

Annual General Meeting:

Annual General Meeting of the members of the Society held at Imperial Hotel, Cork, Saturday, January 28, 1956, Major W.B. (President) in the chair.

Members present:- Mrs. F. Murphy, Mrs. M.J. Cahill, Mrs. M. Ryan, Mrs. T.J. Ryan, Mrs. J.B. Barter, Mrs. T. O'Leary, Mrs. J. Desmond, Mrs. H.E. Wood, Mrs. E. Wall, Mrs. B.E. Hosford, Mrs. E. Good, Mrs. Roberts, Miss P. Hodder, Miss V.M. Good, Mrs. H. Twomey, Messrs D.P. Murphy, J.M. Cross, M.D. Hosford, D. Magmacgiolla Padraig, F. Murphy, H.G. O'Sullivan, F. O'Coileain, H. Twomey, B.J. Kingston, M. Ryan, J.C. Murphy, T.J. Ryan, L. Dobbin, J. Tierney (Manager, Provincial Bank of Ireland), Ted O'Leary, Jas. Roche, W.W. Nicholson, J.R. Nicholson, P. O'Brien, C.V. Good, J. Daly, M.R.C.V.S., J. Lantry, W.L. Good, M.J. Hunt, V.F. Bowen, J.E.W. Newenham, W.F. Newenham, C.O'Leary, J. Cashman, D. O'Leary, D. Cronin, D. O'Driscoll, A.E. Jeffery, R. Good, F. Kennelly, T. O'Leary, D. O'Leary, D. Hurley, D. Hurley, Junr., T.N. Desmond, B.L., D. Buckley, R. Burke, J. Hourihan, M. Corkery, J. Desmond, M.A. O'Sullivan, J.F. Hegarty, Stephen Murphy, T.J. Young, Sean P. Murphy, J. Spillane, C. Donovan, D.P. Forde, B.L., Philip Murphy, E. Wall, P.J. O'Connell, J.W. Young, R.W. Young, J.F. Bowen, Sean B. Murphy, L. Cashman, W.J. Cashman, P. Bowen, J.W.F. Roberts, J.S. Henderson, J.F.D. Good, J.B. Barter, B.E. Hosford, T. Quill, J.A. Wood, D. Nagle, Brigadier M.J. Cahill, and Professor C. Boyle.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and signed.

Apologies for non-attendance at the Meeting were received from Mrs. Henchy and Mr. C. Langley.

President's reference to retirement of Secretary:

Before going into the accounts, the President referred to the retirement of the Society's Secretary (Mr. J. Byrne), who, he stated had been with the Society for 43 years, 36 of which he had acted as Secretary. Continuing, Major Bell said that Mr. Byrne, due to his initiative and drive, he had brought the Show Grounds to its present standard. He was responsible for the erection of the Lee, Marina, Shandon & Temple Halls, and for the renovation of the other buildings. The President then read the following communication from Mr. Byrne:-

Cross Douglas Rd, Cork.
Jany. 11, 1956.

Letter read:

I find it difficult to tell you just how much I appreciated the very kind letter which I received from you yesterday morning. I am deeply touched by the sentiments of regret expressed by you and the Committee on my retirement. You have said many kind things about me, but, any services which I may have rendered to the Society were gladly given, as its interests were almost foremost in my thoughts. May I express my sincere gratitude to the Finance Committee in recommending the granting of a pension to me, and in putting my name forward for Honorary Vice-Presidency. I shall be honoured to accept, if their proposals are sanctioned.

With renewed thanks, and good wishes for the prosperity of the Society.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN BYRNE. (Sd.)

Re Appointment of Secretary:

The President, announced that Mr. Byrne's resignation had been accepted, with regret, and that they had appointed Mr. T. O'Donovan as Secretary.

Statement of Accounts:

In his report, Major Bell, referred to the statement of accounts, and said the general receipts amounted to £2574. 11. 11, as against £3984. 2. 0 for the previous year, the decrease being due to less revenue from storage.