

Where is all this to end? One of the ablest exponents of theoretic socialism, Dr. Schaffle,\* who was for a long time regarded as its advocate, has proclaimed his conviction that democratic socialism can never exist as a permanent condition of society. Taking human nature as it is, we must believe with him. But though democratic socialism may never exist as an accomplished fact, the movement which is directed towards its attainment cannot fail to effect important changes in society. What these may be it would be vain to forecast. This only we may predict with certainty: it will modify considerably the industrial and commercial methods now prevailing, and, it will refute many of the canons of political science, in which we have hitherto put our trust.

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FORTY-THIRD SESSION.

FIRST MEETING.

[Tuesday, 26th November, 1889.]

THE Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, the President (Dr. Grinshaw) in the chair.

The President delivered his opening address.

A vote of thanks, moved by J. J. Shaw, Q.C., and seconded by Mr. R. M. Barrington, was carried by acclamation.

SECOND MEETING.

[Tuesday, 28th January, 1890.]

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

Mr. Murrrough O'Brien read a paper entitled "A Description of the System of Registration and Transfer of Land Titles and Securities in the Canton Vaud."

Mr. William Lawson, LL.D., read a paper on "Local Registration of Title."

The ballot having been examined, Mr. Richard J. Kelly, B.L. was declared elected a member of the Society.

THIRD MEETING.

[Monday, 24th February, 1890.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, Mr. J. Ribton Garstin, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. William F. Bailey read a paper entitled "The Woods, Forests, Turf-bogs, and Foreshores of Ireland. Opportunity for, and advisability of, establishing Government management and protection."

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\* *Die Aussichtslosigkeit der Socialdemokratie.*

## FOURTH MEETING.

[Friday, 25th April, 1890.]

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

Mr. William F. Bailey read a paper entitled "The Prussian Agrarian Reforms of the Present Century: their Method and Extent."

## FIFTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 10th June, 1890.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworth-street, Mr. Joseph T. Pim, Vice-President, in the chair.

The Rev. T. A. Finlay, S.J., F.R.U.I., read a paper entitled "German Socialism."

The ballot having been examined, Mr. John H. Franks, Secretary to the Land Commission, was declared elected.

## SIXTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 1st July, 1890.]

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

The Hon. Mr. Justice O'Hagan was unanimously elected President for the session, 1890-91.

The following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of Council:—James G. Alcorn, Richard M. Barrington, LL.B., R. R. Cherry, Rev. T. A. Finlay, F.R.U.I., E. T. Kennedy, LL.D., William Lawson, Mr. Commissioner Lynch, R. E. Matheson, Charles Murphy, B.L., R. J. Newell, Edward O'Farrell, J. J. Shaw, Q.C.

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