FABIAN SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

From 23rd December, 1885
To 21st January, 1887
Society for Psychical Research.

Minutes of Attendance
22 Jan. 1883.

Fabian Society.
Minutes of Free. Con.

23 Dec. 1885

21 Jan. 1887
Dec. 23. 85, at Halton Court.

Present: Shaw, Bland, Webb (by invitation) Mr. Wilson & Peace.

Programme resolved upon:

Jan 1., at 94 Cornwall Gardens
   Carpenter
15 at Do. (if possible)
   Burns Edison

Feb 5. at 14 Dean's Yard
   Private for pamphlet
19. at
   Bland

Mar 5. at
   Podmore (Crafters)
17 at
   Municipalisation of Land
   by J. Collins or a politician.

Pamphlet discussed. Resolved that Webb shall select between Mr. Wilson's & Pease's Preface of Engels and he asked to write Collectivism.

Meet with Jan 2. at 6 pm, at 17 Vauxhall St.
Exe. Jan 26th 86 at Lockhart Coffee Rooms, Bishops Gate St.
Present, Mr. Wilson, Bland, Shaw & Peace.

Resolved that Engels be asked to write
a sheet of paper on Collectivism for pamphlet 4,
(it not having been done previously owing to illness of Sec'y) & that
failing him, Mr. Wilson undertake it.

Reported that Webb selected Mr. Wilsone's preface for the pamphlet.
Meeting at Hatton Court—Feb 1 86

Present, all—

Mr Wilson's draft of Tract 4 discussed, ingsho having refused.

Resolved to ask Stuart Glennie to lecture on crofters. To take Relief Works (Stapleton) instead of allotments & J. Collins or another—

Resolved to accept invite of Soc. League to Commune celebration Con ee—
Meeting at 63 Fleet St. on Feb 17th.
Present: Mrs. Wilson, Shaw, Webb, Peace, & invitation, Mrs. Besant.

Resolved, That the meeting on Mar. 6th be at Mrs. Besant's.

That she be permitted to use the official design for a heading to a report of Fabian & other socialist affairs in "Our Corner".

That she draw up a scheme for organisation in the provinces on the lines proposed, viz: those adopted by the Secularist Society, with modifications.
Meeting 63 Fleet Street, Mar 3rd
Present: Mr. William Shaw, Webb, Peace,
also (appointed to confer) Tract 4) Mr. Besant, Podmore & Stapleton.

Resolved, That the next meeting be at Coffin's, or at Mr. Besant's & the Stapleton's
on Unemployed.

That a circular re Lectures, on lines of draft submitted be viewed.

That the proposal of the Oldham Radical Club for affiliation be favorably entertained.

The Preface of Tract 4 was considered & amended; it was directed that it & the report
be read at the meeting in April.
Present: Bland, Peace.

Resolved, that a cordial reply be sent to letter from Socialist Union.

That S. Olivier be asked to become Lecture Secretary.
Executive 29 March at 63 Feet N.

Present all, including Mr. Beer & Dodmore

Financial statement considered

Question of newspapers discussed & decided that any literature might be sold at meetings.

Resolved to print imitation cards & 8 dozen post cards for receipts.

H. Bland to make arrangements.

Resolved that draft of both of Rules & objects, & draft lecture list be prepared.

Programme arranged as follows:
April 16, S. J. T. to read a paper on an exponent of Shores Hill.
May 7, W. B. to open "Call to Uncommon..."

Resolved that Bland give notice of proposal for election & ballot of new members. 1 black ball in 5 to exclude.

Next meeting Monday April 5th.
Exeq. 7 April 78 at 63 Fleet St.
Present, all.

Proposed list of Rules &c. discussed.

Meetings fixed. Apr 16. E. O. F. Adam St.
May 1. Webb. Adam St.
May 21. Mrs. Besant. Coffins
June 4. Unemployed. Dean's Yard
July 2. Morris. 20, Place
Exe. 15 April '86 at 63 Fleet St.
Present: Bland, Besant, Wilson, Shaw, Peace.
Rules passed.

Exe. 13 May at 63 Fleet St.
Present: W. Besant, Shaw, Peace.

Form of imitations, 5000 @ 34/- approved.
Statement of Finance approved, a action deferred.
Exce. 3 June 1886 - 63 Fleet St.
Present all.

