

# **Trades House of Glasgow**

## **Scottish Socialist Sunday Schools Conference Minute Book**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1906 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911**



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102 Nelson Street,  
S. S. 1<sup>st</sup> January 1906.

**Delegates Present**

Calton School	Andrew Yuille	P Wilson Jun.
Partick School	Malcolm Nimmo	Mrs Lachlan
Bridgeton School	John McKimmie	John Searson
College School	Alex Keith	Mary Kelly
South Side School	James Baird	Lizzie Whyte
Govan School	Joseph Milne	David Prosser
Kingston School	A Baskerville	Wm. Finlayson
Clydebank School	John Davie	Maitland Neil
Leith School	Thomas Edgar	Robert Hughes
Edinburgh District	Don Legat	John Dingwall
Kilmarnock School	Mrs Gibson	Alexander Vallance

Not represented – Rutherglen, Aberdeen and Paisley Schools

The first conference of Scottish Socialist Sunday Schools was held on the above date, Adam Carnegie presiding.

Proceedings opened by signing hymn 88, after which the Chairman welcomed the delegates.

A paper dealing with organisation was read by Alfred Russell, speakers thereafter being J. Dingwall and Don Legat, Edinburgh, J. Searson, (Bridgeton), D. Prosser (Govan), M. Nimmo (Partick), A. Baskerville, (Kingston), C. Lothian, R. Stewart, (Central), Mrs Gibson, (Kilmarnock), A. Keith, (College), M. Neil, (Clydebank), and Mrs Lachlan (Partick).

Chief points brought out in Paper and discussion. Value of printed Constitution and Rules. Grown ups talking at children instead of to them. Faulty hymns. Theological difficulty. Question box. Danger in asking questions. Dividing of work – one man, one post. Continuity of teaching difficulty. Prayer. Suggested Register for transfer of children from districts. Use of Blackboard. Difference in age difficulty. Business training. Minute books for committee Conveners.

Committee appoint to draft Resolution. Don Legat, J. Searson, and Maitland Neil. Paper dealing with “teaching”, was read by David Prosser. Discussion was as taken part in by Jon Newton, (Central), Lizzie Glasier, Alex Keith (College), and John Dingwall (Edinburgh.)

Resolution was submitted as follows – “That this meeting agrees to “print and publish the two lectures amongst the schools, to be “discussed by the adults, and a policy to be decided on by a “future conference”. Resolution was agreed to.

Votes of thanks were then accorded to writers of papers, Chairman and J.L.P. for use of Hall.

It was agreed that a supplementary conference be held, and that Glasgow Union make arrangements for same, decision to be according to majority in favour of a particular date within six months. Present – 24 delegates, 19 visitors, 3 officials – 46 in all.

Alfred Russell, Sec'y.  
Adam Carnegie Chairman.

**14<sup>th</sup> January 1906**

The following decisions were arrived at, at meeting of Educational Committee held 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1906.

Adam Carnegie moved that Balance Sheet be drawn up, and issued to the schools, with a request to fulfil Resolution of first Conference by stating date, within six months, for the holding of another conference. Slip to be enclosed with pamphlets and expense of latter to be included. Maitland Neil seconded Agreed.

Adam Carnegie further moved that D. Prosser, A Russell, and John Searson act as Sub Committee – to get papers edited, arranged, and printed. Agreed. D. Prosser moved that numbers be fixed at 500, and expense limited to surplus. John Searson seconded. Agreed. Time for fixing replies limited to one month from issue of pamphlet.

John Newton moved that printer be requested to keep the type up for a week or two. D. Prosser seconded.

Adam Carnegie moved as an amendment, that type be not kept up. Malcolm Nimmo Seconded.

Result of note, For amendment 2; for motion 3.

Printing arrangements remitted to Sub Committee, with recommendation that estimates be got from Cooperative Wholesale, Civic Press and R. V. Singleton.

**26<sup>th</sup> May 1906**

102 Nelson Street,  
S. S. 26<sup>th</sup> May 1906.

Supplementary Conference of schools was held here today at 4 P.M. The Chair was accompanied by Adam Carnegie, who briefly welcomed the delegates, and explained arrangements for conducting next conference.

Motion dealing with organisation, was submitted by A. Russell, in the following terms.

1. That children attending Social Sunday Schools be strongly recommended not to attend any other Sunday School.
2. That children's names be not entered on the Roll without parents' or guardians consent.
3. That Junior Secretary Plan be adopted in all schools.
4. That Question Box Plan, as suggested in Pamphlet, be adopted, under supervision of Adults.
5. That adult membership be obtained only at monthly meetings, and by means of nomination.
6. That printed Constitution and Rules be binding on every school.
7. That term of office of chief officials do not exceed three years, unless under specialist circumstances.

John Searson asked the effect, on individual schools, of adoption of Resolutions, and Chairman explained. Items in motion were then considered in their order, no.1 being agreed to, on the motion of Peter Wilson, (Calton School), seconded by Thomas Edgar, (Leith school). No.2 was moved by A. Keith (College School), seconded by C. Lothian (Central School). An amendment was moved by W. Russell (Paisley School), seconded by D. Campbell (Paisley School), vote being - For amendment 2, and for motion of 10. The latter was accordingly agreed to, the need for discretionary power as regards visiting of parents, being emphasised. No.3 was agreed to, on the motion of C. Lothian, seconded by J. Bridge (both Central School). No.4 was agreed to, on the motion of A. Keith (College School), seconded by Lizzie Whyte (South Side). The need for adults getting into friendly personal touch with the children, was also emphasised. No.5 was moved by Thomas Edgar (Leith School), seconded by C. Lothian (Central School). An amendment was moved by W. Russell (Paisley School), seconded by D. Prosser (Govan School). Results as follows – For amendment 5, for motion 10. No.6 was moved by John Dingwall (Edinburgh School), seconded by Don Legat (Edinburgh School). D. Prosser (Govan School), moved as an amendment, that the words "recommended to" be substituted for "binding on". A Keith (College School) seconded. Result of vote – For amendment 2, For motion 10. It was also agreed that a Model Constitution and Rules be drawn up by the Educational Committee of Glasgow Union, for guidance of schools. no.7 was moved by W. Russell (Paisley School), seconded by R. Hughes (Leith School). Questions having been asked by D. Prosser and C. Lothian, this item of Resolution was agreed to.

John Searson (Bridgeton School), then moved that full Resolution be adopted, also that copies be sent to the schools, that they might consider and adopt whatever they think will further schoolwork. A. Keith (College School), seconded. Agreed.

Chairman explained that John Newton, (Central School) was unable to be present, and J. Bridge, (Central School), would collect levy in his stead. W. Russell (Paisley), and Don Legat (Edinburgh) were appointed Auditors.

Motion dealing with "Education", was submitted in the following terms "As "morality is advanced by knowledge of the material, world, and of man's "evolution, history, and life conditions, systematic elementary instruction in these subjects "is advocate in the Socialist Sunday Schools". Adoption of motion was moved by Thomas Edgar, (Leith School), seconded by D. Campbell (Paisley School).

A discussion followed, in which it was contended that Resolution was not sufficiently comprehensive, subject matter generally of paper being also dealt with. An amplified Resolution was suggested by the Chairman, and A. Russell and John Dingwall were appointed to draw up some. This they did by insisting the following words at the beginning of motion" while "believing that Socialism should be the main subject of teaching, we also "think that". This motion, not being acceptable to the moves of the original motion, was not pressed.

John Searson moved, as an amendment, that "as this conference is of" opinion that this resolution is not sufficiently comprehensive, we "decline to come to any definitive finding". Peter Wilson. Junior (Calton School), seconded.

John Dingwall moved "This conference appointment or Committee to draw up "a scheme of Socialist instruction for the guidance of the Socialist Sunday Schools". Don Legat seconded. Result of vote – For the original Resolution 2; for John Searson's motion 7; For J. Dingwall's motion 7. Vote being retaken, two latter figures were replaced by 8 in each case, and, casting vote having been asked for, Chairman voted in favour of John Dingwall's motion, which became the finding of the meeting. John Dingwall moved that Committee consist of 5 members. J Bridge seconded. Peter Wilson moved that number be 7. Mary Kelly (College School) seconded. Result of vote – For amendment 7; For motion 3. Majority for amendment, 4.

Committee appointed. A. Russell, Adam Carnegie, a. Keith, R. Donaldson, John Dingwall, W. Russell (Paisley), and Mrs Gibson (Kilmarnock). Financial Statement – Income £1.12.6. expenditure £1.5.8. balance 6/10. Adoption was moved by C. Lothian, seconded by a. Keith. Date and place of next conference – John Dingwall moved that next Conference be held in Glasgow, at a time suitable to the majority of schools, secretary to arrange date as early as possible. C. Lothian seconded. agreed. Chairman suggested that previous to holding of next conference, schools be appealed to, to forward Resolutions to be discussed, agenda being submitted to schools beforehand. Agreed.

Letter was read by sec'y. from J. Heist, sec'y. of Yorkshire S. S. S. Union, giving Agenda of Conference being held same day.

John Dingwall moved a vote of thanks to those opening discussion on resolutions. R. Donaldson moved a note of thanks to Glasgow Union, also to Chairman of Conference, with, a gentle reminder that date of Conference might be other than new year's day in future.

These notes were heartily responded to, and Chairman closed the Conference in a few words.

Alfred Russell Sec'y.  
Adam Carnegie      Chairman

**6<sup>th</sup> October 1906**

St George Cooperative Halls

6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1906

A meeting of Sub Committee appointed in connection with Syllabus of Lessons at Conference, was held today. Adam Carnegie presiding.

There were also present – W. Russell (Paisley), Don Legat (Edinburgh), R. Donaldson (Leith), Lizzie Glasier (Kingston), and sec'y.

After a free expression of opinion as to the form of a list of subjects rather than a fixed list to be rigidly adhered to. Don Legat submitted a list of subjects, and as the result of further deliberations, the following was drawn up.

Citizenship – Home Life

Cleanliness, affection, Helpfulness, Sincerity, tidiness, Cheerfulness.

Citizenship – In the School

Cleanliness, Courtesy, Fair play, Habits, Respect, Character, Honesty, Discipline, Competition and Emulation, Beauty, Indulgence, Manners, Health, Kindness to Animals.

Citizenship – In the Workshop

Work, Cleanliness, Friendship, Loyalty, Courage, Ambition, Self Control, Competition, Honesty, Ideals, Self Reliance, Gambling.

Citizenship – The State

Citizenship, Honour, Reverence, Government, the vote and what it means, Cooperation v competition, Wealth + Capital, War, Ownership, Patriotism, Thrift,

Education, History.

The treatment of biographical subjects and nature subjects, as lessons, was heartily approved, but excluded from list, as not fitting in with general scope of Scheme. Simple Science subjects were also approved of. List of reference books to be included in back of Circular.

It was agreed that Sec'y send typewritten copy of subjects to members of Sub Committee, thus obviating further meeting.

Heading – Scottish Socialist Sunday Schools – Scheme for Lessons for 1907.

Alfred Russell, Sec'y  
Adam Carnegie      Chairman



Delegates –

Central – D. Jarvis – C. Lothian

College – Miss C. H. Jockel – R. Anderson

Southside – C. Milligan – J. Crawford

Partick – Mrs Brough – Mrs Munro

Govan – Joseph Milne – Peter Yuille

Rutherglen – James Hart

Clydebank – Mrs Love – A. Richie

Kingston – George M. Hale – John W. Hodgson

Edinburgh – A. B. Hardy M. A. – F. Smithies

Kilmarnock – James Mutch – A. Vallance Jun<sup>r</sup>

Paisley – James Love – John Stovice

Dennistoun – John Hamilton – Miss Anne Fullarton

Leith – Miss Jane Hughes – arch<sup>d</sup> . McCormick

### **14<sup>th</sup> September 1907**

102 Nelson Street

Glasgow

14<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1907

The second Annual Conference of Scottish Schools was held here at 3:30 P.M. today, Adam Carnegie presiding.

