

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A FINANCIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE held on SATURDAY, the 20th day of DECEMBER, 1941.

Present:-

County Councillors J.J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T. and M. Finnerty, the Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D., Chairman, the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A. Adm., J. Hosty, H.C., P. Kelly, Vice-Chairman, C. MacAonghusa, B.A., N.T., and R. O. Conaill, N.T.

Chairman of the meeting:-

The Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D.

2064. Finance and Accounts:-

RESOLVED - That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book and Form 1 on examination being found correct be signed; that the Accounts amounting to £ 80. 7. 2 be authorised; and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.

2065. Closing of the County Library Headquarters:-

RESOLVED - That the County Library Headquarters be closed for the issue and receipt of books from 10 o'clock p.m. on the 24th December, 1941, until 10 o'clock a.m. on the 7th January, 1942; that the Staff resume duty on the 2nd January, 1942; and that the Secretary be authorised to advertise the Order in the "Cennacht Tribune", the "Cennacht Sentinel", and in the "Galway Observer".

2066. Congratulations:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's congratulations be tendered the Very Reverend M. Brennan, P.P., on his elevation to the Elphin Chapter.

2067. Vote of Condolence:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's sympathy be tendered the Very Reverend P.J. Canon Moran, P.P., on the death of his sister.

2068. Staff:-

RESOLVED - That the Staff be paid their salaries on the 23rd December, 1941; and that the Secretary take the instructions accordingly.

(Minutes Nos. 2064 to 2068 inclusive)

24th January, 1942.

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A Monthly Meeting of the County Galway Libraries Committee, will be held in the County Library Headquarters, the Courthouse, Galway, on Saturday next, the 31st day of January, 1942, 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. Minutes of a Financial Meeting.
3. Finance and Accounts.
4. Donations.
5. Recommendations.
6. Correspondence.
7. General.

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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 Treasurer.  
 To the Town Clerks, Galway and Ballinaslee.  
 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, 1942.

Present:-

County Councillors P.J. Collieran, J.J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T., and Martin Finnerty; Town Councillors W. Carrick and M. Keane; the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adm., J. Hosty, H.C., P. Kelly, Vice-Chairman, C. MacAonghusa, B.A., N.T., Senator Liam O Buachalla, M. Comn., etc., and R. O. Conaill, N.T.

Apologies:-

Intimations of their inability to attend were received from County Councillor E. Corbett, H.C., Professor T. O'Reilly, M.A., Ph.D., Alderman Miss M. A. Ashe, H.C., and the Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D., (Chairman).

Chairman of the meeting:-

P. Kelly, Vice-Chairman.

2069. Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting circulated each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

2070. Minutes of a Financial Meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of a Financial Meeting held on the 20th day of December, 1941, circulated each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

2071. Finance and Accounts:-

Resolved-That the Bank Pass Book, the Receipts and Expenditure Book and Form 1 on examination being found correct be signed; that the Accounts be authorised; and that the Treasurer's Advice Note be signed.

2072. Vote of condolence:-

It was proposed by J. Hosty, seconded by County Councillor Collieran, and  
RESOLVED - That the Committee's sympathy be tendered Alderman Miss M. A. Ashe, Co. C., H.C., on the death of her father;

2073. Adjournment of Meeting:-

RESOLVED also - That this meeting stand adjourned until the 7th day of February, 1942.

(Minutes Nos. 2069 to 2073 inclusive).

*M. Finnerty  
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REPORT

The Sub-Committee met three times at intervals of one week. It investigated, in accordance with Minut no. 2059 the work and procedure of the different sections of the County Library. Where it was considered necessary for its better information, the Committee had different aspects of the work and procedure of the sections demonstrated.

The Committee does not feel called upon to record minute details of its investigation. It does wish, however, to point out that in all its recommendations it has the concurrence of the County Librarian.

The Sub-Committee believes that a considerable number of Library books is in the hands of borrowers for periods much longer than those permitted by the rules. In order to facilitate the re-organisation of the Library in accordance with the recommendations it is suggested that all such books be called in by a definite date to be fixed by the County Committee. Arising out of this reorganisation it is suggested that in cases where fines shall have been incurred, such fines be remitted. In any case where books are not returned by the stipulated date the bye-laws of the Library should be rigidly enforced.

