

Sisters mark 150th year in Limerick

By PADDY MORONEY

A BRITISH peer has thanked the FCJ sisters at Laurel Hill for giving her the love of learning and the knowledge of how to learn.

Limerick woman, Baroness Detta O Cathain was speaking at the 150th anniversary celebrations marking the sisters' coming to Limerick.

Altogether, over 400 past pupils came from all over the world to mark the anniversary at Laurel Hill last Sunday.

The past pupils came from the United States and Canada, Britain, the Continent, and Ireland.

They had, over the past seven decades, attended the cluster of schools off the North Circular Road which traditionally made up Laurel Hill: the secondary



Peggy Carrigronan. Murray, (LL)

— most notably the Colaiste and "the boarders" — the primary, and St Philomena's, now an independent school run by former Laurel Hill pupils.

One of the FCJ community which taught at St Philomena's in the early 1950s, Mother Benedicta, was at the celebrations, last Sunday. She is now based in Dublin.

Among the many who came from outside Ireland was Baroness Detta O Cathain, who completed her



Lily Egan, Murroe, at the Mass.

secondary education as a boarder at Laurel Hill, 39 years ago, and who has been, in recent years, made a life peer at the British House of Lords.

The Sister Provincial of the Irish FCJ, Sr Katherine Mary O'Flynn, who welcomed the former pupils back to their alma mater "to share the joy of the anniversary", told them at the luncheon later that the sisters had come to Limerick specifically to set up a school.

She said the Bishop of Limerick, in the early 1840s, had expressed concern at the fact that many young women were going abroad to be educated, and of course, some of them did not return.

As such, the city was losing some of its finest citizens. Laurel Hill was the response of the FCJ community to that felt need.

One of the pupils to grace the classrooms of Laurel Hill was the famous Limerick writer, Kate O'Brien, who was a student from the age of five, due to the early death of her mother.

Baroness O Cathain, guest speaker for the day, told of how personal traits, impressed on her during her stay at Laurel Hill, had enriched her life and brought her success.

These acquired qualities, she said, had justified the two best decisions affecting her life: her late parents' decision to send her to Laurel Hill secondary school as a boarder, and the proper education she received from the nuns.

In a tribute to the FCJ Sisters, she said the first of the qualities they had passed on was a love of learning, allied to a knowledge of how to learn.

The second was discipline: the discipline to get down and do something immediately and not let it stand.

The third virtue taught by the sisters was consideration for others.

The fourth quality she had acquired from the sisters was an admiration for the single-minded approach towards achieving tasks.

And fifthly, she reminded everyone, she was grateful for receiving a first-class grounding in Christian knowledge.

Baroness O Cathain elaborated on how the quality of



The organising committee of the Laurel Hill 150th anniversary Mass and lunch, Deirdre O'Donovan, Katherine McCarthy, PPU president, Sr Margaret Quirke, Eda Mulqueen, Betty Quilligan, Elizabeth Barry, Moira Fitzgerald, Anne Lynch and Eibhlis Flynn.

education and training at Laurel Hill had stood her in good stead as a successful businesswoman — she is now managing director of the Barbican Centre in London.

"What I took from Laurel Hill, when I left in 1955, after many happy years, was a respect for what the FCJ sisters stood for," she said.

The contribution of the present school principals, Sr Margaret Quirke, of the secondary, and Anne Mordan, of the Colaiste, were praised for their tremendous love and commitment to the FCJ tradition.

Catherine McCarthy, president of the Past Pupils Union, praised the sub-committee which had embarked on a project to restore the school chapel to its former glory at a cost of £20,000 as part of the anniversary celebrations.

The concelebrants at the special Mass, at which the school choir and orchestra performed, were Fr Liam O'Sullivan, school chaplain, who delivered the homily, Fr Donal McNamara, administrator of St Joseph's parish, and Fr Joseph Noonan, president of St Munchin's College.

Fr O'Sullivan, in his homily, said that all of those present — like the pupils, teachers, and religious community — made up the extended FCJ family, noted for its tremendous solidarity.

"You have all been influ-



Evette O'Donnell, Mary O'Connor and Phylis Murray at the celebrations.



At the anniversary were, Anne Mordan, acting principal, FCJ Colaiste, Baroness Detta O Cathain, past pupil and guest speaker, and Sr Katherine O'Flynn, provincial, FCJ.

LAUREL HILL: A FRENCH FOUNDATION

Marie Madeleine Victoire de Bengy was born on 21 September, 1781, in a beautiful chateau at Chateauroux, in northern France. When she was ten years old, the French Revolution caused the family to move hastily to the countryside. This meant a complete change of circumstances for the family as poverty and fear became the new order of the day. Her father, Chevalier de Bengy, was thrown into prison, but was eventually released and restored to his family. He gave shelter to the Abbé Claveau, who acted as chaplain in the home and also gave religious instruction to the children. Victoire became friendly with Mademoiselle de Rochfort and assisted her in charitable works among the poor and the sick.

When she was eighteen Victoire fell seriously ill but later recovered. As peace and tranquility returned to the life of the community, she began to enjoy herself and, like most other girls of her age, liked to go to dances, parties and the theatre. Her partly-arranged marriage, on 21 August, 1804, to Antoine Joseph de Bonnault d'Houet, former deputy of the nobility in the Etats de Berry, and Knight of St. Louis, was a happy one. However, less than a year later, on 1 July, 1805, he died. A son, Eugene, was born two months after his father's death.

As Victoire d'Houet devoted herself to rearing the child and to works of charity, she found herself gradually drawn to a new mission in her life. The year 1809 saw France at war again, and Spanish prisoners were crowded into the hospitals of Bourges, where they were decimated by typhus fever. Victoire disguised herself as a peasant and, unknown to her family, had herself accepted as a nurse to look after the unfortunate prisoners. Her secret was discovered when she caught the fever herself, and her four year old son was handed over to the care of her sister Angela. Despite the fever's toll, she was fortunate to make a complete recovery.

Four years later, after discussions with her confessor Abbé Gaudin, she entered the next and most decisive stage in her life. She made contact with the Jesuits, who, having just been re-established by Pope Pius VII, had opened a college at St. Acheul, near Amiens. She placed her son Eugene in this college for his further education.

On 20 March, 1820, after a period of

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Marie Madeleine Victoire d'Houet.

indecision, Victoire d'Houet founded the Society of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, (F.C.J.), in Amiens, when, with two young girls, she began by teaching seven poor children to read, write, pray and work. She chose this name for her order because she was deeply influenced by Mary Magdalen's devotion to Jesus.

More than three years later, in October, 1823, with six nuns, who set up

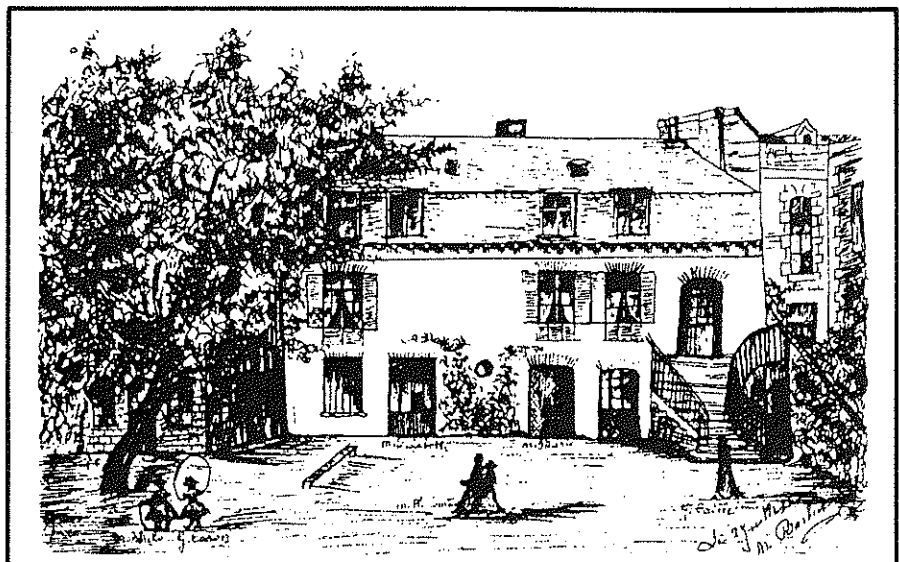
a second foundation at her birthplace, Chateauroux. Free classes from 7am to 7pm were begun and were well attended.

The new order quickly spread. Early French foundations followed one another in rapid succession; no sooner was one house established than another was opened elsewhere.

