

Minutes

1904-1905



ABBAY THEATRE

LOWER ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN 1

PEACOCK THEATRE

PER POST DATE

To

MINUTE BOOK  
1ST JANUARY 1904  
TO  
1905

No.



Irish National Theatre Society  
First General Meeting - 34 St Columba St.  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1904.

Proposed by W. G. Fay seconded by Miss Walker  
that the following be admitted to membership  
(in addition to the seven signatories to the rules  
viz - W. G. Fay, P. J. Kelly, F. Ryan, Miss Lind,  
Miss Walker, J. Marshall, F. J. Fay)

T. Kosheller  
F. Walker  
H. Norman  
J. M. Squire  
O. Colman  
Miss Allgood  
J. Roberts

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Fay seconded by Marshall  
to elect W. B. Yeats President of the Society  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by P. J. Kelly seconded by F. Walker  
to elect Russell & Douglas Hyde vice presidents  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by G. Russell seconded by Miss Walker  
to elect the following members of Managing Committee

|           |             |             |            |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| W. G. Fay | P. J. Kelly | Miss Lind   | J. Roberts |
| F. J. Fay | F. Ryan     | Miss Walker |            |

Proposed by F. J. Fay, seconded by F. Walker  
to appoint F. Kitchell - W. Norman as trustees  
of the Society.  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. Starkey seconded by J. Roberts.  
to elect the following as members of the Reading  
Committee.

|             |            |           |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| W. B. Myles | J. M. Lyng | F. J. Fay |
| J. Russell  | P. Colman  | W. G. Fay |

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. Russell seconded by W. G. Fay  
to elect F. Ryan as Treasurer  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. Russell seconded by W. Walker  
to appoint W. G. Fay as stage manager  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. Starkey seconded by J. Russell  
to appoint J. Roberts as secretary.  
Passed unanimously.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1904 General Meeting.

Present. W.G. Fay, F.G. Fay, Starkey, F. Walker  
Kelly, Wright, Roberts, Miss Walker, Miss Allgood  
Colin. Ryan.

Proposed by F. Roberts  
seconded by F. Walker to elect J. Starkey a committee.  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by W.G. Fay seconded by Colin  
to elect W. Wright - the young member of the  
society.  
passed unanimously.

The Miracle of the Corn" submitted by Colin.

Play by W.P. Starkey "revised" previously  
recommended of reading committee read to company  
for acceptance - passed.

Proposed by W.G. Fay to travel with Miss Roberts  
to London - passed unanimously.

April programme

Proposed by W.G. Fay } Baiter should be  
seconded by F. Walker } bring the Foundation  
passed unanimously.

General Meeting <sup>April</sup> Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> ~~March~~ 1904  
President. W. G. Fay. F. G. Fay. Kelly. Stacey.  
Colon F. W. Wall. Wright. Mr. Walker Mr. Ginn  
Members

"The Rising of the Moon" Read.

For the play 6  
Again 3.

Suggestion to play for Celtic Am. at Cardiff  
Colon protested against playing in English.

Mr. Russell proposed to reconsider the  
decision of the society re. "The rising of  
the Moon" at the next general meeting.

General Meeting - Wednesday - 6th April.

Present G. Russell, Nyan, W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay,  
D. J. Kelly, Colm, F. Walker, Min Walker  
Min Gribben, Min Allgood, W. Wright,  
Mary Kitchell.

Mr Russell voted to the Chair

seconded by J. Roberts.

Charge of Breach the rules lodged by  
W. G. Fay against D. J. Kelly.

The rule of the Society is 14 days  
notice being waived as Kelly was going to  
America.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that Kelly be expelled  
from the Society as he had taken part in  
another performance without permission of Committee.  
second F. J. Fay.

Amendment proposed by Kitchell against this  
seconded Nyan

for the Amendment 2  
against 10.

for the first resolution 10.  
against 2.

Proposed by W. G. Fay seconded by Colm  
that every member pledges himself to hold to  
the rules of the Society for one year.

Amendment proposed by F. J. Fay

seconded by F. Walker that all members agree  
the following. "I promise to abide by the rules of  
the Society ~~for the next year~~ and to remain

a member of the Society of in Dublin for the  
next year.

Proposed by Mr Russell that "The Rising of  
the Moa" be ~~considered~~ reconsidered, the  
members who opposed it having withdrawn  
their objection the play was passed.

Propose S. J. Roberts to elect a member or  
committee in place of Kelly. seconded J. J. F. F.

Mr Walker proposed for committee of the G. G.  
seconded J. J. F. F.  
passed unanimously.

Miss Gurney also elected to committee for  
time being in place of Miss Bond

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1904.

Committee meeting.

Present. Messrs. W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay, J. Roberts, J. Hyman  
Proposed J. G. Messrs. Seconded J. W. G. Fay.