The Sub-Committee further suggests that at some future date that the question of Library stocks, cataloguing, etc., be inquired into and reported on.

We wish to point out that most of the congestion and difficulty which have arisen in the Lending Departments of the Library are due to the Committee being called on to serve a very large urban area, viz. Galway City, in addition to the County Centres. We wish to point out that the contribution from the City to the funds of the County Committee is only £400, approximately, per annum. In view, however, of the present financial position of the Galway Corporation, the Sub-Committee has not considered it useful or opportune to make any recommendations regarding the provision of a specific "Town Library" for Galway.

Initiated by the following members of the Sub-Committee:-  
The Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adm., Senator Liam O Buachalla, M. Comn., etc., County Councillor J. J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T., City Councillor W. Carrick, and P. Kelly (Chairman).

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That in future Librarians shall not be expected to assist borrowers who call to the Library Headquarters for books, in the selection of such books.

University Students should be referred to the College Library and their professors whenever they seek such special individual assistance in the County Library. In the case of Teachers or other bodies, any special Bibliographies they may require should be prepared by special committees of their particular organisations.

2. New borrowers shall be sponsored by readers of not less than one year's standing as registered readers subject to the Rules, Regulations, etc., such sponsors shall be responsible for (a) showing the new borrowers the various sections available to the public in the Library and (b) the procedure followed by borrowers in choosing and obtaining books in the Library.

3. (a) That each borrowers shall be allowed only one borrower's ticket and that no reader shall have more than two library books in his possession at the same time;

(b) That the rule fixing the period for which borrowers may hold library books be strictly enforced.

4. That a suitable set of rules and instructions for the guidance of borrowers be drawn up, printed and made available to borrowers on, say postcard of postcard form and size.

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5. That whenever any member of the public wishes to recommend that any particular book or books be added to the Library collection, such recommendation shall be made in writing only and shall be lodged with the County Librarian. The Sub-Committee consider it advisable that a special form be provided on which recommendations should be made.

6. That the County Librarian and Secretary shall attend to the following duties:-

- (a) Committee - including correspondence;
- (b) Accounts - including Fines;
- (c) Accessioning, classification, indexing, etc., of new books and replacements.

The Sub-Committee is agreed, and in this conclusion the County Librarian and Secretary concurred, that this work could be dealt with satisfactorily in the working period before lunch each day, thus leaving the Chief Executive Officer the afternoon for supervision of an co-operation in other duties pertaining to the public departments of the Library.