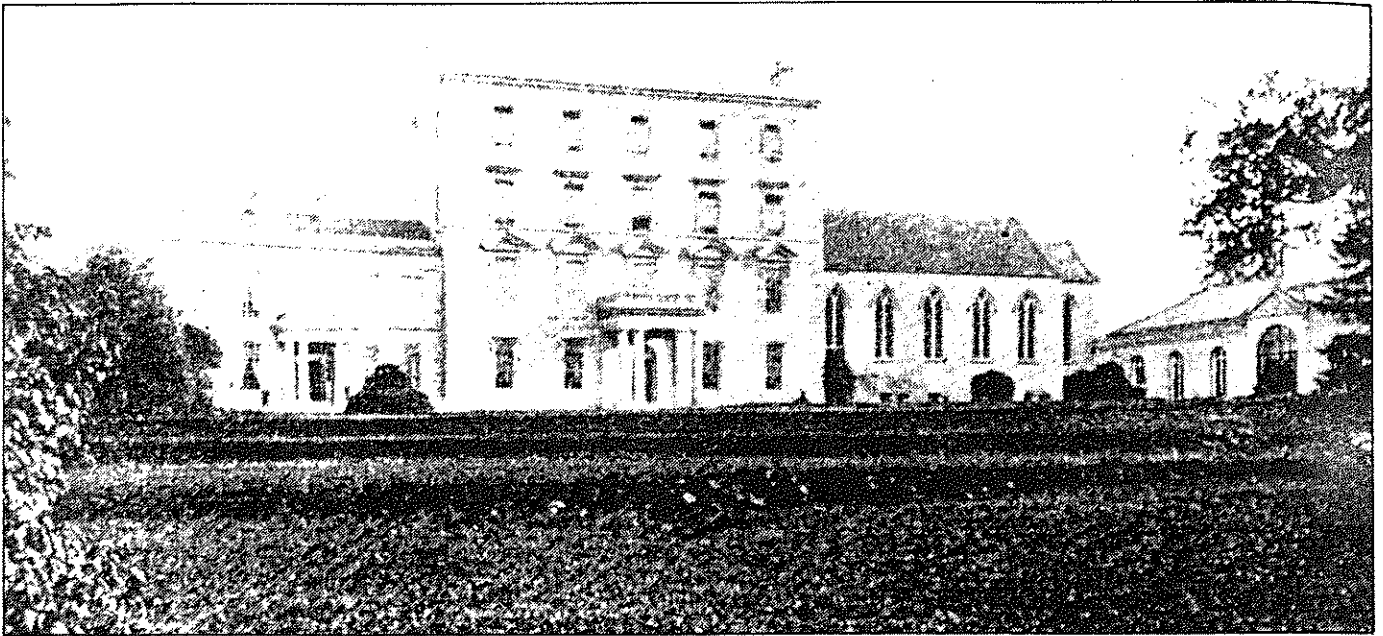
In 1826, she went to Rome for an audience with Pope Leo XII to seek his approval of her order, which he duly gave. In October that year, she was elected superior-general of the Society. Four years later, she and one of her companions travelled to London where, with the approval of the vicar apostolic, the Right Rev. J. Bramstone, a large school was handed over to her. Soon after, the Society rented a small house in Hampstead.

The superior-general then went to Geneva, Switzerland, where she established a poor school, an industrial school and two schools for the children of more affluent parents. King Charles Albert of Savoy (an area in south-east France, bordering on Italy, mainly in the Savoy Alps, then part of the kingdom of Sardina) invited her to open a college at Turin. In 1840, she purchased a prime property in Nice and established a select boarding-school there.

The following year, she returned to London and opened a similar school for Catholic girls in Gumley House, Isleworth - then on the outskirts of the city - in a Georgian mansion, surrounded by picturesque woods.



In 1820, in the shadow of Amiens Cathedral, Madame d'Houet opened her first school for poor children.



Laurel Hill Convent, completed in 1846.

In 1842, the parish priest of Oughterard, Co. Galway, Dr. Kirwan, visited London and was impressed by the nuns and their school. He pointed out that a school at Oughterard would serve the dual purpose of providing an Irish novitiate for the order and a school for local children. Victoire d'Houet readily agreed to bring the order to Ireland. The convent and novitiate at Oughterard were blessed by the Bishop of Galway, assisted by forty of his priests, on 2nd February, 1843.

On 20 March, 1844 Miss Mary Anne Connolly of Limerick, accompanied by her mother and Father William Bourke, (later to be administrator of St. John's Cathedral, Limerick,) presented herself at the novitiate at Oughterard. Fr. Bourke, who had heard much about the F.C.J.s from his friend, Brother Patrick Walsh, superior of the Christian Brothers' Schools, St. Michael's Place, Sexton

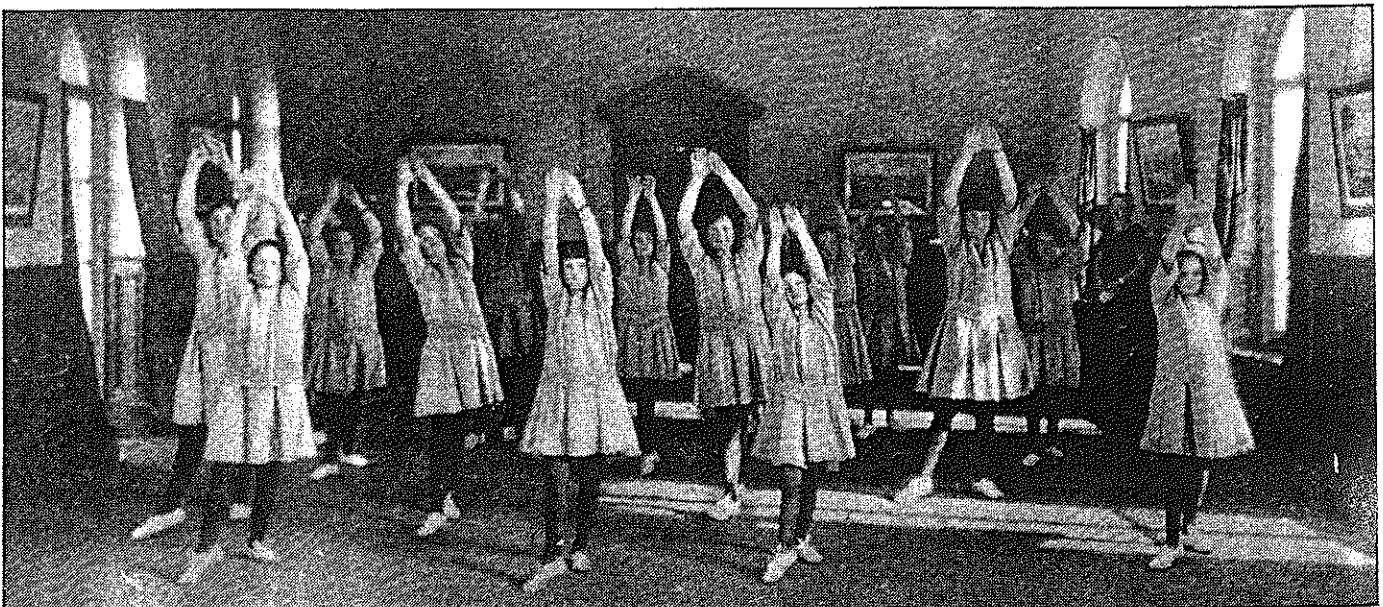
Street, Limerick, urged Victoire d'Houet - who received them herself - to set up a foundation in Limerick. Br. Walsh had already formed a friendship with the superior-general and her community when he was stationed in Wapping, London, some years earlier.

Limerick, at this period, was a place of high unemployment with the conditions of the working classes so extremely abject, that in a petition to parliament in favour of the Dublin and Cashel (Great Southern and Western) Railway, the Corporation claimed that there was more wretchedness among the poor of Limerick than among those of any other town of equal population in Ireland; that this arose from want of regular employment and that there were 1215 tradesmen (only 407 in regular employment) and 5000 labourers, equally destitute.

