

LIMERICK HOLY YEAR EXHIBITION NEW CHURCH BUILDING, ENNIS ROAD, UNTIL DECEMBER 3rd (XV) Portrait Of Bishop Young (By MARY S. RIORDAN)

As one enters the temporary church now housing the Limerick Holy Year Exhibition, one sees erected on easels at the right hand side three portraits, of which one attracts the eye more than the other two. It is the portrait of a man of alert brightness that is about it. The face is full and stoutish and rather highly coloured and the brown eyes twinkle with a shrewd kindness, and it looks like the face of a man who could laugh and be lenient, but who would not be easily imposed upon. Such, judging by outside appearances, was Bishop Young, who ruled the diocese from 1796 to 1813.

BORN IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH. He was born in St. John's parish and baptised on the 10th of March, 1746. His mother's name was Mary Cahill, and his father, William Young, was a merchant of an eminence that enabled him to bring up his family carefully and to have them educated in the best schools that were to be had in those days. Early in his youth John Young decided to be a priest and, having absorbed all the learning suitable to this high calling which was available at home, he went to Louvain, where he obtained the degrees of M.A. and D.D. Soon after the year 1770 he returned to Limerick an ordained priest and commenced his missionary duties in his native parish. There he became the friend and confidant of Bishop Conway, who in January 1782 appointed him P.P. of Bruff, to which parish he was the means of restoring the town lands of Mortgage and Drominich, which had originally belonged to it. He ministered subsequently in many other parishes until in course of time his outstanding merits caused him to be elevated to the Bench of Bishops.

FOUNDING OF ST. MUNCHIN'S COLLEGE. As a Bishop his lines were cast in stirring times. True, the Penal Laws did not affect his episcopate as severely as they had affected others, because of the American War and the French Revolution had opened the eyes of the English Government to the wants of the Catholics, who formed after all the majority of their subjects, and to the necessity of conciliating them in some measure. For this reason the English Government had sanctioned the foundation in 1795 of a college for the education of priests for the Irish mission, since they saw in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, a means of weaning Irish priests from French influence.

Rev. Dr. Young, who was sharing in his brother bishops' aspirations for Maynooth, desired ardently to provide for his own diocese; and so St. Munchin's College came into being and still flourishes and will continue to flourish, please God. It is interesting to read that the Bishop opened his Seminary on the 29th September, 1796, in a house which he had purchased at Palmerstown. Later, in 1797, it was removed to a house at Newgate Lane, which had been made over to it by a Mr. Thomas Bonfield, and in 1800 a house was taken in St. Peter's Cell. The house in Newgate Lane was then let and the rent derived from it went to the upkeep of the house in St. Peter's Cell. In addition, Thomas Bonfield left by will a considerable sum in aid of the Seminary, and there were many other benefactors, including one Mrs. Groomwell, who, in 1802, made a conveyance of her holding in Mungret Street in aid of the Seminary. In return for this she required that her anniversary should be solemnised with an Office and High Mass for the dead. There should not be space within the limits of this article to enumerate the list of benefactors to Dr. Young's venture. But it goes to show his popularity among his flock and the esteem in which he was held.

PROOF AGAINST PITTS' BRIBE. And now came Pitt's proposal to strengthen the power of England by having Ireland united with Britain with one Parliament to rule both countries, and the reward promised was that the first Act after the Union would be the introducing in the English Parliament of a Bill for the emancipation of the Catholics. At the same time, to stimulate the Bishops' action, a proposal to pay a stipend to the clergy was put forward by the Government with a demand for a definite statement from the Bishops as to what grounds of loyalty they were prepared to give for such a favour. On being consulted by his Brother Bishops on this matter Dr. Young wrote:—"A government proclamation has opened my eyes about the pension, I see now it was a doctress carry the Union and through me as decided against that measure as some of my colleagues. I will never take a bribe to annihilate Ireland's Independence."

During Dr. Young's Episcopate, the spiritual life of the Diocese of Limerick seems to have been marked by a variety of ways that brought comfort and joy to the people, both young and old. The old Mass Houses were beginning to make way for more substantial and comfortable buildings. The Rev. John Sheehy was appointed Parish Priest of Kiltinane. The saintly Father Thayer, an American convert priest, took up his abode with Mr. James Ryan, of 34 Patrick Street, from where he laboured with great success in St. John's and St. Michael's parishes. The nuns of St. Theresa settled down in a house in St. Harry's Mall and opened up a new era in the spiritual life of the city, while Dr. Young, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the poor, provided education for the children whose parents had no means of procuring it for them themselves. He founded a school for poor girls at Key Lane in St. Mary's Parish.

