staff:

The detail office work of the Society will be largely extended if these suggestions are adopted. When the Executive Committee have decided upon them the Secretaries should be instructed to bring up a report upon the additional staff that will be required.

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First Meeting of 1919-1920 Committee

Friday May 9, 1919

Present Dodd, Mr. Salmond, Shaw, Webb, Pease Gen. Sec.

- (1) Temporary Chairman. Pease was elected.
- (2) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- (3) Chairman. Webb was elected & took the chair at this stage.
- (4) Day of Meeting was fixed for Friday: time, 5 p.m.

(5) Finance

The Gen. Sec. reported:

(a) The accounts are completed to April 30th. All accounts rendered to that date are paid with the exception of one or two minor items.

(b) Results to April 30th:	<u>1919.</u>	<u>1918.</u>
Members' Subscriptions.	* 144	75
Other do.	12	6
Book Boxes.	9	4
Gross Sales Literature.	86	62
Hire of Hall.	9	5

*Including special sub. from Webb of £25.

Received

(6) Labour Research Department

Letter from G. D. Shaw was received stating that the Research Department was moving at some date in

(6) Labour Research Department.

the present year to Eccleston Square, and raising certain questions regarding the Common Room & Bookshop staffing. The Gen. Sec. read his unofficial reply to this which was approved. He was instructed to reply that when the Research Dept. left the whole question of staff would be considered.

- (7) Report by General Secretary ^{on future activities} was further considered and it was decided that with regard to Hutchinson Trust Lectures, C.R. Atlee be asked to prepare a course of four lectures on the History, Aims, & policy of the Labour Party to be afterwards submitted to C.M. Lloyd.

(8) Kings. Hall Lectures

It was agreed that the next course should be on the subject of "Phases of Socialism", & that the lecturers to be invited should be Shaw, Webb, Tawney, Cole, Money Sanders, & if possible, Graham Wallas.

The dates to be about as before.

Chairmen suggested were: Smillie, Rev R.J. Campbell

(8) Kings Hall Lectures (contd)

Blynes, Thomas, Lady Henry Somerset.

(9) Tutorial Class.

It was agreed that the Tutorial Class be revived in the Autumn in the Fabian Hall, if sufficient students came forward, Sanders to conduct it.

(10) List of Parliamentary Candidates

Decided that those on existing list be written asking if they desire to remain on.

(11) Chairman for Members Meeting

Decided to invite Olivier; failing him, Meggeridge.

(12) Chairman for Dilat

Reported that G. B. Shaw agreed to take chair.

(13) Publications

(a) Mrs Webb's Minority Report on Women in Industry.

Agreed to accept Wightman's estimate if Williams Lea's estimate was higher. Price to be 1/6 providing the Govt. did not issue complete report at a low price.

(13) Publications (contd)

(b) Agreed to ask Sawney to allow us to publish his article in May Hibbert Journal (1919) as a booklet or tract.

(c) Mills Articles on Socialism. Pease reported against
Agreed not to reprint

(14) Fabian Banner

Agreed with Mrs. Geraldine Carrs suggestion that it be handed over to a Woman's organization.

(15) Correspondence

(a) From London Labour Party on L.C.C. Election Finance & the next Borough Council elections. Agreed to insert par in News asking members to become Labour candidates at the latter elections.

(b) Land Nationalization Conference May 27.
J.W. Shaw was appointed delegate

(c) Rep. Labour Party stating Snell could not lecture & asking if any other prominent Fabian could take his place. Agreed to offer Hutchinson Trust Course in autumn

E.W. R. Pease

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Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Friday June 6th 1919

Present: Pease (in chair) Mrs. Salmond & Gen. Sec.

- (1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.
- (2) Apologies received from Dodd.
- (3) Finance. The Gen. Sec. reported as follows:-

(a) All accounts rendered by May 31st have been paid with the exception of one or two minor items.

(b) Results to May 31st.

	1919.	1918.
Members' subscriptions.	253	127
Other "	22	13
Book Boxes.	13	7
Gross Sales Literature.	246	186*
Hire of Hall.	23	7

* Including £50 from National Com. for Poor Law Tract.

(c) Balance at Banks, May 31st, £213.

Received.

(4) Memorandum on Future Activities by Gen. Sec.

The Gen. Sec. reported that he proposed to expand this & publish it in July News. Agreed

(5) Kings Hall Lectures

The Gen. Sec. reported as follows:-

(see over)

(5) Kings Hall Lectures. (contd)

- (a) Hall. The proprietors of King's Hall demand 20 guineas per evening for hire. This will entail expenditure for hire of £126 as against £75.12s.0d., the previous charge. The Gen. Secretary has endeavoured to secure reduction but failed. Enquiries having failed to discover an equally suitable Hall, the King's Hall has been booked provisionally subject to Committee's instructions.
- (b) Lecturers. Webb, Money, Cole and Sanders agree to lecture; it is assumed that Shaw will consent when asked; Webb will report on Tawney.

Report was received. On (a) it was decided to recommend that Kings Hall be definitely engaged.

(6) Publications.

The Gen. Sec: reported as follows.

- (a) Wages of Men and Women. By Mrs. Webb. Paged proofs have been passed and the work should be on sale shortly. Owing to a printer's miscalculation there will be 80 instead of 72 pages. This, together with extra charge for portrait cover, will bring cost to about £98 for 3,000 copies instead of about £83.

Puces had been received for (1) Stereo: 4/9 per page, & for keeping type standing: 1/- per page per month; the printers did not recommend moulds. It was agreed to keep type standing

6) Publications (contd)

(b) MSS. of Tract on Municipal Finance, by Robert Jones; Tract on Bureaucracy offered by Davies; and of Tract on Public Health offered by Dr. Kerr; received: (will all be considered by Publishing Committee).

7) Staff Matters.

The Gen. Sec. reported that Miss Thomas had applied for an increase of salary. It was agreed to recommend that she be given an increase of 5/- per week.

8) Membership.

(a) May Candidates, 9. Last year, 14.

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
V. Collins.	Oxford	May, 1918.	5/-	1918. None.
Miss D. Jennings	Gerrard St.	March, '13.	7/6.	1916. None
Louis Bowmer)	Uxbridge	June '18.	10/6	1918. No time
Mrs. Bowmer)			10/6	1918. do.

The candidates were elected & resignations received

Sub. West

Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Friday July 4th 1919.

Present. Webb (in chair) Pease, Dodd Shaw Gen. Sec:

(1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed.

(2) Finance The Gen. Sec. reported as follows:

(a) All accounts rendered to June 30th have been paid with the exception of Fountain & Co. £12.5.6 (awaiting adjustment) and several minor items.

(b) Results to June 30th.

	<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>
Members' Subscriptions.	327	202
Other "	29	26
Book Boxes	15	11
Gross Sales Literature	333	257
Hire of Hall	29	12

(c) Balance at Banks, June 30th. £168.

Received

(2) Membership.

(a) June candidates, 14. Last year, 17.

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
R.N. Anderson.	Hull	1910	£1. 13/6/19.	Desires detachment
Miss E. Groves.	Henley	1917	5/-. 6/6/16.	Poverty. as subscriber.

Candidates were elected. Resignations accepted.

Anderson to be asked to be ^{associat}

(2) Kings Hall Lectures Gen. Sec. reported as follows:

(a) Lecturers fixed: Mr. Besant, Shaw, Cole, Money, Webb, Sanders. Mr. Pember Reeves declined.

(4) Dates Kings Hall Lectures (contd)

- (b) It was agreed that Mr^o Desant Mr. Cole take 1st & 2nd dates of Money the last; other lectures to be fixed to suit Shaw.
- (c) Mr^o Webb to be chairman for Cole; others to be asked: Granville Parker for Money, Maldane for Sanders, Mr^o Pember Reeves for Shaw, Frank Hodges for Webb or Mr^o Desant, Bishop Gore for Webb.

(5) Office Matters The Gen: Sec: reported the resignation of Miss Thomas as from July 14th. It was agreed that the Gen: Sec: be authorized to arrange for temporary assistance for the present.

(6) Book Boxes The Gen: Sec: was authorized to circularize N. U. R. branches & P. P. branches.

(7) Mitchinson Trust Lectures The Gen: Sec: was authorized to circularize Local Labour Parties offering these lectures.

(8) End of Sub-tenancies The Gen: Sec: reported that the Labour Research Dept. appeared to be about to move. It was decided that back room be used as Book Room; other arrangements held

(9) List of Members willing to become Party Labour Candidates

It was decided to send the list to the Labour Party with the intimation that the Society could not accept financial responsibility for them. List annexed

(10) Price of Socialist Series. Request from Fifield that the

price be raised 30% was declined.

(11) State Medical Service Booklet. On favourable report from

Dodd it was agreed to recommend that we publish if Glasgow F. S. will take 1,000 copies at 8.
Gen. Sec. to obtain estimates for printing

(12) Correspondence. From

(a) Dr. Norman Leys desiring to defend Bolshevism in News. Decided it would be against rule.

(b) Inter. Assⁿ of Labour Legislation requesting renewal of subscription. Declined.

(c) Mr^s Buscton requesting signatures to a public letter on Peace Treaty. Declined

(d) Ruston College requesting subⁿ for Womens Hostel. No order

(e) Joint Board for Assistance to Cons. Off^r?. Request for contribution: No order.

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MEMBERS OF THE FABIAN SOCIETY WILLING TO BECOME
LABOUR PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES.

James May, 30 The Pryors, Hampstead, N.W. 3.
F. W. Pethick Lawrence, 11 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C. 2.
W. J. Bassett Lowke, 78 Derngate, Northampton.
Dennis Milner, 1 Victoria Street, S.W. 1.
J. J. Dodd, 11 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C. 2.
B. Skene MacKay, 19 Hampstead Hill Gardens, N.W. 3.
Lt. H. F. Wheeler, M.A., H.Q. Eastern Command, 36 Queen's Gardens,
Bayswater, W. 2.
Major L. Haden Guest, 20 Tite Street, Chelsea, S.W. 3.
Harry Snell, 3 Leighton Crescent, N.W. 5.
Wilson Coates, 29 Spring Gardens, Edinburgh.
Rev. G. W. Thompson, 9 Francis Avenue, Southsea.
S. H. Riza, 37 Melrose Gardens, Hammersmith, W.6.
J. J. Mallon, 45 Mecklenburgh Square, W.C. 1.
Capt. Wm. Stephen Sanders, 25 Tothill Street, Westminster.
J. Henry Lloyd, 4 Montrose Villas, Sunnycroft Road, Hounslow, Middx.
W. W. Henderson, Teesdale, Rodenhurst Road, Clapham Park, S.W.
Capt. E. N. Bennett, 35 Sloane Street, S.W.
H. D. Harben, Newland Park, Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks.

C. R. Morden, 16 Fellows Road, Hampstead. (Candidate for North
Hammersmith).
Jesse Hawkes, Greenfield, St. John's Road, Boxmoor. (Candidate
for Hemel Hempstead).
F. E. Green, Baring's Field, Newdigate, Surrey.
(Candidate for Chichester).
Walter Baker, 1 Chestnut Grove, Blaham, S.W. 12.
(Candidate for Market Harboro').
Sidney Webb, 41 Grosvenor Road, Westminster, S.W. 1
(Probable candidate for London University).
Hugh Dalton, 107 Albert Bridge Road, Battersea Park, S.W.
(Candidate for Westminster of By-Election takes place).

Finance & General Purposes Committee
Meeting. Friday September 19th 1919.

Present. Harben, Pease, Gen. Sec: (Harben in Chair)

(1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

(2) Apologies received from Webb & Mrs. Salmond.

(3) Finance. The Gen. Sec: reported as follows:

(a) All accounts rendered to August 31st. (including Wightman & Co £93. for printing "Wages of Men and Women) have been paid with the exception of several minor items.

(b) Results to August 31st

	1919	1918
Members Subs	<u>455</u>	<u>337</u>
Other "	36	40
Gross Literature Sales.	499	361
BOOK Boxes	40	23
Hire of Hall	36	13
Kings Hall Lectures	142	13

(c) Balance at Bank August 31st. £312.

Received

(4) Membership

(a) August candidates (7) last year (11)
JULY " (10) " " (11) elected by
Secretary.

(b) Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub</u>
C.H. WYNN	Crowborough	1917	21/27/19
<u>Reason</u>	Mental breakdown.		

Candidates elected; resignation accepted

(5) Kings Hall Lectures. The Gen: Sec: reported:

Sale of tickets at present date constitute a record.
 To Sept. 18th. £330. To Sept. 18th 1918. £22.
 Only about 800 syllabus have been sent to non-
 members as yet.
 No advertisement expenses other than postage have
 been incurred. All 5/- seats are sold; few 10/6
 seats left; guinea seats going well.

Received

(6) Book Boxes.

Gen: Secretary reported great demand for Book Boxes
 It was decided to recommend that £20 be
 used in purchasing books.

(7) Tutorial Class. The Gen: Sec: reported:

Twenty applications so far. Further advertisement in
 hand.
 Printer's error as to time has since been amended.

Received.

(8) Members Meeting Oct. 17th. There being no business
 of importance it was decided to recommend that
 this be cancelled and to accept offer of Webb
 to lecture instead on "Fabian Essays: Thirty years
 after".

(9) Research Department It was decided to recommend
 that the Society affiliate: Fee £10 per annum.

(10) Staff. The Gen. Sec. recommended as follows:

- (a) That Miss Thomas's position be not filled.
- (b) That Miss Gibson continue, as at present to give extra time as at present
- (c) That Howell's salary be raised to £4 per week
- (d) That Maud Gooderson's wages be raised to £1. 5. 0 per week that she assist in typing etc.
- (e) That a boy be engaged to assist Howell at 15/- per week
- (f) An application from Mrs Herbert for further increase of salary ~~was not~~ ^{be not} entertained until the future of Common Room was settled.

(11) Vacant Rooms.

Secretary reported that back room on second floor had been fitted up as Book Room. Consideration of use of other rooms was postponed

12. Publications The Gen. Sec. reported:

Booklet "A Public Medical Service" 2000 copies received from Glasgow. Glasgow F.S. to be responsible for sale of 1000 copies making 3000 in all.

Received

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- 1) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. The secretary reported large demand for lectures in response to circular necessitating further lecturers. He recommended that Miss Dawson Snell be asked to take courses. This was agreed to. The fee for lectures was fixed at two guineas per lecture subject to Esc. Com: approval.
- 4) Society Lectures. This subject was discussed & deferred

15) Conferences

- (a) On Equal Pay for Equal Duties. Womens Cp. to appoint three delegates.
- (b) On India. October 4th. Harben & any others.
- (c) London Labour Party. Gen: Sec: to appoint.

16) Correspondence

- (a) From Dr. Norman Lepp. Writer withdraws proposal.
- (b) Tom Richardson's Testimonial. No order
- (c) Bureau de Documentation Socialiste Brussels request to go on Free List. Granted
- (d) London Labour Party on Famine in Europe. No order.
- (e) Caldecott Community School Appeal. No order
- (f) Labour Campaign for Public Ownership of Liquor Traffic. Pease elected on to Gen: Council.

(16) Correspondence (contd)

(g) Belgium Labour Party Elections. Appeal for this from British Labour Party. Referred to E.C.

(h) Request from John Lea for contribution to Election Exs. Boro' Council. Declined.

(i) Anti Gambling League: desired to rent room. Declined.

(j) London Trades Council. Appeal for Police Strike Fund
No order.

(K) Land Nationalization by notifying Land Sunday. Noted

(L) Memorial of Peace & Freedom. Appeal for Funds. No order.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting Friday, October 10th 1919 at 5. p.m.

Present Webb (in chair) Shaw, Harben, Mr. Salmond,
Dodd, Pease & Gen. Sec.

(1) Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

(2) Finance The following report was submitted:

(a) All accounts rendered to September 30th (including balance of hire of Kings Hall £34.) have been paid excepting a few minor items.

(b) Results to September 30th.	1919	1918
Members subscriptions	£511	£394
Other	47	48
Book Boxes	56	29
Gross Sales Literature	572	395
Hire of Hall	41	15

(c) Kings Hall Lecture Ticket sales now about £520. All 10/6d and 5/- Course tickets sold. About 20 stalls left and 20 chairs that can be added to stalls.

(d) Letter from Income Tax Authorities claiming tax on Lecture proceeds and Book Shop surplus for 1918-1919.

On (d) Pease reported that Income Tax Commissioners had withdrawn claim after he had interviewed them & explained accounts.

(3) Memberships

(a) September candidates - 6. Last year - 7.

(b) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Geo. Crook.	Norwick.	Oct./18.	20/-	Changed views.

Candidates elected; resignation accepted.

(4) Book Boxes The following report was received.

The response to circulars sent to I.L.P. now coming in: 19 orders this month already making, with orders from N.U.R., 86 boxes ordered since August 1st. Books are being purchased and estimates for 20 new boxes are in hand. Railway strike has delayed sending out and return of boxes, and apologies have been sent to subscribers.

(5) Vacant Rooms ^(a) On a report by the General Sec:

it was decided to recommend that the Common Room be thrown open to all members who should be asked to contribute to a Common Room Fund & that the present members of the Common Room be asked to pay their present contributions, or part thereof, to the proposed Fund.

(b) With regard to the vacant room on third floor it was decided to recommend that it be used for the purpose of collecting

5) Vacant

6) Societ

7) Libr

8) Book

9) Histo

1) Vacant Rooms (contd) information^{on} & replying to questions relating to Local Government & that a part time official be appointed for this purpose.

1) Society Lectures. It was decided to recommend that the Lectures for Jan:- Mar: 1920 be on Nationalization & that the lectures & subjects be as follows:-

Housing: Reiss. Shipping: Money.
 Mines: Hodges. Banking: Webb.
 Railways: Davis. Insurance: Lindley.

Cooperation: lecturer to be suggested by
 Miss Llewellyn Davis or Miss Bondfield

1) Tutorial Class It was reported that about 35 persons had booked for the class.

8) Hutchinson Trust Lectures It was decided to recommend that expenditure up to £150 be authorized for these lectures.