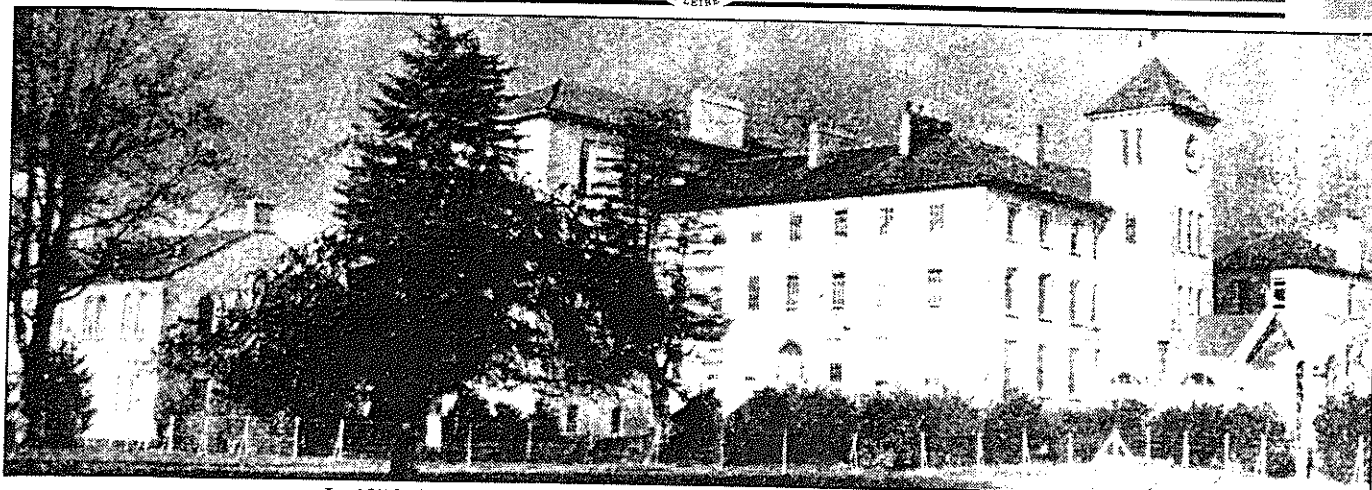
On the other hand, despite this high

unemployment, there was considerable building activity in the city, and the new Potato Market of the Long Dock, next to Matthew Bridge, had just been constructed at a cost of £1,200. The building of Newtown Pery was continuing at a brisk rate. The Pery Square housing development was also being built as was St. Michael's Church, on the southern end of the Square. St. John's Church in John's Square was being re-constructed. Negotiations were in progress for the purchase of the Commercial Buildings, Rutland Street, by the Corporation for use as a Town Hall.

This, then, was part of the social and economic background of the Limerick to which Victoire d'Houet and her companion, Mère Julie Guillemet, came on 5 September, 1844. Having alighted from one of Bianconi's coaches, they were met at the Royal George Hotel, George's (now O'Connell) Street, by Br. Walsh and



The Junior Drill Form at Laurel Hill. circa 1930.



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Fr. Bourke. The four walked the short distance to 3 Patrick Street, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Connolly, whose daughter, Mary Anne, had become an F.C.J. novice in Oughterard.

Fr. Bourke and Br. Walsh had, some time previously, spoken to the Bishop of Limerick, Dr. John Ryan, but his attitude was one of indifference to the nuns. They forewarned Victoire d'Houet of his attitude, and the next day they all set off for Kilkee, Co. Clare, to meet the bishop who was on holiday there. Contrary to expectations, Dr. Ryan gave the Society his approval, and insisted that the two nuns remain on in his Kilkee house for the rest of that day. They left on the following morning, after having agreed that they 'should open a Boarding and Day School in Limerick, in view of providing for the needs of the children of well-to-do parents'. (The poor of the city were already being catered for by the Sisters of Mercy and the Presentation Nuns.)

Victoire d'Houet and her companion, Mère Julie Guillmet, remained as guests for 10 weeks of the Connolly family, in whose home the bishop said Mass on many mornings during this time.

While still negotiating the purchase of the extensive property known as Ashbourne, the order started its community life on 1 November, 1844 at 9, Victoria Terrace, at the northern end of the South Circular Road, near the Ashbourne property. Fr. Theobald Matthew was to visit them there on one occasion.

A few months later on 26 January, 1845, the nuns moved a short distance to a large house in Richmond Place, and there a day-school was opened with thirty-three pupils. It then transpired that they had not been successful in their negotiations for the purchase of Ashbourne and, subsequently, through the efforts of Br. Walsh, Fr. Bourke and other friends, the quest for a suitable property ended in the purchase of Laurel Hill from the Limerick Quaker family of Newsome. There, on the 26 June, 1845, the boarding school opened with eleven pupils. These pupils were given 18 days'

holiday, at the beginning of August, to enable the nuns to make their annual retreat under the direction of Dean Cussen, vicar-general of the diocese. The Dean, a fluent French speaker, gave the exercise of the retreat alternately in French and in English. He served as spiritual director to the Laurel Hill community during those early years.

In October, 1845, the large central building, sixty feet high and fifty-four feet in length, was begun under the personal supervision of Victoire d'Houet, and the foundation stone was solemnly blessed by Dr. Ryan on 12 November. The building was completed in the autumn of 1846, just a year later, and opened to the public, who came from all parts to admire it, and to gaze on the beautiful, panoramic view of the River Shannon and the Clare Hills, from the fourth storey windows.

Under the foundation stone was placed a parchment on which was written the names of all the members of the community, and also medals and illustrations. There had been, fortunately, only one accident during the construction work, and the injured man was given a rosary beads by the nuns, who also sent him his wages each week until he recovered.

During the terrible Famine of 1847, the nuns tended to the hunger-stricken people who came to their convent door.

Some years later, in 1856, their spiritual director, Dean Robert Cussen brought the Society to Bruff, Co. Limerick, to look after the schools in his parish. He had first met Victoire d'Houet in Paris, where he had been pursuing his ecclesiastical studies. He could offer no school or convent, but only the shelter of his mother's home. Victoire d'Houet gladly accepted this offer, and her nuns took residence with Mrs. Cussen in Crawford's Lane.

St. Mary's boarding-school opened with a nucleus of twenty-five pupils. Growing numbers made it imperative to move into the corner house, (later known as 'The Medical Hall'). Soon the convent and schools, both primary and secondary, were begun. The site chosen

was just below the town on the left bank of the Morning Star River. Today this fine fourstoreyed building, which commands a view of the Galtee Mountains on the east, and the Ballyhouragh Hills on the south, is a landmark on the road to Kilmallock. Against a background of tall elm trees, lawns and flower-gardens, it forms a pleasant setting for a centre of education. This was the last foundation made during the life time of the foundress of the order.

On Tuesday, 5 April 1858, Madame d'Houet died in France and, two days later, her remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery of Gentilly. During the period of religious unrest in France in 1905, her relics were removed to the burial ground of the convent of the F.C.J.s at Upton Hall, Birkenhead.

In 1863, St. Philomena's kindergarten was opened by the Limerick Society, 'at a moment's notice', on 19 January, as a prohibition had been issued the previous day from the pulpit of each Catholic church in the city, forbidding parents to send their children to Protestant schools. This new faculty was referred to as an 'Academy', as the use of this term was considered more 'sophisticated'. In the same year, Bishop George Butler blessed the chapel.

In 1903, following the early death of her mother, a six year old child entered the school. This schoolgirl spent twelve years at Laurel Hill, and went on to become Limerick's finest novelist. Kate O'Brien wrote much about her native place, and her novel *The Land Of Spices*, vividly portrayed her old school, its pupils and, perhaps above all, its nuns.

In 1908, the day-school for senior day pupils was opened with accommodation for 80 girls, while St. Philomena's continued to cater for the junior pupils.

It is now one hundred and forty-five years since the F.C.J.s came to Limerick and during that time 'Laurel Hill' has seen many changes in the social and economic life of Limerick. In the rapidly changing world of education, the school remains one of the finest of its kind in Ireland and an enduring monument to its French foundress.

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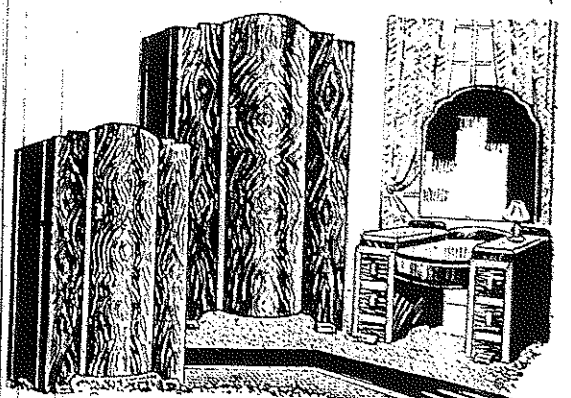
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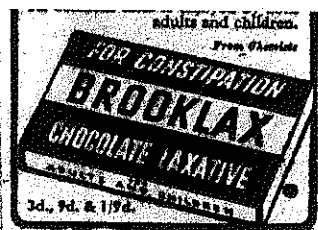
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No, it is not an aerial view of the Laurel Hill Convent, Limerick. It is a scale model made with cardboard of the Convent, showing its new school building on the left and the surrounding plantation. The model was constructed by members of the Laurel Hill Community for exhibition at the Olympia, London. About 160 religious Orders will have on show various types of work at the Vocational Week Exhibition organised by the English Hierarchy, led by Cardinal Griffin. A scale model of the F.C.J. Convent, Brúif, will be also shown at the Exhibition. Both models were despatched by plane to London.

