

THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

Notices to Members.

General Meeting.—May 31, at 8.30 p.m. Adjourned from Monday, May 24. The following motions come up for discussion:—Motion by Lessner: "In its struggles for emancipation the working-class cannot act as a class, save by constituting itself into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all existing parties formed by the propertied classes. This constitution of the working-class into a political party is indispensable in order to ensure the triumph of the Social Revolution, and its ultimate end, the abolition of all classes. The combination of forces which the working-class has already effected by its economical struggles, ought at the same time to serve as a lever for its struggles against the political power of landlords and capitalists. In the militant state of the working-class, its economical movement and political action are indissolubly united."—Motion by Lane: "The monthly meeting of London members of the Socialist League recommends to the Branches the adoption of the Constitution drawn up by Lane and Charles, with such alterations as the majority of members may deem fit."

Library.—The librarians, May Morris and W. Chambers, attend on Mondays and Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Reading Room.—Open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. All papers received by the Secretary are sorted and filed and are at the disposal of members.

Annual Conference.—Whitsunday, June 13. Attention of Branches is especially called to Rule V. (pages 3 and 4 Constitution and Rules). Any Branch not able to send a delegate from among its own members can appoint any member of the League to represent them. Arrangements are being made to provide dinner at 1.30 for those who attend the Conference, at 1s. 6d. each. Tea, when business is over, 6d. each. Those who intend to take part in the dinner should notify same to the Secretary at once.

Excursion.—The Committee have arranged for the Excursion to take place to Box Hill, return fare to which place will be 1s. 10d. Train leaves Cannon Street at 8 a.m. on the 14th, returning at 8.30 p.m. Members are asked to spread the news of this Excursion among their friends, and do all in their power to render it a success. Application to be made to any member of the Committee or to the Secretary.

Notices to Lecturers and Branch Secretaries.

To avoid confusion and mistake, lecturers and Branch secretaries are requested to at once advise the Lecture Secretary of all engagements made by them. Branches will find it more convenient to make their arrangements with speakers through the Lecture Secretary, who will undertake to make all necessary announcements unless otherwise instructed.

Executive.

Council met on Monday last at 7.30 for the transaction of general business. Upon the report of Joseph Lane as to a meeting at Stratford on Saturday 22d, it was decided to again contest the right of free speech, and arrangements were made for a demonstration to-day (Saturday 29) at 6.45. See announcement.

General Meeting.

General Meeting of London members met on Monday last at 8.30, comrade Webb in the chair. The monthly reports of officers, committees, and branches were submitted and discussed. At 10.45 adjournment to next week was moved by Aveling, seconded Lane, and carried.

Branch Subscriptions Paid.

Marylebone to March 31. Bloomsbury, Hackney, Hammersmith, Leeds, North London, Norwich, Oxford, Dublin, to April 30. Manchester, Bradford, Croydon, to May 31. Hoxton (Labour Emancipation League), to June 30. P. W.

The "Commonweal."

Branches are reminded of the absolute necessity of their paying for the paper week by week.

Copies of the cartoon by Walter Crane given with the first number of the weekly issue, can now be had printed on fine hand-made paper for framing, price 6d., postage 1d.; protection roll, if desired, 2d. extra.

Boards for the use of newspapers can be supplied to Branches at 1s. each. During the current week the Marylebone Branch has sold nine quires of the *Commonweal*. If other branches will display the same energy that this one (which is by no means large) has shown, the position of our paper will be speedily assured.

Branch Reports.

(Reports and Notices should be addressed to the printer, and to insure insertion in the current issue must reach the office not later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.)

MARYLEBONE.—On Saturday evening we broke fresh ground, when comrades Chambers, Burcham, and Mainwaring addressed an audience of about 700 people at Westbourne Park, most of whom appeared very anxious to learn something about Socialism. On Sunday morning comrades Kitz, Arnold, and Mainwaring addressed a large crowd at the corner of Bell Street. In the afternoon we had a large audience in Hyde Park, numbering quite 1500 people. Comrades Kitz, Donald, and Scheu addressed the meeting, and their speeches were greatly appreciated. In the evening we held a meeting in the Marylebone Road, which was addressed by comrades Burcham and Arnold. Some stupid and spiteful questions were put by a cabman, and the audience became enthusiastic in favour of Socialism. Our four meetings this week have been very successful, and nine quires of the *Commonweal* have been sold.—H. G. A.

