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SOLICITORS' APPRENTICE DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1938 - 39

OFFICERS :-

AUDITOR - - - Mr. A. Forrest Hussey, B.A., L.L.B.

HON. RECORD SECRETARY - Mr. B. P. O'Byrne

HON. CORR. SECRETARY - Mr. B. J. Lynch

HON. TREASURER - - Mr. P. J. Nutley

COMMITTEE ;:-

Mr. G. L. Collins

Mr. T. G. Crotty, B.A.

Miss E. McMullen, B.A.

Mr. P. L. Gibson, B.A. (ex-Auditor - ex-officio)

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY

The closing meeting of the 54th Session of the Society was held on Monday, 30th May 1938, in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor, Mr. P. L. Gibson, presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Auditor read his report on the affairs of the Society during the Session. Mr. Maher proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded "that the Auditors' Report be adopted". The Report was, after some minor criticisms, declared carried. The Balance Sheet and a Supplementary Balance Sheet were read by the Hon. Treasurer. Mr. Lynch proposed and Mr. Hussey seconded, "that the Balance Sheet be adopted". This Motion was carried by 14 votes to 5. Mr. Sheedy proposed that the House go into committee "to consider the Balance Sheet". This was postponed till later.

The Auditor declared the awards of prizes for the Session 1937-38 to be as follows:-

ORATORY

Incorporated Law Society Gold Medal and Society's Certificate	- -	Mr. P.L. Gibson, B.A.
Society's Silver Medal and Certificate	-	Mr. B.P. O'Byrne.
Society's Special Certificate	- -	Mr. G. L. Collins

LEGAL DEBATE

President's Gold Medal and Society's Certificate	- -	Mr. B. P. O'Byrne
Society's Silver Medal and Certificate	- -	Mr. C. S. Kelly

Mr. Collins and Mr. Kelly received equal marks in the Competition for the Silver Medal in Legal Debate. Mr. Kelly finally winning on the toss of a coin.

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Vice-President's Gold Medal and Society's Certificate	- -	Mr. P.L. Gibson, B.A.
Vice-President's Silver Medal and Society's Certificate	- -	Mr. M. J. O'Higgins

IRISH

Society's Silver Medal
and Certificate

Miss M. Doorly

FIRST YEAR SPEECHES

Society's Silver Medal and
Certificate

Mr. B. P. O'Byrne

COMPOSITION

Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal
and Society's Certificate

Mr. B. P. O'Byrne

A list of those who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by the Hon. Corr. Sec. The result of the election of Officers and Committee for the Session 1938-39 was declared as follows:-

- AUDITOR Mr. A.F. Hussey, B.A., L.L.B.,
- HON. RECORD SECRETARY Mr. B.P. O'Byrne
- HON. CORR. SECRETARY Mr. B.J. Lynch
- HON. TREASURER Mr. P.J. Nutley

COMMITTEE:-

- Mr. G. L. Collins
- Mr. T. G. Crotty **B.A.**
- Miss E. McMullen, B.A.
- Mr. P. L. Gibson B.A., (Ex-Auditor - ex-officio)

The new Auditor & Committee then entered into office, Mr. Hussey, the incoming Auditor congratulated the outgoing Auditor & Committee on a very successful year of office. Mr. Gibson (ex-Auditor) welcomed the new Auditor & Committee and wished them complete success. The House, with acclamation, endorsed these sentiments. Mr. Wallace proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded a motion of congratulation to Mr. Crotty on his being elected Auditor of the Law Society in U.C.D. This motion was passed unanimously. The House then went into Committee to consider the Balance Sheet. Mr. Sheedy proposed, Mr. O'Higgins seconded "That last years Balance Sheet, being in two parts, shall be read as one consecutive document, and shall include copy signatures of the Auditor & Scrutineers already appended thereto."

After a long discussion the Motion was lost by 8 votes to 5.

The House then went out of Committee, & the Auditor closed the meeting.

The Inaugural Meeting of the 55th Session of the Society was held in Sobri's Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Wednesday 26th Oct. '38. Senator T. W. Delany, President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, presided.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read & signed, without alteration, the Chairman distributed the Awards for the Session 1937-38 as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting.

AUDITORIAL ADDRESS.

The Chairman then called on the Auditor, Mr. A. Forrest Haughey, B.A., LL.B., to read his Auditorial Address on "Social Equality". Mr. Haughey said, that while Social inequalities were not now so pronounced as formerly, nevertheless we should endeavour to eradicate the disabilities which must naturally exist so long as the present economic conditions prevail. He also suggested that the School-leaving-age shd. be raised, & that the State might consider giving a grant to the children of very poor parents. He concluded by making a plea for better educational facilities for the people as a whole.

The Auditor's paper was enthusiastically received by the large audience present.

A. 7. 14.

Prof. W. Magennis M.A., ^{intending to} in proposing the resolution; - "That the best thanks of the Society be given to the Auditor for his address, & that it be printed at the expense of the I. L. S. I.", said that Liberty & Fraternity were necessary adjuncts of Equality. We had Liberty, but we had not Fraternity & that until we developed a sense of Charity we should not have Equality.

Dr. Conanan^{S.J.} The Motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. Conanan S.J. Nowhere in Nature, he said, was Equality to be found. We should aim at obtaining a pleasing diversity, which would, by a unified Spirit of Fraternity, be blended into one harmonious whole.

The motion, on being put to the House, was passed unanimously.

Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald K.C. proposed, & Mr. Henry Molony K.C. seconded the motion, "that the Sobri's Apprentices' Debty. Socy. is worthy

J. M. FITZGERALD K.C. of the support of the Solrs. Apprentices of Ireland, the Council of the Incorporated Law Socy. & the Solrs' profession." Mr. Fitzgerald strongly criticised the present Educational system, he also said that the most important problem at present is the need for better Housing.

Mr. Molony K.C. Mr. Molony K.C. said that Social Equality was unattainable. This second motion was also passed unanimously.

All speakers, while criticising certain points in the Inaugural Address, complimented the Auditor on a well written & well-read paper.

VOTE OF THANKS.

The Auditor proposed that Mr. P. F. O'Reilly one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society "take the second Chair." Mr. H. Saint John Blake, Solr., the other Vice President proposed a vote of thanks to Senator Delany for having presided at the Meeting. The Motion, ~~was~~ seconded by Mr. Patrick Lynch K.C., Attorney-General, was passed with acclamation.

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Senator Delany in replying said that the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland took a deep & benevolent interest in the Solrs. Apprentices, Delatg. Socy. The Meeting then terminated.

A. Forrest Hume LL.B.

Auditor

31/10/38

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in Solrs. Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday 31st Oct. 38. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed with one alteration. The house then proceeded to the Election of New Members. The following were proposed & seconded, and declared elected "en bloc." Messrs. T. J. Kelly, T. Reilly, ^{T. Noyes-Lewis}

NEW MEMBERS.

A. Nestor, J. F. Scott, P. Kelly, R. O'Connor, Edward Healy, T. Moylan, James Molloy, Pats. O'Sullivan, Pats. McEntee, & Miss S. Dooley, & Miss Hyland. There were no motions on Notice. The Hon. Corr. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Bradford-England, Auditor

of the Law Students' Debating Socy., King's Inns, Dublin, asking us to name a date for the holding of an inter-debate with his society. The letter was marked read, details of our reply being left over for decision at a Committee meeting.

The Auditor then declared Question-Time open. Questions were asked & re- the Question-Time to be held on the Radio on Sunday 6th Nov. between a team from our Society & a team drawn from the Law Students' Debating Socy. of King's Inns. The Auditor replied to these questions. There were also questions as to the printing of the Debate Cards, & Society Card giving particulars of our Socy., the Annual Dance, & corrections in the Rules Books of the Society. The Auditor replied to these questions, & said that the Annual Dance would be held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, on the 6th Dec. 1935. The Hon. Treasurer announced, in reply to a question, that he had as yet received no money due to the Socy. on foot of debts due from last session.

Mr. O'Higgins proposed & Mr. Kelly seconded a Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders, for the purpose of introducing the following motion;— "That this Society wishes by this motion to show its approval and appreciation of the action of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland in changing the dates of the Irish Examinations. (Proposer & Seconded being Messrs. O'Higgins & Kelly respectively. ^{This motion was passed unanimously.}) As the Chairman for Public Debate had already arrived, Mr. B. J. Lynch proposed & Mr. Collins seconded, the motion "that the visiting chairman do now take the chair" This motion was also carried unanimously.

Public Debate then ensued, the subject ^{being} "That the unity of Ireland can be better achieved under a Monarchy than under a Republic." The following spoke in this Oratory Debate, For the Motion:— Messrs. M. J. O'Higgins, H. Ward, P. O'Byrne, D. Lynch & D. O'h-Loide. Against the Motion: Messrs.

QUESTIONS.

I.L.S.I.
NOTION

PUBLIC
DEBATE

D. M. Dowling, G. L. Collins, B. J. Lynch, C. S. Kelly, E. Healy, P. O'Sullivan, T. O'Reilly, and P. J. Nutley. On a division the motion was lost by 6 voting for, & 11 a'gt. The Chairman Mr. Tynan, Barrister-at-Law, summed up.

Mr. Maher proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded a Vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the motion, which was passed unanimously. Mr. Tynan briefly replied & paid a tribute to the high standard of debating which, he said, ^{he} had heard during the evening.

The Auditor then closed the Meeting.

A. Forrest Hursey
(Auditor)
7/11/38

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Socy. was held held in Sob's Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 7/11/38. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, & signed without alteration. The House then proceeded to the Election of New Members. Messrs. Jim Kennedy & George Hegarty were proposed, seconded, & declared elected. There were no motions on notice. The Auditor then declared

"Question-time" open. The Hon. Rec. Sec. was asked as to whether or not he had complied with Rule 22 (of the Rules & Standing Orders of the Socy,) and the Hon. Corr. Sec. was questioned as to his compliance with Rules 25, and 27. Messrs. Lynch & O'Byrne answered the questions. Mr. Egan proposed, & Mr. Wallace, seconded that "Standing Orders be suspended in order to introduce a motion of censure on the Committee. Mr. O'Byrne proposed an amendment to this motion, which was accepted by the Auditor. The motion was as follows:—

"That the members of this Society

VOTE OF THANKS

TERMINATION

MINUTES.

NEW MEMBERS

QUESTION TIME

VOTE OF CENSURE

view with alarm the fact that Rules, Standing Orders, & precedents of the Society have been broken by members of the Committee". The proposer & seconder thereof being Messrs. M. Egan & K. Wallace. Mr. Kelly also supported the motion. The following opposed the motion; — Messrs. Nutley, O'Higgins & Lynch. Miss. Mc Mullen & the Auditor spoke to the Motion.

Mr. Egan, having summed up, attempted to withdraw his motion of censure; but was not allowed to do so & Mr. M. J. O'Higgins objecting under S.O. 41. The Motion was then put to the House, Messrs Kelly & Ward being appointed Tellers. The Motion was lost, four (4) voting for & ten (10) against. Mr. Nutley proposed & Mr. B. J. Lynch seconded, "that the visiting Chairman do now take the chair". The motion was carried unanimously.

The Auditor then announced that he wd. have to leave before the termination of the meeting, & he appointed the Hon. Rec. Sec. to the office of Deputy-Auditor during his absence.

The House then proceeded to Public Debate, the Chairman, Mr. D. Callan, Barrister-at-law, having taken the chair. The motion for legal Debate was, "That Bell v. Lever Bros. was rightly decided". The following supported the motion; Messrs. B. J. Lynch, H. Ward, D. M. Dowling & D. O'h-Soda. The motion was opposed by ~~the~~ The Auditor & Mr. C. S. Kelly.

The chairman gave a brief "summing-up". On being put to the House, the motion was carried by 9 votes to 2. The Acting-Auditor then called in Messrs. Nutley & Ward to propose & second respectively a vote of Thanks to the Chairman. The Acting Auditor associated himself with the motion which was passed unanimously.

The Acting-Auditor ^{Mr. Callan's brief replied.} then announced that on Mon.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY-AUDITOR.

LEGAL DEBATE.

NOTE OF THANKS

ELECTION OF
INTER-DEBATE
TEAM.

14 Nov. 1938 an election, to select a team of five members for an Inter-Debate with the Law Students Debating Socy., wd. be held. "Question-Time" was then resumed, many questions of a frivolous nature being asked. Mr O'Higgins proposed & Mr. Kelly seconded, "that S.O.s. be suspended in order to introduce the following motion." "That this House wishes to thank & congratulate, our Radio-~~Speech~~ Question-Time Team, particularly Mr. Lynch whose originality made possible the Inter-Soc. Question Time; & that this House specially congratulates Miss E. M^{rs} Mullen on her success in said contest, & desires to thank her for supplying free cigarettes to members ^{of the Socy.} at tonight's meeting." Mr. Lynch spoke to the Motion. There were no speakers for the negative. The Acting-Auditor also associated himself with the motion which was passed without division.

VOTE OF
CONGRATULATION

Mr. M. J. O'Higgins pointed out an apparent discrepancy between the content of R. 41 & the content of S.O. 11. He proposed that S.O. be suspended in order to introduce the following Motion (Mr B. J. Lynch seconding.) "That Rule 41 be made conformable with S.O. 11, or vice-versa" (Proposer & Secunder being Messrs M. J. O'Higgins & B. J. Lynch, respectively.) The Deputy-Auditor put the motion to the House - that S.O.s be suspended. On a Division being challenged, Messrs O'Higgins & Kelly were appointed tellers. Owing to the inability of the tellers to agree on the numbers of votes cast against the Motion, the Deputy-Auditor ordered a re-count, with a similar result. The two new tellers were appointed - being Messrs J. Maher & H. Ward. → It now became apparent that there was not a quorum present, & the meeting was accordingly terminated.

RE: R. 41
and S.O. 11.

TERMINATION

(Previously the tellers had pointed out there were 5 votes for each side.)
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A. J. H. H. H.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in Soho's Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 14 - Nov. 1938. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, & signed with one alteration. The House then proceeded to the Election of new Members. The following were proposed, ^{seconded} and elected;—

NEW MEMBERS

Miss Blainead Dillon, Miss Betty Kelly, & Mr. Liam Boyd. There were no motions on notice. A letter received from Mr. K. Wallace was read by the Hon. Corr. Sec. Mr. O'Higgins ^{commented on} objected to some aspects of Mr. Wallace's letter.

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The Auditor announced that he would receive nominations for our Inter-Debate Team against the Law Students Debating Society, to be held at King's Inns, Dublin, on Wed, 16 - Nov - 38, when our ~~Society~~ Team, ^{consisting of six members} would propose the motion, "That Germany should get her Colonies back." The following

ELECTION OF

INTER-DEBATE

TEAM.

were proposed & seconded for membership of the Team; The Misses. M^{rs} Mullen, & Dillon, and Messrs. M. J. O'Higgins, B. P. O'Byrne, A. Dudley, T. Crotty, K. Wallace, P. Nutley, M. Egan, D. M. Dowling, B. J. Lynch, D. J. Lynch, C. S. Kelly, J. Maher and G. X. Collins. (Of these, the last three members subsequently withdrew their names). The voting was by Ballot, Messrs. J. Maher & C. S. Kelly being appointed Tellers.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. ^{Wallace} O'Higgins proposed & Mr. O'Higgins seconded, the suspension of Standing Orders for the purpose of electing ~~new~~ new members of the Society. The following were proposed, seconded and declared elected; Messrs. W. Crowley, W. Ward, Edward Durmin, & Jack Belton.

MOTION

Mr. O'Higgins proposed, Mr. Kelly seconding, that S.O.s be suspended in order to introduce the following motion; "That the members of this Socy. view with alarm the admission of the Committee of their inability to deal with the Financial Affairs of the Society, as disclosed in letters issued recently by the Committee to Debtors of the Society." The Motion for the suspension of Standing Orders was declared carried.

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The following spoke for the Motion; Messrs. O'Higgins & Kelly. The Motion was opposed by, ~~Mr. B. J. Lynch~~ ^{B. J.} Lynch (of Wallace.) The Auditor answered some questions raised by Messrs. Wallace & O'Higgins.

Mr. O'Higgins replied to arguments raised against the motion. Messrs. Kelly & O'Byrne were appointed Tellers, the Motion was carried by 19 votes for the motion & 3 against. The Committee did not vote.

Mr. B. J. Lynch proposed, & Mr. P. J. Nutley seconded the Motion, "that the visiting Chairman do now take the Chair". Mr. Tadhg Forbes, Barrister-at-Law, then took the chair for Impromptu Debate. During the Debate the Chairman announced the result of the Election for the Inter-Debate

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INTER-DEBATE
TEAM.

Team to be as follows;— Mr. B. P. O'Byrne, Mr. M. J. O'Higgins, Mr. T. C. Crotty, Miss M^c Mullen & Miss Dillon, with Mr. P. J. Nutley as substitute. The Auditor being "ex officio" leader of the Team.

The following took part in Impromptu Debate:— Messrs. P. O'Sullivan, A. Dudley, D. Dowling, D. Lynch, T. Reilly, J. Maher, Miss. Doorly, Miss Kelly, Mess. D. O. b. Soda, L. Boyd, C. Kelly, Miss Fagan, Miss M^c Mullen, Mess. M. Egan, T. Crotty, K. Wallace, P. Nutley, B. O'Byrne, B. J. Lynch, J. Scott, The Auditor, G. L. Collins, R. O'Connor and M. J. O'Higgins.

The Chairman commenced to "sum-up" at about half a minute before Eleven o'clock.

TERMINATION

In accordance with rule 71 of the Rules & Standing Orders of the Society the meeting terminated at eleven o'clock.

A. Forrest Humeley,
(Auditor) 21/11/1938.

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Soho's Billings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday 21/11/1938. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Hon. Record Secretary. The Auditor upheld two objections to the minutes as read and he accordingly amended the Minutes. Objection was also made to the fact that the minutes of the last meeting were not continued after 11 o'clock; it being suggested, that altho' R. 71 provided that meetings should terminate at 11 o'clock, nevertheless that precedent in the Society had always shown that the minutes were recorded to the end of the meeting, even, tho' in fact, the meeting had not ended at 11 o'clock. The Auditor refused so to amend the minutes & decided that R. 71, should be observed. Long discussion followed, when Mr. Crotty proposed & Mr. B. J. Lynch seconded "That the House proceed to the next business." Messrs. J. Maher, & P. O'Byrne were appointed tellers, the motion was carried 7 (Seven) voting For*, & Six (6) against. The Auditor announced that he was signing the minutes, which he did. Thereupon, Messrs. O'Higgins and Kelly, respectively proposed &

a.7.H.
 MOTION THAT
 HOUSE GO
 INTO COMMITTEE

seconded ~~the suspension of S.O.s. in order to~~ introduce the motion, "That the House go into Committee to consider the action of the Auditor in signing the minutes without their being fully discussed." The motion to suspend S.O.s. was now put, Messrs. D. Dowling & P. O'Sullivan being appointed tellers. The motion was lost 5 Votes For; ~~5~~ and 12 Against.

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 NEW MEMBERS

The House then proceeded to ^{the} election of new Members. Messrs. M. J. O'Higgins ^(alias Higgins) & Connolly were proposed & seconded. The Auditor said that he was under the impression that Mr. O'Higgins was a member, and had been ~~a~~ such for several years. Mr. J. Maher who (with Mr. Kelly) had proposed Mr. O'Higgins, said that Mr. O'Higgins had in fact been elected to the

Society, before he was apprenticed to a Solicitor, Mr. Maher claimed that Mr. O'Higgins' election was therefore invalid "ab initio" under R. 7. (of the Rules & S.O.s of the Society). Messrs. O'Higgins & Connolly were accordingly elected. It was suggested that Mr. O'Higgins should not exercise his rights of Membership until he had paid the Entrance fee of one shilling, provided by R. 14. Mr. O'Higgins by way of Counter-claim said that for at least three years he had paid 5/- annually to the Society, he now claimed that this accumulated sum should be returned to him. It was finally settled that Mr. O'Higgins should write to the Treasurer, officially. There were no Motions.

A letter was read from Mr. Tadgh Forbes, B.L. Mr. Forbes said that he desired to present ~~two~~ books (enclosed) to the two speakers (respectively) who obtained the highest marks at the recent Impromptu Debate at which he presided, — a book was accordingly presented to Miss McMillan & the Auditor. The Hon. Corr. Sec. announced that he had received an invitation from the Auditor of the Law Students Debating Socy. inviting members of the Society to his Inaugural Address, on Mon, 5-Dec. 1938.

Mr. B. J. Lynch proposed to Mr. M. J. O'Higgins seconded that suspension of S.O.s in order to introduce the following. "That this House thanks Mr. Tadgh Forbes, B.L. for his very kind gesture in presenting two books to the two speakers who gained the highest marks in the recent Impromptu Debate when Mr. Forbes presided."

On the suspension of S.O.s. Mr. Lynch proposed his motion, Mr. Collins speaking to the motion suggested that a copy of the motion be sent to Mr. Forbes. To this all speakers assented. Mr. O'Higgins seconded the Motion — there were no speakers for the negative. The Motion was carried with one exception.

At Question Time, ~~Mr. O'Higgins~~ the Hon. Corr. Sec. & Hon. Rec. Sec. were asked as to their respective compliance with R. 25, & 22.

RE. MEMBERSHIP.
OF MR. O'HIGGINS.

BOOKS FROM
TADGH FORBES, B.L.

VOTE OF THANKS.

There were also questions as to the increased price of tickets for the Annual Dance, & as to the reason for the shortened hours of dancing thereat. The Auditor answered these questions. As the chairman for Public Debate had now arrived, Mr. Lynch proposed, Mr. O'Shea seconding, "that the visiting chairman do now take the Chair." This motion was

carried unanimously & Mr. Mac Fionnghaigh, B.K. took the chair for Irish Debate. "Sé an rún a réir an nua "Is é ceart talim deicre a ngllead' cun leat na tionscalar a seayais, do tabairt higeay n' d'ubairt, higeay n' fagan, Mac Eagan, Ó Scora, Ó h-Áoda, D'Cosleay, Ó h-Uíghy. SR an rún. Tabairt Eilip n' Murbatt, P.O. Suleaigay, Mac Dulamze y Ó Lompaig n' a'foid an rún. Do glacad' leat an rún. Mol Mical Mac Eagan y d'ingal Ó h-Áoda Rún t'ubairt. Do tug' an coispeleai ó roid uoí.

On Question time being resumed, a question was asked re - Mr. Egan's Election Petition for Auditorship, & as to whether the President had replied in writing to the Society. The Hon. Cor. Sec. said he would have the President's letter with him at the next meeting of the Society.

Mr. Egan proposed, J. Scott seconding that S.O.s be suspended to introduce the motion "that Mr. Kelly be no longer heard". The motion was to suspend S.O.s was lost.

During the meeting Mr. O'Higgins gave notice of the following motion, for Mon. 28th Nov. 38. "That the members of this Society express their most emphatic disapproval of the action of the Auditor in refusing to comply with the S.O.s of this Society, and in refusing to submit to a motion passed by members of this Society while forcing the members of the Society to submit to the terms of the motion; & that we also disapprove of the action of the members of the Committee in supporting the Auditor's action." (Proposer M.J. O'Higgins. Secunder. C.S. Kelly).

It was now found that there was not a quorum present & the Auditor accordingly adjourned the meeting.

IRISH DEBATE

FOR: Agnew Mr Mahat

NOTICE OF MOTION

TERMINATION

A James Hume (Auditor) 28/11/38

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An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 28th Nov. 1938. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and signed with three ⁽³⁾ alterations. No new members were proposed.

MOTION ON NOTICE.
There was one Motion on Notice, proposed by Mr. M. J. Higgins, seconded by Mr. C. S. Kelly, viz. "That the members of this Society express their most emphatic disapproval of the action of the Auditor in refusing to comply with the Standing Orders of this Society, and in refusing to submit to a motion passed by members of this Society, while forcing members of the Society to submit to the terms of the motion; and that we also disapprove of the action of the members of the Committee in supporting the Auditor's action". The motion, proposed by M. J. Higgins, seconded by C. S. Kelly, was supported by Messrs. J. Maher & Harry Boyd. The motion was opposed by the following; - Messrs. B. J. Lynch, K. P. Wallace, G. L. Collins, P. J. Nutley, B. P. O'Byrne, The Auditor, Miss E. M^{rs} Mullen & Mr. D. J. Lynch. Mr. M. J. Higgins replied. The motion was then put, Miss Fagan, & Mr. O'Reilly being appointed Tellers. The motion was lost, Four votes being cast for the affirmative, and Eight for the negative. The Committee did not vote.

ORATORY DEBATE.
Mr. Collins proposed & Mr. Lynch seconded the motion, "that the visiting Chairman do now take the Chair". On the motion being carried, Mr. Durkin, Barrister-at-Law took the Chair for Oratory Debate, the ~~sub~~ motion being; - "That the Parliamentary System of Government is incompatible with modern needs." The following spoke for the motion; - Miss E. M^{rs} Mullen and Messrs. Dowling, Boyd, Wallace, Dudley, Lynch & O. K. Doda. The motion was opposed by Miss ~~Fagan~~ Hyland & Messrs. B. J. Lynch, Higgins, O'Sullivan, O'Byrne, the Auditor, Kelly, and Nutley. On a Division the Motion was lost, 7 voting for the Motion, and 10, against. ^{The Chairman then "summed-up".} A vote of Thanks, proposed by Mr. D. J. Lynch.

VOTE OF THANKS.

and seconded by Mr. B. J. Lynch, was passed with acclamation, the Auditor associating himself with the vote of thanks. Mr. Durkin briefly replied.

On "Question-Time" being declared open, Mr. Kelly asked the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Nutley, for accurate information as to the date on which he (Mr. Kelly) had been elected a member of this Society. In reply, Mr. Nutley said that the Treasurer's Roll Book was in the temporary possession of the Hon. Correspondence Secretary, who was not at the moment present. The Treasurer also answered a question of Mr. Wallace re - the present ~~state of~~ Financial State of the Society. In reply to a question of Mr. Kelly, the Hon. Record Secretary said that he had complied with Rule 22, (of the Rules & S.O.s of the Society.) & he specified the day & the time when he had complied with said Rule.

It now became apparent that there was not a quorum present, and the meeting accordingly terminated.

A. Forrest Hummer
(Auditor)
5/12/38.

TERMINATION.

an ordinary meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Building Four Courts Dublin on Monday December the 5th. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. The Auditor made an ^{auditorial} ruling to the effect: "That members of the Committee may vote on all motions which are not specifically mentioned ^{in the motion} as votes of censure." The minutes were then signed. Mr Kelly informed the house that Mr Tigue Forbes B.L. wished to thank the house for their kind letter concerning his presentation ~~too~~ to two members of the Society. Mr Lynch read the Presidents reply to Mr Egan's appeal to have a new auditorial election. The Auditor recommended that the rules as regard the receiving of votes for the election of officers be amended. Mr Kelly & Mr Higgins said that the result of the appeal should have been placed on the Society's notice Board and that Mr Lynch the obviously guilty person should be censured by the Auditor. Mr Crotty proposed and Mr Nutley seconded the motion "That the visiting chairman do now take the chair. This was passed. Before vacating the chair the Auditor apologized for his having to leave and appointed Mr Lynch deputy Auditor. Mr Clancy ^{B.L.} then took the chair for legal debate. The motion was "That Pickard v. Smith was rightly decided". The following members spoke for the motion Messrs Hyland Messrs Crotty Lynch and Wallace

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and against Messrs Higgins and ^{2.} Lynch. Owing to the fact that Mr Crotty was absent the chairman called on Mr. Higgins to reply Mr Higgins did so. Mr. Clancy then spoke on the motion. The motion was put and carried by 4 votes to 3. Mr. Lynch then took the chair and called on Mr. Collins to propose a vote of thanks. This was seconded by Mr. Wallace. The Deputy Auditor associated himself with it. Mr. Clancy replied. Owing to the fact that there was no quorum the meeting then terminated.

A. Foster Hursey
(Auditor)
12/12/38

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday the 12th Dec. 1938. The Auditor presided. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and signed without alteration. There were no proposals for new members; ^{nor} neither were there any "motions on notice". There was no Correspondence.

Mr. Egan, Chairman of the sub-Committee appointed by ~~the~~ ~~the~~ authority of the Auditor, dated 8th Dec. 1938, presented his report. The Report was marked "Read" by the Auditor; general discussion of the Report followed in which Messrs. Kelly, Higgins, Egan, Dudley, Wallace, Nutley & the Auditor took part.

Mr. Higgins proposed, Mr. Wallace seconding "That S.O. be suspended in order to introduce the following motion: - 'That we are of the opinion that the Auditor should set up a sub-Committee to enquire into the possibility of increasing the active membership of the Society.' On

VOTE OF THANKS.

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ITTEE

HIGGINS
NOTION.

the motion to suspend S.O.s being carried, Mr. Higgins proposed the motion, Mr. Wallace formally seconded reserving his right to speak 'till later under S.O. 17 (of the Rules & S.O.s of the Society). The following spoke for the motion; Messrs. G. L. Collins & C. S. Kelly. The motion was opposed by Messrs. A. J. Dudley & M. J. Egan. Mr. Higgins (proposer) replied. On being put to the House, the motion was carried unanimously. In order to implement this motion, the Auditor (in writing) appointed a sub-committee consisting of the following; - The Auditor (Chairman) Mr. M. J. Higgins (Secretary) & Messrs. K. Wallace, C. Kelly, & M. Egan. Such sub-committee to have ^{free} access to all relevant records of the Society, and to furnish a Report to the Society not later than the second meeting of the Hilary Term.

APPOINTMENT OF
SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR ABOVE MOTION

Mr. Kelly proposed, Mr. Collins seconding, "That the visiting Chairman do now take the Chair". This motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Mooney, Barrister-at-Law, then took the Chair for Impromptu Debate, in which the following participated; - Miss Hyland, The Auditor, and Messrs. A. Dudley, K. Wallace, P. Nutley, M. J. Higgins, C. Kelly, G. Collins, B. P. Byrne, R. O'Connor, M. Egan, L. Boyd, P. O'Sullivan and D. J. Lynch. The Chairman then addressed the House. A vote of Thanks to the visiting Chairman was proposed by Mr. B. P. Byrne, & seconded by Mr. M. J. Higgins the Auditor associating himself with the motion which was carried unanimously. Mr. Mooney replied.

IMPROMPTU DEBATE

VOTE OF THANKS

MOTION OF
CONGRATULATION

Mr. Kelly proposed & Mr. Higgins seconded, "That S.O.s be suspended in order to introduce the following motion, 'That this House congratulates the Auditor & his Committee on the success of the Annual Dance'. On S.O.s being suspended, Mr. Kelly proposed his motion, 'That

Higgins seconding. The motion was supported by Mr. Egan, Messrs. Wallace & D.J. Lynch offered the motion. ^{Mr. Kelly replied} On being put to the House the motion was carried, ~~two members dissenting~~. As it was now 11 o'clock, the meeting, under R. 71 (of the Rules & S.O. of the Society), terminated. The meeting actually continued until sometime after eleven.

A. Joseph Hursey

Auditor

16/1/1939

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 16 Jan. '39. The Auditor presided. The minutes ^{the} of previous meeting were read, & signed with two alterations. The following two new members were proposed, seconded, & declared Elected. There were no motions on Notice. A letter was read from the Solrs. Apprentices' Debating Socy. of Northern Ireland, inviting this Socy. to send a team of four members to Belfast to partake in an Inter. Debate. Such inter-debates would be held on 26 Jan. 39. The Auditor announced that elections for the membership of this team wd. be held ~~was~~ later in the night. The members would also have to vote for one of three motions on wh. they wd. prefer to debate when at Belfast.

The following were proposed for membership of said Inter-Debate team; Miss. Mc Mullen, and Messrs. Egan Kelly, O'Byrne, Duddy, Dowling, Nutley, B.J. Lynch, Wallace, and Higgins. Voters were instructed to vote also for the ~~motion~~ motion, which they most desired. ~~Messrs~~

~~were appointed Tellers.~~ On Question Time being declared open Mr. Egan asked ~~some~~ whether or not the Auditor would re-read the report which he (Mr. Egan) had presented at the

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BELFAST-INTER-

-DEBATE.

QUESTION-TIME.

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last meeting (12-Dec-38). Mr. Higgins objected to this proposal, & suggested that Mr. Egan shd. have brought the matter up by means of an ^{ordinary} motion on notice. Mr. Egan withdrew, & Mr. Reilly seconded, that S.O.s be suspended in order to introduce the motion "That the Report regarding the Society's Colours be re-read". On S.O.s being suspended Messrs. Egan & Reilly ~~pro~~, respectively, proposed & seconded the motion which was supported by Mr. B.J. Lynch. The motion was opposed by Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Higgins proposed that Amendment (seconded by Mr. Kelly), viz. "That in the event of this motion being passed, the terms of the Report be acted upon by the Committee". Mr. Reilly opposed the Amendment, which was declared Carried. Mr. Egan replied to the original motion as now amended.

The Auditor having refused further discussion on the motion

The motion as amended was then put, "That the Report regarding the Society's Colours be re-read & that in the event of this motion (i.e. the original) being passed; the terms of the Report be acted upon by the Committee". Messrs. Kelly & Lynch were appointed Tellers. The motion (as amended) was carried, 16, For, and 5, Aest.

The Auditor then read the Report above ~~referred~~ referred to. Mr. Kelly then asked the Auditor whether he would instruct the Hon. Record Sec. to include the following in the minutes. Mr. Kelly said that Notice of elections for membership of an

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debate-team shd. be given to members of the Society under one of the Rules of the Society (wh. rule he was at the moment not able to cite.). He (Mr. Kelly) realized that it wd. have been practically impossible for the Committee to have given such notice. At this point Mr. Edward Healy was, after due warning, suspended for non-compliance with the Auditor's orders.

The Election Result was declared to be as follows; Messrs. C.S. Kelly, M.J. Egan, & M.J. Higgins (substitute Mr. P.J. Nutley) The Auditor being "ex officio" leader of the Society's Representatives. The motion chosen being "That Trades Unions are opposed to the Public Interest."

TEAM. FOR.

INTER-DEBATE

The Auditor then called on Mr. V. Hogan, Barrister-at-Law to take the Chair, for Oratory Debate, the Subject being "That Neutrality must be Ireland's best Foreign Policy". The following spoke for the Motion;— Misses. A. Hyland, L. Fagin, The Auditor, & Messrs. O'Reilly, B. Mac Closkey, W. A. Crowley, D. M. Dowling. The motion was moved by Messrs. Kennedy, Kelly, B. J. Lynch, Dudley, Reilly, E. Healy (whose suspension was raised by the Auditor) D. Lynch, L. Boyd, O'Sullivan, B. O'Byrne, & P. Rutley. The Chairman declared the motion lost, & gave a short address relevant to the motion. A vote of Thanks, proposed by Mr. D. M. Dowling & seconded by Mr. B. P. O'Byrne & acclaimed by the Auditor, was carried unanimously. Mr. V. Hogan Barrister-at-Law, Replied. The Auditor then adjourned the Meeting, which accordingly terminated. During the evening a motion was proposed by Mr. Egan which was rejected by the Auditor under S. O. 15.

A. Forrest Hussey
Auditor
23/1/1939.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solro's Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 23rd Jan. '39. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and signed with several alterations. There were no proposals for new members, nor ~~was~~ ^{were} there any motions on notice. The Auditor then announced that the final date for the payment of subscriptions would be extended to a fortnight from the date of the present meeting, i.e. till Feb. 6th 1939. The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Auditor on Mon. 12 Dec. 1938. was read by the Secretary of the Sub-Committee, Mr. M. J. Higgins. The following spoke on the Report:—

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SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT.

Messrs. B. J. Lynch, T. Fitzpatrick, A. Dudley, M. J. Higgins, P. Nutley and C. S. Kelly. Messrs. B. J. Lynch and T. Fitzpatrick proposed and seconded respectively, "That Standing Orders be suspended in order that the House go into Committee in order to consider the sub-Committee's Report." The Auditor at first rejected the Motion, but on representations being made to him by Mr. Higgins, he (the Auditor) finally agreed to accept the motion. The Motion was then put, Messrs. M. J. Egan, & D. J. Lynch being appointed Tellers. The motion was carried, nine (9) For. & eight (8) Against.

Messrs. B. J. Lynch & T. Fitzpatrick, proposed & seconded "that the Chairman do now take the Chair for Public Debate, and that that the House go into Committee immediately after the close of Public Debate." This motion was declared Carried. The accuracy of this statement was not challenged.

Mr. T. F. O'Higgins, Barrister-at-Law, then took the Chair for Legal Debate, the subject being; - "That Redgrave v. Hurd, was rightly decided." The following supported the motion: - Miss. Ada Hyland, & Messrs. B. P. O'Byrne, T. Fitzpatrick and K. Wallace. The Motion was opposed by; ~~mess~~ The Auditor and Messrs. D. Dawling, A. Dudley, D. J. Lynch, and M. J. Egan. On a division, 8 votes were cast for the Motion, & 8 votes were cast against the Motion, The Chairman, thereupon, gave his casting vote against the motion, which was accordingly lost. Mr. O'Higgins then spoke briefly to the motion. The

Auditor associated himself with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman proposed & seconded by Messrs. P. J. Nutley, and G. L. Collins, The Vote of Thanks was carried unanimously. Mr. O'Higgins ~~then~~ replied. The Auditor then announced

that Mr. G. L. Collins had resigned from the Committee, & that there would therefore be an election to elect one member of the House to fill the vacancy on the Committee. At first it was intended to accept ~~the~~ nominations for the vacancy during the meeting, but it was finally decided that

HOUSE GO INTO
COMMITTEE

The Auditor
declared everyone
& be nominated
for the position
of Chairman
of the House
& as then
elected.
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LEGAL DEBATE

VOTE OF THANKS

COMMITTEE
RESIGNATION

Nominations would take place at the next meeting of the Society.

The following were proposed & seconded for the office of "Chairman of the House in Committee": - The Auditor, & Messrs. Nutty, Egan & Fitzpatrick. Mr. Fitzpatrick was elected Chairman of the House in Committee. Mr. M. J. Higgins objected to the seconded of the motion (which expressed that the House go into Committee) being Chairman of the House in Committee. Mr. Fitzpatrick (the Chairman) refused to accept this objection. Messrs. B. J. Lynch and T. J. Reilly, proposed & seconded respectively, "that the sub-Committee's report be rejected." This motion was opposed by Mr. M. J. Higgins. The Chairman spoke against the motion. The motion on being put to the House was lost, 2 votes being cast For the Motion, & 4 votes being cast against. The House then went out of Committee & the meeting adjourned.

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A. Forrest Hursley
Auditor

30/1/1939.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon., 30th Jan., 1939. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, & were signed with two alterations. Mr. M. J. Higgins objected to a decision of the Auditor made at the previous meeting (23rd Jan. '38) on the grounds that it was unconstitutional. The Auditor declared that Mr. Higgins' objection hardly arose out of the Minutes of such motion. Mr. Higgins asked the Auditor to instruct the Hon. Record Secretary to record his (Mr. Higgins) objection in the Minutes. Mr. James J. Byrne, was proposed & seconded for

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standing orders having been suspended & altered as to be done at particular points.

membership of the Society, he was declared elected. There were no nominations on notice. The House, thereupon, proceeded to elect a Member to the Committee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. G. K. Collins. Of all those nominated, all withdrew with the exception of Mr. D. J. Lynch. Mr. D. J. Lynch was therefore declared elected. Messrs. K. P. Wallace & M. J. Higgins respectively proposed & seconded; - "That S.O. be suspended in order to introduce the following motion, ~~to wit~~, 'That we desire that the Tables for the proletarian should be moved nearer to the Auditorial Chair'.."

Election of Mr. D. J. Lynch to COMMITTEE

The motion to suspend S.O. was ^{declared} carried; Mr. Wallace thereupon, proposed the Motion, Mr. Higgins seconding. The following spoke against the Motion; - Messrs. B. J. Lynch, A. Dudley, & C. S. Kelly. Mr. Wallace replied. The motion on being put to the House was declared carried (by a large majority). The Auditor & Mr. D. J. Lynch (who had taken his seat on the Committee) then moved the Tables "nearer to the Auditorial Chair".

IM PROMPTU DEBATE

The Auditor called on Mr. Timothy O'Hannrahan, solv. to take the Chair for Impromptu Debate, in which the following members participated; The Auditor, and the Misses. A. Hyland & Doory & Messrs. B. P. O'Byrne, M. J. Higgins, D. J. Lynch, James J. Byrne, P. J. Kelly, A. J. Dudley, M. J. Egan, C. S. Kelly, Crowley, B. J. Lynch, P. P. O'Sullivan, L. Boyd, K. P. Wallace, T. J. Reilly, and G. K. Collins. The Chairman then addressed the House,

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The ~~Chairman~~ Auditor associated himself with a vote of Thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mrs. B. J. Lynch, & seconded by Mr. B. P. O'Byrne, & which, on being put to the House, was passed with acclamation. Mr. T. O'Hannrahan briefly replied. Mr. Higgins proposed, Mr. Wallace seconding; "That S.O. be suspended in order to introduce the following motion 'That this Society censures Messrs. Dudley, Egan, & Kelly, & all other members present

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with the exception of Mr. M. J. Higgins & Mr. K. P. Wallace. The motion to suspend S.O., was carried unanimously - 6 Messrs. Higgins & Wallace proposed the motion. The motion was opposed by Messrs. A. Dudley, B. P. O'Syane, M. J. Egan, Q. S. Kelly & T. J. O'Reilly. Messrs. Wallace & Egan, then proposed & seconded "That the Motion be now put". Mr. Higgins said that the Auditor could not accept this motion until (Mr. Higgins) had exercised his right of Reply. The Auditor upheld Mr. Higgins' contention, & Mr. Higgins commenced his reply. Messrs. Wallace & Lynch proposed, "that Mr. Higgins be no longer heard." This motion was lost & Mr. Higgins resumed his reply. Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. Kelly seconded; - "That the motion be now put." Mr. Higgins (under S.O.)³⁶ objected to the Auditor's accepting this motion. The Auditor did not uphold this objection, & the motion was carried. The original motion was then put to the House, Messrs. C. S. Kelly & K. P. Wallace, being appointed Tellers. The Motion was declared lost (7) votes being cast Against ~~the~~ the motion; & 3 ~~Oppos.~~ ~~For~~ the motion. The Committee did not vote. The Hon. Record

Secretary then announced that he had received the following notice of motion to be moved at the next meeting of the Society; - "That in the absence of any definite information from the Auditor and Committee of this Society before Mon. Feb. 6th (1939.) of their intention to hold a hop before tent in the Society's Debating Room; we, the undersigned, give notice of our intention to move the following motion - that we censure the Committee. proposer; Kevin P. Wallace Second: - M. J. Higgins. The meeting then terminated. Notice of an inter. debate was given to take place on the 8th February.

Against

NOTICE OF MOTION

TERMINATION.

A. Jameson Hanney
Auditor
6/2/1939

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday, 6th February, 1939. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, & were finally signed with several alterations. There were no proposals for new members. At this point the Auditor announced that the Committee had decided further to extend the period provided for the payment of Society membership subscriptions.

Mr. M. J. Higgins objected to such extension. There were two Motions on Notice, one of which lapsed owing to the absence of Mr. K. P. Wallace, the proposer of said Motion. With reference to the content of the Motion standing in Mr. Wallace's name, the Auditor announced that it was the intention of the Committee to hold a "hop" (or informal Dance) in the Debating Room of the Society on Sat. Feb. 18th. Which "hop" would be free to members in

consideration of the discontinuance of Teas as from the present date. Mr. Kelly protested, because he said, teas had been suspended by the Committee without notice of such suspension being given to the House. Several other members objected to a "hop" being held on a Sat. night, saying that such night was inconvenient for ladies members of the Society. The advice of the Ladies present was requisitioned by the Auditor, & it was finally settled that ~~the~~ the ladies should report to the Auditor (as soon as possible) as to the adequacy or inadequacy of the proposed night. Mr. Egan then proposed a Motion on Notice, in the following terms:—"That this House is of the opinion that representations should be made to the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, to permit of the Ceremonial Induction into the Solrs. profession, of Apprentices who have passed their final Exam." In the absence of Mr. K. P. Wallace,

the motion was seconded by Mr. M. J. Higgins. The motion was supported by:— Messrs. B. P. Byrne, & A. J. Dudley. The motion was opposed by:— Messrs. C. S. Kelly & B. J. Lynch. Mr. Egan replied. On being put to the House, the motion was declared Carried. Messrs. E. Healy & T. Reilly, being Tellers. During the Evening the

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le: Mr. Kelly. had been successive Altercations between Messrs. Egan & Kelly. Mr. Egan suggested that ~~Mr. Kelly's name was~~, Mr. ~~St. John's~~ ~~name~~ ~~was~~. ~~Mr. Kelly~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~speaker~~ ~~later~~ ~~renamed~~ ~~as~~ ~~Mr. St. John's~~ ~~name~~ ~~was~~. Mr. Kelly strongly opposed these various designations & was ^{supported} ~~opposed~~ by Mr. B. J. Lynch. The Auditor announced that an election to choose

INTER-DEBATE. Representatives for the coming Inter-Debate, between Teams from The Law Student Debating Socy, The Law Socy. (U.C.D.), The Law Socy. (T.C.D.) & the S.A.D.S.I. Members were to vote for three names, being two speakers & one substitute. (The Auditor being ~~ex~~ ^{to be} ~~Officio~~, ~~Co~~ ~~Chairman~~ of the Team.) The motion to be discussed ^{to be} "That this House believes in a future for the British Empire." The following were proposed & secured for membership of said Team, Miss. Mc Mullen & Messrs. C.S. Kelly, A.J. Dudley, B.P. O'Byrne & P.J. Nutley. On the Vote by Ballot the following were elected; - Messrs. B.P. O'Byrne, P.J. Nutley & Miss. E. Mc Mullen (as substitute). Mr. A.J. Dudley proposed, Mr. M.J. Higgins, seconding; - That S.O.s be suspended in order to introduce the following motion, - "That, We the members of the S.A.D.S.I. call on the Committee of said Socy. to call in the Debate Fixture Card, and Amend them by striking out the name of Mr. G. L. Collins on front pages of said Cards, & correct same by interlining in Red Ink, the name of Mr. D.J. Lynch, & secondly they the said Committee do rectify the Dates, by putting in Red Ink the correct Dates of Each Monday, or, alternatively, that they print new fixture Cards wh. wd. correct these serious mistakes, & that we feel greatly disturbed that these aforesaid mistakes passed unnoticed by the Committee & that the wrong Debates may be the cause of the bad attendance wh. has had the serious attention of the Socy. for so long; & we wish to censure the Committee on said grounds." The motion to suspend S.O.s. was defeated, 7. For. & 8. A'gt. The Committee voting. Mr. Higgins objected to the Committee voting, & the Auditor referred him to an Auditorial Ruling made on Nov. 5th Dec. 1938. Messrs. Egan & Hughes, proposed "that the House proceed to Public Debate." The Auditor announced that the House wd. have to elect a Ch. man, for Public Debate. The following were nominated, Miss. Doon & Messrs Egan, Healy, & B.J. Lynch. Miss. Mc Mullen & Mr. D.J. Lynch were tellers. Mr. M.J. Egan was declared elected Ch. man. The Auditor then called on Mr. Egan to take the Chair for Irish Debate.

TEAM.

Mr. Dudley's
MOTION.

IRISH-DEBATE

Se ar ruy a bi ann ga "Jo nybaryann saoiar bay luyanduallic". Do
Zabarr, O'Crowley, D. Dulany, ~~W. H. H. H.~~, E. Healy, D. O'h-Adair,
D. O'Lomney, C. O'Callaghan y M. Mac Eoghan, ar son an ruy. Do
Zabarr, byrann O'Callaghan, Pagan, O' Dubairde y byrann Mac Mullin
y byrann A. H. H., T. O'Riordan, ^{B. O'Lomney} ~~W. H. H. H.~~ A. J. Dudley, y byrann an ruy. Do glacad' zarr
an ruy. Mol Carial O'Callaghan y E. Healy ruy Durdeacarr. Do iuy
an cariarthlac o'kard uoy. The Auditor then resumed the Chair.

Mr. M. J. Higgins proposed. Mr. T. Reilly seconding - "That we censure the
Committee for violating the Rules & S.O.s. of this Socy. & that we suspend S.O.s."
The motion to suspend S.O.s. was ~~put~~ carried ^{by 2 votes to 2.} & Messrs. Higgins &
Reilly proposed & seconded (respectively) the motion. The Auditor
was now advised that there was no Quorum present, & the
meeting accordingly terminated. It was further pointed
out that at the previous meeting when the House
went into Committee this procedure was invalid
as the proper majority had not been obtained.

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A. J. Dudley
(Auditor)
13/2/1938

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An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in Colm. Buckley's,
Four Courts, Dublin, on Mon. 13. Feb. '39. The Auditor presided. The Minutes
of the previous meeting were read; & were finally signed with two alterations.
There were no proposals for new members nor were there any "motions on
notice" Mr. Kelly then raised discussion with reference to the

RE:- KING'S
IRISH, U.C.D.
T.C.D. & S.A.D.S.
Debate.

Inter-Debate which was to have taken place last Wednesday (8. Feb. '39).
Mr. Kelly stated that this Debate had lapsed & that notice of its postponement
had not been given to all one member of our team. (Mr. P. L. Nuttley)
Mr. Nuttley, continued. Mr. Kelly, had been put to great inconvenience
& distress of mind by reason of the Debate's not taking place. Mr. Kelly
suggested that, The Auditor or the Secretaries of this Society should have
given notice to Mr. Nuttley that the Debate was off. The Auditor & the Hon.
Rural Secretary, & the Hon. Corr. Secretary, in explaining their respective
positions in the matter stated that they had received information
as to the postponement of the Inter-Debate from ~~the~~ now -
official sources. That all members of our team would

(they were informed) receive official notification from the Auditor & Committee of King's Inns Law Students Debating Society. They (the Auditor & Secretaries of this Society) deeply sympathised with Mr. Nuttley on the manner in which he had been treated. Messrs. Kelly & Nuttley, said that they exonerated the Auditor & Committee of this Society from any blame in the matter. They both, however, joined in strongly condemning the Law Students Debating Society (of King's Inns) for the latter's undertaking obligations which they were not able to perform, & for their not giving due & proper notice of their said inability to discharge duties which they had voluntarily assumed. Both Mr. Nuttley & Mr. Kelly suggested that we should ~~postpone~~ "call-off" the Inter-Debate which we had intended to hold with the said Society. Mr. M. J. Higgins & Mr. Cotty ^{also} took part in this discussion. The following motion proposed by Mr. T. J. Cotty & seconded by Mr. B. J. Lynch, was passed unanimously, viz:—"That this meeting do observe a period of one minute's silence as a mark of the sympathy of the Society on the death of His Holiness Pope Pius XI & that notice of the passing of this motion be sent to His Excellency the Papal Nuncio." The House stood in silence for a period of one minute. Mr. B. J. Lynch proposed, Mr. B. P. O'Byrne seconding, that the visiting Chairman do now take the Chair. The motion was declared carried & Mr. P. Sheehan, Barrister-at-Law, then took the Chair for Oratory Debate, the Motion being—"That this House requests the Repeal of the 'Legal Practitioners' (Qualification) Ireland, Act 1929 (No. 16. of 1929.)". The motion was supported by: Messrs. B. J. Lynch, B. P. O'Byrne, M. J. Higgins, Liam Boyd, A. J. Dudley, P. J. Nuttley & the Auditor. The Motion was opposed by: Messrs. D. M. Dowling, D. J. Lynch, C. S. Kelly, M. J. Egan, P. P. O'Sullivan, P. J. Kelly, W. Crowley & G. L. Collins. The Chairman then summoned up Mr. M. J. Egan proposed a

DEATH OF
H.H. THE POPE.

ORATORY DEBATE

VOTE OF THANKS

TERMINATION

Vote of Thanks (in Irish) to the Ch. man, & was seconded by Mr. D. M. Dowling also in Irish. Under rule 71 (of the Rules & So.S of the Society) the meeting terminated at eleven o'clock. The Meeting actually continued until after eleven.

Mr Kelly objected to the sentence in the last minutes viz.
"Mr Egan suggested that Mr Kelly's name was Mr Chas.
"Mug" Kelly which one speaker later rendered as Mr Chas.
"Bugs" Kelly. Mr Kelly.... Mr Lynch" This was then
deleted.

A. Forrest Hussey
(Auditor)

20/2/1939.

Minutes

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in
the Solicitors' Bluff Town Courts Dublin on
Monday 20th Feb 1939 the auditor presiding.
The minutes of the previous meeting
were read. Mr C. S. Kelly raised several
objections. arising out of one of these
objections the auditor made a correction
in the minutes which were then signed
by the auditor. There were no proposals
for the election of new members. There
was one motion on notice which was as
follows "That this house requests a
deputation of two members to be sent to
the minister of justice to request him to
provide seating accommodation in the body
of the court for Solicitors' appearances
in the High Court & in Green St. proposed
by Mr B. J. Lynch, seconded by Mr Daniel
Lynch in the absence of Mr B. P. O'Byrne.
The following opposed the motion - Messrs
M. J. Higgins, D. M. Dawling & C. S. Kelly.
The motion was then put and lost
by 8 votes to 4, Mr J. Higgins & Miss
McMullen acting as tellers.

Motion on Notice

Vote of Congratulation

Mr. C. S. Kelly then proposed the following
motion which was seconded by B. J. Lynch

That this house congratulate the auditor
& committee on the excellence of the hop
held in the Council Chamber, Scots
Bldg last Saturday night. The
following spoke ~~in favor of the motion~~ ^{for the motion} Messrs
Kelly & Mullett, Mr. M. J. O'Higgins opposing
it on the grounds that the committee
were, in the words of Mr Dan Lynch,
merely doing what they had been
elected to do & therefore not entitled
to the vote of congratulation. Arising
out of a point of order raised by Mr
Mullett the auditor explained that if
any solicitor's apprentice who had
paid 2/6 for the hop it was to be
deducted from the 5/- membership fee
to the society, thereby leaving him liable
to only the extent of 2/6. The motion
was then read by the auditor. Whereupon
Mr O'Higgins objected on the grounds
that no hop had been held in the Council
Chamber. The auditor pointed out that Mr.
O'Higgins should have raised this objection
when the motion was originally proposed.
Mr O'Higgins continued to interrupt and until
the auditor ruled all further objections
out of order. The motion was then put Mr Dooly
& O'Connor acting as tellers. Arising out of
objection raised by Mr O'Higgins the
auditor ruled that the committee should be
allowed to vote. The motion was passed by
7 votes to 3. There were two items of
correspondence i.e. a letter from Mr Broughne
tendering his resignation to the from the

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the position of record secretary. The auditor declared that he had reluctantly had to accept this resignation. A letter was also read from Mr. B. England, Hon. Sec. of the King's Deb. Soc.

In this letter he tendered a full explanation of why the Inter-Debate which was to have taken place on Feb 8th 1939 had fallen through & also tendered his fullest apologies for the mistake of his letter.

Election of
Hon. Rec. Sec.

The House then proceeded to election of a record secretary to fill the vacancy caused by spontaneous resignation.

The following were proposed & seconded: Miss Dorely & Mrs. Kelly. The latter after some confused vacillation withdrew. An objection made by Mr. B. Lynch to Miss Dorely's eligibility was settled by Miss Dorely stating that she had complied with the rules.

Miss Dorely & Mrs. Kelly were appointed. Miss Dorely was declared elected.

Proposal from
chair.

The Auditor then pointed out that as there was no chairman for public debate that legal debate listed for that night could not proceed. He then proposed from the chair that an impromptu legal debate should be held under a member of the Society acting as chairman.

Mr. B. Lynch & D.H. Dowling objected & accordingly the auditor ruled that they should be allowed to speak on the original motion.

Election of
Chairman

On the election of a chairman the auditor acting as chairman.

At this point Mr. J. Higgins raised the point that the name of Mrs Charles Bugs ~~Hally~~ should be altered to Mrs Charles Julia Bug ~~Hally~~.

Mr. O'Higgins was then declared elected chairman & accordingly took the chair. The chairman then asked Mr. B. J. Lynch to collect the names for debate which he refused to do.

The chairman then informed Mr. Lynch that he treated his attitude as one tending to create disorder whereupon Mr.

Mr Lynch left the society hall.

Impromptu

Legal Debate

The debate then proceeded. The following

spoke. Messrs Dawling, Lynch, Higgins,
Hussey, Kelly, & Mullin, & Misses Hyland
Jagan & McNeill. At the conclusion

Mr Hussey returned the chair. On it
being pointed out that there was no

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quorum the auditor adjourned the meeting.

W J Forrest Hussey
Auditor
8/5/1939.

A ordinary meeting was held on Monday the 8th May. The Auditor presided. The previous minutes were read + signed. The Auditor made the following ruling "For the purpose of the Annual Election of Officers it is ^{only} necessary the following figures shall be substituted in the stated places instead of the figure herein mentioned. Rule 15 (2) 5 instead of 8 + 1 instead of 2. Rule 34 (2) 11 instead of 5. The motion on notice "Owing to the lack of interest support given to the Society by Scholars Apprentices that the house adjourn sine die" proposed by Mr. J. Higgins + seconded by C. S. Kelly lapsed for lack of the proposer. Nominations were accepted for the office of Auditor. The following were proposed Messrs Egan Dudley + Lynch. There were no proposals for Correspondence Secretary + the Auditor made a ruling that a member could be proposed ^{in absentia} subject to their signifying their assent to go forward. A proposal by Mr Lynch to publicly ~~burn~~ burn the rules book outside the Four Courts was not acceded to. Messrs Egan Nutley + ~~the~~ Kelly were proposed + seconded to take the chair for public debate. Mr. J. Egan was elected + the following spoke Messrs Kelly Lynch Crotty Hussey + Nutley. The Chairman then summed up. John Meagher + Tom Crotty were declared scrutineers for the election. The meeting then terminated.

A. J. Joseph Hussey.
(Auditor)

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SOLICITORS' APPRENTICE DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1938 - 39.

OFFICERS :-

AUDITOR - - - - Mr. M. J. Egan B.A.

HON. RECORD SECRETARY - Mr. P. J. Nutley

HON. CORR. SECRETARY - Mr. L. D. Boyd

HON. TREASURE Mr. D. M. Dowling

COMMITTEE :-

Miss L. Fagan B.A.

Miss A. Hyland B.A.

Mr. T. Reilly

Mr. A Forrest Hussey B.A. LL.B. (Ex Auditor - Ex Officio)

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY.

The closing Meeting of the 55th Session of the Society was held on the 5th May, 1939 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. Mr. A. Forrest Hussey, LL.B. presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Auditor read his report on the affairs of the Society during the Session. Mr. B. J. Lynch proposed and Mr. Nutley seconded that "the Auditors report be adopted". The report, after some minor criticism was declared carried. The Balance Sheet was read by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. P. J. Nutley. Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Lynch seconded "that the balance sheet be adopted". The Motion was carried without opposition.

The Auditor then declared the awards of prizes for the Session 1938-'39 to be as follows:-

ORATORY :

Society Silver Medal
and Certificate. Mr. P. J. Nutley.

Legal Debate :

Society's Silver Medal.....Mr. A. Forrest Hussey.

Impromptu Debate:

Society's Silver MedalMr. A. Forrest Hussey.
Special CertificateMr. M. J. O'Higgins.

Irish Debate:

Society's Silver MedalMiss S. Doorly.
and Certificate.

First Year Speeches.

Society's Silver Medal
and Certificate

..... Mr.P.P.O'Sullivan.

- A List of those who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by Hon.Corr.Sec. The result of the election of Officers and Committee for the Session 1939-40. was declared as follows.

Auditor	.....	Mr.M.J.Egan,B.A.
Hon.Record Sec.	.....	Mr.P.J.Nutley.
Hon.Corr.Sec.	.....	Mr.L.D.Boyd.
Hon.Treasurer	.....	Mr.D.M.Dowling.

Committee;-

- Miss L.Fagan,B.A.
- Miss A.Hyland,B.A.
- Mr.T.O'Reilly.
- Mr.A.Forrest Hussey,B.A.,LL.B.(Ex Auditor Ex Officio).

The new Auditor and Committee then entered into office. Mr.Egan, the in-coming Auditor congratulated the out-going Auditor and Committee on a very successful year of office. Mr.Hussey(Ex Auditor) welcomed the new Auditor and Committee and wished them complete success. Mr.Higgins proposed and Mr.Crotty seconded the following Motion "That it is the considered opinion of this Society that for the benefit of Apprentices who sincerely desire to obtain a satisfactory knowledge of Law and Practice during their term of service, the legal Practitioners' Qualification(Ireland)Act 1929 should be repealed. An amendment to this motion was proposed by Miss Betty Kelly which read "that the standard of the preliminary Irish examination be raised and that the second Irish examination be eliminated, except for those who afterwards wished to practise within the Gaeltacht to whom a Special certificate be awarded". After a long discussion the motion was carried by 12 votes to 2.

In accordance with Rule 71 of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society the Meeting terminated at eleven o'clock.

David J. Sullivan
President
85/10/39

The Inaugural meeting of the 56th session of the Society was held in the Sol's Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Wednesday the 25th October 1939. Mr Daniel J. Keilly President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland presided.

