

CORK INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION,
1883.

AT a meeting of the Executive Committee on the 24th ult., after the reading of the minutes of the various sub-committees, the question of setting apart one of the galleries in the main hall for delegates from the various trades throughout Ireland, came up on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and was approved of. It was stated that there was every expectation that the trades of Belfast and the chief towns in the North of Ireland would be represented, as well as those of the rest of Ireland.

The following resolutions, as passed by the Local Trades' Association, were read and approved of:—

"That in order to demonstrate more emphatically our appreciation of the labour of the executive of the Cork Exhibition in the interest of the trades and in the cause of industrial progress generally, a grand procession be held on the opening day, 3rd July." "That in consideration of the Cork Exhibition movement being a purely industrial one, we, the united trade of Cork, desire to express our opinion that political or religious manifestation should be eliminated from any demonstrations in connection with it." "That we invite the various trades of Dublin, Belfast, Limerick, Waterford, and the other cities and towns of Ireland, to cooperate with us in our proposed demonstration on July 3rd, to celebrate the opening of the Cork Industrial Exhibition of 1883."

Mr. Delany stated that the object the trades had in view in suggesting the invitation of the delegates was to carry out the fundamental idea on which the Exhibition had been started—viz., the fusion of men of all classes, creeds, and politics, in a united effort to advance the industries and develop the resources of the country.

The following resolution was passed:—

"That a sub-committee, not exceeding five in number, be appointed for the special purpose of carrying into effect the detail of the arrangements made for the opening ceremony, and the following form the members of this sub-committee—viz., the President of the Queen's College, R. W. P. Fitzgerald, Colonel Shuldham, J. W. M'Mullen, Captain R. P. Beamish. The sub-committee to have the power of appointing such stewards to assist them as they may require."

A long conversation ensued as to the best steps to be taken to retain some portion of the building after the close of the exhibition.

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