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Group photographed at the formal handing over of the new instrumts to the Boherbuoy Band on Sunday. Included are: Aid John Carew, T.D., Mayor of Limerick; Very Rev. K. O'Sullivan, Adm., St. Michael's; Aid. G. E. Russell, T.D.; Rev. T. McMahon, S.J.; Mr. M. Campbell, Chairman Boherbuoy Band; Comdt. T. Brennock, Mr. J. Clancy, and members of the band.

Glowing Tributes To A Famous Limerick Band

A JOYOUS chord was struck in the musical life of Limerick when at an interesting ceremony in the Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Bandroom, on Sunday, that famous 110 years old band from Boherbuoy, was formally presented with £1,500 worth of instruments, which they have purchased with the aid of funds derived from weekly house-to-house collections.

The Mayor, Aid. John Carew, T.D., an honorary life member of the band, was called upon to make the presentation. Glowing tributes to the band followed, in the course of which Comdt. J. Brennock, of the Army School of Music, said it was amazing the number of young Limerick men who had passed through the Army School of Music.

SO much interest was aroused by the presentation that the bandroom was filled to capacity with veteran and young members as well as comparatively new recruits from school-going ranks. Others interested in the welfare of the band were there to be associated with a ceremony that marked, what might be termed a new lease of life in a musical history studied with proud achievements over a period of 110 years.

The new instruments, which are flat pitched, will give the band an added charm. Not only will they embellish the uniformed appearance of the band on parade but will give something extra in tonal quality, which will be all for the good of Limerick's tradition in music.

Among those who stepped forward on Sunday to accept some of the new instruments, were boy members. They included Connie Holmes (18), Tom Halpin (15), John Younger (13), Anthony Doyle (12), Denis Morgan (12), John Casey (13), Stephen Halpin (13), and Richard Hall (12). With such an array of budding talent, the future of the band, with its new instruments, is extremely bright in every sense of the word.

Those who witnessed the presentation ceremony also included: Aid. G. E. Russell, T.D.; Aid. S. Coughlan, Very Rev. R. O'Sullivan, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. T. McMahon, S.J., Musical Director, Cecilian Musical Society; Comdt. J. Brennock, Army School of Music; who last week conducted the productions by the Limerick Choral Society; Mr. Albert Kearsley, Conductor, St. John's Brass and Reed Band; Messrs. James O'Byrne and Tim Moran, representing the Limerick Choral Society.

It was coincidental that the ceremony should take place on the feast day of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music.

MAYOR'S REMARKS.

The Mayor formally presenting the magnificent instruments, which the Band had purchased, said that Messrs. McCullough Brothers—the firm from whom the instruments were bought—acted very generously with the band; and they in Limerick were extremely grateful to them for having given the band a liberal term of payments. He understood that the band would be expected to pay for them within a matter of two years. That might appear to be a long time; but those in a position to give some contribution, the sooner the better and thus the more relief they would bring to the minds of the members of the Boherbuoy Band.

On behalf of the band, the Mayor said he would like to thank the many people who so generously contributed to the welfare of the band. He understood that there was still a very great debt in regard to the purchase of the instruments. Considering the pleasure and the great service, which the band had given to the people of Limerick, he felt now that the citizens could act in a still more generous spirit by making a contribution to the purchase of the instruments and so help to pay off the debt quickly. The Mayor, having praised the services given by the band to the city, said that McCullough Brothers would find in a short time the trust placed in the Boherbuoy Band would be re-

warded very fully by the citizens paying up by way of generous contributions.

Finally, he congratulated the Band and wished the members continued success.

DEPUTY'S TRIBUTE.

Aid. G. E. Russell, T.D., joined with the Mayor and congratulated the band on the happy occasion, and said that McCullough Brothers deserved the highest praise for the generous treatment they had made to the band. He, too, would like to pay tribute to the Boherbuoy Band for the many times they turned out when he called upon them as then Mayor of the city. With the Boherbuoy he would like also to couple the other bands of the city who co-operated in maintaining their musical tradition down through the years and made notable contributions to big events in the life of the city.

Concluding, he wished the band every success in the future and congratulated them on their achievements.

HISTORIC BAND.

Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Adm., St. Michael's, said he was glad to have the opportunity of congratulating the Boherbuoy Band on the acquisition of the lovely instruments. The Boherbuoy Band was an historic one and had been with them for many, many years. Down through the years it had maintained a splendid reputation for its high standard of music; and how pleased it had been to the citizens to listen to the band's performances in the Park during the summer evenings. Now that the band had the new instruments, they would look forward to many more treats from them. They would fill their hearts with joy in singing the praises of God. They would be used in connection with the annual retreats of the Confaternity and in the Eucharistic processions. He was glad to say how grateful he was for the services to him in attending the parish carnival. He wished them many happy years in the future.

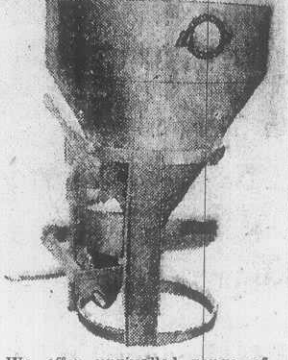
IN THE ARMY SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

Comdt. Brennock, Army School of Music, said he was very pleased to receive the invitation to attend the ceremony. In the Army School of Music, the number of Limerick boys who had passed through their hands was amazing and was of a very high percentage. At present there were five boys from Limerick studying in the Army School of Music. The tradition for music was obviously going strong in Limerick when he saw those new shiny instruments and so many young boys receiving them. The best thing they could say to the young boys was to be careful of the instruments and work tremendously hard in what they were doing even if they took many years as the results would be worth while. He would also urge to have full attendances at the practices. The work they were doing was valuable to themselves, to their city and to their country.

JESUIT'S PRAISE.

Rev. Father T. McMahon, S.J., Musical Director, Cecilian Musical Society, said he was absolutely charmed to be there that day and he joined with them thoroughly in the pleasure they achieved by having the new instruments. He joined, too, with the previous speakers' advice to

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take care of them. It was a happy coincidence that the presentation should take place that day which was the Feast of St. Cecilia, Patroness of Music. That was another reason why he was there. Father McMahon also said there was a lot of talk about Limerick's musical tradition. He appreciated it, certainly, but it was there in that bandroom that such tradition started. He was delighted to say that he numbered several members of the Boherbuoy Band among his best friends.

PRESIDENT'S THANKS.

The Honorary President of the Boherbuoy Band, Mr. Michael Campbell, on behalf of the members, thanked everybody for wishing them well and he only hoped that they would justify their confidence in the future.

ALL-IRELAND GRAND FINALE.

The Band holds the All-Ireland Brass and Reed Championship, which they won last year Sunday.

Among the band's historic engagements in the past, was to play at the funeral of Charles Stewart Parnell to Glasnevin Cemetery. In 1883, the band won their first contest at the Crystal Palace, London.
NEXT SUNDAY.
Very Rev. R. O'Sullivan, Adm., St. Michael's, will bless the instruments next Sunday, when the annual Requiem Mass for deceased members is celebrated in St. Joseph's Church. After the Mass the band will parade to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery for the annual "Manchester Martyrs" ceremony.

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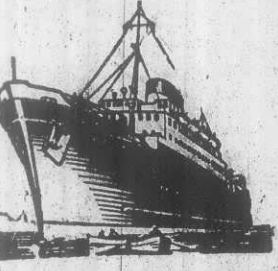


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