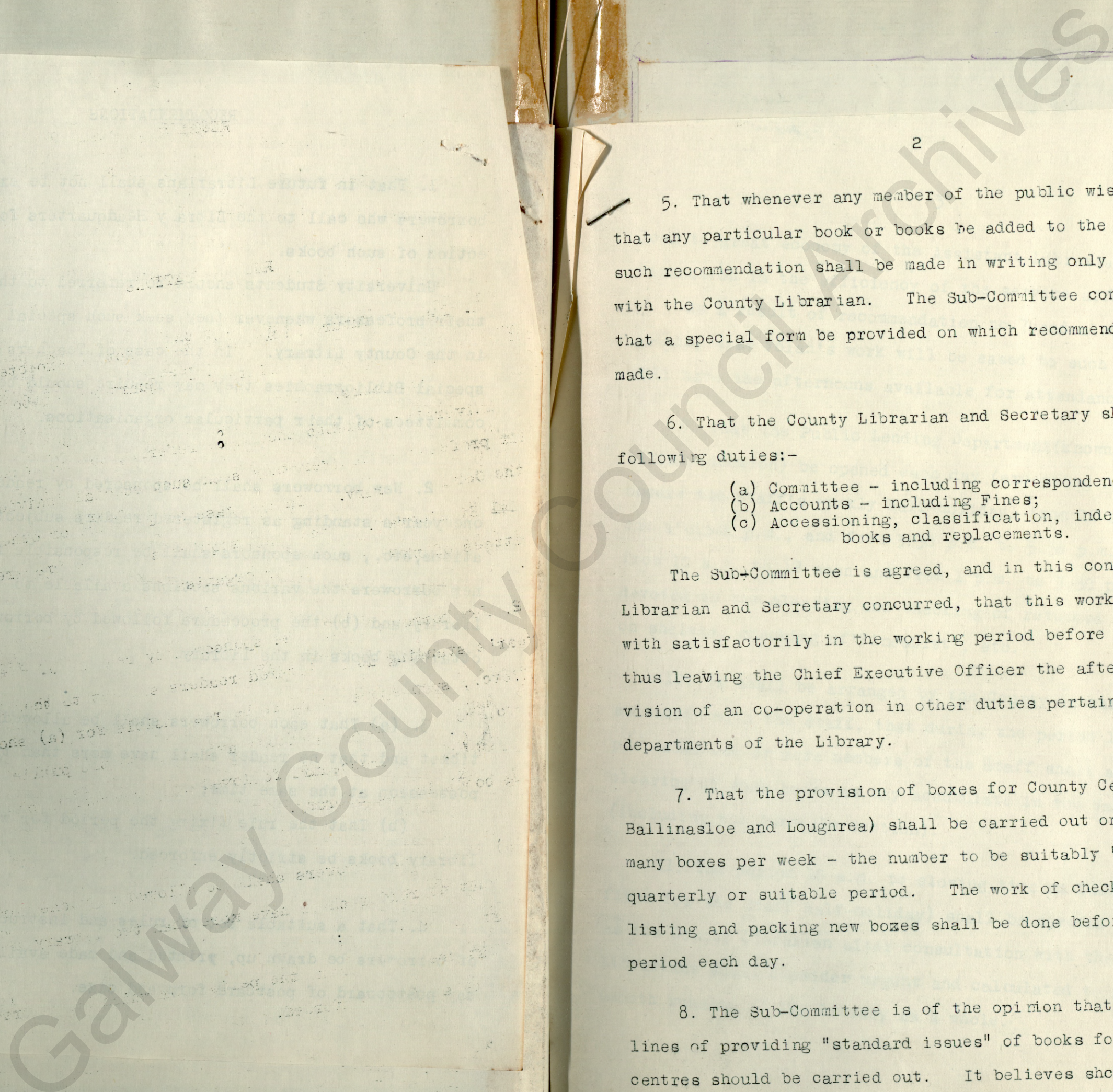
7. That the provision of boxes for County Centres (other than Ballinasloe and Loughrea) shall be carried out on the basis of so many boxes per week - the number to be suitably "staggered" over the quarterly or suitable period. The work of checking incoming boxes, listing and packing new boxes shall be done before the lunch-hour period each day.

8. The Sub-Committee is of the opinion that an experiment on the lines of providing "standard issues" of books for county and small centres should be carried out. It believes such a system would

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lead to great economy of the Assistant Librarian's time and without diminution in the efficiency of the service afforded the public.

As a result of recommendation no.7 and also of no.8, or of either, Miss Folan's work will be eased to such an extent that she will have the afternoons available for attendance to other duties.

9. That the Public Lending Department (known as the Galway Library Section) be opened each day (excepting Tuesday - on which occurs the Staff's weekly half-holiday) from 12 o'clock noon to one o'clock p.m., and from 3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. The periods from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. shall be devoted to the clearing and checking of returned books, replacing on shelves, checking of 'Fines List', etc.

10. It shall be arranged by the County Librarian, after consultation with the Staff, that during the period 1 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. some one or more members of the Staff shall attend to the clearing of such books as may accumulate in the Galway Section (including the Juvenile Section).

11. The period 10 a.m. to closing time on Tuesdays (the day fixed for the Staff Half-holiday) shall be devoted to such duties as the County Librarian after consultation with the Assistant Librarians shall consider urgent and calculated to assist in the smooth running of the Library as a whole.

