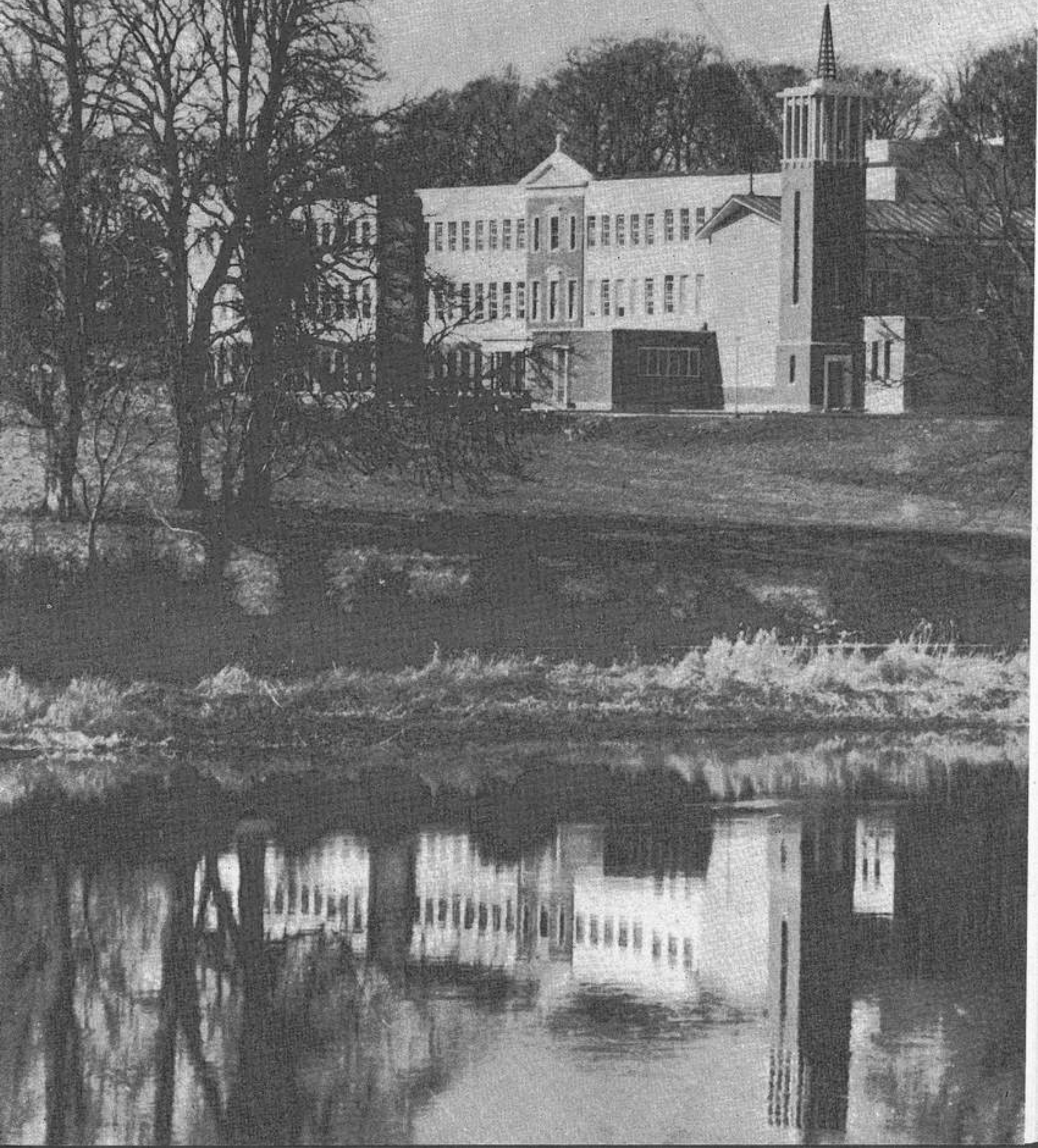


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The New College

AUGUST 28th, 1963, must be regarded by all who have the welfare of our historic diocese at heart as a red-letter day in the history of its development. On that day was brought to fruition, partial if not complete, a very necessary, nay vital, factor in its educational life.

It is here in the new St. Munchin's College that two very important facets in the life of the diocese will grow and develop during the years to come. First, here will be trained and formed the future priests of the diocese, whose work will be at home among their own people and who will be responsible for the moral and Catholic training and formation of countless Limerick men and women of the future.

Second, here will be developed what must be regarded as one of the most fundamental relations which has been the basis of the happy and lasting ties that have bound the Irish clergy and their people down through the ages, in times of trouble and of peace. For here will live, play and study together the clergy and laity of the future. Here will be formed friendships and opinions which will bind both branches of the Church, lay and clerical, by strong and lasting bonds.

Therefore, we should all regard the New College as one of the most important institutions in the diocese. It belongs to the diocese, that is, to us and we have an obligation, according to our capacity, to contribute to its cost and upkeep. Then we will really take a pride in it and realise the importance of the work it has to do; and having done our part, even at a sacrifice, we can be well satisfied that we have contributed to a very necessary diocesan work.

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The Order of Malta

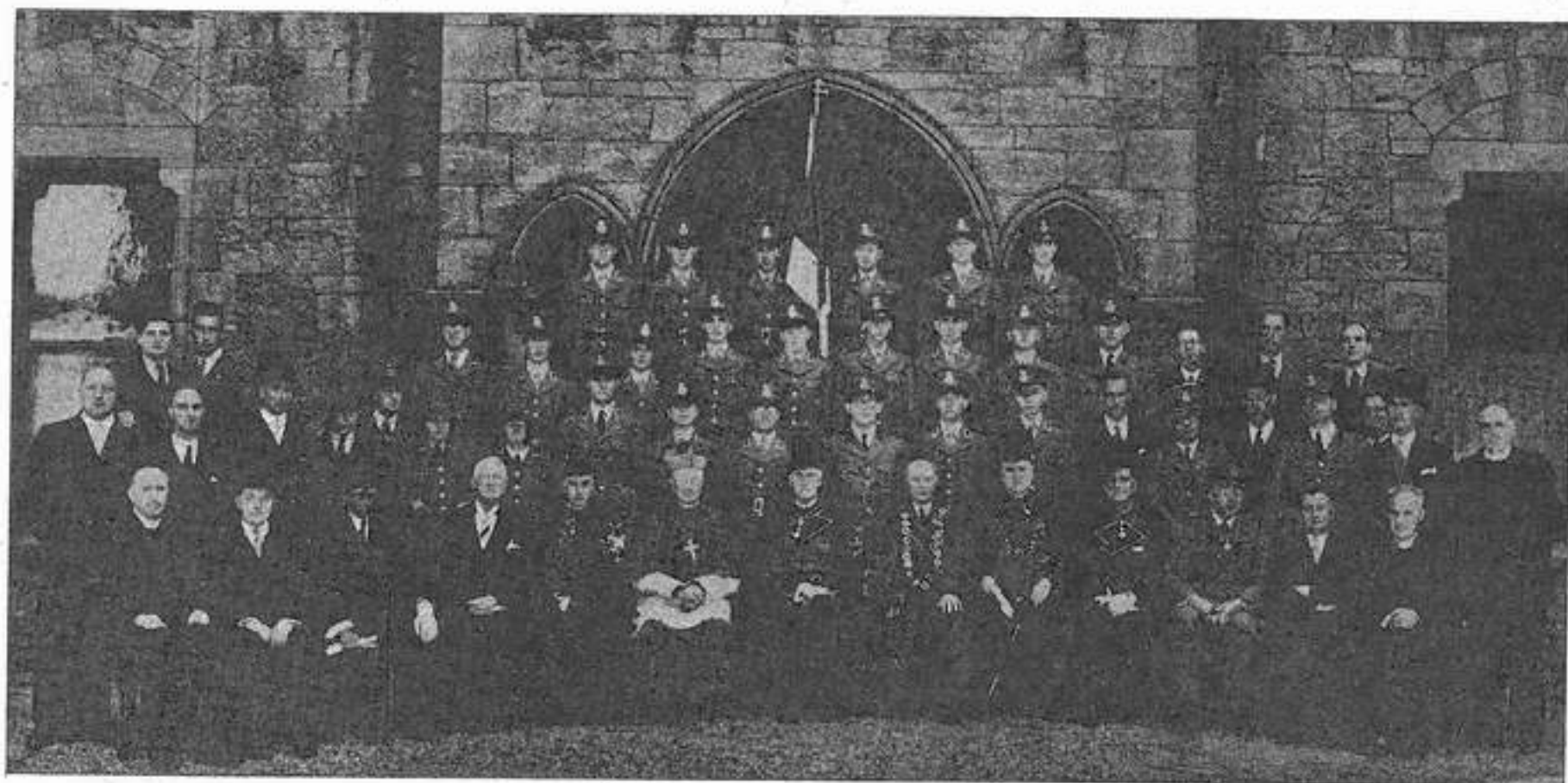
In the City of Jerusalem, about the year 1050 A.D., a Charitable Hospice was established for the accommodation of Christian pilgrims. The workers in this Hospice were the forerunners of the Knights Hospitallers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The founders were merchants from Amalfi in Italy, and the emblem of the Order, the famous Cross of Malta, is the distinctive badge of the City of Amalfi.

In the year 1099 A.D., when the City of Jerusalem fell to the first Crusade, the leader of the voluntary workers in the Hospice was a certain Gerard Tengué, a pilgrim from Martigues in Provence, who had decided to remain in Jerusalem and devote his life to charitable work. The victorious Crusaders were full of admiration for Gerard and his Hospice, and they endowed it with substantial gifts. By the year 1100, the Hospice had become a well-established foundation, and

Gerard proposed to his companions that they should form themselves into a religious community. He drew up a Rule, which he submitted to the Pope for approval. The members of his community took the solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience before the Patriarch of Jerusalem, as representative of the Sovereign Pontiff. The new Order adopted a black habit with the eight-pointed Cross picked out in white on the left breast. They took the name of the Order of Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem. The eight points of the Cross are said to symbolise the eight Beatitudes. By a special Bull, *Piae Postulatio*, dated the 15th February, 1113, Pope Pascal II approved the Rule. He conferred complete autonomy for all time on the Order, in respect of its property and choice of leaders, and he decreed that it should be independent and subject to no authority or control,

save that of the Pope alone. The Constitution promulgated by Pope John XXIII on 24th June, 1961, confirms that the Order of Malta has never ceased to be a Religious Order in the fullest sense of the term.

In 1291 the Moslems reconquered the Kingdom of Jerusalem and the Knights Hospitallers found refuge in the Island of Cyprus. In 1310 they conquered and occupied Rhodes and the Order was recognised by all the nations of Christendom as Sovereign of the island. The Order thus became a Sovereign State and, what we would now call, a subject of international law. It is the Order itself, and not the Island of Rhodes or Malta, that is the Sovereign State. To-day the Order is still Sovereign. In 1522 the Turks drove the Knights out of Rhodes. Eight years later, Emperor Charles V conveyed the Island of Malta to the Order. The Order governed Malta from



Group taken at Inauguration Ceremony in Limerick

Andrew McGrath

IN THE EARLY eighteenth century, Croom in Co. Limerick was the seat of perhaps the most famous of the Munster courts of poetry. All through Ireland's chequered history, the local bards gave us pictures in verse of the sorrows and glories of our country and when the national ballads were suppressed, they kept the spirit of our people alive through the lovely "vision" poems or "aislingi," in which they depicted Ireland as a beautiful lady in distress who awaited help from her heroes and lovers overseas. One of the most popular attendants at the Croom meetings of the poets was Andrew McGrath, better known by his Gaelic nickname of "An Mangaire Sugach," or "The Jolly Pedlar."

The actual date and place of his birth is unknown, but we do know that he was born in the early eighteenth century in Co. Limerick, probably in the parish of Kilbreedy. We find many references to the Maigue in his poetry, and what we know of his life is gleaned mainly from his poetry. As a schoolboy he made the acquaintance of another poet, Sean O'Tuomy, and it was he who inspired and encouraged a love of poetry in the young Andrew. They attended the same school and we learn in their writings that among the subjects taken were Latin, English and, of course, their native Gaelic.

The Mangaire became a schoolteacher and opened many schools in different parts of the county in his time, but if he was a schoolteacher by profession, he was a wanderer and waster by nature. Dr. Douglas Hyde described him as "the frailest and wildest of all the bards." The poet Mangan, however, sums him up as being "gay, eccentric,

jovial, witty, learned and intellectual." He can truly be said to have possessed all of these characteristics. He engaged in many poetical word battles with his friend O'Tuomy and his sparkling, though caustic, wit is a joy to read. It has been suggested that the poetic form used in many of these rhymes has given rise to what is now known as the popular "limerick" or five-line verse. Most of his works have been translated into English but none of these translations can compare with the brilliance of phrase and word-play of the Gaelic lines.

Andrew was forced to give up teaching, about the year 1740, and leave his native parish. There have been many conjectures as to why he had to leave the Maigue district that he loved. His quickness of tongue and verse in denouncing the local priest who arranged — according to the poet — a match between a young woman and an old man of means, was said to have earned for Andrew the anger of that priest. The parishioners agreed that their priest had been insulted by the satire of the poet, and poor Andrew left in disgrace. Be that as it may, we do know that McGrath's own reputation was none too good and his amorous escapades were said to be many! His loneliness and regret at leaving are felt in his poem "Slan le Maighe," or "Farewell to the Maigue" — one of the loveliest poems and songs left to us in our Gaelic tongue. He settled in Ballyneety and again took up school-teaching. In the poem he tells of his longing for the Maigue countryside, for his old friends and acquaintances and he complains of the suspicions of his new neighbours who seem to distrust the stranger

in their midst. His fame — or rather his ill-fame — had more than likely reached his new neighbourhood before him, and people were naturally wary of their new resident.

