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Ave et Vale . . .

THIS age of ours will be remembered by many things, but one of the most singular of its marks is progress, bigger and better improvements in all spheres, faster and fleetier communications, more learned and more lasting developments. Even in our own diocese we can discern evidence of this commendable spirit.

The Bishop's decision to undertake the building of a new Diocesan College, despite the many and great obstacles, shows that he is conscious of the long-felt necessity of replacing the old College with a building which would satisfy modern educational standards, and be worthy of our historic diocese. And so, we gladly say *Ave* to the new St. Munchin's, which will be opened to receive the first students in September next.

But while we are carried forward by the prospect of a glorious future, we should not forget to pause a while and say *Vale* to an institution, storied and cherished, of the past. For seventy years the old College in Henry Street has well and truly fulfilled its purpose. And in doing this, how many more intimate links have been forged, links not perceivable externally, perhaps, but for that very reason more lasting and enduring. How many friendships have been formed there which have lasted down the years, which have knit more closely the friendly relations between clerical and lay members of the community.

These bonds of friendship were closer and more intimate because of the comparatively small number of students. At work and at play they were one compact unit, and even the usual school distinction between seniors and juniors was barely noticeable. Let us hope that this one characteristic of the 'old' will be carried into and maintained in the new College.

"The King is dead. Long live the King." In these words it was understood that although the living representative of the monarchy had passed away, the institution itself and all it stood for continued on. We, too, repeat these sentiments, and hope that in the new College the traditions of the old one will be preserved. We know that this will be so, under the guidance of our patron, St. Munchin, and his worthy successor, our present Bishop. OUR CATHOLIC LIFE, with all others, says *Vale* the old, *Ave* the new.

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DIOCESAN ITEMS

Clerical changes

The following recent changes have taken place in the Diocese: Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's, to be P.P., Croagh; Rev. J. Shinnors, Army Chaplain, to be C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. J. Fitzgibbons, C.C., Ardagh, to be C.C., Ballingarry; Rev. J. Sheehy, C.C., Ballingarry, to be C.C., Knockaderry; and Rev. M. O'Connor, C.C., Knockaderry, to be C.C., Ardagh; Rev. J. Condon, C.C., Askeaton, to be Army Chaplain.

New Canon

Our congratulations to Very Rev. M. Ryan, P.P., Glin, on his appointment to the Cathedral Chapter.

Recalled

Rev. R. Murphy, a native of Newcastle West, has been recalled to the Diocese. Since his ordination in Maynooth, in 1957, he laboured in St. Augustine, Florida.

Apostolic Work

The Limerick Branch of the Apostolic Work held their annual display at the Mechanics' Hall on 24th May. The exhibition was truly a magnificent record of the work done by these ladies in the previous year and they are to be congratulated on their noble endeavours for the Foreign Missions.

There are six branches of the Apostolic Workers in the city and also branches in Adare, Askeaton, Ballyhahill, Croom, Effin, Granagh, Foynes, Kilmallock, Newcastle West, Pallaskenry, Rathkeale and Shanagolden.

New College

The students of St. Munchin's will enter the New College at Corbally next September. At the entrance examinations there were 250 applicants, a fact which stresses the need for the larger college. The official opening and blessing of the new building in Corbally will take place next June.

Death of Rev. John O'Donnell

The death took place at Milford House, Limerick, on May 16th of Rev. John O'Donnell, brother of Monsignor W. O'Donnell of Los Angeles, and of Sister Carmel of the Little Company of Mary. He was aged fifty-four. A native of the parish of Abbeyfeale, Fr. O'Donnell spent three years at St. Munchin's College before entering Maynooth, where he was ordained on June 18th, 1933. He spent nearly four years in Liverpool before taking up work in his own Diocese, where he served as curate at Castlemahon, Foynes and Parteen. In each place where he ministered he was recognised as a devoted priest, winning special esteem for a readiness to help and for his cheerful kindness.

After about eight years at Parteen he developed symptoms of a malady which was at first suspected, and later confirmed, as one for which no human remedy could be provided. Soon, treatment in a nursing home became necessary. He retired to Milford House and there for almost thirteen years was unable to leave his room. The sad circumstance

of a comparatively young life thus stricken evoked a deep feeling of pity in a wide circle of friends. Self-pity, however, was conspicuously absent.

For his support in such a trial he had the anxious care of the devoted Sisters of the Little Company of Mary (which even gave the impression of increasing with the passing years as if to meet the greater need). He looked too for support to a higher source. By special concession of the Holy See, he was granted the privilege of celebrating Mass in his room when he was no longer able to remain standing throughout the Holy Sacrifice.

Through all those years — and how long they must have seemed! — he bore himself with manly courage and rare fortitude. His cheerful acceptance of the Will of God will be with those who knew him as an abiding memory and must surely serve as an inspiring example to those who may be called, as he was, to share in the fruitful apostolate of suffering. May he rest in peace.

Pre-Marriage Course

The sixth session of the pre-Marriage Course ended just before Easter. The venue on this occasion was Loreto House in Hartstonge Street, by the kind permission of the Legion of Mary. Thirty-five couples attended, which is the highest number to date. The next series of talks will commence in October and details will be published later.

Lourdes

As announced in our last issue, a Savings Fund for those wishing

to go to Lourdes in the 1964 Diocesan Pilgrimage has been opened in all parish Churches in the city and also in Rathkeale, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Bruff and Kilmallock. Already many people are paying into this Fund. It is an easy way to provide the fare. Any inquiries about this scheme may be made to:—The Spiritual Director, 114 O'Connell Street, Limerick.

Summer School

The annual Summer School of Chant will be held this year as usual. Details are to be found elsewhere in this issue.

UNITAS

THIS is the name of a Society started in St. Munchin's Parish on February 2nd, 1958. It is only fair to state at the outset that this idea was thought out by one ordinary working housewife, who insists on remaining anonymous. When she had given the idea great consideration, she came and laid her plans before the clergy for criticisms and opinions. She bravely took, what must have seemed to her, discouragement but what was really meant as realism against the odds she had set herself with a spirit that could only be admired. Her determination and stoicism convinced the clergy that women of her calibre are the backbone of our nation and the greatest asset priests can have working with them.

The Society was put under the patronage of Our Lady of Candlemas and St. Brigid of Kildare, and the motto of the Society is: *"That they may be one, as thou Father, in me, and I in Thee, that they may be one in Us."*

The choice of the title, and the motto, may cause certain speculation, and it is a source of quiet humour and a slight embarrassment to those responsible for the choice that when they both were thought out there was no knowledge at that time of the coming Ecumenical Council. The title and motto were intended to outline the ideal of behaviour, and to provide a focal point of reference.

A NEW APPROACH

The idea was to establish Christian Unity among the women of the parish that they might help and encourage distressed families. There are, of course, the established charities already doing excellent work, but this was a completely different approach. This was meant to remove the stigma of pauper, the frustration of poverty: the poor could, and would, be encouraged to help themselves by working towards a purpose. The poor may be poor,

but they have pride, and more important is their self-respect, which had to be fostered with love and interest.

The parish is one of about 13,000, a cross section of all types, from the very rich to the extreme poor. How could they be made to get together and mix? History has proved that ordinary people can, and will, make sacrifices for an ideal, either good or bad, sacrifices beyond the everyday cares of making a living, housekeeping or passing the time pleasantly.

If the community could be made to accept the ideal to make theirs a living proof of *practical* Christianity, there was no problem they could not face together. Starting with one woman, the present membership is 40, exclusive of 4 teachers for girls' and boys' classes.

ACTIVITIES

It is not really a formal society but a group with few rules, few formal meetings but absolute insistence on (1) Obedience to the ruling of the Spiritual Director; (2) Regular fulfilment of the duties undertaken by each individual member.

Their activities include:—

1.—Weekly visitation of distressed families as recommended by the Parish Clergy and approved by the Spiritual Director, each visitor personally appointed to one or two families. There is no patronisation, and they are chosen for their fundamental understanding of human nature, and natural simple manner. They are directed to speak with simplicity of their own affairs in these households, exactly as they would in their own social circle; they must treat as friend to friend without artificiality in speech,



Happy group pictured at a Unitas social

manner, or dress. They have achieved a fusion between social classes.

2.—Weekly or monthly cash or goods collection by members of the collecting section in their own immediate neighbourhood.

3.—Weekly club session, open to all women of the parish, where members of *Unitas* do sewing for club attenders who cannot do their own. Several of the latter have acquired such skill since coming to the club that there are now 12 attending special *Unitas* classes at St. Anne's Technical School. There are about 10 sewing machines on the premises for general use among these women. Tea is provided at a charge of 6d. per head, and food parcels, coal, clothing, etc., to an average value of £12, are distributed to most needy people present. There is also a draw for 2 lots of sewing material amongst all who attend irrespective of means. This club session has proved to be a very successful means of bringing together women of all types in a natural social atmosphere. "The Club" is now accepted as a place where any woman in trouble — worried or financially embarrassed — will be helped, either directly, or by being put in touch with those who can help. By easing the way it helped a number of lapsed and careless people back to their religious duties. There are 80 on the roll, average attendance 50, exclusive of members.

4.—Quarterly Communion Breakfast served by members to those on club roll. Average attendance 40, exclusive of members.

5.—Weekly class for almost illiterate adolescents in reading, writing. Weekly class in sewing and knitting for girls, materials given free. These younger types have all been contacted through the club.

6.—Monthly Jumble Sale, which finances club activities other than direct alms, i.e., sewing equipment, club furniture, etc.,



"Making Friends": Cpl. J. Moloney in the Congo.
3rd Prize: Mary Moloney, St. Joseph's School, Limerick.

and gives poorer people a "choice" in cast-off clothing, furniture, household goods, at very small cost.

7.—Emergency help of all kinds, loans for urgent debts, approaches to Government Departments, and the Corporation, with various complaints; fares to England; provision of employment (as domestics), etc.

8.—Knitting agency for hand-knit goods, about 150 items have been exported. Between February, '61 to February, '62, 552 food parcels, worth on average 11/- each, were distributed, plus coal and briquettes in winter. In addition, at Christmas, '61, 110 food parcels and 60 bags of coal to poor and aged were distributed, and during the cold spell after Christmas a further 60 bags of coal were given to those most needy.

This will give a brief picture of *Unitas* and what it means. The members are women of fortitude, mostly married with families and with their own homes and domes-

tic problems, yet they all work with a heart and a will for this organisation. They have only come in by hearing of *Unitas* from some other member, so it is to be realised that the idea of one good woman has been like a stone dropped in a pond, the ripples have eddied and increased. In St. Munchin's Parish Christian community spirit is being practised, quietly and without any fuss. Truly, women like this can bring gladness and happiness not only to those they help by their good work but into the hearts of the clergy who are proud of them.

—G.M.G.

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Judge (discharging prisoner):
"Take my advice and keep away from bad company."

Prisoner: "Thank you, your honour, I'll remember that. You won't see me here again."

More About Ourselves

THE COMMENTARY on the Questionnaire, which was published in our last issue, had just been written when a further 73 replies came in from the pupils of the Presentation Convent, Limerick. All these came from girls aged between 13 and 16 years and we were very interested in their views as this school sells 640 copies of each issue.

In general these replies were very favourable and the majority enjoyed reading *Our Catholic Life*: only one said she did not like it. They thought the articles were interesting and good, though many stated that the type of article was more suited to adult readers and that there was not enough for teenagers. The "Teenage Forum" came first in popularity with the Children's Section a good second, but all our regular features got some votes.

All except five want parish items; all except three want competitions, with a Crossword the favourite choice; but a Fashion Competition and General Knowledge Quiz got strong support. Opinion was more divided about photographs — 49 asking for more, 24 against.

On Question 8 — as to why people do not write to the Editor — a number felt that the three month interval between issues was the real reason. Three girls were very forthright in stating that there was nothing worth commenting on in the magazine, but two others softened the blow by suggesting that, perhaps, people were so pleased with *Our Catholic Life* there was no need to send in letters.

As regards Question 9 — the size of the magazine — there was a 2 to 1 majority in favour of leaving it as it is.

Question 10 — any other comments or suggestions — brought many interesting replies. Most of these will be discussed in the "Teenage Forum." One comment did strike me. It was the girl who said that it was very necessary to interest teenagers in the magazine as in a few years these will be the people we shall be asking to buy it.

Our sincere thanks must go to these pupils of the Presentation for sending in such a large number of replies. We hope to fulfil many of their requests and suggestions and we want them to keep writing to us. We thank them, too, for their interest in the magazine by selling so many copies each issue and trust that they maintain this high standard.

READERS' SUGGESTIONS

If all the suggestions made by our readers in the recent Questionnaire were to be carried out, the size of the magazine would need to be doubled. For instance, some readers want notes on the following: First Aid, Home Nursing, Knitting Designs, Instruction on Arts and Crafts, Laundering, Hobbies, Civil Defence, Garden-

ing, Care of Children, and so forth. In Sport, many wanted its scope widened to include hockey, tennis, golf, swimming, camogie, and chess. Obviously it is not possible to put all these suggestions into effect. There were many other recommendations too numerous to mention. We did get a few comments which had nothing to do with *Our Catholic Life*, and of these we publish just one. "Fr. Culhane, by his prayers, won the Junior Hurling Championship for Feoghanagh in 1954. I'd suggest he would stop praying for them now. Feoghanagh will never win the Senior."

From the many suggestions received, we select the following for special comment.

A Short Story or Serial. A Serial is hardly feasible on account of the long interval between issues, but from the volume of demand we feel that a short story would be very popular and it will become a regular feature. One reader wrote: "Print one ghost story and you will sell twenty times as many copies."

Book Reviews. In future we shall try to widen our scope of books reviewed to include good, light literature. One reader



Some of our 'best sellers' at Presentation Convent.

suggests a list of 'dependable' writers to save much trial and error for busy people. Perhaps dependable readers could help here by suitable lists.

Films. Again, because this is a three-monthly publication, it is not possible to give a review of films screened in Limerick. We shall try to be as helpful as we can.

Spiritual Article. Many called for more help and advice for the ordinary everyday worker as regards prayers, indulgences, living a Christian life, etc. To quote one reader: 'Please insist that there is a good article on the Spiritual Life and its cultivation in every issue for us laymen. We all need direction and most of us are crying out for it. They are too shy to seek it in the Confessional and only half listen to sermons on Sundays (which could be better).'

We have, in fact, always published a spiritual article, the present issue being the exception. The above suggestion has given us a new idea and we hope to make a start on it in the next issue.

Exile's Page. Quite a number of readers asked for news, views and letters from Limerick exiles in all parts of the world. We think this is an excellent suggestion and we shall begin this series as soon as possible.

Once again we express our sincere thanks to the many readers who gave us so many and helpful comments. Readers' views are always welcome.

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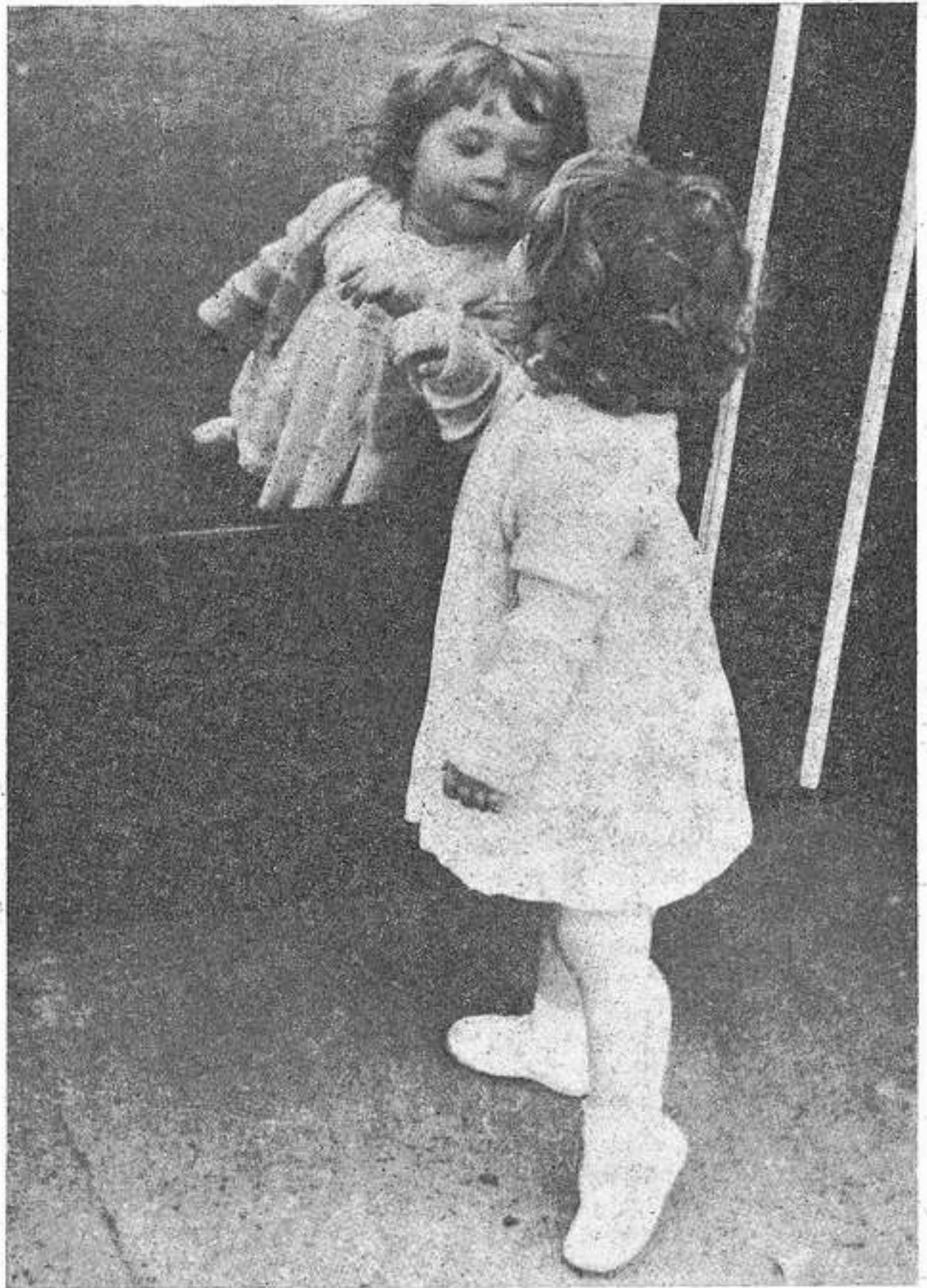
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## *Competition Corner*

**Photographs:**—The entry for our Photograph Competition was very encouraging. We are offering two prizes of £1 for the two best photos to reach the Editor before 15th August. No entrance fee. Enclose a stamped-addressed envelope for return.