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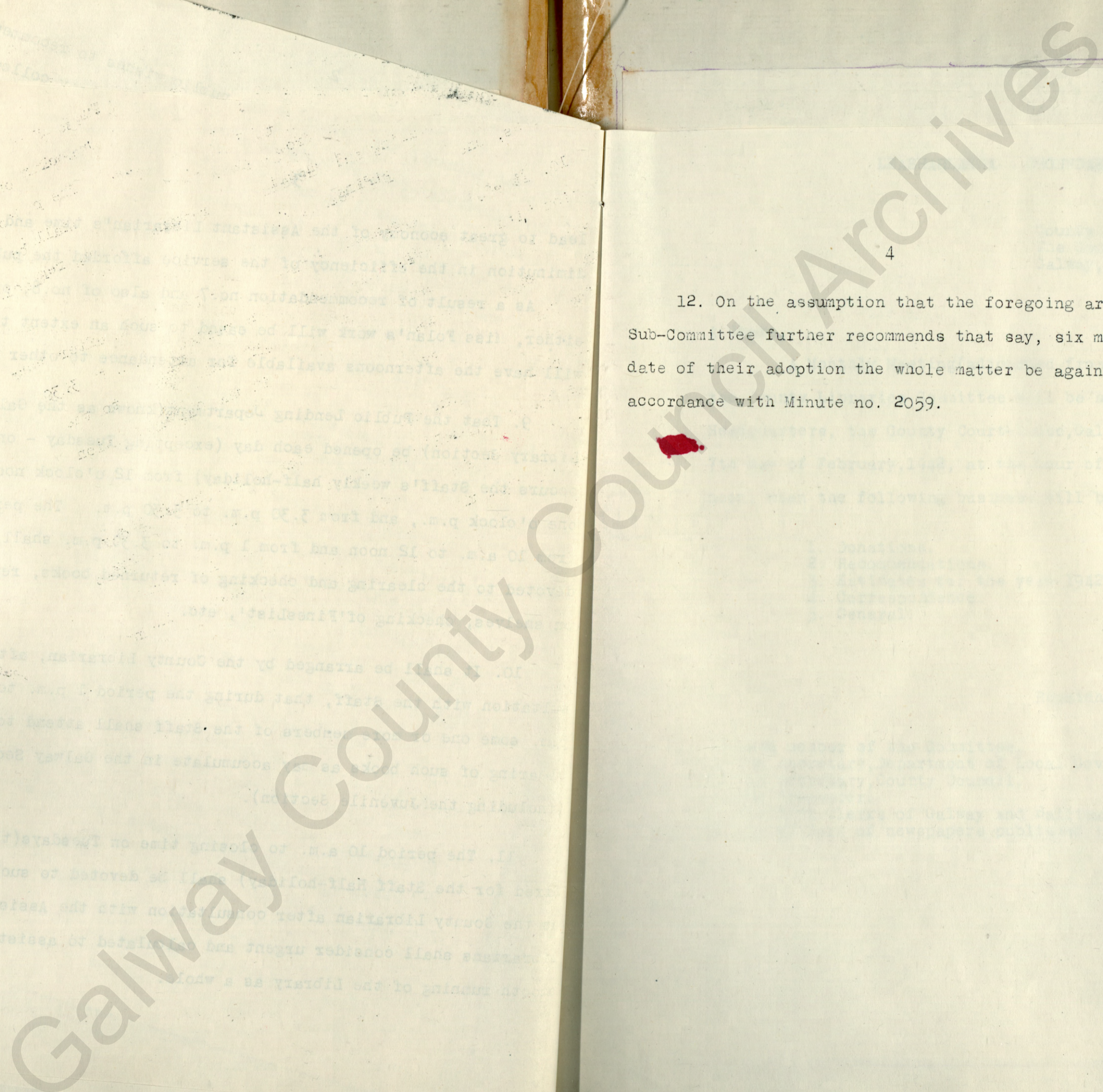


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12. On the assumption that the foregoing are adopted the Sub-Committee further recommends that say, six months from the date of their adoption the whole matter be again reviewed in accordance with Minute no. 2059.

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County Library Headquarters,  
The County Court-house,  
Galway, 2nd February, 1942.

