

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

A Chara,

A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held in the County Book Repository, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Saturday, the 25th day of October, 1930, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m., to deal with the following business:-

1. Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Election of Chairman of the Committee.
3. Recommendations of the Sub-Committee.
4. Finance and Accounts.
5. Clerkship Examination:- Results and Examiner's Report.
6. Appointment of Clerk.
7. Donations.
8. The MacEnri Library of Irish Literature, Historical and Philological Works.
9. Correspondence:-
 - (a) Ministry of Local Government and Public Health;
 - (b) General.
10. Carnegie Trust.
11. Any other matters.

Is mise, le meas,

S. J. Maguire,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.
 To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
 To the Secretary to the County Council.
 To the Town Clerk, Galway.
 To the Treasurer.
 To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

NOTICE OF MOTION:-

I, or some member on my behalf, will move at the meeting of County Galway Libraries Committee to be held on the 25th instant That the Committee purchase the MacEnri Collection of books, being a valuable collection of historical and philological works, for the sum of £350.

(Signed) James O'Sea.

This 17th day of
 October, 1930.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a
 Monthly Meeting, held on Saturday, the 25th
 day of October, 1930.

Present:-

J. J. Burke, the Reverend A. J. Garley, B.A.,
 J. Hosty, J. Kelly, U.D.C., J. J. Leonard, Gilbert
 Lynch, B.C., U.D.C., T. C. McDonagh, U.D.C.,
 D. McSweeney, B.C., the Very Reverend P. J. Canon
 Moran, J. Moroney, N.T., the Very Reverend J. F. M.
 Canon Nash, M.A., the Reverend J. O'Sea, B.A., B.B.L.,
 J. M. Pringle, Captain Tierney.

665. Minutes of
 the last Meeting:-

Resolved — That the minutes of
 the last meeting, circulated each
 member, be taken as read; and that
 they be signed.

666. Election of
 Chairman:-

It was proposed by Urban Councillor
 Kelly, seconded by J. Moroney, and
 unanimously

Resolved — That the Reverend J. O'Sea be
 Chairman of this Committee.

667. Recommendations
 of the Sub-Committee:-

Resolved — That the following
 recommendations of the Sub-Committee be
 accepted:-

- (a) That the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran and
 T. C. McDonagh, U.D.C., be co-opted members of
 the Sub-Committee;

(b) That Mrs. Sheehy Steffington be requested to lecture in Galway on Russia on Thursday, the 6th November, 1930, at an inclusive fee of four pounds four shilling;

(c) That the Secretary be authorised to meet Lt. Colonel J. M. Mitchell, Secretary of the Carnegie Trust, in Dublin on the 8th November, 1930, apropos the Library Service in General, and a building-equipment grant and a book-purchase grant in particular; and as the visit of Colonel Mitchell would be coincident with the Annual Meeting, in Dublin, of the Irish Library Association, that the Committee's delegate, Councillor Lynch, also attend.

Arising out of the request of Colonel Mitchell that the Committee's Secretary should meet him in Dublin, it was

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Resolved - That Urban Councillor T. G. McDonagh be requested to interview Colonel Mitchell also, apropos the Committee's request for additional grants from the Carnegie Trust.

(d) That the General Committee authorise the Sub-Committee to fix the fees payable to lecturers within a limit of four pounds four shillings (£4-4-0) - this amount to include travelling and subsistence, etc.

669. Notice of Motion:- Relative to recommendation (d) and in view of minute no. 621, the following

Notice of Motion was given:-

"I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next meeting of this Committee move

"That the Sub-Committee be authorised to fix the fees payable to lecturers within a limit of £4-4-0 (four pounds four shillings) - this amount

"to include travelling and subsistence expenses, etc."

A. J. Garley.

25th October, 1930.

670. The MacEnri Collection:-

J. O'Dea

It was proposed by the Reverend "That the Committee purchase the MacEnri Collection of books, being a valuable collection of historical and philological works, for the sum of £350 (three hundred and fifty pounds)."

The motion having been seconded by the Very Reverend R. J. Canon Moran, it was unanimously

Resolved - That the Committee purchase the MacEnri Collection of books, being a valuable collection of historical and philological works, for the sum of £350 (three hundred and fifty pounds).

671. Increased Insurance:-

It was proposed by the Reverend A. J. Garley, seconded by Urban Councillor T. G. McDonagh, and

Resolved - That the MacEnri Collection of books, purchased by the Committee, be insured for £700 (seven hundred pounds), and that the Secretary obtain quotations from Insurance Companies for submission at the next Monthly Meeting.

672. County Council Year Book:-

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to request the County Council to supply each member of the Committee with a copy of the Council's "Year Book."

673. Hour of meeting - "I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next Monthly Meeting of this Committee move
 Notice of Motion:- "That the hour of meeting be altered from two o'clock, p. m. to one o'clock, p. m.

T. G. McDonagh

25th October, 1930.

674. Finance and Accounts:- **Resolved -** That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and Form I, as presented, be signed; that the following accounts, amounting to £187. 17 7, be authorised; and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Books	£107	6	2
Printing and Stationery	1	17	4
Heating, cleaning, etc.	2	6	3
Transport and Travelling	18	10	0
P/B and Sundries	15	11	2
Salaries	42	6	8

Monthly Financial Statements:-

	August	September
Balance as per last Statement	Br. £13. 5. 1	£98. 16. 0
Sum received	233. 2. 0	12. 0. 0
Payments ordered	246. 7. 1	110. 16. 0
Payments ordered	147. 11. 1	—
Net Balance	Br. £98. 16. 0	£110. 16. 0

Reconcilements:-

Balance for Pass Book	£198. 12. 4	£124. 2. 3
Outstanding orders	99. 16. 4	13. 6. 3
Net Balance as above	Br. £98. 16. 0	£110. 16. 0

675 Clerkship Examination - Results and Examiners' Report:-

The Secretary read the following report of the Examiners:-

H. BOISAK na h-1017501e,

Galway

24/10/1930

Kíngasíe,

Teabóirí na h-1017501e.

Aicse,

I submit herewith marks obtained by the Candidates at the Examination for library clerkship held on the 16th and 17th inst. in accordance with the instructions of your Committee.

I regret to say that none of the candidates who attended the examination reached the qualifying per centage in each of the essential subjects. Candidate no. 7 (number seven) is, however, the best in those subjects which are regarded as essential.

I therefore respectfully recommend no. 7 as being suitably qualified and the best of the Candidates for the position. No. 7 possesses a sound knowledge of those subjects which are most essential in a clerk in a public office such as yours. These subjects are (a) Irish; (b) book-keeping and business methods, and (c) shorthand and typewriting. I need hardly remark that no. 7 has a competent knowledge of English.

For the rest, Mr. Secretary, the marks speak for themselves.

In conclusion, I beg sincerely to thank, firstly, the members of the Library Committee who honoured me by appointing me their Examiner in this matter and secondly yourself, Mr. Secretary, for your kind assistance in the matter of surveillance at the examination and provision of machines for the typewriting examination.

mye agas,
Liam O Buisiada.

Resolved — That a Special Meeting be held on Saturday next to consider the following

Notice of Motion:-

Notice of Motion:-

"I, or some member on my behalf, will at the Special Meeting of the County Libraries Committee to be held on the 1st November, 1930, move

"That the Examiner's Report and Recommendation be adopted, and that anything to the contrary be rescinded."

