

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, V.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 Remembers 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 XII.: Priest and Statesman.
Walker, R.F. Primer of Church History.
Woodgate, M.V. Madame Elizabeth of France.
- Louise de Marillac.

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COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS,
GALWAY.

15th September, 1945.

C.I.O'Flynn, Esq.,
County Manager.

A Chara,

I have the honour to present the Twenty-first Annual Report
of the Libraries Department for the year ended the 31st day of
March, 1945.

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S. J. Maguire
County Librarian.

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. Knochagow.
 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.

P L A Y S.

- Callan, Philip. A Will and a Woman.
 - The Grandmother Clock.
 Corkery, D. Resurrection.
 Dalton, Louis. The Money Doesn't Matter.
 Duffy, Bernard. The Plot.
 Kilbride, T. The Winning Ticket.
 Longford, Christine, Lady. The United Brothers.
 - Patrick Sarsfield.
 - Lord Edward.
 McCarthy, B. The Down Express.
 - The Men in Possession.
 McCarthy, B.G. The Whip Hand.
 McKeown, M.J. Cuckoo.
 - The Pension.
 - The Rale McCoy.
 Wall, M. Alarm Among the Clerks.
 Walsh, R.G. Knochnagow.

TRAVEL, TOPOGRAPHY, ETC.

- Evans, E. Estyn. Irish Heritage - the Landscape, the People and
 their Work.
 Hayward, Richard. The Corrib Country.
 Irish Tourist Association. Illustrated Guide to Connacht.
 - Illustrated Guide of Cork City and County.
 - Illustrated Guide to Donegal.
 - Illustrated Guide to Kerry.
 - Comprehensive Account of the City and County of Dublin.
 Joyce, W. St. J. The Neighbourhood of Dublin.
 Kelleher, D.L. Ireland of the Welcomes.
 Leask, H.G. Irish Castles and Castallated Houses.
 McClintock, H.F. Old Irish and Highland Dress.
 Praeger, R.L. A Populous Solitude.
 - The Way that I Went.
 Wall, C.W. Mountaineering in Ireland.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Collier, D.A. Irish Without Worry.
 Digges, J.G. The Practical Bee Guide.
 Dixon, H.H. Practical Plant Biology.
 Gill, H.V. Facts and Fictions of Modern Science.
 - Roger Boscovich, S.J.
 Glynn, J.P. Bridges (Minor Roads) and Footbridges.
 Lane, J., editors. Irish Catholic Directory.
 Mackay, John. The Quest of Happiness.
 Mahr, A. Christian Art in Ancient Ireland.
 Murphy, M.J. At Slieve Gullion's Foot.
 O'Kearney, N., editor. Prophecies of SS Colmcille and Malachy.
 O'Kelly, J.J. Gill's Irish Reciter.
 O Lochlainn, Colm, editor. Irish Street Ballads.
 Raftery, Dr. Christian Art in Ancient Ireland.
 Rooney, H. Well-known Songs of Ireland.
 Royal Irish Academy. Proceedings - odd numbers.
 Ryan, J., editor. Feil-Sgribhinn Eoin Mhic Neill.
 Webb, D.A. An Irish Flora.
 Whitty, S. St. J. The Flaming Wheel.
 Wulff, Winifred. Archaeology Without Tears.

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Galway County Council Archives

RETROSPECT.

The year 1944-1945 was one of quiet progress and consolidation. As in the previous year, the statistics show an increase in readers and issues.

Comparatively few parts of the rural and urban areas of the county now remain unserved. 43.66 per cent of the population use the Libraries which have a stock of 80,109 volumes representing 47.6 books per 100 of the population. The total issues for the year were 598,413 volumes (last year, 569,670 volumes) which shows an average issue per head of the population of 3.6 books. The issues per book per borrower were 7.6. 458 volumes were obtained from the Irish Central Library for Students, the Galway University College Library and from other libraries for the use of teachers and students. The total revenue was £3,006. 8..1, and the total expenditure £2,631.11.10, which shows the rate in the £ to be 1.2d. and the cost per capita 3.16d.

The past year, which saw the second world war nearing its close, was in a sense the end of a literary epoch. It can be regarded, with its spate of journalists' war experiences, ex-statesmen's panaceae for world turmoil and chaos, war propaganda and sex novels, as a distinct period. That this is no fanciful demarcation is shown by the feeling on all sides that we are moving out of one mood into another. There is a growing dissatisfaction on the part of those who are mainly observers with the literature of dissent, unrest, protest, harshness and bitterness, and the increasing inclination to analyse and to probe below the surface stirring up all that is vile in mankind - a literary licence called the demand for liberty of thought and action. It has been a movement aptly termed "The Abdication of Intelligence".

