Fabrain Society
3 Clements Inn
Shard London WC.

Executive Committee
Minutes

11 Oct 06
20 Nov 06
Executive Committee at Office 11th Sept 03
Present: Whelen (in chair), Headlam, Galton, MacRae, Peace, Alden, Hobson, Dodd
Absent: Webb, Shaw, Mr Shaw, Bland, Charrington, Standing, Muggeridge.

1. Minutes of last meeting not read.

2. Candidates elected viz:

   **Candidates**
   - G. Granville Barker, 8 York-buildings, Adelphi, W.C.
   - Charles Coates, “Ferndene,” Linthorpe, Middlesbrough
   - Dr. John R. Haynes, 945 South Figueroa-street, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.
   - E. Furnivall Jones, 95 Savernake-road, Hampstead, N.W.

   **Proposed by**
   - G. Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb.
   - S. G. Hobson.
   - H. Gaylord Wilshire.
   - S. G. Hobson and Edw. R. Pease.

Correspondence.
We stand by asking us to support Women as Councillors Bill. Reply we will do anything we can when the time comes.
Charles Home Defence Fund. Appeal for help. (Bottom Label) Send sympathy & say we have no funds available.
French Ministry of Commerce. Asking to be put on Free List. Agreed.
South Wales Labour Annual. Asking advt. at 2S/- as before. Agreed.
Death of Mr. Widdrington. Sec'y ordered to write on behalf of Society.

Fiscal Policy syllabus submitted & approved.

Book Boxes. Sec'y reported on proposal to extend the circulation of these,
submitted Webb’s letter herewith. His action was approved. It was agreed to defer decision of the question whether members should be asked to contribute the funds required, in addition to proposed grant from Hutchinson Trust. A few novels & lighter class books were suggested.

(7) New Tracts.

Seymour’s State Aid to Agriculture. Sec. reported that this was promised shortly to the author.

Education (London) Act. Sec. reported he had written Wallas for advice to Wallas, who sent no reply, to Christopher Phillips, who said he must reply, on appointment as a school inspector, to J. T. Mustard, head-teacher, who promised help. Agreed that Cecil Chesterton be asked to make the draft.
Fiscal Policy Tract. Sec. reported that Gillbert Slater at request of Publishing Committee had prepared M.S. - that he had informed Slater that in his opinion the Executive would be prepared to pay for such a M.S. - that the M.S. had been read by Macrossan, Hobson, and Galton, the first two of whom submitted written comments. - Letter from Bland on proposed tract was read. -

After discussion it was agreed to request Slater to make additions and deletions as recommended by the critics; that the M.S. be then set up; and that it be put down for discussion to the Society on October 23rd.

Fabian Lecture Course. Sec. reported as follows. Oct. 9th: held F. W. Headley on Social Implications of War communism.
Oct 23. Tract meeting.
Nov 13. Peace on alcoholism if necessary.

Other acceptances:
Podmore, provisional, Owenism, Latin Dodd

Refusals:
Dr. Newsholm, Racial Degeneracy
E.M. Bowden
Thorogood, Freights.
Dr. V. Poore. No reply, supposed ill.

Sec. Y instructed to ask:
R.E. Thomas on Municipal Affairs.
W. Reason on Population.
Dr. Collie on Segregation of N'bh.
Percy Alden undertook to invite
Bolton King on Rural Depop.

S. D. Webb
2/10/13
Executives at Office 2 October 1903.


Absent: Bland, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Charrington, Alden.

1. Minutes of two last meetings were confirmed.

2. Education Tract. The Secy. reported that Chesterton had undertaken to draft it. Webb reported on conversation with Chesterton; the general line adopted was approved.

3. Tariff Tract. Letter read from Bland disapproving of most of the proposed tract. Memorandum from Shaw, circulated to members of tree, was also considered. After a prolonged debate, it was agreed...
(a) That the tract as drafted be rejected.
(b) That a new tract on lines of syllabus drawn up by Webb be approved.
(c) That Hobson undertake to prepare the re-draft, using what he can of the old draft.
(d) That the re-draft, if possible, be considered at the next Exec.
(e) That it be given as a lecture on Oct. 23rd, if it cannot be taken as a tract in the usual way.
(f) That the Sec write Slater that the Exec. consider this draft an excellent piece of work.
(g) That Slater be paid at the rate of 21/- per 1000 words, say £7.7.

[Signature]
Executive at Office Oct 9th 1903.

Present: Alder (in Chair) Wels, Macrob, Pease, Standing, Holson, Shaw, W.R. Shaw, Weeden, Dodd, Hungeridge, Bland

Absent: Headlam, Charrington, Gallon

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Candidates elected viz:

   Candidates
   Wm. Llanwarne Cribb, 9 Westgate-place, Louth, Lines... W.R. Pease.
   Arthur E. Wright, Bon Marché, Stafford-street, Skipton-in-Craven, Yorks. General Secretary.

   Subject to amendment & Messrs. Cribb & Fels.

3. Resignations: Geo. Cocker: renewed: accepted
   Christopher Phillips: become a School Inspector: accepted: if it be not withdrawn.

4. Railway Nationalist Soc. is asking us to take over their publications & carry on their work: agreed.
5) **Correspondence.** Gilbert Slater. Thanks for pay?
   Humanitarian League: asking us to assist in Slaughterhouses & LCC election.
   Reply we will bear matter in mind.
   Internal. Soc. Bureau asking for pamphlets on Fight Apartheid Protection. Sec'y
   instructed to write to each Society for a dozen sets.

6) **Positivist Conference.** Not at Essex Hall, on India.
   Delegate asked. Send SS Trenchard & failing him D. Naoroji.

   Agreed that Peace be delegate & that no resolutions be sent.

8) **British Institute of Social Service.**
   Peace stated he had been invited to be a convenor. Agreed that he accept.
9. International Socialist Conference Amsterdam
14 Aug. Letter saying our resolutions were ruled out, except that Trade Unionism + Socialism; and asking report etc. on this before Dec 1st. Agreed that Holson + Peace are draft report etc.

10. Lectures to Society
Refusals once cast meeting Dr. Collie + B. King. Acceptances Will Reason, Underpopulation fixed for Jan 7th. R. E. Thomas on Muncip. fixed for Nov 27th, ent now uncertain.
Unfixed lectures in scheme
Racial Degeneration
Rural Depopulation
Unhealthiness of modern towns
Segregation of Unfit.
Agreed to ask Dr. Shirley Murphy L.C.C. Dr. Kerr L.S.B.
11. Tracts in Preparation &c. -
   Tract 7. Sec. reported sales small. Agreed that it be revised and reprinted.
   Tract 5. Facts for Socialists. Agreed to revise, + that Oakehurst be asked.

   Education Tract. No report.

   Shaw’s Tariff Speech. Shaw to report on its fitness for a tract.

12. Tariff Tract. Draft syllabus & Hobson was submitted + discussed. Agreed that he prepare a lecture on these lines.

   [Signature]

   22/10/3
Executive at Office 23rd Oct. 1903
Preseent: Bland (in chair), Headlam, Shaw, Alden, Wehl, Mr. Shaw, Standing, Macrost, Peace, Holson, Dodd, W. J. Huggins, Salton
Absent: Charrington, Salton

(1) Minutes were confirmed

(2) Arising from minutes, see 7 reported
   (a) Subscription of £25 from Joseph Fels
   (b) Acceptance & S.S. Thoburn of delegation
       to Pessimist Indian Confer

(3) Railway National Soc. Sec. reported suggestion
    by late Sec. that the late members
    of the late Sec. be asked to subscribe
    to no. agreed to ask them

    Letter from Lambeth Trade Council
    re refusal of L.R.C. to recognize Badalbhau Naoroji, or to give a reason for refusing. Peace undertook
    to re-open the question at the L.R.C. Council next.

Slew's Tariff Speech. Referred to Burgess
for further report.

6) Fabian Series, 2nd Vol.

Suggested volume & less. Turner
Report thereon & Wheelen not ready.

7) Fabian Lecture Course.

Agreed to ask Prof. Long on Rural
Deposits & to pay his travelling
expenses.

Arrangement of dates deferred till
next Friday.

8) Meeting of Members: agreed on Wheelen as
Chairman. Welsh as introducer of Education
Tract. Education M's. referred to Alden
for further report.

9) County Lectures. In response to appeal from Arford,

agreed that Shaw give them a Lecture.

Adelson offered to lecture at Aberystwyth if needed.
Executive at Office 35th Oct 1903

Present: Headlam (in chair) Webb, Shaw Macroe,
Pease, Alden, Bland, Holson Jr.
Shaw, Muggeridge

Absent: Wheeler, Charrington, Gallen, Standing, Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. London Social Halls. Delegates asked.
   Pease & Standing appointed

3. Resignation: Mr. Mace Matthews accepted.

4. Re D. Naoroji at the L.R.C. Pease reported that on the motion the L.R.C. Executive had agreed to assign a reason for refusal of Naoroji as a candidate on their list,
   that the reason assigned was that they interpreted the provision for promotion of an affiliated association to mean substantial financial support.

6. Shaw’s Tariff M.S. No report.

7. Education Tract M.S. Alden reported that it would not do. After debate, Weilchen undertook to do what he could with it.

8. Tariff Tract. After prolonged debate, Shaw undertook to draft a Tract.

9. Lecture arrangements. Agreed:
   Nov. 13th. to ask Dell to open a discussion on Tariff. Failing Dell, H. W. Wilson (Ray.)
   27. Peace, Alcoholism.

Sawyer
Exc. at Office 13th November 1903.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Macrory, Headlane, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Wells, Muggridge, Pease, Standing, Hobson, Whelen, Alden, Charrington, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. November Candidates were elected, viz.

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<td>B. Scott Williams.</td>
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3. Correspondence

Crawley Coop. Thanks for lectures
F. S. Green Request to send notices of lecture on Meredith. Refuse.
Wormen's Nat. H. Council. Agreed to renew sub. 5/-


Symonds State Aid. To be 20pp. if necessary. Title amended.
Financial Reb. Al. Agreed to take advt. at £3. 3s.
I

On the number available: Boxes only, not books.

Number purchased from 1892 to July 1903 99
Less Lost, destroyed &c. 4
Old square boxes not now in use 7

New boxes purchased 1903 88
15 delivered, 9 on order 112

II

Subscriptions current at date 119

III

Orders. 1st. April to 12th. Nov. 1903 64
" " " " 1902 30
" " " " 1901 51
" " " " 1900 30

About nine-tenths are for a year

Expenditure.

1st. April to 12th. November 1903 paid £55
" " " incurred but not paid. 17

Estimated cost for buying books for ten Boxes to be filled say £110

Subscriptions during November 12 days. 12 subscriptions
Orders waiting to be executed 10

Since the start only one box has been lost, and that was paid for. The loss in books is very small and is decreasing. At present no box is more than 2 or 3 weeks overdue.
5. First May Celebration. Circular announcing Hyde Park Demonstration. Agreed to concur, as the day is Sunday.

6. Executive. Letters from Ch. Charrington offering to resign, owing to change of residence to remote country, and from F. W. Gallon, owing to temporary engagements on Friday afternoons. After discussion, agreed that a contested election is not at present necessary, and that both members be requested to retain their seats till the end of their year of office.


Tariff. Shaw reported his m.s. 3rd written.

8. Book News. Sec. presented the annexed report. Agreed that he write privately to Mrs. Fels and any others for special subscriptions.
9. International Socialist Congress. Report on the Trade Unionism & Socialist resolutions drafted by Holson, was agreed to.

10. Fabian Lectures Sec reported

Dr. Shurley Murphy finally refuses
Dr. Jas Kerr Refuses
R. E. Thomas Off
Profr Long. Refuses for present; possibly later.

Pending arrangements:
F. Podmore. Very doubtful
Lawson Dodd. Late on.

Agreed
Dec. 11. To accept offer of F. Montague Lecture on Weismannism & Social Reform, provided it be written.

Jan 22. That Shaw read paper on Fabian society & German part, as a memorial lecture on the society attaining its 20th year.

Arrangements to give way to Tariff Tract, if this be ready.
Other arrangements.
Rural depopulation. Sec to write about the Sec. of the Small Holdings Assn, Surrey, as a possible lecturer.
Racial degeneration. Sec. to interview Rosenbaum of the School of Modern Towns. Try Dr. Newman WdUn.

11. Fabian Series. After Chairman + many members had gone, report from Weeden arrived, strongly commending Turner's M.S. on Commercial Efficiency. Agreed that he be informed that we will probably take it up, if submitted, but that he should not refuse offers of any other publisher.
Exe. Comm. 27th Nov. 1903.


1. Minutes were confirmed.


Orders to date from 1st April 1903 85
Do. Do. 1902 34

Orders in November to 26th.
Do. Do. Last year 7

Orders in past fortnight 21

New Boxes equipped since August 24
Do. Do. ordered 12

Unexecuted Orders for Boxes
now in hand 15

Expenditure to date, 36 Boxes &c.

£24

Books

£93

£117

Sum required to complete
12 new boxes ordered at least 43

£160

No reply from Mrs. Fels.

Analysis of 1903 Orders.

Socialist Societies and Ruskin Hall Classes 27
Co-operative Societies 24
Trade Unions, and Branches thereof 12
Trade Councils 10
Miscellaneous 12

85.
7. Correspondence.
   Dr. W. Bernard. Complaining of Delhi Debate.
   Say we wanted to give members a chance, to add help speakers.
   Clifford Jm. Notifying rise of price to 37/6
   Fivance. Ref. advert. offer refused.

8. Fabian Meetings
   Dec. 11. Montague accepts.
   Jan 22. Agreed to take Tariff Tract.
   Other arrangements:
   Shaw on evening. Deferred.
   Dr. Newman declines.
   S. Whitley suggests Bros of Lingfield on Rural Depop. - Agreed not to ask him.
   S. Rosenbaum. See reported conversation:
   agreed to accept lecture on Jews & Social Problem, if he offers it.

Form of publication 1. Both, 2. pamphlet or 2 penny pamphlets was discussed. Agreed to reject the last named, & for the rest to see how the MS. turns out when complete.

Henry St. Macrory
Executive at Office 11th Dec 1903.
Present: Macrost, m. chair, & all except absentee Alden, Salton, Wilem.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Resignation, Mr. Sanger, accepted.

3. Election of Candidates: all elected subject to payment of subs.

Edgar Jepson:

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<td>Dr. K. E. Dadachanji, Ardesher Dady-st., Khetwady, Bombay</td>
<td>Joseph Baptista.</td>
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<td>William Lloyd Davies, 80 Drayton Park, Highbury, N. ...</td>
<td>Edw. R. Pease.</td>
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<td>Arthur L. Dorer, Tennyson-avenue, King's Lynn ... ...</td>
<td>Harry Lowerison.</td>
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<td>Edgar Jepson, Bovingdon House, Elm-road, Wembley, Middx. ...</td>
<td>Cecil Chesterton &amp; Conrad Noel.</td>
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<td>Aylmer Maude, Great Baddow, Chelmsford ... ...</td>
<td>Wm. Sanders.</td>
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<td>C. Morgan Webb, Settl'mt. Officer, Rangoon, Lower Burma ...</td>
<td>General Secretary.</td>
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4. Correspondence: -

John Martin on Tammany.
F. Montague Re London Socialist.
4. New Tracts. - Provincial
Dyson's State Aid. printer delaying
Cape Town. nearly ready.

5. Book Boxes. Report as follows:

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<td>Boxes available (on order)</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Subscriptions Hutchinson Trustees</td>
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<td>, , Mrs. Fels</td>
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<td>Sufficient for 4 of above boxes</td>
<td>180</td>
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<td>Books required for 7 more boxes at least</td>
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The Sec. reported that had asked the Cobden Club for a donation. - Sec. instructed to write to other bodies for books. - A number of new books were suggested for the boxes; the Sec. approved of application for £100 more, if necessary, from Sec.
6. Fabian Lectures: arrangements made & confirmed as follows:—

Jan 8. Reason Population

22. Tariff Tract Meeting

Feb 12. ADC Election. Members meeting. Address & Wall.

26. Offer of Lecture on Russian Jews. Question & Mrs. Kellgren per Miss Bell accepted: lecture to deal with antisemitism.

Letter from Rozenbaum declining to take part in Biological Series. Agreed not to ask for any other lecture.

Shaw on Eveling deferred.

Sec. reported Lt. Col. Pedder asked on Rural Deposits.

7. Purge of members. Sec. submitted the annexed list & he was authorised to send final circular, & to strike off.
I. Members whose address has been lost.

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<td>W. H. Brown</td>
<td>Hanley</td>
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<td>Mar.'99</td>
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<td>Rythe</td>
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<td>Hammersmith</td>
<td>Jan.'92</td>
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<td>June '99</td>
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<td>J. W. Caruth</td>
<td>Warrington</td>
<td>Nov.'01</td>
<td>7/-</td>
<td>Oct.'01</td>
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<td>Westminster</td>
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<td>Nov.'95</td>
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<td>Bradford</td>
<td>Oct.'01</td>
<td>4/-</td>
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<td>15/- (3 yrs) Jan.'01</td>
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<td>Dalston</td>
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<td>Miss Warley</td>
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<td>Rev. T. W. Wright</td>
<td>Hanover Sq.</td>
<td>May '88</td>
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II. Proposed to be removed from list.

II. Members who have not paid for years for no known reason.

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8. Tariff Tract. It was agreed to hold an exec. meeting on Monday Dec. 21st to discuss the Tariff Tract, if Shawco were able to haveproof & view. -

J. J. Myerwil
Executive at Office Monday Dec 21, 1904
Present Wm. Segridge (in chair), Bland, Shaw, Macord, Standing, Alden, Dodd, Welsh, Peace, Mr Shaw, Holton.
Absent: Wheelen, Salton, Charrington, Wendel.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Resignation. Miss Spooner Accepted

   Rural No. 7, Crop & Land nearly ready.
   6. Facts. In hand

4. Lectures to Society.
   Feb 12. Welsh on L.C.
   Mar 26. Lieutenant Col. Predder Accept
   Agreed to fix for this date
   Mar 11. Mrs. Kellogg
   Agreed to fix.

5. Lecture on Weismannism by F.W. Headley.
On request by his letter to Rodmore that he desired to publish it, after debate, agreed that he be asked to submit his paper, if he would for consideration if he w. like us to issue it, & to say that, in default of the Fabian Soc. & Standing may be willing. —

(6.) Tariff Tract. Amended & completed proof submitted. A prolonged warm debate on various points followed. Shaw took note of the amendments suggested and agreed to do his best to embody them in a joint further review. No divisions were taken. —

Sidney Web 8/11/41
Executive at office 8 Jan. 54
Present: Webb (in chair) Hall except
Absent: Charrington.

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected subject of subscription & C. A. Mitchell

   **Candidates**
   - George H. Jackson, 9 Buckingham Mount, Leeds
   - C. Ainsworth Mitchell, 5 Verulam-buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C.

   **Proposed by**
   - Edw. R. Pease.
   - Noel Griffith and Hubert Bland

3. Tracts. Beadley Weismannism. Letter from him; report of interview & Sec'y. Bland reported on Ms. that it was too long & could not be sent. Agreed to return the Ms. with this explanation.


4. American Social Progress Year Book. Report that article had been written at request of Bliss & Webb & Pease.
5. American Municipal Affairs. Request G. Martin, new editor, for articles on

Jan. 28th - Delegates agreed
that any members of Exec. be delegates.

7. L.C. Election. Letter from Wallas. Agreed
that notice in F. News will
be early enough, & that names of
our candidates & urgent request to
help he therein set out.

8. Education Tract. M.S. from Welch, copies of
which had been submitted to Headlam,
Whelen + Wallas was considered. Also Amendment
from Wallas + Headlam. It was
ultimately agreed : (1) to circulate the three copies
round the Exec. (2) to send copy of amendments
to each member of Exec. (3) To meet on Jan 14th.
9. Tariff Trust. Further revise was considered. Amendments suggested, finally approved.

10. Tariff Trust Meeting. It was agreed:
   (a) to nominate Headlam as Chairman
   (b) to meet at 7.30.
   (c) not to order in extra chairs
   (d) to send proof to all members
   (e) to ask for amendments in writing.

11. Letters. Letter from Mr. Kellgren reporting that he cannot lecture on Mar 11. owing to illness.

12. Meeting Jan 8. Agreed to promote Alden as Chairman.

G. Bernard Shaw
14/1/04.
Executive at Office 15 Jan. 1904.
Present: Shaw (in chair), + all except Absent: Charrington, Galton, Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Chairman for Jan 22nd. Headlam stated that he could not attend, + it was agreed to ask Throgood, + then Fakeshott.

3. Education Act Track. A prolonged discussion took place on this draft Track. The Rev. S. Headlam proposed a number of amendments, many of which were accepted, in whole or in part; others were withdrawn; divisions were taken in four or five cases, but the mover in one case obtained a vote in addition to his own, + all were therefore rejected. — Well under to make the alterations decided on, of the Track was ordered to be set up. Amendments & Wallas were also considered. It was agreed to submit the Track to the Court on Feb 12.

Geo. Standing 27/1/04
Executive at Office 22 January 1904

Present: Standish (in chair), Shaw, Shaw, Macarlog, Dodd, Pease, Headlam, Holson, Mungeridge, Bland, Whelan.

Absent: Charrington, Salton, Alden, Welch.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Municipal Conference at Manchester—agreed to appoint Holson and Mr. Shaw delegates.

3. Labour Representation Conference—agreed after debate that Pease vote in all cases in accordance with his own discretion.

4. Lecture to the Society—Sec. reported Podmore iff, Dodd declines to lecture. Agreed to refuse Dr. Weidhouse's offer, and to ask Field for a lecture on his view of the fiscal policy.
5. Education Act. Track. Webb reported that the track needed it to finish to complete.

6. Meeting on Tariff. Sec. reported Thorpwood would be chairman. Agreed to take 2nd Reading at end.

7. Tariff Track. Agreed that title be Fabianism and the Early Question.

Shaw reported on a number of amendments. A division was taken on a passage relating to Gladstone, and its deletion was rejected by 5 to 4. Other amendments were agreed to.

Charles Charrington
29th 1904.
Executive Office 29th Jan. 1904
Present: Cherrington (in chain) & all except
Absent: Wheilen, Alden, Mygarden.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Peel Memorial Fund. Sec. authorised to apply for grants.

   Agreed to publish letter in "News" as desired & chair.

4. Education Tract Meeting. Agreed to nominate Holson for chair.

5. Tariff Tract. Agreed to publish a 1/2 edition on superior paper, with paper cover, 1000 copies.
   Agreed to add "Edited by Bernard Shaw" to this edition.
   Resolved on division transposing not to add this to the 1st edition.
b. Fabian Lectures.

Mar 11

Letter from Kidd half accepting, agreed to press him to book it.

Mar 25

Resolved to ask Alden to lecture on Unemployed Biological Course. Agreed to ask McCleary again.

P. J.
Exe. at Office 12 Feb. 04. —

Present: Alden (in chair) and all except

Absent: Wheelen, Salton, Charrington.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates elected viz:

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3. Correspondence.

Manchester Women's T. W. Council. Agreed they can use Tract 104 altered to suit their purposes.

P. Clulp.

Haden Street. Appeal for Poor Orphanage. Sec's action in referring it to him was approved.
3) Corest. cont.
Lambeth T. Council.
Dore, Kings Lynn.
Good report of H.T. Lecture.

4. Death of W. A. Morris.
Sec. instructed to
mite condolences to
Mrs. Morris.

Sec. report received
+ expenses £1.7.5 ordered
Wt. paid.

6. Fabian Lecture Course.
Mar 11. Field accepts
25 Alden
McCleary refuses.—
Agreed to cash
1 Sedles
2 J. B. Alkins Bros. Holborn.