9) History of Trade Unionism

(a) It was decided to recommend that Webb's offer to supply members of T. U. on advance orders at 15/- per copy be circulated with News

(9) History of Trade Unionism. Suggestion that the F.S. share in circularization of offer of cheap edition of ^{History of} Trade Unionism to about 30 thousand branches of Trade Unions by the inclusion of an advertisement of Bookshop Literature, ^{was} referred to Executive.

(10) Correspondence

- (a) Norman Leys on a plan of Socialist action. Refer him to Labour Party Advisory
(b) American Lutheran Society; wanted ^{Com: -} to be on Free List: no order
(c) Inter: Soc: Bureau: Report on Hungary

Received.

Swirewell

Finance & General Purposes Committee.
Meeting Nov. 7th 1919. at 5 p.m.

Present. Webb (in chair) J.W. Shaw, Dodd, Mr. Salmond,
Sanders & Hon. Sec:

1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

2) Finance The following report was received

(a) The Books have been balanced to October 31st and all accounts rendered to that date, with the exception of a few minor items, have been paid.

(b) Results to October 31st.	<u>1919.</u>	<u>1918.</u>
Members Subscriptions.	£574.	£451.
Other "	55	56
Book Boxes.	92	33
Gross Sales Literature.	688	468
Hire of Hall.	53	17

(c) Kings Hall Lecture Tickets sales are now (gross) about £580.

(d) Report on Commitments (attached)

3) Membership (a) Oct. Candidates 6. Last year 5.
& Resignations

me.	Address.	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Crewe.	Chester.	1895.	10/- 1916.	None.
Cashman	East Ham.	1912.	7/6 1919.	Changed views.
Weller.	Forest Gate.	1912.	22/6 3 yrs. 1919.	"
Syres	Kensington.	1917.	10/- 1919.	Dislikes Labour Party.
Ms M. H. Saunders.	Barnes.	1908.	10/- 1918.	Cannot attend.

(4) Membership (cont'd)

Candidates adopted: Resignations, accepted

(5) Book Boxes. The following report was received

(a) The demand is now slackening, the effect of circulars having become exhausted. The total number of boxes order since April 1st this year is 194 of which 150 have been asked for since August 1st. Boxes are being made by a carpenter on the premises much below cost of estimate. One thousand Book Box Circulars are ready to go out when present demand is satisfied and we can overtake present orders.

(b) Letter of appreciation of Book Box scheme.

(6) Society Lectures. The secretary reported that Frank Hodges was willing to lecture but could not give date at present. Other lecturers agreed upon were being asked in rotation. Davies would lecture on Land Nat? on Jan: 9th. Agreed to ask J. Bromley to lecture on Rly. Nat?

(7) Vacant Rooms.

The following report was received

Common Room Committee is in general agreement with the proposal that the Society take over the room and open it to all members. A Special Meeting of the Common Room Committee is to be arranged to meet the two Executive members appointed to discuss details.

(8) Business Meeting Dec. 12th. The following Agenda was agreed upon:-

It was decided to recommend that the Agenda be:-

- (a) Confirmation of New Basis.
- (b) Discussion of the International Socialist Situation and the International Socialist Congress at Geneva to be opened by Webb.
- (c) Proposal to open Common Room to all members.
- (d) Reports on activities of Society since March 31st.

(9) Tutorial Class. It was reported that the attendance had been about 50. Receipts £26.

(10) Parliamentary Candidates.

(a) Guest requested that the Society should act as before as financial agency for his candidature and deposited £100 with the Society
Agreed.

(b) R. W. Samuel requested that he be placed on the list of candidates for whom the Society would appeal for funds.
Agreed.

(11) Correspondence (a) Labour Housing Ass. Conference
Delegate required. Shaw appointed
(b) Ministry of Food Conference. Sec: to find delegates

Correspondence

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- (c) Stanford University. Want our War Publications
(d) National Liberal Club. Want Free List. ^{agreed.}
(e) International Socialist Bureau. Want our
views on responsibility for the war. No action
(f) Dutch League of Nations Union. Want our
cooperation. No action

(12) Classes after Xmas.

Decided to hold in Hall

- (a) Speakers Class
(b) Classes on Municipal Law &
Election Law.

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Literature.

The Executive Committee has ordered the following expenditure on Booklets and Tracts.

Fabian Essays, say	£140
Tawney's Booklet, say	75
Reprints of Tracts, say	35
Jones' Tract, say	20
Circular and postages bookshop.	<u>55</u>
Total estimated.	<u>£325</u>

Up to October 31st, 1919 the expenditure on Printing and Advertising Society publications was £ 143 (including reprinting "Towards Social Democracy?" and printing "Wages of Men and Women") £446. These two items come to £587. The gross sales of literature to same date was £688. This shows an apparent surplus of about £100. But since October 31st £80 has been paid for printing "A Public Medical Service" making total expenditure on Printing and Advertising Tracts £223. The Literature account to date (Nov.6th) stands as follows:-

Receipts £708.	Expenditure. Printing, etc.
	own publications, £223
	Purchase of Literature <u>446</u>
	£669
Balance £39.	

We hold large stocks of our latest publications and considerable quantities of other publishers works, We ought to receive another £500 for gross sale of literature before March 31st, but even if we do this it is not likely that we shall be able to meet the commitments given above out of profits.

It should be mentioned that "What to Read" is being revised. To reprint this will cost probably £200. But owing to the slowness of printing this type of book it is improbable that the necessary expenditure would come into this years accounts

On the whole it would appear that the Publications Reserve will have to be drawn upon to meet the commitments on printing and publishing literature.

Offices. At least £80 more than last year will fall on the Rent and Office account owing to the decision not to sublet any of the rooms now vacant

WM. STEPHEN SANDERS.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday, November 28th, 1919

Present. Webb (in chair) Dodd, Harben, Mr. Shaw,
Pease & Gen: Sec:.

- 1) Minutes of previous meeting were read reconfirmed
- 2) Apology was received from Mr. Salmond.
- 3) International Socialist Congress. Further consideration was given to question of delegation and it was decided to appoint the Gen: Sec: as second delegate & Harben as third subject to confirmation by Executive Committee.

4) Society Lectures

The following report from Gen: Sec: was received.

The following have been arranged:

Jan. 9th.	Emil Davies.	Nationalization of Land.
23rd.	Richard Reiss.	Nationalization of Housing.
Feb. 27th.	S. F. Perry.	Nationalization & Co-operation.

Bromley is willing to lecture on Nationalization of Railways but cannot give date. Hodges second time writes he cannot give date for Nationalization of Mines as his movements are uncertain.

(5) Parliamentary Candidatures

On application from G.P. Blizard it was decided to send Labour Party guarantee for his election expenses subject to his sending the Society a covering guarantee.

(6) Kings Hall Lectures

The Gen: Sec: reported that the Gross Takings were now over £600.

(7) Vacant Rooms

(a) It was reported that the Common Room Com: was unanimously in favour of the Ex: Com:^{ee} proposals with regard to the future of the Common Room.

(b) With regard to the proposal to use the vacant room on 3rd floor for local Gov^t purposes it was decided to put in a note in Fabian News asking for a part time officer with a knowledge of local Gov^t. law and administration.

(8) BOOK BOXES. Gen: Sec: reported that demand still continued & that old boxes were being repaired & new ones made.

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Members Meeting. Decr. 12th..

- (a) It was decided to ask Oliver to take chair
- (b) Agreed that Pease more confirmation of new Basis;
Wodd proposals with regard to Common Room;
and the Gen. Sec. to deal with work of the Society.

1) Correspondence

- (a) Request from customer for reduced terms on
Books purchased for him: declined
- (b) From Fifield asking that price of History of
Fabian Society be raised to 6/-: agreed.

Edw. R. Pease

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Finance General Purposes Committee.

Friday December 12th 1919.

Present. Pease (in chair) Dodd, Mr^s Webb, J.W. Shaw.
Mr^s Salmond, Gen. Sec.

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

(2) Apologies were received from Webb & Harben.

(3) Finance. The following report was received

(a) The Books are balanced to Nov. 30th and all accounts rendered to that date have been paid.

(b) Results to Nov. 30th.	1919	1918.
Members Subscriptions.	£640	£500
Other "	62	61
Gross Sales Literature	860	557
Book Boxes	105	35
Hire of Hall	57	27

(4) Kings Hall Lectures. Financial Statement was received

	1919	1918.
Gross Makings	609. 19. 6	587. 7.
Hire of Hall	0. 0	75. 12. 0
Printing	36. 16. 4	72. 6. 0
Cash Returned	16. 10. 0	20. 4. 0
Fee to Cole	10. 10. 0	
Postages	6. 1. 3	9. 5. 3
(x) Staff Grants	7. 0. 0	8. 0. 0
Gratuities to		
Commissionaires	5. 15. 0	3. 17. 6
	208. 12. 7	189. 5. 1
	£401. 6. 11	£298. 2. 1

Balances 1917. £312; 1916 £368.

(x) To be approved by Committee.

4) Kings Hall Lectures (contd)

The grants of £7 to Staff were approved and the Report was adopted

5) Vacant Rooms

(a) It was reported that the Members of the Common Room had agreed to the Exec's proposals.

(b) With regard to the room on third floor it was decided to recommend that it be used definitely for the purpose of obtaining + compiling information relating to Local Government and that W.A. Robson be appointed to give two afternoons per week to the work at £1. per week.

6) Membership Resignations

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Felix Hamel.	Rhyl.	1917.	42/- 1919.	Dislikes Labour Party.
John Exten.	Bristol.	1892	10/- 1918.	None.
Miss M.Coates.	Westminster.	1926	10/- 1919	None
			2 years	
Miss L.Griffiths	St. Pancras	1914.	2/6 1919	No time.

Accepted

7) Duncan Hall's Book. Agreed that the M.S. be typed in the office in overtime.

(8) Tract by G. D. H. Cole. It was agreed that Cole's lecture on "Guild Socialism", revised, be printed as a Tract he being willing.

(10) Classes in Fabian Hall.

It was decided to hold after Xmas

(a) Speakers Class by W^m Stephen Sanders.

(b) Local Government. Suggested lecturers: Mr^o Salmond, Miss Lawrence, Lloyd, Webb, Robert Jones, Mr^o Pease, Sanders.

(11) Spring course at Kings Hall.

It was decided to recommend that a Course of Lectures be held in the Spring on Socialism (or Labour Party) and the Middle Classes.

(12) Invitation to visit Carlisle Invitation was received from Labour Campaign Committee for Control of Liquor Traffic to visit Carlisle to view liquor control Experiment. No cost to the Society. Agreed that Pease go.

(13) Members Meeting

Olivier wrote that he was unable to take chair. Agreed that the Secretary secure chairman from Meeting

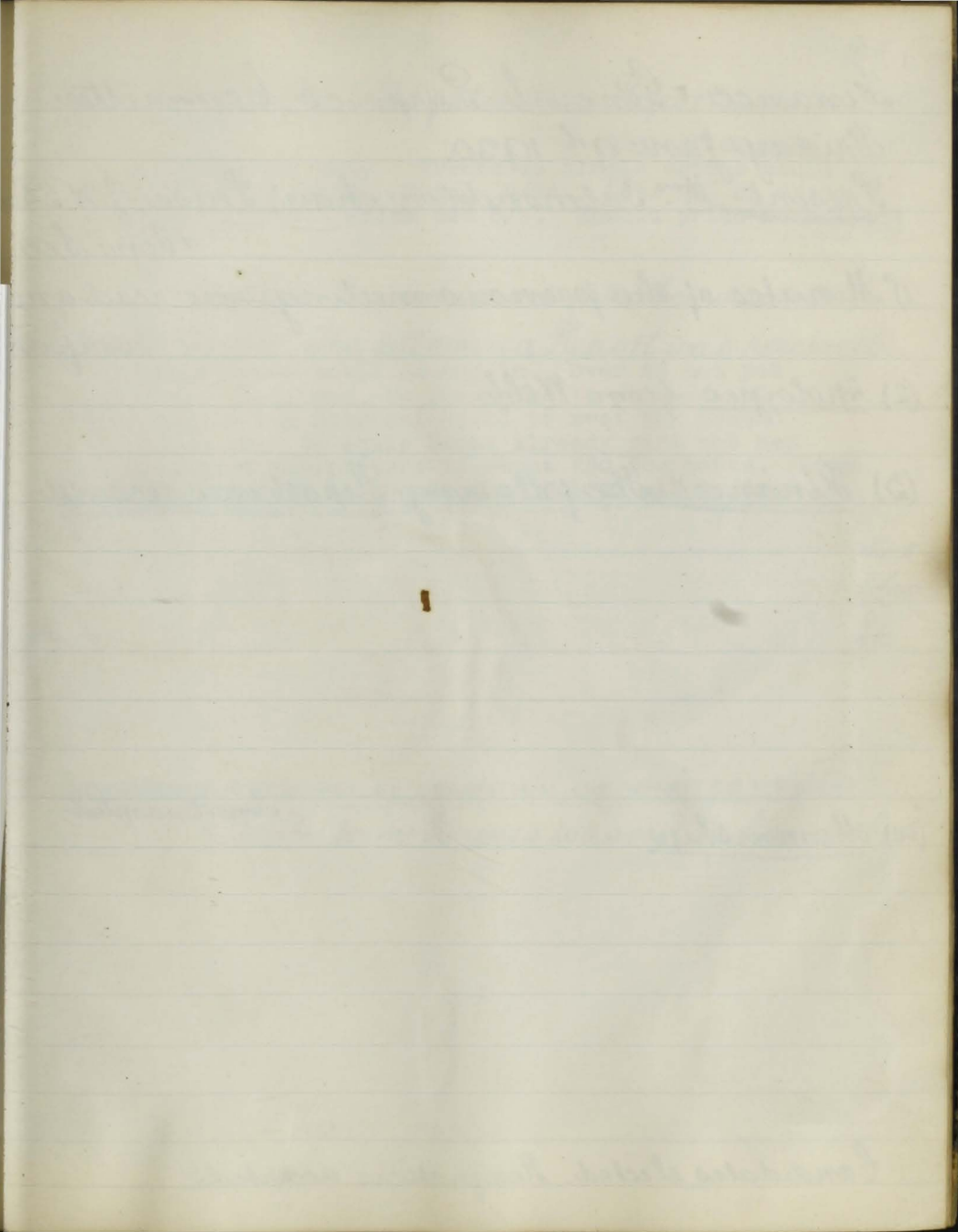
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(114) New Commonwealth. Request received that this journal be sent to all members. Agreed providing copies were dispatched from the office & the journal paid all costs.
9.1.70.

E. H. Sturmond

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Finance & General Purposes Committee

Friday Jan: 9th 1920.

Present Mr. Salmond (in chair) Pease, J. W. Shaw

Gen. Sec:

(1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

(2) Apologies from Webb.

(3) Finance The following Report was received

(a) The Books are balanced to December 31st, and all accounts rendered to that date have been paid with the exception of a few small items.

(b) Results to December 31st.	1919.	1918.
Members Subscriptions.	£723.	£571
Other " "	80.	74
Gross Sales Literature.	1003	676
Book Boxes	115	37
Hire of Hall.	74	29

Report adopted.

(4) Membership

(a) December Candidates 29. Last year 9.

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Mrs. Volten	Streatham.	1910.	20/-, 6/3/19.	None
Miss L. Francis	Abbey Wood	1909.	10/- 30/7/17.	Financial
Frode Sorenson	Copenhagen	1914	£2 13/11/18	Financial
E. H. Harrison	Muswell Hill	1918	10/- 5/10/18	Illness
Capt. Hardy.	City.	1912.	30/- 2/5/19	None.

6 years

Candidates elected. Resignations accepted.

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5) Bound Tracts. The following Report was received

Cost of binding is now 2/11d per copy. Tracts as single copies could be sold for 6/10d. Total 9/9d. Less 25% on 6/10d (1/8d) = 7/1d. Price now 5/- . Should price be raised?

Decided to recommend price be raised to $7\frac{1}{6}$.

6) Book Boxes. The following Report was received.

Orders are still coming in. Over 50 not yet executed. Gen. Sec. is arranging to purchase 50 Fuse boxes from Disposal Board to meet the demand for about £5. To equip boxes already sent out has necessitated expenditure of about £50 for books. More expenditure will be required to fulfil all orders. Number of boxes ordered since March 31st 1919 is now 236. Same period last year 74.

Decided to recommend that the Hon. the Hutchinson Trustees be asked for grant of £100

7) Speakers Class. It was reported that 10 students had so far joined the class.

8) Spring Course of Lectures at Kings Hall
As reply from Keynes was not to hand the matter was adjourned

9) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. It was decided to recommend that arrangements be made to defray cost of these lectures from No 2 account.

(10) Correspondence

- (a) From Gosworth (Leicestershire) Labour Party asking for nominations for Labour Party candidature. Decided to ask for further information.
- (b) From Garden Cities & Town Planning Assn. asking for delegates to Conference. Nodd suggested.
- (c) From Fires of May Celebration Com: asking for affiliation. No order.
- (d) From Int. Socialist Bureau. Letters on conditions in Germany Hungary. Received

(11) Chairman for Davies. Pease.

Sir John Holt

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Meeting Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday February 6th 1920.

Present Webb, I. W. Shaw, & Gen. Sec.

- (1) Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed
- (2) Apologies from Dodd & Mrs. Salmond.
- (3) Finance. The following report was received

(a) Books have been balanced to Jan. 31st and all accounts rendered to Jan. 31st have been paid with the exception of a few small items.

(b) Results to January 31st.

	<u>1920.</u>	<u>1919.</u>
Members Subscriptions.	2907	2725.
Other	104	88
Gross Sales Literature.	1151	782
Book Boxes.	130	42
Hire of Hall.	88	48

(c) Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure to end of year. This is at present not easy to arrive at. We have balances at banks of £260 on current a/c and £100 on Deposit (Guest Parliamentary Fund). Our balances from last year are all invested and are therefore untouched. But for special expenditure on Hutchinson Trust Lectures, Books for Book Boxes, etc., it is probable that the income for the year would have balanced expenditure. A conservative estimate for the next two months is as follows:

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(4) Finance (contd)

<u>Receipts.</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	
Balances at Banks.	£230. 0. 0.	Salaries.	£200. 0. 0.
Subscriptions.	200. 0. 0.	Rent.	62. 10. 0.
Literature Sales.	200. 0. 0.	Book Purchases.	150. 0. 0.
Miscellaneous.	100. 0. 0.	Printing Fabian Essays and Tawney's Booklet.	400. 0. 0.
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		Miscellaneous.	50. 0. 0.
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It would appear to be advisable to make provision for this possible deficit by selling £250 or £300 War Loan before March 31st.

