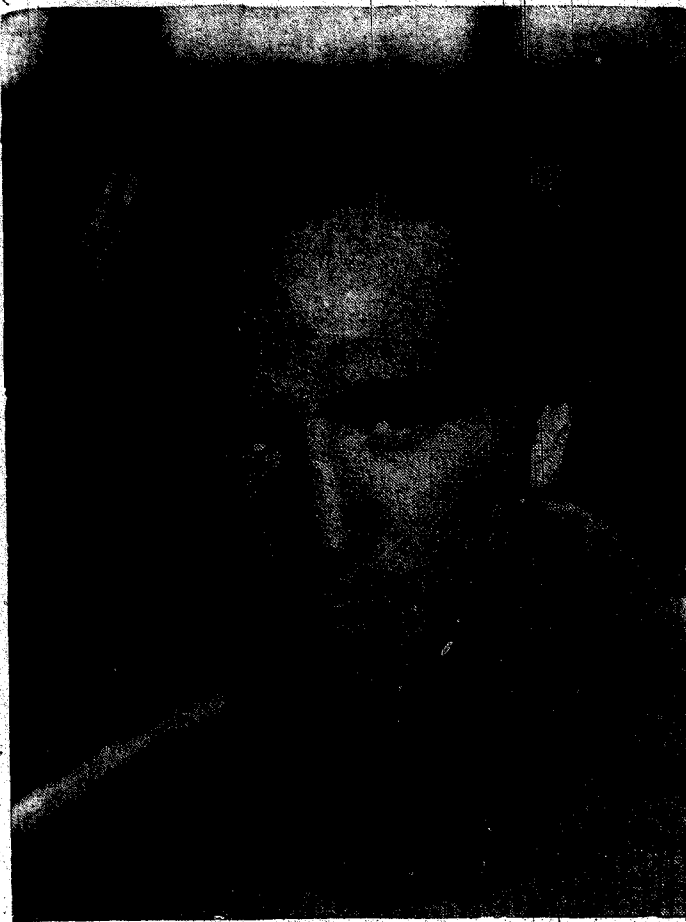


BEST ACTOR AWARD



LIMERICK-BORN Richard Harris won the Cannes Film Festival's "Best Actor" award yesterday for his performance in "This Sporting Life."

He narrowly defeated Gregory Peck, who won a Hollywood Oscar this year for his performance in "To Kill a Mockingbird." "This Sporting Life" opened at the Dublin Savoy to-day, and will be seen at the Limerick Savoy at the end of next month.

—E.C.

£3,374 RAISED IN YEAR FOR JANESBORO' CHURCH FUND

THE annual dinner and social of Our Lady Queen of Peace Development Committee was held at Cruise's Hotel last evening and was an outstanding success. Some 200 people, including guests, attended. It was stated that £3,374 had been collected during the past year for the local church fund.

Very Rev. Fr. Robert O'Sullivan, P.P., Janesboro, thanked those present for their great assistance in the past twelve months. He appealed to the collectors to continue their great work as they were the principal agents in the fund raising campaign. He thanked the Gilbert and Sullivan Society members for the great

earned from other ventures and £94 had been received from anonymous donors.

Rev. Fr. P. Houlhan, C.C., Janesboro, said that it was his first function since coming to the parish and was delighted to see such a fine spirit prevailing in the area and hoped that it would develop apart altogether from

Life of world-famous Stirrin in Lin recalle

By Willie W

NINETY-FIVE years ago—New precise—a Mission for men w Alphonsus in the ancient Shannon

Under the Patronage of Our Lady of Per by Fathers Bridgett, Harbison, Cameron, Cor Livius—all belonging to the distinguished I

Bishop's I

It is not easy, after a lapse of nine decades, to form an idea of the enthusiasm with which the men of Limerick attended this mission. We can only guess what it must have been from the figures and bare facts left us by the chronicler of the time.

He tells us that the confessionals were surrounded by waiting crowds, that 8,000 men received Holy Communion, and that on the day of the close, 1,400 men and boys received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the following anecdote he describes the vast crowd at the close of the mission: "An enormous throng of men occupied all the available space in the church, from which many of the benches had to be removed to afford more accommodation. So great was the crowd," he goes on, "that it was literally one thickly-packed mass from the altar steps to the railings in Henry Street, and even as far as O'Connell Avenue."

Dr. O'Dwyer took ordinary interest in the Confraternity, while at his earnest request the welfare of the boys of the city and wished something to be done for them. In January, 1892, a general mission of the Boys' Confraternity was established and soon membership of over 60 attend at the communions, and it was soon sight to see down his cheeks at Communion to those who had to come to the Holy Table. On these occasions he to the pulpit and boys in homely, that came straight heart. (Still this Division did no problem!)

Miracle

As to the success of the mission, we have a competent witness in the person of the Most Rev. Dr. Butler, who thus expressed himself: "This is the miracle wrought by Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, surely a far greater miracle than the cure of a blind boy or the healing of a cripple." This was, indeed, a great miracle; but, as we shall see, it was soon to be followed by something still greater.

The way was now prepared for the actual founding of the world-famous Arch-Confraternity, 10,000 strong, as we know it to-day.

On Monday, January 20, and the two following days, Fathers Harbison and Bridgett explained its objects and rules to crowded congregations. Their invitation to men willing to join met with a splendid response, for no fewer than 1,400 had themselves enrolled and many more followed their example within a few weeks.

The Bishop, who came to address the men on February 3, had reason to congratulate them on the good beginning they had made. New recruits still continued to present themselves in

The year 1927 (men's) Division—to cater for the Monday and Tuesday sessions—whilst a Y. (12 to 18 years) would seem to be a solution for those preparing for sea which is the Limerick garsoor carry on the traditions. Father Bridgett and first Direct amusing stories to early days of the Two excerpts will In compiling members' names he says: "We Flag Lanes and into which no penetrated. I he several well-known to assist me in hidden recesses."

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"Only this me Bridgett continued at my wits' end, the alphabetical

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to the English system?

Dr. L. McGonagle, made his surprise Dublin that "there any need for two professions in this nation has been profession itself me changes will t the present time ly unlikely, though note that Mr. Mc- has been favour- by some legal

estion, of course, is whether we in een slaves to the stem for too long, y which we seem ury for a revised up by the Irish But at least some- g along the right naps, changes will ime. One barrister s saying that the as in favour of ir wigs "for they ore respect with of course, is but a the whole question ce of law in this ain issue is centred uestion of expense t cheaper or less eople to engage a awyer. It is gener- at the system as it , when four barris- ear in one case here, litigant, "into poor- ed, so expensive has come that a great the hearts of most they are faced with of high court action, a civil kind.

have shown us that of young barristers almost impossible to mselves in the com- l of the law, drift work, such as com- er here or abroad. ate to places as far igeria and Australia. in Dublin to-day is re too many lawyers e work that is avail- the established mem- profession can com- ees and regular work.

ch Gets Part in e-girl's Film

Joe Lynch, who was inted with the way he d by the makers of re film "Of Human he was let go without from the cast), has d part in the other made in and around ce Upon A Summer." is the screen version ri's Edna O'Brien's ng book about Dublin y Girl." It tells the giri from Clare seeking among the bright Dublin. Star of the er Finch who already shed himself as a most character. We under- Joe Lynch is delighted ew role and the Com-