7. Education Tract.
Webb reported on amendments.
Agreed to print 5000.
agreed to, written.
5,000 at 10c. — + moulds
1,000 at 1/- Leaded Title,
page 236-237 submitted 2 Shaw.

Thelma Bland
Executive at Office 26th Feb. 1904

Present: Bland (in chair), Pease, Mr. Shaw, Dodd, Standing, Holton, Macrae, Mung erdige Webb, Shaw.

Absent: Alden, Charrington, Salton, Wheelan, Headlam.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Auditors. Agreed to ask Lumbert et al. as before.


Rev. A. Webster. Decline to accept.

5. Municipal Drink. Agreed that the Secy can describe himself as Sec. of F.s. in his forth coming book, if he state in the preface that the Society is not committed to this view or the question.
6. Exe. Elective. The Sec. I ask for notification of any member intending to retire, in addition to Charrington. No such notification was made.

7. Fabian Lecture Course. - The following was approved.

Mar 11. Kidd
25. Aldew

Apr 8. No meeting
27. Atoms in Degeneration.

May 13. Annual Meeting
27. A Lecture

Agreed that Dodd ask J.W. Taylor of Birmingham on Population.
Also to ask Marsden.
Sec. I reported that Geddes refused as he was leaving London but offered to lecture next session.

8. Tracts. Education. Ready.
- Wells's suggestions for circulation approved.
8. Tariff (cont'd)
Agreed not to raise P. Edn. before the 1st Edn is out.

9. L.C. Election
Discussed.

10. A new Program
Scheme for a new program was discussed generally.
Exe. at Office 11th March 1904

Present: Dodd (in chair), Peace, Headlam, Bland, Mr. Shaw, Shaw, Macrae, Webb, Weeks.

Absent: Hungerford, Galton, Charrington, Stauding, Alden, Holroyd.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The Sec. announced that he had nominated all the sitting Comm. except Charrington. Chesterton was nominated as a member.

3. The following candidates were elected, subject to payment of a rate: Gerald Bishop, etc.

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<td>Harold J. Pickering, Langley Fitzurse, Chippenham, Wilts.</td>
<td>Dr. Lawson Dodd.</td>
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<td>Henry B. Schultz, 7, Park-road, Glasgow</td>
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<td>Chas. H. Viggars, Border House, Sealand, Chester</td>
<td>R. F. E. Willis.</td>
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4. Fabian Lecture. Sec. reported that Kidd had left London owing to urgent private affairs out of town. She had arranged for Chesterton to open on Chinese Labor. Approved.
5. Correspondence.

Brotherhood Church. Asking grant of halls for Bazaar. Offer to supply on sale or return.

W. Sanders. Re-refusal of lectures at Manchester. Agreed to try again notwithstanding.

John Edwards. Success of lectures at Liverpool and Middleton.

Miss A. Sergeant. Agreeing to remain a member at 2/6 per annum.

Fred de Haas. Resignation, accept.

Mrs. E. T. Hamel. Reporting death of her husband. Secy to send letter.

6. London Education Tract. Secre. reported distribution as follows:

- To Methop Boro Council members: 1540
- Clerks: 28
- London Wools Ham M.P.s: 60
- L.C.C. Proposers & Candidate: 116
- Moderate: 120

Total: 1864

He reported that the last lot were sent to the London Municipal Alliance to distribute & the Secre wrote cordial thanks for same.
7. Tariff. After discussion agreed to continue to withhold the 12 edition until the 1/ - Edn is ready.

8. Meetings of the Society.
   May 27. Agreed to ask Kidd for any subject he pleases.
   June 10. Agreed to accept offer of lecture on Municipal Milk, to be prepared by Lawson Dodd & Mr. McClean.
   June 24. Agreed to ask Marion for a lecture.
   Also to ask for the present or a future session Prof. Oliver Lodge.
   Dodd reported that Dr. G.W. Taylor of Birmingham declined.

9. Future Policy. After discussion it was agreed:
   a) That the next session be devoted to lectures on a further advanced policy
   b) That a Comittee meet on Electrical Supply, A. M. Darrie & H.G. Wells be invited; the subject in Fabian News.

   W. Gulliver
   25. 1. 04
Executive at Office 25th March 1904.

Present: Galton, Macrory, Headlam, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Bland, Alden, Standing, Hobson, Peace, Dodd.

Absent: Charrington, Wheelen, Webb, Muggeridge.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. ExeC. Election. Sec. reported that Cecil Cheetham and Alderman Saunders were the new nominees; that Alderman Mitchell had been nominated, but declined to stand; and that Bland had been re-elected as Hon. Treasurer. After discussion it was agreed that in the absence of any question of policy, an contested election between sixteen candidates for fifteen seats is not worth the expense; and that Wheelen be invited to withdraw his nomination candidature.

that the Committee meetings are too few to make a record of.

4. The annexed preliminary report on Finance was submitted & received.

5. Tariff Tract. Practically ready. Agreed to add a leaded advert pages to print at earliest. About 250 to be sent to the press.

6. Correspondence
   W. Wareing, Asst. Sec. of Board Seth
   Dr. Hauken — — —
   Refuse to the
   Late Rev. W. A. Morris. Invitation to join in memorial. Ask for further information of proceedings.

7. Resignation. Mr. Morgan Thomas. Accepted. H. C. Wells, on dissatisfaction with Tariff Tract. Ask him to withdraw as members are not bound to the Tract.
Reports on Accounts for Year.

To End of February.

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Estimate to End of March.

Subscriptions for year are likely to show a decline. At present a sum of £30 is required to pay debts, leaving certain liabilities which will make a small debit balance, a result by no means unsatisfactory in view of the large expenditure on unproductive reprints, and on the Tariff Tracts.

The Eight members of the Executive, whose subscriptions are due (or long overdue) are politely and particularly requested to bring their cheque books to the meeting.
8. Lecture to the Society

Sec. reported no further action taken.

Letter from Dr. McCleny promising help, but desiring that his name do not appear in connection with the milk tract lecture.


10. The Forward Policy. Sec. reported that J. Morgan promised lecture & tract on minimum wage.

fee & 107 affiliation fee.
Executive at Office April 22nd 1904
Present: Headlam (in chair) Webb Pease Macrae
Standing: Gallon, W. Shaw, Dodd, Hobson, Muggridge, Bland.
Also: Sanders, Chesterton.
Absent: Shaw, Charrington, Whelen, Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Sec. invited to the newly elected member to be present was confirmed.

3. Candidates elected as follows:

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<td>A. M. Hocart, Exeter College, Oxford</td>
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<td>Walter Hudson, 35, Melrose-avenue, Fairview, Dublin</td>
<td>A. W. Hildreth.</td>
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<td>Harry Hunt, 75, Quebec-road, Thorpe Hamlet, Norwich</td>
<td>H. A. Day.</td>
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4. Tariff Tract, 1/- Eds. See reported circulation as follows: Press 150
Sold or on Sale 282
Stock 588/1000
5. Correspondence
Hildreth re B.E.T. Coq & Newcastle.
Sec. to write to Commissary Cahir
Internal? Set & Constant. No action at present.
May 22 Demand. No action.

6. Membership
H.G. Wells. Resignation withdrawn
Subscription paid.
D. Soskice. Accept resignation.
H.S. Philpot. ---
Sec. reported to members
According to last list.

Lectures to Society.
Arrangements made:
May 27. Kidd. Fiscal Evolution
June 10. Dodd Municipal Milk
June 24. Agreed to accept offer
of Rev. C. E. Marson & Lecture
on "Folk Song Collecting in
Somerset" to be illustrated with
Selections. To be arranged by
C. R. Sharpe of Hampstead Conservatoire.
Offer of Lecture on Slate Mining in Wales
of Sheridan Jones. Agreed to decline.
Agreed to ask Sir Frank Swetenham next year.
8. Reprint of Tract 5. Agreed to add extracts from S. B. Rowntree's "Poverty".

9. Lt.-Col. Pedder's Lecture on Rural Depots. Sec. reported that he had asked & received his consent to its publication as a tract, & that he had typed copy made. Action approved, & proposal agreed to.

10. Finances. Sec. reported subscription of £100 rec'd from Mr & Mrs Fels, & the position of the Society with £150 & no debts unparalleled since 1894. Approved: ordered to be kept secret; that thanks be given to Mr Fels.

11. List of Members. Agreed that one be printed.

12. Diamond Workers Strike in Amsterdam. Letter from J. Polak read asking help to obtain a loan of £3,000 on second mortgage. Also letter of Sec. to Mr Fels copying matter before him. Agreed that the letter be sent.
13. **Forward Movement.** Sec. reported he had been interviewed by Geo. Haw for the Daily News. Instructed to see proof if possible. Comm. on Electric & Transit.

The following were appointed:

- S. G. Hobson, Chairman
- G. Shaw
- H. A. Maggs
- F. J. Dodd
- W. Sanders
- C. E. Chesterton
- A. M. Davies
- H. G. Wells
- C. T. Grindley
- G. Slater
- B. Dawson
- F. Ackroyd

With power to add. Also the Sec'y and any other members of the Exec.

Committee on Feeding School Children. Disagreed that the following were part of a Committee:

- Headlam, Sanders
- H. A. Shaw, Chesterton: that a notice be put in Fabian News. That a
circular be issued asking members with expert knowledge to join or give evidence that it be sent to
C. H. Arinze
Mr. O. Brian Harris
Susan Derrison
Miss Neville
Tom Morris,
and other teachers, C.O.M. members and other experts.

14. Annual Meeting. Agenda:
- Report & accounts.
- Brief speech from Webb on Hutchison Trust.
- Discussion, but no resolution on Licensing Bill, but opened & passed Forward Movement. Report on Proposals.

15. Agreed to Charge 5/- cost price, for sending out Candida Circulars.

First Meeting of 1904-5 Executive Committee at Office Friday 29th April 1904.

Present: Macarthy (in chair) Standring, Headlam, Shaw, Pease, Hobson, 

Absent: Chesterton, Sanders, Webb, Bland, Alden, Galton, Mr. Shaw, Fidd, Muggeridge

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. It was moved & Headlam seconded & Shaw, that the existing Standing Orders be confirmed. Agreed unanimously.

3. Committees appointed as follows:
   - Publishing: Macarthy, Shaw, Standring
   - Alden, Galton, Chesterton, Sanders
   - Gen. Purposes: Bland, Wells, Mr. Shaw, Hobson, Headlam, Fidd, Muggeridge

4. Diamond Workers. Letter read from Joseph Fells requesting loan of £1,000, and offering £500 without interest, apparent without security. Noted.
5. Newcastle Trams & the B.E.T. Co. Letter read from Councillor Carins saying the T.C. were unanimously opposed to the B.E.T. Co.


7. Draft Annual Report. Amendments from Wldt received & all accepted: from Mr. Shaw, one accepted, the other not. Other amendments were made & the report adopted. —

Over

T. H. Carlin
13. 5. 04
Standing Orders.

1.- That the Chair be taken by members in alphabetical order; in the absence of the appointed chairman at the beginning of business his place to be taken and retained by some other member then present. The chairman has a vote as a member of the Committee, but no second vote.

2.- That a notice be sent to each member on Thursdays giving the agenda for the meeting on Fridays: that the absence of any item from the agenda-paper do not prevent its being discussed and decided without notice and that the absence of an agenda-paper be held to indicate that no meeting of the Executive will take place.

3.- That the preliminary committee meet at 5 o'clock when necessary and the formal Executive at 5.30 o'clock every Friday, unless the Secretary (by and with the advice of the Publishing Committee or otherwise) do not summon a meeting as provided in Standing Order 2.

4.- That two Standing Committees be appointed
   (a) for all Publishing business
   (b) for General Purposes, specially for Provincial and other lecturing, Society meetings and functions, Conferences of all sorts, Groups, and financial matters.

5.- That the two Committees be authorized to carry out, without further reference to the Executive, all resolutions and instructions passed by the Executive on matters of importance only referring to the Chair.

6.- That the Honorary Treasurer, Hubert Bland, and the General Secretary, Edward Reynolds Pease, be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society and to conduct the Banking business of the Society, and the said Edward R. Pease be authorized to endorse cheques and other instruments payable to the Society.
Executive at Office 13th Mar 1904 —

Present — Galton (in chair) Bland, Chesterton

Robson, Peace, Macrae, Edmondson, Standing

Dodd, Muggeridge, Sanders,

Absent — Webb, Headcorn, Alden, Shaw, Mr. Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence

Polach re Fels & Diamond Workers.

Vander Vear " " "

British Institute of Social Service.

Agreed to send out circular with news.

St. Pancras Labour League. Repudiation of Candidature of V. Fisher

Dr. McCleary asking omission of his name from printed list. Agreed.

3. Candidates. The following were elected subject to payment of sub & the last two:

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5. Rules. Letter from J. E. Matthews giving notice of proposed alteration to rules to the effect that notice of forthcoming exec. election be prominently placed in news, & be given out at meeting of the Sec. Sec. reported the amendment was cent-in too late. Agreed that Matthews be informed that the Sec. has been instructed to act on his proposals & that the Sec. be so instructed.

6. Colporteur. Agreed to supply Waller Oxford with tracts to the value of 5/-

7. Fabriamum Empire. Agreed to offer Jones + Evans 1200 copies (out of 1459 total stock) for £5. Sec. reported the outstanding cost of the lot was about £5.1.4.
8. Annual Meeting. Agreed that the Sec. select a chairman, and that Hobson make report on the Constructive Policy Comm. Secs action in inquiring Rev. W. H. Parke was approved.

9. Constructive Committees. —
   Hobson reported on satisfactory meeting of Transit & Electricity Comm. —
   Underfed Children. Agreed that Bland be chairman & that first Comm be on Friday 25th at 5pm. —
   Sec. members. Sanders, Mr. Shaw, Chesterton, Dodd.
   Other members accepted: — Miss Althor, T. Norris, Mr. Macpherson, Mrs. Polkingshorne, F. Kettle, Mrs. R. Petty.
   Agreed to accept offer of Mr. Milne, non. member, to join. —
   Refusals. Mr. O'Brien, Harris & O.H. Brinde.


Wm. J. Lodder 27/5/921
Executive Committee Office 27th May 1904.


Absent: Welbourn, Shaw, Mrs. Shaw, Alden, Bland.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Colporteur. Sec. reported that W. Oxford had sold 140 dozen tracts in a few hours that abandoned the enterprise, paying returning the tracts supplied.

3. Fabianium Empire. Sec. reported no reply to request for offer on remainder.

4. Correspondence.
   Haden Guest. Decline to appear twin lectures.
   Lab. R. Cooke. Agreed to pay all dues.
   W. A. Morris Memorial agreed to meet notice in News.
5. Guest's paper on S. Africa. Chesterton to report.


7. Licensing Bill. Agreed to insert in News a substantial report of proceedings of Annual Meeting on the Bill, that Hobson & Macrory act as a Com. of Consultation on the report.

8. Frederic Tract. Agreed to propose as title "The Secret of Rural Depopulation".

9. Signor Munici in Tely Mian. Sec. reported on interview with Col. Moore, & it was agreed to send Sanders to the Dale for 3 or 4 lectures on the subject in the Autumn.

10. Constructive Com. Underfed Children. A satisfactory preliminary meeting was reported.
10. Constructive Com. (cont.)

Population. S. Standwin proposed to convene a meeting of members to discuss a paper by him. After debate it was agreed that there was no reason for treating the question apart from the usual practice: that Standwin prepare a preliminary report to submit to the C. at a C. in June, with a view to determining whether it formed the basis of a lecture suitable for the course.

Local Govt. Com. It was agreed that notice be given in Fabian News of a Com. to consider the areas & functions of Local Government & its relation to the Central Authority.

Snr. Webb
Exec. at Office 10th June 1904.

Present: Wells (in chair) Chesterton, Standring, Wise, Shaw, Sanders, Pease, Alden, Bland, Shaw Dodds

Absent: Headlam, Mupperidge, Gulton.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Candidates were elected viz.

   CANDIDATES
   PROPOSED BY
   David W. James, 3 Craig-road,
   Ailtwen, Pontardawe, R.S.O.,
   Glam. ... ... ... General Secretary.
   A. J. Newton, 35 Lebanon-road,
   East Croydon ... ... Will Crooks and Edw. R. Pease.

   Subject to payment of subs in both cases.

3. Amsterdam Conference. Agreed to appoint
   Wm. Sanders, S. G. Hobson, & Mr. Aitken as delegates.

4. Facts for Socialists. Agreed to print
   11,000 & to send a copy to members.

5. Guest's Paper on S.A. Labour. On report
   from Chesterton, agreed to defer till October.
6. Labour newspaper. Circular from Trade Union Congress. Paré, Campbell, and others. Agreed with the view that the effect that we favour a paper, if professionally edited, and properly paid contributors, but not at a rigid price.

7. Newcastle Tramways. Correspondence and reports of interviews was submitted.

8. Underfed Children Committee. Sec. reported that progress made at first meeting of the Committee. It was agreed that Peter Alden be added to the Committee and that he report on their progress.

9. Electricity and Transport Committee. Sec. reported that 6 reports had been prepared. The amendments proposed to the supply of electricity Bill were considered on the report of S. R.S. Taylor, and it was agreed to ask Lord Rother to move them.
10. Local Govt. Com. It was agreed to appoint
Wm. Saunders, chairman,
S. G. Hobson, S. B. Shaw, & F. W. Galton
with the Sec. from the Lyce.
and to appoint J. A. Twopenhead, H. G. Wells,
H. S. Taylor, F. Ackroyd, & A. S. Lander.

11. Population Question. On report from Standing,
it was agreed that Pease draw up
& submit to Wells Standing & Macart
a memo. of the statistical data required,
that the ask G. H. Wood if he
will undertake the investigation.

12. Hutchison Trust. Wells reported that the
Trustees proposed to terminate their
trust, to transfer the balance (after
providing for a continuity of the subsidy to
the School of Economics), to the F. S. mi
trust for continuity of the work on the same
lines as before. It was proposed that Bland,
Hobson & Maerst be trustees, but decision
was deferred till the next meeting.

H. W. Macartney
Executive Committee Office
24 June 1904

Present: Macrae (in chair) and all except Absent: Alden, Galton, Headlam.

1. The minutes were confirmed

2. Meeting. Sec. reported that Sharp had obtained a piano gratis and that he had hired extra chairs. Agreed that Bland be chairman.


Coop. Typewriters. Say we can only advertise on the usual terms.

4. Tract Pub. Pedders Tract. Sec. reported 20 pages were the lowest. Agreed. Sec. reported strong objections & message. Rep. too late.
(4) cont. - docker milk. agreed to ask leave to print as read at meeting in the evening.

humanising poor law. sec. reported that he proposed to reprint with statistics corrected to date. after some debate the motion was approved, subject to consultation with holson, if any points of policy contention be involved.

5. electric supply bill. sec. reported that lord lytton declined to undertake the proposed amendments. that galton had written to earl beauchamp that taylor was agitating in municipal journal. that the durham c. c. was moving. on letter from galton, it was agreed that pease write to the general press on the lines on which the bill should be amended.
6. Construction Policy
Local Govt. Conns. Sec. reported a
Good meeting had been held.
Birth-rate Survey. Sec. reported the
annexed draft had been
prepared by himself & Welch. That
Wood had undertaken to work
on it, if an assistant could be
found, that one Sweetlove
an accountant, had consented
provisionally to act.

7. West Sessions Lecture.
It was agreed that the Construction
policy does not furnish material for
a course. Welch suggested the
National Humane & Peace
undertook to see what course
he could make of it.

8. Town Clerk, Newcastle. Sec. reported letter asking
for assistance in preparing
list of M.P.'s interested in B.E. TV Co.
Enquiry into the statistical facts of the alleged decline of the Birth-rate.

The purpose of the enquiry is to ascertain:

(1) How far (if at all) the apparent fall of the birth-rate is due to an actual decline in the number of births or to an increase in the number of living owing to diminished mortality.

(2) If there be a positive decline in the number of births, whether it be due to a decline in the number of married women of the child-bearing age, and whether this is due to fewer marriages, or later marriages.

(3) If the elimination of these factors leave an unexplained residuum, to ascertain by comparison of counties and countries whether the decline be due to general or local or radical or economic causes; whether there is a decrease in fertility, or whether it can be ascribed to some other cause such as a deliberate limitation of families; or anything else.
To elucidate this the following tables are suggested:

(a) Variations of the nominal birth-rate over a term of years (a) in the U.K., (b) in parts thereof, (c) in the Colonies, (d) in U.S.A., (e) in other countries. 

(b) Variations of length of life in the same.

(c) Variations in the proportion of women of child-bearing age in the population due to change in proportion of (I) Children (II) Aged.

(d) Variations in the marriage rate.

(e) Combination of (a) with (c) giving the birth-rate per female.

(f) Combination of (a) with (d) giving fluctuations in rate of children per marriage.

(g) Variations in the age of marriage for women.

(That for men may be disregarded.)

(h) Figures (if they can be found) of number of children per marriage of those married below (say) 25 at present, and 20 or 30 years ago.

(i) Equivalent figures of all tables for other countries, especially Australia.
(j) Comparative figures of all tables for

England and Wales

Scotland

Ireland.

(k) The same for

(a) a typical agricultural county (Wilts)

(b) a typical wealthy residential county
   (Rural Middlesex)

(c) a typical manufacturing county (e.g. Lancashire)

(d) a typical mining county (e.g. Durham)

The conclusion should show whether the apparent fall in the birth-rate appears to be due to:

(1) Reduction in proportion in marriages of women of child-bearing ages, to the total of such women.

(2) Increase of age of such women.

(3) Decrease in number of children per marriage at equivalent ages.
9. Hutchison Trust. Letter from the
Trustees as amezyed
was read, and it was agreed:
(a) To accept the offer made on the
conditions embodied in the letter.
(b) That Hubert Bland, S. G. Hobson
+ H. W. Macrostie be the three
Trustees for the Society.
(c) That the proposal of the Hutchison
Trustees to pay £90, being the remaining
three years of the Fabian Amount in
full to the said Trustees on behalf
of the Society be accepted.
(d) That a new Bankruptcy Account
Fabian Society £90 be opened
and any two of the three Trustees
sign cheques thereon.
(e) That the total sum to be received
viz.: Fabian Amount £90.
Balance from H Trust 1242 0 4
Total £1332 0 4
be accepted in the form of
(9) (c) cont? Derh Corporation Stock, £1300 at 88 ½% cum div.

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That the said stock be transferred to the names of the Trustees, and the cheque paid to Fabian Society no 2 at.

10) H. W. Macrae moved, S. G. Hobson seconded, and it was unanimously agreed: That the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Hutchinson Trustees to the work of the Fabian Society, and its approval of the manner in which they have administered the Hutchinson Trust Fund.

Hutchinson Trust Lectures. Application for lectures to Sanders at Chelmsford. After discussion, it was
Dear Pease,

In closing up the business of the Hutchinson Trust, the Trustees desire to make provision for the continuance of the work which the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society has carried on by the aid of their grants, namely the provision of short courses of educational lectures, the circulation of book-boxes, and the special distribution of tracts (as a means among other things, of enabling new tracts to be published). With this object, the Trustees propose, if the Executive Committee will by resolution express its assent to the arrangement, to transfer to three trustees, (to be appointed by the Executive Committee), Derby Corporation 5% Stock of the nominal amount of £1,300, and £88. 17. 10 in cash, being the final balance of the Hutchinson Trust fund, in trust to apply both income and capital of the same in such amounts from time to time as they may think fit to continuing the work of the Fabian Society in the directions above referred to, and as near as may be, in the manner in which this work has been carried on during the past five years or more; it being expressly stipulated and agreed
as a condition of the trust that the said trustees shall keep all the said funds apart from the funds of the Fabian Society, and shall not use any part thereof for assisting work already being carried on by the Society out of its ordinary funds. The Hutchinson Trustees have always aimed at so administering their trust as not in effect to relieve the subscribers to the Fabian Society of the necessity of maintaining their subscriptions as heretofore and the present transfer is made in full reliance that this policy will be continued. But if at any time it is desired, by a majority not less than two-thirds in number of the Executive Committee for the time being, that the Trustees should assist by a grant from their trust-funds any new or extraordinary development of work of the Society, the Trustees may, if they think fit, in their uncontrolled discretion, accede to the request.

