

asylums, one had already been built; and the Government were in correspondence with the best authorities of another country as to the erection of a second.

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SEVENTEENTH SESSION.—OPENING MEETING.

[Wednesday, 18th November, 1863.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Professor Ingram, LL.D., F.T.C.D., V.P., in the Chair,

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, Hon. Secretary, read the Report of the Council for the past Session.

Dr. Hancock, Hon. Secretary, read "An Obituary Notice of the late President of the Society, Archbishop Whately."

It was moved by the Solicitor-General, seconded by Robert McDonnell, Esq., M.D., and resolved unanimously:—

"That the notice of the late President now read be preserved by being printed in the Transactions of the Society."

Professor Ingram, LL.D., F.T.C.D., Vice-President, delivered the Inaugural Address of the Session.

Dr. Ingram having left the chair, and the Hon. Judge Longfield, President of the Society, having been called thereto,

The Right Hon. Thomas O'Hagan, M.P. Attorney-General for Ireland, in moving, "That the marked thanks of the society are due to Professor Ingram for the address with which this session has been inaugurated, and that he be requested to place the same in the hands of the secretaries for publication in the Journal of the Society," said that the remarkable and impressive address which had just been delivered had commended itself to the acceptance of the meeting by its pregnant thought and high ability. None of those who, like himself, had the pleasure and the profit of acquaintance with Dr. Ingram, and who knew his profound and varied learning, clear and comprehensive intellect, and genial and noble nature, could be in the least surprised at the ability displayed by the address, which, though containing some propositions open to controversy, and of which all would not approve, was admirable in the originality of its views, in the vigour of its reasoning, and, above all, in the hopeful and sympathetic spirit with which it regarded the condition of our country. The lesson to be learned from that admirable address was conveyed in the words—

"Durate et vosmet rebus servate secundis."

Though circumstances of discouragement and depression be around us, we have no room for despair; and, if we do our duty bating no jot of heart or hope, and manfully striving for a better future, we shall surely see it, when the day-star shall break upon the darkness, and the painful struggles of our transition state shall be followed by a time of permanent happiness and progress. He had sincero

pleasure in moving the thanks of the meeting to Dr. Ingram for an address which was very honorable to the Society and very important to the country.

Mr. Jonathan Pim seconded the motion, and said he fully agreed with Dr. Ingram that the land question was not settled, and he hoped it would engage the attention of the Society to a greater extent even than heretofore. The welfare and prosperity not alone of Ireland but of the empire depended upon the right settlement of this important question.

The resolution was passed by acclamation.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:— Henry Boyd, Esq., Frederick R. Falkner, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Hon. Judge Hargreave, LL.D., F.R.S., Colonel Knox Gore, Alexander Lane, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Right Hon. Joseph Napier, Francis D. Reynolds, Esq., Robert Seeds, LL.D., Barrister-at-Law, Robert Taylour, LL.D., J.P., Robert Ross Todd, Esq., James Lowry Whittle, Esq., Barrister-at-Law.

SECOND MEETING.

[Wednesday, 16th December, 1863.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, The Hon. Judge Longfield, President, in the Chair.

Mr. R. Denny Umlin read a paper entitled "Remarks on the Dwellings of Working Men, and how they can be improved."

Professor Houston, read a paper on "The recent efforts to provide cheap and wholesome Diet for the Labouring Classes."

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:— William Bruce, Esq., John Lambly Conn, Esq., Michael Crean, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Arthur B. Davidson, Esq., John Denham, Esq., M.D., William Louis Hackett, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Hon. Judge Kelly, (High Court of Admiralty), Francis R. Lepper, Esq., Thomas S. Martin, Esq., Richard Martin, Esq., James H. Monahan, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Sir Colman M. O'Loghlen, Bart., M.P., Q.C., David R. Pigot, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, Abraham Stoker, Esq., Thomas H. Taylor, Esq., Robert R. Torrens, Esq., Napoleon Bonaparte Wyse, J.P.

THIRD MEETING.

[Wednesday, 20th January, 1864.]

The Society met at 35, Molesworth-street, Major-General Sir Thomas Larcom, K.C.B., V.P., in the Chair.

Mr. Gibson, Secretary, read a paper by Mrs. Stoker, entitled "Female Emigration from Workhouses."

Jonathan Pim, Esq., V.P., read a paper on "The Necessity of a State Provision for the Deaf and Dumb, the Blind, and the Imbecile."

The Secretaries brought forward the changes in the laws recommended by the Council, which were unanimously adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected members of the Society:— Peter Warburton Jackson, Esq., J.P., Valentine O'Brien O'Connor, Esq., D.L., Hon. Stephen Spring Rice, D.L.