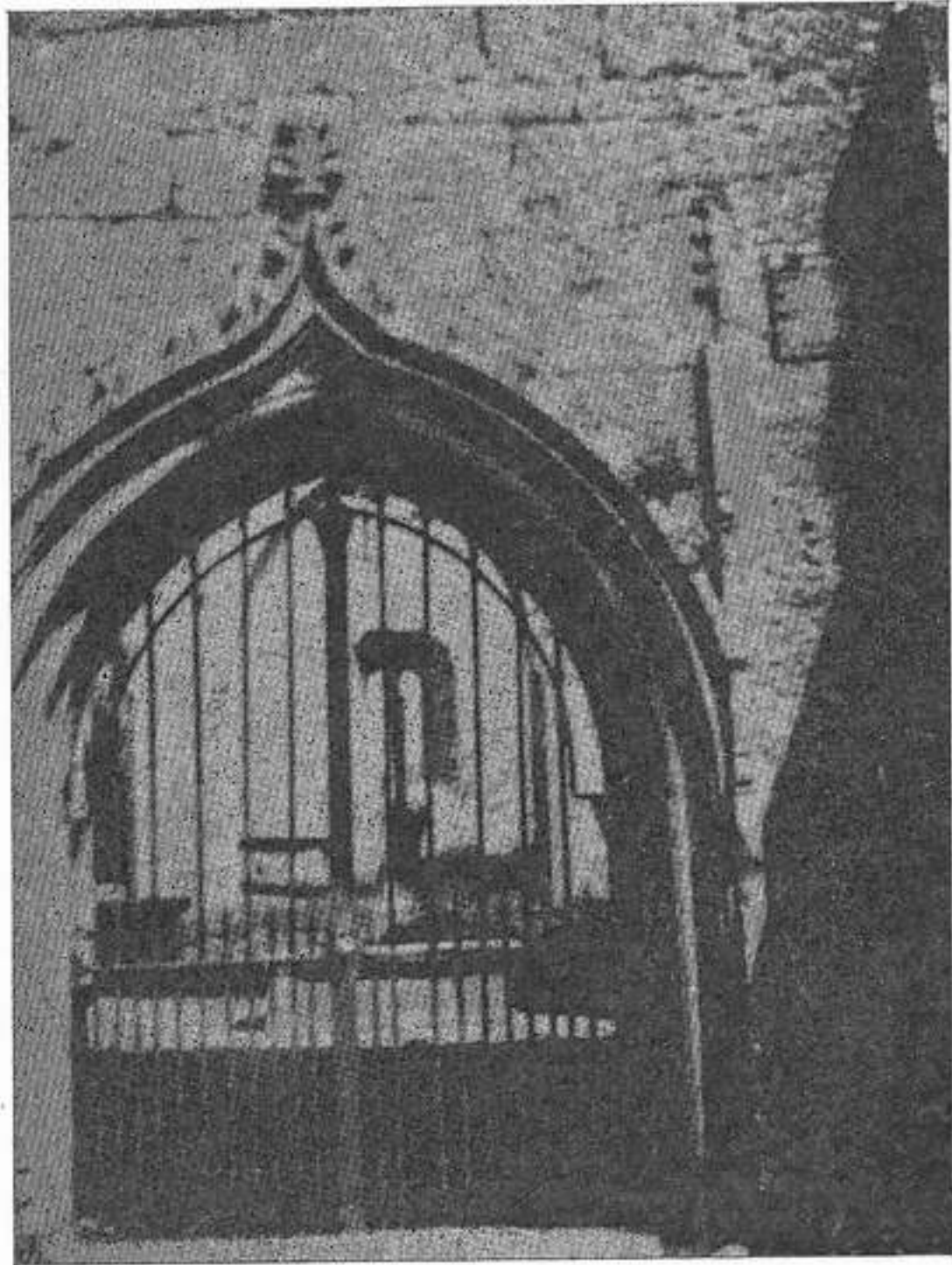
At one period of his life McGrath decided — possibly with the hope of some gain for himself — to become a Protestant, and he approached the local minister. It was discovered in quick time that the new aspirant was no addition to the community and he was soon rejected by his new flock. He was not unduly worried by this state of affairs. On the contrary, he composed a witty poem in which he tells us that as he is obviously not wanted by either the Catholic or Protestant Churches, he must only become a Calvinist or Arian. This phase soon passed, for in the year 1740 we find him back in Croom and, apparently, on the best of terms with the new parish priest. This priest had an interest in poetry and a deep understanding of human nature — two things which helped him in winning the affection and respect of our wandering bard.

For some unknown reason, about this time, the great friendship that existed between himself and Sean O'Tuomy became strained. Andrew gave vent to his anger in some of the most scathing verse ever composed, but O'Tuomy remained silent. Later O'Tuomy went to live in Mungret Street in Limerick, where he died in August, 1775. We have no indication from the poetry that Andrew and Sean ever renewed their former friendship, but he did write a most moving elegy on the death of O'Tuomy. McGrath was one of the few poets whose poetry was completely self-revealing. He showed little interest in the popular

media of vision or national poems of the day. His works were mainly autobiographical in nature, giving us pictures of the man, his feelings, his loves and his hates. His elegy on O'Tuomy was a sincere tribute to the character of the man. What a pity that his friend had not heard such words of praise from his old friend before he died.

Little is known of Andrew McGrath's life after the year 1775, although he lived to a very old age. His fame as a teacher was well known. Among the letters of the De Lacy family, we find that Edward De Lacy, writing to Chevalier Thomas O'Gorman in 1783, mentioned that the young William De Lacy, his brother, was to attend Trinity College as a preparation for a military life on the Continent of Europe. Before he could attend that college, however, he was to be instructed in the Gaelic language by "the teacher McGrath." We also learn that the young De Lacy found McGrath in poor health when he met him.

The Jolly Pedlar's last years were spent in loneliness and misery. He wandered from place to place, but the childhood friends were now dead. When he felt that death was near, he sent an appeal in verse to the local priest asking if he could be admitted to the hospital in Kilmallock. By some strange turn of fate, the message never reached its destination and the weak and spent old man of nearly ninety years set out on foot to Kilmallock. He never reached the hospital. At the outskirts of the town his strength failed him and he called to the house of the Hawthorne family — a family who never refused food or shelter to a weary or needy traveller. In a few hours he was dead. As a last act of kindness to the poet, the Hawthorne family had him buried in their own vault in Kilmallock churchyard.



McGrath's grave at Kilmallock.

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Woman's Page



THE SCHOOL YEAR has begun, and morning and evening I meet the scholars on their way to and from school. This year they were cheated of their Summer and instead of healthy, bronzed faces, they look pale and a little wan. It will be a long Winter for them, before Spring arrives with a promise of brightness to come. Looking at them, I keep wondering if they are happy at their lessons. The hours spent at a desk can be very long, especially to the little ones. Some of them will spend twelve years in the school-room, and for six hours each day. Young people should be happy, and schooldays should be a joyful time, for these are the sweet, fleeting days of youth. They are the days in which memories are made, memories to last a life-time, to be told to their children, and relived many times in years to come. Looming over the school-child of to-day is the menacing shadow of examinations and the panic-filled anticipation of Result Day. Pity the poor student! Pity, too, the parents who suffer to see their child's disappointment.

On a recent visit to Dublin, I made a sentimental journey to a café much frequented by the university students of my time. It was twenty years since I had last been there. I found it not greatly changed — a more modern décor, brighter, more prosperous. Two or three of the old staff were still employed there. I sat alone at a table with a cup of coffee and my memories. The place

was full of ghosts. I could almost see the Medicals trooping in from Cecilia Street, the girls from the Dominican and Loretto Halls, hear the discussions about lectures, college gossip, the "hop" at "86." To my delight, Susie, one of our former favourite waitresses, was still working in the café. The years had passed lightly over her, a little fatter, her hair grey-streaked, but her feet were still "killing" her, and her friendly Dublin wit was as lively as ever. I asked her about the students. Did they still come, were they like us? "Not so many come in," she said. "Some of the 'digs' are far out in the suburbs. The students are more serious, quieter. They usually read a book while they eat." We agreed that times had changed, money did not go so far now; fees, boarding houses, fares were dearer; and academic competition was keener. A lot of the students worked during the Summer to make their fees, and perhaps this accounted for their adult seriousness.

Snack Recipes

And now, what about a few snack recipes to gladden the heart and delight the appetite of the poor scholar? For sandwiches we are inclined to depend on the tomato, the hard-boiled egg and the slice of ham. For a change try mincing the left-over meat and add a taste of flavour to liven it up. Pig's head, bacon, ham or corned beef are very appetising

when minced and mixed with finely-chopped onion. Minced mutton and beef go well with chopped beetroot, celery or cucumber, whilst mushroom ketchup or Worcestershire sauce add a piquancy to any cold meat sandwich. If you have cold bacon left over which the family refuse to eat, either because it is too fat or too lean or they are just plain tired of it, you can make delightful rissoles of it, if you put it through the mincer and mash potatoes and chopped onion through it. Fry it on the pan until warm or put it in the oven in a fireproof dish for about a quarter-hour.

Cheese Spread makes a nourishing sandwich - filling for the children's lunches. For it you require: 4 ozs. cheese, 1 oz. butter, a few drops of vinegar, a small teaspoon of made mustard, a pinch of sugar. Cut the cheese in wafers, then put all the ingredients in a bowl and pound to a paste. This cheese will keep for a few weeks if pressed into a jar and covered with liquid clarified butter.

Cheese and Bacon Sandwiches. Trim the crusts from six slices of bread and toast on one side. On the untoasted side place six thin slices of cheese. Chop two or three rashers of streaky bacon in small pieces and place on top of the toast. Place under the grill until the cheese begins to melt and the bacon is crisp.

—MARTHA

DIOCESAN ITEMS

New Parish Erected:

His Lordship has announced the erection of a new parish as follows:—

“Being satisfied that the spiritual needs of the people of the district surrounding the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes require the exclusive attention of a parish priest, and having obtained the consent of the Cathedral Chapter, I, by virtue of this document, separate this district from the parish of St. Michael's and erect it into the independent Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, having for its parochial church, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. This erection will take effect as from midnight, 15th September, 1963.

To delimit the territory of the new parish, the junction on the Rosbrien Road approximately 30 yards south - eastwards from Punch's Cross is taken as focal point. On its western boundary the new parish will include all houses adjoining, or approached from, the Rosbrien Road southwards from this focal point towards the Railway Crossing.

On its north side it will include all houses adjoining, or approached from, the street that leads from the above-mentioned focal point towards Lord Edward Street, but only as far as Quin's Cottages inclusive; thus, Fitzgerald Place and Fitzgerald Cottages and Clonard Terrace are included in the new parish; whereas, the property of Sarsfield Barracks, Hall's Range and the ground behind it, and the houses in Lord Edward Street remain in St. Michael's. On the east side the new parish will continue along Hyde Road as far as, and including, No. 156 on the north side and No. 197 on the south side, Caledonian Place and Maher Avenue remaining in St. Michael's. On the south side the

boundary will be the Railway Line as far as the townland of Rosbrien, all of which will lie in the new parish.

All the ecclesiastical property of the parish of St. Michael's that lies in the new parish will become the property of the new parish. The indebtedness of Our Lady of Lourdes to its mother parish of St. Michael's for the help given in erecting church, schools and presbyteries will be gratefully remembered, while the debt still to be borne by the new parish will be discharged with courage and sacrifice. The priests attached to the new parish will be supported by the usual voluntary offerings and stole fees.

The first parish priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes will be Very Reverend James Culhane, hitherto curate at Kilmallock.

Given at Limerick on this, the 12th day of September, 1963.

✠ HENRY,
Bishop of Limerick.”

General Council

The second session of the Second Vatican Council opens in Rome on 29th September. His Lordship will leave towards the end of the month and it is expected that he will return in the first week of December.

Since the re-opening of the Council was announced by Pope Paul VI special prayers have been recited in the Mass for the Council's success. Doubtless the faithful also have kept that intention in their prayers, but now that the Council has re-assembled they are asked to renew their efforts and beg God's blessing on the work.

New Canons

Our congratulations to Very Rev. D. O'Brien, P.P., Ardagh,

a former President of St. Munchin's College and to Very Rev. M. Breen, President of St. Munchin's College on their appointments by His Lordship as members of the Cathedral Chapter.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The next diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place next August. Details are not yet available but it is hoped to have dates, fares, etc. fixed in time for publication in our next issue. Meanwhile, may we remind readers once again that they may pay in their fares gradually through the Savings Fund which is in operation for the past eighteen months. Already many intending pilgrims, notably in St. Mary's parish, are availing of this scheme. If you want to start paying now, please write to: Spiritual Director, Lourdes Pilgrimage, 114 O'Connell St., Limerick.

Pre-Marriage Course

The next session of talks for Engaged Couples begins on Sunday, 13th October. The popularity of this Course is growing steadily and it will be recalled that just over 100 people attended the last series in Lent.

All who intend to marry in the near future should avail of this opportunity of preparing themselves better for the Sacrament of Marriage. The testimony of those who have attended previous Courses is sufficient guarantee that it will be well worth their while. Details of talks will be found elsewhere in this issue. Those interested should make immediate application to: Spiritual Director, St. John's Presbytery, Limerick.

P.P. resigns

Owing to ill-health, the Very Rev. Stephen O'Dea, P.P., Dromin, has resigned his parish. Fr. Stephen, as he was popularly and affectionately known, was appointed to Dromin in 1936. We wish him every happiness and blessing in the remaining years that God may grant him.

It is interesting to record that in Dromin parish there have been only three parish priests since 1866: Very Rev. David Quaid (1866—1889); Very Rev. Michael Canty (1889—1936) and Very Rev. Stephen O'Dea (1936—1963).

Clerical changes

His Lordship has made the following changes: Very Rev. J. Leonard, P.P., Tournafulla, to be P.P., Dromin; Rev. J. McCarthy, C.C., St. Michael's, to be P.P., Tournafulla; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock, to be P.P., Our Lady of Lourdes (a new parish); Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., Bruff, to be C.C., Kilmallock; Rev. J. Neville, C.C., Dromin, to be C.C., Bruff; Rev. A. Elliott, C.C., Glenroe, to be C.C., Dromin; Rev. J. Hudner, Assistant C.C., Askeaton, to be C.C., Glenroe; Rev. S. Winters, recently returned from U.S.A., to be Assistant C.C., Askeaton; Rev. T. O'Donnell to be Religious Instructor in Vocational Schools and Assistant Diocesan Examiner of Schools.

Recalled

Rev. S. Winters, who has been working in the United States since his ordination in 1957, has recently returned to take up duty at home. Fr. Winters is a native of Ashford.



Photographic Competition

Entries for the Photograph Competition were very good this time. These two were adjudged the winners. Above: "Four Courts," entered by P. Geraghty, 1 Revington Park, N.C.R., Limerick; below: "Homework," entered by R. D. Swift, Farranshone, Limerick.

Four other entries were awarded consolation prizes.