RATHKEALE BRANCH

I.C.M.S.A.

The annual meeting of Rathkeale Branch of the I.C.M.S.A. was held on June 17th.

The Chairman, Mr. Guiney, thanked the members for their co-operation in the work of the Branch during the year, particularly during the milk stoppage. The Branch membership was, all that could be desired and, consequently, they had every reason to be proud of it.

The Secretary, Mr. R. Sheehy, gave a detailed report of the activities of the Branch since the previous annual meeting. A substantial sum had been contributed to the I.C.M.S.A. by way of contribution by the creamery, voluntary fighting fund and membership fees—all of which had been paid generously and promptly. He paid tribute to the assistance rendered by the creamery manager, Mr. O'Brien.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. Guiney;

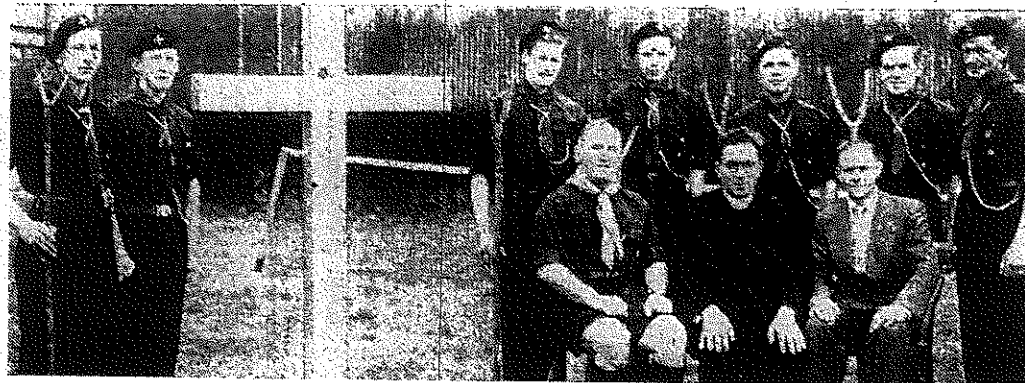
ATHEA I.C.A.

During the past six months the Athea Guild of the I.C.A. have made steady progress, holding their fortnightly meetings regularly. Outstanding features were the visit of the Federation Officers to the March meeting, Mrs. Gleeson's attendance at a Committee meeting in April, and Mrs. Ahern's demonstration of basket-making in May.

The Tostal display of crafts, which included leather-work, rugs, firescreens, lampshades, eider-downs, etc., was greatly admired by all.

The Guild ended the first half of 1953 with a very enjoyable outing to Kilkee. Travelling by bus on the scenic route via Glin and Foynes, they had their first break for Mass and refreshments at Limerick, the next stop being at Fanny O'Dea's, where some partook of the renowned egg-flip. Having lunched at the Hydro, they enjoyed a few hours on the strand and cliffs of Kilkee, then journeyed to Rineanna, where a pleasant hour was spent. All returned home in exhilarated

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CONGRATULATIONS.

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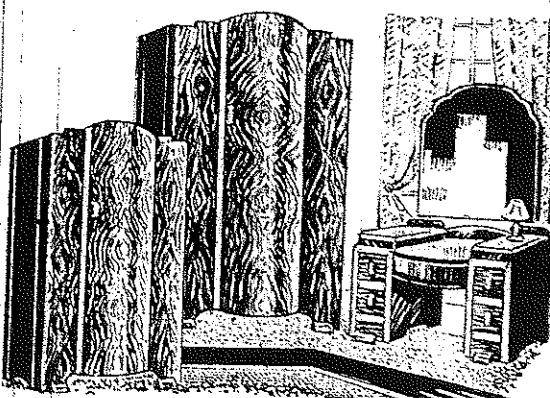
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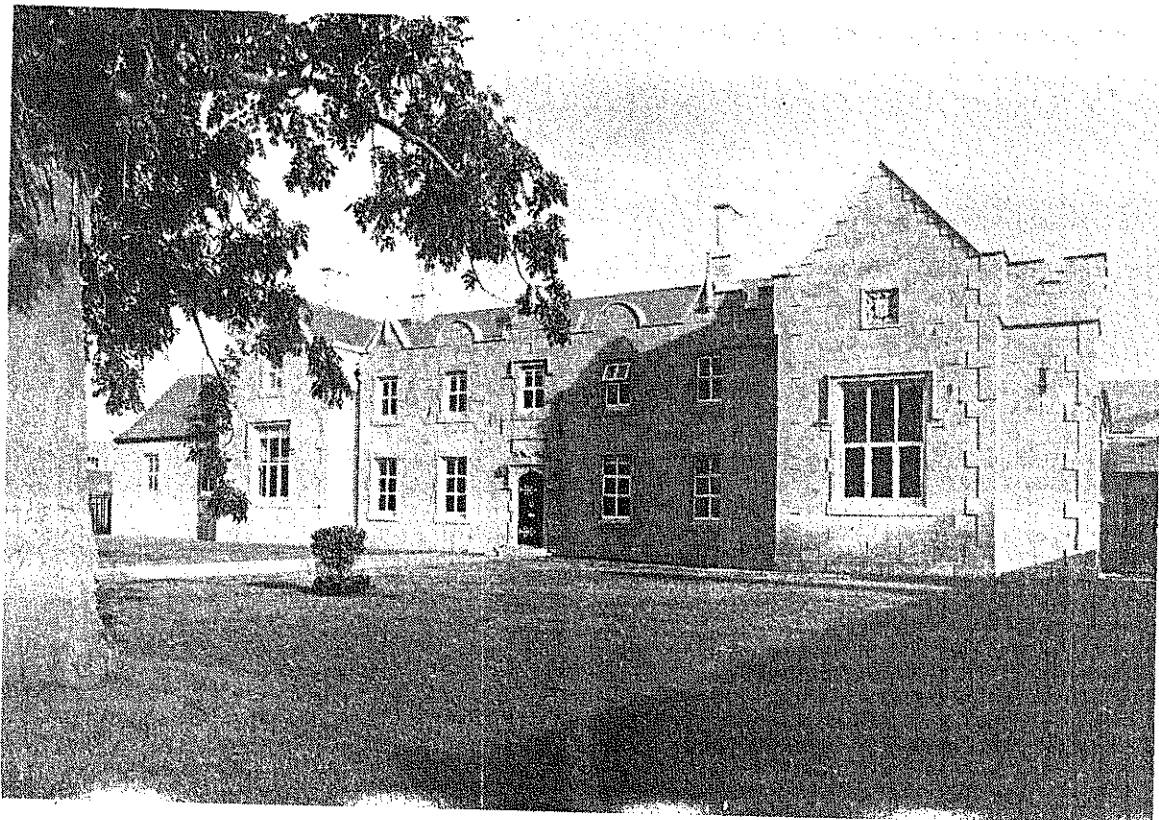
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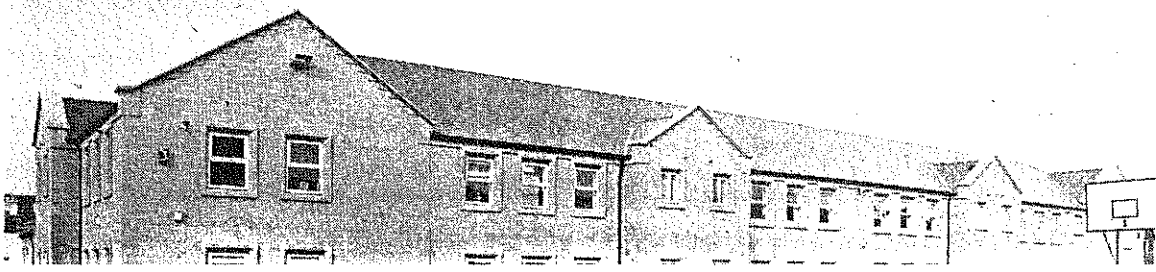
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In the year 1825, Daniel Ryan Kane leased to William Newsom the dwellinghouse and part of the lands of Courtbrack, in the South Liberties, approximately seven acres.

In the year 1845, William Newsom leased to Laurel Hill Convent the greater part of the premises originally demised to him by Daniel Ryan Kane, with the houses and building thereon and that other part of the premises called Knapsack Lodge.

The leasehold premises retained by William Newsom consisted of the frontage to the South Circular Road, on which now stand the houses of Victoria Terrace, etc., up to the small one-storey lodge, apparently built as a gate lodge, on the original entry to Laurel Hill, and extending to and including the passage originally Albert Place, leading to the Reparation Convent.