It was decided to recommend that power be given to sell £200 War Loan if necessary

(5) Membership

(a) January Candidates 12. Last year 21.

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss E. Burr,	Hampstead.	1912.	5/- 1919.	Cannot attend.
Miss S.E. Jackson,	Thornton Heath.	1913.	2/6 1920	None.
Miss M. E. Lawrence.	Hampstead.	1911	5/- 1920.	Cannot afford.
F. B. Scoffham.	Birmingham.	1913.	21/- 1918.	None.

Candidates were elected. Resignations received & accepted except Scoffham - held over

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Book Boxes The following Report was received.

- (a) Percy Alden is unable to advise where to apply for funds for Books or for Books excepting to the Carnegie Trust. The Committee should decide how Trust should be approached.
- (b) Question of amount of Book Box Fee should be considered. Railway Rates have been raised, thereby increasing working costs considerably.
- (c) Book Boxes ordered since March 31st 1919 now number 265. Previous year 84.

On (a) It was decided that Webb approach Carnegie Trustees

On (b) It was decided that the Exo. Com: be recommended to raise fee to 15/.

Appeal for Parliamentary By-Election Fund.

Gen. Sec: reported that Webb had drafted this & it was now in printer's hands.

Fabian Essays The following report was received.

- (a) Estimate for making stereos for Introduction £5. 16. 3d. Shall we accept?
- (b) Estimate for reprinting further 1,000 copies of Fabian Essays £140. (!)

(The accepted estimate from same firm for the 3,000 already reprinted is £139)

(c) Of the 3,000 reprinted about 1,700 have been disposed of including 900 to Allen and Unwin. All the 1,700 have not, of course, been paid for yet.

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(9) Fabian Essays. (cont^d)

- (a) On estimate it was decided to accept.
(b) Decided not to reprint

(10) Fabian News (The following Report was received.)

In accordance with instructions the following report on the respective costs of a 4 page and 8 page Fabian News is presented.

2,450 Copies of Fabian News.

	<u>4 page.</u>			<u>8 page.</u>		
Printing	£s.	7.	6d.	£19.	15.	0d.
Wrapping & Dispatching	2.	10.	0	2.	10.	0
Stamps and Carriage	4.	7.	0	4.	7.	0
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	£16.	4.	6d.	£26.	12.	0d.
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Postage is reckoned at $\frac{1}{2}$ d per copy. It should be noted that a 4 page News leaves more margin for sending out with it circulars and tracts.

It was decided that an eight page News be sent out as frequently as possible.

Kings Hall Lectures. It was reported that Dalton had accepted, and reply was awaited from Money

- (a) It was agreed that the following be the

1) Kings Hall Lectures (contd)

Chairman :-

For Shaw. Miss Bondfield

" Money. Dug: Gen Thomson.

" Dalton. Biggar (if elected for Paisley)

(b) It was decided that the dates should be
Wednesdays April 21st April 28th & May 5

2) Sulloch Legacy.

It was decided to recommend that this legacy be amalgamated with the Miles & Barr Legacies & that the interest on the combined amount be offered annually for an Essay, every second year the competitors to be limited to persons of Scotch descent. As an alternative an annual lecture might be instituted. The title suggested for the Essay or Lecture was "The Barr - Sulloch - Miles".

3) Staff Matters

It was decided to recommend that Miss Gibson's salary be raised to £3:17:6 for a full week.

(14) Common Room The following Report was received:-

There has been no general response to the invitation to members to subscribe to the Common Room Fund, and owing to the work on Book Boxes it has not been possible to adapt the large room on second floor to Common Room purposes. As there does not seem to be a demand for increased Common Room accommodation, will the Committee reconsider their decision with regard to the vacant rooms? There are two applications for the use of the large room on third floor, one (renewed) from Miss Hankinson, and one from the Civil Service Union. The latter body offers up to £60 per annum for this room. It is suggested that the Common Room might consist in future of the two large rooms on the second floor, and the small back room now part of Common Room might be used as the Womens Group Office and the present Womens Group Office could be the room for Local Government purposes

It was decided to recommend

- (a) That the decision ~~be reconsidered~~ not to let.
- (b) That the front room on third floor be let (Miss Hankinson to have first offer) at £60 per annum.

(15) Correspondence

From Wandsworth Central Labour Party asking Committee to receive deputation to ask for financial assistance for Blizard's candidature. Decided to reply that we regret we cannot assist at present.

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Correspondence (contd)

(b) From S. Hoar's Labour Party asking for assistance for Col. Hoare's candidature. Decided to reply that we cannot assist at present.

Sidney Webb

Meeting Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday March 5th 1920.

Present, Webb (in chair) Dodd, J.W. Shaw Gen. Sec:

(1) Minutes of the previous Meeting were read & confirmed

(2) Apology was received from Mr. Salmond.

(3) Finance The following Report was received

(a) Books have been balanced to Feb. 29th and all accounts rendered to that date (with the exception of account £40 for shelving etc. and a few small items) have been paid.

(b) Results to Feb. 29th.	1920.	1919.
Members Subscriptions.	£1040.	£891.
Other Subscriptions.	110.	105.
Gross Sales Literature.	1280.	886.
Book Boxes.	137.	45.
Hire of Hall.	98.	54.

(c) Audit. Thomson cannot audit 1918-1919 accounts yet. Letter from him. What action?

On (c) it was decided to ask Bacon to conduct audit.

(4) Parliamentary Bye Election Fund

It was reported that amount received to date was £35. Promised £10.

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1) Kings Hall Lectures

The following Report was received.

(a) Chairman. Miss Bondfield declined invitation to take chair for Shaw. Dr. Fairfield was invited and has accepted. Chairman required for Hugh Dalton. Suggestion by Gen: Sec:; Gen. Gough or Lord Parmoor.

(b) Sales of tickets to date about £30.

On (a) it was decided to ask Gen: Gough & failing him, Lord Parmoor.

(2) Book Boxes

The following Report was received.

Demand has now slowed down. About 16 orders now on hand which will clear out all boxes new and old. Orders received since March 31st - 274. Last year 90.

(7) Membership.

(a) February Candidates 14. Last year 11.

(b) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
J.M. McTavish.	Holborn.	1910.	7/6	1919. Poverty.
Mrs. C.M. Meredith,	Belfast.	1914.	10/-	1919. "
M. H. Morrison.	Hampstead.	1917.	15/-	1920. Changed Views.
J. P. Bedford,	Hampstead.	1911.	42/-	1918. None.
S. Lorsignol.	Buenos Ayres.	1907.	£4.	1920. Changed Views.

Candidates were elected. Decided to Keep on McTavish & Mrs Meredith.

(8) Staff Matters. The salary position of Miss Dawson was considered & adjourned for further information.

(9) Common Room. It was decided to recommend that the Back Common Room be let when the vacant room on same floor is converted to Common Room purposes.

(10) Executive Committee Election

It was reported that there would be two vacancies at least - Harben & Squire.

11. Society Lectures &c

It was decided to recommend that no lectures be given in May; that the Annual Meeting be held on May 14th; and that a soiree be held in June at Suffolk St Galleries or elsewhere

12. Correspondence From:

- (a) Wandsworth Labour Party. Request for financial assistance. Declined
- (b) Labour Party: National Conference of Women;

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(12) Correspondence (contd)

- delegates required. Referred to Womens Group.
- (c) Liverpool F.S. On new basis. To be informed that alterations must be submitted according to rule.
- (d) Fight the Famine Council. Request to be allowed to sell tickets at Essex Hall March 12th. Agreed to permit downstairs.
- (e) A.W. Lewis. Suggesting lecture on League of Nations. To be considered later for autumn.
- (f) Int: Socialist Bureau. on Hungary etc. Received
- (g) Rand School. Want early Reports of Society. Agreed.

Stonewell

Meeting, Finance & General Purposes
Committee Friday, March 26th 1930

Present Webb (in chair) Davies, Dodd, J.W. Shaw,
& Gen: Sec:

(1) Minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

(2) Apology received from Pease.

(3) Parliamentary By Election Fund. Report
was received that:

Total Amount of Subscriptions
(including from Miss Lawrence
for her own election expenses) 792. 0. 0

Expended:

Miss Lawrence	400. 0. 0	
Stockport	<u>100. 0. 0</u>	<u>500. 0. 0</u>

Balance £292. 0. 0

In addition promises amounting to £10

It was agreed that cost of printing circular be

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(3) Parliamentary By-Election Fund (contd)
charged to the Fund.

(4) Stockport By-Election.

Appeal for further financial aid. Held over.

(5) Kings Hall Lectures It was reported that

(a) Lord Parmoor agrees to take chair for Dalton.

(b) Syllabuses had been printed & posted.

(c) Total receipts to date were £70.

(6) Executive Election. Gen: Sec: reported that there

would be an election. His editing of new candidates biography was approved. Decided not to print attendances.

(7) Book Boxes. It was reported that the number ordered since March 31st 1919 was 282 (last year) 92.

(8) Audit Letter from Bacon was read. He expressed willingness to consider possibility of auditing accounts but he was not an accountant.

(9) Staff Matters

(a) Position (Salary) of Miss Dawson was again considered and adjourned.

(b) General Secretary reported he had received offer of an appointment in the Int. Labour Office which he had decided to accept. He therefore tendered his resignation with regret & his services being required at once he asked that steps be taken to fill his place.

Decided to call a special meeting of the Ex. Com: for Wednesday March 31st to consider the matter & to issue in Fabian News a notice that the post of General Secretary would probably be vacant shortly and that applications should be sent in on or before Monday April 12th.

10. Publications Decided: (a) To reprint Tract No 75. Labour in Longest Reign (b) to reissue Tract No 154, Case for School Clinics (c) To drop Tract No 171, Nationalization of Mines Bill, and Tract No 119, Secret of Rural Depopulation

Correspondence

- (a) From Int: Soc: Bureau on Russia & Hungary; also resolutions from Scandinavian Congress of Socialists. Received
- (b) From Labour Abstentionist Party, new Bolsherick organization. Received
- (c) From Goldstone announcing withdrawal from Parliamentary candidature at Uxbridge. Received.

Chairman for Ratchiffe. Left to Secretary.

S. W. H. W. H.

First meeting of the 1920-21 Committee.
Friday 14 May 1920

Present. Webb in the Chair, Dodd, Middleton
Sandars and General Secretary

1. Temporary Chairman. Webb was elected.
2. Minutes of previous meeting were read & approved.
3. Photocopies received from Jordan & Pease.
4. Chairman. Webb was elected for ensuing year.
5. Finance. The General Secretary reported

(a) (General)	1920	1919
Members Subscriptions	£141	£144
Other "	14	13
Gross Sales of Literature	108	86
Book Boxes	7	8
Hire of Hall	3	9
(b) Parliamentary Bye-Elections Fund.		
Balance 30th April.	£245	
Received May	20	
Promises outstanding	30	

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(c) Kings Hall Lectures.

Receipts	£193
Expenditure	104
Outstanding: Advertisements, fees to speakers, etc.	

Received

Agreed that cheques for £10-10-0 each to be sent to Sir Leo Murray & W Dalton in respect of their lectures at Kings Hall.

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6. Membership.

- 6. (a) Election of April candidates (9) Last year (16)
- (b) Resignations:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss E.B.Redpath.	Hampstead.	April/16	5/- 1919	Cannot Attend.
Mrs. H. Barrett.	Woking	Nov/09	20/- 1917	None
F. K. Griffiths.	Bromley	Nov/08	25 1919	Changed Views.
H. Trench.	Florence	Mch/07	10/6 1919	"
J. W. Frings.	Surbiton	Mch/18	30/- 1919	Gone to Australia.
Miss A. Jenks.	Beckenham.	Nov/14	5/- 1917	None.
Harold Munro	London	Mch/07	£2 1917	Other activities
Major H. J. Gillespie	London	Dec/11	5/- 1918	None
L. Bell	Bromley	Feb/14	10/6 1919	None
Mrs. L. Bell	"	Feb/14	10/6 1919	None
G. Thomas, J.P.	Manchester	Jan/12	25.5.0 1912	Cannot afford.

all accepted except Thomas & whom will be promised to write.

7. Local Government Department. Roberts report considered. Refer back to him to draft circular and list of books for circulation.

8. International Labour Party Conference. International deferred to next meeting.

Miss Lawrence & Sidney Webb appointed delegates to Labour Party Conference and to be nominated for election to Labour Party Executive.

9. Staff Matters. Holidays. Agreed to give three weeks holiday to all staff with over a year's service. Salaries. Howell's wages to be increased to £4-10-0 per week, and the shop boy to 17/6 per week forthwith. Heard to have her wages increased to 30/- on & after 1st July next.

10. Autumn Lectures. Considered. Webb's suggestion of course by Mrs Webb & herself approved in principle.

For next Spring suggestion of course by Foreign Secretaries on the position in their own countries was provisionally approved.

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11. Correspondence.

- (a) I.L.P. London Divisional Council re Autumn meetings.
- (b) Sokal re exchange of publications.
- (c) Banks re lectures in Russia.
- (d) Allen & Unwin re terms of sale of publications.
- (e) Civil Service Union re Telephone and new tenancy.
- (f) Labour Party re appeal for fighting fund.
- (g) National Education Association re Mr. Fisher's Education proposals.

(a) Noted. (b) Reply - too few publications but will send any I should demand. (c) declined
 (d) Agreed to accept proposal - i.e. 8 1/2 d end 13/12 to date to Jan. 1st last. (e) Noted. Estimate £7.8.6 accepted for repair redecoration of vacant room. (f) noted. (g) Refer to Education Branch.

12. The General Secretary reported that Mussender had agreed to preside at the Annual meeting tonight.

Edw. R. Pease

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8 copies wanted. Suggestions for the Development of a Local Government *12/100*

Department of the Fabian Society.

There are various ways in which the Fabian Society can usefully assist the Labour members on Local Authorities, and thereby promote Municipal Socialism; incidentally also making itself and its work better known to these thousands of active workers, and advertising its publications.

Without overlapping what is being done by the Labour Party or the Labour Research Department, or any other body, the following suggestions seem suitable.

1. It is suggested that the names (and if possible the addresses) of the Labour members of all local authorities should be obtained from the Labour Party, who, it is understood, are now compiling a list; and this Card Catalogue should be kept up.

2. It would then be possible to circularize these Labour Councillors from time to time with memoranda on subjects which it is desirable to bring to their notice. The questions so treated should be of current interest, and would, of course, be confined to matters coming actually or potentially within the sphere of Local Government. They would ^{fall} under the following heads:-

(a). Matters at present under the control (subject probably to supervision from the higher authorities) of the local councils, in which it is proposed to make some extension or ~~curtail~~ curtailment of their powers. e.g. the recommendations contained in the Desborough Report on the Police.

In these cases it is obviously desirable that councillors should be made fully aware of the significance of probable

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developments, and any dangers inherent therein pointed out to them. Suggestions would be made in the memoranda of the attitude which in their own interests it would be advisable for the local governing bodies to adopt.

(b). Questions on which it is desirable that action should be initiated, either by the use of existing powers, or by means of new powers. For example, art galleries, municipal theatres, Milk distribution.

(c). Matters under controversy, and municipal experiments (such as the Areas Discussion in the West Riding, and the activities of the Birmingham municipal Branch Bank) where a clear explanatory statement of the arguments on both sides of the issue, would be of value. A doctrinal bias could be imparted whenever desirable.

3. It is thought that memoranda of this sort circulated periodically, say six to ten times annually, would advertise the Society among potential members, and also encourage labour councillors to make use of the Society for information and assistance in their work - they could, in fact, be specifically invited to do so.

In order to save expense on postage it might be possible to get the councillors envelopes included in the Labour Party's despatches to the local labour party headquarters; or possibly to send them all fastened and addressed, in a single envelope to the town clerk, who would certainly distribute them. Notices and leaflets announcing other activities of the Society could be enclosed as occasion offered, together with advertisements of all the Society's publications.

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4. Such things as the public Library List (of books that should be there) might usefully be sent to the Labour Councillors as occasion serves.

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Meeting. Finance & Committee
Friday 11th June 1920

Present. Dodd, Pease, Sanders, Mrs Salmond
and general secretary.

Chair. Pease was voted to the chair.

1. Minutes. of the previous meeting were read
and approved signed by chairman

2. Apologies for absence were received from
Gordon, Middleton and Webb.

3. Financial Statement. The following report was received:-

	1920	1919.
Members Subscriptions.	£268	£252
Other "	30	22
Gross Sales of Literature	259	246
Book Box Fees	12	13
Hire of Hall	12	23

After discussion re sales of literature.
An enquiry was made as to whether the staff
had received the usual fees for work done
in connection with the King's Hall lectures this Spring.

As it appeared they had not been paid
It was resolved. That the usual fees be paid
to the staff for attendance at King's Hall
lectures on similar basis to those paid
for the Autumn course.

4. Memberships.

(1) May Candidates (13) Elected last Jan 9.

(2) Resignation - Lady Meyer, Newport, Essex,
Elected May 1909. Last Sub. 2/1- in 1914. Reason. None
accepted.

5. International Socialist Conference Appointment
of delegates. Deferred & report to Executive
Letter from Webb & Haysomans report
for Report. Recommend Executive to agree
and act on Webb's suggestions.

6. Autumn Lectures. Letter from Webb therein
read and considered. Agreed that the
letter be circulated to Executive for next
meeting and they be recommended
to agree and adopt the plan proposed
by Webb.

