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Rathkeale Band That Was Established Over Seventy Years Ago

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G.A.A. clubs have been
ved in South Limerick
lapse of some years, one
apse of fifteen years.

A.A. Club in the Dromin-
Parish, near Kilmallock,
revived after a lapse of
, and at the meeting at
was decided to revive the
following officers were
President, Rev. J. Sheehy,
min; Chairman, Mr. Wm.
Vice-Chairman, Mr. John
Treasurer, Mr. J. J.
Secretary, Mr. John
Committee: Messrs. T.
Patrick Lynch, T. Lynch,
Murphy and Patrick Mc-

s decided to affiliate a
urling team in the Lime-
mpionships. They hope to
e services of some former
senior hurlers.

BALLINGADDY REVIVED.

Ballingaddy G.A.A. Club,
ck, which was some years
of the outstanding clubs
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The parish of Ballingaddy
nt parish with Kilmallock,
here is also a G.A.A. club.
ollowing officers and com-
vere elected at the meeting
the Ballingaddy Club was

nan, Mr. J. O'Brien; Vice-
n, Mr. Wm. Casey; Secre-
r. J. Fleming; Treasurer,
Bowen. Committee—Messrs.
man, L. Kenny, M. Clery
O'Callaghan. Captain J.H.
Mr. M. Connors; Vice-do.,
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is decided to affiliate a
urling team.

KILTEELY.

a lapse of a year, the Kil-
A.A. Club has been revived,
following officers elected:
n, Mr. David O'Mahoney;
airman, Mr. Patrick Wal-
secretary, Mr. P. O'Dea;
er, Mr. Mce. Moloney; J.H.
Mr. P. Hanley; Vice-do.,
O'Brien; M.H. Captain, J.
; Vice-do., J. McGrath.
tee—Rev. Father O'Keefe,
Messrs. Patrick Wallace,
O'Mahoney, M. Moloney, the
and Secretary.

OTHER CLUBS.

ollowing officers were elec-
the annual meetings of
A.A. clubs in South Lime-

sbore: Chairman, Mr. Ml.
nan; Vice-Chairman, Mr.
ullins; Secretary, Mr. Ml.
; Treasurer, Mr. John
Committee—Messrs. Pai-
dderman, William Hedder-
mes Callaghan, Ml. Hedder-
m. Fitzgerald, James Fitz-

IN the year 1882—71 years ago—a
Brass and Reed Band was es-
tablished in the town of Rath-
keale. In the early years of the
present century this fine combina-
tion annexed five cups in very stiff
competition. Mr. Michael Madigan,
who has always taken such a prac-
tical interest in national and
social matters in his native Rath-
keale, writes us as follows in con-
nection with the Band and its
history:—

Dear Mr. Editor—In the town of
Drogheda an Association has been
formed, the objects of which are
to organise massed band parades,
band competitions, contests for
solo instrumentalists, etc., etc., and
also to be in readiness for the

years it now hangs as mute
and silent as "the harp on Tara's
balls," with all of us forgetting its
great and glorious past.

Note our advantages: We have
in Rathkeale a very highly and
efficient bandmaster in Mr. Joseph
Walsh, who always gave his ser-
vices both willingly and sponta-
neously, never asking for a remun-
eration of any sort. In addition, we
have two orchestra leaders, namely
Jack and Jimmy Hayes; also Mr.
Artey O'Shea. Why is it, therefore,
we never take advantage of those
services, which no other town in
the country can so proudly boast
of.

We have as many as ten diffe-
rent bodies in the town looking
after the pomp and pageantry of



Photo of Rathkeale Band taken on August 4th, 1904.

coming An Tostal celebrations. All
lovers of music, needless to say,
deeply appreciate this great and
very necessary step. It means the
advancement of a culture that
nowadays is very much overlooked
and sadly neglected.

I here enclose a photo of an old-
time musical ensemble that is now
quite unknown to our younger
Rathkeale generation. This com-
bination in the early years of our
present century annexed as many
as five consecutive cups, including
one in a competition open to all
the country bands at that time. Is
it not sad to say that for many

our coming An Tostal celebrations.
With the Very Rev. Canon Carroll,
P.P., at their head, no doubt we
can well augur not along great
elaborate and spectacular effects,
but also artistic ones as well.

After all, what is a festival with-
out music? Nothing more than a
festival without a soul. I would,
therefore, appeal to the present
members of the band to come to-
gether and once again bring us
back past musical memories by
parades through our gaily decora-
ted streets during the An Tostal
celebration. Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MADIGAN.