Thirteen Schools were represented, the total number present, including visitors being 38. Opening Hymn “Arise, my Soul”, having been sung, the Chairman briefly welcomed the delegates, referring to School developments, also “young Socialist” and new Song Book, and hoping the Conference would prove useful to all.

Secretary read minutes of Conference held at 1<sup>st</sup> January 1906, which were adopted on the motion of a. Vallance Jun<sup>r</sup>, seconded by C. Lothian. He then read minutes of Supplementary Conference held 1<sup>st</sup> January 1906, which were adopted on the motion of Charles Lothian, seconded by a. Ritchie.

Model Constitution and Rules, it was agreed that time limit of 10 minutes be fixed for movers of amendments, and 5 minutes for other speakers. Rules were then considered, with the following results.

Objects. Amendments from Central, Rutherglen, Dennistoun, Paisley and Kilmarnock Schools favouring the deletion of reference to orthodox Schools. A. B. Hardy M. A. (Edinburgh), moved the acceptance of recommendation as printed. D. Jarvis (Central) formally moved the amendment. Jas. Hart (Rutherglen), seconded. John Hamilton (Dennistoun) supported the amendment, and Secy, spoke on behalf of those who had drafted the recommendation. James Love (Paisley), supported the amendment, and Arch. McCormick (Leith), also spoke a vote was taken, Archie McInnes acting as teller.

Result of vote. For the amendment 10; for the motion 13. The recommended action, as printed, thus became the finding of the meeting.

Rutherglen School amendment making Drills and “At Homes” optional by substituting “may be held” for “to be held”, was moved by James Hart (Rutherglen), and seconded by John Hamilton (Dennistoun) but the amendment was defeated, 5 voting in favour, and a large majority against.

Kingston School amendment making absences from School “3”, instead “6”, was formally moved by George Hale, seconded by John W. Hodgson, and carried by a majority of 12 against 9.

Previous to the submitting of Rutherglen amendment, Secy. read a letter signed by David Hardie, Sept. indicating that Rutherglen School thought Rules too binding and arbitrary, and their amendments were framed from that standpoint.

George Hale, seconded by A. B. Hardy M. A. then moved the adaption of subject matters re “Objects”, with amendment noted. agreed.

Membership. Rutherglen amendment that “Adults” be substituted for the first word “Those”, was moved by Jones Hart, secondly by George Hale, and carried by a large majority.

Kingston amendment that age for transfer of scholars to adult Roll be 16 instead of 15, was defeated, 4 voting in favour.

F. Smithies (Edinburgh) moved that reference to age of scholars transferred occupy a separate paragraph in print. D. Jarvis seconded. Agreed.

Amendment from Partick School to delete “unless under special circumstances”, was moved by Mrs Brough, seconded by Mrs Munro, and defeated, two nothing in favour. With amendment and alteration noted, subject matter re “Membership” was then agreed to.

Constitution was adopted without dissent.

Duties of Officials. amendment from Kingston School to add “arrange for all speakers”, after “School”, was defeated. 4 voting in favour, and Central School amendment to add “Where deemed necessary a separate “Chairman be adopted” was carried by 11 against 9. Amendment from Rutherglen School to omit “Quarterly” before “Statement”, and add “periodically as desired”, was defeated. Whole section was then agreed to, with addition indicated.

General Meetings – Amendment from Kingston School that Annual meeting be held in December, was defeated, 3 voting in favour.

Amendment from Govan School to omit “noone to be eligible” tc, down to “School”, was carried.

Amendment from Kingston School to Substitute “last” for “first” re Sunday each month for business meetings, was defeated.

Method of finance. Amendments re finance were submitted as follows.  
Central – Delete 1/- Entrance fee. Carried.

Kingston – Delete 3<sup>d</sup> and substitute 2<sup>d</sup> on 4<sup>th</sup> line. Defeated, 5 voting in favour.

South Side – Voluntary collection method and special collections. Defeated.

Kilmarnock. Finance to be under direct control of Committee. Defeated.

Govan and Dennistoun. Schools to have autonomy on questions of Finance. Defeated.

Rutherglen. Delete “to” after “Finance”, and substitute “may”. This amendment was carried. Whole action was then agreed to, with omission and alteration indicated.

Method of conduct of meeting – Amendment from Rutherglen School to insert “suggested” before “mode” on 2<sup>nd</sup> line, was carried. It was pointed out that further amendment to substitute “might” for “to” after “meeting” was really covered by the foregoing, and this view was accepted. The whole section, as amended, was then agreed to.

Standing Orders – amendments were submitted as follows –

Kingston – Delete all after “vote” on 4<sup>th</sup> line. Carried.

no.2. Delete “himself or herself to” on 2<sup>nd</sup> line. Carried.

no.3. Insert “on amendment”, after “motion” on 7<sup>th</sup> line. Carried.

no.4. Insert “and discussed twenty minutes”, after “seconded” on 2<sup>nd</sup> line.

Carried.

Rutherglen – no.5. Delete “in regard to some point of his speech.” Carried.

Kingston – no.9 0 Delete the whole clause and substitute amendment received. Carried.

The complete Constitution and Rules, as amended, was then agreed to.

Arrangements for printing – It was then agreed that particulars be supplied to Secy. as to quantity required, as early as possible, and that subject matter for outside cover be sent, in each case, immediately after Annual meeting.

Syllabus of Lessons – Secy. stated that a Syllabus of Lessons had been prepared by Sub Committee appointed, dealing with the subject of “Citizenship” under four heads – Home life, In the School, In the Workshop, The State. He read the subjects over, and stated that, unfortunately, he had forgotten to bring typewritten copies with him. It was, therefore, impossible to supply delegates, and adoption of syllabus was not moved.

Comrade Hardy outlined an alternative Scheme. He thought the one submitted was too abstract to interest children, and that virtues should be explained by practise rather than precept. He suggested that a Historical Lesson might be given on the fourth or fifth Sunday of each month, and mentioned Harry Lowerison’s book, also an American book “Ten boys”. He moved that question be remitted back. John Hamilton

seconded. Agreed. Officials together with comrade Hardy, were appointed to act as Sub Committee.

Time and place of next Conference. F. Smithies moved that next Conference be held at Edinburgh in September 1908. George Hale Seconded. Agreed.

Officials F |Smithies moved that Officials be reappointed. D Jarvis seconded. Agreed

It was further agreed that discussion of Syllabus be subject for next Conference, and that Mrs McDougall or W. Guild be asked to give the address, subject t be "A Model Lesson", or "Methods of training Teachers".

Treasurers Report, submitted Malcolm Nimmo, shewed a balance of £1-18-11. A. Richie moved adoption, seconded by John W. Hodgson. Agreed.

Secy. read letter of Greeting from Fred Coates, Secy. of Lancashire and Cheshire Union. A. B. Hardy oved that a suitable acknowledgement be sent. agreed.  
auditors – George Hale and A. Ritchie were appointed.

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F. Smithies moved an inclusive vote of thanks to Glasgow Union, also Officials, and J.L.P for use of Hall, this was very heartily responded to.

In the evening an Open meeting was held in Union Halls, when Songs, Drill, and Reading were contributed. James Love, (Paisley School), gave an interesting address in the subject of "Methods of Teaching", his chief points having reference to texts, use of Blackboard, drawings and sketches, and Class Teaching.

Questions and discussion followed, after which all joined in singing "England, Arise", and the gathering separated.

Alfred Russell Secy.  
Adam Carnegie                      Chairman

**21<sup>st</sup> March 1908**

330 St Georges Road  
Glasgow. 21/3/1908.

A meeting of Syllabus Sub Committee was held here today, Adam Carnegie presiding.

Secy. read remit from Conference.

A general discussion then took place. A. B. Hardy read over Scheme which he had drafted. He suggested that on opening Sunday there should be an explanation of methods, once every month a History Lesson from book "Ten Boys", or Harry Lowerison's book. another lesson each month should be biographical. nature lessons should also be given, and lessons on Industry, if possible, by a tradesman in the Industry concerned. Simple Economic Lesson should also be given. "The Coal Mine" was suggested as a subject. Points emphasised were – kind of Lessons – Economic, not dry, also nature and History Lessons. age of children to condition lessons. other members of the Committee also expressed their opinions.

Subjects were drawn up as follows, arranged in sections, and in consecutive order.

Ethical – Fair play, Justice, Courage, Ambition, Habit, Love, Character, what are we, not what we have, Order Honour, Punctuality, Gambling.

Simple Economics – Land, Property, and where it goes, Riches and Poverty Competition and Cooperation, Waste, The use of Money, Work – useful and useless, The Cost and Effects of War, Adulteration, Unemployment.

History subjects. Unwritten History (Stone and Bronze Ages), Our Ayrans Ancestors, Greek Life, Roman Life, our Saxon Forefathers, Norman Period, John Ball and the Peasant Revolt, the Manorial System, The Growth of Towns, Origin of Parliament, Chattel and Wage Slavery, Modern Industrial System, Child Labour, The Factory System, The Chartist Movement, Trade Unionism, Cooperation, Limited Companies Monopoly.

Biographical – Caroline Martyn, Socrates, Marcus Aurelius, Galileo, Robert Owen, Walt Whitman, Darwin, Maggini, Garibaldi, Tolstoy, Robert Burns, Lord Shaftsbury, William Morris, Thomas Carlyle, Ruskin, Karl Marx, Richard Oastler. These to be arranged in historical order.

Health Lessons. Health of the body. The five senses, the gateways of knowledge. The houses we live in. food. Clothing. games and Pastimes, Environment, Temperance, Cleanliness.

Nature Lessons. The Seasons. Flowers (in Season). Plant Life. How nature avoids overcrowding, Parasites, Workers in nature (Bees, ants, earth worms, coral, insects, etc.), Woods and Rivers, Mutual aid among animals, kindness to animals, the Wonders of the Sea, The Story of the Heavens, The History of a Piece of Coal.

Industrial lessons – The Miner, The Railway Worker, The Factory Worker, The Sailor, The Agricultural Worker, Sweated Workers, The Pottery Workers.

International Lessons. India, Japan, France, Germany, Russia, America, Denmark, Belgium.

General. The States Duty to the Children. The Childrens' Duty to the State, Our Reserves, Citizenship. The Vote. Ideals, Interdependence. The Meaning of Life. Happiness. Music. Art. The Origin of Names. The Teaching of the Poets. Life's Difficulties. Fellowship. Books. Builders. Barriers. Hope. Power. Fairy Tales. The Chicago Martyrs, (nearest Sunday to Nov 11<sup>th</sup>). The Paris Commune (nearest Sunday to March 22<sup>nd</sup>).

It was agreed that recommendations be also submitted, as follows – (1) That the matter be remitted to a Committee to arrange list of reference books to suit subjects on syllabus, and thereafter issue same complete. Time limit for preparing of list, to be fixed. (2) That we recommend the adoption of Adult Classes for young men and women over 15 years of age, in connection with the different Schools, as a means of education in Economics, Industrial History, and kindred subjects, and that a paper of the subject be read at next conference.

Procedure to be similar to last year. Amendments to be in Secy. hands seven days clear before conference. Amendments thereafter to be typewritten and handed to delegates at conference before proceedings begin.

General points – Date of conference, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Oddfellows Hall 2.30 till 6 P.M. Train leaving Queen Street, one o'clock, arriving Edinburgh (Waverley) 2.5 P.M. Tea at 7P.M. Leader of singing and Pianist to be appointed by Edinburgh comrades, who are also to choose songs.

