

IX.—*Proceedings of the Dublin Statistical Society.*

FIFTEENTH SESSION.—FIRST MEETING.

[Monday, 18th November, 1861.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, The Solicitor-General, V.P., in the chair.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Hon. Secretary, read The Report of the Council at the opening of the Session.

Mr. A. D. Kennedy read a paper entitled, "Some Suggestions for the Improvement of the Laws relating to Bankrupts in Ireland."

Mr. R. D. Umlin read a paper entitled "A Proposal for increasing the utility of the Queen's Colleges by the addition of a Junior Department, independent of, but auxiliary to the College; following the example of the King's and University Colleges, London.

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

President.

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN.

Vice-Presidents.

THE EARL OF ROSSE, K P.
THE HON. JUDGE LONGFIELD.
SIR THOMAS LARCOM, K.C.B.
THE PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE.
SIR ROBERT KANE
EDWARD BARRINGTON, ESQ.

JONATHAN PIM, ESQ.
THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL, (J. A. Lawson, LL.D.)
PROFESSOR INGRAM, LL D., F.T.C.D.
JAMES HAUGHTON, ESQ.

Members of Council.

CHARLES E. BAGOT, ESQ.
ROBERT McDONNELL, M.D.
JAMES W. MURLAND, ESQ.
R. D. URLIN, ESQ.
JAMES McDONNELL, ESQ.
THOMAS H. TODHUNTER, ESQ.

HENRY DIX HUTTON, ESQ.
CONWAY E. DOBBS, ESQ.
W. O'CONNOR MORRIS, ESQ.
SAMUEL M. GREER, ESQ.
WILLIAM HOGAN, ESQ.
JOHN LENTAIGNE, ESQ., D.L.

Treasurer.

WILLIAM F. LITTLEDALE, ESQ. 9, UPPER ORMOND-QUAY.

Secretaries.

W. NEILSON HANCOCK, LL.D., 64, UPPER GARDINER-STREET.
PROFESSOR CAIRNES, 34, TRINITY COLLEGE.
MARK S. O'SHAUGHNESSY, ESQ., 34, SUMMER-HILL.

Statement of the Accounts of the Dublin Statistical Society for the Session ending 31st October, 1861.

DR.	PROFIT AND LOSS.		
	£	s.	d.
1861. <i>October 31st.</i>			
To Printing Journal	28	4	6
— Expenses of Barrington Lectures	22	11	5
— Expenses of Management, viz. :—	£	s.	d.
Printing Notices, &c.	17	10	6
Subscription to other Societies	3	3	6
Collector's Fees	14	9	0
Stationery, Postage, Forwarding Journals, &c.	30	3	4
	65	6	4
— Expenses of Social Science Meeting	86	16	6
— Refreshments at Meetings (paid to Royal Dublin Society)	17	5	6
— Members deceased, Members resigned, and Arrears cancelled	8	0	0
	£228	4	3

DR.	BALANCE.		
	£	s.	d.
1861. <i>October 31st.</i>			
To Members in Arrear	17	10	0
— Treasurer, Cash in his hands	12	2	9
	29	12	9

	CONTRA.		CR.
	£	s.	d.
1861. <i>October 31st.</i>			
By 107 old members	107	0	0
— 68 old members (R. D. S.)	34	0	0
— 14 new members	21	0	0
— 1 member repaid cancelled arrears	2	0	0
— Stock of Excess of Expenditure of the Session over its Income	64	4	3
	£228	4	3

	CONTRA.		CR.
	£	s.	d.
1861. <i>October 31st.</i>			
By Stock	29	12	9

A true Balance Sheet of the Accounts of the Dublin Statistical Society for Session ending 31st October, 1861.

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[Monday, 16th December, 1861.]

As a mark of sympathy with Her Majesty and the Royal Family in the bereavement they have sustained in the death of *His Royal Highness, the Prince Consort*, the evening meeting of the Society was adjourned without any business having been transacted.

