

Limerick brothers who loved Ireland

By PADDY MORONEY

THE HOLDING, only a fortnight ago, of the fourth Joyce Brothers' School in Kilfinane, recalls two remarkable County Limerick brothers of the 19th century, one who became an outstanding educationalist and historian, the other who became a doctor and a great beneficiary of the poor.

Now a book has been published about them, "The Joyce Brothers of Glenosheen", by none other than the author of the widely-acclaimed "Portrait of Limerick" and six other works, Mainchin Seoighe.

Although published by the Joyce School committee in Kilfinane, it bears the unmistakable imprint of Mainchin Seoighe so familiar in his other works, with its painstaking and exhaustive detail and its comprehensiveness.

Child's history

P. W. Joyce is, perhaps, the better known of the two brothers: Patrick Weston was born in 1827 and produced the first popular histories of Ireland, his "Child's History of Ireland" selling 80,000 copies, a remarkable achievement for a hedge-school graduate.

In fact, he became a teacher himself and eventually one of the outstanding educationalists of his day, becoming principal of Marlborough Street Training College for Teachers in Dublin.

But it was through his literary works that he became a household name in late Victorian Ireland, with his books on history, folklore and mythology, as well as the Irish language. He amassed a huge collection of ancient Irish music and folk songs, published same, and devoted his long life to popularising anything "traditional Irish".

His name ranks with the great Bunting, who published his standard

THE JOYCE BROTHERS OF GLENOSHEEN



Mainchin Seoighe

Painstaking and exhaustive: Mainchin Seoighe's new book.

work of the late 18th century on Irish harp music just after the great Belfast festival of that era, as well as Petrie, O'Donovan and O'Curry. But unlike them, he wrote for the ordinary people, not the accomplished or scholarly. He died in Dublin, in 1914, having lived to see the re-awakening of the national spirit for which he laboured so much.

P. W. Joyce's brother, Robert Dwyer Joyce, trained initially as a teacher, but later qualified as a doctor. He was closely associated with the Fenians, upon the failure of whose Rising in 1865 he emigrated to Boston where he quickly built up a large practice as a doctor.

John F. Kennedy

Although a great benefactor of the Irish poor, he became even better

known as the author of the song, "The Boys of Wexford", so beloved of the late John F. Kennedy, also of Boston, and of many other songs and poems, published eventually as "Ballads of Irish Chivalry". He returned to Ireland shortly before his death in 1883.

Glenosheen, a few miles south of Kilmallock and nestling against the Ballahoura mountains close to the Co. Cork border, was, at the time of the Joyce's younger days, a Catholic and Protestant village and district in about equal measure — many of the Protestants were Palatines. Mainchin Seoighe's book not only refers to the spirit of friendship between the two communities, but also features the Protestants liberally.

Relations between Catholics and Palatines were good, partly because of the fact that the lands granted to the latter were unoccupied — and therefore not the subject of evictions.

"The Joyce Brothers of Glenosheen" is a book simple in arrangement: a chapter to each of the brothers, followed by one giving a short selection of their musical or poetic works.

Michael Joyce

There is also a short chapter on Michael Joyce, brother of P. W. and R. D., and the author of several poems.

Mainchin Seoighe, retired from the staff of Limerick County Council, has been contributing a weekly column to the *Limerick Leader* since 1944, and is organising secretary of the annual Joyce Brothers's school. He taught evening Irish classes for many years.

● "The Joyce Brothers of Glenosheen", by Mainchin Seoighe, of Baile Thancaird, Cill Mocheallog, Co. Luimnigh, published by the Joyce School Committee of Kilfinane at £4 paperback.

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CAR PARK ACCIDENT: CITY MAN CLEARED

By LEADER REPORTER
CHARGES AGAINST Don Keane, Palm Villa, Fort Mary Park, Limerick of failing to stop and failing to keep his vehicle at the scene of an accident in the car park at the Limerick Ryan Hotel, on May 4 last were dismissed by Justice M. Reilly at Limerick city court.

Yvonne Barry told the court that she accompanied Mrs. Jackie Murray to the Limerick Ryan on the night in question.

She said they left the premises about 10 p.m.

"As we walked towards Jackie's car, we saw a car reversing back into her car," said Ms. Barry, who

Boat Club. He remembered the car being stopped and inspected by two guards.

In reply to Insp. Edward O'Donnell he said that they met Caroline Keane in Daffy's pub.

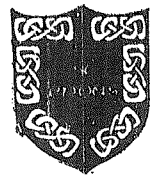
Insp. O'Donnell: "Did the last witness travel in the car with you that night?"

Witness: "I cannot remember that point."

Insp. O'Donnell: "You have not got that point rehearsed."

Witness: "I have nothing re-
hearsed."

Don Keane told the court that he met Bill Flanagan and had a few drinks with him on the night in question. He was driven to the pub by his wife.



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