



# Harpers' Assembly committee, premiums, proposals, etc.

## **Transcript of handwritten notes in a Linen Hall Library file re the Harpers' Assembly Committee and some proposals, perhaps for approval by the Committee**

The committee had been enlarged to include women. The incomplete two-sided page begins with this listing of the full committee membership from a handwritten list:

Rev. Mr. Meade	Hon. Mrs. Meade
Rev. Mr. Vance	Hon. Miss De Courcey
Mr. Rainey Maxwell	Mrs. McKenzie
Mr. Robert Bradshaw	Miss Catharine Clarke
Mr. Henry Joy	Miss Grant
Dr. James McDonnell	Miss Bristow [pencilled addition]
Mr. Tho[mas] Morris Jones	Mrs. John Clarke
	Mrs. Kennedy [pencilled addition]

That the premiums to be adjudged (in proportion to the funds rais'd) in the following gradations

1st premium .....  
2nd ditto .....  
3rd ditto .....  
4th ditto .....  
5th ditto .....

With smaller gratuities to others in aid of their expenses.

That the airs to be performed, previous to the adjudication of the premiums, be confined to the native music of the Country – the Music of Ireland.

In order to revive obsolete airs, it is an instruction to the Judges on this occasion, not to be solely govern'd in their decisions by the degree of execution or taste of the several performers, but, independently of these circumstances, to consider the person entitled to additional claim who shall produce Airs not to be found in any public collection, and at the same time deserving of preference by their intrinsic excellence..

It is recommended to any Harper who is in possession of such scarce compositions to have them reduced to notes.

That the Reverend Mr. Andrew Bryson of Dundalk be requested to assist, as a person vers'd in the language and antiquities of the Nation; And that Mr. W Weare, Mr. Edward Bunting and Mr. John Sharpe be requested to attend as practical musicians.

That notification of the meeting on the 10th July, and an Invitation to the Harpers be publish'd in the two Belfast papers, and in National Journals and in [those] of the Cork, Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Galway, ... [torn page, the rest is missing]