A MAN OF ACTION. Dr. Young, we read in the annals of that period, was naturally of a retiring and peaceful disposition, but he was also essentially a man of action, for he devoted every moment of his time to the discharge of the duties of the diocese, both spiritual and temporal. In the midst of his labours he always found some time every day for study, and in his old age took a special delight in the study of mathematics. He made it a rule never to sleep up a soft bed, and when in his own house, he slept upon a hard board daily food upon the simplest kind and he refrained from flesh meat for the greater part of the year, and never tasted strong drink despite the urgent advice of his physicians and friends. Dr. Tuohy, his successor, says of him: "He was a zealous, prudent, retiring but hospitable prelate, who lived beloved and died regretted by the clergy."

By his own wish he was buried in St. Patrick's old graveyard and a monument was erected to him which, besides extolling his many virtues, gives the date of his death, the 28th year of his age, as September 22nd, 1813. Before closing this short account of the saintly Bishop it may interest readers to know that it was he who revived the claim of the Bishops of Limerick to the Scattery Islands of the diocese, and he recovered and kept for the diocese "The Black Book of Limerick" and the "Annals of Limerick" by the Rev. James White. In his zeal for the youth of the diocese he compiled a Catechism in English and Irish, but this book is so rare that it is very difficult to procure a copy of it.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, December 2nd, Father Taheny, O.P., will contribute the concluding article of this series, entitled "The Pectoral Cross of Bishop Terence Albert O'Brien."

SECOND THOUGHTS. DROPPING in at the Exhibition yesterday afternoon our representative met an enthusiastic student of the exhibits in the person of the Coadjutor-Archbishop of Brisbane, Dr. O'Donnell. His Grace was eloquently appreciative of the scores of young people, senior pupils of the city schools, who were moving slowly from case to case silent, admiring, and obviously deeply impressed. They have been coming in groups each day, and their attendance and interest alone might well justify the whole venture.

The occasion has furnished some happy coincidences. Down near the entrance is a heavy hanging bell made for Nenagh Friary in 1689, as the Latin inscription records. On Monday, Commander Massey brought to the exhibition a tiny bell from a monastery at Terroce. He noticed that it bore the date 1675 and on examination at the exhibition it transpired from the faint inscription that it was donated to the same Nenagh Friary by the same Father Eugene Callanan who had erected the same neighbourhood hangs the portrait of John Howly, an enterprising member of that group of Catholics who had so much to do with the emergence of the old stock to their proper place in Limerick life a century and a half ago. On a neighbouring easel is the photograph of Catherine O'Neill, a valiant Limerick woman who became co-foundress of the Sisters of the Assumption. It was only in the last few years that, by a happy accident, her ancestry was traced by the chance-perusal of a description in the church records. Her father was Alan Francis O'Neill, and her mother was the daughter of John Howly. They are ranged side by side in the Exhibition—the grave, dignified old gentleman and the gracious woman whose exertions are the pride of the great Order she helped to found.

The Ardagh Chalice returns this week and will be at the Exhibition on Saturday and Sunday. Our Dublin visitors told us positively that the chalice is worthy of the chalice. And all visitors unite with the Committee in unstinted admiration for the unfailing taste of the two or three individuals really responsible for the display of the church treasures and for the decoration of the hall.

VISIT OF STUDENTS. The organisation for the schools is deserving of the highest praise, thanks to Mr. Sean Walsh, Chairman, Mr. O'Donnell, Hon. Secretary, and the enthusiastic members of the schools sub-committee. Yesterday a party of nearly 200 boys of Sacred Heart College with their masters visited the Exhibition. The boys showed a keen interest in all the exhibits. In the course of the visit, Rev. Father Fingean, S.J., gave the boys a brief inspiring talk. Father Fingean explained to his youthful listeners that it was difficult to associate with all the history associated with all the sacred objects on view. He desired his audience to understand, however, that in the O'Dea Mitre and Crozier alone, Limerick was the envy not only of Ireland but of all Europe for the artistic worth of these medieval relics. The Priory of the Sarsfield and O'Callaghan chalice were reminders of the betrayal of the Sarsfield Earl and the saintly Sir John Burke, of Brittas. Rev. Father Fingean also treated of the historical value of the Black Book of Limerick but he asked the Crescent boys to recall with pride that it was an old pupil of the Society, Father James White, who, in spite of the dark days of the Penal Laws, found time to draw up a list of the names of the children of Limerick. The Rev. lecturer exhorted his hearers to learn the history of their city and diocese, for the history of their country could be appreciated only when they had thoroughly acquainted themselves with their own local history.

