The Perpetual Novena devotions take place every Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

HISTORY OF THE STATUE.
The history of this famous statue is something to kindle pride in the hearts of Limerick City and County people and it is deeply linked with the martyrdom of Sir John Bourke, Brittas Castle, Boher, Co. Limerick. Sir John was a wonderful friend of the Dominicans. After his release from prison in 1606, where he suffered for the Faith, he ordered the great hall of his ancestral castle at Brittas to be prepared for the celebration of High Mass on Rosary Sunday, 1606. Bronkard, the Lord President of Munster, being informed of this, sent his soldiers to surround the castle and capture Sir John and the officiating clergy. When the attack was made, the castle was held until the conclusion of the Mass. Sir John and the three priests fled to the tower of the castle. Eventually, Sir John escaped by night, crossing by a weir over the Mulcair river. He succeeded in reaching Co. Waterford, but was captured in Carrick-on-Suir.

Tender For Maternity Hospital

The City Council, it is understood, has tentatively accepted a tender for the building of the Maternity Hospital on the Belfield site, Ennis Road.

Until such time as a sanction has been received from the Department of Health for the acceptance of the tender, the price cannot be disclosed. A Cork building firm has submitted the lowest estimate and in this connection it is learned that Limerick contractors did not compete for the job.

It is possible that there may be some delay to the final approval of the contract inasmuch as the Corporation has expressed a desire to the Department to alter the original specification to some extent. The change suggested, if adopted, would have the effect of improving the appearance of the building.