J. J. Leonard.

25th Octob, 1930.

676. Donations:-

The Secretary reported the receipt of the following donations:-

Donor:	Books	Pamphlets
James Dunne, Esq., Galway	4	-
Wexford Co. Library	-	1
Yorks (West Riding) Co Library	-	1
Wigan Public Libraries	-	1
Cork County Library	-	1
Devon County Library	-	1
Dumfriesshire County Library	-	1
St. O'Arcy, Galway	1	-
Sir Robert Baird, Belfast.	-	7
Total	5	13

Resolved — That the Committee's best thanks be tendered the donors of books and pamphlets.

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Application for an increase of Salary:-

The Secretary submitted a letter from Miss Kathleen Ronaldson, Assistant, applying

for an increase of salary on the grounds of her success in two of the Library Association Examinations.

The following Motion of Motion was given:-

"I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next meeting of the County Libraries Committee, move
"That the application for an increase of salary, received from Miss K. Ronaldson, be considered."

J. O'Sea

25th Octob, 1930.

678. L.G.D.

Noted - Ministry's Circular 37/1930.

(Minutes nos. 665 to 678 inclusive).

29th Nov na Sanina, 1930

J. O'Sea

Minutes of the Proceedings of
a Special Meeting, held on Saturday
the 1st day of November, 1930.

Present:

G. Bartley, Co. B., J. J. Burke,
M. Finnerty, Co. B., the Reverend
A. J. Gailey, B.A., J. Hooley, the
Reverend Brother Jarlath, O.S.F., M.A.,
P. Kelly, Co. C., G. Lynch, Co. C., U.D.C.
the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran,
J. Moroney, N.I., the Reverend P. J. Murray,
B.A., B.D., the Very Reverend J. F.M.
Canon Nash, the Reverend J. O'Lea, B.A.
B.C.L., J. M. Pungle, and Capt. T. Tierney
J. Keefe, Co. C., J. Lee, Co. C., J. J. Leonard,
B. Lydon, Co. C.,

679. Examiner's Report,
and Recommendation
(Minute No. 675) :-

It was Proposed by
J. J. Leonard, and seconded
by J. Moroney :-
That the examiner's Report and
Recommendation be adopted.

It was proposed by Councillor P.
Kelly, and seconded by
J. J. Burke :-
That as none of the candidates
qualified in each essential subject
That the Examiner's Report and
Recommendation be not adopted

On a show of hands, their votes for
Councillor's Kelly's amendment 3, and against
it 14.

680. Appointment
of clerk.

It was proposed by J. J. Leonard,
and seconded by J. Moroney, and

Resolved - That Miss Julia Folan
be appointed to the vacant
clerkship; and it was proposed by
the Reverend A. J. Gailey, seconded
by Councillor Lynch, and.

Resolved - That the successful
candidate, Miss Julia Folan take
up duty on Monday next, the
3rd instant, at 10th o'clock a.m.

(Minutes 679 and 680 inclusive)

29/XI/1930

S. O'Grain

LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.

A Chara,

A Sub- Committee Meeting will be held in the County
Library Headquarters, Prospect Hill, Galway, on
the _____, at the hour of _____

Mise agad,

S. S. MagUidhir,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

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LEABHARLANNA CHONNDAE NA GAILLIMHE.

Oifig na Leabharlannaidhe,
Bothar Mor, Gaillimh.
24adh Samhain, 1930.

A Chara,

A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries
Committee will be held in the County Library Headquarters,
Prospect Hill, Galway, on Saturday, the 29th day of November, 1930,
at the hour of two o'clock, p.m., when the following business
will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Minutes of a Special Meeting.
3. Election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 1930-1931.
4. Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meetings.
5. Finance and Accounts.
6. Notices of Motion:-

(a) Lecturers' Fees:- I, or some member on my behalf, will
at the next meeting of this Committee, move
That the Sub-Committee be authorised to fix the fees
payable to lecturers within a limit of £4-4-0 (four pounds
four shillings) - this amount to include travelling
and subsistence expenses, etc.
25th October, 1930. A. J. Gailey.

(b) Hour of meeting:- I, or some member on my behalf, will
at the next meeting of this Committee, move
That the hour of meeting be altered from two o'clock, p.m.
to one o'clock, p.m.
25th October, 1930. T. C. McDonagh.

(c) Application for an increase of salary:- I, or some member
on my behalf, will at the next meeting of this Committee,
move
That the application for an increase of salary, received
from Miss Kathlyn Ronaldson, be considered.
25th October, 1930. J. O'Dea.

7. Donations.
8. Library Signs supplied by the Carnegie Trust.
9. Correspondence.
10. Any other matters.

Is mise agad,

S. S. MagUidhir,

Runaidhe agus Leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
To the Secretary, County Council.
To the Town Clerk, Galway.
To the Treasurer.
To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

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GAILLIME

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Leabharlanna Connóae na Saillime

Tá achar orainn cúinnear bliadhna Leabharlaine Connóae na Saillime a éir or comair an pobail. 'Cifeair ó'n gcúinnear cé mar tá an obair as toul ar aghair agus an maic agus an cairde atá as toul do'n pobal trí obair na leabharlaine, so móir-móir rna rsoileannair agus imears aoir óis. Fá'n tscuair ip mó atá glaotha ar áobair léigtheoiréacta, agus ip cinnce so nsgriorann na leabhair a rgarctar imears na n-óghánac a tscuirmeigtheoirí cun léiginn, ruo a bí as cairdeal so gáar. Déanann leabharlann tuata de'n tóiric reo curó de'n obair a éir Tomár Daibir agus a comráirí rómpa níor mó ná ceitre rsoir bliadhain ó fóin.

LITRIDEACT NA SAEDILGE FÁ LÁTAIR.

Maroir le Litrídeact na Saedilge an Lá atá inoiu ann, ba maic le curó aghainn dá mbeaó an Saedilge atá i fóinnt de na leabha níor tóicéa, ac, mar atá na leabha céatona, ip maic ann iao, agus ríadnairé iao so bfuil boipraó fán Litrídeact. Ní hé amáin so bfuil úr-rgealta Saedilge—curó aca nac bfuil ioncáinte—dá bfoillrú so cuis, ac tá oramaí, pinnrgealta, agus eile dá n-aircruí i n-aghair an lae ar teangtaá eile, agus, ma teannta rin, tá an Saedilge dá cur i n-oiréamaint to éurpaí an traošat. Duine ar bíe a bfuil oréacta nó áobair leabhair aige aoir tá veir aige le n-a éur i gcló ó curéaó Coirde na leabhar ar bun i mDaile áta Cuat. D'féoir nac bfuil an Coirde céatona raor ó éionta, ac, bíoó nó ná bíoó, ip móir ip ríu a leiréve a veir ann.

Áobair átar to gac ríor-Saedéal an t-áfpár reo atá a' teact ton teangsa, agus aicbeoócan é atá ina 'lán beoil' as curó de rsoiláirí léiginn agus lairne na nheorpa inoiu. Anurairó éus an Searmánac ainmneamair rin, Thurneyren, cuairt ar an tír reo, agus, de bair a éurair, curéaó Coimirúin ar bun le Láimhríóine Saedilge a gpinniú agus a foillrú. Níl ac aon Imleabair amáin curta i gcló as an gCoimirúin rin fóir, ac, mar rin féin, níl aon duine dáir léig an t-Imleabair rin nac n-abrócairó gur ionmólta an raotair atá ar bun aca.