**For Sports' Fans:**—Write out names of the Counties which you think will be Provincial Champions in Senior Football and Senior Hurling this year. There will be four in football and two in hurling. Entries to the Editor before 15th July. No entrance fee. 10/- prize to each of first two correct solutions opened.



# Things I've Been Reading...

## on work

Idleness and the easy wealth that makes it possible are the unnatural and dangerous forces. Only the strongest character will not go to pieces under their influence and hence the wisest people, if affluence comes their way, elect to hold on to their occupations, or to undertake other ones. Commitment to a task is not a cramping limitation on freedom; it is not a strait-jacket, but rather an exercise machine, necessary to maintain mental and moral fitness, to prevent slackness and safeguard against self-indulgence. If work did not exist as a necessary means to a livelihood we should have had to invent it as a means of self-development.

—MOST REV. DR. PHILBIN, in an address.

## and play

"Nobody is so simple nowadays as to think that drunken playwrights who write 'controversial' plays are anxious to teach our young people the right attitude to sex. They are interested in one thing only — box-office, making as much money as they can out of sex."

The noted writer, Fr. Thomas Foy, says this . . . . . in an authoritative article on "Amateur Drama." Fr. Foy deplors the new wave of plays which are coarse and vulgar and often border on the blasphemous. It is interesting to note in passing, he says, that no one here ever writes a 'dirty' play these days. The proper words to use, apparently, are 'daring' or 'controversial,' never 'dirty' or 'sexy.'

—W.M.S. in *The Standard*.

## about tastes

On one occasion some French confreres dared him to swallow

a snail. He felt that the honour of Ireland was at stake, and made a bet that he would accomplish the feat. But when it came to the point . . . . . Ugh! Still, he must not act the coward and shame Ireland, so down went the snail, horns out in protest against so undignified a fate — to let Frenchmen see that an Irishman could do as well as dare. In after years, when visiting native chiefs in Africa, he was sometimes pressed to partake of hospitality that looked far less inviting than the French snail. To refuse might offend his host and damage the cause of Christ. Then the snail episode would rise from the past. "If I could do that for Ireland, I can do this for Christ." He always did.

—FROM BISHOP SHANAHAN of Southern Nigeria.

## at Mass

Our attitude in assisting at Mass should not be "What do I gain?" but rather "What can I give?" for our first interest should be the honour and glory we can give to God. But God in His goodness has so closely bound up our welfare with His glory that in seeking His glory we also insure our own welfare.

—From *Your Mass and You*.

## a little lesson

It is not hard to put up with others' foibles when one realises how much God has to put up with from us. There is a legend that one day Abraham was visited in the desert by an Arab, who set up loud complaints of the food, the lodging, the bed, and the wine which his generous host has offered him. Finally, Abraham became exasperated and was about to put him out. God appeared to Abraham at that moment and said: "Abraham, I have stood this man for forty years; can't you put up with him for one day?"

—BISHOP SHEEN in *Lift Up Your Heart*.

## and tricks

A man I heard tell of used to be poaching with a spurred gamecock (a crossed pheasant, of course). He would lay his bird near where the pheasants were preserved. It would crow, and a pheasant cock would answer the call. Looking for fight, the pheasant would come on the gamecock. Then a flash of spurs and the man would have his dinner in his pocket. Gor-a-wor, the tricks they do be thinking on!

—From *Malachy Horan Remembers*.

## Can A Nurse Be Also A Religious?

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# Any Questions

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*Q.—When you say that a miracle is something outside the ordinary course of nature, what do you mean by nature?*

*A.—Nature can refer to the whole created universe with all its powers and forces; or it can refer to each individual thing in the universe, as when we say the nature of a man differs from that of an animal. Nature embraces all that these things can be or do according to powers given them by their Creator. A miracle is something that transcends all these powers.*

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*Q.—I can see nothing wrong in cremation. I would like to know, therefore, why it is forbidden by the Church?*

*A.—The Church does not forbid cremation because it is intrinsically evil, but because it goes against the Jewish and Christian tradition, and was practised by anti-Christians with the purpose of destroying belief in the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body.*

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*Q.—If a person is excommunicated by the Church, does it mean that he will go to hell?*

*A.—No. Excommunication does not mean that the Church is condemning anyone to hell. That*

*is the prerogative of God alone. Excommunication is a law of the Church excluding a notorious sinner from the communion of the faithful. Its purpose is to warn the sinner of the danger he runs of incurring eternal ruin, unless he repents of his sin.*

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*Q.—Will the prayers of one in a state of mortal sin be heard by God?*

*A.—Every sincere prayer, no matter by whom it is said, will be heard by God. Prayer is an act of religion as well as a petition, and is meritorious in the eyes of God. But as a person in a state of mortal sin cannot merit before God, in the sinner's state no merit attaches to his prayer. But, while no merit attaches to his prayer, it retains value as a petition. And the petition will be granted if it is for the grace of conversion and to avoid further sin.*

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*Q.—Was the Immaculate Conception essential to the plan of the Incarnation?*

*A.—No. God might have become incarnate from a mother who had had Original Sin. The sinlessness of the mother adds greatly to the beauty and seemli-*

*ness of the Mystery, but as far as we can see it is not essential to it*

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*Q.—Why is incense used at various ceremonies?*

*A.—Because of its symbolism. The fragrant smoke which pours from the thurible symbolises the prayers of the good Christian which ascend on high to the throne of God and is pleasing in His sight.*

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*Q.—What is meant by Sacramentals?*

*A.—Sacramentals are rites instituted by the Church to give spiritual and temporal blessings. In some ways they resemble sacraments, hence the name sacramentals. They are not, however, causes of grace as the sacraments are but depend for their efficacy on the personal devotion of the faithful using them, and the intention of the Church. Holy Water is a sacramental.*

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# LORD EMLY OF TERVOE

1812 — 1894

WILLIAM MONSELL of Tervoe, who became Lord Emly I in 1874, was one of the most influential Catholic laymen in Ireland in the 19th century.

The Monsells were originally a Norman family from Le Mons in France and there is still a French branch of the family. They bought their Tervoe estate about 1644, and their names appear in the old indentures of the period. The name "Monsell" occurs in some of the earliest manuscript documents connected with the city and diocese of Limerick. Tervoe House, as we knew it, was built on the site of an older residence about 1790 and Colonel Monsell who built it must have been a man of taste, as it was one of the most gracious and beautifully situated mansions in the country. It had a graceful, uncluttered architectural design and some of the most beautiful trees imaginable stood within view from the windows. There was a perfect view of the changing colour on the Clare hills, of the boats on the Shannon, and of the twinkling lights of Limerick City at night.

In September, 1951, there was an auction at Tervoe and the treasures of generations were scattered, and the library, which was the pride of the learned Lord Emly a hundred years ago, came under the hammer too.

Eventually it was found that the poor, lonely house did not suit any purpose in modern times. So in the Spring of 1952 there was still another sad demolition and the lovely doors were scattered and the graceful fireplaces too.

## NEWMAN'S FRIEND

William Monsell was born in 1812 in the lovely mansion which

had been built by his grandfather. His father had been educated at Trinity, but young William went to Winchester and Oriel. He left Oxford without a degree, as he had to take over the estate, but his Oxford education had a tremendous effect on his whole future life.

At Oxford he met John Henry Newman and a great and wonderful friendship sprang up between them which was ended only by death. It was this friendship which eventually led him into the Catholic Church when he was 38 years of age, five years after Newman himself had become a Catholic.

## TRAGEDY STRIKES

On August 11th, 1836, when he was twenty-four years of age, he married Lady Anna Maria Charlotte Wyndham Quin, only daughter of the 2nd Earl of Dunraven, and sister of the 3rd

Earl who like Newman and Monsell, who were his close friends, became a Catholic during the Oxford Movement.

They had a son and heir, William, who was born in March, 1841, and in 1845 they suffered the tragedy of his death. Anna Maria died too on January 7th, 1855. A cross of a very artistic design was erected to her memory in the little green of the Tervoe village. It was then a very pretty village of thatched houses, similar to those seen at Adare. The cross bears the inscription:—"On the 7th of January, in each year, at the foot of this cross an alms will be given to twenty poor widows in memory of Anna Maria Monsell, January 7th, 1855."

This bequest of £20 a year is mentioned in the will which he made 32 years afterwards in 1887. The money was to be distributed by the Parish Priest of Ballybrown. It was paid



A historic photograph of Aubrey de Vere, Bishop Butler and Lord Emly.



every year up to the dissolution of the estate.

In the same will he mentions the gratuity of a free house and land to the Parish Priest.

During the years of his first marriage, William Monsell had won for himself a prominent place in the affairs of the county and of the country. He was a magistrate and a deputy-lieutenant for the county, of which he became high-sheriff in 1835. He was appointed Clerk of the Ordnance in 1852. He was first elected as Member of Parliament in 1847 and represented Limerick as a Moderate Liberal until 1874.

In 1850 he became a Catholic and after that he took a prominent part in Catholic affairs, especially in Parliament.

#### HAPPY FAMILY LIFE

In 1857 he married his second wife, Berthe, youngest daughter of the Count de Montigny, in France. They were married in Paris and thus the Right Hon. William Monsell became allied to one of the noblest and most ancient Catholic families of France. This alliance brought him in contact with the French Liberal Catholics, especially Montalambert and Pere Lacordaire, the great preacher.

William Monsell was forty-five years of age at the time of his second marriage and Berthe, his bride, was twenty-two. It proved to be one of the happiest of marriages ever made, and for the next thirty-three years there were few homes in Europe which could have rivalled Tervoe. In it there was beauty, wealth, elegance, learning and culture of a very high order and there was also great piety and Christian unity.

#### VISITORS AT TERVOE

The best brains of Ireland, England and France were entertained there during those years. In fact an off-shoot of the great Oxford Movement was centred in Tervoe.

Aubrey and Stephen de Vere and the 3rd Earl of Dunraven, brother of Anna Maria Monsell, had also become Catholics and were close friends and champions of Newman.

Newman stayed in Tervoe several times while he was in Ireland. An oil painting and a drawing of him were sold at the Tervoe auction in 1951. The poet Faber, a convert too, stayed there and preached notable sermons in Limerick while resident there.

Limerick people may well be proud of the fact that four Limerick men were amongst the few in Ireland who really understood and appreciated Newman and who stood by him in his difficulties. They were: the great wise Bishop Ryan, Aubrey de Vere, William Monsell, and the Earl of Dunraven.

#### UNIVERSITY QUESTION

At the command of Pope Pius IX, Newman came to Ireland in May, 1852, but he did not understand the conditions of things in Ireland and met with discouragement and disappointment. He was told that youths could not be got to fill a Catholic university. The middle classes were too poor after the Famine years and the well-to-do who wanted a degree for their sons sent them abroad or to Trinity.

He travelled around the country to interview the Bishops, but got little support. But in a letter afterwards Dr. Newman speaks highly of the Bishop of Limerick and says: "He is a man I like very much. He is the cleverest Bishop I have met and certainly, to me, the kindest." Monsell kept on negotiating for a university. His name is nearly always coupled with Newman's during those years because he was one of the most influential men in Ireland or England.

The altar at which he said Mass in the oratory in Tervoe is now in the Ballybrown Church as well as the vestments he wore there.

In years to come Monsell will be remembered not because of the high offices he held or because he was raised to the peerage, but because of his friendship with Newman.

(To be concluded in next issue.)

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Book Review

MY IRELAND

By KATE O'BRIEN

Batsfords.

With this beautiful book Miss O'Brien breaks new ground. Not only is it different in form from her earlier books but it is also unique, in the opinion of the present reviewer, among books in Ireland. True, we have had appreciative books on Ireland before but none conveys so vividly the impression of being written from the inside, of being as it were by one of the family.

In the pages of "My Ireland" (which has 38 fine full-page photographs) we travel with Miss O'Brien from the Limerick of her birth and youth through Connaught (where she lived for many years in Connemara), Belfast, Dublin (where she studied at U.C.D. from 1916 to 1919), Clonmacnoise, Cork, and then home again to Limerick. We travel with a pleasant and cultured companion who knows the Irish scene and people intimately and shows remarkable insight into the story of the centuries which have made the Ireland of to-day. As 'one of the family' she can point out shortcomings but, as her dedication says, she writes "with warmest love" of all that is best in the character and way of life of our people.

It is to be hoped that this book will be read by all our aspiring young writers and that one of its effects will be to influence them to choose their themes from the many healthy aspects of present-day Irish life which await the perception of the creative writer.—P.H.

INTO THEIR COMPANY

Clonmore and Reynolds, 3/9d.

A book for the modern girl on love, courtship, and marriage.

BY A MEDICAL WOMAN, A GIRL, AND A WIFE.

"The truth about sex is not something to be told you in an emotional whisper. It is something to be written down in black and white, and for you to take into your own particular domain, into a church or the garden, or wherever you do your hard thinking and there to be seen and put clearly into your own head."

This little book is not new, but since its publication in 1931 it has run through fifteen separate editions; proof positive of its lasting popularity and value.

FAITH AND FACT BOOKS

*Burns and Oates,
8/6d. each.*

- 1.—**The General Councils of the Church**, by FRANCIS DVORNIK.
- 2.—**History of the Missions**, by BERNARD DE VAULX.
- 3.—**Medicine and Morals**, by JOHN MARSHALL.

1.—There are available more comprehensive works on the subject but it would be hard to surpass this book as a very readable summary by an acknowledged expert, who proves his competence in the way he can condense almost two thousand years of Church history without ever approaching the type of school text summary of names and dates.

2.—There are few Catholics nowadays who have not got at least a nodding acquaintance with the varied workings of the foreign missions. Both in the daily Press and in their own very numerous magazines the various Missionary Orders get an excellent and a well-deserved publicity. But how

BOOKS

By REV. J. O'BEIRNE, C.C.

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many of us have any knowledge of the Church's unceasing effort towards evangelising the pagan nations down through the centuries! Yet this is a fascinating story.

First, the Barbarians, in the days of the Roman Empire, then later the New World, Africa and the Far East, all felt the impact of missionaries from the old Catholic countries. There is, perhaps, one disappointing feature. The story finishes in 1914, and it is since then that our own country has moved into the ranks of the big powers in this spiritual combat.

3.—For Catholics, moral principles do not change; for Catholics too, as for everyone, advances in medical science are of the greatest importance. Unfortunately, very often, this new knowledge can result in new techniques evolved by men whose philosophy of life and death is radically different from the Catholic or even the traditional Christian one. Hence, serious problems can arise in the application of these new methods. One need only mention infertility, sterilization, abortion, childbirth, the relief of pain.

Dr. Marshall, a graduate of Manchester University, is reader of Clinical Neurology in the University of London. He deals briefly and lucidly with the problems I have named, and with many other ones, having first clearly stated the Catholic position on the nature of man, and on the moral law. His arguments are at all times very well reasoned and convincing.

FROM STETHOSCOPE TO SWEEPING BRUSH

By NORBERT MCMAHON, O.H.
Gills, 7/6d.

This is the story of a young doctor in Northern Italy who entered the Order of the Brothers of St. John of God, and less than three years later, in 1930, died with the reputation for great holiness. There was nothing extraordinary in his life, yet his cause for beatification has already been introduced at Rome. It is an interesting little story and brings home to us very clearly how much that extra bit of dedication to one's job, whatever it may be, can do to make the difference between plain goodness and real sanctity.

AZELIE MARTIN

(Mother of the Little Flower)

By LOUISE ANDRE-DELAISTRE

(Translated by the Earl of Wicklow)

Clonmore and Reynolds, 13/6d.

We are indebted to the Earl of Wicklow and to Clonmore and Reynolds for having recently given us in translation some very fine examples of contemporary French Catholic writing. Already in this magazine a few of those books have been reviewed. We have no hesitation in offering still another one.

If there is one quality more than another that makes this short biography so attractive it is the charming simplicity of the author's style. To use her own words, "a mother talks of a mother." And how quickly and easily she wins us over to an absorbed interest in her tale. This is a book to be read not merely by mothers, but by anybody who can enjoy the sincere and humorous description of the joys and sorrows in the life of a very lovable family.

