

**TRANSACTIONS OF THE
OSSIANIC SOCIETY, FOR
THE YEAR 1858. VOL. VI**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649388189

Transactions of the Ossianic Society, for the year 1858. Vol. VI by Various

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

VARIOUS

**TRANSACTIONS OF THE
OSSIANIC SOCIETY, FOR
THE YEAR 1858. VOL. VI**

TRANSACTIONS
OF
THE OSSIANIC SOCIETY,
FOR THE YEAR
1858.

VOL. VI.

ԼՁՕՂԻԹ ԲՅԱՆՆԱՅԻՅԵՁԿԻՇԱ.

DUBLIN :
PRINTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL,
FOR THE USE OF THE MEMBERS.
1861.

Ἰσοῖτῆς Ἡμετέρας;

OR,

FENIAN POEMS,

Second Series,

EDITED BY

JOHN O'DALY.



DUBLIN:

PRINTED FOR THE SOCIETY,
BY JOHN O'DALY, 9, ANGLESEY-STREET.

1861

OFFICERS ELECTED ON THE 17th MARCH, 1861.

President :

WILLIAM S. O'BRIEN, Esq., M.R.I.A., *Cahircroyle, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.*

Vice-Presidents :

REV. ELICK J. BURKE, Professor of Irish, *St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.*

REV. EDSBY D. CLEAVER, M.A., *St. Barnabas' College, Plandow, London.*

PROFESSOR CONSELLAN, *Queen's College, Cork.*

VERY REV. JOHN FORREST, D.D., *Rector of St. John's College, Sydney.*

JOHN O'DONOVAN, LL.D., M.R.I.A., *Dublin.*

STANDISH HAYES O'GRADY, Esq., A.B., *Erinagh House, Castleknock.*

GEORGE SUTTON, Esq., M.D., *Holywell, Strabane.*

W. K. SULLIVAN, Esq., Ph. D., *Professor, Catholic University, Dublin.*

JOHN WINDLE, Esq., *Blair's Castle, Cork.*

Council :

JOHN BURKE, Esq., 42, *Marborough-street, Dublin.*

REV. JOHN CLARKE, P.P., *Louth.*

REV. JAMES GOODMAN, A.B., *Armagh, Castlemary, Brecknock.*

WILLIAM HACKETT, Esq., *Millaton, Co. Cork.*

M. W. HENNESSY, Esq., *Albert Road, Kligisawa.*

MICHAEL LYSAGHT, Esq., *Ennis, Co. Kerry.*

MICHAEL J. MAC CARTHY, Esq., *Derwentwood, Markettown.*

REV. PATRICK MEANY, C.C., *Ballyvaugh, Carrick-on-Suir.*

M. M'GINTY, Esq., *Dung.*

REV. MICHAEL MOLOONEY, C.C., *Kilbride, Wicklow.*

PROFESSOR JOHN O'BRIEN CROWE, A.B., *Queen's College, Galway.*

EDWARD W. O'BRIEN, Esq., *Cahircroyle, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.*

JOHN O'DALEY, Esq., *O'Loyle's Bridge, Kells.*

JOHN O'DRISCOLL, Esq., 19, *Anglesy-street, Dublin.*

JOHN O'DUFFY, Esq., 75, *Dunne-street, Dublin.*

REV. JOHN L. O'FLYNN, O.S.F.C., 8, *George's Quay, Cork.*

REV. JOHN O'HANLON, C.C., 89, *Michael and John, Dublin.*

JOHN O'HARA, Esq., *Carlingford, Brecknock, Co. Kerry.*

PATRICK O'HERLIHY, Esq., 33, *Abencer Terrace, Cork.*

JAMES O'MAHONY, Esq., *Bandon.*

ANDREW RYAN, Esq., *Cartholly Castle, Berrinbegh.*

Committee of Publication.

PROFESSOR CONSELLAN.

JOHN O'DONOVAN, LL.D., M.R.I.A.

REV. JOHN L. O'FLYNN, O.S.F.C.

REV. JAMES GOODMAN.

STANDISH HAYES O'GRADY, Esq., A.B.

REV. JOHN O'HANLON, C.C.

GEORGE SUTTON, Esq., M.D.

JOHN WINDLE, Esq.

Treasurer :

THE HIBERNIAN BANK OF IRELAND, *Castle-street, Dublin.*

Honorary Secretary :

JOHN O'DALEY, 9, *Anglesy-street, Dublin.*

Subscriptions (5s. per annum) are received by any member of the Council, and by the Honorary Secretary, with whom the publications of the Society are for distribution, and from whom prospectuses can be obtained.

GENERAL RULES.

1. That the Society shall be called the **OSSIANIC SOCIETY**, and that its object shall be the publication of Irish Manuscripts relating to the Fenian period of our history, and other historical documents, with literal translations and notes.

2. That the management of the Society shall be vested in a President, Vice-presidents, and Council, each of whom must necessarily be an Irish scholar. The President, Vice-presidents, and Council of the Society shall be elected annually by the members, at a General Meeting, to be held on the Seventeenth Day of March, the Anniversary of the Society, or on the following Monday, in case St. Patrick's Day shall fall on a Sunday. Notice of such meeting being given by public advertisement, inviting all the members to attend.

3. That the President and Council shall have power to elect a Treasurer and Secretary from the Members of the Council.

4. The receipts and disbursements of the Society shall be audited annually by two Auditors, elected by the Council; and the Auditors' Report shall be published and distributed among the members.

5. In the absence of the President or Vice-President, the Members of Council present shall be at liberty to appoint a Chairman, who will not thereby lose his right to vote. Three members of the Council to form a quorum.

6. The funds of the Society shall be disbursed in payment of expenses incident to discharging the liabilities of the Society, especially in the publication department, and no avoidable expenses shall be incurred.