Visitors to the Exhibition in the course of the day included Mrs. Howly, of Rich Hill, and party. Mrs. Howly's courtesy in loaning relics of John Howly (1750-1825) has been much appreciated.

MR. P. J. DONNELLAN, B.C., Chairman, presided at last night's meeting of the City of Limerick Vocational Education Committee, held in the Technical Institute. Other members present were:—Very Rev. P. J. Canon Lee, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. D. O'Brien, B.Sc.; Messrs. J. McQuane, P. O'Connell, B.C.; S. Coughlan, B.C.; M. B. O'Malley, B.C.; S. Walsh, N.T.; E.C.; F. Glasgow, B.C.; C. Keyes, B.C.; M. O. Tuathigh, B.A., N.T.; M. Ryan, P. Molloy. Officials present were the Acting C.E.O., Mr. J. O'Donnell, and Miss Brenda Murphy, Chief Clerk.

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X-RAY SERVICE

Health Department

Suggestion

COUNTY COUNCIL'S "NO"

BY its letter, the Department of Health was making a move to leave the Co. Limerick tuberculosis patients without an X-ray service. Dr. J. McPolin, County Medical Officer for Health, told Limerick County Council meeting last Saturday.

The Department's letter, addressed to the County Secretary, pointed out the increasing expenditure year by year for the Council's X-ray services in the County Infirmary. It suggested that the Council send the patients to avail of the new apparatus provided for the City Home and Hospital, for which the rate of charge would be only 2/3 of the existing rate payable by the Co. Council.

"In the circumstances," the letter said, "the Minister is not satisfied that expenditure to the extent incurred by examination is justified. Having regard to the fact that revised and more economical arrangements were suggested to you as far back as December, 1949, he has asked me to inform you that he recomposes X-ray expenses for the Health Service to be limited to a charge of £1.5s. per examination on and after 1st April."

WOULD LEAVE COUNTY WITHOUT SCHEME

Dr. McPolin said the Department's letter, adopted, would leave the Co. Limerick completely without an X-ray service scheme, because the City authorities said they would not accept County patients for examination.

"In the Co. Infirmary we have a radiologist, of the kind in the country," he said. "In the City there is a radiographer, a person with no medical qualifications. The X-ray specialist is of the utmost importance. If the doctor T.B. he delivers a sentence on the new Health Act such a person is liable to severe penalties if he even travels on a bus. It is obvious, therefore, that the doctors in the County have heavy responsibilities in this matter. The Department is forcing the doctors to accept X-ray work done by non-medical persons."

DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC

"This principle, which is being forced on the doctors, is dangerous to the public and is an intolerable tyranny," he said. "The Department is forcing the doctors to accept its medical opinion and at the same time claims the power to compel the doctor to publicly declare that this forced opinion is the doctor's own opinion. Thus, there is no medicine in medicine except what the Department says and what disagrees with the Department is false. This policy of the Department is causing grave alarm amongst the doctors and hence their fear of further extensions of State Medical Services."

Mr. D. J. Hartnett, T.D., said Dr. McPolin was their chief Medical Officer, whose advice should be adopted. He proposed that they reject the Department's letter and keep on their X-ray services as they were.

Mr. Naughton seconded. Mr. Sean Hartnett, As representing the ratepayers it is our duty to stand behind the advice of our Medical Officer. With great pleasure I support Mr. Madden's resolution.

ON THRESHOLD OF GREAT FIGHT

Chairman (Mr. J. Collins, T.D.). We are on the threshold of a great fight between the Department and the doctors. We should think very carefully that we have in the Co. Infirmary the alma mater of the people we represent. I agree that it should stick by the advice of our Co. Medical Officer.

Dr. McPolin pointed out that every other public body in the country was allowed to pay the 31/6 per case that the Co. Infirmary in Limerick was paying.

The Council unanimously adopted Mr. Madden's resolution for a status quo in their X-ray services.