Leir an toul ar aghair atá an teangsa a déanam tá baramair Lárorir aghainn gur gearr gur féoir gac áobair a múnaó éirce san aon roóocamail. Tis linn a ráó so bfuil túr curta ar rin féin as Colairce na hIolrsoite i nSaillim—so neartuigió Dia leir.

Galway County Courthouse

In presenting this Report the Committee and Secretary desire once again to thank the School Managers, Teachers and others for their interest and co-operation in the work of the libraries. The information given in the Report shows that the labour is fruitful indeed and illustrates clearly how the libraries play a part in the sphere of true education: "the drawing out of the good powers of a citizen, chiefly of the mind, and particularly his powers of reaching truth and admiring beauty."

THE CARNEGIE TRUST AND LIBRARY BUILDING GRANTS.

Faced by the difficulties created by the high cost of building, and also by the fact that public bodies are naturally reluctant to erect buildings which will involve heavy recurrent cost in upkeep, the Trustees have tended more and more to support projects (chiefly in rural areas) of an educational or social character which do not require costly buildings or involve high maintenance expenditure. The Trustees fully realise that the development of Irish Library Services has led to the need for suitable Headquarters on a far more considerable scale than was required for the inception of the schemes in purely rural areas. Their difficulty, however, is that the maximum allocation which they could possibly put aside would be inadequate compared with the cost of a whole series of new Headquarter buildings. The Trust's policy will be defined in detail about October. The Chairman and the Secretary of the County Libraries Committee at a conference in Brighton discussed the question relative to Galway with the Chairman of the Trust's Library Committee and the Trust's Treasurer. It was suggested by the Trustee's representatives that the Secretary of the County Galway Committee should prepare a survey of County Library Headquarters in An Saorstát. This has now been done through the Irish Library Association. The survey and an appeal to the Trust for grants will be submitted to a Special Meeting of the Association at which the Trust's Secretary will be present. Considering the rapid development of the Irish Library Service and its serious economic difficulties with the absence of suitable Library buildings, one is very hopeful indeed that the Trust, which from the outset, fully realising Irish difficulties made special allowance and proportionate grants, may continue that far-seeing and equitable policy.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES.

In some districts in the county special efforts are required to instil in adults a love of reading or a love of better reading than that to which they have been accustomed. It may be generally admitted that the habits of the grown-up are mostly

fixed but the influence, both social and cultural, of the rural teacher must play an important part in the development of reading generally. The main hope of progress, however, rests with the children and here principally the teacher can render an incalculable service to the County Library. "Without encroaching on the field of the educational expert, one may say with some confidence that a teacher has not fully fulfilled his function unless he has given his pupils "not only the power to read fluently, but also a desire to read constantly, and some appreciation of the superiority of good literature over bad literature. His pupils on leaving school should become the most constant clients of the Library, and while they are still at school the teacher has an opportunity of cultivating tastes which will develop after school days have ended. If the teacher exercises his opportunities, there is no reason why the reading of the future should consist predominantly of fiction; since even in school days there are many subjects which if properly presented are more attractive than fiction. In more practical ways the teacher can assist the librarian. He can instil into his pupils *the duty of taking care of books* and show them that *the disrespectful treatment of books, in the many ways in which such treatment is common, constitutes a sin against wisdom.*"

Another service a teacher can render to his pupils is to teach them how and where to find out facts for themselves. There is no greater aid to intelligence than to know where knowledge can be found, and the habit of independent investigation of facts if acquired in youth is seldom lost. Lastly, the school in a district is the readiest medium for distributing information and, if the teacher takes care that his pupils are acquainted with the books which are available and are informed of the nature of their contents, the information percolates to a great part of the population."

The library service by rendering assistance to the education service of the county in providing distinctive School Libraries, is having its resources severely taxed. It follows, therefore, that "*it should be reimbursed out of the Central Education Fund, and since this phase is an educational and not a library service, means should be found whereby the cost of that portion of its work should rank for a Central Fund grant in the same way as Agricultural and Technical Instruction.*"*

STAFF.

During the past year the staff has been depleted through the resignation of Mr. Henry Shee, and the vacancy has not yet been filled. There is no more vital question in connection with the working of the County Library service than that of the means to be taken to obtain an adequate staff for the several

*The Report on the Libraries of Great Britain, 1927.

phases of the work. The success of a library, especially during the period of establishment and growth (through which all the county libraries of Ireland are still passing) depends to a very great extent on the staff. *A mere collection of books, however large, cannot by itself perform more than a small portion of the service which a well-staffed library can render to the community.* Only a small minority of readers (and under this head we include students) have sufficient knowledge by themselves to turn a collection of books to good account. For the large majority of the population of the county the librarian and his staff are the guides who introduce them into the kingdom of knowledge. For such a service a depleted staff tends to become a disaster to the community. "It means that a potential mechanism of cultivation is running at less than its full power, and that the county is obtaining much less than full value for library expenditure."

We have no hesitation in saying that this is a state of affairs that tends to exist while the whole field of library endeavour fails to be covered adequately. In saying this we make no reflection (except an entirely honourable one) on the members of the Council. On the contrary, *we consider it highly creditable to the Council as a whole, and particularly to the Chairman, that the service has developed so rapidly.* In fact, the readers of the county are under a very deep debt of gratitude indeed to the chairman for his energetic efforts in ensuring the library's growth in the midst of an opinion which did not appreciate its possibilities.

It is absolutely necessary also for the county librarian both to make himself acquainted with the requirements of the county, and to keep in touch with the numerous bodies to which he looks for advice or which require assistance from him. For this purpose it is necessary that he should not be tied to an office but should be free to move about without any fear that the routine work of the county library will suffer by his absence from headquarters. This fear cannot be eliminated without an adequate staff consisting of, in addition to the County Librarian, an assistant and a clerk.

PUBLIC LECTURES.

With the object of reaching as many different classes as possible the Committee in its lecture policy has stressed (while aiming at securing a wide range of themes) such subjects as Irish history, music and folklore. Four objects have been kept in view: (1) to attract readers; (2) to help existing readers by introducing them to fresh interests; (3) to indicate a method of approach to a subject; and (4) (apart from books or libraries) to have a definite educational and an intrinsic recreational value. In all cases large audiences were attracted in Galway,

Tuam, Loughrea and Athenry, and it is the intention of the Committee to widen the sphere of activity by including other towns and the principal villages in the next session's itinerary. The course completed during the period under review was: (1) "The Story of Old Dublin" (an illustrated lecture), at Galway; (2) "Bealoideas" (Folklore in Ireland and Scandinavia), at Galway; (3) "Amhranaidheacht Gaedhilge" (an Irish folk-song recital), at Galway, Athenry and Tuam; (4) "Clonmacnois" (an illustrated lecture), at Galway; (5) "National Transport Problems," at Galway, Tuam and Loughrea.

CARNEGIE TRUST.

The supplementary grant of £300, spread over a period of three years, given by the Trust for the purchase of additional books has now been paid in full. The Committee's best thanks are due to the Trustees for this—the largest supplementary book purchase grant allocated to any Irish County Library.