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The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed without alteration, the chairman distributed the awards for the session 1938-39 as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting.

Inaugural Address.

The chairman then called upon the Auditor Mr M. J. Egan B.A. to read his inaugural address on "The real cost of War". In the course of his paper he referred to the effects of the present war on Cattle & said that he must shatter the hopes of many persons who made immense profits during the last war & were anticipating similar profits in the near future. There was inflation then & the prices of Irish livestock were going up while actually from 1914 to 1918 the amount of their exports were going down. In the present war however the situation would be different for the British Government had gained useful experience from the last war. The amount of cattle exported would indubitably increase but their profits would be moderate for prices would not be left to the haggling of individual dealers but would be fixed by the British Ministry of Supply.

Most Rev Dr
Bronon
Bishop of
Galway.

The Auditor's paper was enthusiastically received by a large audience present. Most Rev Dr Bronon Bishop of Galway in proposing the resolution that the best thanks of the Society be given to the Auditor for his address and that it be printed at the expense of the Incorporated Law Society said that the full human cost of war included the loss of life, the lives of the fairest and best, the flower of a country's manhood, the loss of those who would be scientists, poets, inventors and Statesmen. Perhaps the most tragic cost of war was the moral degradation that it brought: the cruelty and bestiality, the hatred and lying, the lust & revenge that it let loose and what was worst about those losses was that they were irreparable.

Mr Justice
Bronon Maguire
President of
the High Court

Mr Justice Bronon Maguire President of the High Court seconding said that while he agreed with the Auditor as to the material losses caused by war, and with the Bishop of Galway as to the spiritual degradation following a war, he thought that it must be admitted that war brought out qualities in individuals, groups of individuals and nations that

were not given a chance to develop in times of peace.

The motion on being put to the house was passed unanimously
Mr. P. J. Rutledge Minister for Local Government proposed and Mr. James Fitzgerald-Kenny K.C. T.D. seconded the motion "That the Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society is worthy of the support of the Solicitors Apprentices of Ireland, the Council of the Incorporated Law Society and the Solicitors profession.

Mr. Rutledge said that we had had wars in this country but not in the times of the modern machines which made war so terrible to contemplate however the losses which we had suffered were incalculable also, - losses politically, culturally and socially. It was something to be able to say that out of those wars there had emerged for this part of this temporarily enforced-divided State that it was in a position to maintain its neutrality.

The second motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald-Kenny who said that this country could not sell their agricultural produce except to Great Britain and they could not carry on a great number of their industries unless they were able to import raw materials from Great Britain. It depended entirely on the manner in which that country used her position as to whether their farming industry would or would not thrive during the present war.

The second motion was also passed unanimously.

The Chairman in addressing the house pointed out the benefits he had in the Debating Society and urged most strongly that all apprentices who were in Dublin to join the Society and take an active part in its affairs. He also urged all those who had or were about to become qualified to join the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

Michael J. Ryan Auditor

Mr. P. J. Rutledge
Minister for
Local
Government

Mr. Fitzgerald-Kenny
K.C. T.D.

Mr. Daniel J. Reilly
President of the
I.L.S.I.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday the 30th October 1939. The auditor presided. ~~also~~ The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration. The House then proceeded to the election of new members. The following were proposed & seconded & declared elected: - Miss M. O'Med'raig Meiers, Liam Bellin, S. Murtagh, J. Doyle, B. J. Buckley, G. C. Stapleton, D. J. Bell, E. J. Dumin, K. P. M^cMorrow, B. Mac Closhly, Eugene Shine, J. B. Devane, J. V. Nolan, E. W. Hughes. There were no motions on notice and no correspondence. The auditor then declared question time open. Questions were asked re: The Annual Dance, the Standard of the Irish Exam, the Auditor's intention of wearing evening dress during the meetings of the Society.

In reply the Auditor informed the House that the Annual Dance would be held in the Grosvenor Hotel on Tuesday the 5th December 1939. As to the Irish Exam the auditor pointed out that it would be necessary to put the question in form of a motion & in the event of the motion being passed he would bring it before the notice of the I. S. & J. He also pointed out that it was his intention to wear evening dress at the Society meetings. In reply to a question from M^r O'Spina the auditor informed the House that the programmes had not as yet been printed but that it was hoped to have them at the next meeting. The following motion was proposed by the auditor and when put to the house it was passed unanimously:

"That this Society thanks the president and Sec of U.C.D. for their generosity in supplying a platform for the Inaugural meeting. The Auditor then announced that it was his intention to propose two Honorary under the Rules of the Society. The proposed members were: M^r Justice Bonor Maguire, President of the High Court and M^r P. J. Kettlebridge, Minister for Local Government. The motion was seconded by P. J. Kettlebridge.

As the chairman for public debate M^r Kettlebridge proposed and M^r O'Spina seconded that the chairman take the chair for Oratory debate on putting the motion to the House it was carried unanimously.

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M^r J. J. Ducean B.L. then the chair the subject being "The continuance of the war is not justifiable. The following members spoke for the motion Miss O'Huadraig messrs D. M. Darling. J. O'Reilly P. O'Sullivan, Healy J. Mustagh. Against the motion ~~to~~ Miss W. Hyland messrs A. Dudley B. O'Byrne, D. J. Buckley, P. J. Nutley B. Mac Clokey, the Auditor. The chairman on putting the motion to the house declared it carried. The Auditor then called upon M^r B. P. O'Byrne to proposed a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman which was seconded by Miss M. Shoontan. The chairman replied & paid a high tribute to the High standard of debating which he said he had heard during the evening. As there was no further business the Auditor then closed the meeting.

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Michael J. Ryan
Auditor 6-11-39.

An ordinary general Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday, November 6, 1939. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed, without alteration.

The House then proceeded to elect new members. The following were proposed, seconded & declared elected:- M. F. Nolan, R. J. Porter, J. F. Scott, R. Cunnihan, W. J. Walsh, J. G. Miss Neilan, Miss Brennan, Louis Nolan, P. A. Roche, D. Fanning, N. Prouid. ~~The Hon.~~

(The Hon. Corr. Sec. read letters from the Dublin University Metaphysical Society, one regretting their inability to have been present at the Inaugural, the other inviting the Auditor & Committee to their opening meeting; from the D. U. Law Society inviting the Auditor & Committee to their opening meeting; from the Irish Institute of International Affairs announcing that the opening meeting of their session was open to visitors. The Auditor, on being questioned, pointed out that the first two invitations were not addressed to the ordinary members of the Society, but that any member of the Society was entitled to present himself at the Irish Institute of International Affairs.)

Mr. B. O'Byrne asked what steps had already been taken with regard to the purchase of Society ties. The auditor said that as Mr. O'Byrne had been appointed to act as tie-getter for the Society, it behooved him to tell the members of his

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efforts in the matter. Mr. O'Byrne reluctantly and at some length complied.

SUSPENSION
of
MEMBER

At this point, the Hon. Rec. Rec., Mr. Nutley, the shortage of copies of the Society's Constitution coming up for discussion, asked the Auditor would it not have been better to expend money ^{on} the purchase of Constitutions, rather than on the "ribbon he was wearing round his neck?" The Auditor asked Mr. Nutley to withdraw the previous remark. Mr. Nutley said he would not. The Auditor thereupon announced that he would suspend Mr. Nutley if the remark was not withdrawn. Mr. Nutley was adamant, was suspended and in less than no time, was sitting sheepishly at the back of the hall.

Reason for Suspension.

The Auditor, in reply to Mr. B. O'Byrne, stated that he had suspended Mr. Nutley for pursuing useless questions which had already been fully discussed at the last meeting.

MOTION

Mr. B. O'Byrne then proposed the suspension of S. O.s in order to introduce the following motion:—"That a sub-committee consisting of the Auditor + 3 other members ~~of the Amn~~ be appointed to attend on the Minister for Justice with a view to obtaining special accomodation in the Criminal Courts at Green Street, for the members of the S. A.s. body, who heretofore have found it very difficult to obtain admittance to the said Courts; and since the Courts at Green St. offer many opportunities for Apprentices to learn the Law of Evidence & Procedure, it is of great importance that such facilities should

should be extended to S. As." This motion was seconded by Mr. A. J. Dudley & was carried. Messrs O'Byrne & Dudley spoke to the motion. There were no other speakers. On being put to the House, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dowling proposed, Mr. Bryd seconding "that the visiting chairman do take the chair". This was passed unanimously. The Auditor then called on Mr. Desmond, B.D. to take the chair, for legal debate, the motion being "That Knell v Henry was rightly decided." The following spoke for the motion Messrs. B. O'Byrne, P. Devins, A. J. Dudley, S. Murtagh. Against:- P. O'Sullivan, B. McCloskey and D. M. Dowling. The Chairman summed up very clearly & concisely. He stated that if ~~they were~~ those who were ~~practising~~ speaking to-night, were now practising, the D. J.s would have a much simpler task.

A vote of thanks, ^{with} to which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr. Dudley & seconded by Mr. Louis Nolan.

On Question time being declared open, Mr. B. O'Byrne proposed the S. of S.O.s in order to propose the following motion "That this House censures in the strongest manner possible the arbitrary action of the Auditor in suspending the Hon. Rec. Sec of the Society without due & reasonable cause being shown, on the Rec. Sec's asking him (the Auditor) a question which naturally arose out of the business of the house". This was seconded by Mr. P. Devins. On S.O.s being suspended

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DEBATE

Vote of
Thanks.

MOTION.

Mr. O'Byrne said that, while not agreeing with Mr. Nutley's remark, he thought the Auditor was somewhat dictatorial. Mr. Devins suggested that the auditor was becoming rather like Mr. Hitler. Mr. Dudley was the sole speaker against the motion, which was defeated by 15 votes to 10. ^{Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Maher seconded a motion that the suspension of Mr. Nutley be raised. after flicking a coin the Auditor raised Mr. Nutley's suspension.}

TERMIN-
ATION.

There being no more business the Auditor declared the meeting closed.

Michael Deegan, Auditor.
8-XI-39.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday the 8th Nov 1939 in the Solicitors Building's Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The Auditor called upon Mr Boyd to read the minutes of the previous meeting whereupon Mr Kelly, with Rulebook in hand, objected to such an action being taken as it was contrary to the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society. The Auditor informed Mr Kelly that as Mr Boyd was responsible for the writing of the said minutes the Rec. Sec and ^{had} come to the arrangement that Mr Boyd would make justice to his own handwriting, Mr Kelly still protested very strongly; the Auditor nevertheless called upon Mr Boyd to read the minutes; which he did. Several questions to the minutes were asked: Mr Nutley asked why the acting Record Sec Mr Boyd had not included in the minutes the names of those who were proposed, seconded and declared elected members of the Society at the last meeting whereupon Mr Boyd on taking the minute book discovered that he had omitted ~~for some unknown reason~~ ^{was} to read the paragraph which contained the said names. The Auditor then read the relevant section. Mr Nutley also objected to the minutes on the ground that the proposal to raise his suspension and the Auditor's subsequent action in flicking a coin had not been recorded in the

The Auditor stopped Mr. Kelly from objecting to the minutes on the grounds that he was not present at the last meeting.

in the minutes the Auditor then ~~read~~ ^{noted} both objections in the minutes
He then proceeded to sign the minutes. Mr Nutty then
handed in a motion or notice which was recorded by Mr. B. Byrne which
read as follows:- I hereby give notice of motion in accordance with
Rule 41 of the rules and Standing Orders of the Society of my intention
to review at the next meeting of the Society the actions
of the Auditor from the time he took up office up to &
including 8/11/39. The Auditor then declared he would receive
nominations for the election of new members. The following
were proposed seconded and declared elected. Messrs. J. Joyce,
L. Walshe, P. T. Hegarty M. May & J. Casey. The Auditor then
called upon Mr Nutty to take his place at the committee table
in reply Mr Nutty informed the Auditor that in view of his (the Auditor's)
action at a previous meeting and as no apology appeared to be
forthcoming from the Auditor he refused to return to his office
as Rec Sec but tendered his resignation to the Auditor. The
Auditor in refusing to accept the resignation said he did so
on the grounds that the resignation was not in writing Mr
Nutty then asked the Auditor to quote the Rule in reply
the Auditor said he was unable to find the Rule. Mr Nutty
then protested saying that there was not in the rules & standing
orders of the Society a rule whereby a member of the committee
was bound to tender his resignation in writing. The arrival
of the visiting chairman was then announced. Mr Nutty proposed
and Mr Byrne seconded that the visiting chairman "Do
now take the chair". The motion was carried unanimously.
Mr. O'Keefe the visiting chairman then took the chair for
Impromptu debate. The following members taking part:-
Messrs O'Keefe, Hyland, Fagan, Brennan, Borog, Morris
& Kelly Messrs S. Murtagh, R. Nolan, B. Byrne, C. Kelly,
P. O'Keefe E. J. Dumin & M. Morrow, W. Proud & J. Nutty
A. J. Dudley J. Stapleton P. P. Sullivan J. Sheehy & the
Auditor. Mr. O'Keefe is drumming up paid & Sgt

tribute to the standard of speaking he had heard during the course of the evening. The Auditor then called upon Mr. Kelly to propose & Mr. Dorman to second the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman on putting the vote to the house it was passed with acclamation. Mr. Shadock replied.

The Auditor then announced that an Inter debate was to be held with Belvedere at Belvedere college and that he would take nominations for the election of the team at next meeting. In reply to a question from Mr. Kelly the Auditor informed the house that he would take nominations of members who were unable to be present at the next meeting provided he had their written consent required and witnessed Mr. Kelly & sealed I suppose. The Auditor then informed the house that he had during the course of the public debate tented a document to Mr. Nutty for his signature in order to try and obtain by some means a written resignation from the Rec Sec. but he had to announce that Mr. Nutty had refused to sign the Egan clause unless he first received an apology. Whereupon contrary to all rules and standing orders of the Society the Auditor & his Rec Sec. entered into a discussion once more on a subject that had already wasted so much time. The Rec Sec still refusing to accept office. During this discussion Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded that standing orders be suspended in order to introduce the motion "that this house ~~pass a vote of confidence in the Rec Sec ^{Mr. Nutty} for all members in whom he has carried out his duties"~~ The Auditor refused to hear Mr. Kelly or to put the motion to the house. Mr. Kelly & Mr. O'Byrne pointed out that the Auditor was bound by the rules to put the motion but in spite of the rules the motion was not put.

The Auditor once again called upon the Rec Sec who in turn refused the Auditor's demands but declaring that he was prepared; in order to clear up an unusual situation to take up office if the Auditor gave him a straight answer to the follow question: Was the flipping of a coin by the Auditor as to whether he should recall the Rec Sec after the house had

refused

unanimously declared the raising of his suspension intend to be an insult. In reply the Auditor informed the Rec Sec that the flicking of the coin was never intended by him to be an insult. The Rec Sec (Mr. Nutt) I take your reply to be an apology & shall now return to the committee table. Mr. Kelly asked would not Mr. Nutt be responsible for the writing of the minutes. The Auditor - Yes. Mr. Kelly then moved the suspension of Standing orders to introduce a motion proposed by him & seconded by Wm. J. Walsh. The motion being "That the best thanks of this Society are due to Mr. Percell & Mr. Curran Junior and Senior lectured in the incorporated Law Society for their kindness in recommending this Society to Solicitor Apprentices in such generous terms and that a letter conveying this motion be sent to both lecturers by the Hon. Sec. The Auditor on putting the motion for its suspension of standing orders was passed unanimously. Mr. O'Byrne then proceed to address the House on his motion, Mr. Walsh also speaking there were other speakers to the motion & the Auditor speaking associated himself with both the proposer & seconder. The motion was carried unanimously. After some questions concerning the annual dance the Auditor declared the meeting adjourned.

Michael Egan Auditor.
B-XI-'39.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 13 November 1939 at the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin the Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous having been read read and signed with three alterations the Auditor declared the time for election of new members open. Mr. Fawcitt was proposed seconded and declared unanimously elected a member of the Society. The Borr. Sec read a letter from the Institute of International Affairs.

There was one motion on notice proposed by Mr. Nutty & seconded by Mr. O'Byrne this motion was withdrawn by the proposer with the consent of the seconder. Having declared general business the Auditor announced that he was prepared to take proposals nominations of members to form the team for the inter Debate with Belvedere College the following were proposed & seconded Messrs. O'Byrne, Nutty, O'Sullivan, Stapleton, Proud, McClancy and Hughes. Miss O'Mahony & Miss Kelly were nominated to act as scrutineers. The Auditor also announced that he had received a quotation for the printing of the Rules and standing orders of the Society the cost being £6. Question time was then declared open. Mr. Kelly asked if the Borr Sec had complied with rule 25 of the Rules and Standing orders of the Society to which the Auditor replied that he had. Mr. Kelly then asked why no notice was sent to the Inst. Law General. Both the Auditor and the Borr Sec replied to this question. Mr. O'Byrne asked if the Record Sec had complied with rule 22 of the rules & standing orders of the Society in replying to this question the Record Sec informed Mr. O'Byrne that he had not & further stated that he understood from ex Record Sec (including Mr. O'Byrne) that Mr. Kelly was not particularly anxious to read the minutes of the Society as it took up too much of his valuable time in conforming this contention. Mr. O'Byrne then asked the Auditor if he would consider calling an meeting with a view to revising the rules and ^{Auditor} standing of the Society before sending the existing ones to press the Borr Sec in reply that he would consider Mr. O'Byrne's suggestion. As the visiting chairman had already arrived Mr. Nutty proposed & Mr. Nutty seconded the visiting chairman do now take the chair.

After the motion had been passed by the house M. S. O'Mahony then took the chair for Irish debate the subject being. Zup Beagal don pobal an Fionn-zaedael. After addressing the house by the chairman the Auditor announced that the following had been elected to represent the Society at the inter debate:- The Auditor M. O'Byrne Nutty; Sullivan, Hughes and M. M. Clary as first sub. The public debate was then resumed.

Do labair na daoine seo leanas y bfabair an Ruin:- D. O'Donlaine, M. O'Byrne, Fagan M. Nolan K. P. M. Morrow 7 D. O'Harra Do labair na daoine seo leanas in azaid an Ruin Liam O'Connell J. Kelly, G. M. Doyle, D. Fanning E. W. Healy, P. O'Riordan O'Suilleabhain 7 M. O'Connell. The vote of thanks was proposed by M. Dowling & seconded by M. O'Connell the Auditor associating himself with the proposer & second M. O'Connell replied.

The Auditor then declared Question time open. M. Crotty asked if the Auditor had sought permission to use the notice of M. D. to display the card of his Society in reply the Auditor informed M. Crotty that he had obtained that permission. The Treasurer in reply to a question from M. Kelly said that the finances of the Society were very sound. In reply to a question from M. Crotty the Auditor informed the house that it was the duty of the Gas Society in Trinity College to hold the inter debate between the three Societies. In reply to M. Kelly the Auditor made it quite clear that he had on two occasions ratified the booking of the Graham Hotel for the 5th of December. M. Kelly then proposed the suspension of standing orders to introduce a motion on putting the motion to the house the Auditor declared it lost M. Kelly objected & called for a division He then introduced a further motion and after standing orders had been suspended the following motion was discussed. That this House considers that five cigarettes (or sweets) should be provided for members at meetings proposed by Charles S. Kelly seconded by Brendan O'Byrne the following also spoke for the motion Messrs Collins & Deavin against the motion. D. M. Dowling Boyd Nutty O'Connor. M. Kelly replied During his reply M. Boyd proposed the motion seconded that M. Kelly be no longer heard the Auditor owing to the irrelevancy of his speech the Auditor in reply said that we must allow M. Kelly some ~~minutes~~ time

There was a motion proposed by M. Kelly & seconded by M. Kelly but M. Kelly be no longer heard. It was passed.

Mr Kelly at
his point wished
to withdraw his
motion, but the
house assented

as he was sure he (Kelly) would eventually come to the point. Mr Kelly continued with his reply. The Auditor then spoke explaining to the house the occasion upon which cigarettes had been supplied. Mr Kelly then withdrew his motion. Mr Kelly still held the floor at 10.40 and was about to ask some further questions relevant to the report to be held on Friday the 25th inst when the Auditor closed the meeting through lack of a quorum.

Michael Egan Auditor
20-11-39.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 20th Nov 1939 at the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The meeting was convened to make amendments in the Rules of the Society. The following amendments were proposed from the chair and passed unanimously.

Rule 55 needs one minor alteration, the deletion of the word "thereupon". Rule 33 needs some alterations the deletion of the words "in the report" and "outstanding or due" and the insertion of the words "of the Society" and "due or outstanding".

Rule 76 needs one alteration the deletion of the "52nd Session 1935-36" and the insertion of "51st Session 1934-35."

Michael Egan Auditor.
15-1-40.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 25th Nov 1939 at the Solr Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed with two alterations. The hon Sec read a letter from Belvedere College re the Inter debate. He also read the report of the sub committee appointed by an authority of the Auditor dated the 6th Nov 1939 to approach the minister for Justice with a view to obtaining admittance to the criminal courts at Green Street and accommodation for solicitors apprentices therein. The following new members were proposed seconded and declared elected members of the Society Messrs. J. F. Power, James Byrne, Wm Dundon J. B. Adams, R. Hickley. Question time having been declared open the Auditor informed Mr Walsh that if the case of Tully v Fry was not reported in Hayes it would be found in some of the other text books. The Auditor also informed Mr Walsh that it was his intention to wear his chain of office at the Annual Dance. Mr O'Byrne objected to the Auditor and Mr Owen partaking in a private discussion during question time. In reply to Mr Healy the Auditor said that not later than February next the Record Sec would furnish to the Sec of the J. L. S. J. the title of the subject for composition and the title would then be made known to the members. In reply to Mr O'Byrne the Auditor said as yet there were no honory members but it was his intention to propose two members. Mr Justice Honour Maguire President of the High Court and Mr P. G. Rutledge Minister for Local Government were proposed and declared unanimously elected as honory members. As the visiting chairman had already arrived Mr Rully proposed Mr Nutly seconded "the chairman do now take the chair" on putting the motion to the house it was passed unanimously. Mr Boyd Solr + Vice President of the J. L. S. J. then took the chair for oratory debate the subject being "that censorship in any form is repugnant to freedom of speaking for the nation were Messrs. W. J. Walsh, John Kelly, G. C. Stapleton, P. P. Sullivan

W. P. Mc Morrow P. Devins - E. W. Healy P. Fanning, L. B. Nolan
A. J. Dudley Miss Sh Madhaiz. N. Proud, K. Dumin Miss.
A. Hyland; against the motion B. P. Byrne, D. A. Murtagh
J. Reilly, M. J. Nolan S. Bonnelly Miss B. Kelly J. B. Mc Dancy.
D. M. Dowling, L. D. Boyd R. O'Connor P. Hughes P. J. Nutley.
The Auditor. On putting the motion to the house it was lost
by 9 votes to 24 votes. The vote of thanks was proposed by
M. Bonnelly & seconded by M. P. P. Sullivan the Auditor
associating himself with the proposer and Seconder. The Chairman
Mr Boyd during his reply paid a very high tribute to the standard
of speaking he had heard during the course of the evening. The
meeting then terminated at 11.00.

Michael Egan Auditor

15-1-40.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 15th January 1940 at the Solros buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed unaltered. The Auditor then accepted Mr. Nutley's resignation from the position of Record Secretary to allow him time to prepare for a forthcoming Exam. The Auditor mentioned the Society's intention of holding a hiliary hilark "hop" on Friday the 26th January. After other announcements as to subscriptions and having torn himself from the subject of colour schemes & ties the Auditor declared question time open. Mr. Nutly congratulated the Auditor on having the Rules Book brought up to date and then proceeded to point out ^{alleged} inaccuracies in the innovations, with overwhelming references to new rules, old rules and the Minute book. Eventually in referring to the Minute book to verify one of his statements Mr. Nutley discovered his own ^{un}fallibility, apologised and resumed his seat. Questions were raised as to the Annual dance held last term. Mr. Walsh who had evidently had a rough time ^{of} the Freshair balcony, complained of the custom of reserving ground floor tables for celebrities who did not occupy them, while the balcony was overcrowded. Mr. O'Higgins B.L. then took the chair for legal debate the subject being that "Tolly v. Fry was rightly decided. The

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motion was supported by Messrs Nutley O'Bannon
Dawling, Murlagh, McMorris, Durwin &
Boyd. The motion was opposed by Mr.
O'Sullivan and Mr. Walsh. The Chairman
summed up. Mr Boyd proposed and
Mr. O'Connor seconded a vote of thanks
~~a vote of thanks~~ to the chairman. The
Auditor associated himself with the
proposer & seconded. General business
been declared open. Mr. Nutley & Mr.
Durwin seconded that - suspension of S.O.s
to introduce the following motion - That
this house desires to thank the Auditor &
Committee on the very able manner in
which they conducted the annual Dance. S.O.s
being suspended Mr. Nutley proposed the
motion and Mr Durwin seconded. The
motion was passed unanimously. Mr.
Sullivan referring to a formidable instrument
of the Committee table asked what it was
The Auditor explained that it was a
gavel to keep order & used thus, rapping the
table. At the conclusion of this demonstration
the house breathed freely. Mr. O'Sullivan
proposed and Mr. O'Bannon seconded the
following motion That the Auditor and
Treasurer are deserving of the best thanks of the
Society for providing a gavel. Mr Walsh spoke
for the motion, Messrs Durwin, Boyd, Nutley &
Miss Hyland spoke against. The motion
was passed unanimously. Mr Boyd suggested
a formal presentation of the gavel in
accordance with the Auditor's ceremonial
complex. This suggestion was complied

with Mr. Nutley asked the treasurer if he had complied with Rule 32. The treasurer unhesitatingly replied that he had. Mr. Nutley then asked if he could say what this rule was without referring to the rules book. The treasurer's guess was incorrect and Mr. Nutley inspired by his success proceeded to cross-examine the whole committee as to their familiarity with the rules. The Auditor was quick to take advantage of Mr. Nutley's find if necessary to snatch a breath and declared the meeting closed.

Michael Graw Auditor.
22nd Jan 1940.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 22nd January 1940 at the Solrs. buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed with two alterations. The house then proceeded to the election of new members. Mr. George Russell was proposed, seconded & declared elected. Question time having been declared open, questions were asked as to the Annual dance held last term. Mr. O'Byrne protesting that the Dance Secretary was not present to render an account of his stewardship. Mr. Lynch having ascertained that the Auditor's insignia was solid gold, suggested the increase of the Society's funds by turning it into sterling. The Auditor put a motion to the house to return Miss Hyland as Record Secretary. After various objections as to this method of election the motion was passed. The house proceeded to fill the vacancy on the committee. The following were proposed and seconded Messrs Stapleton, Derims O'Connor and Miss Kelly. Miss Ballahan & Miss Morris were elected tellers. Miss Kelly was declared elected. Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. Nulty seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce the following motion "That Solrs. & Solrs. Apprentices who are at present serving under the ^{British Expeditionary Force} B.E.F. should be exempt from the Intermediate Examination." S.O's been suspended. Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr.

Nutley formally seconded the motion. Mr. O'Byrne spoke for and Mr. McBlushey & Mr. Devins spoke against the motion. The motion was lost - by 18 votes to 11.

The Visiting Chairman Mr. Kenneth Redden D.V. took the chair for Impromptu debate. The following members took part Messrs. Boyd, Dowling, Nutley, O'Byrne, Hickey, McBlushey, O'Connor, Stapleton, ~~McMurray~~, Adams and the Auditor. The Visiting Chairman in a lengthy address stimulated the members patriotism, repeatedly stressed the superiority of the Solicitors profession and encouraged the more sensitive members to speak at public debates. Mr. Hickey proposed & Mr. McBlancey seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor speaking in Irish associated himself with the proposer & seconders. General business been declared open questions were asked as to the arrangements for refreshment at the forthcoming Infernal Dance. The District Justice still being present Mr. O'Byrne expressed his anxiety that the Revenue should not be defrauded as to the payment of tax. As regards money still due for dance tickets, Mr. Lynch suggested that the treasurer should draft a stiff letter to defaulters. Mr. Boyd caustically asked if Mr. Lynch would accept his by hand. Mr. Lynch repudiated the innuendo in this remark. Questions & suggestion continued till 11 o'clock when the Auditor declared the meeting closed.

Michael Lynch Auditor
29th Jan 40.

Boyd

McBlancey

O'Sullivan

of purported to

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society was held on Monday the 29th January 1940 at Solrs. Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with several additions. As the Corresponding Secretary was not present the Auditor explained that there was no correspondence. Question time having been declared open Mr. Lynch proceeded to harass the treasurer for details of accounts in connection with the Annual dance. Mr Healy lent his support & the joint attack induced the treasurer to invite the members to call on him & inspect all the documents he had connected with the business of the society.

Mr. Lynch proposed and Mr. Devins seconded that suspension of Standing Orders to introduce the following motion - "That the Society requests the Auditor to suspend for one month from this date Rule 32. S. O's being suspended Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr Devins seconded the motion. After Mr Dawling had spoken against the motion it was withdrawn. At this point Mr Healy having considered Mr. Dawling previous invitation decided to decline it & requested the treasurer to bring the required accounts to the next meeting. The treasurer anxious to dispose of the subject consented. The Chairman Mr Carroll O'Daly B.L. then took the chair for public debate. Sé sin rún a b'í sin n'á go g'ceimíonn na n'úinéirí eassonraí sa c'ár do l'áire Peasraí Ó Dúinn, Eamonn Ó h. Éalúigín, Seamus Mac Múscáda, Donnch' Ó Dúingín & m'áirí Ó U'áshágh sa son sin rún. Do

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Labisic Sean O Conpail, Pródair O Sullabháin,
Jesús O Dubháin, B. G. Lynch, Miceál O' Mao
Aodáin 7 Ingean Mí Ceallair, n-áiríú sa
rúin. Mí Ingean O' hUallágh 7 Pearse O
Dáimín rún ándreas do rún sa coisicte
oaid usid. General business being declared
open the Auditor found himself in difficulties
explaining to Mr Devins how he had
disposed of 50 invitations to the informal
dance. However the Auditor arrived at
a satisfactory explanation after a
few prompts. The Corresponding Secretary
having arrived by this time was the subject
of another of Mr. Lynch's attacks. Mr.
Lynch continued to entice Mr. Boyd
failure to obtain refreshments at the informal
dance, until Mr Boyd who evidently was
not feeling himself declared that he was
not present at the meeting. Shortly after
this perplexing remark the meeting
terminated at 11.00.

Michael Ryan Auditor.
5th Feb. '20.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 5th February 1940. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed unaltered. Question time having been declared open the Treasurer endured yet another of Mr. Lynch's attacks. Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr. Shine seconded the suspension of S.O's in order to introduce the following motion "That the next informal dance to be held under the auspices of the Solis Apprentices Debating Society be a 'aleiche' S.O's being suspended. Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr. Shine formally seconded the motion. The motion was supported by Mr. McBlushey & Mr. Devins and opposed by Messrs O'Byrne O'Reilly & Lynch. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 8. Mr. Lynch then proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following motion "It is proposed that this house goes into Committee in order to discuss the dictatorial attitude ~~in order to discuss the dictatorial attitude shown~~ by the Auditor and similar proclivities in the other members of the Committee." The motion to suspend S.O's was lost. Mr Lynch then gave notice of this motion for Tuesday 13 inst. The Auditor proposed a vote of sympathy to Miss Betty Kelly on the death of her brother. The house passed the motion standing. The Auditor then announced that an inter debate was to take place with the Law Students Debating Society on Thursday the 15th inst. The house then proceeded to elect a team for this debate. The following were proposed & seconded ^{O'Sullivan, Doyle, Nolan, McBlushey, McBlushey, Pines & Walsh} Messrs. O'Sullivan, Dawling, McBlancey & Walsh & the Auditor as officials.

Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion. The Auditor then announced that an inter debate was to take place with the Law Students Debating Society on Thursday the 15th inst. The house then proceeded to elect a team for this debate. The following were proposed & seconded ^{O'Sullivan, Doyle, Nolan, McBlushey, McBlushey, Pines & Walsh} Messrs. O'Sullivan, Dawling, McBlancey & Walsh & the Auditor as officials.

Mr. Kelly has proposed for more than four members were ruled out of order in proceeding with further nomination

& Mr. O'Byrne seconded the suspension of S.O.'s to
 introduce the following motion "That the debate to
 be held on Monday 12th to Tuesday 13th next.
 The motion was carried. In an interval between
 motions a pattern of the Society's tie was passed
 round for inspection. Mr. O'Connor lightly suggested
 the installation of flood lighting in order to see the
 crest on the tie. Mr. Brothy further suggested
 touching it with ^{with} luminous paint. As there was
 no visiting chairman the house proceeded
 to elect a chairman for public debate from the
 house. The following were proposed & seconded
 Messrs Boyd, Mablushey, O'Connor, Nutley, Devins
 & Walsh. Mr Boyd was declared elected. Mr.
 Brothy proposed & Mr. Lynch seconded the suspension
 of S.O.'s in order to introduce the following motion
 in order to introduce the following motion "That
 this house desires the ~~repeal~~ ^{repeal} of the two
~~Irishmen at present under sentence of death in~~
~~England~~ ⁱⁿ that this motion if passed should be
 published in this ^{country by the Hon. Mr. Secretary} ~~daily newspaper~~ S.O.'s being
 suspended Mr. Healy proposed ^{the following} an amendment
 "that said motion be conveyed by telegram to
 Sir John Maffey the British Ambassador tomorrow
 morning in view of the extreme urgency of the
 matter. This amendment was put to the house
 & lost. Mr. O'Byrne proposed yet another
 amendment to insert the words "on humanitarian
 grounds". This amendment was also lost.
 Mr. ~~Sullivan~~ O'Reilly & Mr. Healy supported the
 motion as it originally stood. Messrs O'Sullivan
 Nutley & O'Byrne spoke against. The motion
 was passed unanimously. Mr. Dunly proposed
 the suspension of S.O.'s in order to propose

that this house
 joins its plea
 with that of the
 United Irish Nation
 in calling for the
 reprieve of the two
 Irishmen at present
 under sentence of death
 in England

There were several nominations for the position of chairman, and in pursuance of precedent the Auditor proceeded to hold an election by ballot against the wish of Mr. Lynch who was S.D.

(Oratory Debate)

The Auditor

Mr Jeremiah Hickey as a new member.

Mr. Hickey was duly proposed seconded & declared elected. Mr. Boyd then took the chair for the public debate. That England's present difficulty is Ireland's opportunity.

The following supported the motion Messrs

P. Devins B. McBlushey E. Hughes T. O'Reilly

M. J. Kenny & M. J. Plummer

opposed the motion Messrs ^{B. J. Lynch} B. O. Byrne &

Dawling P. Nutley J. J. O'Connor S. Scott J. B

McBlancey B. P. O'Sullivan K. P. MacNisraon &

Walsh Miss Kelly & Miss Hyland ^{Mr. Boyd took the chair & meeting that Mr. Lynch should not speak}

Chairman summed up. Mr. Walsh proposed

& Mr. Scott seconded a vote of thanks to

the ^{the Auditor} chairman, associated himself. The meeting

then terminated ~~as it was~~ ~~the~~

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
15th Feb. 40.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday 13th February 1940 at Solr. Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read criticised and ultimately signed. There was one ^{motion} notice on notice which the Proposer Mr. Lynch decided to hold over until the next meeting.

Vote of
Sympathy

The Auditor proposed & Mr Dowling seconded a vote of sympathy to the Clergy of Dublin on the death of the Archbishop. The house passed the motion standing.

The Auditor announced that there would be an election next Monday of a team to take part in an inter-debate with the University Hall Society, to be held on 29th inst. A team would also be elected on Monday the 26th, to take part in an inter-debate with the Northern Solrs. Apprentices Society.

Question time having been declared open questions were asked as to the publication of the motion concerning the revivise of Barnes & McBernach. The Cor. Sec. replied that he had not sent the motion to the papers. Whereupon Mr Brattly proposed & Mr. Nutley seconded the suspension of S.O's in order to introduce the following motion "that this house views with grave concern & considerable regret the evident lassity of the Hon. Cor. Sec. in not carrying out the expressed wishes of the Society. S.O's being suspended Mr. Brattly proposed & Mr Nutley formally seconded the motion. Mr Derwin & Mr Lynch supported the motion & Mr Dudley "

Mr. Boyd opposed it. The motion was carried by 11 votes to 6.

In reply to a question on the financial state of the society, the treasurer said that it was not in the public interest to disclose ^{the amount of money in the bank} ~~same~~. This was followed by a further round of the Lynch v. Dowling combat. Mr Lynch proposed & Mr. Mitley seconded the suspension of S.O.'s to introduce the following motion "that this house censure the treasurer for his neglect of duties". The motion to suspend standing orders was defeated ^{the voting was} 8 for and 6 against.

Mr. Dowling proposed & Miss Kelly seconded the motion that the visiting chairman do now take the chair. The motion was carried &

Mr. F. Gilney & lecturer then took the chair for legal debate the motion being "the Felthouse v. Bindley was rightly decided". Messrs Dudley & B. G. Lynch ^{substituted the motion} Messrs D. Dowling & E. J. Derwin opposed the motion. The Chairman summed up & put the motion to the house - it was carried by 8 votes to 2. Mr Lynch proposed & Mr. Derwin seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconder.

General business being declared open the Auditor ^{inserted the following} made the following ruling:

^{in the ruling book} "In Elections of Members to represent the Society at any function or of members to speak at any inter debate in which the society takes part a member may not nominate or second the nominations of a greater number of members than there are vacancies to be filled". Questions were asked as to the economic

Mr. Durkin objects
to the list of speakers
personality alone
names appear on
the list of speakers.

shrewness of the Auditor in having 500 copies
of the rules printed. The Auditor in reply
to a question explained that the umbrella
on the Committee table was to be presented
to Mr Woods the former hall porter as a
token of our gratitude for the services he
has rendered the society. In endeavouring to
explain the suitability of the gift the Auditor
gave a Boswellian description of that
gentleman.

Question continued and between rounds
Mr Doyle entertained the listeners with
a conundrum.

A discussion on the archives of the
society followed & then the meeting
terminated.

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
St. Valentines Day 1940.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Wednesday 14th Febr. '40 at Sols. Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting was read & signed with these alterations.

The Auditor made several announcements as to inter-debates & said that the subject for the essay competition would be "The Prospect of a European Union".

Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. Devins seconded motion the suspension of S.O.s to introduce the following motion "That the first year speakers medal should not be awarded to any person who has obtained an award in any other category with the exception of the competition medal" S.O.s being suspended Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. Devins seconded the motion. Mr. Devins opposed the motion. The motion was carried by the Auditor casting vote.

Mr. G. J. O'Connor Sols then took the chair for Impromptu debate. The following members took part Messrs Collins, Neary, Lynch, Hickey, McBlancey, Proul, O'Connor, Boyd, McMenon, Devins, Power, Nolan, Devins, Doyle, Barnihan, Dowling, Scott, Russell & the Auditor. The Chairman addressing the house paid high tribute to the speakers & noted the progress of the society from his ^{less} ~~own~~ ~~un~~ ~~representative~~ days. Mr. McBlancey proposed & Mr. Proul seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconder.

General business being declared open

Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr Walsh seconded the following motion on notice :- It is proposed that this house go into Committee in order to discuss the dictatorial attitude shown by the Auditor and similar proclivities in the other members of the Committee". Mr Devlin & Mr Power opposed the motion. The motion was put to the house the tellers counting 12 for & against. Whereupon Mr Lynch challenged the right of the Committee to vote. On being informed that the Committee were entitled to vote under the rulings as the motion was not expressly a vote of censure Mr Lynch withdrew the motion. Mr Lynch then proposed - Mr Walsh seconded the suspension of S.O.s to introduce the following motion "That this house censure the dictatorial attitude shown by the Auditor and similar proclivities in the other members of the committee". S.O.s being suspended Mr Lynch proposed & Mr Walsh seconded the motion. Messrs Nolan Devlin & Collins supported the motion. Messrs Boyd Devlin Scott Dowling & the Auditor opposing the motion. The motion was put to the house & lost by 11 votes to 3. The meeting then terminated as it was 11 o'clock.

Vote of
Censure

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
19th Feb. 1910.

Inter
debate

On Thursday the 15th Feb. 1940 an Inter
debate was held in Solicitors Building Four
Courts Dublin with a team from the Law
Students Debating Society. Mr. Coombe B.L.
acted as Chairman. The subject was "That freedom
of entry, a government is essential to best interest of state".
The following represented our Society Messrs
Walsh Dawling O'Sullivan McBlaneay & the
Auditor. ~~Messrs.~~ ^{Messrs.} Walsh, Gannon, Gargan, Desmond
& McKinchy formed the opposition. The motion
was carried. The debate was followed by
supper at the Clarence Hotel.

Michael Egan Auditor
Feast of Saint Mathias 1940 (Feb. 26th.)

An Ordinary general meeting of the Society
took place on Monday the 19th February
1940 at Solrs. Building Four Courts Dublin.
The Auditor presided. The minutes were read
and signed unaltered. There being no
proposals of new members the house proceeded
to general business.

Mr. Nutley handed in the following
notice on motion for Monday 26th "In
accordance with the Rules & Standing Orders
of the Society I hereby give notice of my
intention to enquire into the financial state
of the Society on Monday the 26th"

The house proceeded to the election
of a team to take part in the inter debate
with University Hall society. The following
were proposed & seconded Miss O'Madhaigh

Election
of team
for Inter-
Debate

Messrs Walsh, Dudley Lynch Collins Healy
Boyd v O'Byrne. Mr Scott v Mr Nutley
were appointed tellers. While the votes
were being counted Mr. Lynch made
the usual enquiries as to the financial
state of the society. The election result
were as follows Messrs Walsh Douling
Boyd were elected Miss O'Madhaigh v Mr
Lynch going for fourth place. The Auditor
being ex officio leader & Miss O'Madhaigh
& Mr Lynch's names were again put to
the house & Miss O'Madhaigh was declared
elected.

The Auditor said
he would be inclined
to give him casting
vote for this discharge
but the

The first election was by show of hands and resulted in a tie. The election was then held by ballot with the result

Public Debate
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The Visiting Chairman Mr Heavy
then took the chair for public debate. "Se
my run a bi my no" "gur core uorson,
s cur leas sy scule mar uorles creds f
lure sorsur" Do labur E.W. Healy, E.Y.
Durum, P. Douling, K.P. McMoran, D.D.
Fanning, & Dudley sr son sy run. Do
labur P.P. O'Sullivan & M. J. Egan in spic
sy run. Mr Emmet O'Keefe & Douglas
O'Donoghue any uoresces do run sy corside
sorsid usid.

General business being declared
open Mr Nutley proposed & Mr Lynch
seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce
the following motion "It is the considered
opinion of the house that the Auditor
set aside one meeting for the purpose of
holding a trial by jury" S.O's being
suspended. Mr Nutley proposed & Mr Lynch
seconded the motion. Mr Walsh v Mr
Durum supported the motion. It was

General
Business

opposed by Messrs O'Sullivan Dowling & Casey
The Committee were questioned as to
their compliance with rule after rule. The
violence & in Mr Dowling's opinion
unreasonableness of the attack lead the
treasurer to seek auditorial protection.
Mr Scott asked why a report of last
meeting had not been published in the papers.
The Auditor explained that the report had
been delivered by hand but in future it
would be sent by post as he considered
this might insure its publication. Mr Walsh
who had previously complained of notices not
appearing of the Society's board, sarcastically
asked if they would be sent to the board
by post also.

The Auditor in reply to questions as to
Mr. Dowling & his own activities after the
inter-debate related their adventures at
a Dublin Night-Club. He explained that
neither Mr. Dowling nor himself had fallen
by the wayside & the visit arose out of &
in the course of their connection with the
legal profession.

after a close discussion on this
subject the meeting terminated.

Michael Ryan Auditor
East of Saint Mathias St. 26th 1940.

Diversion

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 26th February 1940 at Solrs. Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes were read and signed with two additions. A letter was read from James Ó Donnabháin concerning a grant for the 2nd Gual.

Date of Sympathy

The Auditor proposed & Mr. Dawling seconded a vote of sympathy to the relatives of John G. Duggan ex president of the Incorporated Law Society. The house passed the motion standing.

Motion

Mr. Broddy proposed & Mr. Lynch seconded the suspension of S.O.s in order to introduce the following motion: "That where there is a statement written in Gual in the minutes of the Society an English translation thereof should be appended thereto." S.O.s being suspended Mr. Broddy proposed & Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Mr. Walsh supported the motion. Mr. Dawling & the Auditor opposed. The motion was put to the house & lost.

At this point the Auditor confessed that he had designed a blazer for the Society which would materialise if there was a sufficient demand.

The Auditor made the following ~~Announcement~~ ^{Announcement}
"Whereas during the Session 1939-40 an Auditorial Insignia was acquired by the Society and Whereas no ruling regarding the same is included in the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society Now I hereby Rule as follows: -

Auditorial Ruling

The Auditor shall retain the custody of

the said Insignia from the date of his investiture thereunto until the Inaugural Meeting of the succeeding Session and shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to the Insignia during the said period. At the said Inaugural Meeting the outgoing Auditor shall invest his successor with the said Insignia immediately after the Minutes of the previous meeting have been signed. The new Auditor having been duly invested with the said Insignia shall thereupon present to the Ex. Auditor a replica of the Insignia to become the sole property of such Ex. Auditor."

Question time having been declared open the Treasurer in reply to Mr. Lynch's queries declared himself ready & willing to give a detailed account of the finances of the Society. ^{MS} Whereupon ~~Mr. Lynch lost interest~~ & ~~did not proceed with the subject~~ ^{MS}

Standing Orders being suspended in ^{new member} order to propose Mr. Owen Goff as a new member Mr Goff was proposed seconded & declared elected.

The house proceeded to the election of a team to take part in the inter-debate with the Northern Solrs. Apprentices. The following were proposed & seconded Miss O'Moaligh Messrs Boyd Broddy, Dawling, J'Sullivan, McBlancey, McBlashey & O'Byrne.

Mr Lynch proposed & Mr Brody seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce ^{motion} the following motion "That this house deplores the rank piracy of the British Navy & its violation of international law in attacking

the German ship 'Altmach' in Norwegian territorial waters". S.O.s being suspended Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. Brothy seconded the motion. It was opposed by Mr. McBlancey. The motion was lost by 10 votes to 8.

The Visiting Chairman Mr. Masterson took the chair for public debate. The subject being "That a University degree should be a pre-requisite to a Solicitor's qualification". The following supported the motion Messrs McBlancey, O'Sullivan, McMoran, Kealy, McBlashey, Boyd & the Auditor. The following opposed the motion Messrs Walsh, Dowling, Lynch, Hechey, Durwin, Maher, Hughes & Miss Hyland. The motion was put to the house & lost. Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr. McBlashey seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconded the Chairman in his reply commented on the progress of the Society.

General business being declared open the Auditor announced the result of the election of a team for the inter-debat to be as follows. Messrs O'Sullivan, Boyd & Brothy. Mr. Dowling acting as substitutes and the Auditor being ex officio leader.

Mr. Dowling handed in the following motion on notice "That a deputation of members of this society approach the Council of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland & request that a ceremonial admission of Sols. be instituted".

Mr. Lynch & Mr. McBlashey pointed out inconsistencies in the Auditor's statements

Public
debate
oratory

No. of Sols.

The Auditor avoided explanations by not admitting them as such.

¹⁸⁸² ~~Several~~ ^{Two} ~~members~~ ¹⁸⁸² protested that they could not gain admittance to the club & suggestions were made that the Auditor should try to rectify the matter, if necessary making a personal appearance complete with insignia.

The meeting then terminated as it was 11 o'clock.

Michael Egan Auditor.
Leat of St. Basil's 11th March '40

On Thursday the 29th Feb 1940 an Inter-debate was held with a team from University Hall. The debate was preceded by dinner at the Dolphin Hotel. Mr. R. Doherty acted as chairman, the subject was "We pity our grandchildren". The following represented our society Messrs Walsh, Dawling, Boyd, Hickey and the Auditor. Messrs Byrne, Broddy, Ross, O'Connor & Newsten formed the opposition.

Michael Egan Auditor
11th March 1940.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 4th March 1940 at Solrs. Buildings Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with two additions alterations. There was on motion on notice which the proposer Mr. Douling decided to hold over till the next meeting.

Question time having been declared open questions were asked concerning the last inter-debate and the financial state of the Society. ^{Questions were also asked about the Annual entry and the Auditor replied.}

Mr O'Conner asked if the trial-by-jury commission had made a report. Mr. Lynch explained that the Auditor had not summoned the commission. The Auditor proceeded to appoint a deputy chairman for this purpose. Mr. Lynch refused the office as the Auditor was not willing to invest him with the Auditorial Insignia for the occasion. Mr O'Byrne agreed to accept the position undecorated.

Mr. Boyle Fawcett then took the chair for public debate the subject being "Shall restraint of trade should not be tolerated in any code of Law". The motion was supported by Messrs W. J. Wald, G. M. Doyle, E. J. Devlin & B. J. Lynch & B. O'Byrne. Messrs P. Devins, P. O'Sullivan, D. M. Dowling, G. Hokey opposed the motion. The chairman summed up. Mr. O'Byrne proposed & Mr. O'Sullivan seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the

proposer & seconder.

Mr Lynch handed in the following notice for Monday 11th March 1939.
I intend to review the financial condition of the Society particularly regarding the bank balance, debts due, and detailed particulars of all moneys expended by the Treasurers. The Treasurers will be cross-examined regarding the most minute details of said expenditure.
Signed B.V. Lynch

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Lynch seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce the following motion "That - at legal debates in this society the legal case instead of being discussed as a motion be dealt with as a case on appeal to a higher Court & that speakers act as counsel therein the chairman being constituted Judge "pro tem" and that instead of the members voting on the matter the chairman should deliver judgment on the case" S.O's being suspended Mr O'Byrne proposed & Mr Lynch seconded the motion. Mr Doyle supported & Mr Devins opposed the motion. The motion was put to the house & carried unanimously.

Mr Lynch proposed & Mr Mableshey seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce the following motion "That this house condemn the strike of the Dublin Corporation Employees and if passed this motion should be sent to the paper of the Hon. Corr. Sec" S.O's being suspended Mr Lynch proposed & Mr Mableshey seconded the motion.

Messrs O'Byrne, Damin, Hickey, the Auditor
supported the motion. Mr O'Byrne proposed
as an amendment to insert - the words "and
calls upon the Government to break the
strike". Mr Hickey proposed a further
amendment to insert the words "and
calls upon the citizens to cooperate with
the government to break the strike".
The motion was put to the house amended
& carried unananimously.

The meeting then terminated as it
was 11 oc.

Michael J. O'Byrne Auditor
11th March 1940.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 11th March 1940 at Solrs. buildings Four Courts Dublin. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with one alteration.

The treasurer then dealt in detail with Mr. Lynch's notice inquiring into the financial state of the society. Mr. Lynch cross examined Mr O'Byrne expressed his confidence in the report.

The Auditor made several announcements as to inter debates - admission to the club & an informal dance to be held on 12th April.

Question time having been declared open questions were asked concerning the inter debate & the annual essay competition.

Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Dowling seconded the suspension of standing orders to introduce the following motion "That this house should give a trial to the new system of holding Impromptu Debates which has recently become popular in students debating societies. S.O's being suspended Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Dowling seconded the motion. Mr. Lynch opposed. The motion was carried by 17 votes to 13.

Mr. Dowling proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded the suspension of s.o's to introduce the following motion

"That a deputation of the society should be appointed to approach the Incorporated Law Society with a view to obtaining Cerimonial induction of Solicitors" S. O's being suspended Mr Dowling proposed & Mr O'Byrne seconded the motion. The motion was supported by Mr. Crotty & opposed by Messrs Prand Lynch & Dudley. The motion was carried by 25 votes to 7.

Mr Mayne President of the Incorporated Law Society then took the chair for impromptu debate. The following members took parts Messrs J. Byrne J. B. McBlancey, L. Boyd, B. J. Lynch D. Dowling, A. G. Dudley, G. M. Doyle P.P O'Sullivan, N. J. Prand J. J. Crotty, S. Murtagh, B. O'Byrne, J. P. Stapleton, R. Hickey, L. Nolan & the Auditor. The Chairman commented on the high level of the speeches & congratulated the Society on the whole procedure.

Mr Boyd proposed & Mr O'Byrne seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconder. General business having been declared open questions were asked concerning the societies annual outing. This subject was pursued till 11.0 when the meeting terminated.

Michael Ryan
21st April '40.

On Tuesday 12th March 1940 an Inter debate was held in Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin with a team from the Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society of Northern Ireland. Mr. M. J. Ryan K.C. acted as chairman. The subject was "That the allies deserve the support of the neutrals in the present war." The following represented our society Messrs Brophy, O'Sullivan, Boyd & the Auditor. Messrs Young, King, Marshall & Jameson formed the opposites. The motion was put to the house & carried. The debate was preceded by a dinner at the Fresham Hotel.

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
15th April 40.

An Ordinary general meeting of the society took place on Monday 8th April 1940. The Auditor presided. The minutes were read & signed unaltered.

The Auditor made announcements as to a informal dance to be held on 12th & as to the Societies annual outing.

Question time having been declared open questions were asked as to the day of the week on which the outing would take place. Mr O'Byrne expressing the firm hope that the provisions of the Lords Day Observance Act should not be infringed.

In reply to questions as to the financial state of the society, the treasurer ^{stated} replied that it was thoroughly sound & absolutely watertight but it was not in the public interest to go into details.

Mr O'Higgins proposed & Mr Nutley seconded the suspension of S.O.'s to introduce the following motion "That this society disapproves of the attempt on the part of the treasurer to avoid answering questions relevant to the financial position of the Society." S.O.'s being suspended Mr O'Higgins proposed & Mr Nutley seconded the motion. Messrs Doyle, Dowling & O'Byrne & Kelly opposed the motion. The motion was put to the house & lost unanimously.

The Visiting Chairman Eamonn O'Brady then took the chair for public debate. Se'nny runy & bi'sny no "gure p'ior sy ros co's gan ce'ssy gan ce'." Do l'bu'k Eamonn O'h. Colu'ge, J'usid O' O'ub'ig Dom'uge O' O'ub'ainy, O'Brady the O'Brady 7 M'ic'el Mac S'ep'ny se son sy runy. Do l'bu'ke S'p'orge O' O'ub'lu'ce, S'es'sy R'uce'd 7 l'us'y de bu'ce in sy'd sy runy. M'ol Eamonn O'h. Colu'ge 7 M. J. O'Higgins Runy bu'ides'ses do ce'p sy l'eb'ure l'onsid usid. bi'sny runy ce'bu'ce.

General business being declared over the Auditor announced that he had appointed a committee to make arrangements for the annual outing consisting of Messrs Dowling, Walsh, Arnold, Nutley &

motion.

Public Debate
Irish

Misses O'Kuskehl & Hyland.

After question concerning arrangements for the informal dance, & publication of reports of debates had been dealt with the Auditor declared the meeting closed.

Michael Ryan Auditor
15th April 1940.

An Ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 15th April 1940 at Solos buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes were read & signed unaltered.

The house proceeded to the election of new members Mr. David Maljetty was proposed, seconded & declared elected.

Mr. Dowling reported progress of the sub-committee for the Annual outing.

Question time having been declared open there was a heated discussion concerning the rules of the Society, during which Mr. Kelly declared that the members of the society displayed more courtesy than the Auditor. The Auditor called on Mr Kelly to withdraw this ~~remark~~ ^{which the auditor considered well} & warned him if not he would be suspended. Mr Kelly refused to withdraw the remark & was suspended.

Mr. Lynch then proposed the suspension of s.o.'s to introduce a motion protesting against the suspension of Mr. Kelly. The Auditor rejected the motion but later

motion re
Mr. Kelly
rejected

A motion was made
for the suspension of
Mr. Kelly was passed
but the Auditor refused to raise the
suspension, as persons are
Election of the
Committee
members
and their names
recommendations

accepted it. The motion to suspend S.O's
was defeated.

The house then proceeded to fill
the vacancy on the Committee caused by
Mr. ~~Reilly~~ ^{Reilly's} resignation. Messrs Walsh
McAlestry, & Connor were proposed
& seconded. Mr. O'Connor was declared
elected.

motion

S.O. being suspended to propose a
new member Mr. David Slattery was
proposed seconded & declared elected

This note has
to be carried
three times due
to disagreements
by members of the
house and the
group of the committee
the tellers and
the Auditor

Mr. Nutty proposed & Mr Lynch
seconded the suspension of S.O's to
introduce the following motion "That
this house go into committee to consider
the Auditor's ruling in refusing to
act on a motion passed by a majority
of the house" The motion to suspend
S.O's was defeated.

The motion
was passed with the
result arrived at by
the teller

Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr Nutty
seconded the suspension of S.O's to
introduce the following motion: "To
censure the Auditor & Committee for
their dictatorial attitude in interfering
with the proper workings of this
society." S.O's being suspended Mr.
Lynch proposed & Mr. Nutty seconded
the motion. It was opposed by Mr
Boyd & Mr. Dawling. The motion
was put to the house & lost by
10 votes to 4.

Note of
Censure
defeated

The Visiting Chairman Mr McCarthy
K.C then took the chair for public
debate the motion being "That the

Public
Debate
Oratory

legalisation of Euthanasia would be welcomed." The following supported the motion Messrs B. Mablesey & Lynch, E. W. Healy, D. M. Dawling, M. P. Prind & E. Shine.

The following opposed the motion Messrs W. Walsh, L. V. Nolan, L. Boyd, M. J. Kenny, M. Power, K. P. McMoraw, E. J. Durnin & E. W. Hughes. The motion was put to the house & lost by 13 votes to 7.

Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Mablesey seconded a vote of thanks to the Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconded.

The meeting then terminated as it was 11 o'clock.

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
22nd April 1940.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 22nd April 1940 at Mrs. buildings Four Courts Dublin. The minutes were read and strenuously objected to on the grounds:-

1 That the reason for Mr. Kelly's suspension was not recorded notwithstanding the fact that the remark for which he had been suspended was included. Mr. Kelly failing to distinguish between motive & cause contended that the reason was, that the Auditor considered his remarks insulting. The Auditor inserted the words

Objections

to the Minutes

Mr Kelly disagreed with the record.

A motion proposed by Mr. Dunne and seconded by Mr. Nutley that the minutes be not accepted - this present form was passed

2 That a motion protesting ^{against} about Mr. Kelly's suspension which had been passed by the house & rejected by the Auditor was not recorded. The record secretary held that the motion passed was one to suspend standing orders which was rejected by the Auditor but later accepted & put to the house & defeated, surely such short-lived success did not merit recording. Mr. Kelly did not view the matter in the same light & accordingly another amendment was made

3 That the fact that Mr. Nutley's motion was put to the house three times due to disagreements as to the count was not recorded. This occasioned heated discussion, crashing arguments & yet another amendment.

The minutes were eventually signed & the Auditor made announcement as to an Informal dance to be held on the

announcements

1st May and the annual outing
Mr. J. J. O'Connor Sr. then took the
chair for public debate the motion being
that Selden v de Held was rightly decided
The following supported the motion Messrs
R. O'Connor, W. J. Walsh, E. W. Hughes & D. M.
Dawling. The motion was opposed by Messrs
B. M. Bluskey, J. A. Russell, E. J. Durnin & L.
Boyd. The Chairman summed up & put the
motion to the house. It was carried by
16 votes to 8.

Mr. Kelly proposed & Mr. Durnin
seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman
The Auditor associated himself with the
proposer & seconder

General business been declared
open the house discussed the arrangement
for the annual outing. Objections were
made to the place time date & charge
agreed on by the commission set up for
this purpose. The Auditor replied to these
objections. However the house was not
satisfied and a motion was passed
that the house go into Committee to
discuss the matter. Mr. Lynch was
elected chairman. The objections were
dealt with & the house decided on the
the same ^{place} time date & charge which had
been agreed on by the commission

The meeting then terminated as it was
11 o'clock. The following motion on notice was
handed in for 29th April "In cases
where the Auditor has suspended a member
of the Solicitors Apprentices Debating

Public
Debate Legal

Discussion
of outing

Mr. Kelly &
Lynch were propos
& seconder, Mr.
Lynch was elected

Society such a members suspension shall be raised for the period of Public Debate and the auditor shall give immediate effect to this motion by inserting same in additional Rulings Book. Proposed by B. G. Lynch seconded by P. G. Nutley.

The meeting then terminated as it was

11 oc.

Michael Egan

Auditor 29th April 1940.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Monday 29th April 1940 at Sols. Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes were read objected to & eventually signed with three additions

Mr. Lynch proposed & Mr O'Byrne seconded the following motion on notice "In cases where the Auditor has suspended a member of the Sols. Apprentices Debating Society such a members suspension shall be raised for the period of public debate & the Auditor shall give immediate effect to this motion by inserting same in the additional rulings book". Mr. Kelly supported the motion Mr. Brothly & Mr Egan opposed. The motion was carried by 20 votes to six.

Motion on notice

The Auditor made announcements concerning the Society's outing. Changes in the dates arranged for meetings.

Question time having been declared open questions were asked concerning the putting into effect of motions passed by the house & the annual outing.

Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Dawling seconded the suspension of s.o.s to introduce the following motion "That the same procedure as was adopted at the last Impromptu Debate be re-adopted to-night. The motion being defeated Mr. Boyd attempted to propose a similar motion but was ruled out of order.