READY TO HELP

GUARANTORS FOR HARBOUR BOARD

BOARD

The North Tipperary Co. Council has decided to act as one of the guarantors for the raising of a loan of £100,000 for the Limerick Harbour Board, to enable that body to proceed with its scheme for the development and improvement of the port.

The Limerick Co. Council and City Council have yet to consider the Harbour Board's request to act as joint guarantors, but it is taken for granted that these bodies will not hesitate to give their help and co-operation.

The port schemes are estimated to cost £300,000, of which the Government will give a grant of £100,000, leaving the Harbour Board to raise the balance, £200,000. But as the finances of the Board, at present, are capable only of meeting a loan of £100,000, it was found necessary to seek the help of certain local authorities in the role of guarantors for the raising of £100,000.

The whole position was fully discussed at a conference representative of the Harbour Board, the Co. Councils of Limerick and Tipperary North Riding and City Council, when the various delegates undertook to make sympathetic reports to their respective Councils.

VATICAN SWISS GUARDS

The Vatican's Swiss Guards' armament (says "Catholic Notebook," published by the "Catholic Library Information Bureau in Dublin") consists only of 200 rifles and one machine gun. Rifle practice is forbidden in Vatican City grounds by order of His Holiness, but permission has been granted to practice on a rifle range belonging to the Italian Government. Two hundred rifles is less than the fighting strength of a U.S. Army Infantry Company.

NEW G.A.A. RITCHES

The South Limerick G.A.A. Board (writes our Galbally correspondent) enclosing the early part of a letter to one at Knocklong and one at Bruff. This will bring the total of suitably enclosed pitches by the Southern Board to five.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

And Great Work Being Done

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE MISSIONS

ST. Joseph's Young Priests Society in Ireland has at present 60,000 members, an increase of 10,000 over last year, and it is still growing steadily. This was stated by Mr. N. J. O'Neill, General President, when he spoke at the annual meeting of the Bacon Trade Branch held in Limerick on Sunday last. Mr. O'Neill further intimated that 375 students were at present being educated for the missions, the money expended on this work last year being between £16,000 and £17,000. Interesting and very impressive speeches were delivered at the meeting by Rev. Father McMahon, S.J., the Spiritual Director, and Rev. Father Sean O'Carroll, C.S.S.R.

THE Irish Bacon Trade Branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society held its ninth annual meeting on Sunday in St. Michael's Temperance Hall, Cecil St., Limerick.

Attendance was not up to standards of previous meetings, due principally to the huge number of members who visited the opening of the Holy Year Exhibition in St. Munchin's new church.

Mr. J. C. Cantillon Chairman of the Bacon Trade Branch, presided. Other speakers included Mr. John Hanley, Hon. Secretary; Rev. Father Thomas McMahon, S.J., Spiritual Director to the Branch; Rev. Father Sean O'Carroll, C.S.S.R.; Mr. N. J. O'Neill, General President, and Mr. Edward Quinlan, Cork representative.

On behalf of the Branch, Rev. Cantillon thanked the clergy, promoters and representatives from outside areas. He specially welcomed the officers and members from Cork who had journeyed to Limerick despite fog and bad road conditions.

The Chairman appealed to promoters to carry on the good work of the past year, and asked them to strive all the harder to better the financial returns during the coming year.

The balance sheet for the year just ended was excellent, said Mr. Cantillon, which fact was a great tribute to the Branch. He would like those present to do all in their power to bring more members along to the monthly meetings.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

Rev. Father McMahon, new Spiritual Director in succession to Rev. Father L. Meagher, S.J. (now on mission work in Rhodesia), said it was not enough merely to subscribe to the work of educating priests for the missions; it was equally important to consider the spiritual side, and, if at all possible, endeavour to attend at least one Extra Mass during the week, especially first Fridays and other days which were not obligatory.

Glancing through the evening newspaper, said Father McMahon, he said he did not realise 'till then the great portion of the Far East which was gripped by war. While all these vast millions in China, Korea, Indo-China, Tibet and India were involved in strife, the St. Joseph's Young Priests Society was here working quietly to provide priests to spread Christ's gospel. These priests, in turn, offered the sacrifice of the Mass, which, said Father McMahon, had an infinite value.

As well as helping pay for the education of young men who could not otherwise afford it, members should realise how much the Mass really mattered, and go more frequently. "Think it over," said the Spiritual Director in conclusion.

