

Minutes of the Proceedings of a Monthly Meeting held on Saturday, 25th April, 1942

## Present:

County Councillors Alderman Miss M.A. Ashe, H.B., P.J. Calleran, E. Borke, H.B., J.J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T.; Urban Councillor M. Keane the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adam, J. Husky, H.B., P. Kelly (Vice-Chairman), G. MacDonoghua, B.A., N.T., Senator Sean Bruchalla, M. Comm., etc., and R. O'Connell, N.T.

## Chairman of the

2102. ~~meeting~~ Resolved - That Senator Sean Bruchalla, M. Comm., etc., be Chairman of the meeting. Subsequently the Vice-Chairman arrived and the Chair was taken by Peter Kelly.

## 2103. 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 with the addition of the words: "be adopted <sup>circulated</sup> but not ~~approved~~" to line 4 of minute no. 2097.

## 2104. Finance and

~~Accounts~~ Resolved - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book and Form I on examination being found correct be signed; that the Accounts amounting to £157.9.6 be authorised; and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be

signed.

2105. ~~Donations~~ Resolved - That the Committee's thanks be tendered the following donors of current periodicals: - The Association of Corporation Accountants, London; and the Irish Tourist Association.

2106. ~~Report~~

Adopted - The Secretary's Report and Statistics for the month ended 25th April, 1942.

2107. ~~Attendance~~

~~of Members~~ - Noted - The attendance of members of the Committee at <sup>the</sup> meetings held during the past year.

2108. ~~Diploma in~~

~~Library Science~~ - Noted - Letter from the Secretary of the University College, Galway, regretting that the College authorities could not for financial reasons establish a course for a diploma in Library Science.

2109. ~~Spare Books for~~

~~Home Reading~~ - Resolved - That the application of Mr. E. Staunton, N.T., Caldwell School, Athlone, for the use for home-reading of local <sup>and other</sup> histories be declined.

2110. ~~Letter to Reading~~

~~Chairman~~ - Read - A letter addressed to the Presiding Chairman from Mr. J. Brennan, Galway.

2111. ~~Cost of Printing~~

Resolved - That the Secretary submit to the

with the E.S.B.,  
 next Monthly Meeting all correspondence <sup>shall be</sup>  
 connection with the installation and <sup>estimated</sup> cost of heating  
 the County Library Headquarters.

2112. *Votes of*

*Confidence*

Resolved - That the Committee's  
 sympathy be tendered Mr. M. J. Allen and Mr.  
 Mr. Franey for their recent bereavements.

(Minutes Nos. 2102 to 2112 inclusive)

Galway County Council Archives

The Librarian — Nicholas of the Bodleian

The length of time is increased by the fact that so much of the Librarian's day, as well as that of the rest of the staff, is and must be spent on ordinary daily duties, and that during office hours he is and must be subject to continual interruption. Hence to meet pressing needs he has often to make arrangements which fall of completeness, and which he himself may feel to be incomplete, through want of time for carefully thinking out and carrying out every detail. Even when the work has not been rendered imperfect for any such reason, longer experience or the practice of some other library suggests improvements of serious importance which it may take much time to carry out: for the longer a Librarian serves his profession the more he finds he has to learn, the harder he finds it to do anything so that it ought not to be bettered, and the longer he finds it take to do something even passably well. His chief encouragement beyond the feeling of duty to his library lies in what he seldom fails to meet with — the patience of those whom it is his business to serve.