Alfred Russel Secy.  
Adam Carnegie                      Chairman

**11<sup>th</sup> April 1908**

330 St Georges Road  
Glasgow. 11//4/1908

Meeting of Syllabus Sub Committee was held here today, Adam Carnegie presiding. Secretary read Minutes of previous meeting, which were agreed to. He then read over list of subjects, which was added to, and arranged. It was agreed that no age limit be stated, but that Supts. And speakers select an arrange the subjects for school use, as they think best.

After friendly discussion, it was agreed that typewritten copies be prepared and submitted first to members of committee for amendment or approval. It was agreed to recommend that a Committee of 8 be appointed to draw up list of books, and that members of schools generally be asked to send in list of books, with price and publisher.

Evening meeting arrangements. Edinburgh comrades to arrange. Public Reception suggested. Welcome to Glasgow and other comrades. Note of decision to be sent to Secretary before 17<sup>th</sup> May. Time of meeting, 7.30 P.M.

This was all the business.

Alfred Russell      Secretary  
Adam Carnegie      Chairman

Delegates present

Central – Jeanie Young  
Bridgeton – Robert Trodden : Alex. Calder  
College – W. Nicol : A. McInnes  
Partick – Donald McIvor : R. Gibson  
Rutherglen – David Hardie : Wm. [William?] Guild  
Govan – W. Anderson : Mrs Anderson  
Clydebank – Wm. [William?] Love : John Davie  
Calton – John Burns : Wm [William?] Hart  
Kingston – Miss Glasier : George Hale  
Paisley – E. Begg : Bert Glencross  
Dennistoun – Miss Jack : R. McIndoe  
Parkhead – A. Waddell : Wm [William?] Ferguson  
Kinning Park – H. Hopkins : J. McFarlane  
Kilmarnock – James Mutch : Alex Cairns  
Dundee – Miss Bella D Brand M.A : F. May Davey  
Leith – James Hughes : Archd [Archibald?]. McCormack  
Musselburgh – M. Sproull : Miss Margret Nasmyth  
Stockbridge – J. J. Donldsn M.A : F. Smithies  
Dalry – Wm [William?] Robertson : James G. Glen M.A  
Lawnmarket – Miss Hossack : A.B Hardy M.A  
Aberdeen – J. W. Gordon  
Buckhaven – J. G. Kennedy

**26<sup>th</sup> September 1908**

Shepherds Hall, India Bdgs,  
George IV Bridge, Edinburgh  
26<sup>th</sup> September 1908

The third Annual Conference of Scottish Schools was held here at 2.30 P.M today, Adam Carnegie presiding. 23 schools were represented by 42 delegates, the total number present was 83.

Opening song "England Arise", having been sung, Robert Donaldson, Chairman of Edinburgh Union welcomed the delegates in a rousing speech, the Conference Chairman briefly replying, and emphasising the need of loyalty to decisions.

The question of relationships of visitors, to Conference procedure, was then praised. W. Nicol (College School), seconded by Miss Lizzie Glasier (Kingston School) moved that visitors be allowed to take part in discussion, but not allowed to vote. Agreed. Standing Orders having been read, Secy . read synopsis of Minutes of previous Conference, which were adopted on the motion of F. Smithies (Stockbridge), seconded by A.B. Hardy (Lawnmarket.)

Consideration of syllabus of lessons was then proceeded with. A Russell moved as follows on behalf of Syllabus of Sub Committee

- (a) That syllabus, as prepared be adopted.
- (b) That the matter be remitted to a committee to arrange list of reference books to suit subjects on Syllabus, and thereafter issue same complete.

He stated the Committee thought a general scheme would best allow for

Maryhill – Tom Hamilton : Mrs Brand  
Adam Carnegie (Chairman). Malcolm Nimmo (Treasurer)  
Alfred Russell (Secretary)

Delegates Absent C Lothian, (Central) ill.  
Miss Jean Coutts (Aberdeen) detained through business.

Total school represented	23	Last year 13
„ delegates represented	42	„ „ 25
„ including visitors	83	„ „ 38

Notes. Time for sending in amendments, to allow for consideration by schools. sending delegates fees to Secretary beforehand. Suggest at least one week, to allow of adjustment.

Nominations to be sanctioned by those nominated.

Place for next Conference to be submitted by notification beforehand.



for free discussion and possible amendments, proceeding to explain the advantages of the scheme drawn up. A. B. Hardy seconded, instancing a Scheme prepared for Lawnmarket School.

A question was asked by Miss Glasier regarding the position of the subject "Lawline Martyn" in the list, and thereafter the subject matter, as drawn up, was unanimously endorsed.

An amendment, for practical purposes, was submitted on behalf of Stockbridge School, by F. Smithies, as follows.

"That syllabus as prepared, (with an appendix of five model series of "lessons, to suit various ages, each covering a Sessions work), be adopted." He said the object was to have a clear understanding as to the method whereby we are going to attack the child mind. Series were for children under the age of 7 or 8 to 11, 11-13, with two further series. He explained the working of the scheme. J. J. Donaldson seconded. R. Donaldson, W. Guild (R'glen [Rutherglen]) and T. Hamilton (Maryhill) having spoken, Secretary proposed agreeing to scheme as submitted, meantime, bringing forward series of Model Lessons as a separate issue, at next conference. F. Smithies having replied, the amendment was agreed to by a large majority.

A proposal that "The family and the Human Race" be added to the list of subjects under "Ethical", was moved by J. J. Donaldson, on behalf of Stockbridge School, F. Smithies seconding. W. Guild (Rutherglen) moved an amendment, Miss Lizzie Glasier seconding. Result of vote. For amendment, 21, for motion 13. Agreed accordingly.

A.B. Hardy moved conformation of decisions arrived at. G. Hale (Kingston) seconded. Agreed.

F. Smithies moved appointment of Committee. M. Spoull seconded. Agreed.

F Smithies moved that number be 8. James G. Glen (Dalry), seconded. G Hale moved that number be 5. David Hardie (Rutherglen) seconded. This was agreed to. The following were duly appointed. A.B Hardy, J.J. Donaldson, A. Russell, Miss Brand, and James G. Glen. Convenor – A.B Hardy.

D Hardie moved that no time limit be fixed for preparing of lessons. Agreed. The second Resolution was moved by J.J Donaldson, as follows – "That we "recommended the adoption of Adult classes for young men and women over 15 "years of age, in connection with the different Schools, as a means of education "in economics, Industrial History, and kindred subjects, and that a Paper "on the subject be read at next Conference." Secretary seconded, in the absence through illness, of C. Lothian (Central).

An amendment was moved by Miss Hossack, on behalf of Lawnmarket School, as follows. "That the words" And that a Paper be read at next Conference "be deleted". A.B. Hardy seconded.

After full and free discussion, taken part in by Miss Davie (Dundee), M Spoull (Mussellburgh), A. McIvor (Partick), R. Donaldson, J.W Gordon (Aberdeen), and George Hale (Kingston), a vote was taken. 18 voted for amendment, 18 for motion. and it was agreed, on the motion of J.W Gordon, (Aberdeen) seconded by W. Nicol (College), that a Paper be read at next Conference, on the general subject of the Cass System, first part of motion to remain unaltered.

G. Hale moved that someone be appointed to read the Paper. A. McIvor (Partick), seconded. W. Nicol (College), moved as an amendment, that Committee arrange. B. Glencross (Paisley), seconded. Amendment was agreed to by a large majority.

Treasurer's Statement, submitted by Malcolm Nimmo, showed a balance of 14/3. R. Trodden and W. Guild were appointed Auditors, and it was agreed to be audited Report at next Conference. M. Sproull moved that application fees to be sent to Secretary in future, when sending names of delegates. E. Begg (Paisley) seconded. Agreed.

Time and place of conference. R. Macindoe moved on behalf of Dennistoun, in favour of Aberdeen. Miss Jack seconded. Other towns mentioned were Paisley, Dundee, Kilmarnock, and Glasgow. A vote was taken between Paisley and Glasgow. 16 voted for the former, and 22 for the latter. Agreed accordingly. A.B. Hardy moved that date of next Conference be third Saturday in September 1909. A McIvor (Partick) seconded. Agreed.

Appointment of Officials. Nomination for chair from Dennistoun School – Miss Glasier. She declined. Officials were unanimously re-elected.

General Business. On behalf of Kingston School, George Hale moved as follows "That this Conference agrees that it shall not be compulsory on "the Schools to adopt the Constitution and Rules drawn up at last "Conference, but that Schools, in drawing up a Constitution [vc?]. shall we use the Model Constitution and Rules as a basis." He further moved that the following words be deleted from "Statement of Objects."

"It is strongly "recommended that children do not attend orthodox Sunday School". The Chairman ruled that latter item was out of order, and could only be raised when Constitution and Rules are definitely under consideration the former motion was in accordance with decision arrived at previously.

J.G Glen moved a vote of thanks to the visiting delegates.

Miss Lizzie Glasier moved hearty thanks to Edinburgh comrades, and F. Smithies moved a vote of thanks to the Officials. a hearty response followed.

B Glencross suggested that sanction should first be secured in the case of those nominated.

Secretary indicated attendance, intimated that South Side, Renfrew, Shettleston, and Motherwell Schools, were unrepresented, and that Miss Coutts, Aberdeen, found at the last minutes that she was unable to attend.

Proceedings terminated by the hearty singing of "The Red Flag."

Alfred Russell, Sectary  
Adam Carnegie Chairman

Delegates present

Central -	Allan Ireland	: Charles Lothian
College -	Wm. Jockel	: Miss C. Jockel
Partick -	John Barclay	: D. Colquhoun
Rutherglen -	David Hardie	: Wm [William?] Guild
Govan -	Joseph Milne	: P. Yule
Kingston -	A. Pinkney	: W. Finlayson
Paisley -	Jas Russell (absent)	: Miss Mima Stovie
Dennistoun -	Miss Jeanie Auld	: John M. Hamilton
Maryhill -	Thomas Drife	: Tom Hamilton
Parkhead -	James Reid	: Mrs. Waddell
Kinning Park -	Mrs McGill	: John Buchanan
Govanhill -	Miss Jessie Hannan	: W. Bishop
Bridgeton -	John McKimmie	: A. Calder
Kilmarnock -	Robert Crawford	: H. Wallace
Falkirk -	John Macdonald	: Patrick McGovern
Leith -	Miss McNab	: Miss Scott
Abbeyhill -	Miss Borland	: Hugh Borland
Lawnmarket -	Donald Robertson	: Margaret B. Innes
Dalry -	H. H. Lamb	: Miss Mary McLellan
Portobello -	J. Denholm	: R. Donaldson

NO. of schools represented – 20. No. of delegates 40. Total attendance 47. Schools not represented, and replying – Shettleston, South Side, Wishaw, Dundee and Musselburgh = 5 failing to reply – Clydebank, Motherwell, Buckhaven, Kirkaldy, and Aberdeen = 5

Schools unrepresented two years in succession – Shettleston and South Side.

Executive.

Adam Carnegie (Chairman), Alfred Russell (Secretary), Allan Ireland (Treasurer), Miss McNab. A.B. Hardy M.A, R. Donaldson, (Edinburgh District), Miss Stovie (Paisley District), and John Barclay (Glasgow District).

Cost for delegates Teas - £2.14/. (36 @ 1/6)

**18<sup>th</sup> September 1909**

Union Halls, 104 W. Nile St  
Glasgow. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1909

The fourth Annual Conference of Scottish Schools was held here today at 2.30 P.M. Adam Carnegie presiding. 20 schools were represented by 40 delegates, the total number present being 47.

Opening song "Welcome, welcome", having been sung, Chairman briefly welcomed the delegates, emphasising that Adult Movement did not treat Childrens' Movement as well as might be expected, and referring also to "The Young Socialist".

Secretary submitted Synopsis of Minutes of previous Conference, which were adopted on the motion of W. Nicol (College School), seconded by T. Hamilton (Maryhill School.) He read telegram conveying good wishes, from Miss Glasier, and it was agreed that a suitable telegram be sent in reply, on the motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by Miss Hannan. He further stated that 10 schools were unrepresented, 5 of them not replying to Circular, while, of the other five, two had been unrepresented for two years in succession – Shettleston and South Side.