"That a bank account in the name of the Society be opened in the Hibernian Bank, 100 College Green. That all cheques on same be signed by two members of the Committee & countersigned by the Secretary in accordance with Rule V and that all cheques for lodgement be endorsed by Secretary & that the Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to give effect to this resolution."

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1904.

General Meeting - Present. W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay  
Messrs. Mess. Walker, U. Wright, Cohen, F. Walker  
Roberts, Mr. Gurney.

Decided to hold no rehearsal till 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Belfast Society to be written re. tell if  
then Society & requested to change some in  
order to avoid confusion.

Friday 6th May - 1904 - Reading Committee  
Present W. G. Fay - F. G. Fay - C. W. - Syngé!  
The following plays were suggested:  
"The Golden Throne" "The Golden Power"

The Miracle of the Corn - accepted subject  
in alteration.

The Building Fund - A number of alterations  
suggested - the Author to be written to  
regarding the f. Mr. Syngé.

Saturday 25th May 1904.  
Annual General Meeting.

Present. J. Russell. J. M. Synge, J. Coleman,  
J. Mackey, W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay, W. Wright.  
Miss Walker, J. W. Walker, J. K. Keller, Robert.  
Miss Gurney, Norman, Ryan.

Proposed a receipt balance sheet for 1903  
by W. G. Fay seconded by J. M. Synge.  
Carried unanimously.

Proposed to re-elect President by W. G. Fay. Seconded by J. M. Synge.  
Proposed to re-elect Mr Russell + ~~Lady Grey~~ <sup>J. M. Synge</sup>  
as Vice President and to elect in addition  
Lady Grey + Stephen Gurney. Proposed by W. G. Fay  
seconded by J. Roberts.  
Carried unanimously.

Proposed that the present committee be  
re-elected - by F. G. Fay, W. G. Fay, Ryan, Miss Walker,  
Mackey, Miss Gurney, Roberts.  
Miss Gurney (formerly co-opted for term) to be elected  
as a permanent member of committee in place  
of Miss Baird.

Proposed by J. K. Keller seconded by W. Wright  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. K. Keller that the Reading  
Committee be re-elected  
seconded by J. Roberts.

Proposed by F. G. Fay that he withdraw  
from the reading committee & the  
amendment was not seconded the original  
motion was put and carried unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that Ketcher and  
Norman be appointed auditors.

Seconded by Calum.

Amendment proposed by W. G. Fay  
that a public auditor be appointed.

seconded by - G. Roberts.

for amendment 2

Proposal by Ketcher & Norman carried  
~~for the original motion. 12.~~

Proposed by W. G. Fay that Ryan be  
reappointed treasurer seconded by G. Roberts.

Proposed by J. M. Knight to accept the Miracle  
of the Corn, <sup>taken as read</sup> seconded by Norman.

Passed unanimously.

Friday 17th June 1904.

Reading Committee -- present Mr Russell, W.G. Fay  
+ F.J. Fay. "The Well of the Saints" passed unanimously.

General Meeting. Present in addition to above. Stanley,  
Wright, F. Walker, Roberts, Miss Espinosa, Miss Walker.  
(Motion - by proxy for W.G. Fay)

"The Well of the Saints" read to company + passed unanimously.

Wednesday 6th July 1904.

General Meeting. Present W.B. Yeats, W.G. Fay, F.J. Fay  
Miss Walker, F. Walker, Miss Allgood, J.M. Synge  
Stanley, Wright, Roberts.

Proposed by Mr Yeats to write to paper re. American  
Performance but after discussion decision is taken  
no action for the present.

"Kinconi" read to company but no vote taken.

Wednesday 10th August 1904.

General Meeting. W.G. Fay, F.J. Fay, Kosheller,  
Norman, Stanley, Miss Espinosa, Miss Walker  
Miss Allgood, F. Walker, Wright + Roberts.

~~Proposed~~ Discussed if we should open in Mollerbrook  
Hall or wait till there was ready and if Mollerbrook  
unanimously decided to wait till there be ready.

Proposed by W.G. Fay to open with Kinconi and  
Hyde "Poor House" in Irish

Passed unanimously.

"The Building Fund" read to company.

For the play 10  
against 2.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1907.

Reading Committee. Present Colman, ~~Hayes~~  
Russell, W. G. Fay & F. J. Fay.

Rejected - the Letter of Allen Hill and  
The Lost Leader.

Proposed by G. Russell seconded by Lynch  
that Kincaid be accepted.

5<sup>th</sup> Sept

General Meeting - W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay, Hayes, Russell,  
Colman, ~~Hayes~~, Wright, Walker, Miss Walker, Roberts.  
Kincaid Read.

Proposed by G. Roberts that the play be  
accepted seconded by W. G. Fay.  
passed unanimously.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Reading Committee.

Present Russell, W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay.