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A Monthly Meeting (adjourned from the 31st January, 1942) of the County Libraries Committee will be held in the County Library Headquarters, the County Court-house, Galway, on Saturday next, the 7th day of February, 1942, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, when the following business will be dealt with:-

1. Donations.
2. Recommendations.
3. Estimates for the year 1942/43.
4. Correspondence.
5. General.

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To each member of the Committee.  
To the Secretary, Department of Local Government and Public Health.  
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To the Treasurer.  
To the Town Clerks of Galway and Ballinasloe.  
To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MONTHLY MEETING (adjourned from the 31st day of January, 1942), HELD ON SATURDAY, the 7th Day of FEBRUARY, 1942.

Present:-

County Councillors P.J. Culleran, J.J. Cunningham, B.A., N.T., and M. Finnerty; Town Councillors W. Carrick and M. Keane; the Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D., (Chairman), the Reverend P. Glynn, B.A., Adm., John Hosty, H.C., P. Kelly (Vice-Chairman), C. MacAonghusa, B.A., N.T., Senator Liam O Buachalla, M. Comm., etc., and R. O. Connail, N.T.

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Chairman of the meeting:-

The Reverend M. Garahy, M.A., B.D.

2074. Votes of condolence:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's sympathy be tendered the Reverend M. Garahy on the death of his mother; and the relatives of the late County Councillors Thomas Murphy and John Cunningham.

2075. Minutes of the last meeting:-

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the last meeting supplied each member be taken as read; and that they be signed.

2076. Donations:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's thanks be tendered the following donors of periodicals and year-books:-  
The Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants, London; the Irish Tourist Association; and Messrs. Browne and Nolan, Dublin.

2076. Report and Recommendations:-

The Secretary submitted the Report and Recommendations of a Special Sub-Committee (in accordance with Minute no. 2059), copies of which were circulated each member.  
RESOLVED - That the Report and Recommendations be approved and adopted; and to take effect on and from the 16th day of February, 1942, with the following emendations:-

1. REPORT, page 1, paragraph 3, line 6 - delete the word 'to' and insert "not later than the 17th day of March, 1942".
2. RECOMMENDATIONS, page 2, paragraph (2) - delete the sub-paragraph and substitute: "it is to be understood that it is no function of the County Librarian to prepare bibliographies for any individual or body".
3. RECOMMENDATIONS, page 4 - add paragraph 13: "the Juvenile Department shall be open on two days each week - Monday and Friday - from 3.30 o'clock p.m. to 5.30 o'clock p.m.; and no Juvenile Readers shall be entitled to more than two books each week.

RESOLVED also - That the Secretary be authorised to advertise the alteration of hours and regulations in the "Connacht Tribune", the Galway Observer", and the East Galway Democrat".

2077. Estimates for the year 1942/43:-

RESOLVED - That the Estimates for the year 1942/43 as submitted be approved and adopted; and that they be sent the County Council:-

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	1942/43	1941/42
Books.....	£1,100	£1,442
Binding and Rebinding.....	400	-
Salaries and Wages.....	850	843
Fittings and Equipment.....	25	30
Administration.....	220	219
Total Estimated expenditure.....	£2,595	£2,534

#### ESTIMATED INCOME

Miscellaneous Receipts.....	141	120
Galway Corporation.....	200	200
Ballinasloe Urban Council.....	80	80
County-at-large.....	2,174	2,134
Total Estimated income.....	£2,595	£2,534

2078. Adjournment of meeting:-

RESOLVED - That consideration of the remaining items on the agenda be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting.

(minutes Nos. 2074 to 2078 inclusive).

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ABRIDGED LIST OF BOOKS PUBLISHED IN IRELAND AND IN STOCK AT THE  
COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS.

BIOGRAPHY AND HISTORY.

