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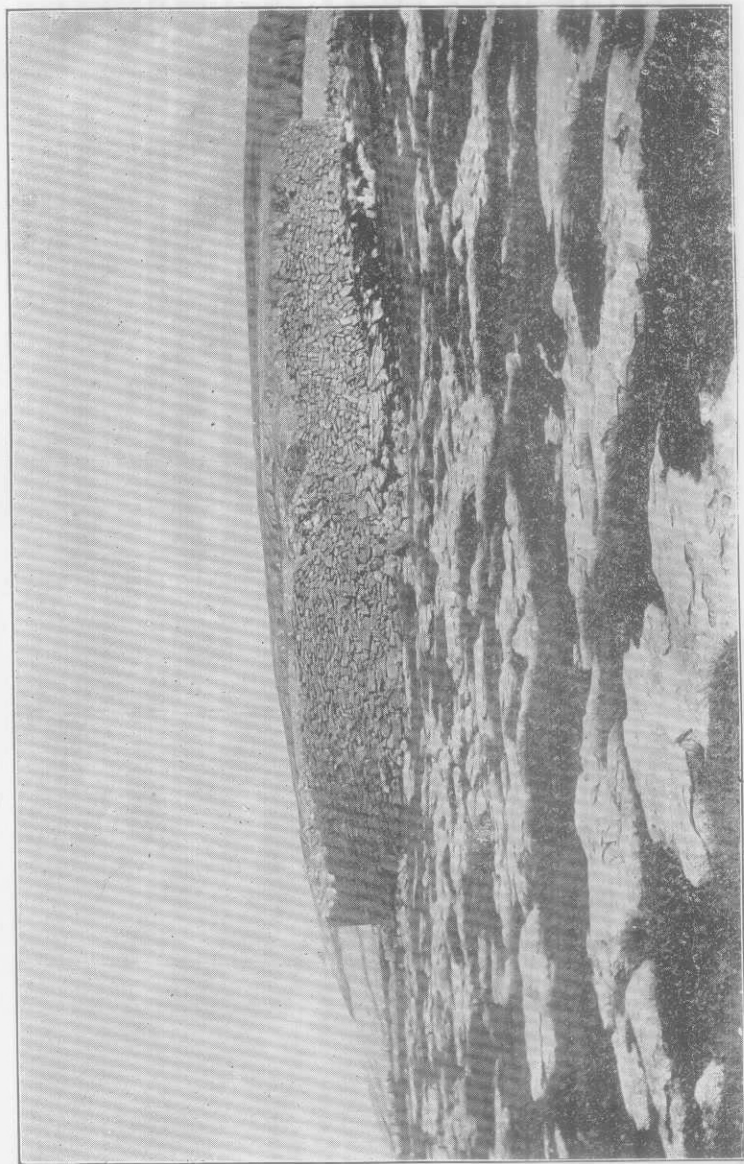
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*Photo by*

CAHERDOONFERGUS.

*[G. Fogarty.]*

# LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.

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## OFFICERS FOR SESSION, 1900.

### *President :*

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MR. B. BARRINGTON.

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## ANNUAL REPORT.

Report of Committee for 1899, presented to the Seventh Annual Meeting, held in the Athenæum, Limerick, 9th January, 1900 :—

The Committee at the close of another year are again able to state that much interest has been taken in the Club, its Winter Meetings and Summer-Excursions having been very well attended. They have also, however, again to draw attention to the continued scarcity of workers, and seriously ask members to identify themselves as students with some section of the Club, assuring them that in so doing their pleasure will