The Common Read. - Not suitable ~~was~~ but ~~some~~  
alterations proposed & if made the play to be recommended,  
to be sent to the select members of the Committee.

29th Oct General Meeting. Nassau Hotel  
Present. Lady Gregory, W.B. Yeats, J.M. Synge, Celia  
W.G. Fay, J.G. Fay, Stansky, Kathleen, Miss Walker  
Miss Gurney, Miss Lind, F.W. Allen, W. Wright, Roberts  
Miss Lind.

The film programme has been discussed & was  
decided to open with.

Baile Plaurant

Kathleen in Holikham

Spreading the News.

Munday - Ireland

Monday in Ireland

of the week

Shadow of the Glen to be played alternate nights with Kathleen.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed to Lady Gregory that £30 salary should be paid to  
W.G. Fay for one year & to make a first charge on  
the Societies profits, balance of his salary to be made up by W.B. Yeats  
& Lady Gregory. Roberts passed unanimously.

Proposed the 1/2 reduction of salary for Lady  
Miss Brown and 1/2 by Society - accepted unanimously.

London visit discussed - decided to go to London in  
the Spring or Autumn.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1904

## Committee Meeting.

Present. W.B. Ayers, F. Ayers, W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay,

Miss Garsley, Miss Walker, Stanley Roberts.

Proposed by W. G. Fay to have week after Christmas -  
if possible on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> or the Saturday before that. This  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Fay to give a charity performance  
to unemployed, on the question of rule being  
broken up it was decided to have a legal advice  
as to the legality of holding such a performance.

Proposed by W. G. Fay to appoint the staff of them  
as follows:—

2 men on stage 1 on door.

2 - Pitt.

1 Girl for shells.

1 - Balcony.

1 - Pay box.

1 - Clock Room.

Rockeller to look after front of House.

Cleaning to be paid 1/2 by society - 1/2 by the Home.

Light & fire - gas to be paid for by Society less  
bits deducted.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that £15 be spent on paper(?) station  
- £10 for ladies performance.

~~Resolutions~~ Vice Presidents not to be present on Society  
stations or programmes.

The Secretary to attend to advertising and printing

The Committee to meet once every month - to  
be summoned a week beforehand - agenda to be  
prepared beforehand.

Sunday 10th Dec.

Committee Meeting - Present W.B. Yeats, W.G. Fay, F.G. Fay  
Mr Walker, Miss Gurney, Roberts.

Proposed by W.B. Yeats to give a performance for Lane  
passed unanimously.

Clarence-Soules London - U.S. He has written or advertised  
in pt. unauthorized productions of plays of which he possesses  
copyright. Soc. compelled to prevent illegal use of its property.

Proposed to put advertisement in programme + to give some  
free to audience. Proposed by W.G. Fay the Roberts cause  
for advertisement and receive the usual chamber  
commission (25%)

Koller says to be written to to ask in Stewards.

Proposed by Copying press + to allow 7/6 to Roberts for script

~~Thursday 11th Dec.~~

~~Committee - Absent W.B. Yeats, F. Gurney, W.G. Fay, Miss Gurney,  
Miss Walker, J. Walker, Roberts.~~

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov (continued) ?

London Visit. objected to by F. G. Fay who proposed  
not to go to London for two or three years.  
Deferred to general Meeting.

Accounts to be opened in Shop in Society House.

Rules to be drafted for use in Society of F. G. Fay objects  
+ the Council to see that these bye-laws are carried out.

Mr Rivington to be asked to pay for Books.

Free tickets for opening to be offered to <sup>President</sup> Mr. Milford  
& Cork Societies.

Associates of last year to receive free tickets  
for opening performance

29<sup>th</sup> Oct. General Meeting - Unknown Hotel. Presider Henry Gregory

London Visit has been discussed it was decided to go to  
London in the Spring or Autumn.

Proposed to pay W. G. Fay £30 for an year out of the funds  
of the Society; the balance of his salary to be made up to £95.  
by W. B. Gask - Henry Gregory

W. B. Gask  
see memo in  
as Page 10

Annual General Meeting May 1905.

Present - W. B. Meeks, Lady Gregory, Miss Gandy,  
Miss Laidlaw, W. G. Fay, Miss Walker, George, F. Walker,  
F. G. Fay, Colin, Miss Alford, W. Wright, Kathleen,  
Byron, Roberts.

Proposed by F. G. Fay.

That the thanks of the Society be conveyed to  
Miss Laidlaw - Miss Gregory for selling the  
books at the Theatre, in London and at  
the opening performance. seconded by F. M. Byng.  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that <sup>with just</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>copies</sup> be sent as  
society sphere.  
passed unanimously.

Statement of accounts submitted by Treasurer  
Proposed by F. G. Fay seconded by Colin  
that the statement be accepted and passed.  
carried unanimously.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that the President  
& Vice Presidents be re-elected.  
seconded by G. Roberts.  
passed unanimously.

