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VOLUME I.

INTRODUCTION.

IN connection with the publication of the first number of this Journal, a short account of the Association issuing it will not be out of place. Its inception was largely due to three members still belonging to it, who, towards the end of the year 1892, knowing that a society or club had existed in Dublin for several years, devoted to the study of Natural Science, and that a similar body had just been instituted in Cork, thought an opening might be found in Limerick for one also. Not knowing how much support might be given them, they wisely refrained from incurring expense in starting the society, carrying out this idea so far as to arrange for the meetings being held in a private room, until such time as the club should be strong enough to move into more open quarters, or have come to an end for want of support.

Prepared thus to face either success or failure, an invitation was issued in general terms for those interested in any branch of Natural Science to meet together on the evening of the 13th December, 1892. The attendance on this occasion amounted to 21, all of whom at once agreed to become members. Mr. Archibald Murray presiding, A resolution establishing an Association to be called "THE LIMERICK NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB," was unanimously passed on the motion of Dr. W. A. Fogerty, seconded by Mr. A. J. Eakins. A set of rules had been already drafted, based on those in use by the clubs in Dublin and Belfast, and the known requirements of such societies, which being submitted to the meeting was approved of, and ordered to be printed and circulated. The nomination of officers for the year 1893 at once followed, Mr. Archibald Murray being chosen President; Dr. W. A. Fogerty, Vice-President; Mr. Joseph Stewart, Treasurer; Mr. F. Neale, Secretary; with Miss Bennis, Mr. H. Martin, and Mr. J. Palmer, members of Committee. Letters of congratulation upon the starting of such a society in Limerick, were read from W. F. de V. Kane, Esq., Drumreask House, Co. Monaghan; from George H. Carpenter, Esq., *B.Sc.*, London, Hon. Sec. of the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club; and from R. Lloyd Praeger, Esq., *B.E.*, Hon. Sec. of the Belfast Naturalists' Field Club, these last two gentlemen offering the newly opened Club the free use of the pages of *The Irish Naturalist* of which they were joint Editors. To these letters suitable acknowledgments were passed, and the inaugural meeting came to an end.

Three months later the membership had risen to 45; meetings and excursions were held during 1893 as directed by the rules, and at the first Annual Meeting in January, 1894, the Committee were able to present a very good report of work done, an increasing membership and a balance in the Treasurer's hands. Under these circumstances it is needless to say the Officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected, Mr. Edward Taylor being added as an additional Vice-President. Another year's work brought a report from the Committee of a numerically steady membership and a dearth of workers, also a suggestion that something should be done to make the

club better known in its own locality by opening it fully to the public ; but it was not until the following year, in January, 1896, that the third Annual Meeting definitely decided to allow the club (then having a membership of 50) to embark on a career of complete independence, which decision it unanimously arrived at on the strong recommendation of its Committee, who were granted full powers to make any arrangements appearing desirable, and lay them before a general meeting of the club as soon as possible. Thus armed, the Committee sought for, and at once obtained permission for the club to hold its meetings in the Board-room of the Corporation Free Library, Glentworth Street, where at the adjournment of the third Annual Meeting, it was decided to add a Photographic Section with Mr. G. Fogerty, R.N., as Hon. Sec. The rules were revised, the Committee strengthened, and the Club began the fourth year of its existence as a candidate for public favour.

Highly successful excursions and meetings were held as in former years, with, as might be expected, larger attendances ; a course of Botanical Lectures being a very special feature of the year, in addition to the ordinary meetings prescribed by rule, and the Committee were able to lay a statement before the fifth Annual Meeting in January, 1897, showing a membership of 110, and a balance to the credit of the club of about £8. They also advised the prompt opening of an Archæological Section, for which there appeared a wide-spread desire, and reported the completion of arrangements with the Trustees for the use, on favourable terms, of the Board-room of the Limerick Savings' Bank for all future meetings of the club.

Many interesting Scientific, Photographic, and Archæological exhibits were shown at this meeting ; the attendance was very large, and a most creditable series of lantern transparencies and photographic work by the members of the club, was shown during the evening.

On the motion of Mr. J. Grene Barry, seconded by Mr. James Frost, the proposed Archeological Section was added to the club, which combined with the successful work of the previous year, the favourable notices of the *Press*, the issue of an attractive circular, and the decision to publish a local journal, at once ran the membership up to over 200, fresh adherents sending in their names from various districts of the Counties of Kerry, Clare, and Tipperary, as well as Limerick.

The Officers for the current year, 1897, are—

President—W. A. FOGERTY, M.A., M.D., M.R.S.A.

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During the year 1894, a joint excursion of the Dublin, Cork, and Limerick clubs took place to Fermoy, Lismore, and neighbourhood, on which occasion a proposal was made for the formation of an Irish Field Club Union, by which it was hoped a closer intercourse could be maintained amongst the four Irish clubs, and some scheme be formulated by which an exchange of papers, specimens, lectures, etc., could take place. This has since been well carried out; membership in all clubs being now freely transferable in case of removals; papers, diagrams, and apparatus are easily procurable, and many interesting and valuable addresses have been delivered by able men on various subjects, upon which as experts they could speak with full knowledge and authority.

In the following year 1896, all four clubs took part in a combined conference and excursion to Galway, where, with several representatives from kindred English Societies, a party of over 100 individuals spent about a week, visiting places of interest within reach of the city by road, rail, or sea--Ballyvaughan, Aranmore, Recess, Lough Corrib, Ballinahinch, etc., etc., all coming in for the attention of the visitors, whose head-quarters were at the Railway Hotel. It is probable that a similar event may take place in 1898, once in every three years being considered sufficient for the making of such demonstrations.



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THE LIMERICK FIELD CLUB.

RULES.

1. That the Club shall be called "THE LIMERICK FIELD CLUB."
2. That the objects of the Club shall be the study of Natural Science, Photography, and Archæology, especially of the Limerick district.
3. That the Officers of the Club shall be elected annually, and consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and a Committee of Five Members. Three to form a quorum. Minutes of regular meetings and records of all Committee meetings shall be duly kept.
4. That the names and addresses of ladies and gentlemen (candidates for membership) shall be given to the Secretary, in writing, for consideration by the Committee, who shall, through the Secretary, inform the applicant of his or her admission or otherwise, immediately after the decision has been arrived at.
5. That the annual subscription shall be Two Shillings and Sixpence, payable in advance, and shall become due on the first day of January in each year. Members joining the Club after the first day of October in any year shall only be liable for the payment of the subscription for the *year next following their admission*. All members whose subscriptions are three months in arrears, and who shall neglect to pay the same in response to a second application from the Treasurer, shall cease to be members of the Club.
6. That arrangements shall be made for Meetings and Excursions from time to time by the Committee, of which due notice shall be given to all members by the Secretary.
7. That the Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of January to receive Report of Committee for past year, Elect Officers and Committee for the ensuing year, and transact such other business as may come before it. The voting for officers and committee shall be by ballot, the nominations having been made at the preceding ordinary meeting of the Club.
8. No alteration shall be made in these Rules except at an Annual Meeting, and then only on notice of such proposed change or addition having been given in writing at least twenty-one days previously to the Secretary. Necessary Bye-Laws may be made by the Committee, who are also empowered to act on behalf of the Club in all matters during the interim between general meetings.

* It is intended that an Evening Meeting shall be held each month from November to April inclusive; and that arrangements for an Excursion shall be made in each of the other months viz. :—May to October inclusive.

F. NEALE, *Hon. Secretary.*

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