SECOND MEETING.

[Tuesday, 24th December, 1861.]

The Society met at the Royal Dublin Society House, The Solicitor-General, V.P., in the chair.

Mr. Edward Gibson read a paper on "The Employment of Women in Ireland."

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society :— Robert R. Kane, Esq., A.B., James Horner Neilson, Esq.

THIRD MEETING.

[Monday, 20th January, 1862.]

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

Mr. Frederick W. Connor read a paper "On Co-operative Societies."

Mr. D. C. Heron, Q.C. read a paper on "Historical Statistics of Ireland."

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society :— Henry Thomas Dix, Esq., Thomas E. Webb, LL.D., Richard Winter, Esq.

FOURTH MEETING.

[Monday, 17th February, 1862.]

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

Professor Houston read a paper "On the True Criteria of National Prosperity, and their application to the Present Condition of Ireland."

The following gentleman was elected a member of the Society :— J. McEvoy, Esq.

FIFTH MEETING.

[Friday, 21st February, 1862.]

An Extraordinary Meeting which had been duly summoned under provisions of Chap. iv., s. 6 of the Laws, was held at the Dublin Friends' Institute, 35, Molesworth-street, The Solicitor-General, V.P., in the chair.

The following Report of the Council to the members was laid before the Meeting :—

"We are directed by the Council of the Society to state for your information the circumstances under which the notice of motion proposing the adoption of revised laws, in which are embodied important changes in the laws of the Society, has been ordered by the Council to be brought before you.

“ At the first meeting of Council after the reception of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science last autumn, the Council took into consideration the question whether any changes would be necessary in the Society’s arrangements, in consequence of the stimulus given to the study of Social Science in Ireland by the Association’s meeting in Dublin. At that meeting, a Committee of the Council, consisting of Dr. McDonnell, Mr. Urlin, Mr. C. Bagot, and the three Honorary Secretaries, was appointed to consider the subject.

“ For the use of that Committee Dr. Hancock drew up a memorandum embodying his views as to the changes it would be desirable to make.

“ The Committee after full consideration drew up a report, which was, with some exceptions as to detail, adopted by the Council; and it was referred to the Committee to arrange the terms in which the laws should be revised.

“ The laws, when revised by the Committee, were further considered by the Council, and adopted, with some slight modification, in the form now sent to you.

“ The reasons of the different changes are so fully stated in the report of the Committee and the memorandum of Dr. Hancock, that the Council have thought it best to lay those documents before you.

“ In considering the changes, the Council ascertained that some of them would involve a modification in the existing relations between the Royal Dublin Society and the Statistical Society, and that it would be necessary to get the assent of the Royal Dublin Society to an increase of the number of meetings, to the admission of ladies, and to meetings taking place on different nights from those of the meetings of the Royal Dublin Society.

“ The Council accordingly appointed a deputation to communicate with the Council of the Royal Dublin Society on these points.

“ The deputation explained to the Council and to the Committee of the Royal Dublin Society, the changes proposed in the constitution of the Statistical Society, and the reasons for them; and offered to defray to the fullest extent any expense which the increased accommodation would involve.

“ The answer of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society, dated 24th January, 1862, and signed by their Secretary, is in the following terms:—

“ Referring to the request of the Dublin Statistical Society, to be permitted to hold their meetings on these premises on evenings other than those upon which this Society meets, and more frequently than heretofore, to which meetings it is proposed that ladies should be admitted, I am directed by the Council to inform you that, having taken the opinion of the Committees of House and of Evening Meetings on the subject, who have reported against any alteration in the existing arrangements, they have directed me to express their decided opinion as to the inexpediency of sanctioning the proposal; and at the same time to beg that you will be so good as to convey to the Statistical Society their regret at being obliged thus to decline acceding to the Society’s request.”