The incongruity of writing on past history amid the shattering events of this war was evident from the meagre output of historical studies. History can only be written in detachment, and it must always weigh up the evidence and opinions of those near to the people and events which form the basis of historical processes. Some solid work was done in history, but it is doubtful whether many of the volumes published during the year - with the exception of Trevelyan's "Social History of England" - will take an important place among the classics of historical writing. Biographies and memoirs are always dangerous material, always suspect, but always valuable if rightly used. The year's crop of biographies and memoirs varied considerably in value and detachment, with the ever-debated figures of American history receiving attention in varying degree.

The problem of social life and politics have as usual produced some acute thinking. Literary criticism and history again have not produced much work of outstanding merit. Criticism seems to be stationary. The most important investigations have been in the neutral field of technical study. M. Jacques Maritain, one of the most powerful of modern French philosophical minds has, however, endeavoured to give a basis of Christian aesthetic to the philosophy of art. His work is supported with a wealth of learning both on modern and mediaeval matters that attract many.

Drama and writing about dramatists, actors and plays show an increase for the year, although on the whole the yield was scanty, and Irish dramatists were the most productive. A number of foreign plays of great interest have been translated. The year displayed remarkable activity in poetry, many of the important and established poets produced either new volumes or a collection of their previous work, and a number of new writers appeared whose progress will be followed with the deepest interest.

THE READER AND THE LIBRARIES.

The main object of the Libraries is to provide books and still more books. A well-stocked library is an asset to any community for information, education and recreation. The aim is not the multiplicity of buildings, but the adequate stocking of headquarters, existing branches and centres, and keeping up with the stream of knowledge in scientific and technical subjects, art, travel, biography, literature, history and good fiction, with special regard to the needs of the county and social amenities.

Not all borrowers realise the care with which the Libraries are arranged. They are classified so that books on the same and allied subjects are brought together. Fiction is arranged alphabetically by authors - or would be if borrowers would replace books in the position from which they were taken. Readers should realise more fully that by careless handling and neglect of books they can spoil them for others.

There are three main types of readers: (1) the reader who knows the exact book he requires; (2) the reader who wants a book on a certain subject - economics, mathematics, or, some equally scientific subject; and (3) the reader who wants a certain type of book - a good travel story or biography, a good detective story, or a nice love story.

Every effort is made to cater for the tastes of all readers. Periodical lists of books added to the Libraries and reading-lists on varied subjects are supplied to readers, branches and centres. These lists are arranged under subject, author and title in one alphabet.

BOOKS IN IRISH.

The provision of books in Irish has been a special feature of the scheme since its inception; so much so that it has been taken for granted. Every effort is made to stock all available works in Connacht Irish. Twenty-five per cent. of every collection of books sent out from headquarters to school libraries consist of books in Irish. A permanent collection of books by Connacht (and particularly by County Galway) authors is on show at the headquarters. A similar exhibition, with a suitable poster, was given during the "All Galway Irish Week, 1944". Incidentally, this exhibition of books is available for Feiseanna, Agricultural Shows, etc.

A collection of dictionaries, grammars, texts, etc., in old, middle and modern Irish is in constant use by University and other Students, and every encouragement is given readers, juvenile and adult, to avail of the facilities.

CHOICE OF READING.

A selection of books, based on casual questioning of readers in various areas of the county (show the reading habits of different segments of the public) follows. The answers received cannot be taken as clearly indicative or representative of the readers of the county as a whole. The selection, however, includes books in the greatest demand. It has been found, particularly in the towns that the majority selected their book-reading matter because they had previously read excerpts or digests in magazines, or had seen a film based on the book. Advertising, popular discussions, and reviews were also given as sources. An interesting feature of the demand in the rural areas is the steady popularity of Anglo-Irish fiction. Incidentally, it has been found generally that women read much more than men.