OTHER NOTICES:

The Mass in Your Life, by Thomas Scully, S.J. *Clonmore and Reynolds, 1962. 6/-.*

The Hand that Drove the Nails, by J. Fletcher Ray, *Jarrolds, 12/6.*

The Council of Trent

THE OPENING of the 16th century found the Church but poorly equipped to meet the crisis of Protestantism. Abuses at every level had for years been sapping its vitality, while ignorance, confusion of thought and moral laxity were the order of the day. On all sides, and especially from 1517 onwards when Luther's revolt began, there were loud demands for a General Council to clarify and define the matters of Faith which had been called in question and, at the same time, to institute a programme of Church reform.

POPE PAUL III

While Pope Paul, who succeeded Clement VII in 1534, was in the main well disposed to the idea of a Council, he was determined to proceed with caution. The ground would need to be well prepared. A suitable time and place should be decided upon and, above all, the goodwill of the Emperor and the King of France secured — thus to ensure a favourable political climate. In addition, the matters for discussion by the Fathers would have to be decided on in advance and steps taken to have the business of the Council proceed in orderly fashion.

POPE'S COLLABORATORS

To assist in planning this formidable undertaking the Pope chose Gaspar Contarini, a man of austere life who was well versed in diplomacy and a personal friend of the Emperor, Charles V. At Contarini's suggestion, some of the best minds of the age were summoned to Rome to direct the preparatory work. Among them were the Englishman Reginald Pole and

Peter Carafa, afterwards Pope Paul IV. Following the failure of attempts to convene the Council at Mantua in 1537 and again at Nicenza the following year, it eventually opened at Trent in December, 1543.

PROCEDURE

As in earlier General Synods, questions were submitted in the first instance to congregations of theologians and canonists for sifting and discussion. These were then passed on to a general congregation of bishops, abbots and generals of Religious Orders who voted on the decrees. These, when adopted, were announced in public sessions. There was complete freedom of speech, but voting in the general congregations was confined to bishops and generals of Religious Orders (one vote each) and to abbots (one vote to every three).

The decrees of the Council are of two kinds, doctrinal and disciplinary. In the doctrinal sphere a great number of controverted questions were settled and Catholic teaching set out in precise and clear language.

DOCTRINAL DECREES

At the outset and in order to clear the air, the Council compiled a list of the books of Holy Scripture. It laid down the principle that Holy Writ should be interpreted not by private authority as Luther contended, but in the sense accepted by the Church, and it decided that the official version was the Latin Vulgate.

With this firm foundation established it proceeded to deal with the doctrines which had been called in question by the reformers, beginning with the

nature of original sin, its transmission and remission, justification and good works. Next came the errors on Catholic teaching on the Sacraments of the New Law, with which the Council dealt at length. The Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament was then defined and the Mass declared a sacrifice — the same as that of Calvary.

DISCIPLINARY DECREES

A great number of disciplinary decrees were enacted. There were canons obliging bishops to reside in their dioceses. Provision was made for the establishment of seminaries for the education of candidates to the priesthood. A special decree declared that for the future the Church would not recognise the validity of clandestine marriages, and specified that only marriages celebrated in the presence of the proper parish priest and two witnesses would thenceforth be recognised as valid.

RESULTS OF COUNCIL

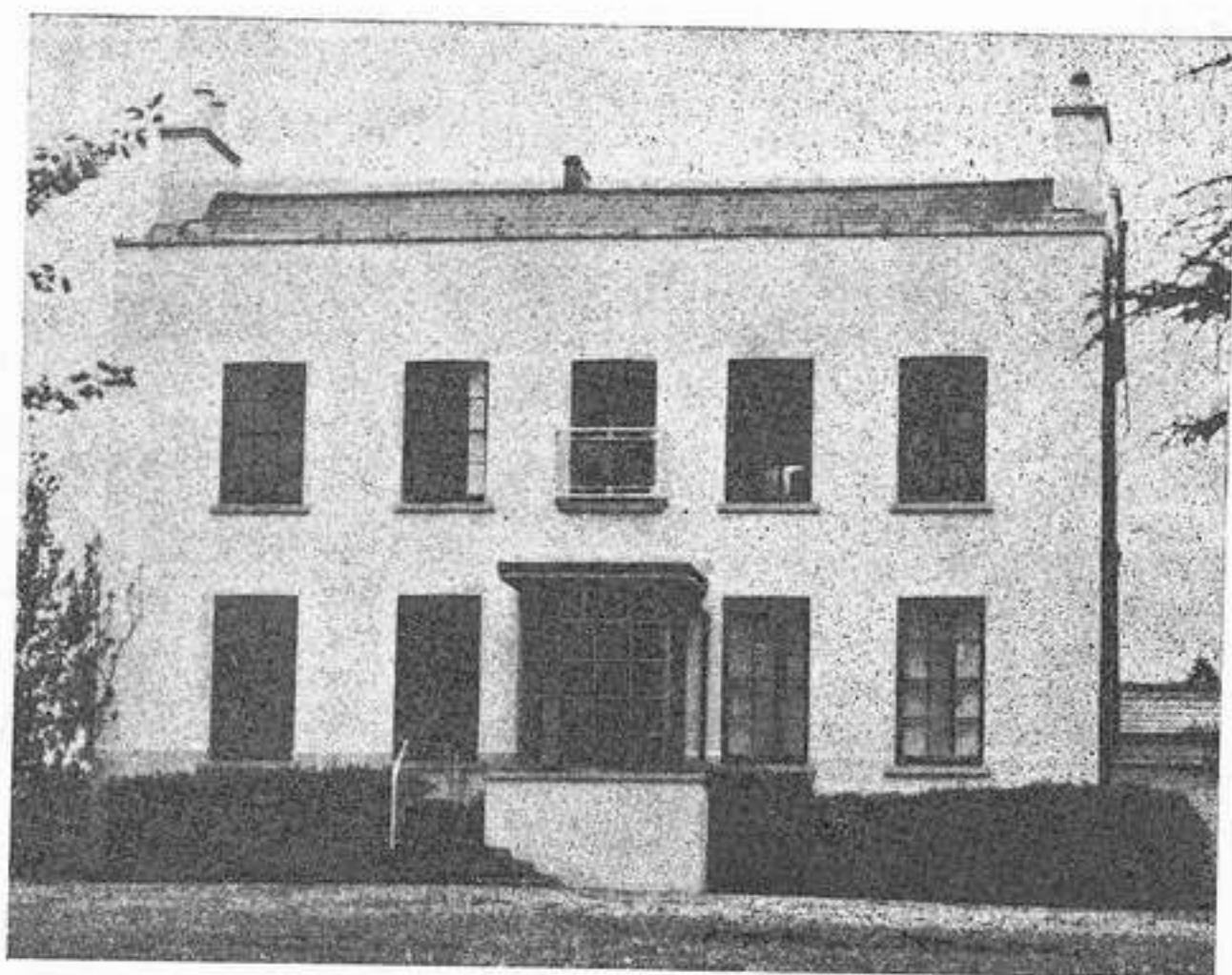
The Council ended in 1563 and its decrees were ratified by the reigning Pope, Pius IV, himself a great reformer. In the main its decrees were well received throughout the Catholic world. Synods were held to announce and enforce its prescriptions and abuses gradually were removed. Fortunately Pope Pius IV was succeeded by the great Dominican, Pope Pius V, who showed extraordinary zeal in carrying out the directions of the Council. It could, therefore, be said that Trent was the beginning of an era in the course of which the Church not only acquired a new inner life but won back much of what had been lost.

Park House

THE TENURE OF Park House by churchmen has come to an end after a century and a half. Bishop Young moved there from Rathbane in 1809 when the generosity of his people enabled him to acquire a suitable residence as well as a site for the Diocesan College, which had been migrating from one back street to another since he founded the seminary in 1796.

John Young bought the Park holding from the de Burghos, a family who had much to do with developing Castleconnell as a fashionable spa and who had achieved a baronetcy in the process. But Park House did not begin with the de Burghos: a pictorial road map of the 1770s shows a John Tunnadine as the occupier.

John Tunnadine is worth a passing glance for he represents a period in city history more remote from our ways than the age of the merchant princes of medieval Limerick. In Tunnadine's day the city was controlled in finance and administration by a succession of local magnates who named the city freemen and then directed them to choose a city council of the magnate's relatives and dependants. Tunnadine, son of a clergyman, became a freeman in 1747 while the Roches were masters of Limerick. These were not the Catholic merchant Roches but the Protestant family who survived well into the last century as titled millers at Carass. John Tunnadine, in due time, was raised to the city council and became sheriff in 1764. By that time the Roche interest had been replaced by the Verekers, ancestors of Lord Gort. Possibly Park House was built by Tunnadine: its one dateable feature, the great newel-posted stairway, is typical of the



middle years of the eighteenth century.

Sir Richard de Burgho, who sold the place to Bishop Young, is listed as a city freeman from 1793 and the fact may roughly mark the date of his coming to reside within the city. These de Burghos had more notable kinsfolk still extant, the Burkes of Thornfields (Ahane). Sir Richard Burke of that family, as Governor of New South Wales from 1831 introduced a policy of justice and understanding towards the Catholic settlers for which his memory is still honoured in Australia. His Burkes claim close kinship with Edmund Burke, the statesman, and the Thornfields family still preserves his portrait by Reynolds.

The college which Dr. Young introduced to Park rose immediately to the left of the entrance gates to Park House. Under Bishop Tuohy, in the 1820s, the idea of a local seminary was abandoned. For the following forty years or so, until Dr Butler's time, suitable candidates from the local classical schools were chosen and forwarded to such colleges as Castleknock to prepare for

admission to a major seminary at Maynooth or abroad. The former seminary housed the Christian Brothers for a short period in their early years and the fabric was dismantled on Bishop Ryan's death.

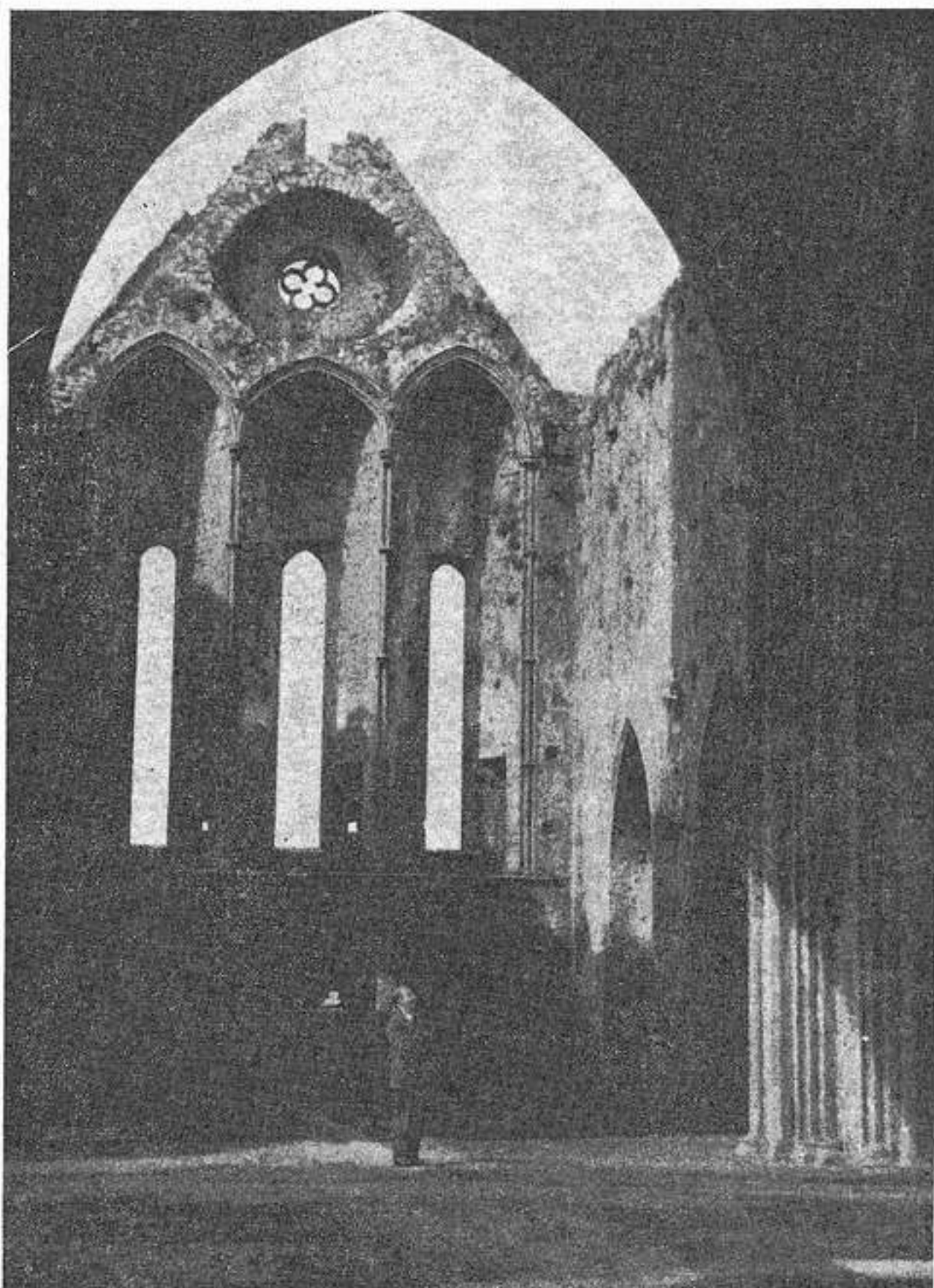
Limerick should recall that one graduate of the short-lived Park College achieved international fame. John MacEnery was ordained there in 1820 and went a few years later to serve at Tor Abbey in Devon. His latest English biographer claims that had he not died prematurely (1841) he might now be regarded as the father of British pre-history. Amid the scoffs of the savants he produced evidence from the Torquay caves that man had existed in southern England during the Ice Age. Dr. Alexander, of Torquay, has been enquiring of late as to whether there was "a training college for priests or a seminary of some sort in Limerick about that time. He (Fr. MacEnery) seems to have known quite a lot about palaeontology when he started digging."

Of course the name most closely linked with Park House is that of Bishop John Ryan, who

was named as co-adjutor to Dr. Tuohy in 1825. Dr. Tuohy went to spend his last few years with his friend, Fr. Pat Hogan, at Sexton Street, and Dr. Ryan moved into Park for a tenure of forty years. St. Patrick's was a mensal parish for the first decade of his reign and the parish clergy occasionally resided with him. The north-west wing of the house was added at that time.

Dr. Ryan entertained his most notable guest over the last weekend of February, 1854. John Henry Newman, in his letters, records the views of Bishop Ryan on the projected Catholic University and he enjoyed describing in later years the circumstances of the banquet which his host arranged for him. The shrewd old prelate left him in no doubt as to his attitude to the project. He had introduced three teaching orders of Sisters to provide education suited to the needs of his people. He seems to have entertained some hopes that the Queen's College scheme might have been acclimatised as the equally ambiguous National School system had been. But to his rugged common sense in an impoverished country a system of higher education lacking recognised degrees and support from public funds seemed entirely quixotic. The fastidious Dr. Newman used to recall, in subacid terms, how Dr. Ryan suddenly dubbed him Vicar General of Limerick amid thunderous applause, following which the clergy broke into songs of '98.

When Newman visited him, Dr. Ryan was in his seventieth year. The building of the Cathedral lay just ahead of him and the introduction of the Redemptorist and Jesuit Fathers. When Dr. Butler was named as co-adjutor, he retained his parish of St. Mary's and continued to reside there until Bishop Ryan died in the summer of 1864. Within three years Dr. Butler



"Cormac's Chapel": 2nd Prize: Miss J. Hanrahan, Summerville Gardens, Limerick.

was to remove to Corbally House, purchased from the Shannon family. Subsequently, for more than ninety years, Park House served as the parochial house for St. Patrick's parish. Ten parish priests in succession have resided there meantime. The reader must not draw wrong conclusions from such a low average tenure; the brevity is due to the fact that most of the incumbents moved eventually to other parishes. One went to St. Mary's,

two to Kilmallock, and three to St. Munchin's. Among curates who resided at Park not the least distinguished was Edward Thomas O'Dwyer, who came to assist Dr. Meehan shortly after his ordination in 1867, the year of the Fenian Rising. He often recalled their daring venture in the cold March days of that year, his last session at Maynooth.

—M.M.

Limerick going strong

So far in 1962 Limerick has had a good run of success in a variety of sporting activities: in the Munster hurling and football championships; in cross-country and track running; in school and college athletics; in rugby, with two Limerick teams in the Munster Cup final — Bohemians winning for the third time in five years and Shannon retaining the Munster Junior Cup; in tennis, with Michael Hickey winning the Hard Courts' title and now regarded as the leading player in Ireland.

Athletics

In any record of our county's performers, pride of place must surely go to Sean O'Sullivan of Tournafulla. Already this year he has won nine events of importance, including the Senior Irish Cross-Country Championship and the 10-mile Championship, in which he broke the existing record by no less than 16 seconds. Incidentally, his brother, Michael, was second in this event and indeed Michael has been right up with Sean in most of his races — both run in their bare feet. They are nephews of Very Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, C.S.S.R., Dundalk. I saw Sean win the cross-country championship by about two hundred yards, finishing full of running. The course was a tough nine miles grind over hilly ground with a large area of ploughed fields to be negotiated. The weather was atrocious, yet Sean, a smallish man, won as he liked — one hopes he will not go stale with too much running. Worthy of mention too is the splendidly consistent performance of P. J. Cronin, of Kilmallock, in these championships over the years.