NORTH LONDON.—On Tuesday evening, May 18, we held a meeting at Ossulton Street, where we had a large audience, addressed by Nicoll, Chambers, Wardle, and Donald, who roused some weak opposition from an M.D. On Sunday morning last, Chambers addressed a meeting at St. Pancras Arches, and at Regent's Park comrades Burcham and Donald spoke to a large and appreciative audience; the *Commonweal* sold well.—THOS. CANTWELL.

BIRMINGHAM.—For the information of comrades, I have to state that besides the lecture at Baskerville Hall at Birmingham, noticed in last week's *Commonweal*, I lectured there in the evening of the same day on Socialism, and had a full audience, many, or most of which, as usual, seemed to agree with the indictment against our Sham Society; the questioning was of the usual kind. On the Monday evening (17th), I lectured on "The Political Outlook," at the Exchange Buildings, under the auspices of our Branch. Although it was a wretchedly wet night, and there was a counter attraction in the building in the form of the Performing Fleas, the attendance was good. Mr. Walker, the leading Land Nationaliser in Birmingham, was in the chair, and opened with a liberal-minded and sympathetic speech. The audience was very attentive, and a large part of it again appeared to agree with me, though I found it impossible to avoid the chance of shocking some sensibilities on the subject of the immediate crisis. Birmingham is a difficult place to deal with. Open-air speaking is not allowed in the borough, though the Board Schools can always be had for a meeting at a moderate rate, and there is much intolerance of advanced thought outside the cut-and-dried party. Still, one must suppose that there are intelligent men there not drilled into nonentity by the party caucus, and our comrades have only to go on and attack vigorously and persistently in order to gain these.—W. M.

LEEDS.—Open-air meetings are being regularly held, at which the paper is always on sale. We have had to quit the Temperance Café, our principles not commending themselves to the capitalist proprietors. We are boycotted right and left in this matter, and considerable harm is caused to the development of our organisation by such means. For the time we must meet at members' houses.

MANCHESTER.—With the help of comrade Wardle of London we held three open-air meetings on Sunday. We opened at the Grey Mare Corner, where we had a good audience and sold thirty *Commonweals*. From there we went on to the Lamp in Gorton Lane. We were about to conclude our meeting there when a sergeant and some police ordered us off. No obstruction was caused. We think he exceeded his duty, and have written to his superior for an explanation. In the evening we opened our old station at the Viaduct, Chester Road, Hulme. There was a large crowd, and several questions were asked. All the meetings seemed interested in comrade Wardle's explanation of the commercial basis of society.—R. M., sec.

LECTURE DIARY.

HALL OF THE SOCIALIST LEAGUE 13 FARRINGTON ROAD, E.C.—Lectures every Wednesday at 8.30; Sundays at 7.30. Admission free; discussion invited. Sunday May 30. Mrs. C. M. Wilson, "The Future of Radicalism." Wednesday June 2. H. H. Sparling, "Killing no Murder."

London Branches.

Bloomsbury.—Business meeting at central office every Wednesday at 7.30.
Croydon.—Royal County House, West Croydon Station Yard. Sunday, May 30, at 7.30 p.m., A. K. Donald, "The Reign of Capitalists." Business meeting at Parker Road every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Hackney.—Kenton Coffee House, Kenton Road, Well Street, every Monday at 8, for the enrolment of members and other business.
Hammersmith.—Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, W. Sundays at 8 p.m. May 30. George Bernard Shaw, "Thieves."
Hoxton (L. E. L.).—Exchange Coffee House, Pitfield Street, opposite Hoxton Church, N. Sunday, May 30, at 7.45. T. Westwood, "Man's Future upon the Earth." Committee Meeting at 10.30 a.m. Important business.
Merton.—11 Merton Terrace, High Street. Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m.
Mile-end.—I. W. M. Educational Club, 40 Berner Street, Commercial Road. Tuesdays at 8 p.m. June 1. H. Barker, "The Deserted Village."
North London.—Communications to R. A. Beckett, St. Mildred's House, Poultry, E.C.
South London.—Business meetings at 103 Bird-in-bush Road, on Sundays at 7.30.

Country Branches.

