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Those already commemo-
rated in this way merited the
distinction to a marked ex-
tent. An early opportunity to
add to their number the
names of Parnell and Davitt
should, we believe, be taken.
These two men rendered to
their country services of the
most substantial kind. What
they did opened the way for
the winning of liberties and
successes achieved in later
years, and this is a fact that
should never be forgotten.

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People of the younger gen-
eration have nothing like a due
appreciation of the work done
by Parnell and Davitt. They
would get some idea of it by
trying to gain a full under-
standing of the conditions
prevailing in this country in
the sixties and seventies of
the last century. Landlordism
was then in complete sway
amongst us and was the but-
tress of British rule in Ire-
land and the chief instrument
of the oppression and im-
poverishment of our people.

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When Parnell and Davitt
launched the fight against the
landlord system they laid
siege to a fortress of enor-
mous strength. That fortress
had behind it the full support
of British power and influence
and to do battle against it cer-
tainly seemed a hopeless en-
terprise. Its overthrow was
in all the circumstances an
achievement of momentous
importance.

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This wonderful triumph of
well-directed endeavour was
one of the greatest and most
fruitful successes in all our
history. It was an indispen-
sable preliminary to any of
the victories won in later
years. It is no exaggeration
whatever to say that only for
the work of Parnell and
Davitt we would have no Par-
liament sitting in Dublin to-
day. Surely it is entirely fit-
ting that these men should at
an early stage be given the
recognition and honour of
having their names and ser-
vices commemorated by the
issue of special postage
stamps.

L.S.F. QUESTION TIME

NEWCASTLE WEST AREA SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals of the Newcastle

... the Shannon will probably be of
most benefit to passenger traffic
for some time to come.

OBITUARY

MISS RUTH SEXTON

The deepest sympathy, in which
we fully join, has been extended to
Mr. A. J. Sexton, auctioneer, and
Mrs. Mary Sexton, on the death of
their eldest daughter, Ruth, who
passed away at their residence,
Ballineen, Ennis Road, Limerick,
on Christmas Eve. The deceased,
who had been ailing for a consid-
erable period, having got a bad
attack of rheumatic fever, was a
girl of great charm of manner and
disposition and gave every pro-
mise of blossoming into a fine spe-
cimen of womanhood. Only 15 years
of age, she had won her way, and
quite deservedly, into the hearts of
all who knew her. With her young
companions, and indeed with every-
one else acquainted with her, she
was a particular favourite. Full of
life and activity up to her illness,
she was keenly interested in swim-
ming and other physical exercises,
and in general showed some very
admirable social and other attrac-
tive qualities. The news of her
death caused the deepest and most
widespread sorrow and evoked the
keenest sympathy with her highly
esteemed parents, brothers and
sisters and other relatives.

The remains were removed to St.
Munchin's Church on the evening
of Christmas Day, and after Re-
quiem Mass on Tuesday the funeral
took place to Mount St. Lawrence
Cemetery. The attendances on both
occasions were extremely large and
were thoroughly representative of
all classes.

The chief mourners were:—Mr.
and Mrs. A. J. Sexton (parents),
Barry, Aljohn, Derrick, Lionel,
Gordon, Linguard, Reginald, Leon-
ard (brothers), Rachel, Dorothy,
Rosemary (sisters), James Sexton,
solicitor; Harry Sexton, Jack
Foley (uncles), Mrs. Marjorie Her-
riot and Miss Stella Sexton
(aunts), Mr. F. Herriott, Mrs.
James Sexton, Mrs. Harry Sexton,
the Misses Mary and Kate Foley,
Mr. Mat Foley, Mr. Michael Foley,
Mr. Eddie Lysaght, Miss Lysaght,
Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Tom Sexton
(relatives).

The clergy present at the funeral
were—Rev. Father McCarthy, C.C.,
St. Munchin's; Rev. Father Godfrey,
C.C., do.; Rev. Father Ryan, C.C.,
do.; Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm., St.
Michael's; Rev. Father White, C.C.,
do.; Rev. Father Tynan, C.C.;
Rev. Father Lee, P.P., St. Mary's;
Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.;
Very Rev. Father Roche, S.J.,
Rector; Rev. Father McWilliams,
S.J.; Rev. Father Costelloe, O.P.;
Rev. Father Stokes, O.P.; Rev.
Father Reynolds, C.S.S.R.; Rev.
Father Treacy, C.S.S.R.; Rev.
Father Griffin, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Father
McKinley, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev.
Father Ephraim, O.F.M., Guardian;
Rev. Father Fabian, O.F.M.; Rev.
Father Maurice, O.F.M.; Rev.
Father Adrian, O.F.M.; Very Rev.
Father O'Flynn, O.S.A., Prior; Rev.
Father Ormond, O.S.A.