Decided that a special general meeting  
be held after school play.

Proposed by ~~George~~ Roberts seconded by F. G. Fay  
that the ready committee be re-elected.

Proposed S. W. Wright seconded by J. W. Walker  
that the business committee be re-elected.

Mr. Wright proposed that the committee have  
power to elect a member should a  
vacancy arise during year.

Proposed S. W. Wright seconded by J. W. Walker that  
Rockwell attend at the church ~~and~~ ~~once~~  
one evening each week to check the books.

Proposed S. W. G. Fay that the secretary  
and Rockwell be given permission to employ  
a paid book-keeper  
seconded by J. W. Walker  
passed unanimously.

Proposed S. W. G. Fay seconded by J. W. Walker  
that Rockwell & Workman be appointed auditors.  
Passed unanimously.

Proposed S. W. G. Fay & seconded by  
Proposed S. W. G. Fay that the fund be accepted  
passed unanimously.

# Special General Meeting June 1905

Present: W B Yeats, Lady Gregory, W. P. Fay  
J. J. Fay, P. Colm, J. S. Starkey, J.  
Walker, J. Ryan, J. Roberts, Misses  
Walker, Harvey, Allgood, Laird, Geo  
Russell, J. Keohler.

Statement (draft) of Accounts showing balance  
of about £100 submitted

Proposed: that this meeting considers it desirable  
that the Committee of Management should  
exercise its power to pay certain members  
should funds be forthcoming;  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by Geo. Russell to amend Rule 5,  
Section (d) by the last sentence of same to  
read "to remunerate any official, or actor, of  
the Society for his (or her) work" and by  
adding "any officer of the Society, or actor,  
who is paid for his (or her) services shall  
enter into an agreement with the Society  
for the due fulfilment of his engagements"  
Seconded by P. Colm.  
passed unanimously.

Proposed by Geo. Roberts to amend Rule 6  
Section (b) ~~that the~~ by substituting  
the following Rule for the present one:  
"The Reading Committee shall be seven  
in number, they shall consider all plays  
proposed for performance by the Society

A member of the Reading Committee shall not be entitled to vote if a play of his own should be submitted for their consideration. ~~and~~  
And their decision on the rejection of a play shall be final. When a play is accepted, the ~~responsibility~~ <sup>responsibility</sup> of the first reading to the action selected to ~~shall~~ take part in the performance shall be given to the members and if a three quarters majority of the members present, exclusive of members of the reading committee object to the play, a general meeting shall be arranged to consider the matter. The decision of the ~~general meeting~~ <sup>general meeting</sup> shall be final. ~~Seconded by W. S. Fox.~~ <sup>Passed unanimously</sup>

Proposed by Geo. Russell

Proposed by G. Russell to amend rule VI ~~section~~ by adding the following as sec E.

"That the order of the production of plays <sup>appearing</sup> ~~from~~ the session shall be decided upon by the Reading Committee"

Approved by G. Roberts  
for the motion 10  
against 3  
no vote 1.

Proposed by Geo. Russell to amend Rule III sec a by adding  
"The membership of the Society shall be limited to twenty-five"

Amendment proposed by - A. Cohen  
That the membership be limited to twenty  
recorded by G. Roberts.  
For the amendment - 8  
Against - 6.

For the original resolution 6  
Against - 7.

After some discussion the original motion being  
again put to the meeting the vote was as follows.  
For the motion 11  
Against - 4

The original motion limiting the membership to  
25 passed.

Proposed by G. Russell seconded by F. J. F. J. F. J.  
to amend Rule III sec a. by substituting the following rule  
for the present one:-

"The Society shall have associate members, who shall  
be admitted by an annual vote of the members of  
the society, but shall have no vote in the selection  
of plays, or in the management of the society.  
They shall be entitled to free admission to such  
performances as may be specified by the Committee.

Proposed by Mackay seconded by F. J. F. J.  
"That the exclusive right to have books offered for  
sale at the performances to be given by the  
Society be vested in George Roberts, in consideration  
of services rendered. That the right be not  
given to another to participate in or withdraw from

that Roberts to have literally to assign all or part of this right to a publishing firm with which he may be connected. And that documentary evidence be given him that he possesses this right.

Roberts to undertake not to sell any books other than such as come under the following heads (except by special permission of the committee)

- (1) The Volumes in the Abbey Theatre Series.
  - (2) Plays performed by the Society but not included in the Series.
  - (3) Samhain or any other publication directly connected with the work of the Society.
- on the motion of  
against 1.

Proposed that the committee be found to draw up an agreement to be signed by Officers or Agents who receive remuneration. And that the committee be Mr. Gledhill, Mr. Russell, W. G. & any Roberts.

Passed unanimously

Proposed by W. G. & any that Mr. Gledhill be proposed for membership at the next general meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gledhill.

