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LORD LIEUTENANT OF IRELAND;

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE  
THE EARL OF MAYO, M.P.,  
CHIEF SECRETARY FOR IRELAND;

AND TO THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE  
CIVIL SERVICE LITERARY SOCIETY,

*This Address*

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 PRIZES AWARDED AT THE CONCLUSION OF  
 THE SESSION, 1867.

For the best Essay, . . .	Mr. W. T. Young.
For the second best Essay, . . .	„ J. H. Smith.
To the best Speaker, . . .	„ W. F. Madden.
To the second best Speaker, . . .	„ J. R. O'Flanagan.

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 EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES.

THE Opening Meeting of the Second Session, 1867-68, was held on Tuesday Evening, October 29, 1867, in the Molesworth Hall, Molesworth-street.

Among those who attended were:—

Sir William Wilde; W. H. Newell, LL.D., Secretary, Board of National Education; E. Le Clerc, M.D., Surgeon, Royal Irish Constabulary; J. F. Waller, LL.D.; J. H. Owen, M.A., Architect, Board of Public Works; P. J. Murray, Director of Convict Prisons; W. Gernon, M.A., Secretary to the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests; Rev. David Stuart, Chaplain, Mountjoy Government Prison; J. F. Browning, Chief Clerk, Royal Irish Constabulary Office; Rev. W. Neville, Chaplain, Royal Hibernian Military School; The Auditor, Law Students' Debating Society; Digby P. Starkey, LL.D., Accountant-General; P. J. Keenan, Chief of Inspection, Board of National Education; Robert M'Donnell, M.D.; T. H. Taylor, Chief Secretary's Office; Charles Granby Burke, Master, Court

of Common Pleas; Dr. W. M. Burke, Physician to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant; The Secretary, College Philosophical Society; Robert O'Hara, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; James Duncan, Esq.; &c., &c., &c.

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On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. J. G. ALCOBN, the chair was taken at 8 o'clock by

SIR WILLIAM WILDE.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read by the Secretary, and confirmed, the Auditor, Mr. HENRY L. JEPHSON, delivered the Inaugural Address.

Dr. WALLER, V.P., moved "That the marked thanks of the meeting be given to the Auditor for his Address, and that it be printed and circulated at the expense of the Society."

Mr. P. J. KEENAN, V.P., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. W. GERON, M.A., V.P., moved "That the Civil Service Literary Society is entitled to the support of the gentlemen of the Civil Service in Ireland, both as a bond of union and an intellectual resource."

Mr. J. H. OWEN, M.A., V.P., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Master BURKE having been called to the second chair, Mr. J. R. O'FLANAGAN moved, and Mr. C. H. BRIEN seconded a vote of thanks to Sir WILLIAM WILDE for his kindness in presiding.

Sir WILLIAM WILDE having replied, the meeting adjourned.

## ADDRESS.

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

Deeply impressed with the honour conferred upon me by my fellow members of the Civil Service Literary Society, and grateful for the confidence they have reposed in me in electing me as Auditor, I rise this evening to deliver the opening address of the present session, and I feel the honour to be the greater since such an election entails upon me the delivery of an address inaugural, not only of the session but of the Society.

The project of such a society originated with a few enterprising members of the Service, and was carried on despite gloomy prophecies as to success, despite the *cui bono?* taunt of men who see no good in anything intellectual, nor in anything tending to mental improvement, until we at length succeeded in bringing together a sufficient number of members to give us some standing, and were so fortunate as to obtain the patronage (most kindly given) of several gentlemen in the highest branches of the Service, who have already earned for themselves names in the literary world, and who were willing to assist