Rev. Father McCarthy officiated
at the graveside.

Wreaths were received from:—
Mum and Dad; brothers and sis-
ters; Mr. and Mrs. F. Herriott;
Charles and Judy O'Malley; Ted
and Mrs. Russell; Harry and Mrs.
Russell; G. E. Brown, manager,
Ulster Bank; Miss Eileen O'Connor,
A. O'Shaughnessy, T. Quillinan;
Brendan and Mrs. Barry; the
Misses Barry, South Hill; Frank
Browning; Mrs. Peacocke and
family.

SENTENCE IN BRIBERY CASE

On a charge of offering a bribe
of £100 to a voter in the recent
Seanad election, John A. Corr,
draper and general grocer, Dalkey,
was sentenced in Dublin yesterday
to imprisonment for two months.

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To smoke the pipe of peace.
Now the White Rolls we are
smoking.
Make us cough till we are chok-
ing.
In our pockets we are poking
For the butts we used to throw.
Oh, but we must wait in patience.
Till they come into the station.
And we'll shout with wild elation.
There are Woodbines in Mayo.
And he sang another which re-
called to me the good old days
when we felt passing rich with a
half crown in our pockets.
I want to live the same old way,
We used to live before,
When half a crown on Patrick's
Day

Meant fun and cash galore,
To feed my bonhams, lambs and
calves.

To plough and reap and mow.
And be happy in the garden
Where the praties grow.

We never took for city life,
Although 'tis smart indeed,
But who supports the swanks and
silks.

And all their cars and speed?
A simple question surely.

But for fear you may not know,
'Tis the laddies in the garden,
Where the praties grow.

I get the "Leader" once a week,
And Bridgie reads it out,
"You'll want a permit soon, old
man.

Says she, "without a doubt,"
To smoke your pipe, and drink
your pint

At Jerry's there below,
So God help us in the garden
Where the praties grow.

Health, prosperity, peace, hap-
piness and God's choicest blessings
to one and all in the coming year
is the sincere wish of your old
friend, "Rambling Thady."

"NORRY THE BOGS"

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Sir—The very interesting article
which "Rambling Thady" con-
tributed to your issue of December
9th on the subject of "Birds and
Their Ways" should be read and
enjoyed by many. I am especially
gratified with what he writes on the
ways of "Norry the Bogs"—an old
friend more familiar to me in Co.
Wexford by his alternative name of
the "Koareesk," sometimes trans-
lated into English by those who
call him the heron, or (incorrectly)
the crane. I wish, however, to
assure "Thady" that he need not
have felt any surprise at finding
that rats have a place in "Norry's"
menu. So well established is this
fact that it has been made the gist
of a special plea for the protection
of the heron in a leaflet issued for
that purpose by the Irish Society
for Protection of Birds, of which I
herewith enclose a copy that may
be of some interest to a few of your
readers. I confess that "Thady"
contributes a new fact to my infor-
mation on the subject in giving
evidence that the rat sometimes
takes a successful revenge on his
antagonist and kills the heron, that
has caught him. I know that the
same thing has also been done by a
stoat—reported, of course, as a
weasel. I hope "Thady" will con-
tinue to write to you and to observe
both "Norry" and other members
of your local faune.—Yours, etc.,
C. B. M. (Dublin).

PROMISING LIMERICK BOXER

A Co. Limerick man resident in
Dublin, who signs himself "M. L.,"
writes paying a glowing tribute to
a young Limerick boxer, Sean
O'Shea, for his brilliant display
against M. Byrne in the semi-final
of the junior light-weight All-Ire-
land title in the Dublin Stadium on
the night of Friday, 15th inst. This
promising Limerick boy, he points
out, used both hands in a magnifi-
cent manner and gave his more
seasoned opponent a gruelling time

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