



MG 347 - Fabian Society Tracts Collection

Dates: nd, 1889-1935 (inclusive); 1889-1925 (predominant).

Extent: 15 cm of textual records.

Administrative History: The Fabian Society was founded in Britain in 1884, as a progressive movement characterised by a commitment to social justice, and increased equality in society. Many notable left-wing thinkers wrote tracts published by the Society, on topics relating to child labour, women's suffrage, old age pension (1897), and working conditions; as well as encouraging democratic socialism and change through local government and trade unionism. Fabian pamphlets first proposed a national health service (1911), minimum wage (1906), and the Society is credited with helping to establish the modern welfare state. Its members played a role in the formation of the British Labour Party in 1900; and were also involved in the creation of *The New Statesman*, and the London School of Economics, founded initially as a "research institute to provide proof positive of the collectivist ideal."

Scope Note: This collection contains 147 pamphlets, including some revised editions, organized by tract number; together with some annual reports.

Restrictions: Many of the pamphlets are fragile and must be handled with care. There are no restrictions on access.

Notes:

Material in English and Welsh.

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Title based on contents of the collection.

No further accruals expected.

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Folder 1:

- Tract 1 Why are the Many Poor? – nd.
- Tract 5 Facts for Socialists. – Sixth edition. (revised). – 1893.
- Tract 5 Facts for Socialists. – Thirteenth edition. – 1926.
- Tract 5 Facts for Socialists. - Fourteenth edition. – 1937.
- Tract 7 Capital and Land. - Seventh edition (revised). – 1908.
- Tract 7 Capital and Land. – [cover missing]. – nd.
- Tract 8 Facts for Londoners. – 1889.
 “An exhaustive collection of statistical and other facts relating to the metropolis; with suggestions for reform on socialist principles.”
- Tract 9 An Eight Hours Bill. - Twentieth Thousand (revised edition). – 1890.
- Tract 10 Figures for Londoners. – nd.

Folder 2:

- Tract 11 The Worker's Political Programme. – 1891.
- Tract 12 Practicable Land Nationalization. - nd.
- Tract 13 What Socialism is. - nd.
- Tract 13 What Socialism is. - nd.
 Note: tear in pamphlet.
- Tract 14? The Twentieth Century Reform Bill. - nd.
 Prepared by Henry Schloesser with assistance from a committee of the Fabian Society.
- Tract 14 The New Reform Bill. – 1891.
- Tract 16 A Plea for an Eight Hours Bill. - nd.
- Tract 17 The Reform of the Poor Law. – 1891.
- Tract 18 Facts for Bristol. – 1891.
- Tract 19 What the Farm Laborer Wants. - nd.
- Tract 20 Questions for Poor Law Guardians. - nd.

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- Tract 21 Questions for London Vestrymen. – Revised edition). – 1894.
- Tract 22 Truth about Leasehold Enfranchisement. - nd.
- Tract 23 The Case for an Eight Hours Bill. – 1891.
- Tract 24 Questions for Parliamentary Candidates. - nd.
- Tract 25 Questions for School Board Candidates. - nd.
- Tract 26 Questions for London County Councillors. - nd.
- Tract 27 Questions for Town Councillors. - nd.
- Tract 28 Questions for County Councillors. - nd.

Folder 4:

- Tract 31 London's Heritage in the City Guilds. - nd.
- Tract 32 The Municipalisation of the Gas Supply. - nd.
- Tract 33 Municipal Tramways. - nd.
- Tract 34 London's Water Tribute. - nd.
- Tract 35 The Municipalisation of the London Docks. - nd.
- Tract 36 The Scandal of London's Markets. - nd.
Note: tear in pamphlet.
- Tract 37 A Labor Policy for Public Authorities. – Revised edition. – 1895.
- Tract 38 Paham Mae Y Lluaws Yn Dlawd? - nd.
A Welsh translation of tract 1.
- Tract 39 A Democratic Budget. - 1892.

Folder 5:

- Tract 40 Fabian Election Manifesto 1892. – 1892.
Red cover.
- Tract 43 Vote! Vote! Vote! - (Leaflet). – 1892.
- Tract 44 A Plea for Poor Law Reform. – Revised edition. - 1907.
- Tract 46 Socialism and Sailors. – 1893.

By Benjamin T. Hall.

- Tract 47 The Unemployed. – 1893.
 By John Burns. Copy has been annotated [by unknown hand].
- Tract 48 Eight Hours by Law: A Practical Solution. - Third Reprint. – 1906.
- Tract 49 A Plan of Campaign for Labour. - 1894.