The world's best athlete

Your attention for a moment, please, dear reader, while I tell you something about Chuan Kwang-Yang. "Good gracious," I hear you say, "who in the name of fortune is this Chuan Kwang-Yang?" Well, he is the finest athlete in the world to-day: a big claim, but one that can be substantiated. The supreme test of an athlete's all-round prowess is the decathlon, a contest in which the competitors engage in ten specified events, embracing running, jumping, and weight-throwing. Marks or points are given according to a fixed standard for each event — the faster the times, and the higher and further the distances, the greater the number of points. It was long considered that a total of 9,000 points was impossible to achieve, but, last April, Chuan Kwang-Yang crossed that barrier and amassed a new world record total of 9,121 points. Just take a look at some of Yang's achievements: 100 metres in 10.7 secs., 400 metres in 47.7 secs., 110 metres hurdles in 13.9 secs., high jump, 6ft. 7½ins., pole vault, 16ft. 1in., long jump, 25ft. 5½ins., javelin, 238½ft. For the uninitiated it may be stressed that each of these performances is in the highest class and, remember, they were all accomplished by one man. With these figures, Yang would have won a hatful of gold medals in most previous Olympiads. Yang is Chinese, but not one of the 700 millions on the Communist mainland. He is a native of the small Nationalist Island of Formosa, off the coast of China. To make the story more remarkable, Yang was a puny child, more than once at death's door from recurring attacks of malaria.

The Minor Hurling Final

These notes are being written a few days after the hurling finals, so naturally these games are fresh in one's mind. Limerick followers are, of course, disappointed



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

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with the display of their fancied minor team. Their form in Croke Park was a long way below that shown in the Munster final. What was the reason? Was it that they played only as well as they were allowed to by Wexford? Did Croke Park nerves play a part? When the Limerick boys pulled hard and quick on the ground ball, they outplayed their opponents; but, when they reverted to the pick and lift style, they played literally into the hands of the tall Wexford lads, who time and again snatched balls in the air, and drove long pucks towards the Limerick goal. There was a marked disparity in size, the Model county players towering over our boys, and once again it was proved that a good big "un" can lick a good little "un." Six or seven of the Wexford minors were huge fellows, and looked big and hefty enough to send in against Sonny Liston. Our goalkeeper was knocked out before the interval, and even though his replacement did very well, yet, the enforced change in such a vital position did not help the confidence of our backs. Again, we gave away an abnormal number of frees, particularly in one back position, and we paid dearly for these frees, just as Waterford did in the senior final. In addition, some keen-sighted neutrals near me in the Hogan Stand were positive that one of the Wexford goals was got by a forward standing well inside the square before the ball came in. However, when all is said, it is admitted, that on the day's play, Wexford deserved to win.

At one time it was widely held that once Waterford were led

they were prone to go down to defeat. That has not been true in recent years, and it certainly was not borne out in the final against Kilkenny. The Decies men, eleven points in arrears early in the second half, fought back to such purpose that they were only two points behind a minute before the end. Indeed in this fight-back, they confounded the professional forecasters, who said the older Waterford team would need a sizeable lead coming near the finish, as otherwise the young, fast Noreiders would be likely to overtake them and win. In actual fact it was the other way round. It was the young Kilkenny team that had the sizeable lead, and the "old men" of Waterford knocked nine points off that lead and very nearly caught their rivals. Indeed the "experts" have again this year been well off the mark in many of their forecasts. They did not give Galway a chance against Kerry: Down were to defeat Dublin: Waterford and Limerick were to secure a Munster hurling double. In reputable journals, too, one all too often sees mistakes, some of them errors that should not need a reference book to rectify. Some time ago a picture was prominently featured in a Dublin daily showing the Limerick team that won the football final in 1887. Underneath was the caption: "The Limerick team that won Limerick's first and last football title." No sir, it was not their last football title, as Limerick won again in 1896. Reverting to the hurling final, there were several grand bits of play and these, with the high scoring and the close finish, made it a game to remember.

Limerick Hurling

Our senior hurlers have failed again and, truth to tell, failed ingloriously. After the defeat in the Munster championship, we saw one paper with the headline "Limerick Fade Out," and further on we read that "long

before the finish spectators were leaving the field." Why this fade out? Our men are young, fast and have hurling skill: we presume they were fit and well-trained. The men of the days of Mick Mackey, Timmy Ryan and Paddy Clohessy used not fade out. Neither did the hurlers of the days of Bill Hough, Dinny Lanigan and Jack Keane, nor the men of Tyler Mackey's time, nor the men who wear the blue of Garryowen, nor our cross-country athletes led by the lion-hearted Sean O'Sullivan. Many a time in Croke Park we saw the men of Kerry and Tipp. and Cork hard pressed, defeat staring them in the face, and time and again we saw them draw on some hidden reserves of stamina, and win through. Their motto was "they shall not pass," "no surrender." When they pulled on their county jersey they were inspired to give what was in them for the honour of their native sod, for the honour of their county. Without that spirit, it is difficult to achieve success. There are those who hold that some of our hurlers and officials set their sights too low, and have no ambition beyond winning a county or even a divisional title. If that be so, it will not help us to win an All-Ireland.

Briefs

John Pennell, U.S.A., has cleared 17ft. 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in the pole vault, beating the old world record by a big margin. Pennell used a fibre-glass pole which bends, and has the effect of catapulting the jumper into orbit!



Sean O'Dwyer recently set up a new native record in the hop, step and jump. It transpires that Sean's mother (formerly Miss Quill) comes from Athea. You are aware, of course, that, in the same event, Athea bred two world champions in the brothers Tim and Dan Ahearne. Bravo Athea!



Two of the special prizes in Photo Competition. Above : Nine members of the Ryan family who are attending Banogue N.S. Below :

"McNamara's Band," Knockalisheen Camp, nr. Limerick.



Things I've Been Reading...

seminary

"We must do all in our power to make our Seminary flourish once again. I do not ask the impossible; I know that your earnings are small, but I also know that there are many of you . . . many grains make a heap and many drops a shower!

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"Love the Seminary! This is most necessary for the diocese of . . . at the moment. Your small offerings will renew for you the prodigy of the widow of Sarephta, who, for the morsel she gave to the Prophet Elias, received the promise that the pot of meal should not waste, nor the cruse of oil be diminished.

"Love the Seminary! In this you will fulfil the great desire of your Bishop and you will merit to see this dear family, the apple of my eye, growing to its fullness."

This is not our Bishop talking at the opening of the new College. It is the Bishop of Mantua, later and better-known as Pope St. Pius X.

happiness

It is a mistake to look upon happiness as something which is granted to man over and above his ordinary life: as a sort of prize for good conduct or as a compensation for rough treatment. A by-product emerges from the work of production; it is not superimposed from without. Happiness is not something which we feel we have a right to in our free time; it emerges

from the set-up of our lives; it is the colour of our work; it has nothing to do with being in or out of office hours; it must not be confused with recreation. As always it is a question of getting back to the sermon on the mount, which is the clearest statement of principle that the world has ever listened to. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you." Happiness comes naturally if you let it. Look for it you must, but don't look for it anxiously or with one eye upon the happiness of others. Take it together with unhappiness, in your stride; ungrudging with regard to others, ungreedy with regard to yourself.

—VAN ZELLAR in *We Live With Our Eyes Open*.

priests

We can travel to God by all sorts of roads — as teachers, doctors, businessmen, lawyers, farmers, engineers, or what have you. But the noblest road to God is the road of the priesthood, because it was Christ's road.

And oh, how this world of ours needs priests! The non-Christian world of more than 2,000 million people to whom Our Lord's gospel has never been preached! The tens of millions of Latin-American Catholics living and dying without any sacrament except Baptism, because they have not priests to give them the sacraments! The Catholic Philippines needing 20,000 priests now, to meet its Catholic needs of now! The whole world needing priests and, therefore, God needing them; because we know from Our Lord's own lips that His children's needs are God's needs. God needing priests, God inviting men to become priests, for love of Him and for love of souls

He loves . . . that's the case for the priesthood anywhere you care to think of — at home, or in the mission-fields.

—FR. NICHOLAS BRENNAN in *Far East*.

the challenge

If you want to cure a man of swearing you don't do it by the violence of your language; if you want to stop two children fighting you don't rush in and knock them both down: the distinction between righteous indignation and the common or garden kind will not be appreciated: for the lesson to sink in with any fullness there is need for contrast between your behaviour and the behaviour which you want reformed. The above are hypothetical examples; let me give a concrete instance. Once when I was young, an under-graduate friend of mine with whom I was travelling happened to throw a quantity of lightly-made cheese souffle at an electric fan in the first-class dining saloon of a P. & O. liner. The third of our party, a don, said in a dry, flat (but not sarcastic) voice and without looking up from his plate: "I wish you wouldn't do that; it only upsets people." We had little in common this don and I, and indeed my taste was then rather in favour of mild disturbances in public places, but I know that at that moment I could have followed him to the world's end and would have cheerfully cut myself to pieces in his service. My contemporary must have felt much the same, for he assures me that from that day to this he has never, under whatever provocation, thrown a single souffle into the whirling blades of an electric fan.

—VAN ZELLER.

Feasts of the Season

OCTOBER

Dedicated to the Holy Rosary

4th October: St. Francis of Assisi. "Let grace from heaven, we beseech Thee, O Lord, enrich Thy Church which Thou didst will to make illustrious by the glorious merits and example of blessed Francis."—(*Collect.*)

7th October: Feast of the Holy Rosary. "O God, grant that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise."—(*Collect.*)

11th October: The Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "O God, grant to us, Thy suppliants, that we who believe her to be truly the Mother of God may be helped by her intercession with Thee."—(*Collect.*)

17th October: St. Margaret Mary. We are reminded of the promises made by Our Lord to those who are devoted to His Sacred Heart.

20th October: Third Sunday in October, which is dedicated to the Propagation of the Faith. "I have other sheep too, which do not belong to this fold; I must bring them in too; they will listen to my voice, so there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

"Here is the missionary problem in all its vastness and beauty. Your charity hardly rests within the boundaries of your country, and you, 'cheerful givers,' alleviate the needs of practically the whole world through countless projects and munificent aid."
—(POPE JOHN XXIII.)

27th October: Christ the King. "As far as the everyday life of the Christian is concerned, the Kingdom of Christ and His Rule is concretized in the dominion of the Bishop. The diocese around the Bishop is the real local Church; if isolated from it, parishes would die The authority of the Bishop is verily the authority of Christ and to respect it is to respect the Kingship of Christ Himself."—(DR. J. NEWMAN.)

NOVEMBER

Dedicated to the Holy Souls

1st November: All Saints. "There are many who will come from the east and the west and will take their place in the Kingdom of God with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob." — (*Matthew, VIII, II.*)

2nd November: All Souls. "Purgatory is a place where the love of God tempers the justice of God, but also where the love of man tempers the injustice of man, for it enables the hearts who are left behind to break the barriers of time and death, to convert unspoken words into prayers, unburned incense into sacrifice, unoffered flowers into alms, and undone acts of kindness into help for eternal life. Take away Purgatory and how bitter would be our grief for our unkindness and how piercing our sorrow for our forgetfulness."
—(BISHOP SHEEN.)

6th November: All Saints of Ireland. We commemorate the good and faithful servants, fellow citizens of ours, who have now entered into the joy of the Lord.

21st November: Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple. The Church celebrates this feast, though it does not specify at what age the child Mary was presented in the Temple, when she made her vow of virginity, and what were the special natural and supernatural gifts with which God endowed her.

DECEMBER

Dedicated to the Holy Child

Advent. On the Sunday before Advent and on three Sundays in Advent the Collect of the Mass begins with the word *Excita* ('Rouse up'). But with this difference. Twice we ask God to rouse up His power and interfere in the course of world affairs; and twice we ask Him to rouse us up, to awaken us from the heavy sleep which makes us go slack and take things for granted. When we see everything going wrong with the world we are tempted to be indifferent about it all. During Advent, which is a time of special preparation for the coming of the Lord, we pray God to help us — either that He will interfere, somehow, or that He will wake us up by His grace.

8th December: The Immaculate Conception.

*When that the Eternal deigned
to look
On us poor folk to make us free,
He chose a Maiden whom He
took
From Nazareth to Galilee.
Since when the Islands of the
sea,
The field, the city and the wild
Proclaim aloud triumphantly
A female figure with a child,
An image filled with majesty.*
—(H. BELLOC.)

BLESSING OF NEW COLLEGE BY HIS LORDSHIP

OFFICIAL OPENING BY MINISTER

THE annals of the Diocese of Limerick will record August 28th, 1963, as a historic day. It will recall, to future generations of the Diocese the blessing and dedication of the New Diocesan Seminary St. Munchin's College, by His Lordship, Most Rev. Henry Murphy, D.D., and its official opening by the Minister for Education, Dr. P. J. Hillery. This Diocese, so long in need of a Seminary worthy of it, can now look with pride to the new St. Munchin's and the present generation who have helped in the building of this splendid edifice can be assured that their posterity will bless them for a work well done.

Many Church dignitaries were present to honour the occasion. Members of the Hierarchy who attended were: His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly; His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway; His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Moynihan, Bishop of Kerry; His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe; His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross; His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Aherne, Bishop of Cloyne. Also present were His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Scanlan, Auxiliary Bishop of Honolulu, and Right Rev. Dom Dowdall, Lord Abbot of Glenstal.

The President of Ireland, Mr. E. de Valera, was met on his arrival by a guard of honour provided by 100 members of the Defence Forces from the 12th Battalion, Sarsfield Barracks.

The general attendance included the priests of the Diocese, heads of Religious Houses, many Limerick priests from overseas, Presidents of neighbouring Colleges, officials of the Past Pupils' Union, leading figures in public life from city and county, as well as lay representatives from every parish in the Diocese.

OPENING CEREMONY

The official opening by the Minister of Education was a

simple ceremony. Dr. Hillery, who was presented with a golden key by the architect, Chevalier P. J. Sheahan, opened the main door of the College and, amid applause, declared St. Munchin's College officially opened.

Then His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Murphy blessed the College buildings, after which the clergy and Bishops, followed by the laity, went in procession to the door of the College Chapel.