GREAT WORK BEING DONE

Rev. Father O'Carroll, who was for some months at the beginning of this year on the Philippine mission, said he met Irish priests at almost every port of call on the outward journey. Irish priests—most of whom were Jesuits or Franciscans—in such places as Algiers, Saigon (Indo-China), Hong-Kong, and in Africa. The population of the Philippines had increased in recent years from 10 millions to 19 millions. Of these, 82 per cent. were Catholics, but a great number had no facilities to practise their religion. He knew of one priest who had used all his back-pay from the U.S. forces, in which he had acted chaplain, towards building a church. With 29,000 of a flock to look after, many of this missionary's care could not even hear Mass nor have their confessions heard.

As well as that, continued Father O'Carroll, typhoons and earthquakes had to be taken into account. We heard here of a gale

375 STUDENTS BEING EDUCATED

There were 375 students at present being educated for the missions. Last year, money expended on this was between £16,000 and £17,000, while members' subscriptions amounted to almost £15,000. Mr. O'Neill again congratulated all sections of the Society in conclusion.

Bringing the meeting to an end, Mr. Cantillon thanked all the speakers and asked the members to convey the appeals and suggestions to other members who were not present.

TURKEYS STOLEN

LEFT LIMERICK

RAID AT NIGHT

A farmyard was raided in the Glen of Aherlow area one night last week and upwards of 30 turkeys were stolen (writes our Galbally correspondent). It appears that the mistress and her two sons were away at a Technical School, doing day labour, and the boys, placed at carpentry, when the raid took place. The father, who was at home, did not hear anything unusual about the farmyard, which goes to show that the thief or thieves must have worked very silently.

The financial loss to the party concerned is in the region of £100. Extensive enquiries are being pursued, but up to the time of writing no trace of the turkeys or thieves has been found.

I.N.A. MAN FOR U.S.

NEW BAFF.S.C.

Mr. Patrick Wall, Mondellhi, has successfully completed his course of studies at U.C.D., and has qualified as a Bachelor of Agricultural Science. He has received numerous congratulations from his many friends in the locality.

A SEAL'S FEED.

VATICAN LIBRARY.

The Vatican Library celebrates its fifth centenary this year. It includes 800,000 books and manuscripts.

PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES

POPULARITY OF IRISH PRIESTS

Irish priests, he had found, were more popular with the Filipinos than English or even U.S. missionaries. It was easier also for an Irishman to learn the language. This was particularly the case with a Corkman (laughter), whose up ward infection in accent was similar to the Filipino accent. Catholic work in these islands had become very fruitful following the introduction by Australian Recompensators of novenas in honour of the Mother of God. In Manila alone, forty to forty-five thousand islanders often knelt under a broiling sun while the novena was being conducted. What was never before known there—natives to appear in the open during siesta time—was now a daily occurrence.

While subscriptions were very important, prayer and the Mass were urged also. A Columbian missionary had attributed a miraculous escape from death to prayers for the missions from Ireland. This priest had been left behind by a bus which subsequently went on fire and hurled over a precipice the driver abandoning it at the last moment, but all others being killed.

INTENTION NOT ENOUGH

If people here at home only knew what was being achieved by their subscriptions and prayers, they would spare no effort. The intention to do something was not enough; action was necessary. As the inventor, Edison, once said: "An idea is something that won't work unless you do it."

"Helping the missions," said Father O'Carroll in conclusion, "will help save our own souls as well as the souls of others."

The Cork representative, Mr. Quinlan, said the Branch had made great progress during the short time it was established in his city. He assured Father O'Carroll (laughter) that Cork would continue the good work.

THE GENERAL PRESIDENT

After the Hon. Secretary had read his report and balance sheet, which showed an increase of approximately £100 on the previous year's figure, Mr. O'Neill, the General President, congratulated the officers, promoters and members on their zealous work for the Branch.

He said a special tribute to their former Spiritual Director, Rev. Father Meagher, S.J., who had given a great deal of his time in the interests of the Branch.

He was, he said, encouraged by the Cork representative's remarks and was sure that the Branch would continue to flourish in the South.

The Society at the moment had 60,000 members, an increase of 10,000 over last year. It was still growing steadily.

He would like to see bigger attendances at the usual monthly meetings, but no matter how many members turned up at these meetings it was still helpful. He would also like to support Father McMahon's appeal to members to near an extra Mass per week.

375 STUDENTS BEING EDUCATED

There were 375 students at present being educated for the missions. Last year,