Mr. F. Burke Sr. then took the Chair for Impromptu debate. The following members took part - Messrs D. M. Dawling C. Kelly B. McBlashey B. O'Byrne E. Hughes M. J. Egan A. Dudley, K. McMoran L. Boyd S. Murtagh B. G. Lynch J. A. Russell P. P. O'Sullivan E. Turpin & L. Nolan.

Mr. Nolan proposed & Mr. Walsh seconded a vote of thanks to the chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the proposer & seconded.

General business having been declared open the arrangement for the outing were again discussed during which the Auditor asked Mr. Collins to read the newspapers.

Mr. Hughes proposed & Mr. Doyle seconded the suspension of s.o.s to introduce the following motion "That a general photograph of the members

of this society be taken before the end of the year on a date to be fixed by the Auditor. S.O's being suspended Mr Hughes proposed & Mr Doyle seconded the motion. Mr Boyd proposed an amendment that the photograph should be taken at the outing but later withdrew it. Mr. O'Byrne & the Auditor supported the motion. Messrs Lynch, Murtagh, & Nolan raised objection which was dealt with & for the most part withdrawn. The motion was put to the house & carried by 18 votes to 3.

At this point Mr. Collins was suspended for continuing to read the newspapers. His suspension was raised however when he finished reading. A discussion as to the date for the photograph followed & Monday the 6th May was decided on. The meeting terminated at 11.00.

Michael J. Ryan Auditor
6th May 1940.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society took place on Monday 6th May 1940 at Solrs. Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes were read & signed unaltered.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded a motion congratulating the organisers of the outing to Laragh, on its success. Mr. Lynch associated himself with the motion. Mr Dowling replied. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly proposed & Mr O'Byrne seconded the suspension of s.o.s to introduce a motion that the house go into committee to consider whether it is feasible to hold a farewell party in the Four Courts. Mr Kelly was elected chairman & the house having gone into committee a motion was passed that the farewell party should be held.

The Auditor announced that he would receive nominations for the election of officers & committees for the session 1940-41. The following were nominated: —

For the position of Auditor

Name	Proposer	Secunder
1 Mr L. Boyd	Mr J. Crotty	Mr L. Nolan
2 Mr D. Dowling	Mr B. G. Lynch	Mr. P. Devins
3 Mr. P. P. O'Sullivan	Mr. R. Wiskey	Mr G. Russell
4 Mr B. P. O'Byrne	Mr. G. Byrne	Mr. G. Scott.

For the position of Hon Rec Sec.

1 Mr R. Healy	Mr B. P. O'Byrne	Mr G. Byrne
2 Mr. K. Mc Morrow	Mr L. Collins	Mr L. Nolan
3 Mr W. G. Walsh	Mr E. Healy	Mr. P. Devins
4 Mr R. O'Connor	Mr L. Boyd	Miss L. Fagin

For the position of Hon. Cor. Sec.

1 Mr. I. V. Nolan	Mr L. Boyd	Mr R. O'Connor
2 Mr M. Power	Mr B. G. Lynch	Mr. J. Crotty

For the position of Hon Treasurer

Mr S. Murtagh	Mr P.P. O'Sullivan	Mr L. Nolan
Mr W.G. Walsh	Miss L. Fagan	Mr O'Byrne
Mr E.W. Hughes	Mr C. Kelly	Mr Durnin

For the Committee

Mr E. Healy	Mr L. Collins	Miss A. Hyland
Mr P. Devins	Mr E. Healy	Mr W.G. Walsh
Mr L. Collins	Mr K. McMoran	Mr M. Neary
Mr L. Boyd	Mr D. Dawley	Mr B. Kelly
Mr D. Dawley	Mr L. Boyd	Mr T. Crotty
Miss A. Hyland	Mr L. Collins	Mr R. O'Connor
Mr B.P. O'Byrne	Mr L. Nolan	Mr J. Byrne
Mr G. Doyle	Mr E. Durnin	Mr J. Hughes
Mr P.P. O'Sullivan	Mr R. Hickey	Mr G. Russell
Mr W.G. Walsh	Mr B. Kelly	Mr T. Hughes
Mr G. Russell	Mr P.P. O'Sullivan	Mr S. Murtagh
Mr S. Murtagh	Mr L. Nolan	Mr B.P. O'Byrne
Mr K. McMoran	Mr P. Devins	Mr J. Scott

Miss L. Fagan & Mr J. Crotty were elected
 legal assessors & scrutineers of the annual
 election. Mr. B.J. Lynch became fractious and obstreperous and the audit
 election was forced to suspend him

The As there was no sitting chairman
 Mr B.G. Lynch ^{non-member} was election chairman for
 public debate from the house. So on run
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 Collins, J. Crotty R. Hickey & G. Russell
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General business having been declared
 open the auditors appointed all the body
 members of the Society to go into the question.

Public Irish
 Debate

on the grounds of
the expenditure
cost of ~~the~~ (i.e. 9)
per (ft.) at hand

at the request of some of the lady members
of the farewell party, the appointed Messrs ^{the following 'gangers'}
O'Byrne O'Sullivan Dunley Nolan Casey &
Quinn a sub-committee for the same purpose.
Mr. Brathy proposed, Mr. Lynch seconded
the suspension of standing orders to introduce
a vote of censure on the Entertainments Committee
S.O's being suspended Mr. Crotty proposed &
Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Mr. Boyd &
Mr. Darrin supported the motion. Mr. Nolan
& Mr. Dunley opposed. The motion was put
to the house & carried.

The meeting then terminated as it
was 11.00.

Michael Ryan

Auditor 8th May 1940.

An Ordinary General meeting of the
Society took place on Wednesday 8th May
1940. at Solrs. buildings Four Courts Dublin. The
Auditor presided.

The minutes were read & signed with
two additions.

Scrutinisers of the balance sheet were
proposed & seconded being Messrs McMoran
Powers & Collins. Mr. McMoran - Mr.
Powers were declared elected.

The Auditor then announced the
proposed order of business for the meeting
to be held on Tuesday the 14th.

Mr. Crotty proposed & Mr. Lynch
seconded the suspension of S.O's to introduce

motion
the following motion "We the members of this House in solemn conclave assembled hereby tender our congratulations to the two detective officers who were murderously assaulted in Holles St. yesterday morning & offer our sympathy to them on their injuries" S.O.'s being suspended Mr. Crotty proposed, Mr Lynch seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

motion "farewell party"
A question time having been declared open question was asked concerning the arrangements for a farewell party. Mr. O'Byrne proposed, Mr. L. Nolan seconded the suspension of standing orders to introduce the following motion "We the undersigned hereby propose the resolution that a sub-committee for the Farewell Party be elected of members of the House as provided by Rules 67 of the Rules & Standing Orders of the Society" S.O.'s being suspended Mr. O'Byrne proposed, Mr. Nolan seconded the motion Messrs Lynch, McBlashey & Hughes, ^{Chairman} supported the motion. Messrs Walsh, Crotty, Dowley & the Auditor, opposed. The motion was put to the ^{House} carried. The following members were elected on the sub-committee Misses Thornton, Morris & Cahalan & Messrs O'Byrne, Lynch, Collins, Power & Nolan.

Public Order
Debate
Mr. G. Collins Solo then took the chair for public debate the subject being "That Grattan's Parliament is an event in Irish History of which all Irishmen may be justly proud"

The following members supported the motion
Messrs J. Nolan, J. Walsh, D. Dewling, L. Boyd, &
E. Hughes. The following opposed the
motion Messrs B. J. Lynch, B. P. O'Byrne, P.
P. O'Sullivan, M. Power, L. Collins, E. J. Durkin,
K. P. McMorrow, & M. J. Egan. The chairman
summed up & put the motion to the
house which was lost by 11 votes to 9.

Mr. O'Sullivan proposed & Mr. Hughes
seconded a vote of thanks to the
chairman. The Auditor associated himself
with the proposer & seconder.

The meeting then terminated as it
was 11 a.

Michael J. Egan Auditor
14th May 1940.

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1940-41.

OFFICERS :-

HON. AUDITOR - - - - - Mr. Dominic M. Dowling
HON. RECORD SECRETARY - - Mr. Rory O'Conner
HON. CORR. SECRETARY - - Mr. Louis V. Nolan
HON. TREASURER - - - - - Mr. William J. Walsh

COMMITTEE :-

Miss Ada Hyland, B. A.

Mr. Liam D. Boyd

Mr. Brendan P. O'Byrne, B. A.

Mr. Michael J. Egan, B. A. (Ex Auditor - Ex Officio)

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY.

The closing Meeting of the 56th. Session of the Society was held on the 14th. May 1940 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor Mr. Michael J. Egan, B.A. presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Balance Sheet was read by the Treasurer, Mr. Dowling. It showed that nearly £350. had passed through his hands during the Session, and also that all debts owing by and to the Society had been cleared off. After some minor criticisms, the Balance Sheet was carried unanimously.

The Auditor then read his Report which was adopted.

A list of those Members who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by the Correspondence Secretary. The result of the election of Officers and Committee for the Session 1940-41 was then declared as follows:-

Hon. Auditor	.....	Mr. Dominic M. Dowling.
Hon. Record Secretary	.....	Mr. Rory O'Connor.
Hon. Corr. Secretary	.....	Mr. Louis V. Nolan.
Hon. Treasurer	.....	Mr. William J. Walsh.

Committee:-

- Miss Ada Hyland, B.A.
- Mr. Liam D. Boyd.
- Mr. Brendan P. O'Byrne, B.A.
- Mr. Michael J. Egan, B.A. (Ex-Auditor, ex-officio)

The new Auditor and Committee then entered into office.

The Auditor declared the awards of prizes for the Session 1939-40 to be as follows:-

ORATORY :

Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal and Society's Certificate	.....	Mr. M. J. Egan,
Society's Silver Medal	.....	Mr. D.M. Dowling,
Special Certificate	.....	Mr. L.D. Boyd,

LEGAL DEBATE :

President's Gold Medal	.....	Mr. D.M. Dowling,
Society's Silver Medal	.....	Mr. P.P. O'Sullivan,

IMPROMPTU :

Vice-President's Gold MedalMr. M.J. Egan,
Vice-President's Silver MedalMr. B.P. O'Byrne,

IRISH DEBATE :

Society's Gold MedalMr. M.J. Egan,
Society's Silver MedalMr. E.W. Healy,

FIRST YEAR SPEECHES :

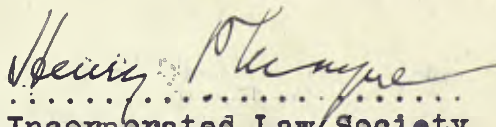
Society's Silver MedalMr. S.A. Murtagh,

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. O'Sullivan seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Auditor and his Committee. Messrs. Walsh, Lynch, Kelly, Crotty, and the new Auditor, Mr. Dowling, associated themselves with the vote of thanks. The Motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Lynch proposed and Mr. Crotty seconded the following Motion :- "That this House agrees with the statement of the President of the Incorporated Law Society that Irish is the cause of the low standard of answering in the Final Examination in Law for Solicitors Apprentices". Mr. Lynch proposing the Motion said that after the Intermediate an Apprentice gives one year of his course to Irish, the result being that he forgets any law he has learned for the Intermediate, and has to start from the beginning again. He also pointed out that no Scholarships had been awarded for some considerable time. Mr. Crotty seconding said that the standard of answering in the Final had deteriorated since the passing of the Act. He also pointed out that Irish was of no practical use as there were no Law books in Irish. The following also spoke : Messrs. Durnin, McCloskey and O'Byrne FOR the Motion, and Messrs. McGettigan, Egan, Kelly and Doyle AGAINST. The Motion was carried by 20 votes to 10 votes.

The House then adjourned.

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President Incorporated Law Society

of Ireland.

DATED this 28th. day of October 1940.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Fifty-seventh Session of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 28th October 1940. Mr Henry P. Mayne, President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, presided.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The outgoing Auditor, Mr. Michael J. Egan, then presented the Auditorial Insignia to the Incoming Auditor, Mr. Dominic M. Dowling, and a replica of the Insignia was then presented to Mr. Egan by the President of the Incorporated Law Society.

The Chairman then distributed the awards for the Session 1939-40 as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting.

AUDITORIAL

ADDRESS.

The Chairman then called upon the Auditor, Mr. Dominic M. Dowling, to read his Inaugural Address on "The Aftermath of War." Referring to the position in this Country, in the course of his paper, Mr. Dowling stated that the new spirit of unity and goodwill was a bright omen for the future of Ireland. It might help to sow the seed which would make for toleration and respect for the views of others, and prevent that dissension which so often had been the curse of the country in the past. It was this spirit of co-operation that might help to bring about the undoing of the evil of partition. While it was difficult to conceive the idea of perpetual world peace, there must in future be a new way of thinking, a recognition of some moral law greater than that of national egotism, an obedience to an international authority beyond that of sovereign rights,

though not antagonistic to national traditions. There should be co-operation, or the world would perish. The failure of the League of Nations manifested only too obviously the inherent weakness of human nature, and seemed to indicate that no matter how much we worked to preserve peace our human nature would defeat it in the end.

The Auditor's paper was enthusiastically received by the very large audience present.

HON. MR.
JUSTICE.
BLACK.

Hon. Mr. Justice Black in proposing a resolution returning the best thanks of the Society to the Auditor for his address said, that there was no use in their discussing the aftermath of the war unless they were able to keep out of it. But if they were drawn into the war no one would consult them in the subsequent settlement.

SENATOR
F. MACDERMOT.

Senator Frank MacDermot, seconding the motion said that when discussing partition they should remember that, while the physical partition of the country came into being in 1920, there was a partition of the mind and heart for long before that date. Partition was a very deeply rooted affair, and he did not believe that it could be cured without the greatest pains and trouble.

REV. PETER.
MCKEVITT, PH.D.

The Rev. Peter McKeivitt, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology St. Patrick's College, Maynooth proposing that the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society was worthy of support said, that the greatest evils in Ireland were disunity among their people and the preaching of the doctrine of class war. Unless they faced up to their social problems they would have in them a permanent principle of disunity.

PROF. DUNCAN

Professor George A. Duncan, M.A. Professor of Political Economy, Trinity College, Dublin, seconding the motion, and referring to partition,

asked why did this curious obsession of unity exist. If one group of people wanted to form their own State and way of living why should they not do so?

CLOSING

ADDRESS OF
CHAIRMAN

The Chairman in his closing address, declared the resolutions carried, and thanked the speakers for their speeches and for being present.

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed.

X. M. Dowling
Auditor

4/11/40

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday 4th November 1940. The Auditor presided. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

ELECTION OF
NEW MEMBERS

The House then proceeded to the election of new members. The following were proposed & seconded and declared elected:— Miss Joan MacAulay, Messrs. Patrick J. Sweeney, John G. O'Shea, W. H. Richardson, Sean Peter Maguire, Patrick M. Johnson, Michael O'Brian-Kelly, Patrick T. Liston, John M. O'Shea, Noel J. Parcell, Cecil F. Braund, Caomhán MacCárthaigh, Kevin J. O'Shaughnessy, Frank Tully.

There were no motions on notice. The Corr. Sec. read a letter from the Hon. Sec., University Hall Debating Society in reference to a proposed inter-debate.

The Auditor then announced that the Society's Michaelmas Dance was being held in the Grosvenor Hotel on Thursday 21st November, the price of the tickets being 8/6, with a reduction of 2/6 to

those Members of the Society who had their subscriptions paid before the Dance. The Auditor stated that the increase of 1/- for members tickets was due to the increased cost of having Running Buffet at the Dance instead of Supper. Mr. Dudley, fearing for his financial position on the night of the Dance, suggested that Members be given credit at the Door. The Auditor said he could not agree to this suggestion as it would leave debts owing to the Society, which he was trying to avoid.

QUESTION
TIME

The Auditor then declared question time open. Several questions were asked with regard to the Dance, the replica of the Auditorial Insignia and the Inaugural Meeting. In reply to a question from Mr. Stapleton the Auditor stated that the replica would cost about £3. Mr. Casey asked why the Auditorial Insignia was presented by the Ex-Auditor to the incoming Auditor and a replica, which was less important, was presented by the President of the Incorporated Law Society. The Auditor replied that this procedure was symbolic and also that there was an Auditorial Ruling with regard to the presentation. Mr. Collins asked why no provision had been made on the Inaugural platform for two Honorary Members of the Society. The Auditor replied that these people had expressed ^{or wish} to sit in the body of the House.

MOTION (1)

Standing orders having been suspended Mr. Dudley proposed, and Mr. Stapleton seconded the following motion "that a Male Member or members other than the committee be appointed to the Dance Committee for the better and fairer running of the Dance." Messrs. Collins, O'Sullivan and Doyle spoke to the motion and Messrs. Nolan, Duennin and O'Byrne, Against. The motion was carried by 22 votes to 13 votes. Mr. Boyd proposed the suspension of Standing

MOTION (1) Orders to introduce the following Motion, "that this House has a pretty low opinion of the Gaelic League's attitude to everything." At this point Mr. Mac Gattigan attacked the Rec. Sec. for his lack of enthusiasm for using Irish in the Minutes. The Auditor however succeeded in pacifying Mr. Mac Gattigan and S. O'rs. having been suspended. Mr. Boyd proposed his motion which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne. The other speakers were: Messrs. Dudley & James L. Byrne for the motion. Messrs. Collins, Duinin, Mac Gattigan, & Mr. Morrow against the motion. The motion was defeated by 15 votes to 11 votes.

DEBATE.

Mr. Rory O'Connor proposed and Mr. Boyd seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the Chair. The Auditor then called on Mr. John L. Esmonde, B.L., T.D., who took the Chair for Oration Debate. The Motion being "that Irishmen are unfit to govern themselves". The following spoke to the motion, Messrs D. Mac Gattigan, Louis V. Nolan, P. Sweeney, J. Kennedy, T. J. Duinin, D. M. Dowling. Against, Messrs. Boyd, O'Sullivan, James L. Byrne, J. M. Doyle, S. Murtogh, B. P. O'Byrne, P. F. Brennan, N. J. Purcell, C. MacLizmaoil, J. A. Russell. The Motion was defeated. The Chairman, summing up, said that in his opinion it was too soon to decide whether we were unfit to govern ourselves or not. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr. Rory O'Connor & seconded by Mr. Stapleton. The Chairman replied.

Question time being declared open Mr. Dudley asked the Auditor what he was going to do with regard to the appointment of a male member to the Dance Committee. The Auditor replied that he had already appointed Mr. Dudley.

There being no further business the House adjourned.
A. M. Dowling (auditor)
11.11.40

SUMMING UP.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society took place on Monday 11th November 1940, in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

NEW

MEMBERS.

The House then proceeded to the election of new Members. The following were proposed, seconded, and declared elected: Miss Joan T. Walsh, Miss Marjorie Meagher, Messrs. James Joyce, Vincent A. Fanning, John Rogan, Donal O'Byrne.

There were no Motions on Notice. The Com. Secretary read a letter from Mr. O'Byrne, in which he stated his intention of resigning from the Committee, and a letter from Mr. Justice and Mrs. Meredith in

at the next meeting
for the vacancy
on the Committee

reply to an invitation. The Auditor stated that an election would take place. The Auditor announced that the Oratory Debate for Wednesday 27th November had been changed and that the subject for debate would be "that under present conditions Eire should not facilitate Britain in the matter of the ports."

INTER-DEBATE

ELECTION.

The election then took place for the Inter-debate to be held with University Hall Debating Society. The following were declared elected: Messrs. O'Sullivan, O'Byrne, Duanin, Nolan, Collins, substitute - Mr. James L. Byrne.

QUESTION

TIME.

Question time having been declared open the Auditor in reply to a question from Mr. Duanin stated that he had recinded his decision to appoint Mr. Dudley to act on the Dance Committee and that he would receive nominations for the position. A vote was then taken and Mr. Kevin Mc Morrow was declared elected.

Mr. Collins proposed and Mr. Casey

seconded the following Motion "that this house tender its congratulations to Dr. J. C. Mc Guaid, C.S. sp. on his appointment to be Archbishop of Dublin." The Motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION.

Mr O'Byrne proposed the suspension of S. Oas. in order to introduce the following motion "that the House go into Committee to consider fully the action of the Auditor in refusing to disclose to the members of the Society particulars as to the price paid for the replica of the Auditorial Insignia and for a full investigation of all matters relating ^{thereto} S. Oas. having been suspended by 21 votes to 9 votes. Mr O'Byrne proposed his Motion which was seconded by Mr. Collins. The following also spoke Mr. Durmin for the motion and Messrs. Egan and Boyd against the motion. The Motion was carried by 22 votes to 4 votes. and Messrs. Casey and Egan were proposed for Chairman. Mr. Casey was elected. The House then went into Committee.

DEBATE.

The Committee stage of the proceedings having terminated Mr Nolan proposed and Mr. Casey O'Connor seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the Chair. The Auditor then called on Mr William A. Beers, B.A., LL.B., who took the Chair for Legal Debate. The Motion being, "that the law treats both master and man badly in their mutual relationships." The following spoke to the motion: Messrs. S. A. Murtagh, K. A. Mc Morrow, L. D. Boyd, James S. Byrne, Miss Ada Hyland, Messrs. Owen Goff, Sean McGuire. Against the motion: Messrs. P. P. O'Sullivan, B. P. O'Byrne, J. M. Doyle, L. V. Nolan, D. M. Dowling, E. J. Durmin. The Motion was defeated by 13 votes to 9 votes. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks, with which

the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr O'Sullivan.

QUESTION
TIME.

Question Time having been declared open Mr. Dudley asked the Auditor 1) had he been sacked from the Dance Committee 2) if so what legal rights had he to do so, 3) what compensation was he to receive. The Auditor replied that he felt it was the wish of the House, that he had full power to do so and the question of compensation would be postponed until later.

A discussion then took place as to whether the marks at the Annual Election should be published. No decision was reached.

The House then adjourned.

18th November 1940

A. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Monday 18th November 1940. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with two alterations.

NEW

MEMBERS.

The House then proceeded to the election of new Members. The following were proposed, seconded and declared elected: Messrs John O'Farrell, Thos. J. O'Mahony, Walter Toolin, Michael O'Malley, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Carney, Henry Sheedy, James J. Byrne, Thos. Moylan.

MOTION

ON

NOTICE.

Mr. Boyd proposed and Mr. Murtagh seconded the following Motion on Notice: "That the Motions listed in the programme of debates should be reviewed and changed where necessary." Mr. Doyle spoke to the Motion, and Messrs. Collins, Mr. Gattigan,

Molan, O'Byrne, Dowling spoke against the Motion. Mr. Boyd replied. The Motion was lost.

PRIVATE
BUSINESS.

The Auditor announced that a Raffle was to take place among Solicitors' Apprentices, proceeds to go towards the Annual Dance. The Auditor also announced that the Motion for debate at the forthcoming Inter-debate with University Hall Debating Society would be "that we should not submit to the tyranny of conventions".

QUESTION
TIME.

Question Time having been declared open Mr. O'Byrne asked why the election for the vacancy on the Committee had been postponed and by what authority. The Auditor replied that if the House wished to hold the election it would be held. The matter was put to the House and it was decided to hold the election. The following were proposed and seconded for the vacancy Messrs Casey, Murtagh, Doyle, Moylan, Russell, Collins, McMorrow. In reply to a question from Mr Collins the Auditor stated that the price of the replica of the Auditorial Insignia was £7-10-0. Mr. O'Byrne, stating that this was an atrocious charge to inflict on the Society yearly, asked why there was no limit placed on the price to be paid. The Auditor replied that these questions should have been decided when the Auditorial ruling was made.

DEBATE.

Mr Rory O'Connor proposed Mr Collins seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the Chair. The Auditor then called on Alderman Alfred Byrne, T.D. who took the Chair for Impromptu Debate. The following spoke: Messrs. Kevin Campbell, L.D. Boyd. Sean Maguire, D. McGettigan, Liam Collins, K.P. McMorrow, Henry M. Sheehy, E.J. Durmin, Miss Marjorie Meagher. Mr S.A. Murtagh, Miss Joan Walsh, Messrs. James J. Byrne, N. Proud,

Louis V. Nolan, B. P. O'Byrne, George A. Russell, Dominic M. Dowling, J. M. Doyle, P. P. O'Sullivan, T. C. O'Mahony.

VOTE OF
THANKS.

The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr Proud and seconded by Mr. Murtegh. The Chairman replied.

The Auditor announced that Mr Seamus Casey had been elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

MOTION.

Mr. Nolan proposed the suspension of S. O.Rs. in order to introduce the following Motion:—"that Members who resign from the Committee should be compelled to alter all notices bearing his ^{or her} name as a Member of the Committee and to substitute the name of the member elected in his ^{or her} place." The motion was seconded by Mr. Egan. Mr O'Byrne objected strenuously on the grounds that the motion was against the rules and S. O.Rs. of the Society. The Motion was lost.

MOTION.

Question Time having been declared open Mr Murtegh asked where was the gavel and what steps, if any, had been taken to recover same. The Auditor replied that he should ask the House. Mr O'Sullivan proposed the suspension of S. O.Rs. in order to introduce the following Motion:—"that ex-Auditors should not wear replicas of the Auditorial Insignia at the Society's Annual Dances." S. O.Rs. having been suspended Mr. O'Sullivan proposed his motion, which was seconded by Mr Collins. Mr Diernin spoke to the motion and Messrs. Murtegh and O'Byrne spoke against the motion. The Motion was carried by 9 votes to 8 votes.

The House then adjourned as it was 11 o'clock.

J. M. Dowling (Auditor)

25 Nov 1940

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society took place in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 25th November 1940. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The House then proceeded to the election of New Members. Mr. Arthur O'Connor was proposed seconded and declared elected. A difficulty arose as to whether a person could be elected a member in absentia. The Auditor decided that the persons written consent should first be obtained.

There were no Motions on Notice. The Comr. Sec. read a letter from the "Irish Digest" requesting a copy of the Auditor's Inaugural Address for use in their next issue.

Question time having been declared open, the Auditor, in reply to a question from Mr. Mc Morrow as to why his name had been omitted from the Dance Committee as published in the Press stated that, as Mr. Mc Morrow had declined to perform his duties on the door during the Dance he thereby lost his powers as a member of said Committee. The fact that Mr. Mc Morrow had declined to go on the door was confirmed by several members of the House. In reply to a question from Mr. Boyd that he be given an account of what transpired at the Interdebate with the Society and University Hall Debating Society the Auditor said that he would refer the question to Mr. O'Byrne. Mr. O'Byrne gave a description of the proceedings but refused to give a word for word account of the speeches.

Mr. Walsh proposed the suspension of S. Ocs. in order to introduce the following Motion: "that in all the circumstances surrounding the purchase of the "Special Medal" by the Ex-Auditor, this House is of the opinion that the funds of the Society should not pay the full cost of the medal but agree to contribute a sum of £4 towards the cost and accordingly empower the

NEW
MEMBER.

Q. T.

MOTION.

Treasurer to make such payment." S.O.Rs. having been suspended Mr Walsh proposed his Motion, which was seconded by Mr O'Byrne. Mr Walsh said he very much regretted having to bring in such a Motion, but he felt that, having gone into the circumstances surrounding the purchase of the medal, he could not pay the very high cost of the medal without first having got some suggestion from the House. Mr O'Byrne reserved his right of reply.

Mr James J. Byrne speaking against the Motion said that, as Mr Egan had no authority to order the medal the House should contribute nothing. Messrs Collins and Durnin spoke to the motion. Mr Nolan speaking against the Motion said that in his opinion we were going ourselves more harm than good by bringing in such a motion.

Mr O'Sullivan speaking against the motion said that Mr Egan had misled and deceived the Society. Mr Boyd speaking to the motion pointed out that Mr Egan had done great things for the Society and that the House should (quote) "pass the motion as it stands." Mr MacGuffigan speaking against the motion stated that he was sure that Mr Egan would refund the sum in question if required and that in his opinion he was not asking for any favours from the Society. Mr Doyle spoke against the motion. The Auditor pointed out the importance of the motion and said that he hoped that the members of the House would consider the motion thoroughly before voting on it. Mr O'Byrne, replying, stated that he thought we were being very generous in offering to pay £4. Mr Walsh also replied. The Motion was carried by 19 votes to 3 votes.

DEBATE

The Auditor then called on Mr Seamus Heavey, B.L. who took the Chair for Irish Debate. The Motion was: "zur ró-uair fós an Gaedilí a cítearad in 'sna cúirceanna". The

following spoke to the Motion: Messrs James J. Byrne
Kevin P. Mc Morrow, Gearóid M. Ó Dubháin,
Patrick Johnson, P. P. O'Sullivan, John M. O'Shea,
Against the Motion: Messrs. George Russell,
D. M. Dowling, Tomás O'Mazgairín, Donnall
Mac Cizeagáin, Caoimhín MacLáirín, Seamus
L. O'Brien. The Motion was lost by 14 votes to
9 votes. The Chairman summed up. A vote of
thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself
was proposed by Mr Mac Gettigan and seconded
by Mr. Campbell. The Chairman replied.

The Auditor then announced that the

MOTIONS

ON NOTICE

following motions were on notice for the first
meeting next term, motions to suspend S. O.R.s.
at an earlier stage of the meeting having been
defeated. The Motions were: (1) "That an examination
of the Auditorial Rulings Book be made and that
such Rulings be printed and issued as an
Appendix to the Rules and S. O.R.s. of the Society and
that such Appendices be brought up to date every
five years. And that this work be undertaken
by the ordinary members of the Committee as
distinct from the Officers thereof, as the Officers
are fully occupied with their duties. And that the
first proof (or draft) of such Appendix be presented
to the House not later than the second meeting of
the Hilary Term." Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and
seconded by Mr Collins. and (2) "That this House
has no confidence in Mr Casey as a member of
the Committee." Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded
by Mr. Collins.

MOTION

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Collins
seconded the suspension of S. O.R.s. in order to
introduce the following Motion "That this House

congratulates the officers and committee of the Society, and is of the opinion that special praise is due to the Hon. Dance Secretary, Mr Louis V. Nolan, for the great success which attended the Society's Dance this year." S. Ors. having been suspended Mr O'Byrne proposed his Motion. The following spoke: Messrs. O'Sullivan, Durmin, Nolan, Doyle and the Auditor, Mr Dowling. The Motion was passed with acclamation.

Q.T.

Question Time having been declared open the Auditor, replying to a question from Mr Collins, stated that there would be a Committee Meeting at the end of the meeting to consider what were the best steps to be taken with regard to the "Special Medal" and the Motion which had been passed by the House.

MOTION.

The House refused to suspend S. Ors. to allow Mr. Boyd to introduce the following Motion: that this House views with disapproval the Government's action in causing the withdrawal of the play "Roly Poly" from the Gate Theatre." Mr Nolan seconded the Motion.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed the suspension of S. Ors. in order to introduce the following Motion: That this House demands the suspension of Mr Collins, who is treating the Chair with contempt." S. Ors. having been suspended Mr. Nolan proposed his Motion which was seconded by Mr Boyd. Mr O'Byrne spoke against the Motion. The Motion was declared lost.

11 o'clock.

The House then adjourned as it was

6/1/41

J. M. Dowling (auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Wednesday 27th November 1940. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read ^{but not signed} and signed with two alterations.

NEW MEMBER.

The House then proceeded to the election of New Members. Mr. Thomas J. Morrissey was proposed, seconded and declared a member (in absentia).

There was no correspondence and no Motions on Notice.

Q.T.

Question time having been declared open, the Auditor, in reply to a question from Mr. O'Byrne, stated that the Archives Box, which was the property of the Society, was at present in Castlebar where it had been sent by last years Auditor to have the name of the Society printed on it. He said that he hoped to have it back after Christmas. Replying to Mr Collins the Treasurer stated that he had received the bill from the Gresham Hotel for the Annual Dance. It showed an increase of £17. on last years figure.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr O'Byrne then proposed and Mr Collins seconded that Mr George Ulick Burke be elected a Member of the Society. The Motion was carried and Mr Burke was declared a Member of the Society.

DEBATE.

The Auditor then called on Mr Peadar O'Donnell, who took the Chair for Oratory Debate. The Motion for Debate was: "that under present circumstances Eire should not facilitate

Britain in the matter of the Ports." The following spoke - For the Motion, Messrs L. Collins, B.P.O. Byrne, D.M. Dowling, J.D. Byrne, S.P. Maguire, S.A. Murtagh, P.M. Johnson, C. MacLazmaoil, Miss M. Meagher, Mr. G.V. Burke. Against the Motion, Messrs. L.V. Nolan, V.A.F. Fleming, D. MacJettigan, P.P. O'Sullivan, James J. Byrne, W. Richardson, K.J. O'Shaughnessy, J.M. Doyle, Miss A. Hyland.

A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr O. Byrne. The Chairman replied.

The House then adjourned as it was after 11 o'clock.

13/1/41
J.M. Dowling (Auditor)

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 13th January 1941. The Auditor presided

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and signed with alterations as therein contained.

A motion on notice to the effect "that this House is of opinion that the true construction of Rule 66 of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society, is that the Auditor shall not make any Auditorial Rulings until he has first referred to "Palgrave's Handbook" for Chairman" proposed by Mr B.P. O'Byrne and seconded by the eternal Mr L.M. Collins was, since the house was not of that opinion lost by 13 votes to 7. The following spoke against B. Lynch & the Auditor, FOR P.P. O'Sullivan. Mr O'Byrne replied. Several other motions on notice were withdrawn permission being granted for them to

be re-entered for the following Monday.

The Correspondence Secretary then read a letter from the Sec. of the Northern Ireland Apprentices Debating Society inviting us to send up a team ^{of four} for an inter-debate on Monday Feb 10th. Referring to this letter the Auditor declared that the team would be elected at the next meeting.

The Corr. Sec. was requested in no uncertain terms by Mr Walsh and Mr Collins to read a letter in his possession from the ex-Auditor Mr Egan. He objected on the grounds that it was a personal letter. The auditor postponed the matter to question time Mr Boyd then proposed and Mr Nolan seconded "That in view of the critical times in which we live this House is of opinion that the Government is to be severely criticised for the way in which it handled the present petrol shortage." The motion was carried after the following had expressed their views For. Messrs. Boyd, Nolan, Derrin, Doyle, Collins Against Messrs O'Sullivan & Lynch

Mr Nolan then proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded that the visiting chairman take the chair

The motion being passed the Auditor called up the visiting Chairman Mr J. O'Higgins B.L. to take the chair. The motion for Debate was "That in the case of Harvey v Facey the Court misapplied an unimpeachable rule of law to the evidence before it. The following spoke. FOR. Messrs O'Mahoney, Dowling, Derrin, Boyd AGAINST Messrs Nolan, O'Byrne, Doyle, Lynch, and O'Sullivan. The chairman summed up and on being put to the House the motion was lost by ten votes to six. A vote

of thanks with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr Durnin and seconded by Mr O'Byrne. The motion was passed with acclamation & question time being open with his usual singleness of mind Mr Collins requested Mr Walsh to read a letter he had received from Mr Egan. Mr Walsh being only too willing the letter was read and created quite a lot of amusement.

Mr O'Byrne then asked what steps had been taken to recover the archives box. The auditor explained that it was still in the country and that it would be written for.

Mr Richardson with an noticeable lack of tact reopened the question of the letter Mr Nolan had received from Mr Egan.

Mr Nolan patiently explained that it was a personal letter.

Mr O'Byrne asked did the letter refer to anything concerning the Society.

Mr Durnin ^{proposed a motion to} ~~was~~ suspended standing orders to introduce the following motion "that the House should take no further proceedings in re M. J. Egan"

Interjection from Mr Walsh - I want that letter read.

Mr Nolan said that he would read the part relevant to the Society.

With a stubbornness that would have been admirable if it had not been misguided Mr Walsh suspended heaven and earth and standing orders to introduce the motion "That this House requires ^{that} the letter from the ex-auditor be read." The voting was 11 for, 6 against. The auditor ruled the motion lost. Mr Lynch ^{vaguely} referred the auditor to an unspecified Auditorial Ruling.

A discussion followed which culminated in the auditor directing the letter to be read.

Mr Boyd asked could his objections to the reading of the letter be recorded on the grounds that it was a breach of confidence.

~~Mr~~ The Corr. Sec. then read the letter, explaining first that his reason for withholding it, was a disinclination to reopen a matter which was in his opinion unworthy of the traditions of the House. The house listened with ^{BATED} bated breath to the letter with the exception of Mr Walsh who was observed to be breathing rather heavily.

Mr Lynch proposed and Mr O'Sullivan seconded "that this House has full confidence in Mr Walsh as Treasurer". Mr Nolan spoke for the motion which was passed unanimously.

Mr O'Byrne asked why Mr Casey's name was not put on the Society notice in place of O'Byrnes.

Mr Lynch asked for Treasurer's report on Annual Dance and general financial position. This the Treasurer explained fully.

Mr Lynch then gave a gastronomic exposition of the relative merits of a running buffet and an ordinary supper.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Collins seconded "that this house wishes to express its regret on the death of James Joyce". The house passed the motion in silence and standing.

Mr Walsh then asked the Auditor to suspend a member who owed the Society money. The auditor expressed his unwillingness to take the extreme measure and asked Mr Walsh to write to him once more.

Mr Collins asked were we having a hop and

the Auditor replied in the affirmative.

Mr O'Byrne informed the Auditor that a motion should be drafted re New Solicitors Bill. This was agreed upon.

Mr Nolan then proposed and Mr Collins seconded "That we institute a dramatic Society in this Society"

Proposing his motion Mr Nolan was interrupted by Mr O'Sullivan with a remark which savoured of double-entendre. For the motion were Messrs O'Brien, Collins and Nolan Against. O'Sullivan, Durnin, Boyd. Mr Nolan Replied The motion was carried by 9 votes to 5.

The Auditor announced that ^{there were motions} two ~~motions~~ on notices for the next meeting as well as those previously referred to. They were

① That this House is of opinion that Solicitors should have been included in the list of essential Services' to receive an extra ration of petrol.

Proposed by L.M. Collins and seconded by B.P. O'Byrne

② That a sub-Committee of the House be appointed to put before the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, the views of the Apprentice Body on the new Solicitors Bill now being drafted. Proposed by B.P. O'Byrne & seconded by the usual Mr Collins

Mr O'Byrne asked has Ex-Auditor been absent from three consecutive committee meetings. Answer "No"

A valiant effort by Mr O'Byrne to send Mr Nolan to the Abbey at the expense of the Society to review the play for the Society and to obtain reductions for the members was ~~not~~ ^{vitiated} after discussion. The meeting closed at 10.30 for ^{want} lack of a quorum.

20/1/41
J.M. Dowling (auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 20th January 1941. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with two alterations.

The Correspondence Sec read a letter from the Secretary, Northern Ireland Apprentices Debating Society.

The Auditor announced that he would receive nominations for the Inter-debate team to travel to Belfast. A ballot would then take place to fill the three vacancies.

The following Motions were on Notice:-

MOTION ON NOTICE

① "That this House is of the opinion that Solicitors should have been included in the list of "essential services" to receive an extra ration of petrol." Proposed by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr O'Byrne. Mr Duernin ^{Mr O'Sullivan} spoke to the motion. Mr O'Byrne replied. The Motion was declared carried.

MOTION ON NOTICE.

② "That a Sub-Committee of the House be appointed to put before the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, the view of the Apprentice Body on the new Solicitors Bill now being drafted." Proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Collins. Mr O'Sullivan spoke to the Motion and Mr O'Byrne replied. The Motion was carried unanimously. Messrs Collins, O'Byrne and Boyd were appointed to act on the Sub-Committee.

MOTION ON NOTICE.

③ A Motion "That this House has no confidence in Mr Casey as a member of the Committee" was proposed by Mr O'Byrne, who strongly opposed it. Mr Collins seconded the Motion. Mr Nolan spoke to the Motion and Mr Lynch spoke against

the Motion. Mr O'Byrne replied. The Motion was declared lost.

DEBATE.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr Collins seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the Chair. Mr John S. O'Connor, Solicitor, then took the Chair for ~~informal~~ debate. The following spoke:— Messrs. L. D. Boyd, J. D. Byrne, B. P. O'Byrne, L. V. Nolan, D. M. Dowling, E. Durnin, P. P. O'Sullivan, J. Rogan, B. J. Lynch, H. M. Sheehy, W. H. Richardson, L. M. Collins. The Chairman summoned up. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr Lynch and seconded by Mr Rogan. The Chairman replied.

HOP

The Auditor then announced that it was intended to hold a Hop on 1st February. The Auditor also announced that the following had been elected to go to Belfast:— Messrs. L. V. Nolan, L. D. Boyd, B. P. O'Byrne, (P. P. O'Sullivan - substitute.) The Auditor being "ex officio" leader of the Society's Representatives.

MOTION ON

NOTICE.

The following Motion on Notice was proposed by Mr O'Byrne and seconded by Mr Collins:— "That an Examination of the Auditorial Rulings Book be made and that such Rulings be printed and issued as an Appendix to the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society and that such Appendices be brought up to date every five years. And that such work be undertaken by the Ordinary Members of the Committee as distinct from the Officers thereof. As the Officers of this Society are fully occupied with their ordinary duties. And that the first "proof" (or draft) of such Appendix be presented to the House not later than the second Meeting of Hilary Term."

Mr O'Sullivan spoke to the Motion. Messrs Durnin Boyd, Rogan and the Auditor spoke against the motion. After several counts the motion was lost, the Auditor giving his casting vote against the motion.

MOTION.

Mr Walsh proposed and Mr Lynch seconded the suspension of S. Ocs. to introduce the following Motion:—"That the Correspondence Secretary be directed to write Mr. M. J. Egan and demand the return of the Archives Box with carriage paid thereon, and that a copy of this motion be forwarded." The motion was however, withdrawn, when the Auditor assured Mr Walsh that the necessary steps were being taken.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Ocs. to introduce the following Motion "That it's been a bloody awful day." The House thought so too.

QUESTION

TIME.

Question Time having been declared open the Auditor in reply to a question from Mr. Durnin fixed Wednesday 12th February as the date on which the Sub-Committee should send in their report on the Solicitors' Bill.

MOTION.

Mr Boyd proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Ocs. to introduce the following Motion:—"That the Society should take a suitable part in the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland." Messrs Collins and O'Byrne spoke to the Motion. Mr Lynch against the motion. Mr Boyd replied. The motion was carried unanimously.

The House then adjourned.

27th January 1941

J. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 27th January 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were and signed with one alteration.

There were no Motions on Notice and no correspondence.

AUDITORIAL RULINGS.

The Auditor made the following Auditorial Rulings. (1) No amendment whatsoever to any motion may be proposed or seconded by either the proposer or seconder of such motion subsequent to the speech by the proposer to that motion. (2) Auditorial Rulings made respectively on the 7th March 1938 and 8th May 1939 were ultra vires, Rules 75 and 76 of the Rules of the Society and accordingly void and of no effect.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr MacFettigan seconded the suspension of S. Oas. to introduce the following motion: "That it is in the best interest of all Solicitors' Apprentices that the marks obtained by them in all examinations held by the Incorporated Law Society should be readily available. Such as being put on the Notice Board in the Lecture Room." Messrs. Durbin, Maguire and the Auditor spoke to the Motion. Messrs. J. J. Byrne and J. L. Byrne spoke against the Motion. The Motion was declared carried.

MOTION.

Mr MacFettigan proposed and Mr J. J. Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Oas. to introduce the following motion: "That we, the Members of this House respectfully make certain suggestions to the Incorporated Law Society." Messrs Collins and Maguire spoke against the

Motion. The Motion was lost.

A vote was then taken and it was decided to change the legal Debate on Monday 10th. February to Wednesday 5th February. In view of the fact that there was an Inter-debate with Northern Ireland on that date.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr Durnin seconded the suspension of S. Oas. to introduce the following motion:— That the next informal Junction to be held here be a "Ceilidhe." Mr Mac Eitzigan spoke to the motion and Mr Nolan spoke against the motion. The motion was lost by 10 votes (for) and 12 votes (against).

Q.T.

Question Time having been declared open the Treasurer, in reply to a question from Mr Collins stated that there was £10 still outstanding for Dance Tickets and that there were 12 members who had not paid their subs.

DEBATE.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr Walsh seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Senator Michael Hayes, M.P. then took the Chair for Irish Debate. The motion for debate was "Zur fearr preasáil na seirbís - Deonzaic le h-azaid oiam na h-Eireann." The following spoke to the motion:— Donnall Mac Eizéagáin, Seorse Ó buice, Seamus L. Ó Braon. Against the motion were:— Gearóid M. Ó Dubháill, Seamus S. Ó Braon, Kevin P. Mc Morrow, Sean P. Maguire, Edward J. Durnin, D. Ó Dunlauge, Razaid Ó Nualláin. The motion was lost. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself; was proposed by Seamus S. Ó Braon and seconded by Donnall Mac Eizéagáin. The Chairman replied.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr J. L. Byrne seconded the suspension to introduce the following motion:— That this House congratulates Dr. Douglas Hyde, President of Eire, on the occasion of his 81st. Birthday, and further, that on the passing of this motion the House request the Auditor to convey the congratulations personally to the aforesaid gentleman, and at the same time make his apologies for being slightly late with his and our best congratulations. Messrs. MacFettigan and J. J. Byrne spoke to the motion and Messrs Duenin and Nolan spoke against the motion. The motion was declared lost.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr J. J. Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Ocs. & introduce the following motion:— "That this house sends Collins to the Royal Dublin Society as an example of perpetual motion." The motion was carried by 8 votes to 5 votes.

MOTION.

Mr Duenin proposed and Mr Collins seconded the following motion:— "That the Chairman at debates, other than Irish debates, be encouraged and the other members be entitled to heckle the speaker in public debate." Messrs MacFettigan and Nolan spoke against the motion. The motion was declared carried.

MOTION.

Mr Duenin proposed and Miss Hyland seconded the suspension of S. Ocs. & introduce the following motion:— "That the Hon. Secretaries be paid a small stipend say at the rate of 1^d per meeting to be paid by the Incorporated Law Society. Mr. Collins spoke to the motion and Mr Nolan spoke against the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr Collins was appointed to go to Mr. Wakely to recover the Secretaries salaries.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

3 February 1941

J. M. Dowling (Auditor)

The foregoing is a poetic description of a Dance held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, on Saturday 1st. February 1941.

In Solicitors' Hall an awful brawl
Took place on the first of Feb.
Solicitors danced with a prentice prance
Like flies caught in a web.

Boyd was there with a lady fair
Behind the curtains green.
The things he did (it is no fib)
To say they're best unseen.

Dowling too, his banner flew
With the ladies cut a dash
And down below, with movements slow
William counted cash.

The music rose: the best of shows
Was going fine and dandy.
The Hon. Corr. Sec. was up to his neck,
In good old liqueur brandy.

Pity the man at the microphone,
The poor Hon. Record Sec.
Announcing all the items,
What a (blue-pencil) neck.

Kevin, the bear, was far too slow

In picking up the 'goals'

So down he went to the window vent
And introduced his pals.

Casey, the fair, was also there,
His pals not very flush.

Arrived with a dash, but minus the cash
Decided the doors to Rush.

'Mongst those away on this great day
Was Durnin and his dame
And rumour ran from man to man
That he was not to blame.

A curse on those who rather chose
To stay home with the wife
And did not come to hear the drum
And learn to live the life.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the
Society took place in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four
Courts, on Monday 3rd. February. The Auditor
presided.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and signed without alteration.

NEW.

MEMBER.

The House then proceeded to the
election of New Members. Mr. Dermot Murphy was
proposed, seconded and declared a member of
the Society.

There were no Motions on Notice and
no correspondence.

Q.T.

Question Time having been declared
open, the Treasurer, in reply to a question from

Mr. J. D. Byrne stated that we had made about £1.6 on the recent Hop.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr J. D. Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Oms. to introduce the following Motion: "that this House congratulates Mr Rory O'Connor on the success of the Hop held here on Saturday, as it attributes its success to him personally." Mr Durnin spoke to the Motion. Messrs. Macgettigan, Doyle and O'Connor spoke against the Motion. The Motion was carried unanimously.

DEBATE.

Mr. Rory O'Connor proposed and Mr Casey seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Rev. Bro. Berckmans, M.A. then took the Chair for Oratory Debate. The Motion for Debate was: "that Science is a menace to civilization." The following spoke:—(FOR.) Messrs. Donnall MacEiréogáin, Louis V. Nolan. (AGAINST.) Messrs. D.M. Dowling, N.J. Purcell, Liam D. Boyd, James L. Byrne, Caoimhín MacCáiníoch. W. H. Richardson, George A. Russell, Edward J. Durnin, John Rogan, Rory O'Connor. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mr. Macgettigan. The Chairman replied.

From this stage of the meeting Mr. Collins kept rising to points of Order which were not points of Order and vice versa.

Q. T.

Question Time having been declared open Mr. Richardson asked why no report was forthcoming from the Sub Committee working on the New Solicitors Bill. Mr Boyd replied that at the moment the Bill was private and confidential. Mr. Durnin asked why Mr. Boyd had not informed the House of this fact sooner. Mr. Boyd replied

that this was the first opportunity he had had. Mr. Rogan asked whether Mr Boyd was aware that the Bill may be read in the Solicitors' Library. Mr. Boyd replied that he was.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr Durnin seconded the suspension of S. O.R.s. to introduce the following Motion:—"That it is the considered opinion of this house that the members of the Committee should, like our Auditor, wear evening dress at all debates held under the auspices of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society, and further that in their present attire the Committee, with the exception of the Auditor, is to be censured."

Messrs. Macgettigan and Russell spoke to the motion. Messrs. Doyle and Boyd spoke against the motion. The motion was carried by 12 votes to 3 votes.

MOTION

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr. Boyd seconded the suspension of S. O.R.s. to introduce the following Motion:—"That Messrs Collins, Durnin and Macgettigan be compelled to attend meetings of the Society in evening dress." Mr. Durnin spoke to the motion. Mr. Collins spoke against the motion. The motion was declared carried, the Auditor giving his casting vote for the motion.

Q. T.

Question Time having been declared open, the Treasurer, replying to a question from Mr. Collins, stated that we would be overdrawn £1-18-8 if all debts owing to the Society were paid. Mr. Collins said that he was not concerned with "ifs". Mr Walsh then replied that we were £13-12-6 in debt. Mr. Collins then put the following question on notice for the next meeting. "To the Treasurer—Please account for the change between a debt of £10-0-0. on Monday 27th January 1961 and a

debt of £13 = 12 = 6 on Monday 3rd. February 1941.
I want a full account of the debt which has come
to hand in these 7 days."

NEW
MOTION.

The Auditor announced that it
had been suggested to change the motion for
debate on Monday 24th. February. The following
motion was suggested. "That the Government has
not the confidence of the people and should
resign".

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Louis V. Nolan

5th February 1941.

Acting - Auditor.

An Ordinary General Meeting of the
Society took place in the Solicitors Buildings,
Four Courts Dublin on Wednesday 5th February
1941. Mr Louis V. Nolan presided as Deputy
Auditor.

The Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and signed without alteration.

There were no Motions on Notice
and no correspondence.

Contrary to expectation Mr.
Collins introduced no Motions.

Mr. Rory O'Connor proposed and
Mr. Durnin seconded, that the visiting Chair-
man do take the Chair. The Deputy Auditor
then called on Mr Sean Kenny, B.A., B.L.
who took the Chair for legal Debate.

The Motion for debate was: "That the decision
in Re. Polemis and Furness Withy & Co.
(1921) 3. K.B. 560; C.A. 1921 changed the law

DEBATE.

as to remoteness of damage in tort and should be accepted by our Courts": The following spoke for the motion: Messrs. Louis V. Nolan, G. M. Doyle. Against the motion were: Messrs. Edward J. Durnin, George A. Russell, Stephen A. Murtagh, John Rogan. The Chairman summed up. The Motion was put to the House, and was lost.

A vote of thanks, with which the Deputy-Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr Collins and seconded by Mr Durnin. The Chairman replied.

Q.T. Question Time having been declared open several questions were asked with regard to the change of the motion for debate on February 24th. The Deputy Auditor pointed out that the Committee had power to change motions and that the fact that the Auditor had asked the House for suggestions was merely a gesture on the part of the Auditor. No suggestions were made, so the Auditor had therefore fixed the motion already recorded.

Mr Murtagh, who was full of good spirits, asked if the Committee could give any reason for changing two motions which in his opinion were very good subjects for discussion. The Deputy-Auditor replied that the Committee did not have to give any reason, and referred Mr Murtagh to Rule 39.

The House then adjourned.

12th February 1941

A. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society took place in The Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Wednesday 12th February 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

There were no Motions on Notice and no correspondence.

MOTION.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr Nolan seconded the following Motion:— "That we, the members of the Solicitors' Apprentices Debating Society of Ireland do extend unto the Widow and Family of the late Mr Justice Conroy, our deepest sympathy on the occasion of their recent bereavement." The House passed the motion standing.

Mr Nolan then read a poetic description of the Inter-debate which took place between the Society and the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society of Northern Ireland.

Q. T.

Question Time having been declared open several questions were asked with regard to the Inter-debate mentioned above. Mr Doyle asked why the motion was not put to a vote. The Auditor replied that the audience had left before the end of the speeches. Mr Collins asked if it was true that the team had received a blank cheque. The Auditor replied in the affirmative.

DEBATE.

Mr Boyd proposed and Mr Nolan seconded that the visiting Chairman take the chair. Mr Oliver Gogarty, B.L. then took the Chair for Impromptu Debate. The following spoke:— Messrs. John Fogan, Kevin Mc Morrow, Thomas O'Mahoney, P.J. Brennan, George A. Russell, Liam D. Boyd, Gerard M. Doyle, Miss Marjorie

Meagher, Miss Joan Macaulay, Messrs. Adam M. Collins, Edward J. Durnin, Vincent Gannon, Rony O'Connor, Patrick P. O'Sullivan, Kevin Campbell, Dominic M. Dowling, Daniel MacGettigan, Louis V. Nolan, and James L. Byrne. The Chairman summed up.

A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr Fogan and seconded by Mr O'Sullivan. The Chairman replied.

Q.T.

Question Time having been declared open Mr Boyd asked if the Society would consider holding a Balloon Debate. Mr Boyd, at the request of the Auditor, explained what a Balloon Debate was. The question was put to the Society and decided in the affirmative. A Balloon Debate was then held. The following took part:-

Messrs. L.D. Boyd, R. O'Connor, P.P. O'Sullivan, S.J. Durnin, L.M. Collins, J.A. Russell, K. Campbell, T. O'Mahoney, J. M. Doyle, L. V. Nolan, J. L. Byrne, Miss J. Macaulay.

Mr Nolan asked what steps would be taken to prevent Mr Collins insulting visiting Chairmen. The Auditor replied that that was a matter for Mr. Collins.

MOTION.

Mr. Nolan proposed and Mr O'Sullivan seconded the suspension of S. O.R.s. & introduce the following motion:- "that the Incorporated Law Society should arrange a better system for holding the Oral Irish."

Messrs. Doyle, Boyd, Casey, Dowling spoke for the motion. Against the motion were Messrs. Russell, Collins, Durnin and MacGettigan. The motion was carried by 15 votes to 3 votes.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared question

time open. Mr Duennin asked the Auditor: did he not think that a blank cheque given to the Inter-debate team was very improper. The Auditor replied in the negative and pointed out that the team had in fact spent half what was spent on the last trip.

MOTION
ON
NOTICE.

The following motion was put on notice for the next meeting of the Society. Proposed by Mr O'Mahoney and seconded by Mr J. G. O'Shea. "That the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society take up with University College, Dublin the fact that Solicitors' Apprentices will not be allowed to avail themselves of the College facilities, (e.g. use of library, "86" Hall, Beffield, etc.) after Saturday next, without payment of additional fee of £3. 8. 0."

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

17th February 1941

J. M. Douling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Building, Four Courts, on Monday 17th. February 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Mr O'Mahoney's Motion on Notice re Solicitors' Apprentices and U.C.D. was postponed to allow further investigations to be made.

At this stage the Pres. Secretary had not arrived.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared Question

Time Open. Mr Collins asked if an Acting-Auditor was allowed to wear the Auditorial Insignia. The Auditor replied that he was not. Mr Richardson asked if the Committee working on the new Solicitors' Bill had made any report. The question was referred to Mr Collins, who said that Mr O'Byrne had been laid up, and further that, at the moment, the Bill was Private and Confidential.

The Corr. Secretary arrived and when asked for correspondence replied that there were no epistolary communications. Mr Richardson asked if it was intended to hold a "Trial by Jury". The Auditor replied that if a "Trial by Jury" were held there would probably be no Annual Outing and he thought the Society would prefer an Outing. Replying to Mr Doyle the Auditor said that the Society had never held an Irish Inter-debate. Mr Russell asked if Mr Collins was going to heckle speakers during the Irish Debate. Mr Nolan asked if Mr Collins was speaking, whereupon, amidst dead silence Mr Collins rose to his feet and drawing himself up to his full height said, "I have spoken."

MOTION.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr Russell seconded the suspension of S. Oes. to introduce the following motion: "that the next Inaugural Meeting be in Irish." Messrs. Durnin Collins and Nolan spoke to the motion. Mr. Richardson spoke against the motion.

MOTION
ON
NOTICE.

The following Motion was put on Notice for the next meeting: "That the Auditor should dismiss the Committee which was appointed to report on the new Solicitors' Bill and appoint a new Committee in place thereof." Proposed by

Mr W. Henry Richardson and seconded by Mr. Gerard M. Doyle.

DEBATE.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr Casey seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Mr James H. Gallagher, Solicitor then took the Chair for Irish Debate. The motion for debate was "Nac fuí beiré beo." The following spoke for the motion: D Ó Dúnlainze, Tomás Ó Maizaimne gearóid m ó Dubzaill. Against the motion were: Seamus L Ó BROWN, Kevin P Mc Morrow, Caorín Jón MacCaizmaoil, Seorse Ruiséal, Pádraig Ó Braonáin, Siobán Mac Aunlaizda, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin, Liam de Buirz, Edward J. Duenin. The Chairman summed up. The Motion was lost by 20 votes to 6 votes. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and seconded by Miss Fagan. The Chairman replied.

Q.T.

The Auditor announced that it was proposed to hold a Hop on Saturday, and that Tickets would be sold before the Hop and that only those with Tickets would be admitted. Replying to a question from Mr O'Sullivan the Auditor said that the Tickets would be numbered and would be given to members to sell.

Question Time having been declared open Mr O'Sullivan asked what was the financial position of the Society. The Treasurer replied that we had about £14 credit but that we owed about £11. to Brindlys for printing.

MOTION

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr Duenin seconded the suspension of S. Ord. to introduce the following motion - That the individual who inscribed Mr Nolan's name at the head of

the list for the Irish Debate is a cold-blooded, black-hearted scoundrel, who can only look forward with bleary eyes to a hopeless future of job-crawling and ultimate extinction at the end of a rope which present existence and final destiny is more than the tort-feaser deserves; and it is the sincere desire of this house that his final moments may be fraught with the same intolerable anguish as Mr Nolan must have felt when he was sabotaged in this dastardly manner; and further that this house deplores the speech prepared for Mr Nolan being shocked by the implications contained therein and appalled by the laxity of moral thought which was brought to its preparation." Mr Collins spoke against the motion. The motion was carried by 14 votes to 8 votes.

Mr Collins put his question: - re the missing £3-12-6 on notice for the next meeting.

The following motion was also put on notice for the next meeting: - "a) that the Committee be requested to wear Evening Dress at all meetings of this Society as and from next Monday 24th February 1941. b) That in their present form of attire the committee be censured. c) That the members of the House are not to be asked to come in the same dress." Proposed by Mr Collins. and seconded by Mr James L. Byrne.

The House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

24 February 1941

J. M. Dowling (Auditor)

MOTION

ON

NOTICE

replied that he would write a suitable reply to Mr. Wakely, and re-state this fact. The Coor. Secretary also read a letter from Clongowes Wood College, in re: a proposed Inter-debate.

DEBATE.

Mr Boyd proposed and Mr Nolan seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the Chair. The Auditor then called on Mr Roger Mc Hugh, M.A., who took the Chair for Oratory Debate. The Motion for Debate was "that the Government of Eire has lost the confidence of the people and should resign." The following spoke for the motion: Messrs. Edward J. Duenin, W. Henry Richardson, Caovinn MacCaizmaoil, Liam D. Boyd, Louis V. Nolan, George A. Russell, James L. Byene, Sean P. Maguire, B. J. Lynch, Liam M. Collins. The following spoke against the motion: Messrs. John Hogan, D. M. Dowling, P. P. O'Sullivan, T. O. Mahony, Gerard M. Doyle, D. MacGottigan, P. J. Brennan, Rory O'Connor, Miss Ada Hyland. The Chairman summed up. The Motion was lost by 11 votes to 9 votes.

A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr. Nolan and seconded by Mr. Boyd. The Chairman replied.

The House then adjourned as it was after 11 o'clock.

Rory O'Connor
Deputy Auditor.

2nd March 1941.

An Ordinary General meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 24th February 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

MOTIONS
ON
NOTICE

There were two motions on notice:-

① "(a) that the Committee be requested to wear evening dress at all meetings of this Society as and from next Monday 24th February 1941. (b) that in their present form of attire the Committee are to be censured. (c) that members of the House are not to be asked to come in the same dress." Proposed by Mr L. Collins and seconded by Mr J. L. Byrne. The motion was lost by 8 votes to 7 votes.