be increased tenfold, and that a new world will open out before them, whether it be in Archæology, Photography, or a branch of Natural History. Your Committee, after full and careful consideration, have decided to recommend that Rule 6 be altered, so as to provide that each year shall end with the month of September, and that each member shall contribute a subscription of five shillings per annum. It is also recommended that the current year shall be considered to have commenced on the first day of October last, so that all subscriptions should, therefore, be promptly paid to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Joseph Stewart, 44 George Street. The wisdom of these proposed changes will require no explanation to thoughtful members of the Club, to whom it will be at once apparent that its existence on the nominal subscription of past years is impossible, especially if the issue of the Journal is to be continued, and if any organised work is to be carried out by the Club or its members. On the larger, but still very moderate fee, your Committee hope it may be possible to increase the usefulness and activity of the Club, and to arrange for the better, if gradual, furnishing of its room, with accommodation for specimens and photographs, as well as the hire or purchase of diagrams, etc., for lecturers. It is also desirable that some books of reference should be available in connection with the Club, as well as magazines and periodicals bearing on the objects of its various sections.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting the completion of arrangements with G. H. Carpenter, Esq., B. Sc. (London), of the Science and Art Museum, Dublin, for the delivery by him of a course of six lectures on Zoology, in March next. No great effort should be required to ensure the successful carrying out of this proposal, as an opportunity to hear the various forms of life existing on our earth described, and their development explained by a gentleman of Mr. Carpenter's ability does not often occur in Limerick. Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the Dublin Field Club for more than ten years, and needs no introduction to this Club, as he has already lectured in the Town Hall, Limerick, under its auspices, most successfully.

The membership of the Club on the 30th September, 1898, was 243, the number to the same date in 1899 being 270. Work accomplished is the true test of the success of any society, which fact is commended to the consideration of all members, there being much room for improvement under this heading amongst us.

Several botanical specimens have been added to the Club Herbarium during 1899, more especially from amongst the plants characteristic of the Burren district of County Clare, of which several examples are on view this evening.

Mr. Alexander Robertson, of Glasgow, a well-known Scotch botanist, spent some few days here in June last, making a hurried, and, therefore, certainly incomplete, inventory of the plants of County Limerick. The result of his labour has not, so far as your Committee know, been published yet. It is to be regretted that the time of Mr. Robertson's visit precluded his meeting more than a very few of our members, as intercourse between people of similar tastes and pursuits is often very encouraging.

An interesting addition has been made to the *fauna* of this locality—a cave-dwelling spider (*Meta Menardii*), of which nests and specimens were taken during the year near Kildimo, Co. Limerick, and nests with eggs near Quin, Co. Clare. Several species of butterflies not usually common with us occurred during the past Summer, one of which, the Clouded Yellow (*Colias edusa*), is of more than ordinary interest. From some at present unknown cause it only appears in any numbers in these islands at irregular intervals, separated by from five to eight (some say fourteen) years, at the end of which time a strong migration of both sexes takes place from the Continent of Europe. They are remarkably strong fliers, and soon spread over a large part of the Kingdom, especially the sea-coasts of the South. Their arrival is followed by the emergence of a numerous progeny throughout August and September. Our single specimen is from Mountshannon, where it was taken early in August, but it occurred also at Adare, Limerick, and Foynes. Another butterfly, the Painted Lady (*Pyrameis cardui*), also subject to irregular appearances and a migratory habit, like the Clouded Yellow, has been noticed in the past year at Cratloe, Mountshannon, and elsewhere in this district, only one other example having been observed since 1890, near Kilkishen, Co. Clare. A full-grown caterpillar of the Brimstone Butterfly (*Gonopteryx rhamni*) was found when the Club visited Holy Island, Lough Derg, on the 13th July, additional specimens having been obtained later in the season, also near Mountshannon, on which occasion they were seen on the same day in three stages—*larva*, *pupa*, and *imago*. This insect is not common in Ireland,

the food plants (Buckthorns, *Rhamnus catharticus*, and *R. frangula*) only growing in certain rather widely separated localities, one being the shores of Lough Derg. The butterfly *hibernates*, but under what conditions is as yet unknown, usually vacating its Winter quarters in March.

During the year a notice has appeared in one of the scientific magazines as to a member of the grasshopper family swimming in water. This habit had been reported by this Club on several occasions, the first of them being about six years ago, and it is satisfactory to have it confirmed now, as some doubt was thrown on the accuracy of the record at the time.

