

Notes and News

THIS is our third issue to be produced under war conditions, and we are thankful that, so far, we have been able to maintain our normal programme. We have suffered some diminution of income: many subscribers—most of them, we regret to say, in Ireland—have forsaken us; while, on the other hand, production-costs have inevitably increased. But our good friends, the Irish universities, have continued their now indispensable support, and to them we offer our very warm and appreciative thanks. When the universities consider it important that this journal, dedicated to the service of historical science in Ireland, should not be extinguished, we feel that we have a duty, as well as a right, to appeal to our individual supporters for their active cooperation in these critical days. We need new subscribers; there are many who would become subscribers if they were personally approached; we ask those who value this journal to make the necessary personal effort.

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The current programmes of the two societies which cooperate in the production of *Irish Historical Studies* are as follows:

IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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| 19 November 1940 | Annual general meeting. 'The career of Aodh O'Donnell, son of the first earl of Tirconnel, in the Low Countries, 1607-42.' By Rev. Brendan Jennings, O.F.M., B.D. |
| 17 December 1940 | 'Irish folklore and the Irish historian.' By R. J. McHugh, M.A. |
| 21 January 1941 | 'Irish society as seen in the novels of Edgeworth and Lever.' By G. D. P. Allt, B.A. |
| 18 February 1941 | 'The dating of the Irish annals.' By Rev. Paul Walsh, M.A. |
| 18 March 1941 | 'The relations between the inhabitants of medieval and sixteenth-century Galway and the native Irish.' By Mrs. M. D. O'Sullivan, M.A., F.R.Hist.S. |
| 29 April 1941 | 'The political career of Cearbhall, king of Ossory, 845-85.' By M. Ó Dubhghaill, M.A. |
| 20 May 1941 | 'The historical content of the "Cathreim Ceallachain Chaisil".' By Rev. John Ryan, S.J., D.Litt. |

ULSTER SOCIETY FOR IRISH HISTORICAL STUDIES

- 24 January 1941 Annual general meeting. Discussion: 'Problems of the study of local history,' to be opened by D. A. Chart, M.A., Litt.D. and J. J. Monaghan, M.A., Ph.D.
- 19 February 1941 'Ulster academies and the teaching of science, 1786-1835.' By David Kennedy, M.Sc.
- 21 March 1941 'The origin and nature of the Irish books of annals.' By Professor R. A. S. Macalister, M.A., D.Litt., F.S.A.
- 25 April 1941 A series of short papers.
- 25 May 1941 'Lecky and Froude on eighteenth century Ireland.' By D. Lindsay Keir, M.A., vice-chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast.
- 17 October 1941 'The activities of William Sharman Crawford in Irish politics, especially between 1835 and 1852.' By B. A. Kennedy, B.A.
- 12 November 1941 'Church distribution in Ulster', illustrated by lantern slides. By Oliver Davies, M.A.
- 12 December 1941 'The revenue bill dispute of 1753.' By J. L. McCracken, B.A.

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The Irish Manuscripts Commission is to be congratulated on its appointment of Mr. Edward MacLysaght as inspector of manuscripts. Mr. MacLysaght has already made valuable discoveries in family collections, and is likely to make many more. His inspectorship may well prove to be one of the most important of the commission's undertakings. His fruitful examination of a small area is a timely reminder that undiscovered materials for Irish history must still exist in many parts of the country. The present demand for waste paper will certainly work havoc with much of this material unless action is taken to identify and preserve it. Ireland has been particularly unfortunate in the frequent destruction of historical records. It is to be hoped that, in the present crisis, every effort will be made to prevent further wholesale destruction. Individuals can render a service to Irish history by reporting the existence of historical papers in private hands to the secretary of the Irish Manuscripts Commission, 5 Ely Place, Dublin.

THE EDITORS

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