② "that the Auditor should dismiss the Committee which was appointed to report on the New Solicitors' Bill and appoint a new Committee in place thereof." Proposed by Mr W. Henry Richardson and seconded by Mr Gerard M. Doyle. The motion was declared carried.

Q.T.

The Correspondence Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wakely, in re: the Oral Irish Examination and a Motion passed by the House on Wednesday 12th February 1941. Mr Durnin asked if he might have the relevant passage in the minutes of that date read. The Record Secretary complied. Mr. Durnin then pointed out that Mr. Wakely had referred to the motion as having been passed unanimously and asked what steps would be taken to inform Mr. Wakely that the motion was only passed by 15 votes to 3 votes. The Corr. Secretary

An ordinary General meeting of the Society was held in the usual place on Monday 3rd Feb. Year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one. Since the auditor had a bad attack of finalitis Mr O'Connor presided as deputy-auditor, Mr Nolan being promoted to Record Secretary.

There were no objections to the minutes as such but Mr O'Sullivan queried Mr O'Connors right to sign them since the Auditor was coming along later, proving that the unanswerable objection to an unanswerable objection is that it is unanswerable.

There were no new members and no correspondence.

Mr Nolan asked what happened to the eight snap taken in Belfast and demanded to know why it was not shown to the House. The Deputy-Auditor said that it did not come out. The House did not believe him.

Mr Russell rose with a dazed and puzzled look upon his face and asked plaintively "Where is the Auditor?"

Mr Durnus attempted to suspend standing orders and was metaphorically de-bagged by the refusal of the House to comply.

Mr Collins produced a bill from the Irish Independent which he had rescued from the garbage bin and made it the subject of some aimless questions of an uncertain nature which were answered comprehensively.

Messrs Boyd, and Durnin quibbled with the rather free translation of Cicero which formed the subject for debate and on Mr O'Sullivan's request Mr Boyd supplied the original Latin in a

sub-human Central European bläs.

Mr Richardson all fire and fuming wanted information about the publication of reports of the Society's meetings and got it in the form of a Press-cutting.

Standing Orders being suspended The ~~hungry~~ Mr Collins proposed and Mr Richardson seconded "That this House adjourn to the Clarence Hotel and have supper at the expense of the Society." Mr Nolan spoke against the motion suggesting that the Gresham would be more suitable. The motion was carried by 12 votes to 4. but the house, fortunately for the Treasurers peace of mind (and pocket) did not act on the motion.

Standing orders being suspended half way up to the ceiling Mr Boyd proposed and Mr Casey seconded "That this House go into Committee to discuss the question of the Annual Outing".

Nominations were taken for chairman and the names of Messrs Collins, Mc Morrow and Rogan were put to the House. ~~William~~ Collins was elected and on taking the chair proved that Shakespear was right when he said

"Vain, Vain man,

Drest in a little brief authority

Plays such fantastic tricks before high Heaven
As makes the angles weep."

The house having gone out of Committee Mr Richardson proposed and Mr Nolan seconded that the visiting chairman take the chair. The Deputy-Auditor then called upon Mr Daniel O'Connor Esq. who took the chair for legal debate "That we are the slaves of the law that we may be free" He followed spoke for the motion Louis V. Nolan, Margorie Mcaffer

P. J. Brennan, Thos. O'Mahony, S. Mustagh, James L. Byrne, Edward J. Durnin. Against the motion were John Rogan, Caoimhin Mac Cairmaid, P. P. O'Sullivan, Kevin P. Mc Morrow, George A. Russell, Rory O'Connor, Dominic M. Dowling, Liam D. Boyd. The chairman summed up. The auditor then called upon Mr P. P. O'Sullivan to propose a vote of thanks and Mr O'Connor seconded it. The auditor associated himself with the platitudes and on the visiting chairman replying the meeting was adjourned it being then after 11 o'clock.

One motion was put on notice "That the Auditor ask for suggestions from the members of the Society as to the venue of the forthcoming Annual outing. Proposed Liam D. Boyd. Seconded James A. Casey.

Liam D. Boyd
Acting Auditor

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An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 10th March 1941. In the absence of the Auditor, Mr Liam D. Boyd presided.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed after Mr Collins had made his usual objections.

A motion on notice "that the Auditor ask for suggestions from the members of the

Society as to the venue of the forthcoming Annual Outing", was postponed till later in the meeting.

The Corr. Sec. read a letter from Clongowes Wood College in re. a proposed Inter-Debate.

ELECTION

The Deputy-Auditor then said that he would receive nominations for the Inter-Debate team to travel to Clongowes. Messrs. Boyd, Nolan, Durnin, Collins, O'Sullivan, Rogan and O'Connor were proposed and seconded. Messrs Boyd, Nolan and Collins were elected. The Auditor, Mr Dowling, being ex-officio leader of the Society's Representatives,

MOTION ON

NOTICE.

The Motion on Notice already referred to was then proposed by Mr Durnin and seconded by Mr James L. Byrne. Mr Collins spoke against the motion. After several counts it was eventually passed by 11 votes to 4 votes. Several suggestions were made with regard to the Outing.

Q. T.

Question Time having been declared open Mr Richardson asked if the Archives Box had been returned. The question was referred to the Corr. Sec. who said that he had written for same.

MOTION.

Mr Mac Gettigan proposed and Mr Campbell seconded the suspension of S. Ors. to introduce the following Motion "That the Debate listed for Monday 21st April be postponed to Wednesday 30th April." Messrs O'Sullivan and Collins spoke for the motion, and Mr Durnin spoke against the motion. The Motion was carried by 9 votes to 6 votes.

DEBATE.

The Deputy-Auditor then called on the visiting Chairman to take the Chair.

Mr Brendan T. Walsh then took the Chair for Impromptu Debate. The following took part:- Messrs. Duernin, Boyd, Mac Gettigan, Dowling, Rogan, O'Sullivan, Collins, P. J. Brennan, Campbell, James L. Byrne, Goff, Nolan, Roy O'Connor, J. G. O'Shea, Mc Morrow, Miss Fagan, Miss Hyland, and Mr. P. Johnson. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks with which the ~~Deputy~~ Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr Duernin and recorded by Mr Collins. The Chairman replied.

Q.T. Mr Dowling then took the Chair and declared Question Time Open. As it was the last meeting of the term and it was 11 o'clock the meeting was extended till 11-30 to permit of further discussion. Mr Duernin asked if the Auditor intended to appoint a Sub-Committee to handle the Annual Outing. The Auditor replied in the affirmative and stated that the Sub-Committee would be prepared to put a report before the house on 21st April.

The House then adjourned.

21st April 1941

A. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 21st April 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

There were no motions on Notice

and no correspondence.

REPORT
ON
OUTING.

Mr Nolan read the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the Annual Outing. Questions were then asked with regard to the report. Mr Collins asked for the estimates which had been received. These were supplied but merely succeeded in getting Mr Collins involved in a large mathematical calculation to which there appeared to be no answer. Mr O'Sullivan asked if it was intended to have a witty menu? The Auditor replied in the affirmative and stated that the matter was in the capable hands of Mr Nolan.

DEBATE.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Mr Sean O'Klodthaigh, Solicitor, then took the Chair for Irish Debate. The subject for Debate was: "Zur cearz do'n Piazaltas Coszas na Dzeics leabar dlizid, nzaedilz do so-lazairz." The following took part: Zearoid O Dubjall, Seamus L. O'Brien, Dominic O Dunlaurge, Camonn O Dornin, For the Motion. Tomas O Maizainna, Caomgin P. MacMurcáda, Luigseac Ni faodazain, Padraig O Suilleabain, Against the Motion. The Chairman summed up. The Motion was lost by 7 votes to 4 votes. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr J. L. Byrne and seconded by Mr J. Doyle. The Chairman replied.

The Auditor declared Question Time open. Mr Doyle asked if the reduction in the price of admission to the Society's Hops granted to the lady members of the

Q.T.

University Halls was abused. Mr O'Connor replied in the negative. Mr MacGettigan asked under what rule the Auditor had given the verdict of a Committee prior to the meeting of that Committee. He was referring to a motion passed by the House to change the date of the debate listed for 21st April, to 30th April. The Auditor pointed out that motions passed by the House were merely suggestions made to the Committee and it is in the desecration of the Committee to act on them or not.

The Auditor announced that the subject for the Composition for the Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal was "Social Justice in the present legal system in Ireland." The Auditor further stated that the essay should be a good essay, fairly long, and may be written or typed. Replying to Mr Duenin the Auditor stated that there must be three or more entries. Replying to a question from Mr Doyle the Auditor stated that there was no Auditorial Ruling with regard to the Society's Ties. Mr Dudley, referring to a circular letter which he had received from the Auditor, said it was verbose and spoke of elections to Inter-Debate teams. He asked why there had been no elections at the meeting? The Auditor replied that it was intended to hold these elections later in the Term. There would be Inter-Debates with the Demosthenes Society and with Blackrock College.

An attempt by Mr Nolan to have Mr Collins suspended was frustrated

MOTION.

by Mr Collins proposing the suspension of S. O'Rs.
to introduce the following motion: "That the
Society condemns the un-neutral attitude of the
Irish Authorities in facilitating the people of
Northern Ireland during the recent bombing."
S. O'Rs having been suspended Mr Collins proposed
his motion which was seconded by Mr J. L. Byrne.
Mr Dudley spoke for the motion. Messrs Nolan,
Max Jettigan, Duemin, O'Sullivan and ^{Sam} Mary
Boyd spoke against the motion. The motion
was declared lost.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr Russell
seconded the suspension of S. O'Rs. to introduce
the following motion: "That the House go into
Committee to consider the dictatorial policy
of the Auditor. a coup de état by the Auditor
prevented the suspension of S. O'Rs. The 2/3 Maj.
played a big part in the Auditor's victory. Mr
Nolan was obviously affected by the situation,
but quickly recovered to introduce the
following motion: "That the House go into
Committee to discuss the dictatorial policy of the
Committee." This was carried. The Committee were
so popular that no one would take the Chair. Mr
Nolan then said that he would take the Chair.
This was carried by 12 votes to 7 votes. The House
then went in and out of Committee in 5 mins.
The House then adjourned.

23rd April 1941

A. M. Bowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, on Wednesday 23rd April 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

There were no Motions on Notice and no Correspondence.

Q.T. The Auditor declared Question Time open. Mr O'Byrne raised the question of the Ballot Box and the Archives Box and the Auditor replied satisfactorily. Replying to Mr Byrne the Auditor stated that no one had yet visited Kildare. Replying to Mr O'Byrne the Auditor stated that the increased charge of 7/6 was due to the rise in prices this year. Mr Byrne suggested that the Menu should be dispensed with this year, but the Auditor pointed out that they were very good souvenirs of the occasion.

DEBATE. Mr Nolan proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Mr W. J. Norman, Solicitor (Vice-President) then took the Chair for Ordinary Debate. The Motion for debate was "that Radio Eireann does not fulfill its purpose." The following spoke for the Motion: Messrs Gerard M. Doyle, James L. Byrne, Liam D. Boyd, Louis V. Nolan, Dominic M. Jaoling, Miss Joan Macaulay, Messrs. Thos. O'Mahony, Rory O'Connor. Against the Motion were: Messrs, John Rogan, Brendan P. O'Byrne, George A. Russell, P. P. O'Sullivan. The Motion was carried. A vote of thanks with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr Nolan and seconded by Mr O'Byrne. The Chairman

replied.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared Question Time Open. Replying to a question from Mr O'Byrne the Treasurer stated that we had £7-12-3 to our credit. Mr O'Byrne asked if the Society intended taking any part in the centenary celebrations of the Incorporated Law Society. The Auditor replied that as these celebrations would probably take place in June it would be a matter for next years Committee to decide.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were proposed seconded and declared elected, Mr William B. Malone, Miss Nuala Early.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed the suspension of S. Ors. to introduce the following Motion: "that this House censures the Auditor for not getting first place in the Final." S. Ors. having been suspended Mr Nolan proposed his Motion which was seconded by Mr O'Byrne. A motion "that Mr Nolan be no longer heard was proposed by Mr Boyd and seconded by Mr Russell and carried by 6 votes to 4 votes. The Motion was lost.

MOTION.

Mr Nolan proposed and Mr O'Byrne seconded the Motion: "That this House is glad to see that Collins is absent." The Motion was carried by 2 votes to 1 vote.

The House then adjourned.

28th April 1941.

D. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday 28th April 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

There were no Motions on Notice and no correspondence.

The Auditor announced that an election would take place at the next meeting of the Society for a team to represent the Society at an Inter-debate with the Demosthenes Debating Society.

Q.T. The Auditor then declared Q.T. *Spres.* Mr Russell asked had there been any reply from Mr Egan. The Auditor replied "no"; Mr O'Byrne requested the Corr. Sec. to read a copy of the letter he had written to Mr Egan. The Auditor explained that it was he who had written to Mr Egan. Mr MacFettigan asked what was the last meeting of the Society. The Auditor replied that the last meeting was Monday 19th May. The Auditor replying to Mr Richardson stated that there was no truth in the rumour that he had been struck off the roll. The Auditor replying to Mr Doyle stated that he did not intend to make any Auditorial Ruling with regard to the Society's Ties, he also said that he thought the question of changing them would hardly arise. Mr MacFettigan asked what steps the Committee intended to take with regard to a motion in re: a cédide, which had been brought before the house. The Auditor

replied that the Committee did not think it feasible and therefore did not intend to hold one. The Auditor in reply to Mr O'Sullivan stated that the Recommendation had been considered carefully by the Committee. Mr O'Byrne then asked several questions with regard to the financial working of the Society. Replying to Mr Doyle the Auditor stated the Annual Outing Menu was in the capable hands of our humorist, Mr Nolan.

DEBATE.

Mr Rory O'Connor proposed and Mr Walsh seconded that the visiting Chairman take the Chair. Miss Maureen Hawthorne, Solicitor, then took the Chair for Legal Debate. The Motion was "that there should be no weaker sex in the eyes of the law." The following spoke FOR the Motion: - Messrs. Brendan P. O'Byrne, Louis V. Nolan, Thomas O'Mahony, Edward J. Duenin, George A. Russell, Stephen A. Murtagh. Against the Motion were: - Messrs. Kevin Campbell, John Rogan, Liam D. Boyd, Dominic M. Dowling, Miss Marjorie Meagher, Mr James L. Byrne, Miss Ada Hyland, ~~Mr~~ Patrick P. O'Sullivan, Daniel J. MacGettigan. The Chairman summed up. The Motion was lost by 13 votes to 8. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr Brendan O'Byrne and recorded by Miss Joan T. Walsh. The Chairman replied.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared Q.T. Open. Replying to Mr Duenin he stated that the Society hoped to reduce the Outing Tickets to 5/- if we had a successful H&A on Thursday.

MOTION
ON
NOTICE.

The following Motion was put on notice:-
That this House is of the opinion that when a Resolution is passed by this House changing the date of a meeting of a Society, such Resolution is not merely a recommendation but is to be taken as being an expression of the will of the House and binding on the Committee of the Society." Proposed by Mr Brendan P. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Daniel J. McGettigan.

The House then adjourned.

5th May 1941

J. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts on Monday 5th May 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

MOTION
ON
NOTICE.

The following Motion on notice was proposed by Mr Brendan P. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr James L. Byrne, "That this House is of the opinion that when a resolution is passed by this House changing the date of a meeting of the Society, such Resolution is not merely a recommendation but is to be taken as being an expression of the will of the House and binding on the Committee of the Society." Mr Doyle spoke for the Motion, and Messrs Russell, Boyd and Dowling spoke against the Motion. The Motion was lost by 12 votes to 8 votes.

There was no correspondence.

OUTING

The Auditor announced that the price of the Outing Tickets would be 6/6 up to the end of the meeting, 7/6 on Tuesday and 10/- on Wednesday. A sharp engagement then took place between the body of the House and the Committee. The House put up a strong barrage, but the Committee resisted for a considerable time. An attempt by Mr Boyd to break through on the Committee's right flank was frustrated by the Auditor who stated that the price of tickets had been announced several times and further that a notice had been on the Notice Board for weeks. However an agreement was eventually reached and the price of tickets was fixed at 6/6 till 3-30 on Tuesday.

ELECTIONS

The elections were then held for the Inter-debate teams. The following were proposed and seconded for the team for the Law Society, University College, Dublin: Messrs. O'Byrne, O'Connor, Boyd, Nolan, Doyle, Walsh, Dudley and Miss Macaulay. The following were elected: Messrs. O'Byrne, Boyd, Nolan, Walsh, Dudley and the Auditor.

The following were proposed and seconded for the Inter-debate team for the Demosthenes Debating Society: Messrs. Nolan, Walsh, Boyd, O'Connor, O'Byrne, Doyle. The following were elected Messrs Nolan, Walsh, O'Connor, O'Byrne and the Auditor.

The Auditor declared Q.T. Open. Mr O'Byrne asked his usual question in re. the Archives Box. The Auditor replying read an extract from a letter he had received

from Mr Egan. Replying to Mr Lynch the Auditor stated that the Archives were not in the Box. Mr Boyd suggested that Probate of the Archives Box be taken out. Replying to Mr O'Byrne the Treasurer stated that we had made £2-18-9 on our last Hop. He also stated that the Society had £31-6-9 to our credit. Mr Doyle proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded that the Visiting Chairman take the Chair.

DEBATE.

Mr Michael J. Higgins, Solicitor, then took the Chair for Impromptu Debate. The following spoke: Messrs W. Henry Richardson, Brendan J. Lynch, Miss Jean Macaulay, Messrs. Patrick P. O'Sullivan, George A. Russell, James L. Byrne, Liam D. Boyd, Sean P. Maguire, Louis V. Nolan, Miss Marjorie Meagher, Messrs. Brendan P. O'Byrne, Dermot Murphy, Kevin P. Mc Morrow, Rory O'Connor, Dominic M. Dowling, John Ryan, Gerard M. Doyle, Daniel J. Mac Gettigan, Owen Goff. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr Lynch and seconded by Mr Boyd. The Chairman replied.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared Q.T. Open. Mr Nolan asked if it was intended to divide the Drummin Train into two parts. The Auditor replied that this was highly desirable.

MOTION.

Mr Mac Gettigan proposed the suspension of S. Ours. to introduce the following Motion: "that we, the members of this Society, request the Government of Ireland not to receive refugees from the Partitioned area, unless those in control, for the time being,

of said area undertake to provide provisions for the refugees and indemnify the Government of Ireland against any other expenses incurred." S. ORS. having been suspended Mr MacGettigan proposed his motion, which was seconded by Mr James L. Byrne. Mr Lynch spoke for the Motion. Messrs. Boyd, Goff, Campbell, Rogan, and O'Byrne spoke against the Motion. The Motion was declared lost.

MOTION.

Mr Walsh proposed and Mr Rory O'Connor seconded:—"that the membership of Mr Kevin Fawcett be declared void." Mr O'Byrne asked if Mr Fawcett had had sufficient notification. The Auditor replied that Mr Fawcett had been written to on several occasions but had ignored every application. The Motion was passed unanimously.

The House then adjourned.

12th May 1941

A. M. Dowling (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts on Monday 12th May 1941. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

There were no motions on Notice and no correspondence.

The Auditor declared Question Time open. Mr MacGettigan asked what the Committee intended doing about a motion passed by the House, that the next Inaugural Meeting be in Irish

Q. T.

The Auditor replied that this was a matter for next year's Committee. Mr Kelly deplored the rise in the price of the Outing Tickets and asked why it was not free to Apprentices. The Auditor replied that this was impossible as it cost about £40.

MOTION.

Mr Doyle proposed and Mr J. L. Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Oes. & introduce the following motion:—"that the Society extends its very best thanks to the Committee responsible for the great success of the Outing to Kilcroney." The following associated themselves with the vote of thanks:—Messrs Russell, Duennin, Boyd, and Miss Fagan. The Motion was passed with acclamation.

Q.T.

Question Time was declared open. Mr Richardson asked if Mr Egan had been asked about the Archives Box at Kilcroney. The Auditor replied that he was so busy at Kilcroney that he had omitted to ask Mr Egan. Mr Collins asked the Auditor why he was not wearing his Auditorial medal. The Auditor replied that it was at home.

MOTION.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr J. L. Byrne seconded the suspension of S. Oes. to introduce the following motion:—"That this House condemns the increase in the price of cigarettes occasioned by the Budget Resolutions, and that the Committee of the Society make every endeavour to have the said price reduced." The Motion was declared lost.

NOMIN- ATIONS.

The Auditor then announced that he would receive nominations for the election of Officers and Committee for the

Session 1941-42. The following were nominated:-

For the position of Auditor:-

Liam D. Boyd.	G. A. Russell.	D. J. Mac Gettigan.
Louis V. Nolan.	J. L. Byrne.	G. M. Doyle.
Brandan P. O'Byrne.	L. M. Collins.	P. J. Nutty.
Patrick P. O'Sullivan.	J. A. Casey.	W. H. Richardson.

For the position of Hon. Record Secretary:-

Gerard M. Doyle.	L. D. Boyd.	D. J. Mac Gettigan.
Marjorie Meagher.	P. J. Nutty.	L. M. Collins.
W. Henry Richardson.	K. Campbell.	K. J. O'Shaughnessy.

For the position of Hon. Correspondence Secretary:-

Owen Goff.	P. P. O'Sullivan.	Ada Hyland.
Kevin Mc Morrow.	G. A. Russell.	O. Goff.
Rory O'Connor.	J. L. Byrne.	L. M. Collins.
W. Henry Richardson.	L. M. Collins.	P. J. Nutty.

For the position of Hon. Treasurer:-

Liam M. Collins	B. P. O'Byrne.	J. L. Byrne.
Stephen A. Murtagh.	P. P. O'Sullivan.	J. A. Casey.
George A. Russell.	W. J. Walsh.	L. V. Nolan.

For three vacancies on the Committee:-

James L. Byrne.	L. M. Collins.	L. D. Boyd.
Kevin Campbell.	K. J. O'Shaughnessy	W. H. Richardson.
Joan Macaulay.	L. V. Nolan.	W. J. Walsh.
Daniel J. Mac Gettigan	B. P. O'Byrne.	J. L. Byrne.
Kevin P. Mc Morrow.	O. Goff.	W. H. Richardson.
W. Henry Richardson.	K. P. Mc Morrow.	O. Goff.
George A. Russell.	P. J. Nutty.	P. P. O'Sullivan

ELECTION.

An election then took place for the position of Legal Assessor and Scrutineers. Messrs. Casey, O'Shaughnessy, Walsh and Miss Fagan were proposed and seconded. Miss Fagan and Mr Walsh were elected.

The Auditor appointed Messrs. Richardson and Goff as Scrutineers of the

Treasurers' Report.

DEBATE.

The Auditor then called on the Visiting Chairman to take the Chair. Mr Laurence K. Branigan, Registrar to the Master of the High Court then took the Chair for Irish Debate. The Motion for debate was: "Mac leaz-sgeal do'n znióm an críoc." The following spoke for the Motion: Donnall MacCreagáin, Caomhán MacCáincaoil, Seamus I Ó Broin, Camorn S. Ó Doirnín, Brendan P. O'Byrne, Siobán Nic Amlaighda. Against the motion were: Caomhán P. Mac Murcháda, Domonic Ó Dúnlainge, Gearóid M. Ó Dubháill, P. P. O'Súillebeán. The Chairman summed up. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 6.

A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself, was proposed by Mr O'Sullivan and seconded by Mr MacGettigan.

Q.T.

The Auditor declared Question Time Open. Mr Nutty asked if it was intended to end the Session with a Hops. The Auditor said that Mr Nutty was obviously ignorant of the position in re. the Hops. Mr O'Sullivan asked what was the financial position of the Society. The Treasurer replied that we had £6-7-0 to credit.

MOTION.

Mr O'Byrne proposed and Mr J. L. Byrne seconded the motion: "That this House congratulates Miss Frances Moran, MA., LL.D., on her recent call to the Inner Bar." Mr O'Sullivan associated himself with the vote of thanks. The Motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION.

Mr Muetagh proposed and Mr MacGettigan seconded the suspension of

Standing Orders to introduce the following motion:-
That we the members of this house censure the
TREASURER for NOT arranging to have the Bar at
Kilcreevey open to the visitors up to 1 a.m. on
Wednesday last." Messrs O'Sullivan and Peery
spoke for the motion, Messrs Nolan and Doyle & Collins
spoke against the motion.

The House then adjourned as
it was 11 o'clock.

Rory O'Donnell.

19th May 1941.

Acting-Auditor.

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1941-42

OFFICERS :-

HON. AUDITOR - - - - - Mr. Patrick P. O'Sullivan, B.A.

HON. RECORD SECRETARY - - Mr. Gerard M. Doyle.

HON. CORR. SECRETARY - - Mr. Rory O'Connor.

HON. TREASURER - - - - - Mr. George A. Russell.

COMMITTEE :-

Mr. James L. Byrne.

Miss Joan Maccauley.

Domhnall MacEiteaghain.

Mr. Dominic M. Dowling, (Ex-Auditor, ex-officio)

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The closing Meeting of the 57th Session of the Society was held on the 19th May 1941 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor Mr. Dominic M. Dowling presided.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Balance Sheet was read by the Treasurer, Mr. Walsh. It showed that over £300. had passed through his hands during the Session. All debts owing by the Society had been paid. After some minor criticisms, the Balance Sheet was carried unanimously.

The Auditor then read his report which was passed with acclamation.

A list of those Members who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by the Correspondence Secretary. The result of the election of Officers and Committee for the Session 1941-42 was then declared as follows :-

Hon. Auditor	.....	Mr. Patrick P.O'Sullivan, B.A.
Hon. Record Secretary	.....	Mr. Gerard M. Doyle.
Hon. Corr. Secretary	.....	Mr. Rory O'Connor.
Hon. Treasurer	.....	Mr. George A. Russell.
Committee:-		Mr. James L. Byrne.
		Miss Joan Macaulay.
		Domhnall MacEiteaghain.
		Mr. Dominic M. Dowling, (Ex-Auditor, ex-officio)

The new Auditor and Committee then entered into office.

The Auditor declared the awards of prizes for the Session 1940-41 to be as follows :-

ORATORY :

Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal and Society's Certificate	.....	Mr. D. M. Dowling,
Society's Silver Medal	.....	Mr. L. D. Boyd,
Special Certificate	.....	Mr. L. V. Nolan,

LEGAL DEBATE :

President's Gold Medal	.....	Mr. E. J. Durnin,
Society's Silver Medal	.....	Mr. L. V. Nolan,

IMPROMPTU :

Vice-President's Gold MedalMr. D. M. Dowling,

Vice-President's Silver MedalMr. L. V. Nolan,

IRISH DEBATE :

Society's Gold MedalMr. J. L. Byrne,

Society's Silver MedalMr. K.P.McMorrow,

FIRST YEAR SPEAKERS :

Society's Silver MedalMr. J.L.Byrne,

Mr. Brendan O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Liam Collins seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Auditor and his Committee. Messrs. Durnin and Boyd associated themselves with the vote of thanks. The Motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Rory O'Connor proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following Motion :- "That We the Members of this Society humbly petition the Minister for Justice, to introduce, as soon as possible, legislation to amend the Legal Practitioners (Qualification) Act 1929 in either of two ways:- (a) By deleting from the Act all reference to a 'Second Examination in Irish' for Solicitors' Apprentices, or (b) by making provision to render less difficult such 'Second Examination in Irish". Mr. O'Connor proposing the Motion said that the very high standard required in the Examination was an enormous handicap to Solicitors' Apprentices who through no fault of their own had little knowledge of the Irish language. He pointed out that having regard to the work to be done, apprenticeship to be served, and examinations to be passed by those becoming Solicitors the addition of Irish to the curriculum renders the task of Solicitors' Apprentices excessively burdensome and consequently lowers the standard of his or her knowledge of law. Mr. O'Byrne seconding the Motion, suggested that the standard of the "First" Irish should be raised, and that the "Second" Irish should be abolished. Messrs. Collins, Goff and Nutley spoke for the Motion and Messrs. Doyle, Nolan, O'Sullivan and MacEiteaghain spoke against the Motion. The Motion was declared carried.

The House then adjourned.

SIGNED *M. Harvey*
President Incorporated Law Society
of Ireland.

DATED this 29th day of October 1941.

The Inaugural meeting of the 58th Session of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings Four Courts, Dublin on Wednesday the 29th day of October 1941. Mr. J. Trevers Wolfe, President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Chairman then distributed the awards for the Session 1940-41 as recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting. The Incorporated Law Society's Gold medal and certificate, ^{for Composition} was awarded to Mr. Liam D. Boyd.

The Chairman then called upon the Auditor Mr. Patrick Pease Sullivan B.A. to read his Auditorial address on "Quinquagesimo Anno". Mr. Sullivan said that the teachings of the Encyclicals could be summed up in the word "justice". Unemployment, emigration and the falling birth rate were the three problems menacing the nation, and that economists should get a real chance to solve unemployment and be given every assistance. The Auditor's paper was enthusiastically received by the large audience present.

The hope that the younger members of the legal profession would devote some attention to the possibility of drawing up a code of industrial law which would enable the great ideal of justice in economic, industrial and commercial life to be more easily, more quickly and more surely attained, was voiced by Rev. E. J. Coyne S.J. proposing a vote of thanks, which was passed to the Auditor for his address.

Mr. J. M. Dillon B.L.T.D. seconding, suggested family allowances for all families exempt from income tax, equal educational opportunities and social services built up around an almshouse organisation.

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Mr. Cathal O'Shannon, Secretary of the Trade Union Congress, proposing that the Society was worthy of support said that when the state was established an opportunity was lost to begin anew with ordinary as well as social legislation.

Mr. Barra O'Brian S.C. seconding, criticised the lack of free legal aid for necessitous persons, in this country.

The chairman then put the resolution "That the Solicitors Apprentices debating society is worthy of the support of the Solicitors Apprentices of Ireland, the Council of the Incorporated Law Society and the Solicitors Profession" to the meeting and it was passed unanimously. As there was no further business the chairman announced that he had great pleasure in declaring the meeting closed.

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor 3rd November 1941).

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on the 3rd day of November 1941 in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the University College, Galway, debating society inviting an inter-debate with this society. Various questions in connection with this letter were asked and the Auditor replied that the matter of the inter-debate would be discussed by the Committee. ^{The Rules & Byes of the Society were adopted by the meeting in pursuance of Rule 65.}

The house then proceeded with the election of new members the following were proposed & seconded and declared elected, Miss Anna L. Egan, Miss Sheila M.

Phelan, Miss Anna Sweeney Messrs. John P. M.
McNally, Edward ^{Kelly} Ryan, William Warren, Benedict J.
Waly, Malachi Coleman, Frank Martin, Patrick O'Doherty,
Donald J. Ryan, J. F. O'Sullivan.

The Cor. Secretary was then called upon by the
Auditor to make an announcement about the topic
for the coming session. Mr. Clonnan explained how we
intended holding these informal dances and announced
that the first one would take place on Saturday the
29th November 1941.

Question time having been declared opened Mr.
Collins asked if the Cor. Sec. had complied with Rules
25 & 26 of the Rules & Sessional Standing Orders of the Society.
The Cor. Sec. replied in the affirmative. Mr. Sumner
asked the Auditor what was the object of the notice
board in the Lecture Hall, the Auditor replied that it
was for notices. Mr. Dowling asked if the notice
board would in future be used for the Society's
notices, the Auditor replied that it would. Mr. O'Byrne
asked if precedent overruled the S/O of the Society.
The Auditor referred Mr. O'Byrne to an auditorial
ruling made by Mr. Kent on the 12th Nov. 1934 "that
precedent over-rides both the S/O's & Rules of the Society".
Mr. Collins asked if there wd. be any reduction in the
price of ^{same} tickets to members of the Society, the
Auditor replied that there would be the usual
reduction.

Mr. Collins proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded the suspension
of S/O's in order to introduce the following motion "that
having regard to the reduced bus services now
operating in the City, the ordinary general meetings
of the Society should commence at the hour of
4 p.m." S/O's having been suspended. Mr. Collins

introduced his motion. He was much heckled and made no further point than it would facilitate himself if the meetings began at 7 P.M. Mr. O'Byrne formally seconded the motion and reserved his right to reply at a later stage. Mr. Quinn spoke for the motion & Messrs. Byrne & Doyle spoke against the motion. Mr. O'Byrne exercising his reserved right to speak said that it would be for the good of the society to commence business at 7 P.M. Mr. Collins replied. On the motion being put to a vote of the house it was lost by a large majority.

Mr. Boyd asked the auditor why part of his Inaugural address was not in Irish pursuant to a motion passed in that behalf during the last session. The auditor replied that ~~all~~ ^{the} motions was merely a recommendation to the committee, which they could act upon if they thought fit.

Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr. O'Connor seconded that the visiting chairman take the chair. The auditor then called upon Mr. Seán Kenny B.L. who took the chair for the oratory debate. The motion being "That Democracy has failed." The following spoke for the motion & Messrs J. L. O'Leary, D. M. Dowling, P. J. Brennan, James L. Byrne, Patrick P. Sullivan, W. S. Warren. The following spoke against the motion Messrs. L. S. Boyd, George A. Russell, Brendan P. O'Byrne, Louis V. Nolan, Ed. J. Quinn, Miss Joan Macalary, Messrs. D. F. Ryan and G. M. Doyle. The motion was passed by 18 votes to 14. A vote of thanks with which the auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Boyd. The chairman suitably replied. Question time was just declared then when Mr. Collins was on his feet to ask the auditor the subject of our next debate. The auditor replied that it was a legal debate "That Samuel Smith" was rightly decided A.C. 1925".

Again Mr. Collins took the floor to ask the Auditor why he ^(the Auditor) was not wearing his insignia of office. The Auditor ~~to~~ explained its absence satisfactorily. Mr. Nolan attempted to propose a motion but failed owing to the fact of his not having obtained the necessary majority for the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce his motion. Mr. Quinn asked if we intended holding any inter-debates this session the Auditor replied that we did. Mr. Boyd proposed a motion for adjournment which was passed. The meeting then accordingly adjourned.

Patrick Sullivan

(Auditor) 10/11/1941.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on the 10th November 1941 in the Solicitor's Buildings Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed with one alteration.

The House then proceeded to the election of new members Miss Pauline O'Donovan was proposed seconded and declared elected.

There were no motions on notice and no correspondence.

Question having been declared open Mr. Dowling asked if Rule 13 of the Rules & S/O's of the Society had been violated at the last meeting. The Treasurer was not "shook" by the question and replied that it had not. Mr. Boyd, whose sporting instincts seemed aroused, after being informed who the chairman for the debate was, attempted to lay a wager with the Auditor that the chairman would use either the word "coherent" or

"Congency" at least 10 times in his summing up the Auditor refused to accept the wage which was subsequently accepted by Mr. Muntagh. At the conclusion of this piece of book-making Mr. Dowling seemed anxious about the position of the Archives of the Society but was informed by the Auditor that they were in order. Mr. Dowling asked the Record Secretary if he had complied with Rule 13 and if he had the list of Honorary members available. The Record Sec. replied that he would produce the list at the next meeting. Mr. Dowling, for the benefit of the new members asked the Auditor the price of the Society's ties & scarves. The Auditor supplied the necessary information. Mr. Muntagh enquiring about the financial state of the Society was informed by the Treasurer that we were £12 in debt.

Mr. Boyd proposed and Mr. Nolan seconded the suspension of S/O's in order to propose the following motion "That we, members of the Solicitors' Apprentices Debating Society of Ireland, as future lawyers, regard with the gravest concern the fact that no Irish national newspaper published a report of the recent case of *Finnerby v Kearney*: that we regard this as a failure on the part of the Press to give to the public of Ireland ~~the~~ service which it is in conscience bound to give and which is theirs by well-established and jealously guarded right; and that a copy of this motion be sent to the Irish Independent, the Irish Press, the Irish Times, the Evening Mail, the Gazette, the Irish Law Times and the Standard." On the passing of the motion for the suspension of S/O's Mr. Boyd proposed his motion & Mr. Nolan

reserved his right to reply under Order 17. The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Dowling Collins, Byrne, Russell and the Auditor. The following spoke against the motion Messrs. Murtagh & Doyle. On the motion being put to the house it was passed by a large majority there being only one dissenting voice. Mr. O'Connor proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded "that the visiting Chairman do take the chair" the motion was passed and the Auditor called on Mr. James J. Corrigan B.A. S.C. to take the chair for the legal debate the motion being "That Correll v. Smith was rightly decided" 1925 A.C. P. 750. At the outset the Chairman informed the meeting that he would not tolerate smoking in the hall during the debate. The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Louis V. Nolan, J. G. O Shea and George A. Russell. The following spoke against the motion Messrs. P. Sullivan, P. A. Murtagh & Dominic M. Dowling. The Chairman then summed up. The Auditor associated himself with the vote of thanks which was proposed by Mr. Dowling & seconded by Mr. Nolan. The meeting then terminated owing to lack of a quorum.

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor) 17/11/1941.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 17th November 1941 in the Solicitor's Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The house then proceeded to the election of new members, the following were proposed, seconded and declared elected Miss B. O'h-Keefe and Mr. Peter O'Connell.

There were no motions on notice.

The Correspondence Secretary then read a letter from University College Galway Debating Society in connection with the forthcoming inter-debate also an invitation from the Law Society, Trinity College Dublin to their Inaugural meeting. Various questions were then asked in connection with the correspondence.

Question time having been declared open Mr. Collins asked many questions arising from the circular letter issued by the committee to potential members informing them of the many benefits arising from membership of the Society. Mr. Mulvey asked the Hon. Record Secretary if he had complied with rule 22. The Hon. Rec. Sec. replied satisfactorily. Mr. O'Connell was informed by the Hon. Cor. Sec. how we intended holding the "topi". Mr. Dowling wanted to know what the attitude of the Committee was with reference to motions passed by the House. Mr. Dowling being ex-officio, a member of the committee should have known the committee's attitude & was ^{told} ~~referred~~ by the Auditor to a ~~motion~~ ^{motion} made by Mrs. Dowling herself which had not been over-ruled & which stated that all motions passed were mere recommendations to the

Committee, ^{which} specifically stated to be mandatory
Mr. B. Byrne proposed and Mr. Liam
Collins seconded the suspension of S/O's in order to
introduce the following motion "That having regard
to the statement of the Auditor made at a previous
meeting of the Society, that "Precedents over rules the
Rules and S/O's of this Society", and his further statement
that "Precedent" is to be found in the minutes of the
Society; this House demands that an inspection of the
minutes Book and/or Rulings Book of the Society, be
granted to any member on demand; and this motion
is not to be construed as being merely recommendatory
to the ~~House~~ Auditor and Committee but is the
expression of the will of the House and is, as
such, mandatory on the Auditor & Committee; and
this House doth censure the Auditor & Committee for
not acknowledging the right of members to
inspection of the said Books, in accordance with
the usage and custom of this Society;" S/O's
having been suspended Mr. Byrne was about to
propose his motion when the Auditor asked him to
hold it over until after the public debate
Mr. Keonna proposed & Mr. Doyle seconded the
proposal that the visiting Chairman do take the
Chair, which was passed. The Auditor then called
on Alderman Alfred Byrne T.D. to take the chair for
the impromptu debate. The following spoke Messrs. Dumin
Brennan, Boyd, Deely, O'Connell, McMorris, Miss Jean
Macaulay, Messrs. Mustagh, Collins, O'Sullivan, W. Kelly
Nuttley, Dowling, Nolan, B.P. Byrne, Donal Byrne,
Coleman, O'Shea, Warren, O'Connor and Doyle. The
Chairman summed up. Mr. Dumin proposed
& Mr. Collins seconded a vote of thanks to the
Chairman. The Auditor associated himself with

the proposal which was passed with acclamation. Private business having been resumed the Auditor called on Mr. D. O'Shane to propose his motion, Mr. Collins formally seconded it. Nobody spoke in favour of the motion & the following spoke against it Messrs. Doyle, Dowling and Sheehy. Two attempts by Mr. Nolan to sabotage the opposition by proposing motions that Messrs. Dowling & Sheehy be no longer heard were defeated, at this stage Mr. O'Shane withdrew his motion & put it on notice for the next meeting. ^{Mr. Dowling objected to the motion being withdrawn. (P.S.)} The Auditor announced that the election of members to represent the Society at the forthcoming inter-debate to be held in Galway would take place at the next meeting & that the election of members to represent the Society at the inter-debate with University Hall Debating Society would take place on Wednesday the 26th Nov. 1941. As there was no further business the meeting was declared adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan

24/11/1941.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 24th November 1941 in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after one insertion at the instance of Mr. Dowling they were signed.

The House then proceeded to the election of new members, the following were proposed, seconded & declared elected Miss Eithne M^cInerney, Mr. James Binchy, Mr. L.S. Kettle.

and Mr. S. O. S. Miley.

After the Rec. Sec. had read out the motion placed on notice by Mr. O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. Collins, Mr. Dowling rose to object, ^{saying} that the hearing of this motion would be ultra vires ~~rule~~ Order 41 of the Rules & S.P.S of the Society. The Auditor over-ruled his objection, and called on Mr. O'Byrne to propose his motion. Mr. O'Byrne then proceeded to withdraw the motion to which course Mr. Dowling for some unknown reason objected. The Auditor however prevailed on Mr. O'Byrne to propose his motion which he did, Mr. Collins seconded the motion nobody, at this stage had spoken for the motion & the following had spoken against it Messrs. Dowling & Boyle, then Mr. James L. Byrne proposed an amendment by deletion pursuant to Order 24(a) which was seconded by Mr. Boyle. Mr. Nolan spoke agst. the proposal for amendment & the Auditor spoke for it. This proposal was lost. Mr. O'Byrne then replied to ~~the~~ the original motion which was carried. Question time was then declared open, and very many questions were asked by Messrs. Collins, Quinn & Boyd in connection with the alleged breach of rules 35 & 39 by members of the Committee. Mr. Collins rising and falling to points of order was incoherent at times owing to the spate of questioning flung at the Auditor & Committee from the body of the House. Mr. Collins in the van, ably backed up by Mr. B. O'Byrne made three unsuccessful sorties by way of motions of censure & otherwise on the Auditor & Committee for alleged breach of duty in connection with the subject for the Irish

debate, however the committee had the confidence of the House and in no case ~~was~~ ^{were} S/O's suspended in order to allow him to introduce his motions. The Chairman of the Public Debate was in the Hall at this time & Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Dowling seconded that the visiting Chairman do take the chair. Before the proposal was put to the House Mr. Boyd objected on the grounds that it was a ruse by the committee to get out of some difficulty which he alleged they were in. The ~~proposal was~~ auditor refused Mr. Boyd to Order 47, and the proposal was then put to a vote of the House, the proposal was lost. Question time was declared continued & the effervescent Mr. Collins again arose to propose the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce a motion censuring the Auditor & Committee. However the confidence of the House was not perturbed by these "panzer" like thrusts of Mr. Collins & his motion to suspend S/O's was thrown out owing to him not having obtained the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Mr. Boyd, one of the tellers, seemed incredulous that such faith should be found in the Society asked for a recount on two occasions while to clinch the matter Mr. Collins asked for still one more recount; the Auditor sitting like Patience on a monument and exhibiting that suffrance which is the badge of all his tribe consented to a recount which resulted ~~in~~ in Mr. Collins' disaster.

Mr. Boyd seconded by Mr. Nolan attempted to introduce a motion by suspending S/O's but was defeated not having obtained the necessary $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. Mr. Boyd was literally amazed that his motion should be thrown out and asked the

auditor how it came about, the Auditor referred him to Orders 11 (b) + 39. The election of members to represent the Society at the inter debate to be held in Calway was then held, the following were elected, Mr. O'Byrne, Mr. L. Collins & Mr. L.V. Nolan, the auditor is ^{ex-officio} leader of the team. There was some legitimate criticism of a long harangue in connection with the arrangement of the tables at the Gresham at the annual dance was then entered into and the following member figured prominently in the discussion Mr. Collins, Mr. Durbin, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Nolan & the Auditor. Mr. Donald O'Byrne then proposed that the visiting chairman do take the chair, Mr. McMorris seconded the proposal. The proposal was about to be put to the house when Mr. Boyd craved leave to put a question to the auditor at this stage, the Auditor acquiesced & Mr. Boyd asked if the Auditor would waive Order 11 (a) in order to allow him to put a motion on notice for Wednesday night. The Auditor ruled his question out of order. The chairman then took the chair for the Irish debate. *Ceard* an t-úin a b'í le pléidís ná "Kai Féide an reanga do sibáit uis an zshige acá ar subial indur". Do labair na daoine seo leanas i gclóir an t-úin hudaig Ó hualtáin, Seobán Nic Sínleáda, Donald O'Keirn, Phlómáis Ó Maircín, Domunc Ó Dúmlainge, Donald O'Keirn & Seosáin Ó Seagáda agus labair na daoine seo leanas i gcorumb' an t-úin Geacóid Mr. Ó Dubháil, Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin, Caoimhín P. Mac Muccada, ^{Doibáin} Flann Dajallaj as blakla & Jaobhunn. Razallaj: n'ok c'itead an t-úin eun bóca an zige 7 00 zige an caisodleac óráid uaid. Do glacad' leis an t-úin buideicais le bualad' cas

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the O'Rahilly

A note Caingin Mac Muccada 7 ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{and} Donal O'Brien
7 an Reirise leis.

As there was no quorum the meeting was adjourned

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor) 26/11/1941

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Soc. Buildings 200 Court's Dublin on Wednesday the 26th day of November 1941. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Hon. Record Secretary. The Auditor upheld two objections to the minutes as read and he accordingly amended the minutes. There were no proposals for new members & there were no motions on notice. There was no correspondence.

Question time was then declared open. In reply to a question by Mr. Durnin, the Auditor assured the house that any further alterations in the debate card would be made in a constitutional manner. Mr. O'Byrne informed the house by way of a question that the legal debate for March 2 1942 was a case in tort & not to be found in Anson. Mr. Collins wanted to know why all the members of the committee were not included in the recently published photo of the same committee. The Auditor explained their absence satisfactorily. The Auditor then announced that he would take nominations for the forthcoming inter-debate with University Hall Debating Society. The following were elected to represent the society at the forthcoming inter-debate with University Hall Debating Society Messrs. Doyd, Collins, Durnin, Nolan and O'Byrne; the Auditor is ex-officio the leader of the

Auditor

team. Mr. Doyle then proposed and Mr. O'Conor seconded the motion that the visiting chairman do now take the chair, the proposal was put before the House and it was passed unanimously. The Auditor then called upon Mr. Con Lelane Solicitor to take the chair for the Oration debate the subject being "That Eire needs a coalition Government in the present crisis." The following people spoke Messrs O'Sullivan, Russell, Byrne, Mr. Kelly Miss Majorie Meagher Messrs Donal O'Byrne, Collins, Nolan, Boyd Brendan O'Byrne, Warren, Coleman, Martin, Mr. Morrow Ryan, O'Keilly, Durnin, Connolly Miss Joan Macaulay Messrs. Johnson, Dowling and Kenny. The Chairman summed up. A vote of thanks to the Chairman with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr. Durnin & seconded by Mr. Collins. This vote of ~~thanks~~ of thanks was passed with acclamation. As it was after 11 o'clock the meeting was adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(Auditor) 12/1/1942.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 12th day of January 1942 in the Solicitor's Buildings. Four Comte Jublin, the Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

Two names for election as new members were put forward by Mr. Russell, who endeavoured to have them elected in absentia, which procedure was objected to by Mr. Dowling as

Mr. Russell had not the proposed members consent to do so in writing. The Auditor upheld the objection and postponed the election.

There was no correspondence & there were no motions on notice. Question time was then declared open and Mr. Nolan for some unknown reason wanted to know why there was no writing paper available. Mr. Durrin asked if we intended holding any inter-debates this session. The Auditor replied that we did but to date they had not been fixed. Mr. Boyd wanted a report of the Galway Inter-debate. The Auditor called upon Mr. Nolan to make a report, but he declined to do so.

The Auditor then made an announcement about a forthcoming Hop to be held here on Saturday the 24th Jan. 1943. Exhorting the members to do their best to make it a Success.

Mr. O'Byrne wanted to know what the present financial position of the Society. He was informed by the Hon. Treasurer that we had overdrawn our eye in the sum of £9.

Mr. Nolan asked how many members had paid their subscription. He was informed by the Treas about 49. Mr. Bowling wanted an explanation as to the decrease in membership of the Society. This ^{very difficult} question was explained as fully as possible by the Auditor.

A long discussion then took place as to whether motions passed by the house were merely recommendations to the Committee to be acted upon by them in their discretion or ~~all~~ were declaratory at their inception. The wording of a motion passed in this behalf was minutely examined, criticised and

and postponed for further consideration (see part)
interposed, ~~nothing came of the discussion~~; the auditor
upheld his policy that he would treat all motions
as mere recommendations to the Committee. The following took
part in the discussion Messrs Boyd, O'Byrne, Nolan, Durmin
Dowling ^{the Auditor} as the Chairman had arrived by this time
Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr. Russell seconded that the visiting
Chairman do not take the Chair, the proposal was not
before the house & passed unanimously. The Auditor then
called upon Mr. M. Binchy K.P. to take the Chair for the
^{Legal} ~~debate~~ debate the subject being "That the laws of Ireland
should be Codified." The following spoke for the motion
Mr. G.W. Doyle Miss Joan Macaulay Messrs. Donal O'Byrne
Goff, Russell, Durmin, O'Connor and Mac Gettigan. The
following spoke against the motion Messrs. Nolan, O'Byrne
O'Sullivan, Boyd, O'Lea, Warren, & Dowling. The motion
was lost. The Chairman gave a very interesting
summing ~~up~~ up. Mr. Durmin proposed & Mr. O'Byrne ^{with}
seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting Chairman
which the Auditor associated himself. This vote was
passed with acclamation. Private business was
then resumed. Mr. Dowling proposed and Mr. O'Byrne
seconded the following motion which was placed on notice
for the following meeting "That the House proceed into
Committee to consider the action of the Auditor in not
giving expression to the motions passed by the House &
generally to consider his conduct affecting this
Society & that this motion be regarded as a vote
of censure on the Auditor & Committee." As there
was no further business the meeting then adjourned

Peter P. O'Sullivan
(Auditor) 19/11/1962

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An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday 19th January 1942 in the Solis Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided.

After hearing objections to the minutes the auditor signed them as amended.

The House then proceeded to the election of new members, the following were proposed, seconded and declared elected Messrs. Lynch, Gibbany and Mr. Mahon.

The visiting chairman Mr. G. A. O'Connell Solicitor, President of the I. L. S. I took the chair for the Impromptu Debate in which the following took part Messrs. Dawling, Martin, O'Sullivan, Miss Joan Macaulay, Messrs Lynch, Sheehy, Proud, Boyd, Brendan O'Shea Collins, Donald O'Shea, Mr. Nally, O'Shea, Warren, Brennan, Nolan, Miss Majorie Meagher, Quinn, Byrne, Mac Cárnaid & O'Connor. A vote of thanks with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Mr. Brendan P. Byrne & seconded by Mr. Henry M. Sheehy.

Question time having been declared open Mr. Quinn asked if we intended holding any inter debates during the coming term. The Auditor replied that we did & that he had instructed the Hon. Sec. to get in touch with Belgians Wood Relating Society. Owing to some disturbance taking place in the body of the house the Auditor had cause to warn Messrs. Boyd & Nolan who were subsequently suspended. Other questions were asked but the acting Rec. Sec. deemed it prudent not to record them. The meeting then adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(26 Jan 1942 - Auditor)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 26th day of January 1942. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration, although Mr. Boyd rose to object, ^{but} he would, ^{not} give the reason for his objections & in their default. The minutes were signed.

The house then proceeded to the election of new members, Mr. Tadgh Brennan after being duly proposed & seconded was elected.

The Hon. Correspondence Sec. then read a lengthy letter recd. from Sinn Féin dealing with Emergency Powers Order No 139. Questions arising out of this letter were asked by Mr. Boyd, ^{Mr. O'Byrne}. The auditor however ruled that as this very important question was before the Supreme Court ^{for} decision, that we should not have any discussion on the subject. He told the Hon. Corres. Sec to send a formal reply.

The following motion, ^{on Notice} proposed by Mr. D. Mr. Dowling & seconded by Mr. P. D. O'Byrne was then put before the House "That the House proceed into committee to consider the action of the Auditor in not giving expression to the motions passed by the House and generally to consider his conduct affecting this Society, and that this motion be regarded as a vote of censure on the auditor & committee." Mr. Dowling in proposing his motion said he would only like that portion of the motion which referred to the House going into committee to go forward & that the other part of the motion could be discussed when the House went ~~of~~ into committee.

if the motion was passed. The seconder concurred with this
 course & the motion that the House should go into
 committee was put before the House. The motion was
 duly passed. Nominations were then taken for the
 election of a chairman, Mr. Boyd was unanimously
 elected chairman & was called upon by the Auditor
 to take the chair for the discussion of the motion before
 the House. The House Committee then went down into
 the body of the House & the discussion commenced.
 The chairman known for the Public Debate having
 arrived & the fact that the proceedings before the
 House in committee were ^{being} unduly prolonged Mr.
 Boyd adjourned the proceedings until after the
 Public Debate had taken place, & if it was
 found that there was no time left after the
 public debate then, that the proceedings be adjourned
 to the next meeting. The House then went out of
 Committee & the Auditor called upon the visiting
 Chairman Seamus Bó D'Zellibarr to take the chair for
 the Irish debate the motion being "ní maraíod an
 Náisiún gan fáisceall ins an gCoigead" do tabair na
 daoine seo leanas ar son an Rún Cairnín Mac Láimhín, Liam
 S. Boyd, D. Ó Dúnlauge, Seósan Ó Séajóda, Lucí Mac Síog. 7
 na daoine seo leanas i n-azaid an Rún Jacóid M. Ó Dubháill,
 Iudóg Ó Nualláin, Brendan Ma Broen, Seóise Anseal, Seóban
 Mhic Ainleáda, Cairnín Ó Lonsiú, Fhionnais Ó Mairéin,
 Cairnín P. Mac Muscáda, Diarmuid D. Ó Fionnain, Doimall
 Mac Eizeagáin 7 Pádraig Ó Sulleacáin. Níod glaciad leis an
 Rún. Do eug an Cairnínleac Óráid uaid 7 do tiol Jacóid
 Ó Dubháill Rún buideacais do, do cuidiú Eanáir Mac Síog leis
 an Rún 7 do tabair an Reacaire ar an Rún fheise.
 Do curcuid an Rún i bfeidín le gheadaí tos.

As it was after 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Patrick P. Sullivan

2/2/1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 2nd day of Feb. 1942 in the Solicitor's Buildings, Four Courts Dublin. ^{The meeting started at 10 mins. after 8 o'clock.} The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The following ~~member~~ ^{after being} ~~was~~ duly proposed and seconded were declared elected new members of the Society Mr. Denis H. O'Riordan and Mr. Francis Power.

The adjourned session of the House in Committee was then resumed & Mr. Boyce took his place as Chairman. When this discussion had terminated, the Committee resumed their seats.

The Auditor then called upon the visiting chairman Mr. Patrick MacKenzie S.L. to take the chair for the oratory debate, the motion being "that Patriotism is the last refuge of a Scoundrel" The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Sheehy, Warren, Lynch, Donald O'Byrne, Nolan, Mr. Morrow, Byrne, O'Shea, ~~Mac~~, and Mr. Gelligan; and the following spoke against it Messrs. Brendan O'Byrne, Boyce, Ryan, O'Sullivan, Brennan, Mac Cárthaigh, Dowling, Durnin, O'Connor and Doyle. The motion was lost. The Chairman summed up and the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. ^{S. O'Byrne} O'Connor, seconded by Mr. O'Connor with which the Auditor associated himself was passed with acclamation. As it was after 11 o'clock the meeting was adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(Auditor) 9th Feb. 1942.

The ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday ^{at 8.30} the 9th day of February 1942 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as amended.

The House then proceeded to the election of new members, the following were proposed, seconded and declared elected Messrs. Desmond Quinn & Jack Kinnear. There were no motions on notice nor was there any correspondence.

Question time having been declared open Mr. Collins asked the Auditor to define a point of procedure and was the proposed Auditorial ruling one, on a point of procedure within the meaning of rule 66. The Auditor defined points of procedure and told Mr. Collins that the proposed Auditorial ruling was one ~~to~~ ^{governing} a point of procedure.

Mr. M^r. Golligan raised the point that certain correspondence from Sinn Féin ~~had~~ ^{has} been held over in connection with Emergency Powers Order No 139 had been held over until the matter had been discussed & decided by the Courts, as the matter had now been decided he wanted the matter re-opened. As the Correspondence Secretary had not the letter with him, the Auditor said that he would hold over the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Boyer proposed & Mr. O'Byrne seconded the suspension of Standing Orders in order to introduce the following motion "That the Committee shall on the request of the House revise such motions on the Debate Card as have not already been debated and shall, on the recommendation of the House, change any motion considered to be unsuitable." The proposal for

The suspension of S/O's having been duly passed Mr. Boyd proposed the said motion which Mr. O'Byrne seconded. The motion after being put to the vote of the House was passed. Mr. Nolan then proposed & Mr. Doyle seconded the ~~proposal~~ ^{motion} that the visiting Chairman do now take the chair, the motion after being put to House was passed unanimously. The Auditor then called upon Professor Edward Lohy B.L. to take the chair for the public debate the motion being "that Bell v. Sever Bros. (1932) A.C. 161 was rightly decided." The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Collins, Boyd, Russell, Dowling, O'Kea, W. Moran, Sullivan, O'Byrne and Mac Eicegan & the following spoke against it Messrs. Nolan, Durbin & Doyle, the motion was carried by 4 votes to 5. The Chairman delivered an interesting summation. The auditor associated himself with the vote of Hanks which was proposed by Mr. Boyd & seconded by Mr. B. O'Byrne. The Chairman replied. As it was eleven o'clock the meeting was adjourned.

Mr. Collins asked for a definition of a point of ~~order~~ procedure for the purposes of rule 66 and the Auditor said that he could not give a definition offhand but would require to consider it.

There was a long discussion about the requisition handed in by Mr. O'Byrne requiring the committee to call a general meeting to alter rule 66.

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor 16th Feb. 1942)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 16th day of February 1942 at 8 o'clock in the Solicitor's Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin.

As there was a quorum present and the auditor was absent, the Rec. Sec. was asked to take the chair, but refused as a mark of courtesy to the Auditor, who was at this time in the building but not in the members Hall, the Hon. Correspondence Secretary then took the chair & declared the meeting opened. The Hon. Recd Sec. refused to read the minutes of the previous ^{meeting} on the request of the Deputy Auditor & after being warned he was suspended, the Hon. Treasurer then read the minutes. By this time the Auditor had arrived & he took his place in the chair & presided over the meeting. Objections were ~~made~~ to the minutes by Messrs. Boyd, Collins & O'Byrne were upheld and amendments were duly inserted, the minutes were then signed. The Auditor raised the Rec. Sec's suspension & he resumed his seat at the Committee table. There was no correspondence.

There was one motion on notice proposed by Mr. P.S. O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. Liam D. Boyd - the motion being as follows "That the Auditorial ruling made by Mr. J.F. Kent auditor on Monday the 12th day of November 1934, is, in the opinion of this House, contrary to the fundamental principles governing procedure in this House and should be, and is hereby over-ruled pursuant to R. 66 of this Society". Mr. P. O'Byrne proposed his motion, Mr. Boyd formally seconded it & reserved his right to reply. The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs. Darling Nolan, Collins, Brennan, Russell & O'Sullivan the following spoke against the motion Messrs. Doyle & Huntagh. Mr. Boyd exercised his right to speak & Mr. O'Byrne replied. The

motion after being put to the vote of the House was passed.