Proposed by Mr. Russell

That on the acceptance of a play by the Society the committee be instructed to draw a stamped agreement with the author regarding rights therein.

Seconded by Colman passed unanimously.

Wrs Yeats.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1905.

Committee Meeting. Present W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay, Starkey, Miss Walker, Roberts.

Account for opening performance handed for payment.  
£2 to be given to F. Walker for work done on  
Committee opening performance.

Lygon play to be produced 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
inclusion.

Part of Booth to be play with The Wall of the Future.  
McGarry 2/-

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1905.

Committee. Present F. Lygon, W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay, Starkey, Miss Walker, Roberts.

Proposed by W. G. Fay to remunerate 50% the ladies  
who took part in their performance. viz. Miss Walker  
Miss Gandy, Miss Spruit, Miss Allgood & Miss Annally  
handed minutes - (2/- 1/- each)

Proposed by W. G. Fay, seconded by Roberts to pay £2 to  
F. Walker

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1905.

Committee - Present W. G. Fay, Miss Gandy, Starkey, Roberts.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that a/c for last performance  
be handed for payment.

Proposed by Roberts seconded by Starkey to  
pay £1-1-0 to F. Walker.

(on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>) Proposed by W. G. Fay seconded by Roberts  
to pay £1-1-0 each to Miss Walker, Miss Gandy,  
Miss Allgood

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1905.

Committee Meeting. Present W. G. Fay, F. G. Fay  
Marken, Miss Walker, Roberts.

Account for opening performance handed for payment.  
£2 to be given to F. Walker for work done on  
Committee opening performance.

Lynner play to be produced 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
inclusive.

Pat of Bristol to be play with "The Well of the Saints".  
McGarry 2/-

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1905.

Committee. Present F. Ryman, W. G. Fay  
F. G. Fay. Marken Miss Walker. Roberts.

Proposed by W. G. Fay to remunerate 50% the ladies  
who take part in opening performance. viz: Miss Walker  
Miss Garsy Miss Esposito Miss Allgood & Miss Annesley  
handed minutes - (2/- 1/- each)

Proposed by W. G. Fay standard of Roberts to pay £2 to  
F. Walker

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1905.

Committee - Present W. G. Fay, Miss Garsy, Marken  
Roberts.

Proposed by W. G. Fay that ap's for last performance  
be handed for payment.

Proposed by Roberts resolved by Marken to  
pay £1-1-0 to F. Walker.

(on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>) Proposed by W. G. Fay standard of Roberts  
to pay £1-1-0 each to Miss Walker, Miss Garsy,  
Miss Allgood

Thursday 30th March.

Committee - Present W.B. Myers, F.G. Fay  
W.G. Fay, Roberts.

Proposed for special performance of the  
following (draft) programme:

The Home Glean  
Specially The Women on 8th of March  
and Rules to them. on 8th of March.

Entire Programme arranged.

Time - Monday Wednesday - Friday.

Things Threshold. } Tuesday Thursday  
Boyle. } - Saturday.

Passed unanimously.

A notice to be placed on door in balcony -  
"This door is not to be opened until the  
end of performance, except in case of  
emergency."

Monday 4th April

Committee F. Ryan, W.G. Fay, F.G. Fay.

Markey, Roberts. Miss Walker Mrs. Gandy.

Treasurer report passed by Committee.

Walker to be Paid 1-0-0. Mrs. Gandy 1-0-0.

Mr. Gandy 1-0-0

Mrs. Gandy

1-0-0

Passed Unanimously.

A letter to be written to literary society to say  
we cannot accept their invitation to London

Yours truly  
F.G. Fay

Friday 12th May 1905.  
Committee W.G. Fay. F.G. Fay. Min Walker  
Min Garvey, Marky, Roberts.  
W.G. Fay proposed Min Walker in name to ladies  
& F. Walker seconded & Robert - passed.  
Letter from the Roman regarding proposed  
performance of Deirdre in London.  
Decides to write the Roman requesting the the  
rights be left with society & the the London  
perform the play he lent for a certain  
number of nights.

Proposed by W.G. Fay to pay £2 to MacDonnan  
for services in front of house, recorded  
by Robert Francis.

Friday 20th June 1905.  
Committee present W.G. Fay, F.G. Fay, J. Marky  
Min Walker, Min Garvey, S. Roberts, F. Ryan.  
An agreement signed by those present (except F.G. Fay)  
give right for sale of both to & Robert in accordance  
with motion passed at the general meeting.

Proposed by S. Roberts recorded by W.G. Fay.  
to pay Min Walker, Min Alford, Min Garvey  
& F. Walker. £1- each for last performance.  
passed unanimously -

also for last performance passed  
estimated before £24-0-0.