CO-OPERATION WITH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

It is very pleasing to report on the co-ordination of the library service with local educational bodies. The itinerant classes of the County Committee of Technical Instruction have been responsible for the increased issues of books in Irish and of works on building construction, and manual work. The demand for books in Irish has necessitated the purchase and circulation of a collection of 2,000 volumes in the native language for the use of elementary and secondary schools.

The City of Galway Technical School has been supplied with a stationary collection of works, augmented from time to time by books on Commerce, Electrical Engineering, Wireless, Building Construction, Manual Work, Mathematics and English Literature. Every encouragement is given the students by the Principal to make full use of the library.

COLLECTION OF WORKS ON LOCAL HISTORY, ANTIQUITIES, ETC.

It is a prime duty of every Library Authority to collect locally printed books. "Primarily the words local collection are co-extensive with local bibliography. The 'lacunae' in our national bibliography have been lamentable in the past in regard to locally and privately printed books, owing to the lack of such collecting," and they are not likely to decrease if the public do not co-operate with the Committee.

The Committee again appeal to the public to assist in the work of building up a local collection of books, pamphlets and

news-cuttings, dealing with the history and antiquities of the City and County. The financial resources of the service are limited, and the Committee trust that readers and residents in the town and county will help by donations of works of this kind.

A very fine collection of works on Irish history, Galway history and antiquities has been secured from the sale of the library of the late Miss Redington at Kilcornan House, County Galway. The works are in constant demand not only by the student but also by the general reader and, the Committee cordially invite all readers interested in the history and archaeology of the county to make full use of the books.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR THE YEARS 1928-29 AND 1929-30.

	1928-29 Fifth	1929-30 Sixth
1. Year of Scheme	31st March, 1929	31st March, 1930
2. Period for which figures are given	169,311	169,311
3. Population of County Library Area	£478,882	£490,188
4. Assessable Valuation of Library Area... ..	141	143
5. Number of Centres at which Books are main- tained from the County Library	1	—
(a) Over 2,000 Books...	4	5
(b) 2,000—1,000	32	9
(c) 1,000—500	93	107
(d) 500—250	2	13
(e) 250—100	9	9
(f) Under 100	141	143
Total		

6. Book Stock at the close of the periods of this Report and Number of Issues recorded during the Years 1928-29 and 1929-30:—

Classification.	Vols. in Stock, 1928-29	Issued 1928-29	Vols. in Stock, 1929-30	Issued 1929-30
(a) Generalia	91	410	101	630
(b) Philosophy	105	501	110	241
(c) Religion... ..	97	209	102	236
(d) Sociology	416	2899	419	2844
(e) Language	220	852	230	1116
(f) Science	334	1668	339	1986
(g) Useful Arts... ..	566	4125	578	4116
(h) Fine Arts	171	995	176	810
(i) Literature	382	4608	1454	6138
(j) History, Biography, Travel	1060	5897	1314	8406
(k) Fiction	6589	48587	7512	54989
(l) Juvenile Literature...	2481	11596	2931	12654
Total	12512	82347	15266	94166

7. Books Borrowed:—	1928—29	1929—30
From Irish Central Library for stu- dents	384	413
From other Libraries	16	30
8. Staff at Headquarters (other than County Librarian)	2	1

Societies of which the Committee enjoys Institutional Membership:—

The Bibliographical Society of Ireland.
An Cumann le Bealoideas na h-Eireann.
The Galway Archaeological and Historical Society.
The Irish Library Association.
The Library Association.
The National Home Reading Union.
The Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

Periodicals Purchased:

The Dublin Review.
Everyman.
The Irish Book Lover.
The Library Review.
The Library World.
The Librarian.
The School Government Chronicle.
Studies.
The Times Literary Supplement.

DEMAND.

For the two years under review the output of books from the printing-presses has been substantial and nothing much of exceptional literary achievement has been produced. The inclusion in daily and provincial newspapers of book reviews has to a very great extent influenced the nature of demands of readers.

Works in Irish continue to enjoy a steady demand and it is worthy of note to record that there is a marked tendency towards producing fewer books of an ephemeral kind in the language.

Biography and Memoirs have more than held their own in public favour. Essays and the study and criticism of literature, with the exception of established works required by students, have declined in favour with an age which demands "canned" speech, "canned" music and transcontinental decadence generally. Unfortunately only a small number of our people realise the subtle and degrading influence of such a recreative medium which is steadily threatening, if not undermining, our culture, our social life and our moral outlook. As unexplored and undescribed lands have become fewer and fewer the demand for books on travel tends to lessen, but in the rural areas a comparatively steady desire still exists for the older works on general travel. Again, with the exception of students, poetry is not largely read. Of fiction—which represents more than half of the total issues, and which in the Galway Centre is substantially more—the greatest demand is for the works of older Irish writers, e.g., Eirmingham, De Blacam, Bodkin, Lynn Doyle, McCartan, Murphy, Standish O'Grady, Seumas O'Kelly, Canon Sheehan, Smithson and Tynan, and the translations of Padraic O'Conaire.

The selection which follows fairly represents the demand of the general readers rather than the student or specialist, whose demand is well illustrated by the figures showing the nature and numbers of books borrowed from the Central Library for Students. Many estimable works in constant demand must perforce be omitted.

Spender's *Life, Journalism and Politics*; Morrill's *Fishing Ways and Wiles*; Orpen's *Outline of Art*; Sasson's *Memoirs of a Fox Hunting Man*; T. P. O'Connor's *Memoirs of an Old Parliamentarian*; Lowell's *Child of the Deep*; Strachey's *Elizabeth and Essex*; Doty's *Legion of the Damned*; Mackenzie's *Gallipoli Memories*; Knox's *Caliban in Grub Street*; Gribble's *Seen in Passing*; Nichol's *Star Spangled Manner*; Chesterton's *The Thing*; Snowden's *A Political Pilgrim in Europe*; Mais's *Why we should read*; Hughes's *The Catholic Question, 1688-1829*; St. Francis of Assisi; essays in commemoration; Stead's *The Shadow of Mount Carmel*; "Lacon" *Lectures to Living Authors*; Bragg's *Concerning the Nature of Things*; Lowther's *Science for You*; Concannon's *The Poor Clares in Ireland, 1629-1929*; Barrie's *Shall we Join the Ladies?*; Campbell's *My Mystery Ships*; Torrance's *Tracking down the*

Enemies of Man; Churchill's *The Aftermath*; Proctor's *Romance of the Moon*; Odon's *Fascism*; Concannon's *Women of '98*; Daughters of Banba and Defenders of the Ford; Wilders' *Bridge of San Luis Key*; and all the works of the following: Padraic O'Conaire; Padraic Og O'Conaire; "An Seabhac," Peadar O Laoghaire; and Nicholas Toibin.

DONATIONS.