Question Time was then declared open and Mr. Boyd asked the Auditor for a report on the Galway debate the Auditor replied that he had not given any undertaking to furnish a report. Questions were then asked by Messrs Byrne, MacEgan & Huntagh in connection with certain correspondence received ^{from} Sinn Féin & the Auditor undertook to have the matter discussed at the next meeting. Mr. McHally seconded Mr. Warren then proposed the suspension of S/S's in order to introduce the following motion "That in view of the present emergency, the private business of the this Society terminate not later than 8/30 P.M." As the chairman had arrived by this time the Auditor asked Mr. Warren to leave the matter over until after the Public Debate. Mr. O'Connor proposed & Mr. Byrne seconded that the visiting chairman do now take the chair, the proposal after being put to the vote of the House was carried. The Auditor then called upon Mr. Conway B.L. to take the chair for the Important Debate. The following members took part Messrs. O'Lea, Dowling, Miss Mairie Deagha Messrs. McHally MacEgan Boyd, Brendan Byrne, Doyle, J.L. Byrne, Power, Sheehy Warren, Martin, Mac Cairneal, Collins, O'Sullivan, Miss Joan Macaulay, Messrs. Goff, Lynch, Nolan, Brennan, Quinn, O'Connor and Russell. The Auditor associated himself with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. McHally & seconded by Mr. Nolan. The Chairman replied. Question was then declared reopened. Mr. Quinn was informed by the Auditor that only five laws motions had been withdrawn from the list by the chairman. The Auditor read out two motions sent on notice. The meeting terminated as it was 11 P.M.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan

18/2/1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Wednesday the 18th day of February 1942 at 8 p.m. in the solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts Dublin. The minutes of the previous meeting were signed without alteration. The Auditor presided. There were no motions on notice nor was there any correspondence. Question time was then declared open but the soporific lethargy permeating the atmosphere of the House caused spontaneous interrogators to be silent so that the private business almost lapsed. That such a happening should not defile the Society's records, Mr. Russell shattered the ~~long~~ sony silence "Will there be a hop here during Lent, Mr. Auditor, Sir?" he asked "No, Mr. Russell" replied the Auditor & Mr. Russell resumed his seat, confident that he had opened a controversial matter which might lead to a spate of questioning but no! the members of the House seemed in a somnolent mood. Mr. Long of Gorman attempted to suspend S/O's in order to introduce a motion but as he had no seconder for the motion it lapsed. Mr. James L. Byrne on arriving seemed apprehensive that there was a meeting in progress and prefaced his question with a remark to that effect. He wanted to know whether the letter received by the Society from Sinn Fein had been acknowledged, & if it had not, why not. The Auditor was informed by the Hon. Comos. Sec. that the letter had not been acknowledged, through an oversight. The Auditor gave an undertaking that the matter would be attended to. The Auditor informed the House that it was not intended to hold the Extraordinary General meeting of the Society as the request for

same had been withdrawn. In reply to a question by Mr. Sheehy the auditor informed him that any errors appearing on the debate card were printer's errors. Mr. James Byrne proposed & Mr. George Russell seconded a ^{motion} ~~proposal~~ to suspend S/O's in order to introduce the following motion "That the debate with the Northern Ireland Apprentices be held in public" S/O's having been duly suspended Mr. Byrne proposed his motion. Mr. Russell ~~formally~~ seconded it. ^{& spoke to it} The following spoke for the motion Messrs. MacEiceagáin & Mac Cairiáin. The following spoke against it Messrs. Sheehy & Boyle. Mr. Byrne then attempted to withdraw his motion & place it on notice but Mr. Turleagh objected; the motion after being put to a vote of the house was passed. Mr. Russell proposed & Mr. Boyle seconded the proposal that the visiting chairmen do now take the chair. The proposal was carried & the auditor called upon Mr. Andreas O'Keefe B.L. to take the chair for the Irish debate b'e ceidéal an tóin a b'i le pleicead ná " bíonn adarca fada ar na buairt xas tear" do labair na daoine seo leanas ar son an tóin Zealoid Ó Dubhghall, Séosáin Ó Sé, Seán Russell Caoráin Mac Cairiáin, Donal Ó Briain, Siobhán Nic Airláda 7 Pádraic Ó Máireáin agus do labair na daoine seo leanas i n-áraid an tóin Pádraig Ó Braonáin, Enrí Mac Síog, Donnall Mac Eiceagáin agus Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin. Do ceipad ar an tóin. Do inol Pádraig Ó Braonáin tóin b'uidéirí don caioceleac 7 do cuidy Enrí Mac Síog 7 an Reacaire les.

Question time was then declared reopened & many questions were asked in re the holding of a legal debate in Irish. The auditor replied

that the committee would consider suggestions in connection therewith. Mr. Martin enquired when copies of the Society's constitution would be made available to new members. The Auditor replied that the supplies were limited but that he would give out as many as he had on hand. Mr. MacEneaney voiced a grievance in connection with the attitude adopted by some recent chairmen and said that it was the cause of bad attendances of the Society. The Auditor denied the allegation & informed Mr. MacEneaney the attendance compared very favorably with those of last session. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor). 23rd Feb. 1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 23rd of February 1942 at 7/55 p.m. in the Sols. Buildings Don Court Sullin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed with one alteration.

A letter from Sinn Fein was read by the Hon. Sec. Mr. Roy O'Connor. Various questions were asked in connection with the correspondence & Mr. O'Staigh asked if it was intended to propose a motion as suggested in the letter. The Auditor replied that as we had a motion for debate which was substantially the same, that we should inform them of the result of ~~the~~ that debate.

The following motion was on notice "That in view of the present emergency, the private business of this Society terminate not later than 8/30 p.m." proposed by Mr. William S. A. Warren & seconded by Mr. John P. O'Keilly the following spoke for the motion Mr. S. O'Shaughnessy & the following

spoke against it Messrs. Murtagh, Russell, Doyle, Connor & Dowling. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 8. Nominations were then taken for a team to represent the Society at the forthcoming inter-debate with the Solicitors' Apprentices Debating Society of Northern Ireland the following were elected Messrs. Liam D. Boyd, Louis V. Nolan, Brendan P. Byrne, the Auditor is ex-officio a member of the team.

Mr. Connor then proposed & Mr. Doyle seconded the proposal that the visiting chairman do now take the chair, the motion was passed unanimously & the Auditor called upon Mr. Daniel J. Connor O'Brien to take the chair for the Oratory Debate the motion being "That the Emergency Powers Act (1939) & the offences against the State Act (1939), are steps toward a dictatorship" The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Boyd, Brendan P. Byrne, Warren, Campbell, Byrne, Murtagh, Sheehy & Doyle & the following spoke against it. Messrs Nolan, O'Shea, Donald P. Byrne, Russell, Sullivan, Miss Joan Macaulay, Messrs Dowling, Power, McHally, Martin, Burnin & Connor. The motion was lost by 7 votes to 4. The Auditor associated himself with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. McHally - seconded by Mr. Burnin, the vote was passed with acclamation. The ^{meeting} was adjourned as it was ^{11.45} after 11 o'clock.

Patrick P. Sullivan

(Auditor) 2nd March 1942.

G.M.D.

Do cuimníonn na ndlíghadóirí ar a h-oid a íog ar an dara
 lá de h-íú Márta 1942. Bí an Reicerte ag déanamh maoinseála
 ar an gcuimníú. Do léigead 7 do Sínigeadí mon-euarceáí an
 cuimníú deiseannai gan aic aicéú ainéin ann. Do
 molad Samuel J. Shaw nas ball nua den cumann 7
 do glaciad é d'son zúí. Do molad George S. Hodnett nas
 ball nua pleuen 7 do glaciad é d'son zúí tal éis
 díospóiceaic ar an rún sin. ~~Bí sin an nár eac amac~~
 éana. Bí an rún do leanas ar an gclár "That the
 Auditorial ruling made by Mr. M. J. Egan, Deputy Auditor, on the
 24th January 1938, is flippant and unnecessary as it is already
 within the power of the Auditor to make such rulings, so may
 be necessary for the proper conduct of debate, and that
 this ruling should be over-ruled." Do mol Brendan O'Byrne
 an rún seo 7 cuiread Liam Collins leis. Do glaciad leis an rún.
 Bí rún eile ar an gclár aic do cursead ar aic-tó é go
 deí an réad réarma eile le cead an violóca. Do
 léigead leice ó cumann díospóiceaic do fíneáig do
 dlíghadóirí des na Sé glondaité, i drab' an eadar-díospóiceaic
 a bí róimann. Aimsan do cursead réad na zceiseanna
 ar Sumbal; do cur Enrí Mac Síeig ceis ar an Reicerte
 i drab' líosa na zcainneócaí 7 an z-áicéú a bí déanca ann
 ag an díospóiceaic deiseannai. D'fheagair an Reicerte uac
 rab' eon aicéú déanca ann i rann íor. Do cur
 na daoine seo leanas a léa ceiseanna ar an Reicerte
 na, i drab' an rún a cursead i b'feidm ag an
 zcuimníú deiseannai Sé sin ba íall don eadar-
 díospóiceaic beic 'na díospóiceaic p'ub'lidé menno. Boyd
 Collins, B. O'Byrne, Uac Éiceagáin, S. O'Byrne, Warren & Doyle. Do
 zig Roy O'Connor fheagha don cuimníú nas zcall
 ar an méid abair a rinne Sé i drab' an ceise seo.

G.M.D.
 Thir. Reic. Sec.

Do glai an cuimníú an rún seo leanas 7 zúí anna ina seasair "that this Society tender
 its deep sympathy to family of the late Mr. & Mrs. John R. Brennan in their great sorrow."
 Do mol Roy O'Connor an rún 7 cuiread Brendan O'Byrne leis.

do rial hony Honno 7 do cindog Gearóid Ó Dubzall leis, an rún seo leanas "that the visiting chairman do now take the chair". do glacad leis an rún agus do glao an Reictear ar Ceardall Uas. Ó Dálaigh, Abóid. an cáicéil do glacad 7 an díospóiceas d'ige do scúicizad. B'é ceidil an rún a tu le pléidead ná "That Bradford Corporation v Pickles (1895) A.C. 587 was rightly decided" do labair na doine seo leanas i b'páir an rún Messrs. Honno, Collins, Brendan O'Byrne, Doyle, Shea and Quinn. do labair na doine seo leanas i n-áid an rún Messrs. Nolan, Warren, Sullivan, D. O'Byrne, Mac Eiceagáin (do labair mac Eiceagáin ~~an~~ 'na ceanga dúiceas) O'Riordan, Boyd & Brennan. do ceipad ar an rún oir bóat i gcomh a cáicéil. do labair an Reictear ar son rún tuideacais a rial Liam Boyd 7 do cindog William Warren leis. do curad an rún i b'feidm le Cualad Bos. Os luid é go raib an r. an rear eis a h-ain déag a clog. do curad deisead leis an gceumnu.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(9/3/42 Auditor)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 9th. March 1942 at 7.50 p.m. in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided.

The Hon. Sec. Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting as written in Irish. After many objections had been put forward with reference to the writing and reading of the minutes in Irish. Mr. B. O'Byrne proposed & Mr. Collins ~~seconded~~ seconded the notion that the signing of the minutes be postponed. The following spoke in favour of the notion Messrs. O'Byrne, Collins, Mr. Kelly, Warren and Boyd; and the following spoke against it Messrs. Doyle, MacEiceagáin, Power, and Leahy. The motion was lost by 12 votes to 6. As there were

no further objections, the minutes were signed. There were no proposals for new members nor was there any correspondence. The following motion was on notice "that in the event of a quorum not being present at 7.45 P.M. (Irish Time) the House will adjourn until such time as the Auditor shall call a new meeting, or the next meeting, whichever shall occur the sooner" Proposed by Mr. B.P. O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. John J. Mc'hally. The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs. B. O'Byrne, & Mc'hally and the following spoke against it Messrs. Sheehy, S. O'Byrne, Boyd, Collins Russell, Warren and Sullivan. The motion was lost.

Other motions on notice were postponed to the next meeting. The following motion proposed by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Mr. Russell "that the Society extend its sympathy to Mr. Sumner on the death of his father" was passed, all the members standing. The Auditor ruled that no importance be attached to Rule 85. Question Time was then declared open and Mr. Warren asked if a member could obtain marks for speaking in Irish at an oratory debate. The Auditor replied that he did not think so. Mr. Donald O'Byrne was informed that an oratory debate was an English debate. As the visiting chairman had arrived by this time Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr. Russell seconded the motion "that the visiting Chairman do now take the chair". The motion was passed unanimously & the Auditor called upon Mr. Charles J. Holsken ~~to~~ Solicita to take the chair for the Impromptu debate. The following took part Messrs. Power, Mc'hally, S. O'Byrne, Miss Jean Macaulay, Nolan, Sullivan, Sheehy, O'Lea, Proulx, Doyle, Warren B. O'Byrne, Miss Majorie Meagher, Boyd & Collins. The Chairman summed up. The Auditor associated himself with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Sheehy & seconded by Mr. Boyd. The meeting was adjourned so it was 11 P.M.

Patrick P. Sullivan
20th April 1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 20th April 1942 in the Solicitors' Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. Before the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the Auditor proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. W. G. Wakely, Messrs. Dowling, B. O'Byrne and Boyd associated themselves with this vote of sympathy which was passed in silence, all the members standing. The House then adjourned for 10 minutes as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wakely.

On resumption the minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Hon. Rec. Sec. Objections to the minutes by Mr. B. O'Byrne were upheld and insertions were made accordingly. The minutes were then signed. The following motion was on notice "That the Auditorial Ruling made by Mr. M. J. Egan, Auditor, made the 26th day of February, 1940, is ultra vires the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society inasmuch as it purports to make a new Rule for the Society contrary to the provisions of Rule 66 and Rule 75, and should be and is hereby over-ruled" Proposed by Mr. ^{B.}O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. Liam Collins. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Auditor then read a letter received by him from the Minister of Supplies stating that he would not sanction the running of a special train for the purposes of the proposed outing. Question time was then declared open & Mr. Boyd asked the Auditor what steps he intended taking with reference to certain disparaging remarks concerning Solis' Apprentices made by Judge Conyn in a recently reported case in the press. The Auditor replied that he intended doing nothing. Mr. Collins

was informed that it was intended to hold the annual outing this year. Mr. Stapleton proposed and Mr. Nolan seconded the motion for the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce the following motion "That this House desires a request be sent to the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland that at any exam. in the Irish Language which is the first time where a new book or books are introduced alternative questions should be set on the old book or books." S/O's having been suspended Mr. Stapleton introduced his motion Mr. Nolan reserved his right to reply. The following spoke for the motion Messrs Boyd, Sayle & Nolan & the following spoke against it Messrs. Sluby & O'Riordan. The motion was declared passed unanimously.

Mr. B. O'Byrne proposed Mr. Collins seconded a motion to suspend S/O's in order to introduce some motion dealing with the remarks already mentioned made by Judge Conyn. The motion to suspend S/O's was passed but the motion dealing with Judge Conyn's remarks was not handed in in writing. An amendment by addition was proposed by Mr. Nolan? seconded by Mr. Dowling to this nebulous motion in re Conyn, this amendment was not submitted in writing either, however it transpired that this was of no importance as the Auditor refused to accept the said amendment after a lengthy discussion in which the following members took part Messrs. Boyd, Dowling, Quinn, Brendan O'Byrne, Collins, Byrne & O'Byrne & Warren & the Auditor. The outcome of the matter devolved however to the passing of the following motion "That the House go into committee to discuss the Auditor's refusal to accept Mr. Dowling's amendment to the motion dealing with Judge Conyn." Proposed by Mr. Dowling & seconded by Mr. Nolan. Mr. Warren was elected

Chairman & the House went into committee. After the House had gone out of committee the Auditor called upon Tomás Mac. Ó Fiamáica to take the chair for the Irish Debate the title being "Táir oireannaí an t-Éire mac gúnaí Béara do Míráib". The following spoke in favour of the motion O'Seáda, Ó Dubháill, Donal Ó'Keon, Ruseál, de Bascáin, Mac Mucáda, Mac Síig & the following spoke against it Siobhán Mac Amlágha, Ó'Keon, Ó'Keon, Ó'Keon, Mac Cárnael, Ó'Keon, Ó'Keon, Ó'Keon & hian ní hianáir. The Auditor associated himself with a vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Mí'moraw & seconded by Mr. Mí'moraw. The Chair replied as there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(Auditor) 22/4/1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Wednesday the 22nd April 1942 in the Solis Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed without alteration. Mr. Patrick Bergin was proposed, seconded and declared a member of the Society. The Hon. Sec. read a letter from Kileroney in re outing. Replying to a question from Mr. Collins the Auditor stated that it rested with the members as to when we would have a discussion on the outing. Mr. Dowling suggested that the discussion take place after the House goes out of committee. The Auditor replying to Mr. Quinn said that he would set up a sub-committee before the end of the meeting. The reason certain steps had already been taken was because of the shortness of time. The House then went into committee for discussion in re Judge Comyn.

The Auditor then declared question time open. Replying to Mr. Dowling, the Auditor stated that we would probably hold an inter-debate with the Law Society U.C.D. Mr. Collins asked a question with reference to the letter of protest to Judge Conyn. The Auditor replied that if the letter was sent it would be unofficial and the fact would not be entered in the minutes of the Society. Replying to Mr. Boyd the Auditor stated that it was not usual for auditors of the Society to wear evening dress during the 3rd term of the Session. Messrs. O'Byrne & Boyd asked what members of the Committee had represented the Society at inaugural meetings of L & H. Society U.C.D., the Law Society U.C.D. & the Kings Inns Debating Society. The Auditor replied that Mr. O'Connor had attended the Law Society & the Literary & Historical Society. In reply to Messrs. Boyd & Collins the Auditor said that he would consider holding a few private sops at the end of the Session. Mr. O'Connor proposed & Mr. Dowling seconded the motion that the visiting chairman take the chair. Mr. Judge Forbes B.L. then took the chair for the evening debate the motion being "That Irish Nationality depends on the Irish Language." The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs. Nolan, O'Lea, Lynch, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Donal O'Byrne O'Riordan, MacEneaney, Martin & Doyle & the following spoke against it Messrs. Darrin, Boyd, Brendan O'Byrne, & Dowling. The motion was put to a vote of the House. The Chairman thanked the Chairman on behalf of the Committee & the Auditor ^{thanked the Chairman on behalf of the} ~~seconded~~ ^{seconded} ~~with a~~ ^{with a} ~~vote of thanks~~ ^{vote of thanks} ~~proposed by B. O'Byrne & seconded by~~ ^{proposed by B. O'Byrne & seconded by} ~~Mr. Lavin~~ ^{Mr. Lavin} ~~Boyd.~~ ^{Boyd.} As it was after 11 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

J. M. D.
for Collins

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
Auditor
27/4/1942

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 27th April 1942 in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

There were no proposals for new members, neither was there any correspondence nor any motions on notice.

Question Time was then declared open and the Auditor made an announcement about the forthcoming outing. He said that the committee had decided to make the following charges 3/6 for a single ticket and 5/- for a double one, that members make their own arrangements about transport to and from Kileroney. Various questions in connection with the Outing were asked by Messrs. Collins, Dunin & Egan.

Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Nolan seconded the suspension of S/Os in order to introduce the following motion "That the House go into committee to thank Mr. Connor for his work as Dance Secretary" the motion for suspension of S/Os having been duly passed Mr. Boyd introduced his motion & the House went into committee with Mr. Sullivan in the Chair. On the arrival of the visiting chairman the business of the House in committee was adjourned until after the public debate. Mr. J. L. Byrne proposed and Mr. Boyle seconded the motion that the visiting chairman do now take the Chair, on this motion being passed the Auditor called on Mr. John J. L. Berlin B.L. to ^{also} take the Chair for the legal debate the motion being "That Philips v Brooks was rightly decided 1919 2 K.B. 243." the following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs. Boyd, Warren, Sullivan, Power, and Dunin & the following spoke against it Messrs. Nolan, Russell, Lynch, and O'Kea. The motion was carried by 9 votes to 7. The deputy auditor Mr. Connor associated himself with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Dunin & seconded by Mr. Boyd. The House then went

back into committee with Mr. Doyle in the chair. After the vote of thanks to Mr. Connor was unanimously passed the House came out of Committee.

O.T. was declared reopened & questions in connection with the outing were asked by Messrs. Nolan, Collins and Mac Eogain & Neary. Mr. Boyd proposed & Mr. Nolan seconded the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce the following motion "That the House go into committee to discuss the 'next dance'". The motion for the suspension of S/O's was passed and the House went into committee to discuss Mr. Boyd's motion. Mr. Dowling was elected chairman. As there was no further business when the House came out of committee the meeting adjourned.

Patrick P. Sullivan
(Auditor) 4th May 1942.

J. M. D. ^{from books}
minutes of
previous
meeting were
read assigned
without alteration

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 4th day of May 1942 in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. Mr. Gerard de Valera was proposed, seconded & declared elected a member of the Society. There were no proposals for new members, no motions on notice nor was there any correspondence. Question Time was then declared open. In reply to a question by Mr. Collins in an inter-debate the Auditor informed him that it was not intended to hold any further inter-debates this session. Clongowes Wood had been written to about 3 weeks previously but inviting a debate but no reply had been received. On the proposal of the Auditor the House went into committee to discuss certain matters raised at the last meeting. Mr. Sullivan was elected chairman. When the House came out of committee O.T. was declared reopened & questions were asked by Messrs. Boyd & Collins in connection with the forthcoming outing. Replying to a question by Mr. Nolan, the Auditor satisfactorily

explained the absence of the Auditorial Insignia.

Mr. Collins then proposed & Mr. Boyle seconded the motion that the visiting chairman do now take the Chair the motion was passed unanimously. ~~the~~ Auditor called upon Mr. Patrick Glynn Solicitor to take the Chair for the Impromptu Debate; the following members spoke Messrs. Boyle, Dowling, Collins, Warren, Mac Eogain, Prout, Surmin, Lynch, Mc Morrow, Flanning, Power, Brendan O'Byrne, Boyd, Sullivan, Donal O'Byrne, Brennan Miss Joan Macaulay, Mc Nally, Byrne, Shuby & Nolan.

The Auditor associated himself with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. P. O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. Quinn D.T. was again declared reopened and chaos, ^{and} ~~and~~ commotion, disorderly conduct and utter confusion reigned supreme. ^{And} ~~And~~ some members endeavoured ^{ed} to introduce a motion welcoming a certain person back to the Society. The motion was not bonded in in writing but the din continued & through the uproar it is said that questions were asked about the numbers going on the outing & other divers matters in re the said outing. All such questions were fully answered by the Auditor. The House adjourned ~~to~~ it was eleven o'clock.

(Auditor 11th May 1942)

~~The~~ Ballad on the occasion of the Society's Annual
outing to Kilmoney Banting Golf and Sports Club 6th May 1942.

"Carpe Diem" or "Kilmoney Abroad"

1.

Have you ever been to Kilmoney
on a glorious sixth of May,
'Tis the apprentices annual outing,
and they've come here to snatch the day.

2.

Untroubled by the war gloom's fever
unfettered by tortious whims,
They've come here on bikes - nothing surer
It's no wonder they feel like a swim.

3.

On bicycles used by their fathers
On crocks tied up with red tape
On wheelbarrow wheels and on scowlers
It's a miracle how the public escape.

4.

Not fettered by property or contracts
Redecked in bright sports attire
Solicitors' Apprentices - by God Sir!
Believe me or not I'm no liar.

5.

At one-thirty they're served with luncheon
Just one of the Society's jokes
With a Statutory note as to menu
Pay Kiely I pity the blokes - (socks - optional)

6.

With dignity becoming a king Sir
The Auditor slouches about
While above the din and the uproar
He calls for a bottle of stout.

"burpe siem" or "Kilcorney also" (cont'd)

7.

In quick and in rapid succession,
The committee, the treasurer, the Secs.
Join in a toast with the Auditor,
What awful blue-penial necks.

8.

'Tis then that ex-auditor Dowling,
Who has scarcely the strength of a louse.
Shows a two-bob bit on the table
And calls for drinks on the house (Satire)

9.

Undaunted by such "Bonomi" behaviour
Two apprentices Nolan and Boyd
Make gold-medal speeches together
On what every apprentice should avoid.

10.

And into the night goes the revelry,
Dancing their shoe leather off
It is proposed that an honorary member
Be made of his worship Goff.

11.

And so it goes on at Kilcorney
On that glorious sixth of May,
When 'prentice bores and their partners
Do more than just snatch the day.

12.

Etc.

Geraldus Michaelis Boyelus
Vincis¹⁵ Veritas¹⁵
The Barm of Aramagh.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place on Monday the 11th May 1942 in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after the insertion of alterations they were signed. There were no proposals for new members no motions or notices neither was there any correspondence. General business was then declared open and the auditor appointed Messrs. Dublin Warren scrutineers of the ^{treasurers} ~~report~~ report. He then announced that he would receive nominations for the election of officers and committee for the Session 1942-43. Mr. Louis V. Nolan was the only member proposed for the office of Auditor he was proposed by S. M. Dowling and seconded by L. S. Boyd.

For the position of Record Secretary.

William S.A. Warren	-	P. J. O'Byrne (proposer)	Frank Martin (2 nd)
Liam Collins	-	Louis V. Nolan (")	J. L. O'Byrne. (2 nd)
Carmign Mac Cairnadh	-	S. A. Casey (")	L. S. Boyd. (2 nd)
Patrick J. Brennan.	-	Donal O'Byrne (")	Owen Goff. (2 nd)

For the position of Correspondence Secretary.

George A. Russell	-	S. M. Dowling (proposer).	Rory O'Keane (second)
John P. Mc'hally	-	Brendan O'Byrne (")	Owen Goff. (")

S.M.D.
The Recorder.

~~For the three vacancies on the Committee~~

For the office of Treasurer

Mr. Rory O'Keane	-	S. M. Dowling (proposer)	L. V. Nolan (2 nd)
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For three vacancies on the committee.

John Mc'hally.	Ed. J. Durmin (proposer)	L. Collins (second)
W.S.A. Warren.	Liam Collins (")	A. M. Sheehy (")
P. J. Brennan.	Liam Collins (")	W. S. A. Warren (")
Owen Goff.	Donal O'Byrne (")	John P. Mc'hally. (")
Donal O'Byrne.	Owen Goff (")	Wm. Warren (")
Kevin P. Mc'honow	Frank Martin (")	Jos. G. Shea. (")
Frank Martin	Brendan O'Byrne (")	Wm. Warren (")

Prior to the above nominations being received an objection by Mr. Durmin to certain members being

eligible for the various offices was upheld by the auditor who ruled that they were ineligible. When the nominations had been closed it was announced that Mr. Louis V. Nolan had been elected unanimously to the position of Auditor as no other nomination had been received for that office. Mr. Roy O'Gunn was also elected unanimously to the position of Treasurer under the same circumstances. Messrs. Dowling and Boyd were elected the legal assessors and scrutineers of the Ballot.

Question time was then declared open and Mr. Collins proposed & Mr. Nolan seconded the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce ~~a vote~~ the following motion "That the best thanks and congratulations of the Society are due to the Auditor and Committee for the success of the annual outing" S/O's having been duly suspended Mr. Collins introduced his motion, Mr. Nolan seconded it. The following spoke in its favour, Sheehy, Quinn, Miss Early, Miss Treaghan. The motion was passed unanimously and the Auditor replied on his own behalf and on behalf of the Committee.

The Auditor in replying to a question by Mr. Boyd said that no reply had been received from Clongowes Debating Society. The Auditor announced that the annual general meeting of the Society would take place on Tuesday 19th May 1942. Mr. Collins was informed that the Irish motion for Debate had been changed in accordance with the Rules.

Mr. Warren proposed and Mr. MacEogáin seconded the suspension of S/O's in order to introduce the following motion "That the best thanks of this ~~Body~~ House are due to Messrs. Boyd & Nolan for their excellent literary efforts" S/O's having been duly suspended

Mr. Warren introduced his motion Mr. MacEogáin formally seconded it; the following spoke against it Mrs. Meagher and Messrs. Sheehy & Collins. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Brendan O'Byrne asked the Auditor if the Rec. Sec. had complied with the undertaking that the minutes of the meeting written in Irish be translated into English. The Record Secretary in reply said that he had done so only in respect of the undertaking given to Mr. O'Byrne by the Auditor and that he was not bound either by law or the rules of the Society to comply with Mr. O'Byrne's request and further that the Auditorial ruling relied upon by Mr. O'Byrne in support of said request was not binding in so far as it was not a proper ruling in accordance with the rules of the Society and that he translated said minutes under protest. Mr. G. C. Stapleton

asked the Auditor if the letter in connection with the books for the 2nd Irish examination had been sent to the Council of the I. L. S. S. The Auditor replied that it had not yet been sent but he undertook to have it posted before the meeting of the Council he also said that he would go and see the president of the I. L. S. S. himself. Mr. O'Connor proposed and Mr. Doyle seconded the motion that the visiting claimer do now take the chair. The motion was passed and the Auditor called upon Mr. Dermot Walsh Solicitor to take the chair for the Irish Debate the motion being

"Zur ceann preasail do an i bfeidm i n-Eirinn" the following spoke in favour of the motion Seosán Ó Seáidá Seobán Nic Ainláidá Donnusa Ó Máireán Anurcaoe Mac Síg & the following spoke against it Donal Ó Cléirín Caoimhín Ó. Nic Múicéidá Caoimhín Ó. Tomásig, Pádraig Buidheabáin

Donnall Mac Eiceagáin & Gearóid M. O'Subzail. The Auditor associated himself with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Doyle & seconded by Mr. McManus.

6.15.42
Question was then declared reopened and the Auditor ^{said} thought that he would have to adjourn the meeting if the disorder then raging in the house was not abated. Mr. Collins proposed & Mr. Byrne seconded the suspension of S.O's in order to introduce the following motion "That a sub-committee be set up to decide what arrangements should be made for next Tuesday night" a number of speeches were made. The motion was not put to the House. The Auditor announced that the committee would consider the proposals made for a party next Tuesday. As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

Patrick P. O'Sullivan
(Auditor) 19th. May 1942.

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1942 - 43

OFFICERS :-

HON. AUDITOR - - - - - Mr. Louis V. Nolan.

HON. RECORD SECRETARY - - Mr. Liam M. Collins.

HON. CORR. SECRETARY - - - Mr. George A. Russell.

HON. TREASURER - - - - - Mr. Rory O'Connor.

COMMITTEE :-

Mr. Patrick J. Brennan B.A., LL.B.

Mr. Donal O'Byrne.

Mr. Jack McNally

Mr. Patrick P. O'Sullivan B.A., LL.B.

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The closing meeting of the 58th Session took place on Tuesday 19th May 1942 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor Mr. O'Sullivan presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Record Secretary were signed without alteration.

The Balance Sheet was read by the Treasurer Mr. Russell. It showed that almost £400 had passed through his hands, leaving it in a sound financial position, all debts owing by and to the Society having been discharged. On the proposal of Mr. Dowling seconded by Mr. Collins the Balance Sheet was adopted.

The Auditor then read his report on the affairs of the Society.

On his own behalf and on behalf of the members he paid tribute to the late Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society, Mr. W.G. Wakely, whom, he said, was one of the greatest friends of the Debating Society. He congratulated the new Secretary, Mr. E.J. Plunkett and wished him many happy years in his important office. He also expressed his warm appreciation of the practical interest which Mr. G.A. Overend, President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, took in the affairs of the Society. Mr. O'Sullivan then went on to thank his hardworking Committee and the members of the House for their loyal co-operation during the session.

On the proposal of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Boyd, the Report was adopted unanimously.

A list of names of members who had received and returned the Ballot papers was read by the Record Secretary. The results of the elections of Officers and Committee for the session 1942-43 was then declared as follows :-

Hon. Auditor	- - - - -	Mr. Louis V. Nolan.
Hon. Rec. Secretary	- - -	Mr. Liam M. Collins.
Hon. Corr. Secretary	- - -	Mr. George A. Russell.
Hon. Treasurer	- - - - -	Mr. Rory O'Connor.

Committee :-

Mr. Patrick J. Brennan B.A., LL.B.

Mr. Donal O'Byrne.

Mr. John McNally.

Mr. Patrick P. O'Sullivan B.A. (Ex-Officio Ex-Auditor)

The new Auditor and Committee then took up office and the award of prizes was declared as follows :-

ORATORY

- Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal and Society's Certificate Mr. B.P. O'Byrne B.A.
- Society's Silver Medal Mr. P.P.O'Sullivan B.A.
- Special Certificate Mr. E.J. Durnin.

LEGAL DEBATE

- President's Gold Medal Mr. P.P.O'Sullivan B.A.
- Society's Silver Medal Mr. L.D. Boyd.

IMPROMPTU DEBATE

- Vice-President's Gold Medal..... Mr. P.P.O'Sullivan B.A.
- Vice-President's Silver Medal..... Mr. L.D. Boyd.

IRISH DEBATE

- Society's Gold Medal Mr. F. Martin.
- Society's Silver Medal Mr. P.P.O'Sullivan B.A.

FIRST YEAR SPEAKER

- Society's Silver Medal Mr. I.K. Lynch.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Boyd seconded a vote of thanks to the outgoing Auditor and Committee. After many members of the House had paid high tribute to Mr. O'Sullivan and his energetic Committee the motion was passed with prolonged acclamation. The ex-auditor thanked the members on behalf of himself and his colleagues. A vote of congratulation to the new auditor and Committee having been duly passed the meeting then adjourned.

Dated this 27th day of October 1942

P.P. O'Sullivan
..... 27 Oct 42

President Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

The Inaugural meeting of the 59th Session of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Tuesday the 29th day of October 1942. Mr. A. Overend President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland presided.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Record Secretary were signed without alteration.

AWARDS

The Chairman then distributed the awards for the Session 1941-42 as recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting.

AUDITORIAL

ADDRESS.

The Chairman then called up the Auditor Mr. Louis V. Nolan to read his Inaugural address on "Propaganda". Mr. Nolan pointed out the uses being made by the warring countries and said if a second failure to found an enduring peace was to be avoided all the arts of propaganda must be enlisted in its service. The Auditor then went on to refer to the partition of this country. He said that we could not hope to overcome the injustice of this unnatural severance unless they had an informed world opinion to support their claim for the restoration of the Six Counties.

The Auditor's paper was enthusiastically received by the over-flow audience present.

MR. SEATH

LEMASS.

Mr. Seán Lemass T.D. Minister for Supplies in proposing a vote of thanks to the Auditor defended the Irish politicians and said that the term political propaganda was in the present time synonymous with exaggeration and even with downright lying. He condemned the criticisms of the members of the Directorates because of the cash payments they received. Mr. Lemass then went on

to say that like the Auditor he realized that this had a cause in which they desired to obtain the support or at least the goodwill of the other nations, the cause of the reintegration of the national territory. The best way to do this he said was by demonstrating to the world our ability to handle our internal affairs.

MR. W. T.
COSGRAVE

Mr William T. Cosgrave T.D in seconding the motion dealt almost entirely with Partition. He pointed out that though some people did not seem to think so, partition took place even before the negotiations for the Treaty had started. He said that the major responsibility would always depend on the government of the day to have a policy to deal with partition and that it should in no way be interfered with in its efforts to solve the problem. He said that it was a very big problem and that the first requisite was to have a common policy and suggested that if the co-operation of the people of the six counties, who were our own flesh and blood, was advisable the first steps to procure it should be taken by those here in the South. In conclusion Mr Cosgrave referred to the talk of punishment of those responsible for the war. He hoped that if such punishment was to take place that it would be inflicted on the persons responsible and not peoples.

The vote of thanks was passed with prolonged acclamation

Mr. R. M. Smyllie proposing that the Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society is worthy of support dealt with what he termed the negative form of propaganda, censorship which he said was making us look foolish in the eyes of all nations

MR. ROBERT
M. SMYLLIE

John Costello
KC

In seconding this motion Mr. John Costello S.C. suggested that there should be some form of address for the electorate against politicians who at general elections made promises which could not be fulfilled and who consequently practiced a fraud on the public.

The Chairman then put the motion to the House and it was passed with acclamation.

The Chairman addressed the House shortly thanking the Speaker and Auditor, and explaining the aims and objects of the Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society.

As there was no further business the ~~House~~ meeting was declared closed.

Louis V. Nolan

2/11/42 (Auditor) 1942-3

An extraordinary General Meeting of the Society convened by the Auditor in accordance with Rule 66 Rules and Standing Orders of the Society was held on Monday June 29th 1942 in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor Mr. Louis V. Nolan presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the report submitted by the sub-committee set up to examine the Rules and Sessional Standing Orders with a view bringing same up to date and making any required alterations in them.

Mr. D.M. Dowling as Chairman of the aforementioned sub-committee read a report of the findings.

The Report stated that eight meetings had been held in all, at which all the Rules and Standing Orders had been considered and fully discussed.

It was submitted that certain amendments be made forthwith. These amendments, 35 in all consisted in deletions, substitutions and insertions and were the unanimous opinion of the sub-committee. When Mr Dowling had concluded his Report the ~~house~~^{Auditor} then put each Rule to the house for acceptance. A number of the Rules were subject to Minority Reports. After a number of these reports submitted by the vociferous Mr Liam D Boyd had been rejected the afore said gentleman endeavoured to convince the house that it did not appreciate ~~at this stage Mr Boyd left the house as a protest to the procedure~~ either himself or his reports, a report by Mr B.P. O Byrne was also rejected. Mr Durnin then read a report on the rule dealing with the English Composition. This report was adopted. Subject to this slight alteration the Report of the sub-committee was adopted in its entirety.

Mr O'Sullivan then endeavoured to introduce a motion making Irish the primary language of the Society. After several members had endeavoured to explain their ideas on the matter at the same time the Auditor ruled the motion out of order and declared the meeting closed.

4/18/42 Louis V. Nolan
(Auditor) 1942-3

An ordinary general Meeting of the Society was held at the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Monday Nov 2nd 1942. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration. The minutes of the Extraordinary general Meeting held on Monday June 29th 1942

were also read and signed. ^{The Rules and Standing Orders were} adopted in accordance with Rule 67.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The House then proceeded to the election of new members. The following having been duly proposed and recorded were declared elected Miss Mary Barry Miss Philomena Callanan Miss Moya Dixon Messrs. Henry Lynch, Bryan O'Callaghan Matthew Farrell, Michael Phelan, T. J. O'Donoghue David Twomey, Michael O'Beirn, John Horan Michael D. Carlos, Bernard J. Carroll, William O'Connell Desmond Dowdall, John Walsh, and Brendan Allen.

There were no motions on notice. The Hon. Cor. Sec. read a letter from the Sec. Incorporated Law Society with reference to the Second Irish Examination. Mr Stapleton who appeared to be the only member interested in this letter and after asking some questions arising therefrom he said that he was quiet content to let the matter in the hands of the Cor. Sec.

QUESTIONS

The Auditor then announced that a 'hop' would be held on Sat. next Nov 7th 1942⁵ which members who had paid their subscriptions would be admitted free of charge. Mr Power asked if a member paid 2/6 when coming to the 'hop' would this be regarded as part of that members annual subscription. The Auditor replied in the affirmative. This answer led to loud objection by a number of members. Mr O'Byrne and Mr O'Sullivan declared that ^{it} to do this would be contrary to the spirit and meaning of Rule 14 to make payment of the annual sub. a prerequisite to free admission to the 'hop'. Mr Boyd and Mr Durnin were of the same opinion. Mr Durnin challenged the Auditor's right to bring forward in any way the payment

of subs as the rule applying thereto empowered him to extend only the date for payment. After further discussion on the matter Mr Boyd was informed that only those who had been duly proposed, seconded and elected members of the Society would be allowed to avail of the privilege of making the admission fee to the said loan to go as part of the annual sub. Mr Boyd then asked the Auditor if he would accept at short notice a Motion on Notice with reference to this matter. The Auditor replied that under the rules of the Society he could not do so but that as the house seemed to hold a rather decided opinion he would compromise by allowing all members into the aforementioned 'Loan' free of charge.

Mr Collins proposed and Mr Dowling seconded the motion that the visiting chairmans do now take the chair. The motion was passed and Mr Vincent Lyogen B.L. took the chair for the oratory debate, the motion being "That close collaboration between Ireland & England is Ireland's only hope for the future." The following spoke for the motion Messrs B.P. O'Byrne, G.C. Stapleton, G.A. Russell, Louis V. Nolan, B.J. Daly, P.J. Bergin, L.D. Boyd, D. O'Riordan, J.P. McHally and W.G. Horan. The following spoke against the motion Messrs Gerard M. Doyle, J. Martin, Maurice Power, P.J. Brennan, G. Hogan, T.J. Durkin, M.J. O'Beirn, W. Malone and Doran O'Byrne. A vote of thanks, with which the Auditor associated himself was proposed by Brendan P. O'Byrne and seconded by W.G. Horan was passed with acclamation.

The following motion was put on notice for Monday

11th Nov 1942. "That this House disapproves of the decision of the Committee to admit to the 'Hop' persons who are not then members of the Society and allowing them to get set-off the dance admission fee of 2/6 against a future subscription as this decision is contrary to the spirit of Rule 14 of the Rules and Standing Orders of the Society, and this motion shall be mandatory under S.O. 12. Proposed Brendan P. Byrne Seconded Liam D. Boyd. As it was after eleven the House then adjourned.

Louis V. Nolan

9/11/42 (Auditor 1942-3)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held at in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on ~~Monday~~ Wednesday Nov 4th 1942. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed after some slight alteration.

Mrs Norman Pearson and Mr Stanley Siev having been proposed and seconded for membership of the Society were declared elected.

The Auditor announced that the Society's Annual Dance would be held in the Gresham on Wed. 29th Nov. and that any member who required any information with reference thereto could obtain same from Mr. Norman. Mr Russell asked whether it was necessary for a member to have his annual sub. paid before he became entitled to a reduction in the price of his dance ticket. The Auditor informed Mr Russell that it would be better to let this question stand over until a decision had been reached on the motion placed on notice by Messrs Byrne & Boyd.

This was too much for the exacting Mr Boyd who immediately informed the Auditor that the motion on Notice referred to dealt only with the forthcoming 'Hops'. To this the Auditor replied that in his opinion there was no material difference in the two matters. Mr O'Byrne then joined his colleague Mr Boyd in his objection. A prolonged discussion then arose concerning admission to the 'Lion' to be held on Sat Nov. 4th. The Treasurer pointed out that the admission of all members free of charge might involve the Society in a financial loss. The Auditor then revoked his undertaking given the previous night to the effect that all members would be admitted free of charge. Mr Russell proposed and Mr O'Connor seconded the S.O.S. to introduce the following motion. That no member of the Society be allowed into the Hops in this Society unless he has (a) Paid his Subscription or (b) Pays 2/6 as part of his sub. Standing Orders having been suspended Mr Russell introduced his motion. Messrs Collins D. O'Byrne and Pover spoke to the motion Messrs Durnin Boyd & O'Byrne against. The motion was then put to the house. Mr Boyd called for a division. After Mr Boyd and Mr Rogan had been appointed as tellers the motion was passed by 11 votes to 6. Mr O'Connor proposed Mr Collins seconded that the visiting Chairman do now take the chair. The motion was passed and Mr Francis Joyce B.L. took the chair for a legal Debate the motion being "That Handbrook v Stokes Bros (1925) 1.K.B. 141 was rightly decided". The following spoke for the motion Messrs G. A. Russell, G. M. Doyle D. O'Byrne, M. Paver M. G. O'Beirn & W. G. Horan. The following spoke against Messrs L. V. Nolan L. D. Boyd G. Rogan and D. O'Riordan. The chairman summed up and put the motion to the house which passed it.

A vote of thanks to the visiting Chairman ~~was~~ proposed by Mr G. M. Doyle and seconded by Mr J. P. McHally was passed with acclamation the Auditor having previously associated himself with same.

The Auditor announced that an election of a team to represent this Society in an inter-Debate with V.C.G. would take place on Monday next Nov 9th.

As it was then 11 o'clock the meeting was declared closed.

Louis V. Nolan

11/11/42 (Auditor 1942-3)

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held on Mon. Nov. 9th in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

Miss Maura O'Connor having been proposed and seconded was declared elected. Hubert C. Mahon was also elected.

The Auditor again reminded the house that the Society's Annual Dance would be held in the Lanesham Hotel on Wed the 19th Nov. 1942 and that Mr O'Connor would answer any questions relevant to this matter.

Mr B.P. O'Byrne asked the Treasurer how many people would be required to attend the dance in order to avoid the involving of the Society in a financial loss and how many it would take to show a profit. The Treasurer replied that the attendance of 250 would be necessary to avoid a loss and about 251 to show a profit.

Mr O'Byrne then asked the Auditor if the committee had given the question of holding the Dance at all this year careful consideration and did he not

NEW
MEMBERS

ANNUAL
DANCE

consider it advisable to seek the opinion of the House on the matter. The Auditor replied that the matter had got the most careful consideration and that it was impossible to place the matter before the House as time was the essence of the whole question. Mr. Murtagh was loud and prolonged in his objection to the smallness of the reduction of the price of tickets to the Annual Dance to the members of this Society. Mr. O'Connor informed Mr. Kenny that the supper at the Dance would be a cold supper and would be served at the tables.

The following Motion on Notice came on for discussion that the House disapproves of the decision of the Committee to admit to the "Loji" persons who are not their members of the Society and allowing them to set off the dance admission fee of 2/6 against a future sub. as this decision is contrary to the spirit of R. 14 of the Rules & S.O. of the Society, and this motion shall be mandatory under S.O. 12. Proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Boyd. After the Record Secretary had pointed out that the motion could be of no effect as the committee had made no such ruling as referred to in this motion Mr. O'Byrne asked to withdraw his motion. To this course for some unknown reason Mr. Collins objected, and Mr. O'Byrne proposed his motion Mr. Boyd formally seconded it and Mr. Collins spoke against it. The motion was passed by 17 votes to 1.

TEAM FOR
INTER-Debate

The following ~~team~~ were selected to represent the Society for an inter-debate with V.C.G. Mr. Brendan P. O'Byrne, Mr. Liam D. Boyd and Mr. John M'Gally, the Auditor, being leader of the team.

Mr. O'Connor proposed Mr. Collins seconded the

motion that the visiting chairman do now take the chair.
The motion was passed and Mr John S. O'Connor solicitor
took the chair for an impromptu Debate. The following
members spoke: Messrs. D. O'Byrne, B.P. O'Byrne, D.M.
Dowling, S. Maguire, M.S. O'Beirn, L.D. Boyd
G.M. Doyle, P.J. Brennan, D. MacEwenham, M. Power
J. De Valera, W.S.K. Warren, W.J.C. Horen, D O'Riordan
L.M. Collins, J.P. Mc Gally, G.L. Byrne, L.V. Nolan
P.P. O'Sullivan, D. Dowdall, E.J. Durkin and SA. M. Stuegh
The Chairman summed up and complimented the
speakers. A vote of thanks to the Visiting Chairman
was proposed by Mr P. O'Sullivan and seconded
by Mr J. De Valera. The Auditor associated himself
with it and the motion was passed.

As there was no further business the hour adjourned

Louis V. Nolan

16/11/42 Auditor

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held
in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin
on Wednesday Nov 11th 1942. The Auditor presided
The minutes of the previous meeting were read
by the Record Secretary. Mr Dowling objected to the
minutes on the ground that they were not a fully
accurate account of what took place on the previous
meeting in so far as no mention had been made
to the breach of S.Os. 15846 by the Auditor which he,
Mr Dowling alleged took place. The Auditor over-
ruled this objection despite the fact that Messrs Boyd
and B.P. O'Byrne pressed the point in their usual
longwinded and dogmatic fashion. Mr Boyd
retaliated by proposing the motion that the signing

of the minutes be postponed. Mr Boyd's echo Mr O'Byrne
seconded the motion. Dispute arose on the count on
this motion and after a considerable amount of
useless arguing by Messrs Boyd O'Byrne
and Dowling, Mr Dowling proposed and Mr O'Byrne
seconded the ~~motion~~ suspension of standing orders to
introduce the following motion. "That this house strongly
condemns the action of the Auditor in violating S.Os. 15846
and directs an amendment of the minutes of the last
meeting to record such breach." On the motion for the
suspension of S.Os. being put to the House the Auditor
suspended Mr Dowling, whom he had previously
duly warned, for endeavouring to intimidate certain
members of the house to vote in accordance with his
Mr Dowling's wishes. Standing Orders having been
suspended Mr Dowling by a writing under his hand
appointed Mr Boyd to propose the motion in his stead.
The Auditor as usual thinking only of the welfare of the
Society and the desires of the House permitted this step
though in no way bound to do so. Mr Boyd then
proposed ^{Mr Dowling's} ~~his~~ motion and if it were possible for
anyone to hurl more unwarranted fire and brimstone
at the head of the rule abiding Auditor, than Mr Dowling
then the wily Mr Boyd did it. Mr Collins spoke
against the motion and pointed out to the House that
Rule 14 clearly stated that all motions or notices
should be handed to the Record Sec. and that this
not having been done there was in fact no motion
or notice. Mr Durnin and Mr Murtagh spoke for
the motion and Messrs O'Sullivan O'Riordan and
Russell against. The motion was on its merits
rightly rejected by 14 votes to 8.
Mr Warren proposed and Mr M.J. O'Beirn

seconded the suspension of Standing Orders to introduce the motion "That the Committee investigate the setting up of a Dramatic Society to further the social activities of the Society." Standing orders having been suspended the motion was by consent adjourned until Monday next Nov 16th.

Mr MacEvoy proposed and Mr O'Riordan seconded the suspension of S.O.s. to introduce the motion "That on the nights set aside for Irish Debates all business of this house should be transacted through the medium of Irish and that this be mandatory." Standing Orders having been suspended the motion was by consent adjourned to Monday next Nov 16th.

Mr O'Connor proposed and Mr O'Sullivan seconded the motion that the visiting chairman do now take the chair. The motion being passed Mr Padraig O'Spiciary took the chair for the debate on the motion "Go bfuil an Cumann seo sa seora go n-obruigead arís iarracht aís an zuedh do cúl, bfeidh mór pyar-zairfa. Dife m-aeirdí dul an cum na zite." Do leabair Séan Mairtín, Deasiuma. Ó Dubhdall (cum De barram y murras Ó Connors an son an ríng. Do leabair Donnall Ó Próidán, Donnall MacEvoy m'icil Ó Beirne Zearod Ó Dubhdall Zombair De Valera, Donnall Ó Bréim, Marie Mí D'Beirne, Séan Ó h Ó Dréim, Padraig Ó Bréim, Brian Ó Ceallraigh. Ó Lw'nyd Mí h. Huid'ny y Padraig Ó Súilleabháin, Zeomnyí an Ríng. Do leabair an curcortur an ríng y do cur se an ríng os cum an an camra.

IRISH
DEBATE

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A vote of thanks to the visiting chairman was proposed by Mr MacEvoy and seconded by Mr O'Sullivan. The deputy auditor associated himself and the motion was passed with acclamation. The house then adjourned.

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts Dublin on Monday Nov. 16th 1942. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. These minutes were objected to on the grounds that in several places they contained not a record of facts but an expression of the opinion of the Record Secretary. Mr Boyd Auditor, as usual was the principal fault-finder, he objecting on his usual non-sensical grounds.

Mr Boyd, when he failed to bully the Auditor into what he, Mr Boyd would have called an accurate record of what had taken place at the previous meeting proposed that the signing of the minutes be postponed. Mr B. P. O'Byrne seconded this motion which was passed.

The adjourned motion "that the Committee investigate the setting up of a Dramatic Society to further the ^{social} ~~and~~ activities of this Society" proposed by Mr Warren and seconded by Mr M. G. O'Brien then came up for discussion. After a number of speakers had spoken to the motion it was passed. A motion proposed by Mr MacCreagh and seconded by Mr D. O'Riordan "that on the nights set aside for Irish Debates all business of this house should be transacted through the medium of Irish" then came on for hearing. This motion was received with much enthusiasm. The only speaker's against it were Messrs O'Byrne & Boyd. Mr Boyd used the opportunity to criticise the Record Sec. and rambled on in this strain until the proposal that Mr Boyd be no longer heard was passed almost unanimously. When Mr MacFelleghan's motion was put to the house it was passed practically

unanimously.

ORATORY DEBATE.

The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman Mr Eric A. Plunkett Secretary Incorporated Law Society of Ireland to take the chair for the Oration debate "That an Effective League of Nations is capable of Realisation"

The following members spoke for the motion Messrs G. P. McNally, L. V. Nolan, S.A. Seew, M. Power, D.H. O'Riordan, W.G. C. Horan Miss M. Sweeney, and Mr S.A. Muntagh. Messrs W.S.A. Warren, D.H. O'Byrne, D.A. Dowdall, P.T. Brennan, E.T. Durrin, B.P. O'Byrne, L.D. Boyd, G. M. Doyle, M. Farrell, M.G. O'Brien Miss B. McHardy and Miss Anna Egan spoke against the motion. The Chairman summed up. A

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vote of thanks to the visiting chairman was proposed by Mr MacGettigan and seconded by Mr McNally. The Auditor associated himself and the motion was passed with acclamation."

Louis V. Nolan (Auditor)

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MINUTES

An ordinary general Meeting of the Society was held at the Solicitor's Building Four Courts Dublin on Monday Jan 11th 1943. The Auditor presided

NEW MEMBERS.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Sec. and signed without alteration. Miss S. McCann and Mr William Doyk were elected to membership of the Society.

The Correspondence Sec. read letters which he had received from the Northern Ireland Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society, Mr McLoughlin Solr and from the Sec. of University Hall Debating Socy.

Some discussion took place on Mr Mc Loughlin's letter which proposed a motion for argument by the members of this Society. The Auditor informed the House that the matter would receive careful consideration.

A Motion or Notice proposed by Mr B.P. OByrne and seconded by Mr Dowling "That a time limit of 5 minutes be imposed on Speeches at Public Debate where there are more than 12 speakers & that this motion be mandatory" lapsed owing to the absence of the Proposer.

Mr Dowling proposed and Mr Warren recorded the following motion "That the best thanks of the Society is hereby extended to the Auditor and Committee and in particular to Mr Rory O'Connor (Chairman) & Mr Russell, for the very successful Annual Dance held in the Greenan Hotel on the 18th Nov. 1942". Messrs O'Sullivan

~~Mr~~ & Doyle spoke for the motion Mr Boyd speaking against it; The Auditor associated himself with the motion by offering well merited congratulations to Messrs O'Connor & Russell. The motion was passed unanimously.

Question time having been declared open the Auditor informed the house that a proposal to hold 'hops' on certain specified dates, one of which was Jan 26th, had been submitted to the Sec. of the Incorporated Law Society, and that no reply had as yet been received.

The Auditor then called on Mr A. O'Keefe B.L. to take the chair for the Legal Debate on the motion "That the Law of Libel needs reform". The following spoke for the motion Messrs. Rogan, Boyd, Martin, Doyle and O'Sullivan. Messrs Durnin, O'Riordan, Nolan, Warren and Dowling spoke against the motion. The Chairman summed up and put the motion to the house. It was defeated. A vote of thanks was

dispensed with at the request of the Chairman

Question time being declared open Mr Durnin proposed & Mr Dowling seconded the S.O.S Order to introduce the following motion "That this House is of opinion that Mr McLaughlin's motion could be more easily discussed with by the Society at a time and place to be arranged by Mr McLaughlin as the programme of debates for the session has already been arranged." Standing O's. having been suspended Mr Durnin ~~Mr Boyd~~ proposed his motion. Mr Boyd's shattering attack was cut short by a proposal that he be no longer heard which was duly passed. ~~Mr Sullivan~~ ~~was~~ Mr O'Sullivan spoke to the motion. On being put to the house the motion was carried by 7 votes to 6. The house then adjourned

Louis V. Nolan

18th Jan Auditor 1943

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitor's Buildings, Four Courts Dublin on Monday Nov 18th 1943. The Auditor presided. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

Mr James M. Farrelley having being duly proposed and seconded was unanimously elected.

The Auditor announced that a 'top' would be held in this hall on Sat. next Jan 23rd 1943. He also announced certain slight alterations found necessary to be inserted in the list for debates.

Mr Doyle protested against the Record Secretary's withholding the Minutes Book when to Mr Doyle was desirous of perusing same

Mr McEally proposed and Mr Dowling seconded the motion "That the Debate fixed for 12th May be held

on the 17th May & that the debate listed for the 17th May
be held on the 12th & that this motion be mandatory."

Standing Orders having been suspended Mr McFally
proposed his motion, Messrs O'Sullivan, Brennan
D.H. O'Byrne spoke for the motion. Messrs Collins
Russell Doyle & Warren spoke against the motion.
Mr Boyd spoke around the motion. On being put
to the house the motion was carried.

The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman
Ald. A. Byrne T.D. to take the chair for an "Impromptu"
debate. The following members spoke Messrs P.J.
Brennan, T.J. O'Donoghue, W.S.A. Warren, B.T. Daly, G.M.
Doyle, M.A. Farrell, L.V. Nolan, P.P. O'Sullivan, D.M. Dowling,
M.G. O'Beirn, J. Martin, W.J.C. Horan, J.P.M. McFally,
L.M. Collins, G. Rogan, T. De Valera, J.M. Farrell,
B.P. O'Byrne, Miss O'Neil, L. Vackevj, and L.D. Boyd.

A vote of thanks to the visiting chairman was
proposed by Mr John Horan and seconded by
Mr Liam Collins. ^{In deference to the Chairman's wishes, the Auditor did}
~~The Auditor is not associated himself with the vote.~~
The motion was passed with much acclamation.

Parway of O'Connell
(P.O. Kenilworth)

25.1.43.

Do tionólad gnáí crunnú gearáta de'n Cumann seo
i b'póuzneam na ndlízeadóirí ar a h-océ a' cloz ar an cuigead.
lá déag de mí Mairt 1943. B'i Pádraig Ó'Breonáin ag
Seanam maoréscáic ar an gcruinnú. Do léigead agus do
sígníead ~~an~~ mion-~~tuairscí~~ an crunnú Seannamái. Sar
a sígníead ead d'iar Sean Ó'h. O'Spáin ce'n gnaí nac raib
na mion-~~tuairscí~~ scríobta i ngeadilg ac Dubairt an reáctaire
go mbeid na mion-~~tuairscí~~ seo i ngeadilg. Dubairt D. Dowling,
na dlízeadóir mór-clúmaí, nár labair an reáctaire ar s'ion an
rún buidéacais mar a scríobad' ius na mion-~~tuairscí~~. Sonraij
an reáctaire leis agus do rann se' a'zaru do réir.

Dubairt an rannáid nac raib léir ar b'i. M'raib son
ball nuad' do'n Cumann. Do cuiread' tráic na gceistanna ar
seubál annsan. D'fíapraij Seamus Ó'Éoin de'n reáctaire ar
raib son tuairsc aige conius a' cáinj Pears & Doughman
iscraic 'san seomra seo de'n Satairn seo, cavitte nuair a b'i an
rannce ar seubál mar dubairt se' go raib léir-míne san páipéir
nuair a'ic aige. Dubairt an reáctaire nac raib tuairsc ar b'ic
aige. D'éinj ar a'zoinc annsan i Scarb' cead. Duine do
labairt i ngeadilg ag díospóireáic bearta agus i mbearta ag
díospóireáic geadilg. Tuad' na ndéara go raib faobair
maic ar Sean Ó'h. O'Spáin agus Miceál Ó'Beirín can canat se
is gnáiceac seir le ~~an~~ mion-~~tuairsc~~ Jullin. 'San ndéir dubairt
an reáctaire go raib réa'ad ann, ce' nac raib se' san labairt
réa'adencia, a dubairt go raib cead ag duine do labairt i
ngeadilg nó i mbearta ag díospóireáic impromptu ar
b'eijm' do' do labairt i ngeadilg amáin ag díospóireáic geadilg
agus i mbearta ag díospóireáic bearta eile. Do míol Seán
Rúscáil an rún seo leas "Se' duil an Cumann seo cóin-b'íon
do gabáil le bean agus le clann Éamonn H. O'Éoin nac mairéann
mar geall ar a' b'áis." Dubairt se' go raib Éamonn Ó'Éoin
dlízeadóir ina thárasán do'n Cumann seo cuigead bliadain ó
s'ion. Do cuinj Miceál Ó'Beirín leis an rún agus glaciad'
leis in ar seasam. Do ghlad' an reáctaire ar Sean

(Seána Ruiséal, do scáob.)

uasal O'Klaidiaj Sliogadóir an cáraim do glaciad agus
an díospóireacht gaedilg do stúirigead. Bí ceidil an
ruin a bí le pléidead ná "gur fear an dlí coiceanna
Sasana do búi i bpreidim anso ná Sliog dú tiasac uígh"
Do labair na daoine seo leanas i bfabair an ruin: Seamus
M. O'Fearraighlaig, Donal O'Broin, Liam Warren, Rádraig
O'Broinain, Gearóid O'Cuairt. Do labair na daoine
seo leanas i gcóinn. an ruin: Frank Martin, Seán P.
Mazurk, Máir Uí Dúscáin, Donnchad O'Riordan, Seán
O' h-Éirí, Tomás de Valera, Mícheál O'Cealla. Do
ceidil an an ruin naoi mbois i gcóinn a ceitair
bois. Labair an Carraimleac óráid fada uaid ina
debaire se gur aobina i an ceanga do cloisne com
bríomairic agus gur ceit se o' daoine comas a
bí an ceanga dúicais a' dul an a'aid a' an Oimann
seo. Debaire se go raib se an buidéic déinn an
raid agus gur maic leis a búi i tair anis naic
a buidéic a' deonain a' g'ao' p'obáideic cre
gaedilg. Do labair an Reactair an so an ruin
buidéic a' m'ol Mícheál O'Broin, agus ceidig Seán
O' h-Éirí leis. Do ceidil an ruin i bpreidim le
buidéic ba's. Do ceidil deicid leis an g'annu
an so.