Standing Orders – Chairman read some. They were unanimously endorsed.

Visitors and discussion – R. Donaldson, (Portobello), moved that visitors be allowed to speak, but not to vote, C. Lothian (Central) seconded. Agreed.

Auditors – David Hardie (Rutherglen), and Mis McNab were appointed.

Model Syllabus of Lessons' Report – A.B Hardy M. A. submitted Report, giving a resume of business done, including arrangements for reading of Paper on "The Class System". Cost of syllabus (£2,7.6), would be met by Conference Income, which explained increased Levy. The question of future publication an cost would be decided by Conference, as Sub Committee's labours were now at an end. The thanks of the conference were due to comrades Ellis, of Edinburgh, for use of their house for Sub Committee meeting purposes. Syllabus Report was adopted on the motion of Allan Ireland (Central), seconded by Robert Donaldson.

Thereafter a discussion took place – J. Buchanan (Kinning Park), asked how ages could be arranged in a missed School. Miss Hannan thought Syllabus would not be very serviceable. She referred to mottoes. They were quotations, and not of a Socialist nature. Children thought in the concrete (Plasticine Modelling material costs about the price of butter, is not nice to work with, and clay is mentioned in Government Syllabus, as being preferable.) She moved that no further action be taken in the matter. A. Calder (Bridgeton) seconded.

After remarks from J. M. Hamilton (Dennistoun), R. Donaldson Secy, W. Guild (Rutherglen), W. Nicol, and D. Hardie, a vote was taken, with the following result.

For amendment 4, and a large majority in favour of the motion.

R Donaldson moved that this matter be remitted to the Conference Committee, and that this Conference extended its hearty thanks to the Sub Committee. W. Guild seconded. Agreed.

A. Ireland moved, and Miss Innes (Lawnmarket) seconded, a motion favouring the sending of a letter of thanks to comrades Ellis for facilities granted to Sub Committee. Agreed.

R. Donaldson then read a Paper on "The Class System of Teaching". Chief point in the Paper had reference to differences in ages, grown ups at school, support from the Adult Movement, claims of either system, and how the bridge between the two might be crossed without revolutionising the School work, dearth of teachers, finance and halls, weakness of the Open School System – varying of ages, speakers generalise too much – dangers of Class System – making Socialist Sunday Schools too similar to week day Schools, - size of Classes, value of the Class System – teachers get into contact, the Class System must grow slowly. W. Guild opened the discussion, referring to expense, staffing, and classification of children according to age.

Other speakers included N. Nicolson, J. M. Hamilton, Miss Hannan, Secretary, and C. Lothian.

R. Donaldson replied, and submitted the following Resolution "That this "Conference approves of the Open School System meantime, but recommends "that for children under six years if age a separate Class be started wherever "possible". W. Guild seconded. Agreed.

The latter suggests that R. Donaldson keep in touch with Superintendents of Schools and report any developments at next conference. R. Donaldson agreed and stated that he might be able to have a good digest in "The Young Socialist" soon.

Motion re Senior Section – John M. Hamilton submitted the following motion.

"That this conference recommends the formation of a Senior organisation "to be wrought on lines calculated to retain the School members over 14 years "of age". He suggested that proposed organisation be named "The Young Socialist League", that an Executive be appointed, that children's names be sent in, and that building up methods be thereafter devised, also that distinctive badge be adopted. John Buchanan seconded.

W. Nicol moved as an amendment that motion be not adopted, as the Economic factors were not included, and that teaching of Socialism must be our main platform, other Movements being in existence for the purposes named by the mover of the motion. Miss Jockel (College School), seconded. The decision was thereafter taken part in by Secy , A. Calder, and C. Lothian.

R. Donaldson gave notice that he would move a motion on the lines suggested by Secretary after the motion had been put.

J. M. Hamilton having replied, a vote was taken, with the following result. For the amendment 7, motion bring carried by a larger majority.

R. Donaldson then moved as an amendment “that this whole question be “remitted for the consideration of next Conference, to be introduced by “the reading of a Paper on “How to deal with young men and women over “14 years of age”. David Hardie seconded.

Result of vote – For the amendment 19; For the motion 11. The amendment was therefore declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.

Treasures Statement – M. Nimmo then submitted Statement of previous Conference as in hands of delegates, shewing a deficit of 2/11. An expenditure of 9/- had been incurred[?] after Conference. W. Guild vouched for the accuracy of Statement. Report was adopted in the motion of D. Hardie, seconded by A. Calder.

A further rough Statement re present Conference showed portable Income of £7.10/., and Expenditure of £6:17:2, leaving an estimated surplus of 13/.

Time and place of next conference and appointment of Officials – Secy stated that Paisley, Glasgow, and Edinburgh had been recommended as places for holding next Conference, and the two months suggested were January and September. Officials had been renominated, but Treasurer did not seek re-election. Donald Robertson (Lawnmarket) moved in favour of January, as Edinburgh holidays did not conclude till end of August, and September was therefore unsuitable. September was agreed to by 22 against 12.

Paisley was agreed to as a place of next conference by 14 against 11 for Edinburgh, Glasgow receiving 4 votes. Appointment of Officials were deferred, till after the next item.

Recommendation re Conference Executive – A. Russell submitted the following recommendation – “That an Executive Committee be formed, consisting of eight “members appointed by Conference, including Officials, for the purpose of “Making Conference arrangements, approving Conference Minutes, and dealing “with business remitted from Conference. Meetings of Executive to be held at least Quarterly, and Special meetings to be held as necessity “may demand.” He stated disadvantages of present method, and merits of new Plan, emphasising district representation. A. Calder seconded. The resolution was agreed to without discussion.

Appointment of Officials and Executive members – Chairman and Secy were reappointed, on the motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by A.B Hardy M. A. Treasurer did not seek re-election and Allan Ireland (Central), was appointed on the motion of Tom Hamilton (Maryhill) seconded by A.B. Hardy M. A. The following Executive members were duly appointed. R. Donaldson and A.B. Hardy M. A. (Edinburgh), Miss McNab (Leith), Miss Stovie (Paisley), and John Barclay (Glasgow). It was agreed that first meeting of Executive be held during December.

“Young Socialist” Appeal – John Barclay made a Statement. He submitted that Income amounted to “22.8.2, and Expenditure to £15.8/., shewing a balance of

£7.0.2. Actual Assets amounted to £48.3..8, and liabilities Civic Press a/c) to £77.19.6, shewing a deficit of £29:15:10. Monthly income amounted to £10.14.3, and expenditure to £13.6.9, showing a monthly deficit of £2.12/6, or, with £1.5/. included for present and possible advertisements, £1.7.6. By selling 1000 extra Magazines £3/2. Would be added to income, less £1.18/. for printing, shewing an increased income of £1.4/., leaving Committee in a state of solvency. He appealed vigorously for increased advertisements, increased circulation, mentioned methods of helping, and concluded by laying special stress on the importance of helping the Magazine by all possible means.

A.Russell suggested that Schools visiting Committees could lend very practical assistance.

Enlargement of Union areas – R. Donaldson moved that Executive take this question into account. W. Guild seconded. Agreed.

Amendments to Constitution and Rules – The following amendments were put forward, on behalf of Partick School –

Rule 2 – Delete “It is strongly recommended that children do not attend any “orthodox Sunday School”.

General Meetings – Delete “January” and insert “August”.

School Committee – Committee to consist of Officials only.

Membership – After age for Scholars’ transfer to Adult Roll from “15” to “18”.

Chairman made a few remarks, pointing out difficulties, after which D. Colquhoun (Partick), moved that revision of Constitution be an item on next year’s Agenda. John Barclay, (Partick) =, seconded, with the recommendation that time be allowed for sending in amendments. Agreed.

Bote of thanks – A.B. Hardy M. A. moved a hearty vote of thanks to the officials, and W. Guild moved a hearty vote of thanks to R. Donaldson, for his Paper on “The Class System of Teaching”. There was a very cordial response.

Proceedings terminated by singing the appropriate Song “O Earth “thy past.”

Alfred Russell Secy  
Adam Carnegie  
Chairman

**18<sup>th</sup> December 1909**

Reformers' Bookstall Office  
126 Bothwell St. 18<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 1909

The first meeting of the Scottish Sunday Schools' Conference Executive was held here today at 3P.M. Adam Carnegie (Chairman), presiding. All the members were present, Miss Mima Stovie (Paisley), being represented by her father, John Stovie.

The Chairman referred to the inauguration of Executive and its significance, after which Secy read Conference Minutes, which were confirmed as a correct record, on the motion of Robert Donaldson, Seconded by A.B. Hardy.

Treasurers Report. Adam Ireland submitted same, shewing of income of £8.2/., and an Expenditure of £8.3/8. The sum of 13/6 still remained unpaid, and 44/10 12/4 was handed over. The sum of 12/. had been advanced by Glasgow Union. Report was approved by on the motion of Secretary, seconded by Miss McNab, and, after informal discussion, members agreed to defray their own travelling expenses meantime, pending satisfactory adjustment of finance.

Question of allocation of surplus from Conference "At Home", amounting to 14/11, was next considered, money having been handed to Glasgow Union Treasurer provisionally, and it was agreed that a proposition of 12/. be applied, as past payment of Hall Rent, on the motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by Allan Ireland.

Business Arising from Minutes – After discussion, Secy moved hat no further steps be taken re printed syllabus owing to lack of effective demand Miss McNab seconded. Agreed.

Reading of Paper at next Conference. After a general exchange of opinion and the suggestion that W. Guild, D. Hardie, and Jo. Love be approached with a view to securing the services of one of them to read a Paper on the subject of "How to deal with young men and women over 14 years of age", it was agreed that J. Love only be approached, with W. Guild as reserve. R. Donaldson moved that a Resolution on the subject be drawn up by James Love and submitted to Executive, for endorsement or otherwise. Agreed. It was further agreed that Synopsis be prepared, as recommended by College school.

Model Constitution and Rules. R. Donaldson moved that a copy of College School Constitution and Rules be supplied to each member of Executive. If carried, then we could send it on to Schools for endorsement or alterations. Secretary emphasised the need of unanimity regarding Statement of Aims and Objects as guiding principles. Agreed.

Enlargement of Union areas. R. Donaldson suggested that areas be extended to hinder multiplicity of representations on National Council, and also to avoid duplication and weakness. Secretary referred to difficulty of getting school representatives in outlying districts to attend union meetings. R. Donaldson stated in reply to a question, that travelling expenses are pooled. A. B. Hardy said that Glasgow should first define its area. Alteration of union meeting night to Saturday was also mentioned, and R. Donaldson moved that Glasgow Union help Greenock



School. Miss McNab seconded. Agreed. It was realised that definition of areas was most necessary.

Standing Orders. It was agreed to adopt Union Standing Orders for Executive Purposes, Conference Standing Orders being practically moveable.

Time for receiving amendments to Constitution and Rules. R. Donaldson moved that limit of time be July. He thought two meetings would be necessary.

Date and Place of next meeting. Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April, 3 till 5.30, in Edinburgh – Lawnmarket Hall – Edinburgh comrades to arrange.

Question of Assistant Secretary. Secretary explained that it would be best to train someone for Secretarial work by the means suggested, and it was agreed to keep this recommendation definitely in our view with a view to selection and appointment of Asst. Secy. at next Conference.

This was all the business.

Alfred Russell, Secretary  
Adam Carnegie, Chairman

**9<sup>th</sup> April 1910**

L. L. P. Rooms, 429 Lawnmarket  
Edinburgh. 9<sup>th</sup> April 1910

A meeting of Scottish Schools Conference Executive was held here today at 3 P.M, Adam Carnegie, Chairman, presiding. All the members were present, except Miss McNab and R. Donaldson, unavoidably detained by other business, and John Barclay, migrated to America.

