

Fine instead of jail term

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DANIEL Hartly, Toomdeely, Askeaton, successfully appealed against a three-month prison sentence for allowing a vehicle to be driven without insurance, at the Circuit Court in Rathkeale.

Judge Timothy Desmond substituted a fine of £100, and ordered the appellant to pay £50 to the State towards the cost of the case.

Daniel Hartly told the court that he appeared in the District Court, but on receiving a telephone call from his brother who had a child ill, in Naas hospital, he left the court to go to the hospital.

He told a guard the reason why he had to leave the court, but the guard understood him to say that he was going to the races, and told the District Justice that he left the court to go to the races.

Witness said he was living in a caravan, and received £102 in social welfare allowances each week.

Mr. D. Long, B.L., who appeared for the appellant (instructed by Mr. John Cussen, solr.), said the appellant honestly believed that his insurance covered the driving of the other person on the date in question.

Limerick port: business booms

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TRADE AT Limerick Port is up 70 per cent this year, an achievement described by Mr. Ted Russell, chairman of the harbour commissioners, as "highly satisfactory."

General manager, Mr. M. J. Hoctor, said that the volume of goods moving through the Port up to November 30th amounted to 1.626m tonnes, and indications are that by the end of the year, trade will be up 70 per cent.

Prospects look good also for 1984, when a further 35 per cent increase is expected.

Mr. Hoctor said that the increase in throughput is largely due to the commencement of operations at the Aughinish Alumina plant.

Mr. Russell described Limerick as "now the most efficient and up to date port in the country," and his wish for 1984 is to see a widely based, representative port authority for the Shannon Estuary.

£25 each

Kathleen Donoghue, Christopher McCarthy, William Quilligan, William Faulkner, and Bridget Quilligan, each with an address at Sheehan Road, Newcastle West, were each fined £25 for a breach of a Prohibition Order, at Sheehan Road, on October 7 last, by Justice M. C. Maguire, at Newcastle West court.

Bishop Jebb, by Archbishop McAdoo

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JOHN JEBB, who was Bishop of Limerick for ten years from 1823, was a champion of the kind of ecumenism of Christians are re-discovering today, said the Right Rev. Dr. Henry McAdoo, Archbishop of Dublin, in Limerick at the weekend.

"He was ahead of his times," he observed.

Speaking in a commemorative sermon, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Dr. McAdoo said: "He and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Limerick were close friends, and the relationship between the clergy of both churches was such that they used to walk arm-in-arm at public funerals."

Welcome

"In our days, when the ecumenical movement is everywhere producing a welcome thaw at different levels of inter-church relationships, it is salutary for us to know that our ancestors lived and worked in a spirit of Christian brotherhood."

The Eucharist was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Walton Empey, Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe; the Very Rev. G. W. Chambers, Dean of Limerick, read the Gospel; Mr. George Cliffe read the Old Testament Lesson, and Mr. Terence Cleeve, the Epistle. There was a large congregation.

Dr. McAdoo added: "Jebb's charge of 1823 reveals two concepts in this respect, both of which put him well ahead of his times. For he anticipated by more than a century a major element in modern inter-church dialogue."

"He wrote: 'The established clergy of this province have in this, as well as in other respects, been aided by a band of valuable coadjutors: I mean the Roman Catholic priesthood...'

