

liamentary title, with extended powers of investigation and record; that all proceedings between adverse parties, which from their nature are suitable to a Court of Equity, should be transferred to the Court of Chancery, as also the allocation of litigated funds; that provision should be made for the support of the court, and, if necessary, for a guarantee fund in the way I have suggested; and lastly, that the court should have power to grant certificates of sale transfer and tenants' leases, in accordance with a better system of registration. This would, I think, create at once a great land exchange or market distinct from Chancery, and be a happy division of proposed legal reforms between lawyers and the public. It would certainly go far to realise the opinion of the Master of the Rolls, with respect to the transfer of land being made as easy as government stock; while, at the same time, the principles of the Incumbered Estates Court would be permanently established. On the other hand, I do not think that such a separation would injure the legal professions, inasmuch as many persons would be induced to confine their attention to a knowledge of real property, conveyancing, and practical questions relating to the sale and management of estates. In conclusion allow me to submit, that the Per-centage system is feasible and consistent with public justice; and further, as a matter immediately connected with economic science, that it has received sufficient support to entitle it to your consideration.

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TENTH SESSION—FOURTH MEETING.

[16th February, 1857.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, James Perry, Esq., in the chair.

Dr. Hancock read a paper entitled, "Is the principle of Sir John Romilly's Irish Land Registration Act of 1850 a sound one? If so, why has the act been suffered to remain a dead letter for six years? If unsound, why have not the powers conferred by it been repealed?"

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:—Thomas Collins, Esq., and Joseph John Murphy, Esq.

FIFTH MEETING.

[16th March, 1857.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, James Perry, Esq. in the chair.

James Haughton, Esq., read a paper on "The Social and Moral Elevation of our Working Classes."

One of the Secretaries, for Henry Dix Hutton, Esq., read a paper on "The Recent Progress of the Free-Trade Movement in Belgium."

It was announced that Professors Ingram and Walsh having resigned as Secretaries, the Council have appointed Professor Cairnes and Mr. Henry Dix Hutton Secretaries for the rest of the session.

A letter was read from M. Corr Vander Maeren, acknowledging, with thanks, his election as honorary member of the Society.

SIXTH MEETING.

[28th April, 1857.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, Jonathan Pim, Esq. in the chair.

It was moved on the part of the Council, and unanimously resolved, "That Richard Hussey Walsh, Esq., LL.D., Superintendent of Government Schools in the Mauritius, be elected an Honorary Member of the Society."

The Rev. Mr. Jordan read a paper on "The Decrease of Pauperism, how far it may be effected by the poor themselves."

Henry Wrenfordsley, Esq., read a paper on "The System of deducting a Per-centage from the Purchase-money of Estates sold with Parliamentary Title."

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:— Thomas P. Cairnes, Esq., and William Williamson, Esq.

SEVENTH MEETING.

[18th May, 1857.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, Jonathan Pim, Esq., in the chair.

Joseph John Murphy, Esq. read a paper on "The Principles of a Note Circulation."

Thomas P. Cairnes, Esq. read a paper on the "Expediency of the present Differential Duty on Hops."

EIGHTH MEETING.

[15th June, 1857.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, C. E. Bagot, Esq. in the chair.

Robert McDonnell, Esq. read a paper entitled, "Our Hospital System as compared with that of England, France, and Austria."

Henry Dix Hutton, Esq., on behalf of Herr Hartwig Hertz, read a paper on "Banks of Issue in Germany."

The following gentlemen were elected members of the society:— Johnstone Stoney, Esq., and Bindon B. Stoney, Esq.

The election of officers of the Society for the ensuing year then took place. The result of the ballot was as follows:—

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