Minutes of previous meeting were read by Secretary, and adopted in the motion of Allan Ireland, seconded by A.B Hardy.

Business arising from Minutes. In reply to a question, treasurer stated that 12/- had been advanced by Glasgow Union. Receipts had been given, and all stands clear. Letters were read from James Love and Wm. Guild, giving reasons for regretfully declining to prepare Paper referred to in previous Minutes.

Union areas. Secy. suggested that 25 miles was considered wise limit for Glasgow Union area. Chairman supplemented a recommendation to that effect would be made to Glasgow Union. A.B Hardy stated that Edinburgh area included Fife, and the Lothians. Regarding Conference, Allan Ireland suggested that arrangements be made today, and that a Sub Committee deal with details.

Constitution and Rules amendments. It was agreed that Circular be sent to Schools in first instance, and that, when amendments are received, they be selected and arranged in due order, thereafter appearing on printed Agenda in specified time for consideration.

Selection of hymns. It was agreed that "O, beautiful my country" be opening hymn, on the motion of A.B Hardy, seconded by A. Ireland, and that "Onward, brothers" be closing hymn, on the motion of secy. seconded by A.B. Hardy. It was further decided that only title of hymn appear.

Assistant Secretary. it was agreed that recommendation by Executive appear in the Agenda, in the following terms "That an Assistant "Secretary be appointed, to act in absence of Secretary, or otherwise share his "duties, as may be mutually arranged." Name to be anticipated, if possible.

Date for receiving amendments to Constitution and Rules. July, as previously agreed. Secy. to have matter out in time.

Model Constitution and Rules were then briefly considered. First part of "Objects" endorsed. A.B Hardy suggested that second part be handed "Methods". Arrangement of Agenda items was also referred to, also recommendation that children do not attend any orthodox School, which was endorsed. It was further suggested that reference to Drills in first part be embodied in second part only. Chairman pointed out that permission to clarify could be obtained by the Executive from the delegates. Regarding item "General Meetings", holding of Annual Meeting in August, was approved. No further comments or suggestions were made.

Form of Agenda. Decisions were as follows. Heading to be as formerly, with alterations necessary. Secretary to write Secy. of Paisley School re Conference meeting place for afternoon and evening, use of piano, re. time of meeting, 3 till 6.30. chairman, Adam Carnegie. Procedure. Opening hymn. Welcome to delegates. (James Love to be asked to act.) Minutes of previous Conference. Treasures Statement. Executive Minutes. Consideration of Model Constitution. Executive recommendation regarding Asst. Secretary. Election of Executive Committee – Chairman, secretary, treasurer, and five of a Committee.

Question of binding nature, or otherwise, of Model Constitution, was here raised, and it was resolved that attitude of Executive be thus formulated “We consider “Model Constitution binding, except in cases where special conditions hinder its application.”

Reading of Paper – Miss Jockel to be asked to prepare and submit same. Time to be allowed, 30 minutes. Resolution might be submitted to Executive, for endorsement, or drawn up informally at Conference. Miss McNab to be requested to act as opener. Secy. to act as reserve for reading of Paper. Evening meeting arrangements to be made, and included in Agenda, also Standing Orders.

Vacancy in Executive Committee. It was agreed, on the motion of Secy. by A. Ireland, that vacancy caused by John Barclay’s migration to America, be recorded, but not filled up.

Financial Statement – Statement for last Conference. Income £8.2/1, Expenditure = delegates” expenses £2.3.10. total expenditure £7.9.8. Assets – Cash 12/4 deficit 13/2. Liabilities 13/6 for printing, loan 12/- = £1.5/6. Assets – Cash 12/4 Deficit 13/2. Income since £1.4.4, Expenditure 18/7, Balance 5/9. A. B. Hardy moved adoption. Miss Mima Storrie seconded. Agreed.

Delegates travelling expenses from Glasgow – Chairman + Secy. 4/- each.

Estimate of Expenditure for 1910, £13.5.6. if levy fixed at 25 Schools 10/6 each, there would be a slight balance in hand. It was agreed that whole financial position be considered at next meeting.

Time of next Executive meeting. It was agreed that date be 6<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> August, the former date to have preference, place of meeting, Central School Hall, Glasgow. [illegible] absent delegates to be advised accordingly.

Alfred Russell	} Secy.
Adam Carnegie	

**13<sup>th</sup> August 1910**

22 Ardoch Street, P.park  
Glasgow. 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910

A meeting of Sottish Schools Conference Executive was held here today at 3 P.M. Adam Carnegie, Chairman presiding. All the members were present except Miss Storrie and A. B. Hardy – both on holiday.

Minutes of previous meeting were read, and, after several questions put by R. Donaldson had been satisfactorily answered, approval was moved by A. Ireland, seconded by Miss McNab, and agreed to.

Correspondence. This included letters re meeting and Conference business from Miss McNab and R. Donaldson, also letters from Secretaries of Leith, Portobello, and Abbeyhill Schools intimating nonrepresentation at conference. Several P. Co relative to Conference routine business were also submitted, and from Secy. of College School notifying that cost of Syllabuses for use of delegates would be 3/8, - cost piece. This was duly endorsed.

Consideration of financial position – The treasurer stated that he had thought about 1/2 d contribution per member per month as a means of meeting expense, but discussion then took place, the fixing of a maximum levy finding general favour. R. Donaldson suggested that Executive consist of Union Representatives, to the number required, and that expenses be borne by Unions alternately, it was agreed to defer consideration till later.

Agenda – Secretary submitted outline of same, which was duly endorsed. Regarding Executive, as a means of meeting the enforcing of Conference decisions' difficulty, and as a possible solution of the financial dilemma, R. Donaldson moved as follows. "That the Executive shall be composed of delegates from the "Unions, Executive expense to be bourne by the Unions, and that Conference ne "held in different Union districts alternatively, each School to pay its own "travelling expenses, to the best financial advantage, as they think fit." This was agreed to, the motion to be introduced by Chairman when question of Executive arises. In the event of motion being agreed to at Conference, Edinburgh would be next meeting place. It was agreed that 50 copies of Agenda bee printed, also that amendments be prepared separately, A. Ireland kindly undertaking to attend the same. Central School amendment was ruled out of order, as a separate Constitution was deemed entirely new matter. It was decided to advertise one week beforehand in Socialist papers, and to send preliminary parts. [unsure] two weeks beforehand. In connection with Paper, the second form of Resolution sent in by Miss Jockel, was endorsed, on the motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by Miss McNab.

Evening meeting arrangements. Secy. was instructed incidentals. Suggested price of tickets, 6d.

General Business. The question of financial liability od Schools not represented, was raised, and it was agreed that in such cases traveling expenses which would have been incurred, be pooled, with a view to receiving payment accordingly.

Alfred Russell Secy.  
Adam Carnegie Chairman.

Additional note. Amendments from Lawnmarket School received late, with personal explanation by School Secy. . Two members of the Executive were consulted, and acceptance was agreed to, under the special circumstances.

Alfred Russell

Hon. Sec.

Chairman

Delegates present

Central-	Nellie Young	:	Tom Bridge
Bridgeton-	James Dickie	:	Mrs Moodie
College-	Wm [William] Nicol	:	J. Munro
Partick-	M Nimmo	:	W. Cowan
Kingston-	A. P. Shelly	:	George Seagers
Paisley-	James Russell	:	Henry Proctor
Dennistoun-	T Kennedy	:	Mrs McGregor
Parkhead-	Jas. McDougall	:	Jas. Reid
Maryhill-	Catherine Tinney	:	- Purcell
Govanhill-	Jessie Hannan	:	Frank Lonsdale
Western-	John Burns		
Falkirk-	W. Spicer	:	Robert Hamilton
Lawnmarket-	Harry Scott	:	James Harley

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Schools unrepresented –

South Side (3 years in succession): Shettleston (3 years in succession)  
Rutherglen, Govan, Clydebank, Motherwell, Wishaw, Pollokshaws, Renfrew,  
Kilmarnock, Aberdeen, Leith, Musselburgh, Abbeyhill, Dalry, Portobello, Buckhaven,  
and Kirkcaldy.

No. of Schools represented 13. Number of delegates 25.

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**17tg September 1910**

111 Causeyside Street,  
Paisley. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1910

The fifth Annual Conference of Scottish Schools was held here today at 3P.M. Adam Carnegie presiding over an attendance of 25 delegates, representing 13 Schools, out of a possible 32 Schools, over 64 delegates, attendance at previous Conference being 40 delegates, representing 20 Schools.

Opening song "O, beautiful, my country", having been sung, Ebenezer Begg briefly welcomed the delegates, on behalf of local comrades.

Minutes of previous Conference were read by secretary, and adopted on the motion of M. Nimmo (Partick), and W. Nicol (College).

Standing Orders were referred to by Chairman, and approved.

Treasurer's Statement for previous Conference showed a balance of 12/4, details of Income and Expenditure, duly audited, being given. Approximate Income and Expenditure of fifth Annual Conference were submitted as follows. Income £8:0:10 Expenditure £6.3/- Approximate balance £1..17..10. The financial statement of previous Conference was adopted on the motion of James Russell (Paisley), seconded by Malcolm Nimmo (Partick), John Burns, and Malcom Nimmo being appointed auditors for ensuing year.

Executive Minutes, in curtailed form, were read by Secretary, and adopted on the motion of Harry Scott (Lawnmarket), seconded by Tom Bridge (Central).

Secretary suggested that, at future Conferences, Synopsis of Conference Minutes and Secretary's Report, first endorsed by Executive, be substituted for present, to save time. this was agreed to, on the motion of John Munro (College), seconded by James Harley, (Lawnmakrket).

Model Constitution Amendments. These were submitted in due order, as follows and with results indicated.

Objects – Partick and Lawnmarket – that this section conclude with the word "fellowship". The remainder of this and the following clause to be headed "Methods". M. Nimmo moved accordingly. W. Nicol seconded. Agreed.

Lawnmarket. To delete scentence beginning "It is strongly recommended", and beginning "After three consecutive absences", to foot of page. Owing to an overlook, the second part of this amendment was placed first, its adoption being moved by H. Scott, seconded by James Harley. James Dickie, (Bridgeton), moved a direct amendment, seconded by W. Nicol. Result of vote. For amendment moved by James Dickie 13. For motion, moved by H. Scott 7. Majority 6. Clause therefore remains unaltered. First part of amendment, moved by H. Scott, a direct amendment being moved by W. Nicol 6: for motion of H. Scott, who gave reasons for motion, in replying, 15. It was accordingly agreed tat clause be deleted.

Membership – Lawnmarket. Alter at beginning to read “Adult deserving membership shall be avowed Socialists. They shall be proposed” etc. James Harley moved accordingly. T Bridge seconded. John Munro moved against, Ja.s. Dickie seconding. Result of vote. For motion by James Harley 4, against 17. It was accordingly agreed that Clause remain unaltered.

Parkhead – Delete from “Proposed” (1<sup>st</sup> line), to “also” (4<sup>th</sup> line), rendering nomination at adult meeting, inoperative. James McDougall moved accordingly, Ja.s. Reid seconding. W. Nicol moved against, T. Bridge seconding. Result of vote, For amendment 14, for motion by J McDougall, 8. Clause therefore remains unaltered. Partick – To delete “It is recommended that”, (3<sup>rd</sup> clause), and insert “shall” instead of “do”, (3<sup>rd</sup> Clause, 5<sup>th</sup> line), making the Rule imperative. M. Nimmo moved accordingly. T. Bridge seconded. W. Nicol moved against. For amendment 19, for motion 4. Clause therefore remains unaltered.