Proposed by F.G. Fay recorded by W.G. Fay  
that Min MacDonnan offer of a guarantee  
be accepted.  
for the motion 2.

proposed by Mr. Gurney the Mr. Hornum after  
he deferred till next session.

seconded by Mr. Roberts  
for the motion 5.

W. G. F. gave notice to committee that he will  
not settle any terms of outside engagements  
in the future.

Letter from Mr. Lane re. Lady Dorothea  
proposed performance at Manchester  
proposed by W. G. F. seconded by  
J. Stanley to be deferred to general meeting.

Fournier proposed to play in Galway during his  
week commencing, decided to find out  
what chances of success at that time & also  
test him the could be arranged re Fournier.

Proposed by Stanley seconded by Mr. Gurney  
that resolution deferring the Hornum after  
the resumption and that a letter be written  
to the Hornum accepting her offer but  
hoping the society would be able to make some  
profit next season without any action without  
being to draw on her generosity.  
for the motion 7.

Committee 31<sup>st</sup> August

Present W. G. Fay 7.9.74 Mr. Garvey,  
Miss Walker, Stanley, Roberts.

Proposed J. W. J. Fay recorded by Stanley  
that the secretary be instructed to obtain  
a minute book, agenda book, & Carbon  
letter book.

Proposed the all of as of which he had  
not to date. Present.

Proposed the resolution deferring Lady  
Drogheda's proposal to a general meeting  
be rescinded & Lady Drogheda's  
written for a definite answer.

Proposed that Lady Drogheda's motion be  
not accepted & a letter written  
explaining the some important members of  
the club could not obtain leave or  
absence.

Galway performance. Frank Fay has  
given notice to the committee that he could  
not obtain leave for the date & the stage  
manager objects to bring play to Galway  
other than this & when 7.9.74 has past  
the proposal was rejected.

London Visit. J. W. J. Fay advised that he  
could not count on being away in November  
J. Stanley proposed to call a general meeting  
to decide the matter. Recorded by the Walker  
to be held as soon after 21<sup>st</sup> August as was  
suitable. Lady Frege & the young  
passed unanimously.

proposed by J. Roberts recorded by W. G. Fung  
that the Hominina suggestion re. Conchocarpus  
in books entails the purchase of seeds &  
a reduced price be adopted

~~Non Latin in Text~~

## 24th August - General Meeting - Nassau Hotel

Present: Lady Gregory, Mr Yeats, Mr Russell, Mr Wilton, Miss Linn  
Miss Gurney, Miss Allport, Mrs Norman, W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay, Edmund  
Starkney, Ryan, Wright & Roberts, Kitchener, F. Walker  
+ arrived late

Recorded by Lady Gregory.

Proposed by Mr Russell, that the committee be instructed  
to pay W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay, Miss Allport, Miss Wilton  
and Frank Walker for their exclusive services.

For the motion 10

against 12.

did not vote 4.

Proposed by Mr Yeats recorded by Mr Russell.

That the Stage Manager be instructed to at once  
interview Messrs F. Fay & F. Walker, Miss Wilton & Miss Allport  
and obtain their decision with regard to giving their  
exclusive services to the Society and if they agree  
to accept the conditions, he should be instructed to  
arrange date for a visit of the Society to  
London & Oxford as soon as possible after the  
first week in November.

Proposed by W. G. Fay recorded by Mackay to  
elect Miss Esposito to member of the Society  
Passed unanimously.

No associates were elected at this meeting pending this election  
deferred for reconstruction of society

Proposed by W. G. Fay that the opening programme of  
the season be

The Land and the Building Fund.  
for the motion 7.

Against 3.

Several members not voting the motion was considered  
carried.

Proposed by W. G. Fay seconded by Mackenzie that  
the usual 3 days notice for members the reading  
committee be waived & that a meeting of the  
reading committee be held now.  
Passed unanimously.

Reading Committee: Mr. Speaks Mr. Cohen Mr. W. G. Fay  
& F. G. Fay "The White Cockade" taken as has been read  
passed unanimously  
the meeting to the centre to take place on  
Monday evening.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

"The White Cockade" read to the centre  
in the Abby Theatre.

W. G. Fay.

Committee News

Committee Members  
Pres. W. G. & J. Roberts 7.9.79.

Mr Garvey,

Decided to open den on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

General Meeting Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Abbey Theatre.

Present W. B. Yeats - J. M. Synge. G. Russell.  
F. Ryan. W. G. Fay. Miss Walker. Miss Baird  
F. J. Fay - Miss Esposito. Miss Allgood. M. Wright  
M. Carey. F. Walker. Kathleen. Roberts.

Proposed by Mr Russell.

That a company be formed under the title of the Irish National Theatre Limited to take over the assets, liabilities and work of the Irish National Theatre Society that the Society employ an accountant to examine the books and make a statement and valuation of the property, and that the members of the Society be allotted fully paid up shares in the new company giving to each share proportionate in value to their interest in the assets of the Society

Seconded by J. M. Synge

for the motion 14  
against 1.

and to resolve.