In 1857, Mrs. Emily O'Brien, chased the premises above of Pery Square, purchased the described in 1872, and his property then known as 14 family, were the benefactors and 15 Albert Place. No. 14 of the Community in providing them with these premises, Mahody, and No. 15 Albert Place, which stood on the site immediately adjacent to the present Reparation Convent, was then tenanted by Hamilton W. Langley.

On the 8th of April, 1872, Patrick McNamara, of Nicholas Street, Limerick, Flour Merchant, purchased the premises from Mrs. O'Brien. Some time between 1872 and 1884 a number of ladies had got together and formed a voluntary Society of Adoration, and obtained a tenancy of No. 15 Albert Place from Mr. McNamara. These ladies were under the direction first of a Redemptorist, Rev. Father Bridgett, C.S.S.R., and later of a Jesuit, Rev. Father Timothy O'Keefe, S.J., until at the instance of the Most Rev. Dr. George Butler, Lord Bishop of Limerick, it was arranged that members of the Reparation Order should come to establish a community in Limerick. In the result, in July, 1884, a group of nuns came to make their foundation in Limerick, and they were joined by thirteen of the Sisters, who had heretofore carried on the Adoration Society, as before mentioned.

In 1885, the premises 14 and 15 Albert Place were made over by the Most Rev. Dr. Butler and Michael McNamara to the Sisters of the Reparation Convent. It will appear from the foregoing that the Patrick McNamara who pur-

The present chapel was built in 1887. In January, 1913, Samuel George Bernal, of Brook Watson, Nenagh, whose family had acquired part of the original Newsom leasehold, sold to the Community the plot of ground which is situated opposite the Convent Building, and bounded by both sides by grounds of the Laurel Hill F.C.J. Convent.

It is of interest to note that following his purchase in 1858 of part of the Newsom property, John Bernal, the purchaser and auctioneer, resided in the premises known as Albert Lodge, and his daughter was Emily Phaff, whose romantic story is told in "The House By Lough Gur" (founded on the recollections of Mrs. Fogarty, of Bruff, as edited by Lady Carbery). When John Bernal made his purchase in 1858, the premises numbered 16 Albert Place became the premises recently occupied by Mr. O'Donovan-Reid; 17, Albert Place, the large house and garden lately purchased by Laurel Hill Community, and 1 Albert Place, then a small house with a frontage to Stable Land, of later years used as a store.

Who are the Reparation nuns? A brief history of the Institute may not be out of place here.

ORDER FOUNDED IN 1856. The Order was founded in 1856 by a Belgian lady, mother of four children, who, after the death of her saintly husband gave herself up more than ever to works of zeal and charity.

On December 8th, 1854, the day on which the Vicar of Christ defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception as an article of faith, the Foundress, while praying in her private Oratory, heard the call to found a Religious Order, whose members under the protection of the Queen of Heaven and following in her footsteps, would give Our Lord, hidden under the Sacramental Veil, a love so delicate, so pure and so fervent that in each one of them He would find something of the virginal and tender love of His Mother, together with her zeal in spreading His Kingdom on earth.

Despite keen opposition, even from those on whose co-operation and loyalty she had a right to count, this valiant woman followed her heaven-sent vocation, and at her death in 1877 she had opened houses in Alsace, France, Belgium, Rome, England, Ireland, and her daughters had even crossed the seas to carry the gospel to India. She bequeathed to her followers the keynote of her own life—unbounded generosity in the service of God, which would embrace all races and every country where souls were to be saved.

TWO-FOLD SPIRIT. The spirit of the Order is two-fold — (1) With God in

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Since the death of the Foundress, the Order has spread throughout Europe, as well as to the two Americas, Canada, Africa, the East.

In it has been verified the words of Pope Leo XIII, by whom the constitutions were finally approved: "Truly this is the work of the hour, the finger of God is here."

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill—faithful to the traditions of his revered predecessors—has graciously given permission to erect a new Convent on the site of the present buildings, which have become unsafe with the passage of time.

During the time of reconstruction, which has commenced, the Community will live in a side wing so as to be able to continue the adorations before the Most Blessed Sacrament, as the Chapel will remain open to the public as usual from 7 o'clock Mass each morning till Benediction at 5 o'clock, and the other works of the Convent—retreats, adoration associations, altar breads, Church needlework, etc., etc., will continue as usual.

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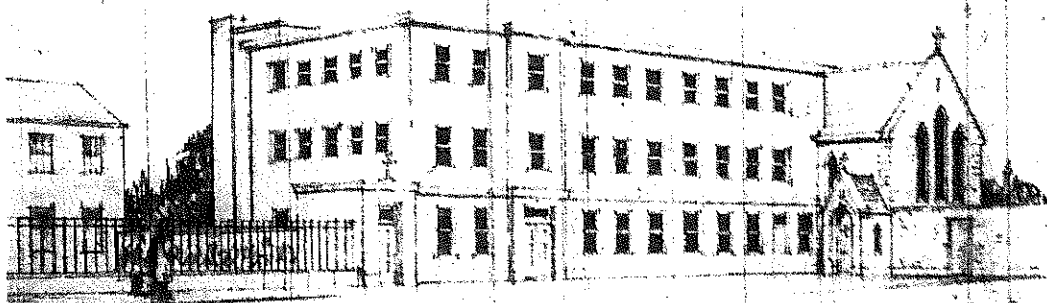
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BLESSING OF NEW CITY CONVENT

A historic ceremony took place
in the Reparation Convent,
Laurel Hill Avenue, Limerick, on
Friday evening of last week when
the blessing of the new convent
was performed by His Lordship, the
Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr.
P. O'Neill.

The ceremony marked the con-
clusion of a Solemn Triduum of
thanksgiving for all the graces and
benefits bestowed on the Society
during the past 100 years. That
morning Solemn High Mass was
celebrated in the convent chapel, at
which Rev. Father J. Sadlier, St.
Munchin's College, was celebrant;
the deacon was Rev. Father G.
McNamee, do.; and the sub-deacon,
Rev. Father M. Manning, C.C., St.
Michael's.

The singing of the Mass was
magnificently rendered by pupils of
Laurel Hill Convent, and it was
very devotional. The sentiments
of all present were admirably ex-
pressed in the words of the Introit
of the Mass of the Day—"Guadeamus Omnes."

BISHOP'S APPRECIATION.

At 4.30 p.m. the sanctuary door
was opened and his Lordship was
escorted to the pulpit by Rev.
Father McNamee. His Lordship
spoke briefly about the establish-
ment of the Society in Limerick
and expressed his appreciation of
the work done and the manifold
blessings drawn down on the city
by the life of reparation. He also
paid special tribute to the men's
Committee, and to the Men's
Adoration Association. He con-
cluded by reading the terms of the
telegram received from the Holy
Father on the occasion of the
Centenary. His Lordship officiated
at the closing Solemn Benediction
with two former Chaplains as
deacon and sub-deacon—Very Rev.
Canon Martin and Very Rev.
Father Lynch, P.P., the latter of
whom read the Act of Consecration
to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

His Lordship intoned the Te
Deum, which was vibrantly sung
by the Franciscan Choir, under the
direction of Mrs. Quinn, who each
evening during the Triduum pro-
vided the music, which was ex-
quisitely rendered.

After Benediction, Rev. Father
McNamee re-entered the sanctuary
bearing the processional cross and
followed firstly by the acolytes,
with lighted torches, and then by
the clergy, who preceded his Lord-
ship to the oratory and thence
through the house for the blessing.
This being concluded, the proces-
sion emerged from the front door
and made an imposing sight as
they filed down the Avenue to
enter by the garden gate, the con-
gregation having lined up on either
side.

THE CENTENARY TRIDUUM

The Triduum had opened on
Wednesday of last week when the
sermon was preached by Very
Rev. Fr. G. McDonnell, C.S.S.R.,
Rector, Limerick. On Thursday
the sermon was given by Rev.
Fr. G. Perrott, S.J., and on the
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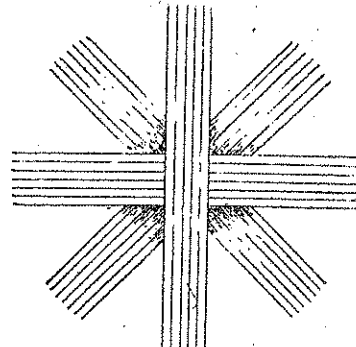
Fruit Basket.

Materials — 1 lb. No. 6. Cane
(red tie).

Measurements—4½ ins. high, 10
ins. across top.