As soon as a vacancy occurs among the Trustees the Executive Committee of the Fabian Society for the time being should nominate a person to fill the vacancy, and the person so nominated should be formally appointed as a trustee by deed executed by the two surviving trustees.

On receipt of a letter conveying an acceptance of this proposal
by the Executive Committee, together with the names of the three trustees, the Hutchinson Trustees will transfer the fund.

Yours truly,

Sidney Webb
Administrator
agreed that the Secr arrange for Chelmsford, & accept any other proposals made for Sandero Services, (including the Isle of Man Tour) which seem desirable, but that no effort to undertake systematic lecturing on a large scale be made this year —

G. Hobson
July 15 - 1904
To the Editor.

Sir,

THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY BILL

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

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

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

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

Some objection has been raised in the press to the power given by the Bill to the Local Government Board to override the veto of the Local Authority in the matter of Provisional Orders for the supply of electricity. We do not share in the objection made to this clause.

Whilst every consideration should be given to the wishes of each locality as expressed by its elected representatives, we consider that the interests of the consumer in obtaining a cheap article must be considered first and the jealousies of small Local Authorities must not be allowed to stand in the way of the wholesale production of what is now a necessity of life in the most efficient possible manner.

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

Yours, etc.

EDWARD R. PEASE,
Secretary.
Executive Meeting 15th July 1904

Present: A. Holes (in chair), Blunt
Alden, Standing, Chesterton

Macroze, Pease

Absent: Nett, Shaw, W. Shaw, Sanders,
Wynneidge, Headlam, Galton, Dodd.

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. The Secretary reported that the No. 2 Bank account had been opened. The cash as arranged and also the 
   June dividend £18 10s paid in. Also that the Stock had been transferred. Form of receipt drawn up was signed
   by Macroze as Chairman on June 24th.

3. Election of Candidates:

   F. Pellatt Elkington, 35 St. James's-place, St. James's, S.W.  
   A. M. Scott and Harry Snell.

   G. E. O'Dell, 8 Ludgate-circus, E.C.  
   Wm. Sanders and Harry Snell.

   Miss E. Storr, 40 Mecklenburgh-square, W.C.  
   A. D. Lindsay and Dr. F. Lawson Dodd.

Miss Storr & G. E. O'Dell were elected. Mr. Elkington was deferred, unless he pays a larger share than £150, 
the Sec. was instructed to take steps...
(4) August candidates. It was agreed to elect Albert E. Bishop, Arthur H. Laurence, and Wm. Neilson. When formalities have been completed.


(6) Dodds' Mill Tract. Agreed that the Sec. ask his permission to publish parts of the lecture as a tract, and that the Sec'y prepare the MS. for the press.

(7) British Institute of Social Service. Sec'y was appointed delegate.

(8) Dartford Co-op. Agreed to send Sanders to lecture there if he considers it good business.

(9) Lectures for next session. Sec'y prepared scheme on natural
Minimum: It was agreed as follows:

- Wages
- Education
- Sanitation
- Factory Legislation
- Food (i.e., Feeding School Children)

Lecture promised & Moyan.
Defer. Probably too dull.
Mrs. Lythell, Miss Franciswell
Mr. A. G. Corrie. Decline.
Welsh to be consulted as to which

Mr. Headlam, T. E. McArthur be invited.

To be embodied in lecture rather Dangers of Municipal Primitivism
Other socially accepted.

British Born Sailors in Ships. Suggested lecture

New courses of Revenue. Bland & consider.

Other lectures

Transport & Local Government Report.

Literary Lectures Sec. suggested a Series on False Prophets of
The Victorian Era, being
a re-examination of the teachings of our
fourth such as
Carlyle, Shelley, Ruskin, Hill, Cobden, Weilman
+ theirs.

Agreed that Chesterton do Shelley
that the other writers be arranged if possible.

[Signature]

Hannamond
Sec. reported that H. P. Eltringham had paid willingly a further 2/6.

3. Resignation. W. B. Hodgson + Mrs Hodgson accepted Miss Aitken, on joining the Socialist Labour Party.
4. Correspondence:

Local Scott Reform League. Asking us to call a L. S. Reform Conference. Reply that they shall summon the Conference, as a central body. If they do, we will send delegates & cooperate. Perhaps later on we might be prepared to summon such a conference on terms we arranged earlier.

Connecticut State Library. Asking for 60 Tracts. Sec. presented report showing a number of 60 Tracts, the smallest being 5 of no. 3. Agreed to send the Connecticut Library a complete set.


J. Timewell. Re his “Police Work”. Agreed that we can sell but cannot allow our name to appear as agent.
(5) Track-printing

Dodd's Municipal Mill. He reported he had arranged to revise this lecture as a 1/2 Book. He promised to write within 2 or 3 months a track for the F.S.

Humanising of Poor Law. Letter from Roekelet stating he proposed extensive revision approved.

(6) Labour Rep. Com. - Question of appointment of delegate & of resolutions to conference was discussed. It was agreed that Hobson give notice of amendment for our next exec meeting that the debate be adjourned.
(7) Housing Bill. Sec. Presented Letters
from H A Day & draft of a
new housing Bill prepared by
him. After debate it was
agreed to appoint a Com & to consider
the preparation of a Housing Bill
suitable for actual introduction
into parliament & that
Dodd
Salton
Macroot
Sanders
Peace
Taylor
& Stan
be the Com with power to add.

(8) Lectures to Local:
Agreed to ask W W Orsted on Peoples
Banks for Dec 9. —
Dr Wheeler's proposal re Leather Com
Agreed to consult Amy Walker.
9. Socialist Bureau agreed to consider our next meeting provisional to S. G. Holton to subscribe to the International Bureau and that this be on the agenda.

Cecil Champneys
Executive Committee Office 14 Oct '04

Present: Chederton (in chair) Shaw, Headlam, We Shaw, Holfson, Alden, Dodd, Standing, Macrory, Pease, Webb-Sandrew

Absent: Bland, Winnipeg, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following candidates were elected:

   CANDIDATES
   R. Gibbs, 101 Constantine-road, Hampstead, N.W. ... ... F. W. Galton and Edw. R. Pease.
   Frederick H. Keeling, 27 Lexden-road, Colchester ... ... Gen. Sec.

3. Correspondence:
   F. S. Green, asking for adoption of Love & Hunger vote on realisation. Agreed.
   Brougham Villiers: notifying that the author of Opportunity of Socialism in J. F. Shaw, late Fabian, of Newcastle on Tyne.
   West Australian Labor Party: sending program. Sec. ordered to print in News.
   Sislin Madeline (Morriss), asking to put on Free List. Agreed.
(3) cont'd. Correspondence.

J. McKillop: suggesting gift of "Triumph of Labour to School of Economics" Common Room. Agreed that Shaw write to Walter Crane asking gift.

14) Local Govt. Reform League. Further letter & conference. Agreed to reply that we are not disposed to call one at present.

5) Lectures to the Society.

Sec. reported W. W. Christie accepts for Dec. 9th on People's Banks.

Oct. 28. Sec. reported that Morgan could not fulfil his engagement, that neither Christie nor Miss Tuckwell could value lecture.

Agreed (1) To ask Olivier for a lecture.
(2) Failing him, that Chesterhive lecture on Gladiolus Ghosts.

Australian Labour Party. Agreed to ask Reeves to lecture thereon.
6. Fabian Lectures cont.

Sec. reported that
Enery Walker did not wish
a lecture of general interest
could be arranged on this topic,
& it was agreed to drop it.


Proposal by S. F. Hobson
that the F.S. propose amendment
to rule 2 addition of words “or Labour
+ Socialist (Rule 11 last line, to
insert before word “only”) was discussed
& ultimately withdrawn.

It was agreed that E.R. Peace be
the delegate to the Annual Conference
& he nominated for the Exec. Com®.

8. Constructive Com®

Local Govt. Com®. Proper reported.

Housing Com®. First Meeting Oct 18.

9. Agreed to grant Bound Vol. of Tracts to
H. I. Wood for the Labour Dept. Library.
10. *International Socialist Bureau.*

In accordance with notice (omitted in error from agenda) S. & S. Hobson moved that a grant of £2.2. be made to this bureau. The resolution was agreed to.

F. W. Galton

28. 10. 04
Executive Court at Office 28th Oct. 1904
Present, all except Bland, Dodd, Sanders
F. W. Salton in chair.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Resignation: T. Norris, Saling; too busy to attend. Accepted.

3. Lectures.
   Jan 13. Sec. reported J. H. Morgan booked.
   Agreed to accept, to ask him as far as possible to deal with the principles
   of penology.

4. Leaflet on T. Unions (Track. 104) These were being
   worn, agreed, after debate, to reprint
   without amendment and make copper engraved title.

South Wales Lab. Annual. Agreed not to advertise.
5. Unemployed. Draft memorandum prepared & sec. was submitted & discussed. He was instructed to complete, & it was agreed to resume it as a paper, & not as a tract.


Trade Union Law. Dalton agreed to allow his ms. to be considered & it was agreed that Welby & Macroot report on it.


8. Trumpet & Labor. Shaw reported that Crane had presented copy of smaller edition, the only one in print. To the school, & an original drawing to himself. Agree.
Executive at Office
5.30 pm 25th November 1904.

Present Headlam (in chair) Hall except

Absent Webb, Huggeridge, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates elected, subject to
   payment of fees. Dexter & Hastings.

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<td>Walter Dexter, 12 Girdler’s-road, Kensington, W.</td>
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   Chesterton, Macroot, Sanders, Hobson & Pease be a
4. Correspondence.
   Gov. Edwards: Agreed to send out Reformers J. B. circular as requested.
   Workmen's Housing Committee delegate for Dec. 3.
   Chesterton appointed.
   L.R.C. Report: Agreed to take adopt again at £ 4. 4.

5. Lectures to the Society.
   Jan 27. Agreed to take Children's Meals Con & Report.
   Offer. Mrs. O'Brien Harris. Agreed to accept & request her to devote lecture
   to what, & not how, to teach.
   W. Cunningham of Dunfermline. Offer
   on RE. half - offer it to London S. of Scot. Student's Union.
   Dr. Haden Guest. Offer of lecture on
   Mustaches of Millers
   agreed & accepted.
   G.R. Good. Suggested on Farm Colonies & segn
   of Unil. Take sometime
6. Tracts
- Dalton's MS on T. Union. Report from Webb & Marriott. It needs re-writing. Agreed to ask another to undertake this.
- Unemployed men. Copies of MS presented. Agreed to set up subject to any alterations.

7. Constructive Comms
- Feeding School Children
  - Chesterton preparing report
  - National Conference hereon. Agreed to send Bland & Chesterton as delegates.
- Local Government
  - Progress reported
  - Report in hand
- Housing
  - Certificate
  - Wood has it in hand.
- Allotments & Small Holdings. At request of J.K. Hardie M.P. agreed that Allen Marriott Hardie, Hobson Taylor & see if he a Comms
8. Times. In absence of Galton, who had given notice of motion, agreed that the Times be taken & filed - also that Sec. prepare list of Socialist papers.

9. Clifford's Inn & SEC. On proposal of Emery Walker, agreed to support any proposal that the SEC. purchase the Inn.

S. G. Hobson.
9/12/1904
Exec. at Office 9 Dec 2 1904.

Present: Hobson (in chair), Sanders, Galton, Dodd, Shaw, Mr Shaw, Macroe, Pease, Headlam, Bland.


1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. The following candidates were elected:

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<td>J. C. Croall, 14 Lonsdale-rd., Leytonstone, Essex</td>
<td>Fredk. G. D'Aeth &amp; Walter Read</td>
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<td>Charles H. Spencer, Thornfieldhouse, Partington, Manchester</td>
<td>General Secretary.</td>
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3. Correspondence:
4. Report on State Hotel in W. Arch. - Please report receipt of this official document. It was agreed that it be published in T. News.

5. Fabian Lecture. Sec. reported he had suggested a lecture by R. H. Jones Jr. (Fabian) on Large v. Small Holdings. Proposal approved & Sec. ordered to offer from 27½ (price Feeding Children deferred) on Feb 24.

Sec. agreed to pay his travelling expenses if desired.

6. Book Buses. Sec reported orders as follows:

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Agreed that the Trustees of £20 20s be asked to vote £25, or any less sum required for further purchases. The Trustees, being present, concurred.
7. Report of Transit Commission agreed that the report be set up if the resolution to issue as a tract is adopted.

8. Unemployed Memo. Fund submitted and approved.

9. International Bureau Corr. Sec. reported that Anderson desired to be a member of this Corr. Unanimously agreed.

10. Loan Books. Sec. reported that Welsh had suggested that new books on our subject might be purchased (out of C. Hubelmanson Trust Funds) and loaned to members at 1/- to cover postage. - Project approved.

A.W. MacKosky
Exe. of Office 13th Jan. 1905.

Present: Macroch (in chain) and all except Absent: Sanders

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Election of candidates:— The following were elected:

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<td>Miss Janet D’Aeth, Harold Wood, Romford</td>
<td>F. G. D’Aeth and E. R. Pease</td>
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<td>Mrs. Llewellyn Hason, Oversteps, Dornoch, Sutherland, N.B.</td>
<td>Julie Moore</td>
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<td>Robert Hertz, 12 Bisham-grdns., Highgate, N.</td>
<td>Lawson Dodd and F. W. Galton</td>
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<td>F. B. Kirkman, 19 Dartmouth park-hill, N.W.</td>
<td>Wm. Sanders and Harry Snell</td>
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<tr>
<td>W. O. Peake, Dinton Hall, near Shrewsbury</td>
<td>Holbrook Jackson</td>
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3. Resignations.
   J. R. Herfel. Poverty 3 on 4 at once
   Miss R. Halfield

4. Correspondence
   Prof. Howard Swan. on Books, Constitution etc.
   First May Celebral. — Take no action.
   Cobden Club Conf. — Do —

5. See over.
5. Labor Rep. Comm. Agendas of Conference. Agreed that Sec. 7 as delegate vote according to his discretion.

6. British Ind. & Soc. Service. Sec. 7 as delegate gave a brief report of his action. Report: Received.

7. Fabian Soc. Lectures. On Postponement. Morgan on minimum wage. Letter from Morgan deprecating postponement was read, explanation from Morgan. After discussion agreed to write Morgan not on any account to fail again, to take no further action. Mar 10. Sec. reported Mrs. O'Brien Harris booked.

24. Agreed to ask Miss Tuckwell for a deferred lecture.

Other Lectures:
- Crotch on People's Banks. Take at early date.
- Australian Labour Movement. Ask Reeves for early date, failing him Cockburn.
7 (cont.) Fabian Lectures.
Small Holdings. Suggested lecture &
A. Day. No.
Farm Colonies G.B. Booth. Deferred.
Literary Lecture
ChesIerton on Shelley
Jepson on Olive Schreiner.
Defer till Summer.

After discussion agreed to reprint
Tract 75. Labour in the Longest Reign.
Grant Richards, & other matters
Report adopted.
Macrotry's Control of Trusts. On report &
Peace & Hobson agreed to
ask permission of court to publish as
a tract with this name.

8. Absence of Sec. 7 at Liverpool.
Macrotry undertook to
act for the Sec. 7 at the
meeting on Jan 27th.
10. Municipal Enabling Bill. Letter read from F. W. Hayes suggesting this as agreed that the idea is a good one. Sec. ordered to write to Ferri for the Italian Act. Shaw undertook to look for the Clearing X Parliament Bill.


G. Bernard Shaw
10/2/05.
Executive at Office 15th Feb. 1905.

Present: Shaw (in chair) and all except absent: Alden, Chesterton, Wigram.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. British Institute of Social Service. See reported offices had been taken at 3 Clements Inn.

3. Municipal Enabling Bill. See: reported that Ferri had not replied the letter written to the Agricultural Dept. in Rome, which had offered help.

   Shaw reported that he thought the Charing X Parliament Bill would not be of much use.

4. Allotments Committee agreed to add Wheeler.

5. Book Loan Scheme.

   Only formal application from one Ramage for Copy of Archibald’s Autobiography. Also one for loan of Sociological Papers. Mr. Shaw offered to get the former, if possible, & to give the latter.
6. Election of Feb. Candidates. The following were elected, subject to payment of subscription:

Candidates

A. K. Constantine, 41 Crescent-road, Wood Green, N.... ......
Miss Mary L. Cunningham, 40 Bromgate-st., Lanark, N.B. ......
Miss Clara T. Doublé, 120 Belsize-road, Swiss Cottage, N.W. ....
W. T. Fletcher, 12 Campsie-road, Omagh, Co. Tyrone ......
A. E. Harrison, 3 Wellington-rd., Boverton, Lancaster ......
F. H. Killick, 32 Manor-road, Stoke Newington, N. ......
Robert Shaw, 33 Pemberton-road, Harringay, N. ......
A. J. H. Moffat, Dongalston-terr., Milngavie, near Glasgow ......

Proposed by

F. W. Galton and S. G. Hobson.
Robert Cunningham.
T. Sweetlove and G. Standring.
General Secretary.
Percy E. T. Widdrington.
Lawson Dodd and E. R. Pease.
Geo. Standring and Rigby Pratt.
Robert Maclaurin.
J. C. Wilson.
Robert Maclaurin.
J. C. Wilson.
Campbell Macmillan.

7. Correspondence.


Underfed Children. Letter from R. H. Hooker re referring to Land Taxation. Agreed to refuse.

Humanising of P. Law. Letter from Oakeshott re change of role made. Defer consideration till proof are read.

F. B. Kerckman. Suggested tract on Educational Efficiency. Referred to Sanders for further report.

Sold in bulk. Proposed & next exec. —

9. Lectures to the Society. Sec. reported.

Miss Tuckwell declined altogether, too busy. Reeves, on Australian Labour. Consented for October. Agreed to accept.

Agreed to ask:

(a) Tchaikovsky on Russia.
(b) Miss Bondfield, on Mrs. H. A. Oakeshott for Minimum Women's Wages.
(c) Crouch on Rasperry Banks.
(d) Sketch on Farm Colonies to be struck off the list.
10. **Russian Revolution.** The informal consent taken in absence of Sec. at request of Mr. Shaw, to cooperating in calling the Queens Hall Peace Meeting was confirmed.

The Russian Freedom, J.R.C. Funds, agreed to send £22 received and any other money sent to the latter as it is for the Revolution as well as the sufferers. —

Agreed to take no other steps.

11. **Howell.** Application for a rise. — After discussion it was moved and carried new con. that his salary be advanced from £57 to £407 a week, that he be notified that that is the maximum.

12. **Delegation to Liverpool.** Sec. is account of expenses for delegation, Tues. to Saturday, net, £37 was approved.
Draft Report of Sub-Committee re Organisation of International Socialist Congresses.

Present: Anderson, Chesterton, Hobson, Macrosty and Pease.

The following draft, presented by Anderson was amended and agreed to:

1. The Fabian Society is in favour of the proposal to form a British Committee to attend to International Congress business.

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

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

4. With regard to the Hodge proposals, the F.S. agrees in principle to No. 1 'That each nationality be responsible for the scrutiny and acceptance of the credentials of the delegates of their own nation with the right of appeal against rejection to a Standing Order Committee proposed to be appointed as hereinafter set forth.'

5. 'That all resolutions must be in the hands of the Bureau two months previous to the date fixed for the meeting of Congress, and must within one month from such receipt be
issued. No new resolutions to be accepted, issued or
placed before Congress not so received, matters of urgency
d'excepted. All amendments to resolutions must be in writing
and submitted to the Standing Orders Committee who shall
'decide as to whether such amendments are vital and not
'attempts to substitute new resolutions under the guise of
'amendments.'

No. 7 'That our members on the Bureau be responsible for the proper
issuing of the invitations and the resolutions being sent out
'in good time to all known eligible associations.'

(5) With regard to the other proposals, the F.S. considers that the
system of Commissions (or sub-committees) ought to be retained, as being
the method of Congress work most familiar to all delegates save the
British, and as corresponding to British methods outside Congresses (as,
for instance, in Parliamentary and municipal work). To avoid the inconvenience
hitherto caused by the simultaneous sitting of Congress and Commissions,
the F.S. recommends that the order of business shall be as follows:-
On the Sunday, the locally appointed chairman shall welcome the delegates,
who, after the preliminary courtesies and announcements, shall separate
to meet in their nationals' sections to nominate representatives to the
Commissions; that on the Monday, the Congress proper shall not sit,
the morning and afternoon being given up to the various Commissions.
Incidentally, this would prevent the scandal of taking money from the public for admission to the gallery to hear nothing worth hearing, as happened more than once at Amsterdam, when the Congress sittings were stopped at the end of half-an-hour, in order that Commission work two votes and was thus able to neutralise the votes of Great Britain or Germany. Similar modes of influence were notovercome.

(6) The F.S. is not at present prepared to commit itself to any particular limitation of speeches, but is in favour of educating the Congress in a more vital belief in the virtue of the "loterie." (7) The F.S. disagrees with No. 4. (Ballot to decide order of discussion).

(8) The F.S. recommends that the payment of to the British of its interpreters be settled by the Committee before each Congress in accordance with circumstances. That the number of interpreters, who should all be professionals, should be increased in order to do away with the scandal caused in

(9) The F.S. recommends that Resolution No. 7. read "That each national Committees, wherever constituted, be charged with the issuing of the invitations and resolutions to the Congress."

"eligible." The F.S. approves of the idea of having British credentials verified in advance in England by the British Committee.

(10) The method of voting by nationalities is objectionable in its present form. At Amsterdam the single Japanese delegate had

former congresses of the exhaustion of the interpreters after the first few sittings.
two votes and was thus able to neutralise the votes of Great Britain or Germany. Similar excess of influence was exercised by miniature delegations from small parties in Servia, Bulgaria, Argentina, the British Colonies, & c. It would be better to give each nation a voting power in Congress at the rate of one vote for each five delegates or with a maximum of 20. In this case, the strength of the nation which is host to the Congress should be calculated on the basis of five-fourths of its members at the preceding Congress, the extra fourth being added to meet the objection that the movement in the particular country had grown in the interval.
13. Reorganization of Internal. 2nd Congress. Report of Committee was considered: amendments giving each national a maximum of 20 votes, and proposing more than one interpreter were accepted, and the report adopted.

14. Fabian News. It was agreed to have an extra size number, that the Secy obtain from Joseph Fels a special account on Unemployed Colony schemes.

George Standing 24/11/05
Dec. at office 24th Feb. 1905.

Present: Standing (in chair), all except.

Absent: Webb, Alden, Chesterton.

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported still no upg from Minister of Agriculture or Ferri, at Rome.

3. Agricultural Com. agreed to add Encor.

4. Resignations. W. Neilson, Glasgow, once more.

   Accept, finally.


5. Building Bye-Laws. The Sec. reported that he had attended Deputation to Long.

6. Internat. Accor for Labor Legis. The Sec. reported that Webb was Chairman.
7. Correspondence. First war celebration. No action.
   G. H. Barnes. Subscription to this magazine. No.
   Socialists' Society. Re German clubs in London.
   Labour Review of Reviews. Put on such list.
   Leicester LW? Re lecture on Pop. Q. rel. 
   No suggestion.
   Higher Ed. for working men. Send anybody 
   to conference at Welford.

