short of an insult to the class whose co-operation is desired, to suggest that an institution, shown to be idle or harmful, should be retained merely for the purpose that that class should be engaged in working it. I do not think that the elevated and enlightened body from which grand jurors at the assizes are selected, is likely long to care to exercise functions which have become almost a mere form and which may perhaps work mischief.

In conclusion it is right to note that, with all its faults, the system of sending bills of indictment before grand juries does much less mischief than might be reasonably expected. This probably is to be accounted for by the circumstance that the enquiry before the grand jury has become little more than a mere form. However, idle forms are the things of all others which men now are impatient of in legal procedure. It is no great effort of prophecy to predict that the attacks which have already been made in parliament on this ancient institution will be renewed on a more extensive scale than has yet been attempted. And one feels inclined to add that, when such attacks shall be made, no one who regards our legal system in an enlightened spirit will desire to raise a finger in defence of the "functions of grand juries in criminal cases."

VIII.—Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.

EIGHTEENTH SESSION.—FIFTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 21st February, 1865.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Jonathan Pim, Esq., V.P., in the chair.

Dr. Shaw, F.T.C.D., read a paper entitled "English Schools and Irish Masters."

E. D. Mapother, M.D., read a paper on "The Difference between the Statutes bearing on Public Health for England and Ireland."

The ballot having been examined, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society:—John P. Byrne, Esq., J.P.; John Simon Carroll, Esq.; Alexander W. Hodges, Esq.; James A. Mowatt, Esq.; The Solicitor-General for Ireland (Edward Sullivan, Esq.); Erwin Harvey Wadge, Esq.

SIXTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 25th April, 1865.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Professor Ingram, F.T.C.D., V.P., in the chair.

Professor Houston read a paper on "The Strike and Lock-out in the Iron Trade."
Dr. Hancock read a paper on "Strikes with respect to hours of labour considered."

The ballot having been examined, the following gentleman was declared a duly elected member of the Society:—Henry Maclean, Esq., T.C.

SEVENTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 16th May, 1865]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Right Hon. the Attorney-General, V.P., in the chair.

Mr. Constantine Molloy read a paper on "The Acts relating to the Constitution of Juries in Ireland."

Mr. Mark S. O'Shaughnessy read a paper on "The Venue for Trials, civil and criminal."

EIGHTH (AND CONCLUDING) MEETING.

[Tuesday Evening, 20th June, 1865]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Sir Robert Kane, V.P., in the chair.

Mr. Arthur P. Cleary read a paper on "The Organization of Industry with a view to Cheap Production."

Mr. James H. Monahan read a paper on "The Functions of Grand Juries in Criminal Cases."

In accordance with Rule IV, Cap. 4, the election of the Council for the ensuing Session, 1865-66, was held, and Mr. Charles H. Foot and Mr. Constantine Molloy having reported as Scrutineers of the Ballot, the following were declared elected:

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