Folder 6:

- Tract 50 Sweating: Its Cause and Remedy. – 1894.
- Tract 53 The Parish Councils Act: What it is and How to Work it. – 1894.
- Tract 54 The Humanizing of The Poor Law. - 1894.
 By J.F. Oakeshott.
- Tract 55 The Worker's School Board Program. - 1894.

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- Tract 60 The London Vestries: What they are and What they do. - 1894.
- Tract 61 The London County Council: What it Is and What it Does. - 1895.
- Tract 62 Parish and District Councils: What they are and what they can do. - Seventh edition
(revised). - 1925.
- Tract 63 Parish Council Cottages and How to Get Them. - 1894.
- Tract 64 How to Lose and How to Win an Election. - nd.
- Tract 65 Trade Unionists and Politics. - 1895.
- Tract 66 A Program for Workers. - 1895.
- Tract 68 The Tenant's Sanitary Catechism for Places Outside London. - 1909.

Folder 8:

- Tract 71 The London Tenant's Sanitary Catechism. – Revised edition. - 1911.
- Tract 73 The Case for State Pensions in Old Age. - 1897.
 By George Turner.
- Tract 74 The State and its Functions in New Zealand. - 1896.

- Tract 76 Houses for the People. - 1897.
- Tract 77 The Municipalization of Tramways. - 1897.
- Tract 79 A Word of Remembrance and Caution to the Rich. - fourth reprint. - 1921.
By John Woolman.

Folder 9:

- Tract 80 Shop Life and its Reform. - 1897.
- Tract 82 The Workmen's Compensation Act. - 1898.
- Tract 83 Stat Arbitration and the Living Wage. - 1898.
- Tract 84 The Economics of Direct Employment. - 1898.
- Tract 85 Liquor and Licencing at Home and Abroad. - 1898.
By Edward R. Pease.
- Tract 86 Municipal Drink Traffic. - 1898.
- Tract 87 Sosialaeth A Dysgeidiaeth Crist. – Reprint. - 1908.
By John Clifford. Originally published June 1899.
- Tract 88 The Growth of Monopoly in English Industry. - 1899.
Henry W. Macrosty.
- Tract 89 Old Age Pensions at Work. - 1899.

Folder 10:

- Tract 90 The Municipalization of the Milk Supply. - 1899.
- Tract 91 Municipal Pawnshops. - 1899.
- Tract 92 Municipal Slaughterhouses. - 1899.
- Tract 93 Women as Councillors. - 1900.
- Tract 94 Municipal Bakeries. - 1900.
- Tract 95 Municipal Hospitals. - 1900.
- Tract 96 Municipal Fire Insurance. - 1901.
- Tract 97 Municipal Steamboats. - 1901.
- Tract 98 State Railways for Ireland. - 1899.

Folder 11:

- Tract 100 Metropolitan Borough Councils: Their Powers and Duties. - 1900.
- Tract 101 The House of Famine and How to Relieve it. - 1900.
- Tract 102 Questions for Candidates: Metropolitan Borough Councils. - 1900.
- Tract 103 Overcrowding in London and Its Remedy. - 1900.
By W.C. Steadman.
- Tract 104 How Trade Unions Benefit Workmen. - 1915.
- Tract 105 Five Year's Fruits of the Parish Councils Act. - 1901.
- Tract 106 The Education Muddle and the Way Out. - 1901.
- Tract 108 Twentieth Century Politics: A Policy of National Efficiency. - 1901.
By Sidney Webb.
- Tract 109 Cottage Plans and Common Sense. - 1902.
By Raymond Unwin; with illustrations by Barry Parker and Raymond Unwin.

Folder 12:

- Tract 110 Problems of Indian Poverty. - 1902.
By S.S. Thorburn.
- Tract 111 Reform of Reformatories and Industrial Schools. - 1902.
By H.T. Holmes.
- Tract 112 Life in the Laundry. - 1902.
- Tract 114 The Education Act, 1902: How to Make the Best of It. - 1903.
- Tract 115 State-Aid to Agriculture: An Example. - 1903.
By T.S. Dymond.
- Tract 116 Fabianism and the Fiscal Question: An Alternative Policy. - 1904.
- Tract 117 The London Education Act 1903: How to Make the Best of It. - 1904.
- Tract 118 The Secret of Rural Depopulation. - 1904.
By Lt. Col. D.C. Pedder.
- Tract 119 Public Control of Electric Power and Transit. - 1905.

