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Bishop Of Limerick Opens New National School At Meelick

IN brilliant sunshine and in the presence of parishioners and school children, His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, blessed and formally opened the new £13,500 national school at Meelick, Co. Clare, yesterday. The school, which is adjacent to church and road, replaces the old school built in 1874, and includes four class rooms capable of accommodating 140 pupils. The school, which is dedicated to Our Lady, will be known as Scoil Mhuire.

The formal opening and blessing by His Lordship was preceded by Mass in the local church, which was celebrated by Rev. Father J. Kennedy, C.C., S. Mary's, Limerick, and presided over by Most Rev Dr. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick. In the sanctuary were: Right Rev. Monsignor M. Moloney, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. J. Halpin, P.P., Cratloe, and Very Rev. D. Rea, P.P., Parteen.

Following the celebration of the Mass, a procession led by Very Rev. Father Halpin, bearing the Crucifix aloft, walked from the church to the new school, at the entrance of which it was met by a guard of honour of children of the school drawn up on each side of the entrance to the building.

ADDRESS OF PARISH PRIEST.

The school having been blessed and formally opened by His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Father Rea addressed the big gathering of parents, parishioners and children from the main entrance of the school. At the outset, he welcomed His Lordship and thanked him for performing the ceremony that day despite the heavy demands made on him. He said that the new school was dedicated to Our Lady and would be known as Scoil Mhuire. They felt honoured and grateful, he said, that his Lordship had taken time off to bless and open the school. However, Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, being a teacher himself before his consecration as they entered it.

Father Rea also paid a tribute to the Press for valuable publicity.

HAPPY OCCASION, SAYS HIS LORDSHIP.

His Lordship, who spoke first in Irish, said it was a very happy occasion for the parish that day in the opening of this new school, which no doubt the parishioners had watched going up with a sense of pride. They new school would fill an important role in the parish for many years to come. He had no need, he said, to remind the parents and children of the opportunity the school afforded pupils to get a high-class education. When they had all passed away this magnificent new school would still be standing. It would give a life time of service to the people of the parish and they could be proud of the building which was set in such pleasant and nice surroundings. The design was very efficient and the construction appeared to be equally good.

Most Rev. Dr. Murphy went on to congratulate Very Rev. Father Rea for his initiative in undertaking the building of the school and he also wished to congratulate the people of the parish who were so ready to undertake this educational project, realising of course the great importance of the school and its provision in the parish. He wished also to congratulate the contractor, Mr. McNamara, and the tradesmen, foreman and labourers, who were instrumental in erecting the building; the State

BISHOP BLESSES NEW SCHOOL

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, Bishop of Limerick, blessing the new national school at Meelick yesterday morning. Also in picture are Right Rev. Mons. M. Moloney, P.P., St. Munchin's Rev. D. Rea, P.P., Parteen, and Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's.

WORKING HOURS OF FIRE BRIGADE

Mr. G. B. Dillon at Monday's meeting of the City Council referred to the minutes of the last meeting regarding the discussion on the Labour Court's recommendation concerning the hours worked by the Limerick Fire Brigade, and said that he thought that

The Story Of Two Flags

A VERY pleasant ceremony took place at Mungret College on Sunday last, when a new College flag was blessed by Very Rev. G. Perrott, S.J., Rector, and flown from the College flag staff.

The flag, designed by James O'Leary, was presented on behalf of the Mungret College Union by the Vice-President, Mr. Thomas Martin, Dublin. Members of the

INCREASING

ACCUSED FOUND GUILTY MURDER

THE concluding stages of the trial of William Wall (28), labourer, Knocktopher, Co. Kilkenny, who is charged with the murder of Mrs. Brigid Farrell, a 69-year-old widow, were reached in the Central Criminal Court, Dublin, this afternoon.