

VII.—*Selection of three Essayists on the Differences in the Laws in the several parts of the United Kingdom, and on the best means of effecting assimilation where desirable.*

THE Council of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland propose to select three essayists to prepare essays on the following branches of the above subject :—

1. On the difference of Division of Jurisdiction between Local and Central Courts in Ireland, Scotland, and England, in Bankruptcy, in the Recovery of Debts, and in the Enforcement of Liabilities and Charges against goods, and against the ownership or other interests in land.

2. On the differences in the organization of Local Courts in Ireland, Scotland, and England, for the discharge of the duties of Judges and Officers, suggesting such changes as would be expedient, in case of an assimilation of jurisdiction in the Local Courts of the Three Kingdoms.

3. On the simplification effected by the codes of law prepared and adopted for British India, and on the extent to which any parts of such codes can be applied to the assimilation of the corresponding branches of Irish, Scotch, and English law.

Each essayist will receive £30 for an essay of between 30 and 40 pages, same type as the Statistical Society's Journal.

The essayist in each case will be selected on the merit of his outline, showing the heads of the proposed essay. No outline to exceed 2,500 words (5 pages of Society's Journal).

The Committee of Selection will consist of the following Ex-Presidents and Vice-Presidents : JONATHAN PIM, ESQ. ; RIGHT HON. MOUNTIFORT LONGFIELD ; RIGHT HON. MR. JUSTICE LAWSON ; JAMES WILLIAM MURLAND, ESQ. ; PROFESSOR INGRAM, LL.D., F.T.C.D. ; and ALEXANDER THOM, ESQ., J.P.

Each outline to be sent in to Mr. Hugh B. Magahan, Assistant Secretary, 11 Lower Mountpleasant-avenue, Dublin, on or before the *First* day of *September* next, with the name and address of the writer in a separate sealed envelope. The envelope of the writer of the best outline on each subject will alone be opened, the other envelopes will be destroyed unopened.

The same essayist not to be selected for more than one subject, and the council do not bind themselves to make any selection. The essays to be the property of the Society, to publish separately or in the Journal, as may be decided on.