Folder 13:

- Tract 120 "After Bread, Education" A Plan for the State Feeding of School Children. - Second edition. - 1905.
- Tract 121 Public Service Versus Private Expenditure. - Third Reprint. - 1926.
By Sir Oliver Lodge.
- Tract 122 Municipal Milk and Public Health. - Fourth reprint. - 1924.
By F. Lawson Dodd.
- Tract 123 The Revival of Agriculture: A National Policy for Great Britain. - 1910.
- Tract 124 State Control of Trusts. - 1908.
By H.W. Macrosty.
- Tract 125 Municipalization by Provinces. - 1905.
- Tract 126 The Abolition of Poor Law Guardians. - 1909.
- Tract 127 Socialism and Labor Policy. - 1906.
- Tract 128 The Case for a Legal Minimum Wage. - 1906.

Folder 14:

- Tract 130 Home Work and Sweating: The Causes and Remedies. - 1907.
By B.L. Hutchins.
- Tract 131 The Decline in the Birth-Rate. - 1907.
By Sidney Webb.
- Tract 134 Small Holdings, Allotments, and Common Pastures. - 1925.
- Tract 135 Paupers and Old Age Pensions. - 1908.
By Sidney Webb.
- Tract 137 Parish Councils and Village Life. - Revised Edition, Second Reprint. - 1924.
- Tract 138 Municipal Trading. - 1908.

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Folder 15:

- Tract 140 Child Labour Under Capitalism. - 1908.
By Mrs. Hylton Dale.
- Tract 144 Machinery: Its Masters and Its Servants. - 1909.
By H.H. Schloesser and Clement Game.

- Tract 145 The Case for School Nurseries. - 1909.
By Mrs. Townshend.
- Tract 147 Capital and Compensation. - First Reprint. - 1923.
By Edward R. Pease.
- Tract 148 What a Health Committee Can do. - Revised and Reprinted. - 1922.
- Tract 149 The Endowment of Motherhood. - 1910.
By H.D. Harben. Note: illustrated cover.

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- Tract 150 State Purchase of Railways. - 1910.
By Emil Davies. Note: illustrated cover.
- Tract 151 The Point of Honour: A Correspondence on Aristocracy and Socialism. - 1910.
By Ruth Cavendish Bentinck.
- Tract 153 The Twentieth Century Reform Bill. – [Cover Only]. - 1911.
By Henry H. Schloesser.
- Tract 154 The Case for School Clinics. - Revised and Reprinted. - 1922.
By L. Haden Guest.
- Tract 155 The Case Against the Referendum. - 1911.
By Clifford D. Sharp.
- Tract 156 What an Education Committee Can Do. (Elementary Schools) - 1911.
By members of the Education Group.
- Tract 157 The Working Life of Women. - 1911.
By B.L. Hutchins. Note: illustrated cover.
- Tract 158 The Case Against the Charity Organization Society. - 1911.
By Mrs. Townshend.
- Tract 159 The Necessary Basis of Society. - Second Reprint. - 1923.
By Sidney Webb.

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- Tract 160 A National Medical Service. - 1911.
By F. Lawson Dodd.

- Tract 161 Afforestation and Unemployment. - 1912.
By Arthur P. Grenfell.
- Tract 164 Gold and State Banking: A Study in the Economics of Monopoly. - 1912.
By Edward R. Pease.
- Tract 169 The Socialist Movement in Germany. - 1913.
By W. Stephen Sanders. Cover illustrated with photo of August Bebel.

Folder 18:

- Tract 183 The Reform of the House of Lords. - 1917.
By Sidney Webb.
- Tract 184 The Russian Revolution and British Democracy. - 1917.
By Julius West.
- Tract 185 The Abolition of the Poor Law. - 1918.
By Beatrice Webb.
- Tract 186 Central Africa and the League of Nations. - 1918.
By R.C. Hawkin.
- Tract 189 Urban District Councils: Their Constitution, Powers and Duties. – Reprinted. - 1924.
By C.M. Lloyd.

Folder 19:

- Tract 190 Metropolitan Borough Councils: Their Powers and Duties. - 1920.
By C.R. Attlee.
- Tract 191 Borough Councils: Their Constitution, Powers and Duties. - 1920.
By C.R. Attlee.
- Tract 193 Housing. – 1920.
By C.M. Lloyd.
- Tract 194 Taxes, Rates and Local Income Tax. - 1920.
By Robert Jones.

Folder 20:

Fabian Society Annual Report. – 1890.

Ninth Annual Report. – 1892.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Report. – 1921.

Thirty-Ninth Annual Report. – 1922.

Fifty-First Annual Report. – 1934.

Fifty-Second Annual Report. – 1935.