Good work has been accomplished by the Photographic Section of the Club, members of which have furnished illustrations for the valuable work on St. Mary's Cathedral, published during the year by the Rev. James Dowd, B.A. Its existence has been of much service to its members, and to the Club as a whole, in proof of which it is only necessary to draw attention to the prints and lantern transparencies shown here this evening, which, besides the ordinary landscape, snapshot, and views of tourist resorts, embrace interesting examples of geology, natural history, and archæology. Several geological slides prepared by our members have been accepted as suitable by the Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Archæological Section of the Club has not developed to the extent hoped for, and it appears difficult to arouse an interest in connection with it, or in the study of local history. This seems strange in view of the historic associations of this ancient city, and of the many antiquarian relics of various sorts in the adjacent counties of Limerick and Clare. With the aid of photography and the Club Journal, some good work might be done by our archæologists."

The following meetings took place during the year :—

Tuesday, January 10th, 1899—Sixth Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday, January 31st—"A Ramble through some of the Ancient Monuments of Kerry with a Photographer," by Mr. P. J. Lynch, M.R.I.A.

Tuesday, February, 14th—"Architectural Photography."

Tuesday, March 14th—"Practical Points in Exposure, Development, and Printing."

Tuesday, March 28th—"Historic Limerick," illustrated with Lantern Transparencies, by Rev. James Dowd, B.A.—"The Old Town."

Monday, April 10th—Exhibition of Lantern Slides.

Tuesday, October 31st—"The Life History of Ferns," illustrated, by the President.

Tuesday, November 14th—"Transformation Scenes, or Chapters in Insect Life," by Mr. John L. Copeman, Vice-President Cork Field Club.

Tuesday, November 28th—"Common Objects of the Sea Shore," illustrated by Lantern Slides and Specimens, by Mr. William Gray, M.R.I.A., Hon. Sec. Belfast Field Club.

Tuesday, December 12th—"Archæology," by Rev. Timothy Lee, Adm.

#### EXCURSIONS.

Thursday, April 20th—Broadford, via Parteen and Sallybank.

Thursday, May 4th—Ballycar and Newmarket.

Thursday, June 8th—Scattery Island.

Thursday, July 13th—Holy Island, Lough Derg.

Thursday, July 27th—Clare Glens.

The Club Journal issued in June last is held by common consent to have been the best yet published. It contained matter representing each section, and several good illustrations, these latter being in connection with an address on "Old Limerick," delivered during the Winter Session.

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## ✻ RULES. ✻

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I.—That the Club shall be called the “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 with as little delay as possible.

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. Members whose subscriptions shall be three months in arrears, and who shall neglect to pay same in response to a second application from the Treasurer, shall cease to be members of the Club.

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 in the month of January 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, the nominations having been made at the preceding ordinary meeting of the Club.

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.