Donor	No. of Vols.	No. of Pamphlets	Total
P. D. Conroy, Esq., Rosmuck	1	—	1
The Reverend R. W. Talbot, M.A., Loughrea	3	—	3
The Secretary, County Committee of Technical Instruction	—	5	5
British Broadcasting Corporation	—	3	3
J. Carter, Esq., N.T., Lackagh	3	—	3
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	30	—	30
The Reverend A. J. Gailey, B.A., Galway	9	—	9
James Quoilé, Esq., Galway	6	—	6
Yorks Education Committee	—	2	2
The Borough Librarian, Cambridge	—	4	4
High Commissioner for Canada, London	—	2	2
Canadian Pacific Railway Co., London	—	2	2
The High Commissioner for Australia, London	—	6	6
Devon Education Committee	—	2	2
Notts. Education Committee	—	2	2
R. Moran, Esq., Editor, Galway Observer	1	—	1
Professor Tomas O Maille, Galway	1	—	1
Mrs. Alec Tweedie, Devonshire House, London	1	—	1
E. G. Jellicoe, Esq., Gray's Inn, London	1	—	1
The Kent Education Committee	—	1	1
The Monaghan County Library	—	1	1
The Cork County Library	—	1	1
The Durham Education Committee	—	1	1
The Banff Education Committee	—	1	1
The Fife Education Committee	—	1	1
The Wolverhampton Development Association	—	1	1
The Irish Tourist Association	3	12	15
The Sunlight League, London	1	—	1
The County Galway Health Insurance Society	—	2	2
The Town Clerk, Rhyl	—	1	1
Seaghan na Seaghain Mach Aodha, Tuam	—	3	3
Total	60	53	113

ANALYSIS OF ISSUES AT RURAL CENTRES:—

Classification.	No. of Vols. Issued in 1928-29		No. of Vols. Issued in 1929-30	
	No. of Vols.	Percentage	No. of Vols.	Percentage
Generalia	410	0.49	630	0.67
Philosophy	501	0.61	241	0.25
Religion	209	0.25	236	0.25
Sociology	2899	3.52	2844	3.02
Language	852	1.03	1116	1.20
Natural Science	1668	2.03	1986	2.11
Useful Arts	4125	5.00	4116	4.37
Fine Arts	995	1.21	810	0.86
Literature	4608	5.60	6138	6.52
History, Geograph, Travel and Biography	5897	7.16	8406	8.92
Fiction	48587	59.00	54989	58.39
Juvenile Works	11596	14.10	12654	13.44
Total	82347	100.00	94166	100.00

Analysis of Issues from Galway Urban Centre, 1929-30.

Classification	Vols. Issued	Percentage
Generalia	60	.28
Philosophy	71	.33
Religion	96	.45
Sociology	241	1.13
Language	562	2.64
Natural Science	598	2.81
Useful Arts	673	3.16
Fine Arts	581	2.72
Literature (excluding the Standard or Classical Novels)	856	4.01
History, Geography, Travel and Biography	987	4.62
Fiction (including the Standard or Classical Novels)	15,469	72.53
Juvenile Works	1,133	5.32
Total	21,327	100.00

Analysis of Books Borrowed from the Irish Central Library for Students, Dublin, for the Year 1929-30.

Classification	No. of Vols.
Generalia	2
Philosophy	5
Religion	41
Sociology	30
Language	1
Science	55
Useful Arts	33
Fine Arts	11
Literature	38
History, Geography, Travel and Biography ...	197
Total	413

JOHN HOWLEY,

Chairman, Library Committee.

S. J. MAGUIRE,

Secretary and County Librarian.

County Library Headquarters,
Prospect Hill, Galway.

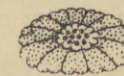


Table (a). Abstract of Accounts showing Receipts of the County Galway Libraries Committee for

Charge.	REVENUE	
	£	s. d.
Balance in favour at close of last Financial period	128	16 2
Receipts during the Financial Period	1189	17 8
Total Charge	£1318	13 10

Table (b). TABLE EXPLANATORY OF

Nature of Receipts.	Amount.	
	£	s. d.
Rates:—		
County Council	900	0 0
Galway Urban Council	115	0 0
Carnegie U.K. Trust (1½ years' instalment of Suppl. Grant)	150	0 0
Subscriptions and Fines	8	11 2
Sale of Car	10	0 0
Refunds and Under Payments	3	17 6
Lectures	2	9 0
Total Receipts	£1189	17 8

Table (c). Statement of Balances at the

Dr.	£	s. d.
To Treasurer, due by him	231	11 0
Total	£231	11 0

Table (d). Statement of Cash Assets and Liabilities

Assets.	£	s. d.
Balance at the close of the Financial Period in the hands of the Treasurer	255	0 9
Balance in hands of Secretary	3	10 0
Total	£258	10 9

and Expenditure with a Statement of Balances the year ended the 31st day of March, 1929.

ACCOUNT.

Discharge.	£	s. d.
Payments during the Financial Period	1087	2 10
Balance in favour at the close of this Financial Period	231	11 0
Total Discharge	£1318	13 10

THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Nature of Payment.	Amount.	
	£	s. d.
Books (New and Replacements)	350	1 5
Heating, Cleaning, etc.	20	2 0
Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	107	12 5
Transport and Travelling	79	19 0
Insurance	1	10 0
Postages and Sundries	45	18 0
Salaries	482	0 0
Total Payments	£1087	2 10

Close of the Financial Period

Cr.	£	s. d.
By unexpended balance	231	11 0
Total	231	11 0

Financial Period ended the 31st day of March, 1929.

Liabilities.	£	s. d.
Outstanding Orders	23	9 9
Total	£23	9 9

S. J. MAGUIRE,
Secretary and County Librarian.

Table (a). Abstract of Accounts showing Receipts
of the County Galway Libraries Committee for

REVENUE	
Charge.	£ s. d.
Balance in favour at close of last Financial Period	231 11 0
Receipts during the Financial Period	1018 15 11
Total Charge	£1250 6 11

Table (b). TABLE EXPLANATORY OF

Nature of Receipts.	Amount. £ s. d.
Rates:—	
County Council	900 0 0
Galway Urban Council	113 12 5
Fines, Replacements and Subscriptions	5 3 6
Total Receipts	£1018 15 11

Table (c). Statement of Balances at the

Dr.	£ s. d.
To Treasurer, due by him	52 11 8½
„ Secretary, due by him	5 0 0
Total	£57 11 8½

Table (d). Statement of Cash Assets and Liabilities

Assets.	£ s. d.
Balance at the close of the Financial Period in the Hands of the Treasurer	128 2 9
Balance in hands of Secretary	5 0 0
Total	£133 2 9

and Expenditure with a Statement of Balances
the year ended the 31st day of March, 1930.

ACCOUNT.

Discharge.	£ s. d.
Payments during the Financial Period	1197 15 2½
Balance in favour at the close of this Financial Period	52 11 8½
Total Discharge	£1250 6 11

THE REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Nature of Payment.	Amount. £ s. d.
Books (New and Replacements)	490 1 3½
Heating, Cleaning, etc.	33 1 8
Printing, Advertising and Stationery	80 5 7
Transport and Travelling	81 9 11
Insurance and Sundries	48 3 5
Salaries	464 13 4
Total Payments	£1197 15 2½

Close of the Financial Period.

Cr.	£ s. d.
By unexpended balance	57 11 8½
Total	£57 11 8½

Financial Period ended the 31st day of March, 1930.

Liabilities.	£ s. d.
Outstanding Orders	75 11 0
Total	£75 11 0

S. J. MAGUIRE,
Secretary and County Librarian.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a monthly Meeting, held on Saturday, the 29th day of November, 1930.