That Messrs Yeats. Synge. Ryan be appointed to carry the resolution into effect and to arrange for the drawing up of the Articles of Association of the new company and to effect registration

Proposed G. G. Russell

seconded by W. G. Fay.

for the motion 12.

That Mr Hornum be empowered to forward  
data for London performance in  
consultation with stage manager.

W. S. G.

# General Meeting - Monday 9th Nov. 1905.

President W. G. Fay, Secretary Gregory, F. J. Fay  
U. Wright, Kalkbeller, Miss Esposito, Miss Allgood  
J. M. Sprague, J. Cohen, J. Hensley, F. W. Alker  
Miss Walker, Miss Gurney, Mr Russell, Mr Yates  
Roberts, Ryman, Kalkbeller, Miss Laird.  
Mr Yates is the Chairman

(18)

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called to consider Articles and Memorandum of Association of a proposed printer company to carry on the work of the society, but for financial reasons arrangements had been changed and an Industrial Society with limited liability was now proposed to be formed instead.

The Chairman stated the reason for limiting the liability was mainly the increase in the society's ~~work~~ and responsibility and further stated that the present society could not be transformed but must remain in existence in order to keep the working of the printer unchanged. He also stated that the agreement made by the ~~present~~ society with G. Roberts regarding the sale of books would be carried out by the proposed new society.

At the request of the Chairman Mr Russell proceeded to read the rules of the proposed new society.

Mr Russell proposed:

That the Society agree to transfer all its property assets and liabilities to the Irish Theatre Society in consideration of the members of the Irish National Theatre Society being allotted in equal proportion fully paid up shares in the Irish Theatre Society. The amount of fully paid up shares to be allotted to the members of the Irish National Theatre Society shall be equal in value to the assets as ascertained and valued by the Auditor.

Mr Koshler proposed an amendment

That Mr Russell move he accepts provided that rule 45 be altered as a to read:-

"All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, and each individual member shall have one vote only irrespective of his share holding."

Mr Joyce proposed amendment:-

That Mr Russell propose he accepts provided the following alterations are made.

- (1) To delete rule about standing committee
- (2) and in rule 42 to omit the word standing committee

- (3) in rule 45 to omit the sentence "in the election of standing committee no member shall have more than one vote"

Robert's Proposed Amendment.

That the Russell Resolution has examples provided that for the alteration of rules (which must be proposed by one of the directors) appointment of additional directors, expulsion of members each member have one vote only irrespective of his share holding.

After considerable discussion

the Russell amendment was put  
for the amendment 4.

The Byngs Amendment was put.  
for the amendment 9.

The Russell Resolution with the Byngs  
and Robert's amendments was put  
for the motion 9.

These resolutions were found afterwards  
not to have been carried. The necessary  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  majority not having been obtained  
Rule 4 was 9.

404/20

General Meeting Sunday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1905.

Present W.B. Meeks, Lady Gregory, J.M. Synge  
F. Ryan, Kitchener, Miss Laird, F.G. Fyng.  
Miss Govey, Miss Walker, F. Walker, Stacey  
Miss Cleghorn, W. Wright, W.G. Fyng, Roberts.  
Mr Meeks is the Chair

The Chairman having made a statement that  
a New Society had been formed in.  
The National Theatre Society Limited.

The meeting was adjourned for a short  
interval and when the Chair resumed the Chair  
his resolution being put before the  
meeting the Chairman declared the  
meeting dissolved.

W.B. Meeks

Committee Meeting.

Nov. 1967

Present - W. G. Fay, F. J. Fay, F. Ryan, J. Kravitz,  
Miss Walker, G. Roberts

Delegates suggested the the motion be left under  
discussion for last meeting later read passed

Abs for last performance passed.  
and Sunday also abs.

Application from Miss Walker, F. Walker  
Miss Gandy & G. Roberts first before come  
to play in London before the the  
National Theatre Society Ltd in London  
passed unanimously.

G. Roberts proposed that a honorarium of  
£3 be paid to Miss Gandy Miss Gandy and  
Miss Walker for last performance  
F. Ryan seconded.

W. G. Fay proposed an amendment to  
the sum be £1-1-0 as well as for

Mr. F. J. Fay seconded. You can discuss  
Mr. W. G. Fay with this amendment  
& the first resolution was carried.

W. G. Fay proposed the addition  
of F. Walker to the list.

Federick Ryan

Committee Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1905.

~~Proposed~~ Present F. G. Fay, W. G. Fay, F. Ryan  
G. Roberts, Miss Garvey, Miss Walker, G. Roberts

F. Ryan Proposed W. G. Fay Moved, that the  
same amount (£45) added to other members of company  
should be added to Mr Colman - passed unanimously  
Cheque made out to Mr Myers - who had previously advanced  
this sum to Colman.