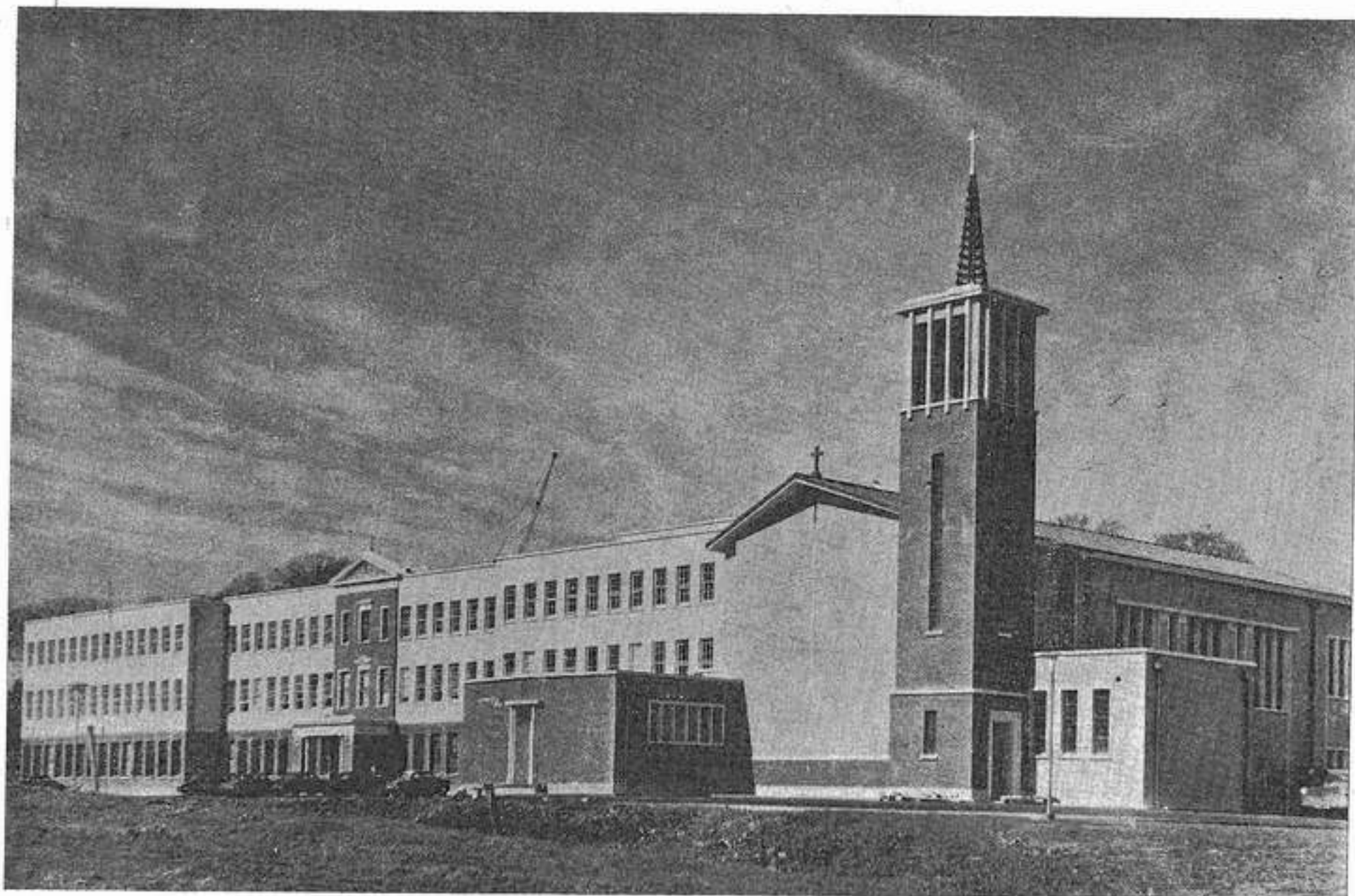
DEDICATION OF CHAPEL

His Lordship next solemnly blessed the Chapel and dedicated it to the Immaculate Conception. The dedication ceremony was followed by Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Murphy. Other ceremonialists were: Deacon, Rev. Michael Kelly, St. Munchin's College; Subdeacon, Rev. James Sadlier, St. Munchin's College; Assistant priest, Very Rev. Michael Canon Breen, President, St. Munchin's College; Deacons at the Throne, Ven. Archdeacon W. J. Carroll, P.P., V.F., Rathkeale, and Very Rev. E. Canon Condon, P.P., V.F., Bruff; Masters of Ceremonies, Very Rev. Daniel Gallagher, Adm., St. John's, and Rev. Cornelius Collins, C.C., St. John's.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS

At the luncheon after the ceremonies, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy said:

"A Shoilse, a Uachtarán na hEireann, a Ghrása, a Thiarná Easpag, a Thiarna Ab, a Aire Uasail, a Rúnaí Pharlaiminte, a Mhéara na Cathrach, a Aithreacha Rí-Oirmhinneacha agus Oirmhinneacha, a Bhráithreacha Oirmhinneacha, a Chevalier Uasail, agus a chairde, cuirim fíorchaoín fáilte romhaibh uile, agus gabhaim buíochas ó chroí libh as ucht teacht anseo inniu. An-lá é seo i nDeoise Luimní — is annamh a leithéid i stair Deoise ar bith. Ardchuspóir a chuireamar romhainn, agus chun é a chur i gcrích, is éachtach an eagraíocht agus an obair a bhí le déanamh ag a lán daoine, agus is fial a rinne Muintir Luimní na hÍobhairtí a bhí riachtanach chuige. Feiceann sibh inniu sa Choláiste seo toradh na hoibre. Is iomaí smaoinemh atá -nár gcroí inniu — domhainbhuíochas do Dhia a chabhraigh linn, urnaí dhúthrachtach ar son gách uile dhuine a ghlac páirt dá laghad san obair, agus ardmheas ar na daoine clúiteacha a tháinig ó chian is ó chónagar d'fhonn bheith páirteach linn i ngairdeas an lae inniu. Cuimhneoidimid go brách le fíorbhuíochas is le bród ar an lá seo nuair a rinneamar an foirgneamh seo a thoirbheart do Dhia chun a Ríocht a leathadh i



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measc ár muintire agus ar fud an domhain.

"On this occasion the usual formal toasts have been dispensed with, but, in spite of this, I must ask you to bear with me for a little while. For though there are no toasts, certain things must be said.

"To-day is an important day for me, and for the clergy and people of this Diocese, for after its much wandering we have definitely and permanently established St. Munchin's College in an adequate abode.

COLLEGE BEGINNINGS

"The first St. Munchin's College was established in 1796, a few years after the French Revolution, which closed so many seminaries abroad to our Irish students for the priesthood. This first St. Munchin's College catered for the diocesan students of Philosophy and Theology and,

during the thirty or so years of its existence, it was domiciled in several different places before eventually yielding to the growing success of Maynooth. Later, a new St. Munchin's was established, taking the form we know so well in Ireland, that of a Diocesan College in which future priests and laymen pursue their secondary studies side by side. This Diocesan College was for many years situated at the corner of Hartstonge Street and the Crescent until, in 1888, it was transferred to Henry Street, to the former town house of the Earl of Limerick. The Henry Street St. Munchin's was the College that we all knew, we, the priests of Limerick, and of many dioceses and missions abroad, as well as large numbers of laymen who exercise their various professions here in Limerick and in many other places.

"For many years past the Henry Street St. Munchin's en-

dured the hard struggle against fate with considerable courage but with ever-declining assurance. Time and the times were against it, for the ever-swelling numbers of students could not be adequately catered for within its narrow confines, while the ageing structure brought daily closer the decision to reconstruct or to transfer the College to an entirely new site.

"This decision was not lightly taken, for all knew well what it would involve in anxiety, labour and sacrifice. And it was to the credit of the late Bishop, Most Reverend Dr. O'Neill, that he, in the first year of his episcopate, decided to transfer the College — a decision which, in the light of subsequent educational trends, proved to be the only proper one. Against many obstacles he pursued his objective of a new Diocesan College, and if Providence had been kinder he would have had the happiness

of dedicating to-day this College on which he had set his heart.

"The task, however, has fallen to my lot. I have been given the honour, as it were, of reaping the fruit planted by my predecessor and carefully watered and tended by many hands, lay and clerical. For this College is diocesan under many aspects, and not least, in the fact, that it has been planned and built, not by one nor even by a few, but by the combined thought, energy and sacrifices of the entire diocese — priests, religious, and people.

FOR GOD'S GLORY

"The priests and people of Limerick have built this college. It has been a heavy task, a long-continuing task. But priests and people have not grown weary, even when in many parishes other burdens have had to be

borne. And though the College has been opened and dedicated to-day, all know that the burden must still be borne until the debt is fully liquidated. They do not seek my gratitude, nor any man's gratitude, for they are building this college for God's purposes in this diocese, and especially that greater numbers of our boys may be directed to Christ's priesthood, or as laymen to a greater appreciation of Christ's interests in the world. But while I hesitate to express my gratitude to priests and people for their part in building a college which is theirs as much as it is mine, I do not hesitate to express my whole-hearted appreciation of the magnificent effort that has been made especially during these last seven years and my prayerful hope is that God will reward all for the great sacrifices they have made.

"Nor am I forgetting the many people outside the diocese who have played a part, and in some cases a very big part, in the erection of this college. Most of them are natives of the diocese or have other connections with it and, on behalf of the diocese, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to them for the help they have given. And I would like to add, especially for the consolation of the many priests among such benefactors, that the college that they have helped to build will in the years ahead be a big factor in maintaining Limerick's contribution to the priestly apostolate in those lands in which they themselves are labouring so selflessly.

"I wish to remember in a special way to-day those whom I may rightly call the 'workers' for the college, *i.e.*, all those, and they are very many, who, in one



President de Valera being greeted by Dr. Murphy on his arrival.



President de Valera with Mr. D. B. O'Malley, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance; Very Rev. Canon Breen, President of the College, and Dr. P. J. Hillery, T.D., Minister for Education,

way or another, have been giving their time and energy to furthering the college project. I refer especially to the Past Pupils' Union, to the Union of Prayer, to A/P, to the waste paper promoters, to the College Week Committee, and to many other groups. To all, on behalf of the diocese and of the college, I express appreciation and gratitude.

TRIBUTES

"And now I must make mention of those who designed and built the college. To all of them, the architect and his staff, the consultant engineers, the builder and his staff, the sub-contractors and all the workers, our sincere thanks are due for a well-designed and well-built college of which we are rightly proud. This is a happy day especially for the architect, Chevalier Sheahan. He has many buildings to his credit in Ireland and abroad, but I do not think I am mistaken when I say that this year has seen the completion of two that he considers among his

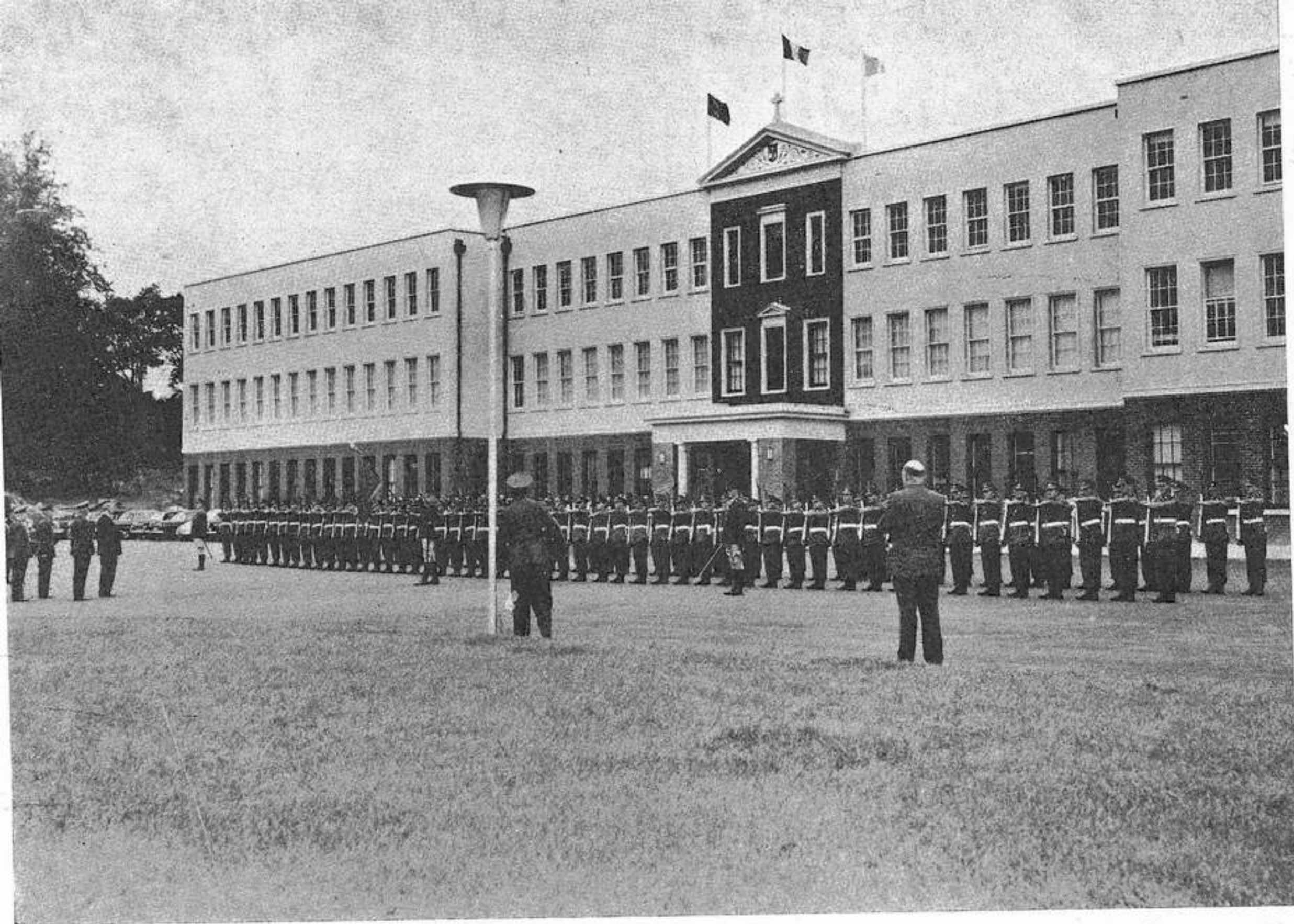
greatest — St. Munchin's College and St. Jude's Church, Florida, which I had the honour to dedicate three months ago. They are both buildings by which any architect should be happy to be remembered. And to the builder, Mr. Patrick McGuinness, I also express my special thanks for the capable organisation and execution of a complex project. This building is a tribute to his skill and efficiency, and he can certainly be proud of it.