7. Office Affairs

- (a) General Secretary reported premises not sold at auction on Tuesday last, and vendors would not accept any offer for portions of the whole blocks 17-25 Tothill St.
- (b) Notice from Westminster City Council increasing assessment of 25 Tothill St. from £280 pms to £230 net, to £300 pms to £250 net. Agreed to accept.
- (c) Income tax. Letter from Webb re payment of income tax on dividends. General Secretary instructed to write to the Collector on lines suggested by Webb.

8. Tulloch makes legacy fund scheme. Agreed to defer till Webb can attend.

9. Joint Committee to S. & L. P. Balance of funds. Agreed to defer till Webb can attend. General Secretary to inquire meanwhile the views of the S. & L. P. thereon.

10. Local Government Department. Mr Webb wrote suggesting new Poor Law Amendment might be

sent to labour members of local authorities
with other matter being prepared by
local prot. Dept. Agreed that the suggestion
be adopted and the matter put in
hand forthwith.

11 Correspondence.

- (a) Labour Party re Memorial of Peace, etc. *Received.*
- (b) National Peace Council re Annual Congress. *Declined*
- (c) Labour Housing Association re Conference. *Declined*
- (d) I.L.P. re Conference on Prices. *Declined*
- (e) Lancs. and Cheshire Federation of Labour Parties re
Conference of delegates to Labour Party.
- (f) Scottish Council Labour Party Conference.
- (g) Cobden Club re International Free Trade Conference. *Declined*
- (h) Women's Group re delegate to Womens Section of
Housing and Town Planning Council, asking us
to pay fee of £1. 1. 0d.

(e) Refer to Webb & Mrs Lawrence & appoint
them if they desire. (f) Refer to Scottish
Labour Societies. (h) Refer to Executive
Committee with suggestion that it
might be acceded to.

Sweeney Webb
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Meeting. Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 16th July 1920.

Present. Webb, in the chair, Dodd, Pease,
Mrs Salmond, and C. R. Atlee (non member)
and the general secretary.

1. Minutes. Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies for absence were received
from Davis, Gordon, & Sandus.
3. Finance - the following report was received

5. Finance.

	<u>1920</u>	<u>1919</u>
Members subscriptions	£350	£329
Other "	38	29
Gross Sales Literature.	442	333
Book Box Fees.	16	16
Hire of Hall	18	29

Bank Balances at date £70. Accounts received £120
besides Standing £120 incurred since 1st April last.

The Authority from the general secretary
previously to realise securities if necessary
was renewed.

4. Membership (a) June candidates (7) were elected. Last Year (14).

(b). Resignations of W. J. Atkin and A. W. Lawson were accepted.

5. Book Boxes.

(a) 242 boxes out, about 12 in hand. Demand slackening a little probably due to Summer time.

(b) To consider steps to be taken with reference to 20 or so boxes outstanding for four or five years.

(a) The Report was received.

(b) The General Secretary was instructed to take steps to recover outstanding boxes.

6. International Socialist Conference. Report that Mrs. Webb, Dr. Ethel Bentham and Dr. L. D. Fairfield appointed as our delegates and fees paid.

The report was received and forwarded.

7. Kings Hall Lectures, Autumn Course. Arrangements in hand and dates and speakers fixed. Chairmen for six meetings required.

The report was received. For the six Chairmen required the General Secretary was instructed to write to the following:-

H. D. Harben. L. H. Guest. Sir S. Olivier

J. R. Clynes, J. H. Thomas, John Burns,

W. Henderson, Miss Bondfield, Dr. Fairfield

and Miss S. Lawrence etc

8. Women's Fund. Letter (annexed) which had been circulated, read. It was agreed to consider item 13 (c) with this. After discussion Resolved: -

a. That a grant of £25 be given to the Women's Fund for the work proposed in their letter, and the question be again considered when the results of this expenditure can be estimated.

(b) That as from 1st Oct. next Miss Dawson be paid the sum of £4 per week this to include her salary as secretary of the Women's Fund as well as general work for the Society under the direction of the General Secretary. Further that Miss Dawson's work as Hon Sec of the Westminster L.P. be considered part of her duties here, that ~~she~~ ^{her name} be added to the list of paid lecturers for the Society.

c. That if these ^{proposals} ~~arrangements~~ are accepted by the Women's Fund no charge for rent for use of office be hereafter made to the Fund.

~~10~~ 9. Local Government Department. Draft circular (annexed) was considered and amended and approved and ordered to be issued.

10 Fallock's Inheritance Tax - Deferred.

11. Joint Committee F.S. & I.L.P. Agreed that this be wound up and balance divided up to the I.L.P. agree.

12. Publishing matters. Estimate for reprinting
(a) Tunnery's book and (b) Fabian Essay
(a) Agreed to accept estimate and reprint 3000 of Tunnery's book in stiff covers at 2/- each
(b) Agreed to accept estimate for reprinting 3000 Essays and to increase price to 2/6 per copy.

13. Office matters:

- (a) Arrangements for cheques etc. during Secretary's absence on holiday.
- (b) Miss Dawson's salary and position to be considered and dealt with.
- (c) Suggestion to add sale of suitable pictures to bookshop.
- (d) Telephone. Should we arrange unlimited rate cont. instead of present message rate.

- (a) Agreed that Dodd be asked to sign some blank cheques for this purpose.
- (b) Considered & dealt with as No 8 above
- (c) Agreed that General Secretary be authorised to take this up.
- (d) Dropped - F.O. about to fix up the unlimited series.

1. Correspondence.

- (a) Friends War Victims Relief Committee thanks for loan of books. *Received.*
- (b) Sir Leo Money re his new book based on lecture given in Spring Course. *Noted*
- (c) Edinburgh F.S. and Walsall L.P. asking for lecture by G.B. Shaw. Letter from Shaw thereon.
- (d) T.G. Tibbey re resumed Conference on Education.
- (e) Barking L.P. and Chesham L.P. asking for further courses of Hutchinson Lectures.
- (d) Dewsbury Co-operative Society asking for speakers for series of meetings, etc.

- (c.) Money to be asked for Walsall; J.B.S. may go to Scotland next Spring
- (d) Agreed - Tibbey to be asked to help
- (e) & (f) Agreed to resume lectures up to sum not exceeding £100. General Secretary to consult Muddleton as to places.

15. Chairman of next-terms meeting - Oliver

16. Agreed that Miss Plon's salary be increased to £4 per week.

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

Agenda for the Finance and General Purposes Committee, Friday,
16th July, 1920 at 5.30 p.m.

Members of the Committee: Chairman - Webb; Davies, Dodd, Gordon,
Middleton, Pease, Mrs. Salmond, Sanders.

- 1. Minutes.
- 2. Apologies (if any)

3. Finance.

	<u>1920</u>	<u>1919</u>
Members subscriptions	£350	£329
Other "	38	29
Gross Sales Literature.	442	333
Book Box Fees.	16	16
Hire of Hall	15	29

Bank Balances at date £70. Accounts received £120
besides Standing £120 incurred since 1st April last.

4. Membership.

- (a) June Candidates (7), Last year (14).
- (b) Resignations:

Mrs. Aitlee, Seaton, Devon, Elected 1907, Last sub. 10/- 1917,
Reason, None.

A. W. Lawson, Westminster, Elected 1909, Last sub 5/-, 1919.
Leaving London.

5. Book Boxes.

- (a) 242 boxes out, about 12 in hand. Demand slackening
a little probably due to Summer time.
- (b) To consider steps to be taken with reference to
20 or so boxes outstanding for four or five
years.

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6. International Socialist Conference. Report that Mrs. Webb, Dr. Ethel Bentham and Dr. L. D. Fairfield appointed as our delegates and fees paid.
7. Kings Hall Lectures, Autumn Course. Arrangements in hand and dates and speakers fixed. Chairmen for six meetings required.
8. Womens Group. Letter re suggested campaign and finance to be considered. Copy herewith.
9. Local Government Department. Draft circular to be issued to labour members of Local Authorities to be considered and if so decided approved. Copy herewith.
10. Tulloch Miles legacy fund scheme. To be considered.
11. Joint Standing Committee I.L.P. and F.S. Winding up and division of balance of funds to be considered.
12. Publishing matters. Estimates for reprinting Tawney's book and Fabian Essays to be considered.
13. Office matters:
 - (a) Arrangements for cheques etc. during Secretary's absence on holiday.
 - (b) Miss Dawson's salary and position to be considered and dealt with.
 - (c) Suggestion to add sale of suitable pictures to bookshop.
 - (d) Telephone. Should we arrange unlimited rate contract instead of present message rate.
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 - (d) T.G.Tibbey re resumed Conference on Education.
 - (e) Barking L.P. and Chesham L.P. asking for further courses of Hutchinson Lectures.
 - (d) Dewsbury Co-operative Society asking for speakers for series of meetings, etc.

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FABIAN SOCIETY.

Local Government Department.

Dear Sir,

In view of the large number of Labour Councillors who were elected to office at the last Municipal Elections, and the enlarged sphere of action upon which the local governing bodies have entered since the commencement of the period of reconstruction, it appeared to us that this Society could in various ways usefully assist Labour Councillors in their work, and thereby promote the advance of Municipal Socialism.

With this object in view, therefore, the Fabian Society has formed a Section whose special work it is to deal with local government affairs. Should you require information as to the powers, duties, liabilities, etc., of your Council on any matters whatever, a letter of enquiry addressed to this office will receive careful attention and you will be furnished free of charge with all the information available on the subject. Furthermore, if at any time there is a function which you consider should be performed by your council, and require advice as to the method (if any) by which this could be brought about, the Society would possibly also be able to assist you in this connexion.

It is also our intention to prepare memoranda on various matters of current or controversial interest to local authorities; pointing out, for example, the dangers to local autonomy which might be involved in proposed legislation, or suggesting instances where it appears that local action might be initiated advantageously. Some of these memoranda will be of a purely informative character. A memorandum for example, is being prepared on the subject of Municipal Savings Banks, a matter concerning which very little is known in this country, but one in which great interest is beginning to be shown by many of the larger boroughs.

If you are desirous of receiving these memoranda, for which no charge is made, will you be good enough to advise us as soon as possible. No councillor will be furnished with memoranda who does not definitely express his desire to receive them. We shall also be glad to have any suggestions which may occur to you in regard to the work of the local government section of the Society.

A short bibliography of books which you may find generally useful is appended.

Yours faithfully,

FABIAN SOCIETY.

(Women's Group)

25, Tothill Street,
S.W.1.

July 12th, 1920.

Dear Mr. Galton,

The Executive Committee of the Fabian Women's Group have for some time been considering a scheme for increasing the membership of the Group. We would like to point out that it is the only socialist body of women which offers a meeting ground for non-industrial women, many of whom have in the past been active suffrage workers, and might be available for socialist work if they could be approached, but who otherwise, are likely to be drawn into non-socialist women's organisations. This number would include many professional women whose organisations are not affiliated to the Labour Party but who individually might be prepared to work for Labour and Socialist objects. We believe at this moment, to women of this class the strongest appeal could be made through a women's group. In order to carry out this scheme it is necessary to make the Group as attractive as possible, but a serious obstacle exists at present in the double subscription which members have to pay, since members of the Group must first be members of the Society, before they can join the Group.

The proposal is therefore put forward:—

(a) That membership of the Group should automatically include membership of the Society, provided that the basis is signed.

(b) That a fair proportion of the subscription of members recruited through the Women's Group should be retained by the Group, taking into account any allowances made by the Society to the Group.

The only alternative to this proposal, unless the Group is to cease to exist, is that it should be adequately financed by the Society.

It must be realised that to carry out such a recruiting campaign as we have in mind, a certain initial outlay would be necessary. We cannot estimate this sum at less than £50. The Group has at present no funds in hand, and will therefore be entirely dependent upon a grant from the Society.

We feel strongly that the Society would have nothing to lose by this arrangement, but on the contrary, would be immensely strengthened by the strengthening of the Womens Group.

May I therefore ask if you would be good enough to bring this matter before the Executive Committee of the Society.

Yours sincerely,

LILIAN DAWSON,

Secretary.

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Meeting. Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 17 Sept. 1920. 5 pm.

Present - Webb, in the Chair, Dodd, Gordon,
Pease and General Secretary.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - A. Ernie Davey had telephoned regretting inability to attend.
3. Finance - The following report was received

	<u>1920.</u>	<u>1919.</u>
Members Subscriptions.		
Other "	£471	£465
Gross Sales Literature.	46	35
Book Box Fees.	648	498
Hire of Hall	24	40
	27	36

Bank Balance £300. Trade accounts due - Nil. Standing's account now about £120. Summer School accounts not settled.

4. Membership (a) July Candidates (10). Last Jan (10)
And August Candidates (3) Last Jan (5)
were all elected.

Memberships (continued)

(b) Resignations	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reasons
P. P. Acland (U.S.A.) <i>accepted</i>	1918	£2, 1919.	Ill health.
B. Bruce-Walker (London) <i>accepted</i>	1910	10/-1919	No belief in Parliamentary methods
A. G. Figgins (London) <i>accepted</i>	1918	10/-1918.	Financial reasons
Capt. W. R. Gurney, (Taunton)	1918	50/-1918.	Gone to India.
Alex C. Harris (Leicester)	1897	21/-1919.	Cannot take intelligent interest
Miss M. Mears (N. Shields.)	1912	10/6. 1919.	Uncertainty of her own position.
Miss M. E. Ison (Leicester) <i>accepted</i>	1908	5/- 1920.	Out of touch with Society.
Sir Thos. & Lady Rose (Northwood)	1906.	10/6 1920 each	None.

Gurney & Mrs Mears to be asked to continue & pay when they can do so.

Harris - ask to reconsider or continue as associate
Sir T. & Lady Rose - ditto ditto.

5. Meeting of the Society. Resolved to arrange meeting in October on Ramsden Balmforth's lecture on South Africa. Oct-15 to be arranged if Balmforth agrees & hall available

6. Kings Hall Lectures, Autumn course. Arrangements completed and syllabus issued. Applications for tickets to date satisfactory. Cash Receipts £110. Tickets ordered but not paid for £15. Total £125. Letter from J. A. Sarger re the hour fixed for these lectures.

Report received. General Secretary to send suitable reply to Sarger

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The British Commonwealth of Nations by Dundan Hall. Arrangements for publication made by Hall with Methuens, Price 10/6d net. General Secretary has agreed to take 200 copies of cheap edition for members, etc at 4/4d each.

Report received and action taken approved. The cheap edition to be sold to members of the Society at same rate as that charged by W. & A.

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Correspondence.

- (a) Joint Committee F.S. and L.L.P. Letter from Johnson re Balance of funds, etc. *Noted and agreed.*
- (b) Womens Group accepting offer made by the Committee at its last meeting. *Noted*
- (c) Miss Dawson agreeing to the proposals as to her position here made by the Committee at last meeting. *Noted*
- (d) National Guilds League - request that we should enclose syllabus of their autumn course of lectures with next issue of "News". *Decline, but offer advt.*
- (e) International Labour Office asking us to circulate to members leaflets dealing with the constitution and work of the Office. *Agree - send out when convenient.*
- (f) Fred Tallant sending advertisement of Autumn course of University Extension Lectures for October "News". Shall we accept? *accept*
- (g) Labour Housing Association requesting renewal and if possible increase of our annual contribution. *Pay usual*
- (h) Wells Division (Somerset) Labour Party asking our help to find a candidate. *Refer to Labour Party*
- (i) Stepney Libraries - request for lectures. *arrange if possible*
- (k) Labour Research Department re Annual Meeting, etc. *Noted*
- (l) London Council of Action - Appeal for funds. *No action*

79. a. What to Read. Please brought up question of paper and quantity to print, revised What to Read, now

in printer's hands. He advised
same paper as used for Fabian
News and this was observed.

After consideration it was
decided to print 5,000
copies, approximately sufficient
for about 10 press sales.

Samuel Webb

Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 15th October 1920 at 5 pm.

Present Webb, in the chair, Dodd,
 Middleton, Pease, Mrs Salmon,
 Mrs Webb (non member) and General Secretary.

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

2. Apologies - None.

3. Finance - The following report was received:-

Finance:	<u>1920</u>	<u>1919</u>
Members subscriptions	£546	£511
Other	£53	47
Book Box "	30	56
Gross Sales Literature	783	571
Hire of Hall	36	41

4. Membership

(a) October candidates (6)

Last four (6) were all elected.

(b) Resignations:	Elected	Last Sub.	Reason.
Mrs. Geraldine Carr, London.	1888	£2,1920.	Loss of interest and reduced means.
Miss A.G. Matthews, Hendon.	1894.	5/- 1919.	Not able to take part.
E. C. Middleton, London	1919	21/- 1919	Not in agreement with the Society.

Accepted

ask to continue

Accepted.

5. King's Hall Lectures - General secretary reported good demand for tickets. Cash receipts to date £270.

6. Tabern Summer School. General secretary reported accounts now completed except for fee to Miss Hankinson. Receipts were £1146. Expenditure £959. Balance £187. The report was received.

7. Meetings of the Society. Winter arrangements for Essex Hall meeting were considered. It was decided to arrange a course of lectures generally on "After War problems at Home and Abroad." Lecturers suggested & wanted

- were (1) Tom Shaw M.P. on foreign
 (2) H. G. Wells in Russia
 (3) R. H. Tawney on U.S.A.
 (4) H. J. Lasker on U.S.A.
 (5) Prof. F. Soddy - any subject
 (6) A. Greenwood - on Cost of living
 (7) M. G. Thomas on International Labour Office
 with Ben Spoor M.P. or Col Wedgwood M.P. on
 India; Gilbert Slater, ditto; and
 F. W. Pittuck Lawrence on any subject in recess.

Letter from W. W. B. Harris CC of
 Slough offering lecture on nationalisation
 of Agriculture, read, but declined.

8. Hutchinson Lectures General secretary
 authorised to arrange courses at
 Reigate, Hendon, Dartford, Boxmoor,
 Barking. Request from Nath
 Cambemere & Chessham declined.

9. Dr. Leech's will. Considered and after
 discussion agreed to ask W. D. S.
 Leach to make us an offer in
 settlement.

10. Chairman for Dulmforth's lecture
tought. Secretary to arrange
with someone at the meeting.

11.

Correspondence.

