

and the amount of good it had already done, called on Professor Houston to close the discussion.

PROFESSOR HOUSTON repudiated any intention of ignoring the family relation, as Dr. Hancock had imputed to him. He was dealing with facts, and while neither admitting nor denying that the family system should be made the basis of society, merely argued that as in many cases women were not placed in that relation, they should be allowed to choose their own means of providing for themselves, and of turning such talents as they had to profitable account. For his part, he thought any woman of right feeling would refuse to become a burthen either on the public or her male relatives, so long as she felt she had the ability to earn an honourable independence.

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NINETEENTH SESSION.—FIFTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 24th April, 1866]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, James Haughton, Esq., J.P. (V.P.) in the Chair.

Joseph John Murphy, Esq., read a paper "On the Railway Question"

W. Neilson Hancock, Esq., LL.D. read a paper "On Railways in Ireland."

The ballot having been examined, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society:—Mr Serjeant Barry, M.P. ; Francis J. Davys, A.B., M.D.

SIXTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 22nd May, 1866]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Edward Barrington, Esq. (V.P.) in the Chair.

Mr. David Ross read a paper entitled, "Banking considered with special reference to a strictly limited issue of Government Paper Money."

Mr. J. A. Mowatt read a paper "On Irish Taxation, and how Imperial Taxes might be adjusted so as to bear equally and equitably on all parts of the United Kingdom."

SEVENTH MEETING.

[Tuesday, 19th June, 1866.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Sir Robert Kane (V.P.) in the Chair.

Mr Alexander McDonnell read a paper entitled, "Notes on the French System of Railways."

Professor Houston read a paper "On the extension of the field or the Employment of Women."

The ballot having been examined, the following gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the Society :—Francis M. Jennings, Esq., M.R.I.A. ; George Murray, Esq. ; Joseph T. Pim, Esq. ; George Arthur Waller, Esq.

It was moved by Dr. Hancock, seconded by Mr. Daly, and resolved: That the Rule I. Chap. ii. be altered, in order that there may be twelve Vice-Presidents of the Society.

The resignation by Mr. Gibson of the office of Secretary was announced.

In accordance with Rule IV. Cap. 4, the election of the Council for the ensuing Session, 1866-67, was held, Mr. J. Lowry Whittle and Mr. William Daly having reported as Scrutineers of the Ballot, the following were declared elected :—

David Ross, LL.B.
Edward Gibson, A.M.
John Lentaigne, D.L.
E. Mapother, M.D.
D. C. Heron, Q.C., LL.D.
James McDonnell, Esq.

Robert McDonnell, M.D.
J. W. Murland, Esq.
R. Denny Urlin, Esq.
H. Dix Hutton, LL.B.
A. Houston, LL.D.
G. F. Shaw, LL.D., F.T.C.D.