Instructions—Take three or four
lengths of cane and soak in cold
water for ten minutes, then wrap
in a towel to mellow. Proceed as
follows:—

(1). Base. Cut 24 canes 36 ins.
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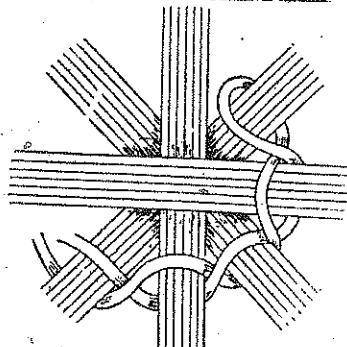
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(2) Holding these canes flat on
the table, take a piece of the damp
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end about 2 ins. longer than the
other. Place the fold with one end
of the cane on top of the first six
canes and one underneath; start-
ing about an inch from the centre,
bring the back cane forward and
and front cane behind, twisting
them as in diag. 2 (this is called
pairing). Continue to weave
round these eight sets of six
canes for two rows.

(3) Divide these sets of canes
into threes and continue to weave
round for three more rows, being
careful to keep the weaving close
together and the canes an equal
distance apart. See diag. 3.

Edge of Basket. Keeping the
work flat on the table, take three
of the long canes and place them



Diag. 2.

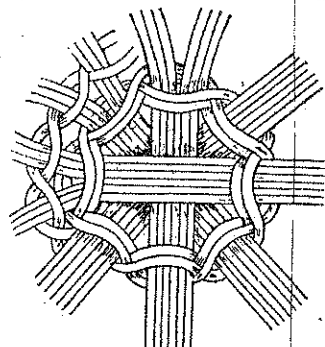
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Flower Basket.

Materials—1 lb. of No. 6
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Diag. 3.

Measurements — 12 ins.
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Finish off the base stand as
for Fruit Basket.

L.P.Y.M.A. FETE

The L.P.Y.M.A. Annual Fete (as
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Flax took so much good out of the soil that farmers gave up growing it, so that the Peases sold the mill in 1770 and removed to Darlington, where they became very large employers and railway pioneers.

The ruined mill at Ballintlea still stands and the original lease fell to the possession of the descendants of the original lessor, the Fitzjames Kellys of Sixmilebridge.

We have in Limerick Meeting House a book, "Truth Exalted" by J. Burnyeat, 1691, and across the fly-leaf written "Elizabeth Pease, her book."

Sixmilebridge

It is interesting to note in the village of Sixmilebridge - which is west of the Shannon and therefore, native Irish - in the old market

house is a stone words "Hane 1733," and other stone, on Squall, 1733. "George St. placed in the street near House.

Our books "Amy Hall dyer, Mills, Co. Clare

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By LEADER REPORTER

FIFTY YEARS on, the Irish speaking "A" school at Laurel Hill continues to flourish, ensuring the continuation of the Irish language in Limerick city and county.

And on Sunday last, the Bishop of Limerick, Most Reverend Dr. Jeremiah Newman, concelebrated a special thanksgiving Mass to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the founding of the school in the city.

Bishop Newman was assisted by An tAthair P. O. Fiannachta, Maynooth; Canon Michael Lane, St. Munchin's College; Fr. D. Murray, Crescent College Comprehensive; Fr. Donal McNamara, St. Joseph's; Very Rev. John Ryan, Adm., St. Joseph's and An tAthair Seosamh O Nuanain, St. Munchin's College.

School choir

The ceremony was enriched by the school choir and soloists Aedin Ni Bhriain and Treasa Ni Ia, who captivated the large congregation with their selection of Irish hymns.

The congregation included the Mayor of Limerick, Senator Pat Kennedy; the Minister for Justice, Mr. Michael Noonan; Mr. Tom O'Donnell, T.D., M.E.P.; Mother Breda O'Farrell, Mother General, F.C.J.; Sr. Mary Joseph, manager of the school; Sr. Benigna, founder of the "A" school and Sr. Catherine Geary, principal of the "A" school.

Speaking in Irish, Bishop Newman congratulated the F.C.J. order on their wonderful contribution to education since they arrived in Limerick in 1844.

"At that time, as you know, Catholic education of any kind and in any language was something that could be conducted only with

great difficulty in this country," he added.

"But the good Sisters persisted and endured, worked and prayed, until they eventually had created one of the finest schools in Ireland."

Bishop Newman told the congregation that it was most important that we preserved our culture, including our language, especially in a world that was becoming featureless culturally, ironically levelled by its high-rise buildings, made drab by its uniform consumer economy and depersonalised by its faceless international political structures.

Important

"And though a knowledge of a Continental language is essential it is equally important to preserve our distinctiveness, something in which we can take pride," he said.

"It is good that there should be schools like this, devoted to Irish culture," said Bishop Newman, who also saluted the work of the Model School and the recently established Gaelscoil in Newcastle West.

It was indeed a memorable day for Sr. Benigna, the founder of the school. Her courage and dedication were praised by both Bishop Newman and the Mayor of Limerick, Senator Pat Kennedy.

"She assumed the responsibility of this school with courage and enthusiasm, inspiring a sincere love for the language in the students of those years," said Bishop Newman.

The school started in 1935 with 50 pupils and today has 365.

"Fifty years ago, Sr. Benigna had the courage and enthusiasm to take on this responsibility. This enthusiasm was continued by Sr. Dolores Mulholland, F.C.J., and Sr. Catherine Geary (the present principal), both past pupils of the "A" school", said Mayor Kennedy.

Celebration

Sr. Benigna told the guests at the celebration dinner how glad she was to be present for the occasion. She told how only after one year teaching she took up the position at the "A" school.

"Of course there were some difficulties at the beginning," said Sr. Benigna who emphasised the importance of the preservation of the Irish language.

The Minister for Justice, Mr. Noonan, paid tribute to the F.C.J. order and to all religious orders throughout the city for their influence and participation in

education at all levels.

"We in government welcome this participation and we want it to continue," he declared.

The efforts of Sr. Benigna were also lauded by an tUasal Micheal O Murchu, representing the chief executive of Bord na Gaeilge, and Mr. Ray Kearns, who represented the Minister for Education.

"Sr. Benigna had the ability to envisage the impossible and to carry it out successfully. Irish society needs people like this," said an tUasal O Murchu.

Welcomed

He welcomed the revival of Irish

schools: "A natural growth has taken place in the number of primary schools throughout the country — seven new Irish schools were opened this year — and I can only hope this revival will extend to secondary schools and third-level institutions throughout Ireland."

To mark the occasion Ms. Mairead Nestor, chairperson of the Laurel Hill Parents Council, on behalf of the parents presented a selection of books to the school library.

Past and present pupils of the "A" school demonstrated their musical talents in a half-hour concert.



Attending the Laurel Hill celebrations: Bernadette Doyle, Loretto and Senator Pat Kennedy, Mayor of Limerick, Helen O'Donnell, Agnes O'Doherty, Geraldine Reddan, Sr. Catherine Geary, principal, Sr. Victoria, superior, Hilda Raftery and Ann Mordan, vice principal.

By LEADER REPORTER

RESIDENTS OF Ballycannon Heights, Meelick, have street lighting no longer — and all because Clare County Council hasn't the money to take over from the developer, the Rural Resources Organisation, which feels it can't keep on paying.

The R.R.O., founded by Fr. Harry Bohan, built the houses and bungalows and, as required by planning permission, provided 22 street lamps.

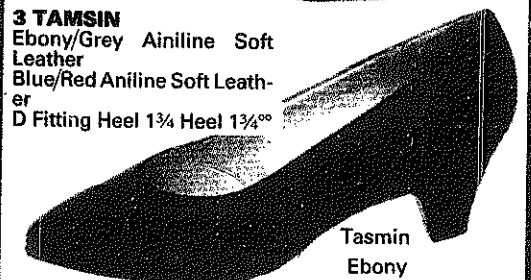
Then, estate complete, it switched on the lights, pending the customary take-over by the Coun-

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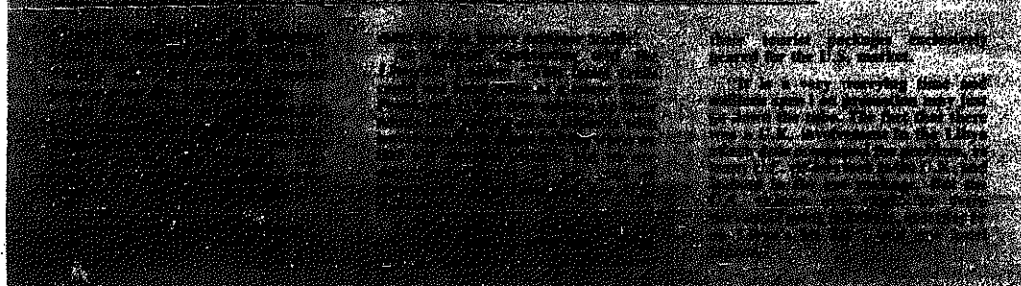
Weather

Today will be cold, cloudy and windy with only occasional rain or hail and strong northerly winds with gale gusts in exposed places; temperature 7 degrees. Tonight will be cold with strong northerly winds slackening slowly; frost is likely early in the morning. Thursday will be cold and mainly dry.