Munster G.A.A. Championships

To date our players have won all their Munster Championship hurling and football ties, with the exception of Intermediate hurling, a big change from last year when



By REV. W. J. CARROLL, P.P.

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they lost all their opening matches except one — there was recently a treble over Clare, a big win against Kerry minors, and now a double at Galway's expense. So far, so good, but we are only too well aware of formidable tasks ahead. Our senior hurlers' form against Galway did not please the critics, and doubts are expressed about their ability to tackle the champions, Tipperary, whose men have handed out severe drubbings to us in recent years. In College games, the boys of the Salesian College, Pallaskenry, brought off a fine treble. They won the Munster Senior B competition in both hurling and football, and also captured the Dr. Kinane Cup for Munster Colleges' Junior hurling.

Sports' Reporting

From the point of view of an amateur sports' writer, it is interesting at times to observe how the job is done by professionals who, one presumes, would like to regard themselves as experts. One of the most important matches so far this season was the final of the National Hurling League in which Kilkenny beat Cork. Regarding the quality of the fare provided, two scribes became quite lyrical: here are some extracts from what they wrote about the match — "a superb contest"; "an epic"; "impeccable display of all the game's skills"; "two teams matching brilliance with brilliance." On the same match two other reporters wrote as follows — "amazing misses"; "fluffed mixed-up stick-work"; "one of the poorest teams ever to leave Cork"; "one man apart, Cork attack not worth a straw."

One writer hoped and expected that Kilkenny and Cork would be in this year's All-Ireland Final. Another would give neither a chance against Tipperary, even though he regards Tipperary as well below their usual standards. One would almost wonder if these four reporters were watching the same match.

School and College athletics

Boys from Limerick Colleges figured prominently in the Munster Schools' and Colleges' Championships in Cork recently — Glenstal, in particular, turning out a number of winners. Brian Egan had a double in Senior Discus and Javelin, breaking his own javelin record by 22 feet. M. Hedderman won the Hurdles, and D. Martin won the Hop, Step and Jump. P. Murphy, Limerick C.B.S., was first in the Senior 100yds., while E. O'Connell, of St. Munchin's College, annexed the Junior 100yds. St. Munchin's tied with P.B.C., Cork, for the Junior Shield. For some time lately we were puzzled about the identity of one Jim Hogan, who, the papers told us, was a Limerick-born athlete going great 'guns' in England. The mystery was solved when we discovered he was the well-known Jim Cregan, who used enter for Croom. Jim recently set up new Irish figures for the 3 and 6 miles, and in England he ran the 6 miles in the second fastest time in the world so far this year. Like the O'Sullivans, Jim runs in bare feet, and seems to have made a big impression on English sports' fans.

Briefs

Two wins in a row (4 times) have been accomplished by Shannon in the Munster Junior Rugby Cup. St. Munchin's College have won the City Senior Schools' Cup three times in succession. Two new "barriers" have been broken: an American has thrown the discus over 200 feet and another American has cleared over 16 feet in the pole vault.

The Old College Passeth

. . . . and gives way to the new

St. Munchin's College in Henry St. has come to an end and the last classes have been taught there. During its 74 years of existence in Henry St. it has served the Diocese faithfully and well. It numbers among its past pupils many hundreds of priests both on the home and foreign missions and an even greater number of laymen who, prominent and successful in their various careers in life, have upheld our strong Catholic tradition. These are the pride of the old College.

Most past pupils owe much to the old St. Munchin's and for them the closing down will be like the passing of an old friend. On their behalf we pay this tribute to their alma mater. 'Well done, good and faithful servant.' May its fine spirit and tradition live on in the New.

St. Munchin's in history

The first St. Munchin's College opened in Palmerstown in September, 1796, was transferred to Newgate Lane in 1797, then to a house in Peter's Cell in 1800. From 1809 to 1825 it was in Park House. In 1825 it was closed but the President, Dr. Carey, carried on an Academy in Mallow Street until 1832.

From 1832 to 1853 the College was closed and candidates for the priesthood were selected from the many classical schools in the Diocese.

The College re-opened in 1853 in Hartstonge Street, was under the control of the Jesuits for twelve years (1859—'71) and then



The College in 1890.

reverted to diocesan clergy. For a brief period (1882—'88), Mungret College was the official diocesan seminary. In 1888 the Bishop, Most Rev. Edward T. O'Dwyer, decided to bring his students back to the city and he

reopened the College in Henry Street, which was the former residence of Lord Limerick. In 1910 the classroom block was built, which was the only major extension during its years in Henry Street.

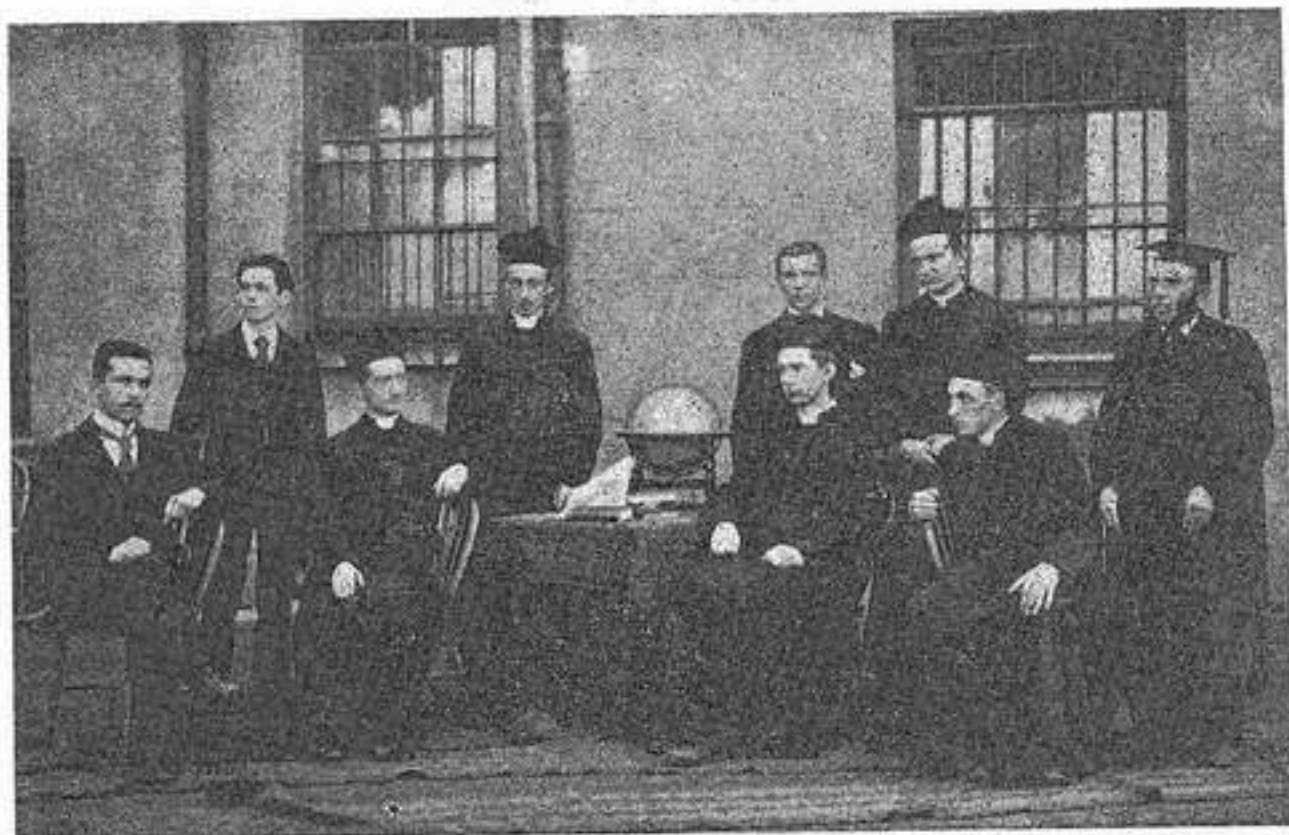
Memories

1900

It is over sixty years since I left St. Munchin's. My memories of those far-off days are most happy ones, but I have one unpleasant recollection. It is about the College play which was produced that year in the Athenaeum Theatre, now the Royal Cinema. The play was about Bruce or Bannockburn or something like that and I was cast as a Highlander complete (or rather incomplete) with kilt. I was much taller than any of my classmates and my costume was very much too small. This for a shy schoolboy was misery indeed and I have never forgotten it.

The teachers whom I remember best were: Fr. W. O'Dwyer ("Scotch"), who taught us English and History — he was a very kind-hearted, witty man, much liked by us all; Fr. A. O'Leary ("Twiggs"), a shy, gentle man from whom we had no trouble in learning that 2 and 2 made 4; Fr. D. O'Driscoll ("Masther") who taught classics and was very serious, but he was an excellent teacher. He was able to put more knowledge into our unreceptive brains than any of the other teachers. I didn't take up Greek until Middle Grade (the 16 — 17 year group) but after one year in his class he succeeded in getting me an honours mark and an Exhibition. He also helped a younger brother of mine in Junior Grade to obtain first place in Ireland in Classics and a special prize in Greek composition.

Our classroom was in the old house, the former home of Lord Limerick. One of the windows faced the south-west and when the wind blew through the chink between the two badly-fitting window frames it produced weird



College Staff, 1896-7: Included are: Rev. A. O'Leary (died P.P., St. Patrick's); Rev. D. Keane (later Bishop of Limerick); Rev. A. Murphy (died P.P., St. Munchin's); Rev. W. O'Dwyer (died P.P., St. Munchin's); Rev. P. O'Riordan (died in U.S.A.)

musical sounds. Fr. O'Driscoll would remark: "Aeolus is playing his harp to-day." It was the first time we heard of the god of the winds or his harp. I wonder is he still playing there.

We had French lessons from a genial, vivacious French Abbé, M. l'Heretier, or some name like that. He must have been pained (though he never showed it) by our pronunciations of such an involved sentence as 'Lah plloom dee mah taante.' The Abbé lived at Tervoe with Lord Emly, who had the privilege of a private chaplain in his household. Lord Emly's father was one of three distinguished Limerick men (Lord Dunraven, Lord Emly, and Sir Aubrey de Vere) who, when undergraduates at Oxford University, were received into the Catholic Church by Cardinal (then Fr.) Newman. In later years, I was Lord Emly's doctor and he showed me piles of letters which his father had received from Newman.

—JOHN F. DEVANE, M.D.

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LIST OF PRESIDENTS

Very Rev. Michael Donor (1888—1894), appointed P.P. of Shanagolden.

Very Rev. Andrew Murphy (1894—1905), appointed Adm. of St. John's.

Very Rev. Arthur O'Leary (1905—1909), appointed C.C., Rathkeale.

Very Rev. David Keane (1909—1920), appointed P.P. of Glin and afterwards Bishop of Limerick.

Very Rev. Thomas Hogan (1920—1925), appointed P.P. of Kildimo.

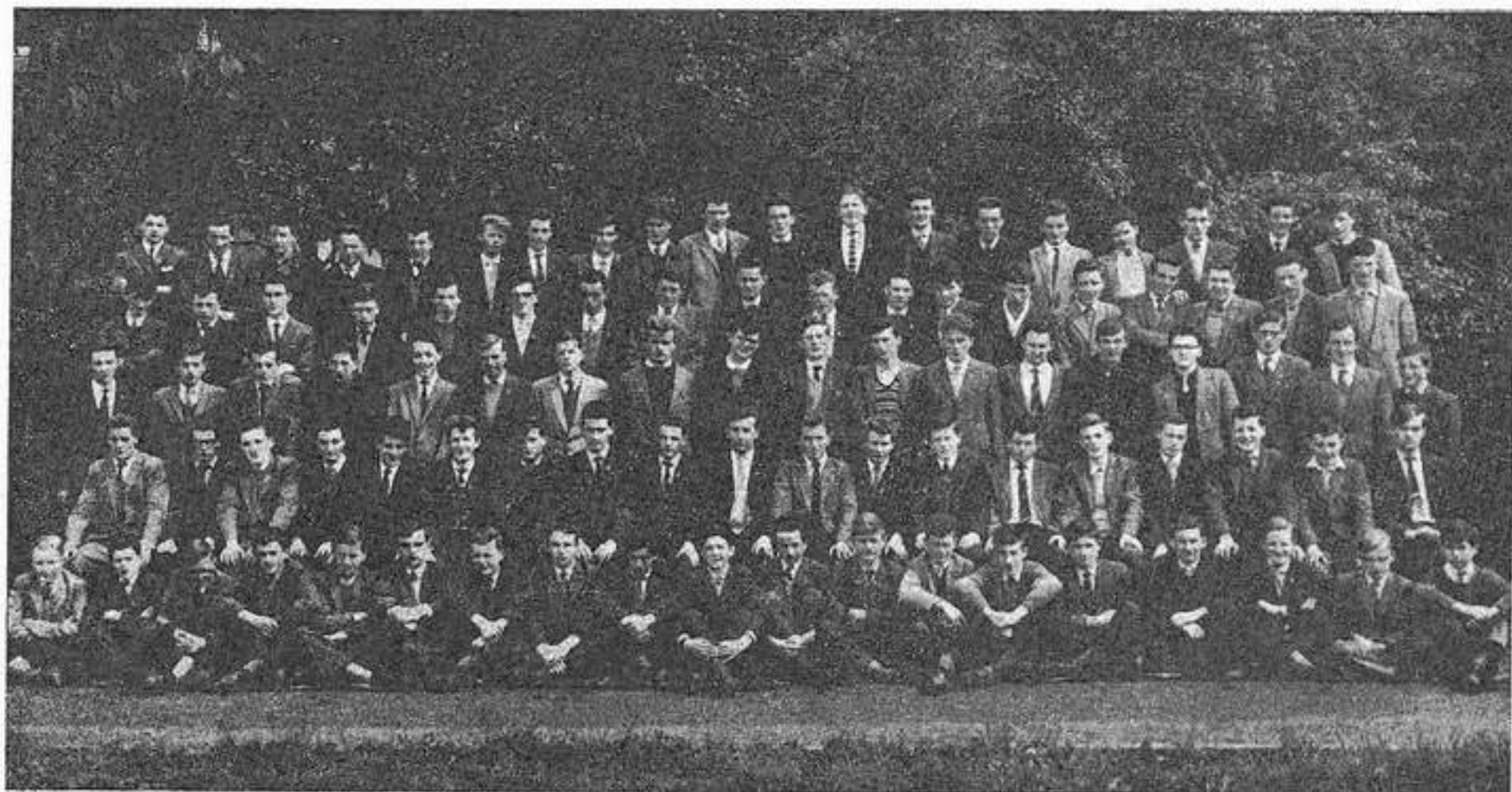
Very Rev. James Wall (1925—1934), appointed P.P. of Bulgaden.

Very Rev. John Dolan (1934—1945), appointed P.P. of Kilfinane.

Very Rev. Daniel Martin (1945—1950), appointed P.P. of Croom.

Very Rev. Daniel O'Brien (1950—1959), appointed P.P. of Ardagh.

Very Rev. Michael Breen, who succeeded Fr. O'Brien in 1959.



Senior Students, 1962.

1907

Among the seniors when I entered St. Munchin's College in September, 1902, were Maurice Downey, now Mgr. Downey; and his brother, John Downey, cousins of our Bishop; Jim Devane, brother of Dr. John Devane; Ned Punch, now P.P., Mungret; Harry Sexton; Denis Kelly, now P.P., Rockhill; Tom Cribbin of Shanagolden; David Fitzgerald, now P.P., Kildimo. Among the juniors were Willie O'Sullivan, later C.C., St. Mary's; Limerick merchants Michael and Pat Roche; Michael O'Brien, later P.P., Castlemahon; Pat Ruddle, later P.P., Ardagh; and Tom Guinane, now a Pastor in New Zealand. Fr. Andrew Murphy was President, and also on the staff were Fathers D. O'Driscoll, A. O'Leary, W. O'Dwyer, David Keane (later Bishop of Limerick), P. Riordan, J. Kelly, M. Hayes, and Thomas Wall, who had just been appointed Dean: all have gone to their reward, as well as many of the above-mentioned students. May they rest in peace.

Up to 1902 Rugby was the only field game played by the boys, but in September of that year a move was made to introduce Gaelic Football. Eventually, the choice between Gaelic and Rugby was left to a vote of the boarders. It was known that the issue would be close, and so canvassing was keen. Though a small new boy, a nipper of thirteen, my vote counted as much as that of the Head Prefect: and let it be recorded that I voted for Rugby, which actually won by a single vote. At that time the famous Tyler Cup was confined to city schools, and in that competition St. Munchin's had a fine record. But, in the season 1902-'3, Crescent College had a splendid team, and were hot favourites to win the cup. In due course, they and St. Munchin's met in the final, in which the form book was upset: St. Munchin's winning by 10 pts. to 3 pts. Incidentally, I may be pardoned for mentioning that I was lucky enough to get on our team in the final, as one of our seniors was unable to play through illness. After that year the Tyler Cup was open to all city teams,

and the Colleges no longer competed. In 1903, hurling and rugby were played alternately, and that has been, more or less, the pattern ever since.