Present -

M. J. Cooke, Co. C., the Reverend A. J. Gailly, B. A., J. Hooty, J. Kynne, G. Lynch, Co. C., U. D. C., D. Mac Sweeney, Co. C., the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran, J. Motoney, N. J., the Very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, M. A., the Reverend J. O'Leary, B. A., B. C. L., Captain J. Tierney.

681. Minutes of the last meeting - Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting, circulated each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

682. Minutes of a Special meeting - Resolved - That the minutes of the Special meeting, circulated each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

683. Election of Vice-Chairman - It was proposed by Urban Councilor Lynch, seconded by the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran and unanimously Resolved - That the Very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, be Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the year 1930-1931.

684. Recommendations of the Sub-Committee. Resolved - That the following recommendations of the Sub-Committee be accepted:

(a) That the Reverend Stephen J. Brown, S. J., Rathfarham Castle, Co. Dublin, lecture in the Bohunian Hall, on Tuesday, 2nd December, 1930, and that he be allowed £1-1-0 (one pound one shilling) per day, and 3rd class rail return.

(b) That the offer of Professor Joseph Johnston, M. A., F. J. C. D., to lecture on the "Dairying Industry in the Saorstát" be declined on the ground that there is no organised dairying carried on in County Galway.

(c) That the County Library Signs supplied gratis by the Trust be accepted and that the Managers of Schools, and Chairmen of Local Centres be asked for permission to have them erected at their respective centres.

(d) That the December payments be made at the November meeting, as has been done in former years - and that the County Headquarters be closed for the usual period of ten days at Christmas.

(e) That Miss K. Ronaldson be absolutely responsible for all books issued, and to see that they are returned in good time, and in good condition, her duties to include the collection of subscriptions, and the enforcement of fines.

(f) That Miss J. Tolan, carry out all clerical duties, assist during Miss Ronaldson's lunch hour, i.e. 1 o'clock until 2 o'clock daily. Assist in the packing, checking, etc., of boxes. Keep Borrowers' Registration Cards properly filed, and the Borrowers' Registration Book duly posted.

(g) That new regulations governing the borrowing of books be enforced. That two books be issued

at a time, one fiction and the other non-fiction, on a system of borrowers' tickets.

Borrowers to be supplied with two tickets each. Books to be surrendered after a fortnight and a fine levied on the holder if the books are kept longer than this period

That the Secretary get estimates for the printing of the borrowers' cards, and that this system be adopted, as from January 1.

685. Chairman Resolved - That Professor J. Hooley, of Lecture President of the Irish Library Association, be requested to provide at the lecture held in the Columban Hall, by the Reverend Stephen J. Brown, S.J.,

686. Lecturers' Fees. The following motion by the Reverend A. J. Gailey was passed: "That the Sub-Committee be authorised to fix the fees payable to lecturers within a limit of £44/- (four pounds four shillings) - this amount to include travelling & subsistence expenses, etc.,"

The motion was seconded by Urban Councillor Lynch.

687. Hour of meeting. - Mr J. Mac Donagh's motion that the hour of meeting be altered from 2 p.m. to 1 p.m., was adjourned for his attendance.

688. Application for an increase of salary. It was proposed by the Reverend J. O'Lea and seconded by the Reverend A. J. Gailey. That Miss R. Ronaldson be given an

increase of 5/- a week, and that no further increase be given, until she has secured the Library Diploma.

It was proposed by Mr Cooke, and seconded by Mr J. Byrne:

That an increase of 10/- a week be given On a show of hands there votes for Mr Cookes amendment 4, and against it 6.

Mr Cooke then proposed that an increase of 7/6, a week be given, and was seconded by Mr J. Hooley. This proposition was also defeated on the same voting, and the Chairman's motion for a 5/- increase, was then put and carried.

689. Donations:- The Secretary reported the receipt of the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Books.</u>
Philip Pyle, Esq., Galway.....	2
Agent-General for Western Australia Strand, London.....	1
Total	3

Resolved - That the Committee's best thanks be tendered the donors of books.

690. Finance and Accounts: - Resolved - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book; and Form 1, as presented be signed; and that the following accounts amounting to £154-14-0 be authorised; and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.

Books, £56-14-7; Printing and Stationary, £1-11-3; Heating & Cleaning, £7-1-6; Transport and Travelling, £7-17-0; P/C & Sundries.

£1.9.8; Salaries, £80-0-0

Monthly Financial Statement -

	October		
	£	s	d
Balance as per last Statement	110	16	-
Sums Received	-	-	-
	110	16	
Payments ordered	187	17	7
Net Balance due to Treasurer	77	1	7
Balance per Pass Book.			
due by Treasurer	95	4	11
Outstanding Orders	92	12	8
Net Balance as above.	77	1	7

	November		
	£	s	d
Balance as per last Statement	-	-	-
Sums Received	233	2	0
	233	2	0
Payments Ordered.	154	14	
	78	8	
Balance due to Treasurer.	77	1	7
	78	6	5
Balance per Pass Book due by Treasurer.	258	5	11
Outstanding Orders.	256	19	6
Net Balance as above.	78	6	5

691. Application It was decided that Mr S. Kennedy for Over-time. he paid £2.13.4, for a period of 8 days - the time certified in the medical certificate of Miss K. Ronaldson - this payment being subject to the sanction of the Ministry.

692. Sanction The Secretary stated that the Ministry had of blank. given temporary sanction to the appointment of Miss J. Folan pending the County Council's views - G. 84819/30. Gaillimh (Pf).

693. Ballinasloe Social Club. Noted. - Letter from Ballinasloe Social Club, stating that Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays are the most suitable evenings for lectures.

694. County Council - Noted - Letter stating that Miss Folan's appointment will be considered at the meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 13th December

695. Carnegie Trust Noted - Letter relative to the Committee's application for a building grant, and asking if £1200. is the lowest sum required for the purpose.

696. Illustrated Lecture The Secretary reported that J.J. O'Neill offered to lecture on "The Men of '98".

Resolved - That the Secretary arrange a suitable day in January.

31st January, 1931.

J. O'Connell

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COUNTY GALWAY LIBRARIES

S. J. MAGUIRE
SECRETARY AND COUNTY LIBRARIAN

COUNTY BUILDINGS
PROSPECT HILL
GALWAY

24th January, 1931

A. Chara,
A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held in the County Library Headquarters, Prospect Hill, Galway on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1931, at the hour of two o'clock P.M., when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting.
2. Finance and Accounts.
The following subjects arising out of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Sub-Committee:-
3. Estimates.
4. Galway Urban Council and the County Libraries Committee.
5. Infectious Diseases.
6. Donations.
7. Books suggested for purchase. (List is appended)
8. Notice of Motion:-

I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next meeting of County Libraries Committee, move

That Saturday being a day of importance to Catholic priests and an inconvenient day for their attendance at meetings,

That meetings of the County Libraries Committee be held on Wednesdays instead of on Saturdays.

P.J. Murray, B.D.,
Ballymoe House.

9. Catholic Encyclopaedia.
10. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:- Correspondence.
11. County Council - Minute 4473 and Correspondence.
12. Any other matters.