The selection which follows includes only a small percentage

of the total demand:-

Werfel's "The Song of Bernadette"; Taylor Caddwell's "Dynasty of Death", "The Turnbells" and "The Arm and the Darkness"; Greene's "the Power and the Glory"; Cronin's "The Keys of the Kingdom" and "The Citadel"; MacManus's "This House was Mine", "The Greatest of These", Pedlar's Pack"; and "A Keeper of Swans" by Purcell; Brinsley MacNamara's "Some Curious People"; Howard Spring's "fame is the Spur"; Strong's "Othello's Occupation"; Deeping's "The Road" and "Mr. Gurney and Mr. Slade"; Priesler's "They Walk in the City and "three Men in New Suits"; Maura Laverty's "No More Than Human"; Douglas's "The Robe"; Raymond's "The Family that Overtook Christ" and "The Man Who got even with God"; Hilton's "We are not Alone" and "The Story of Dr. Wassell"; all the novels of F.P. Keyes; Rachel Field's "And Now To-morrow" and "All This and Heaven Too"; all the novels of Daphne Du Maurier; Cecil Roberts, and Damon Runyon; Douglas Reed's "Insanity Fair", "All Our To-morrows" and "Disgrace Abounding"; Incidents in the Life of a Mining Engineer; a Goldseeker's Odyssey - Mexico; Doolan's Philosophy for the Layman"; Lewis's "The Problem of Pain" etc.; Fr. James's "Life and Religion"; Beveridge's "Full Employment in a Free State"; "the Plan of Society"; works on gardening and agriculture, engineering, sports, etc; Lunn's "The Good Gorilla"; "Klondyke Mike"; Sutherland's "Southward Journey"; Smithson's "Myself and Others"; Sullivan's "No Man's Man"; Heenan's "Cardinal Hinsley"; Waugh's Edmund Campion; the works of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Trollope, etc.

READING FOR THE ADOLESCENT.

In the Libraries there is almost infinite choice of books for the adolescent boy or girl. Properly read, such books provide encouragement and inspiration, and a little formal introduction by the teacher, indicating the subject-matter and style of the volumes must invariably lead to a genuine pursuit of good reading. To make reading a task, however, is to destroy interest, and "set" books in school are frequently avoided as the plague in later years. A different line of approach is needed. By substituting a little informal chat or discussion instead of analysis or examination, the interest is captured at once. In the realm of fiction - particularly the old fiction - there is a mass of good reading not yet sufficiently known to the average school child. Some of it is of great sociological value. The adolescent boy or girl might conceivably be interested in that satire of earlier education - Dickens's "Hard Times", and the deplorable conditions incidental to the introduction of the industrial revolution have been a fruitful field for the novelist. Mrs. Gaskell in "Mary Barton", Mark Rutherford in "The Revolution in Tanner's Lane", Halliwell Sutcliffe in "Mistress Barbara Cunliffe", and Phyllis Bentley in "Inheritance" and other of her works, are just a few of the avenues for further study.

For those of quieter tastes there are Miss Mitford's "Our Village" and Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford" - dealing with the manners and customs of other days. Different again are the great novels of Dickens, the Brontes, Trollope, Jane Austen, and Stevenson; and there are countless others all of which, properly introduced, may be of the greatest benefit in the service of youth.

THE WAR AND READING.

Since the beginning of the war there has been a great increase in reading as measured by the circulation of books from public and other libraries. So great has been the demand that, with paper and other, shortages, it has been difficult to replace worn-out stock and acquire sufficient new volumes. This scarcity has, in many cases, turned readers to some of the older and neglected books - sources of interest hitherto overlooked.

THE TEACHERS.

Appreciation is due to those National Teachers who have so unselfishly given personal services to the Libraries. As the various branches in the county of the I.N.T.O. took strong exception to some remarks made in the last Annual Report the opportunity is now taken to assure the members that no reflection whatever was intended, and it is hoped that the friendly and co-operative relations - an important feature of many years' standing - may not be impaired.

CHILDREN AND READING.

By encouragement children are in their element among books without the formal school methods which, to their young minds, spell "learning by compulsion". Hence the place of the children's library in reading. The employment of books intelligently is one very important way of breaking down resistance and thus tends to make dull children or children with an antipathy to any subject keenly interested. It is gratifying to discover how rapidly a dull child becomes eager to learn, how a child who "just hates geography" finds that it is not such a dry subject after all. They regard the children's library not as learning in the school sense, but as unalloyed pleasure even in its instructional guise. It is not sufficient to give children knowledge of a wide variety of subjects without giving them leisure to think, and without training them in self-expression and the ability to investigate social conditions. A great defect of modern education is the cramming of the curriculum. In the struggle for jobs there are prizes for children who can jump through the greatest number of examination hoops and the school system tends to be turned into a cramming factory training children for the mental high jump. The purpose of real education is something greater and nobler than that. The child should be recognised as a human individual who has a right to examine the construction of society and its history, to draw conclusions as to society's fitness to serve the individual. He should be taught to think, to live, and taught to seek noble things and be inspired with character.