"Having given some, though quite inadequate, expression of appreciation and gratitude to those concerned with the building of the college, I shall briefly return to where I began and express again a sincere welcome to our guests. I extend a very special welcome to His Excellency the President of Ireland, by whose presence to-day we are highly honoured. The President does not usually attend such functions as the opening of schools or colleges, but yet he very graciously consented to attend our function to-day. Of course, there are special reasons, for he is a child

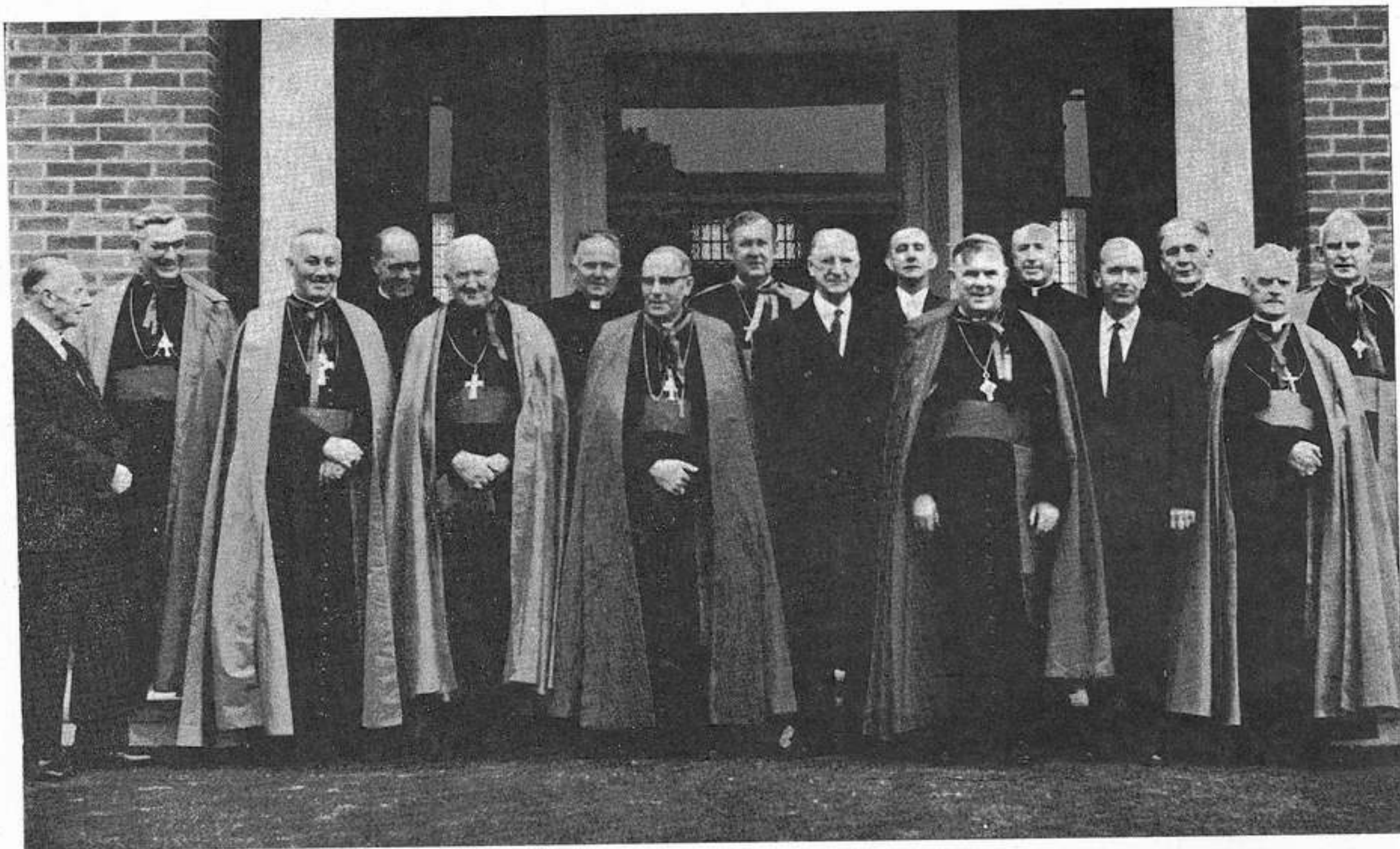
of our diocese, and the old Church of Bruree, that he knew so well, was dedicated to St. Munchin. And if the truth be told we would be claiming Mr. de Valera to-day as a past pupil of St. Munchin's if the College President of his time had not been quite so slow off his mark. A little prophetic vision would no doubt have helped him to act more quickly and secure the young boy from Bruree before he had chosen other pastures. I am very grateful to the President for having travelled from Dublin to-day to honour our function by his presence, and I can assure him that the entire Diocese of Limerick will be very appreciative of his action.

"I welcome His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, and their Lordships, the Bishops of Galway, Kerry, Killaloe, Cork and Cloyne, and also the Auxiliary Bishop of Honolulu, Most Rev. Dr. Scanlan, who is, however, a native of Cork, and with them our near neighbour, the Lord Abbot of Glenstal, Dom Joseph Dowdall.

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The President, Mr. de Valera, is met by a Guard of Honour.



Left to right: Chevalier P. J. Sheahan, Architect; Most Rev. Dr. Aherne, Bishop of Cloyne; Most Rev. Dr. Scanlan, Auxiliary Bishop of Honolulu; Rt. Rev. Dom Dowdall, Lord Abbot of Glenstal; Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Bishop of Galway; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Mitchell, President of Maynooth College; His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly; Most Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe; His Excellency President de Valera; Dr. Rafferty, Secretary to the Department of Education; Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick; Rt. Rev. Monsignor Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Dr. P. J. Hillery, Minister for Education; Very Rev. M. Canon Breen, President of St. Munchin's College; Most Rev. Dr. Moynihan, Bishop of Kerry, and Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS—contd.**GREAT HONOUR**

"The Archbishop and the Bishops have indeed done us a great honour in being present to-day in spite of the inconvenience of the time. All are aware that the Ecumenical Council is only a few weeks away, and, therefore, that bishops have much to occupy them at present. Moreover, we should remember that two of those present to-day, His Grace of Cashel and His Lordship of Galway, are members of Council Commissions. I express to His Grace and to their Lordships my own personal appreciation of their generous gesture and the thanks of the Diocese of Limerick, for the honour of their presence at our function to-day.

"I am grateful to the Minister for Education, not only for his attendance but for his doing us the honour of formally opening our new college. The Minister has considerable practice at this task, which is a tribute to his ministerial capacity. But to-day's function is one that he performs somewhat rarely in so far as he has opened a college for which he has no financial responsibility. Perhaps what he has seen may encourage him to urge that the strings of the public purse be opened a little more for the benefit of secondary schools; but whether this is possible or not, I am very grateful to him for his coming to-day and doing us the honour of officially opening our college.

WELCOME

"I welcome the other public representatives, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, Mr. Donogh O'Malley; the Mayor of Limerick, Councillor Mrs. Frances Condell; the Teachtaí Dála of Limerick City and County, the representatives of our City and County Councils, of the Limerick Chamber of

Commerce and of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, of the Judiciary, of the Army and of the Garda Síochána. I welcome the Secretary of the Department of Education, Dr. O'Rafferty, and the local representatives of teachers' organisations. I welcome also the President of Maynooth College, Monsignor Mitchell, and the Presidents of other neighbouring colleges. And to the exiles who have returned for the occasion I extend a special welcome home, to the many priests from Limerick who are serving in dioceses and missions abroad, as well as the representatives of the Limerickmen's Associations in London, Birmingham, New York and Dublin. To Monsignor Meehan, Pastor of St. Jude's Church, Florida, who has come specially for this function, this brief word of welcome seems entirely inadequate, but to him and to all I extend, on behalf of Limerick diocese and on my own behalf, a warm *cead míle fáilte* and I thank them sincerely for coming. I can only regret that so many of our good friends abroad were not able to be with us to-day, but from this joyful

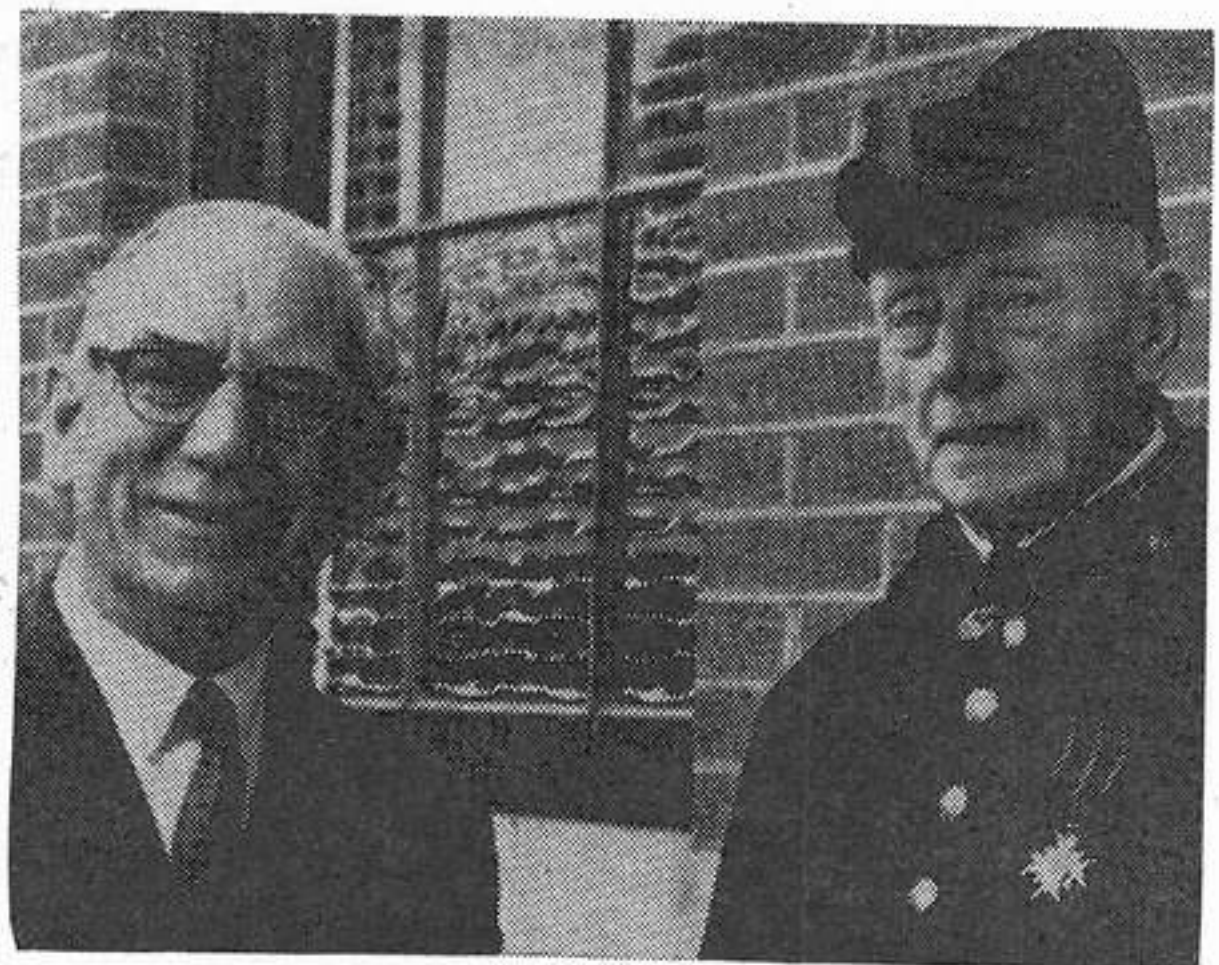
gathering I send a greeting to them and I hope it will not be long until they are able to come and visit the College in which they have shown such interest.

"The others present, the Chapter and the clergy of the Diocese, the representatives from the parishes, the representatives of the groups working for the College, are here not as guests but as of right, and with them, and those they represent, I am united to-day in joy and in thankfulness to God at the successful accomplishment of our work.

"And so having, however inadequately, discharged my task of host, and feeling that the guests would wish to have public expression made of their association with us in to-day's rejoicing, I am calling, firstly, on His Grace the Archbishop of Cashel, and then on the Minister for Education to speak on their behalf."

HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT

Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, congratulated the bishop, the clergy and the people of the Diocese of Limerick on a historic



**Mr. P. McGuinness, Building Contractor, and
Chevalier P. J. Sheahan, Architect.**



Group of visitors to the College.

achievement. There had been some vicissitudes in the story of the provision of a diocesan college for Limerick, but now thanks to the foresight and courage of those who planned and the loyal generosity of the faithful of that diocese, ample provision had been made for the future. "We have come to-day to beg the blessing of God on that future, on all who will study and teach in this college, that they may keep and cherish the heritage which they have received, the heritage, I mean, not of buildings alone but principally of constant and courageous faith.

"That was the faith which inspired the people of Ireland in the last century to provide themselves, even in lean years, with churches and cathedrals in which they could worship God, and with schools and colleges for the benefit of their youth. The Irish diocesan colleges, of which this was a striking example, had followed a pattern peculiar to

themselves. Without being exclusively designed to train aspirants to the priesthood and the religious life, they had supplied in large measure the needs of the home and foreign missions, the pagan missions and the religious orders, congregations, and institutes in a way which challenged comparison with the record of seminaries in other countries."

MINISTER'S PLEASURE

Dr. P. J. Hillery, Minister for Education, said: "It has been a great honour and pleasure to me to have had the opportunity to perform the ceremony of officially opening the magnificent new building which has been provided for the Limerick Diocesan College.

"As Minister for Education, I need hardly say that the opening of a new college or school building always gives me, not only pleasure,

but great encouragement; but when the opening coincides, as it does here, with the initial stages of a move to expand and improve our educational facilities generally, the pleasure and encouragement given are very great indeed . . .

"There is no need for me to refer to the past and present academic success of St. Munchin's College. I would like, however, to say that I am very pleased to note that the College curriculum includes a modern Continental language and a wide range of science subjects and that two fine science laboratories have been provided. This is most gratifying in view of the various measures taken by my Department recently to encourage the expansion of the teaching of science in secondary schools, to modernise science and mathematics courses at Leaving Certificate level and to provide refresher and in-service courses for teachers.

WELL EQUIPPED

"The College authorities are well aware of modern educational requirements and are making every effort to supply them. They are well equipped to face up to any challenges brought about by the technological revolution of modern times and to ensure, at the same time, that the humanities and sciences will receive their proper weighting in a well-balanced curriculum, without undue specialisation in either of these fields of education . . .

"This building, with its beautifully designed chapel, its cubed dormitories and single rooms, its spacious and well-equipped classrooms and halls, and surrounded by beautiful grounds and playing fields will serve the Diocese of Limerick for a long time to come and will be a monument to the zeal of the Bishop, clergy and laity of the diocese."

VISITORS TO THE
NEW COLLEGE

On the days following the Dedication of the New College, several thousands of people visited it. They were met and welcomed by the Bishop and shown over the new building by members of the Staff. Sunday, 1st September, and the following Sunday, 8th September, were particularly crowded days and His Lordship was obviously pleased with the large numbers who came to see what they had helped to build.

On each of these visiting days the Bishop gave Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the College Chapel.