Deaths

Death notices are on Page 3.

Limerick city may lose millions over crisis



Second civic awards scheme launch

LIMERICK City Council's second civic awards scheme is being launched by the students of the city, carrying prize this year. It is the second aimed at an objective study of its history, people, environment, and Quilligan of the town's Planning and Estate said that they entered.

"We have lots coming in here! time looking for project which have t Corporation. "Now we hope benefit from s study ourselves Quilligan.

The award was first two years ago, ing to Mr. O now be held cycles.

The first winner O'Connor of C duced a project Limerick city ir

20 GIRLS SUSPENDED OVER DEMO

CONVENT CONFLICT

By MARY HEENAN
STUDENTS AT A
city convent

school have
been suspended
following their
participation in

yesterday's rally, which was held to highlight concern at the ongoing dispute between the teachers and the Government.

The 20 Leaving Cert girls are pupils at Laurel Hill C School.

"It was only a minority of the students who joined the protest and they have all now been suspended until Friday morning", said Sr. Madeline, school principal.

"I contacted all their parents and notified them of my action", said the school principal.

She added: "I told the students earlier in the day that they were not to leave the school property and I have to take a stand on the matter. I also suggested to them that there were other ways for them to show their grievances. Time is precious enough at the moment".

Annoyed

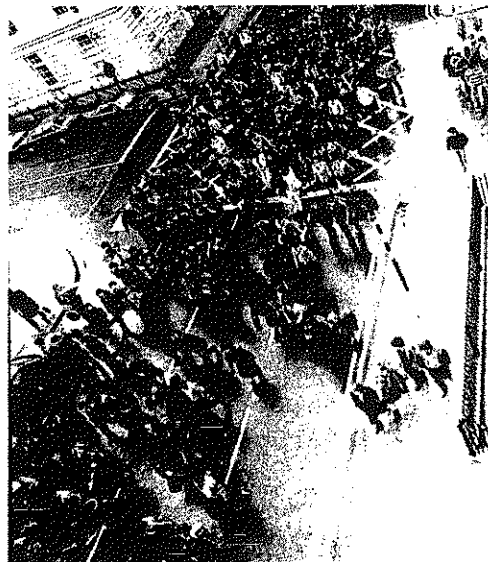
A mother of one of the girls who was suspended said this morning that she was very annoyed with Sr. Madeline's decision.

"As far as I know, this hasn't happened in any other school".

And this Wednesday morning the students protest was stepped up when a further rally was mounted at Arthurs Quay.

Hundreds of students from secondary schools throughout the city marched through O'Connell Street on their way to St. Clement's.

"The pupils at St. Clement's have been told not to join the protest, but we hope to get them out", said Leaving Cert



Protesting students in O'Connell Street this Wednesday morning.

student at the school, Brian Liddy.

And not alone are the students now campaigning for an end to the dispute between the teachers and the Government, but today they were calling for the reinstatement of all students who have been suspended over the past few days.

SENTENCED

Oliver McNamara, 70 Cliona Park, Moyross, was sentenced to six months in prison, and disqualified from driving for 12 months, on a charge of driving with 155 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, on June 4, 1984, by Justice Mary Martin, at Limerick city court.

Delay in social welfare

INDEPENDENT Cllr Win Haughton lashed the Government's practice of budgetary increases in welfare allowances.

17 - claiming period of ten years - privileged would be behind on increase.

Cllr. Harrington, speaking at the Health Committee, pointed out that the excise duties on almost all imported goods had increased money out of the while increases in pensions, child and other benefits had been delayed for some time.

"Over ten years government will be people a full year their increases changes should effect on the stressed Cllr. H.

Blow out the smoke

ALL FORMS of tobacco advertising banned, Ald. Jim Kemmy demands at night's meeting of the Limerick City Committee.

Speaking on the "Tobacco Products Advertising, Sponsorship and Sales Promotions, 1986," Ald. Kemmy said that they did enough.

"I don't think it goes far enough, after all, evidence of what smoking can do. A complete advertising of tobacco should be imposed. You down one way or the other," he added.

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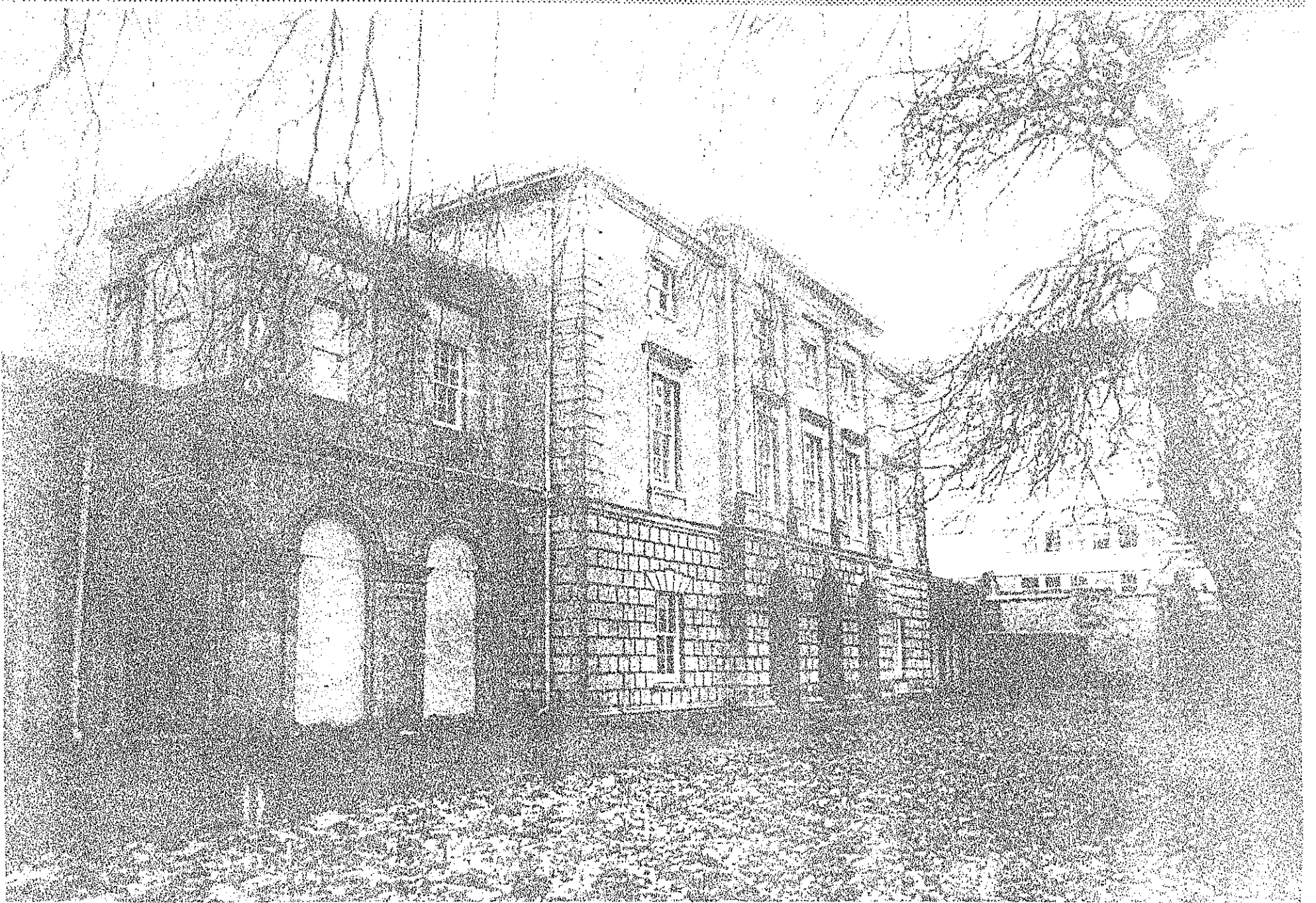
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Oil Mill

Pease - In 1660 a Dutch family named Pease settled in Ballintlea, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare and built an oil mill there for crushing flax seed. In 1712 George Pease, member of Limerick Meeting, married Elizabeth Randall of Cork. He died at "Ballinagown, near Limerick," in 1743 and his widow married Joshua Fennell of Co. Tipperary.