- Blacam, A. de. The Black North.  
Breen, Dan. My Fight for Irish Freedom.  
Burke, J.O. The Abbey of Ross.  
Carty, F. Irish Saints in Ten Countries.  
- Two and Fifty Irish Saints.  
Carty, James. Bibliography of Irish History, 1870 - 1911.  
Cassidy, James. Frederic Ozanam.  
Coffey, Diarmuid. Douglas Hyde: President of Ireland.  
Coghlan, Philip and Fr. Edmund. Gemma Galgani.  
Collis, Joyce. The Sparrow Hath Found Hersef a House.  
Corkery, Daniel. The Hidden Ireland.  
Costelloe, Nuala. Archbishop MacHale.  
Crone, J.S. Concise Dictionary of Irish Biography.  
Curtis, E., editor. Calendar of Ormond Deeds, Vols 1 to 5.  
Dempsey, M. From an Old Monk's Diary.  
Doheny, M. The Felon's Track.  
Fintan, Fr. Light and Laughter in Darkest Africa.  
Fox, R.M. The History of the Citizen Army.  
Gill, W.S. Gerald Griffin.  
Glynn, Sir J.A. Life of Matt Talbot.  
Gregory, W.R.T. The House of Gregory.  
Gwynn, Denis. The Vatican and War in Europe.  
Gwynn, Stephen. Dublin Old and New.  
- Henry Grattan and His Times.  
Hayes, Richard. Old Irish Links With France.  
Hayes-McCoy, G.A. Index to Compossicion Booke of Conought.  
Kavanagh, S. Commentarius Rinnuccianus. vols. 1 to 4.  
Kenny and Quinlan. Glankeen of Borrisoleigh.  
Linehan, M.P. My Heart Rembers How.  
Little, G.A. Malachi Horan Remembers.  
McLysaght, E., editor. Calendar of the Orrery Papers.  
- The Kenmare Manuscripts.  
MacManus, Francis. After the Flight.  
MacManus, M.J. The Life of Eamon De Valera.  
Maolmuire. An tAthair Peadar.  
Mitchel, John. Jail Journal.  
O Connacain, Liam. Dirbeathaisneis Neill Mac Giolla Brighde.  
O'Connell, Philip. The School and Scholars of Breiffne.  
O Donnchadha, T. Leabhar Muimhneach.  
O'Grianna, Seumas ("Maire" ). Nuair a Bhi Me Og.  
Roche, A. A Bedside Book of Irish Saints.  
Rogers, P. Father Theobald Mathew - Apostle of Temperance.  
Ronan, Myles V. An Apostle of Catholic Dublin - Father Henry Young, S.J.  
Royal Irish Academy. Bethu Phatraic. The Tripartite Life of St.  
Patrick. Ed. with trans. by K. Mulchrone.  
Savage, R.B. A Valiant Dublin Woman.  
Stationery Office. Analecta Hibernica, Nos. 10, 11 and 12.  
Sullivan, M. No Man's Man - T.M. Healy - The Early Days and the Split.  
Ua Ceallaigh, S. Cathal Brugha.  
Van Hoek, Kees. Pius Xll.: Priest and Statesman.  
Walker, R.F. Primer of Church History.  
Woodgate, M.V. Madame Elizabeth of France.  
- Louise de Marillac.



POETRY AND OTHER BELLES LETTRES.

- An Philibin. Wild Honey : Poems.  
 Colum, P. The Jackdaw: poem.  
 French, Percy. Poems, Prose, and Parodies.  
 Giblin, M. Winds from the West: poems.  
 Irvine, John. Willow Leaves: poems.  
 Kelly, P. The Sally Ring and Other Poems.  
 McLaverty, M. The White Mare.  
 MacManus, M.J. Rackrent Hall: Poems.  
 O Domhnallain, P. An t-Iolrach Mor: a Gaelic Anthology.  
 O Raghallaigh, T. Danta Eoghain Ruaidh Mhic an Bhaird.  
 Piatt, H.S. The Passing Years: Poems.  
 Rowley, R. Ballads of Mourne.  
 Royal Irish Academy. Stories from the Tain. Ed. with Glossary by  
 J. Strachan.  
 Sheehan, P.A. Under the Cedars and the Stars.  
 Ua Ceallaigh, Sean. Eigse ~~XXXX~~ Eireann.

RELIGIOUS.