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Edited by John Ryan, S.J. 10/6d.

Many of you will remember the Thomas Davis lectures on Radio Eireann entitled "Irish Monks in a Falling World." You will remember, perhaps, the distinguished contributors: Fr. John Ryan, S.J., Rev. T. O'Fiaich, Professor Wallace-Hadrill, Marguerite Dubois, Ludwig Hartling, S.J., Paul Grosjean, S.J., Fr. Canice Mooney, O.F.M. As often with a broadcast programme that impresses you favourably, you may have wished that these talks could be preserved in some way. Well, here they are in book form, and at a very reasonable price.

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Fr. John Murphy, Famine Priest.
By A. J. Reilly, 1963. 12/6d.

It is, I think, an undoubted fact that the lives and works of even notably remarkable men gain a heightened interest if there are very unusual or exotic circumstances connected with their careers.

There were plenty of unusual circumstances in the life of the Black Eagle of the North, Fr.

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John Murphy of Cork. In the Ireland of the late eighteenth century those families who had succeeded in becoming wealthy merchants within a few generations of being dispossessed of the last of their land under the Penal Laws were among the lucky few. Into such a family, the Murphys of Ringmahon Castle, was our John Murphy born in the year 1796. When he died in 1883, as Archdeacon of Cork, the *TABLET* gave him a special obituary notice in which his career is summarised as follows: "The Archdeacon's life was an eventful one. After studying at Sedgley Park under the famous Bishop Milner, he entered the East India Company as a midshipman, but tiring of the sea, some time after joined the Hudson's Bay Company. After ten years of adventure as a fur trader among the Indians of North America, Mr. Murphy returned to England and became a merchant, first in London and then in Liverpool. It was not until 1838 that he went to Rome to study for the priesthood, and he was 45 years of age when he became a priest and was appointed to the mission of Copperashill in Liverpool. During the great epidemic of fever in that city, Fr. Murphy attended the sick and dying with unwearied assiduity, but the strain on his own health was such that his physician ordered him to return to Cork. This he did, but on the approach of the Irish famine in

1847 he, with his Bishop's consent, went to Schull and there devoted himself and his means to the relief of distress. When the famine had passed, Fr. Murphy was recalled to Cork and ever since has laboured there."

In this sober and condensed account of his life, we get little idea of the many exciting and picturesque happenings that were continually cropping up, at home and abroad. Mr. Reilly's book has them in plenty, with due regard all the time for the important difference between fact and fiction.

Blessed Oliver Plunkett. By Fr. Emmanuel Curtis, O.C.S.O. 1963. 25/-.

This book is something more than a biography. Insofar as it is a life of Blessed Oliver, it is excellent. Comprehensive, well-documented, utterly impartial and factual, written in a clear, lucid style, it carries in every chapter the imprint of the trained historian. But it is much more than that. As a revealing commentary on eighteenth century Ireland, on the state of religion, the condition of the people, on the characters of those in high places in Church and State, and the places they occupied in the tangled web of intrigue stretching between Dublin, the Royal Court in London, and Rome, this biography ranks high. There are sixty-four pages of an Appendix giving us the martyr's last speech, eight letters he wrote from prison, many other contemporary documents of interest and a very full bibliography and index.

It is equally to be recommended to the general reader and to students of Irish history and Church history.

Marie Louise of Jesus. The Co-Foundress of the Daughters of Wisdom. By M. T. Pierce. 1963. 3/6d.

Bishop Butler of Limerick

. . . . and the Vatican Council

"On Friday, November 26th, the Bishops of Galway, Killaloe and Limerick arrived at Civita Vecchia after a stormy voyage in which much of their ship's rigging was torn away. They are staying for the duration of the Vatican Council at the Hotel Minerva. On their last visit to Rome, three years ago, they occupied a suite of rooms in the papal palace as guests of the Holy Father."

One rubs one's eyes at the sight of such a news item and wonders whether the time machine has gone into reverse. It has, for Drs. McEvilly, Power and Butler were arriving for the Council which was to open on December 8th, 1869. Pius IX had decided to make the formal announcement of the Council three years in advance on the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1867. For the occasion he invited as his guests at the Quirinal a few bishops from each nation, and it may be assumed that the Irish names were suggested by Dr. Kirby, Rector of the Irish College. There was some resemblance between the careers of the three Prelates. Dr. Butler had been co-adjutor to Bishop Ryan and owing to the old man's failing powers he had administered the diocese for some years before he succeeded in 1864. The following year, Dr. Power was named co-adjutor of Killaloe with full faculties as his principal was residing abroad. His residence at Killaloe was completed in time for his return there after the Quirinal visit. The Roman stay for the Council undermined his health and he died in the Spring of 1871; his attractive home on the hill-slope is now the Mercy

Convent. Dr. McEvilly had links with Cashel province, too, for in 1866 he became the first of Galway's bishops to hold the title of apostolic administrator of Kilfenora. Eventually he was transferred to Tuam, where he lived into this century — the last survivor of the Irish hierarchy who had attended the Council.

FIVE STUDENTS

Dr. Butler had set out for the Quirinal from Park House in the Summer of 1867, but within a few months he was to take possession of Corbally from Pierce Shannon. In the few years before the Council opened, he sent five Limerick students to study at the Irish College, under his friend Dr. Kirby. The first was Edmond Russell, of Bruree, who went to Rome in the Autumn of 1867. Later came Denis Hallinan, future bishop — as indeed Dr. Butler eventually foresaw — as well as William Fitzgerald, Thomas Liston and Michael McCarthy. All lived to become parish priests in Limerick. They died at various dates from 1919 to 1935, leaving relatives still prominent in the affairs of the city and county. Edmond Russell accompanied his bishop on a few occasions into the Council precincts. Like a good son of Limerick, he used to maintain, even half-a-century later, that Dr. Butler was the most distinguished-looking Prelate in the assembly.

INTERESTING LETTERS

Much interesting Council gossip will be found in the letters written by Dr. Power to his clergy at Killaloe and published by Dr. Rodgers in *Molua*, 1958.

The Killaloe and Limerick neighbours were proud of the figure cut by their Archbishop in the Council debates. That hard-headed Yorkshireman, Dr. Ullathorne, shared their enthusiasm in his tribute to Dr. Leahy: "To-day (May 19th), the Archbishop of Cashel made one of the most clear, solid and luminous speeches yet heard in the Council." Dr. Leahy had been Newman's first Vice-rector at the Catholic University. Bishop Moriarty, of Kerry, another friend and regular correspondent of Newman, did not think the time opportune for a declaration of infallibility, but he refrained from the final vote.

LIMERICK CONNECTIONS

Dr. Butler was not the only bishop of Limerick stock at the Vatican Council: three of the U.S. Prelates in attendance were born here. The name of Edward Fitzgerald of Little Rock had such news value that it figures in all accounts of the proceedings. Aged 37, he was the youngest Prelate at the Council, save for Gibbons who was dubbed the 'boy bishop.' Edward Fitzgerald might perhaps be classed as the *enfant terrible*. At the final session on infallibility, "one of the two," says a contemporary diary, "who had the bad taste to give the *non placet* was Dr. Fitzgerald of Little Rock in America, a native of Limerick, and the other was from Naples." The diarist might have added that as soon as the Pope confirmed the decree Dr. Fitzgerald knelt dutifully to profess: *modo credo, Sancte Pater*. At no stage

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COGAR I LEIT

máirtín ó corrbuí

Sábáileadh an fear i mbliana a bhí ar éigean é. Tá scéal an arbair níos measa, áfach. Tá cuid mhaith de scriosta, dearteas, agus sa cuid eile tá an gráinne beag. Níor éuala mé mórán gearán i dtuair na bprátaí—ac go raib pás mall pútu agus dá barr sin táinig an iomao díob ar an margadh san am céanna. Íslíod an pragas mar geall ar sin, rud a cuir as do na feirmeoirí a shaothraigh iad, ac naé raib daoine eile buartha faoi.

Is iontach an rud an práta. Is deacair a samhlú cén sórt dinnéir a bhíod ag muintir na hÉireann faoi nuair naé raib a leiteir acu, mar is beag duine sa tír faoi láthair naé mian leis ar a pláta é—beirte, rósta, ina sceallóga, nó ina brúitín. Ar an bpráta a bhí seasamh na ndaoine ar feadh i bhfad agus ba minic naé raib acu ac é. D'annam cnapán ime acu le cur air, i gcaoi is go raib “Deir im sa brúitín agaim anocht” mar ráiteas grinn acu ar óráirí faoi leith.

Tá cáil ar prátaí na hÉireann agus cuirtear a lán díob go tíortha tite mar síol. Tá daoine ann a caitheann am agus airgead cun pór níos fearr a cur ar fáil agus éiríonn leo ó am go céile. Cuirtear ainm ar an bpór nua ansin agus bíonn sé i dtreis go maith go ceann roinnt blianta nó go bfaigtear ceann níos fearr. Dála an uime féin ní bíonn ann ac seal. Cá bfaigtear ainmneacha do na póir nua? Cao as a tagann leiteirí “British Queen” agus “Duke of York!” Níor dóig leat go mbeadh seoininteach ag baint leis an bpráta bocht, ac féad go bfuil—nó le luét a baistíte.

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Is minic a veirtear linn naé bfuil ponn measa ag Éireannais

ar últe na tíre—go samlaíotar uínn gur cun iad a briseadh acá siad ann. Ar an taob eile de, maíotar go bfuil an gnáth-Sasanaic an-uíal ar fad dá leiteirí. Ní foláir mar sin nó táinig a lán Sasanaic neamhghnách ar cuairt eugaimh an “samrao” seo. Doin mé cuid mhaith gluaisteánaíochta i rith na tréimse sin, agus tug mé faoi deara go raib cuairteoirí go raib S. D. ar a gcarranna acu gac pioc com hól linn féin com fada agus a bain le neamhsuim a cur sna teorainneacha nua luais. Ní amháin sin ac bhí cuid díob gac pioc com hól linn com fada agus a bain le drochbheasa bóthair. Agus i dtuair na teorainneacha luais, cibé scéal é, níor dóir go mbeadh sin amháin, mar tá cleachtadh acu ortu éall le tamall fada.

Duail smaíneamh eile isteach i mo ceann leis agus mé ag imeacht liom. Tá a fíor agaim go raib ar na Comhairlí Contae bóitre a leathanú in áiteanna de bárr an méadó móir acá tagtha ar éirí na tíre. Bhí ortu uaireanta an cam a déanamh díreach agus an amhréir réir. Cúis iontais é, áfach, a laghad uair a bhí ortu ceann de na seanballaí cois bóthair a leagadh. Tar éis díob an talamh díomáoin ar gac taob den bealach a glanadh agus a coctromú, bhí, de gnáth, leiteadh sásúil ar fáil. Ba dóig leat go raib a fíor ag na daoine a tóg na ballaí sin faoi go dtiocfaid an lá ina mbeadh gá le bealaigh móra leathana agus go ndearna siad a gcuid tógála dá réir.

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An bpráca éinne riamh mar o'mig “An poc ar buile” trío an tír! Is beag ná go bfuil sé ag na préacáin féin i láthair na huair. Is fíor gur múscail claisceadail

an Raidió suim mór sna hamraim gaeilge le tamall de blianta anuas, ac sáraigh an “poc” ortu go léir i gcluasa an pobail. Bhí mé ar an gcéad dream daoine sa taob seo tíre a éuala an t-amraim seo a éasaí nuair a tug muintir Cúl Aoda go hÁras Íoe na Páinge é. Ní raib sé i gcló ná ar céirnín ná ar Raidió Éireann an uair úd. Ac féad anois é—ag bannaí rince, ar stáitsí coirme, an “Pop” is “popula” sa tír. Tuilleadh dá leiteir de dhí go gear orainn.

BISHOP BUTLER—contd.

did the assembled fathers take too tragic a view of the young bishop ruling over five priests and 1,600 faithful scattered over the open spaces of Arkansas. Indeed he became the topic of a clerical joke about the Little Rock and the Great Rock.

And we may recall Dr. Hennessy of Bulgaden and Bishop John J. Hogan of Cahirguillamore. How Dr. Hogan kept the homeland in his heart may be guessed from the fact that there is a church of St. Munchin in Cameron, Missouri, which he dedicated during his mission journeys. In the eighteen forties he had attended the senior hedge school at Grange and no doubt met another intending emigrant from the other side of Loughgur, young Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald lived to see his son Honey Fitz take a foremost place in Boston city politics. Readers of Edwin O'Connor believe they have discerned the portrait of Honey Fitz in the *Edge of Sadness*. However that may be, Honey Fitz's grandson is now president of the United States of America.

—M.M.

Around The Parishes

NEWS FROM THE parishes is coming through very slowly. I suppose that the Summer months are a slack period or, perhaps, events in the parishes have been overshadowed by the recent blessing and dedication of the New College. However, a few parishes have sent on items of interest.

At **Shanagolden**, a most enjoyable and successful Sports meeting was held on the 18th August. It is encouraging to see interest revived in athletics, as the standard generally in the country has fallen very low. If every parish could have its own local meeting, this position would very quickly be remedied.

For the Shanagolden meeting a very suitable and convenient field was placed at the disposal of the organising committee, free of charge, by Mr. Moss Danaher.

The day opened with a very colourful Fancy Dress Parade. The prizewinners were: Most Original: M. Moroney and Co. (Puck Fair); Prettiest: Marian Meany and Ella Kelly (Honey-mooners off to Paris); Topical: Martin Toomey and Pat Behan (Freedom from Hunger).

Competition was keen in the Sports and good entries made the day most enjoyable. In the evening, Ballyhahill played Askeaton in a camogie game for a set of medals and Ballyhahill emerged winners after a very exciting finish.

The Organising Committee, which had a most energetic Chairman in Sgt. Garvey and a very efficient Secretary in John Kinnelly, hope to make this event an annual one. The Sports were sponsored by the local Guild of Muintir na Tire.

TIDY TOWNS

Both 'sides' of the parish, **Shanagolden** and **Foynes**, entered

for this year's Tidy Town competition. Shanagolden, in its first year in this competition, did very well. Foynes more than maintained its high standard of previous years and only failed by a few marks to obtain first prize. With a little extra effort, Foynes ought to come out on top next year.

HOLIDAY SCHEME

In co-operation with Bord Failte and the Limerick Tourist Council, a survey has recently been completed of available accommodation for tourists in the West Limerick area. Next Summer, Bord Failte will fly specially chartered planes from London, Birmingham and Manchester to Shannon, whence the tourists will travel by coach to various West Limerick districts. Accommodation for about 40 to 60 will be arranged in Foynes and Shanagolden. In conjunction with this scheme, parish Sports, Dances,

Card Drives, Concerts, etc., will be organised to provide the necessary amusements.