7. Every member shall be entitled to receive ONE COPY of the Society's Publications; and twenty extra copies of each work shall be printed for contingencies.

8. The funds of the Society shall be lodged in Bank, in the name of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Society, or any three members the Council may deem proper to appoint.

9. The Council shall have power to elect additional members, and fill vacancies in its own body.

10. Members of Council residing at an inconvenient distance from Dublin shall be at liberty to vote by proxy at elections.

11. Membership shall be constituted by the annual payment of Five Shillings, which sum shall become due on the 1st of January in each year.

12. The **OSSIANIC SOCIETY** shall publish every year one volume, or more, if their funds enable them.

13. No change shall be made in these Rules, except at a General Meeting, and at the recommendation of the Council; the proposer and seconder of any motion for such change, shall lodge a notice of their intention in writing, with the Secretary, twenty clear days before the day of General Meeting.

14. That all matters relating to the Religious and Political differences prevailing in this country, be strictly excluded from the meetings and publications of the Society.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT,

READ ON THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 1863.

THE Ossianic Society, founded in 1853, has now published five volumes of Finnish Records, which otherwise had remained hidden from public knowledge.

The Council are gratified to have to state that their endeavours have been responded to with laudable eagerness, both in this country and elsewhere.

Last year they were able to reckon seven hundred and forty-six Members; this year that number has increased to eight hundred and thirty-three. Besides this, they are happy to record that the affiliated Society of New York, under the management of distinguished Irish Scholars, already numbers one hundred and sixty Members. 833

In order to obviate inconveniences, the Council desire emphatically to impress upon all Members the necessity of forwarding their Subscriptions immediately when called upon.

Numerous Members, by a reprehensible want of promptitude in answering the circulars announcing that a work was published and their Subscriptions due, have caused grave inconveniences to the Society. They have increased by a considerable amount the working expenses (as the account shows), and thus converted into waste what would otherwise have been applied to publish our country's ancient literature.

This fact will account for delays in our yearly publications.

The Council have, therefore, decided that all defaulters' names be struck off the rolls; and all Members, who have not paid up their last year's Subscription before the publication of our next volume, be excluded from the Society.

The Council cannot advise the printing of another work until the debt, though small, now due, be obliterated. This debt arises solely from the dilatory conduct of a few Members.

It has been proposed by some Members of this Society, and decided by the Council, that Members so desiring shall be enabled to become Life Members on payment of Five Pounds.

It has been furthermore ruled, that the number of Life Members be limited to twenty.

BOOKS PRINTED BY THE SOCIETY.

I. *Cat Shabna*; or, the Prose and Poetical Account of the Battle of Gabhra (Garristown), in the county of Dublin, fought A.D. 283, between Cairbre Liffachair, King of Leinster, and the Fenian Forces of Ireland, in which the latter were conquered, and their ranks finally broken up. Edited by NICHOLAS O'KEARNEY. (*Out of print.*)

II. *Foir Uige Chonamh Chno Sbléhe*; or, The Festivities at the House of Conan of Conn Sléhe, a romantic hill, which is situated on the borders of the Lake of Inchiquin, in the county of Clare. Edited by N. O'KEARNEY. (*Out of print.*)

This document contains a eulogy between Conn and Conan, in which much light is thrown on the Ancient Topography of Maastere; and also on the Rites and Customs of the Fenian Chieftains.

III. *Cónaigeadh Dhiarmada Gí D'Éibhne a'gor Éibhneige u'gíon Chonamh u'gíe Éibhne*; or, An Account of the Pursuit of Diarmuid O'Duibhne and Grace the daughter of Cormac Mac Airt, Monarch of Ireland in the Third Century, who was married to Fionn Mac Cumhaill, from whom she eloped with Diarmuid. To them are ascribed the Leaba Callighes (Hags' Beds), so numerous in Ireland. Edited by STANISLAV HAYES O'GRADY.

IV. *Laoighe Fianraigheachra*; or, Fenian Poems. Edited by JOHN O'DALE, *Household Secretary.*

V. *Igheache na Tuinechaimhe*; or, The Proceedings of the Great Bardic Institution. Edited by PROFESSOR CONNELLAN, Queen's College, Cork, from the Book of Lismore, a manuscript of the XIV. Century.

VI. *Laoighe Fianraigheachra*; or, Fenian Poems, *Second Series.* Edited by JOHN O'DALE.

BOOKS IN PREPARATION.

I. *Tábh Bó Chnaithe*; or, the Great Cattle Spoil of Cnaithe (Cooley) in the county of Louth, being a History of the Seven Year's War between Ulster and Connaught; in the reign of Mennlish, Queen of Connaught, and Conchobhar Mac Nessa, King of Ulster, on account of the famous bull, called *Finn Chnaithe*; and which terminated, according to Roderick O'Flaherty, the Irish chronologist, one year before the Christian era. To be edited by WILLIAM HACKETT.

This very ancient and curious tract comprises three hundred closely-written folios, and contains many interesting details of Mythological Incidents, Pillar-Stones, Ogham Inscriptions, Talismans, War Charms, Lézard Sigils, Magic and Cat Incantations. Together with an account of the Mysterious War waged and by Cuchullain, called *the Bóghy*; also some Account of the early Christian Martyrdoms in Ireland, and the privileges enjoyed by the chief land.

II. *Ugallán na Seandáire*; or, The Dialogue of the Sages: an Historical Work in Prose and Poetry, full of rare information on the achievements of the Fianna Eireann; copied from the Book of Lismore, a voluminous manuscript of the Fourteenth Century, by permission of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire. To be edited by JOHN WINDLES.

* *New Editions of Vols. I. and II., now out of print, will be published as soon as the Council receives 250 copies to assist in bearing the cost of printing.*