

OBITUARY

LATE DR. P. J. O'NEILL.

The death of Doctor Patrick J. O'Neill, which occurred at Drombanna, "Four Elms," Limerick, on 21st Oct., has occasioned profound regret and sorrow. The remains were removed to Donoughmore Church on the 22nd inst., amidst a huge concourse of mourners. The funeral on the following day to the family burial ground at Inch St. Lawrence was attended by vast numbers of people from Limerick, Carr and Tipperary.

The late Dr. O'Neill, who was loved and esteemed by all, won a number of scholarships during his collegiate course. He was a brilliant student in the university, taking out his final degrees at an exceptionally early age. He practised in Limerick City for some time in a temporary capacity, later taking up an important medical appointment in England, where he practised until some months ago, when his health failed him. He leaves a mother, brother and two sisters, to whom the general public extend sincere sympathy in their bereavement. Rev. William Canon O'Neill, Leyton, London, was an uncle of the deceased, who had also three other uncles' friends in Australia, all of whom have passed away.

The officiating priests at the funeral were: Very Rev. F. Rice, P.P., Donoughmore; Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's; Father Wall, C.C.; Father O'Regan, C.C.; Father Michael Connolly, C.C.; Father T. Connolly, Father Leo, O.S.A.; Father Casey, D.D.; Father O'Dea, C.C., St. Michaels.

The chief mourners were: Mrs. K. O'Neill (mother), Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. O'Neill (brother), Very Rev. Canon O'Neill and Ed. O'Regan (uncles), Mrs. Quinlan, Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. O'Donoghue, Hospital (aunts), John Frawley and James Fitzpatrick (brothers-in-law), J. McNamara (uncle-in-law).

LATE MRS. J. MULLANE

AN APPRECIATION

The death of Mrs. J. Mullane, ambulance Nurse Attendant, who was found dead on the roadside at Honeypond Cross, Croom, on Wednesday night of last week, as was reported in our last week-end issue, caused deep and widespread regret. The late Mrs. Mullane had been employed in Croom Hospital for over 50 years, 26 of which she spent as ambulance attendant. A lady of many sterling qualities, highly esteemed, who by her kindly and gentle ways won and retained to the end the friendship of all, through an exemplary life, she will be remembered above all for her ceaseless devotion to the sick and also her unflinching cheerfulness to the countless number of patients and ex-patients of the Co. Hospital, Croom.

The remains were removed to St. Mary's Church, Croom, on Thursday evening, and the funeral to Adare burial ground on Friday was of large dimensions, such evidence in no small way of esteem and respect in which the deceased lady was held. Officiating clergy were: Very Rev. J. Canon Wall, P.P., Croom; Rev. Father T. Kirby, C.C., do.; and Rev. Father D. Crowley, C.C., do.

AN APPRECIATION

It was with deep regret that it was learned last week that Mrs. Mullane, of Croom, was dead. For over twenty-six years she accompanied the Croom ambulance, or "the van," as it is still known to many of the old-timers, on her errands of mercy. Summer or winter, day and night, they were all one to her. In her grey uniform and cap, her trim and agile figure, which latterly, indeed, belied her years, was a familiar sight throughout the county. The name of Mrs. Mullane was known far and wide. She had become almost an institution.

Ceaseless in her devotion to the sick, she will be affectionately remembered in countless homes for her words of encouragement in an hour of distress and anxiety. She will be remembered above all for her unflinching cheerfulness.

For many she was their first contact with the County Hospital. No better choice could be made. The advent of the ambulance was once something of an ordeal. Nowadays people have come more and more to appreciate the worth of hospital treatment. Though too humble herself ever to realise it, this devoted woman played her own part in building up that wholesome tradition. Her very presence was a tonic and a tonic where it was most needed. Many a time she arrived back in Croom with some little lonely mite comforted on her knee. Or, she would while away the time with a laugh and a joke, and the patient who could altogether resist both should be pretty far gone.

For over half a century she gave devoted service to her employers, always trustworthy and capable, she enjoyed their complete confidence. As for the rest of us who knew and worked with her here at the County Hospital, it is enough to say we feel she held a place all her own. No wonder, then, that her death cast a gloom rarely felt even here, where death, of necessity, is no stranger. Her death was swift and tragic, at the end of a day's work. But we feel she has deserved well of her Divine Master, as she has deserved well of her neighbours. Surely, her life was a living example of Christian charity at its best, in its devotion to the people of this county, especially of its sick poor. "For I was sick and you visited Me."

And may we hope that after her many labours for others, in which she spent herself, she now enjoys the reward of the good and faithful servant.

May her kindly and gentle soul rest in peace.

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PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEMES

Water Supply And Sewerage Projects

REPORT FROM COUNTY MANAGER

Question Of New Bridge For Castleconnell

The fact that a big programme of water supply and sewerage schemes was nearing completion in County Limerick, and that other comprehensive schemes of the same type were being planned, was explained to Limerick County Council at a meeting on Saturday, through the medium of a report from the County Manager (Mr. P. J. Meighan, B.E.).

Mr. J. W. Carty, Chairman, presided at the meeting and there was a full attendance of members. The Manager's report was as follows:

REPORT ON WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

"I take this opportunity of bringing to your attention the substantial programme of work which has been undertaken in connection with the provision of water supplies and sewerage services throughout the county. You will remember that the Foynes supply scheme was tackled during the emergency and has now been completed satisfactorily.