Many alphabetical educational formulas are now appearing in the Press, and two at least which have attracted attention may be quoted: the "three M's" - Man-power, material and money - on which it is stated educational reforms depend. Then there are the "five S's" - Speed, Scale, Standardisation, Space and Speed. One hesitates to add to what is already a surfeit of formulas, but one realises that little can be accomplished in the way of reform until the remuneration of our elementary teachers - the lowest paid of any professional body - are bettered. The rate at which it will be possible to carry out educational reforms must necessarily depend on removing the financial grievance by which teachers are burdened.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

An increased use of the Reference Department was made during the year. 5,619 books, pamphlets, maps and other items were consulted, or 202 more than during the previous year. In considering Reference Library Work that done by the Branch Libraries has not been brought into account.

Personal and telephone calls from readers making enquiries on all sorts of subjects continue to increase. Many of the questions are simple, ranging from an address to the definition of a word. Others involve considerable research in many books. This information work, important as it is, is one side only of reference work. The department is in continuous use by students pursuing long or short courses of reading in special subjects.

The information service rendered is of interest. It may be said that during the year no request for information on any topic from a student or other enquirer has been unsatisfied if the information has been available. When the department has not possessed the material itself, it has been possible to obtain it specially or the enquirer has been referred to its source. The enquiries have covered a wide range of subjects, and were frequently highly specialised and technical.

DISCARDED BOOKS.

All discarded books which still have serviceable qualities have been transferred to various institutions under the Public Health Department, to the Ballinasloe Mental Hospital, to Military Hospitals, Garrisons and Outposts, and to Boys' and Girls' Clubs, to the number of 1,345 volumes:

The Galway Girls' Club, The Claddagh.....	212	vols.
The Woodlands Sanatorium, Galway.....	336	"
St. Ignatius's Boys' Club.....	93	"
St. Enda's Military Hospital.....	99	"
The Ballinasloe Mental Hospital.....	273	"
Renmore Military Barracks.....	332	"

SPECIAL SERVICES TO READERS? STUDENTS AND GROUPS.

In addition to the Book Service at local centres in the county, a POSTAL SERVICE direct from Headquarters to readers is available. Students and readers of non-fiction will find it well worth while to become postal borrowers. Books as soon as they are available are sent by post or bus, the reader being responsible for the cost of postage at the end of the month which is allowed for reading. Three books may be borrowed at a time.

The County Libraries supply BOOKS FOR CLASSES to any organisation in the county needing them.

There is in stock a large collection of PLAYS, and books on play-production, stage management, scenery, costume and make-up. A number of copies of a single play may be borrowed for PLAY READING or PRODUCTION. This applies to dramatic groups of all kinds including schools.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACTS.

The following brief explanation is necessary for the proper understanding of the information supplied by the Abstract.

First of all, the figures represent the number of books issued for home reading only. They do not include the encyclopaedias, guide books, dictionaries, directories, almanacs, etc., consulted in the Headquarters and Branches. Again, the figures shown are those compiled from the issues-record kept at the centres, branches and Headquarters, and do not include the issues at the centres where the records are not properly kept, or not kept at all. And lastly, since the inception of the scheme the abstract has been compiled on exactly the same lines, so that it provides the only satisfactory basis available for comparing one year with another.

BOOK STOCK.

Total Adult Fiction.....	36,810	volumes
" " Non-Fiction.....	29,518	
Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction.....	13,781	

Total Stock..... 80,109 volumes.

Number of books available per 100 of the population served..... 17.6 volumes

CENTRES.

In Schools.....	247
In other Buildings.....	72
Total.....	319

BOOK ISSUES.

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
Issues from H'qrs. to Readers	146,209	43,827	190,036
" " Centres " "	365,205	43,172	408,377
Total Issues.....	511,414	86,999	598,413

Estimated cost of transport per volume.....o.ld.

BORROWERS.

Total number of registered borrowers.....	83,716
Estimated total number actually borrowing.....	73,455
" " " " " per 100 of population	43.66

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Rates.....£2,717. 0 . 0	Salaries and Wages £953 .9.1
Other Sources..... 289. 8 . 1	Books..... 1184 .6.9
	Transport and Travelling 122.17.7
	Maintenance H'qrs,etc. 128.17.5
	Other Expenditure 242. 1.0
Total Income.....£3,006. 8 . 1	Total Expenditure.....£ 2631.11.10

BRANCHES.