Resolved. That in the absence of Peace, S. Olivier act as a deputee Sec.

Resolved. That the delegates previously appointed, Shaw, Bland, T. Beasick, he authorized to act on the new vigilance. Comm. as the Stratford Contest.

Exce. 24 June 1886. 63 Fleet St.
Present. Present, with Mr. Oliver (Absurd) later Shaw.

Resolved. To ask W. Crane to late chair at South Place on Friday July 2nd. Dalling him. Strickland.

That the next meeting of the
Society, after the 16th July, be held on the first Friday in Sept. 

That Regulation (a) relating to 

the formation of Branches be considered 

as provisionally altered so as to un-

habit societies may be formed in 

any town or Metropolitan District 

and that Mr. Brompton be authorised to promote the formation of a 

Branch Society among the 

members of the Board of Strand. 

Suggested future papers.

Adolph Smith. (Belgian mutual

Shaw. Rent of utility.

Levy. Land nationalisation.

Joseph. — damned.)

The question of reprinting the "Manifesto" 

was raised, and its course defended. 

Resolved that 500 Red tickets for 

morning lecture on Friday 2 July 

be immediately printed.
Exe. 8th Oct. 1886 at 63 Kent St.

Present: All Exe., and Acting Sec.

Arrangements for meeting at Wardour Hall, on 15th Commdnd.

The recommendations of the Branch, Committee were discussed.

It was noted that the recommendation should be distinguished in applying to Metropolitan Branches, and it was decided that the following amendments to the regulations should be moved on behalf of the Executive—that they be added to end, “the General Council will act only as an Executive Committee in matters of business requiring common action by the Branches which it represents,” and that the provision as to represent one man, or, “A Branch of ten members to return one Delegate, one of fifty members, two Delegates, one of hundred members, three.”
The question: what reply should be given to Mr. Balfour's interrogatory as to the action proposed to be taken by the firm with regard to the Resolution passed at the Public Meeting held at the Merchant Hotel on the 17th Sept. was considered.

No decision was arrived at beyond that the reply might be that the firm were considering the matter.

Exe. 22nd Oct 1856 at 63 Fleet St.
Present AL, and HS. Sec.

1. The Resolution to be read by Mr. Penrith on the 5th Nov. was considered and discussed.

2. It was arranged that the meeting on the 15th Nov. should be an ordinary meeting, a paper to be read on the rent of ability. The Ag. Sec. was instructed to
engages a suitable room, at
Willis' Rooms if possible.

Exe. meeting 12 Dec. at
63 Fleet St.
Present all London Exe. and the
working Exe.

The A.G.M. was instructed to
issue a circular calling atten-
tion of members to the Resolutions
in favour of constituting the Park's
League.

It was expected that he had taken
a room at Willis' for the 19th.

The question was to be
asked to read a paper on the
3rd Dr. was discussed. It was
decided that Mrs. Schreiner,
Mrs. Aston Bilsby and Mrs. Fansett
should be asked in relation.
The wording of the resolution which my Stafford had undertaken to move was discussed; it was decided that the proposed alteration should run as follows.

"Candidate shall be elected by an unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. If a candidate be rejected his proposers shall have a right of appeal to the Council, in which case a ballot of the shall be taken, when one ballot tall in five shall exclude."

Exco: Meeting 26th Nov. 63 Herst.

Present: Bland Podmore Shaw, Hon. liason, & A.S. Swi.

The A.S. Swi was instructed to ask the Revd Stafford A. Broche
to read a paper on the 17th at Willis Rooms.
Proposals for next year's programme, and for pamphlets, were discussed.
The attitude to be taken by the Committee with regard to the Inspectorate matter in the 3rd was considered: it was agreed that the Exco. should support it unofficially.

Exec. Meeting on 24th June 1887
Excr. Meeting 14th Jan. 1887.

The Secretary replied to an invitation to lecture on Marx was declined, and a reply directed to be given explaining the nature of the lecture desired. It was to be asked for 18th Feb. S. B. Bar for 4th Feb. Mrs. Brooke for 19th March.

Rev. W. E. McW was selected best society hall marked for election.

Excr. Meeting 20th Jan.

Arrangements for future meetings continued.

The Secretary was instructed to enquire as to Cleveland Hall, Eton Hall, and the Masonic Tavern, for future meetings.
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Engels

Mrs. Bland
Phillips
Heddell
Pococke