Birmingham.—Bell Street Coffee House. Every Monday evening, at 7.30.
Bradford.—Scott's Temperance Hotel, East Parade, Leeds Road. Meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m.
Dublin.—30 Great Brunswick Street. Every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m.
Edinburgh (Scottish Section).—4 Park Street. Meets every Friday at 8.30 p.m.
Glasgow.—Neilson's Hotel, Ingram Street, every Saturday at 7 p.m. Lectures and discussions. Members and friends are invited to assist in selling *Commonweal* at Green (Jail Square) Saturdays, 5 p.m.
Leeds.—No meeting-room at present (see report above). Out-door stations—Vicar's Croft, Hunslet and Woodhouse Moors.
Leicester.—Radical Club, Vine Street. Tuesdays, at 8 p.m.
Manchester.—County Forum. Fridays, at 8 p.m.
Norwich.—Gordon Café. Every Monday at 8 p.m.
Oldham.—Mrs. Wrigley's Coffee Tavern, 9, Old Market Place. Wednesdays, 7.30.
Oxford.—Temperance Hall, 27 Pembroke Street. Thursdays, at 8.30 p.m.
Royston.—"Greyhound Inn." Every Sunday evening at 7.30.

Open-air Propaganda for the Week.

Date.	Station.	Time.	Speaker.	Branch.
Sat. 29.	Harrow Road—opposite the "Prince of Wales"	7	A. K. Donald	Marylebone.
S.	30.—Canning Town (Beckton Rd.)	11.30	C. W. Mowbray	Central.
	Edgware Road—Bell Street	11.30	W. Chambers	Marylebone.
	Hackney—Well Street	11.30	J. Lane	Hackney.
	Hammersmith—Beadon Road	11.30	F. Kitz	Hammersmith.
	Hoxton Ch.—Pitfield Street	11.30	H. Burcham	Hoxton.
	Mile-end Waste	11.30	Graham and Davis	Mile-end.
	Regent's Park	11.30	R. A. Beckett	N. London.
	St. Pancras Arches	11.30	T. Wardle	N. London.
	Hyde Park (near Marble Arch)	3.30	D. Nicoll	Marylebone.
	Victoria Park	3.30	C. W. Mowbray	Hackney.
June	Merton—High Street	7	W. Chambers	Merton.
Tu. 1.	Euston Road—Ossulton St.	7.30	C. W. Mowbray	N. London.
	Soho—Broad Street	7.30	D. Nicoll	Bloomsbury.
Th. 3.	Hoxton Ch.—Pitfield Street	8	H. Davis	Hoxton.
	Mile-end Waste	8	C. W. Mowbray	Mile-end.

PROVINCES.

Hulme.—The Viaduct, Chester Road. Sundays, 7 p.m.
Manchester.—Grey Mare Corner, Ashton Old Road. Sundays, 11 a.m.
Oldham.—Curzon Ground. Sundays, afternoon and evening.

Free-Speech Demonstration at Stratford.

This evening (Saturday May 29), at 7 o'clock prompt, a meeting will be held at the end of Stratford Church. Speakers: Aveling, Eleanor Marx-Aveling, Banner, Chambers, Lane, Mowbray, Nicoll, Sparling, Wardle. Comrades are requested to attend early, to keep order and to sell the *Commonweal*.

MEETINGS OF OTHER SOCIETIES.

NOTTING HILL DEBATING SOCIETY, "Monarch Tavern," Manchester Street (near Latimer Road Railway Station).—Sunday May 30, at 7.30. Mr. R. Owen (S.P.E.L.), "History and Principles of Conservatism."

PROGRESSIVE DEBATING SOCIETY "Bee Hive," Warner Street, Camberwell, S.E.—Sunday May 30, at 8. J. Lane, "Revolution or Reform."

STARCH GREEN RADICAL CLUB.—On Sunday, May 30, at 8 p.m. H. H. Sparling, "Killing no Murder."

SWABY'S COFFEE HOUSE, Mile-end Road, Sunday May 30, at 8 p.m. W. Blundell, "Poverty, Disease and Crime."

SOCIALIST UNION.—A section of the Socialist Union is now being organised in Cumberland, and two good Branches have been formed during the past week, one in Carlisle and the other in Workington, from which the propaganda will be extended to Whitehaven, Cockermouth, and other places in the neighbourhood.

"The Woman Question from a Socialist Point of View," by Edward Aveling and Eleanor Marx-Aveling, has been reprinted from the *Westminster Review*, and published by Messrs Sonnenschein & Co. Price 2d.