Louis V. Nolan

Auditor

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in
the Solicitors Building, Four Courts Dublin on Monday
Feb 1st 1943. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and signed without alteration.
The Correspondence Secretary read a letter which
he had received from the University Hall Debating Society
inviting this Society to partake of an inter-debate
with that Society on Sunday next Feb 7th 1943. He

Auditor pointed out that if the Rules and Standing Orders were to be complied with that it would not be possible to accept this invitation but that if the House so desired the matter could be dealt with forthwith and a team elected. After some discussion it was decided that the election would be held on Monday Feb 8th 1943. ~~The Auditor announced that a team to represent the Society for the annual inter debate with the Northern Ireland Debating Society would also be held on that night.~~

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The following motion on notice came on for discussion "That this Society should use every endeavour to ensure that a course of lectures on ethics and practice should be made available to newly qualified solicitors and final year apprentices under the sponsorship of the Council of the Incorporated Law Society and that a committee of six members of the House together with the Auditor be appointed to report to the Society not later than March 12th 1943" Proposed by (Jim) Boyd & seconded by Louis V. Nolan. The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs O'Sullivan, Dowling, Durnin & Horen. Messrs Doyle, Maguire, Kenny, D.H. O'Byrne, Russell, O'Riordan and Martin spoke against the motion which was then put to the House on the proposal of Mr O'Sullivan seconded by Mr Dowling. The motion was passed unanimously. The following sub-committee was appointed. Messrs L.D. Boyd, D.H. O'Byrne, E.T. Durnin, D.M. Dowling, P.P. O'Sullivan and the Auditor.

The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman Mr W.S. Norman Esq. to take the chair for the oratory Debate on the motion "That an Independent Press is necessary for the welfare of the State"

The following spoke for the motion Messrs G. P. Mc Nally
B. P. OByrne for D. Boyd D. H. O'Riordan E. J. Durnin
M. J. Kenny D. H. OByrne M. A. Farrell W. J. C. Horan and
M. G. O'Brien. Against the motion were Messrs W. S. A.
Warren D. M. Dowling J. V. Nolan P. J. Brennan S. Maguire
G. M. Farrelly, P. J. Bergin M. Power J. G. O'Donoghue R.
Counihan J. Martin and G. Logan. The motion was
passed by 7 votes to 3.

The visiting chairman Mr. W. J. Norman owing to
circumstances beyond his control had to leave at
10.40 before the public debate had concluded. He thanked
the Committee for inviting him to act as chairman &
praised the high standard of speaking in the Society.
He specially mentioned the motion introduced by Messrs
Boyd & Nolan heretofore referred to and concerning lectures
in Ethics and Practice.

In accordance with rule 62 of the Rules & Standing Orders
of the Society the Auditor then called on Mr. Leonard Wolfe
the senior extraordinary member present to take the chair.

The following motion was put on notice "That immediate
steps be taken by a selected deputation of this Society
to approach the Sheriff of Dublin or other higher authority
with a view to having the Grand Jury Box at Green St.
Court House put at the exclusive disposal of the members
of this Society." Proposed by Maurice Power. Seconded by
W. S. A. Warren.

In reply to a question by Mr. M. G. O'Brien the
Auditor said that he always carried his seat
around with him wherever he went.

As it was 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned

Louis V. Nolan

Auditor

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Court Dublin on Monday Feb. 8th 1943. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed without alteration.

The Correspondence Secretary read a letter which he had received from the Northern Ireland Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society. The Auditor announced that the election of a team to represent this Society for its Annual Inter-debate with that Society would take place on Monday Feb. 15th.

The Auditor also announced certain alterations which it had been found necessary to make in the Society's Debate Card.

The Auditor further announced that a 'hon' would be held on Sat. Feb. 20th 1943.

The following Motion on Notice then came on for discussion "That immediate steps be taken by a selected deputation of this Society to approach the Sheriff of Dublin or other higher authority with a view to having the Grand Jury Box at Green Street Courthouse put at the exclusive use of the members of this Society Proposed by Mr. Maurice Power and seconded Mr. D. M. Dowling in place of Mr. Warren. After the motion had been duly proposed & Messrs Doyle against & Horan for, had spoken the Auditor adjourned the motion until after the Public Debate as the Chairman had arrived. The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman Mr. Hampeill President of the Incorporated Law Society to take the chair for the Legal Debate on the motion "That the Jury System should be abolished.

The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs P. Brennan O'Byrne (D.H.) L.V. Nolan L.M. Collins J.D. Boyd

and F Martin. Against the motion were Messrs G. Rogan
M. Power B. P. OByrne W. J. C. Horan G. M. Furelly J. P.
McNally R. Connihan S. A. Murtagh & M. A. Furelly.
On the motion being put to the house it was defeated
by 13 votes to 6. The Chairman summed up
A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr B. P. OByrne
and seconded by Mr Frank Martin. The Auditor
associated himself and the motion was passed
with prolonged acclamation. The Chairman replied
An election for a team for an inter-debate with University
Hall Debating Society then took place. The following
were proposed & seconded B. P. OByrne F. Martin
W. G. Horan P. G. Brennan G. McNally S. A. Murtagh
D. H. OByrne G. Doyle

The Auditor informed Mr Power that as it was then
11 o'clock it would be necessary to postpone his motion
until the next ~~date~~ debate

The house then adjourned

Louis V. Wolan
(Auditor)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was
held in the Solicitor's Buildings Four Court Dublin
on Monday Febr. 15th 1943. The Auditor presided
The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and signed without alteration

The adjourned motion in the name of Mr Maurice
Power then came on for discussion Mr Horan resuming
where he had left off on the previous night Messrs O'Brien
& Warren spoke in favour of the motion Messrs McNally
& O'Sullivan spoke against it. The motion was passed
by 18 votes to 8.

Nominations for the inter-debate with the Northern

Ireland Solicitors Debating Society were taken. The following were proposed and seconded Messrs G. A. Russell, W. J. Horan, P. J. Brennan, G. P. McNally, R. O'Connor, D. H. O'Byrne, D. O'Brien, G. M. Farrelly, M. G. O'Brien, M. Power, L. M. Collins, W. S. A. Warren and G. M. Doyle.

The Auditor called on the visiting chairman Mr. Kenneth Reddin D.T. to take the chair for the impromptu debate.

The following members spoke Messrs M. Power, J. M. Farrelly, D. M. Dowling, D. H. O'Byrne, S. Dowdall, Miss M. Dixon Messrs L. V. O'Donovan, M. G. O'Brien, M. A. Farrell, P. J. Brennan, J. P. McNally, L. M. Collins, R. Conner, W. J. C. Horan, Miss B. N. Keadar, Messrs S. Maguire, J. Martin, P. P. O'Sullivan, W. S. A. Warren, P. P. O'Sullivan, L. D. Boyd, S. A. Murtogh, and G. L. Byrne.

A vote of thanks proposed by Mr. P. P. O'Sullivan seconded by Mr. W. S. A. Warren with which the Auditor associated himself was passed with prolonged acclamation. The Chairman replied.

As it was then 11 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Liam O'Connell
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tionóláí gnaímháil agus gairneáil de'n cumann
 17 Feabhra 1963. ndícheadoiní sa an 14^o Feabhra 1963.
 Bí tam O Coileáin sa cáisoir toig e beir
 sunn nize mar cáisoir líj sa an Beactaire fe Rajal
 17. Teigeáí ~~na~~ muoncuairtí sa an cumann
 deiresunáige. Cuirteáí sa an said na muoncuairtí
 agus bí saíóir píóinár idir sa cáisoir léis
 agus tuot sa tuje. Tarráing Mac Uí Dúibgeall "Rún"
 of cóniar sa tuje Cúin sígnú na muoncuairtí
 do teigáí sa beir caob. Cuidig Mac Uí h. Ó Dóráin leig sa
 Rún agus glacáí leig d' son juí.

Ní Raib sounne e táisár le toigáí mar ball de'n cumann
 Ní Raib son coimféirgáir; agus ní Raib son
 Rún sa píóira.

Anpin d' píapraing Mac Uí h. Ó Dóráin cead de'n
 cáisoir líj sa Rún seo kanas do cáisoir of cóniar
 sa tuje " Go mbeid Rinní Gáidialaia Cóni marí
 le Rinní allmearaia saí dáisáí a beir fe'
 Stéinú sa cumann agus go mbeid sa Rajal seo
 mar dúabzap sa an gclóide fe' ordú a 12"
 Teigáí cead do Mac Uí h. Ó Dóráin e seo do deunáin
 laoiréac 7 deín se' auláid. Cuidig Miceál J. O'Brien
 leig sa Rún. Leabár sa cáisoir léis, doninall Mac
 Uí Eanáin, doncad Ó Ríordáin 7 donal O'Brien sa son sa
 Rún. Leabár tam Warren na cóniar. Glacáí leig
 sa Rún - bí deicneabár sa son 7 beir 'na h-ugáí

de bair eapra cáisoir líj cuairteacaf, bí
 Mac Uí Óron 7 Mac Uí h. Ó Dóráin sa tí doninall
 Mac Uí Eanáin do nóláí mar cáisoir léis do'n
 díor póineac publidé mar a dubrad go Raib a
 sunn sa kápa líóira na gcaimreacáí, 7 go
 mbe marí leig leabár sa sa Rún. Dá' bíg sa
 glacáí sa cáisoir léis sa Mac Uí Dúibgeall sa sa
 gcaisoir cur sa díor póineac publidé do Stéinú.

Fi mac sca lagia amac i Rajal 62. Cuir Mac
Uí Riordan i gcumháb an caitiornlaig ar poma ce ardo
lagair bunreigie ar abt. (a) de Rajal 62. d'fág Mac
Uí Dúibgeall an caitiorn lairere i Cuaid caitiornlaic-
feast-ronad - an - Reaccraic i gcumháb ar ar doig aif cum
breic do tabairt ar poma lagair hie Uí Riordan. Se
Dubairt Seisean há of aud e go Raib Mac Uí Dúibgeall ha bail
Coircianca hi Raib de cead aige marcaana do tabairt
i Anabí Fuláir do'n doig am e glacáid leip an gcumháb lagia
amac hi abt. (a) de Rajal 62. Uí hua e beic ag
caimic bi. Mac Uí Dúibgeall ha seipam go drochmúine 7 e ag
caimic le Mac Uí h-Ódráim. Ip amlaio p-reipen go Raib
Clampar ar súibial san aic ha. Raib Mac de Valera i
Mac Uí Fearceallag. Cum smac do coméad ar an
gceumháb beigin dín caitiornlaic pógar a tabairt do
droim aigie. Iar Mac Uí Dúibgeall ar beic haim uaidéac
ar an gceimic 7 tar ip pógar pa eic a tabairt do
do cimead ar cáinde e. d'fágur an caitiornlaic-
feast-ronad - an - Reaccraic Mac Uí Riordan. Anpau
glacáid se ar Mac Uí Dúibgeall ceic i feairic
ar an gceumháb.

Topnuig an díopóineact públidí anpau 7 do
pléidradí an Rún " go bfeadad le fairsin uapal
ha h-accraic hie hie droim do coic fi lairer.
Ar son an Rún bi Seán Ó-Ódráim, Seán Mac Uí
Donncaid Ó Riordáin, Seánar Ó Fearceallag, Dónal O'Brien
7 Dónal Mac Brengán. 'ha h-agaic bi Míicéal J.
O'Brien, Tomás de Valera 7 Liam Warren. Glacáid
leip an Rún mór seipar aicim ip ceicraic ha comab
mol Mac Uí h-Ódráim Rún bóta buideacup do'n
ceicraic (cuairteacup). Cuidig S. Ó Fearceallag leip
7 an caitiornlaic - feast-ronad - an - Reaccraic har
son leip cuirigear ip mbeic an bóia. d'fágur
an caitiornlaic (cuairteacup). An bfeacup do'n

geataoiaic (Pena-rouad-an-Neacraic) nai Raib. ac son duna
slag cláicir Seonag se Mac Uí Dúibhíall.

Mac Uí Dúibhíall an Rún do cur of cois ar an t-ádh ag tabairt
práice do Mac Uí Dúibhíall 7 Mac Boyd ^{were to publish} ~~to publish~~
de cláicir ^{de cláicir} cláicir ^{de cláicir} maic dígeadairí anois. D'fág duna an
cláicir 7 cláicir an cláicir in éag de bráic dí geonam.

Louis V. Wolan (Auditor)

22.2.43

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in
the Great Hall of the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin,
Ireland, under the distinguished patronage of the Auditor, on
Monday, February the Twenty-Second, 1943.
The Auditor, panting heavily, arrived some little ~~time~~ while
after the time fixed for the commencement of the meeting, to
find the Committee dais swarming with sundry ordinary
and extraordinary members. The words "ordinary" and "extra-
ordinary" in this context are to be understood in the sense
in which they are used in Rules 5, 7 and 10 of the Rules of
the Society and are not to be taken as having any ethical or
intellectual implications, as these are matters of opinion and
thus have no place in the Minutes of this Society. With a wave
of his finely-chiselled hand, the Auditor cleared the plat-
form of its wrongful possessors, as these had not satisfied
the prescriptive periods as laid down by the Statute of
Limitations and amending Acts.

As soon as a quorum was present, the Auditor declared
the meeting open. In the absence - deplorable or adorable,
according to the individual judgment - of the Record
Secretary, Mr. Donald O'Byrne read the Minutes of the
previous meeting. This may seem curious to the unenlight-
ened proletariat, as Mr. O'Byrne was acting, not as Record
Secretary, but as Treasurer & Correspondence Secretary; and
the honour - again, doubtful or undoubted, as you will - of

stepping into Mr. Collins's shoes had in fact fallen upon Mr. P. J. Brennan. The explanation, however, probably lies in the fact that the Minutes of the said previous Meeting were composed by Mr. O'Byrne, in Gaelic which would have caused an ~~Attain~~ Peadar to snarl in jealous rage and written ~~by hand~~ in unimpeachable handwriting which would have reduced the scribes of the Book of Kells and ^{of the} Yellow Book of Lecan to envious tears. Hence, no doubt, Mr. O'Byrne felt that ^{justice to} to do his 20th century masterpiece of Irish prose ~~justice~~, it would require the dulcet tones and particularly racy "blas" of the author. With this view, the Auditor concurred. The Acting Record-Secretary, a humble and accomodating fellow, made no objection.

Disraeli once said, "Never take anything for granted" - and so, despite all Mr. O'Byrne's literary efforts there were objections to the Minutes. These were voiced in Irish and in English, Mr. W. J. C. Horan (thank Heaven for the "J") distinguishing himself by making one objection in both official tongues. Dubaonr p̄ san ceann a rad̄ gur n̄d̄ p̄ an b̄ora b̄uid̄eac̄aif̄ d̄on Car̄aon̄aif̄ Cuas̄p̄eac̄aif̄, n̄m̄ n̄ai n̄arb̄ p̄ t̄aoin̄ aif̄ an eas̄ p̄m̄. The Auditor agreed to amend the Minutes accordingly. Mr. Warren vehemently objected to the signing of the Minutes of the meeting of Monday, Feb. 15th, by the ~~then~~ Deputy-Auditor, Mr. Collins, at the succeeding meeting, without the concurrence of the House, as a motion for the postponement of such signature had been passed at the meeting. The Auditor ruled the objection out of order as not arising out of the Minutes of the previous meeting and, furthermore, as he held Mr. Collins to be entitled to sign them at any time after the ^{said} meeting was over. Mr. Warren protested strongly. The Auditor, however, said he was sorry. Mr. P. P. O'Sullivan rose sweetly to his gigantic height and asked why the Auditor was sorry. The latter, seizing his opportunity, grinned pityingly and replied, "Because I am sorry for Mr. Warren." Mr. O'Sullivan inquired why the Auditor was sorry for Mr. Warren. This time, the Auditor

just grinned...

Various gentlemen arose to object to the minutes from the philological point of view, holding that they should be translated into the tongue of the base, brutal and bloody Saxon. The Auditor ruled these out of order as not being objections to the Minutes as read. He then signed the minutes.

Mr. Donald O'Byrne, the Society's Pook-Bah, announced vacantly that there was "No Correspondence".

The Public Debate took place before Question Time was over, with which, however, it is proposed to deal forthwith in full.

The main features of Question Time were some very tricky six-mark questions regarding the linguistic media to be employed at various categories of debates; and some caustic four-mark questions in re the hops, past and future. Fortunately for himself, the Auditor was not only the harassed competitor, but "virtute officii" he was also his own "Aunt Aggie"; and he implemented his power in the latter respect with the honest discretion to which we are dismally accustomed.

As regards the language problem, the main querists were Messrs. Horan, Mac Eithigan, Warren, McNally, O'Sullivan, P. L., and Dowling, D. M., the latter two gentlemen treating the House to the diverting spectacle of two ex-Auditors wrangling with each other and vociferously appealing to their successor as to which of the distinguished duo should have the floor. The Auditor promised Mr. Dowling a ruling on the matter and expressed the 'obiter dictum' that a member may speak in English at all debates except an Irish debate and in Irish at all debates, with the possible exception of an Oratory Debate.

In respect of the hop question, with has nothing to do with Kent or Guinness, various problems were dealt with. The Auditor announced that another hop ^{might} ~~will~~ be held this Session. The question of printing the Constitution in Irish also came under review. The Auditor, in reply to The Mac Eithigan, said that it was not proposed to print the Rules again this year.

Mr. Power deprecated the Mac Ettigan's suggestion as threatening the Annual Outing. Mr. Mac Ettigan, however, was not put to his election - which is N.B. in itself.

The Auditor duly called upon the visiting Chairman, Rev. Brother Berchmans Morley, M.A., to take the chair for Public Debate, the motion being, "That there is no place for the Idealist in the Modern World." The following spoke in favour of the motion: - Messrs. L. Boyd, D. O'Byrne, M. A. Farrell, J. Maguire, Miss Callan and Mr. J. Mc Nally; those opposing the motion were Messrs. Horan, Brennan, Warren, Miss Moya Dixon, Messrs. J. M. Farrelly, R. Counihan, M. Power, Patrick Wolfe and the Auditor.

Mr. Brennan proposed a vote of thanks to the visiting Chairman in the time-honoured stilted and platitudinous manner; but he was utterly out-platitudinised by the seconder, Mr. J. M. Farrelly, who referred to their amazing coincidence of his views with those of the honourable proposer; the entire affair was very 'erudite.' The Auditor, when associating himself deeply with the vote of thanks, cast an indelible and, indeed, incredible slur on the reputation of the Chairman by ~~saying~~ ^{declaring} himself to ^{be} the product of the Chairman's schooling.

The Chairman replied gracefully (if a little "pianissimo") and ~~then~~ gave the House a learned, informed and erudite discourse on idealistic philosophy - which is a small question in itself.

It may be added that during Question Time Mr. Boyd made several references to a personage, mythical or actual it is difficult to say, with the "Erse"-ats title of "Fó-Cupán"; and wished to know where Monsieur "Fó-Cupán" was. The Auditor replied obscurely. Mr. Brennan objected to the general use by members of the term 'Fó-Cupán', as being the special prerogative of Boyd and as being specially governed by Boyd's Law. / At one stage of the proceedings, the Auditor was forced to call on Mr. Murtagh to desist ~~from~~ ⁱⁿ his

10 personal of the evening paper. The Auditor assured Mr. Murtagh that he would tell him the "winners" of that night. Mr. Murtagh then desisted.

This is all (Thank Heaven!) that comes to the mind of the author of these lines. All objections, however, to these minutes will be objectionally received by the Auditor, treated by him in his customary objectionable manner and objectionally overruled. Mr. Warren may protest - but the Auditor will be sorry for him. Mr. O'Sullivan, P.P., may question the motive of the Auditor's contribution, but it will be of little avail. It was Disraeli who said that "the depositary of power is always unpopular."

Tuisceall a h-ain deag a clois do rige Uamh O'hlladairge
cuird deir na portlph agur, seann cupla yeasac do
cunsead deisead leir an seannuym.

Louis V. Wolan

(Auditor) .1/3/43

An (~~more or less~~) Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in customary location on Monday, March 1st, 1943. The Auditor presided. As Mr. Boyd and others may object that such matters are not relevant to the business of the House and so have no place in these Minutes, no reference will be made herein to the fact that the meeting did not commence until almost 8 p.m. owing to the late arrival of the Auditor and the still more tardy evolution of a 'quorum'. After declaring the Meeting open, the Auditor called on the Deputy Record-Secretary, Mr. P.J. Brennan, to read the Minutes of the last Meeting. In a voice tense with emotion and a slight touch of influenza, the latter complied. It may be painful to record, but Truth will out and duty must be done - there were several objections to the Minutes. Thus Disraeli was right when he said, "this shows how much easier it is to be critical than to be correct."

Mr. Boyd objected to the inclusion of sundry prefatory and appendicitary sentences as being irrelevant and advocated the Philistine expurgence of several

paragraphs. The Auditor could not agree with Mr. Boyd. Mr. Boyd then exhibited symptoms even more alarming and revolting than hitherto of his recent attack of "fo"-bia, when he referred to the unfortunate Deputy Record-Secretary as "fó-fó-cupáns." The Auditor, who is tenderness personified, did not suspend poor Bill, unhappy victim of some obscure psychic delirium, despite the inference in Mr. Boyd's appellations that the Auditor should be termed "cupáns." Possibly Mr. Boyd imagines himself to be a "spunóg" and wishes to assert his psychic function by stirring the dreg in the Auditorial "cupáns" and to rest his spoony head on the Secretarial saucer.

Mr. Counihan asked for a translation of the last passage in the minutes, which was written in Erse that was terse, ^{though} not rendered in verse. The Auditor, an Exhibitioner in the recent Second Irish Examination, gave a rendition in pure English which by its sheer simplicity brought tears to all who heard him. Mr. Donald O'Byrne objected to the Minutes - this may have been due merely to the professional jealousy of a co-Committee-man. Mr. O'Riordan deprecated the inclusion of quotations from Diarmaid; the Deputy Record-Secretary pleaded that these were used to render more vivid the record of the actual proceedings. The Auditor concurred. Mr. Warren ~~reads~~ criticised the backslapping of the Committee in the Minutes, but, as we prophesied in last week's communique, the Auditor was sorry for Mr. Warren. Mr. Sean Maguire suggested one deletion, which the Auditor agreed should be made.

Mr. McWally, who relieved Mr. Donald ("Pook-Bah") O'Byrne of some of the heavy responsibilities which the latter has borne in recent meetings, read some correspondence from the Debating Society of the 18th Infantry Battalion in regard to the proposed Inter-Debate on March 9th. The following members

were elected to represent the Society at this function: Messrs. Horan, Brennan, Warren, Boyd and McNally.

The Auditor called on Mr. H. F. H. Clancy, B. L., to take the Chair for legal Debate on the motion, "That *Stanhope v. Irish Hospitals' Trust Ltd.* was rightly decided." The proposers of the motion were The Auditor, Messrs. Warren, Brennan, O'Riordan, J. M. Farrelly, R. Connihan and M. A. Farrell. The opposers were Messrs. Maguire, Horan, D. O'Byrne, Rogan. The Motion was carried by 7 votes to 4. The visiting Chairman summed up the case and it was generally felt that his brilliantly clear oration deserved a larger audience. The debate, however, made up in keenness, interest and profit what it lacked in numbers.

Mr. Warren proposed the vote of thanks to the visiting Chairman, which was seconded by Mr. Rogan. The Auditor associated himself as deeply as ever.

Question Time was then resumed. Mr. Farrelly asked for reports on the Inter-debates with University Hall and the Northern Ireland Apprentices; the Auditor said these would be forthcoming.

Mr. Connihan inquired why so many of the Committee were absent - the Treasurer and two Secretaries, ^{all} being deputies that night; the Auditor attributed the deficiency to the rapid approach of the Final and complimented Mr. Connihan, who is also faced with the Great Odeal, on his presence at the Debate.

The Report of the august sub-committee on Ethics then came up for discussion. Mr. Farrelly asked were the Committee sincere in the matter - a shocking suggestion, bygad, sir. But things did not get properly under way until Mr. Murtagh took over; the said gentleman felt that this was a very vital matter and thought that a copy of the Report should be provided for any member who wished to examine it prior to discussion by the House.

The Auditor thought the Society could not afford this expense. Mr. Hogan advocated leaving a copy with the Solicitors' Librarian. Mr. Counihan suggested that a copy should be placed on the Society's notice-board; but the disillusioned Auditor thought that the report would not remain there for long and made a naughty reference to the scarcity of paper. Mr. Murtagh intervened and, showing the earnestness of his feelings and his loyal devotion to the Society, he presented to the Acting-Treasurer a blank cheque to be used for printing the requisite number of copies of the Report. The House was enthusiastic in its praise of Mr. Murtagh's kind offer. Mr. Brennan proposed and Mr. J. Byrne seconded the Motion, "That the Society wishes to record its appreciation of Mr. Murtagh's benevolent gesture." Messrs. O'Byrne, Counihan, Hogan and Farrelly also spoke in favour of the motion. The Auditor then associated himself and, for once in his official career, he spoke sincerely. How short-lived were his feelings of gratitude will be seen shortly.

MOTION

ON NOTICE...

Mr. Brennan then handed in the following Notice of Motion which was seconded by Mr. James L. Byrne:-

"That, in order to clarify the juristic position as to the use of the Irish and English languages at various types of debates and in the best interests of the Society and its members, the following scheme be adopted and enforced, this motion to be mandatory under S.O. 12:-

(1) Irish Debates: All proceedings, whether Private Business or Public Debate, must be conducted in the Irish language; and the Minutes of the said proceedings shall be written in Irish in the Minute Book, there being no right in any member to insist on a translation thereof, such course to be in the discretion of the Record Secretary, as advised by the Auditor; Provided that, notwithstanding anything herein contained, the Minutes of the Meeting previous to the Irish Debate may be written in English and objections thereto may be voiced in English or Irish, objections in English

not to be heard after 15 minutes have elapsed from the reading of the said Minutes. At the Meeting subsequent to the Irish Debate, objections to the Minutes may be voiced in Irish or in English:

(2) Legal Debates & Impromptu Debates: Proceedings, apart from the Minutes of a previous Irish Debate, which must be in Irish as provided above, may be conducted in Irish or in English, whether the proceedings be in Private Business or in Public Debate. Where a visiting Chairman is not competent to assess the merits of a speech delivered in Irish at the Public Debate of a legal or Impromptu Debate, two interpreters shall be appointed by the Auditor to assist the Chairman in marking such speech. The Record Secretary, when writing the Minutes of a legal or Impromptu Debate, shall report matters as far as possible in the language in which they were conducted:

(3) Oratory Debates: Private business may be conducted in Irish or in English, the Record Secretary, when writing the Minutes, to report matters as far as possible in the language in which they were conducted. The Public Debate must be conducted in English, Oratory Debates to be henceforth understood as meaning English Oratory Debates:

(4) Extraordinary Meetings: Proceedings may be conducted in Irish or in English, the Minutes to be reported as far as possible in the language in which the various matters were conducted:

(5) Inter Debates: Proceedings herein to be in the absolute discretion of the Auditor and Committee in respect of the language employed."

Having read the Motion to a patient House, the Auditor refused to accept it as being "ultra vires" the Rules. The proposer was dumbfounded & horror-stricken. Mr. Murtagh objected vigorously to the Auditor's action and called on him to specify which Rules were infringed by the Motion. Mr. Donal O'Byrne rushed to the Auditor's aid and quoted various Rules in an attempt to convince the House that the Motion on Notice was unacceptable. The Auditor, in reply to Mr. Brennan, said that

...NOT

ACCEPTED

he had already framed an Auditorial Ruling concerning the matter, which he then read to the Meeting, as follows:-

Auditorial
Ruling

"To clarify Rule 3 and to conform with a mandatory motion passed by the Society it is hereby provided as follows:-

On the nights set apart for Irish Debates all business of the Society shall be conducted through the medium of Irish and no member of the Society shall be heard in English except he is quoting from the Rules and Sessional Standing Orders of the Society.

If a member chooses to speak in ~~English~~^{Irish} at any other debate it shall be left to the discretion of the Chairman as to whether he be allowed to continue or not.

At all times during private business the members may address the Auditor in Irish."

Mr. Murtagh made several objections to the Auditor's refusal to accept Mr. Brennan's Motion and finally resorted to the use of intemperate language and called the Auditor a bad word. The Auditor, stung to the marrow, suspended Mr. Murtagh. Mr. Brennan pointed out that Mr. Murtagh had not been duly warned; but the Auditor replied that a warning was not necessary and then purported to read the Auditorial Ruling concerning the matter. The entire incident proved how true were the words of Wentworth Dillon, Earl of Roscommon, 1633?-1685, when he wrote:-

"Grimmest words admit of no defence,
For want of decency is want of sense."

In reply to Mr. Byrne, the Auditor agreed to allow the Motion to be recorded in the Minutes.

Eleven o'clock came at last and so the Meeting adjourned.

Louis V. Wolan 8/3/43

(Auditor)

- 1/ A Meeting was held in the Hall
With past Presidents lining the wall;
March the 8th was the date -
And the opening was late -
But I won't put the year in at all.
- 2/ The Auditor called on the Sec
To deliver the Minutes, by heck,
The Rec. Secretary did
As the Auditor bid
- 3/ Objections were raised to the text;
Well really, you fellows, what next?
Liam's voice is not strong
And the Minutes were long -
He should purchase a packet of 'Chebs.'
- 4/ Bill Warren objected to 'blab'
About Committee men like Pook-Bah.
The Auditor grinned
And as if he had sinned
Said "I'm sorry and mea culpa."
- 5/ D.O.B. said he was no relation
Of Pook Bah's and asked for erasion.
Brennan, asked to explain,
Said the term should remain,
As mere corroborative detail, intended to give
artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald
and unconvincing narration.
- 6/ Then Dowling gave us 'heavy bill';
Perhaps the glass was rather full.
For in Boland's, they say,
If you spend the whole day,
You are apt to get pleasantly
dull.
- 7/ He said that the Auditor's Ruling
Was evidence of lack of schooling
In Rules that were made
To be strictly obeyed
And he wished Louis'd stop all this fooling.
- 8/ Nolan said that this was an objection
That deserved his official rejection;
To the Minutes 'twas made;
It should have been delayed
Until Question Time for his inspection.
- 9/ A First-year man Sean O' Maguire
Then rose to give vent to his ire.
He said, "Cut out the phrase
'More or less' - it betrays
An attempt to drag us in the mire."
- 10/ Now Nolan allowed this objection
And started to make the correction.
Poor old Brennan he wailed
When his work was assailed
Which just shows that you can't get perfection.
- 11/ Then the Minutes were signed by the chap
That put S.A.D.S. on the map.
I should have put in 'I';
'I was left out - you know why -
To save metre and rhyme from
mishap.
- 12/ "No letters!" sighed Donal O'B.
A poor show you cads must agree.
Louis gave us a spiff
On the 'Essay' motif'
Which this year will be Dem-
ocracy.

13/ D.M.D. rose again at Q.T.
And asked questions regarding Louis
And his Ruling re Irish -
Was it not 'ultra virish'?

But Nolan said, "No - can't agree!"

15/ He then stated as clear as a bell
That the Ruling Lou wanted to sell
Was a breach of the Rules -
Did he think we were fools?

He'd a Motion to send it to Hell.

17/ Nolan said that his Ruling came first
And that personally he would burst
Before he would say
To Pat's Motion - Okay!

The last state would be worse than the
first.

19/ Then queries were raised as to Ethics
And whether the Club arithmetics
Would warrant the spending -
(Despite Murtagh's lending) -
Of funds on Boyd's peripathetics.

14/ Now Dominic, sure of his ground,
Said the Rulings completely unsound;
"Read Rule 78;

It has got as much weight
As Rule 3 that the Auditor found."

16/ Then Brennan asked Louis just why,
If the Ruling was straight as a die,
Was his Motion not square

With the Rules that were there -
Was the Auditor telling a lie?

18/ Jimmy Byrne in a pointed oration
Suggested a Hop celebration.

Louis said 'No and Yes'
But as you might guess,
'It is under our consideration.'

20/ The Auditor said he was sorry
But still there is no need to worry
The matter's postponed -
The Society groaned -
And Murtagh went out in a hurry.

PART TWO.

Canto I.
And now the Public Business starts to run
And Kenny, Sean, is in the Chair. What fun!
He is a highly intellectual chap,
His haughty mien alone deserves a clap.
By now you've noticed quite a change of rhythm:
Iambic pentameters - that's the stuff to give 'em.
The Limerick beat is suited to the rest
But Public Business calls for Poesy's best.
Impromptu speeches were the rule that night;
The standard kept the House in sheer delight.
Some motions drawn from out the hat were used
And some of Kenny's own our wits bemused.

*The word "lending" here is chosen for rhyming purposes; in actual fact, Mr. Murtagh made a gift in this connection as was shown in the previous minutes. M.B.

The subjects ranged from women, wine and song
To liberty, the Gaelic League and Tongue.
The honesty of this our calling, too,
Received a quite peculiar review;
For one staunch member - Jimmy Byrne's the name
Spoke out in Irish - that's a sign of fame.
The Chairman said this speech he could not mark
As Irish phrases left him in the dark;
But Jimmy, spurning all medallie claim,
Declared he would in Gaelic still declaim.
Sean Kenny said one's just as free as air
To speak in any language anywhere;
He merely sought to let our hero know
His knowledge of our tongue was rather low.
When Byrne had finished speaking we an Ruin
Durrin was called to speak on this same tune.
This caused a stir and Doyle and others spoke
And said the Chair spurned Irish as a joke.
The Chair said "No! No insult was intended,"
And in the end all feelings were quite mended.

Canto II. We now must give the names of those that spoke
And most of them are very worthy folk.
There's Brennan, Boyd and Brendan P. O' Byrne
That's how they spoke - in order and in turn.
H. Lynch, D. Darling, Power and T. de V.,
† James Farrell and Farrell next we see.
McNally, Moys Dixon then appear -
This bally verse is really far from clear.
I don't know when he spoke, but speak he did,
He had they call O' Broin - the Poch-Bak I did.
John Heran spoke, then Randal Counihan
Next * Bláth Ó hLaidhigh, Paddy Sullivan
Bill Warren, James d. Byrne and Durrin (Wed).

* Terry de Valera. † J. M. Farrell * Blunder & Acting Rec. Sec.

Steve Murtagh spoke on something else instead
Of what the Chairman asked. Too much it went
Against the grain, he said....

Now by intent

Not yet was mention made of one more speaker
The best wine's kept until the final beaker;
And furthermore methinks he will deserves
A metre suited to his august nerves;
I feel indeed he really should enjoy
A verse complete - that Auditorial boy.

Canto III His heart quakes and a lousy dumbness splits
His head, as though of Jameson he had quaffed
Or swallowed pills for epileptic fits
One moment past. The mighty meeting laughed
When Nolan got his motion to propose
That soldiers should be dressed in convicts' garb
To end the war. For Louis's always clad
In gorgeous sporty clothes.
His words as bitter were as new rhubarb
Devoid of sugar sweetness. ... He was sad.

Canto IV Recurring to our old Gambic form
We have to note the closing was a storm.
But all the best Society's seem to thrive
In weather wild, which keeps their soul alive.

The Vote of Thanks was horribly proposed
By Paddy Brennan, who was too disposed
To flatter in apologetic tones,
Which caused some chaps to utter mournful groans.
The Vote was seconded by Randal C.;
Then Boyd and Doyle unprecedentedly

With "disassociating" Ned raised thanking voice -
 A step we hope caused Chairman Kenny to rejoice.
 The noble Auditor was highly platitudinous
 In thanking Mr. Kenny for his visit down to us.
 The lines grow ever longer but the time is short and so
 The clock rings out eleven and 'tis time for us to go.
 The Meeting is adjourned at last; the lights are quickly dimmed by
 Words;
 The crowd breaks up and scatters home in quite a series of
 different moods.

Envoi. In case these lines have brought you to distraction,
 I beg your pardon, friend; don't bring an action
 For breach of trust or any other crime -
 Remember please it's sometimes hard to rhyme. #

Amplifying Verse 15.; a Notice of Motion was handed in to the Deputy
 Record Secretary, as follows: "That the Auditorial Ruling made on
 March 1st 1943 be over-ruled." Proposed by D. M. Dowling;
 Seconded by B. A. O. Byrne.

Donal Byrne.
 15.3.1943

(Joy's Recurrence.)

Mion-Tuairpe de'n Cumann a Tuairdeas ar 15^ú lá de Mí na Márta, 1943.

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| <p><u>Cuid a b-10.</u>
 1/ Míre braonán fó-Rúnaí
 lán daonnairc y fáil
 a curpéid na Mion-
 Tuairpeí ro do ráid;</p> | <p>2/ Dul fíor ar m'airdear
 le b-eadaim y dhíge
 Calusa y gairneair
 So deire mo b'írege.</p> |
| <p>3/ Féic aghor mé
 y mé féin ran halla
 ag m'airdear rígeala
 do daonb'í dálaic"</p> | <p>4/ Bí cumann de'n Cumann
 aghor ar de mar;
 Do íogairc an coirdeal
 Naan bíodar cum.</p> |

5/ An cúigeáil lá déag;
Máire - b'fian é an mí;
'San Malla Móra b'ceas,
Ceise Cúire, blá 'Chasí.

7/ B'í Dónal ó Broom
h'f an gCeisne go réid;
'f ceapbáiream, ran
Sua 'Pook - bah' ceise é.

6/ f do zornuz an zno
An cúig cur a h-ice.
Ní saib 'quorum' go déi ran-
Nac b'puidhíd boic?

Cúda Dó.

8/ Slaodáil ar braonán uapal óg
É gan bréag, gan znuam, zai lá
Éapza 'r' béapáil, Cuzuzap - fó⁽²⁾
Do léigean, go péim do'n phuag nín - zóir.

9/ Mo óioi! Níor ceapáil druid aróide⁽³⁾
I zcoimhí fáirgí - Suam zepóide..
Do péidí fó - Reacraice, luic i n'zhoiáil,
A r'zuzéice, an buaicill zraoic.⁽⁴⁾

10/ "Níl son comfzozazur, n'íú, mo brón!",
Do béic an zcealbairé⁽⁵⁾ lúgáil caóda
Mar cé sua Reacraic' iondúal é Nólai
B'í zé 'na Ceasá - Rúnai an bó - ran.

11/ B'í Rún sináil ra clár sa fógra
Ó Dúrlanz' cánceic, Cálizear, mór - cum,
Ag cúigeáil Cúm an Rábairé⁽⁶⁾ Nólai;
Si curseáil an cíp an cúide an bó - ran.

Cúda Trí.

12/ Do zornuz zraic ra zCeise gan zraic
f zuzáil n'zraic curáil le ceuzzeáil.
Si f beag ceise zraicáil d'ar n'zraic
Nac péidur h'f a porc a zraicáil.

13/ Dubairé Sémur Dúgáil ó Broom,
"An n'péid Cálide nó 'Nop' zraic?
'Sa zraic, zraic n' an zraic Cúm?
Ba n'zraic h'om zraicáil d'raic Cúm."

- 14./ Do iuz ar n'ónal p'neagra d'ó
 a bí do réna p'neagr' y 'plean'
 "Zá'n ceuz fé cúsam Coirde f'óy;"
 she clopuz ran bí 'Tom' z'ay zeay.
- 15./ Annyan do labair an B'asrayai c'róda
 an lead' a bí ran Anny usur.
 "Cé'n fáiz," she p'neay, "n'ac t'ifud n'of m'ó
 Déy Coirde ann? M'ó c'raac! M'og'naac!"
- 16./ "Zá na d'ayze r'y i f'áim,"
 do p'neagrae B'asrayai, f'ó-R'únyai,
 "Uz p'neadeac z'ac aoy tá w'nyl'ay
 i z'óne an S'gráid'í d'w'ze ran p'c'ic."
- 17./ "Do coymac n'é zo rab' d'ópp'óneac'ir,"
 Dubairz 'Muc' ó B'asray z'ay m'óráis n'joll,
 "She ball a'zay Cumann p'eo i z'óirideac'ir
 le B'asray le ceid'ol gall'da - 'Reazant'."
- 18./ i t'p'neayzeóy 'Irish Times', d'are n'óy,
 Tá p'neayze lez an ceid'ol n'áineac'
 'Royal Hibernian Schools', you know,
 N'í cóne d'áim leo-ran t'iev'í ró-c'áineac'ir."
- 19./ "B'eul, f'áep'anyid y'zeac' ya p'c'éal,"
 do p'neagrae D'óyal o'ill-f'áineac'ir.
 lez B'asray abairz óy a b'eal
 M'are zeall she t'áim'í B'áineac'ir.
- 20./ Anny do labair ar Jimm' B'yrye
 M'are zeall she a'z'ead ya "C'óirí":
 "B'eul coymac zá ay p'c'éal annyay?" -
 N'ac a'nyadac ay r'óre p'eo "d'v'óí"!
- 21./ Do p'neagrae D'óyal B'asray zo z'ayze
 "Ó, zá ay p'c'éal r'y ceac'ir zo león."
 she n'í rab' S'áim'ay a'ya - p'áze
 y' t'óym'ay p'é ay p'lead' deon.

22./ bí lógnaid móra an 'Tuis' ra críoc
 Nuair de bairne ár h dógal ceis an caim.
 Nac raib an corraige le h íoc
 De bairne an comppóid le an suim.

Cuid a Ceirne

23./ duinn gan uoll do zozuz díoppóireacir Pubhlid;
an Seabac ra zCarion - uigdan orbe azur paor.
bí rún óp comjann an uige a bí go h an feileannac -
 " go bí uol mó ordacay na uige mí oracannac "
An zad an rún do labann na daon reo gan reac;
Dógal ó bronn, ó bronnán, nam Carann brac;
Einn ó luzuz azur Seannur feileannac.
Do zain na h óráid le uic an uige.
I h azad an rún do labann na daon gan, an brann -
Micéil ó bronn y Seán ó h Óráin, beac ó h brann!
m diad rúid do cuad glór na m ban go buin
blannac mí h Uaid azur Máire mí díuz.

24./ Do zuz an Seabac óráid ruinnannac, deaz foclac, beac,
h de bairne zua brac le éireacir le an díoppóireacir;
Zua b lógnaid le an mí éazannacir bí le faizal
I ruinnannac, abann, uic, azur azur cáil.
Do zuz re dúinn comjann ruinnannac, cuillann, ruinnannac ^(r) -
Zan ceacir an zaidhunn hó an ruinnannac na zann
le h ann díoppóireacir ceis an zaidhunn béic an ruinnannac.
Do mí an zaidhunnannac Seán caon glór, uic,
an bóca ruinnannac ó Carionannac - reac na Múinn
h cuinn Pádrac deaz ó bronnán le an rún.
Do labann ó bronn an gan an rún m óráid ceacir
h d ruinnannac an Carionannac brac le pub y ruinnannac.
Do cuinn deacir le an zaidhunnannac mí gan uoll;
h cuinn zua le uic abann an gan an deacir. (P.ó.b.)

CRÍOC.

Notes :- (1) Carion 3: In Dineen's Dictionary, p. 304, dáilac = "given to holding" (1927 ed.).

- meetings." (2) 6.8: i. F6-cunypap 66 Cunypap p6avire 88 f6-R6nsal.
- (3) 6.9: In Dineen's Dictionary, p. 12; "ag6rd" = 'an objection' (Con.).
- (4) 6.9: Gallurjeann "caevras" sunno go dceivjeann p6 6 c6sam go c6sam, 6 "f6-ovf6" go "f6-ovf6."
- (5) 6.10: In Dineen's Dictionary, p. 963: "Scealbause" = "one who traps at food or eats ravenously (N.Y.); al. a thin person (Ros.)".
N.Y. signifies the source as a 'list of words, chiefly of N.W. Kerry, by the late P6druig Kenav6ine of New York, formerly of the Ballyferri-ter district; "where, we understand, Mr. Nolan, alias the Auditor, spent some fruitful weeks in endeavouring to master the rudiments of his native tongue. We are led to believe from Mr. Boyd's accounts of the said sojourn in the Gaeltacht, that Mr. Nolan prefers his Irish out of a bottle.
- (6) 6.11: In Dineen's Dictionary, p. 868: "R6bause" = "an athletic, generous or free and easy person."
- (7) 6.24: In Dineen's Dictionary, p. 965: "Sceayv6a" = "smart, sharp, fierce."

Louis V. Nolan 19/4/43
(Andrew)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Monday April 19th 1943. The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by Mr P. J. Brennan Acting Record Sec, in his best Dalkey blas, were signed without alteration. Mr. B. P. O'Byrne's attempt to shucke the aforementioned acting Rec. Sec with the appalling task of translating the minutes into the language of the foreigners was scarpfully frustrated by our patriotic auditor,

There being no correspondence which had survived the censorship board the following Motion which had been duly put on Notice

came on for discussion " That the Auditorial Ruling made on the 12th March 1943 be over-ruled" Proposed Mr D.M. Dowling Seconded Mr Brendan P. O'Byrne. Messrs Collins, Russell Boyd Brennan and Warren endeavoured to convince the house of their ~~opposed~~ approval of the motion, while Messrs Doyle and O'Byrne made [~~unsuccessful~~] attempts to uphold the contrary. The motion having been put to the house was passed.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the visiting chairman was unable to attend and Mr D.M. Dowling took the chair for the oratory debate "That Party Government is a Success". The following spoke in favour of the motion Messrs D. O'Byrne, P.S. Brennan, B.P. O'Byrne, L.D. Boyd and G.M. Doyle. Messrs W.S. Warren J.P. M'Gally J.V. Nolan G.M. Farrelly and M.A. Farrell spoke against the motion.

A vote of Thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. Paddy O'Sullivan and tersely seconded by Mr. L.D. Boyd. The Auditor associated himself.

There being no further business the house adjourned

Louis V. Nolan

Auditor 28/4/43

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, April 28th, 1943, in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, under the presiding genius of the Auditor.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the acting Record Secretary, Mr. Brennan. Mr. Doyle objected to the use of the word "lamentable" at one point; the Auditor upheld the objection and made the alteration.

There was no Correspondence (bad luck!).

Question
Time.

During Question Time, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Boyd made enquiries relative to the forthcoming Informal Dance or "Hop"; the latter worthily remarking that, if the intention of the Committee was not to make much profit on the function, then they were going the right way about it. Mr. Hogan suggested that more than two cards should be issued in special cases. The Auditor agreed to this proposal.

The Auditor made an announcement regarding the Annual Outing and, having outlined some of the difficulties of the position, invited the members to make suggestions. In response to a member's request, he read a letter received from Woodbrook Golf Club, expressing regret at their inability to cater for the Society (bad luck again!). Mr. Hogan suggested Elm Park as a venue; while Messrs. Boyd and O'Byrne advanced the claims of Greystones.

The Auditor announced that an election would be held at the next meeting, May 3rd, for an Inter-debate team to meet Trinity Law Society.

Legal
Debate.

Mr. John Farrell, B.L., (whatever that means) took the Chair for the Legal Debate, the motion being "That Murray v. Parkes, 58 T.L.R. p. 233, was rightly decided." All present agreed that the debate was one of considerable interest and there was no sign of what Disraeli once termed "the hare-brained chatter of irresponsible frivolity." The following members spoke in favour of the Motion: The ~~learned~~ learned Auditor; Messrs. Brendan O'Byrne, Solici-

tor (good luck!), Denis O'Riordan, M. Power, Gerard Doyle and P. J. Brennan. Those who spoke against the Motion were Messrs. Horan, Hogan, Donald O'Byrne, L. D. Boyd and W. S. A. Warren. The Motion was carried by 6 votes to 5. The Chairman gave ~~the~~ ^{the Society} the benefit of his learning and experience in an admirable summing-up and complimented the speakers on their treatment of the case.

A Vote of Thanks to the visiting Chairman was proposed by Mr. B. P. O'Byrne, Final Medallist (more good luck!); Mr. Matthew Farrell evinced a comprehensive knowledge of his law of contract in recording the Vote of Thanks. ~~Mr. Charles~~ ^{Mr. Auditor} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ Mr. Gerard Doyle also spoke in favour of the Vote. The learned Auditor, in associating himself with the Vote of Thanks said that he was glad to feel that the experiment of holding a legal debate on a case of constitutional law had justified itself.

As it was then after 11 p.m. the Meeting adjourned.

3/5/43 Louis V. Nolan (Auditor)

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Monday May 3rd 1943. The Right Hon. Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Record Sec. were signed without alteration though not without some unsustained objection from Messrs Warren Doyle and B. P. O'Byrne.

The Auditor read a report which he had received from Mr. Maurice Power as chairman of the sub-committee set up to investigate the possibilities of obtaining special facilities for attendance of apprentices at trials held at Green Street Court House.

Question
Time

Mr Edmund Sheil having been duly proposed was elected a member
Question time having been declared open
Mr McNally asked the auditor what was the
position with regard to the forthcoming annual
outing of the Society. The auditor stated that it was
proposed to hold the outing to Shengough Castle
Hotel ~~and~~ the proposed date being Wed. May 12th
Mr McNally was further informed that another
meeting of the Outing Sub-Committee would be
held to fix matters. The auditor having invited
discussion on the subject Messrs McNally
Collins OByrne and Warren made known their
views.

A motion "That the house proceed to the next business"
proposed by Mr Collins seconded by Mr B. P. OByrne
having been passed the Auditor called on
Mr Bruce ~~Master~~ ^{Matheson} B.L. to take the chair
for the Impromptu Debate. The following members
contributed to a very successful and entertaining
discussions Messrs Dowling Boyd Nolan
D. H. OByrne B. P. OByrne M. A. Farrell M. G.
O'Brien J. P. McNally W. J. C. Horan G. M. Doyle
J. M. Farrell W. S. A. Warren and Miss M
Dixon.

A Vote of Thanks proposed by P. J. Brennan
and seconded by Mr Warren was duly passed
with acclamation.

The Auditor then announced the result of the election
held earlier in the night for a team of two to
represent the Society at an inter debate with
Dublin University Messrs Brennan and
Boyd being declared elected. Mr B. P. OByrne
headed the poll but as he will represent the Society
ex-officio Mr Boyd was declared elected in his

stead. To the regret of the house the auditor announced that owing to internal disturbances (personal ones) he would be indisposed for the remainder of the session and he proposed to appoint Mr B.P. O Byrne as Deputy - Auditor which proposal met with well merited approval Messrs Warren, Horan Collins O'Brien Farrelly and Farrell as well as Miss Dixon and Miss Meagher paid high tribute to the Auditor and wished him a speedy recovery from his indisposition.

The following motion was placed on notice for the next meeting. "That the names of the Auditors past & present be inscribed in the Council Chamber or some other suitable place" Proposed Liam D. Boyd Seconded Brendan P. O Byrne There being no further business the house adjourned.

Brendan P. O Byrne
Deputy - Auditor
9th May
1943.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts Dublin on Monday May 10th 1943. The Deputy Auditor Mr B.P. O Byrne presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read by the Record Sec. were signed without objection or alteration.

There being no correspondence a motion placed on notice by Messrs Boyd and B.P. O Byrne to the effect "That the names of the Auditors past and present be inscribed in the Council Chamber or some other suitable place" was next item on the agenda. As

the proposer Mr Boyd was not in attendance at the stage the motion was declared to have lapsed
Question Time having been declared open the Deputy-Auditor was questioned re - the annual outing by Messrs G. M. Doyle D. H. O'Byrne W. J. C. Horan and M. G. O'Byrne. By way of answers the Deputy Auditor said, that there would be no reduction in price for those who being unable to attend lunch attended the high tea, that the senior lecturer would be approached with a view to having the lecture fixed for Wednesday 12th being postponed and that up to that time ten tickets for the aforesaid outing had been purchased
At this stage Mr Boyd having arrived in safety sought to have his motion or notice revived. The deputy-auditor while pointing out that same had lapsed through his, Mr Boyd's, absence said that if time permitted he would allow the motion to be formally proposed after the public debate time permitting.

Mr. M. G. O'Brien question the Deputy-Auditor with regard to the transaction of private business on nights set aside for Irish Debate and was informed that the Auditorial ruling making Irish the sole language on such nights had been overruled and that members were accordingly free to speak either English or Irish at such private business. In reply to further questions the deputy-auditor informed Mr O'Brien that if he desired to make Irish the sole language to be spoken on such nights that an extraordinary meeting of the Society would have to be summoned in accordance with the Society's Rules and

Standing Orders.

The Deputy-Auditor announced that owing to the lengthy list of business before the house that question time would be adjourned temporarily. This evoked objection from Messrs Boyd and Doyle. Mr Boyd then endeavored to introduce a motion postponing the public debate in Irish listed for that night until Monday May 17th. After Mr Collins had pointed out that if the motion was to be passed it would mean that ~~nominal~~ nominations for the new committee would have to be likewise postponed as a number of persons would become eligible for office by speaking at such debate, and further that it would lead to difficulties with regard to the counting of marks for the awards of prizes the motion was not accepted. The Deputy Auditor announced that the Annual General Meeting of the Society would take place on Wed May 17th 1943 instead of May 14th.

The Record Secretary read a list of members who had signed the required declaration in re the first year speakers medal. A list of member eligible for candidature at the forthcoming election was also read.

Mr G. H. Doyle and Miss M. Discor were elected as assessors of the balance sheet. Messrs L. D. Boyd and L. M. Collins were elected scrutineers of the ballot.

The Deputy-Auditor then announced that he would take nominations for the committee for the coming session. The following were proposed and recorded

In the Office of Auditor, P. J. Brennan	^{Proposed} W. J. C. Horan	^{Seconded} M. H. Farrell
Hon. Rec. Sec.		
D. H. O'Byrne	F. Martin	T. De Valera
F. Martin	W. S. A. Warren	J. M. Farrelly
Hon. Cor. Sec.		
J. P. M. McNally	O. Goff	D. A. Dowdall
Hon. Treasurer		
W. S. A. Warren	L. D. Boyd	D. G. M. Doyle
Committee		
Miss M. Dixon	L. M. Collins	P. J. Brennan
T. De Valera	M. G. O'Brien	G. L. Byrne
D. A. Dowdall	J. P. McNally	D. H. O'Byrne
J. M. Farrelly	L. M. Collins	F. Martin

Mr James L. Byrne Sr. took the chair for the Irish Debate "Fua Fearada an eir an mairce"
 Messrs J. M. Farrelly, D. H. O'Byrne, D. J. A. Dowdall and W. J. C. Horan spoke in favour of the motion
 Messrs M. G. O'Brien & M. Doyle F. Martin P. J. Brennan W. S. A. Warren J. P. McNally O. Goff and Miss M. Dixon opposed the motion
 A vote of thanks to the visiting chairman was proposed by Mr Horan and seconded by Mr G. M. Doyle. The Auditor (Deputy) associated himself with the motion which was duly passed.
 Private business having been re-opened Mr Boyd formally proposed his motion on Notice and it was passed.
 A motion purporting to convene an extraordinary general meeting with reference to the Irish debate was handed in. There being no further business the house adjourned

Louis V. Nolan

Auditor ^{ch}
 19 May 1983

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

SESSION 1943-1944.

OFFICERS :-

HONORARY AUDITOR..... Mr Patrick J. Brennan. B.A.B. Comm
LL. B.

HONORARY RECORD SECRETARY..... Mr Donal H. O'Byrne B.A.

HONORARY CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY. Mr John P.M. McNally.

HONORARY TREASURER..... Mr S.A. Warren.

COMMITTEE

MR TOIRLEAC De VALERA.

MISS MOYA DIXON.

MR JAMES M. FARRELLY.

MR LOUIS V. NOLAN.

SOLICITORS APPRENTICES DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

On Wednesday the 19th day of May 1943 the closing Meeting of the 59th Session was held in the Solicitors Building, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor Mr Louis V. Nolan presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary and signed without alteration by the Auditor.

Mr O'Connor the Treasurer presented his Report and Balance sheet. During the session, about £ 400 had passed through the Treasurer's hands. All debts owing to the Society had been paid and the Society in turn had discharged its debts, leaving a balance to credit. On the proposal of Mr ¹⁸⁰O'Byrne, seconded by Mr Dowling the House adopted the balance sheet and Report unanimously.

The Auditor then submitted for approval the Report he ^{Proposed to} would make to the President of the Incorporated Law Society. In ^{it} he outlined the work of the Society during the session dealing with the debates and other functions, mentioning as the outstanding feature of the year the interest which had been taken in the Irish Debates. Having paid tribute to the consideration shown to the Debating Society by both the President and Secretary of The Incorporated Law Society he concluded by thanking the Committee and Members for their loyal support during his term of office. Mr O'Sullivan proposed the adoption of the Report; Mr Boyd in seconding queried the accuracy of the Report in one respect. The Auditor having reassured him, the Report was approved by the House without dissent.

A list of Members who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by the Record Secretary. The result of the election of Officers and Committee for the Session 1943-44 was declared as follows :

Honorary Auditor Mr Patrick J. Brennan. B.A. H. Comm. LL.B.

Honorary Record Secretary..... Mr Donald H. O'BYRNE B.A.

Honorary Correspondence Secretary. Mr John P.M. McNally.

Honorary Treasurer..... Mr Wm. S.A. Warren.

COMMITTEE :-

Mr Toirleach De Valera.

Miss Moya Dixon.

Mr James M. Farrelly.

Mr Louis V. Nolan (Ex Auditor) Ex Officio

The newly elected Auditor and Committee then assumed office. Immediately after taking the Chair, the incoming Auditor announced the Medal awards for the Session just concluded, as follows :

ORATORY

Incorporated Law Society's GOLD MEDAL Mr Louis V. Nolan.

The Debating Society's SILVER MEDAL Mr P.J. Brennan.

The Special Certificate Mr W.J.C. Horan.

LEGAL DEBATE

President's Gold Medal Mr Louis V. Nolan.

Society's Silver Medal Mr W.J.C. Horan.

IMPROMPTU DEBATE

Vice-President's Gold Medal Mr L.V. Nolan.

Vice President's Silver Medal.. . . . Mr J.P.M. McNally.

IRISH DEBATE

Society's Gold Medal Mr W.J.C. Horan.

Society's Silver Medal..... Mr M.G. O'Beirne.

FIRST YEAR SPEAKER

Society's Silver Medal..... Mr J.M. Farrelly.

Mr Boyd proposed and Mr M.G. O'Beirne seconded a Vote of thanks to the Outgoing Auditor and Committee. The Following Members associated themselves with the Vote, which was passed with acclamation, Messrs B. O'Byrne, Dowling, O'Sullivan, Rogan, Power and the Incoming Auditor.

The Ex-Auditor replied suitably and proposed a vote of congratulation to the new Auditor and Committee.

The Vote of congratulation was passed with acclamation.

Speaking in Irish, the Auditor thanked the Members on his own behalf and on behalf of the Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Dated this 1st day of November 1943.



PRESIDENT INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY.

The Inaugural meeting of the 60th. session was held on Monday, November 1st, in the Members Hall of Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts. The President of the Incorporated Law Society Mr. J.B. Hamill, M.A. LL.B. presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary & signed without alteration.

The ^{medal} awards ^{& certificates} for the session 1942/43 as recorded in the minutes of the previous meeting were presented by the Chairman. In addition Mr W.S.A. Warren was declared winner of the Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal for Composition & presented with his medal & certificate.

The Chairman then called on the Auditor to deliver his address. Before reading his paper the Auditor speaking in Irish welcomed ^{as head of the Government} Du Teaglaich on his first visit to the Society, the other speakers & the guests present. In his paper the Auditor referred to the difficulty of successfully defining Democracy & eventually suggested Lord Bryce's definition as being on the whole the most informative definition. He went on to deal with the movement towards Democracy referring to American & Irish constitutions & en passant to the French Constitution, pointing out as their notable feature in common the adherence to the principle of the Sovereignty of the people. The bulk of the latter of the address was devoted to various aspects & influences of democratic government e.g. influence of public opinion; Proportional representation; Political parties; Freedom of utterance.

MINUTES

AWARDS

AUDITORIAL ADDRESS

The address was received most enthusiastically by an extraordinarily large audience.

AN TAOISEACH

EAMON DE VALERA
TD.

An Taoiseach speaking at first in Irish & later in English complimented the Auditor on his address & paid a tribute to the Debating Society as one which evidently fulfilled a necessary function in the proper manner.

An Taoiseach then referred to a tendency evident here some years ago on the part of certain persons to favour forms of government undemocratic in character in imitation of certain governments on the continent & said we should be on our guard in such matters as far away cows have long horns. He went on to refer to Proportional Representation & its possible disadvantages, the dangers inherent in freedom of speech & the need for co-operation among all sections of the people on certain matters, as the government had got on matters connected with the nation's welfare during the present emergency. An Taoiseach's speech was received with prolonged acclamation.

SENATOR

SENATOR T.C.

KINGSMILL-MOORE
K.C.

Senator Kingsmill-Moore praised the ^{Auditorial} Address with singular emphasis & proclaimed himself as something of an expert where Inaugural Papers were concerned. He said that with the exception of the first two pages & the last two he had had to mark ~~the~~ almost every sentence in the paper as being either particularly novel or particularly well thought-out or as particularly well put.

Referring to Democracy he said that the type of Democracy which inspired the ^{froniers of the} American Constitution had its roots in the political philosophy of Locke. He then with some emphasis declared himself a moderate with liberal views & uttered a solemn warning

against ^{frustrate} youthful enthusiasts with flashing eyes.

SENATOR PROFESSOR
W. MAGENNIS B.L.

Senator Magennis in ~~the~~ ostensibly proposing the second stock resolution said that he was a democrat because there he did not know of any better system. He saw much that was bad in a democratic system. Referring to the difficulty of defining democracy he said that Bagot's definition Government by discussion seemed to him in many ~~ways~~ ways the best definition. He traced Locke back to Milton & the latter to the Catholic writers of the late medieval period, who in turn were Thomists. He emphasized the fact that much that was good in the democratic institutions had come from the church & that until the influence of the church was once more, properly appreciated by democrats, democratic institutions would contain much that could be criticised.