   Municipal Red Covers. Drop first series.
   Humanising Poor Law. Not set up yet.
   Control of Trusts. Waiting for type.
   Electricity & Transit. Nearly ready.
   Agreed to accept proposal of Local Gov.
   Come to make a new series of Con- 
   structive Tracts, to be called
   The New Hebrides. Series. Electricity
   Vol. No. 2.
   Corporate expenditure. Article to Sir C. Lodge.
   Proposal to Weber to print as a tract.
8 cont.

approved. Agreed to set up, & ask author to
expedite. Agreed also to give notice
in news.

9. Lectures to Society. Sec. reported:—

Mar 24. Cordial in France: Tchaykovy
refused & recommended Sokice.
Latter booked for Russian Revolution.

Apr 7 & 24. Curt refusal from Miss Bodefield.
Agreed to ask Mrs. Ochsevoldt
on same subject.

The Simple Life. Letter from Mrs. Wahl
suggesting (a) Lecture & Eustace Miles.
After a long debate it was agreed
that the proposal be adjourned.
(b) Suggesting that adopt of "a Pope Control"
be sent out with news as an adopt for pay.
Resolution that the circular be not sent out
was defeated 9 5 2, & it was agreed
to send it out clearly marked as Adot.

Proposed Lecture & Winston Churchill.
On proposal after a long debate
a proposal to adjourn discussion was defeated 6-4, & the proposal to ask him to lecture on

We support the Liberal Party,

bar Tariff was adopted 5-2.

10. Executive Election. No response was

made to the question of the Secy.

whether any sitting member did

not intend to offer himself

for re-election.

[Signature]
Sec. at Office 18th March 1905.

Present: Bland in chair and all except Alden. Also Farkesott & respect.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported in absence of Mr. Borsa and promised to procure a copy of the Italian Bill.

3. Internal. Accr. for Labor Protection. On report from Webb, it was agreed to affiliate for a fee of 21s.

4. The following candidates were elected:

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<td>David Lowe, 264 Bath-street, Glasgow</td>
<td>Dr. J. Stirling Robertson</td>
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<td>Phillippi Millet, c/o G.T. Warner, Esq., Harrow-on-the-Hill</td>
<td>R. Wherry Anderson</td>
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<td>Arthur William Shepherd, Ivy Cottage, Darnall, Sheffield</td>
<td>General Secretary</td>
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<td>W. Kendall Smith, 34 Brixton Hill, S.W.</td>
<td>G. Bernard Shaw and F. Kettle</td>
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   | GLASGOW F.S.                |                      |
   | Dr. Donald J.G. Grant, "Molendinar," Cathedral-square, Glasgow | J. C. Wilson |

5. Executive Election. Sec. reported all the sitting members & Dr. Matthews as candidates.
(4) cont?... G. R. S. Taylor was nominated.

(5) Tract Publishing

Sec reported:--

Electricity

In Hyde

Humanity P.L.

Do.

Underfed Children

M's read

Municipal Milk

""

Control of Tracts

""

Corporal Expenditure

""

Agricultural reorganisation. Almost read.

Agreed to Vale Underfed Children

met in order.

(6) Correspondence

Grant Richards. Accounts showing

12/6 due.

Bristol Soc. Soc. Resolution re United

Socialist Park.

Noted.

L.R.C. - Agreed to renew affiliation.

Boldon Col. Par. Council. Agreed to send

Books.

Clara Van Court

Salton & Co.
(7) Russian Revol. - Letter from Green reporting deficit of £13.7.4 on Queens Hall Meeting. Agreed to send £1.

(8) Humanising of Poor Law. Cakeelst attended to discuss amendments. He agreed to accept an addition suggested by Well. Otherwise the Revised was approved.


(10) Fabian Lectures. On Minimum Wage. Letter from J. H. Morgan it was agreed that Mr. Shaw, Macrast-Holton please be a Committee to draw up a syllabus and make recommendations for further Lectures. Letter from Mr. H. A. Cakeelst declining. - Eustace Miles. Adjourned debate. Agreed that he be not asked.
10 Fabian Lectures cont.

Winston Churchill, Sec., reported, he had not asked him yet; after debate it was agreed that the resolution to ask him be rescinded.

F. Kettle, Sec., reported his offer withdrawn April 7. Agreed to delay Report of Agricultural Committee.

Apr 28. W. Croft on Peoples Banks asked.

Mar 17. Annual meeting agreed.

Pry...
Executive at Office 24th March 1905.
Present: Alden (in chair) + all.
Also: G. R. S. Taylor + J. R. Hardey MP.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Resignation: Miss Pitts. Accepted
   Election: Sec. reported A. E. Harrison,
   Sec. of Carlisle Trade Council,
   offered 1/- only as a subscription.
   Agreed to accept it.

3. Auditors: Sec. reported that Messrs Lambe
   + Trunking agreed to audit again on
   same terms as before. Agreed
   to accept offer.

4. Shaw’s Lecture on School: Letter from Miss
   Watt suggesting publication.
   Miss Shaw reported that the Lecture
   was not a written one, + E.B.S.
   was too busy to write it. Agreed
   to write it this effect other.
5. Municipal Steamship Leaflet. Agreed that though out of date for London, it need not be withdrawn.

6. Italian Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. reported that the Act was procured at last through Dr. Borda. Agreed to ask Mr. Townsend to translate it and to suggest that the writer write an article on it for the Municipal Journal or their paper.

7. Finances. Sec. presented the amended report and it was agreed that the Trustees of the Trust account be requested to grant £25 for educational lectures.


Memorandum on Finances.

Comparative Receipts, Year to March 23, Year to March 31

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Present Position.

Payments due to 31 March

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<td>Grants for Lectures from No. 2 A/c Expended £22,7,3</td>
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<td>Subscriptions hoped for Special</td>
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N.B. The printing a/c for the next quarter will be something like £100.
10. Executive Election. Sec. presented report on attendances for candidates. It was agreed to alter Blund's attendances which he stated were inaccurate.

11. Lectures to the Society.

Minimum Wage. Sec. reported the Committee called waiting on draft scheme. Macleod presented a draft he had made.

April 28. Sec. reported no paper from Crooke.

Percy Alden promised to lecture on Japanese Wage Workers if required.


12. Bill for Feeding School Children. Sec. reported he had been asked to draft a Bill which introduced 2 members of the Labour Party. Submitted.
draft prepared & Emlyn & Taylor, Th. 
Wells, J. Reit Hardie MP, & J. G. R. S. 
Taylor attended & requested. After a 
long debate a form of bill was 
adopted & sent to the T. R. C.

Cecil Charleton
7/4/05
Executive Meeting at Office 7 April 1905

Present Chesterton (in chair) + all others.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. The following candidates were elected subject to completion of formalities in cases marked with *:

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<td>Allan, 5 West Regent st.-street, Glasgow</td>
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<td>McBride, 68 Cambridge Drive, Glasgow</td>
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<td>McLaren, Glasgow</td>
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<td>Miss Murray, 7 Gt. George-street, Hillhead, Glasgow</td>
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Elected April 1905


   Humanising of Poor Law. Ready. Agreed to end out to members.
   Public Control of Electric Power & Transit. Ready. Title saved as aforesaid, passed for press.
   Underfed Children. Being set up.
   Other tracks it was agreed to take corporate expenditure next, to sell at 1? 1/- only & sep.
   Municipal Mill & Control of Trusts to follow.

It was agreed to refer to the new Publisher to report on proposals for pushing the sale of our tracks especially amongst L.D.P. Branches.

7. Hutchison Trust Lecture. Application from Ireland. Referred to the new General Purposes Committee to report on
arrangements for next session.


9. Municipal Enabling Bill. Sec. submitted translation of Italian Law, with notes and comments prepared by Mrs. Townsend. As she did not appear to adopt the suggestion of writing, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Secretary to prepare article for a Review or Paper, & to thank Mrs. Townsend for her valuable services.

10. Finance. Sec. submitted annexed report on Balance Sheet & the annexed statement of the No. 2 Ape. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that in view of the fact that the No. 2 Ape is held & trustees for specific purposes, & is
## Balance Sheet

**Grant from Hutchinson Trustees**
- Balance Sheet: £1,242.0.4
- Interest on Investments: £37.1.0
- Year ending 31st March: £1,369.1.4

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**Grants to Fabian No. 1 A/c.**
- £300
- Annuity one payment: £50.0.0
- Balance: £1,229.1.4
- Annuity A/c: £75.0.0
- Trust A/c: £1,304.1.4
- £1,369.1.4

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**Balance Sheet**

- £1,300 Derby 3%
- Cash in Bank: £1,152.2.6
- £1,304.1.4

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- Trust A/c: £1229.1.4
- Annuity A/c: £75.0.0
- £1,304.1.4

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Total

- £1,369.1.4

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not under the unqualified control of the
Executive Committee & the Society it is
not necessary to print particulars of it in the Annual Report and
Balance Sheet.

11 International Socialist Congress. Meeting of
English Section. Agreed to appoint
the Subcommittee on the Reconstitution
of the Congress to be delegates of
the Society.

12 Lectures & Meetings. The following were
approved.

Apr 28. Alden on Japan. Letter from
Crotch excusing himself
for his absence.

May 12. Annual Meeting
June. Two literary lectures, &
Chesterton & Jepson.

F. B. Kirkman. Offer of lecture
on Teachers Salaries for next session.
agreed to write him that the subject is unsuitable.
Minimum Wage Comm. not met yet. A
meeting was fixed for April 13.
Paper on Housing & Pearsall. Referred
3 Minimum Wage Comm. for report.
Suggested lecture for next session.
Coghlan on birth rate.

F. Hamilton Dodd
April 28th, 1905
First Meeting of New Executive at Office 28th April 1905.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Holson, Sanders, Taylor, Chesterton, Shaw, W. Shaw-Strandring, Galton, Pease, Macrel.

Absent: Webb, Alden, Headlam, Bland, furneigeridge also present for discussion of report.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Scrubners Report of Election was received.

3. Standing orders. It was agreed to confirm these till next meeting.

4. Auditors Report. Lee submitted letter from auditors this explanation of the points noted. It was resolved that his explanation is satisfactory. The view he takes he confirmed.
5. International Socialism. The Report of the delegates was received.

6. New Tract. It was agreed that Lodge's Corporate Expenditure be set up in the same size as that of Tract No.1.

7. Agricultural Co-op. Report made of proceedings recommending the raise to set apart June $9^{th}$ for a debate on the necessity or otherwise of preserving the rural population for race purposes. After discussion it was Resolved 2 to 1 by 2 that the proposal be adopted.

8. Social Meeting: It was agreed after debate that the decision to ask Jeppson to lecture on Feminism be rescinded so that the question shall not be raised.


June 9 Debate as above. June 23... Open.

It was agreed to decline suggested lecture to A. Broman.
9. Annual Meeting. It was agreed that Sanders, Chesterton, Galton, Pease, Taylor to be a Com. to prepare resolutions on amendments of the Unemployed Workmen Bill and the Aliens Bill for the agenda paper of the Annual Meeting.

10. Electricity Supply Bill. Report of Com. recommending amendments, that copy of circular annexed be sent to each M.P. and to the Press with our Tract was adopted.

Taylor, Galton, Pease were appointed a Com. to amend the circular as indicated in the debate and Galton undertook to advise as to an M.P. to move the amendments.

11. Minimum Wage Sub. Com. Report and draft scheme annexed was approved. The recommendation of Sanders as Chairman was adopted.
Sir,

The Electricity Supply Bill.

I desire to call your attention to amendments which ought to be made in the above Bill, which has recently passed through the House of Lords.

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

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

Indeed the area of County Councils is by no means sufficiently large
for the purpose, and the only proper solution for the purpose is to
empower or indeed require County and Borough Councils in suitable areas
to form Statutory Joint Committees for the purpose of producing electricity
in an economical manner.

Our view is that such Statutory Joint Committees or at any rate
County Councils might well take up the position of the Co-operative
Wholesale Society which supplies its affiliated Co-operative Distributive
Societies with goods direct at cost price, and indeed distributes the
small margin of profit amongst its clients in proportion to their
purchases. These Joint Committees or County Councils which manufacture
electricity in bulk should be able to supply Boroughs and Districts within
their areas at about cost price, leaving the minor local authorities to
make such profits on their tramways, lighting and sales to private
consumers as they in their wisdom think fit.
12. Draft annual Report was considered and amended in several points. Finally it was agreed that the Report + accounts as amended be adopted.

F.W. [Signature]
12/3/05
A National Minimum Wage.

1. The Problem.

1.- A national minimum wage may be defined as that necessary to maintain a worker and his family in healthy existence, certainly so that he and they shall not degenerate, but not necessarily that they shall progress (at least without great care and frugality). Or it may be limited to maintenance of the worker alone.

2.- The problem of the minimum wage must be differentiated from that of wage regulation, which may and probably will be necessary for reasons quite different from those which urge the necessity for the former.

3.- At present we enforce a minimum of education; we compel all persons of all ages and both sexes to conform to a certain sanitary minimum; we compel all employers to conduct their businesses according to a certain measure of safety and healthfulness; we accord to women, young persons and children a minimum of leisure under the Factory Acts.

4.- These fragments of a Standard of Life are limited in their utility, because we do not insist that every person industrially employed shall be ensured a minimum of remuneration. So far, the only provision which we make towards the minimum of subsistence is to provide a maintenance in prison or workhouse for all who care to
4. (Continued)

 qualify, and to extend to children some protection from parents
 who starve them.

5. We may secure the national minimum indirectly by

(a) Maintenance of children (school meals, scholarships, etc.)
(b) Old Age Pensions, Sick, Accident, and Invalidity Insurance.
(c) Labour colonies open to all who may apply for work at the
minimum wage.

Insufficiency of (c); economic and political objections.

6. It is therefore necessary to proceed by enactment applying to the
whole country, so that there may be no low-wage district with a de-
based advantage over the others. Assuming that it is possible to
determine a national minimum of real wages i.e. such a wage that by
working out its equivalent in cash all local variations in cost of
living may be equalised, we must next consider the following
questions.

7. (a) Shall the minimum wage be based on the cost of maintenance of a
    single adult man, or of an average family? Possible substitu-
    tion of unmarried for married men.

(b) Shall there be the same standard for working women as for men?
    If so, will women be employed? Relative cost of maintenance,
at subsistence level, of men and women - is it really different?
    If cost of men more, how far is this balanced by superior effi-
    ciency?
7. (Continued)

(c) Possible substitution of labour of young persons (apprentices or improvers) for adults. Shall wages of apprentices and improvers be regulated, and, if so, how and on what basis? Shall their numbers be limited?

(d) Relation of piece-work rate to minimum wage in piece-work trades.

(e) Difficulty of enforcement especially in sweated trades. Prior or simultaneous abolition of home-work.

(f) Importation of sweated goods.

(g) Effect of minimum wage on prices; available margin in sweater's profits.

(h) Effect on rents; rents in country customary, in towns determined by supply and demand - both independent of wages; case of tramway extension, rents increased on account of greater demand and in return for advantages in accommodation, health, &c., economic friction.

(i) Shop-workers - Shall living-in be abolished; or how to be valued?

(j) Domestic service - Is a minimum possible?
II. The Solution.

1. - Ascertainment of by a Commission, or by the Labour Department, of the minimum of food and clothing necessary for the healthy subsistence of (a) and adult man, (b) an adult woman, (c) an average family.

2. - It shall be enacted that the minimum wage shall be such as will provide the above maintenance plus the rent of a house complying with the legal requirements of sanitation and accommodation. Such wage shall be in two categories: (a) for adult men based on subsistence cost of an average family with husband as worker; (b) for adult women supporting herself only.

3. - It shall be referred to the local authorities - county councils, borough councils, and urban sanitary district councils - to translate into cash the national minimum of real wages according to local variations in prices and rents. The period of time for which such rates would hold should be at least a year, and might be longer.

4. - To enforce the law factory inspectors should be empowered to examine wage-books. Employers breaking the law should be heavily fined for the first offence and imprisoned for the second.
5. By this plan the same minimum standard of life would be established all over the country, while at the same time cash wages would vary according to local circumstances. The information in Rowntree, Booth, and the Fiscal Blue Books might enable the writer to give some general indications or estimates of what the cash equivalent of the national real wage would be in different parts of the country.

6. One effect of the varying cost of manufactures would be a tendency so far as any greater cost was not compensated by market advantage or proximity of raw material - for certain and so to move from the high-cost to the low-cost districts. That would really be a move from the high-rent to the low-rent districts or from the large factory town to the small rural town or to the country, and is to be welcomed.

7. Another effect would be to relieve factory industry from the low-grade (because low-wage) competition of domestic industry - again an advantage.

8. Under this plan the widow with a family will be paid the same wage as a single woman, leaving the children, in default of other sources of income, to be maintained by the State. Yet if her wage was fixed on a family basis, the widow would not get work, the woman without a family would be preferred owing to her cheapness - and
in that case both widow and family would have to be maintained by
the State. The case for paying unmarried men the same wage as
married men is different because the proportions of those working are
different from those which obtain in the case of women.

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

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

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

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

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

Peroration.

Henry W. Macrosty.
7. New Tracts. 121 Lodge Public Expenditure
Sec. 7 submitted Titles, agreed to ask the author to select, & to indicate that the Executive consider "Public Wealth or Private Luxury" No. 120. After Bread Education, agreed to send copy, with covering letter to L.C.C. & 75 Edn. Comm. Co-op. members.

8. Electrical Supply Bill. Sec. reported that the circular would be sent out directly, as Burns had consented to more amendments.

9. Society Meeting June 23rd. Agreed to have a lecture on India & a Nat. Confer. Delegate, if possible.

10. Audit. Sec. reported receipt of the accounts, duly signed.
11. Annual meeting.

Agreed that: Trowford or Todd be chairman.

Annual Report: Secretary to conduct.

Unemployed Bill: Salton to conduct.

Amendments approved. Letter from Slater referred to Salton.

Abuse Bill: Letter from Cheltenham regretting this inability to attend and conduct discussion on Bill.

The Committee resolutions were considered, and after debate it was resolved 22 to 4 that the 2 resolutions on the paper be not moved on behalf of the Free.

It was agreed that Macart move a resolution in their place.
THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR MEMBERS ONLY will be held at CLIFFORD'S INN (next 187 FLEET STREET), E.C., on FRIDAY, MAY 12th, at 8 p.m.

AGENDA:—Motions by the Executive Committee:—

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

(2) The Unemployed Workmen Bill:—

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

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

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

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

Clause I. (5), page 2, line 15. After "provided," insert "that the rate of wages shall not be less than the Trade Union rate of the district but."

Delete "weekly," and insert after the word given, "in any one week."

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

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

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

(3) The Aliens Bill:—

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

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

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

Clause III. (1b1), page 3, line 23. (Expulsion of undesirable aliens). Insert after "over-crowding" "or has been employing labor or working under conditions which violate any provision of the Factory and Workshops Acts."

Your attendance is requested.

EDW. R. PEASE,
Secretary.

FABIAN OFFICE,
Executive Office 26th Mar 1905.

Present: Webb (in chair), Starling, Alden, Blundell, 
Shaw, Peace, Taylor, Hobson, Chesterton, 
Macrory, Shaw.

Absent: Headlam, Sanders, Galton Dodd.

1. Minutes were confirmed


3. Meeting June 23rd. Sec. reported that the Hall had been allotted, no m. error. Also that the Indian Delegate will be here. Letter from Sir W. Wedderburn offering date in July. Agreed to arrange for July.

4. International Sec. Sec. reported he had offered the Fabian Office for Internat. & Soc. Conv. on Tues. July 13 at 3.30. Approved.

5. Appeal from S.O.T. for Ocarro Match Fund. No funds.
   No 121. Lodge's Public Exp. - Title approved. Tract & read for Press.

   Bibliography in. make it no longer. Agreed to print Bibliography & reference to no clear one.

   No 123. Macbeth's Trust. To be set up.
   Advertising Tract. Proposal approved, ditto be printed on cards to hang up. Agreed to secs.
   suggestion to offer 7 doz Tracts free for 6 /-

7. General Purposes Committee Report. Agreed
   Book Notes. That the Library work be again extended & a wider
   issue of circulars in Autumn. That the Trustees of No 2. are requested
   to grant £50 for 10 more boxes
   if & when required. Sec. instructed to put rounds of publications in every 24.
7. G. P. Cowe (cont.)

Lectures for 1906/7. That the scheme be the same as proposed for last year:—

1. Minimum Wage
2. Com. Rep. CH.
3. Prophets of the Victorian age. That Chesterton & Sec. prepare scheme for the last named.

Also Reeves on Australian Lab. Part.
Also that Alden suggest lectures on continental methods of dealing with social problems.

Minimum Wage. That W. Sanders be offered £20. For one lecture prepared in form suitable for publication as a tract, & similar sums for other tract lectures, with a maximum of £60. To be paid out of a special fund to be provided if we can. Also that any necessary books be bought for him.

Educational Lectures. That no action be taken at present.
8. Birth rate. Sec. reported that G. H. Wood
would not do any work. - Agent
letters read from Miss Hutchinson
suggesting a Comt. - After
debate agreed that a Comt be
appointed to consider.

Birth-rate & Infant Mortality Statistics

That Bland be chairman, with
the following members of the Comt:

Present: - Shaw, Chesterton
Standing: Peace Taylor.

That the following be invited:

Salton & Dodd of the Reiver.

Miss Hutchinson H.G. Wells
Dr. McCrack Dr. Guest
E. Turner G. H. Wood

H. W. Macrossan
Executive at Office 9th June 1905.

Present: Macrae (in chair) & all except

Absent: Webb, Galton, Sanders.

1. Minstets were confirmed.

2. Election of candidates: all elected, 223.

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3. Resignation. H. W. Jard. accepted


5. L.R.C. Limitation to send delegates to Unemployed Bill demonstration conference. Agreed that Alden & Chesterton be delegates, they instructed to vote in favour of a demonstration & to advocate a Resolution more decided in favour of the Bill.
Correspondence.

Mesboro Trade Council. Asking adot. 'in Year Book.

Agreed to take outside Cover at 25%.

Wm. Pankhurst. Proposing to send "After Break" to all Educ. Com. - agreed that Sec. prepare estimate of cost + draft circular.

Evangelical Council. Re Book. Boxes. Proposing circular to ministers, to the colleges. Agreed to send notice that Alden see what he can do with the churches.

Kelvinstock Club. Crane Lithograph. Suggest adot in F. news. -

Royal Arsenal Corp. Asking lecture list. Agreed that a new one be printed.

Achmison Trust Lecture. On Applications received.
It was agreed definitely to abandon lectures for the next season.

8. Birth-rate Com. Sec. reported a circular issued & arrangements well in hand. Agreed to elect Councillor Williamson, A. Levine, & A. C. Donald (Edinburgh) as members. Agreed to buy any bluebooks required.

9. Indian Delegation. Letters from Mr. Ratcliffe, S. K. Ratcliffe, & Sir W. Wedderburn. Agreed to have delegate on Jul 14, but not on 28th. If he fail to arrive, to hold a tract-meeting on Jul 14.

10. Tract in Preparation.

No. 121. By Lodge. Sec. reported the bill altered & the author & the Tract practically ready for publication.

No. 122. Agreed after discussion to make this a 20 pp. Tract. + to print the Bibliography.
10 (cont) Tracts —
Saunders Report on areas
Macrostip in agriculture
Agreed to print & submit
to Tract Meeting on July 14.

No 122. Title selected
Municipal Milk &
Public Health.

11. Resolution proposed by Bernard Shaw,
That a report be prepared on
the results of the Society's political
recommendations during the
past 10 years.

Debated & debate adjourned.