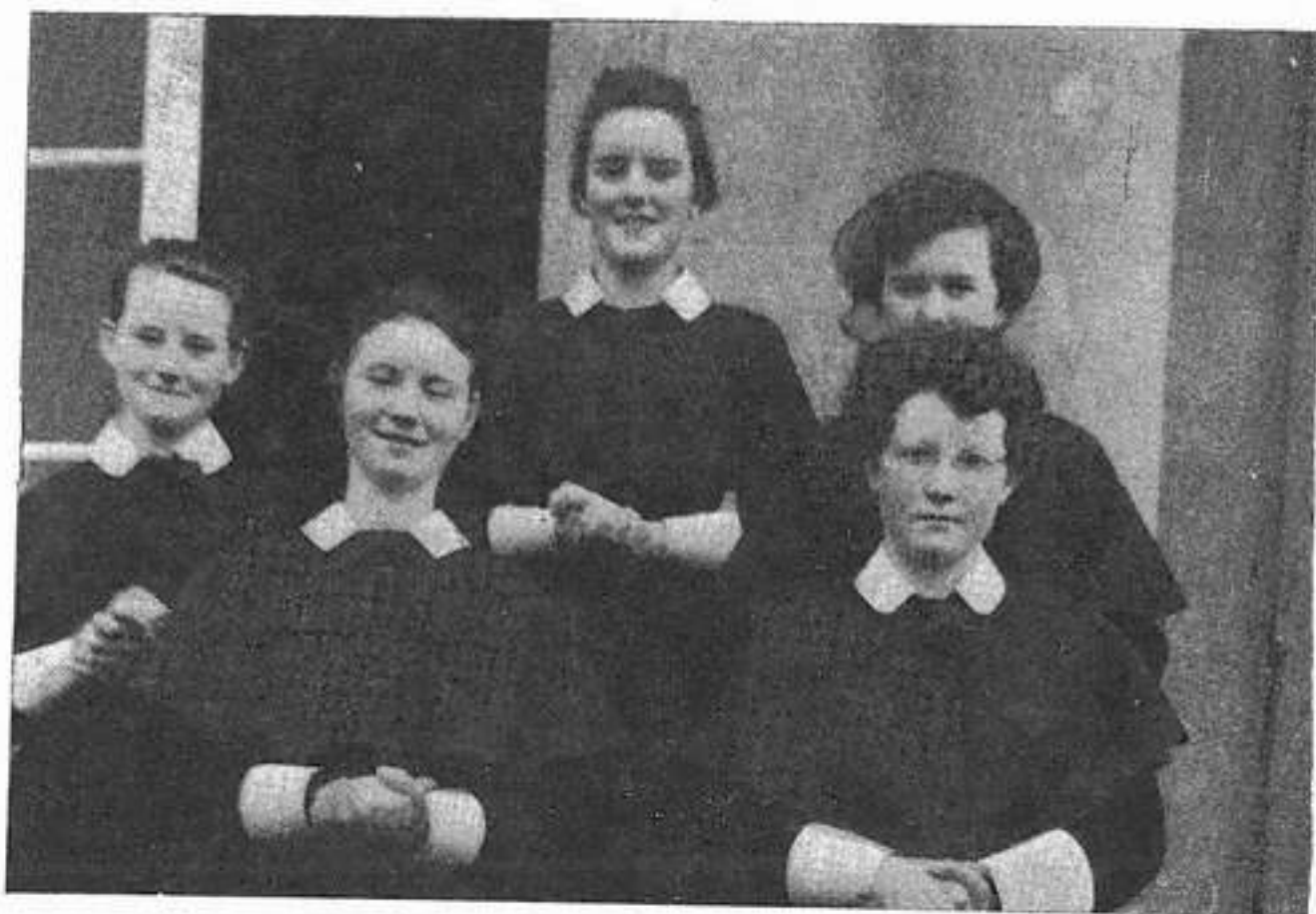
NEW SCHOOL

A magnificent new school was opened recently at Mount St. Vincent, Limerick, in **Saint Michael's** parish. The plan is ultra-modern and in many ways is unique to this country. The cost was £98,000 and the school is under the charge of the Sisters of Mercy. The new building replaces the old red-bricked St. Vincent de Paul's in Henry Street.

There is another new school in the course of erection in Rosbrien, near the recently-built church of Our Lady of Lourdes.



All who have travelled from Foynes to Glin have stopped and admired the Church of the Wayside, **Loughill**. But there is another gem in Loughill. At the



This group of Postulants at Newmarket-on-Fergus include some from Banogue Parish.

back of the church, on a side road, is a school garden which is a wonder to see. The next time you pass this way turn off the main road and see this beautiful sight.

If you continue as far as **Ballyhahill** you will find there an equally wonderful school garden. How lucky the children of this parish are to be taught in such fine schools and beautifully kept grounds. Congratulations!

The Forty Hours Devotion took place in Loughill early in the Summer. The Nuns from Stella Maris, Mt. Trenchard, prepared the Altars for the ceremony and also helped with the choir. The men of the parish volunteered to keep the all-night vigils while the ladies did the day watches.



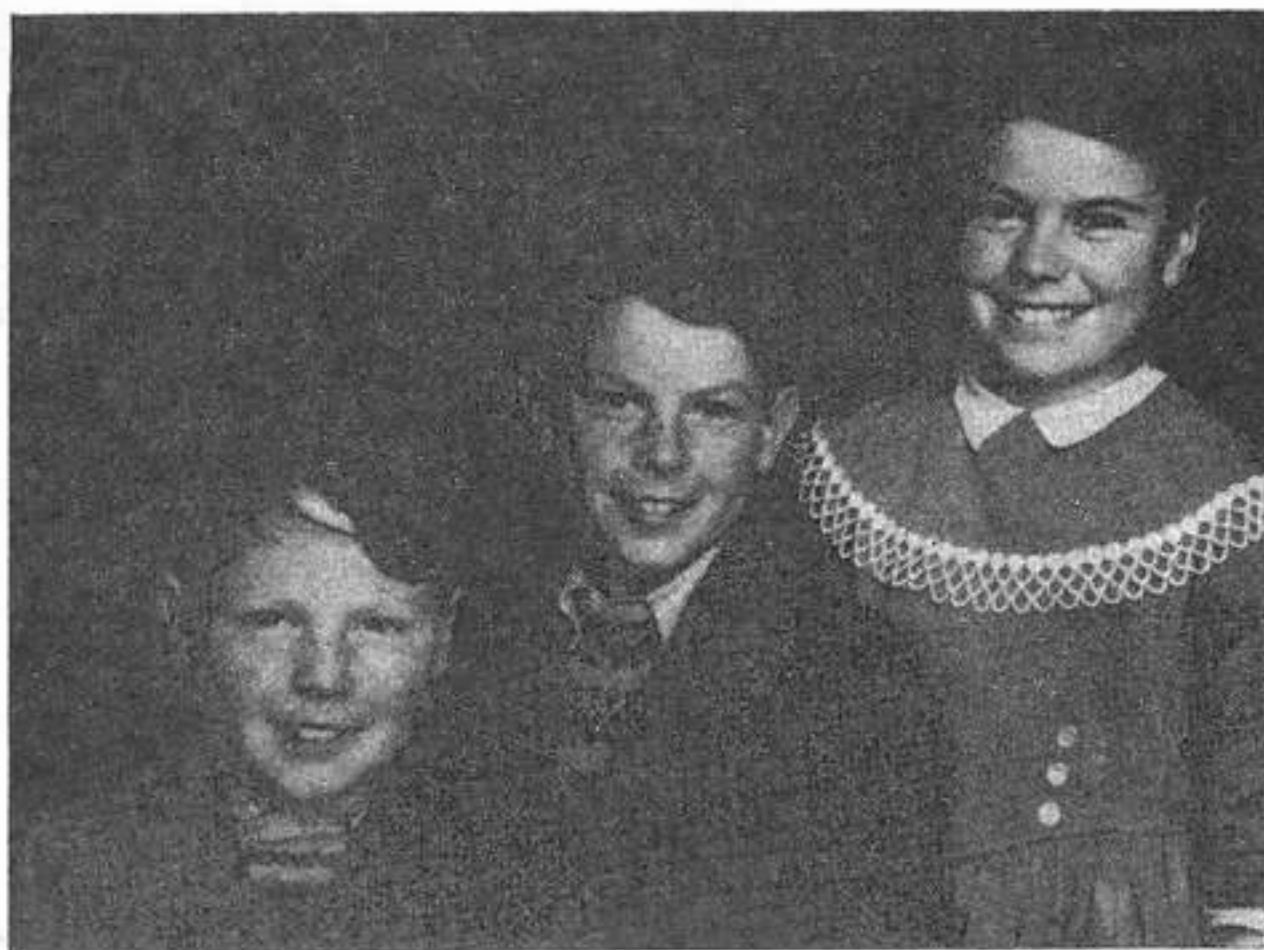
Cappagh reports that large crowds turned up on the last Sunday of July to do the annual 'rounds' at St. James' Well at Nantenan. The Feast of St. James, patron of the parish, is July 25th.

SCHOOL MATTERS

From **Glin** comes news of a new 7-roomed National School nearing completion. Some of the classrooms will be available by the end of September. **Ballyguiltenane**, also in Glin parish, will have a new school in the near future, as the proposed site has been passed as suitable.

An experiment is being tried out in Glin by the County Vocational Committee. Rather than wait until a new Vocational School is built, the Committee has acquired rooms from the parish priest and the Christian Brothers and classes began on September 3rd.

The results this year at St. Patrick's Secondary School were excellent. Glin seems to be well provided with educational facilities.



Consolation Prize : Maurice, Michael and Peggy Byrnes, Kilsconnell, Ardagh.

CEMETERY WEEK

The second annual Cemetery Week was held in Glin during early August. The two cemeteries were tidied and cleaned and falling headstones were straightened. The objective for next year will be to improve the pathways in the cemeteries.

Many people from outside the parish came to help. To all who took part congratulations and thanks.

GENEROUS HEARTS

As a result of an appeal in these columns last year, eight boys from St. Joseph's Orphanage, Glin, were taken on a week's holidays this Summer by seven good and generous families. Four were taken by families in **Croom**.

Wouldn't it be a grand thing if we could get all the boys at St. Joseph's 'sort of adopted'? That is to say, find a family who would pick a boy, call on him once in a while as if he were a relation, write to him, take him out for an evening or a weekend, and so forth.

There are a hundred boys in St. Joseph's and of these fifty

were never in a home, never in an ordinary house. Their ages are from 7 to 16 years.

Have you an hour to spare, a pen to write, and a generous heart? If so, write or call to St. Joseph's, Glin.

Footnote: There seems to be no news from parts of the Diocese. If any of our readers would like to have some item of local interest published, just hand it in to your parish priest or curate and it will be forwarded to the Editor.

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WE HAVEN'T BEEN on O'Connell Street very much recently. We were on the holliers down at Lisdoon with Bean Ui Gunnel. Great gas! At least, Herself had great gas, dancing at the Wells and at the hooleys in the hotels. And trying to make us jealous, laughing loudly with some well-fed looking bachelor farmers from the Midlands. However, we serenely smoked the pipe, conversed affably with the youth and went for meditative walks on the Bog Road. Bean Ui Gunnel is now safely restored to the blessedness of the domestic round — and we are free to turn our mind to affairs of State.

Since last we wrote, John Fitzgerald Kennedy has come and gone — and we are all agreed that he is a broth of a boy. It was a pity that the reception was not at the O'Connell Monument and that he did not walk down O'Connell Street — we would have liked to have conferred the Freedom of the Street on him. However, we shook the Presidential hand at the race-course — you may have seen us on the platform between the Parliamentary Secretary and the City Manager. May we join in the tributes

to Mayor Condell. Her performance highlighted the fact that, as a nation, we need more attention to such things as public speaking and debate in all our schools.

Talking about education, the big event locally has, of course, been the official opening of the very fine new Diocesan College. We met Canon Breen, the President, at the opening. He told us that the College will be able to accommodate up to 175 boarders and the same number of day-boys, a total of nearly 350. The old college could cater in very overcrowded conditions for about 55 boarders and 110 day-boys, a total of 165. This means that the number of places available for secondary education in Limerick city and county has now been increased by about 185. This represents another step forward towards the realisation of the ideal of all our youth being able to receive an education in accordance with their abilities. We hope the good reader will not think we have been got at by the Diocesan Organiser, Fr. Tim Culhane, if we emphasise this aspect of the new College. When you make your contributions it is

worth bearing in mind that if these 185 extra places for secondary education were being provided by the civil authorities you would be paying for it in rates and taxes.

Talking about taxes we were in with Oliver Coffey, the well-known accountant in O'Connell Street, getting his help with our income-tax demand form to make sure we didn't wrong the Revenue Commissioners, when a burly and jovial German, Karl Kuchenmeister, was shown in. And that is how we are able to reveal (in the best Sunday newspaper tradition) how the German factory of Krups came to the Roxboro' Road, Limerick. Two years ago, Oliver Coffey and a friend went to Germany with a view to interesting a suitable German firm in the Limerick area. After much travelling and talking, they eventually contacted the Krups people (no connection, incidentally, with Krupps, the armaments manufacturers) at the great Cologne Trade Fair. Subsequently, Krups sent representatives to Ireland, where Oliver Coffey made the necessary contacts and helped them to acquire from the Corporation the very

fine site on the Roxboro' Road. Karl Kuchenmeister, who came to Ireland at the end of the war and settled in Dublin, then comes into the picture. He acted as agent of the Krups firm as he does for many of the other German firms here, especially in negotiations with the Irish Government.

We learned from Oliver Coffey that thirty-six girls and twenty boys, mostly from the Limerick area, have now gone as trainees to the Krups factory at Solingen, near Cologne. A director of the firm, who was in Limerick recently, reported that they are getting on very well and are happy in their new surroundings and that the firm intended sending a monthly news bulletin to their homes. He also said that the firm wished to take a further twenty-five girls to Germany as trainees. Fr. Michael Neville of the Diocesan Emigrants' Welfare Bureau will visit the trainees at the company's expense in October to ensure that all is well with them.

These young people will be back in the early Summer of next year when the factory, the building of which has commenced, will be completed. It is expected that up to 150 will be employed next Summer, about 75% of whom will be girls, and it is reasonably certain that this number will increase to 250 in two or three years. Indications are that wages will be good. It is a pity that it is not a type of industry which would employ a higher proportion of men, but it will be a boon to many girls and their families to have suitable employment near their homes.