- (a) The Labour Party. Notifying increase of affiliation
fee from 2d to 3d per member, and applying for payment
of balance £7. 7. 6d. *Balance to be paid.*
- (b) London Labour Party. Application for payment of
affiliation fee. Last year £1. 15. 0d. December 1919.
Jan. and nominal J.S. Muddleton for the Committee
- (c) Labour Research Department Fee increased from £10
to £15 for National Society. To be considered.
Withdrawn
- (d) League of Nations Union. Invitation to affiliate.

Declined.

(b) Affiliation fee to be paid as
usual and J.S. Muddleton to
be nominated as our representative
to the Executive Committee.

The Committee then adjourned

Edw. R. Pease

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Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 12th November 1920. 3pm

Present - Gordon, Pease, Mrs Salmon
and General Secretary

Chair - in the absence of ~~Webb~~ the
Chairman, Webb, it was agreed
that Pease do preside.

1. Minutes - of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - for absence were received
from Webb and Dodd.
3. Finance - The following report was received

	<u>1920.</u>	<u>1919.</u>
Members Subscriptions.	£613	£572
Other "	63	55
Gross Sales Literature	898	688
Book Box Fees.	41	91
Hire of Hall	48	52
Cash Balance £150	Accounts outstanding £400.	Not including Standing.

4. Memberships - (a) November Candidates
(16) Last Year (6), were all elected.

(b) Resignations:

Miss E. Arkwright, Elected 1918, Last Sub 10/- 1919
Reason - Joined Communist Party.
Norman L. Hird, Elected 1908, Last Sub 10/6d, 1919
Reason - No longer in sympathy.

Both resignations were accepted.

5. King's Hall Lectures - A satisfactory
report was received showing cash
receipts to date £410. Total cost about
£250. Net balance about £150.

6. Winter Lectures - The following subject
was recommended and approved:

Winter Lectures: The following arrangements made provisionally
and subject to change later.

Jan. 14th.	Mrs. Snowden on Georgia.
" 28th.	W. S. Sanders on International Labour Office.
Feb. 11th.	H. J. Laski on America.
" 25th.	Ben Spoor, M.P. on India.
Mich. 11th.	A. Greenwood on Cost of Living.
Ap. 16th.	A. Ponsonby on Alternatives to the Coalition Government.

No offers for December and as date proposed (17th) is very
late abandonment suggested.

It was agreed to abandon the
proposed lecture for December 17th 1920

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7. Hutchinson Lectures - the following what was received and approved.

Hutchinson Lectures. Course held at Uxbridge; courses proceeding at Hendon and Reigate; courses arranged at N. Islington and Chiswick. Arrangements for courses at Barking, Dartford and Hemel Hempstead in hand.

agreed also to courses at Greenwich & Market Harborough.

8. D. Leech's bill - The general secretary reported this matter now concluded by payment of £100 by W.D.S. Leech in full and final settlement.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Library of University of Kiel asking for free set of our publication, and to be put on free list, etc.
- (b) Various offers as Hutchinson and other lecturers to be considered.

agreed.

On (b). Agreed to add D. J. Boelter and J. Macrae-John to Hutchinson lectures. Inquiries to be made re S. Wassilyky, Frank Kettle and S. H. Raza declined for other lectures agreed to accept A. Stephens, but not J. Thornaby.

The meeting then adjourned

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Meeting of Finance & General Purposes
Committee. Friday 10 December 1920

Present - Dodd, Middleton, Mr Salmon
and General Secretary

Chair - In the absence of the Chairman,
Webb, it was agreed that Dodd
do preside.

1. Minutes - of previous meeting were
read and confirmed.
2. Apologies - were received from Webb
(Chairman) and Davies.
3. Finance - The following report was received:-

	A/cs. to end of Nov. as follows:	1920	1919.
Members subscriptions.		£677	£640
Other "		198	62
Gross Sales Literature		1036	860
Book Box Fees		48	105
Hire of Hall		56	59

Cash Balance £30. Accounts outstanding £200. Not
including Standing. Financial position still
stringent

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In view of the temporary shortage of cash it was agreed that general secretary be authorised to arrange an overdraft of £200 for three months from the Bank of Peace unless he wishes to forego guarantee required.

Membership.

- (a) December candidates to be elected (42) Last year
- (b) Resignations: (24).

	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mr. Addison,	London.	1907	10/6 1920.	None.
Mr. F. Hird,	Redhill	1919	10/- 1920.	"
Mr. Gyde Jorgensen,	Copenhagen	1919	10/- 1920.	"
Mr. Llewellyn Jones.	Mold.	1910	13/6 1919.	"
Mr. Muller) London	1920	} 20/- 1920	Going
Ms. L. Muller		London		1920
Miss B. R. Nettlefold,	Birmingham.	1919	10/- 1919	No longer in sympathy.
Miss N. E. Wells.	Northampton	1909	10/- 1920.	None.

Secretary to report that Cambridge University F.S. is now dissolved and merged in the University Labour Club. About 10 members struck off after sending them notice and invitation to continue as individual members.

- (a) The new members were all elected
- (b) The resignations were all accepted.
- (c) The report re Cambridge F.S. was received & the Secretary's action approved.

(3) Kings Hall lectures - The following report received

Kings Hall Lectures now concluded. Financial result satisfactory. Receipts £435. Expenditure £260, net balance £175. Sales of literature at six meetings amounted to £48.

It was agreed that the result was very satisfactory, and that the usual gratuities to the staff for their attendance should be paid. Also, in order to avoid a broken course next year the Secretary was instructed to hire the hall at once for a course of six meetings in Autumn 1921.

6. Winter lectures. Arrangements completed and announced in December "News". Executive agreed to abandonment of proposed meeting on December 17th.

Record.

7. Hutchinson Lectures. Courses held at Uxbridge, Hendon, Redhill and N. Islington. Courses arranged at Chiswick, Barking and Greenwich; arrangements for courses at Dartford, Market Harborough and Marlborough in hand. In the last two cases the local Labour Party to bear travelling expenses.

Record. and the arrangement proposed re Marlborough & Market Harborough approved.

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8. Executive Meeting - agreed that in the absence of business the Executive Meeting provisionally arranged for the 17th must be deferred till January.

Correspondence.

- (a) W. T. Fletcher, Belfast re arrest of Labour Leaders in Dublin, suggesting protest and provision of Counsel for defence, etc.
- (b) Jesse Hawkes re withdrawal of his candidature at Hemel Hempstead.
- (c) Camille Huysmans. International re Armenia & Turkey.
- (d) Socialist Party United States re the Communist International.
- (e) Brighton Labour Party re arrangements for Labour Party Conference at Brighton June next.
- (f) Mile End Labour Party wanting a speaker for Sunday evening meetings.
- (g) London Labour Party notifying Conference decisions and increase of affiliation fee from 1d to 2d per member.
- (h) Arbeiter - Buchhandlung Vienna asking exchange of books, etc.
- (j) Labour Research Dept. Circulars re financial position, etc.
- (k) J. S. Middleton re books for Central Europe.
- (l) S. W. St. Pancras Labour Party re a Parliamentary candidate.

(a) Reply we will support any action taken by Irish Labour Party. (b) noted and letter to sent to Labour Party. (c)(d)(e) noted. (f) Send names of possible speakers. (g) noted. (h) agreed to exchange. (j) noted. (k) agreed - consult Headgear as to other bodies. (l) Send to Labour Party. (m) approval of funds for material defence - noted. No action.

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Meeting of Finance & General Purposes
Committee. Friday 16th Jan 1921

Present - Daves, Dodd, Pease, Webb
and General Secretary.

Chair - In the absence of the Chairman
(Webb) at the opening of the meeting
it was agreed that Dodd do preside

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

2. Accounts - were received from Arthur Jordan.

3 Finance. A/cs to end of Dec. as follows:

	<u>1920</u>	<u>1919.</u>
Members subscriptions.	£722	£723
Other "	201	80
Gross Sales Literature	1183	1003
Book Box Fees	55	115
Hire of Hall	64	74

Letter from L. Haden Guest asking for return of £100 deposited
with us. To be considered and action authorised.

The financial position was considered
and it was resolved (a) That the Bank

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overdraft of £200 arranged by the last meeting of the Committee is increased to £300; and (c) That the £100 deposited by Hadley Street be repaid to him forthwith.

4. Membership (a) There were no candidates for election.

(B) Resignations:

Name.	Address.	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason.
Ms. Elkington.	London.	1906.	10/-1918.	Husband now rejoined.
J. C. Clegg	Edinburgh.	1920.	20/-1920.	None.
Ms. F. Gorle,	Watford.	1907.	5/-1917.	Cannot attend. Husband remains member
Mr. L.A. Johnson,	Bristol.	1908.	12/6 1920.	To much occupied otherwise.
Ms. E.M.R. Rice,	London.	1917.	5/-1919.	Going abroad.
L. Stormont.	London.	1918.	21/-1920.	Too much occupied otherwise.

Accepted, excepting Rev. L.A. Johnson and L. Stormont to be invited to continue as members with smaller subscriptions.

Hutchinson Lectures. Nine courses arranged so far this season. Two more in hand. This will about exhaust the £100 authorised to be expended on this work.

Received. General Secretary to bring up what in the question of Hutchinson Lectures generally at end of the season. per week course - Mrs Dawson lecturing in afternoons. Secretary

asked for instructions as to fee to be paid.

Agreed - That the usual fees be paid for this occasion as a special case and not to be taken as a precedent.

6. Kings Hall Lectures, Autumn. Hall engaged for Fridays, October 28th, Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, and Dec. 2nd. Fee for hire of hall again increased to 25 guineas per meeting.

Resolved. Increased terms to be accepted and contract signed

7. Summer School Committee to be set up. Its constitution to be considered and recommendations made to Executive thereon.

Agreed that Committee to be set up forthwith, and the Executive recommended to appoint Mr. Boyd Dawson, Mr. Samuel, Messrs. Davis, Lloyd, Pease, Snel and Webb as the seven representatives of the Executive Committee thereon.

8. London Co-operative Society and J. Mylles, London organiser, I.L.P. request permission to attend next Executive meeting as a deputation to explain new scheme for London Headquarters for Labour, also for issue of circular as inset in "Fabian News" February.

(Copy of circular enclosed for information)

Agreed to permissive issue of circular

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to members with next issue of News.
Execution to be asked if they decided
to receive the proposed deputation.

Chair - at this stage Webb arrived and
Dodd vacated the chair to him.

9. Chairman for tonight's meeting - was
Snowden. Agreed that Webb to
asked to preside.

10. Correspondence.

- (a) W. S. Sanders suggesting that Rt. Hon. G. N. Barnes, M.P., be invited to preside at his lecture on the 29th inst. *Agreed. Barnes to be invited.*
- (b) Womens Group - re affiliation to Standing Joint Committee of Industrial Women's organisations. *agreed to affiliate.*
- (c) Daily Herald and Labour Publishing Co., asking for publicity in "Fabian News". *Daily Herald. Decline. L.P. Com. agree.*
- (d) Conferences - invitations to send delegates to (1) re Education Act and (2) Royal Sanitary Institute. *1. agreed to refer to Exec 2. declined.*
- (e) G. W. Shipway, member on holiday from China - offering lecture to small audience. *agreed to arrange for lecture in Fabian Hall*
- (f) Federal Board for Vocational Education, U.S.A., asking exchange of publications.

agreed to exchange.

(g) London District Council of Unemployed - appeal for funds for legal defence of Islington unemployed.

(l) Justice. 37th Anniversary number. Request for message and advertisement. *Declined*

(j) Labour Party circular re Reconstruction of Socialist International. *Received*

(k) Social Democratic Labour Party, Russia. Memo re persecution of members of the Party in Russia by the Soviet Government. *Received*

(l) Miss E. Spruance - a member in U.S.A. re evil effects there of British treatment of Ireland.

Refer to Peace with Ireland Council
(m) Forschungsinstitut für Gemeinwirtschaft, Vienna, asking for (1) short essay on aims and principles of Fabian Society for their fortnightly review, and (2) regular exchange of publications.

1. Refer to notes. 2. agreed to exchange
(n) Pontefract Labour Party and Rotherham Branch N.U. Post Office Workers asking for particulars re affiliation to the Society. *Received*

(o) S. W. St. Pancras Labour Party asking for notification of Fabian candidates not yet fixed up with constituencies.

Refer to reports under

P. London District Council of Unemployed appeal for funds. Declined

The meeting then adjourned.

Sweeney Webb

Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 18th Feby 1921.

Present - Webb (Chair) Mrs Salmon,
Dodd, Middleton, Pease & General Secretary.

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

2) apologies - None.

Finance. A/cs. to end of Jan. as follows:	1921	1920
Members subscriptions.	£900	£907.
Other "	235	104
Gross Sales Literature.	1354	1152
Book Box Fees.	66	129
Hire of Hall.	72	86

After consideration of the financial
position in view of the approaching close
of our financial year it was

Resolved - That the NO 2 account at the
Law Courts Bank be closed, and the £150
Daly Corporation stock sold, and the
proceeds transferred to the Society ordinary
acc as part towards cost of Hutchinson lectures.

It was agreed also that an estimate of the position at the end of March 1921 be prepared and laid before the next meeting of the Committee, and that Grace and the Secretary consider and report which of our investments should be realised.

4. Membership (a) January candidates (34) were all elected. Last June (12).

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
F. Wyndham Lewis.	Cardiff.	1919.	30/- 1920.	Belongs to several other Socialist Societies.
Mrs. Lorisniol.	Paris.	1907	20/- 1920.	None.
Major G. Waterhouse	London.	1908.	21/- 1920.	Objects to our issue of advt. of Labour Party report on Ireland with Feb. "News".
Mrs. Hartley Withers.	London	1913.	21/- 1920.	Pressure of other claims and high prices.

(c) Letter from Mrs. F. C. Bentinck re membership to be considered and dealt with.

(d) List of 69 defaulters enclosed herewith to be considered and action thereon authorised.

The resignations were accepted, except Mrs Hartley Withers to whom Secretary was directed to write and ask to reconsider

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- (c) Re Mrs Bentinck - agreed to continue her name on list as a member. Miss Dawson to be asked to furnish a list of any other subscribers to Women's funds who are not members of the Society.
- (d) List of defaulters (annexed) considered. Those with addresses to be written to. The others to be circulated to the Executive with request for addresses if possible.

Hutchinson Lectures. Ten courses arranged this season so far, including three in the country on repayment of fares. These will almost exhaust the £100 authorised to be expended.

Received.

Joint Committee re Central Labour Offices, etc. Meeting to be arranged in Fabian Hall for A. Barnes and J. Hylles. Date suggested Friday, 18th March at 6.30 p.m. The Joint Committee offer to defray expense of issue of special notice to London members of the Society if this is approved. To be considered and action authorised

Date suggested agreed to and time 6.30 p.m. Notice to be sent out as proposed. and Executive Committee called for the same evening if practicable.

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7. Executive Committee Election. See Sydney
Oliver & H. J. Locke to be invited to stand

8. Chairman for Ben Show on 25 Feb.
Oliver, Murray, Snell, Blyward to
be asked in the order named.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Middleton - suggestion issue of appeal for Will
Crooks with March "Fabian News" *Agreed.*
- (b) Gravesend Trades Hall and Institute sending 21/-
and affiliating to the Society. *Received*
- (c) R. C. Woodward (Smethwick) re appeal for funds for
Councillor Forrest of Oldbury cost in damages and
costs £850 for slander. *Declined*
- (d) Cirencester Division Labour Party asking for names
of possible candidates. *Refer to Walker*
- (e) London Trades Council and London Labour Party
re Conference on Unemployment, Feb. 19th at 8 p.m.
Delegates invited, fee 2/6d each.

