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# St. Michael's celebrate

ST. MICHAEL'S Rowing Club members celebrated their most momentous season in their 83 years history in fitting manner at the Glentworth Hotel last week at a victory dinner, attended by rowing people from all over the country.

Two Irish championships (elite pair and intermediate eight), six representatives on the Irish Lightweight Squad that finished fourth in the world championship, a Junior C squad that went practically unbeaten, and a grand total of 36 regatta wins, were the highlights of what was stated at the dinner to be the finest ever season recorded by a Limerick club.

A fine turnout of St. Michael's members and friends attended as did the Mayor, Ald. Frank Prendergast, T.D.; John McGeehan, president of the I.A.R.U., John Holland, national development officer, with representatives from all the four local rowing clubs. Fourteen of the sixteen national lightweight squad were also present.

The Mayor, in a short address, said it was incumbent on him to attend such a function as this as the achievements this year of St. Michael's were unique in the annals of local rowing. He was delighted to see such a splendid attendance and especially welcomed the lightweight representatives from Belfast.

"Rowing is a great sport and it is a splendid thing to see so many young people actively involved. I am envious of the slim figures of so many of these young oarsmen present," the Mayor said jocosely. "There is an old Irish saying which translated means 'the work praises the man' and that aptly sums up Dermot Henihan for what he has done for St. Michael's."

The Mayor also praised all the other workers in the club, especially the Supporters Club, and concluded by wishing the club continued success in the future.

### President

John McGeehan, president of the I.A.R.U., was attending his fifth St. Michael's dinner in succession and said he was especially glad to be here on this occasion. "The signs of a great year for St. Michael's came at Neptune Regatta when they won the elite and intermediate eights and this was borne out afterwards. We must also make reference to the splendid juniors under Justin Sherin — here are the elite oarsmen of the future. We all know that the elite eights was beaten a mere two feet for the Championship — everyone bar Neptune (the winners) wanted St. Michael's to win as it is far too long since the 'pot' was taken out of Dublin," he said.

"Dermot Henihan and his oarsmen believed in themselves and proved major achievements can be attained within the provinces. They proved this by winning two championships and forming the nucleus of the lightweight squad. They were the envy of many rowing clubs throughout the country. Let us hope it is just the start of something even bigger," Mr. McGeehan added.

Referring to the lightweight squad, he said it was good to see fourteen out of the sixteen present at the function. "We just missed the medals in Montreal — it cannot be long before we remedy this. We were fourth in the world, leaving such powerful countries as West Germany, U.S.A. and Great Britain in our wake. I would like to publicly thank John Holland and Dermot Henihan for what they have done for Irish rowing."

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### 'Mr. Rowing'

Ian Cumiskey, president of Shannon Rowing Club, on behalf of the clubs in the city, congratulated St. Michael's on their achievements and said that the late Jack Glazier and Bertie Wixted were in their day labelled "Mr. Rowing" in the city. "We have a new pretender to that title in the person of Dermot Henihan. There is no truth in the rumour that

Shannon Rowing Club have offered half a million for his services!"

In a more serious vein, Mr. Cumiskey referred to anomalies in Irish sport, stating that horses can be imported free into the country while rowing craft, used for the betterment of the youth of the country, was penalized to the tune of 35 per cent. And to think that tax on whiskey has also been reduced," he stated. He concluded by again congratulating the oarsmen of St. Michael's.

### Welcomed

Dermot Henihan, president of St. Michael's, welcomed members and guests, and signalled out such as Barry Connolly of Fermoy, whose club were celebrating their centenary year, also Paddy Treacy, president of Young Munster in a year which saw them bring off a unique double. "Paddy was captain of St. Michael's for many a year," Dermot stated.

"If we were told some years ago of the achievements of St. Michael's that were to come, we would not have believed it," he stated. He went on to name out the championship winning crews and lightweight representatives of the past year and paid tribute to the captain, Justin Sherin, all the oarsmen and the fine band of supporters who travelled up to Blessington.

Two presentations marked the conclusion of the dinner, when Pat McInerney, one of the lightweight squad, was presented with a tankard to mark his marriage to Margaret Hogan, sister of another lightweight, Niall. The captain's prize was presented to Willie Caromy by Justin Sherin who stated that 'Willie's many years association and genuine interest in the club was an inspiration to all. "He is the stroke of the wall crew" (referring to the veterans of the club who seated on the river wall, during the season past appraisals of the crews), Justin stated, "and we hold him in very high esteem."

Willie, in reply, felt the prize should have gone to a younger man but was at the same time very conscious of the honour bestowed on him.

A very enjoyable dance and social evening followed.

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## Ethiopia

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has been sent to him at the ITGWU Offices in O'Connell Street.

Money for the Concern fund is also pouring in to the Conroy family home at Marian Avenue, Janesboro, where news has just been received that daughter Moira has now been appointed Concern's assistant field officer in Ethiopia.

"Donations have come from all over the region," said Mrs. Eileen Conroy, Moira's mother. "Moira is travelling from dawn until dark establishing feeding centres in places where thousands of people are dying. Things are much worse than she thought they would be. She is met everywhere by human chains of people pleading for help."

And in Newcastle West, funds are also being donated to Moira's colleague in Ethiopia, Nurse Mary Liston. The pupils of Newcastle West Vocational School start a fast for Concern on November 9.

### £80 surprise

"All you have to do is ask," said Concern PRO Miss Charlotte Meehan, who while judging a set dancing competition in Croagh last Saturday received £80 in one of the trophies for Concern.

Meanwhile, Mr. John O'Shea, GOAL secretary, has predicted that if the campaign isn't maintained, 10 million people will have died in Ethiopia before this famine has abated.

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