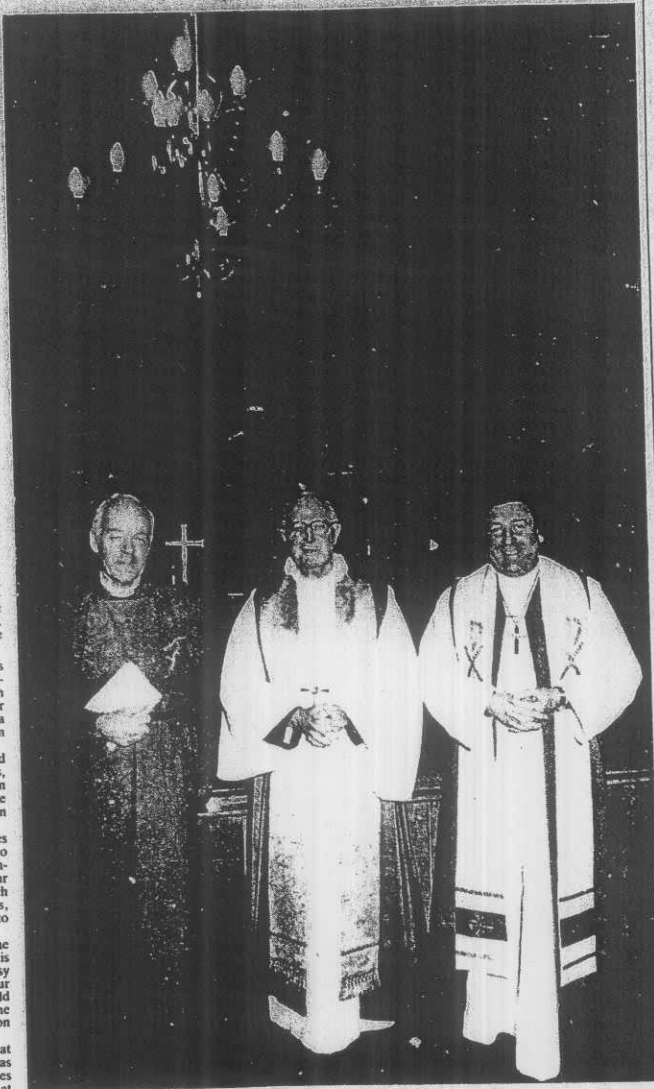
"They have shown themselves not only willing, but desirous, to co-operate for the public advantage with their brethren (of our church)... The assistance of such men, animated by such motives, we should always feel happy to receive and acknowledge."

"And I speak from some experience... when I add that it is quite within the bounds of easy practicability that the clergy of our Church and of theirs should harmoniously co-operate (for the general good of) their common neighbourhood."

Continued Dr. McAdoo: "That is the first concern, and one just as relevant to our own troubled times in Ireland. Jebb is saying that fraternal relations between Churches are good, but not enough. In this, too, he was ahead of his times."

Rediscovering

"He then continued, and this is the second anticipation in which he



The Archbishop of Dublin, the Right Rev. Dr. Henry McAdoo (centre) at St. Mary's Cathedral, with the Right Rev. Walton Empey (right), Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, and the Very Rev. G. W. Chambers, Dean of Limerick.

set out a principle which twentieth-century inter-church dialogue has

been rediscovering for separated Christians in our day:

"Let me not, however, be misunderstood," wrote Jebb, "I do not, in any degree, compromise or compliment away our principles or our beliefs."

"We ought in all fitting occasions manfully to assert and fearlessly defend that faith which, we are persuaded, is the faith of the true Catholic and apostolic Church; the same privilege we ought on the principles... not of tolerance, but of Christian liberty, to allow our brethren of the Church of Rome; and, while we thus honestly agree to differ, we shall, with all charity, endeavour to maintain unity of spirit in the bond of peace."

"Jebb is saying, in effect, that when both sides of the dialogue speak the truth in love, and speak out of the riches of their own tradition, they learn to understand and respect one another's position, and from that, can go on to seek not compromise but convergence."

Dr. McAdoo observed: "Today, separated Christians are growing past polemics and bigotry, and are saying to one another, 'This is my faith — tell me yours.'"

Forever?

"They are finding the extent of their agreement and, in the light of that, are assessing their differences, until both Churches can jointly face the question whether, set over against their agreements, the weight of their differences is enough to keep them apart forever; and, above all, to ask, 'What is Christ's will for His people in this matter and how best can His people under the Spirit's guidance work to achieve what He wills?'"

"The two great ecumenical documents of our times, the Report of ARCIC, and the Lima Report of the WCC, work on this principle of seeking a convergence, each party speaking out of its own authentic tradition."

"Here Jebb was ahead of his time, or maybe we should put it that our times are catching up with minds and spirits such as his."

Archbishop McAdoo said that John Jebb "had the courage to be an outspoken critic, not least of the most powerful and influential elements in the society of his time — the absentee landlord."

Abingdon

When he returned to Abingdon, after the announcement of his appointment as Bishop of Limerick, John Jebb's Roman Catholic neighbours met him at the border of the parish and drew the carriage home, stated the Archbishop of Dublin.

John Jebb had been ordained for the curacy of Swanlibar, Diocese of Kilmore, the year after the rebellion of 1798, where he had adopted a disciplined simplicity of life which remained with him to the end.

After three years, he moved to Cashel and, in 1810, he became rector of the small parish of Abingdon.

"The rectory, with the private chapel which he furnished," stated Dr. McAdoo, "soon became a centre to which the anxious came for counsel and the poor for generous help."

"During his time there, he spoke to the parishioners of the Roman Catholic Church in their own church at the invitation of their parish priest, with a view to maintaining peace in the neighbourhood."



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