Friday 25th
Saturday 26th April 1884

Dear Mr Provost

I am enclosing (which has also been sent to all the Members of the Board) a statement, drawn up with the approval of some of us, including Mr Gray and Dr Traill, who see your objections to the proposed arrangement about Studentships. We do not consider the present arrangements perfect and are anxious to have a number of new arrangements that have been proposed fairly discussed and the best selected. For instance it has been proposed that a candidate who in a primary course exceeded by 15 marks any competitor should not be liable to competition from this candidate taking into account a secondary course being taken into account. It has also been proposed to count only half the secondary course instead of 2/3rds. It has also been proposed to give prizes to all first Gold Medalists independently of Studentship and to give Studentships of 100 a year for five years on the present system. It is to be observed that the principle of reducing the balance of Studentship and giving the money thereby saved amongst the other medalists has been almost universally approved of. It has been also suggested in order to avoid the results of encouraging mere mathematical men that the Fellowship courses might be arranged so

as to include more subjects than at present so as to
bring in from time to time exceptionally brilliant
candidates in other Sciences and Literatures than
at present are encouraged. It has been proposed
in the same connection to give The Board leave to
elect one of the Professors a Fellow say every
fifth year. ~~All~~ These proposals have been made
with a view of correcting the ~~danger of~~ ~~that the body of~~ ~~our~~ Fellows
~~being~~ ~~being all composed of~~
~~men~~ ~~exclusively~~ Mathematical and Classical
Specialists a danger which is real and which is
the more to be avoided when Science and Literature
are making such progress ~~advances~~ in other directions that
we are in danger of being left behind ~~in their~~
~~rapid~~ advance and thus losing our position as the
leaders of Science & Literature in Ireland.

When all these ~~and other~~ ~~suggestions~~ ~~are being~~
made ~~as~~ hope I am alone responsible for thus
writing to you and I hope any what Mr Stack
calls "rabid radicalism" in some matters may not
prevent the due consideration of the enclosed
document.