In those days we were often taken to the Markets Field, and saw many stirring Munster Senior Cup matches, with Garryowen tops in Munster over a long period. But one day, in March, 1905, we saw Rockwell College score their first win over Garryowen in the cup. Playing centre-threequarter on that Rockwell team was Eamon de Valera, now President of Ireland; also on that team was Mike Ryan, acknowledged to be one of the greatest forwards of all time. Mike, a giant of a man, was on the Irish side that in 1899 won the Triple Crown for the first time. In the English match that season Mike scored a wonderful try, crashing over with several Englishmen hanging on to him: this feat evoked a historic phrase from a reporter who described Ryan crossing the line "festooned with Saxons." On the same day in 1905 that Rockwell

beat Garryowen, Ireland and Wales were battling for the Triple Crown in Swansea: before we left the Markets Field a sandwich man went round with the doleful news — Wales 10; Ireland 3. Later that season we saw Constitution beat Rockwell in the cup, with Dev. and Mike Ryan again playing, as well as some Rockwell students who, in after years in the mission fields of Africa, toiled and garnered in a sacred cause.

Among the recollections of those days is one of seeing Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire who financed the Carnegie libraries, being driven in an open carriage across the pavement in the College front to the house of the Protestant Bishop who lived next door, and of being taken to the old Theatre Royal to see a great Shakespearean actor, Frank Benson, in "Macbeth." These are but a few of the many nostalgic memories evoked by the passing of the old college in Henry Street. Very many of its past students have a soft corner in their hearts for the old college. Let us hope

that its fine spirit and tradition will be perpetuated in the new college in Corbally.

—W. J. CARROLL, P.P.

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Briefs . . .

The following priests of the Diocese were on the staff of St. Munchin's College:—His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Murphy; Ven. Archdeacon O'Brien; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Moloney; Very Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P. J. Lee, P. C. Lynch, P. J. O'Callaghan, M. Quinlan, T. Costelloe, M. Purtill; Rev. J. Liston, M. Kelly, J. Culhane, J. Shinnors, D. Gallagher, P. Fitzgerald, P. Houlihan, T. Greene, M. Manning, M. Sadlier, and D. McNamee.

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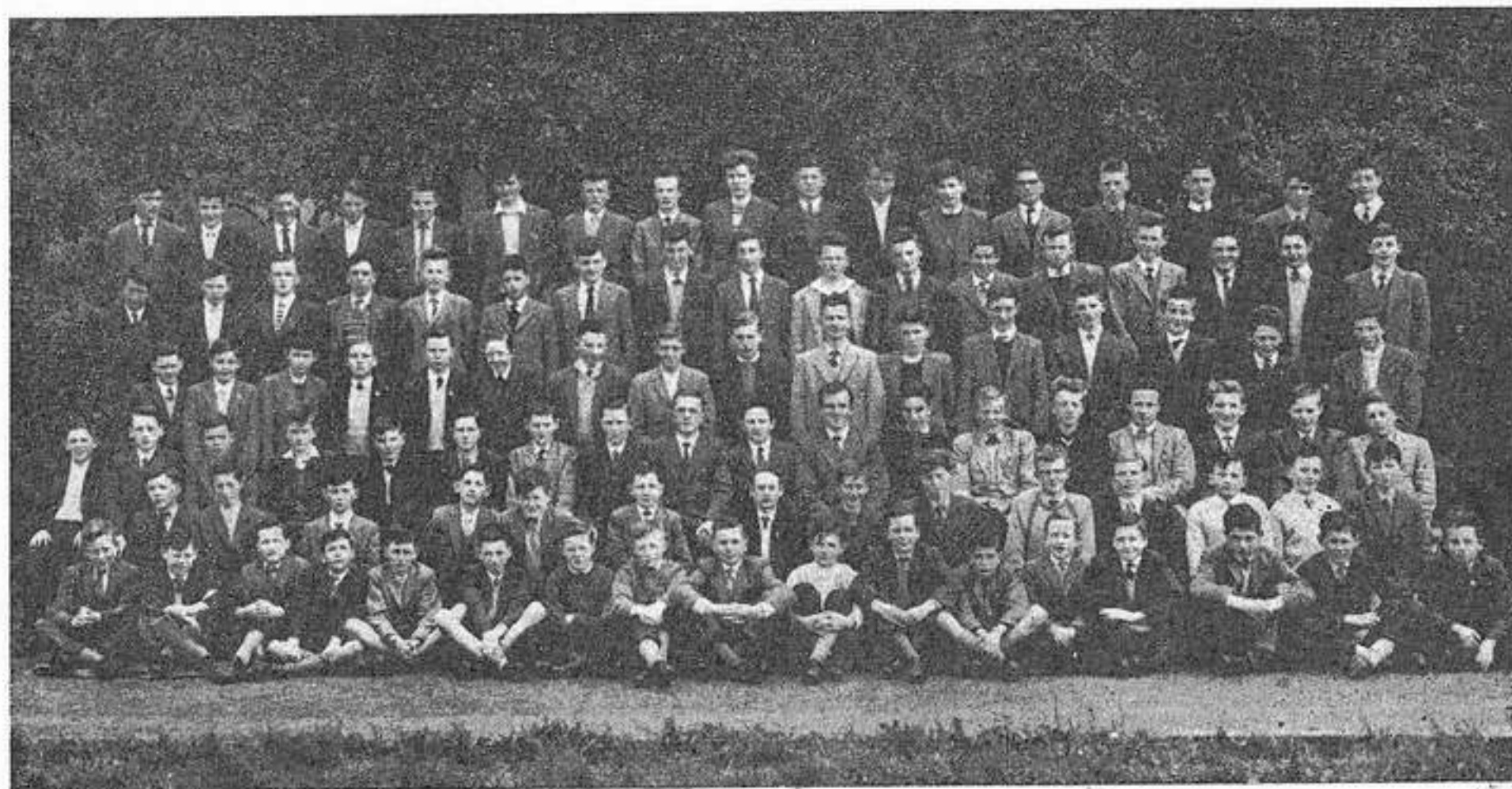
Special reference must be made to Very Rev. Canon Lee, who was Dean in St. Munchin's for 24 years — from 1920 to 1944, when he was appointed P.P. of St. Mary's. Eighty-eight of the present diocesan priests had Canon Lee as their Dean.

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Very Rev. D. O'Brien, P.P., Ardagh, holds the record for the longest period on the College staff—30 years, from 1929-1959.

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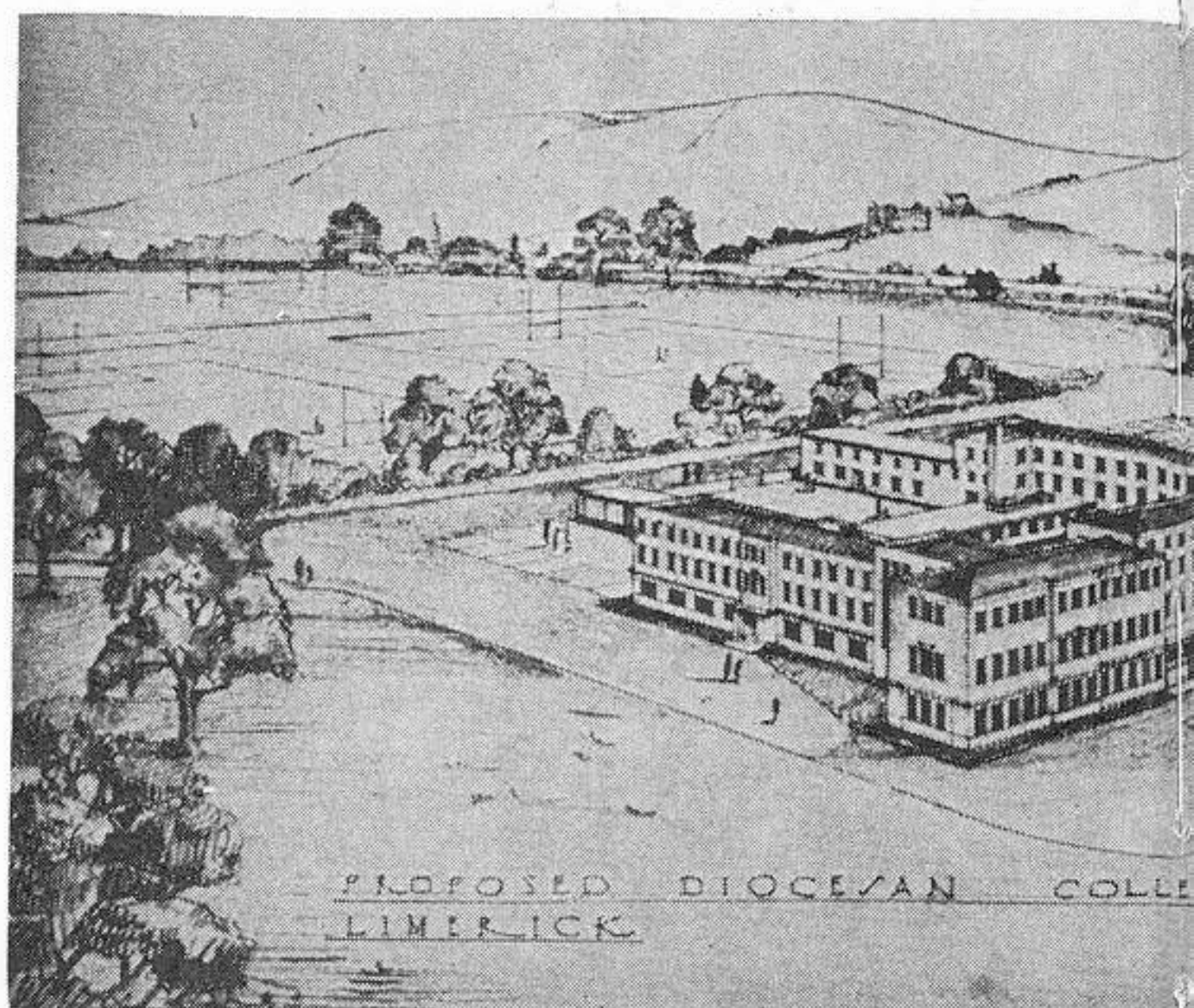
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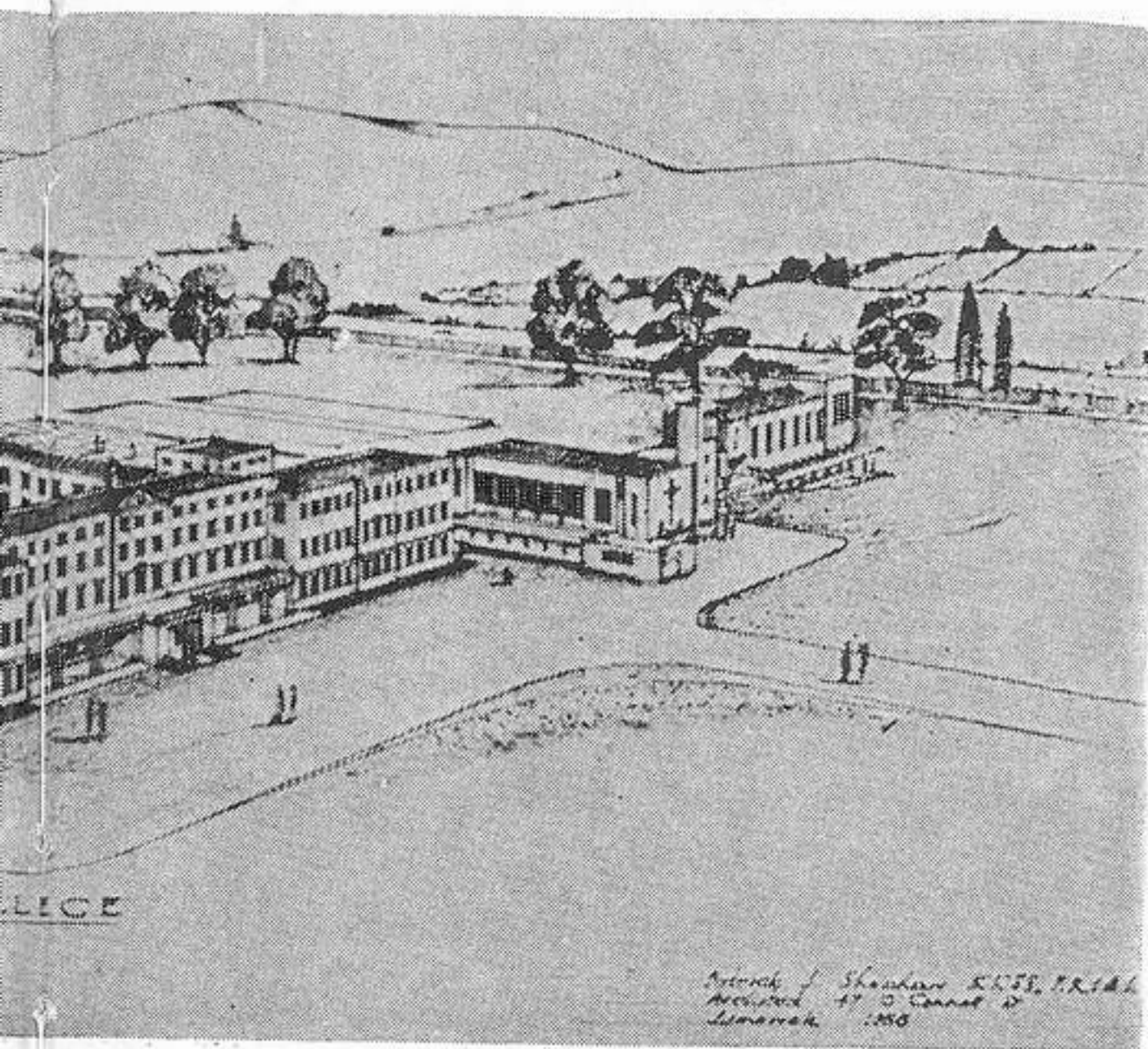
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In general my recollections of St. Munchin's are of happy (though not always pleasant) days spent there and of many friendships formed that have proved life-long. It is not easy to recall in exact detail the events of those far-off days, but one or two things do come to my mind.

I was a member of the Harty Cup team of 1922, the only team from St. Munchin's to win this trophy. I shall always remember this great victory.

I remember on one occasion, at the Catholic Institute Grounds, when Jim O'Donnell of Croom and myself both fell into a stream — perhaps not altogether accidentally. We were sent home by Fr. Lee to change our clothes — which is what we wanted. On the way back the old Theatre Royal was ablaze and it was the flames here that helped to dry our sodden clothing.

Des. O'Malley, of Limerick, was a good and useful friend of mine. He often brought me messages that the authorities might not approve of. I am still a heavy smoker.

All in all, they were great days in the old College.

—DAN O'DONNELL.

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1936

The writer entered St. Munchin's as a boarder on the 4th of September, 1931. The new students were scarcely twenty-four hours in the College before they heard of the winning by Willie Chawke's team of the Munster Senior Hurling Cup the previous year. Naturally, to emulate these heroes was our ambition with the result that the Catholic Institute Grounds, then leased as playing fields, never before or since received such punishment from would-be hurling stars. While my



The team that won the Dr. Keane Cup for the first time in 1929. Back Row (L. to R.) : W. O'Connell (C.C. Broadford); J. O'Shea (Sec. Teacher); S. Barrett (Glin, R.I.P.); H. Murphy (His Lordship); V. Rev. P. Lee, Gamesmaster (P.P., St. Mary's); W. Breen (Civil Service); T. O'Dea (priest in S. Africa); G. O'Sullivan (priest in U.S.A.); P. O'Dea (C.C., Askeaton)

Front Row : D. Moloney (business in Shanagolden); S. Moynihan (business in Ballyorgan); E. O'Brien (Civil Service); O. Godfrey (priest in U.S.A.); J. Breen (Sec. Teacher in Newcastle West); P. Kennedy (business in Dublin); J. Connors (C.C., Foynes); P. Kennedy (farmer in Fedamore).

Sitting on Ground : J. Ryan (farmer in Caherconlish); J. Carr (business in Athy).



James Crowley who died on 11th Jan., 1935—still remembered by his classmates.

memories of the happy years in the College are many, pride of place goes to sport and athletics.

The O'Mara Junior Hurling Cup was won for the first time in 1932 and again in '34 and '36. The Dr. Keane Cup was won four years in succession, 1933 to 1936. The '36 final against Mungret will recall a hectic game to the students of that time. In 1935 we went to the finals of the Canon O'Kennedy Shield and the Munster Senior Cup, but were defeated in both by St. Colman's at Mitchelstown, being beaten only after a replay in the Shield. In rugby we failed to win a trophy but had some great games with (and narrow defeats by) Presentation, Cork. Another rugby memory was a marathon with 'Christians' in the Junior Cup when we beat them on the second replay.

Team captains of those years

(1931—'36) were: Senior Hurling — Maurice Cowhey, Mick McCarthy, Mick Sheehy, John Wall and Gerard Madden; Junior Hurling — John Lee, Gerard Madden, John Wall, David Wall and Pat Lyons; Senior Rugby—Mick O'Connor, Steve Moynihan, George Shinnors, John Thompson and Dan Gallagher.

In athletics we had many victories in inter-school sports and at the Annual Garda Sports in the Markets' Field we were undefeated in the Lady Daresbury Cup for relay race. Gerard Lee was 100yds. champion in my last year. I remember Joe McCarthy doing 21ft. 6ins. in the long jump. In those years, St. Munchin's, though the smallest Catholic boarding school in Munster, competed with and acquitted themselves well against

schools several times larger. To Fr. (now Canon) Lee, our indefatigable Dean, trainer and adviser, all credit for this must be given.

One sad memory must be recalled. It was the untimely death of James Crowley during Christmas holidays of his Leaving II year. James was a lovable character, a grand hurler, and his death was a blow to us all.

