

matters is at this time a more than doubtful merit. Any novelty rather lies in the connexion of the various reforms in a single scheme, which I believe strengthens the argument for the proposed changes, by showing their consistency and conformity to sound principles.

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

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION.—FIRST MEETING.

[Tuesday, 21st November, 1885.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. George Coffey read a paper on "Free Trade and Protection in Relation to Ireland."

The ballot having been examined, Edward D. Daly, Esq., The Rev. Thomas Finlay, F.R.U.I., Michael F. McGrenahan, B.L., and Robert J. Newell, B.L., were declared elected members of the Society.

SECOND MEETING.

[Tuesday, 19th January, 1886.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. Sigerson, M.D., read a paper on "The Law and the Lunatic."

The ballot having been examined, T. S. F. Battersby, B.L., and Joseph Maguire, Esq., were declared elected members of the Society.

THIRD MEETING.

[Friday, 5th February, 1886.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

T. S. F. Battersby, Esq. B.L., read a paper entitled "Amalgamation: being some Considerations on proposed Changes in the Professions of the Legal Professions in Ireland."

Thomas Gerrard, Esq., was declared elected a member of the Society.

FOURTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 23rd February, 1886.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. C. Eason, Jun., read a paper on "American Railways."

Mr. William D. McDonnell was declared elected a member of the Society.

## FIFTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 13th April, 1886.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Mr. W. F. Bailey, Hon. Secretary, read a paper on "Fiscal Relations of the United Kingdom and Ireland."

## SIXTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 18th May, 1886.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Dr. Hercules MacDonnell read a paper entitled "Notes on some Continental Prisons.

The prizes and certificates in Political Economy (Barrington Lectures) were distributed to the successful candidates.

## SEVENTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 22nd June, 1886.]

The closing meeting of the Society for the session 1885-86 was held at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, The President in the chair.

Professor Bastable read a paper on "Monetary Reform."

The ballot having been examined, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of Council for the ensuing session :— Professor Bastable, Professor Sigerson, W. J. Lawson, Esq., John Edge, Esq., James G. Alcorn, Esq., J. J. Shaw, Esq., A. H. Bates, Esq., Richard M. Barrington, Esq. LL.B., Richard R. Cherry, Esq., Charles Eason, Jun. Esq., W. H. Dodd, Esq. Q.C., Stanislaus J. Lynch, Esq., E. T. Kennedy, Esq. LL.D.

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