Parkhead – To insert “Two” instead of “three”, (3<sup>rd</sup> Clause, 5<sup>th</sup> line) James Reid (Parkhead), moved accordingly, J. McDougall seconding. W. Nicol moved against, T. Bridge seconding. The amendment was carried by a large majority. Clause thus remains unaltered.

Constitution – College – “Executive Committee, consisting of “Officials and Conveners of all Sub Committees., also add “notice of “resignation of officials to be placed one clear month before Annual “ Meeting. Executive Committee to recommend suitable members for vacant positions.” W. Nicol moved accordingly. J. Munro seconded. H. Scott moved against J. Dickie seconding. For amendment 17, for motion 4. Clause not accepted.

General Meetings. College. To delete “January” and substitute “August, (1<sup>st</sup> line). Partick. To delete January and substitute “June”, Lawnmarket – To delete “January”, and substitute “September”. The former was removed by W. Nicol , seconded by J. Munro, the second by M. Nimmo, seconded by G. Seagers (Kingston), and the later by J. Harley, seconded by H. Scott. T Bridge moved in favour of January, Nellie Young seconding.

In the course of discussion, emphasis was laid on the point that Annual meetings should terminate Session rather than inaugurate new Session and should be the fitting conclusion to Season’s work. Result of vote – For January 4, August 2, June 12, Sept 2. June was accordingly agreed, to, as month of Annual meeting of Schools.

General Meetings – College – To delete “Committee”, and substitute “Executive” (4<sup>th</sup> line). Add to 2<sup>nd</sup> Section “Sub Committees to include the following – “Educational Committee of five members, to take yp general Educational “work of School, Halls and Property Committee of five members, to “supervise Hall and general property arrangement f School. Sub “Committee reports to be referred to Executive. Year’s work to be “focussed by Executive beforehand and reported on at Annual “Meeting”. This amendment was ruled out of order, owing to non-acceptance of College School earlier amendment.

Method of Finances. Partick – To rearrange clause 1 to read “Finance shall “be raised by a contribution of 3d per month, and a voluntary collection, to be “taken at



every Sunday service". M. Nimmo moved accordingly, T. Bridge seconding. J. Burns moved against, H Proctor, (Paisley), seconding. A discussion followed, and result of vote showed 14 for amendment, and 10 for motion. Clause therefore remains unaltered.

Parkhead. To delete "Contribution, 3d per month" (1<sup>st</sup> Clause, 3<sup>rd</sup> line). James McDougall moved accordingly. James Dickie seconding. T. Bridge moved against, H. Scott seconding, and this was agreed to by a large majority decision against deletion. Partick – To delete "It is recommended" (Clause 2, line 1), substitute "three" for "six" (2<sup>nd</sup> Clause, 2<sup>nd</sup> line). Delete from "cease", (Clause 2, line 3), to "rejoining" (4<sup>th</sup> line), and substitute "be notified by the treasurer, "and when six months in arrears[?] shall cease to be a member." M. Nimmo moved accordingly, T. Bridge seconding. J. Dickie moved against, H. Proctor seconding. Result of vote – Against 11, for 5. Rule thus remains unaltered.

Parkhead – That all after "Funds" (2<sup>nd</sup> Clause, 2<sup>nd</sup> line), be deleted. J. McDougall moved accordingly, J. Burns seconding. H. Proctor moved against, M. Nimmo seconding. The amendment was agreed to by a large majority, clause remaining unaltered.

Method of conduct of meeting – Partick – To delete "Suggested" (2<sup>nd</sup> line). This was, by consent, withdrawn.

Extra item (Heading not available). College – "That a Log Book be kept, to "record all names of officials, and all special items, i.e. naming Services, "Deaths, Presentations vc[?], same to be retrospective as possible." This was duly moved and seconded. Result of vote. Against – 8, In favour -12. Majority in favour 4.

Standing Orders – Partick – To delete "defeated", (no.4, 6<sup>th</sup> line), and insert "decided". This was moved by Nimmo. J. Dickie moved against. Motion was carried, and alteration agreed to.

Parkhead – To delete "three and insert "one" (no.4, last line.) This was, by consent, withdrawn.

A Paper was then read by Miss Jockel M.A (Partick School) the subject being "Hour to deal with young men and women over 14 years of age", and the question was treated in a well-thought-out and comprehensive fashion. A Russell opened discussion, and a number of delegates contributed to the discussion, strongly recommending that Paper be printed. Miss Jockel briefly replied, submitting the following Resolution, which was seconded by W. Nicol, and agreed to - "This conference recommends "that the Socialist Sunday School Movement in each district "inaugurates Classes for young people over 14, compressing teaching in "Socialism and Ethics, and physical and mental training."

Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Essayist. This was cordially responded to.

Appointment of Executive – At this stage Chairman submitted a Resolution on

behalf of Executive, as follows "That this Executive shall be composed "of delegates from the unions, and that Conference be held in different "Union districts alternatively, each school to pay its own travelling expenses, to "the best financial advantage, as they think fit". Chairman explained that the purpose was to ulilege[?] Unions as effectively as possible, and to the financial relief of industrial Schools. H. Scott asked Secretary's opinion. The latter replied that he agreed with the Resolution, as a means of rendering Conference decisions operative, and teaching the value of these decisions by result. He did not favour Union representation, in a delegate sense. It was agreed that question be considered in order at next Conference, and appointment of Officials was proceeded with, as follows – Chairman – Adam Carnegie unanimously elected, James Barron withdrawing.  
Secretary – Alfred Russell  
Treasurer – Allan Ireland

Officials – Voting resulted as follows – Miss McNab – 12, Miss Brand 6R.D10, George Seagers 2, Miss Storrie 9, T. Bridge 7, A. B. Hardy M.A. 15. The three lowest being placed against each other, T. Bridge received 9 votes, G, Seagers 4 votes, and Miss Brand 8 votes, T. Bridge being therefore elected, together with Miss McNab, Miss Storrie, Robert Donaldson, and A. B. Hardy M.A.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary. Executive recommendation, as follows, was submitted – "That an Assistant Secretary be appointed, to act in absence of "Secretary, or otherwise share his duties, as may be mutually arranged."

M. Nimmo moved accordingly. Mrs McGregor, (Dennistoun), seconded. M. Nimmo further moved that question be referred to Executive, for adjustment. J. Munro seconded. Both motions were agreed to.

Time and place of next Conference – J. Munro moved in favour of Glasgow, M. Nimmo seconding. T. Bridge moved in favour of Falkirk, W Spicer (Falkirk), agreed to. Date was overlooked, but decision is understood to go by default.

General business. H Scott moved that Paper be read by Miss Jockel M.A. be printed and circulated, subject to her consent, H. Proctor seconded. Secretary pointed out that delegates had given no mandate to the Executive regarding the supervision and carrying out of Conference decisions, but this awakened no response.

The motion regarding financial responsibility of schools not represented, was held back, owing to lack of time for necessary discussion. M. Nimmo moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was heartily responded to, after which "Onward, brothers" was fittingly sung, as Closing Hymn.

In the evening, Paisley comrades provided a splendid "At Home", which was well attended, and conducted in a homely fashion, with no lack of talent. Towards the close A. Russell moved a hearty vote of thanks to Paisley comrades for very satisfactory Conference arrangements, hospitality to delegates, and enjoyable "At Home", the audience responding vigorously.

Alfred Russell Hon. Secy.  
Adam Carnegie Chairman

### Secretary's Report re Conference.

This year's conference was the poorest, in representation, of any, and the delegating was also on the whole rather weak. Only two additions were made to Model Constitution – alteration of month of Annual Meeting, and compilation of Record Book. It seems necessary to, in some way, obtain confirmation of Minutes of Executive meeting preceding Conference, before conference is held. It might be well, too, that full settlement of Conference business be adjusted not later than June meeting, and a time limit set for sending out of Agendas etc[?], so as to give Conference every chance of success. Schools not represented should be required to supply a reason and be bound by decisions. Two schools at least have been unrepresented three years in a succession. The question of full Executive representation, apart from delegation, at Conference, required consideration. If members of Executive are also delegates, they may be voting against the finding of Executive in order to conform to delegate instructions.

No Means have been devised for enforcing Conference decisions, Schools, not being required to report to Conference Secretary, and her not being subject to any instructions on the subject. This becomes quite evident by reference to Model Constitution decisions.

Rule regarding nominations, place of next conference, etc., requires enforcement, as these were only put in writing beforehand, in a few cases. In the case of place of next Conference, no notification was received, so executive could have no voice in the matter. It will

Executive – Adam Carnegie (Chairman), Alfred Russell (Secretary),  
Adam Ireland (Treasurer), T. Bridge (Glasgow District)  
Miss Mima Storrie – Paisley District.  
Miss C. McNab, R. Donaldson, A.B. Hardy M.A. (Edin. District)

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**Socialist Sunday Schools**

Scottish Socialist Sunday School Conference.  
The fifth annual Conference was held at Paisley on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. But attendance on this occasion was only moderate. Proceedings at times were somewhat tedious, as the amendments to the model constitution were under consideration. A well thought out and comprehensive paper on “How to deal with young men and women over 14 years of age” was contributed by comrade Miss Jockel, M.A., allowed discussion. Falkirk was decided upon as place of next conference. In the evening a very enjoyable at-home was held, and delegates are indebted to Paisley School comrades for the admirable arrangements from start to finish, as well as hospitality.

**17<sup>th</sup> December 1910**

59 East London Street  
Edinburgh. 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1910

The first meeting of Scottish Schools Conference Executive. For Session 1910/11, was held here at 3P.M. today, Robert Donaldson being called to the chair, in the unavoidable absences of Adam Carnegie.

Minutes of Executive meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> August, were adopted, on the motion of Allan Ireland, seconded by Miss McNab.

Minutes of Conference held 17<sup>th</sup> September, were adopted, on the motion of T. Bridge, seconded by A. Ireland.

Correspondence – This included P.C from R. Taylor's Jun<sup>r</sup> [junior?], Paisley, intimating that Conference evening Social was a financial success, communications from Miss McNab, R. Donaldson, and A.B Hardy M.A. intimating acceptance of Executive membership, agreement to date of meeting and kindly offering, (in the latter case), the use of a congenial meeting place, a little from D. Watt, Dundee, re Scheme of lessons, and P.C. from Robert Hall, Maryhill School, re Constitution cards. It was also stated that brief report of Conference had been sent to Socialist papers. Action taken in all cases was endorsed.

Treasures Statement, Details were submitted, shewing a total income of £8..0..10, and an Expenditure of £6..6..7, leaving a balance of £1..14..3. Statement had been duly audited, and found correct, by the auditors, - John Burns and Malcolm Nimmo. Estimated balance was £7..17..10. a few questions having been answered, Report was adopted, on the motion of A Russell, seconded by A.B. Hardy.

Conference Report – Points involved were. Poorness in representation and debating. will be best not to introduce business which does not find a place on printed Agenda, though this was scarcely avoidable on this occasion. Finally, last Conference Agenda was overcrowded. A 20 minutes Paper might be better, with plenty of time for questions and discussion, and Paper might be read at an early part of the Conference. Sequence, connectedness, and continuity, are desirable, and the business of one Conference should, as far as possible, arise out of the business dealt with at the previous one.

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When writing Schools ask for a reply in favour, or otherwise, to the appointment of delegates.

New item for printed Agenda – Correspondence.

Larger supply of Agendas – General notice outside – After Hymn, the words “Hymn books will be provided” to appear, votes of thanks to be arranged beforehand. Matters for application in view of 1911 Conference.

Resolution re pooling of Executive expenses, + pooling of delegates expenses.