Ballinsloe:- The Workhouse Buildings, Society Street.
 Loughrea:- The Temperance Hall, Barrack Street.
 Athnery:- The Canton Memorial Hall.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL
MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 29th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1945.

PRESENT:-

Alderman Miss M.A. Ashe, Co.O.; Councillor James Brennan;
Councillor John Burke; Councillor M. Carty, N.T.; Councillor P.J.
Colleran; Councillor Sean Glynn; Councillor M.Keane; Councillor T.
King; Councillor M.Kitt, N.T.; John Moroney, Esq., N.T.; Tadg O'Shea,
Esq., N.T.; and Alderman J.Owens.

APOLOGIES:-

Intimations of their inability to attend were received
from C.I.O'Flynn, Esq., County Manager and County Councillor M.
Quinn.

CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:-

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded
by Councillor Kitt, and
RESOLVED - That Councillor Sean Glynn be
Chairman of the meeting.

64. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 1945/46:-

It was proposed by
Alderman Miss Ashe, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and
RESOLVED - That the Reverend M.Garahy, M.A., B.D., P.P., be Chair-
man of the Committee for the year 1945/46.

65. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 1945/46:-

It was proposed
by Alderman Miss Ashe, seconded by MR.Moroney, and
RESOLVED - That the election of a Vice-Chairman for the year 1945/46
be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee.

66. 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.

67. ELECTION OF A LOCAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE AT BALLINASLOE:-

It was
proposed by Councillor Keane, seconded by Councillor Burke, and
RESOLVED - That the following constitute the Ballinasloe Local
Library Committee:-
Urban Councillors Thomas Derham, Moore, M.Keane
and A. Staunton; the Reverend P.J.Egan, B.A.; the Reverend E. Hughes,
B.A., Adm.; Nicholas O'Carroll, Esq., Editor, the East Galway Demo-
crat; Patrick O'Donnell, Esq.; William Parker, Esq.; W.J.Ward, Esq.;
Patrick Molloy, Esq., N.T.; and the local Protestant Episcopal Rector.

68. ELECTION OF A LOCAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE AT LOUGHREA:-

It was
proposed by Councillor Kitt, seconded by Councillor Keane, and
RESOLVED - That the following constitute the Local Library Committee
at Loughrea:-

P.J.Barry, Esq., M.P.S.I.; the Reverend Brother Basil,
De la Salle; Dr. James Burke; Councillor M. Carty, N.T.; Mrs. W.J.
Duffy; the Reverend P.G.Egan, P.P., Carrabane; the Reverend P.Jennings
B.A., Adm.; V.Jordan, Esq., Athenry Road; Joseph Kilchreest, Esq.,
Main Street; R.J.Lee, Esq., National Bank; Miss McGuinness, N.T.;
and M.O'Regan, Esq.

69. ELECTION OF A LOCAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE AT ATHENRY:-

It was propos-
ed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Mr.J.Moroney, and

RESOLVED -
That the following constitute the Athenry Local Library Committee:-
W.Corbett, Esq.; James Curley, Esq.; J.Doherty, Esq; the Reverend
J.Mulrennan, B.A.; Thomas O'Keefe, Esq.; the Reverend T.O'Malley,
B.A.; and Miss Babs O'Regan, N.T.

70. ELECTION OF A BOOK SELECTION AND CENSORSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE:-

It was proposed by Councillor Carty, seconded by Alderman Miss
Ashe, and

RESOLVED - That the County Libraries Committee, with the
addition of the following, constitute the Book Selection and Censor-
ship Sub-Committee:-

the Reverend H.M.Gaffney, M.A., Ph.D., O.P.;
the Very Reverend P.Canon Glynn, B.A.; J. Hosty, Esq., and Professor
Liam O Briain, M.A.

71. STAFF:-

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by
Alderman Miss Ashe, and

RESOLVED - That the County Librarian be
instructed to forward this resolution to the County Manager:
That the County Manager be requested to consider the provision
of a temporary substitute in the County Library Headquarters during
the absence of members of the staff on annual or sick leave; and
to reconsider the initial scale of salaries paid Junior Library
Assistants.

72. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE
31st MARCH, 1945:-

It was proposed by Councillor Carty,
seconded by Councillor Kitt, and

RESOLVED - That the Annual Report
for the year ended 31st March, 1945, submitted by the County Librar-
ian, be approved of.

73. BOOK LISTS:-

It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded
by Councillor Colleran, and

RESOLVED - That the Book Lists submitted
be approved of.