W. Saunders 23/6/1905.
Executive Com. 23rd June 1905.


1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Unemployed Bill. Delegates reported.
   Circular re subscription. See directed to reply that the Society is prepared to contribute, it will determine the amount later in accordance with the necessities of the case.

Speakers: agreed to nominate Holson, Chesterton, & (if willing) Bernard Shaw.

3. Hutchinson Trust. Letter from Swell offering set of lectures on the colonies. Agreed that the Sen. expel that notwithstanding previous decision, we will consider proposal if Swell will submit syllabus.
Report by the Secretary on Distribution of Tract No. 120 ('After Bread, Education') to Education Committees.

The Tract has already been sent to the L.C.C. Education Committee.

It is proposed to omit 61 Ad. Counties (Education Committees about 2,500) 143 Boroughs over 100,000 (Education Committees 2,612). Urban Districts 58 Urban Districts (Ed. Committees 1,145) and to send only to 71 County Boroughs. Members of Ed. Committees 2,032

But it is not at present clear that the members of the Education Committees can be distinguished from the other Councillors, the total number of whom is 3,600.

The reason for confining the distribution to the County Boroughs is that the large towns (including London) on whom the difficulty chiefly presses must solve the problem: the smaller towns and the counties will follow their example if necessary.

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If it prove necessary to send the circular 3,600 Councillors, the cost will be at least £200.00.0
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am desired to transmit to you the enclosed pamphlet dealing with the provision of meals for children in elementary schools. As this question admittedly requires some prompt and satisfactory solution, and as the attention of Education Committees in our great towns is certain to be drawn to it during the coming winter, I venture to think you may find some facts and suggestions in our Tract which may be useful to you, and on the other hand should you care to offer us any observations on our proposals, my Committee will receive them with grateful consideration.

I am,

Yours truly,

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand,
London, W. C.
September 1905.
(4) Distribution of Tract 120. Sec. presented annexed Report & recommendations which were adopted. Draft letter was amended + approved. He was instructed to send a circular letter to Ed. Comm. Seco. asking list of members.

(5) Haden Guest. Letter offered for publication in M. News, on the policy of the Societ. After discussion by several members who had read or tried to read it, it was agreed that Bland & Chesterton report on it to the next Exec.

(b) Correspondence.

Sir Chas. Elliot, Letter re Tract 120. — Agreed that Chesterton & Peace draft reply.


Project of Lectures on
"PROPHETS OF THE PAST CENTURY"

Drafted by Chesterton and Secretary.

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Reservs.

Miss Brooke  S. M. Peartree
C. Charrington  Dr. Lawson Dodd
Rev. Conrad Noel  H. T. Muggeridge
Richard Whiteing  Miss Murphy.
7. Literature Lectures. The Sub-Com** (Cheesterton 
and the Sec.) presented the annexed report. 
The report was adopted with the 
following modifications: -

To add Lecture on Marx & Bernard Shaw.

To delete Name of S. D. Headlam who wired declining 
and substitute Conrad Noel. -

To have one of the subjects allocated to Jepson and 
Marson.

It was agreed that Bland consult Welling 
that he have choice of subject if 
he consent. -

8. Resignation of Scheuring. Accepted.

9. Agricultural Com**: report accepted, 2/3:
   (a) That the Chairman's report, already given 
as a Lecture, & since amended, beprinted 
+submitted to Society on July 14. -
   (b) That, in regard to offer of Dr. Fox to do 
a further paper on agriculture, he 
be asked to submit a syllabus, with a 
view to a Lecture, & he urged to deal with his 
own experiences.

11. Result of Political Recommendations of Secret. Resolution adjourned from last meeting, that a report on above covering the past 10 years be prepared & the title was agreed to.


Signed: [Signature]

14/7/5
Executive Com. at Office 14th July 1905.
Present: Bland in chair, & all except
Alson, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Headlam.
Present also as visitor John Martin now at his job.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence

7. Death, suggesting lectures on Katie Pears.
Reply we have had enough for
the present, I refer to Executive
Committee.

A. S. Griffith asking us to exchange 70 old
unreadable-Tracts for new ones.
Send 50 now, including
After Bread, Education.
Stamford Public Library. Request to be put
on Free List. Agreed.

Small Holdings Act: Proposed conference
Accept.

H. A. Daz. Propriety to send the Lodge Tract
15 Town Councillors. Agreed. To put
par in News asking subs.

& to do the work in my care.
2 (cont) Correspondence
A. E. Hewlett, suggesting action on Industrial Assurance. Write we will appoint a compe to he will prepared report or other material for its consideration. Refer again to the Coop. Undertaking.

3. New Lecture List. Sec. reported only 16 London Replies. Agreed that the put a par in News asking for more.

4. Bound News. Sec. reported gift of two sheets of a set of News beautifully bound. Give thanks. Agreed to put a par in News inviting members to apply for bound sets + to reprint the scarce number of numbers, if necessary + the applications justify it.

5. Timet On what of Sec. I agreed to discontinue in.

7. Elections: The following were elected

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also, in advance, twelve in order

R. W. Pringle
+ Henri Sans 3 Aug. news.

8. Purge of Members. Agreed that H. W. Macrae & C. S. Chesterton become
Come to go through the list
of members and report on names to be struck off.

9. Hutchins Trust Lecture. On letters from Aylmer
Mandeville agreed that Sanders give the
lecture desired on usual terms.

Syllabus provisionally approved.
Agreed that he be engaged on
9. (cont.) Same terms as Sanders last year (21. a lecture & gues) of that notice lie given in News & any engagement that offer, & be accepted if suitable, but that a regular syllabus be not printed & circulated. And that he be asked to consult Holborn on its syllabus.

10. Housing Com. Report. Sec. reported he had prepared a report, & proposed that it be published as an extra to Faber's News, if the Housing Com. approve both the report & the proposal 20 to publish. Agreed that the Housing Com. have the suggested power.

11. Publishing Com. Business. Sec. reported that Taylor had advised Linin that the word "revelations" in Tract 121 (p15. line 20) might be libellous, that he had ordered it to be altered to "Proceedings" & that the printers (in the absence of Mr. Standing in Paris) had failed to make the alteration. Standing accepted the
Full responsibility. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that no action be taken, and the tract be sold as printed.

Sec. reported sales for three months to June 30th very satisfactory. The tracts circulated, exclusive of leaflets numbered 12,390, which compared with 20,528 in the whole of the previous year.

Advert. Sec. reported delay & printer; most presented & letter + approved.

12. Finances. Sec. reported cash in hand £64, + the account from printer to end Jun. about £110. Agreed that he write Felo.

13. Membrely. Sec. reported that the £125. proposed to use the surplus contributed to the Mem. Fund for agitation in the autumn. Agreed to contribute 21/-

4. Had an idea. On report from Bland it was
14 (cont'd) agreed that he be asked to give a lecture on his syllabus (or if not) in early in next session.

14 Report on Political Recommendations. Sec. reported that on consideration he was of opinion that any objective report was impossible: any report must be written with a view to some purpose. Further, that Shaw had suggested two reports taking opposite sides. After some discussion, it was agreed to adjourn debate till Shaw could be present.

15. Birth-rate & Con. Sec. reported successful first meeting, and proposal to issue a census paper to the Soviet also draft paper prepared & himself. Letter of protest & Headlam read. It was agreed to make the census on the lines proposed: to send a stamped envelope to draw up a Bread-feeding paper so that the Suee approve final draft.
Recommendation of the "Baby" Committee.

Census paper (drafted by the Secretary) proposed to be sent in October to all the men members and to married women whose husbands are not members, excluding all resident outside Great Britain.

It is proposed to enclose this with covering letter and (posta stamp) envelope with printed address. The questions are so drafted that they can (if desired) be answered by yes or no or figures. Thus any identification of the respondent can easily be made impossible.

The papers will be divided into 4 series by deletion of three of the four letters on each paper, in order to show whether those who do not return papers are men or women, married or probably unmarried.

The Series will be

a. men known to be married
b. "", believed to be unmarried
c. "", men of whose marital condition the Secretary is ignorant.
d. women.

It is proposed to particularly request members not to yield to the temptation (if any) to send in replies intended to be amusing.

It is suggested that a second paper asking particulars in regard to breast feeding of infants be added.
Fabian Birth-rate Census.
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September 1905.

Series A. B. C. D.
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1. - Sex (M. or F.)
2. - Age last birthday
3. - Married or unmarried. (M. or U.)
   (All who have been married should return themselves as married).
4. - Date of Marriage
5. - Age of Wife at Marriage
6. - Number of children born, including still-born children
7. - Date of birth of eldest child
8. - Date of birth of youngest child.
9. - Do you expect to have any (or any more) children?
10. - Have you or your wife or husband limited the number of your children voluntarily?
11. - If your marriage is childless, is it so voluntarily or involuntarily?
12. - Is the limitation of the number of your children due to any special cause (such as the death or serious illness of husband or wife): if possible state the cause?
13. - Observations. Any member willing to add any remarks throwing light on the above return, is requested to do so:-
(16) Haden Guest, Bland reported on his horn syllabus for lecture & Haden went, agreed on his motion that Guest be allotted a date early in the session for his lecture.

(17) R.H. Higgs, letter offering to submit a new lecture for approval—agreed.

(18) Literature Lectures. Bland reported he had not consulted Wettening letter from Shaw, offering lecture on Mary & Darwin. After debate, agreed to ask him to reconsider his proposal as Mary is enough for one lecture.

(19) Chairman for members meeting. Agreed to nominate Mr. Martin.

28th July 1905

[Signature]
Executive Com. at Office
28th July 1905.

Present: Alden (in chair) Pease, Headlam, Chesterton, Standing, Macrosty, Holf
Taylor, Bland, Galton, Sanders
Absent: Webb, Shaw, W.O. Shaw, Dodd, Holman, Macrosty.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Ten following candidates were elected some having been previously agreed to, subject to completion & in due course:

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<td>Edw. R. Pease.</td>
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<td>Miss Mary Alice Muir, 11 Lingwood-road, Bradford</td>
<td>A. E. Bishop.</td>
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also subject to larger sub. from Williams (paid 2/6) to report therein & the Sec.
3. Finances. Letter from J. Felo declining to send money just now. Agreed that the secretary borrow from No. 2. if necessary.

4. International Socialism. Delegate reported meeting in his office at which a scheme for the English Branch of the International Organization was adopted. E. & H. Holton elected a member. Also that Hyndman undertook to bring before the Int. Bureau the Fabian scheme for reforming the method of voting for nations at the Congress.

5. Census of Families. Letter from Shaw suggesting question as to the method adopted for securing childless marriages. Agreed after debate that the proposed question is not relevant to the subject of the enquiry.
6. Publishing Business. The following titles were approved:

- Municipalisation & Provinces
- The Revival of Agriculture
- State Control of Trusts.

It was agreed to accept, with pleasure, the offer of W.P. Reeves to write a new tract on New Zealand.

7. Autumn Lectures. Letters read:

- Mr. Wood accepting Ruskin.
- E. Jepson a Whistman.
- Inso, consenting to do Carlyle if urged.
- Agreed to ask him to say if he prefers anything else.

- Shaw offering saying Mary can be disposed of in 5 minutes.
- Agreed to await E. Shaw's return.

- Headlam. After debate he agreed to open the session with a lecture on Maurice & Whipple.
- Dawson agreed to ask him on Arnold in place of Emerson.
8. The Political Situation. In view of the apparent approach of a general election it was agreed after considerable discussion, that Bland + Chesterton draft a Manifesto for submission to the Exec. Com. 22.4.05.

F.W. Gatten
Corn 22nd Sep. 1905.

Present: Galton (in chair), Dodd, Hoare, Taylor, Sanders, Chesterton, Peace, Standing, Macrory.

Absent: Headlam, Alden, Welsh, Shaw, Mr. Shaw, Bland.

1. Minutes confirmed.

2. Election of Candidates. Sept. List elected:

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<td>Fred. Marquis, 12 Myrtle-grove,</td>
<td>Y. Pickles.</td>
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<td>GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.</td>
<td>Thomas Johnston.</td>
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<td>Andrew D. Cowan, Benroy, Kirkintilloch,</td>
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3. Resignations: Hugh Limebeer & Mr. Limebeer, now out of it. Desires to continue to subscribe & do audit. Accepted.

F. G. Stahl for technical reasons will continue to subscribe. Accepted.

4. “After Bread Ed.” Sec. reported that 1500 names of Ed. Comm. members had come in from 55 County Boroughs: one refusal: 14 no reply.
5. Book Box Enamel Label. Further supply for 50 boxes approved.


7. Correspondence.
   The Message. Asking adot. - Take 2 page 3 mos.
   Edmund Kelly sending $10 in recognition of advice on book received.
   Brisbane Social Ward. Asking grant of book box of tract. After debate agreed to write we will send books of value $5. - If they will remit 50%. -

8. Lecture List. Sec. presented very measure.
   Lecture List in galley proof. After debate agreed that it be distributed & no copies whatever printed.
   Further that no notice of this be put in the News.
9. Headhuris lecture. Agreed to cure chair and to confine to members.


13. Lecture to Societies.

Sir E. Verner. Lecture on “Conspiracy of Rich Against Poor.” Refused offer, because full-up.

H. B. Nelson Smith. Offer on Economics of Minimum Wage. Said we will take it after Sanders, if there be scope for it.
14. Delegate from India. On correspondence presented it was agreed to summon a special meeting on Monday Oct 31st for Lecture & discussion with K. K. Goswamie C.P.E. on the Indian Problems. Lecture to be open to non members & chairs to be toured.

15. Ethical School Syllabus. Agreed to send with news.

16. List of Members. Sec. presented Report that he had sent hero list with Macrosi.

29. Obsolete members address cost, were struck out.

73 Obsolete defaulting members to receive circular No 1. enrolling members to return subscription list or money to be struck off in default of reply.

9 Oxford U. members wrote on behalf.

70 Well known old members to receive Circular No 2. inviting them to subscribe for journal.
17 members were reported individually.

Agreed to strike off
J. G. MacCartney: address lost
W. S. Demont: presumed dead
Perceval Clulah
Mr. Stanton Blatch

To send No. 1 (final) Circular to
J. A. Gaskell
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Stokes.
To send No. 2 (wild) Circular to
Miss Simon
W. J. Prinoule
Rev. J. F. Matthews
J. L. Mayne
Miss Jacob
M. R. Aldridge
C. E. Allen.

To retain on the list
D. Racey W. Reeve
W. D. Racey Poole
W. Lunn Jr.

Of the "free list" it was reported
23 old cases taken off.
(End) Of the 4 cases reported on it was decided

to drop
W. P. Byles
Sir Holzman Bacon 13½
Herbert Samuel 16½

to retain
R. C. Hawkmun [First Club]

Of subscribers in arrears it was decided

5 Strike of 5 obscure cases

14 Other cases were left to the Sec'y

to deal with in his discretion.

[Signature]

Chairman.
Executive Comm. at office Oct 13th 1905.

Present: Bland (in chair) & all except Alden.

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected, subject to completion of formalities & W.S. Mackenzie:

   CANDIDATES
   Wm. Stewart McKenzie, Annfield, Larkhall, N.B. ... Tom M. McKenzie.
   Mrs. A. Pitkin, 2 George-st., King-st., Watford ... General Secretary.
   Robert M. Davie, Ellisland, Kirkintilloch, N.B. ... Hugh A. Reyburn.
   J. W. Pratt, 10 Possil-rd., Glasgow Wm. Boyd.

3. On the minutes the Sec. was instructed to write to Sir Hickman Bacon before dropping him from the subscribers' list.

4. Conference on Unemployed. Delegate reported an unsatisfactory meeting.

5. Both Boxes. Sec. reported subscriptions to date 53 against 42 to same date last year. New Circular not yet received. £40 out of £50 spent.
6. Tract Business. — Sec'y reported: —

All tracts in press completed.
No 42. Xtan Socialism, 4 120 after Bread. Reprinted
No 88. Growth of Monopoly, 4 74 State Franchise
in New Zealand out of print & dropped.
The former already replaced & No. 124, The
Calvinists replaced & the Agent-General.
Also Leaflets 27 Questions Town Councils,
31 London Heritage in 65 Sales &
31 Municipal Water. — The dropped
Distribution last quarter of tracts
(excludes leaflets) 15,755, against
12,390 in previous quarter, & 20,528
in year 1904-5. — Proceeds
6 months £ 57 against £35 last year.
No 5. Facts Socialists. 11,000 printed June
1904. Sold last quarter 20 25. Only
6 months supply left. Agreed to reprint
when necessary without revision —
Error. Suicide given per million living.
Agreed that Standing print through
the superfluous words —
7) Hutchinson Trust Lectures. —
Leicester. agreed to arrange this if possible. —
Rochdale. referred to Holme for report. —

8) L.R.C. Conference at Belfast. —
agreed to appoint Peace Delegate
and nominate time for the Exe. —

9) Lectures to Societies. arrangements made
as follows: —
Nov. 24. Sanders. Minimum Wage
Dec. 8. Bliss. Socialism in Athens

10) Baby Coma. Proof census papers were
discussed. Passage re amusing answers
was, on division deleted. Other amendments
on details were made. —

11) Political Manifesto. This was discussed vaguely. —

Cecie Churchill
Executive Committee office
27 October 1905

Present: Chesterton (in chair) Hall except
Absent: Alden, Sanders.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.
   Sir H. W. Bacon
   Handing £5. For 10 years' sub.
   Harry Roberts. Resignation accepted
   British Institute. Agreed to grant
   B? Set of unbound
   as complete as may be

3. Reprint. What is Socialism. Agreed to
   alter figures to correct ones.

4. Educational Lectures.
   Rochdale. Hobson reported - referred back
   for further report.
   Lancaster. Headland to see here.
   Glasgow. Dodd to go.
   Northampton. Referred to Hobson for visit

5. Birth-rate &c. Census. Revised census paper, submitted & the Census was discussed at some length, & ultimately it was agreed to issue it as amended. 15th Com. 13th Com. 13th Com.

6. Lecture &c. Prevent lecture on Darwin & Shaw was discussed & read ultimately it was resolved by 9-2 that he be invited to lecture on Darwin.

7. Agent General of N.-Z. The Sec. read a letter agreeing to defer lecture until Feb. or March, and asking whether we preferred a tract on & N.-Z. or on Australia. Reply “as he pleases, the latter & preference.”

[Signature]

David Dodge
Executive at office 10th Nov 1905.

Present: Dodd (in chair), Welsh, Salton, Mrs Shaw, Shaw, Taylor, Macroe, Headlam, Peace, Bland, Standing, Alden, Holson, Sanders, Chesterton.

1. The minutes were confirmed.

2. The candidates were elected subject to payment of subscription & Miss Marchant.

CANDIDATES

| Miss Mary Hankinson, 19 Briston-grove, Crouch End, N. | Ernest Manning, Joy-st., Barnstaple |
| Miss E. V. Marchant, 52 Lower Sloane-street, S.W. | J. Geo. Morley, 6 Sussex-place, South Kensington, S.W. |
| J. Arthur S. Tebbutt, 54 Laurie Pk-head, Sydenham, S.E. | Oxford University F.S. |
| | Mary G. Burnett & Edw. R. Pease. |
| | H. Lowerison and Edw. R. Pease. |
| | F. Lawson Dodd and H. R. Baylis. |


4. Birth rate Committee. Good progress reported.

5. Fabian News. A speed 2 have double number.
Correspondence:
Workmen's flat. Housing Council - Delegate for Wonder. Please to get any one he can.
Teodora Dodd on extension of bor law - Will do whatever we can.

Free Church + Labour. Conference. Delegates - Agreed that G.B. Shaw and S.G. Hobson be delegate.

Central Unemployed "Right to Work" Conf. - Please reported that he had accepted as an individual invitation to join the Executive. Agreed that his action be approved.

MSS + Books.
L. Williams offer up to 100 copies of discipline education for Book Buses. A speed that Bland + Bodd report.
E. C. Siddelstone, suggesting reprint from Wallace's Autobiography of passages re Owen's schemes. Card from Podmore stating the passages is a paraphrase of Owen's autobiography. Reply we can't now, but someday may reprint. Social works & will not forget this.
6. MSS & Books (cont.)
   W. Moom. MSS on Socialism. Sec. reported fair to middling stuff. Agreed to suggest Westminster review.

   Oxford F.S. Sec. reported CE had offered 250 to 300 pounds. Guest, F.S. to pay fare. Approved.
   Bury. Agreed that Chesterton be asked to do a week in the North.

10. Lectures to Society.
The following were agreed to:

Dec 8th  Report of Com. on Poor Law Reform
To be presented to Peace as a lecture.

Jan 12. Jepson on Weitman, fixed.
Jan 26. Private meeting for Wells.
Mar 23rd. Shaw on Darwin.

1) Book boxes + 10 2 a/o. Sec. at request of
Macrody, a trustee, presented the
annexed report. After discussion
of the account, + of special books
required, it was agreed to make
formal application to the Trustee
of no. 2 a/o for a further grant
of £25 (if required) for the purchase
of new books + boxes on
the same lines as before.

S. Hobson 24th 11 1905
Report on Book Boxes.

9th, November 1905.

Subscriptions to date since 1st. April 1905

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Boxes in use | 160 |

Purchases since 1st. April | 12 |

Orders waiting execution | 7 |
Boxes in hand, partly awaiting books | 3 |
Question of Special books |  |
Little advertisement yet |  |

Expenditure to date about | 247 |
Grants to date | 250 |

No. 3. Avo.

Original Capital (excluding annuity for Rent) | £1242, 0, 6
Interest since June 1904 | 55, 11, 6
| £1297, 11, 10 |

Grants year 1904-5 | 250 |
Grants current year | 250 |

100, 0, 0

Capital remaining | £1197, 11, 10
Capital expended 17 months | 44, 8, 6

£1242, 0, 4.

Balance in Bank | £80, 9, 4.
Minutes of Office, 24th Nov '05.

Present: Hobson (in chair), Taylor, Bland, Chesterton, Dodd, Peake, Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Macrory, Tallon

Absent: Welsh, Sanders, Headlam, Alden, Sandle.

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Free Church Conference. Hobson, Shaw reported

3. Correspondence
   Independent Review requiring us to abstain from giving notice of proposed repudiation before Jan 1st.
   Councillor Price. Re Rating. Agreed to ask him to submit proposals.
   A. J. Gaskell. Too poor to subscribe. Agreed to continue him in membership.

4. Adopts. Reformers J. B. agreed to send out adets for 10/- fee only.
   Bradford T. C. Year Book. Refused
5. Reviews in Fabian News.

Formal protest from Miss Hutchins of two others, proposing that a notice be inserted that the Society is not responsible for opinions expressed in reviews. After debate the Sec. was instructed to point out in reply that Fabian News has no verifiable circulation beyond the members. That the signature of reviews with initials is perfectly well understood to mean that the writer alone is responsible for the opinions expressed, that therefore the Executive does not consider any alteration necessary.

6. Educational Lecture. Sec. reported Chesterford tour in Eamont Northampton. On Hobson's report, it was agreed to arrange a course of lectures & smell through the S. D.F.


D. E. Jones (Bala)
8. Preliminary Census. Sec. reported great success so far.
   Letter & project from Mr. Carr. Agreed to have Sec send an explanatory resp.


10. Impending Dissolution. Agreed to call Exe. for Dec. 1 if dissolution be announced.

11. Lectures to the Society. Sec. reported he would be at Belfast on Jan. 26. Correspondence with Wells, saying Dec. 26, he present at his lecture. Agreed thereupon as follows:

   Jan 12. Wells 26. Lepson vote asked to take this date. Withering reported decision to defer his lecture. Wells meeting vote at Clifford's Dim for members only.
12. Wells Tract: This inquiry of Boys. See instructed to rough out for his offer + to ask what he promised.