## LIST OF MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

- Haughton, Miss, Barrington's Hospital. 1892  
 Hayes, Thomas, C.I., Eden Terrace. 1897  
 Hayes, Dr. Thomas, Brownville, Rathkeale. 1896  
 Heretier, L'Abbé, Tervoe. (*hon. mem.*) 1897  
 Hewson, J. G., Hollywood, Adare. 1897  
 Hewson, Robert F. " 1899  
 Hibbert, R. F., J.P., Wood Park, Scariff. 1897  
 Horan, John, C.E., Victoria Ter. 1897  
 Hunt, Miss, Woodbine House. 1898  
 Hunt, Robert " "  
 Irwin, K., Hartstonge Place. 1897  
 Jeffs, Thomas, Grand Canal Office. 1898  
 Johnson, Mrs., Mortell Villas. 1898  
 Joyce, W. B., B.A., Leamy's School. 1897  
 Kenny, Thomas H., Hartstonge St. 1897  
 Lee, Mrs. S., Strandville. 1897  
 Lee, Miss, Strandville. 1900  
 Lee, Rev. T., Adm., St. John's. 1897  
 Lynch, Major Wilson, Belvoir, Sixmile-bridge, County Clare. 1897  
 Lynch, P. J., M.R.I.A.L., 8 Mallow St. 1897  
 Maguire, Martin, 87 George Street. 1897  
 Mercer, Miss, 22 Mallow Street. 1892  
 Mercier, C. C., 28 Ascot Terrace. 1897  
 Miller, Mrs. Riggs, Tyone House, Nenagh  
 Mitchell, F. W., 33 Catherine St. 1897  
 Moroney, H. V., B.E., Eagle Lodge. 1892  
 Moroney, Mrs. H. V. " 1898  
 Muspratt, Frank, F.C.O., Henry St. 1899  
 Muspratt, Mrs. F. " 1898  
 Myles, Miss, 4 Crescent. 1896  
 McCoy, Mathew D., Solicitor, Mallow St. 1899  
 McNamara, George U., Bankyle House, Corofin. 1897  
 Neale, Arthur, Glencore. 1896  
 Neale, Francis, *Hon. Secretary*, Glencore. 1892  
 Neale, Mrs., Glencore. 1892  
 Noakes, H. S., Esq., 23 Mallow St. 1898  
 O'Brien, Captain F. H. S., R.N., Cratloe Woods, County Clare. 1896  
 O'Brien, Rev. L. H., The Rectory, Adare. 1895  
 O'Brien, Miss, Durra, Ennis.  
 O'Brien, R. D., C.E., 16 Mallow St. 1893  
 O'Brien, R. Vere, Ballyalla, Ennis. 1897  
 O'Connell, Miss, 44 Wickham Street. 1900  
 O'Donnell, Miss, Ballyclough. 1899  
 O'Donnell, Patrick E., Solicitor, Glentworth Street. 1899  
 O'Meehan, P., L.D.S., Mallow St. 1896  
 Orpen, Rev. H. A., 76 George St. 1900  
 O'Sullivan, Miss, William Street. 1898  
 O'Sullivan, Miss Essie " 1899  
 Peacocke, J. J., B.A., B.E., Thomas St. 1900  
 Pfaff, Mrs., Albert Lodge. 1899  
 Riordon, John, Baker Place. 1896  
 Ryan, George, C.E., Moyola Terrace. 1897  
 Ryan, Mrs., Moyola Terrace. 1898  
 Ryan, Rev. Thomas, C.C., Caherconlish. 1897  
 Sams, H. L., Osmington Terrace. 1896  
 Scott, George, Curraghgour. 1896  
 Seymour, Miss Bessie, The Square, Ennis  
 Sheehan, Miss, 12 Lower Mallow Street. 1899  
 Sheehy, Bryan K. F., C.E., Moviddy, Newcastle West. 1898  
 Smyth, John, 29 Patrick Street. 1896  
 Snell, P. W., 8 Catherine Place. 1896  
 Snell, Mrs. P. W. " 1897  
 Spain, Miss, Crescent View.  
 Spain, Ml., jun., Crescent View. 1900  
 Stewart, Joseph, M.P.S.I., 44 George St. 1892  
 Sullivan, George H., 10 Cecil St. 1897  
 Taylor, Rev. T., Kilnasoolagh Rectory, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare 1899  
 Thorp, A. W., 57 George Street. 1896  
 Thorp, Walter, F.C.S. " 1895  
 Toppin, John, Willmount. 1893  
 Toppin, Miss " 1897  
 Toppin, Miss May " 1898  
 Toppin, P. R. " 1897  
 Toppin, P. R., Junr., Willmount  
 Verschoyle, Mrs., Castle Troy. 1898  
 Wallace, Mrs. John, Barrington St. 1898  
 Wallace, Miss " 1898  
 Wallace, Miss Florie " "  
 Weir, Rev. W. H., 1 Mount Vincent Place  
 Westropp, Thomas J., 77 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin. 1897  
 Widdess, Mathew B., 118 George Street  
 Windle, J. F. G., C.E., 50 George St. 1897  
 Woodhouse, Miss, 35 George Street. 1892