We were a happy family there in Henry Street, students and professors. Our thanks to the staff must be recorded. They gave us a good training for later life and are amongst our best friends. Among the students of my time two outstanding scholars were Dermot Daly and Roger Hayes.

Many other memories of those days come to mind; of games

with unique rules played in the 'yard,' of 'first-go-last' handball, of 'table' matches, of 'free' classes, and of the classic bit of advice given on one occasion from the sideline:—"Keep behind your man, Pearse, but don't let him get in front of you."

GERARD MADDEN (Dublin).

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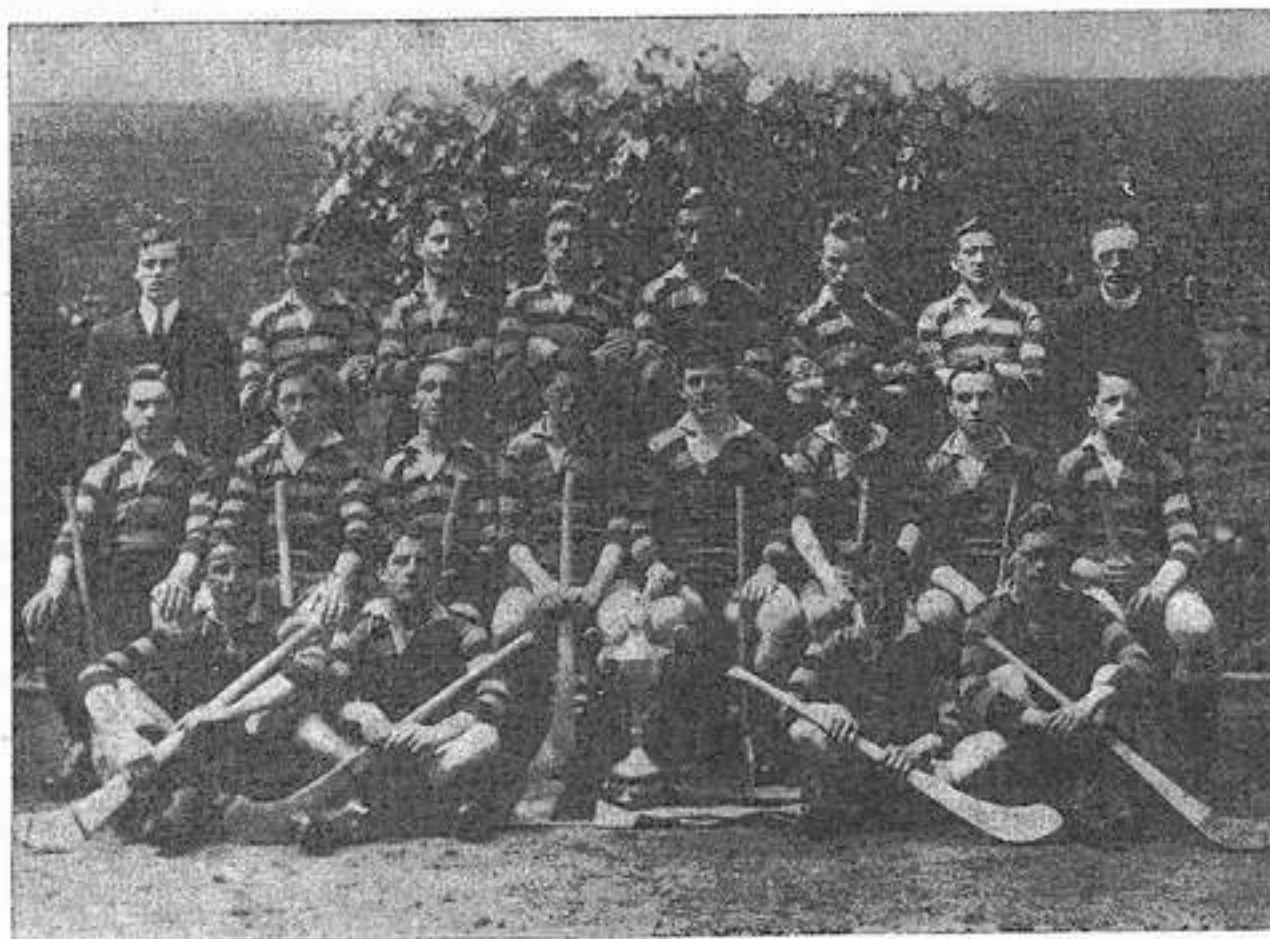
1940

At the invitation of Fr. Michael Breen, my former Professor, I put to print a few lasting impressions of the St. Munchin's I knew. An invitation from him still adds up to a command performance. For me it is a sentimental journey down memory lane, a journey that spans a score of years, countless miles of intercontinental travel, and a wealth of exciting experience. But locked away in a very special department are the memories of my formative years spent at St. Munchin's. I can recall a College staff who gave their all unstintingly for the betterment of our school confreres, who have remained lasting friends, and who have made a tremendous contribution to their times. It would be difficult and perhaps unfair to individualize, but we are all left owing a debt to the old college which few of us can ever hope to repay. There we dreamt our dreams, cherished our hopes, shaped our destinies and made irrevocable decisions that determined the earthly fate of most of us.

As the new St. Munchin's moves on to "fresh fields and pastures new," I feel sure that all that was best in the old college will live on. The Limerick of tomorrow will depend for much on her, and won't be disappointed.

As I wish her *ad multos annos*, I reluctantly say farewell to the old college that served us all so well. It certainly is the end of an era of glorious achievement.

—REV. D. MCAULIFFE,
St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.



The 1936 team which beat Mungret in the Dr. Keane Cup Final. Back Row (L. to R.): D. Houlihan (C.C., Newcastle West); W. O'Riordan (in England); G. Wall (C.C., Effin); D. Wall (C.C., Feenagh); G. Lee (Barrister, Dublin); J. Shinnors (C.C., St. Mary's); M. Frawley (C.C., Abbeyfeale); V. Rev. P. Lee, Gamesmaster (P.P., St. Mary's). Front Row: C. Fitzgerald (Insurance, Kildimo); C. Mullins (R.I.P., late C.C., St. John's); M. Kelly (St. Munchin's College); D. Gallagher (C.C., St. John's); G. Madden (Ordnance Survey, Dublin); J. Meehan (P. & T., Dublin); M. Crowley (business in Dublin); T. Moloney (farmer in Kilfinny).

Sitting on Ground: T. Kirby (in England); D. Hayes (Sec. Teacher in Newcastle West); P. McCarthy (business in Limerick); J. P. McGuire (business in Limerick).

1946

Take a walk from O'Connell Street down Glentworth Street and the building facing you is St. Munchin's College, where I did all my secondary studies. Notice the window on the extreme left of the second storey. That was what we called Leaving 1 classhall and looking back I think that I could have had happier days in Africa if I had followed the sound advice given to me one spring morning when Fr. O'Brien and I had a difference of opinion on how to decline 'bád.' He told me to take up cookery. I have often regretted since not having had cookery as a sideline when my cooks elsewhere were not up to the mark.

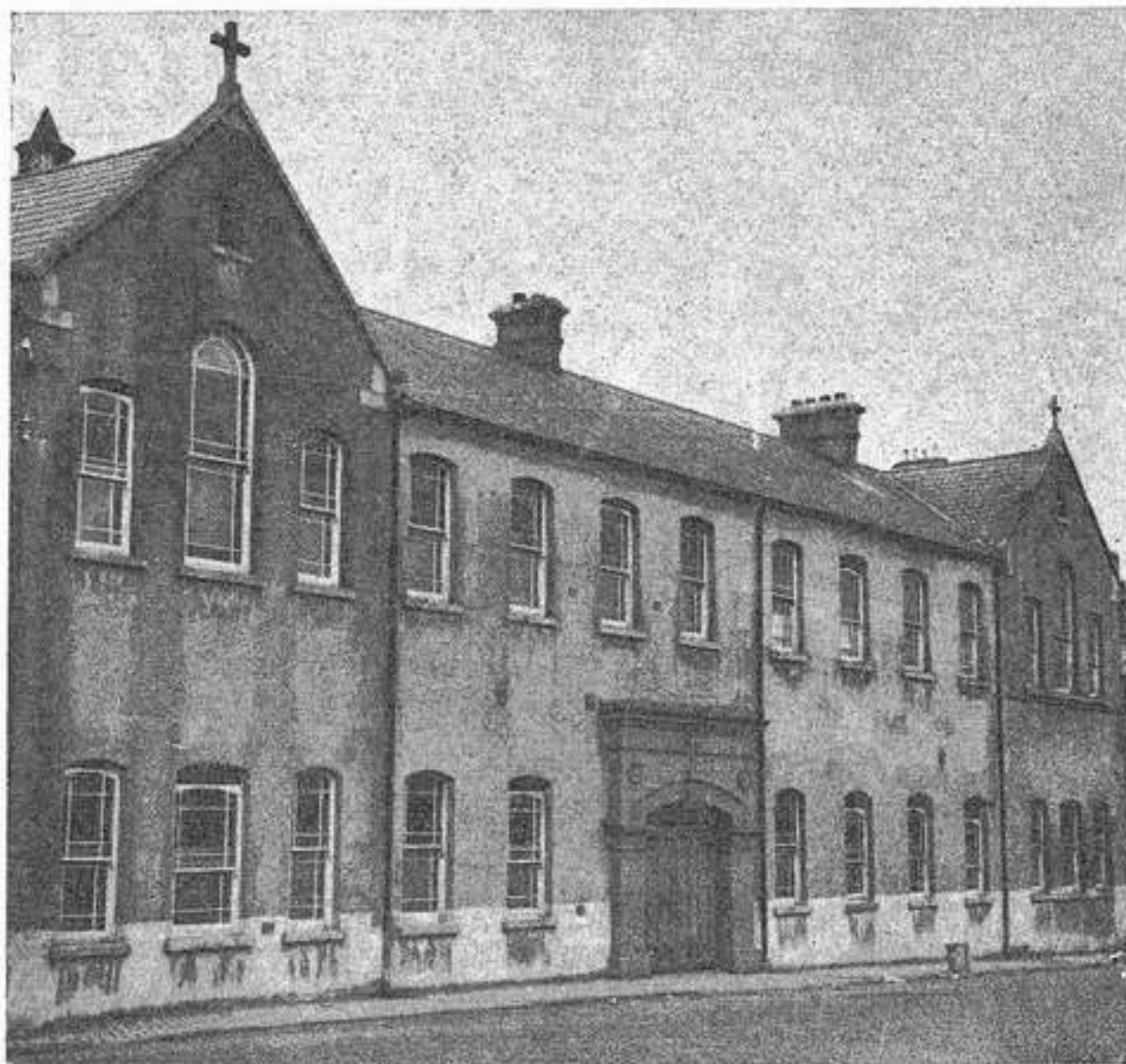
It was in the same classhall on another occasion when Fr. O'Callaghan was giving 'paternal advice' to Con Collins that I had the misfortune to say: "Father, the quality of mercy it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven" It dropped on me that day, full and plenty! It was about that time, too, that Dr. Keane (God rest his soul), then Bishop of Limerick, was seriously ill at Milford House and was not expected to live long more. I, as a scout, had to go to College in uniform for about three days before the Bishop's death because the scouts were expected to do duty at Milford House as soon as news of the Bishop's death was received. My classmates gave my poor knees a bad time during these days. Since then, however, many of that 'good year' have been chaplains to Scout Troops and I am sure they appreciate the scope there is for doing good with a scout troop.

I have tried to teach for some years in Ireland, the West Indies, and in Africa; I have seen the modern methods introduced—film strips, visual aids, educational visits, etc.—but I can truthfully say that I have more often than not fallen back for help on the methods used by Dr. Murphy

and Fr. Purtill. Though he never called me by my right name but insisted on calling me 'Tony'—a fact which often rose the hair on the back of my neck—I don't think you could find a better professor for modern English than Fr. Purtill.

It may be because I was Dr. Murphy's altar server for eight years as well as his pupil, and because of his kindness when I often turned up late to serve his Mass, that I am prejudiced towards him. But I know that we all enjoyed our geography classes because of his gentleness and thoroughness. Would that I could imitate him as a teacher!

Whether in the classroom or on the hurling field we were a happy group in the Alma Mater there in Henry Street. We look back with gratitude to Dr. Murphy, Canons Lee and Martin, Frs. Dolan, O'Brien, Purtill, Breen, O'Callaghan and Gallagher. —G. HANNON, C.S.S.P.



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Briefs

One of the great drawbacks of the College in Henry Street was the lack of playing pitches. For a number of the early years the students used 'Mac's Field' in the winter (near the present Holy Rosary Church) and Cork-anree in the summer (where the Irish Wire Ltd. have their factory now). Belfield was also used for a while. Around 1917 the College obtained the use of the Catholic Institute Grounds in Rosbrien and this was the position until 1931 when the present Ennis Road Grounds were purchased.

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Limerick's well-known Drama Group, the College Players, took their name from St. Munchin's. The group was founded there about 1924 by the late Rev. T. Colbert.

NOTE—We are indebted to Finn Bros., Catherine Street, for many of the photos in this issue

1962

When first I approached the old College, almost five years ago, I was immediately struck by the castle-like appearance of the building. To my childish imagination all it lacked was a moat and a drawbridge to complete the picture. I conjured up visions of dungeons and torture chambers and all the weird trappings of the medieval world.

All these notions quickly vanished when I came in contact with the genial teachers who did everything in their power to make me feel at home in my new surroundings. After a few days I grew to love the strange environs and was often loathe to leave, even when school was over. Very soon, under the tutelage of the older boys, I got to know the little idiosyncrasies of the old Alma Mater; I instance the injudicious placing of the notice-board at the precise point where those who would ascend met the descending, and Donnybrook Fair developed as one and all endeavoured to scan the latest "stop-press."

This, then, is the school I shall picture for my grandchildren; the school that withstood the ravages of time and weather, and came through the violent storms of the past winter with colours—and slates—flying, bloody but unbowed; the school that still stands four-square as though protesting eternal youth and competence; the dear old building that we leave with a tear, and the wish that it may be revered and loved by its new owners as we have loved it.

—A Senior Student (Day-Pupil)

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Last Five Years in Old College

On the evening of September 5th, 1957, I, a very dejected-looking boy, carrying a suitcase larger than myself, entered for the first time the ancient Diocesan College in Henry Street. After a few weeks when I got over the loneliness, I began to think that maybe the next few years would

not be as bad as I first imagined. Besides having plenty of study we had plenty pastimes and the time passed quickly. There was a good family spirit among both the senior and junior students and life was as pleasant as can be expected in a boarding school.

In the following year we rejoiced at the consecration of Dr. Murphy — our Latin professor — as Bishop of Limerick. Later that year, the President, Fr. O'Brien was appointed P.P. of Ardagh and Fr. Breen became President. By this time my class was making its presence felt in the College, not only because of its size but also because of its reputation in the classroom and the playing-field.

In the past five years the College has done very well in examinations and in games. To mention just a few successes in the latter:—we won the Senior City Cup four times in five years; we won the Under-17 Shield three times in succession, and we also did well in the hurling by winning the O'Meara Cup once,

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Leaving II Class 1962 : The last class to complete their course in the old St. Munchin's

trying for it another year and doing well also in the Keane competition.

In general the time passed quickly with the various outings—especially a few excursions and an educational tour to Dublin last year.

Soon we will leave Henry Street; it will be an historic occasion, the end of an era; it will also be a sad occasion; it will be the end of a famous old College. I hope that in the new College the old traditions and spirit of Henry Street will not be forgotten; I hope that the students there will be as good as those in the old College.

—A Senior Student (Boarder).

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Seo aguisín leis an gcuid eile atá scríofa agam, agus é i gcló eile ar fad. Tá a lán daoine ann agus deir siad gur fearr leo an cló a d’úsáid siad féin agus iad ag dul ar scoil. Is deas liomsa “cló na Gaeilge” mar a tugtar air. Is deas liom leis an cló seo anois agam atá in úsáid ar fuaid na cruinne. Is leor an méad seo de go fóill mar sin féin.

Agus ní aon “h” ann!

AROUND THE PARISHES

IN the last issue we gave the list of clergy in each parish. The following completes the list of Secular Clergy attached to the Limerick Diocese:—

St. Munchin's College Staff:—Very Rev. M. Breen, President; Revv. M. Kelly, J. Sadlier, G. McNamee, J. B. Connellan, M. Lane, E. Looby, and J. Galvin.

Diocesan Secretary:—Very Rev. P. J. O'Callaghan.

Diocesan Inspector of Schools:—Rev. M. Tynan.

Religious Instructors at City Vocational Schools:—Rev. M. Walsh and Rev. S. Griffin.

Diocesan Organiser:—Rev. T. Culhane.

Chaplain to Stella Maris Convent, Foynes:—Rev. T. O'Donnell.

Rev. J. Newman is on the staff of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; Rev. M. Connolly is on sick leave.

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The following priests of the Diocese are on temporary mission abroad:—Rev. E. Casey, Slough; Rev. S. Winters, Brooklyn; Rev. D. Browne, Natchez; Rev. L. Kelly and Rev. J. Hudner, Cardiff; Rev. M. Irwin and Rev. P. J. O'Donnell, Peru.

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It is interesting to record that the following priests of the Diocese did temporary work abroad:—

In England: Very Revv. S. O'Dea, F. Rice, D. Kelly, E. Punch, D. Fitzgerald, H. O'Connor, M. Ryan, P. Finn, M. O'Grady, J. Brassill, J. Carroll, T. J. Lyons; Revv. M. Kelly, M. Connolly, P. O'Regan, D. Murphy, and C. O'Neill.

