

Conference of delegates from the undermentioned Irish Societies to consider means of relieving the distress prevalent in Dublin at present through the Industrial dispute in that City.

Held in the Hall of the Union of the Four Provinces ~~Block~~, 16 John St. Adelphi, on Wednesday, 22nd October 1913. at 8 p.m.

Members of the following Societies were present:—

The Ancient Order of Hibernians - Mr. Lawless

" Lehané

" J. H. MacDonnell

" Richard Murray

Gaelic Athletic Association

" P. J. Barrett

" M. Collins

Gaelic League

" Art O'Brien

Mrs Dwyhurst

Mr B. B. Dutton

" J. O'Riordan

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The Irish Association	Mr. Mac eady
	" P.V. McMahon
Irish Athletic Club	" Wm. McCarthy
	" J. Quinlan
Irish League for Women's Suffrage.	Miss Carson.
	Mrs. Casey.
Irish Literary Society	Miss K. O'Flynn
	" Walsh.
London Irish & Football Club.	Mr. O'Loughlin
Union of the Four Provinces Club.	Mrs. Lavanagh.
	" O'Malley
	Miss Finn
United Irish League of G.B.	Mr. J. Bradley
	" M. Dempsey.
United Irishwomen	Mrs. Brooks.
	" E. Rhys

On a motion of Messrs. Dutton & McCarthy,
Mr. Art O'Brien was moved to the chair.

Diarmid O'Leary and E. O'Feinney, having acted as secretaries in calling the conference together, were appointed secretaries to the conference.

The Chairman briefly stated that a number of members of the Gaelic League had requested their Executive to ask the Irish Societies in London to come together for the purpose of taking concerted action to relieve some of the destitution in Dublin.

It was not desirable to discuss the merits of the Industrial dispute in progress, but it was a fact that there was a very large number of people in great want on account of it, who were in no way responsible.

These were mostly Women and Children, and were deserving of every support in their distress.

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The names of the Societies represented were read, and a letter was read from the Secretary of the Irish Club offering his hearty co-operation.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin wrote that a Committee was working under the direction of the Lady Mayoress to provide meals to children through the schools and institutions of the City. In some cases Women were also assisted. He stated that the people being assisted were those who badly

needed help, and that the money sent to him would be utilised in that manner.

On the proposition of Mr. Deane (A.O.H.) seconded by Mr. J. Brady, it was decided that the monies collected should be sent to the Lady Mayoress' Fund.

~~This resolution was carried with one dissentient.~~

Mr. Macready moved that the suggestion for the appointment of a joint committee should be considered after the other items on the agenda. This was agreed unanimously.

Mrs. Dymhurst suggested that collecting boxes should be obtained.

Mr. Brady suggested that all the Societies be asked to send the collections of their Branches through the joint committee.

It was decided that an appeal for help be made to the members of all the Societies.

Mr Dutton proposed that the Ecclesiastical Authorities be approached, to permit collections at the doors of the Churches, and to interest the Clergy in the work of relief.

Mr McDonnell seconded, and said that the Clergy should be approached personally.

The proposal was carried; Mr Macread said that the appeal to the Societies should be made first, and this was agreed.

The suggestion that Local Committees be formed to organize local relief measures was carried unanimously, without discussion.

Mr Murray proposed and Miss O'Flynn seconded that a big Concert be organized, and this was agreed.

Mrs Brooks suggested that Irish Artists would be glad to do posters for this object.

Mr Wm McBarthy proposed, and Mr P. V. McMahon seconded, that those appointed delegates present should form themselves into a Committee, with power to add to their numbers.

Mr Barrett proposed as an amendment, that the Committee should be composed of two delegates from each Irish Society. Miss Walsh (I.L.S.) seconded.

On voting, the amendment was lost, and the original proposal was carried.

On the proposal of Mr M. Dempsey Meeting immediately resolved itself into a

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Minutes of the first meeting of
The Committee of the United Irish Societies.

The Chairman of the Conference, Mr Art O'Brien, was moved to the Chair of the Committee.

A letter was read from the Rt Hon. Lord Ashbourne stating that he was sorry he could not be at the meeting, but that ~~letter~~ were at liberty to use his name.

Mr Dutton proposed, Mr Murray seconding, the Lord Ashbourne be appointed President. This was carried unan.

Officers were then elected as follows:— Chairman — Mr Art O'Brien; Vice-Chairmen — Messrs Sam. Geddes and Richard Murray;

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Treasurers - Mrs Kavanagh and Mrs O'Malley.
Hon. Secretaries, - Diarmuid O'Leary and
Samuel O'Tierney.

The representatives of the Union of the
Four Provinces Club offered the use of their
address - 16 John St. Adelphi. as offices.
for the Fund, and this was accepted.

~~Mr Murray proposed that Mr McDonnell should
start a Finance Committee should be formed. This
was put to the meeting and
It was decided that the two secretaries act
with the two treasurers as a Finance committee.~~

Messrs B. Dutton, J. H. MacDonnell, and Rhys
were appointed as a sub-committee to draft
an appeal for publication in the Press, and
publish same immediately in the name
of the Committee of the United Irish
Societies in London for the relief of
distress in Dublin.

Miss Finn suggested that the matter of approaching the Blergy should be left to the Ladies, and on the proposition of Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Lawless (?) a sub-committee of all the Ladies present was formed, with Miss Finn and Miss O'Flynn as secretaries, to take this matter in hand.

A circular to the Blergy was to be sent out later by the secretaries.

A Concert sub committee was formed composed of the following:— Mrs Brook, Mrs Dwyhurst, Miss O'Flynn, Messrs P. J. Barrett, J. Brady, M. Dempsey, B. B. Dutton S. Lyddles, - Lawless, Wm McBarthly.

It was decided to ask each Society to supply the names of prominent local Irishmen

for the purpose of convening them on Local Committees.

It was decided that all monies received should be banked, and remittances sent to Dublin by cheque; the cheques to bear the signatures of ~~two members of the Finance sub-committee: one treasurer and one Secretary,~~ ^{only Treasurer & Secretary} the ~~four members~~ having power to sign.

The next meeting of the Committee to be called for Tuesday, 28th. Oct., at 8.30 p.m. at 16 John St. Adelphi W. C.

Wm. W. O'Brien
28/10/13.