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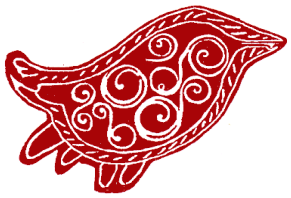

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Proceedings of the Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the School of Art, Cork, on Tuesday, March 28th, 1939. Dr. E. W. Waters, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The minutes of the 1938 Annual General Meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Secretary read his report as follows :—

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the work of the Society during the past year and in being able to state that the progress mentioned in my last report has been maintained and further advanced. The *Journal* is now being published on time and I think we may claim that the standard of its contributions is steadily improving, and further excellent papers are either already in our hands for future numbers or are promised by the authors.

Membership continues to increase, and this, one must again emphasise, is the most significant item in the matter of the Society's progress. Already, for 1939, many new members have joined the Society. It is also gratifying to note that several of our new members are from counties other than Cork, and in this Co. Kerry is particularly to the fore. We must hope that this expansion will be maintained and that the name of the Society, which is merely the name of its headquarters, will not prevent it from becoming in effect a Society for the study of Southern Antiquities in general. We have to thank many of our members, old and new, for the excellent work they have done in interesting others in the Society's activities.

During the period under review three excursions were held : to Youghal, to the Cork-Limerick border (including Ballybeg, Buttevant, Kilmallock and Lough Gur), and later to the excavations at Lough Gur. On the two latter outings we co-operated with the Thomond Archaeological Society and Field Club, with which Society we have had very cordial relations and with whom we hope to continue to co-operate to our mutual advantage.

The following lectures were given during the winter season : Eoin O'Mahony, K.M., " Cork Family Gossip," Seán Ó Suilleabháin, B.A., Archivist of the Irish Folklore Commission, " Litríocht Béil na h-Éireann " (This latter lecture was held in co-operation with Cumann Liteardha Chorchaighe). One lecture of the winter programme is still to be given : that by Prof. Alfred O'Rahilly on Friday, 31st inst.

During the year the following broadcasts were given from Radio Éireann under the auspices of the Society by our members, for which privilege our best thanks are due to the broadcasting authorities :

" Cork in the Late Nineteenth Century," by Michael Holland (in English) and Eamonn Ó Donnchadha (in Irish).
" Old Cork Architecture," by H. H. Hill.
" The Cork Butter Market," by W. O'Sullivan.
"Abha na Laoi," by Seán Ó Coindhealbhain.
" The Diocese of Kerry," by Rev. D. A. Reidy.
"Approaches to Local History and Archaeology." a symposium in which the speakers were Mr. P. Hartnett, Commander D. B. O'Connell and Justice D. F. Gleeson.

The most notable acquisition to our Library is a presentation made by Mr. W. H. Hill, F.R.I.A.I., of long sets of the *Journals* of this Society and of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Ireland.

I have pleasure in acknowledging the assistance given me by the other officers and the Council of the Society in my work of secretaryship. In this respect I should like particularly to mention the work done by Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Dr. W. O'Sullivan and Mr. P. Hartnett. Mr. J. T. Collins has been most helpful in the matter of the ever-recurring requests from our exiles abroad for information regarding Cork families, while Mr. Pender has given much assistance in editorial matters.

We regret to record the deaths of the following :—Col. James Grove-White (Presidemt, 1917–1938), Mr. M. F. Cogan, formerly Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Coleman, formerly Hon. Secretary, Canon Martin Murphy (Council Member), and Mr. Cornelius Cremen, as well as several members of the Society.

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The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. C. J. F. MacCarthy, A.C.C.A., placed before the Meeting a Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for the year 1938. These were certified by the Hon. Auditors: Mr. J. P. Conlon, M.A., and Dr. W. O'Sullivan., and adopted by the Meeting.

In the course of his report, Mr. MacCarthy said that the financial position of the Society was very healthy and had improved very considerably during the past two years. During that period the Society's membership had increased by 50 and the Society's income was very buoyant, so that we can look forward with confidence to the future. The reports were adopted unanimously.

Officers were elected as follows:—President: Dr. E. W. Waters, F.R.S.A.I.; Vice-Presidents: Mr. Michael Holland, Dr. P. J. Merriman, Commander D. B. O'Connell, K.M., R.N. (Rtd.); Hon. Secretary: Prof. S. P. Ó Ríordáin; Hon. Treasurer: C. J. F. MacCarthy, A.C.C.A.; Hon. Auditors: Mr. J. P. Conlon, M.A., Dr. W. O'Sullivan. The Council was re-elected with the addition of Mr. W. T. Greene, H.C.

LECTURE.

At the conclusion of the business proceedings at the Annual General Meeting an Illustrated Lecture was delivered by Commander D. B. O'Connell, K.M., R.N. (Rtd.), on " The Work of the Kerry Archaeological Survey."

The lecturer showed slides illustrating his talk and also exhibited some of the " finds " which have resulted from the efforts of the Survey and which are now housed in the Museum at University College, Cork.

VISIT TO S. FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL.

On Saturday, 29th April, 1939, the Society visited S. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, by kind permission of the Very Rev. R. Babington, Dean of Cork, who lectured to the party on the history of the building, and afterwards exhibited the architect's original designs, the church plate and also led the members through the library. About fifty members attended.

VISIT TO ANTIQUITIES OF THE KILLARNEY DISTRICT.

A joint outing of this Society and the Thomond Archaeological Society and Field Club was held on Whit Monday, May 29th, 1939, for the purpose of visiting the antiquities of the Killarney district. The following antiquities were visited—Ross Castle, Muckross Friary, Aghadoe and Dunloe Castle. Talks were given by Commander D. B. O'Connell, K.M., Rev. D. A. Reidy and Father Ephraim, O.F.M. The party was entertained to tea by Commander O'Connell at Lakeview, and objects of historical interest were there exhibited and explained by the Commander. At Dunloe, Surgeon R. V. Slattery added to his kindness in permitting the party to visit the Castle by throwing open his gardens to the members. The party consisted of about sixty-five persons.

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