In Scotland: Rt. Rev. Monsignor Hannon, Very Rev. P. Lyons, Revv. M. Walsh, S. McCarthy, L. O'Boyle, and F. Moriarty.

In Wales: Revv. J. McCarthy, T. P. Burke, and E. Dillane.

In U.S.A.: Very Rev. R. Donworth, P. Enright; Revv. J. Moran, J. Neville, S. Griffin, R. Murphy, and S. Power.

In Nigeria: Revv. D. Gallagher, J. Guiry, and E. Looby.

Very Rev. W. J. Canon Carroll, P.P., served as Army Chaplain in the 1st World War, and Rev. J. Shinnors, C.C., served in the Congo.

Secondary Schools. There are 29 Secondary Schools in the Diocese, nine of which are in the city. The others are as follows:—Abbeyfeale (3), Adare (2), Newcastle West (2), Rathkeale (2), Shanagolden (2), and 1 each in Askeaton, Ballingarry, Bruff, Drumcollogher, Glin, Kildimo, Kilfinane, Kilmallock, and Mungret.



BUILDING

Building goes on apace in the parishes of the Diocese. Very many of the parishes must be engaged in it. News comes from the following:—GLIN, where work has started on a new National School costing £30,000. A good site has been secured at the top of the town giving a beautiful view of the Shannon and Co. Clare; OUR LADY OF LOURDES, where the new school for that side of St. Michael's Parish will be ready by the end of the year; ASKEATON, where work is well advanced on a new school.

In KNOCKADERRY parish the contract for the new Boys' and Girls' School at Ahalin has been secured by Mr. J. McCormack of Newcastle West. This new school, which is to be called 'Scoil Muire,' will have a fine site with ample space for playgrounds and gardens; and in BALLINGARRY remote preparations are being made for the building of a new school to replace the old double-decker in the centre of the street.

RATHKEALE has been having quite a busy time in the building line. The new Vocational School will be opened in September next and the people are looking forward to this. A new Boys' National School, costing £10,000, will be ready by September, 1963.

RATHKEALE Church is having its roof re-slatted at a cost of £6,000. Work on both Church and Schools is giving welcome employment at a time when the Shannon Meats Ltd. — the local factory — has less employment to offer. Last year the factory had over 200 on its payroll for a prolonged period and could well surpass that figure this year. At present it has over 70 employed.

Reports of work on other Churches come from BRUFF, where the entire Church has been re-decorated, amplification system installed, new seating provided; and from BALLINGARRY, where a big job of reconstruction and interior

plastering has been carried out under the direction of Mr. Quinn, architect, and Messrs. Mooney and Mulqueen, tradesmen. The sanctuary walls were also done in mosaic by Irish Mosaics of Roscommon. This mosaic work was a gift of the late Rosy O'Grady, a native of the parish.



On the Muintir na Tire front, COOLCAPPA Guild had a very successful season with their Drama Group. They produced the well-known play *The Jailbird* and staged it in several centres in West Limerick. This Guild was also successful in a public speaking contest and Question Time competition held recently in Kilcoleman.

SHANAGOLDEN Guild carried out cleaning and renovations in the local cemetery. The shrine of the Sacred Heart in the street has been tastefully planted with shrubs and floodlit.



A writer from FOYNES wonders how many Limerick people have climbed Knockpatrick, traditionally associated with St. Patrick. He claims that a well-known international traveller recently said that the view from this hill is one of the most glorious vistas in Europe.

The Feast of SS. Peter and Paul is a big day in BRUFF — the patrons of the parish. Though no longer a holiday of obligation in Ireland, the Feast is still solemnly observed with High Mass. Schools are closed and the annual Sports are held.

The Sportsfield in Bruff, accomplished by local effort and costing £7,000, was opened in 1956. This year it is hoped to clear off the remaining debt of £600.

In ST. MICHAEL'S the Legion of Mary opened their new Hall in Lower Hartstonge Street on Ascension Thursday. This was formerly the British Legion Hall.

ABBEYFEALE continues to set the headline in the campaign for funds for the new College. In particular the Union of Prayer is very strong there — one promoter alone having 137 members. This must certainly be a record.



Rev. James Noonan
—son of Mr. and
Mrs. T. Noonan,
Mount Trenchard,
Foynes — ordained
at St. Patrick's,
Kiltegan. He is a
native of Loughill
parish.



ADARE EXILES' RE-UNION

A very enjoyable re-union of Adare exiles in England took place at Cathedral Hall, Westminster, London, on March 10th. The arrangements at the London end were made by a committee consisting of Rev. Eamon Casey (Chairman), Messrs. Malachy Heffernan, Patsy Hickey, Paddy Walsh and Johnny Kinevane. The attendance of 170 came mostly from the London area, with groups from Birmingham and Northampton.

The happiest man present was Joe Farrell of the Demesne who met his brother, Jack, for the first time in over ten years. Copies of a newsletter, prepared by the Legion of Mary Praesidium, were distributed to bring Adare exiles up to date on local happenings.

Catering arrangements were in the hands of a ladies' committee and a band from Slough (Fr. Casey's parish) provided music for dancing.

Addressing the gathering, Rev. J. Casey, C.C., Adare, congratulated those present on their loyalty to their religion and assured them of the unfailing interest of the priests and people of the parish in their spiritual and material welfare.

The singing of 'Faith of our Fathers' brought the proceedings to a close.

Film on Ardagh Parish By KEVIN MAGEE

A VERY successful colour film of Ardagh parish was recently completed by a small group of enterprising local men, and has already been shown to delighted audiences at Ardagh and Old Mill.

The idea was born about two years ago when Mr. Jerry MacMahon purchased an 8mm. movie camera. At first, he interested himself in taking ordinary local scenes. But shortly afterwards a complete film of the parish was undertaken and Jerry found able assistants in Messrs. Jim Heffernan, who supplied much of the historical data; Eddie Barrett, who photographed some of the scenes; and Paddy O'Sullivan, who was a driving force behind the project.

It was an ambitious and difficult undertaking, which included aerial photography. This part of the programme, however, was made possible through the courtesy of aeroplane-owner Mr. Nicholas Cotter, of Abbeyfeale, who arranged to pilot Mr. MacMahon over the area, thus enabling him to take first-class shots of the countryside. The cost of the film was approximately £100 and the running time was about 2 hours.

The Oblate Novitiate House at Cahermoyle figured prominently. One scene showing a large group of Brothers in devotional procession was particularly impressive. Included also were numerous commonplace events such as the congregation leaving the Church after Mass; a typical morning scene at the local creamery; a Fair day at Ardagh; harvest work on a farm; and similar aspects of everyday life. There was many a chuckle from members of the audience when they saw themselves on the screen, in humorous situations, having been quite unaware at the time of the presence of the cameraman.

As a supporting feature, there



MR. JERRY McMAHON

were scenes of hurling and football matches at Rathkeale, Newcastle West, Ballingarry, and elsewhere. At some of these venues the local hurling team was engaged and individual players were easily recognisable in action.

As an added attraction also, there was a vivid presentation of a typical sight at Croagh Patrick where pilgrims were shown ascending and descending the precarious mountainside.

Throughout the entire showing a very interesting commentary was given by Jerry MacMahon.

The men responsible for the undertaking have good reason to be proud. Indeed, their achievement may well be unique, and the parishioners are under a debt of gratitude to them for having afforded them an opportunity of seeing this colourful, informative and entertaining film.

DRAMA by Ann Dooley

"The curtain is lowered for a few moments." Looking in the records of dramatic activity since Feile time I find only one programme. I read it down and at the end is written: "the curtain is lowered for a few moments during Act 2 to indicate the passage of an hour." In our world of amateur drama the

summer sun brings the curtain down, it is the long siesta. The Play is no longer the thing with which to catch the fancy of the throng. Calm seas must hold the mirror up to sun-tanned nature, giving a surface view of a changeless scene. In the cool days of winter, when the heat has gone, we will return to the theatre, seeking not a mirror, but an honest X-Ray.

The College Players produced *The Flowering Cherry* at Amharclann na Feile. It is an English play, serious and interesting. There is an honest matter-of-fact mother and a self-deluding father. The marriage will break, it is already crumbling. Jim Cherry had an Insurance job and a dream of an orchard in the country. The job was a burden, the dream unreal and more and more gin was necessary to help Jim to bridge the gap between the two.

Tom, the son, and Judy, the daughter, near adults, both contain the parental ingredients in varying degrees and help to highlight the major points in the conflict.

The play is interesting and deadly serious in the English fashion. There is nothing in it that is not in *Junio and the Paycock*. Isobel Cherry, the mother, patient, forgiving, was completely understood by Sheila O'Doherty whose quite deep tones gave the part a living reality. It was a copy of O'Casey without the O'Casey sense of comedy. It is an interesting speculation to wonder how these characters would have fared had they been put into the story by a dramatist who could see the comic and the grotesque at the most heroic moments, who could see some posturing in the most righteous attitudes. But it was a good play, well played and produced.

Sacha Guitry's *A Villa for Sale* went on the same night. I think it would have been much better if played much faster.



AS WE WERE sharpening the family quill, preparatory to committing to paper these quarterly words of wisdom, Bean Ui Gunnel looked up from her knitting to enquire: "Well, what line does the old boloney take this time?" (This mode of speech really masks a deep affection for the head of the household.) Removing the pipe, we replied with our customary equanimity: "We are going to point out that from the type of young people to be met with in O'Connell Street these days it is clear that a rather fine new Ireland is in process of gestation just now." "I suppose you will never grow up," was the tart comment as she expertly executed a delicate knitting manoeuvre. This exchange of domestic pleasantries has given us the idea of demonstrating to the little woman that this new Ireland can be seen emerging in her own family. So, with your permission, may we introduce the family?

Carrig Junior (who takes after his father), was ordained ten years ago for the Diocese of Washington, where he carried himself as an Irishman and an O'Gunnel. Then a year ago he answered the

call for priests in South America. Now, as a member of the Order of St. James, founded by Cardinal Cushing, he is playing his part in restoring the Faith and promoting a more just society in Peru.

Rory took his degree in agriculture but had his heart set on working on the land, so he talked us into buying him a sixty acre farm near Newcastle West, with a promise of paying back the money over fifteen years. It took all the O'Gunnel savings but our confidence has been justified. He and his very intelligent wife have transformed a place which had gone derelict — and the return payments are coming in on schedule. They have five fine kids and, as we have pointed out to Bean Ui Gunnel, wherever they learned it they are making a fine job of rearing them. They certainly know how to harmonize affection and discipline and it gladdens the old heart to call there on Sundays.

Then there is Maire, who has been a nurse in a London hospital for the past five years. During that time she has to her credit five converts to the Church from

among her patients and has also had (if we have kept the score correctly) ten proposals of marriage. She is coming home in the Autumn to marry a young Irish technician in the Verolme Shipyard at Cork. They met when she was attending a Nurses' Congress at The Hague and he was doing a training course in Holland.

Diarmuid is a State Forester in East Clare. His duties bring him into close contact with the big Chipboard Factory at Scariff, which buys its raw material from the State forests. He spends his week-ends at home in Limerick where he is doing a strong 'line.' This home-coming also enables him to continue his work for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which he is helping to extend the scope of its work. He is playing his part in their fine project of a Hostel for homeless men in St. John's Square, for which premises have already been bought.

This may be reading like a catalogue but we may as well finish off the family as we are at it. Nesson is a chemist employed by Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann at their new food-processing plant

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woman's Page



IT SEEMS to me that women of all ages are fascinated by hats. Little girls show as keen an interest in the purchase of their new Summer straws as their grandmothers do in the latest millinery styles for matrons. In fact many a tearful battle has been fought between mother and daughter over the choice of a hat for Confirmation. Personally, I have never surmounted a hatred for "Panamas," engendered by the fact that it was the only hat anyone ever bought for me as a child. I still remember them, plain, sensible hats with a band of corded ribbon, when what I really coveted was a bonnet covered with flowers, or smothered with bright ribbons. Even then I knew, although my parents did not, that a hat was meant to be more than a head-covering, a protection from the sun or rain, that it should be an ornament, a lovely thing, a defiant expression of one's personality. A Summer hat, especially, should be a salute to the sun, as fragrant as a bouquet and as bright as sunshine in a clear sky.

It was this predilection for hats that drove me, on a recent visit to Dublin, into the millinery department of a large store. I had no fixed intention of buying a hat, but I could while away a pleasant hour trying on this year's models, and, perhaps, I might encounter an enchanting bargain. Every hat I picked up was prettier than the next. I became intoxicated with colour, shapes, flowers, frills and feathers. The

hats went to my head! Dazed as I was I was sufficiently sane to realise that this would be a very wrong time to contemplate making a purchase. Discretion as regards suitability and price had completely left me. During this orgy of hat-trying, the head-gear that I had been wearing that day — a white linen turban — had been lying on the counter. When I started to retrieve it, I found a lady examining it. I excused myself and claimed my property. She said that she had been looking for a similar turban, and I explained that I had made it myself from a Vogue pattern and that it was a simple hat to make. She had experimented in hat-making and very kindly offered to give me directions for a hat made of net. Straightaway she wrote them down for me. I have made the hat which this kind lady from Tullamore recommended and it turned out to be a beauty. I am giving you the directions as she gave them to me.

You will require one-and-a-half yards of 54-inch net, matching thread, and three-quarters of a yard of petersham ribbon for a headband.

Cut a strip measuring 10 inches by 48 inches across the width of the net. Fold in half so that the folded strip measures 10 inches by 24. This is the foundation of your hat. Now cut twelve or fourteen strips, measuring 3 inches by 54. Set a loose tacking stitch on your sewing machine and work two rows of gathering, quarters of an inch apart along

the centre of each strip. Draw gathers until strip measures 24 inches. Sew the strips to the foundation, stitching through the centre of the gathers. Place the first strip a half-inch from the edge, and the rest of the strips a half an inch apart and parallel to each other. Join the short ends together, stitching through the foundation only. At the top of the hat, on the wrong side, work a gathering thread 1 inch from the edge and draw up tightly. Finish securely. Now cut the ribbon to the size of your head, and sew to the bottom edge of the foundation.

A turban hat is very easy to make, but lack of space prevents me from giving you the necessary instructions in this issue. Or, perhaps, I am loathe to reveal my cherished secret!

By the way, I saw a lamp-shade the other day that would make a lovely hat, a sort of Chinese coolie hat. If the wire were a little lighter and it could be swathed in silk! You see. I have hats on my mind. Perhaps one of you will evolve the perfect lamp-shade hat.

—MARTHA.

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Teacher: "John, is trousers singular or plural?"

John (scratching his head): "Singular at the top and plural at the bottom."



TEENAGE FORUM

A Chailini agus a Bhucailli,

WANT A JOB? That blunt question will fill the lives of many of you over the next few weeks, when your schooldays are ended, and you wait for the exam. results to prove that you did not waste your time. Certificates mean very little, however, when you get them, though they are vitally important if you don't. Want a job? That little question caught my eye in a magazine, self-styled Ireland's leading teenage newspaper. It was an eye-catcher to the following advertisement:—"Female students wanted to work in biscuit factory in Kleve, North Germany, from mid-August to October or until Christmas. Also girls to start immediately and stay until Christmas. 40-hour week. Wages, approximately, £5 per week." Makes you think, doesn't it? I met a mother some weeks ago worried to distraction because she could not find a trace, wing or tail, of her 16-year-old daughter, who left after Christmas with a 15-year-old pal (since returned home), to work in a packed-meat factory in England. Limerick is visited periodically by men recruiting Irish teenagers to labour in English works. £6 for a 42-hour week sounds fetching when you are 18, the age required. It dangles the temptation to lie about your years, and hides the fact that £3 10s. will be deducted to pay for your board and lodging. Nor is there any mention of living conditions, of facilities for fulfilling your religious duties, or of the real dangers to your Faith that working amongst nice

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people, who never attend Church, chapel or meeting house, without any apparent loss, can cause. There are employment agencies concerned only with collecting young people mature enough to stand all day tending machines, doing boringly repetitive actions. Whether the maturity to meet life in an altogether strange if not hostile environment is reached does not merit their consideration.

Confidence

While you are at school you learn to stand on your own two feet, to have the courage to follow what your trained and correct conscience tells you is right, fair, and just. You learn, too, not to try to go through life on somebody else's push or pull. School ends, and with your certificate clutched weapon-like in your fist you go to find a job. And you may be disgusted and disillusioned at all the jerry-mandering and pull needed to land you any kind of a job. Teenagers with a keen, touchy sense of fair play are sometimes soured by patronage and favouri-

tism that ignore a person's capabilities and suitability. When you are unsettled about your future this is an added problem. You must have confidence in yourself and not let the disappointments and heartache push you to cynicism. Better far, look forward with hope. The zeal, enthusiasm and pure vision of the young are vital to our city, county and country.

Do It Yourself

Many of our industrial firms have slowly come to realise this and are giving financial support to that organisation of country boys and girls — Macra na Tuaithe — which till lately was sponsored by the American Kellogg Foundation. Join the branch of Macra na Tuaithe in your parish, and if there is none why not let a few of you start one? Don't leave it to the adults. They may think you are asking for and expecting more than your due. That is the way with youth always and a good thing too. Nothing is ever achieved without some small few taking the first step, disregarding fear of criticism or opposition. In Macra na Tuaithe, and other organisations like it, you will find an outlet for your initiative. You will get money, advice, direction, and encouragement in return for hard work, diligence and co-operation. Boys who feel that the old ways are not the best simply for having lasted so long can learn from booklets and instructors modern and improved techniques of agriculture, dairy farming, market gardening, and so on. And they

can test these and themselves by having their own particular personal project. The girls aren't forgotten either. But why not join your local branch? Why not start one?

