# Proceedings of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.

#### FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION.—FIRST MEETING.

## [21st November, 1902.]

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

The President read an address entitled "Ireland Since the Famine: A Sketch of Fifty Years Economic and Legislative Changes. A vote of thanks to the President for his address was proposed by Judge Shaw, and seconded by Rev. T. A. Finlay. The President returned thanks.

#### SECOND MEETING.

## [23rd January, 1903]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street, at 8 15 pm. The President in the Chair.

Mr. C. Litton Falkıner, read a paper entitled "The Forestry Question Considered Historically." A discussion followed, in which the President, the Registrar-General, Messrs. Burbridge, Dawson, Jones, and Field, M.P., took part.

#### THIRD MEETING.

## [27th February, 1903]

The Society met at the Lemster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth Street,  $_{\rm s}$ t 8.15 p.m. The President in the Chair.

His Honour Judge Carton read a paper entitled "Decrees by Default in Civil Bill Courts in Ireland."

His Honour Judge Shaw read a paper entitled "Suggested Improvements in County Court Procedure." A discussion followed, in which the President, Judge Craig, Messrs. Johnston, Bates, McGregor, Byrne, and Conan, took part.

#### FOURTH MEETING.

#### [27th March, 1903.]

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 "Licensing and Public House Reform" (a continuation). A discussion followed, in which the President, Miss. Perrott, and Messrs. Eason Dawson, Geoghegan, Gill, and Rossiter took part.

### FIFTH MEETING.

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## [5th June, 1903.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 55 Molesworth Street, at 8.15 p.m., Mr. R E. Matheson (Registrar-General) read a paper entitled "The Housing of the People of Ireland during the period 1841-1901." The paper was illustrated by tables, diagrams, maps, and photographs, shown on a screen by lantern slides.

A discussion followed, in which the President, and Messrs. Dawson, Ormsby, Field, M.P., Eason, J. T. Pim. Haslam, Rossiter, and Oldham, took part.

#### SIXTH MEETING.

## [13th July, 1903]

The Society met at 35 Molesworth Street, at 4.15 p.m. His Honor Judge Carton, in the absence of the President, in the Chair.

The electron of officers for the Session 1903-1904 took place, and resulted as follows:—

President, W. F. Bailey. Hon Treasurer, P. J. O'Neill.

Hon Secretaries, William Lawson, Nmian M. Falkıner, C. H. Oldham. Council, J. G Alcorn, Sir A. F. Baker, His Honor Judge Carton, Charles Dawson, C. Litton Falkıner, Rev. T. A. Finlay, William Field, M.P.; W. J. Johnston, Arthur W. Samuels, K.C., Charles A. Stanuell, Nicholas J. Synnott and G. de L. Willis,