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LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.

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The Report for the Fifteenth Session of the Club differs little from preceding ones in the record of the extent or nature of the work done, and the general progress of the Club. The roll of members has been increased, and now stands at 136. The Winter Session has passed through successfully. Some of the Summer Excursions had to be postponed from different causes, but those that were carried through were fairly well attended. Possibly, if there were more Naturalists' Field Club work arranged for in these excursions, they might attract more members. The decline in attendance at the excursions may be due to their becoming more of a Social than an Educational character.

The Annual Meeting of the Club was held on 10th November, Mr. J. Fitzgerald Windle, President, in the chair. There was a large attendance. Dr. W. A. Fogerty was elected President for the year, with the present Committee. At the end of the meeting, Count Plunkett, M.R.I.A., delivered an interesting lecture on "Bernardino Luini," the great—though at one time little-known—Italian painter. The choice of the subject was an innovation on the usual Field Club programme, but the ability of the lecturer, and the fame of the painter, gave it an abiding interest for those who had the pleasure of being present. The beautiful recommends itself at all times, to the Student of Nature, as of Art, and of Luini, in Ruskin's words—"Every thought he conceives is beautiful and pure, his hand moves always in radiance of blessing; from day to day his life enlarges in power and in peace; it passes away cloudlessly, the starry twilight remaining arched far against the night."

We are pleased to know that the accomplished lecturer has since been appointed Director of the National Museum, a position in which he will have many opportunities for promoting the study of these subjects in which this Club takes an interest.

December 6th.—Mr. R. J. Ussher, D.L., delivered a lecture on "Birds, and their Breeding Habits," illustrated by lantern slides, and from such a well-known authority on this subject as Mr. Ussher, an interesting discourse was to be expected, and the members who attended were in no way disappointed.

January 3rd.—Mr. D. Doyle, L.L.B., delivered a lecture on "A Trip to Portugal," illustrated by lantern slides of the places visited. The lecturer gave a very interesting description of the scenery and incidents of his tour.

January 31st.—A short paper by Dr. George Fogerty on a visit to the North Island of Arran, was very much appreciated. Several very fine photographs taken by Dr. Fogerty were exhibited on the screen, showing how rich these islands are in objects of interest to the Antiquary or Student of Natural History. On the same evening Mr. B. Barrington showed some views taken by himself during a tour in Switzerland.

February 21st.—There was a large attendance of members to hear Mr. Henry discourse on "Trees," with special reference to the im-

portant question of the re-afforesting of Ireland. The subject was dealt with in a masterly style, illustrated by photographs taken in various countries, showing in many cases trees that could be grown to advantage in Ireland.

March 7th.—Mr. Lynch had promised a paper for this evening but found himself unable to prepare it in time, and Mr. Harry Fogerty kindly consented to substitute one on the "Land and Freshwater Shells of the Limerick District." Papers on Conchology are rare at our meetings, and Mr. Fogerty is to be congratulated on having made a very successful commencement, and it is to be hoped he will continue his study of the subject for the benefit of the Club.

March 21st—The meeting was devoted to the reading of short papers, all of which will be found printed in the Club Journal for the year.

The last meeting of the Winter Session was held on the 5th April, at which the Prize Lantern Slides lent by the "Amateur Photographer," were exhibited.

The Summer Excursions were reduced to three, the first on 23rd May to Quin Abbey and Magh Adhar, was a trip of exceptional interest, including as it did Magh Adhar, the inaugural mound of the O'Briens, a place but little known, yet well worth a visit.

July 11th was fixed for the Triennial Conference of the Irish Field Club Union at Cork and placed in our Summer programme. The district being so well known to our members but few attended.

July 30th, a pleasant excursion was made to the district around Pallaskeny and Beagh Castle, and closed our Summer programme.

The Journal for the year is now in the hands of the members, and has been received very favourably. We would desire to see the list of contributors increased, particularly in the Natural History sections; in fact, so much are the Committee indebted to the members of the Historical and Archæological sections for maintaining the Journal, that the important question has arisen how that section can be increased in numbers so as to receive fresh contributors.

To some the formation of an independent Historical and Archaeological Society with a separate constitution and roll of members which may become affiliated to the Field Club for the purpose of the publication of its papers, taking part in meetings and excursions, and other matters in which all could act in unison on lines to be hereafter determined, appears the most practical solution. It will be for the Club to decide on the course to pursue, but your Committee feel that some such action is necessary if the Journal is to be continued.

