terror to the criminal than to lavish on him kindness and culture at the necessary cost of increased suffering from criminals at large to those who try to do well.

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FIFTIETH SESSION.

FIRST MEETING.

[1st December, 1896].

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the chair.

The Rev. T. A. Finlay read a paper entitled, "Progress in Cooperation."

Mr. McGennis was elected a member of the Society.

SECOND MEETING.

[15th December, 1896.]

The Society met at the Leinster House, Kildare street, by permission of the Royal Dublin Society, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the the chair.

Mr. Arthur Samuels, Q.C., read a paper entitled, "Private Bill Legislation for Ireland."

THIRD MEETING.

[14th January, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the chair. Mr. Nicholas J. Synnott read a paper entitled, "Some Features

of the Over-taxation of Ireland."

FOURTH MEETING.

[19th January, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 8.15 p.m. The President in the chair.

The discussion on Mr. Synnott's paper (adjourned from the last meeting) was resumed by Mr. Charles Dawson.

FIFTH MEETING.

[23rd February, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet. The Registrar-General in the chair.

Mr. E. D. Daly read a paper entitled, "The Struggle between the State and the Drunkard."

Messrs. E. P. Culverwell, E. D. Daly, and D. J. Wilson, were elected members of the Society.

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SIXTH MEETING.

[26th February, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 4.35 p.m. The President in the chair.

Mr. Arthur Samuels, Q.C., read a paper entitled, "Financial Relations—The Expenditure Account."

SEVENTH MEETING.

[23rd March, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 8.15 p.m. Sir William Findlater in the chair.

Mr. Charles Dawson read a paper entitled, "The Valuatiou of the City of Dublin."

Mr. J. G. Barton was elected a member of the Society.

EIGHTH MEETING.

[15th June, 1897.]

The Society met at the Leinster Lecture Hall, 35 Molesworthstreet, at 8.15 p.m. Sir William Findlater in the chair.

Mr. E. D. Daly read a paper entitled, "Crime, and how best to attack it."

Mr. Alfred Webb read a paper entitled, "The Sherborn Massachusetts Reformatory Prison for Women,"

The election of Officers for the Session 1897-1898 resulted as follows:—*President*, Joseph Todhunter Pim. *Counci*¹ A. W. Samuels, A. H. Bates, R. R. Cherry, George Coffey, Rev. T. A. Finlay, J. G. Alcorn, R. M. Barrington, G. de L. Willis, E. P. Culverwell, E. D. Daly, and Charles Dawson. *Treasurer*, Jonathan Pim. *Secretaries*, Jonathan Pim, William Lawson, C. H. Oldham