R. BREWSTER
BARRY S.C.

Mr. Brewster-Bavoy spoke briefly but tellingly. His two main points were he said were first to try & emphasize the need for co-operation among all sections of the community on certain matters. It was hard to bring about such cooperation ~~by~~ without some sort of institution like the monarchy in England. Secondly he wished to point out that the bulk of the electorate were quite shrewd in their judgments & opinions as far as he could judge from election meetings.

Closing Address

The President then briefly addressed the house both in Irish & English. He thanked the ^{visitors} speakers, congratulated the auditor & appealed to all apprentices to join the debating society.

The meeting then adjourned.

Patric J. Brennan
(Auditor)

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts on Wednesday 3rd November. The Auditor presided.

(i)
MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. The Auditor added the words "as head of the government" & signed the minutes without further alteration.

(ii)
ELECTION OF NEW
MEMBERS

Mr. McCallery proposed & Mr. Rogan seconded the election of Messrs. Sean Flanagan, Henry Sexton, Denis Ronan, Walter Rhatigan, Daniel Healy, Patsy Golden, Eoin Daly, Wm O'Connor, Wm Seiple, Bernard Mc Dermott, Eunan Mc Mullen, Mr. Davis and Miss Moira Mc Fadden. All were unanimously elected.

(iii)
CORRESPONDANCE

No correspondence was read.

(iv)
MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Mr. McCallery declared that he had put a motion on notice at the closing meeting of the last session and that he felt he must protest that this motion had not been included in the minutes for the Inaugural. He was informed that the Record Secretary was not bound to insert a motion on notice in any particular minutes, provided he kept it safely. Mr. McCallery demanded ~~proof~~ that his motion should be produced. The Record Secretary was unable to do so & was reprimanded by the Auditor. Mr. Warren the seconder of the aforementioned motion took ^{the} occasion to disassociate himself from the controversy or any other matter as far as Mr. McCallery & the Record Secretary were concerned.

(v)
GENERAL BUSINESS

The Auditor made announcements regarding the Annual Dance & an Informal Dance to be held in the Solicitors Buildings on November 13. The Correspondence Secretary was asked to give information to the members ^{as requested} on the former & the Record Secretary on the latter. A

number of questions regarding these matters were asked by Messrs. Allen, Flanagan & Dowdall. The Auditor answered their questions satisfactorily.

(VI)
QUESTIONS

Question time was then declared open. Mr. J. G. O'Brien questioned the Auditor regarding the misspelling of his name on ^{his} medal he had received at the Inaugural. He further suggested that the Correspondence Secretary - interruption by the said officer who declared himself to be Oratory Corr. Sec. - by bad or careless handwriting was responsible. The Corr. Sec. when asked by the Auditor to give an explanation said that he had furnished Rooney (who struck the medal) with a manuscript list of names & subsequently with a typescript list. They evidently must not have consulted the typescript list. Mr. O'Brien then asked was the Correspondence Secretary also responsible for omitting the initial "G" from his name as printed on the Inaugural Programme. The Auditor said he wasn't sure - he thought the Committee as whole were at fault: this instance & assured Mr. O'Brien it would not happen again.

At this ^{stage} Mr. Doyle ~~at the~~ drew the Auditor's attention to rule 67. He (Mr. Doyle) then proposed that the standing orders should be adopted for the coming session. The Record Sec. seconded. As nobody objected to the adoption of the standing orders the Auditor declared the proposal carried subject to an amendment being made within a fortnight from November 3.

Public Debates

The chairman Mr. Eric Plunkett sol. Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society having arrived the Auditor called on him to take the chair for a Symposium on the Inaugural meeting. The following members spoke Messrs. Mc'hally, Warren, Lynch (K), O'Syone, Dowdall De Valera, Flanagan, Sexton, Wolfe, & the Auditor. Mr. Warren proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman & Mr. Dowdall seconded it. Mr. De Valera & the Auditor associated themselves with the

vote which was passed with acclamation. The Chairman
replied the meeting adjourned immediately
afterwards as it was somewhat later than 11 pm.

Pat. Brennan (Auditor)

8.11.43.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was
held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts on
Monday 8th November. The Auditor presided

(i)
MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
by the Record Secretary & signed without alteration

(ii)

Mr Warren proposed, Miss Dixon seconded
the proposal, that the following named persons
be elected to membership of the Society. Messrs S. W.
Cunnegan & John Gibbons & Miss Helen Walsh were
thereupon unanimously elected by the House. Mr P.J.
Murray & Mr Healy were then proposed for
membership by Miss Dixon; Mr Warren seconded
the proposal. The Messrs Murray Healy were unan-
imously elected.

(iii)

The Correspondence Secretary read a letter from
the Dean of Christ Church & a letter from 10
Downing St. London regretting that the English Prime
Minister was unable to attend the Inaugural
Meeting

(iv)

The following motion on notice was read
to the House by the Auditor " That this House
do welcome the proposal put forward by the
President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland in
connection with the second Irish Examination &
would request that the said Incorporated Law
Society of Ireland do its utmost to have the time
limit for the ^{doing} second such examination abolished &

further would request ~~that~~ the said Society to do its utmost to have the ~~best~~ ^{very high standard of such} ~~work~~ ^{for doing such} examination be lowered.

At this stage Mr. B.P. O'Byrne tried to withdraw the motion & the Auditor had to be proceeded with.

Proposer: John P. Mc Lally

Seconde: William SA Warren.

Mr. Dowdall proposed & Mr. Dowling seconded the following motion Amendment: "That the word 'be' be deleted from the last line of the motion." The Amendment was carried by the casting vote of the Auditor.

Mr. Mc Lally formally proposed his motion, Mr. Warren formally seconded the motion. No member spoke for or against the ^{motion} save Mr. Nolan who formally objected. Mr. Mc Lally then replied formally. Nobody voted for or against the motion & the Auditor by his casting vote declared the motion lost.

Mr B.P. O'Byrne strongly objected to the proceedings as wasting the time of the House.

(vi)

Question time was then declared open. The Auditor answered a number of questions relative to the Annual Dance ^{through his correspondence Sunday.} Messrs Dowling & B.P. O'Byrne asked questions concerning the financial position of the society. The Auditor referred these questions to the Treasurer who answered satisfactorily.

sol. Professor of Real Property & Equity to the Incorporated Law Socy.

Mr. Gilligan, the visiting chairman then took the chair for a legal debate. The following members spoke - some at great length - Messrs Farnelly, Lynch, Warren, Rogan, Brennan, Miss Dixon, Messrs Mc Lally, O'Connell, King, DH O'Byrne and B.P. O'Byrne. The motion "That it ought not to be legally possible for a testator to dispose of his property without having made adequate provision for his wife & family" was lost on a division by 13 votes to the chairman.

Mr B.P. O'Byrne proposed the vote of thanks to the chairman. Mr ^{Lynch} Rogan seconded & The Auditor associated himself. Mr. Rogan associated himself.

himself with the vote which was passed with acclamation by the house. The Auditor, declaring it was 11 p.m. adjourned the meeting.

Patrick Brennan
(Auditor)

10/11/43.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on November 10th in the Solicitors Buildings. The Auditor presided.

The minutes were signed by read by the Record Secretary + after some minor alterations were signed by the Auditor.

It was proposed by Mr Mc Nally and seconded by Mr. DoByrne that Miss ^{Josephine} ~~Frances~~ O'Keefe be elected to membership of the Society. Mr. Warren proposed Mr DoByrne seconded, that the following should be elected to membership Messrs R. King J. G. Lyons + Johnston

All the foregoing were elected unanimously by the House.

No correspondence was read.

There were no motions on notice.

The Auditor announced then proceeded to receive nominations for three places on the inter-debate team to meet the Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society of Northern Ireland on the 14th November. Messrs. J.P. Mc Nally, DoByrne, W Warren, S. Flanagan, J. Farrelly, L. Nolan, T. Martin, S. Mc Cumneagan, P. Woulfe, + D. Twomey + Miss M. Dixon were nominated. The result of Mr. Mc Nally Miss Dixon + Mr DoByrne were elected.

On question time being opened a number of questions were asked concerning the Annual Dance

(i)
MINUTES

(ii)
ELECTION OF
NEW MEMBERS

(iii)
CORRESPONDENCE

(iv)
MOTIONS ON NOTICE

(v)
GENERAL BUSINESS

(vi)
QUESTIONS

+ the Informal Dance to be held on the 18th November. The Auditor answered satisfactorily all questions either personally, or through his officers, to the satisfaction of querists.

(vii)
PUBLIC DEBATE

Mr. Alexis Fitzgerald ^{Assistant Lecturer in University College Dublin in the History of Economic Doctrine} then took the chair for an impromptu debate. The following spoke to a varied assortment of motions Messrs. Warren, Clifford, Brennan, O'Byrne, Mc'hally, ^{Miss} Dixon, Semple, Wolfe, Fagan, Allen, Dowdall, Sexton, King, Farrelly, Martin & Flanagan.

Mr. Mc'hally proposed the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman and Mr. Martin seconded. The Auditor associated himself with the vote which was passed with prolonged acclamation. The chairman replied & in answer to Mr. Mc'hally said he hoped to be present at our dance & ~~further hoped he would enjoy it as much as he had enjoyed a certain dance that week.~~

Most of those present then left & the meeting adjourned as there wasn't a quorum.

P. Brennan 15/11/43.
(Auditor)

Tionólaid gnáir-chumanní gearáda de'n Cumann ar an 15ú de Mí na Samhna, in áit na n-áit na h-áit. Bí an Reacaire i gceannas

(i)
Miontuairiscí

leis an Rúnaid na miontuairiscí agus síneadh na ballaí le h-áit na h-áit na h-áit.

(ii)
Ball na h-áit.

Níor Mr. Warren go dtogfaid Mr. Deane na Ball de'n Cumann. Cuidig Mr. Dowling leis an mbeoir Rún agus toigad an ball nua go comartha.

(iii) & (iv)

Níor léigead an t-ús agus ní Raib. Rún ar fógra.

(v)
Tháir na sáir.

Opleoid tháir na sáir san áit. D'fuaras Seumas Mac Uí Éirion de'n Reacaire ceibé an Rún do pleoipé

'San ladar d'íomparáir le muintear na tuairisc. D'íreagar
 an Reacraire gur úd foctha an Ruin ná " That the
 Unification of Ireland is an attainable idea " Ceipití an
 Rúnaidé Scriobtoire kéinne an freagra tuaf-úaidé 7 d'íreagar
 céad an uair a fuair ó Rúnaidé an cumann príncípís
 v mbéal kéapre do léigean. Ba sóileaf ó uair úd go
 Raibí de céad ag an Reacraire foctha an Ruin do
 d'airí sí a chéad léif an bun smadhean. In d'íreagar
 seo n'orb foctha do Míis Dixon ac páraíl amac (go kéim
 bunreicéanial) curiam a socraigead ar an Ruin do'n
 22 ad de Mí na Samna sa b'páran na Raibí de ar an
 gclaf 7 arb úd muintear lóv 7 brútor ba cionraí
 léif? ói an c'áinú v léiríar saora le freagra an
 an Reacraire sí v ba g'kai ná Raibí Míis Dixon ar
 don m'áinú leo. Curiam céif v d'íreagar an slóje ná
 focthaigead pállai muintear an Saicáin Róme seo.
 D'ad'íreagar an léifóir gur ^{chad'íreagar} páraíl de e' v slóje do léifí a
 d'íreagar. do'n Ruin an aguf s'p'raic an Reacraire e'
 dá b'áir.

(vii)
 D'íreagar
 Públidé.

An an b'páran seo glóidí ar an b'fear n'orb an
 ceic v g'áinú do'n d'íreagar Públidé leabair
 Injean & S. Mac Uí Éirín, Mac Uí Cúinnéigín
 aguf d. Mac Uí Éirín ar don an Ruin " Gur ar
 áinú na tíre an Cúinnéigín " ói Mac Uí
 kéapallag, Uí Máinín, Uí Cúinnéigín, 7 Uí Éirín
 na cionraí:

Carlaidí an Ruin.
 Míol Cúinnéigín Uí Cúinnéigín an Ruin b'íreagar
 d'íreagar Cúinnéigín 7 Cúinnéigín Uí Cúinnéigín
 léif. D'íreagar an Reacraire leo 7 glóidí an
 Ruin le b'áinú baí.

D'íreagar an Cúinnéigín 7 Cúinnéigín léif
 léif an g'áinú an aguf saora quorum.

Patric. P.
 22/11/43

The last ordinary general meeting of the Michaelmas term was held in the Solicitors Buildings on Monday the 22nd November. The Auditor presided.

The Record Secretary read the Minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Dowling objected to their being written in Irish. The Auditor refused to admit the validity of the objection & after some argument Mr. Dowling acquiesced in the Auditor's decision but said he reserved his right to raise the matter in the future. There were no other objections & the minutes were signed without alteration.

Miss Josephine McGuinness was proposed for membership of the Society by Mr. W.S.A. Warren. The proposal was seconded by Miss Moya Dixon & Miss McGuinness was unanimously elected.

No correspondence was read there were no motions on Notice.

There being no other business question time was declared. Questions were asked ^{concerning} ~~relating~~ the Annual dance & in particular concerning the financial aspect. Mr. Dowling also wanted to know what the financial position of the Society was. The Correspondence Secretary (who was ^{together with Moya Dixon} one of the Secretaries responsible for the Annual dance), & the Treasurer answered these as far as available data allowed them to. The Auditor suggested that the question might with advantage be repeated next term when fuller information would be forthcoming on these matters.

The Auditor then called upon the visiting chairman Mr. D.J. O'Connor LL.B. Professor of Common Law to the Incorporated Law Society to take the chair for Public Debate. The motion "That the Gaelic Revival should be abandoned" was defeated by 9 votes.

to 4. Messrs. Warren, McEally, Sexton, Davis King, Mr Mullin, Dowdall, Woulfe spoke in favour of the motion while Messrs Farnally, K. Lynch, Flanagan, Brennan, Semple, Daly, Golden Ma Guinneagain, Healy, Clifford, Allen & O'Byrne & Miss Dixon opposed it. The vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne & seconded by Mr. Sean M. Flanagan. It was passed with acclamation by the House. The chairman replied & then meeting adjourned.

Patrick J. Brennan
(Auditor) 12/1/44.

The first ordinary general meeting of the Hilary term 1944 was in the Solicitors Buildings on the 17th of January. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read by the Record Secretary & signed without alteration by the Auditor.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. _____ was proposed Mr. J. Martin seconded by Mr. W. Warren and others, and unanimously elected a member of the Society.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence secretary mentioned that he had received a reply ~~from~~ his letter of condolence, from Mrs. Breeton Barry.

NOMINATIONS ON NOTICE

There were no motions on notice for discussion and ~~no~~ motions were placed on notice; but the following notice of a nomination of an Intended Honorary member was handed to the Record Secretary "In accordance with rule 12 of the constitution of the Solicitors Apprentices' Debating Society of Ireland we the undersigned being duly elected members of the said society hereby give notice of our nomination of Kenneth Reddin Esq., Justice of the District Court, for

honorary membership of the said Society.

Dated this day of January 1944

Frank Martin Proposer

Maurice Power Secunder.

The Auditor made announcements concerning an ^{informal} dance to be held in the Solicitors Buildings on January 20th & secondly concerning the setting up of a sub-committee (under the chairmanship of Mr. D.M. Dowling solicitor) to prepare a draft amendment to the rules of the Society. In reply to Mr. Dowling the Auditor said he would give the committee terms of reference. Mr. Mc'hally said he did not approve of the personnel of the committee.

Question time was then declared open. Mr. Mc'hally resumed his questions on the question of the proposed sub-committee and also Mr. Farrelly also ^{put} ~~asked~~ questions on the matter. Mr. Dowling asked how the position was now as regards the Annual dance and further what the financial situation of the Society. The acting treasurer Miss Dixon answered the questions & Mr. Dowling was apparently satisfied although he took occasion to remark that whenever ^{he} ~~the~~ wished to ask questions on financial matters the Treasurer was either unable to answer them or had to appoint a deputy to do so. Questions were also asked concerning the rule as to Honorary Members, the possibility of widening the present rule & the number of honorary members of the Society at present.

Mr. Martin proposed & Mr. Mc'hally seconded the that Standing orders be suspended to introduce the following motion "That this House, being representative of the general body of Solicitors' Apprentices, earnestly requests the Court of Examiners of the Council of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, to make available

at the book-keeping paper of the Intermediate Examination to be held in the months of June & October this year a supply of ruled account paper for use by candidates.

Proposer: Frank Martin

Secunder: James Mc Farrelly

The proposal to suspend standing orders was declared carried by the Auditor by the vote 6 to 5. The following members, in addition to the proposer & secunder spoke in favour of the motion Messrs De Valera, Power, Ua Cuinneagan & Mc Mahally. Messrs. O'Byrne, Lynch and Ryan spoke against the motion. Mr. Martin replied & before putting the motion to the House the Auditor spoke on the matter. The motion was carried without a division.

The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman Mr. M. J. O'Higgins solicitor to take the chair for the public debate. Messrs. P. J. Brennan, Kevin Lynch, O'Byrne and Donal Ryan spoke for the motion that where a precedent moral obligation is established it ought to be consideration for a subsequent promise made in fulfillment thereof; and that EASTWOOD v. KENYON (1840), 11 A and E 438; was wrongly decided. Against the motion were Messrs Frank Martin, J. P. Mc Mahally, S. Ua Cuinneagan & Sean M. Flanagan. The motion was carried without a division after an extremely able summing ^{up} by the chairman.

Mr. Mc Mahally proposed & Mr. Lynch seconded the vote of thanks to the chairman. The Auditor endorsed their remarks & the vote was passed with acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned.

Patricia P. Brennan
(Auditor)

24.1.44.

On Monday 24th January an ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary and signed by the Auditor without alteration.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Martin proposed and Miss Barry seconded that the following be elected to membership of the society, Mr. Gerald Hickey, & Mr. R. Stanley Kieran. Both were elected unanimously.

HONARY MEMBER

There was no correspondence ~~sent~~ there were no motions on notice; but the question of electing ^{as an honorary member} Mr. K. Reddin D.J., was taken at this stage. Mr. Reddin was elected unanimously.

PUBLIC DEBATE

The Auditor then called on the visiting chairman Mr. A. J. Cox solicitor, Vice President of the Incorporated Law Society, to take the chair for Impromptu debate. The following members spoke Messrs S. Flanagan, J. De Valera, D. O'Byrne, B. Dowdall, Jm. Farrelly, P. Golden, P. Healy, H. Sexton, J.P. Mc Nally, R. King, E.C. Daly, J. Martin, P. Brennan, Miss M. Neagher, Messrs L. Blifford, M. Power, E.J. Mc Mullen, G. Hickey, Miss Moya Dixon, and Mr. K. Lynch.

Mr. Mc Nally proposed Mr. ~~Mc Nally~~ O'Byrne seconded the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman; Mr. De Valera and the Auditor associated themselves with the ~~proposal~~ ^{proposal}. The vote was passed with acclamation.

The Auditor announced that the oratory debate listed for February 7th had been changed to Feb. 9th. He also reminded members of rule 14 of the Society's Rules; and that this was the second meeting of the Hilary term. The Auditor said that, subject to this

obtaining the permission of the Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society, an informal dance would be held in the Solicitors' Buildings on February 12th. He wanted to know what members thought of the possibility of working a prepaid ticket system. The members views were noted by the Record Secretary for consideration by the Committee. At this stage Mr. De Valera having been warned previously, was suspended by the Auditor for continued breach of standing orders 6 & 7.

Question Time

Question time was then declared open. Mr J. Martin at once moved that standing orders be suspended in order to introduce the motion "that this meeting do now adjourn." Seconded Mr O'Byrne. The motion for the suspension of standing orders was defeated. Questions were asked regarding the proposed time the proposed hop would end at, the number of admission tickets available to members ~~was~~ ^{and were} answered by the Auditor as follows 11.30pm and as many as a member could dispose of. The Auditor was unable to enlighten the House as to why Miss Power saw fit to don her headgear altho' the meeting had not yet adjourned. It was then 11 pm. so the Auditor declared the meeting adjourned.

Patricia [Signature]
(Auditor) 21/1/64

31st January?

Ar an gcuid lú de feabhra 1944 do ionúis
gnáí cruinnúí ginearálta de'n Cumann in áras na
n-Scríobairí. Bí an Reacaire i gclannas.

Reacaire an

Uig an Rúnaí na miontuairisí. Cuir mac de
Valera go críon na cionnib' de bair an tuairisgáil
a bí lonnra ar ar n-éim-legrú féin. Dubraíj an
abairt do leagad ar lae ós rud é go raib an
cuntas éna miontuairisí pón, si sinne go
ndubairt se ordú seasaimic a b, in ionad
ordú seasaimic a b is a 7, agus náb pular
do tad do leasú sa níed sin agus an 7 do cur rian.
Sinead na miontuairisí ansan jon son síce-éile.

Mol Mac Uí Munnáin agus cuidíj
Mac Uí Márcuín leis go dtogfaide H. J. Flattery ^{un.} ^{sq.}
na ball de'n Cumann. Togad é d'ádh juí.

Ní raib leas-Scríobuioir le leigean agus
ní raib son rún ar pógra.

Táirín an Reacaire ansan ag pógraic
ar na ball go mbéad Rince 'San Áras sin
an an 12 d' feabhra, agus go mba clasa dóib
bollscaiceair pógraic do álainn. Donnas go
dtogad sluaí ní ba níó an cráic seo ná
an lón a bí agann an t-an deirimneac.

Dosclad cráic na gceist ansan. D'fianraíj
Mac Uí Márcuín de'n Reacaire, ar scríobad fós
cug leann-dail an Cumann loncorpneic díje maidn
le paipéir ocrúinac i gcoín an Meán Seandú; agus
an scríobad fós cug breic ^{Dívise Raddin}
ní cur in úil do go raib se togra na ball
onóraic de'n Cumann. D'fianraíj an Reacaire
tar clann an ~~an~~ scríobairí ón is amleolac a
bí an ionad scríobairí ar na cursaí seo.

Ar an bpromire seo tarraíj Mac Uí Márcuín
go gcuirfid ^{na} líordúic seasaimic an ceol go

Sealadaí cun an Rún seo leas do mholad
" That this House do hereby be censured for
not signing his name in Protest,

Mac Uí Flannagáin a bhí mar cuidiúil óige.
Glacáid leis an dearcúire agus níol Mac Uí Donnúig
a Rún. Bhí labairt ag Mac, Uí Máireáin,
De Valera, Uí Fearceallag, Ingean Mhic Ríceáin ag
cuidú leis an Rún; ag Mac Uí Broin, Uí
Muirnáin, Uí Cumneagáin 'na cionnab; agus ag
Ingean de Paon agus Mac Uí Flannagáin ar an
Rún, mar a dubairt an Reicéire go Raib
an Rún as lagair, mar go mb'eigin do luoc
móra Rún; ag cáinead dume de'n gcóire an
Rún do gairm Róm Rí.

Glacáid an Reicéire ansan ar Ceorbhall Uasal
O Dálaig aboide díge an caisoir do cógair do'n
díospóireacair phublíd. Labair Muc Uí Braonáin
Uí Broin, Uí Máireáin, Ingean Meaghar 7 Mac Uí
Muirnáin ar son Rún "go ndénead mairleas do
cúis na síocáin beas na cionraig cogair a
tabairt cun a d'aird. I gcionnab an Rún bhí
Muc Uí Donnúig, Uí Flannagáin, Ingean Mhic Ríceáin
Muc Uí Cumneagáin, Uí Fearceallag agus de
Valera. Carlead an Rún, dume den 7 na
cionnab agus Ceisoir ar a son.

Níol Pronsíós O'máirtín Rún buidéacair do'n
Caradúig. Cuidig Seosáin Ó Cumneagáin leis an
Rún mo buidéacair. D'airtúig an Reicéire leo
agus glacad an Rún le beairt óas.

D'fógar an Reicéire go Raib tráit na gléic
oscailte ar-uair. Bhí Raib son aise tábíocair
agus cúinead deise leis an gcóirinn go léid na
d'airtí son

Patrick J. Murray
(Cuidilte) 9 Feb. 1944.

On Wednesday the 8th February 1944
an ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the
Solicitor's Buildings. The Auditor presided.

The minutes, written in Irish of
the previous meeting, were read by the Record Secretary,
and without any alteration, signed by the Auditor.

No correspondence was read, but the Honorary
Correspondence Secretary announced that he had arranged
for an inter-debate with an *Lunam Ceardas* of
U. C. S. to be held on March 1944.

The Auditor then announced that a "hop" or
rather an "Informal Dance" would be held on
Saturday 12th inst from 9.30 to 11.30 p.m. in the Solicitor's
Buildings.

There being no Matters on Notice, Question Time was
then declared open.

Mr. McHally asked the Auditor if the Sub-Committee
appointed to deal with question of Irish, had as yet met. The Auditor
replied that they had not.

At this stage Mr. Martin interrupted to propose the
Suspension of Standing Orders, in order to introduce the
motion that Mr. M. F. Moore be elected a member of
the Society, Mr. Liam J. Boyd sol. seconding.
The motion to suspend Standing Orders was carried unanimously,
whereupon Mr. Martin formally proposed and Mr. Boyd
aforesaid, seconded, the election of Mr. Moore, which
was carried unanimously.

Question Time was then continued.

Mr. Maurice Power, asked if ~~the~~ District Justice Reddin
had been informed of the decision of the House to
elect him as an Honorary Member of the Society.

The Auditor replied that he had.

Mr. Martin asked if it was in the best interests of the members, that they should be allowed to sign the list of speakers prior to the actual night of the debate, pointing out that it was rather unfair to those opponents who were not attending lectures, to find their names very far down on the said list.

The Auditor replied that it had ~~always~~ been the custom in the Society to allow members to sign the notice at any time they chose. Mr. Martin asked for how long had it been the custom, to which the Auditor in learned tones replied "As long as the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

The Auditor then called upon the Chairman Mr. James Dillon, F.D. B.L. to take the chair, for the debate on the Motion "That Neutrality is an impediment to progress". The following members spoke, D.O. Byrne, J.P. McHally, H. P. Sexton, E. Daly, G. Hickey, P. Galder, B. de Cunningham, Benedict Daly, L. D. Boyd, Maurice Power, L. V. Kolan, D.W. Doubling, F. Martin, G. A. Ryan, D. G. O'Donoghue, D. O'Riordan, P. Doulfe, W. B. Allen, L. Clifford, M. Phelan, Sean M. Hanagan, K. Lynch, D. S. A. Warren, J. W. Farrelly, P. J. Brennan, - McKeelin, A. Platter, Miss Dixon.

The Chairman at the conclusion of the debate gave a most eloquent dissertation. ^{The Auditor put the vote of Thanks to the House which passed it with acclamation.} The meeting adjourned.

John Brennan (Auditor)
20/2/44

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings on 14th February 1966. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The Record Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were some objections to the minutes which would have necessitated loss of time in making the necessary alterations there & then. Therefor having secured the suspension of Standing Orders, Mr OByrne proposed & Mr. Mc Nally seconded "that the signing of the minutes should be postponed."

There were no new members and no motions on notice.

CORRESPONDANCE

The Correspondance Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Northern Ireland Solicitors Apprentices Debating Society inviting the Auditor & Secretary to their annual dance. He also read a letter from the University Hall debating society suggesting March 1st 1966 as a date for the annual inter-debate between our Society & theirs.

The Auditor announced that the sub-committee set up to deal with the question of a draft Amendment to the Rules of the Society, had met. Their report was the draft Amendment and would have to be considered at an extraordinary general meeting of the Society. The draft Amendment was in the following terms: "At any ordinary meeting of the Society at which public business shall be devoted to a debate conducted in the Irish language, private business at that meeting (excluding the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting) shall also be conducted through the medium of that language and no other language shall be used."

Q. TIME

Question time was then declared open. The Auditor was deluged with questions referring to the ~~change of debate~~ alternative subject listed at short notice for the legal debate. ~~A certain~~ ^{after a certain} amount of ~~inclusive discussion~~ ^{discussion} ~~developed~~ developed. Mr L.V. Nolan proposed & Mr. Power ^{Lynd} seconded the proposal that the visiting chairman should take the chair for Public Debate, ^{The proposal was carried unanimously,} thus putting a stop to private business.

PUBLIC DEBATE

Mr. Golden spoke in favour of the motion "That the common law relating to Trespass is Unsatisfactory". Messrs Warren & Ua Buinneagain spoke against the motion. On the motion "That the law relating to Defamation is Unsatisfactory" Messrs Farrelly King, Lynch, & Miss Dixon spoke for & Messrs Power, Daly, De Valera and Mc'hally against the motion.

Mr. De Valera proposed and Mr. Power seconded the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the vote which was passed with acclamation.

MOTION ON NOTICE

The following motion was placed on notice & the House advised of its contents by the Auditor "That this House censure the Auditor & committee (with the exception of Mr. L.V. Nolan) for two breaches of the rules of the Society"

Proposer: L.V. Nolan

Seconded: Maurice M. Power.

Patrick Brennan
21/2/44

On Monday 21st February an ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The Record Secretary read the Minutes of the previous meeting. Objections were raised to the phrase "inclusive wrangling" as being indicative of an expression of opinion rather than a statement of fact; while Mr. K Lynch said that he and not Mr. Power had seconded the motion "That the visiting chairman take the chair" The Auditor altered the sentence to read "After a certain amount of discussion Mr. H. V. Nolan proposed and Mr. Lynch seconded the proposal, "That the visiting....." Mr. Ma Cuinneagáin objected to the fact that he was referred to as speaking against instead of for the motion: "That the Common Law Relating to Treasurers is Unsatisfactory" The Auditor made the requisite alteration pointing out however that Mr. Ma Cuinneagáin had ~~signed~~^{put} his name down on the "against" column of the list of speakers.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no proposals for election to membership.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. De Valera the acting Correspondence Secretary stated that there was no correspondence. On the representation of Mr. Boyd who stated he handed a letter to the Correspondence Secretary's deputy prior to the meeting, the Auditor directed that this correspondence be read. The acting Correspondence Secretary after reading some, of what proved to be a circular from the Green Cross appealing for funds, stopped & refused to proceed. Thereupon the Auditor himself read the circular. Questions were asked arising out of this correspondence. The Auditor referred them to Mr. Boyd who said that a member of the Green Cross had asked him if could he help them in their appeal; & having so often heard expression of their patriotism on the part of members of the House he thought they should welcome the opportunity to help fellow-countrymen in a practical way. Mr. Allen objected to the circular being read.

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The Record Secretary said that there was a motion on notice in the names of Mr. Nolan & Mr. Power. The Auditor asked Mr. Nolan to propose his motion. After the proposer had spoken formally proposing the motion Mr. Dowling proposed & Mr. Boyd seconded the following amendment: "That breaches of rules 12, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 36, 41, 73 & 76 be inserted instead of two breaches of the rules" in the motion so as to read: That this House censures the Auditor and Committee with the exception of Mr. L.V. Nolan for ~~the~~ breaches of ~~the~~ rules 12, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 36, 41, 73 & 76. It was then decided that the House should go into committee to discuss the motion.

PUBLIC DEBATE

After half an hour the House in Committee adjourned and for the sake of convenience Mr. Boyd Chairman of the House in Committee called the visiting chairman Mr. W.D. Finlay B.L. to take the chair for Impromptu Debate. The following spoke Messrs P.J. Brennan, D. Byrne, W.S.A. Warren, J. De Valera, J.M. Farrelly, Miss Moya Dixon, Messrs. M.M. Power, H.C. Sexton, M.G. Davis, J.G. O'Donoghue; Miss P. Power, Messrs K. Lynch, J.R. King, S.M. Flanagan, Patrick Woulfe; Miss J. O'Keefe, Messrs Eunan J.M. Mullin, F. Martin; Miss Mona McFadden, Messrs. G. Hickey & S. Ma. Cuinneagain.

Mr. Flanagan proposed & Mr. Warren seconded the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the remarks of the proposer & seconded & the vote of thanks was passed by the House with acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned.

Patrick J. Brennan
(Auditor) 28/2/44

Do ionolas gnáir chinnúí gearátra de
Cumann ar an 28^ú lá de Febrú 1946 in áras
na n-Árduaire. Bí an Reacaire i gceannas
leij an Rinnáide nion-áirecúí an
Cumannúí deachúige. An Mac Uí Dillín 'na comú
áirse ná Raib son tuisgeabail tounra ar an
cúige 'na cinn se' in áras leijean ára na
Cúise glaise. Dubair an Reacaire go gceannú
se' e' sin sna nion-áirecúí; sínead iad gan
son áraí eile.

Ní Raib son ball nua le cogad
ar an bponne seo dubair Uam Uasal
Boyd go Raib cúigean deug ball corcúra i
lárair agus dá b'áir san go nba ceas go
gceannúí an ~~ceas~~^{cuig} i gceasde. Deinead áirle
timpell a nadi a clog táinig an ~~ceas~~^{cuig}
as corcú. ~~Glacú le~~ ~~ceas~~ ~~ceas~~ áirleaca do
toigean cun 3 áirleaca ar fúrlann
lárair díospóireaca do deimú i gceas
díospóireac le nionclac Cumann díospóireac
Halla na h-Árduaire.

Tar eis seo glúidá ar Daine Uasal O'
Lunte Bk, áirleaca do ára i gceasde, le
h-áirle an díospóireac públíde. Tabair na
Daine seo leas

Mu Uí Cunnúigán Uí Múráin, Uí Broun
ar son an Rún "Nac nbeid lére páireac i
glúisai an tSaojal tar eis an cogad" agus
Mu Uí Dúbdall Uí Feanúinálí Uí Dáirí
Uí Fláine, Uí Brounán, ^{Uí Múráin} Descú.
Cúillead an Rún.

Níol S. Ófeanúinálí Uas i fóca buidéaca
don Cúinúilí. Cúinú S. ^{Uí Múráin} ~~Uí Múráin~~ leas agus
D'áirle an Reacaire le ára. Glacú leas

an tóca le bualaí bas

D'fhogair an t-ádhmáire. Lucread deise
leis an gceannú ansan or do bi si a haonday
a eog.

Pádraig Ó Donnagáin
(Reisiora)
6/3/44.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society took place in the Solicitor's Buildings on Monday March 6th. The Auditor presided. Owing to the fact that the House went into committee before the ordinary general meeting and remained in committee until about 8.30 p.m. the ordinary meeting did not start until then.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. Mr. Warren objected on the grounds that Mr. Ma Buineagáin was referred to as having seconded the vote of thanks to the visiting chairman while in actual fact, he Mr. Warren had done so. Mr. McNally asked whether he was correct in assuming that the names of the members elected to represent the Society in the inter-debate with University Hall were omitted from the minutes & if he were correct in his assumption would the Auditor make the necessary insertion. The Auditor made the insertion asked for and having altered Ma Buineagáin to Ma Buineáin signed the minutes without further alteration.

NEW MEMBERS

There were no proposals for the election of new members.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Correspondence Secretary said he had received an ~~invitation~~ ^{communication} from the Literary & Historical Society UCD inviting the Auditor & Committee to their Inaugural

meeting

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no motions on notice.

GENERAL
BUSINESS

Miss Dixon proposed a vote of sympathy with Miss Meagher on the recent death of her father and with Mr. McNally on the recent death of his uncle. Messrs Clifford, Farrelly and others seconded the proposal simultaneously. The vote of sympathy was passed by the House standing in silence.

PUBLIC
DEBATE

The Auditor then called upon Mr. B.P. Mc Cormack K.L.B. solicitor to take the chair for a Public Debate on the motion "That the Solicitors' Profession Destroys Idealism". Messrs Warren, McNally, Sexton, Ma Bunnagáin, Mc Mullin, Hickey, O'Rourke, Martin, Hodnett and De Valesa spoke in favour of the motion, while Messrs O'Donoghue, King, Lynch, Flanagan, Daly, Brennan, Farrelly, Davis & Miss Dixon spoke against the motion. The chairman summed up and put the motion to the House. The motion was declared lost without a division.

Mr. Hickey proposed and Mr. McNally seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor in putting the vote to the House associated himself with the remarks of the proposer and seconder. The vote was passed with acclamation.

The chairman replied very briefly; and immediately afterwards the Auditor declared the meeting adjourned.

Patrick J. Brennan
(Auditor)
13/3/44

An ordinary General meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings on Monday March 13th. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary & signed by the Auditor without alteration.

There were no proposals for the election of new members; no Motions on Notice, and no correspondence was read. At this stage Mr W.B. Allen said that a motion in his & Miss Dixon's names had been handed in at the previous meeting & he asked why it had not been placed on notice. The Auditor said that he, in the discretion vested in him by Standing Order 18, had refused to accept the motion.

Messrs Allen, Lynch, Dowling, Nolan and others rose to speak on the matter. During the discussion the Auditor was obliged to suspend Mr. Nolan 3 times & Mr. Dowling twice for breaches of the standing orders. While the discussion was in progress Mr. Dowdall had attempted ^{unavailingly} to propose the suspension of standing orders to introduce the following motion, "That this House approves of the action of the Committee Irish Government in refusing to expel the representatives of the German & Japanese Governments and that Memoranda to this effect be sent to the Minister for External Affairs, the American Minister and the British Representative, and the Press Irish Times, Irish Independent and the Irish Press"

Proposer: Desmond A. Dowdall. Secunder: Kevin Lynch.

When it seemed as though Mr. Dowdall would succeed in catching the eye of the chair Mr. ~~Dowdall~~ ^{Lynch} called attention to the fact that there was not a quorum present and the Auditor adjourned the meeting.

After some minutes a number of members

who were ~~talking~~ⁱⁿ in the passage way returned and the meeting re-opened. ~~the~~ Standing orders were suspended by a unanimous vote of the House when members became aware of the content of Mr Dowdall's motion. During Mr. Dowdall's speech proposing the motion, Mr. Dowling proposed and Mr. Boyd seconded "that the motion be now put to the house" This was carried and the motion on being put to the House was also carried. The House then spent a short session in committee.

The Auditor ~~then~~ announced changes in the Debate card ~~in~~ reply to a question by Mr. Lynch said that notice ^{of this} would be placed on the board in the lecture hall. The Auditor also announced that an extraordinary general meeting would be held on Tuesday March 2nd to deal with the draft amendment to the rules concerning the use of the Irish language.

The visiting chairman Mr. Gerard Lee B.A., LL.B. was then called upon to take the chair for public debate. The motion "that the decision in *Frost v. Knight* (1872) ^{L.R. 7 F. 111} is not in accordance with legal principle" was carried. Messrs Lynch, Brennan, O'Byrne, and Warren spoke for the motion & Messrs Power, de Valera, Hickey, Mac Beirneagan & Fowell spoke against it.

Mr. Power proposed & Mr. Doyle seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the remarks of the proposer & seconder & the vote was carried with acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned.

Stick Brennan
(Auditor) 20/3/44.

The last ordinary general meeting of the Hilary term was held in the Solicitors Buildings on Monday 20th March. The Auditor presided.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. Mr. Boyd objected to a reference in the minutes to persons "talking in the passage way" ~~which~~ ^{an alleged account of} he contended this was not relevant to the proceedings at the previous meeting. The Auditor said it was necessary for the sake of clarity to record the fact that members who had been in the passage way returned but he agreed that there was no need to say what the activities of these members in the passage-way were, therefore he would strike out the word "talking". Mr. Lynch's objection (in which he was supported by Messrs Power & Dowling) that the members had withdrawn as a protest & that this fact was not recorded, was overruled by the Auditor ~~on~~ the grounds that the House had received no such intimation from the members concerned. An objection by Mr. Dowling that the minutes did not incorporate the terms of a motion which he had introduced at the previous meeting. The Auditor in overruling this objection pointed out that he had refused to accept the motion in question or to allow Mr. Dowling to introduce it and consequently the House had no notice of its contents. A further objection by Mr. Boyd to the phrase "and others" which tended to shroud in anonymity the names of members who spoke in the private business was noted.

There were no proposals for the election of new members and no motions on notice.

No correspondence was read.

General Business

The Auditor made the following announcements. Firstly that in response to the representations of members it was intended to postpone the oratory debate

listed for April 17th. until April 19th. Members present when asked for their views approved of the suggested change. Secondly the Auditor announced that the extraordinary general meeting would be held before the ordinary meeting on April 19th. not on the 21st March. In reply to queries by members the Auditor said there would be a time limit fixed and that if the extraordinary general meeting did not conclude within that time it would be adjourned probably until the night of the next ordinary meeting. Thirdly the Auditor informed the House that a dance would be held on April 22nd in the Solicitors Buildings

Q-TIME Question time was then declared open and Mr. Dowdall^{date} asked whether the Correspondence Secretary had forwarded memoranda to the various diplomatic representatives and the Press. The Auditor said it had not been possible to do so until the motion which Mr. Dowdall's question related to appeared in the minutes of the Society properly authenticated. In reply to a further question by Mr. Dowdall the Auditor said he would ask the Corr. Secretary to forward the memoranda at once now that the motion was incorporated in a signed and dated minute. Mr. Power asked the Auditor whether Mr. Reddin D.J. had yet been informed as to his election to honorary membership of the Society. The Auditor said he thought so.

PUBLIC DEBATE

At this stage the Auditor called on Charles Conroy Esq. B.L. to take the chair for Impromptu Debate. The following members spoke Messrs Ma Guinneagáin, Dowdall Lynch (K) McCall, Martin, Sexton, Miss Dixon, Messrs Farselley Brennan King, Warren, Woulfe, O'Byrne and O'Donoghue.

Mr. Allen proposed & Mr. Woulfe seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor associated himself with the remarks of the proposer & seconders & the vote was passed with acclamation.

The meeting then adjourned.

Patience Penner
(Auditor) 19/4/24.

The first ordinary general meeting of the Easter Term was held in the Solicitors Buildings on Wednesday April 19th. The Auditor presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary & were signed by the Record Auditor after making two insertions.

There were no proposals for the election of new members, no motions on notice & there was no correspondence.

At Question Time Mr. Dowdall asked whether the Correspondence Secretary had yet sent memoranda to the Press & diplomatic representatives as indicated in his motion. The Auditor replied that as the Correspondence Secretary was not present he could not say whether he had or not. Mr. Dowdall then asked if the Auditor would give his assurance once more, for what it was worth, that

MINUTES

Q. TIME.

Mr. Martin asked whether a member who now joins the Society & paid his subscription would be eligible to vote at the end of the session. The Auditor said he would not be eligible to vote.

he would see the Correspondence Secretary did so before the next meeting. The Auditor said he would give his assurance for what it was worth, and then said that he was suspending question time until after the Public Debate, thereupon ~~thereupon~~ calling Mr. Thos. Gordon Co. C. to take the chair for Public Debate.

PUBLIC DEBATE

Messrs Martin, Lynch, & Dowdall, spoke in favour of the motion "That this County devotes too much attention to its Intellectuals" while Messrs Farrelly, Brennan, Hickey, Mc Cunnegain, King Flattery & Byrne spoke against the motion. The motion was lost on a division.

Mr. Dowdall proposed Mr. Flattery seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor spoke in connection with the vote & said that the fact that the chairman had now to cycle 14 miles home should be a pointer to some of the members. The vote was passed with acclamation & the chairman replied suitably.

Question time was then re-opened and Mr Martin asked whether representations had yet been made to the Law Society regarding the provision of ruled paper at the book keeping man. At this stage the Auditor was asked on a point of order whether there was a quorum present. On ^{the result of} a count the Auditor declared the meeting adjourned & due to lack of a quorum.

P. H. Brennan
24/4/64

Tionólóid gnáir cruinnúí gheobhála de'n
Cumann ar dia naomh an 24^ú Deireán. Tosmúil
an cruinnúí ar 8.30 pm. Bí an Reirise i gclannas
Leig an Reirise nuair a bhí an cruinnúí
deiseáil agus sinéid iad gan aicé.

M. E. E. E.

ball nua
Co. freagairias

Ní raib son ball nua le rogh.

Téig an Rúnaidé Co. freagairias ó Cumann Iúdalac an tOlláire tóiscóir ag Raib go rabhadar tóiscóir le d'ad-áiríocht eor. a sheamair 7 an cumann do béir an tumpall ná beirne. Bí losca tóiscóir sa tóiscóir.

Tairisgine ar fáil
táir na gceor.

Ní raib son tairisgine ar fáil.

Ag tair na gceor, d'fearnaig Mac Uí Máire de'n Reacraire an deicid son Rud fós mar geall mar geall ar páipear Ríngála do cum an fáil d'annóirí ag áiríocht an páipear ag an nian-scriú. Dubair an Rúnaidé Co. freagairias gur scriób sé cum Rúnaidé an Cumann tóiscóir d'áiríocht ná áiríocht seor fearra fós. d'fearnaig Mac Uí Máire de'n Reacraire an Raib a fíos aige go Raib Rud tar eis tairíocht amac aoiríocht sé go Raib tairíocht deánra aige do seora fíin il. airmneac doime - ball de'n coire - dá cum síos ar losca na doime a láiríocht aige fós na doime síos do béir a láiríocht a n-son coir. Kinnig an seor tairíocht an Rúnaidé an seor do tairíocht a n-son.

Ghód an Reacraire a n-son ar Pórsaic Uas. ó fáilíocht tóiscóir d'áiríocht, t. d., Ceann Coiríocht tóiscóir tairíocht tóiscóir don díospóiríocht tóiscóir. Táiríocht Coiríocht tóiscóir Uas., Donabron Uas., tairíocht ó tairíocht Uas., agus John P. McHally tairíocht an tairíocht "go fáil an t. Oireacraire ag tairíocht do'n tóiscóir tairíocht mar tairíocht Reacraire." Ní raib se doime amac Pádraig tóiscóir Uas. tairíocht an tairíocht.

Ghód leis an tairíocht.

Mól Mac Uí tóiscóir. tairíocht tóiscóir

Do'n Caisoilig agus cibruig Mar Uí Fearcainlaig leis. Tabair
an Reocraine 2 d'ceol a, b'ora 7 glacaí e ansan le beahtú
bas.

Cé nac raib se' se 9.45 an uair seo ius
an Reocraine an Cumnuí an si. to corse lasba
quorum.

P. O'Nainy ó Chomráir.
(Reocraine)

1/5/44.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society
was held in the Solicitors Buildings on
May 18th. The Auditor presided. Due to the
fact that an extraordinary general meeting was
held beforehand the meeting did not commence
until 8.30

The minutes of the last meeting were read
by the Record Secretary. Mr. Allen asked how
his name was spelt in the minutes, on being
told how it was spelt, he said that he ^{had} ~~did~~
spelt ~~it~~ in that way. The Auditor said he
had merely to indicate the way he wanted it
spelt and it would be so spelt. Mr. McNealy
said that the minutes did not record the
fact that the poor attendance must have
seemed very insulting to the Chairman and furthermore
the fact that there was no quorum when
the chairman arrived so that he had to be
asked to go away & return later was not
recorded. The Auditor replied that while he
agreed with Mr. McNealy's sentiments, he ~~could~~
not accede to his request to make the requisite
insertions in the minutes as the attendance
sheet indicated the attendance and matters which

took place before the meeting could not be recorded. The Auditor added that he would ask the Record Secretary to make a special note of Mr. McChally's objection. Mr. Allen then asked why the minutes did not state the names of a member of the committee who was absent when the Rev. Coniacole took the chair. The Auditor said he did not see why the names of people on the committee should be specially mentioned in that respect when most of the ordinary members were not present. At this juncture Mr. De Valera rose ^{what he described as} to ~~try~~ refute the implications behind Mr. Allen's objection. While he was endeavouring to make his point he was consistently interrupted. He was eventually suspended by the Auditor. Mr. Boyd was also suspended (somewhat earlier than Mr. De Valera) for wearing his hat ^{while} the meeting was in progress.

Mr. Francis Thompson was proposed for membership by Mr. Warren, and seconded by Mr. O'Byrne. He was elected unanimously.

There were no motions on notice and no correspondence:

The correspondence secretary however said that he had not the addresses of quite a number of people. He then read a list of persons whom he asked to give their addresses as soon as possible.

At General Business the ~~last~~ meeting devoted ~~the~~ time to discussing the question of the annual outing. The Correspondence Secretary outlined the committee's attitude on the matter. Messrs Dowdall, Flanagan, O'Donoghue, Martin De Valera & Miss Dixon spoke on the subject. The Treasurer then spoke briefly. The Auditor then

adjourned the discussion and called on Professor
M. J. Ryan M.A., LL.B., B.E., B.Sc. Senior Counsel to take the
chair for a legal debate. The motion was "That The Rule
in *Merryweather v. Nixon* (8 Term Rep. 186) Should Be
Abolished" Messrs. De Valera, Brennan Lynch
McCarthy, Flanagan, King and O'Byrne spoke for the
motion while Messrs. Farrelly, Daly Martin, Warren
and McMullan spoke against the motion.

The Chairman put the motion to the House.
It was lost on a division.

Mr. Devalera proposed a vote of thanks to the
Chairman and Mr. McCarthy seconded it. The
Auditor spoke to the vote which was passed
with prolonged acclamation.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting
in connection with the debate. When he had
finished the Auditor adjourned the meeting as it
was then some minutes after 11. p.m.

Patrick J. Brennan. (Auditor).
3/5/44.

An ordinary general meeting of the
Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings
on Wednesday 3rd May. The Auditor presided.

The minutes were read by the Record
Secretary and were signed by the Auditor
after a slight alteration at the instance of
Mr. W.B. Allen.

There were no proposals for the election of new
members.

The Correspondence Secretary read a
letter from Mr. E.A. Plunkett Secretary of The
Incorporated Law Society which stated that

ruled paper would be provided at the book-keeping examination next June.

There were no motions on notice.

At general business the House went into committee to discuss the question of the Annual outing.

After the session of the House in committee the Auditor called on Mr J P O'Brien, President of the Irish Tourist Board to take the chair for Impromptu debate. The following spoke Messrs Farrelly, Dowdall, Miss Dixon, Messrs Brennan, De Valera, King, Flattery, O'Shane, Martin, Butler, Daly, McMullan, McNally, and Warren.

Mr Hickey proposed Mr E B Daly seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman. The Auditor spoke to the vote which was passed by acclamation. The meeting then adjourned.

Louis V. Nolan
Acting Auditor
8/5/44

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held on Monday, May 8th in the Solicitors Buildings. Mr. Louis V. Nolan presided as deputy auditor for part of the meeting and the Auditor presided for the remainder of the meeting.

The minutes were read by the Record Secretary and signed by the deputy auditor without alteration.

There were no proposals for the election of new members; there was no correspondence and there were no motions on notice.

At general business nominations were taken.

for the annual elections. The following were nominated;

For the office of Auditor

- Mr J.P. McChally proposer DOByrne Seconder W.S.A. Warren
- Mr. J. Martin proposer L.V. Nolan, Seconder L.M. Clifford
- Mr DOByrne proposer ^{W.B. Allen} D.M. Do, Seconder J.G. O'Donoghue
- Mr W.S.A. Warren proposer D.M. Dowling Seconder L.D. Boyd

For the office of Hon. ^{Record} Correspondence Secretary

- Mr. S.A. Dowdall proposer Seconder
- Mr S.M. Flanagan proposer R. King Seconder L. Clifford

For the office of Hon Correspondence Secretary

- Mr. L. Clifford proposer D. Healy Seconder M. Davis
- Miss M. Dixon " L.D. Boyd " D.M. Dowling
- Ms. J.M. Farrelly " J. De Valera " W.S.A. Warren

For the office of honorary Treasurer

- Mr. E.S. McMullen proposer P. Golden Seconder M. Dixon
- Ms. S. O'Cuinneagain " S.J. Dowling " DOByrne

For the committee

- Mr E.B. Daly proposer S. O'Cuinneagain Seconder P. Golden
- Mr H.G. Flattery " J. De Valera " M. Dixon
- Mr. P. Golden " M. Dixon " DOByrne
- Mr. G. Hickey " W.S.A. Warren " J.M. Farrelly
- Mr. R. King " M. Davis " J. Martin
- Ms. K. Lynch " J.M. Farrelly " J.R. King

Messrs L.V. Nolan & D.M. Dowling were elected as legal assessors. Messrs J.P. McChally & P. Woulfe were appointed by the house to act as scrutineers of the balance sheet.

Mr. J.P. McChally then stated he was withdrawing from the nominations for the office of Auditor. At this stage the meeting adjourned to view ^{cinematograph} pictures of the society's outing last year & the year before.

D'air uonolad su chunni pe ceumas

an Reacraine agus do glaoi se ar an Seablae
 an Cairde do tógaint don drispóireacht phublaic.
 Labair na daoine seo leanas ar son an tairisne
 go mba ceist Scodlauna do deunaim neam-
 áleairiá: Frank Martin, Pádraig Ó Gabláin, Liam
 de Thiurnáin 7 Donal O'Brien. I gcomhairle an
 tairisne bí Caoimhín O'Leary, Léon PÓ'Cluainín,
 Auncoi O'Flaville, Séamus t. McHardleau, Seosaim
 O'Cuinnéagáin, R. Mac Conaor, Pádraig O'Keefe
 7 Gerald Hickey.

Míol C. O'Leary ~~for~~ bora buidéalais don
 Cairdeach. Ceirneál. Cuinnéagáin leas 7 d'ádhairge an
 Reacraine leo. Glacáid an bora le bealaib' b'as

Táinig an Reacraine i gceannas ar an
 Jerunnú ar uair. Dubairt Mac Uí Dubhail
 7 Mac Uí Cuinnéagáin go raib se' socair acu
 a sinneacha do tarrangt sear ón lósa
 sinneacha d'ádhairge sa tógáin.

Ausán Míol Dá Dowdall, agus cuidig
 S. M. Flanagan leas, ~~an~~ ~~an~~ John Puchally
 d'ádhairge mar varraoia cyceor.

Míol ~~Phionn~~ ~~Ó'Keefe~~ 7 cuidig ^{Míol Dá} ~~Mac Uí Dubhail~~ leas
 go ndé n-sinneachaí Seosaim O'Cuinnéagáin mar
 ball den coisde.

Míol J. De Valera 7 cuidig S. Flanagan
 leas go n-sinneachaí Desmond J. Dowdall
 mar ball de'n coisde.

Cuinnéagáin an Cuinnéagáin

John P. Wally
 v.c. 18/5/44

SOLICITORS' APPRENTICES' DEBATING SOCIETY OF IRELAND

SESSION 1944-1945.

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HONORARY AUDITOR..... Mr Frank Martin
HONORARY RECORD SECRETARY..... Mr Sean M. Flanagan, B.A.
HONORARY CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY..... Miss Moya Dixon
HONORARY TREASURER..... Mr John P. McNally, B.A.

COMMITTEE :-

MR. DESMOND J. A. DOWDALL, B. A.
MR. I. KEVIN LYNCH,
MR. HENRY J. FLATTERY,
MR. PATRICK J. BRENNAN

SOLICITORS APPRENTICES DEBATING SOCIETY OF
IRELAND

On Thursday the 18th day of May 1944 the closing Meeting of the 60th Session was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The Auditor, Mr Patrick J. Brennan, presided.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary and signed with two minor alterations by the Auditor.

The Treasurer, Mr Warren, presented his Balance Sheet and Report. During the session about £360. passed through the Treasurer's hands, leaving a small balance to credit. On the proposal of Mr D. M. Dowling, seconded by Mr G. M. Doyle the Report and Balance Sheet were unanimously adopted by the House.

The Auditor then submitted his Report on the affairs of the Society during his term of office. In it he mentioned that the record number of 83 apprentices had been members of the Society during the Session. He added that the Society had been fortunate in having the services of many talented Irish Speakers, a fact which was more important on account of the difficulty of the motions debated through the medium of Irish during the Session. He wished to record his appreciation of the honour paid to the Society by An Taoiseach in presiding at the opening Meeting of the Session. On that occasion Mr Ralph Brereton Barry, S.C. had delighted everyone by the charm and brilliance of his personality. It was, therefore, with very great regret that he had to record his untimely death. Having paid tribute to the deep interest taken in the Society by the President and Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society, the Auditor concluded by thanking individually the Committee who had worked so hard with him and generally the ordinary members of the Society who had given him their loyal support. Mr Boyd proposed and Mr Dowling seconded the adoption of the report which was passed unanimously.

A list of members who had received and returned Ballot papers was read by the Record Secretary. The result of the election of officers and Committee for the Session 1944-1945 was then declared as follows:-

Honorary Auditor.....Mr Frank Martin
Honorary Record Secretary.....Mr Sean M. Flanagan, B.A.
Honorary Correspondence Secretary.....Miss Moya Dixon
Honorary Treasurer.....Mr John P. McNally, B.A.

COMMITTEE:-

Mr Desmond J. A. Dowdall, B.A.
Mr I. Kevin Lynch
Mr Henry J. Flattery
Mr Patrick J. Brennan (Ex. Auditor, Ex. Officio)

The newly elected auditor and Committee then assumed office. On taking the chair the auditor announced the Medal awards for the Session just concluded as follows:-

ORATORY

Incorporated Law Society's Gold Medal
and Special CertificateMR SEAN M. FLANAGAN
The Debating Society's Silver Medal.....MR JOHN P. McNALLY
Special CertificateMR JAMES M. FARRELLY

LEGAL DEBATE

President's Gold Medal.....MR JOHN P. McNALLY
Society's Silver Medal.....MR TOIRLEACH DEVALERA

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Vice President's Gold Medal.....MR PATRICK J. BRENNAN
Vice President's Silver Medal.....MR FRANK MARTIN

I.R.I.S.H. DEBATE

Society's Gold Medal.....SIOBHAN O. CUINNÉAGAIN
Society's Silver Medal.....MR KEVIN LYNCH

F I R S T Y E A R S P E A K E R Seosamh Uasal O. Cuinneagain

Mr Nolan proposed and Miss Dixon seconded a Vote of thanks to the Outgoing Auditor and Committee. Various Members associated themselves with this Vote, which was passed with acclamation. The Ex - Auditor replied suitably and proposed a vote of congratulation to the new Auditor and Committee. In returning thanks the newly elected Auditor said that he could wish for nothing better than that the traditions of his Society would be as well maintained as they had been by his predecessor.

The Meeting then adjourned.

DATED this 27th day of October 1944.

T. E. O'Regan

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PRESIDENT INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY

The Inaugural Meeting of the 27th. first Session was held on Friday the 27th of October 1944 in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin. The President of the Incorporated Law Society, Mr. Louis O'Dea, presided.

minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary & signed without alteration by the Chairman.

medals
The Chairman then distributed the medals and certificates for the previous Session as recorded in the minutes of the last meeting. In addition he presented to Mr. Brennan the Incorporated Law Society's Gold medal for Composition.

Auditorial Address
He then called on the Auditor to deliver the Inaugural address on "Partition and the Peace".

Mr. Denis Ireland was singled out by the Auditor in his introductory words. He had come at no small inconvenience to himself and in doing so had served to make the distinguished platform truly representative.

Going on to outline the substance of his paper, the Auditor pointed out that the presence of Partition in our time was tangible evidence of British political dishonesty & intrigue. It was the result of a calculated plan to dismember Ireland, a plan consistent with their universal policy summed up

in the phrase "divide & dominate".

The Auditor sketched the working of this plan in Palestine & India & drew attention to the subterfuge, intrigue and pretence employed in its implementation. He sketched too how the Masonic element in the six counties was utilized to keep the sore open, to make sure that dissension did not cease... lest the Catholics of the North should rise to power and imperil the British position.

In concluding, the Auditor emphasised the necessity for better understanding in this country, increased unity of purpose, in regard to this vital problem. For how can we employ all our ~~resources~~ ^{resources} until ~~they~~ ^{we} are first united, determined & insistent?

The Address was received with prolonged and enthusiastic applause by the very large gathering present.

Senator Prof.
Magennis

Senator Professor W. Magennis said that he could not give even adequate praise to the Auditor for the second and most important section of his paper. He did, however, disagree with him on two points. One was that though Irishmen everywhere should have condemned Partition from the outset, historically it was true to say that they did not. The other was that strictly speaking the sentence

of Partition was due to Tory Imperial policy.

It was not an Ulster question but a national one. And the country would, as the Auditor emphasised, have to unite in its determination to put an end to British rule in our island

Mr. Denis
Ireland.

Captain Denis Ireland, having expressed his appreciation of the Auditor's invitation, said that the war and the ensuing aftermath would make unity on this vital question inevitable.

The Ulster Union Club had suggested an Irish Army of Defence and as a further step the conclusion of a defensive alliance with Great Britain. Such suggestions were not, however, very popular!

Mr. Sean
McBride

Mr. Sean McBride S.C. pointed out that the question of Partition was doubly difficult at the present time. It was a delicate problem in itself, but also a dangerous one in view of the Government's policy of Neutrality in the present war.

It would be necessary as an initial step that the 26 Counties should have a properly organised and respected Government. For at the present time the confidence of the country was not behind a Government which purported to treat every man justly but in actual fact did not.

Mr. Brian
Cogaue

Mr. Brian Cogaue emphasised the necessity for better relations between the 26 Counties and the people in Northern Ireland. A non-party programme should be agreed to in the first place; ministers &

delegations from this country should meet
ministers & delegations from the North; and
the past behaviour of British politicians should
not be taken as a guide to their present
attitude.