Is mise agad,

S.S. MagUidir,

Rúnaidhe agus leabharlannsaí

To each member of the Committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
To the Secretary, County Council.
To the Town Clerk, Galway.
To the Town Clerk, Ballinasloe.
To the Treasurer.
To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting, held on Saturday, the 31st day of January, 1931.

Present:- J. Hosty, J. Lee, U.D.C., G. Lynch, Co. C., U.D.C., J. Moroney, N.S., the Very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, M.A., the Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L., and J. M. Pringle.

Apologies:- Apologies regretting inability to attend were received from the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran, P.P., and Captain J. Tierney.

Chairman:- The Reverend J. O'Dea, B.A., B.C.L.

697. Minutes of the last meeting:- Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting, circulated each member, be taken as read, and that they be signed.

698. Finance and accounts:- Resolved - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and Form I, as presented be signed; and that the following accounts amounting to £172-11-11, be authorised; and that the following Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-

Books, £87-1-4; Printing and Stationery, £1-13-3; Heating, cleaning, etc., £5-7-6; Transport and Travelling, £12-9-10; P/C and Sundries, £23-6-8; Salaries, £42-13-4.

Monthly Financial Statement:-

	December.
Balance as per last Statement	£ 1" 6" 5.
Sums Received	60" 5" 0
	<u>61" 11" 5</u>
Payments Ordered	- - -
Net Balance due by Treasurer	<u>£ 61" 11" 5.</u>

Balance per Pass Book due by Treasurer	£ 113" 6" 11
Outstanding Orders	£ 51" 15" 6
	<u>£ 61" 11" 5</u>

Monthly Financial Statement:-

	January.
Balance as per last Statement	£ 61" 11" 5
Sums Received	- 16" 0
	<u>62" 7" 5</u>
Payments Ordered.	172" 11" 11
Net Balance due to Treasurer	<u>110" 4" 6</u>

Balance per Pass Book due by Treasurer	£ 64" 2" 11
Outstanding Orders	£ 174" 7" 5
	<u>£ 110" 4" 6</u>

699. Estimates. Noted - The Secretary's report that the County Council Finance Committee had reduced the Librarians' demand of $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the £1. on the bounty - at large (including Urban Districts) to $\frac{3}{8}$ of a penny in the £1.

700. Galway Urban Council and County Librarians Committee:- Noted - That the County Council has adjourned, until the Annual Meeting, the subject of adequate representation to the Urban Council on the County Librarians

Committee.

701. Infectious Diseases:- The Secretary submitted correspondence relative to the disinfection of books which have been in contact with infectious diseases.

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to interview the Commissioner and to state, that it is the opinion of this Committee that all books which have been issued to persons who had or have contracted infectious diseases - ought to be destroyed and compensation paid, as the risks to readers by the handling of such books is too great.

702. Donations:- The Secretary reported the receipt of the following donations:-

	Books	Pamphlets
(a) The Supervisor of Examinations, University College, Galway.	1	3.
(b) The Chief Librarian, Belfast.		3
(c) Dr. C. S. Thomson, Chief Superintendent, Medical Officer of Health, Belfast.		1
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>7.</u>

Resolved - That the Committee's best thanks be tendered the donors of books and pamphlets.

703. Books suggested for purchase. It was proposed by Councillor Lynch, seconded by J. Moroney, and

Resolved - That the following books, submitted by the Secretary and recommended by the Sub-Committee for purchase, be added to the stocks:-

(i) Cox, Sir Richard, and Becker, Thomas.

A manuscript signed by Sir Richard Cox and Thomas Becker, entitled "Method to Suppress the Tongues as we humbly conceive it," and dated 1694.

(Sir Richard Cox, 1650-1733, an Irish judge; wrote in favour of the Prince of Orange 1689; published a true history of Ireland, 1689-'90; present at the Boyne, 1690; Irish Privy Councillor and military governor of Cork, 1691-'92, and knighted 1692; removed from the privy council for urging the observance of the Treaty of Limerick, 1695. Published pamphlets on Irish affairs, 1696-'98). £1.7.6

(b) Galway. Articles of Galway.
Dublin, 1690 £2.2.0

(c) Geisat, Hartmann.
Martin Luther; his life - his works (Harden) 17/6.

(d) Limerick.
A manuscript in French drawn up by the fortification experts during the siege of Limerick in 1690. Leather Bound £2-2-0

(e) State Papers. *Calendarium Inquisitionum Post Mortem Sive Esactarum*, 4 vols., folio, half linen, uncut. Printed by Command of the King, 1806-29. £3.3.0

(f) State Papers. Index of Inquisitions Preserved in the Public Record Office, Henry VIII., and Charles I., and later, with Appendices, 4 vols., folio, half calf., Lond. 1907-'9 £1.5.0

704. Notice of Motion:-

Resolved - That consideration of the following

Notice of Motion given by the Reverend P.J. Murray, B.D., Ballymoor House, be adjourned until the Annual Meeting:-

I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next meeting of the County Libraries Committee, move

That Saturdays being a day of importance to Catholic priests and an inconvenient day for their attendance at meetings,

That meetings of the County Libraries Committee be held on Wednesdays instead of on Saturdays.

P. J. Murray, B. D.,
Ballymoor House.

705. Catholic Encyclopaedia. Resolved - That the recommendation of the Sub-Committee not to purchase the current edition of the Catholic Encyclopaedia, be approved.
Resolved also - That on a new edition of the work being printed the question of purchasing be considered.

706. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:- letters from the Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:-

Noted - G. 91363/1930 - sanction for expenses in connection with the attendance of Councillors Lynch and the Secretary at the Annual Meeting of the Library Association of Ireland.

G. 91364/1930 - The Minister awaits the views of the County Council apropos the increase of £13 per annum granted to Miss K. Ronaldson by the Committee (minute no. 688); and asking what special reasons are connected with them.

position and services to warrant the further increase now contemplated.

G 91340/1930. Provided the County Council agree the Minister raises no objection to the payment of £2.13.4, to Thomas J. Kennedy for services rendered during the illness of Miss K. Ronaldson.

The Minister adds that as soon as a permanent appointment is made the employment of temporary help will not be permitted.

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to inform the Minister that the increase was granted Miss K. Ronaldson on her having obtained an additional certificate of the Library Association by passing the examination in Section 5 of the Association's Examinations - Library Organisation, Finance and Legislation.

Noted - G. 3633/1931 - Enquiring if the views of the Galway County Council have been obtained as to the proposed increase in the salary of Miss K. Ronaldson.

707. County Council :- The Secretary submitted Minute No. 4473 of a special meeting of the County Council held on the 13th day of December, 1930 :-
"That under the authority conferred on ^a the County Council by Section 38(4) of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Galway County Council hereby empowers the County Galway Libraries Committee to make such payments as the County Council itself could lawfully make in the exercise of its powers and duties as Library Authority for the County of Galway."

"That the Libraries Committee is hereby instructed to render to the County Council, as soon as possible,

after the close of each financial half year, the Half-yearly Abstract of Accounts of the Committee, duly certified by the Chairman and two other members of the Committee and the Librarian." - Passed.

The Secretary also submitted a letter from the Acting-Secretary to the County Council stating that :-

(a) Minute No. 688 of the Libraries Committee granting Miss K. Ronaldson an increase of salary of 5/- per week was confirmed.