Further good news in the industrial sphere is that Clover Meats new factory which is gradually being built on the site of the old one at Mulgrave Street, Limerick, will be completed early in the new year. This modernisation, which is so essential, is very welcome news as it goes without saying that the most valuable

industries are those based on the produce of the farms. Incidentally, Clover Meats employ over 400 people.

Back to education! Among the many welcome developments in Technical Education in Limerick are the launching of three new courses which should help many boys to develop their talents. They are a course for Electrical Technicians, a course for Post Office Technicians, and a course for Building Technicians, sponsored by the Board of Works.

By the way, don't let anyone tell you that idealism is dead in Ireland. The other day we got talking to a young man from Dublin named Robert Browne, who happened to be sitting on the next stool in the 'Talk of the Town.' He told us he was a member of the Legion of Mary who did missionary work in Britain during the Summer and he was down for a meeting that night of the 70 Limerick Legionaries who took part in this apostolate. From him we learned that 1,400 members of the Legion, mostly young people, sacrificed a week, and in some cases a fortnight, of their holidays to do

missionary work in Britain during the Summer. They went to the industrial cities, to the Scottish Highlands and to Wales. Working in co-operation with the local clergy, they visited from house-to-house with two main objectives . . . to bring lapsed Catholics back to the Faith and to give non-Catholics a true image of the Catholic Church. In both these efforts they had great success and we were particularly pleased to hear of their success with our fellow-Celts of the Highlands, where a knowledge of Irish proved a valuable contact with these people who speak Gaelic as well as English.

Slán is Beannacht,

—O'GUNNEL.



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TEENAGE FORUM

A Chailini agus a Bhuacailli,

A priest gives much advice to the children of God who call him Father. As I twiddled the dial on my transistor in the sleepy minutes after lunch I picked up, of all things, *Woman's Hour* on the B.B.C. Light. Did I see Martha raise an eye-brow? I heard a very interesting contribution to the programme, "Advice for Someone Else's Son," by a well-known screen personality. The announcer told us that all the talks in this series, with their counterparts — "Advice for Someone Else's Daughter" — were published in booklet form by the B.B.C. and before I knew it, I had written for both. They are very good value at a shilling apiece. Since the holidays stopped the supply of letters, let these clippings make your Teenage Forum. The Editor will give a prize to the first one to tell him which of the following well-known personalities wrote which of these paragraphs: Kenneth Horne of "Beyond Our Ken"; Kenneth More, screen star; Kingsley Aimes, best-selling novelist; Joyce Grenfell, actress, and Homer.

Advice for Someone Else's Daughter

1.—"There are ways of helping the world — even your own comparatively small world — without bouncing and bossing, and not only because it is tiresome and boring but because it does not work in the end; and

also because it is so terribly unbecoming. Of course, sometimes it is a good idea to be bossy — in a crisis maybe, when the house is on fire or the boat leaks, or somebody's petticoat falls off as they are about to open a bazaar. Then all that energy and desire to do good can be used benevolently and to some purpose."

2.—"When I look back on my life, the occasions which I am ashamed of — I do not mean necessarily excessive shame — I mean when I have spoken too much or I have done things which I have not been proud of, have always been, so far as I can remember, when I have had drink inside me. One becomes too talkative; one loses one's judgment; in fact, all the things that one would necessarily approach with a sane view in life, I think when you have got that extra gin inside you, or that extra whiskey, it all goes out the window, and you become a complete extrovert, which may be fundamentally against your own nature; and my advice to late teenagers, or young women going out in the world to-day, would be to keep off hard liquor . . . A young girl can usually cope if she is sober. She knows enough about life and the facts of life to be able to cope, but if she gets that one drink too many under her belt then all that goes to the winds and she could easily find herself in trouble. So my advice would be . . . just watch your drinking."

3.—"May the gods grant thee all thy heart's desire; a husband

and a home and a mind at one with his; may they give a good gift . . . for there is nothing mightier and nobler than when a man and wife are one heart and mind in a house, a grief unto their foes, and to their friends a great joy, but their own hearts know it best."

On Interviewing

4.—"To what do I look for my first impressions. Well, smartness; by which I do not mean flashiness by any means, but a suit that is pressed (turned and slightly worn if you like), shoes, shirt, and collars that are clean, hair and fingernails that have seen a brush . . . Has the man a sense of humour? Well a few questions and answers will soon settle this. Does he really want the job, or is it just the money? Is he a good mixer? What are his hobbies and can he talk about them in an interesting way? How about sport? What are his ambitions and why? Indeed there is nothing new in interviewing, and there are no new lessons to be learned by the interviewer — unless you are unfortunate enough to be confronted by someone who is an I.Q. fanatic . . . so we come back to the commonsense approach: personality, keenness, appearance and pride in the prospect of getting the job."

5.—"In fact I should guess that a very small proportion of your age-group probably behaves worse than any of mine did when we were in our teens — but apart

from them, I do honestly think that you have a good deal to teach us. You have better manners. You are more tolerant — differences of class and accent and religion and race and colour do not seem to mean very much to you. You are serious-minded too; I do not mean earnest and priggish, but seriously concerned about the world you live in and what your place in it should be. In other words, you have a sense of responsibility . . . But it is not smart to be moody and gloomy and 'interesting' with a girl, to show her who is the boss, to do her good by saying how much you hate her new dress, or her Mum or her. For one thing, the results are usually poor. A girl dislikes unkindness more than lack of skill in the Twist, prefers affection to an expensive dinner, and would rather get a letter from you than a pair of sharp ear rings."

Other Quotes

Other bits and pieces of advice to boys and girls I will lump together as samples of the wisdom in the pages of these excellent booklets. "Your choice of job is really the first decision you make alone. You must be prepared to take risks, to burn your boats, to know yourself, and do what you know is right. If you have taken your own decision, then there is some chance you will make something of it. If you allow yourself to be persuaded against your conscience, there is little chance of success." "In terms of happiness in life, and even success in jobs, exam results matter much less than you think when you are young. Cleverness is not the most important thing in life, and it is not the thing that matters most in building friendships and families. In the last analysis, kindness counts much more than cleverness. School mainly feeds the mind, but home feeds the heart."

"Have courage (young man), moral courage, the greatest, I believe, of all the virtues, because without it most of the other virtues are useless. Be tolerant of what is not intolerable — and never forget for one moment that the mind of a woman can be as sharp or sharper than your own. This way, with luck, you may be a man."

"In order to know later on how to command and lead people, you must first learn how to serve them. You have inherited from someone a pretty quick brain and a sharp tongue. You must, therefore, learn to suffer fools, if not gladly, then with resignation, especially if the fool is your boss." "I think you have now reached the age, somewhere between sixteen and twenty-two, when you know you know the answer to everything. This will only happen once in your lifetime; in a few years you will find you know less and less about more and more, so while this period of absolute certainty is upon you, be tolerant of us lesser mortals." "You are carefully taught at school how to enjoy life, to play games well, to act in plays and produce them, to write magazines, to play in orchestras, and to sing and even to speak Queen's English. Then you leave school and let it all drop. Don't do it! Pick at least two things and follow them up. One active for the body to last you until rheumatism comes, and the other cultural to keep your brain lively in middle age and after." "The greater the man, and the greater the brain, the greater the power over tiny detail . . . and perhaps it is quite literally true that 'not a sparrow falls to the grounds but your Heavenly Father knoweth it'."

Beannacht De oraibh,

—An tAthair Padraig.

From the New Diocesan College

August 28th, 1963

I await your many blessings
Dignitaries of Church and State;
Bowing low, I bid you welcome,
While I open wide my gates.

Raise your hands in dedication,
Filling me with burning zeal
For the hearts of you, my people,
Who to-day around me kneel.

May I ever bring you shelter,
While the west winds 'round me
sigh;
Priests and pupils — all my
children
Who one day will meet on High.

—(MRS.) ANNIE BROWNE,
Ballinlee, Bruff,
Co. Limerick.

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God's Gold

I see God's gold upon the gorse,
And on laburnum tree.
I am not rich, but who is poor
When all this wealth is free.
I see the white clouds in the sky,
The blue on shining sea.
I see the smile on a small child's
face,
And shining eyes so full of grace,
These make me think what fools
we be,
When flower, mountain, sky and
tree
Were made by God for all to see,
So let our cares and troubles flee—
Trust in the Lord and happy be.

—P. DARCY (Capt.)

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AUTUMN, 1963.

My dear Children,

Dia's Muire dhíbh go léir. Tá súil agam to raibh saoire maith agaibh agus go bhfuil sibh to lóir ar ais ar scoil anois. Peter and Pauline are anyhow and, judging by your Autumn competition, they are both very interested in their homework. When you are colouring the picture, remember that Pauline is wearing her new uniform, a pinafore frock and blouse, and Peter wears shirt and shorts with a belt. Their collars are alike, but I leave you free to colour the rest of the uniforms as you wish.

I had great fun reading your letters, forty-four in all. Please thank your teachers for sending them. I would love to put in your names, but there is no room. I liked very much your description of your pets, your families, and your lessons and play. Now, may I suggest that in your next letters you will tell me about your schools. Then I think I shall know everything about you.

I hope you are all very proud of our New Diocesan College, which is now complete and looking very beautiful indeed on the banks of the Shannon. Please continue to put your pennies in the mite boxes, as there is still a heavy debt to be paid on it.

Since my last letter to you we have got a new Holy Father. As we did for Pope John in 1958, let us now pray specially for Pope Paul who has all of us in his care, that God may "give him light, strength and consolation."

Beannacht Dé oraibh.

—AUNTIE BRIGID.

CROSSWORD WINNERS

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Solution to Summer Crossword.—Across: 1, Alum; 4, Aid; 6, Gems; 8, Awl; 10, Etc; 12, Rays; 14, Roc; 16, Mr; 17, Tea; 19, Sneaky; 21, Are; 22, Go; 23, Sure; 24, Nil. Down: 1, Alarms; 2, Ugly; 3, Me; 4, Astray; 5, Dr; 7, Me; 9, Warn; 11, Go; 13, Stare; 15, Carol; 18, Eke; 20, Ear; 22, G.I.

BREITLÁ

Im luí anseo im leaba beag,
 Agus maínam dom go sásta,
 Ar innill, roctair, píce ruo—
 Beir mé a hoct amárach.

M'uncail Seán is m'aintín
 Dúro,

Is daídeo tá cineálta—
 Cúig scilling ar a laśao—
 Beir mé a hoct amárach.

Uachtar reoite, ceapairí,
 Is barra mór seacláide,
 Naó doibinn dom anseo im luí,
 Is mé a hoct amárach.

M. Ó CORRBUÍ

Hard to Swallow!

The dentist went down the street to try to collect something on a bill a patient had owed him for six months. It was for a new set of dentures.

When the dentist returned to his office he was very angry.

"Miss Browne," he said to his assistant, "that cheat not only wouldn't pay anything on his bill, but he had the cheek to gnash my own teeth at me!"



Top : Mary and Martin Scanlan, Laragh Bryan, Maynooth; Helen, Patrick and Geraldine Barry, 66 Clarina Avenue, Limerick (prize-winners).

Centre : John, Eamonn and Kay Harold, Garryfine, Charleville.

**Bottom : Nellie Thompson and baby Michael, 4 St. James' St., Limerick; June Cusack, 37 St. Joseph St.;
Nellie Cusack, 37 St. Joseph St., Limerick.**

The Adventures of the Little Wire Boatman

You remember, last day, that the twins and Eileen had to go home and leave the little wire boatman to make his way down the river alone. At first he felt very brave and adventurous, now that he had no Peter to look after him. But I am sorry to say that he had not gone far when, once more, he got stuck fast in another clump of reeds. He struggled and strove with his little match-stick oars, but it was no use. Then the little boatman became very sad indeed. He had so wanted to see the Great Big World, and now here he was, stuck fast forever, with only the sighing of the reeds to listen to. Soon, the water would rust the pipe-leaners and he would fall to pieces, bit by bit. He would have wept, only little wire boatmen have no tears to shed — but that only makes it all the harder for them to bear their sorrows.

Meanwhile, the setting sun hung low and lovely in the west. All the evening the little rainbow fairies had been very busy hanging out gossamer veils of rose and crimson, purple and a beautiful

orange-yellow. Sometimes, little balls and tufts of colour escaped the fairies' hands and blew high up into the sky, to the delight of the cloud-fairies, who thought it was great fun to have coloured clouds to ride on for a change. You would have thought, with all this, that the sun would know nothing about the little wire boatman stuck fast in the reeds. But he did know about him, and soon he beckoned to a little crimson sunbeam-fairy who was loved by everybody on account of her kind heart. He whispered in her ear and gave her a beautiful shining sunbeam to ride on. Off went the little crimson fairy over the hills, brightening up the shadows of the glens and filling the hearts of weary men, returning after the day's work, with joy and gladness.

Soon the little fairy reached the river and the little wire boatman felt something stirring within him. Looking up, he saw a path of golden-red light sparkling across the waters, straight from the sun to where he lay among the reeds. Soon the warm rosy

light wrapped him round and he no longer felt sad and lonely. But this was not all; he heard little voices whispering softly above his head and he realised that what he had thought was sighing was really reed-talk. Now he could understand what the reeds were saying. "Yes," said a tall graceful reed, "it is better we should hold him fast for the night. To-morrow he may go on his way, but to-night he must stay here. There are too many dangers for one so new to the river-world, rocks and water-rats and otters and black whirlpools." "Let us sing him a song," said a small delicate-looking reed. "He is tired and needs rest." Then softly, in little quavering reedy voices, the reeds sang:—

"Rest, little boatman, safe
from all harms;
Rest, little boatman, within
our green arms.
You can follow the river
wherever it flows
When bright the sun shines
and soft the noon glows."

It wasn't very musical and it wasn't very poetical, but to the little wire boatman it was the loveliest music and the sweetest poetry he had ever heard. His little wire head nodded, and before long he was fast asleep in his boat among the reeds.

If you want to know what happened after that, you must have patience and wait for your next Children's Page!

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RIDDLE

MATT: "What is the strongest day of the seven?"

PAT: "Sunday, because all the others are week days."



RESULTS OF SUMMER PAINTING COMPETITION

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 2. Mary Corr, 47 Carey's Road, Limerick.
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 4. Anette Browne, 50 Hyde Road, Limerick.

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JOHNNY: "A cow feeding on grass in a meadow, Sir."

TEACHER: "But where is the grass?"

JOHNNY: "The cow has eaten it all."

TEACHER: "And where is the cow, Johnny?"

JOHNNY: "Sir, she's gone to another field because all the grass is gone."

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