We regret to have to record the recent death (17th October) of a valuable member of the Club and a learned Antiquary, Mr. James Frost, M.R.I.A. He wrote a history of Clare, and contributed some papers to our Journal. His mind was a rich store of knowledge, which he was always ready to communicate to his friends. His conversation, sparkling with his personal reminiscences, or the folk-lore of his native county, was racy of the soil. At the time of his death he was engaged on a paper for our Journal on "Bunratty Castle."

FINANCE.—By the Hon. Treasurer's report we find ourselves at the end of the year with a balance against us of £2 9s. 6d. This is owing to the fact that no less than fourteen members have neglected to pay their subscriptions for the past year, but we hope to recover most of it.

The Committee beg to tender their best thanks to the Ladies who have assisted at our Club Teas, to the Press, to the Great Southern and Western Railway Co., and to the Kindred Societies who have presented their publications.

THE LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.

LIST OF MEMBERS, WITH YEAR OF ADMISSION.

Abbott, Rev. T. F., B.D., Clarina	1899	Dowling, Jerome, Thomas Street	1905
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Adderley, Mrs. Cliftonville	1906	Doyle, Miss Alice, <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 56 George Street	1897
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Baker, Miss C., Ashbourne House	1897	Eakins, A. J., J.P., O'Connell Ter.	1892
Ballingal, R. R., Adare	1904	Ebrill, Stephen, 60 George Street	1906
Barrington, B., 91 George Street	1896	Fitzgerald, W. W. A., D.L., Carrigoran, Co. Clare	1906
Barrington, Miss, Barrington's Bridge	1897	Fitt, Alma, Maryville, Corbally	1905
Barry, J. G., D.L., Sandville, Ballyneety	1896	Fitt, Mrs. C. H. "	1893
Barry, Miss, Provincial Bank	1905	Fogerty, G. J., R.N., <i>Hon. Sec.</i> , 67 George Street	1895
Beauchamp, W. M., 24 Mallow St.	1893	Fogerty, H., Henry Street	1905
Begley, Rev. J., C.C., St. Munchin's	1905	Fogerty, Wm. A., M.A., M.D., 67 George Street	1892
Bennett, B., Cloghrennan Terrace	1905	Frost, Edward, Dr., J.P., Beechlawn, Newmarket-on-Fergus	1902
Bennis, E. H., 30 George Street	1892	Gaffney, Jas. S., B.A., 97 George St.	1897
Bennis, Mrs. E., 23 Ascot Terrace	1901	Gaffney, Mrs. "	1899
Bentley, Rev. W. E., M.A., Abbeyfeale	1901	Gibson, R., Mulgrave Cottage	1892
Bernal, S. G., Brookwatson, Nenagh	1907	Gibson, Mrs. R. "	1892
Boeddicker, Dr. O., Birr Castle Observatory	1901	Goggin, Rev. B., Kinsale	1895
Brophy, N. A., Lansdowne Terrace	1897	Graham, P. F., M.D., George St.	1898
Cameron, Mrs., Liscarrou	1896	Griffiths, H. M., Brookville Terrace	1899
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Coffey, George, B.A.I., M.R.I.A., Dublin (<i>hon. mem.</i>)	1902	Harris, H. B., J.P., Spanish Point, Co. Clare	1905
Coffey, Miss, Barrington's Hospital	1907	Hartigan, F. C., B.E., Rathkeale	1904
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DeCourcy, R., B.E., Cecil Street	1905	Heath, J., Eden Terrace	1906
Dillon, Hon. R. E., Clonbrock, Co. Galway—(<i>hon. mem.</i>)	1898	Heath, Miss "	1906
Dodds, Joseph, LL.D., 4 Cloghrennan Terrace	1902	Hayes, Henry, Mulgrave Street	1900
Dodds, Mrs., B.A. "	1902	Hayes, A., Baker Place	1906
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		Hewson, Mrs. Massy, George Street	1901
		Hewson, R. F., Hollywood, Adare	1899