Sunday Accounts passed for payment - £2000 4s 6d to be  
paid in soon & correctly forwarded - Miss Manning 4s for  
Electric Light - for & cleaning to be paid when made up by Mr Fay.

Application was made by Miss Walker for permission to take part  
in a performance given by the Atlantic Electric Society, and objection  
being raised permission was granted.

G Roberts.

Committee Meeting 20 Apr 1906

Present - F. J. Fay, J. Sturges, Miss Walker, F. J. Fay, W. J. Fay,  
G. Roberts, Miss Gurney.

Proposed by J. Sturges.

- That this Committee consider the forthcoming performance of the National Theatre Society not prejudicial to the interests of the Irish National Theatre Society and that the members taking part in the performance be notified of this resolution.

Seconded by Miss Walker

For the resolution.

F. J. Fay asked an explanation as to why Miss Gurney & Miss Gurney took part in a Irish play & the secretary explained he had received applications for permission ~~to take part in the performance~~ ~~to take part in the performance~~ ~~to take part in the performance~~. Mr Fay asked him he would report to questions at the next general meeting.

Donald Ogden





Abbey Theatre,

Abbey Street,

Dublin August 2. 1905

Dear Mr Yeats

We had a Committee meeting Monday night and we have got dead locked, though the Doctor not being able to get off either for Galway or Lady Drogheda. Show. It happened they both fell on the one time, but the crowd did not want to go to Lady Drogheda and there was no use pushing them, so I used the excuse of not been able to get the people free. I dare say she will be riled but it would have been with a bad grace, they would have gone. For the Galway show I was sorry we could not pull off but I certainly don't

think there's any use in going to the country except  
with the best crowd we can get. But the worst  
case is Frank says he wont get off for Oxford  
or London, and that's real bad. They

did not like to decide on refusing London  
& Oxford so they are calling a general  
meeting to spread the responsibility.

I went ~~the~~ to see Russell on Sunday  
to see what he was at, and had a long  
discussion. He says of course he isn't interested  
but is prepared to help. I asked him what he  
thought should be done & he said if he were  
going on a paid show, that reconstruction of  
the Society was the only solution. I agreed  
but said if you or I talked reconstruction he  
& all his following would drop out and make  
a new subject for scandal this year  
However, he seems quite prepared



LESSEE,  
A. F. HORNIMAN.

BOOKING AGENTS,  
CRAMER, WOOD & CO.  
Westmoreland St Dublin.

General Manager,  
W. G. FAY

# Abbey Theatre,

Abbey Street,

## Dublin

190

th. use his inference with his friends  
if you & he can get at a sound practical  
basis for working. Roughly he suggests  
that the actors and people working for the  
place should be paid as far as possible  
and the people first to be paid or those  
determined to make a living out of the game.  
That no one <sup>being paid</sup> ~~working~~ <sup>by</sup> for the society should  
have any ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> voice in the management.  
That the ~~management~~ <sup>management</sup> should be in the  
hand of 3 or 4 people yourself, Lady Gregory,  
and whatever one or two more people necessary.  
but all to be of settled position and not young  
people, with no standing or settled way in life.  
That the Managing Committee give me

their orders and that I be responsible for  
the carrying out of them

He also thinks that the Committee should stay  
~~as far as possible~~ in Dublin during the  
session. And he thinks it very important

that you yourself you be in Dublin as much  
as even you can. I think in fact he thinks you  
ought to stay here as long as the out season  
ran. Now that is very roughly put his

was of looking at things. he is not very friendly  
towards you he says, and would like to ~~see~~ resign  
if he could do so without inconvenience to the show

I agree ~~main~~ with the main plan but of  
course it wants a good deal of discussion  
as to details. Personally I think if

we are not going in for payment this year  
there is no use making any more fuss

but if we are the sooner it is squared out  
the sooner we will know how we stand.

I can quite see this Committee ex have  
had will buck up for a month or two after



Abbey Theatre,  
Abbey Street,  
Dublin

190

the holidays and the drop into that  
old way of going along. I think  
it would be well to chat it over with  
Mr Russell in a friendly way, and  
I think at the back of his mind he  
is rather sick of these deceptions of his  
but of course would not admit it. I guess  
so from the fact that he thinks now Roberts  
is a rotten business man and Harker  
is lethargic, ~~and~~ and that's new from  
Russell. Will you tell Lady Gregory  
the news, and let me know if & what  
you think of doing could you run  
up on Monday there will be excursion  
rate, as I write so badly it hardly

to give my meaning clear on paper  
but I think you will be able to gather  
about where the trouble lies.

Y<sup>rs</sup> Will you give my respects to  
Lady Gregory & her son. and  
hoping you are having a good time on  
the Lake.

I am

Faithfully yours

William B. Fay