13. Election Manifesto. Discussed + agreed that in the event of an immediate dissolution its issue was impossible.

14. Report on Political Recommendations of Series + their results. After discussion, it was agreed that Shaw finish the matter over + report.  [Signature: Stewart S. Keall]
Executive Committee Office 8th Dec. 1905.

Present: Headlam (in chair), Chesherton, MacRae, Hobson, Salton, Taylor, Pease, Sanders, Shaw, Standing, Dodd, Blund, Webb.

Absent: Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected subject to payment of subscription in cases of:
   Wm. Ashmore, 68 Exeter-street, Ardwick, Manchester... Y. Pickles.
   Mrs. Mary B. Berrill, Green Heys, High-road, South Woodford... H. M. Bernard.
   Reginald Bray, L.C.C., Shere, Guildford... Sidney Webb.
   Thos. Hawes Davies, 34 Clarence-road, Wood Green, N.... Edw. R. Pease.
   Arthur Hargreaves Heap, Grammar School, Rotherham... A. E. F. Horniman.
   John Jackson, 9 Bridge-road, Lancaster... Percy Widdrington and A. E. [Harrison].
   Edmund Osborne, 29 Lovely-lane, Warrington... Gen. Sec.
   Miss Dorothy Richardson, 140 Harley street, W... H. G. Wells and Edw. R. Pease.
   Daniel Robinson, 8 Woodfield-avenue, Ealing, W... Frank Ackroyd & G. R. S. Taylor.
   Miss Estelle Ross, 28 Gloucester-crescent, Regent's Park, N.W... [M. C. Calthrop]. Richard Whiteing and Muriel
   Clifford Sharp, 39 Victoria-street, S.W... Edw. R. Pease and Boyd Dawson
   Mrs. H. G. Wells, Spade House, Sandgate, Kent... H. G. Wells.
   Mrs. A. Wills, Brewwood, Stafford... H. M. Bernard.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY F. S.

Maxwell Struthers Burt, Merton College, Oxford... A. M. Hocart.
Reginald M. Hewitt, Ripponden, Halifax... A. M. Hocart.
F. W. Kolthamn, Brasenose College... A. M. Hocart.
Eric W. Sutton, St. John's College... A. M. Hocart.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY F. S.

Thos. Robertson McRorie, West Manse, Strathaven... Hugh A. Reyburn.
3. Correspondence:

Miss Evans, glad accepting continued membership.

Miss Clapperton, asking us to send out adapt of her book. Yes.

Rev J. F. Matthews: offering to resign as of 1921. Agreed to excuse from subscription for present.

4. County Lectures

Chesterston's Tour Jan 14. 21. — agreed after discussion, in view of general election, to cancel arrangements made, & defer tour to later date.

Northampton. Sec. reported no action taken for same reason.

5. Internat. Soc. Con. Dr. Hobson reported that the Comm. had met, that the society was liable for 1/12 of the cost, estimated not to exceed £8. Agreed that the Sec. be authorized to pay not exceeding 1/7th + £8.
Sec. reported fee of £20. received from Mrs Shaw. Agreed after discussion that the same be paid to Ald. Sanders. Agreed further that the paper be sent up at convenience & referred to the old Minimum Wage Com. (Mrs Shaw, Macrosty, Hobson & Sec.) with Webb, Chesterton & Secor added for report.

7. Election Business
Reverse of questions. Agreed that these be now. Election Manifest (Bland & Co) deferred till after election.
Candidates + appeal. Sec reported 1 Socialist, 1 Labour, 2 Liberal. Labour + 2 Liberal. (as far as yet reported) to be the members standing. Agreed after discussion to print list in News, ask for subscriptions. Further to point out that of these only two S. G. Hobson (Social) + W. Sanders (Lib.)
7. Letter to Cabinet. Webb announced that the W. S. was nearly ready. His suggestion to publish it in a magazine was approved. Failing that, decision as to date was deferred. It was agreed to call a members meeting for Lower Essex Hall on Friday, Dec. 15, and to send notice to all members of Society.

9. Meetings of Society. Lecture on charity offered by Dr. Weddell was refused.
9. Meeting record

Letters read from Wells. Agreed
(a) To hold his Fault of Fabian meeting at m
Jan 12th as proposed.
(b) To call meeting for 7.30.
(c) To ask leave to reprint this January of 1897/
(Lnd. Rev. Article) on Jan 12.
(d) Formed, to write Wells that we will
print it in any form agreed upon with
him, and if necessary will print another
edition for our series.

Belfast Conference. See. reported this m.
Feb 9, agreed to keep this date open
for a while.

Lee Smith's offer of lecture on Minimum Wage.
Saunders reported the lecture to be
doctoral economics, so it was agreed
that offer he declined.

(10) Next meeting fixed for Dec 15.

W.W. Macready
Executive at Office 15th Dec 1905.

Present: Macrae (in chair) Standing Gallin Dodd Bland Shaw Mr Shaw Taylor Headlam Page Chesterton Holton Wells.

Absent: Alden Sanders.

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.
   Workmen's Nat Housing Council. Agreed to renew affiliation of 57.
   Sanitary Inspectors Assoc. Protest against charge that Inspectors are corrupt un published in our Municipal Milk Truck.
   After a long & confused debate it was agreed that the Sec. send a provisional reply that he will issue a draft of full reply on the numerous lines suggested at the meeting & that this reply be sent also to the press.
   Sec. reported it received without opposition at a crowded meeting. Also letter from Mr. Townsend. Agreed that he adopt her suggestion, I have Ms. set up.

4. The "Intercepted Letter" Ms. was ready. Wells & generally approved. Wells reported that the 18th Century refused permission to republish & the lead arranged with the National to print it.

5. It was agreed to call the next meeting on Jan 29.
Exe. at Office Dec. 29, 1905.

Present (Bland in chair) Maccroft, Headlam, Chesterton, Hobson, Pease, Shaw, Standon, Sanders.

Absent: Webb, Mr. Shaw, Taylor, Colby, Dodd, Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence:
   - Dr. F.R. Jones on budget.
   - Agreed to ask about the 100 nature information on lines of our Census.
   - The Tribune: Asking for Tract. Send Bound Set.
   - More Money; Legacy of £5 from R.E.F. Wills, dec.

3. Purge Members: Requests were excused sub: J. Williams, Legal action. Graeh.
   - H. W. Isouge.

5. Ten Intercepted Letters.
   Re Publication of Tract. Agreed after discussion not to do so.

   Arrangements as reported & Sec. approved.
   Wells on Boots; agreed to have open meeting & extra chairs.
   Hysop Paper. Deferred.

   New History of Boots.
   Minimum Wage
   Abolition of Poor Law.

8. General Election. Draft paper for views was discussed, amended.
adopted

It was agreed that the deep mit Cordial good wishes of rice. to Sydney at Burnley & that this be announced in F. News.


This was discussed at some length & it was ultimately agreed that Bland request Wells to send the form of his resolution before the tree on Jan 12, that notice be placed on the agenda of proposal that the tree concur in proposal so to alter the rules as to defer the tree election till after the report of the Comee proposed by Wells.

G. Bernard Shaw.
12/1/06.
EXECUTIVE AT OFFICE 12 Jan. 1906.

Present: Shaw (in chair), Headlam, Bland, Flavell, Wells, Standing, Pease, Chester, Dodd, Mr. Shaw.

Absent: At Electioneering, Sanders, Alden, Holton, Tayler, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Resignations.
   Miss Heville: C.O.S. accepted.
   W. S. Clayton
   Mrs. G. M. Robertson
   Joseph A. Harris. Excuse from sub.

3. Rules. Sec. authorised to reprint.


5. Election Fund. Sec. reported £37 received. Agreed that the fund, as allocated & donos [donors] + balance divided between Holton & Sanders.
6. The following were elected except

Stanton Coit, Form not received

& subject to subscription in case of

Mrs. J.E. Stratton

Mrs. Lion Phillimore

& letters in case of

H. Hamilton Fyfe:

Henry Adkins, M.A., B.C.S., New
University Club, St. James’
street, S.W.

W. J. Baker, 1 Chestnut-grove,
Balham, S.W.

Mrs. W. J. Baker, 1 Chestnut-
grove, Balham, S.W.

W. H. Bean, 158 Briggate, Leeds.

Stanton Coit, Ph.D., 90 Hyde
Park-gate, S.W.

William A. Colegate, 206 Den-
mark-hill, S.E.

Mrs. L. E. Constantine, 41 Crescent-
road, Wood Green, N.

Mrs. Cunningham, 93 St. Martin’s-
lane, W.C.

Thomas Freeman, 93 Wanstead
Park-avenue, Manor Park, E.

H. Hamilton Fyfe, 16 Cheyne-
row, Chelsea, S.W.

B. S. Gilbert, Iry House, Billin-
hay, Lincoln

Gerald Gould, 7 Elm Gardens,
Beak Green, W.

K. Valentine Grevor, or Rolling-
ton-park, N.

Miss Constanze Low, M.A., 92
Christ Church-road, Tunbridge,
S.W.

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, 5 Verulam-
buidings, Gray’s Inn, W.C.

Miss Rose Moore, 45 Hillfield-
road, West End-lane, Hamp-
stead, N.W.

Mrs. Lionel E. Newton, Hill Brow,
Caterham

Mrs. R. C. Phillimore, Kendals,
Elstree, Herts.

John W. Price, 161 Clarendon-
road, Whalley Range, Man-
chester

G. H. Furney, 44 Weymouth-st.,
Watford

Miss Gladys Scott, 52 Sydenham-
road, Croydon

Rev. C. Wm. Steffens, 13 Wrot-
ham-road, Camden Town, N.W.

Mrs. J. E. Stratton, 141 Jamaica-
road, Bermondsey, S.E.

Wm. Taylor, 61 Burnley-road,
Padiham, Lancs.

Mrs. T. Wilson, 30 Red Lion-
square, W.C.

F. Pellatt Elkington & H. Snell.

Ben Cooper & Wm. Sanders.

Ben Cooper & Wm. Sanders.

Holbrook Jackson.

W. Sanders & S. G. Hobson.

Clifford Sharp & Edw. R. Pease.


Edw. R. Pease.

Walter J. Read & Edw. R. Pease.

H. G. Wells & A. C. Wells.

H. G. Wells.

J. McKillop & Clifford Sharp.

E. Norton & Chas. G. Lowman.

Clifford Sharp & Edw. R. Pease.

C. A. Mitchell & Noel Griffith.

Julie Moore & Edw. R. Pease.


Charlotte F. Shaw.

Thos. Foster.

Secretary.

E. F. Harrison & H.A. Oakshott.


J. E. Stratton & Ellis G. Goldie.

Thos. Foster.

7. Correspondence.

J. S. Lorraine. Death of Mr. Lorraine.

Bristol Soc. Sec. Resolution re. Sec. & Unit. Acknowledge.


S. Prevee asking permission to translate F. Essay into Russian. Say we have no rights, as Russia to include copyright convention 4 period now expired.

H. M. Kyndman. Cordial thanks.

J. B. Williams. Thanks for retention on file.


Kipsway Island. - After discussion it was resolved & a majority after division, that the Sec. sign on behalf of the Soc.
9. International Soc — Proposal by S. D. F. that we support meeting at Memorial Hall on Jan 22 to protest against Russian repression, as desired by the International Comitee. Agreed that Standing & Chesterton lie speakers & that 21 be sent.

10. Social Meetings. Agreed not to fill Mar 9 at present.

11. Shaw's Lecture Mar 23. On report of Sec'y agreed to take Ely Hall.

12. Wells Meeting Feb 9. Sec. ordered not to allow any non-member to attend, but in view of Hooper's recent services this letter not to officially notice Mr. Hooper. His resolutions to Sec. Electors discussed and journed for draft.
13. Poor Law Tract. Agreed that the P.L. come with Shaw & Chesterlow added, complete the Tract for press.

S.R. + Taylor
Executive Comm at Office 26 Jan. 1906
Present Taylor (in Chair) Holson, Dodd, Macroe, Peace Headlam, Sanders, Standing
Mr Shaw, Bland, Clere, Tetton, Webb, Shaw
Absent Alden M.P., Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Election Fund. Sec. reported a further donation of £7 6s. received, which he deemed too small to divide. The chairman, by order, tossed a coin, & in the verdict allotted the sum to Holson’s Fund.

3. Elections & Resignations
   Dr. Stanton Court. Application for admission. Motion on payment.
   Mr. Mole, asking to be reinstated on death of his son agreed.
   Miss F.M. Stewart. Resignation. Accepted.
   Dr. Angus Walker. Resignation on account of poverty. After debate, agreed to excuse rule, but expresses hope it will come.
4) Correspondence
F. E. Green, offering to lecture at 21/4 withdrawing offer.
F. W. Hayes, suggesting reprint of Heptarchy Tracts without wood Soc™ on adult page.
Sec. instructed to send a civil refusal.
Arthur Ritson, asking if an attempt to attend a meeting frustrated & overcrowding, conpts. yes.

Charge 10/-
Boyd Dawson, suggesting lecture on will. Ask Curn.
John Burns, forwarding letter of man who wants to borrow books. Agreed to send them.
J. Andrews, suggesting dinner to Fabian M.P. discussed at some length, to adjourned to next meeting.

5) "This History of Books". Sec. reported clearance for paper received from Wells. Indeed also that he desired to defer printing this till series be ready.

6) "Reprint of Rules". Agreed instead of Minute 8 Jan 12 to reprint the whole of the Annual Report
7) Municipal Milk correspondence. Draft prepared & Sec. amended & Shaw was adopted ordered to be sent.

8) Adoption Cover of L.R.C. Report. Agreed to take again at £4.4.0 as before.

9) Election results. Sec. reported results to date.

10) Wells' Meeting Feb 9th. Agreed to take Essex Hall.
Wells resolutions - Sec. presented resolutions as drafted & Wells agreed that Sec. Com@ welcome with Chairman. Olivier to be invited.
Time 7.30. - Debate to be in Comm. Adjournment. To be avoided if possible.

11) Place of Meeting. In view of Crowding the Sec. was instructed to take Essex Hall for Ruskin (Feb 23.) & for other dates...
Reprint of the "Intercepted Letter"

Letter from Newton suggesting this. After prolonged debate, it was agreed nem con. to reprint 2000 copies headed Reprinted from the National Review. To send 1000 thereof to members of the Society.

Socialist Policy of Labor Party in Parliament on the motion of Bland, after a long debate, it was agreed that a Committee on Executive Business [1] be appointed consisting of Hobson, Bland, Saunders, Macroe, Shaw, Taylor, Chesterton, Peace, etc. To prepare a tract on the above subject: that the Committee meet on Feb 2: that Bland prepare draft scheme: that notice be sent to the other members, who shall have power to attend.

F.W. Galton
1872/75
Executive at office 9th Feb, 1906.

Present: Galton (in chair), Hall except
Absent: Alden, Mr Shaw, Sanders, Wells

1. Minutes of last meeting were confirmed, & it was agreed to send thanks to Wells for £20.

2. Election of candidates. All elected, subject in several cases to payment of sub., or provision of letters from nominators. Sec. instructed to write Miss Hooke (subscriber of £) that the exec. desires to elect subscribers of less than £5
   For list see opposite.

3. Resignations: Mr. Clare Ferrell. Accepted.

4. Purge. The following list (see next page) were ordered to be struck of, subject to reinstatement of any who may apply.

5. Dennis N. Referee of the Crown is appointed by Mr. E. C. presented.
Miss Beatrice Hooke, 28 Solon New-road, Clapham, S.W.  ...  M. B. Murby & F. Kettle.
R. Basil James, 225 Croxtoed-road, Dulwich, S.E.  ...  J. W. Shaw & E. R. Pease.
Stephen S. J. Knight, 26 Ingatestone-road, Woodford Green, Essex  ...  ...  T. C. D. Williams & C. W. Beckett.
Miss A. L. Low, 11 Bedford-place, W.C.  ...  ...  J. W. Shaw & L. Haden Guest.
Rev. E. G. Maxted, 14 Langley-mansions, Winchfield Park, S.W. Alex. Miller, Brighthawe House, Campden, Glos.  ...  ...  L. Haden Guest & E. R. Pease.
E. W. Nicholls, 18 North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.  ...  ...  Archibald Ramage.
P. W. Peacock, 15 Cheyne-row, Chelsea, S.W.  ...  ...  Mary Forster & Rose F. Petty.
Thomas Phippen, 183 Norwood-road, S.E.  ...  ...  F. Kettle & M. B. Murby.
Wm. Ramsden, Harrogate  ...  ...  J. F. Dodd & T. A. Leonard.
Mrs. W. P. Reeves, 22 Prince of Wales-terrace, Kensington, W.  ...  ...  E. R. Pease.
Catherine Wells & H. G. Wells.
E. G. Wells, 41 Mason's-avenue, Wealdstone, Middlesex  ...  ...  Harry Phillips & Wm. Sanders.
F. Gurney Salter, 40 Ladbroke-road, W.  ...  ...  R. C. K. Ensor & R. V. Vernon.
Thomas Bayard Simmons, 5 Heathfield-road, Croydon  ...  ...  Ernest Williams & Mary Groves.
Frederick Thorsey, 99 Highbury-quadrant, N.  ...  ...  Edgar Jepson & E. R. Pease.
Rev. S. Claude Tickell, St. Mary's Rectory, Stamford, Lincon.  ...  ...  Secretary.
Thos. Turner, 1 Caledon-road, East Ham, E.  ...  ...  John Andrews & C. B. Jones.
Thos. Walker, Midland Printing Works, Charles-street, Shiplay, Yorks.  ...  ...  Secretary.
Joseph T. Whitehead, 237 Ashton Old-road, Higher Openshaw, Manchester  ...  ...  Secretary.

Glasgow F. S.
Thomas Lockrie, 103 Annfield-street, Glasgow  ...  Robert Pollok & Thos. Johnstone.
David Richmond, 2 Station-road, Busby, N.B.  ...  Robert Pollok & J. McLaren.
Wm. Roxburgh, 16 Wardlawhill-street, Rutherglen, N.B.  ...  Robert Pollok & Robert Hardie.
George P. Young, Burnside Cottage, Colston, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow  ...  Robert Pollok & R. McLaurin.

Glasgow University F. S.
John R. Orr, 135 Bellfield-street, Dennistoun, Glasgow  ...  Hugh A. Reyburn.
Andrew Patterson, 5 Kilbowie-cottages, Clydebank, Glasgow  ...  Hugh A. Reyburn.
R. W. Sutherland, 3 Queen Margaret-place, Kelvinside N., Glasgow  ...  Hugh A. Reyburn.
List of Members to be purged.

Bartlett, Mr. & Mrs. W.W.
Benson, J. W.
Bicker-Caarten, D.
Bradley, Harold.
Buckingham, J. H.
Carpenter, Bert.
Clark, Andrew
Cox, Mr. & Mrs. A.
Currie, Miss Jessie
Edds, J.
Garrity, Edw.
Gorniot, Thos.
Guthrie, Herbert
Hardy, A. P.
Henderson, F. R.
Hildesheim, Oscar
Hirsch, Dr. Albert
Holland, A.W.
Horsnaill, Miss Grace
Mundell, Ben
Pooley, A. E.
Stokes, Mr. & Mrs. Scott.
Taylor, Humphrey
Wolfer, Dr. Paul
Wright, Rev. G. C.

23 Ex-University members of Glasgow, Bala and The University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
6. Correspondence

T. Porter suggesting republishing S.B.S. or Theatre of the Future.

Say it is not exact on line.

S. D. F. Asking for further grant to Russian Meeting where cost £14. Send 21/- to Worker's Guild. Re cancelling of £5 of hall. Thank for letting me off.

Boyd Dewson. Accept offer of mill, subject to future arrangements for lectures.


Rider Haggard. Re lectures. Ask him to lecture to us on Mar. 16.


8. Program Comms. Good progress reported.

10. The Wells Question.

(a) Letter from him desiring that his Paper be printed in full in the News, & offering to contribute towards the expense.

Discussed, & deferred.

(b) Sec. I ordered to write Wells:

(c) That the Sec. Comittee desire all to be members of the proposed Comittee.

(d) That the proposed Comittee be nominated within reason as to members.

(e) Date of next Sec. - In view of the S.R.C. Conference, the next week, & the inconvenience of any other day, it was resolved to meet again on March 23rd.

11. Lecture Arrangements: agreed as follows:

Mar. 9 - Members meeting for the Police Tract at Clifford's Inn.

Lit. Lectures. Agreed that no more be booked, except for the present.
To the Members of the Executive Committee.

Wells and the Executive.

Wells wrote me after the issue of the last circular, asking if he could confer with the Executive.

Bland and Macrosty have objected to asking Wells to attend on the 23rd. The rest (I think) concur with the proposal.

In view of the already considerable delay, and of Wells's projected visit to America in March, it seems important to meet him (in both senses) at once, and as suggested by Chesterton I now propose:

That the Executive Committee assemble at 5. O'clock on the 23rd, and that Wells be asked to attend at 6. O'clock to confer.

I shall act on this proposal unless objection be made by Friday morning.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, W. C.
13th. February, 1906.
To the Members of the Executive Committee.

(1) It seems to me that the best way to settle two points in dispute with Wells, viz.

(a) Whether the Committee consist of (roughly) 10 or 30 members and who they are to be

(b) Whether his paper be printed in full in Fabian News (with or (without correction of historical errors) is to invite him to be present at the next Executive Meeting on February 23rd.

Will you please let me know your view by Wednesday morning?

Absence of reply by that date will be held to signify acquiescence.

I shall not act if there is serious divergency of opinion.

(2) I understand that no objection is raised to my sending the Intercepted Letter to Members of Parliament.

Edw. R. Pease
Secretary.

Fabian Society,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
10th, February, 1906.
Executive Comm at Office 23rd Feb. '06

Present: Welsh in chair & all except
Absent: Sanders Alden.
H.G. Wells was present at intervals.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

   Pride Haggard: declining to lecture.
   Herbert Day: on result of circulating
   Lodge's Tract: Indist.
   Sanitary Inspector: ass; asking list
   of Convictions. Referred
   to Lawson Dodd.

3. Tract 85. Liquor Licensing. After discussion.
   Please direct to bring up to
date in respect of law, or a
postscript or otherwise to
reprint a few from stereo.

4. Noël Bosh on Labor. Add to your list.
5. New Local Societies reported
Cam. Univ. Formed
Victoria Univ. Manchester Contemplated
Manchester City
Derby

6. Typewriter. Sec. reported the old one bought 1892 c. £6 no longer repaired. Agreed that he buy a new one.

7. Society Lecture
Mar. 9. After discussion, Bland reported that the labour program was not ready. Agreed to ask Josiah Wedgwood to give the lecture offered on Municipal Capital: failure in Reves on Australian Labour Party.

Mar. 23rd. Shaw on Darwin. Agreed that members and subscribers alone can attend.

9. The Wells Com. - This was discussed at length & it was ultimately moved by Bland:

That the Executive adhere to its determination to appoint a Committee of 30.

For the resolution Bland, Cheetham, Macrosty, Galton, Shaw. 5

Against: Taylor, Holson, Mrs. Shaw, Headlam Standing Webb, Peace. 7.

Resolution therefore lost.

Shaw moved

That the Exec. refuse to appoint any of its members to the Com. 

For this only 3 voted, & it was declared the lost.

It was then agreed that Wells be informed that in view of his determination to unwillingly accept any other plan, the Executive consented to appoint the Com. on his nomination:

and that it would not object to any of its members willing to do so, serving on the Com. - It was further
The opinion of the Executive that the Secretary should not be a member of the Committee.

Wells, on being informed of this (except the last clause) then proposed the following names; the members of the Executive nominated, accepted nominations, except Peace who declined:

Sydney Oliver
Stanton Court
A. E. Colegate
Haden Guest
F. A. Wells
Mrs. Wells
Mrs. Shaw

accepted

Rev. S. D. Headlam
G. R. S. Taylor

10 in all.

declined.