Declined - too late

(f) *Adjourned Conference on Unemployment -
Labour Party. Feb. 23rd*

*Mrs. Walsh & Emil Davis to be asked
to go as to the previous conference*

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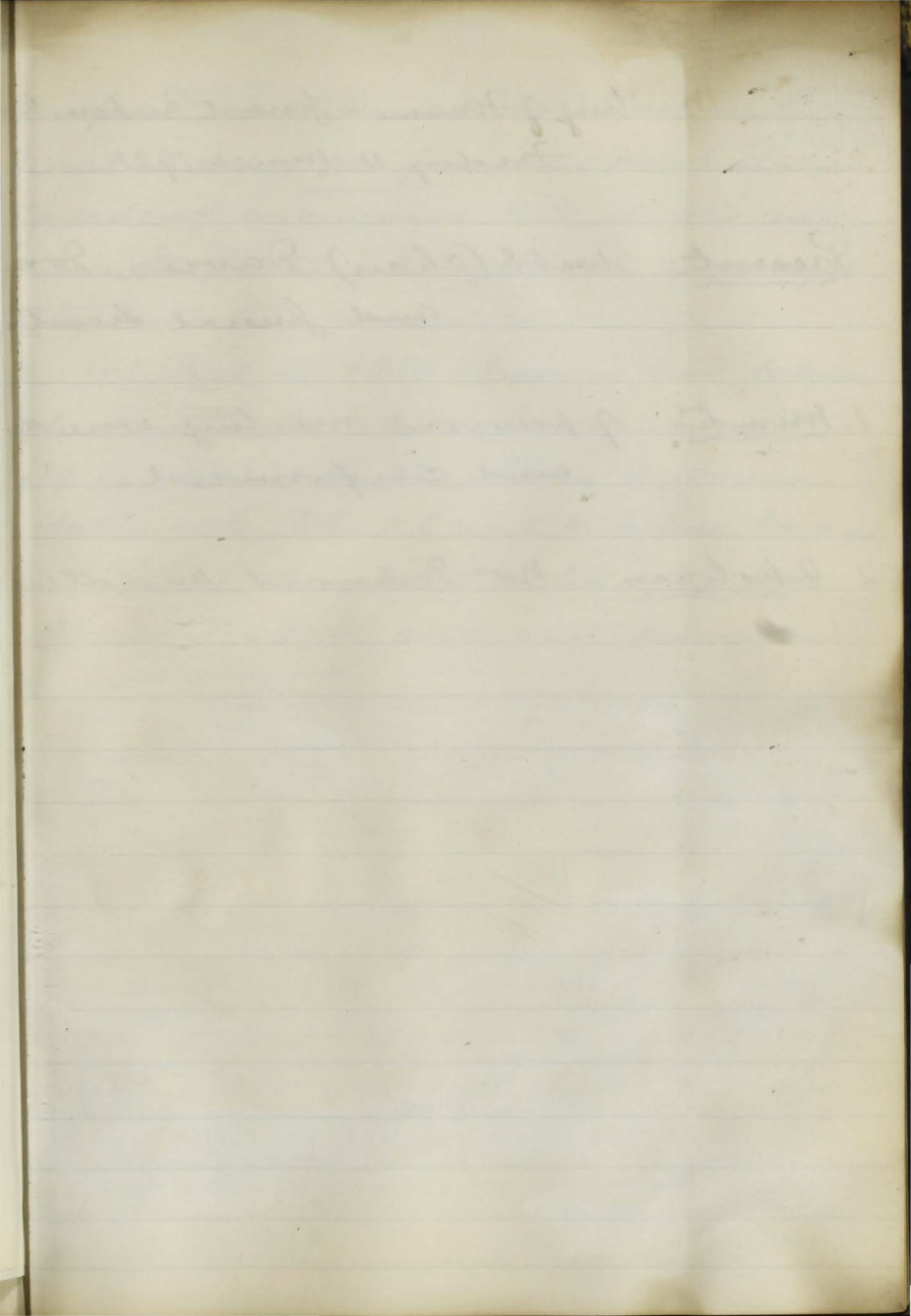
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<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Joined the Society.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>
Adkins, B.A., F.T.,	Streatham.	1908.	5/-, 21/7/15.
Bondfield, Miss M.G.	Malet St., W.C.1	1908.	10/6, 30/3/16.
Borsa, Dr. Mario,	Milano,	1899.	15/-, 22/5/16
Burall, A.A.,	E. Dulwich.	1913.	13/-, 21/12/14
Cardon, A.A.,	Purley.	1909.	21/-, 10/8/16.
Clapham, J.,	None	1896.	1/-, 6/2/17.
Cooper, W. Roylands,	Pollokshields,	1913.	G.F.S. No. Sub.
Corbett, Miss C.L.,	None.	1908.	20/-, 9/3/16.
Cormack, D.D.,	Dumbarton,	1907.	2/6, 12/8/07.
Corner, C. Morris,	Allypore,	1914.	5/-, 3/8/16.
Davies, Mrs. J.P.,	Clitharos,	1910.	20/-, 11/5/16
Davies, J.P.,	"	1907.	20/-, 11/5/16.
De Beer, E.S.,	None	1916.	21/-, 28/8/16.
Dell, R.,	Paris,	1889.	£5. 8/0, 17/10/12.
E. W. Dickes (18/8/17 in prison will pay	1889.	1907	10/-, 13/3/15.
Dube, B., H.A., L.L.B.,	None.	1909.	10/-, 6/12/16
Dukes, Ashley,	None.	1906	10/-, 26/8/10
Edwards, Miss L.E.,	W. Kensington,	1907.	7/6, 10/3/15
Fry, Capt. W. B.,	Chelsea.	1908.	22. 25/5/14.
Gillott, F. (Sheffield F.S.) Sheffield.		1908.	(O.A.C. Belgium 5/2/19 No. Subscription)
Golding, Mrs. E. L.,	Buckhurst Hill,	1912.	10/-- 7/3/16.
Grout, Miss L.A.,	Boston, Mass,	1914.	10/- 13/1/15.
Heitner, Jesse,	None	1913	15/- 20/1/17
Hopkins, C.,	Twickenham.	1907.	10/- 1/1/15.
Iles, O.C.,	None,	1916.	5/- 15/6/16.
Irving, W.P.,	Leeds,	1907.	10/6 19/3/15.
Jordan, Mrs. F.,	None.	1910,	10/- 23/10/13
Jones, Miss H. Rodwell,	None.	1912.	10/6 12/8/16.
Johnson, Mrs. F. C.,	Barnes,	1914.	15/- 9/8/16.
Johnson, F.C.,	Barnes,	1910.	10/- 10/8/16
Kay, Miss Noemi,	Campden Hill,	1915.	10/- 1/8/16.
Sister E. Kerrison. (cannot pay during War)	Victoria Docks.	1900	6/- 13/6/16
Kirk, G.F.,	Chosterfield.	1910	5/- 15/5/15.
Lee, R.,	Golders Holl.	1915.	10/- 10/8/16.
McGill, D.,	None	1907	20/- 28/1/16.

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McGreery, T.,	Cambridge St., S.W.	1916.	20/-	21/10/16.
Mackenzie, J.C.,	Rangoon,	1916	23.10.	25/7/16
Mariott, Miss E.M.,	None	1913	10/-	15/10/15
Marshall, J.W.,	S. Hackney	1912	5/-	6/11/12
(Pay when war is over,	ordered to be retained on	books	7/2/16)	
Meldrum, J.T.,	None.	1898	25/-	4/1/12.
Mottram, V.H.,	None	1907	20/-	21/2/16
Newman, Miss L.,	Regents Park,	1911	1/-	19/8/16
Nicholas, Mrs. E.,	None	1914	1/-	23/6/13
Nichol, J.A. Allardyce	Glasgow	1914	(Glasgow U.F.S.	No sub)
Nixon, J.W.,	Geneva,	1908	5/-	9/3/16
O'Donoghue, C.H.,	None,	1908	10/-	16/5/16
Ogilvie, M.,	Leith	1916	5/-	22/9/16
Otter, Miss A.,	Hyde Park Mansions,	1902	30/-	12/7/16
Palmer, A.R.B., (G.B.F.S.)	Bayswater.	1914	-----	-----
Plant, Wilson	London;	1912	15/-	4/12/16
Radford, Mrs. E.,	None,	1907	42/-	20/7/15
Ramsden, A.,	Williamstown,	1909	5/-	20/4/15
Ray, Miss C.J.,	Stafford,	1910	15/-	11/6/15
Robins, V.J.,	Inner Temple	1907.	21/-	16/4/13
Rose, Dr. Fredk,	Mill Lane, N.W.6.	1907	10/6	3/4/16
Russell, Countess,	None,	1896	20/-	21/9/15
Sandbach, F.E.,	None,	1910	7/6	29/5/16
Sexe, R.,	Hampstead,	1900,	22	4/1/16
Sharp, C.J.,	Temple,	1909	15/-	3/3/16
Shearman, Montagu,	None,	1913	20/-	16/5/16
Sheldon, Miss H.F.,	None,	1908	10/-	
Smith, E.A.,	Oxford,			
(Can't pay owing to War)				
Spink, Miss W.V.,	Cartwright Gardens,	1912	5/-	30/3/14
	W.C.1.			
Stagg, S.,	Adelaide Rd., N.W.	1912	21/-	7/10/16
Stanton, A.C.,	Barnes,	1914,	5/-	31/10/14
Stringer, E.,	Eltham,	1908.	7/-	12/8/15
Sudekum, Dr. Albert,	Nr. Berlin,	1907.	5/-	8/12/13
West, Miss Rebecca,	Leigh on Sea,	1913	7/6	3/4/14
Wilkinson, Mrs. S.A.,	Ipswich,	1913	(No sub.)	



Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 11 March 1921.

Present - Webb (Chair) Davies, Dodd
and General Secretary

1. Minutes of previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

2. Apologies - Mrs. Samuel, Middleton.

3. Finance. A/cs. to end of Jan. as follows:

	<u>1921</u>	<u>1920.</u>
Members subscriptions	£987	£1039
Other "	245	110
Gross Sales Literature.	1475	1280
Book Box Fees.	74	137
Hire of Hall.	83	98

Report on end of the year financial position.

We shall be able to clear off all small accounts leaving Bank overdraft £300; Vickers (reprint of Fabian Essays) £230; Standing Ordinary a/c £250, do. "What to Read" £200, Total £980. Against this we have Allen & Unwin a/c £300; one large account outstanding £120; and say £100 from the closing of No. 2 account and transfer to Hutchinson Lectures, Total £520. The net deficit is thus about £460, against which we have a stock of 3,000 "Fabian Essays" at 2/6d, and 5,000 "What to Read" at 2/- . The £250 invested as Publications Reserve ought to be realised and written off the accounts. The net effect of these operations will be to reduce the free balance at end of year by about £150.

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The financial statement was received. Report on end of year financial position considered and agreed that it was not unsatisfactory. Resolved to recommend the Executive Committee :-

(a) That the £250 shown in last balance sheet as "Publications Reserve" be written off as covered by the stocks of Duncan Hall's book, What to read, & Fabian Essays.

(b) That the £250 registered 5% War Bond 1923 be sold and proceeds used for defraying accounts due.

(4).

Membership.

(a) February candidates to be elected (5), last year (14)

(b) Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mrs. M. Andrews	London,	1919.	£1 1921	None.
Miss E. Giles,	London,	1919	5/- 1920	No time.
Archibald Lee	None.	1912	£15 1917	Resigned in 1918 owing to war.

Of the list of 69 defaulters dealt with at last meeting about a dozen have now paid.

- (a) Candidates were all elected.
- (b) Resignations accepted except Lee whom Secretary should try to have.
- (c) Note re defaulters received.

5. List of members of Fabian Women's Group who are not members of the Society to be considered.

*Considered and decided no action
Secretary to write to Mrs. Bantock re her
membership of the Society.*

6. The last three pamphlets issued (Rates Taxes and Local Income Tax; The Scandal of the Poor Law; and The Root of Labour Unrest) have not been sent out to members. Instructions required as to whether this should now be done.

*Agreed that Root of Labour Unrest be
issued with April News. The others not to
be sent out. (note in News asking members
to pass on the pamphlet when read)*

7. Hutchinson Lectures. Ten courses held or arranged - seven in London and three in provinces on repayment of fares. No further requests and no more to be arranged this season. The ten courses will approximately exhaust the £100 authorised to be expended on this work.

Resolved and approved.

8. Executive Committee Election. Two vacancies - Gordon and Sanders, and two nominations - Laski and Olivier - to date.

Noted. But no action thereon

9. Chairman for Peenwood - Davies

. Correspondence.

- (a) Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Vienna asking to be put on free list. *agreed.*
- (b) Labour Party re Conference at Brighton, June 21st, 1921. *Refer to Executive.*
- (c) London Labour Party re L.C.C. elections 1922. *Noted.*
- (d) R. McLaurin (member) Stirling, request to address meeting of members in Fabian Hall. *agreed.*
- (e) Garden Cities and Town Planning Association asking exchange of publications. *Send 6 pamphlets only.*

(f) National Conference of Labour Women
Invitation to delegates.
Refer to Fabian Women's group, but this Committee not to pay expenses of delegates sent.

11. Annual meeting - agreed to recommend Executive that the Annual meeting be held in Fabian Hall on May 13.

12. Agreed to proposed lecture by Shideaway in Fabian Hall. April 8.
 The meeting then adjourned.

Surrey Webb

Meeting of Finance & General Purposes Committee
Friday 8 April 1921

Present - Webb in the Chair, Davies, Pease
and General Secretary.

1. Minutes - of previous meeting were read
and confirmed.
2. Apologies - were received from Dodd & Mrs. Salmon
3. Finance -

(a) A/cs. to end of March as follows:

	1921.	1920.
Members subscriptions.	£1123	£1165
Other subscriptions.	263	121
Gross Sales Literature.	1917	1418
Book Box Fees.	80	142
Hire of Hall	92	108

- (b) The Report and Accounts for 1920-21 are well in hand but complete figures are not yet available. Cash a/c at end of March showed bank balances:
- | | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Caxton House, overdrawn | £100 |
| Law Courts, Balance. | 20 |
- All accounts due at end of the year were paid except Vickers (£231) reprint of Fabian Essays, and Standing (£250) on current account.

Allen & Unwins paid their account (£260) in March, and the £150 Derby Corporation 3% stock was sold for £77. 10. Od. and the £250 Registered War Bond for £244, but the proceeds of neither of these yet received.

- (c) Standring's a/c for "What to Read" (£218) now sent in - about £40 in excess of the estimate owing to a mistake by him. To be considered, and also to consider whether this is to be included in accounts due at end of year 1921 with consequent decrease of balance in hand.
- (d) Letter from F.E.Green, re pending bye-election, West Sussex, asking for grant from the Parliamentary Bye-election fund. (N.B. The balance in hand of this fund is at present £298.)

- (a) & (b). The report & accounts were received.
- (c) Agreed to accept Standring's a/c and that it be carried forward to next year accounts
- (d) Agreed to recommend Trustees of the Parliamentary Election Fund to make a grant of £50 to F.E. Green in the event of his contesting the by-election.

Memberships

- (a) March candidates to be elected (12), last year (13)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Mr. V. Crompton,	Muswell Hill	1909.	5/- 1918.	None.
Mr. Hylton Dale.	Chelsea.	1908	10/6. 1920.	Cannot support selfish and wicked Labour Pty.
Miss Edith Haynes.	Hendon.	1907	25/- 1920.	None.
Miss R.C.Lascelles,	Kensington.	1915.	10/- 1919.	Gone Abroad.
David Thompson.	Manchester.	1906.	10/- 1920.	Unable to take part in any work.

The candidates were all elected and
the five resignations accepted.

5. Staff Matters.

- (a) Howell completes his 30th year in the Society's service shortly. His salary (£4.10. 0d) ought to be reconsidered and increased.
- (b) Haud - salary 30/- ought to be increased. Suggestion to share her services and salary with Railway Nationalisation Society.
- (c) Willison, the lad, now turned 16 years. Salary £1. Chairman and Secretary have authorised increase to 22/6d.

It was agreed (a) That Howell's salary be increased to £5 per week; (b) That the proposed arrangement be approved and Haud's salary increased to 33/- to be shared between the Society and the R.N.S.; (c) The increase of 2/6 per week to Willison was approved and agreed to.

6. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. The ten courses arranged now concluded, viz., seven in London area and three in country, the latter on repayment of part of the expenses by local bodies concerned. Audiences on the whole small but larger and of better type in the country than in London. The Hutchinson Trust Fund now exhausted and No. 2 bank account closed. Future action re these lectures to be considered.

The report was received and considered and it was resolved to Recommend

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the Executive that no further action be taken in this matter for the present.

7. Chairman for tonight - Shipway's lecture in Fabian Hall - Dances agreed for Painsbury in Essex Hall, Friday 15 inst. Percy Alden, Sir Leo Murray & Col Woodford to be invited in the order named.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Major Leigh Aman, East Hants Labour Party asking us to reduce or remit the balance of amount due from them for extra expenses of course of Hutchinson lectures at Petersfield.
- (b) H. Duncan Hall re cost of publication of "The British Commonwealth of Nations."
- (c) J. Pissarevsky (a member) suggesting a lecture by himself on Palestine (? Fabian Hall in Autumn)
- (d) F. W. Goldstone asking if we can send some publications free to Dr. H. Schmidt, Budapest.
- (e) League of Nations Union re National Pilgrimage and Hyde Park Rally, June 25th. Any action?
- (f) International Labour Office re Inquiry into Production.
- (g) Mrs. Palmer (Miss Label Atkinson) long letter from Durban with remembrances to old colleagues on the Executive, etc.

(h) Mrs. S. Lawrence - re Election Expenses Fund
 (i) Mrs. Selway - re Advt for Fabian News.

- (a) Decline with regret
- (b) Agreed to Hall's proposal that the extra charge for corrections should be debited against Royalties
- (c) Secretary to interview Proarevsky & arrange meeting in Julian Hall if satisfied as to suitability etc
- (2) No action. (f) no action
- (g) Received - Secretary to send friendly reply.
- (h) Agreed to comply with Miss Lawrence's request to undertake responsibility for her election expenses at East Ham up to £400. Miss Lawrence to provide funds & that amount for the purpose
- (i) Advt of a dental surgeon (not reported) to be declined.

The meeting then adjourned.

Somer Webb

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Finance & Committee
 Friday 20 May 1921

Present - Sidney Webb in the chair, A. E. Davis
 W. Webb (non. member) and Secretary.

Minutes - of the previous meeting were
 read and confirmed.

Apologies - In absence were received from
 F. Lawson Dodd, E. R. Pease & Mrs Salmond.

Finance.

(a) A/cs to end of April as follows:	<u>1921</u>	<u>1920.</u>
Members subscriptions.	£108	£141
Other subscriptions.	14	14
Gross Sales Literature.	94	108
Book Box Fees.	6	7
Hire of Hall	5	3

(b) The Secretary reported that after consulting
 Webb, Pease, Dodd & Davis he had
 converted our £1000 loan 5% War Bond
 1924 into £1610 3½% National War
 Loan Stocks. The action was
 approved.

4. Audit. Bacon has now completed audit of accounts for 1918-19 and 1919-20 and has begun the audit for 1920-21. He reports tiny corrections in the two earlier years.

Secretary reported that the corrections had been duly made in the Books. The letter report were received.

5. Membership.

- (a) April candidates to be elected (7). Last year (9)
 (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
J. Cunningham.	Loughton.	1907.	10/-1919.	Financial.
Walter Eite.	Birmingham.	1911	5/-1919.	Cannot take active
Miss J. L. Knowles,	Castleford.	1918.	10/-1919	None. (interest.
Mrs. Lillie,	Streatham.	1907.	5/-1921	None.
A. E. Marnock	City of London.	1914.	50/-1915-18	None.
A. E. Marsh	Leicester.	1919.	21/-1920.	Cannot take part in work.
Mrs. C. Meads, Bexhill		1913	5/-1920.	So many local inter-
Miss L. E. Price, Sydenham.		1918	20/-1921.	None. (ests.
A. Ramage,	Ealing.	1902	5/-1918	Financial.
Miss K. Skavang, Christiania,		1913.	5/-1919.	Financial.

The seven candidates were elected and the two resignations accepted.

6. Book Boxes. It was decided that the circular be sent out in the Autumn as it stands unless in the meantime reasons should arise for amending it.

