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RED CROSS HAS BIGGER MEMBERSHIP

BECAUSE of illness, Mr. J. J. Johnson, Chairman, was unable to attend the annual meeting of the Limerick City Branch of the Red Cross Organisation on Friday night.

In a written address, Mr. Johnson said:—

"Our Unit membership has increased and we are proud to claim that to-day there is no other branch in Ireland better equipped."

He also stated that the fund raising campaign was very satisfactory and that close on 800 people had subscribed. The year 1953 had been a very satisfactory one and it was hoped that there would be an equally good, if not better, report by the end of the present year.

BIG ATTENDANCE.

Mr. A. Hannon presided at the meeting, and there was an attendance of over 200, including Rev. E. O'Dea, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. R. H. Campbell, Mr. F. J. Carroll, Area Officer; Mr. G. Mayne, Assistant Area Director; Mr. J. Hurley, Co. Area Director.

Mr. Hannon, following the reading of Mr. Johnson's address, joined in the complimentary reference to the progress that the Society had made in Limerick during the past twelve months.

The reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer showed the branch to be in a sound condition financially and otherwise, and the Welfare Committee report, submitted by Miss Mary Gleeson, showed that during the year a number of people received financial aid from the Society while invalid requisites were purchased and loaned to a number of people.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. J. J. Johnson; Vice-Chairman, Mr. A. Hannon; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. H. O'Brien; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Miss G. McMahon and Mr. R. Barry.

Committee—Rev. E. O'Dea, Ven. Archdeacon Hewetson-Jones, Rev. R. H. P. Campbell, Mrs. O'Doherty, Miss E. Shaw, Mr. G. Feeny and Mr. F. Garvey.

Finance Committee—Chairman, Mr. G. Mayne; Hon. Sec., Miss M. A. Mulqueen; Asst. Hon. Sec. Mr. F. Mills; Joint Hon. Treasurers, Miss G. McMahon and Mr. R. Barry.

The following were appointed delegates to the Area Committee: Rev. E. O'Dea, Mr. J. F. Hurley.

Reasons Why Limerick Should Get More Industries

THAT Limerick was entitled to a bigger share in the industrial development that was taking place in the country was stressed at the annual dinner of the Limerick Centre of the Insurance Institute, held in the Glentworth Hotel on Saturday night.

The function, which was a brilliant success, was attended by the Mayor (Ald. J. Carew, T.D.), Mr. L. de Courcy, M.I.A.A., President, Chamber of Commerce; Mr. W. D. Ellery, M.B.E., A.C.I.I., President, Insurance Institute of Ireland and many other guests.

Mr. W. F. Dennehy, A.C.I.I., Chairman, Limerick Centre, presided.

The toast of Ireland having been honoured

ALWAYS A CENTRE OF IMPORTANCE.

The Chairman proposed the toast of the "City of Limerick" in an eloquent speech. He traced its military and political history from the earliest times and said that it was obvious that Limerick had always been regarded as a centre of importance. To-day its importance was emphasised by the proximity of the Shannon Airport and also by the fact that five main lines of rail radiated from the terminus. Their port was being developed at a cost approaching £400,000 and, besides, public housing schemes were being pushed ahead with commendable energy and enterprise. These facts indicated that Limerick was a centre of wonderful potentialities and in that connection he hoped that it would be chosen as a location for more new industries.

TRIBUTE TO LABOUR.

The Mayor, responding, said that the Chairman's historical review was informative, instructive and constructive. Limerick could do with some heavy industries. It was ideally situated for industrial expansion, and besides excellent sites for factories were available at the dockside. In Limerick, too, first class labour was available and in that connection he would like to say that Limerick craftsmen had always commanded a high place in the field of technical development. It had been said that Limerick had a weakness for industrial disputes, but that charge could not be substantiated. They had, from time to time, their labour troubles, but

these troubles were not peculiar to Limerick. Indeed, he was proud to be able to say that industrial peace had obtained unbroken in Limerick for a long time and that the best of relations existed between capital and labour. That was only as it should be for the development and expansion of the city was not the concern of any one class, but of all classes.

A COMPLEX BUSINESS.

Mr. J. P. Ireton proposed the toast of the Chartered Insurance Institute and Insurance Charities. Having alluded to the complex business of insurance he urged young men in the service to avail of the educational facilities being offered by the Institute. He also appealed to the members to be generous to the charities.

Mr. Ellery responded. Mr. G. E. Higginson, in a witty speech, proposed the toast of the guests.

Mr. de Courcy replying, said that as President of the Chamber of Commerce he regarded it as an obligation to be present, for the great business of insurance was a vital link with industrial development. He endorsed the remarks of the Mayor when he stressed Limerick's claim to more industries. Industrialists should not be concentrating too much in Dublin, nor should the Government encourage concentration in the Capital. The need of the country was decentralisation.

Mr. J. W. Gallagher (Insurance Institute) also responded.

IN FLOURISHING STATE.

Mr. B. F. Britton, A.C.I.I. (Cork), gave the toast of the Limerick Centre and said that the Limerick members of the Institute had good cause for self-gratification in its flourishing condition.

The Chairman suitably replied. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. J. Penny, T. Henn, Gordon Wood and G. E. Higginson, Mr. B. O'Boyle presided at the piano.

The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

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Wounds To Neck
And Forehead

MARRIAGE RATE

Use Of Spear