

~~her prosperity will react beneficially on the prosperity of Great Britain, for Ireland is the best customer that England and Scotland have for their productions.~~

~~It remains with me to thank you for the honour you have done me in placing me in the chair of this Society, where now for over half a century every subject of importance to the welfare of Ireland, save those concerned with party politics, has been discussed with public advantage and whose meetings have been presided over by men of eminence in various positions of life, to whom I cannot but feel myself an unworthy successor. Whilst regretting that circumstances have for two years prevented me from performing the duty of addressing you as President, I must at the same time apologize for trespassing on your attention now, at such inordinate length.~~

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FIFTY-SECOND SESSION.—FIRST MEETING.

[22nd November, 1898.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

Mr. Arthur Samuels, Q.C., read a paper entitled "Private Bill Legislation for Ireland.—A Tribunal."

The outgoing Officers and Council were re-elected.

SECOND MEETING.

[13th December, 1898.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

Mr. Charles Eason, junr., read a paper entitled "The Tenement Houses of Dublin; their Condition and Regulation."

Mr. Thomas Kennedy, Barrister-at-Law, was elected a member of the Society.

THIRD MEETING.

[17th January, 1899.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

Mr. Thomas Kennedy read a paper entitled "Fifty Years' of Irish Agriculture."

## FOURTH MEETING.

[27th January, 1899.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

Mr. Nicholas J. Synnott read a paper entitled "Over-taxation and Local Expenditure."

## FIFTH MEETING.

[14th March, 1899.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

Mr. William Lawson read a paper entitled "The Liability of Married Women to Income Tax;" also a paper entitled "The Proposal for the Abolition of the Income Tax in Ireland Considered."

## SIXTH MEETING.

[18th April, 1899.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m. The Registrar-General in the Chair.

Dr. Hercules MacDonell read a paper entitled "Prisons and Prisoners.—Suggestions as to Treatment and Classification of Criminals."

## SEVENTH MEETING.

[27th June, 1899.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 4.30 p.m. The President in the Chair.

The President read an address at this the closing meeting of the Session, entitled "A Review of the Economic and Social Condition of Ireland."

A ballot for twelve members of Council took place, when the following were elected:—

J. G. Alcorn, His Honour Judge Carton, George Coffey, E. P. Culverwell, F.T.C.D.; E. D. Daly, Charles Dawson, Charles Eason, junr., Rev. T. A. Finlay, Joseph Maguire, Arthur W. Samuels, Q.C.; Nicholas J. Synnott, G. de L. Willis.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Honorary Officers were re-elected for the ensuing Session.