Poor results in reference to Model Constitution. Need of conferencing Minutes of Executive meeting preceding Conference, prior to, instead of after Conference, full adjustment of Conference business not later than June meeting, with time limit for sending out Agendas etc. Schools not represented should be required to supply a reason, and be bound by decisions, two schools having been unrepresented 3 years in succession. Full Executive representation required consideration, and Executive members should appear at Conference in that capacity only. Means should be devised for enforcing Conference decisions. Rules regarding nominations, place of next Conference, require enforcement. It will be best not to introduce business which does not find a place on printed Agenda. Last Conference Agenda was overcrowded. A 20 minutes Paper, (read early), might be better with plenty of time for questions and discussion, the business of one Conference should, as far as possible, arise out of the business dealt with at the previous one.

Points arising – A. Ireland moved that Executive members' duties do not cease until the conference is over. T. Bridge seconded. Agreed. T. Bridge moved that Executive meet at a stated time on day of conference, for the purpose of endorsing Minutes of previous Executive meeting. Miss McNab seconded. Agreed. A. Ireland moved that final time for adjustment of Agenda business be end of June. A.B. Hardy seconded. Agreed. A. Ireland moved that Official Agendas be in the hands of School Secretaries not later than the end of July. Miss Storrie seconded. Agreed. After discussion, it was unanimously resolved "That "all Executive and Conference expenses be pooled by the Unions, but that delegates conference expenses pooled among the Schools

Query. This must apply after next Conference, so levy will apply for that Conference. Unions to be written to

represented". This Resolution to be placed on next Conference Agenda, in name of Executive, and to be submitted to Unions as well as Schools, beforehand. It was felt that question of non representation at Conference would thus be naturally involved.

Means of enforcing Conference decisions. A. Hardy moved that decisions re Model

Enforcing of Conference decisions, and voting at Conference.

Constitution be sent to Unions, and that this method be adopted in reference to decisions at future Conferences. Miss McNab seconded. Secretary was instructed to advise Unions accordingly, for immediate purposes. A. Ireland

referred to Conference discussion on Model Constitution. He thought voting should be automatic, to save time. it was agreed that all motions and amendments which do not involve a clear principle, be voted on, without discussion, but that, when these were of a vital character, moves of amendments and motions be allowed a limited time in which to state their case, vote being taken immediately thereafter.

Incidental points in Secretary's Report were endorsed, and Report accepted. At this point R. Donaldson had to vacate Chair owing to an engagement, and A.B. Hardy reigned in his stead.

Question of printing Paper – A. Ireland moved that an Estimate he got for 500 copies,

Miss Jockel to be written to, Estimate secured, and Union Secretaries written to.

and that Union Secretaries supply note of appointment quantities required by individual Schools, while matter to be finally adjusted at next meeting. T. Bridge seconded. Agreed.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary. it was agreed that Secretary make the selection, reporting at next meeting.

Outline of Season's arrangements – Secretary submitted same, as follows –

Business to be shaped up, and included in Agenda, in due order.

James G. Glen to be written to.

Business remitted from last Conference. Agenda of next Conference, - preparation and circulation, and incidental business relating to next conference. Suggestions put forward comprised – Model Lesson, in presence of children – possible by Jas G. Glenn M.A or A.B. Hardy M.A. Motion that Schools prepare a Syllabus of

Lessons and Lesson givers at least one month before beginning of session, and that for this purpose, Educational Committees be appointed in all Schools. Motion re recreative work, the framing of same to be a later consideration.

General Business. Official notepaper etc., to be provided. Next Executive meeting to be held at Glasgow, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 3P.M. and all meetings this Session to be held at Glasgow, for financial reasons.

Arrange for next meeting

Alfred Russell Hon Secy.

Adam Carnegie

Chairman

**25<sup>th</sup> March 1911**

215 Cathedral Street  
Glasgow, 25<sup>th</sup> March 1911

A meeting of Executive was held today, Adam Carnegie presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted on the motion of T Bridges, seconded by A. B. Hardy.

Correspondence Letters referred to later items, and were deferred accordingly.

Treasurer's Report Particulars were given, shewing a balance of 18/9. Report was adopted, on the motion of R Donaldson, seconded by T. Bridge.

Replies re Executive and Conference Expenses Letters were read from Secretaries of Edinburgh and Glasgow Unions favouring Executive recommendation. A general discussion then followed re best method of arranging the pooling of delegates' travelling expenses, and explanatory statements were read. R. Donaldson moved that whole question be referred to Treasurer, conjointly with Secretary, for full consideration at next meeting. T. Bridge seconded. Agreed.

Replies re Model Constitution and Rules Secretary read letters from Central, Bridgeton, Partick, Rutherglen, Govanhill, Kinning Park, and Kilmarnock School Secretaries. He also indicated nature of replies from College School Secretary, and Miss McNab, in regard to Edinburgh Schools. Secretary moved that each letter be considered separately, A. Ireland seconded. R. Donaldson moved an amendment, that no further action be taken. Miss McNab seconded. For amendment 2: for motion 4. It was agreed that no further action be taken regarding Bridgeton, Partick, Rutherglen, Kinning Park, Kilmarnock and College Schools. Secretary moved that Central School be referred to Executive decision submitted at Conference, and asked to state reasons for non-compliance with Conference decisions. Allan Ireland seconded. T. Bridge moved that no action be taken. A.B. Hardy seconded. For amendment 4: for motion 2. Secretary moved that Govanhill School to be written to regarding non-acceptance of the idea of a printed Constitution. A. Ireland seconded. Agreed. Reply from Miss McNab that Edinburgh Schools did not consider themselves bound by Conference decisions, not being represented, was considered satisfactory. A.B. Hardy stated that Lawnmarket School had adopted decision.

Correspondence re printing of Paper Secretary read letters from Miss Jockel and Glasgow Union Secretary, indicating orders for 218 copies of pamphlet. 100 copies ordered by Edinburgh Schools. T Bridge moved that 50 copies be printed. R. Donaldson seconded. Agreed. Cost indicated £2 1/8. Details were referred to Secretary and Miss Jockel. It was agreed that supplies be sent to Union Secretaries for allocation to those previously sending order direct, and that R. Danneburg be written to for price of Pamphlet sent.

Appointment of Assistant Secretary It was reported that no likely nominee for this office had come under observation, and, after consideration, the following names were put forward to be approached in order stated – Tom Bridge junr, Charlie Campbell, Jack McKimmie.



Letter re Model Lesson for next Conference Letter was read from James G. Glen M.A. agreeing to give Model Lesson, (to be styled "Demonstration Lesson"), subject to certain conditions and fuller explanations. Secretary was instructed as to the nature of reply, confirming acceptance. Arrangements to be made with Falkirk comrades.

Instructions re preparation of Conference Agenda R. Donaldson moved that date of Conference be 30<sup>th</sup> September, Secretary seconding. Agreed. The following decisions were also arrived at – Announcement data to be printed on front outside page, opening and closing song Nos. only to appear, also note "Song books also provided". Falkirk comrades to be communicated with accordingly. Alternative date at option of Falkirk comrades. Place of meeting to be ascertained. Time, 2.30 till 7p.m. Executive to meet beforehand to confirm final Minutes, and arrange any necessary Conference incidentals. Conference Chairman, - Adam Carnegie. Rough outline of Agenda – Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Statement, Demonstration Lesson, (as arranged). Time, 20 minutes. Question and discussion on Lesson, 30 minutes. Reply, 10 minutes. A suggestion was incidentally made that notes of main points be prepared, A.B. Hardy kindly agreeing to supply copies for use of delegates. Secretary was instructed to suggest accordingly. Motion re Syllabus of Lessons and Educational Committees, followed by discussion. Motion re Recreative work, it being agreed, on the motion of A.B. Hardy, seconded by R. Donaldson, that T Bridge and Miss McNab introduce the subject. Item to read – Report re Recreative Work in Scotland with suggestions. Resolution re Financial basis, as already outlined, to be moved by Treasurer seconded by R. Donaldson. Election of Executive Committee, including Assistant Secretary. Members of Executive or Officials to intimate if they do not wish nomination. Place of next Conference. Proposals to be sent in beforehand. Vote of thanks or appreciation to be arranged through Executive, apart from agenda. Standing Orders for Conference. Evening meeting, arrangement. Space to be reserved for delegates name and addresses as formerly. Replies re delegation to be received early, for guidance. Names and addresses of all Schools to appear on back page.

Typewritten Rules or Constitution, for use of Executive Suggestion was approved and referred to Secretary.

Time and place of next meeting – 215 Cathedral Street, 1<sup>st</sup> July.

General Business Secretary reported re Official Notepaper, and Treasurer moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Central School, for use of Hall. This was readily accorded.

All members were present except Miss Storrie.

Alfred Russell } Secretary  
Adam Carnegie } Chairman

**1<sup>st</sup> July 1911**

215 Cathedral Street  
Glasgow, 1<sup>st</sup> July 1911

A meeting of the Executive was held here today, Adam Carnegie presiding, and all members being present, except Mrs Storrie.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted on the motion of T Bridge, and seconded by A. B. Hardy, Secretary stating that no charge was made by R. Dannebeg for booklet sent to Mrs Jockel.

Correspondence P. C. received from Secretary of Maryhill School intimating names of Conference delegates, also from Kingston School Secretary intimating compliance with last Conference decisions re Schools Constitution, and from Secretary of Paisley School, intimating otherwise. It was agreed to defer consideration until later.

Treasurer's Report Details were submitted, shewing a balance of 5/-. Civic Press Account received 7/6. It was agreed that audited Statement be enclosed with Circular to Schools, as formally. Report was adopted on the motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by Miss McNab.

Motion re Executive and Conference expenses. A. Ireland made explanatory statement. He thought that 24 delegates would possibly attend, so that 7/6 levy would be sufficient, and moved accordingly, R. Donaldson seconded. Agreed. He then referred to motion in detail, indicating its three parts, - pooled travelling, delegate expenses to Conference, Conference expenses and Executive expenses. Delegates could notify travelling expenses on Credential Form, and the rest would be easy. The statement was unanimously endorsed.

Further replies re Model Constitution and Rules Secretary moved that Paisley School be communicated with, re failure to conform to Conference decisions, A.B. Hardy seconded. Agreed.

Printing Estimates and question of Pamphlet Estimates from Civic Press shewed prices to be prohibitive – 500 copies 16 page £3 3/-, and 1000 copies £3 15/-. Note from Miss Jockel indicated that she did know what to do in the matter. R. Donaldson regretfully moved that Pamphlet be not printed meantime, and that explanation be made to Miss Jockel accordingly. T Bridge seconded. Agreed.

Statement re Assistant Secretary It was briefly explained that Tom Bridge jun., had agreed to act as Assistant Secretary, and arrangements for sharing work. Were indicated, a cordial welcome being accorded.

Model Lesson arrangements No reply had been received from James G. Glen, who had, however, written to A.B. Hardy stating that he wished to keep subject of lesson and Notes till actual time of Conference, the latter indicating that each delegate and visitor would receive a copy of the Notes just prior to actual Lesson. W. Spicer had replied stating that Stenhousemuir and Falkirk Schools will provide 30 scholars, boys and girls, ages from 9 to 12. Miss McNab agreed to approach comrade Glen, to keep all in order.

Conference Agenda Secretary submitted draft of same, which, with a few incidental alterations, and exclusion of Standing Order No 3, relating to visitors and discussion, was adopted, on the motion of T. Bridge, seconded by R. Donaldson. Songs No 54 and 49 were selected, question of conductor and pianist being left for easiest adjustment. It was agreed that cost of tea for delegates be borne by Falkirk School, or Glasgow Union, as an alternative, that evening meeting be on lines similar to that held at Paisley, subject to full arrangements with Falkirk comrades, and that 100 copies of Agenda be printed for postage by middle of August, subject to reply regarding accompanying Circular, not later than 12<sup>th</sup> September. Circular was submitted in draft form, and endorsed, subject to some light readjustment. Train time proposed for guidance of delegates – Edinburgh 2.5, arriving 3.7, Glasgow 2.10, arriving 3.9. Chairman intimated he did not seek re-election, and Secretary was instructed to write Miss Storrie regarding her intention.

