Fabian Executive Notes.

Jan 2 to April

1890

Regular

Note kept before this date

S.R.P. Lee
The Executive Committee met at 34 Boundary St. E.C. at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th April 1889. Present, Annie Bosanquet, Hubert Mand, F. O'Brien, F. B. Shaw, F. Waller, and G. Woolf.

Miss F. Spooner was also in attendance.

A letter was read from Mr. Fells making certain recommendations for the keeping of the Society's accounts (letter attached opposite page.) It was decided by the Committee that the recommendations should be followed by the accounting officer.

It was also subsequently decided that the Secretary should keep a book of the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive at its meetings.

The question of inviting Mr. George to meet the Society was raised. It was decided not to invite him to a discussion, and that the policy of the Society should be to discourage the raising of controversy between Reform and Socialists in the country.

Delegates were selected to attend the meeting convened by the M.R.I. at the Merchants Room for Thursday the 12th. Messrs Shaw, Clarke, Hardy, and Poulton were nominated.

It was decided that the draft
The proposed tract on Cooperation should be dispersed until the conclusion of the Conference and then sitting for friendly discussion. It was decided to buy for the Society 500 copies of a tract of Edward Carpenter on Parochial Land Nationalisation, to be distributed as a model.

G. B. Shaw and S. W. were appointed to draw up a list of practical political measures as a Socialist programme, and a set of questions to be addressed to candidates for election to Parliament with especial reference to the need of London.

The P.C. was authorised to ask all members of the Society whether they would serve on the Political Committee and could undertake to attend meetings.

The Secretary was instructed to draw up a Circular to send to new members or their election giving information as to their position and duties as members of the Society, and their opportunities for political activity.

He was further authorised to mime the printed form asking for information.
Jan. 7th 1890.
Meeting in Fleet Street 5-30 P.M.
Present Messrs. Olivier, Shaw & Nebo.

Members of Fabian Society elected:
J. S. Robertson & H. J. Hyndman

1. Hall for next meeting on 17th discussed.
   Decided on S. James' Small Hall.
   Failing that Craven Hall, Bucers' Place.
   Paragraph in "Star" about meeting.

2. M. H. Everscheim to be written to 7 ask
   to lecture on March 7th.

3. Notices (2) of Fabian Essays to be sent
   along with circulars to members.
   Members to be told to ask for copies
   of the essays at booksellers.
Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 36 Bonnerie St.

Present Annie Forsant, Sydney

Oliveira, Sydney Welt.

No business done, as the attending members numbered less than one-half of the Executive Committee.

Meeting on Tuesday 7th May.

The Political Secretary was instructed to draw up the minutes previously decided on, to be issued to new members on their joining the Society.

The Secretary to have forms of initiation printed.

It was arranged that S. Welt should give an address on Dr. Booth's Book on Life and Labor at East London on Friday the 17th May. If Dr. Booth Smith was unable to attend an address, it was decided that one or more

Such of Members of the Society as might...
Libraries. I do all they can to promote its sale.

Members proposed

Rev. John Lover Cameron &
Dr. Benamy S. Olivier.

Resolved

List of
Sec. ord.
& Quebec of those
A present in Paris at the time of the International Congress should be appointed to represent the Society as Delegates.

D. B. Shaw was authorized to get a price from A. Bonner or other respectable printer for the printing of the Society's course of lectures.

At the final meeting of the Sub Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Social Meeting held at Bloomsbury Hall on Friday 12th April 1889, the Secretary was instructed to report to the Executive Committee on behalf of the Sub Committee.

1. The financial results of their arrangements, which showed that the receipts from the sale of tickets had been £15. 9. 6 and the expenses of the meeting £10. 3. 6, leaving a balance of £1. 5. 8 profit. (See minutes and of receipts.)
2. The members present, which were, so far as can be ascertained, about 230.
3. That the Sub Committee
Exe. 21 Jan. 90.

Present: Annie Besant, Shaw, Webt, Chirin, Clarke, Bland, Peace.

Moved to read.

1. Election: Box Sec. to write to Miss wishes.
   Miss Newcombe: Sec. to ask & brieve.
   Miss Cameron: Elected but address not known.