Peace.

It was agreed that Wells be convenor and that the Office of Office Staff be entirely at the service of the Committee; further that any member of the Exco may attend to give evidence if desired.

Wells asked that the Exco empower
The Comité to add its number: but this was declined, on the ground that the Executive was instructed to appoint the Comité, and could not relinquish this power.

10. Faults of the Fabian Paper. The proposal to print this paper in full in Fabian News was then discussed (in the absence of Wells). It was agreed to decline this offer to pay for the printing, though any subscription to the funds would of course be accepted. After a long debate the proposal to print in Fabian News was negatived, and as a compromise it was resolved 9–3 that the Executive offer to Wells to print the paper in full for circulation to members of the Society only. This was communicated to Wells, who declined to consent, stating
that he should himself publish the paper. --
Wells then left. --
It was then agreed that Wells be asked to
prepare for Fabian views a summary in the
ordinary form, not exceeding 1/2 columns,
and failing that, that he allow the Secretary
to make such a summary in the
usual way.

Julian Bland
Memorandum sent at the request of Sidney Webb.

On Saturday night a telegram was received from H. G. Wells:

"Have been reconsidering recent discussion will arrange lecture as consider pamphlet to members only provided it can be printed forthcoming to go to members at latest March 15. Can you arrange with Executive and let me know Tuesday Wells?"

I have replied by letter merely saying that I would send his telegram to Pease for circulation to Executive on Monday but that I did not see how a decision could be given before Friday's meeting, when he should have a telegram; and that if the Executive so decided, it would be possible to circulate the pamphlet as soon as it could be printed.

(My view is that we should accept this withdrawal of his hasty refusal of the Executive proposal; and proceed to carry it out (i.e. send his revised version in pamphlet form to members only, specially so marked, as enclosure to March Fabian News, delaying issue for this purpose.

(Signed) Sidney Webb (25/2/06).

I assume that Wells' proposal will be accepted, and shall, unless objection is made, get on with the printing of the paper.

Edw. R. Pease

Fabian Office,
3, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.
26th. February, 1906.
Sec. at office 2nd Mar. 1906.
Present: Blandfin chair & all except
Absent: Alden

(1) Minutes were confirmed.

(2) Circular letter annexed. The Sec. action as
proposed therein was approved.

(3) Correspondence:
   First May Celebration. Agreed to take no
   action on Circular, but to note
   that 11/3d is due to the Societ
   for Tracts supplied.
   British Institute of Social Service. Appointment
   of delegate. Peace confirmed.
   Mrs. Grover suggesting tract on
   Adulterated foods. Agreed
   to refer to Miss Hodgkinson.

   Sec. agreed to send £7. To state that
   our undertaking was limited to £8.
and any further grant beyond this must lie the subject of a fresh application.

Wells & His Conn. The Special Conn.
(a) Proof of reprint of the Wells lecture was submitted. It was agreed to delete one line in the introductory paragraph of the whole of the report of the meeting.
(b) Proof of report of meeting re: for the news was submitted, amended & approved.
(c) The Sec. reported that several newspapers had sent interviewers that he had used his discretion in giving them information. After discussion it was agreed that the Sec. give the Secy no instructions in the matter.

Meeting of the Society. Sec. reported that for man of Wedgewood was engaged & W. P. Reeves was
Meeting of Society (cont.)

Mr. W. H. Reeves of Women's Franchise in N. Z. approved.

Mar. 23rd: Show on Darwin.

Agreed that the lecture cards have printed on them.

For members

This meeting is confined to members and subscribers.

Not transferable.

No admission without production of ticket.

April 6: agreed to ask Wedgwood.

23: Conrad Noel offered lecture on Tennyson. Agreed to ask him for this date.

May 11: Members meeting on policy.

(1) Associates on motion & Bland it was agreed to write the Wells Comm. that the Trust desires to take advantage of the Room & to send Election to form a new order of Associates of those in general sympathy with Fabian.
(1) Associate cont'd

objects, as suggested by Mr.

Simmons, to seek the Com

their opinion on the proposed

action.

Cecil Chadburn
Executive Committee Meeting 9th March 1905

Present, Chesterton (in chair) + all except Absent: Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed, with one amendment.

2. The candidates on the next page were elected subject to payment of subscription and completion of formalities in one or two cases.

3. Correspondence.

   - Invitation to Strand Shop Conference. Headlam to go.
   - Library sent on Governmental areas. No delegate would offer.

   F. Brocklehurst on the old song that new.

4. Associates. Reply from the Special Committee to the effect that they regarded the proposal as premature. On the motion of Bland, it was agreed that the Exec. Comm. approve the proposal in principle. The Sec. was instructed
CANDIDATES

Mrs. Grant Allen, 35 St. Thomas’s-mansions, Westminster Bridge, S.E.
Miss Bidlake, 12 Great Ormond-street, W.C.
Cecil E. Catford, 15 Pheelp-street, Walworth, S.E.
Henry Clemens, 77 York-road, East Ham, E.
R. W. Coit, 3 Green-street, Cambridge
H. G. Corner, 4 Helix-gardens, Brixton Hill, S.W.
Miss C. R. Emery, Howardene, Garden City, Letchworth, Herts.
R. Lord Gifford, Blackburn
Aubrey Goodes, Ferndale, Stanley-road, Hornchurch
B. Kirkman Gray, 6 Christchurch-place, Hampstead, N.W.
W. S. Clayten Greene, 2 Garden-court, Temple, E.C.
Mrs. N. L. Griffith, 30 Montague-street, Bloomsbury, W.C.
James Hodkinson, 50 Lower Greaves, Lancaster
Ernest G. Inman, 8 Canterbury-road, Leyton, Essex
Lionel Kingsley, 26 Bassingham-rd., Wandsworth Common, S.W.
Rev. C. F. kite, Clergy House, Chislehurst, Kent
Miss E. C. Macirone, 126 Adelaide-road, N.W.
Miss Milner, 15 Quernmore-road, Lancaster
R. Barry Parker, Baldock, Herts.
W. H. Perkins, 16 Ebergerston-terrace, Hyde Park, Leeds
W. Chas. Potter, 17 Union-road, Vicarage-lane, West Ham, E.
A. G. Reynolds, 24 North-villas, Camden-square, N.W.
Oswald B. Richardson, Mosscroft, Gateshead-on-Tyne
F. B. Sinclair, Market Place-buildings, Sheffield
Miss Maud Smith, 6 Hall-road, Rusholme, Manchester
F. H. Spencer, 17 Tiverton-mansions, Gray’s Inn-road, W.C.
Louis Williams, 61 Dudley-road, Tipton, Staffs.

Glasgow F. S.

Miss Allan, 2 Vinicombe-street, Hillhead, Glasgow
Geo. W. Clarke, 4 Melrose-avenue, Rutherglen, Glasgow
Thos. Collinge, Brier Bank, Pot-terhill, Paisley
Rev. Chas. Hall, “Meersbrook,” Meikleriggs, Paisley
Mrs. C. A. Hall, “Meersbrook,” Meikleriggs, Paisley
Miss Jessie M. King, 101 St. Vin-cent-street
Ninian Macbannnell, 1,366 Pol-lokshaw-road, Glasgow
A. E. Clarke White, 10 Botwell-terrace, Shawlands, Glasgow
Allan H. Wilson, 122 Balgray-hill, Springburn, Glasgow

PROPOSED BY

C. Wells & Fred Whelen.
Mary Forster & L. Haden Guest.
M. O’Brien Harris & J. T. Harris.
W. A. Colegate & E. R. Pease.
L. Haden Guest.
E. W. Nicholls & Rose Gardner.
P. R. Pratt & Rose Armstrong.
Thos. Foster.
F. W. Galton.
F. Lawson Dodd & Sidney Webb.
Hubert Bland & Noel Griffith.
Percy E. T. Widdrington.
E. F. Jones & T. H. Ridpath.
Edw. R. Pease.
Amy Spencer & F. H. Spencer.
Percy E. T. Widdrington.
F. Lawson Dodd.
Fred Marquis.
W. A. Colegate & Edw. R. Pease.
Wm. Betts & Mrs. Betts.
Paul Stacy.
Secretary.
Fred Marquis.
A. Spencer & Edw. R. Pease.
Secretary.

Glasgow F. S.

R. McLaurin & John McLaren.
John McLaren & James Meldrum.
James Meldrum & John McLaren.
James Meldrum & John McLaren.
John McLaurin & Robert Pollok.
W. Twaddle & J. McLaren.
John McLaren & Robert Pollok.
(4) Associates (cont.)

To bring up a draft alteration of rules & form of application for signature, embodying general agreement with the objects & a 10/- subscription.

(5) Country Lectures. On the motion of Macleod, the country lecture plans abandoned at the time of the Gen. Election were reconstituted & it was agreed that it is too late to attempt them this season. - After further discussion it was agreed that Sanders, Macleod, Galton, Chesterton & Peace be a comittee to report on lecture schemes for the autumn.

(6) Fabian Festival or Dinner. Sec. reported that the Special Comittee declined to take over consideration of the matter. After discussion it was agreed that Lawson, Dodd be a comittee to prepare a report & project for a soiree or other entertainment other than a dinner.
(7) Circular to M.P.'s — after discussion it was agreed that Sec'y prepare draft circular to M.P.'s regarding the Poor Law 1909, & inviting subscribers & purchase of bonds/tracts etc. with order form.

(8) Lectures — Sec.-reported arrangements complete to Mar. 11. agreed that he ask W. Irving for Mar. 25.

Sawyer Dodd
March 28, 06.
Executive Comm at Office 23rd March 1906.

Present - Dodd in Chair + all except

Absent - Webb, Alden.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.

S. Well. Apology for absence
Send free with news

Mr. Macpherson. Re Women's Labour League
Same as before.

Mr. Boyd Turner. Wanting lecture & show on Socialism
Cormellon J. Walker. On value of Fabian tracts.
Harold Shaveross. On the danger of innovation
in Fabian methods

Refer? Propaganda to the Special Comm.

Paul Coles. Wanting help for a Swansea F. S.
Sec. authorised to arrange lecture
by S. G. Hobson at some time.

Hand Improvement. More papers.
(2.) (Cont.?) Correspondence

Essex Hall. Offering Hall at £3.3.0 for each care for a dozen. Accept.


S. K. Ratchiffe. Offering Lecture on 2nd August. Accept on India.

(3.) Minimum Wage. Tracing. Agreed that Comité report thereon to the Exec.


(5.) Fabian News. Double No. approved.

(6.) County Lectures Circular to M.P.s. Report not presented & deferred to 36th May.

Proposed New Rule.


Any person may become an Associate by signing a statement that he is in sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Society.

Associates must pay an annual subscription of 10/-: and are entitled to attend all the meetings of the Society and to receive all its ordinary publications. But they are not entitled to speak or vote on resolutions dealing with the business of the society or its policy: or to take any other part in the management of its affairs.

Form of Application for Associates.

I am in sympathy with and desirous of promoting the work of the Fabian Society, and desire to be enrolled as an associate. I will pay an annual subscription of at least ten shillings.
8. 


9) Spec. Fault of Fabian. Protest from Wells as to deletion of the report of debate appended to his Fault of the Fabian paper. Sec. ordered to rep. that he did not ask the Ex. to publish his report; that in their opinion it was not accurate, & preferred to delete it rather than correcting it.

10) Special Comm. Deputation. Mr. Wells, Mr. Reeve, J. C. Wells, Sydney Oliver, J. Haden Guest, & W. A. Colegate attended to confer with the Ex. on proposed re-draft of the scheme, in accordance with the annexed scheme. A long discussion ensued. No resolution was proposed or adopted.

T. W. Gallon
30/3/06
Memorandum from Special Committee.

Proceeding now to the conditions upon which membership and association with the society should rest, your committee came to the conclusion that these conditions should be based on the question of the basis, subscription to which is at present obligatory upon all candidates to membership. Your committee has decided to offer a detailed criticism of this and certain suggestions arising out of that criticism. Your committee is unanimously of opinion that a positive declaration of faith in socialism should remain obligatory upon all full members and that some compact and sufficient definition of socialism must be combined with the declaration, but it considers that in the past the Society has been unduly content to accept such declaration alone as a satisfactory proof of sound faith in socialism without the confirming evidence of adequate contributions to the work and funds of the society. Your committee considers that in consequence it has been possible for light-minded persons to whom subscription to any sort of basis presents little or no difficulty, to join the society, while conscientious socialists, eager and able to be of service to us may have found difficulties in doing so.

It is certainly possible to make grave objections to the basis as it stands at present.
In the first place your committee remarks certain omissions. The most serious of these is that want of any prominent assertion that one chief aim of socialism is the enlargement of human freedom. It does indeed assert "If these measures be carried out, without compensation (though not without such relief to expropriated individuals as may seem fit to the community), Rent and Interest will be added to the reward of labour, the idle class now living on the labour of others will necessarily disappear, and practical equality of opportunity will be maintained by the spontaneous action of economic forces with much less interference with personal liberty than the present system entails." But your committee is of opinion that this is by no means the clearest and most striking phrasing possible, and that as a statement of Socialist aims in this direction it is incomplete.

Your committee considers it a defect in the present basis that it ignores the express aim of socialism to secure an ampler and nobler type of individual life, and a more beautiful way of living for all men. Objection has been made to the basis that its tone is materialistic and litigious, and your committee is of opinion that this charge is a justifiable so far as these omissions go.

Passing from these omissions to the general phraseology of the basis your committee has to observe that it is not, as it might very well be, of such a texture that our members may quote it with
pleasure, learn it by heart for help and support, or re-read it with refreshment. It is dry in manner without being succinct, and it mingles aims and beliefs with theories and explanations that are now in some cases out of date and superfluous. For example, note the second sentence of the first paragraph, "In this way only can the natural and acquired advantages of the country be equitably shared by the whole people." A sentence clearly aimed, at the date of composition, at some school of communism or anarchism which may now be ignored. Your committee does not think that the basis is the proper place for attempting to confute or repudiate the many and various forms of human error that may be in conflict with socialism.

Proceeding to a detailed examination, your committee would point out that the second paragraph and the first sentence of the third paragraph repeat and elaborate without extending, the declaration made in the first sentence of the first paragraph. Your committee is of opinion that the emergencies whatever they may have been, that once made the repetition necessary, no longer obtain and that the first sentence of the first paragraph standing alone is now adequate for our needs. "It therefore aims at the re-organisation of Society by the emancipation of Land and Industrial Capital from individual and class ownership, and the vesting of them in the community for the general benefit." The second sentence
of the third paragraph certain members of your committee consider to be historically inaccurate and your committee does not regard its assertion as an essential article of socialistic belief. It is quite possible for a good socialist to believe that a capitalistic organisation of society has in the past been a necessary and even on the whole a beneficial phase in social development, and that monopoly was neither its prime cause nor its distinctive feature. Your committee is indeed of opinion that the word "monopoly" is used in the basis in some erroneous sense, much as people use "decimate" to indicate the slaughter of the larger portion of a fighting force. ("Private ownership" would appear to be a more suitable expression). No serious injury can be done to socialism if this incorrect use of "monopoly" is abandoned.

The next paragraph seems designed to present the state of human happiness to be attained under socialism. Your committee believes this might be more alluringly put.

The pronouncement that expropriation must be "without compensation," followed immediately by a weakening qualification seems to your committee, in the first place to be the intrusion of a question of revolutionary detail of secondary importance, and one not of essential value to the Socialistic faith, and in the second place
the Society, in the course of its 22 years activity, has constantly advocated, and claims much to have done much to bring about, the transfer of industrial capital to the state it never has advocated such transfers without compensation, but has, on the contrary, continuously society. This your committee begs leave to question. Your committee finds no serious objection to the proposed text to compensate the suggestion that we have advocated pauper allowances to the tramway and water shareholders, or to the landlords expropriated for public building schemes is a species of cant that deceives nobody and produces on your committee a most disagreeable impression.

Your committee finds the last sentence of the Basis inadequate as a statement of the general aims and methods of the Fabian Society and they miss any concise indication of the need and direction of individual activity on this point.

Your committee regards as unfortunate the use of such words as Rent, Capital and Interest in a technical sense. It is not desirable to present Socialism as exclusively an outcome of political economy now it only to be understood by students of economics and dependent on the validity of that science; the broad idea of socialism may be grasped by all and is, your committee thinks, best expressed in language used and understood by all.
Your committee is informed that to many members of the Fabian Society the basis has by association, become an almost holy document, that may only be touched at a peril to the unity of the society. This your committee begs leave to question. Your committee finds no sacred splendour in the accepted text to compensate for its real defects, and is strongly of opinion that the extremest cases of devotion do extend to frequent re-perusal. On the other hand it has been asserted that there is a fresh real loss of enthusiasm and of members to the society through its unstimulating, dogmatic and now rather old-fashioned tone. Under the circumstances your committee has ventured to revise the basis with a view to rendering it simpler and clearer, retaining nevertheless and even emphasising its strictly socialistic tone.
Proposed Revised Basis.

The Society in accordance with these views seeks to bring

The Fabian Society consists of socialists.

Its purpose is to forward the progress of Socialism by all
available means.

It aims at increasing the liberty, security and well-being of
all - by the freeing of land and industrial resources from private
ownership and the vesting of them in the community. It holds that
the institution of private property in these public necessities
and their control for the profit and satisfaction of individual
proprietors, involves the degrading and hopeless poverty of
great masses of mankind and a narrow baseness of outlook, a waste
of human capacity and a universal insecurity in all classes of
Society. It subordinates all private rights of property to
the public welfare.
The Society in accordance with these views seeks to bring about a reconstruction of the social organization.

By the systematic promotion of all reasonable proposals to transfer land, monopolistic enterprises and all other such undertakings as may be practicable, to properly constituted public ownership and control.

By sustaining a socialist propaganda.

By organizing and facilitating the study of all questions arising out of the development and application of socialist principles.

Each member holds himself bound to forward these ends to the full extent of his powers and means and particularly to make new members and associates whenever opportunity occurs.
Executive Committee at Office
35th March 1906

Present: Galton (in chair) & all except
Absent: Alden

1) Minutes were confirmed

2) Correspondence
   John Baker - Gift of 15 Slides
   1st May Col. Com. - Payment of old arrears
   Miss Gorton, suggesting lecture on
   India & Sir D. Robertson
   (Subscriber) agreed to ask
   him to attend & speak at
   Ratcliffe's lecture.

3) Socialism & Public Health - Draft lecture
   offered by Dodd. Agreed that
   an open com. be formed
   Dodd, McCleary, Standing,
   Galton, Shaw, Dr. Guest, Dr.
   Newman & please see the
   Com. e
(4) Finance. See reported debts all paid.

(5) Draft Circular to M.P.6 was approved and amended & Shown.

(6) Annual Report. It was agreed to revive the usual Report.

(7) Country Lectures. Report of the Course in MS was read & considered. After debate it was agreed that the discussion be adjourned & the report sent to the members of the Exec. It was further agreed to put a preliminary notice to subcribe Lectures in Fabian News.

(8) Fabian Entertainment. Report was further considered & it was agreed
(a) To have an entertainment on the Eves proposed
(b) Date 18th May
(c) Tickets 1/6 for members or visitors
(d) No speeches.
(8) Fabian Entertainment (cont.)

(e) Exec. members to wear rosettes & receive in turns

(f) Sharp. to manage the music

(g) To put a par in the news asking for subscriptions to a Guarantee Fund

(h) To have a list of Official Guests

(i) That Mr. Townsend, Taylor, Standing, Dodd & Peace be a core to make arrangements.

Stewart Steel Clark
Executive Meeting at Office 6 April '56
Present: Headlam (in chair), Hall except
Albert Web, Alden, Hobson.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Correspondence.
   Queensland Vaguard, Accepting offer of £5 of
   Books in return for 50/- receipt.
   Women's Local Govt Societies, Aiding of Peace in signing
   Petition on behalf of Society
   was approved.
   Women's Coop Guild agreed to sign their
   W.S. petition as a Society.

   Miss Otter, asking re L.C.C. Childrens Byelaws.
   Peace & Sanders were asked to take any action thought useful.

3. Candidates for April. List on next page subject to payment of
   Subscriptions in cases of Misses Oliveri,
   E. Morgan, Miss Chaplin, Burdett & the
   sending of letters for Miss Chaplin.
Candidates for Election.

Proposed by

John Archibald, Cranbrook-buildings, Ilford, Essex
Sidney J. Berry, Linnyshaw Farm, Walkden, nr. Manchester
T. A. Bourne, 106 Tufnell Park-road, N.
Osbert H. Burdett, King's College, Cambridge
Miss Helen Burgis, B.A., 3a Clifton-road, South Norwood
Miss Eva Chaplin, 50 York-street, Portman-square, W.
William Day, 40 Belvedere-road, Norwood, S.E.
N. R. Dharmavir, 48 Osborne-terrace, Padiham, Lanes.
Albert C. Elsdon, 83 Macoma-road, Plumstead
Christopher C. Fagg, 66 Church-road, Upper Norwood, S.E.
Miss Fernie Fletcher, 81 Osborne-road, Forest Gate, E.
Mrs. F. W. Hayes, 12 Westcroft-square, W.
G. R. Hayes, 12 Westcroft-sq., W.
Mrs. R. H. Hooper, 15 Amberly-road, Sydenham, S.E.
Horace Horsnell, c/o H. G. Wells, Spade House, Sandgate, Kent.
Tennyson Large, 16 Manchuria-road, Battersea, S.W.
Mrs. R. C. Lambert, 83 Ladbrooke-grove, W.
H. Light, 100 Nelson-rd., Crouch End, N.
Albert E. Martin, 52 Marlborough-road, Bowes Park, N.
Edward Morgan, Langley Croft, Watford
Basil J. Nagle, 62 Drew-road, Silvertown, E.
Edward O'Gorman, 41 Manilla-rd., Tooting Bec Common, S.W.
Miss Margery Olivier, The Championships, Limpsfield, Surrey
Miss Brynhild Olivier, The Championships, Limpsfield, Surrey
Maitland Radford, 1 Portland-villas, East Heath-road, Hampstead, N.W.
Harold H. Rothery, 120 Clarence-road, Clapton, N.E.
Mrs. Marion Ryan, 5 Neverson-square, Earl's Court, S.W.
Richard Arthur Roberts, 244 Barry-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.
Peter Sandiford, 19 Lime-grove, Oxford-road, Manchester
A. H. Spiers, 23 Melrose-gardens, Shepherd's Bush-road, W.
Percy C. Vaughan, 8 New-square, Lincoln's Inn, W.C.
George F. Wilson, 9 Fenchurch-street, E.C.
Miss Mary E. Wilson, 147 Hamlet-mansions, W.
Arthur Geo. Watts, 3 Fitzroy-st., Fitzroy-square, W.

Thos. Freeman.
Secretary.
H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
Ernest Williams & A. S. Tebbutt.
F. P. Elkington & H. Adkins.
J. Archibald & Edw. R. Pease.
Thos. Foster.
Lily Hodgkinson & E. R. Pease.
Frank Death & J. E. Matthews.
F. W. Hayes & H. Guy Bentley.
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R. H. Hooper & Edw. R. Pease.
Sydney Olivier & H. G. Wells.
H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
E. D. Girdlestone & J. A. Fallows.
E. R. Pease & Lily Hodgkinson.
George Haw & Thos. Sweetlove.
E. Norton.
Wm. Betts and Mrs. Betts.
T. H. Ridpath & Edw. R. Pease.
H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
Gerald Gould & Clifford Sharp.
Edw. R. Pease & Hubert Bland.
Fred Marquis.
H. W. Macrosty & W. L. Davies.
Stanton Coit & Richd. Whitening.
H. Guy Bentley & F. W. Hayes.
H. G. Wells & Catherine Wells.
(4) Fabian Entertainment. Dodd reported progress, & it was agreed to add the name of Cecil Sharp to the Committee.