Secretary moved that Circular be typed, and order placed accordingly. A. Ireland seconded. Agreed.

Advertising It was agreed to advertise in “Young Socialist” for September, “Forward” and “Falkirk Herald” one week prior to Conference, inclusive of paragraph.

Executive Constitution Draft copy was read and approved. On motion of R. Donaldson, seconded by A.B. Hardy. It was agreed that a typewritten copy be supplied to each member of the Executive, at first meeting after Conference.

Next Executive Meeting Time, 2.30 on date of Conference. Skeleton Agenda was submitted, and enclosed. It was agreed that Chairman move vote of thanks to Falkirk comrades, also James G Glen, and that a reminder be sent to Falkirk comrades regarding responsive vote of thanks.

Competent business A. Ireland raised the question of reply re help to Unions, and it was pointed out that Conference decisions would be enforced through Unions. Question of consolidating working methods of Scottish Unions, for mutual advantage, was referred to. It was agreed to discuss matters whenever a favourable opportunity occurred.

Alfred Russell } Hon Secy.  
Adam Carnegie } Chairman

Secretary's Report, as read at Conference.

Since last Conference, held 17<sup>th</sup> September 1910, three meetings of Executive have been held, - one in Edinburgh and two in Glasgow, - a large amount of business being dealt with. At the first of these meetings, held 17<sup>th</sup> December, Conference Minutes were approved, various items of incidental correspondence were dealt with, and Treasurer's Statement was submitted. Conference Report by Secretary was fully considered, as a result of which that Executive term of office do not cease till Conference is over, that Executive meet prior to Conference, and Financial Resolution was drafted. Other points are involved in Standing Orders. Season's arrangements were outlined, and endorsed.

At meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March, Treasurer's Report was submitted, and replies re application of Model Constitution and Rules in amended form, were submitted. It was moved that Central School be referred to Executive decision submitted at Conference, and be asked to state reasons for non-compliance with Conference decisions, but amended that no action be taken, was agreed to. It was agreed that Secretary write to Govanhill and Paisley Schools re non-compliance. The question of printing Miss Jockel's paper, read at Conference, was considered and instructions were given re preparation of Conference Agenda. At meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> July, Treasurer's Report was submitted, and financial motion for Agenda was fully considered. It was regretfully decided that Pamphlet be not printed meantime, owing to cost and small demand. Asst Secty was introduced and Model Lesson arrangements.

**30<sup>th</sup> September 1911**

Union Hall, Grahamston,  
Falkirk, 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911

A meeting of Executive was held here at 2.30p.m. today, Adam Carnegie presiding, and all members being present, except Miss McNab, on account of illness, and Miss Storrie, who did not seek re-election.

Minutes of previous meeting were adopted, on the motion of Robert Donaldson, Seconded by Tom Bridge.

Correspondence P.C. from R. Taylor junior, Secretary Paisley School, intimating that, as they did use Model Constitution, they had not put any alterations into force. Secretary had replied asking for reasons for non-adoption of Model Constitution, but no further communication had been received.

Letter from Miss Storrie, intimating that she did not seek re-election, also from Miss McNab, regretting inability to attend, owing to illness and suggesting that comrade Donaldson submit motion at Conference, standing in her name. This was agreed to. A letter from W. Spicer intimated that, as old hymn books were used at Falkirk, No 7 and 21 had been selected. Under the circumstances, Secretary had conformed and his action was endorsed.

Secretary's Statement This was submitted in detail, and adopted with alteration of one word, on the motion of Robert Donaldson, seconded by Allan Ireland.

Treasurer's Statement This was submitted in approximate form, shewing a deficit of £1.4.6. In view of this, it was agreed that that Executive consider deficit at an early date, and adopt a course of action, subject to approval of Schools in Union, on the motion of Secretary, seconded by T. Bridge. This Resolution to be submitted at Conference as opportunity offered.

Appreciation of Conference services It was agreed that Chairman act in this matter, comrade Lapsley being asked to reply, on behalf of Falkirk comrades.

General Business Letter was read from Partick School Secretary regarding amendment to Constitution, in favour of re-introduction of clause referring to attendance of children at orthodox Schools. Chairman gave as his ruling, that question be referred to Executive, in view of next Conference. Agreed.

Question of ascertaining the opinion of Schools beforehand re the holding of next Conference, was considered, and it was agreed that this matter be dealt with by the Executive.

It was decided that question of next meeting be fixed by new Executive, their finding, at informal meeting after Conference, being in favour of 25<sup>th</sup> November at 2.15 Cathedral Street, Glasgow, on which date meetings for Session would also be fixed.

Alfred Russell Hon. Secty.  
Chairman

Delegates present

Central -	Charles Lothian	: Duncan Jackson
Bridgeton -	John McKimmie	: John Muir
College -	Wm. Nicol	: Archie McInnes
Partick -	Miss C.H. Jockel	: May Ravenscroft
Clydebank -	Maitland Neil	: Mrs Neil
Kingston -	A.P. Shelley	
Paisley -	James MacDonald	: James Love
Maryhill -	John Munro	: George Adamson
Parkhead -	Robert Docherty	: J.W. McLean
Kingspark -	Robert Burns	: Mrs McGill
Govanhill -	Joseph McArdle	: Miss Jessie Hennan
Falkirk -	John McDonald	: Wm. Spicer
Leith -	Mrs Smith	: Mrs Cruickshanks
Central (Edin.)	Miss Daisy Hall	: Harry Scott
Abbeyhill -	R Donaldson	
Dalry -	JJ Donaldson M.A.	

## Schools unrepresented –

South Side (4 years in succession), Rutherglen (2 years in succession)  
Govan (2 years in succession), Dennistoun, Shettleston (4 years in succession)  
Motherwell, Wishaw, Stenhousemuir, Kilmarnock, Pollokshaws, Kirkcaldy, Dysart,  
Bowhill.

Number of Schools represented 15: Number of delegates 30.

Executive – R. Donaldson (Chairman), Alfred Russell (Secy), Tom Bridge Junr. (Asst Secy), Allan Ireland (Treasurer), T Bridge, W. Nicol, Miss C.N. McNab, Miss C.H. Jockel M.A., A.B. Hardy M.A.

**30<sup>th</sup> September 1911**

Union Hall, Grahamston  
Falkirk, 30<sup>th</sup> September 1911

The sixth Annual Conference of Scottish Schools was held here today at 3.30p.m., Adam Carnegie, presiding over an attendance of 30 delegates, representing 15 Schools, out of a possible 60 delegates representing 30 Schools, attendance as at previous Conference being 25 delegates, representing 13 Schools. Six members of Executive were also present.

Opening hymn having been sung, comrade Lapsley briefly welcomed the delegates, on behalf of local comrades.

Standing Orders These were read by Chairman, and approved, on the motion of W. Nicol (College), seconded by M Neil, (Clydebank).

Secretary's Report and correspondence Adoption of format was agreed to on the motion of Miss Jockel, (Partick), seconded by Archie McInnes, (College).

Correspondence also included intimation of non-representation at Conference from the following Schools; Dennistoun, Rutherglen, South Side, and Stenhousemuir, also a letter from Miss McNab, regretting inability to attend due to illness, and suggesting that R. Donaldson submit motion standing in her name. This was agreed to.

Treasurer's Statement Allan Ireland submitted statement of last Conference shewing balance of £1.14.3 as per balance sheet as supplied to delegates beforehand, duly audited. Approximate statement re present Conference was also submitted, shewing approximate Income of £7.7/-, and Expenditure of £8.16.9, a deficit of £1.9.9. These were endorsed, comrade Cowan, (Partick) and W. Nicol, (College), being appointed Auditors.

At this stage it was agreed, on the suggestion of J.W. McLean, (Parkhead), to send a telegram to Socialist Unity Conference, meeting at Manchester, as follows – "This Conference of Scottish Socialist Sunday Schools sends fraternal "greetings", on the motion of R. Burns, (Kinning Park), seconded by T Bridge, (Executive).

Demonstration Lesson by James G. Glen M.A. The subject of lesson, admirably conducted, by the aid of a blackboard, and on the Question and Answer Plan, was "Fire". There were present 23 children in all, 13 girls and 10 boys, who answered the questions most readily. A Synopsis of chief points was supplied to adults. Lesson occupied 22 minutes, chief points being written on Blackboard at finish, and repeated by children. Criticism followed, many questions being submitted. A number of speakers thought Socialist teaching should have been definitely introduced into the lesson, and it was suggested that a Conference of Lesson givers, in connection with such Lessons, would be desirable. Comrade Glen afterwards replied.

Motion re Syllabus of Lessons and Educational Committee A.B. Hardy M.A. submitted motion, A. Russell seconding. After slight discussion, and a few questions, motion was agreed to, being referred to Schools for application.

Report of Recreative work in Scottish Schools with suggestions in Scottish Schools with suggestions In the absence of Miss McNab, R. Donaldson dealt with the subject in broad general terms, emphasising association for simple games, and developing in the children a love of healthy recreation. T. Bridge submitted a very complete report of work done and contemplated by Glasgow Union, and it was pointed out that he or Secretary would be pleased to supply any information required.

Resolution re financial basis of Conference Allan Ireland gave a full and clear explanation in moving the Resolution. R. Donaldson seconded. In reply to Harry Scott, it was pointed out that method of School delegation would remain unchanged. Maitland Neil, (Clydebank), asked how Schools outside Union were affected, and, in order to meet the difficulty, it was unanimously agreed on Secretary's suggestion, to add after first clause, "allowing Schools outside any Union the opportunity of also contributing."

Election of Executive Chairman – A.B. Hardy having intimated withdrawal, M Neil moved that this be granted, D. Jackson, (Central), seconding. Agreed. R. Donaldson was then declared elected. For two members of Executive – W Nicol, 13 votes, Miss Jockel 26, Robert Docherty 7. A vote being taken as between the two lowest, W. Nicol was declared as elected, together with Miss Jockel, receiving 15 votes, as against 6 for R. Docherty.

At this stage Secretary moved as follows on behalf of Executive – "That Executive consider deficit at an early date, and adopt a course of action, subject to approval of Schools in Union." He explained this had a bearing on the arrangements for next Conference. R. Donaldson seconded. The motion was agreed to, and fixing a place for next Conference was referred to Executive accordingly.

General Business Amendment to Constitution. This was submitted on behalf of Partick School, and favoured re-introduction of clause referring to attendance of children at orthodox Schools. Chairman's ruling was that matter be referred to Executive for inclusion in next Conference Agenda.

Secretary made a few formal intimations, and D. Jackson referred to the movements of Social Sunday Union.

Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to Falkirk comrades, and to comrade Glen. This was cordially responded to. Comrade Lapsley replied.

Thereafter Robert Donaldson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring Chairman, referring in eulogistic terms to his services.

The singing of hymn No 21, (old book), followed by a vigorous rendering of "The Red Flag", concluded the proceedings.

In the evening an "At home", arranged by Falkirk comrades, afforded pleasant relaxation to the visitors, several of whom contributed to the programme.

Alfred Russell Hon Secy.



(Signed)

Robert Donaldson Chairman of  
Following meeting

**Scottish**

**Socialist Sunday School Conference**

In Union Halls, Grahamston, Falkirk, Saturday,  
30<sup>th</sup> September, 3.30 till 7p.m.

Visitors welcome.

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"At Home." 7.30p.m. Admission Tickets,  
6d each. May be had from members of Local  
Committee, or

Alfred Russell, *Hon. Secy.*

Socialist Sunday Schools. – Attention is called to an important Conference of Socialist Sunday Schools to be held in Falkirk on 30<sup>th</sup> inst. A number of important items will be discussed, and a demonstration lesson will be given to a class of children by James G. Glen M.A., Edinburgh. Followed by questions and discussion. All interested in the welfare of the children are cordially invited. (See Advt.)