7. Comm. Room. The application of Westminster

Party for use of Common room on evening but
 work was declined. It was agreed to let the
 Party the small Common room on Monday
 afternoons at a charge of 2/6 per meeting.
 Also that in future the W.L. Party should
 pay half the usual fee for hire of
 Fulham Hall for meetings.

Received Film Coy. Correspondence read and
 interview related. Agreed to refer to
 Executive Committee with recommendation
 to appoint a small sub-committee to
 interview the representatives of the Coy
 on the matter.

Chairman for Annual meeting - agreed
 that E. F. Errington be asked.

Correspondence.

- (a) Lord Russell re absence of receipt stamp on receipts
 for subscriptions of £2 and upwards.
- (b) C. P. Wright suggesting we should organise meetings
 here for University undergraduates during
 vacations.
- (c) H.F. Wheeler - offering loan of £25 free of interest
 for a year to the Miners' Children Fund.

- (d) Miss Blackhall, Reading, re Parliamentary Candidate for the Borough.
- (e) W. S. Tucker, Chesham re Parliamentary Candidate for the division.
- (f) H. Hall, Altrincham re Candidate for the division.
- (g) Irish Self Determination League and Communist Party have applied for use of hall for meetings. Shall we accept these? Possible consequences to be considered.
- (h) London Labour Party circular re L.C.C. Elections, March 1922.

- (a) After discussion agreed that in future receipts for subscriptions of £2 and upwards to be stamped.
- (b) Referred to the Social Activities Committee.
- (c) Declined with regret.
- (d) (e) and (f) Referred to Euston Wake.
- (f). After discussion agreed that the hall be let to either or both applicants for occasional meetings, but not for series.
- (h) Refer to Westminster Labour Party.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sisney Webb
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Finance & Committee
Friday 10 June 1921. 5pm

First meeting of new Committee

~~Present.~~ For 1921-22

Present: Webb (chair) Davies. Dodd,
Mrs Schmidt and Secretary.

Minutes - of previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

Apology - for absence received from Pease.

Chairman - Webb was re-elected chairman
of the Committee for the ensuing year.

Meeting - It was agreed that the Committee
do meet on Fridays at 5pm.

Finance - AS the current account books are away from the
Office in the auditor's hands the usual financial
statement cannot be presented. It may be noted how-
ever that while subscriptions keep up well, the
receipts from sales of literature show a heavy
decline on last year's figures.

The report was received.

6. Memberships - Many candidates (15) were all elected (last Jan 13). There were no resignations.

7. Kings Hall Lectures, Autumn. Arrangements now made:-

Oct. 28th.	Graham Wallas.
Nov. 4th.	
" 11th.	Lord Haldane.
" 18th.	
" 25th.	
Dec. 2nd.	G. Bernard Shaw.

Chairmen to be considered and Secretary authorised to issue invitations. Suggestions from the Executive:- Lord Bryce (for Wallas) Dr. Fairfield, H.G. Wells, Clivier for (Shaw) Laski, Miss Ll. Davies (for Webb) Tawney, Sir Leo Money, W. Graham, M.P., L. Hichens, Sir R. Hadfield, J. Mills, M.P., John Burns, Bishop of Manchester, Bishop of Peterborough, Rev. R. J. Campbell.

Secretary wanted that G.D.H. Cole proposed Nov. 4. It was agreed to put him down for that date Webb for Nov. 18 and Davies for Nov. 25.

Chairmen considered & agreed as follows in order given

Oct 28. 1. Lord Bryce! 2. Mr. Besant ✓ 3. Bishop of Manchester
Nov. 4. 1. W. Graham M.P. ✓ 2. Sir Robt Hadfield
11. 1. Rt Hon J. R. Clynes! 2. F. Hodgkin. 3. H. G. Wells.
18. 1. Mr. Barnett! 2. Bp of Manchester! 3. Laski
4. Bp of Peterboro.
25. 1. Mr. Besant ✓ 2. Sir Leo Money. 3. Burns ✓
4. Tawney

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Decr. 2. 1. Oliver! 2. Mrs Webb

Agreed that the programme be arranged as before & proofs put in hand forthwith.

Agreed to recommend Executive that Prices for tickets be as follows

21/- 15/- 12/- 6/- for the course
tickets, members of the Society being offered
a rebate of 2d in the 1/- making prices
to them 17/6, 12/6 10/- and 5/-

Single tickets to be 5/- ^{3/6} 2/6 and 1/6
and no rebate offered to members.

Book Box circular. Secretary to report that in view of probable increase in postage next week and possibility of issue of revised circular in Autumn or winter he has despatched a number of circulars to selected lists.

The action was approved.

Westminster Labour Party. Secretary to report that the Westminster Labour Party demurred to paying half the usual charge for hire of hall as they are holding 40 or more meetings yearly and the cost would be too great. As they have hitherto had the use of hall free he agreed to accept a consolidated sum of £10 per annum to cover all meetings for the year.

The action was approved subject to the agreement being for one year only.

10. Correspondence, etc.

- (a) Some detailed suggestions made at Annual Meeting to be considered.
- (b) T. H. Desai on Indians in London suggesting steps to get into touch with them, etc.
- (c) International Anti Opium Association re restriction of growth of opium.
- (d) J. Henry Llloyd re his adoption as Labour Candidate for N. Islington asking if we can give financial assistance.
- (e) H. Goulden, Assistant Librarian, Huddersfield - re Bibliography on Problems of Reconstruction prepared by him offering it for publication on terms.

(a) Agreed to offer free postage of books if order sent for 10/- or more; also to submit list of candidates in Fabian News

(b) Resolved. Secretary to adopt the rules proposed in form as practicable

(c) No action. (d) Resolved & secretary's reply acknowledged. (e) Thank you for to Alden &/a any others.

(f) Resolved with Edmund re conference every one to be if desired

The meeting then terminated

Sony Webb

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Finance & Committee

Friday 8th July 1921

Present. Webb (Chair) Davies, Dodd,
Mr Drake and Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received from
Sir Sydney Olivier and E. R. Pease,
and Mr Salmond.

Finance. Report for three months to June 30th.

	1921.	1920
Members Subscriptions.	£292	£350
Other "	12	38
Gross Sales Literature.	278	442
Book Box Fees	19	16
Hire of Hall	24	15

Cash position. Overdraft at Caxton House £90.

Balance at Law Courts £30. A/cs due and outstanding,
£30 not including Standing.

The Report was received.

Membership:

- (a) June Candidates to be elected (8) Last year (7)
- (b) Resignations - none.

The candidates were all elected. It was noted that for the second month there were no resignations.

Secretary instructed to bring before the Committee in the Autumn a report on members whose subscriptions are only 3/- a less for autumn with a view to considering steps to secure increase in such amounts.

5.

Kings Hall Lectures. Arrangements nearly complete as follows:-

	<u>Lecturer</u>	<u>Chair.</u>
Oct. 28th,	Graham Wallas,	Lord Bryce,
Nov. 4th,	G. D. H. Cole,	W. Graham, M.P.,
" 11th,	Lord Haldane,	Rt. Hon. J.R. Clynes, M.P.,
" 18th,	Sidney Webb,	Miss Madeline Symons,
" 25th,	A. Emil Davies	
Dec. 2nd,	G. B. Shaw,	Sir S. Olivier,

Frank Hodges invited for Davies, but no reply yet.

Received and approved. Agreed that if Hodges declines Miss Madeline Symons be asked to preside for Davies' lecture.

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Half-Circle Club. Proposed that London members of the Club should be made temporary members of the Common Room here for six months, October to March at a fee of 1/- per head - £5 per 100, as an experiment. To be considered and settled.

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The proposal was considered and it was agreed to recommend the Executive to accept it.

Tulloch Barr & Miles Fund. Webb's memorandum on this was considered and discussed and approved and agreed to recommend the Executive to adopt the proposal.

Correspondence.

- (a) Canon Hewlett Johnson re Major Douglas and Credit Power, etc.
- (b) I.L.P. London Divisional Council re Testimonial to J. Hyles.
- (c) Peace with Ireland Council inviting delegate to Standing Consultative Committee.

(a) Reply that Labour Party has a special Committee considering this and shall consider their report when available

(b) No action. (c) No action

Circular from London Labour Party re LCC elections re referred to the Westminster Labour Party

Requests for the list from International Trade Union Federation, & International Socialist Fed. U.S.A. agreed to

It was agreed that the Executive
Committee be summoned for Friday
22nd July at 5 pm.

Also that Sir C. Sankaran Nair
elect a member this evening
be invited to lecture to the
Society ^{at Essex Hall} on Oct 14 a feeling that
in the winter course at Essex
Hall after 5 pm.

The meeting then adjourned
Sidney Webb

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Finance & Committee
Friday 30th Sept 1921.

Present - Webb, in the chair, Davies, Dodd
Pleas and Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Apologies for absence were received
from Mr Salmon & Mr S. Oliver.

Finance. Report to 31st August.

	1921	1920
Members Subscriptions.	£419	£471
Other "	35	46
Gross Sales Literature.	417	648
Book Box Fees.	29	24
Hire of Hall	39	27

Cash position. Overdraft repaid and bank balance at
present £200, but some large accounts for Summer School
still to be paid. No other accounts outstanding and
due except Standing.

Some discussion took place and
the Report was received.

Membership.

(a) July Candidates to be elected	(5)	Last year	(10)
August do do	(2)	do do	(3)
September do do	(7)	do do	(6)

(b) Resignations.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
B.C. Bunting,	Bloomsbury	1918	5/8 1919	Objects to Constitution and policy.
J. Cornberg,	Dalston,	1919	10/- 1920/21.	None.
Miss Dorothy Evans,	London,	1918	7/6 1918.	None.
H. W. Hawkins,	Croydon,	1920	10/- 1920	Now a revolutionary.

Ten members of old and defunct local societies, most of whom never subscribed, and none since 1918 to be removed from list. Letter has been sent notifying them and pointing out that as the local society to which they belonged is disbanded they must subscribe as individual members if they desire to continue.

- (c) Report on members subscribing 5/- or less **Per annum.** There are 376 members on list, exclusive of those subscribing through local societies. and 81 subscribers, all of whom pay 5/- or less annually.

- (a) The candidates were all elected
- (b) The resignations were accepted and it was agreed that the ten members referred to be struck off the list.
- (c) The report was received, and the Secretary instructed to bring up a list of names of subscribers of less than 5/- at next meeting. Also to print on forms of application for membership a note that subscriptions of less than 10/- per annum entails a loss to the Society.

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Kings Hall Lectures. Arrangements complete and syllabus issued. Response good. Cash Receipts to date £204. Last year £161. Advertisements in "New Statesman" and / or other papers to be considered and authorised. (Various members and others write suggesting publication of these lectures to be considered.)

Received. Agreed that members & others be asked, in News & otherwise, to return tickets they are unable to use.

Agreed that advertisement be inserted twice in the New Statesman only.

Agreed that no arrangements for publication are possible. Press to report as they think fit.

6.

Summer School 1921. A great success. Accounts not yet complete. Provisional Report:-
Receipts (4 weeks) £1125. Last year (5 weeks) £1145
Expenditure Estimated £800. Last year £995.

The Report was received.

7. Winter Meetings - Essex Hall. Agreed to recommend ^{execution} that the hall be taken for 2nd & 4th Fridays in Jan, Feb, Mar & April (excluding Easter), and a course arranged dealing with contemporary & current problems. Suggestions

Jan. 13-27
Feb. 10-24
Mar. 10-24
Apr. 28
with 4th
& good
Friday

made were, Sri C. S. Nair (India)
Adrian Brunel (Cinemas &c) S. K. Ratchoff
(Sovakism in U.S.A). Mrs H. D. Butler (Prostitution
in U.S.A). Col. Schuster (How to restore credit &c)
J. G. Hobson (Motives in the new Society &c)
and if possible a lecture on Road Transport.

8. Book Box circular. Agreed to issue of
circular widely this Autumn.
9. Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Some Applications
received. Agreed that reply to be sent
saying we cannot offer them free
but would arrange course on payment
of lecturers fee & expenses.

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Correspondence.

- (a) Miss Susan Lawrence, suggesting resolution re unemployment for agenda of Annual meeting of London Labour Party. (Last day for notice to-morrow Oct 1st)
- (b) London L.P. re Annual Conference. Application for fees, nominations for officers, etc.
- (c) Labour Party - application for fees.
- (d) Webb, re copies of Minority Report of Poor Law Commission. Suggesting distribution.
- (e) Mary Macarthur Memorial Committee - request for issue of circular to members with November "News" gratis.
- (f) F. Johnson, I.L.P. asking permission to address set of envelopes to members for issue of advt. of the biography of Keir Hardie.

- (g) Fabian Womens Group and Standing Joint Committee re delegates to Working Womens Congress at Geneva.
- (h) Egerton Wake re list of Fabian Candidates not yet adopted.
- (j) Rusholme and Westminster Labour Parties re candidates.
- (k) Fabian Womens Group re Staff holidays and the Summer School.
- (l) Ilford Labour Party - asking for speaker in debate on Socialism.
- (m) Gillingham Women Citizens Union asking for speaker on Trade Unions.
- (n) W. M. Sutherland - re his scheme of Co-operative Emigration.
- (o) Tom Groom - re Clarion Vans to restart next year. Wants leaflets for distribution.

- (a) Agreed. Resolution as amended to be sent in to London Labour Party.
- (b) Agreed. Fees to be paid. (c) Fees to be paid
- (d) Considered. Agreed to recommend Executive that copy to be offered to members through News on payment of cost of postage
- (e) Agreed. Circular to be sent gratis.
- (f) Declined - but renew offer to send out with News.
- (g) Reply Report that in view of fact that some members are going as delegates & others are left to the Women Corp. should we cannot take action.
- (h) Send list when revised and after consideration by this Committee

- (J) Refer to Egerton Wake
(K) Considered and noted. Reply that if at any future time any official of the Society is asked to attend the Summer School or to render any service thereat, the matter will be considered.
(L) Ask Smeel. (M) Ask Smeel or Mrs. Dawson
(N) No action. (O) Noted. But as next year will probably be too late for the election no action desirable at present.

The meeting then adjourned

Simey Webb

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Finance & Committee.

Friday 11th November 1921

Present: Webb (Chair) Dodd, Mrs Drake
and Secretary.

Minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

2 Apologies - for absence were received from
Pearce and Mrs Salmon.

3 Finance. Report to 31st October.

	<u>1921</u>	<u>1920</u>
Members Subscriptions		
Members Subscriptions.	£587	£613.
Other "	56	63
Gross Sales Literature	573	898
Book Box Fees	45	41
Hire of Hall	46	48

Bank balance at date about £150. No accounts due and outstanding except Standing. Subscriptions in September and October were larger than in corresponding months last year, and book sales improved slightly though still very much below last year.

The report was received
and after some discussion
approved and adopted

4. Membership.

- (a) October Candidates to be elected (14) Last year (16).
(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Col. R. J. Blackham,	London,	1920	20/- 1921.	None.
J. M. Parikh,	London,	1918	5/- 1921.	None.
G. Rowland,	Finchley.	1914	5/- 1921.	None.
Miss A. Sloan,	London,	1917	5/- 1920	Not able to take active part in our work.

- (c) Report on members subscribing less than 5/- per annum List (to be circulated at the meeting) shows 38 members and 4 subscribers, making 42 in all. To be considered.

- (a) The candidates were all elected.
(b) The resignations were accepted subject to Col. Blackham being invited to become an Associate & Miss Sloan to reconsider the matter in view of her membership of the Women's Group.
(c) The report was considered but it was decided to take no action thereon at present.

5. Kings Hall Lectures. Cash receipts to date £556. Total cost about £300. Some payments to be authorised.

The Report was received & payment of fee £10-10-0 to Furber & Wallis & £14-14-0 for advertisements in New Statesman, authorised.

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Winter meetings. Essex Hall. Arrangements nearly complete as follows:

- Jan. 13th. Adrian Brunel. Cinema and Public Opinion.
- " 27th. Col. G. Schuster. How to Restore Credits.
- Feb. 10th. Mrs. H. D. Butler, Prohibition in U.S.A.
- " 24th. G. P. Gooch. The European Situation.
- Mar. 10th. Vacant. (J. A. Hobson invited)
- " 24th. S. K. Ratcliffe. Labour and Socialism in U.S.A.
- Apr. 28th. Sir C. Sankaran Nair. Socialism in Ancient India.

The report was received and adopted subject to any unavoidable changes later. It was agreed that for March 10. if Holmes declined a lecture in Bond Street to be arranged if possible.

Approaching General Election. Fabian Parliamentary Fund. Issue of special circular to members to be considered and recommendation thereon made to the Executive.

Agreed. The Secretary's action in putting preliminary notice in November News approved. Webb undertook to draft circular and it was resolved to recommend the Executive Committee to appoint the five following as Trustees of the fund viz: - Dawes, Dodd, Luski, Pease and Jaltow.

8. W. Tomlinson's estimate, £8-15-6 for cleaning
a reprinting shop first was considered
and accepted, the work to be put in
hand forthwith.

9. Correspondence.

- (a) Daily Herald asking us to send out appeal for funds to members, etc. with December "News".
- (b) Westminster Labour Party. Re candidates and delegates from the Fabian Society to the General Committee.
- (c) South Derbyshire Labour Party - re Parliamentary candidates.
- (d) C. Duncan Hall and Messrs Methuen re Royalties on the British Commonwealth of Nations.
- (e) Prentice-Hall, New York, asking to be put on free list.

(f) Leyton Labour Party - re debate asking for speaker

(g) N. Leeds Labour Party - re candidate

(h) P.L. Warren re list of names in Washington

(a) Agreed. Send out free with Dec News a offer to send circular to our list on condition

that we do this at their very cost

(b) J.W. Shaw re-arranged. (c) Refer to Wake

(d) Noted. (e) Decline. Offer ~~to~~ to accept - then

as a subscriber. (f) Ask Dewar.

(g) Refer to Wake. (h) Suggest names if any.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sidney Webb

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Finance & Committee

Friday, 9th December 1921

Present - Sidney Webb (Chair) Davis, Dodd,
 Wm Drake, Wm Samuel and Secretary
 (also D. L. B. Fanfold & J. H. Maria Lubron).