2. Sec. to receive of p'cards for Rowlands' oply confirmed.

   Resolved, Mrs. Besant to account to Sec. for essay &
   literature at 7½ d. in 1/- & lit. Sec. to pray
   for F. P. Co. 8d in 1/-. —

3. List of members in some respects revised.

Sec. ordered to see Weeks, Pal. Hotel & Clearing & Hotel,
& Quebec Rooms. To use discretion in taking heed
of those or others.
concludes that the Society may
justly congratulate itself on the
success of the recent meeting &
that they recommend that
a similar meeting be held next
year at about the same time.
All of which is being
reported by the Secretary of
the Executive Committee according
Sydney Oliver
Thu 20th June 589

Found in a paste-up book, being
apparently the only minute of
the Executive Committee kept
by Sydney Oliver during his
term of office July 1880 to
March 1890.


9. Resolved to sell to London & C. Rad. Union 1,000 Facts for Londoners at 8d. in 1/- 9 x 500 = £50.

10. Financial help rendered & resolved that the Treasurer print circular to all recalcitrant members.
Brought forward 60 18 68 1/2

A. W. Smith 31

Cochran 2

Allan 7

100 30 18 68 1/2
Exe. 10 Feb. at 66 Fleet St.
Present: Peace, Olivier, Shaw, Well.

1. Minutes read: Bay letter not accepted; membership.


4. Resolved to take the French Chamber St. Jas. Hall for rest of session. Failure that Dec. to do best.

5. Agreed to send out nihilist pamphlets.

6. Agreed to send delegate to Bloomsbury Eight Hours' Con.

7. Sec. authorized to write to Belamy.
8. Sec. authorised to cold Fabian ‘at homes’.
9. Agreed to send copy Essay to Sir T.
10. Sec. to write to F.C. Barker asking him to the Pol. Sec. 7 pm. to undertake country programme.
11. Sec. to write to S. Wallace for signature to deed re Essay.
12. Shaw authorised to get plates for 2nd Edn. Essay with date 1890.
13. Sec. to write to Mrs. Beecant re Bonner’s idea over printing.
14. Sec. to write to Cox re 8 hours Track
15. Sec. to draft circular re Annual Meeting and paid Sec.
16. Resolved that the Exec. recommend the Society to have a paid Sec.

Exco. Tues. 25 Mar.

1. Minutes Read.

2. Tom Walker elected.

3. Sec's action in taking Dr. Jac. Rest. Fr. Ch. for meetings 2nd and last approved. West meeting to be in Bloomsbury Hall (Small) or Bernard's Inn.

4. Sec's action in refusing to send delegate & Comm. celebration, approved with reservation.
5. E.D. Gildin's request for permission to send members a copy of Xmas S. occ. agreed to.

6. Headlines on finding that we often agreed to for annual meeting.

7. Agreed to embody Gen'l Circular (minute 15 last nite) in annual report.

8. Agreed on contents of circular to members proposing to increase free. to 15 members, to pay Gen. Sec. to write out of rule 9. make personal acquaintance, & other matters.

9. Proposals for programme considered. Web's kept for Autumn course. Literature course approved.

10. Miss Helen Chess & N. E. Griffiths proposed as auditors.
Excerpts of Tues. Mar 11 90.
Present Annie Besant (part) Shaw, Webb, Wallia Clarke Peace, Blend.

1. Minutes read.

2. Mr Steele, Miss Dean, J. Henderson elected.

3. Appointment Shaw & Peace delegates to H. P. demon. about Siberia confirmed & same two appointed to 8 hours Dem. Comm. on Sunday 16th.

4. Agreed to give notice that no proxy votes will be allowed at Ann. Meeting.

5. Agreed to accept further Xmas Socialism "presented" & d. Bridlesford.

6. Agreed that the Rever Author of Essays receive each 3 quid copies of 2nd Edition Essays.
7. Shorter Peace, Olivier Waller, appointed Con 42. (12th Fri at 5.30) To consider steps for promoting sale essays, with power to take steps & report to Annual Meeting.

8. Draft rules for Birmingham Branch agreed on to be submitted to E.D. Girdlestone.

9. Programme for next session considered; agreed to ask Kropotkin & Rev. S. Bagoe - failing them others.

10. Draft report (sketch) considered & generally approved. Sec. to prepare complete draft.


12. Invitation forms to be printed.

1. Minutes Read.

2. Com. No. 7 of 11/3/96 reported. Re employ of canvasser, Mrs. Besant's letter read, matter let drop. - Re adopt 8 different mission at 2/6 in People's Press agreed to.