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Johnson, Mrs., Villiers' School	1898	Orpen, Rev. H. A., M.A., Adare	1900
Joyce, P. W., LL.D., M.R.I.A., Dublin	1906	Palmer, Miss, 91 George Street	1901
Keane, Marcus, D.L., Beechpark, Ennis	1901	Parkinson, Miss, Westbourne, Ennis	1906
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Ledger, Z., Lansdowne Terrace	1906	Power, Rev. John, P.P., Kiltteely	1901
Lynch, Major Wilson, Belvoir, Six-milebridge	1897	Quaid, J. J., 82 George Street	1905
Lynch, P. J., M.R.I.A.I., 8 Mallow Street	1897	Roche, Robert, Wellesley Lodge	1901
Limerick, Bishop of, Right Rev. Dr. Orpen	1907	Roche, Mrs. " "	1902
Macnamara, Dr. George U., Bankyle, Corofin	1897	Ross, Geo., M. & L. Bank	1906
Mahony, Pierce G., M.R.I.A., Cork Herald, 24 Burlington Road, Dublin	1906	Ryan, George, C.E., Shamrock Ville	1897
Mercer, Miss, High School	1892	Ryan, Mrs. " "	1898
Morony, H. V., B.E., Crescent View	1892	Sams, H. L., Osmington Terrace	1896
Morony, Mrs. " "	1898	Scanlan, J. H., 57 George Street	1905
Murray, Archibald, Portland	1905	Scott, George, Curraghgour	1896
Murray, Bruce, " "	1903	Sheehy, Brian E. F., C.E., 50 George Street	1898
Muspratt, Mrs. F., 44 Henry Street	1898	Stewart, Joseph, M.P.S.I., <i>Hon. Treas.</i> , 44 George Street	1892
McClellan, Rev. R., LL.D., Rathkeale	1901	Taylor, Rev. S., B.A.	1908
McCoy, M. D., 21 Barrington Street	1899	Toppin, John E., Willmount	1893
Munce, A., 14 Mallow Street	1906	Vincent, Miss, 31 Catherine Street	1905
Neale, Francis, Dublin. (<i>hon. mem.</i>)	1892	Wallace, Mrs., Barrington Street	1898
Nolan, Rev. T. V., Mungret College	1906	Wallace, Joseph, Bellevue	1903
O'Brien, Captain F. H.S., D.L., R.N., Cratloe Woods	1896	Webb, William, Hill View	1902
O'Brien, Very Rev. Dean, Corbally	1895	Webb, Mrs. " "	1902
O'Brien, R. D., C.E., Parteenalax	1893	Welpley, W. N., Rosendale, Corbally	1905
O'Brien, W. A., 22 Thomas Street	1901	Walsh, P. J., Rose Cottage	1905
O'Brien, Miss Grace, The Deanery	1908	Westropp, Thomas J., M.A., M.R.I.A., Dublin	1897
O'Brien, R. Vere, Ballyalla, Ennis	1897	Windle, J. F.G., C.E., Tipperary	1897
O'Connell, Miss, 4 Wickham Street	1900	Woodhouse, Miss, 35 George Street	1892
		Wright, Professor E. Percival, M.A., M.D., Dublin	1901
		Wynne, Venble. G. R., D.D., Archdeacon of Aghadoc, Barrington Street	1908
		Wynne, Miss, Barrington Street	1908

✻ RULES. ✻

I.—That the Club shall be called “THE LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.”

II.—That the Objects of the Club shall be—The Study of Natural History, Photography, History, and Archæology, especially of the district.

III.—That the Officers of the Club shall be elected annually, and consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of Seven Members. Three to form a *quorum*. Minutes of regular meetings, and records of all Committee meetings shall be duly kept.

IV.—That special sections may be formed with the approval of an Annual Meeting from amongst the members of the Club, for the particular study of one or more of the objects named in Rule II., each of such sections having a Secretary with a seat *ex-officio* on the Committee of the Club.

V.—That the names and addresses of candidates for membership shall be given in writing to the Secretary for consideration by the Committee, which shall, through the Secretary, inform the applicant of its decision. Before election to membership the Annual Subscription for the current year must be paid.

VI.—That the Annual Subscription shall be Five Shillings, payable in advance, and shall become due on the first day of October in each year. The Journal will not be supplied to members whose subscription is in arrear.

VII.—That arrangements shall be made for Meetings and Excursions from time to time by the Committee, of which due notice shall be given to all members by the Secretary.

VIII.—That the Annual Meeting shall be held at the beginning of the Winter Session to receive Report of Committee for past year, to elect Officers and Committee for ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before it. The voting for Officers and Committee shall be by ballot, if necessary.

IX.—No alteration shall be made in these Rules except by an Annual Meeting, and then only on notice of the proposed change having been given in writing at least twenty-one days previously to the Secretary. Necessary Bye Laws may be made by the Committee, which is also empowered to act on behalf of the Club in all matters pertaining to its welfare during the *interim* between general meetings.

BYE-LAW.—Where two of a family are members of the Club they shall have the privilege of bringing a third member of the family to all Meetings and Excursions.