

onner, Hopewalk, Limerick, was made a presentation of a Waterford cut glass drinking set to mark the occasion of an important post of Staff Assistant in the Royal Liver Friendly Society. The presentation was made by the Limerick District Manager of the Society, Mr. M. J. Boland, on behalf of his colleagues, at an enjoyable meal at the Limerick Hotel. Mr. Boland paid a glowing tribute to Mr. O'Connor's ability, saying, during the course of his speech, that Mr. O'Connor will do similar justice to the position he now holds, which is one of great responsibility. Mr. O'Connor was seen third from the right in front row of above, with his colleagues. Mr. Boland is on his immediate right.

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SALARIES APPLICATION BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE Limerick Co. Council at its meeting last Saturday decided to defer to the next meeting for a special report by the Co. Manager, Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., an application for salary increases from the Irish Assistance Offices and Superintendent Assistant Officers Association employed by the Council.

LETTER FROM ASSOCIATION.
The Co. Manager, presenting the application, read the following letter from the Secretary of the Association:—

"I am directed by the Executive Committee of the above to raise the question of the payment of salary increases to 12 members of our Association employed by the Limerick Co. Council.

"The salary increase referred to is the £50 per year extra sanctioned by the Minister on the 24th September, 1954, and made retrospective to 1st January, 1953. I understand the officers made application to the County Manager regarding this matter last October but have not heard anything as yet.

"The Association has made enquiries in other counties regarding the payment of this increase and have found that the Minister's sanction has been honoured in all except three counties. We feel it is only necessary to draw your attention to the matter to have it rectified."

FAIRLY REASONABLE.
The Co. Manager added that the request was a fairly reasonable one and they had been agitating for the increase for a considerable time.

Mr. C. Ryan proposed and Mr. M. Herbert seconded that the increase be granted.

The Chairman said that half of the applicants were only part-time officers who had, however, to do extra work under the Health Act.

In reply to Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. D. F. Donovan, Co. Secretary, said that some of the officers were rent collectors and would qualify for pensions.

Mr. T. Reidy proposed that the Co. Manager be asked to make recommendations to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. R. Clery seconded Mr. Reidy and said he felt the Council should have more information on the present state of salaries of the officials. The matter was a little involved and he, therefore, considered Mr. Reidy's suggestion a good one.

After a short discussion Mr. Ryan agreed to withdraw his proposition in favour of Mr. Reidy's proposal which was adopted.

RUNWELL HOSPITAL,
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STUDENT NURSES AND
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Required, 18 Years and Over.
The training period for Student Nurses is three years, during which allowances of from £270 to £295 a year are paid. Upon passing the preliminary qualifying examinations students receive a bonus of £40; a further bonus of £50 is paid on passing the final examination. A qualified nurse receives a salary of from £432 to £540 a year and becomes eligible for promotion to a position with a maximum salary of £620 a year.

Tributes To Rev. Matron And Staff Of Regional Hospital

MEMBERS of the Limerick County Council who held their first meeting of the new year in the Limerick Regional Hospital last Saturday were later entertained to luncheon by the Rev. Matron and staff. High tributes were paid to the Rev. Matron and staff for the splendid progress that had been made in the Institution since it was opened last September.

Speaking at the conclusion of the luncheon, the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D., thanked the Rev. Matron and staff for the very nice repast. The Rev. Matron and staff, he said, had paid them a very nice tribute by inviting them to hold their first meeting of the new year in the hospital. It was a pleasure to meet Mr. Murphy, R.M.S., and other members of the medical staff who had so kindly conducted them around the hospital. It was no easy job to run such a hospital, which had been planned by a first class architect and executed by first class contractors, filling the staff and appointing other personnel. They could feel proud of the fact that they had a first class Matron who had certainly made a name for the hospital, although it was only open for three months. They, as representatives of County Limerick, were proud of the hospital and he had little doubt that there were great days ahead for it.

EXCELLENT STANDARD
Mr. R. M. Clery said he wished to endorse everything the Chairman had said. The reception they had received was in itself a magnificent compliment to the excellence of the staff, who had been so kind enough to execute it. It was also a fine tribute to the standard of excellence and co-operation which the Rev. Matron had brought about. She had succeeded in bringing her forces together and had established a high standard of efficiency in a very short time. The medical staff had also been very kind in showing them around the hospital and they had been highly impressed by what they had seen. He was quite sure that with the continuance of the co-operation of all concerned there was a bright future in store for the hospital.

Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., Co. Manager, said that there was a proud spirit growing up amongst the staff of the hospital and they were now working more together as a unit. Mr. Murphy, the R.M.S., had done an enormous amount of work and his advice on technical matters had been invaluable. They could look forward to a good community spirit and the co-operation of the visiting staff.

CLINICS
Referring to the outpatients' clinics, the Co. Manager said that the Co. Secretary had notified all the doctors by circular that the clinics were now available. The

costs of running the hospital would be very high and, with the exception of the patients in the lower income groups, they would look for payments for services given. The standard of service was very high and the facilities available generally were as good as could be found either in England or Scotland. As he had mentioned they would have to look for payments from private patients, but in the present fluid state of health matters it was difficult to decide what they should pay. It was their intention to press enquiries in that regard. Those who could not afford to pay too much would not be pressed too hard and they would make it as light a burden as possible on the rates.

VISITING HOURS
The Manager, continuing, said that the visiting hours were a big problem, but they had been fixed to make work as easy as possible for the staff. It was not such an easy task to control visiting hours in such a big hospital. The regulations might be considered stiff but they could not help that. The Rev. Matron and staff, however, would co-operate and help out in any difficulties in that regard. The Manager went on to express the hope that C.I.E. would co-operate with them and give them a good transport service so that the difficulties of visitors would be made as small as possible. He had been assured by C.I.E. that they would keep the matter under review and give them a regular service as soon as possible.

In conclusion, he paid a tribute to the Rev. Matron for the very efficient work she had done in the matter of organisation. He hoped that Dr. Nash would be with them for many years and he felt sure that as time progressed they would have an institution of which they would all feel very proud.

Dr. J. Nash, Resident Surgeon, said that the Regional Hospital was second to none. From what he had seen abroad the hospital compared more than favourably in the matter of equipment. The medical staff were as keen as he was to provide the service of the kind they would like. He was glad to welcome them all to the hospital, and he could assure them that they would be quite welcome to visit them at any time.

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