- Boylan, M.E. Difficulties in Mental Prayer.  
 Brown, Stephen J. From God to God.  
 Clericus Amicus. Power House of Prayer.  
 Coughlan, D. The Land of Ireland.  
 Concannon, Mrs. T. Queen of Ireland.  
 Duff, James. The Letters of St. Jerome.  
 Egan, M.F. House of Peace.  
 Gill, H.V. Christianity in Daily Life.  
 James, Fr. The Mother of God.  
 O'Rahilly, T.F. Desiderius.  
 Roche, A. The Things That Matter.  
 Ryan, Finbar, Bishop. Our Lady of Fatima  
 Saint-Laurent, C. de T. de. Confidence - Its Place in the Spiritual  
 Life.  
 Sheehan, M. Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine.  
 Zualdi, F. The Sacred Ceremonies of Low Mass.

PHILOSOPHY, SOCIOLOGY, ETC.

- Bradley, P. While I Remember.  
 Brown, Stephen J. Poison and Balm.  
 - - Studies in Life By and Large.  
 Clune, G. Christian Social Reorganisation.  
 - The Mediaeval Gild System.  
 Cronin, Mgr. Primer of Social Science.  
 Devane, R. Challenge from Youth.  
 Edgeworth, K.E. Turf.  
 Fahey, Denis. The Mystical Body of Christ in the Modern World.  
 Hull, E.R. Love, Courtship and Marriage.  
 Maguire, E., and others. Fireside Talks on Moral Matters. 2 parts.  
 O'Brien, George. Economic Relativity.  
 O'Rahilly, Alfred. Money.  
 Roche, A. Knots and Crosses.

FICTION.

- Blacam, A. de. O'Kelly's Kingdom.



FICTION (continued).

- Bodkin, M. Halt Invader.  
 - Borrowed Days.  
 Corkery, Daniel. Threshold of Quiet.  
 - The Stormy Hill.  
 - Earth Out of Earth.  
 Fitzgerald, T.A. Fits and Starts.  
 - Four in Hand.  
 Griffin, Gerald. The Collegians.  
 Guinan, J. The Soggarth Aroon.  
 Hallack, C. The Happiness of Father Happe.  
 Irwin, T.P. Benson's Flying Column.  
 Kickham, C. Knochnagow.  
 Lane, Temple. House of my Pilgrimage.  
 - Friday's Well.  
 Lee, Gerald. Murder and Music.  
 Le Fanu, J.S. The House by the Churchyard.  
 MacManus, F. Men Withering.  
 - Watergate.  
 - Flow On Lovely River.  
 - This House was Mine.  
 - The Greatest of These.  
 Murphy, James. The Forge of Clohogue.  
 Norris, M. Ebb and Flow.  
 Pender, Mrs. M.T. The Green Cockade.  
 Pollock, J.H. The Moth and the Star.  
 - The Valley of Wild Swans.  
 Purcell, P. Hanrahan's Daughter.  
 Rooney, P. North Road.  
 - Singing River.  
 Sadlier, Mrs. J. The Old House by the Boyne.  
 Sheridan, J.D. Here's Their Memory.  
 Smithson, A.M.P. Her Irish Heritage.  
 - By Strange Paths.  
 - The Walk of a Queen.  
 - Shiela of the O'Beirnes.  
 - The Light of Other Days.  
 - The Laughter of Sorrow.  
 - Leaves of Myrtle.  
 - Nora Connor.  
 - Traveller's Joy.  
 - These Things.  
 - Carmen Cavanagh.  
 - The Marriage of Nurse Harding.  
 - Katherine Devoy.  
 - Wicklow Heather.  
 - The White Owl.  
 - By Shadowed Ways.  
 - The Weldons of Tibraddon.  
 - Margaret of Fair Hill.  
 - Tangled Threads.

JUVENILE FICTION.

- Hallick, C. All About Selina.  
 Large, D.M. The Glen of the Sheep.  
 O'Faolain, E. King of the Cats.  
 - Miss Pennyfeather and the Pooka.  
 Piatt, H.S. The Golden Nest.