Flax took so much good out of the soil that farmers gave up growing it, so that the Peases sold the mill in 1770 and removed to Darlington, where they became very large employers and railway pioneers.

The ruined mill at Ballintlea still stands and the original lease fell to the possession of the descendants of the original lessor, the Fitzjames Keliys of Sixmilebridge.

We have in Limerick Meeting House a book "Truth Exalted" by J. Burnyeat, 1691, and across the fly-leaf written "Elizabeth Pease, her book."

Sixmilebridge

It is interesting to note in the village of Sixmilebridge - which is west of the Shannon and therefore, native Irish - in the old market

house is a slab with the words "Hanover Square, 1733," and there are two other slabs, one "Frederick Squall, 1733," the other "George Street, 1733," placed in the walls of the street near the Market House.

Our books record that "Amy Hall died at the Oyle Mills, Co. Clare, 29-4-1732."

It is interesting to observe that William Penn's mother (wife of Admiral Penn) was the daughter of a Dutchman named John Jasper, who had settled in the same neighbourhood, at Rathlahine.

Pike - James Martin Pike married Deborah Hill of Limerick, 1802. The Pikes had some property in the neighbourhood of High Street, Limerick, and a lane there still bears the name, "Pike's Row." The Pikes left Limerick for Dublin in 1803 and in those days had to make the journey by coach.

A comma

Scarr - Two young Englishmen, John and Lodge Scarr, after serving their time to the sea business in London, came to Limerick, and in 1850 opened a shop at 15 Patrick Street. Being young and enterprising, on the fascia board they placed their name first, then the number and then their trade.

This the public read as "Scarr Bros., 15 Teamen from London," and thinking so many teamen must be able to give good value, flocked into their establishment, but when they painted the background blue they were known as "Scarr Bros., 15 Teamen on a blue look-out."

Another instance of an unexpected effect of placing a comma was told by a Limerick friend, Thomas Abbott, of his uncle, Paul

Abbott, of North Abbey, Youghal.

P. Abbott's business was that of importing goods from the Continent at a time when privateering was common. One time his ship was boarded by pirates, but, nothing daunted, he explained that he was "Paul, Abbott of North Abbey, Youghal, Ireland," whereupon they thought it better to leave such a holy man alone and withdrew.

Sikes - Here was yet another friend in the tea trade. Their shop was at the corner of George Street and Shannon Street.

Taverner - Although frequently serving on committees, the Taverners do not seem to have been prominent Friends at any time. Anne Taverner was a recorded Minister and several times received a minute for "service in the love of the Gospel" in other Meetings, viz.: Co. Wicklow and Leinster, 1794, etc.

Though the name of Taverner has long been extinct, their relatives later drew rents from "Westbourne" and a house in Glentworth Street.

Unthank - The Unthinks were numerous and active Friends from 1712 till 1895. In the old part of Limerick, called Mungret Street, there is a plot of ground still known as "Unthinks Garden," and a lane as "Joss's Lane." These took their name from Joss Unthank, who had his business and property there.

One family of Unthinks, after spending several weeks in Paris, returned with a craze to have their grounds at Templeville laid out after the plan of the Petit Trianon at Paris.

They erected a small spiral tower oriented with four coloured glass windows: green for spring, red for summer, orange for autumn and blue for winter. They

had winding paths and statues about their grounds.

They brought three small yew trees from the grave of Napoleon, which they planted in the new Friends graveyard and which thrive so well that now they must be the largest yews in the country.

Cold rush

The last of the Linthorpe was Gabriel Fisher, born 1814, always known as "Gabe." Smitten by the gold fever in 1853, he and Robert Alexander and a third friend, Edward Robinson, emigrated to Australia. Two of them packed their belongings in small boxes - but the B.A. packed all his in one great case.

Arrival in Australia at a time when there was no railway or even roads to the old diggings. The B.A. once proved a really white elephant.

They did not stay long in Australia. "Gabe" returned with only enough gold to make a wedding in the old wife, Margaret, whom he married in Dublin, but she died very soon after and he came back to Limerick.

When he fell in for Templeville, he specialised in growing delicious pears, for which he was known all over Ireland. He died in 1905, aged 81.

Meeting houses

The original Meeting House was in Cragh Lane. The building was afterwards used as a bakery, but the last few years as a cinema, until the fire which occurred a few months ago (April, 1900).

The present Meeting House in Cecil Street still stands fresh and bold as when erected 130 years ago, a silent monument to these remarkable people.

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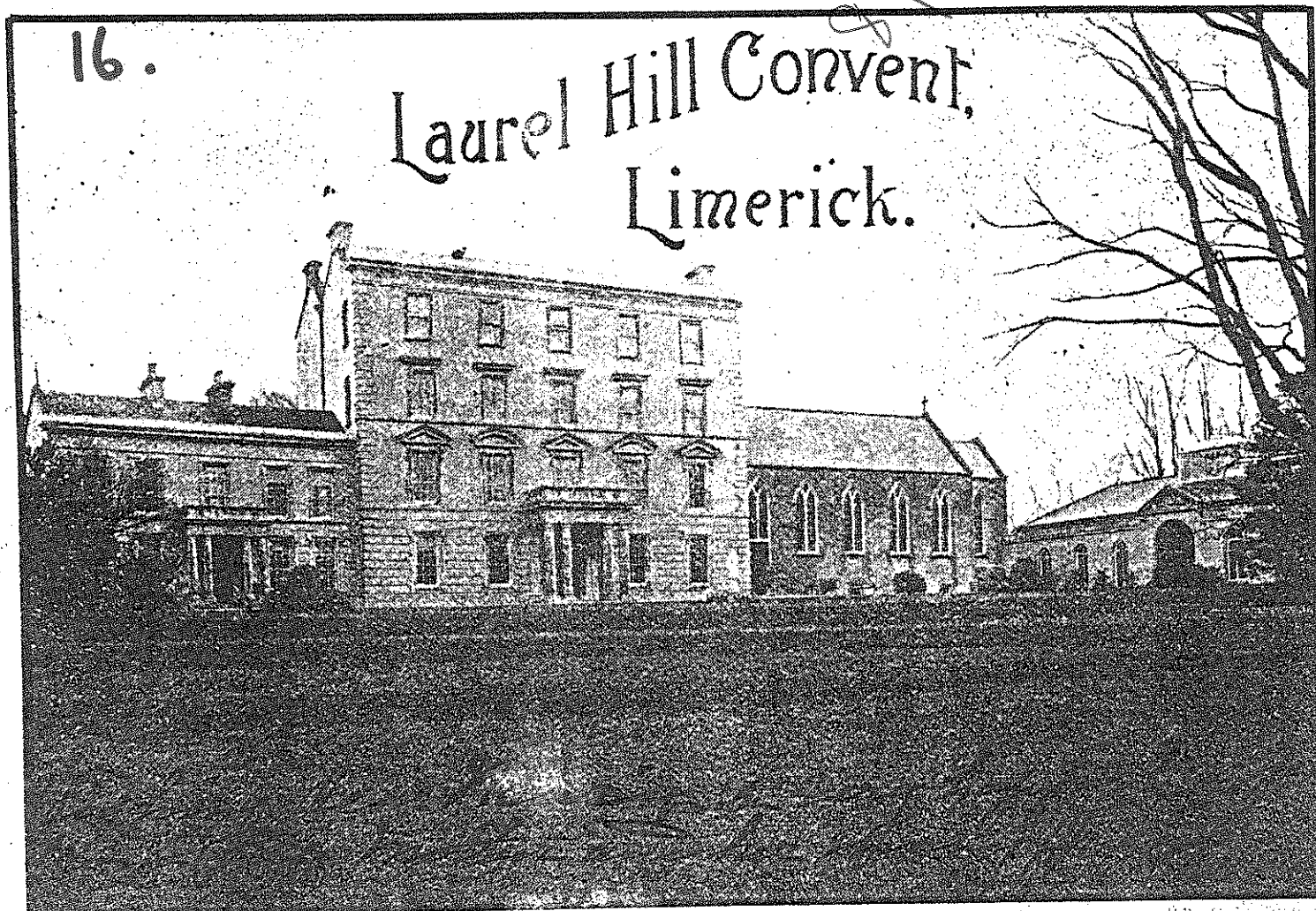
daughter of Aubrey de Vere,
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who visited Curragh Chase
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five weeks there in 1848.

owned by Marie Antoinette,
and a massive statue of
Moses, said to be one of two
found in the whole world.

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Laurel Hill Convent pictured in 1903.

The Blood Mill Road

The rustic boreen, known

Here the Sheharee brook
crosses the road to meander

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mill for sawing logs into