(5) Accounts. Sec. reported as follows:

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(6) "Fabian Nursery". Sec. reported he had granted Office & Miss Bland for a meeting to form a Society of Junior Fabians. Action approved, & agreed that Miss Bland be informed that the Sec. will grant all facilities to the new society, including notices in the News, & will make a grant of cash for hiring a Hall for Meetings, etc., if required.
(7) **Public Health Committee.** Dodd proposed to ask Sir John Cost and other distinguished persons to join the Committee. After discussion this proposal was negatived, and it was agreed instead to elect Mr. Hodgkinson.

(8) **Tracts.** The sale and question of Bond Sets was discussed, and it was agreed to refer to the Pub. Com. the question of printing sets of special classes of tracts.

(9) **Circular to W.P.** Proof approved, and agreed that it be issued after the Easter recess.

(10) **Lecture Campaign.** The annulated report was considered, and with the amendment indicated, was unan- mously adopted.

F.W. Gulton
20/4/12
Country Lectures 1906-7.

The Committee Macrosty, Galton, Sanders, Chesterton and Pease met twice, Chesterton being absent from the first and Galton and Sanders from the second meeting.

The following resolutions were adopted.

1. That the lectures be directed in the first place towards promoting the influence and extension of the Fabian Society.

2. That a course of 4 lectures be prepared on
   I The Moral Basis of Socialism
   II The Material Basis of Socialism
   III Present-day Socialism and the Labour Party
   IV When Socialism is in Power.

3. That Local Fabians, Ethical Societies and other such organisations and persons be communicated with in such places as
   Wimbledon Kingston-on-Thames Watford Richmond
   Harrow Wanstead Flats Ilford Romford Ealing
   Enfield Acton Chelmsford

and any other middle class resorts in the London area.

4. That each course of 4 be given by one and the same lecturer.

5. That Snell and Sanders be asked to draft a syllabus for the use of the lecturers.

6. That the lecturers be divided into 3 classes:
(1) Professional lecturers, (i.e. persons who occasion habitually make a substantial part of their income from lecturing) who shall be paid 21/- a lecture and expenses.

(II) Marginal lecturers, (i.e. persons who occasionally lecture for money) whose cases shall be considered on their merits.

(III) Amateur lecturers, who shall be paid out-of-pocket expenses only.

\(\text{Where necessary under this scheme}\)

(7) That the bulk of the work be done by Professionals and the remainder by the others.

(8) Names of lecturers:

- Sanders
- Shallard
- Snell
- Galton
- Guest
- Ensor
- Coit
- Hobson
- O'Dell
- Chesterton

\(\text{Professionals}\)

\(\text{Others}\)

Possible lecturers to be tried:

- Colegate
- Sidney Herbert
- R. V. Vernon
- Rev. T.

be given in the inner ring of London suburbs e.g.

- Hampstead
- Norwood
- Dulwich
- Stoke Newington
- Wandsworth
- Blackheath
- Croydon
- Lewisham

by such lecturers as

- Shaw
- Coit
- Bland
- Webb
- Wells
- Olivier

\(\text{to be arranged by expert advance agents such as Galton}\).
Executive Committee Office 25th April 1906
Absent: Webb, Mr. Shaw, Shaw, Sanders, Dodd.

Headline

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Correspondence.
   Dr. M. C. Eder asking re-admission after 10 years abroad. Agreed.

   Clonoga More, Mrs. Akers, missing in news of toilet commission. Our review this week.

   Secs. reply regarding was approved.

   Mrs. Stewart, applying for associateship & advising advice re sale of house for convalescent home. Refer to T. Hall.


   British Assn. for Industrial Legislation.

   Osalton & Peace delegates.


   Par in news.
(3) Associatehip. Sec. reported three applications. Amendment proposed & F. T. Harris agreed to put in News.

(4) Fabian Nursery. Formation reported.


(6) Fabian Social. Fixed for June 15th, as the Hall could not be had on May 18.

(7) Next Session Lectures. Draft scheme & minutes referred to the G.P. Comittee.

(8) Labour Policy Track. Proposals discussed, & with verbal amendments, approved. Further parts to be considered at next meeting.

S.G. Hobson 27th 12/1906
Executive Committee Office
27th April 1906

Present: Holson (in chair) & all except
Albert Shaw, Mrs Shaw, Alden, Macrae.

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Correspondence

Clougha Money MP. Further letters.

After discussion it was agreed that the Sec. send
no reply to the last received.

Woolwich Clarion Scouts: Bazaar for Woolwich
Labor League. Agreed to send
tracts to the value of 5/-

Women's Local Sect. Agreed to write them we will
make known the proposed
demonstration to our members.

Labour Party. Agreed to have fees as usual

2. T. Robinson. Sending 20% for old
debt long ago written off.
Agreed to reimburse him on
payment of 5/-
3. Typewriter. Sec. reported new one purchased for £17.17.0 the old machine.

4. Book Boxes. Sec. reported a steady demand in excess of supply. Agreed that the man extend to the amount of £30. during the year.

5. Arrangements for Session. Agreed as follows:
   June 8 Reeves
   15 Sorre
   29 Ratcliffe

6. Socialism & Labour Party. Agreed to hold over the views till it is ready.

7. L.C.C. Children’s Byelaws. Agreed to write to the Home Office urging it to hurry up.

8. Lectures for Session 1906-7. The following course recommended:
   The following course recommended in the General Purposes Committee was approved, thus if suggested...
lectures were agreed to viz:

Socialism & the Middle Classes

I Psychology & Economics of the Middle Classes — Blund.
II Small Capitalist — Macredy
III The Salaried Man — Olivier
IV Socialism & The Professors — Wells
V Socialism & The Arts — Shaw

Special Lecture
Socialism & the Press — Chesterton

Cecil Chesterton
Expc. Com. at office 4 May 06.

Present Chesterton (in chair) Galton, Standing Headlam Taylor Bland Hobson Peace Weel.

Absent Shaw, H. H. Shaw, Dodd, Alden, Sanders Macrost.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Lectures for June.
   See reported Essex Hall not available for June 6th. Agreed to ask Reeves for June 29th to take Ratcliffe in Jul.
   Dr. M. S. Eden. Offer of paper on Cost of Death. Agreed to accept.

   (1) That 2 lists bound in 2 vols. be put on sale.
   (2) That Tract 5 be partially revised and reprinted.
   (3) That an Appendix to Weird to read be revised as a tract.
   (4) That certain Tracts be dropped, but as to
No 79. A word of caution &c. Mr. O’Brien

Harris be consulted on her return as to whether any c. be sold to or by the
Court of Friends.

5. Ernest Radford. Agreed to reinstate him on payment of a fee.

New passages approved.
Agreed that well draft a paper on Education.
Agreed that Mugggeridge be asked to take the chair.

7. Library List. Agreed that the Sec. be ordered in due course to prepare a new
List of Books for Public Libraries.

Stewart S. Hallam
Meeting May 11th 1906.

Present: Headlam in chair + all except
Absent: Webb, Sanders, Alden, Macrory, Holton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Candidates all elected.

Candidates for Election.

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<td>John Stocker, 89 Wellwood-road, Goodmayes, Essex</td>
<td>F. W. Hayes.</td>
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<td>H. E. Weaver, jun., Worcester House, Sanderstead-road, Sanderstead, Surrey</td>
<td>T. A. Leonard &amp; Fred Marquis.</td>
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<td>Davidson Berry, 4 Newlands-park, Newlands, Glasgow</td>
<td>Robert Hardie &amp; Wm. Roxburgh.</td>
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<td>Alfred Dalziel, 10 Albert-road, Crosshill, Glasgow</td>
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May 25th

(3) Meetings. Sec. reported that Winning had asked to be excused for ill-health. That Reeves had refused. Dr. Eder agreed to take his place. Agreed to ask Reeves for June 29th.

(4) Application for Membership Forms. Agreed to insert notice to associates & subscribers above the Extract of Rules.

(5) Poor Law Commission. Sec. reported that Theodore Dodd wanted not to organize evidence & offered to contribute to cost. Agreed to ask Mr. Webb whether he thinks we should do anything by way of obtaining evidence.

(6) Library for Members. Webb sent in suggestions. Matter referred to Bland to bring up a proposal.
Socialism & Labour Party.

Amendments to the Tract F. W. Hayter, L. W. Cribb & others were considered.
It was resolved to amend passage relating to Liquor Licences, & other
alterations were agreed to.

S.R.S. Power.
Exec. at Office 18th May 1906.
Present Taylor in chair & all except
Absent Dodd, Mr Shaw.

1. Minutes were confirmed

2. Circular to M.P.s. Sec. reported
57 subs. & 57 for Tracts received
from E. H. Holden M.P. W. Runciman
M.P. & Mrs F. H. Tennant: also
order for Tracts from W. Dorset & Co.

3. W. Suffrage Demo's Deputation. Sec. reported
that in accordance with circular
sent to the members of the Exec. in
the absence of any reply the Exec.
appointed S. G. Holson to represent
the Society. Action approved.

4) Correspondence
H. G. Wildshir in the Country
B. T. Hall proposed reprint of Sec.

6. Submission of Tracts to Society. Bland & Peace suggested that the privileges of members to make verbal amendments needed curtailment. After debate the proposal was adjourned sine die.

7. Library for Members. On the motion of Bland, Taylor, Chesterton, himself, Sec. 7 were appointed a Committee.

8. Socialism: Labor Policy. Amendments were further discussed & the Tract passed for press.
Exec. Comm. on Fri. Mar 25th 1906 at 5.35 pm

Present: Chesterton (in chair) + all except
Alcott, Alden, W. C. Shaw, Webb.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Lecture June 29th. Sec. reported Reeves refused, & proposed to ask Ratcliffe. Agreed.


4. Correspondence.
   - Tom Norris applying for reinstatement. Agreed.
   - John Edwards. Wanting high-class lecturers.
   - Headlam, Chesterton, Holson, Bland & others.
5. Associate Sec. instructed to send form to all subscribers.
   After debate, it was agreed that the names of associates be not printed in Fabian news.

6. Sorse: Dodd reported good progress. Ct was agreed
   (a) To state time from 8 to 11 o'clock.
   (b) To contract at 1/- for refreshments.
   (c) To hire extra chairs if necessary.
   (d) To use the old Crane block for tickets.
   (e) To raise price from 1/6 to 2/6 after first post on Monday 11th June.
   (f) To approve arrangements of music & Sharks.
   (g) To state: Evening dress optional.
   (h) To authorize Dodd to arrange details of Shark's expenses, costumes & telephone.
   (i) To print a separate program of music.
   (k) To call Sorse. Come off Thursday May 31st at 5:30.
7. Poor Law Com.: Letter from Mr. Webb referred to and to procure evidence was read and the consideration deferred.

8. Minimum Wage Test. Revised proofs were discussed and amendments to Macrod and others considered. Sanders was requested to make the amendments indicated and the consideration of the tract as amended was appointed for a future date.

T.W. [Signature]
8/6/00
Minutes were confirmed.

2. The following were elected subject to payment of sub...necessary costs in cases of Harold Murray, A. Walker, D. Thompson, & L. C. Harrison:

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<td>H. L. Jackson.</td>
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<td>Mrs. La Chard, &quot;The Bungalow,&quot; Foundry Meadow, Haslemere</td>
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<td>Mrs. Leatham, 83 Trammeres-road, Earlsfield, S.W...</td>
<td>Lionel Kingsley &amp; Edw. R. Pease.</td>
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<td>Miss Jessie Newsham, 8 The Avenue, Haslemere</td>
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<td>Daniel Thompson, 1 Montague-road, Sale, Cheshire</td>
<td>T. A. Leonard &amp; J. Fletcher Dodd.</td>
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Correspondence

Mr. Brian Harris re Soc in N.S.A.
A. Hickmore Socialist 6o. repr qnt Rep, it is impracticable.

Cecil Chesterton. No charge for anti-papal insert.

Chad. Farmer. Offer for Shaw remainder. Agreed not 25 sell Fabianism + Empire. 4 & 5 offer them 200/- for sale at 1? -

J.C. Wedgwood M.P. Sending 21/- + rejoining. Resignation on account of Tract 129 + proceedings at meeting. Sec. ordered to write persuasive request to withdraw.

Miss B. Jones. Letter from her house.efs she was gone. Strike off.

W. Teynemouth Shrew. Application for election without attendance. Agreed to elect.
1) Dr. Eder's Coat of Death. Referred to Bland to report on suitability for publication.

5) Famine Census Report. Sec. 3 pay 5 of Howell overtime for typing not approved. Report of Com. recommending that it be issued as a magazine article + subsequently as a tract. After debate it was agreed that the report be set up, + sent to members as a proof with the agenda of June 29th + that authority be secured as unsupposed business for the Exec. to publish it as their reports fit. Meanwhile that proof be circulated to the Exec. in time for further discussion on June 22nd.

Next Meeting. June 22nd.
1. Soiree. Sec. reported ticket sold to 8th June 1933 - also the following recommendations of the Soiree Comittee:

1. To use the Receipt form in place of the crane book for tickets. This being already done was approved.

2. Two hums to sing Folk songs at £3.3.0 - approved.

3. Bechstein piano at £110 - approved.

4. Complimentery Tickets:
- 2q Labour M.P. - approved
- 8 Prominent S.F.
- 5 W.E. Steadman M.P. - approved
- Verunder added
- 3 or 4 Clarinettists. agreed in each case to invite wife & send box tickets with letter (typed) asking an early reply. Sec. authorised to get letter typed.
It was further agreed that Dodd be made Master of Ceremonies, and issue orders as to procedure, that the eve wear small rosettes.

8. Next Session Lectures.
   See report that Wells declined.
   Shaw accepted. Bland said he will report later. Further Consideration deferred.

9. Minimum Wage
   Poor Law Comm 3 Deferred.

[Signature]

Walter Bland
27/6/6
Exeq. at Office 22 June 1906.

Present: Bland in chair, all except

Absent: Alden Dodd MacIntosh Galton

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Auditors Report approving Balance Sheet as prepared, was submitted.

3. Sorrée. Sec1 reported that the cost was estimated as follows:
   - Refreshments 272 @ 1/- Chairs & £15.0.6
   - Hire of Hall 7.7.0
   - Prints 1.1.0
   - Fee to Singer 3.3.0
   - Tips
   - In addition to printing. - 27.3.6

Receipts
Cash Taken £21.7.0

Due 1.11.6 22.186

Deficit 4.5.0
(3) Soiree (cont.)

It was reported that about £2 14 6 had been promised to Guarantee Fund. It was agreed that the Guarantee Fund be not called up; that the amounts paid be returned to the donors. It was further agreed that the name of the Company be given to Dodd & Sharpe for their work in making the Soiree a success.

4. Correspondence.

Mrs Stewart (Ravensgate) offering £5 from Election Fund. ask her to send it as a Nest egg.

B. Users for Labour Cen. Agreed to renew 2½ sabs.


Croydon Group. Program of work.


Stanley Udall. Suggesting sending raid to Income Tax Com. as agreed.
5. Parish Council Trad. Webl's proposal to reissue in a free from Frink P.C. act under new name revised to date was approved in principle.

6. Fabian Census. After a long discussion the following resolutions were adopted in substitution of those provisionally approved at the last meeting viz:

(a) That the results of the Census be issued in the first place as a magazine article. Unanimous.

(b) That the work be described as done by a Comm of the Fabian Soc. Known.

(c) That if the not directly stated that the subjects of the enquiry were the members of the Fabian Society. N.m.c. Unanimous except Bland dissent.

(d) That Webl be requested to write the article. Webl undertook to consult the Executive about the article, reserving however his veto as author on some details.
Further in his letter making the proposal (which was read) agreed to give the proceeds of the article to the Society. From the above it follows that the report in type is held over until die.

7. More Books to Read. No comments offered. See 7 to complete.


9. Dr. Edero Paper. Bland reported it good in parts & recommended that it be published if author will revise sufficiently. Sec. instructed to write him.

10. Poor Law Con. Mr. Wells's suggestions were considered, especially that wealthy members of Exec. might provide funds. Sec. instructed to write that funds might be forthcoming if further particulars & a suitable person were forthcoming.

Cecil Hastings
Executive at Office 29th June 1906.
Present - Chesterton in chair & all except,
Albert Alden, Macrosty, Galton.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Resignation W.T. Roper. Accepted.

3. Fabian Autumn Lectures.
   Sec. read letters from Wells
   agreeing to open the course.
   Agreed to ask Dodd to do
   a lecture on Socialism & Doctors.

4. Minimum Wage Tract. This was
   debated at much length; it was
   agreed to delete phrase about a
   1/- a week wage for Women
   of the discussion was adjourned
   to July 6.

(6) Poor Law Inquiry. Re continued a donation £5.57 from J. T. Dodd. Mrs Shaw promised £20. A paper was drafted for F. News asking for other contributions.

(7) "Book" article. It was referred to the P.R.H. Comes to arrange for printing (1) an ordinary edition (2) if necessary a special edition (3) or an ordinary edition with a special cover. Wells' approval in any case to be obtained. Also to ask Arthur Watts for his design for cover.

[Signature]

[Further notes partially visible]
Executive Comm. at Office 6 July 1906.
Present: Dodd (in chain) & all except Alden, MacRory, Headlam, Galli.

1. Minutes were confirmed.

2. Minimum Wage Track. Shaw’s additions were approved, & the tract passed for publication.
   A few amendments were made, & on the proposal to delete the phrase others spending on more questionable ways a division was taken on the motion of Bland, but only 3 voted for the resolution & it was defeated.

3. Poor Law Inquiry. It was agreed that a letter drafted by Mr. Wellbi be sent asking subscriptions from other members.

(5) Autumn Propaganda. Sec. was ordered to draft circular for next exec.

(6) Error of £1600,000 in Tract 127. See report this. Correction slip ordered.

(7) Minimum Wage Comp. It was agreed that Mr Shaw & Sanders be deputies. Please Trackwell's Sweating & Min. Wage Com. 80

(8) Next Meeting. Agreed to meet July 20 14.
Executive Comm. at Office 28th July 1905.

Present: Galton in chair & all except absent: Wells, Shaw, Miss Shaw, Alden

Clusterton standing

1. Minutes confirmed

2. Candidates elected subject to pay & Sureties

- Miss Hilda N. Collar, 63 Sandrock road, Lewisham, S.E. ...
- J. Hazell, Sunny Bank Avenue, Horsforth, Leeds
- Harry Lavender, 53 Kyre-road, Clapham, S.W. ...
- J. S. Middleton, 28 Victoria-st., S.W. ...
- Miss J. Sheep Read, Forest Lodge, Buckhurst Hill, Essex
- W. Teignmouth Shore, 26 Craven-taice, Lancaster Gate, W. ...
- J. C. Squire, St. John's College, Cambridge ...
- Miss Amy Wellington, 1379 Commonwealth avenue, Allston, Boston, Mass., U.S.A. ...
- L. Isserlis & Edw. R. Pease.
- A. W. Waddington.
- L. Haden Guest & S. G. Hobson.
- Albert E. Martin & E. R. Pease.
- Walter J. Read.
- Secretary.
- Edw. R. Pease.
- Catherine Wells.

Sec. 7 was authorised to elect August members if no exception.

3. Poor Law Enquiry. Sec. reported answered letter sent to list also annexed. Agreed to add Lange & Mrs Cotton.


- Sir Donald Robertson. Accept offer of Lecture on India.
- G. Ramsay gone to America. Stikoff
- Simon's F. S.
- Labour Party appeal for Cockermouth.
Members List.

Proposed that the following members who were warned of their arrears in December be dealt with as follows:

(1) 4. "Gone no address". To be struck off. Wm. Edwin. Miss Gerda Jacobi. Wm. O'Mahony. F. D. Perrott.

(2) 23. To be informed that in the absence of a subscription their names will be removed.

T. Dudley Morgans. L. R. F. Oldershaw. Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Pedddie.
G. P. Williams.

(3) 15. (Ex-members of Executive &c.) to be informed that no more communications can be sent them until they pay a subscription.

Adolphe Smith. S. Seguin Strahan. Frederick Whelen.
List of People to whom the letter re Poor Law Enquiry has been sent.

Harrison Barrow
G. C. Beresford.
James Billsom
Edward Cadbury
Dr. Stanton Coit
Walter Coates
Herbert A. Day
J. A. Fallows
Mrs. Joseph Fels
Joseph T. Gumersall
P. C. Glubb
Mrs. Hermon
Miss E. J. Hutchins.

J. Jacob
Mrs. King-Farlow
Miss E. M. Kitson
A. Levine
Miss J. T. Mander
Miss May Morris
Henry J. Nicholson
K. D. Pearsall
Harold Shawcross
Mrs. Stewart
Edwin J. Syer
Mrs. Townshend
Richard Whiteing.
Dear Sir,

You will have noticed a paragraph in "Fabian News" as to the desirability, at this juncture, of providing funds for some special enquiries into the effect of insanitary conditions and low wages on destitution. This arises in connection with the Royal Commission on the Poor Law, of which Mrs. Sidney Webb is a member.

It seems that there is a great chance of important forward steps being made in three directions, if carefully directed investigation can be made, and the facts brought to bear.

1. A vast amount of pauperism is being created, year after year, by the evil conditions of employment (especially of women and young persons) - the low wages, long hours and insanitary workplaces. If this could be statistically and graphically demonstrated, we might get greatly improved Factory Acts, including a Legal Minimum Wage.

2. The incessant ill-health and premature old age from which the victims suffer is at present dealt with mainly by the perfunctory service and obsolete medical practice of the Poor Law Medical Officer. This is so futile and objectionable that efforts are being made to restrict or abolish it. But what is wanted is a great expansion of the superior Public Health service, using prevention rather than cure, and relying on regimen rather than on bottles of physic. A skilled investigation on this point might
lead to an organised medical service on a public basis.

5. The care of the children. This is at present considered only with reference to the 50,000 in Poor Law Institutions. We ought to learn what is happening to the 200,000 children now being maintained on Outdoor Relief, about whom practically nothing is certainly known.

Mrs. Sidney Webb asks for the means of organising competent investigation into these matters, none of which are likely to be adequately dealt with except at private expense. Mrs. Webb undertakes to direct the work, but cannot pay for the services of the three investigators, involving anything between £100 and £500. A fund is being raised for this purpose, towards which only £25. 1. 0. has as yet been received.

The opportunity is an exceptional one, and it is believed that some of the richer members of the Society, if they understood the merits of the case, would be prepared to subscribe the money necessary to enable us to take advantage of it.

If you are willing to help, will you kindly inform me up to what amount you would be prepared to contribute, and which enquiry you would prefer to support.

I am,

Yours truly,

Museum of Modern Design & Walls approved.
Agreed to leave to Pub. Comm. to raise after the holidays.

Elder's Cost of Death. McCleave reported adverse.
Referred to Headlam, Bodd for report.

J. Webster. Offer of Paper on Gambling. Referred to Salton

Purge of members. Sec't report approved with
alterations in list as indicated.

Autumn Propaganda. Draft circular extensively altered
& approved. Chesterton's letter read.

Annual Report. Approved with some amendment.
Passage re issue of Intercepted letter deleted.
Proposal & Taylor to delete reference to Steadman
as member of & Trade Union Group. Cost $4.2.
Agreed to alter word 'Sanct of Welsh desires'.

Autumn Lectures. Sec. reported Ensay accepted.

Hobson agreed to take lecture assigned to MacRitch. Agreed to ask Colv-
to lecture on Socialism as a new life

Stewart & Headlam