“ Whilst the Council of the Statistical Society regret that it does not appear to suit the arrangements of the Royal Dublin Society to afford the increased accommodation required, they deem the changes recommended so indispensable (if the Statistical Society is to keep pace with the increasing development and wider application of Social Science in Ireland), that they have decided on recommending the changes to you, even though their adoption should involve a dissolution of the connexion with the Royal Dublin Society, and should render it necessary, from the termination of the present session, to seek elsewhere for a place of meeting.

“ The formation of a statistical library, which the Sub-Committee has so strongly recommended, was necessarily suspended until the Council had ascertained whether the adoption of the revised laws would involve a change in the place of the Society’s meeting, but the Council attach great importance to this as another means of extending the usefulness of the Society. To carry it into effect, no change of the laws will be required, as the Council have sufficient authority, as soon as sufficient means are placed at their disposal, and a convenient place for keeping the books has been selected.

“ By Order, W. NEILSON HANCOCK,

“ JOHN E. CAIRNES,

“ MARK S. O’SHAUGHNESSY,

“ *Hon. Secs.*”

Dr. Hancock then moved, and Mr. C. E. Bagot seconded the following motion, of which the Secretaries had received notice in accordance with Chap. iv. s. 5 of the Laws :—

That the Laws of the Society as revised by the Sub-Committee, and approved of by the Council be adopted, embodying the following changes, to take effect from the termination of the present session :—

1.—The extension of the objects of the Society to all questions of Social Science.

2.—The change of the name of the Society to that of the STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL INQUIRY SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

3.—The admission of ladies, and residents beyond fifteen miles from Dublin, as Associates, at ten shillings subscription.

4.—The division of the Society’s business into three departments.

I.—Jurisprudence and Amendment of the Law, including the subject of Punishment and the Reformation of Criminals.

II.—Social Science, including Education ; Political Economy, including the principles of Trade and Commerce.

III.—Public Health and Sanitary Reform.

5.—The appointment of a Member of Council, with some members of the Society associated, to take charge of each department.

6.—The number of meetings of the Society to be increased from seven to twelve in each session.

The Chairman put the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

It was then proposed by Mr. Bagot, and seconded by Mr. Haughton, and resolved, That the Council be empowered to adopt such measures

as may be necessary to carry into effect changes adopted this night, and if they conceive it to be desirable at an earlier period than the termination of the session.

Mr. Mark S. O'Shaughnessy read "Some Remarks on Mrs. Hannah Archér's Scheme for befriending Orphan Pauper Girls."

L A W S A S R E V I S E D ,

Adopted by the Society, 21st February, 1862.

CHAPTER I.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The object of the Society shall be to promote the study of Statistics, Jurisprudence, and of Social and Economic Science.

2. The Society shall consist of members, honorary members, and associates.

3. Members shall be elected by ballot. No candidate shall be elected unless three-fourths of those balloting vote in his favour.

4. The Council shall be empowered to recommend persons for election as honorary members, who shall be exempt from all subscription, and entitled to all the privileges of membership. Persons thus recommended may be elected honorary members by a resolution of the Society.

5. Associates shall be admitted by resolution of the Council.

6. Ladies shall be admissible as associates; and any other person whose place of residence shall be certified by one of the members by whom his admission is proposed, to be more than fifteen miles distant from Dublin, shall likewise be eligible for admission as an associate.

7. Every candidate for admission must be proposed in writing to the Council by one member, and seconded by another, at least a week previous to the meeting at which the election shall take place.

8. The yearly subscription shall be, for members One Pound, and for associates Ten Shillings, in which sums the subscription for the Journal of the Society shall be included.

9. The subscription shall be due on the 1st of November in each year, and be payable in advance. No member shall exercise any privileges of membership whilst the subscription is unpaid. Any member a year in arrear shall cease to be a member until he shall have paid up his arrears.

10. All the provisions of section 9 shall apply to associates whose subscription shall be unpaid.

CHAPTER II.

GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The Officers shall be a President, ten Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and three Secretaries, who, together with twelve other members, shall constitute the Council.
2. The Officers and Council for each year shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting of the Society, which shall be held in the month of *June* in each year. Notice of such election shall be given to each member of the Society one week at least before such meeting, and none but members shall vote at such election.
3. The outgoing Council and Officers shall, nevertheless, remain in office for one month after the termination of the session, for the purpose of closing the accounts for the year, and preparing a report on the transactions of the session.
4. In case an Officer or other member of the Council should die, or resign, the Council may appoint a member to supply his place until the next annual election.
5. The President, when present, shall preside at all meetings, and in his absence the Vice-Presidents according to seniority; and, in their absence, the senior member of the Council present shall preside.
6. The Treasurer shall pay away no money, except upon an order of the Council recorded on its minutes.
7. The Secretaries shall attend to the execution of the rules, orders, and directions of the Society and Council.
8. The government of the Society and the management of its funds shall be confided to the Council.
9. The Council shall meet whenever summoned by one of the Officers of the Society. Three members shall form a quorum, and the Chairman shall have a double or casting vote.

CHAPTER III.

BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The business of the Society shall consist of the reading, at the meetings of the Society, of written communications upon subjects connected with Statistics, Jurisprudence, Political Economy, and Social Science; in the discussion of the same, and the publication of the proceedings in such form as the Council may approve.
2. No communication shall be received by the Society involving topics likely to produce discussions connected with religious differences or party politics.
3. No communication shall be read to the Society unless the Secretaries, or two of them, shall certify to the Council that they consider the paper accordant with the rules and objects of the Society.
4. The reading of each paper, unless by express permission of the Council previously obtained, shall be limited to half an hour. After

the paper has been read, members and associates may (subject to the control of the Chairman) make observations on the subject of it. The Chairman shall take care that the discussion shall not lead to any topics unconnected with the immediate object of the paper.

5. The Council shall, at its first meeting in each session, nominate one or more of its members, who shall (in conjunction with any two or more members of the Society, to be nominated by the Council for that purpose) take charge of the business connected with each of the following departments :—

I. Jurisprudence and Amendment of the Law, including the subjects of the Punishment and Reformation of criminals.

II. Social Science, including Education ; and Political Economy, including the principles of trade and commerce.

III. Public health and Sanitary reform.

6. It shall be the duty of the members thus associated to institute enquiries into subjects relating to their own department specially, to procure papers and other information from or through means of persons interested in such subjects, and in conjunction with the Secretaries, to make arrangements for bringing the business of the department before the Society in such manner as the Council may approve, and for reporting the discussions and other business of the department in the Journal of the Society.

7. The Council may form special Committees for promoting the investigation of any particular subject, and may from time to time select the members to serve on such committees ; and the result of such investigations shall be laid before the Society in such form as the Council shall think fit to direct.

CHAPTER IV.

MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The business of each session shall be inaugurated by a meeting, at which the report of the outgoing Council upon the financial and general condition of the Society shall be read, the arrangements for the coming session shall be announced, and such other business shall be brought forward as the Council may direct.

2. The session shall commence in the month of November, and close in the month of June, and there shall be twelve meetings in each session. There shall be a General Monthly Meeting open to members and associates ; and there shall be in certain months an extra meeting open to members only, the details to be arranged by the Council, who may also regulate the issue of tickets.

3. The Secretaries, subject to the approval of the Council, shall regulate the periods at which the meetings in each session shall be holden.

4. The first meeting of the Society in June shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers, the auditing of the accounts, and the consideration of proposals for additions to or alterations in the laws.

5. No motion shall be brought forward at any annual or extraordinary meeting of the Society for the election of any officer, or the addition to or any change in the laws, unless a notice of the intention to propose such motion shall have been given to the Secretaries at least one fortnight previous to the meeting, and by the Secretaries to the members one week before the meeting.

6. These laws shall not be added to, or altered, except at an annual meeting of the Society, or at an extraordinary meeting summoned by the Council, or thirty members of the Society, of which at least three weeks' previous notice shall have been given to all the members.