74. DONATIONS:-

It was proposed by Alderman Miss Ashe, seconded by
Councillor Glynn, and

RESOLVED - That the Committee's thanks be
tendered the following donors of books and reports:-

G.M.F.Grandy, Esq.,
Elgin, Cape Province, Union of South Africa; the Reverend J.O'Donov-
an, Skibbereen; the Electricity Supply Board; and the General Nursing
Council for Eire.

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75. VOTE OF CONDOLENCE:

It was proposed by Alderman Miss Ashe,
seconded by Councillor Glynn, and

RESOLVED - That the Committee's
sympathy be tendered the relatives of the late County Councillor
Eamon Corbett.

(Minutes Nos. 63 to 75 inclusive).

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COUNTY GALWAY LIBRARIES

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SECRETARY AND COUNTY LIBRARIAN

COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS,
GALWAY.

24th November, 1945.

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A meeting of the County Libraries Committee will be held
on Saturday next, the First day of December, 1945, in the County
Library Headquarters, the County Court-house, Galway, at the
hour of twelve-thirty o'clock in the afternoon when the following
business will be dealt with:-

1. Minutes of the last meeting.
2. Donations.
3. Estimated Receipts and Expenditure for the year
1946-1947.
4. Reports.
5. NOTICE OF MOTION:-

"Take notice that, at the next
meeting of the Library Committee, I will move
"that the staff of the Galway headquarter
"Library be increased by two assistants".
(Signed and dated)

6. General:

J. Brennan, C.C.

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County Librarian.

To each member of the Committee.
To the County Manager.
To the Editors of newspapers published in the county.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, THE 1ST
DAY OF DECEMBER, 1945.

PRESENT:-

County Councillor and Alderman Miss M.A. Ashe; County Councillor James Brennan (Galway Corporation); Councillor W. Carrick (Galway Corporation); County Councillor M. Cart, N.T.; County Councillor P.J. Collieran; County Councillor Sean Glynn; Councillor M. Keane (Ballinasloe U.D. Council); County Councillor Thomas King; County Councillor M.F. Kitt, N.T.; John Moroney, Esq., N.T.; County Councillor Hugh O'Donnell, N.T.; Alderman Joseph Owens (Galway Corporation); and County Councillor M. Quinn.

APOLOGY:-

Intimation of his inability to attend was received from C.I.O'Flynn, Esq., County Manager.

76. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING:-

It was proposed by Councillor Carrick, seconded by Councillor Glynn, and
RESOLVED - That County Councillor Martin Quinn be Chairman of the meeting.

77. 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.

78. ELECTION OF A VICE)CHAIRMAN:-

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Carrick, and
RESOLVED - That the Chairman of the County Council, Councillor Martin Quinn, be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the year 1945-1946.

79. DONATIONS:-

RESOLVED - That the Committee's thanks be tendered the following donors of reports and pamphlets:
Sir Montague Burton, Leeds the Chief Librarian, Belfast; and the Kilkenny County Library.

80. ESTIMATES :-

The County Librarian having pointed out that he ought not to have included this item on the Agenda, it was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Miss Ashe, and
RESOLVED - That the County Librarian be instructed to request the County Manager to furnish a copy of the Estimated Receipts and Expenditure of the Libraries Department for the year 1946-47 to each member of the Committee who is a member of a Local Authority.

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81.

It was proposed by Councillor Quinn, seconded by Alderman Ashe, and

RESOLVED - That the County Librarian be also instructed to request the County Manager to arrange, at a date before the County Council's Estimates Meeting, a meeting of the Libraries Committee to discuss the Estimates of the Libraries Department.

82.

It was proposed by Alderman Miss Ashe, seconded by Alderman Owens, and

RESOLVED - That the County Librarian be instructed to request the County Manager to consider the provision for Branch Libraries at Carraroe and the Aran Islands.

83. ADDITIONAL STAFF:-

The County Librarian pointed out that the Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Brennan relative to additional staff was outside the functions of the Committee. On the suggestion of the Chairman Councillor Brennan withdrew his Notice of Motion.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Carrick, and

RESOLVED - For the purpose of adequate supervision of readers during the opening hours of the County Headquarters, for the safeguarding of the books, for the better administration and the elimination of the inconvenient system of compelling readers to queue up on the stairs, that the members of the Committee recommend that the County Manager consider increasing the staff of the County Libraries by two assistants.

(MINUTES NOS, 76 to 83 inclusive).

J. Quinn

30/3/46