3. Letter from Seldukate, B'ham read: agreed not to charge crim for Prospectus.


5. Draft report read & agreed to. — Agreed to propose small revision Com. & after Annual Meeting.
6. Programme for next session considered. Boxting + English approved. See Well to complete programme.

7. Agreed that Wells submit draft New Rail Prop. + that question of annual Park to be submitted to meeting.

[Signature]

Chairman

15/90
Exec. Tues. Apr 1. at 31 Upper Bedford Place. (First of enlarged Exec.) Present: 14 members.

Dawson, Ransaul
H. Bland
J. Clarke
Reed
W. de Mello
Min. Green

Mr. Mallet
J. F. Bakeshott
S. Webb
Sydney Oliver
Edw. Headlam
Gary Shaw

(Rose absent through illness).

1. Bland appointed Chairman for this meeting. Minutes read & confirmed.

2. James Rickersfield elected, George Samuel subject to usual letter.

Mr. Bateson's wish to join was reported: See to obtain confirmation of this, & other willingness to accept basis.
3. Draft Programme for ensuing term approved; Olivier to see to its immediate printing.

4. Society’s Resolution re Annual Report considered; draft as revised ordered to printed for adoption at next meeting; Olivier to superintend; proof to Executive.

5. Leaflet on Fact fn London; ordered to be printed; Olivier to superintend; proofs to Executive. "True Res. Prop."
to be circulated to Exec. in MS.

6. Discussion on Organization of Executive Work: resolved
that Olivier be asked to continue to supervise the publishing work; and that Shaw & Webb submit to next Executive definite proposals for Art Committee, with details.

Moved by Clarke, seconded by Wallas, carried unanimously, that the Executive do forthwith act upon the permission given by the Society at the annual meeting to pay the General Secretary at the rate of £1 per week.

7. Resolution of Annual Meeting Social Meetings discussed. Sub-committee appointed.
to prepare Scheme & Submit to Executive: Mrs. Mallet, Miss Henry, H. Bland, Mrs. Bland, R. E. Bell & H. W. Just with power to add.

8. Resolved that the above sub-committee also consider & report upon the proposal to have a public social meeting as in 1889.

9. Resolved that the list of members of the society be printed, in alphabetic order & also by groups, to be marked "private".

10. Next Exec. meeting fixed for 22 April, 5.30 p.m., at West End Pal. Hotel (if possible).
Execute at Miss Warley's Westminster Palace Hotel on Tues. April 22nd 1890.

S. Olivier on chair.


(Wallas left for a lecture before business.)

1. Minutes read & signed as amended.

2. See reported re old 5 Hat-Tract No 10 was printed & lecture list in hand.

3. Mrs. Baleson & Alfred Cowsley were elected.

4. Correspondence read. Burt & Dale re Eight Hours Bill, Credlestone re Birmingham, & U.S. thanks from Nottingham No. 85.

5. Letter from S. Balford read to the effect that the doctor forbade his returning on May 2nd.
Resolved that Wm. Norris be asked to give the lecture on finding aim, Webb, Wallace, & Spencer & Rease each take part of the subject.


8. Draft of Annual Report, Rules, Basis. He was laid before meeting & it was referred to Olivier & Pease to print. Vere came & considered all suggestions made. Then to print.

9. Webb read report of an Organization which was agreed to. The hour of meeting being altered to 7 p.m. It was resolved that report which he read at the next meeting for business (see minutes of this meeting).

They recommend that they are prepared to carry on a general social gathering for the 1st week in June at the Beresphuis Hall, St. James Hall. Cost of hall £5 5s. Refreshments, 25d @ 1/6 = £12 10s. Tickets at 1/- will return cost if 250 are sold. In regard to private social meeting they had no decided proposal. Report adopted & Committee ordered to carry out.

11. Agreed to send out notices as proposed to Webbe re Reading Circle & his proposal to open Conference re political organisation at Mrs. Bate's rooms if she consents.

12. Agreed to print notices of meetings for members & that the Sec. & myself avoid himself of Miss Trotman's offer to send them out to members.


Merritt Ballard
6/6/30.