Your Suggestions

Your replies to the Editor's questionnaire were extremely interesting. You are certainly a most important section of its readers and your page is for you especially. It is very difficult for *Our Catholic Life* to compete with glossy magazines and weeklies backed by plenty of advertisers' money and a huge circulation. Week by week they give comprehensive cover, slanted to sell pop-records, films, dancing steps and bands. What do you think of all this? I would like to know your side of the story.

One suggestion from a Presentation pupil seemed, at first sight, quite good. 'Careers for Teenageers.' It would be difficult to cover all the problems facing a young person entering any particular career and, this apart, such articles would help only those interested. The girl who wanted pocket biographies of the great composers of classical music should join her local library. This subject is of special interest to her and the librarian will willingly supply valuable assistance. A 'Serial Story,' in four instalments a year, would hardly succeed, while two pages on teenage fashion would not please the boys. 'Photographs of Limerick schools and star pupils.' Well you are there — where is your camera? Letters, letters, and more letters. I am sure that many of you are bursting with ideas, hints, grouses and questions. Why not write a short, crisp letter to me. On what? Anything, in the diocese, under the sun:—Unusual customs in your parish — the most foolish 'pop' song in the top twenty — your hobby — the most useful piece of advice you ever got —

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at Mallow. Formerly he worked on their land reclamation project in Mayo, which is turning bog into fertile land for the small farmers of the area. In his spare time he is a dab hand at the piano accordion and is an organiser for Comhaltas Ceolteoirí Éireann. We are all going down to Gorey next Sunday to hear him competing in the big Fleadh Ceoil there.

We have left Eileen until last—the others say she is her old man's pet. She is a nun and has a degree in Paediatrics from U.C.D. (that shook you — it means child-care). She now teaches in a new school for handicapped children in Dublin. She is a beautiful speaker of Irish, the study of which she began on O'Gunnell's knee at the age of one and a bit. Now she delights O'G by conversing with him most modernly in the ancient tongue when we call to see her on our trips to the capital.

Well, that the family's, and our reason for thrusting them upon you like this is merely to point out that you can meet many more like them or better than them in O'Connell Street any day of the week.

Bean Uí Gunnell has been reading this over our shoulder and we can hear her now purring contentedly as she resumes her knitting.

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Lest you think we are getting soft in the head, we'll conclude by telling you of our meeting in O'Connell Street with some of

what bores you most of all — teenage entertainment — anything. Write, write, write. The discipline of catching your thoughts in words is useful and there is the thrill of seeing your ideas in print.

—An tAthair Padraig

the men who are making the headlines with their mineral discoveries at Tynagh, near Loughrea. They were the chief prospector, John Fortune, of Dublin; Michael McCarthy (Skibbereen), the chief driller, whose Cork accent has come untarnished through ten years in Canadian mining; and French-Canadian big Ed. Lomas who broke into mellifluous French when we asked him in the Gallic how he liked Irlandais. They had just come into town from Shannon where they had seen off to Canada 38-year-old Newry-born Pat Hughes, the head of the Northgate Company which is exploring the extent of the Galway mineral deposits. We learned from them that all the men working at Tynagh, apart from Ed. Lomas and two other French-Canadian drillers, are Irish. Most of them worked in Canadian mining, did well, and have now come back to develop Ireland's mineral resources. Even Ed. Lomas's wife's parents came from Cork — so on behalf of the President of the Republic we invited him to bring the wife and kids over and settle down.

These are Irishmen of initiative, energy and intelligence at Tynagh and we look forward to the day when, through their efforts, a big smelting plant will arise at Loughrea or Galway and employment be given to hundreds of men in the part of the country that needs it most.

Slán is Beannacht,

—O'GUNNEL.

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"Willie," asked the teacher of the new pupil, "do you know your alphabet?"

"Yes, Miss," answered Willie.

"Well, then," continued the teacher, "what letter comes after A?"

"All of them," was the triumphant reply.



SUMMER, 1962.

The Murphy Twins

My dear Children,

You have been very busy with the pens and pencils, as well as paint brushes, since my last letter. Thank you very much for those lovely interesting letters. As I could not find space for all of them I drew out a limited number for printing. If yours does not appear don't be upset — Auntie Brigid has it right here on her desk and reads it now and again to put her in good humour. I love to hear all about your school and your exams and I never forget to pray for your success in your lessons and also for your parents and little brothers and sisters.

Summer holidays will be in sight when you get this letter but you will have just enough time to do the Competitions before school closes. I hope you say the little daily prayer for the success of the General Council that is to begin on the 11th of October, the Feast of Our Lady's Motherhood. Long ago in the early centuries of the Church some wicked men began to say that Our Lady was not the Mother of God at all and they tried to get other people to follow them. The Pope called the Bishops to a Great Council in Ephesus, where they spent several months studying and discussing the doctrine of the Divine Motherhood of Mary. God, who knew so well how truly she was His Mother, helped them and at last the heretics were confounded and excommunicated. The people of the whole Christian world did their part too in praying fervently that Mary's honour would be upheld, and on the day when the result of the Council was made known the people came in crowds to the Church and showed their joy by raising their voices triumphantly in praise of their dearest Mother who was, as they had always known, also the Mother of God. They even accompanied the Bishops to their homes that evening with lighted torches and singing hymns. There are still heresies in the world that will have to be tackled at the next Council. Let us, like the people of old in Ephesus, pray earnestly for light and guidance for the Pope and Bishops.

Till our next letter in Autumn, God bless you all.

Your loving,

AUNTIE BRIGID.

P.S.—The Editor says that there is no room for letters this time, so I am putting in as many names as I can.

THE TWINS were enjoying themselves thoroughly! It was early July and the sun shone clear and warm from a cloudless sky. Peter and Pauline were knee deep in the river catching "sticklebacks" and "collies" and putting them live and wriggling into a jam-jar of water. As to what they finally meant to do with them neither of them were quite clear. Peter thought of keeping them in the cows' water-trough but was wondering if the cows would swallow them. Pauline thought the bath would be safer. There she fondly hoped they would grow into trout and salmon but she could see no way of keeping people from taking baths in the meantime. Eileen was seated on the bank, her feet dangling in the water, while she watched a brilliant coloured dragon-fly skimming the water. Meanwhile, Peter had found a better hole further up the river. There, under the overhanging bank, there were dozens of tiny fish waiting to be caught. He shouted to Pauline to hurry and as she came laughing and splashing blamed her for frightening the fish, which his own shout had sent scurrying under the bank. Both were soon hard at work. It was hard work indeed, as it was one thing to catch them but quite another to keep their slippery little bodies from slipping through their fingers just when they thought they had them safe and sound. Still the number in the jar grew and the pair were

quite pleased with themselves. Soon they sat on the bank for a while, watching the little fish through the little glass walls of their new home and enjoying the warm heat of the July sun. They could hear the mowing machine in the distance and from the big field the shouts and laughter of the hay-makers.

Suddenly, Pauline sat bolt upright. "Eileen," she gasped. "We forgot all about her." They both jumped up and ran back to where they had left her, their mother's last words ringing in their ears — "If you go to the river mind Eileen and don't let her fall in." To their horror, no Eileen was to be found. Pauline was convinced that she was drowned and began to cry. Peter said there was no use crying until they were sure and jumped into the river but could see nothing. Pauline was certain she must have gone further down the river and fallen into the "big hole." Here the water was deeper and would come up to Peter's neck, so if Eileen fell in she could not be saved. "She must have been trying to catch a dragon-fly," sobbed Pauline. Just then Shep, who had been lying half asleep in the sun, was excited by all the commotion and came running towards them barking and jumping. "Oh, stay quiet, Shep," said Eileen, "don't you see I've no time to play." At that instant Peter shouted: "It's alright. Look behind the bush." Pauline looked — there sure enough was Eileen just waking up from a deep sleep from which she was roused by all the barking and shouting. She had lost interest in the water after a while and wandered off picking daisies. When she grew tired of this she had sat down in the shade and fallen fast asleep.

The twins soon recovered from their fright and all three ran home happily.

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RESULTS OF SPRING PAINTING COMPETITION

Juniors: 1. Maureen O'Sullivan, 33 Clarina Avenue, Limerick.
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4. Donal O Criadain, Baile Thomais, Kilfinane.

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2. Michael Carroll, Sarsfield Street, Kilmallock.
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4. Theresa Markham, Raheen, Mungret.

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Kathleen Kelly, Knocknasna, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

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2.—Elizabeth Enright, New-
town, Clarina, Co. Limerick.

Solution to Easter Crossword:

Across: 1, Cart; 4, Put; 6,
Oval; 8, Owl; 10, Sad; 12, Calm;
14, Nag; 17, Oat; 19, Spends;
21, Ned; 22, La; 23, Judy; 24,
Ton.

Down: 1, Crocus; 2, Roll; 3,
T.V.; 4, Plants; 5, To; 7, As;
9, Wasp; 11, Da; 13, Money; 15,
Groan; 18, Add; 20, End; 22, Lo.

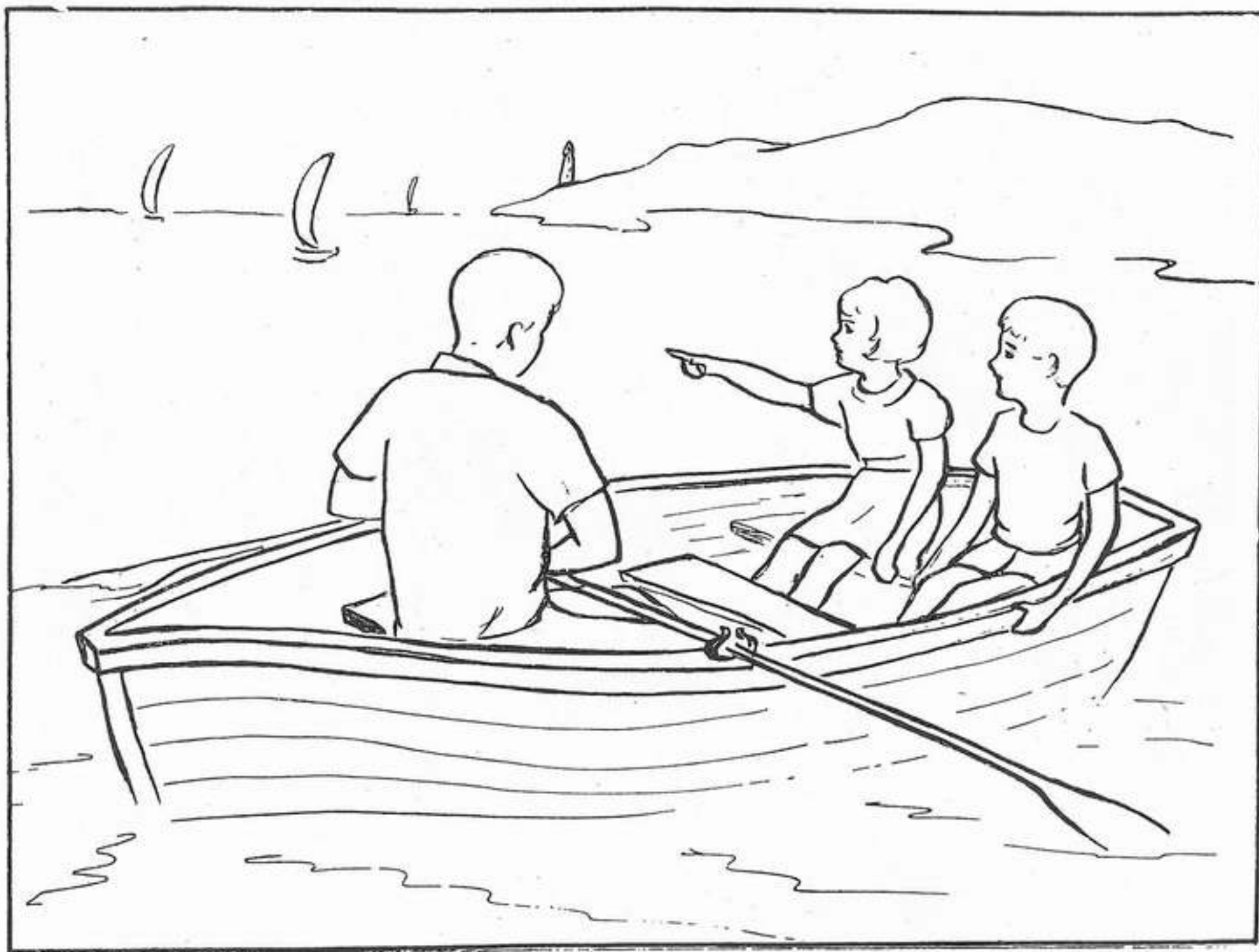
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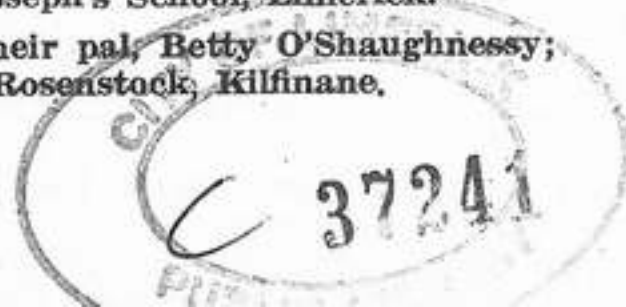
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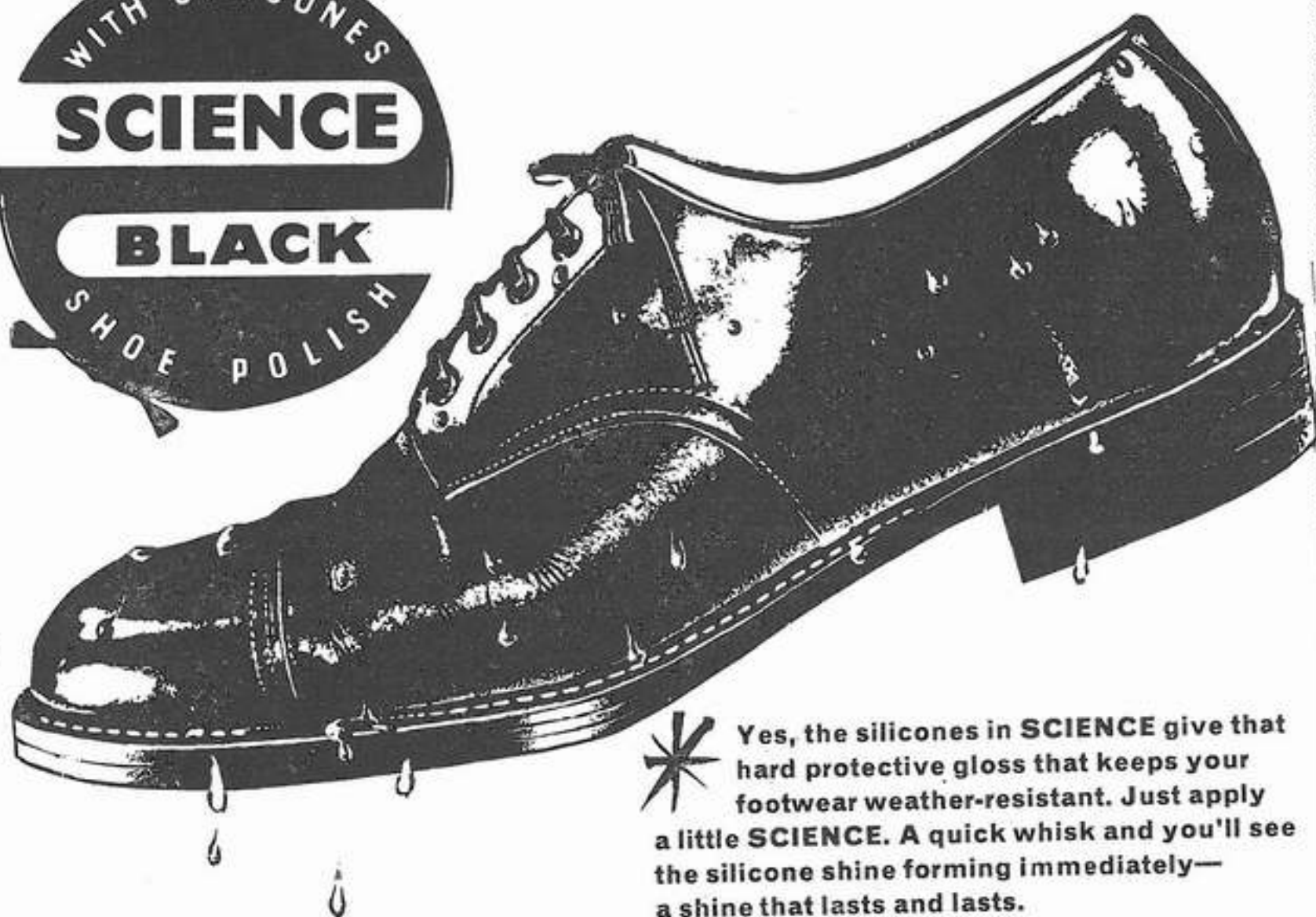
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