The Chairman

The President in a short closing
address complimented the Auditor on his
fine paper & the Society on its achievements.
It afforded him great pleasure to
preside at the inaugural meeting, especially
in such distinguished company.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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1945-45

An ordinary general meeting was held in the Solicitors Building, Lower Courts on Monday the 30th of October. The Auditor presided.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary & signed without alteration by the Auditor.

During the reading of the minutes Mr. O'Curra again interrupted, protesting that the Record Secretary was reading them very indistinctly.

At the request of the Auditor the minutes were then re-read.

New Members On the proposal of Miss Dixon, seconded by Mr. Flanagan the following members were unanimously elected:— Misses Rosney, Kennedy, Nolan, Beatty, Matthews & Hickey; Messrs McDermally, McCarthy, Kivlan, Doyle, Ronan, Lynch, O'Dwyer, Kelly, Lawlor, Norman, Brennan & Sweeney.

Correspondence The Correspondence Secretary read two invitations, one from the ^{College} Historical Society of Trinity College to the Auditor, the other from the metaphysical Society of Trinity to the Officers of this Society.

Motions There were no motions on notice so the House proceeded to General business which the Auditor opened by thanking the members of his Committee and especially Miss Moya Dixon for the help they had given so unsparingly in preparing for the Inaugural meeting. The Auditor then announced that an informal dance would be held on the 11th of November and outlined the conditions

under which it would be held. The Auditor also announced that the Annual Dance in the Gresham would be held this year on the 15th of November. Finally the Auditor informed the house that the debate cards furnished for the first ordinary debate were merely temporary & that mistakes which it contained would not be repeated in the debate card proper. Mr. Lynch wanted to know when the cards were printed, the Auditor informing him that he didn't print them, didn't live at the printers & therefore didn't know.

At this stage Mr. Warren proposed & Mr. Woulfe seconded the suspension of Standing Orders in order to introduce the motion "That the best thanks of the Society are due to the Auditor for his Inaugural Address". The motion was passed with acclamation.

The Auditor proceeded to announce the forthcoming inter-debate with Belvedere College on the 10th of November; that a vugger practice was to be held in Belfield the following day; and that in accordance with rule 37 a vacancy had occurred on the committee.

Mr. Lynch objected on the ground that rule 6 had been violated & that consequently there could be no breach of rule 37. In supporting Mr. Lynch, Mr. DeValera said that the Auditor

The ex-auditor, Mr. Patrick J. Keenan, was absent from the meeting. Before the meeting concluded, Mr. T.R.R. King asked the ~~chairman~~ a question which was duly answered.

was hedging". Mr. De Valera was immediately warned & having refused to withdraw the remark, suspended.

Mr. Lynch then proposed the suspension of Standing orders to introduce the motion that ^{this House is of opinion that} rule ~~has~~ been violated. Mr. De Valera seconded. The suspension of Standing Orders having been carried, the motion was, after much discussion — futile & fruitless — put to the house & defeated.

Mr. Warren had supported & Miss Dixon opposed the motion.

The visiting chairman Mr. Seamus Mac Fionnlairic, president of the Gaelic League then took the chair for public debate on the motion "that the foreign games ban has continued its usefulness." The following members spoke: — For — Messrs. Shanagan, Farrell, Flattery, Miss Beatty, Messrs. King, Hickey & Warren & Miss Dixon; Against — Messrs. McInally, Daly, Farrell, Dondally, Lynch, Nolan, O'Curran & the Auditor. The Chairman

put the motion to the house & it was passed by a very large majority.

Mr. ~~proposed~~ Miss Dixon seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman, the Auditor associating himself with them.

The Meeting Chairman then withdrew & question time was declared open. However, it remained open only for a couple of minutes it being nearly eleven o'clock. At that hour the meeting adjourned.

Advised by the
Auditor on 1895-6

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An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts on Monday the 6th November. The Auditor presided.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and after a technical objection by Mr W. R. King, were signed by the Auditor.

New Members On the proposal of _____ recorded by _____ the following new members were unanimously elected:-

Eamonn P. Carroll, Thomas J. Kelly and Paul Kearns.

Correspondence The Hon. Correspondence Secretary read a letter in Irish from an *An Comhata Mairiúnaí* an *Reacaire du Cumann Zaidiac Colais ce* na h-Oiscle b' *Ji Chis*

Upon request this letter was translated to the meeting by the Correspondence Secretary. An objection was made by Mr Clifford to the translation by the Correspondence Secretary of the signature subscribed to this letter, which he maintained should remain as *O'Moran* and not *Moran*.

The Auditor then announced that in accordance with Rule 39 a vacancy had been created on the Committee, that he had given notice at the previous meeting that this vacancy had been created and would be filled by ballot ~~at~~ at this meeting. The following were proposed and seconded to fill the vacancy viz:-

Ferdal Hickey ; William S. A. Warren ; Michael James M. Farrelly ; Michael Farrelly

After a ballot Mr Ferdal Hickey was

declared elected and amidst applause took his place at the Committee table.

Standing orders were suspended in order "that the house do present Mr Lynch with some token of gratitude for his work on the Committee." Mr McHally, the proposer, spoke at great length on this motion; Messrs DeValera, Lynch, Wolfe, Warren and Clifford also spoke on the motion, which was carried unanimously. On being asked what type of token it was proposed to give Mr Lynch, the Auditor deferred further discussion on the matter until the next meeting.

The following ^(with the auditor) were elected to represent the Society at an inter-debate with Belvedere on the 14th November: Messrs McHally, Ferrally and Hickey.

On being asked by the Auditor Miss Dixon and Mr Brennan gave the House full details of the Hop and Blackline Dance to be held on the 11th and 15th Nov. respectively.

The Visiting Chairman, Senator Louis E. O'Shea, President of the Society then took the Chair for public debate, the motion being "that Bunscoot na h'Eireann is but an empty formula."

The following members spoke for — John E. Doyle, Miss Moya Dixon, Des J. Dowdell, Gerald Hickey, William Norton, Miss Ella Beatty, Cianán Mac an Faoiligh, S. O'Cuinneagain, F. Weston, H. Odgers.

Against: Messrs Kevin Lynch, Eoin C. Dely, ~~Mr~~ Florence J. MacCarthy, Dominic M. Dowling, Thos. King, Miss Josephine O'Keefe, Len P. Clifford, James M. Ferrally, Pat J. Brennan, John P. McHally, Benedict Dely, J. Sweeney, Tomaloe

de Valera.

The Chairman put the motion to the House at 11.45 pm. Defeated by a comparatively large majority. At the request of the visiting Chairman the proposing of a vote of thanks was dispensed with on account of the lateness of the hour. The Auditor then personally and on behalf of the Society thanked Senator O'Dea for having travelled especially from Galway to preside at this meeting and amidst loud applause and cheering Senator O'Dea withdrew.

The meeting was then declared adjourned.

Francis Porter
Auditor 1864-65

An Ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Four Courts on ~~Tuesday~~ ^{Wednesday} the 8th November 1944.

The Auditor presided.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after a question in respect of the spelling in one portion of the Minutes posed by Mr Clifford, was satisfactorily answered - the Minutes were signed by the Auditor.

New Members: There were no new members for election.

Correspondence: The Hon. Correspondence Secretary read an invitation addressed to the Auditor, from the President of the Incorporated Law Society inviting him to the President's dinner to be held in the Four Courts on Thursday next November 16th 1944 at 7.30 p.m. The words R.S.O.P. plus the phrase "before 9th November" appeared on the left hand side of the invitation and it is hoped that this is no reflection on the promptitude of any of our members to accept an invitation to any dinner.

Motion on Notice: There is one Motion on Notice for Monday next November 20th reading as follows:-

"That the Auditor's ruling on the admission of the Press to the Private Business of the Society be annulled and that no person other than members of the Society be admitted or allowed to be present at the Private Business of the Society and this motion be mandatory on the Committee."

Proposer: William S. A. Warren

Seconder: James H. B. Lawlor.

Announcements: The Auditor intimated that the Hon. Corr. Sec had some further information left about the fence and the plot. The Hon. Corr. Sec. informed the House that all the Trustees

for the informal fence on Saturday November 11th were distributed. In answering some questions about the Annual fence the Hon. Carr. Sec. informed Mr Wolfe that bookings now stood at 150 but pointed out that a figure such as this may prove misleading; Mr Jewell was informed that the fence ^{is} being advertised both in U.C. J and T.C. J. The House was informed that Members double tickets were now available - it was cordially recommended that ^{"valuable"} "consideration" should accompany applications for same.

Question-time. The meeting, which up to this had shown marked signs of lethargy, ~~was~~ began to move quietly and ^{eventually} ~~then~~ woke up when Question-time was declared open.

Mr Wolfe asked why and under what rule were outsiders admitted to the special committees of the Society as had happened at the Inaugural. The Auditor replied that a precedent which was created during the Audit of Mr. Thompson's food, had been followed. In reply to a question by Mr. T.R.B. King the Auditor said that considering the services rendered by these "outsiders" he saw no reason why there should not be extended to them the privileges attaching to positions on such committees. The Auditor announced that he hoped "the fiasco" would take place before the end of this week at the forthcoming trial.

Mr Warren inquired as to whether Rule 26 of the Constitution had been broken, because he alleged that an ordinary sheet of paper had been put up on the Notice Board instead of a marked or lined sheet as referred to in the rule quoted, for the purpose of putting names down for speakers. The Auditor in answer said that at a Committee meeting it was decided that in order to facilitate all students equitably it was decided to put up an ordinary sheet.

At this stage the Auditor repeated his undertaking either through expediency or necessity that the list of speakers as it appeared before

The debate ~~remained~~ would be followed during the festive Annual
meeting ~~to be held~~ from Mr. Warren he qualified the statement
of saying that if the circumstances warranted it a
change in order might be made.

When Mr. Hawker suggestively asked if Membership Cards of the
Society should or could be used to gain cheaper admissions
to these Meetings as Students cards of U.C. & T.C. The
Auditor expressed delight at such an idea, and
after complimenting Mr. Hawker on his extraordinary foresight
and inventiveness, expressed himself in favour of doing
something about it. Mr. Warren amusedly interjected
with the story of one Applicant who had made it a practice
to use his membership card on such occasions.

Following this up Mr. Clifford asked if such Membership
cards should not admit one with little difficulty to Green
Street Club house. A trial of Informal festive opened on this
point and Miss Mason pointed out that a Committee had
last year approached Mr. Sherlock the New City-Sheriff in
connection with the admission of Applicants to Green Street and
that he referred them to Mr. O'Connor, who took an extremely
poor view allegedly of their request maybe of themselves
(a part never cleared up), and told them that no difficulty
should be experienced in their admission but on no account
could a part of the cost be reserved for them.

Mr. Joyce amusedly related that he had always succeeded in
getting in - his method being to walk in as if he owned the
Club and he pointed out that he was not unduly abashed
when once he found himself with hundreds to the right
of him & hundreds to the left of him. He also succeeded in ~~getting~~^{getting}
in last when it was cleared. Mr. Fawcett, and Mr.
Kelly also spoke. The dinner came when standing orders
were suspended to enable Mr. Clifford to introduce the following
motion:-

"That the Hon. Com. Sec. make representation to the Council of the

introduced the Society by Solicitor Appkins he facilitated in
order to free Stuart."

Mr Clifford introduced the motion without saying anything startling - he
was seconded by Mr Woulfe who stressed at length the seriousness
of the motion. His earnestness turned almost to rage after
the seventh or eight interruption from various members of the House
rising with no points of order. Mr Woulfe's persistence won
through. Mr "Peter-Pan" (a courtesy of Senator Farrelly) de Valera
who does not believe in having a paper-doll to ~~his~~ his own, rose
and spoke against the motion. His reason as he put it was for
such a firm stand was not the interests of the Cardinal virtues,
the theological virtues and of course morality. Some of the
de Valera allegations brought forth from the house - the atmosphere
got tense, as an apology was demanded. Immundo's followed
in quick succession. Mr de Valera was fighting a battle of wits
with no ammunition. He asked the Auditor to "warn" him
- this was duly done. Eventually above the fracas of indignation,
horrified appeals and murderous threats came the speaker's
voice to announce that he was about to finish speaking against
the motion. His sermon had finished on a pathetic note. ~~Mr Warren~~
Mr Michael Warren and Mr Joyce spoke for the motion before
Mr Clifford replied.

The motion was passed after a division had been challenged.
Mr Woulfe then inquired of the Auditor if Rule 27 of the
Constitution had been broken. Without ~~replying~~ answering definitely in
the affirmative or the negative the Auditor referred the question to
the Hon. Carr. Sec. The Hon. Carr. Sec. spoke of how Mr
Kees van Hook commonly & crudely known as "Spectator" (an
admitted misnomer) had disaffiliated the House at the last
minute - a state of emergency then arose and so it was
necessary to get a Chairman without the ^{prior} approval of the
Committee.

A question as to whether Appkins were allowed at the Solicitor
Table in Court was learnedly answered of the Auditor who reported

to the Comrs of Justice (Ireland) Acts of 1924 & 1936 and said that the answer was in the negative, but that the Comrs generally allowed some latitude in the matter.

Mr Joyce at this stage handed in a Motion for leave as follows :-

"That the motion for leave be put to the House before the Chairman's address".

The seconder was Mr Wolfe.

It was noticed that several members at once that an outsider was in the House during Private Business.

Many members rose to get up to question the advisability of such procedure. The Auditor was swamped for questions and called for order - all sat down except Mr Jowdell. The Auditor threatened to suspend him - his stubbornness persisted but when the "warning" from the Auditor came it bowled him over. Again the procedure of numerous questions was repeated - Mr de Valera interjected at untimely intervals, and protesting against such affront to courtesy to visitors. Eventually the Auditor laid down the ruling - according to the very useful book called "Palgrave's Manual" - that representatives of the Press were allowed to be present during Private Business. When credentials were asked for by one member - Mr de Valera's indignation rose him to his feet but left him speechless. Weird and wonderful whispers could be heard from the House, weirder and more wonderful from the platform.

When Miss Jison proposed that the Visiting Chairman - Mr Barrett, President Solicitors ^{Bar} Association, now take the Chair - it was passed unanimously.

A very entertaining impromptu debate followed. The following helped to make it so by their wisdom and wit: The Auditor, Misses Jison, Betty and Mrs. Flaherty, Clifford, de Valera, Hewler, Healy, King, Kelly, Joyce Wolfe.

Farrally, Farrell, Walsh, O'Juryer. and Jowdell.
Before the debate opened Mr Joyce inquired what had
happened his motion which he handed in - upon
agreement with the Chairman that it was not of paramount
importance - he decided to leave it rest.

The Chairman gave a short speech on the importance of
and the impediments necessary for Intromptu speaking and
after a brilliant summing up of most of the speeches delivered
handed the meeting over at 11.5 p.m. to the Auditor.

A sensible note of thanks to the Chairman was followed by
Mr Warren and seconded by Mr Flattery. The Auditor
then personally + on behalf of the house rendered his sincerest
thanks and deepest appreciation of the Chairmans life
past and present, with no forgetting to hope optimistically
for the future.

The note of thanks was passed with more than the usual
acclamation.

The meeting then was then declared adjourned.

Francis Martin
Auditor 1944-45.

An ordinary General Meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts on Monday the 13th of November 1944. The Auditor presided. Owing to unforeseen difficulty the chair was not taken at the scheduled hour of 7.15, the Auditor explaining this fact to the satisfaction of all except Mr McNally who insisted that the meeting was entirely unconstitutional.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Sec. (in part) & in part by his deputy Mr. Dowdall.

There were a number of objections to the minutes, some of which were made in Irish by Mr. Lynch. To this Mr. McNally took violent exception on the ground that Mr. Lynch should at least refrain from using bad or bog Irish. Mr. McNally objected also on the ground that the minutes had been written by Mr. Desmond (not to mention Jacob Abraham) Dowdall and read by Mr. Hanagan. The Auditor informed him that as Mr. Hanagan was Hon. Rec. Secretary he was entitled to read the minutes, all things to the contrary notwithstanding. Mr. King objected to the tone of the minutes as flippant. It could be said that Mr. King was flipping himself. The Auditor, however, ruled such objection out of order since the proceedings referred to were indeed frivolous & inaccurately represented as such.

Mr. Wolfe took exception to the minutes on the ground that the meeting Chairman had not been accurately described as

Chairman of the "Solicitors Benevolent Association"
The word benevolent was consequently altered to
'Bor'. The minutes were then signed.

During the course of these objections Messrs
McNally & Dowdall had to be suspended for
notions & undisciplined behaviour.

There were no proposals for membership.

The Hon. Corr. Sec. read a communication from
the Secretary of the Catholic Association for International
Affairs requesting any or all of the members of
the Society to attend an address to be
delivered under the auspices of the Association
in Jersey's Hotel on Monday the 20th of November 1964.

Arising out of this communication Mr.
King (T.R.R. King) inquired if the invitation
was extended to the Auditor alone. He later
informed Mr. King that the meeting was
open to the public generally.

The following motion in the names of
Mr. McNally & Miss Rooney has been put
on notice - "That a letter be written
by the Hon. Corr. Sec. to Herr Kees van
Hoek pointing out his grave breach of
honour in not attending our meeting
as requested and that he be placed
on our "black list".

A motion of similar import
but couched in stronger language was
rejected by the Auditor, but only after
considerable discussion had taken
place. No decision as to the correct
pronunciation of the word h-o-e-k ^{was} ~~being~~
reached. It was suggested inter
alia that it be pronounced hook, hoyek,

New Members

Correspondence

Motions on
Notice

General

hate, huck and 'yorks'. It is suggested also that the declaration of the nation *huc hanc* would eventually disclose the secret.

Standing Orders having been formally suspended, Mr. Doyle introduced a motion that the motion for public debate be put to the house before the visiting chairman make his or her summary up.

Mr. Donliffe seconded. On the proposal of Mr. Lynch seconded by Mr. Hanagan that the question be now put the motion was placed before the House & passed by 19 votes to 2.

The Auditor then took proposals for election to a team to represent the Society in International Debate with the German Gesellschaft. The following were elected: Mr. Clifford, Cianán Mac an Fáltaiz and Mrs. Allen.

S. Públidie

Zlaoí an leicáire annsin ar Eilín
ní Cártaíobairí an cáiora do zógainz
Dón D'ospáireaciz públidie. Labar
mic Uí Ceansiz, Uí Fálaiz, Ingeán^{nr} Cillín,
mic Uí Clíomáin, an fáilíz, Ingeán Ní
Rosnawie 7 nac Uí Flannazáin ar
son an rún "Zur feidre an zik do
Zólu in ár linn" Labar an
z-ingeán Beatty, Mic Uí Reaccázáin, U
h. Eilize, Uí Fearanilaiz, Ingeán ní
Meada 7 Ingeán^{nr} Donzusa 1 Zóinne an
rún. Zlaoí an rún.

Móil Rún Ceidreacas
Dón cáioraiz 7 curiz
leis. S' aonuz an leicáire beo
7 Zlaoí an rún le Cuatad bas
S' fearazur an cáiorleac agus
curleac Seire leis an Zóinnim

annsin 2003 nac Raib quorum no
neis Saime Maczani ann.

Francis Hartin

Auditor 1906-05.

END OF MICHAELMAS TERM 20th November 24

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings Lower Courts Dublin on Monday the 20th of November 1944. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Honorary Record Secretary and signed, after much argument, by the Auditor. The main bone of contention was a flapper, otherwise flipper. The flapper seemed to be the property of Mr. King but had a fluid existence even in the mind of Mr. Wolfe. The Auditor informed Mr. King that in his opinion the minutes as read did not reflect on or refer to his character & must stand. Mr. Dowdall objected to the ridiculing of his name but the Auditor assured Mr. Dowdall that the minutes merely recorded quite accurately the details of an unfortunate occurrence & could not be amended. The minutes were then signed.

New member

Mr. Cally was proposed for membership and unanimously elected.

Correspondence

The Auditor informed the house ^{he understood} that there was no correspondence.

In this statement Messrs King, McNally & Brennan took violent exception, the latter with Mr McNally accusing the Auditor of withholding correspondence because it was in Irish or alternatively because it was inexpedient.

Motion on Notice

The Auditor put down his foot. The Auditor won his point on the technical ground that as the Correspondence Sec. was not available he could not verify his statement & hence that he must act on the information at his disposal however inaccurate it might be.

There is no fresh motion on notice.

The Auditor then called on Mr. W. S. A. Warren to propose the following motion which had been put on notice "That the Auditor's ruling on the admission of the Press to the private business of the Society be annulled and that no person other than members of the Society be admitted or allowed to be present at the private business of the Society & that this motion be mandatorily on the Committee"

Mr. Rawlson seconded. Messrs Boyd & Wolfe supported; Messrs De Valera & Lynch opposed the motion. On the proposal of Mr. Hanagan seconded by Mr. Flattery the question was put to the house & carried by 26 votes to 9.

Before this event, however, a long, involved and somewhat intemperate debate took place on the question of the proposer's right of reply. Mr. Boyd insisted on bowing to the Auditor's ruling. Mr. Brennan insisted that ~~the Auditor~~ had contradicted himself.

~~Mr. Warren~~, in accordance with S.O. 18th had claimed his right of reply before the motion he put to the house. The Auditor in exercising the powers of his office denied Mr. Warren the opportunity but not the right to reply.

Mr. Warren took exception to this procedure & proclaimed himself in "dead earnest" about the whole matter. The motion was finally put — no reply having been made & passed as recorded by H. W. to 7.

On the proposal of Mr. Hanagan seconded by Mr. Lynch "that the visiting chairman do now take the chair" the Auditor called on Mr. Joseph Brennan to take the chair for public debate on the motion "That the present alliance of world powers will not long obscure the coming of peace." In a lively debate the following members spoke

for

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The visiting chairman in the course of a brilliant speech complimented the Society on the high standard of debate. On the proposal of Mr McNally seconded by Mr. Flanagan a vote of thanks to the visiting chairman was passed with acclamation. The Auditor associated himself with the vote & then, as it was 11 o'clock, adjourned the meeting.

Frank Martin

Auditor

1943-45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday the 15th of January 1945. The Auditor was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary and signed with one minor alteration by the Auditor.

Objections.

Mr. McNally objected to the minutes on the ground that they contained contradictory statements on the matter of correspondence which was allegedly withheld from the Society at a previous meeting. The Auditor informed Mr McNally that this was not the case.

The same member objected that no reference had been made to the excellence of the summing-up speech made by the visiting chairman. The Auditor

informed Mr. Mc Nally that an appropriate entry would be made.

Mr. Dowdall objected on the ground that no mention was made of the motion in the names of Mr. Mc Nally & Miss Cosney which was put on notice & scheduled for debate during the evening proceedings. The Auditor informed Mr. ~~D. N. A.~~ Dowdall that the debate on this motion was deferred at a previous meeting & that a record of the motion had been already inserted in the minute-book. The mins. were then signed

There were no proposals for new members

The Correspondence Secretary then read a letter from Mr Mc William the Sec. of the Northern Solicitors Apprentice Debating Society. In it Mr. Mc William invited the customary team of four members to attend at Belfast on the 29th inst. in order to hold an inter-debate there between the two societies

There was also a letter from the Sec. of the Mount St. Club in which it was proposed that a representative of this club should take part in any debate on social security or kindred subjects.

Finally there was a letter from a Captain Mac Carthy requesting The Society to verify the fact of his being awarded a Special Certificate some years ago.

The Auditor then called on Mr. McNally to propose the motion "that a letter be written by the Hon. Corr. Sec. to Herr Kees van Hook pointing out his grave breach of honour in not attending our meeting as requested & that he be placed on our "black list" In the absence of Miss Rooney, Mr. Woulfe seconded.

The following spoke
For: D. J. A. Dowdall Against Miss Dixon & Mr. Hanegan. Mr. McNally replied. In the ensuing show of hands Mr. Clifford failed entirely to count beyond 8 without making gross errors. He was denuded for incapacity & Mr. De Valera installed in his place. Miss Allen was retained as teller no ii.

Mr. De Valera was equally unsuccessful. In fact Mr. De Valera made a muck of his job he was expelled too, but not before he had smoked a pipe of "Waverley" mostly for wavering minds.

Ultimately the motion was carried. The visiting chairman ^{Mr. John S. O'Connell T.D. Sec.} then took the chair for public debate on the motion "that the decisions in Smith & King & Keelic & Sheil were contrary to natural justice & afford

of the necessity for a change in the Law.
The following spoke :- For : Messrs Dixon,
Messrs Lynch Mac an Faubz, Farrell &
The Auditor; Against :- Messrs De Valera
Daly, Sweeney, O'Dwyer, Flanagan & Noonan.

The visiting chairman summed up.
Mr. Mac an Faubz proposed & Mr. Hattery
seconded a vote of thanks to the visiting
chairman. The Auditor associated
himself with it and thanked the
visiting chairman for an excellent
exposition of the law relating to Infants
(including the Auditor). Mr. O'Connell
replied suitably & as there was
no longer a quorum the meeting
adjourned at 10.55.

January 7th 1945

Francis Hattery

Auditor 44/45

An ordinary general meeting of The Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Monday the 22nd of January 1945. The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary.

Miss Dixon objected to a certain sentence in the minutes as being unintelligible. The Auditor assured her that she was wrong. The minutes were then signed.

The Hon. Corr. Sec. read a communication from the Sec. of the Northern Ireland S.A.D.S. affirming the date already fixed for Inter. debate. There were no

questions arising out of correspondence except an ejaculation from Mr. Donnell.

It is considered best to avoid detail in regard to same!

There were no notices on notice.

Mr. Flanagan then proposed the suspension of Standing Orders in order to introduce the following motion "That in the interests of this Society the Council of the Incorporated Law Society be requested to present annually a Silver medal to be presented (if the standard so warrants) to the lady speaker who attains highest marks in one Oratory, one legal & one impromptu debate respectively to be held during the Session; this motion to be mandatory on the committee." The

seconder was Mr. D. Dowdall.

Mr. McNally objected on the ground that the motion was ultra vires at the present time. The Auditor accepted the motion, however, & also the following amendments; "that there must be at least four ladies competing before an award is made - proposer John P. McNally; seconder James F. Farrelly;

"that the motion be extended to include an Irish debate - proposer S. O'Connell, seconder J. Doyle.

The former amendment was passed; the latter defeated by the house.

Standing orders having been suspended the Auditor called on the proposer to speak to the motion. The following spoke: Against Messrs Lavelle & O'Connell; For Messrs Dowdall (the seconder) Kelly, McNally & Healy. The motion was carried on a show of hands.

The house then passed standing and in silence a vote of sympathy with Miss Rosney on her recent bereavement.

Question time was then declared open. Mr. Lynch asked if the debate fixed for March the 30th would be put forward owing to the fact that the last lecture takes place on the 23rd.

The Auditor called on Mr. Flanagan to reply & he stated that the matter had been already raised & would be considered

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at a committee meeting in the near future.

Mr. Lynch then interrupted to propose that Standing orders should be suspended to enable him introduce the following motion — "That the name of this Society appearing on the programme of Debates is incorrect & should be changed to read 'Selectors Apprentices of Ireland Debating Society'."

Mr. Dowdall then interrupted in order to ask if a letter had been written to Mr. Kees Van Hook. The Auditor informed Mr. Dowdall that it had not.

Then Mr. Flattery inquired of the Auditor if he had any intention of listening to Mr. Lynch whose motion was being ignored. The Auditor said yes but that an amendment in the names of Mr. Doyle & Mr. O'Connell had been received. The amendment proposes "that the name of the Society shall be the Selectors Apprentices' Debating Society".

A second amendment was then proposed by Mr. Hickey & seconded by Mr. Healy. It reads "and that this motion shall be mandatory on the Auditor & Committee".

At this stage the Auditor announced the results of the election of three members to accompany the Auditor to Belfast for the purpose of holding an inter-debate with the Northern Selectors Apprentices. The following had been proposed

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seconded Messrs Farrell, McNally, Hanagan, O'Connell, Miss Dixon, Messrs Hickey, O'Connell, O'Dwyer & Doyle. Others who were proposed withdrew their names. The following were elected: Miss Dixon, Messrs Hanagan & McNally.

The Auditor then conveyed to the Society the deep regret of Mr. Justice Reddin for his inability to preside at the public debate. He had unfortunately overlooked the matter until Miss Dixon had phoned him & it was then too late to set out.

The Auditor then requested Mr. Lynch to postpone discussion on his motion. Mr. Lynch agreed, the Auditor then proceeding to the election from the members of the House, a chairman for public debate. The Auditor, Mr. Frank Martin was unanimously elected and remained in the chair in a new capacity. A lively impromptu debate ensued and the following spoke Messrs Lynch, O'Dwyer, O'Connell, Miss Dixon, Messrs Colley, Farrell, Hall, Doyle, O'Connor, Farrell, McNally, Hanagan, ^{Hutton} Day, Martin Noonan & Sweeney & the Messrs McGuinness, May, Cullen & Beatty. In accordance with rule 61 each member was issued a separate ballot sheet. There was no summing up of votes of thanks as it was already eleven o'clock

when the last speaker had concluded.
Accordingly the meeting was
adjourned

Jan 31st '45

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Auditor 44/45

At a committee meeting held on
Thursday 25th January 1945 it was
decided to postpone the meeting fixed
for Monday the 29th Jan to February 1st
following

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin on Wednesday the 31st of January 1945.

The Auditor presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. Only one objection was raised, Mr. Flattery stating that he had not proposed any amendment as recorded in the minutes. The Auditor informed Mr. Flattery that the requisite alteration would be made. The minutes were then signed.

There were no proposals for new membership.

There was no correspondence and no question arising from the fact.

The Auditor then called on The Record Secretary to read the following motion which had been duly placed on notice:

"That this house request the restoration of its time-honoured privilege — admission to the Dail by its membership card; & that copies of this resolution be sent immediately to every T.D. who is a solicitor or is otherwise connected with the Society." Proposer Mr. Liam C. Daly, seconder Mr. Benedict Daly.

At this stage the Auditor quite unjustifiably suspended Mr. Flanagan who was innocently performing his duties. General business was then opened.

The Auditor announced that there would be an Inter-debate with University Hall on

Sunday February the 11th 1945 and also that the President of The Incorporated Law Society, Mr. P. F. O'Reilly Esq. would be the visiting chairman at the next meeting.

Mr. Hattery rose to point out that the visiting chairman would have to leave at 10 o'clock & therefore that public debate should start immediately he arrived.

At this stage Mr. Lynch became extremely aggressive, threatening to introduce a vote of censure on the Officers & committee excluding his friend the Auditor. Mr. Lynch was so kind as to defer the matter until the next meeting when he hoped to have a more substantial backing to encourage him.

Tas eis sin glaoáid ar Ceáil Macal Ó Tuairt do réir i gcarraig le h-azaid éisporneair puiblé. Labair na daoine seo leanas ar son an Rún "naí creanai d'on ré an cois Jaonphlátaí" :- Anndas Ó Flacaine, Séosaimín mac Anzusa, Cianán mac Anfachá; 7 na daoine seo leanas na azaid :- Ceimjín Ó Bernáig, Carmel ní Cillín, Seánas Ó Cella, Máire ní Meáda Donnall Ó h. Cúige, Séosam Ó Cunnacáin 7 Séosam mac Súbna.

Mr. Séosam Ó Cunnacáin bóza curácais don carraig 7 curáig Ceimjín i lausáig leis. D'áonúig an Reacáin le 7 glaoáid an bóza le buataí bas

The Auditor then took the Chair again. Mr. Lynch immediately

became
obstreperous, so much so that Mr.
Flanagan, whose suspension was now
raised, was forced to take drastic
measures with him. The Auditor also
sided with Mr. Lynch. Miss May &
Miss MacGuinness made several
fruitless efforts to ease the situation.

The Auditor again suspended Mr.
Flanagan who had merely tried to keep
Mr. Lynch quiet. One member
then left & the meeting failed for
lack of a quorum. It was
then 10.20 p.m.

February 24th 1945

Francis W. [unclear]

Auditor 244/45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Bldgs., Four Courts on Monday ^{the 5th} ^{of} February 1945. The Auditor presided.

The Record Sec. read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Daly objected on the ground that there was no quorum. The Auditor said there was, intending members counting. Mr. Hickey wished to know if the auditor was entitled to sign the minutes since a word had been omitted & would have to be inserted. The Auditor said yes! subject to such alteration.

Three new members were proposed by Mr. Hanagan & seconded by Mr. Hickey. They are messrs Fagan, Haran & McCann.

There was no correspondence except a letter from Mr. Plunkett Sec. of the Incorporated Law Society which the Auditor read out to the House. In it the Sec. referred to "serious misconduct" at the recent 'hoop' and requested a list of names & addresses of those persons who had been ~~drunk~~ ^{intoxicated} or had taken drink at or during the course of the dance.

The Auditor asked if the House would postpone discussion of the matter. To such a course Mr. Wolfe took entire exception. Mr. Allen asked if the Auditor would give an undertaking that there would be no discussion of the matter with Mr. Plunkett until the views of the house had been ascertained.

Several members then voiced

the opinion that the Auditor should allow an immediate discussion of the matter to take place especially since the letter grossly misrepresented the facts and seemed (as one member put it) to be a deliberate attempt to force the Society into a position of subordination. The Auditor then curtailed discussion until the next meeting.

There was one motion on notice proposed by Mr. Conboy & seconded by Mr. Benedict Daly which was carried unanimously by the House

Private business was curtailed by the arrival at 8.30 of Mr. Patrick F. O'Reilly, Solicitor, President of the Incorporated Law Society who immediately took the chair for public debate on the motion

"That Ireland will pay too great a price for her present policy after the war"

The following spoke in

For: ^{Miss Beatty} Messrs Farrell, Hickey, Kelly, Sweeney, Dondall, Warren, Brennan Doyle

Against: Messrs Haragan, McAnally, Hattery, Celly, King, O'Dwyer, Lynch, McCarty, Norman, Daly, O'Connell

St. Lynch proposed Mr. Dowdell seconded

the Auditor. The Chairman summed up
brilliantly. A vote of thanks to the
visiting chairman was duly proposed
and seconded and as it was
12.45 P.M. the meeting was immediately
adjourned when the Auditor associated
himself in thanking the Chairman for
coming down.

Dinner was provided in
the Dolphin afterwards.

February 1945.

Frank Martin

Auditor 1944-45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Buildings, Four Courts on Monday the 12th February 1945.

The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary.

This Dixon objected to the use of the word "drunk" on the ground that intoxicated was the accurate word to use ~~was such a word~~. ^{suggesting that intoxicated} The Auditor instructed the Record Secretary to make the necessary alteration.

Mr. DeValera referred to "mumbling & grumbling" at the Committee Table and he was immediately sat on by the Auditor who said it had nothing to do with the minutes.

The house then took Mr. DeValera's part & led by Mr. Healy demanded that the minutes be re-read in an audible tone. The Auditor, who had then to call on the Record Secretary to re-read the minutes, refused Mr. Hanagan the privilege of proposing the Suspension of Standing orders. Accordingly the minutes were re-read.

Mr. Doyle asked that the word 'Tuesday' be inserted in the opening paragraph since the meeting had actually continued until 12.45 a.m.

The Auditor instructed the Record Sec. accordingly.

The minutes were then signed.

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No new members were present. There was one motion on notice in names of Mr. O'Dwyer & Mr. Doyle. The Correspondence Sec. then read a letter from Mr. Justice Reddin. In it Mr. Reddin offered his deep apologies to the Society for failing to turn up at a previous meeting in order to act as chairman.

Arising out of this communication Mr. Dowdall inquired as to what was the meaning of 'causideas'. Mr. Dowdall was fittingly snubbed by the Auditor.

Mr. Hanagan then rose to present a motion. The Auditor refused to accept his motion, which questioned the Auditor's right in refusing ^{proposal of} the Suspension of Standing Orders earlier on.

Immediately Miss Dixon, Mr. Dowdall & several other members came to Mr. Hanagan's aid, quoting from the rules of the Society to show that the Auditor was acting *ultra vires*. The Auditor, however, quoted "verbatim" few pages of Palgrave 1945 edition, publishers Martin & Martin. No further questions were raised & all forces withdrew in disorder.

At this stage the Auditor read to the House a copy of a letter written by him to Mr. Plunkett, Sec. Incorporated Law Society in reply to his letter.

Mr. De Valera rose to point

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out that one person had been in an intoxicated condition & had been removed from the Hall. He was not a solicitor's apprentice. Several other members raised points which were dealt with adequately by the Auditor.

Mr. Faragan proposed & Miss Dixon seconded the motion "that the visiting Chairman do now take the chair"

The motion was passed unanimously.

The Auditor then called on Professor J. W. Gilligan to take the chair for legal debate on the motion "that Real Property law is too deeply rooted in antiquity and is in dire need of reform"

The following members spoke :

For : Mr. Hatterry, Miss Dixon, Messrs Lynch, King, Doyle & Faragan

Against : Messrs Daly, De Valera, Sweeney, Miss Beatty, Mr. O'Connell & the Auditor.

The Chairman dealt concisely yet fully with the main problems raised during the debate & indicated the reforms he considered essential if the Law of Property were to be brought up-to-date.

Mr. Doyle proposed & Mr Lynch

seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Lulligan. The Auditor joined his appreciation to theirs & the vote was passed with acclamation.

As there was no business the meeting was then declared adjourned. It was 10.55.

19th February 1945

Frank Martin

Auditor 1944-45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors' Bldgs., Four Courts on Monday the 19th of February 1945.

The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary.

Miss Dixon objected to the minute of her objections at the last meeting. She contended that the word 'drunk' therein was inaccurate and therefore wrongly described as 'not nice'. The Auditor assured her that the appropriate correction would be made.

Mr. Dowdall said that it was untrue to say that he had been 'snubbed' by the Auditor. He had asked a civil question & received an uncivil answer!

Mr. Dowdall was told to sit down.

Next Mr. Doyle objected to the flippancy of the minutes. To Mr. Doyle the Auditor said nothing. Under his breath he rightly muttered "Rubbish".

The minutes were then signed.

There were no new members.

There was no correspondence and no question arising from the lack thereof.

There was one motion on notice but as the seconder Mr. Doyle pointed out that the motion was substantially different from the one he had been asked to sign, the motion was not debated. A new motion was accepted in its place. It is "That Sls. only be appointed D.J. &

"Probate Judges" Proposer, Hubert O'Dwyer
Secunder, J. Doyle.

General business was then declared open.

The Auditor read a letter from the President of the Incorporated Law Society confirming the award by him of two extra prizes for legal debate & setting out the conditions to be fulfilled by prospective candidates. Mr. Farrelly immediately proposed, ^{Mr. Joly seconded.} the suspension of S.O's in order to introduce a motion "that this House extends its thanks to the President" The motion was carried unanimously.

Then Mr. Hanagan proposed the suspension of S.O's to introduce the motion that "A bar be provided for Solers Apprentices during the meetings of the S.A.D.S.I." Secunder Mr. King Mr. McNally spoke against, Mr. Hattery for the motion which was lost. The appropriate backing was presumably "otherwise" engaged.

The Auditor then announced that he - Mr. Norton - would award a medal for Irish debate for current Session. The announcement was received with great acclamation by the "not-so-gods" at present swarting for Irish II or Second Dist.

A long debate ensued when Mr. Fowdall proposed the suspension of S.O's to introduce the motion "That this house do convey to Mr. James Dillon B.L. T.D its sympathy on his recent illness & wish him a speedy recovery."

Mr. Mc Nally seconded. The following spoke Messrs King & Hickey pro; Miss Dixon & Mr Hanagan contra. The motion was ^{passed} ~~lost~~ Miss Killeen then proposed the suspension of S.O's — which by then were on a shocking state — to introduce a motion "that the Auditor & partner should be sent to the Trinity Colliery at the expense of the Society" Miss ^{McGuinness} ~~Beatty~~ seconded. Messrs King & Flattery spoke in favour of the scheme; Messrs Doyle, Mc Nally & Hanagan against.

Standing Orders came down to earth for the last time when a motion — proposed by Mr Hanagan & seconded by Mr. Hickey — "that the visiting chairman do take the chair" was passed in thankful unanimity.

The Auditor consequently called on Mr. Tadz Tac Fiebisize B.L. Co. to take the chair for Impromptu Debate

Throughout the night the Chairman sharpened his wit against the various speakers who were as follows

Miss Dixon, Ray, Beatty, Mc Guinness, Killeen; Messrs Hanagan Kelly, Mc Nally, Colley, O'Dwyer, Flattery, Hickey, Farrell, Dondall, King, Norman, O'Connor, Doyle, Warren & the Auditor.

There was no vote of thanks & no summing up speech as it was getting late when the last speaker sat down.

Accordingly the Auditor

adjourned the meeting. It was 11 o'clock.

26th February 1945,

Sean Hanagan
Acting Auditor

26/2/45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solv's Buildings, Fane Court on Monday February 26th 1945.

In the absence of the auditor the chair was taken by the Record Secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the deputy Record Secretary Mr. D. J. A. Dowdall.

Miss Dixon objected ~~to a proposal~~ on the ground that there was no adequate reason given for not passing a vote of thanks to Mr. Forbes. The Auditor told Miss Dixon that the Chairman had been in too much of a hurry. When the objector insisted he said he would amend the minutes accordingly. Mr. Dowdall made a frivolous objection which he did not legibly record. The minutes were then signed.

There were no new members.

There was no correspondence.

There was one motion on notice which lapsed owing to the absence of the proposer.

At this stage Miss Dixon proposed the suspension of S.O.'s to introduce a vote of sympathy with Mr. B. P. McCormack Solv. on the death of his sister. S.O.'s having been suspended the House rose and observed the customary minutes silence.

General business was then begun, the Auditor announcing that an election would be held to fill 3 vacancies on a team to represent the Society in Inter-debate with former Officers of the

18th Infantry Battalion to be held in the
Four Courts on Wed. the 20th February. The
following were duly proposed & seconded:
Messrs Dowdall, Farrell, Flanagan, King
Hickey & Daly. The first three
mentioned were subsequently declared
elected.

Question time was then — believe it
or not — declared open. Miss Dixon
asked what was Farina. The Auditor
refrained from comparing Miss Dixon with
such a starchy product. The same
member asked the Auditor why he was
not wearing the Auditorial insignia.
The Auditor said he knew nothing
about insignia, in fact admitted it
never dawned on him.

A long debate then ensued between
Mr. Farrell & Miss Dixon in re a letter
which Mr. Farrell claimed should have
been filed by the Hon. Corr. Sec. At
one stage Mr. ^{Benedict} Daly came into the fray
on the ~~Secretary's~~ ^{of Mr. Farrell's} side. Eventually
the missing letter gravitated anew to
the honoured files.

Mr. Kelly then proposed the
suspension of S.O.'s to introduce a
motion that representation be made to
the President of the Incorporated
Law Society to get him amend the
conditions governing the award of
prizes for legal debate. S.O.'s
having been suspended Mr. Kelly
introduced his motion. Mr. John Norman

seconded. The motion was passed by a large majority. The following had spoken for Messrs King Dalry & Kelly, Against Messrs Farrells & Dowdall.

At this stage the Auditor was forced to suspend Mr. Dowdall & Messrs Dixon for insubordination. Mr. Farrelly asked the Auditor if he would stand Mr. Farrelly a part. The Auditor refused.

The suspensions on Dowdall & Dixon were then raised.

The Auditor then called on Mr. Pádraic Mac Conzaille. Toz se an saioir bh. azaid diasporeaciz puibh'e leabair na faime seo leanas:

Ar son an run Carmel ni' Cullen,
Tom O'Dalaiz, Fred. O'Callaiz, Seamus
O'Faircamlaiz, Seosamh Mac Suinte,
Seamus O'Coilá, Seosamh Mac Anzusa,
Annas O'Flaizaire

In azaid an run leabair seasúin
Dubdal, Ellen Beatty, Markin Ni
Acada, Claran Mac An Falaiz & Seán
O'Lannazain.

Nóit Benediczo Dálaiz' Ruí
Guideacas don caisoirleac a
tuz speis ma' ear us an
diasporeaciz.

Ansin crío'nuzáid an
crúinn ce' nac Ruib' gúrrum
ann.

Frank Martin, Auditor
1844-45.

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in the Solicitors Bldgs, Four Courts on Monday the 5th March 1945.

The Auditor presided.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary. During the reading Mr. McNally interrupted to inquire of the Auditor why he was not wearing the Additional insignia.

The Auditor informed Mr. McNally that his action was not to be taken as a precedent. Some other points of order were raised but the minutes were finally read audibly & in their entirety.

For the fourth successive time Miss Daxon was first to object to the minutes. She did not think the words "as usual" a fair comment & in deference to her wishes the Auditor had them deleted. Mr. Benedict Daly then pointed out that as there were two Dalys in the ^{Society} ~~joint~~ there would be a certain doubt as to the identity of the Mr. Dal who came in on the Secretary's side. The word 'Benedict' was accordingly inserted..... & Mr. Farrell was substituted for the Secretary Mr. B. Dal having in fact come

to that gentleman's aid.

The minutes were then signed.

There were no new members.

There was no motion or notice.

Correspondence time was then opened & the Secretary read a letter from the Sec. of the Incorporated Law Society (Mr. Plunkett). In it Mr. Plunkett intimated that further dances would be allowed but only on condition that damage already done would be paid for.

Mr. McNally proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditor for the excellent work he had done for the Society in interceding with the President & Sec. of the Law Society on the matter. The Auditor thanked Mr. McNally & the House for its kind gesture.

The Auditor then called on Mr. Jack O'Geehan Director of Publicity, Hospitals Trust Ltd. to take the chair for public debate on the motion "that Ireland has not made sufficient use of her independence".

The following members spoke:

In the motion: Messrs Eoin Chaly,
Seosain O'Cuinneagáin, Herbert O'Dwyer,
Gerald Hickey, T.R.R. King

J. Sweeney & Daniel G. McCarty;
Against the motion Messrs John P
McNally, James W. Farrell, Miss Rosa
Dixon, Messrs Benedict Daly, John
Noonan, George J. Colley, Kevin Lynch,
J. E. Doyle, the Auditor.

The chairman summed up.

A vote of thanks to the chairman
was proposed by Mr. ~~Sweeney~~ Sweeney
& seconded by the Auditor.

The chairman thanked the Society
and the meeting adjourned.

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Francis H. O'Leary

Auditor 44-45

An ordinary general meeting of the Society was held in The Solos Building, Four Courts on Monday March 12th 1945. The Auditor was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Record Secretary and signed without alteration by the Auditor.

Objections to the minutes by Messrs King + ^{Mr DeValera} ~~Atty~~ were not sustained by the Auditor ~~but~~ on the request of Mr. Daly the word 'Society' was inserted for the word 'joint'. A further objection that the word 'Benedict' was subjected to scorn was satisfactorily answered — in a very long-winded way of course — by the Record Secretary.

The minutes were then signed.

There were no new members proposed for membership.

There was no correspondence.

There was no motion on notice.

Mr. Dowdall at this point raised the matter of a motion of censure which he had, he alleged, put on notice.

He claimed that the Record Sec. while acting Auditor accepted on notice a motion censuring the Auditor for a supposed breach of rule. The Record Sec. pointed out that he had accepted Mr. Dowdall's withdrawal of the motion at a later stage in the proceedings of the meeting referred to. So

this Mr. Dowdall objected by saying that he merely asked whether he could or could not withdraw & was informed that he could. Mr. Dowdall was not going to pursue his intentions and the matter was consequently dropped.

The following motion has been put on notice " That we the members of the S.A.D.S.I. are of opinion that the present tie which it is the privilege of members of the Society to wear is unfortunately too inconspicuous in its pattern, too common in its crest & generally not a distinguished as would be desired for potential members of the Solo profession. We the undersigned ask the House to accept the following proposal subdivided as follows (a) that the design of the tie be changed (b) that permission to use the crest of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland be obtained; (c) that a competition be inaugurated to help in obtaining suitable designs; (d) that this motion be made mandatory on the committee."

Proposed Mr. Desmond J. A. Dowdall, seconded Mr. Henry J. Flattery

At question time Mr. Colley asked if ^{Auditor thought the} the motions in Irish were properly drafted. The Auditor said he thought so. Mr. King wanted to know if such motions were quite clear. The Auditor again said Yes.

A long argument then ensued between the Auditor & Miss Dixon on the question of insignia. She latter asked why the insignia did not appear on the Auditor's breast. The Auditor explained at length that he was on urgent business in the Society's interest & could not attend at his home to collect the insignia.

Mr. Hanagan was suspended for wanting to know if the insignia lay in a pop-shop (otherwise "in hook", "in pop" or "in pawn"). In the melee the Auditor won by a neck from Miss Dixon with Mr. De Valera two lengths away third.

Mr. Dowdall got anxious about Mr. Dillon's health for the third consecutive time. This time the Auditor came second, having been forced to command his Correspondence Sec. to comply with the terms of Mr. Dowdall's motion.

The Auditor then called on Mr. Patrick J. Leonard M.A. B.L. to take the chair for public debate on the motion: "that the obligations of a tenant under a covenant to keep in repair are too onerous & should be further modified by Statute". The following spoke for: Messrs De Valera, O'Dwyer, Mc Annally, Miss Dixon & Mr. Sweeney. Against Messrs Callan & Kelly, Miss

Dixon & Mrs McGuinness, Mr Hanagan & the Auditor.

The chairman summed up. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Colley & seconded by Mr. McAnnally, the Auditor associated himself with this vote which was passed with acclamation.

The house then adjourned as it was 11 o'clock

19th March 1945

Auditor 244-245.

Minute:

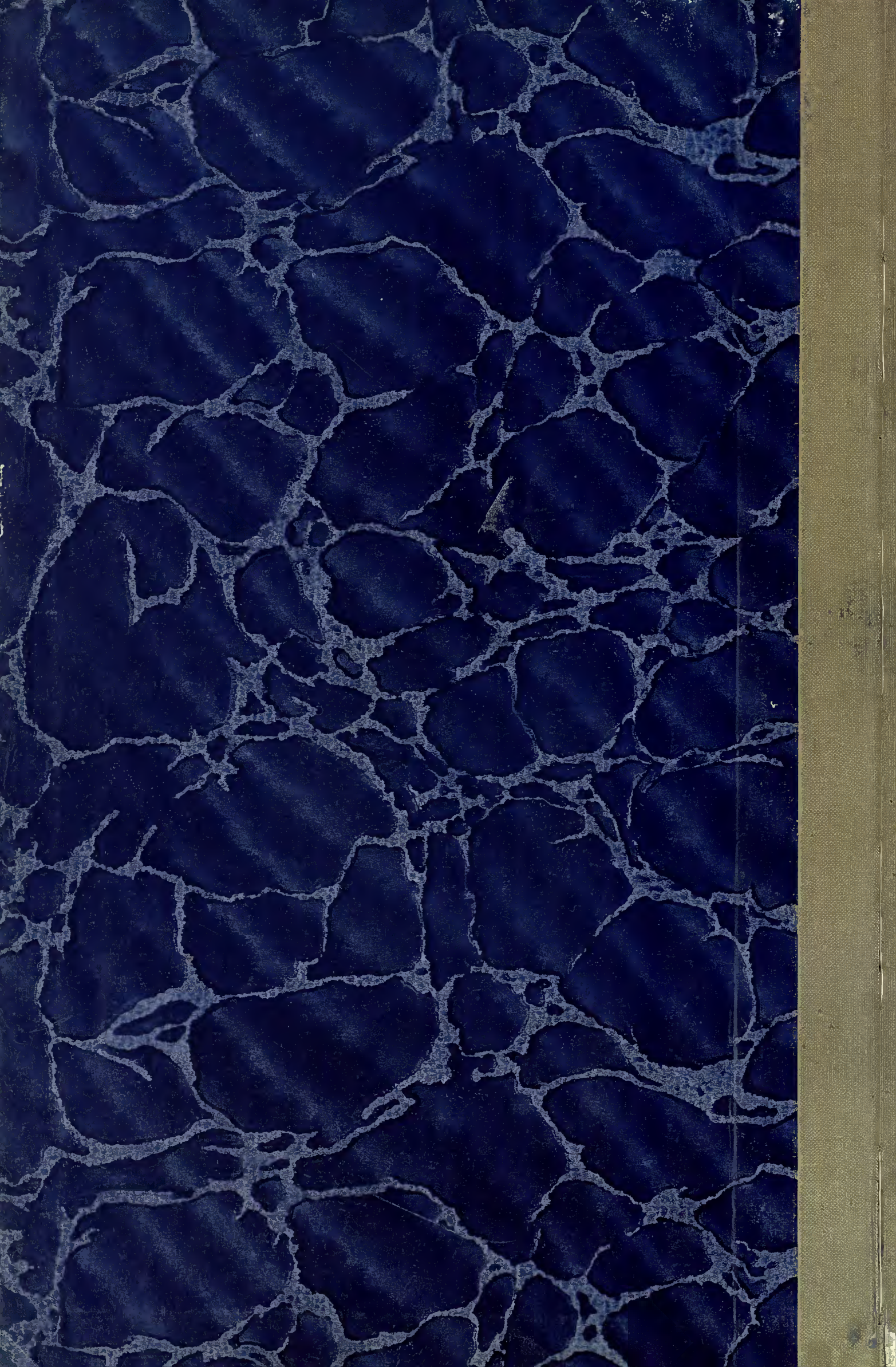
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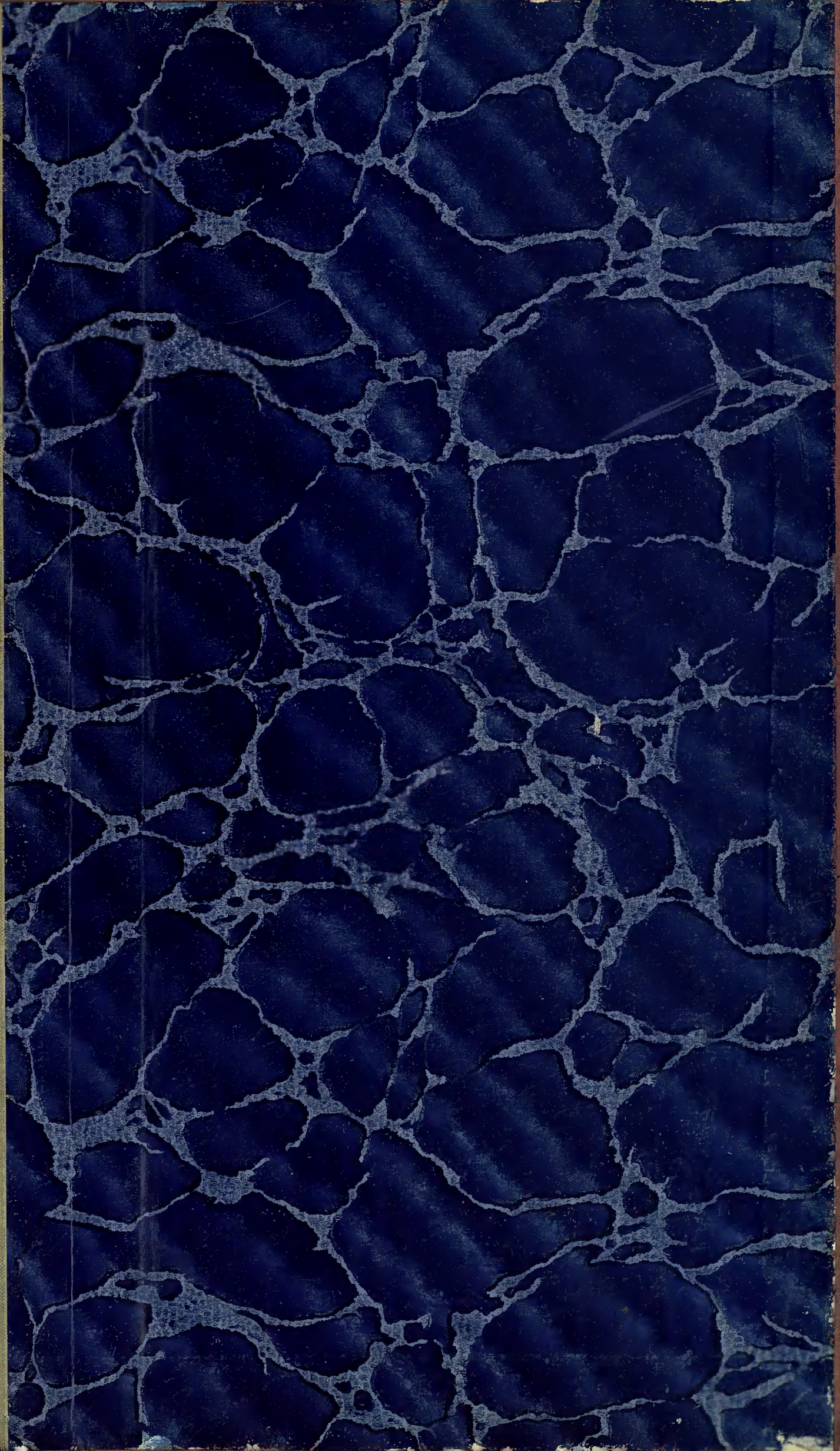
During the Session now drawing to its close the following Inte-debates have been held to date:

- v University Hall
- v. N. Ireland Solo Apprentices
- v. Representative of newly formed "Gaidreamh Comha"
- v Belvedere College Deb. Society

These functions take place periodically at the Inns Courts or elsewhere on dates decided by common consent & play a major part in the Society's activities.

Seán Hanagan Hon. Rec. Sec.
Leads St. James 19th & 27th March 1946





PATRICK F. O'REILLY,
SOLICITOR.

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

PHONE: DUBLIN 7, 547-8.

8, South Great George's Street,
Dublin.

9.40 — 10.45.

9.40 — 10.40 = 60
10.40 — 11.00 = 20

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11) 65
60
5 minutes.

Mr. Benedict Daly

prob
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11.00

William Noyh
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Seeded Journal in Afghanistan.

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That the best thanks of the Society, cordially
extended to the auditors & Committee and
in particular to Mr Rory O'Donnor (Chairman)
& Mr George Russell for the very successful
Annual Dance held at the Fresham
Hall on the 18 Nov 1942

Moved J. M. Dowling
Seconded William S. Waver

Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society of Ireland.



MEETING HELD IN THE SOLICITORS' BUILDINGS, FOUR COURTS

On

MOTION ~~That Real Property Law is too deeply rooted in antiquity and is in dire need of reform~~

CHAIRMAN ~~F. W. Gilligan Esq., Solicitor, Professor~~

SPEAKERS

For the Motion.

Against the Motion.

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Motion by Votes to Votes.

Chairman's Remarks :

Signed,
Hon. Correspondence Secretary.

"Intoxicated for drunk"
Miss Dixon @ Who proposed recorded

Jerry - "Rumbling & grumbling"
Doyle - Could house have a meeting.

Heads didn't hear.
Reread mins.

Plan
Dowdall, Dixon etc R: Standing Orders to be
Read 2nd time Dictatorship
Suspended; Refused

Doyle - Word "Tuesday" be inserted
No new members

Conves. 2 Dr. J. Reddin / Apology

Dowdall - What means to cards

Suspension - Refused Miss Dixon - Rule

Doyle - re-read not read C. Palmer

Reading of letter & reply Terry - removal
of non abs. apprentice.

Dowdall - Inserting names on instructions of Council
Dixon for re-elder occurrence.
Mr. Healy; Mr. Doyle etc.

Visiting Comm do take chair - Rev. D. ...

- I Archives Address:
 - a) Punctuality
 - e) Rule 21. - Rec. Sec.
 - e) Archives Medal - no award.
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 - Interim Certificate
 - Not at present.
 - d) Working Together - 'Comrades'.
 - Francis Period. (Equivalency).

- ① Archibon
- ② Hickey
- ③ Clifford
- ④ Farrelly
- ⑤ McFunnors
- ⑥ Gravel: July.

II Minutes - no minutes.

III Rule 22 — " "
 Rule 36 — Intimidate

Custom Rules can't enforce - either or leave out.
 Rule 67. — Annals, Orders.

IV Hon. Com. Sec.: Cert.
 Within in Papers.

Joint Press Out. (No medals and)
 do not write as winged committee
 instead of medals.

V Delicate Arts: each submit list.

VI Pilgrimage Medal: Put via Order w/ Essons. - cancel st.
 a) J.H.D. - against st.

VII Share Stamps: Threded our money.

VIII Essay Note: Give it as custom Sept 1st 1945.

30th June: Medal. (H.D.) Ren. - 1 (Vader).
 1st Sept: Hickey, McFunnors, Fleming an.

Cont. Vote 30th June
 Ketchum + Chas. L. ...
 Circularize: {Ren, Hickey, Farrelly, McFunnors, Fleming an.
 No Circularize: J. G. ...

Emergency along 30th June.

IX Other Activities: If we have not got to pay we might go to February.

X Archives Medal + Cert. = Up to Minutes.

General Business

- ① James Seminary : - Jansville -
- ② Hop Seminary : - ~~Spring Hill~~ -

Meeting closed.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
CONFERENCE OF THE SACRED HEART,
86 ST. STEPHEN'S GREEN,

The Conference of the Society meets with many poor families badly in need of clothes.

It has occurred to the members that there are people in the neighbourhood who have used clothes which they would be glad to have collected for distribution to such poor families.

Two members of the Conference will call on you on and will gladly receive any parcel of used clothes you may have available.