(b) Minute No. 691 of the Libraries Committee granting Mr Thomas J. Kennedy £2.13.4 for temporary services was confirmed.

(c) Minute No. 680 of the Libraries Committee appointing Miss J. Tolan as clerk, was confirmed.

The Secretary reported that he had notified the Minister of the County Council's decisions relative to the Minutes Nos. 680, 688 and 691, respectively.

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to ask the Minister if the authority of the County Council is now required for
(a) increases of salary granted by the Committee;
(b) the acquisition of special collections of works;
(c) any other special expenditure.

708. Lectures :-

Resolved - That the Sub-Committee's arrangements with Mrs H. Sheehy Skeffington, Dublin, and J.T. O'Neill, Esq., University College, Dublin, for the delivery of lectures, be approved.

709. Offer to purchase old and surplus books:- Resolved - That subject to the sanction of the Minister, the offer of ten shillings received from Mr. Sean O'Dwyer, The Book Mart, Galway, be accepted.

710. The Library Association of Ireland:-

The Secretary informed the Committee that an Irish Advisory Board (the result of an agreement between the Library Association of Ireland and the Dublin Booksellers' Association and approved by the Publishers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland) of Booksellers and Librarians in the Irish Free State has not been established. This Board is only empowered to recommend the issue of licences to librarians as Book Agents empowering them to receive a commission on the purchase of books under the Book Trade Agreement, 1929.

The original discount terms remain, viz:-
5% commission where the aggregate purchases amount to £100 and not exceeding £500 per annum.
10% commission where the aggregate purchases exceed £500.

The sums allowed by way of commission shall not be in cash but shall be expended in the purchase of additional new books on which no commission be given.

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to protest, at the next meeting of the Executive Board of the Irish Library Association, against the Association becoming a party to such an arrangement which is of no value whatever to the majority of Irish Librarians and that the Secretary be also instructed to insist at

the meeting, on the Association's co-operation to try secure a flat rate of 10% commission in each irrespective of the amount of a library's annual purchases.

711. Local History:- The Secretary reported that he had received a request from the County Galway Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation suggesting that the library staff compile articles on local history, from the books, journals etc., in the County Library Headquarters, to appear periodically in the local press.

Resolved - That the Secretary inform the County Galway Branch of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation that all books, journals, etc., dealing with local history, are at the disposal of any member of the Branch; and that the works may be consulted at the Depository during the official hours.

John J. Walsh
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Feb. 28. 1931.

S. J. MAGUIRE
SECRETARY AND COUNTY LIBRARIAN

COUNTY BUILDINGS
PROSPECT HILL
GALWAY

23rd February, 1931.

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A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee will be held in the County Library Headquarters, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Saturday, the 28th day of February, 1931, at the hour of two o'clock, p.m., when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting, of the 13th instant.
3. Finance and Accounts.
4. Donations.
5. Ministry of Local Government and Public Health:- Correspondence
 - (a) Sale of surplus books.
 - (b) Powers delegated to the Committee by the County Council.
6. Net Books Agreement.
7. Books recommended for purchase.. (List is appended)
8. The Library Association.
9. Notice of Motion:-

Hour of Meeting:- I, or some member on my behalf, will at the next meeting of this Committee, move
That the hour of meeting be altered from two o'clock, p.m., to one o'clock, p.m.,

T.C. McDonagh.

10. General.

Is mise agad,

S.S. MagUaidir,

Runaidhe agus leabharlannaidhe.

To each member of the Committee.
To the Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Public Health.
To the Secretary, County Council.
To the Town Clerk, Galway.
To the Town Clerk, Ballinasloe.
To the Treasurer.
To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee, held on Saturday, the 28th day of February, 1931.

Present:-

J. Hosty, the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran
J. Moroney, N. J., the Very Reverend J. F. M.
Canon Nash, M. A., the Reverend J. O'Lea,
B. A., B. C. L., J. M. Purgle and Captain
J. Tierney.

Apologies:-

Apologies regretting inability to attend were received from the Reverend A. J. Gailley, B. A., T. C. McDonagh U. D. C., and the Very Reverend J. S. Canon Walsh, M. A., B. D.

Chairman:-

The Reverend J. O'Lea, B. A., B. C. L.

712. Minutes of the last meeting:-

Resolved - That the minutes of the last meeting, circulated each member, be taken as read; and that they be signed.

Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting:-

The Secretary submitted the following Minutes of a Sub-Committee Meeting of the 13th day of February, 1931.

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Sub-Committee Meeting, held on Friday, the 13th day of February, 1931.

Present:- The Reverend A. J. Galley, B.A., the Very Reverend P. J. Canon Moran, the Very Reverend J. F. M. Canon Nash, M.A., the Reverend J. O'Lea, B.A., B.C.L., and Captain J. Tierney.

Catalogue:- The Secretary submitted a specification, dummies and quotations for the printing of a catalogue, from Messrs. O'Gorman and Co., Galway, and the "Connacht Tribune", Galway.

Messrs. Colby O'Loughlin, Dublin, declined the quote, stating that a Dublin printer could not compete with local firms in a work of this kind, as wages, overhead charges, etc., are much higher in Dublin than in Galway.

Quoted for by

<u>Specification</u> :	(a) <u>Connacht Tribune</u>	(b) <u>O'Gorman & Co.</u>
Crown 8vo., XII. 400 p.p.	Henry 8vo. XII., 400 p.p.	Crown 8vo. XII.,
Old Style Roman & Italics;	Modern Style Roman without	400 p.p.
Black-faced 18 & 14 point.	Italics, & other sizes	Old Style Roman
Capitals 10 & 12 point.	according to specification	without italics, and
Capitals;	but in Modern Style	other sizes according
Black-faced 9-point	Roman only.	to specification but
Roman & Italics.		without italics.
1000 copies	2/5 1/2 per page or a	7/- per page, or a
	Total sum of £50-15	Total sum of £154-10

713. Catalogue:-

Resolved - That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be approved, viz.,

(a) That subject to the sanction of the Ministry the "Connacht Tribune" quotation of £50-15 be accepted;

(b) That the Secretary's specification be altered accordingly;

(c) That non-fiction, reference works, juvenile books, standard or classical fiction, and the books in the two Special Collections be printed only in the catalogue;

(d) That the specification, dummies, and quotations be forwarded the Ministry for observations.

714. Transcripts of MSS. etc., Resolved - That the appended offer for sale:- list of books, offered for sale by Mrs. Meehan, Shankill, Connemulla, be purchased for the sum of £21-13 - their value as estimated by the Secretary.

715. Finance and Accounts:-

Resolved - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book, and Form T as presented be signed; and that the following accounts, amounting to £154-14-8, be authorised, and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed:-
Books, £16-15-10; Printing and Stationery, £4-5-9; Heating, Cleaning, etc., £6-18-6; Transport and Travelling, £9-1-9; P/C & Sundries, £14-7-2; Salaries, £43-5-8.

<u>Monthly Financial Statement</u>	<u>February</u>
Balance as per last Statement	£ -
Sums Received	£233-8-0
Balance due to Treasurer	£110-4-6
Payments Ordered	£123-3-6
Net Balance due to Treasurer.	£31-11-2
Balance per Pass Book due by Treas.	£175-17-6
Outstanding Orders	£207-8-8
Net Balance as above	£31-11-2