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

2. Apologies - received from Sir S. Oliver (acc)
 and E. R. Pease.

3.
 r. James Baird attending to seek an interview with the
 Committee to enlist help for the Belfast expelled workers.

Declined, and inform him we do
 not take collections at our meetings.

Finance. Report to 30th November.	<u>1921</u>	<u>1920</u>
Members subscriptions	£626	£676
Other "	119	198
Gross Sales Literature	688	1036
Book Box Fees	53	48
Hire of Hall	48	56

Bank Balance £25 reduced by payment of expenses of Kings Hall
 Lectures including fee for hire of hall £157.10.0d. No
 accounts due and outstanding except Standing.

The Report was received. Secretary notified the Committee that our tenants the Civil Service men were removing but had not yet given notice to terminate their tenancy.

5.

Membership.

- (a) November candidates to be elected (28) Last year (42)
 (b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Hy. Harbour	Letchworth	1917	42/-1921	None.
Mrs. Hogarth	London	1914	40/-1917	Cannot contribute
S. H. Howarth	Wimbledon	1920	5/-1920	" take active
John Hutt,	Blackheath	1917	10/-1920	None (part.)
J. H. Maynard	Hampstead	1908	10/-1920	None
Miss C. Thwaites	Hoxton	1918	10/-1920	None
G. Van Driesche	Belgium	1913	10/-1920	Must restrict help to his own country.

(c) Annual Purge. Lists enclosed.

- (1) 27 members no subscriptions since 1918. Letter sent advising them their names must be reported for removal from list.
- (2) 21 members who have been excused subscriptions in past and no sub. received since 1917.
- (3) 49 members for whom we have no addresses and no subs. since 1918. Mainly a war legacy and this nearly clears off all members without addresses.

To be considered and action authorised.

- (a) The candidates were all elected.
- (b) The Resignations were all accepted.
- (c) Considered. Agreed that all those on lists 1 & 2, except half a dozen should be noted, be written to again, and then

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removed from the list if no reply received
List-3. Agreed that this be circulated to
the Executive Committee with request
to them to supply addresses if possible.

- 6. Kings Hall Lectures now concluded. Net receipts £566. Total expenditure £301. Accounts all settled and concluded. Sales of literature at six meetings £41. 8. Od.

The Report was received.

- 7. Winter meetings at Essex Hall. Arrangements now complete. (see list in December "News") Suggestion that Davies should be asked to give his lecture if a vacancy offers and that it be advertised in the "New Statesman".

The Report was received and
the suggestion re Mr Davies
lecture approved.

- 8. Approaching General Election. Notice to members of special fund now drafted and to be inserted in January "News" if Executive approves.

The draft notice was agreed to and
referred to the Executive for approval.

- 9. Summer School Committee. Accounts this year show total profit of £376. The Summer School Committee is recommending Executive to allocate part of this to the Summer School Reserve. Any observations by this Committee?

Considered and agreed to recommend
the Executive that half the firm profit
in the Summer School be allocated to
the Summer School Reserve Fund each
year, including the present year 1921.

10. Correspondence.

- (a) Inspector of Taxes re Income Tax.
- (b) Maidstone Labour Party re Candidate.
- (c) P. J. Hawkins, Finchley asking for lecturer
on Greater London, December 13th. Any offers?
- (d) Cricklewood Branch Amalgamated Engineering Union
asking for lecturer any Monday evening. Any
offers?

a. Secretary to reply & for the figures
asked for

(c) Refer to Evgentin Walsle

(c) & (d) Ask Attler, Armon, Katz
Robins Mrs Lawrence & a
any other possible speakers.

The meeting then terminated

A. E. Davies

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Finance Committee

Friday 13th Jan, 1922.

Present - Davis, Pease & Galtm, venting.

Chair - It was agreed that Davis do preside

Minutes - of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. Apologies - were received from Dodd (abroad) and W. Samuel (unwell).

Finance. Report to 31st December.	<u>1921</u>	<u>1920</u>
Members subscriptions.	£687	£722
Other "	129	201
Gross Sales Literature	760	1183
Book Box Fees	72	55
Hire of Hall	52	64

Bank Balance £100 but many a/cs due including some substantial ones. Temporary overdraft necessary, but cash coming in freely and probably ordinary accounts all clear at end of the month. Substantial overdraft will be needed for the Election Fund to dispose of balance of By-election Fund in hand, if election comes. For this it will be necessary to renew the overdraft £300 arranged last year or realise some investments.

The Report was read and it was agreed that bank overdraft be renewed.

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Membership.

- (a) December candidates to be elected (6) Last year (0)
(b) Resignations:

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Sidney De'ath,	London,	1920	10/- 1920.	Leaving England.
O.W. Mellor,	Brighton.	1904	21/- 1921.	None, emphatic.
Miss E. Thayer,	U.S.A.	1913	20/- 1922.	Settled in U.S.A. and lost interest.

The candidates were all elected and the three resignations accepted.

5. Winter meetings in Essex Hall. Arrangements complete. Success of advertisement in "New Statesman" of January meetings. Shall we do the same once each month?

Received, and agreed that one advert of the two lectures in each month be inserted in the New Statesman as suggested.

6. Approaching General Election. Circular approved by Executive and revised and now being issued. List of candidates to be given in February News. Any other action?

Considered. Agreed that list be printed in News. No other action recommended.

7. Fabian Hall. Roof and interior in very bad condition and ought to be completely repaired and done up. Can we risk this? Estimate by Fountain for various works to be considered.

Considered and discussed. Agreed to recommend Executive that Fountain's estimate £65 for complete repair of the hall be accepted, other works done this Spring.

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D. Chairman for Davies Lecture tonight.

Webb to be asked. Feeling from Pease
or other member of Executive present.

Correspondence.

- a) Wimbledon Labour Hall Coy asking for names and addresses of local Fabians to invite them to take shares, etc.
- b) Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union U.S.A. Asking for exchange.
- c) London L.P. Circular re voluntary levy for Municipal Elections.
- d) International Association for Labour Legislation applying for affiliation fee 21/-. (No such fee paid in last three years.)
- e) Daily Herald. Back to a penny campaign. London Conference Saturday, January 21st. Delegates invited.

(a) Agreed. Send list of names and addresses.

(b) Exchange agreed to as desired

(c) Referred to Executive Committee

(d) Decided not to renew this subscription

(e) Send anyone who would like to attend

The meeting then adjourned.

J. Lawson Dodd

10.2.22

Finance Committee.
Friday 10 February 1922.

Present: Dodd, Pease, and Gutter
Secretary.

Chair: It was agreed that Dodd
do preside.

2 Apologies. for absence were received from
Webb, Davis and W. Drake.

1 Minutes of previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

3. Finance. Report to 31st January.

	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1921.</u>
Members subscriptions.	£884	£900
Other "	141	235
Gross Sales Literature	827	1354
Book Box Fees.	83	66
Hire of Hall	58	72

Financial position. End of year forecast. At present we are about £350 to the bad on the year's working. Allen & Unwin's a/c if paid before the end of the year might reduce this to say £250. If next seven weeks income covers the outgoings we ought to end the year with a deficit of not more than £100. But this is after absorbing all profits on Summer School and Kings Hall Lectures in ordinary expenditure.

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After discussion the Report was Received.
It was agreed to report to the Executive that
we propose to ask J. B. Shaw for a
subscription.

Membership.

- (a) January candidates to be elected (9). Last year (34)
- (b) Resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Miss J. Bailey,	Hale, Cheshire.	1919.	10/6 1921.	None.
Mrs. D'Aeth,	Feltham,	1909	10/6 1922.	No time
				Lost interest.
I. P. Douglas,	Southport.	1904	2/6 1920	None.
Allan Hayes,	Portsmouth.	1919	12/- 1919	Cannot take part.

The candidates were all elected and the
four resignations accepted.

Winter meetings. Essex Hall. Ratcliffe arranged for
24th March not likely to be back in England then. Arrange-
ment to fill his place to be made.

Dodd undertook to ask J. A. Holman. Feeling
him Helton of further foundation suggested, a
Munich a Schuster as previously arranged.

Autumn lectures. King's Hall not available for our usual
six Fridays, but six successive Fridays, October 13th to
Nov. 17th offered. Shall we take these? Any suggestions as
to subject?

Agreed that Hall to taken for six Fridays
Oct-13. & Nov. 17: Subject deferred.

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7. Offices on 3rd floor. C.S.U. now give formal notice to terminate tenancy. Notice given in February "News" and some applications received. Question of rent, etc. to be considered and settled.

Notice accepted. Advt. to be inserted in New Statesman & News. Rent considered and agreed that £120 be asked but less taken if necessary.

8. Addressing of wrappers, etc. Considerable expense and inconvenience caused by present joint arrangement with "New Statesman". The new "Addressamite" machine suitable for purpose can be purchased for £26. Should we obtain one and do the work here?

Considered, and agreed to recommend Executive that an Addressamite be purchased at cost of £26.

9. Parliamentary Election Fund. Response to appeal disappointing about £130 cash and £30 promises. Any further action?

Report Received. No further action to be taken at present.

10. Repairs to Fabian Hall. The Nursery offer to do up and decorate interior if we pay cost only. Shall we accept and leave Fountain to do roof and lights only?

Agreed to accept offer of the Nursery ^{with the painter} and arrange with them in a fountain accordingly.

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11. Chairman for Mrs Butler's lecture tonight - Dodd
ditto for John on 26 Feb - Ernest
Received and acknowledged.

2. Correspondence.

- (a) Col. Schuster apologising for inability to lecture on January 27th.
- (b) Limehouse Labour Party asking for financial help for L.C.C. candidates.
- (c) Hallam Labour Party - requiring Parliamentary candidate.
- (d) National Conference of Labour Women, Leamington, 9th and 10th May. Delegates invited.
- (e) Transport Workers Union asking exchange with their new Journal.
- (f) Land Nationalisation Federation. Asking us to send out circulars and appeal for funds for Land Van campaign.

(a) Received. (b) Report unable to help as no funds available for all elections.

(c) Refer to Wake. (d) Refer to Women's funds to support delegates who must bear their own expenses.

(e) agree to exchange. (f) Report we cannot comply with this request at present as appeals for our own funds being made.

The meeting then terminated.

Sidney Webb

18.3.22

Finance & Committee
Friday 17th March 1922

Present - Webb (Chair) Mrs Salmon,
E. L. Davies, E. R. Pease, Galtin, Secretary

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

2. Apology - for absence was received
from F. Lawson Dodd.

3. Finance. Report to 28th February.

	<u>1922.</u>	<u>1921.</u>
Members' Subscriptions.	£976	£986
Other "	153	245
Gross Sales Literature.	1058	1475
Book Box Fees.	89	74
Hire of Hall	62	83

(Financial position - Bank overdraft £140, (including £100 grant to Dalton from the by election Fund) Accounts show deficit at present £150 net, (i.e. £400 gross including balance of £240 from last year). Anticipate this will be reduced to £100 or so net by end of year after absorbing all profits of Summer School and Kings Hall Lectures).

The report was received and considered
satisfactory. It was agreed to recommend
the Executive as follows: -

(1) That as the year's working will show

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a loss of about £400 it is not desirable or necessary to allocate any of the profits on the Summer School or the Kings' Hall lectures this year to reserve accounts.

(2) That in view of bank overdraft and the likelihood of a general election the Secretary be authorised to ~~sell~~ realise our holding in War Stocks if and when necessary. ~~to meet payments out of the Election Fund~~

Membership.

- (a) February Candidates to be elected (13). Last year (5)
- (b) Resignations:

Name.	Address	Elected.	Last Sub.	Reason
Miss L.E. Edwards,	Kensington.	1907	5/- 1921.	Change of views.
" S.J. Hardy,	Salisbury.	1910	15/- 1921.	None.
" D. Haynes,	Kensington.	1914	21/- 1921.	No longer in agreement.
Albert Holland.	Bowes Park.	1914	10/- 1921.	Out of touch and sympathy.
Canon H. Johnson,	Altrincham.	1913	10/- 1920.	Now an ardent Douglasite.
Miss D. Jewson,	Norwich.	1917	10/- 1919.	Unable to contribute.
Mrs. Wilkinson,	Ipswich	1913.	5/- 1921.	None.

The 13 candidates were all elected; and the seven resignations were all accepted.

5. Executive Committee. An election certain as six new candidates. Scrutineers required and motion for their appointment to be authorised at meeting on 24th inst.

Noted. Motion for appointment of scrutineers to be made at Essex Hall meeting on 26th inst. Secretary to arrange for tea to be proposed.

6. Annual Meeting. Date to be arranged. Agreed to recommend Executive to fix May 19th or 26th in Fulham Hall.

7. Audit of accounts 1921-22. Agreed that Bacon be requested to act again.

8. Essex Hall Meetings. Dalton arranged for 24th inst. Chairman required. Sir C.S. Nair not back in England on April 28th. Ratcliffe asked to give his lecture that day instead. To be approved.

Agreed that Rethrick-Lawrence be invited to preside on March 26th. The arrangement of Ratcliffe for April 28th was approved.

9. Autumn lectures, Kings Hall. Agreed to defer consideration of subject in view of possible early general election.

10. Officers on 3rd floor still insist. Further action deferred for present. To be re-advertised some later.

Correspondence.

- (a) Fabian Women's Group - suggesting appointment of Miss Dawson as delegate to Labour Women's Conference at Leamington, May.
- (b) London Schools Swimming Association. Asking if we will bear cost of renovating shields presented to them some years ago.
- (c) The Labour Party. 22nd Annual Conference, Edinburgh, June 1922. Preliminary notice re nominations, etc.
- (d) Institut Economique Roumania suggesting exchange, etc.
- (e) No More War Conference. Inviting delegates.
- (f) H. Finer asking for permission to use our premises on behalf of Dr. Rivers' candidature for London University.

(a) Agreed to Miss Dawson going as delegate at the Society's expense.

(b) Agreed. (c) Recommend Executive to nominate Webb & Miss Lawrence again as delegates and for Executive

(d) Agree to exchange. (e) No action

(f) Agreed to for any help possible to Dr. Rivers' candidature.

The meeting then adjourned.

Sidney Webb

Finance & Committee
Friday, 19th May, 1922

Present - Webb (Chair) Davis, ^{Dodd} Pease, ^{Rob} and
Sutton, Secretary

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

2. Apologies - none.

3. Finance. Report to 30th April.	1922.	1921.
Members' Subscriptions.	£111.	£100
Other "	£5	£14
Gross Sales Literature	£63	£94
Book Box Fees.	£3	£6
Hire of Hall.	£2	£5

(Financial Position. As printer was pressing for cash we have sold our £296. 12. 5d., 5% War Stock at a little above par, and paid him £200 on account. All other accounts due are paid, but we still have small overdraft of about £50 at Bank).

Received and approved.

4 Membership.

- (a) April Candidates to be elected (9), Last year (7)
- (b) Resignations: (two months)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Elected.</u>	<u>Last Sub.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Col. Bruce Kingsmill.	London.	1919	10/6 1920.	Giving up politics owing to ill health.

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M. Coleman,	U.S.A.	1914	5/-	1921	None.
Miss A. Freeman,	London,	1912	5/-	1921	None.
Mrs. Heasman	Worthing	1906	10/6	1919.	Husband Remains.
Maurice Hewlett,	Salisbury	1917	21/-	1920.	Not much
	of a Socialist				and guineas scarce.
Miss H. Lauder,	Dumfries,	1914	7/-	1921	None.
George May,	Caterham	1906	10/-	1920	None.
Mrs. Overy,	Lewisham,	1910	5/-	1912	Husband remains.
D. C. Reade,	Malay,	1908	10/-	1920	None.
A. Scott,	London,	1908	30/-	1921	Personal
Mrs. A. Scott,	"	1908	10/-	1909	"

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

- Autumn Lectures at Kings Hall. To be considered and recommendation thereon made to the Executive Committee. Two suggestions received at present:
 - Can Labour Govern.
 - The Transition to Social Democracy.

After discussion, agreed to recommend the Executive Committee to adopt (a) Can Labour Govern. Programme to be submitted as follows:

- (1) Foreign Policy, Rt Hon. G. Henderson.
 - (2) The Sluts & Industry. Sidney Webb
 - (3) The National Finances. D. Hugh Dalton
 - (4) Our duty in Education R. H. Tawney
 - (5) The Civil Service and machinery of government. Graham Wallas
 - (6) If I were Prime Minister. G. B. Shaw.
- with Mrs Bonafied, A. E. Davis, J. H. Hobson and Frank Hodges as reserve.

6. Annual Meeting fixed for May 26th in Fabian Hall at 8 p.m.
Humphreys agrees to preside. Proposal to have
Executive Committee meeting same day at 5 p.m.

Received and approved.

7. Audit of Accounts. Bacon agrees to act as Auditor and has
begun the work.

Record.

8. List of Fabian Parliamentary Candidates. Requests to add
Capt. Z. W. Kendall, Col. Spencer, and Col. Williams to
our list for Labour Party.

*Approved. The three names to be
added to our list.*

9. Local Government Inquiry Bureau. Difficulty in answering
questions great. Suggested it might be met by purchase
of the Encyclopaedia of Local Government Law at cost
of £21. To be considered.

Deferred. To be considered again later.

10. Correspondence.

- (a) Sir Sydney Olivier - re our balance sheet and
accounts.
- (b) Hugh Dalton re Labour candidate for Cambridge.
- (c) Liverpool Fabian Society asking for speaker on
"Fabian Policy to-day".
- (d) Alexr. Weis, Buda Pest asking help for Hungarians
repatriated through war and in distress.
- (e) John Struthers - offering debate on Capital Levy.

*(f) Hugh Rank Dunbar Labour Party
re Parliamentary candidate*

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- (a) Sentences wholly withdrawn
Explain further verbally.
- (b) No suggestion at present. Must bear
in mind area health of frontier
- (c) Ask them to refer to Customs and try
to get Dalton to go.
- (d) Report. Write sympathetically
- (e) Report. (f) Send in to Waker!

The meeting then adjourned.

J. Lawson Dodd

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