"The following schemes are almost completed:—Askeaton sewerage, Adare water supply, and the improvement of Ballyhendry water supply.

"Work is now in progress on the Shangolden water supply and Patrickswell water supply. Tenders have been received for the Adare sewerage scheme, and the lowest that of Mr. Jeremiah O'Connell, Tarbert, at £3,905, has now been approved. Tenders have also been received for Glin sewerage scheme, and it is proposed to accept the lowest tender in this case also, namely, that of Mr. John O'Connor, Tarbert, at £4,737, subject to the sanction of the Minister.

OTHER SCHEMES.

"The following schemes have now been approved, and advertisements are being issued for tenders for them—Bruff sewerage scheme, Abbeyfeale water extensions, Caherdavin water extension.

"The plans of the following schemes are almost ready:—Gallabally water supply, Patrickswell sewerage scheme, Ballingarry water supply.

"This last scheme involves the improvement of the supply to Newcastle West and Rathkeale, as it is proposed to supply Ballingarry from the same source, and it is necessary to acquire further wells.

"It can be seen from this programme that the County Council is sparing no effort to improve conditions in their area. The former Board of Health, as I pointed out in a previous report, had carried out a substantial programme before the war, and even when all the works mentioned above are concluded, it will be necessary to deal with a number of other urgently required schemes. A water supply and sewerage scheme for Cappamore is urgently required, while Doon water supply must be improved. The County Engineer is working on this, and there are schemes in the West, including the improvement of Drumeellogher water supply, water supply for Ardagh, and extensions in Newcastle West, which require attention. The water supply to Castleconnell is also being investigated, and a separate report will be made to you on this matter.

"It must be remembered that in addition to the above works a large improvement scheme is being carried out at Croom Hospital. Tenders are being sought for the development of a Regional Hospital site, and for the repair of Plassy Bridge, and a substantial housing programme is also in hand."

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Dore moved a notice of motion asking for the Council's permission for the rising of a loan of £5,810 5s., for the purpose of providing extensions to the Newcastle West water and sewerage services to serve the Knockane and Rathina areas. In four or five years this scheme would be an asset to the Council. He thought the Manager would agree that there were very few schemes outside the city which were paying their way.

FATHER FOGARTY'S VIEWS.

Very Rev. Father Fogarty said that a water supply was very essential for Castleconnell, which had a population at the moment of about five hundred people. The village could also be regarded as a tourist centre and it was not only unfair, but also inconvenient to the many bus-loads of Limerick people who spent summer Sundays in the village that there should not be proper sanitary accommodation and water there. He felt the request for a water supply was not an unreasonable one because of the great need of such a scheme. At the moment, the citizens of the village were in very grave danger from the point of view of public health, because of the absence of a proper water supply scheme.

Mr. Mackey said that although he would sooner walk out of the Council than oppose any proposition of Father Fogarty, he still believed that a public bridge was more necessary for Castleconnell than a water supply scheme. Several other fellow-citizens were of the same mind as he. About 15 years ago there was a move made to have a bridge provided but the project fell through. During the emergency period, the military

who were stationed at Castleconnell provided a footbridge and here now lay the foundation for a bigger and more ambitious structure. He thought this should get priority and unless the Council decided that day, he felt the matter should be left over until it was put before a public meeting at Castleconnell.

BRIDGE QUESTION NOT BEFORE THE MEETING.

The Chairman pointed out that the only matter the Council could concern itself with at the moment was the notice of motion handed in by Mr. Ryan, asking for a water supply for Castleconnell. It could not consider the projected erection of a bridge since that was not properly before it. Personally, he thought that a water and sewerage supply scheme was of greater necessity to any village than a bridge.

Mr. Mackey pointed out that the cost of the provision of a water supply scheme would cost a great lot of money, and the water, which would come from the Shannon, would not at all compare with the spring water now being consumed by the citizens.

Mr. M. Hickey proposed that the whole matter be postponed until it was submitted to the suggested public meeting in Castleconnell.

Mr. Mackey agreed with and seconded this proposition.

Mr. Sean Hayes supported the proposition and said he held with Mr. Mackey on the question of the bridge.

Mr. Ryan said that Mr. Mackey was more fully acquainted with the needs of Castleconnell than he was. He was aware that there was a great need in the village for a bridge, but he also felt that a water and sewerage scheme was very necessary. He would, however, agree to have the matter postponed, in accordance with the resolution proposed by Mr. Hickey.

THE WATER SOURCE AT CASTLECONNELL.

The Manager said he thought the Council would be glad if Castleconnell were able to come before the Council with a united front. The Co. Engineer was planning a water supply for the village and considered that such a scheme should have priority over any other project. Investigations as to the source of such a scheme had been carried out, and he (Manager) was afraid that the suggested source was only just adequate last year, which was not particularly dry. In these circumstances, sources had to be examined from the point of view of the average supply over a number of years. He felt that the Council should have more detailed information about the source at Castleconnell before any expense was incurred. He would also like to point out that the Co. Medical Officer of Health had intimated that the first necessity everywhere was a proper water supply and sewerage scheme. At the next ordinary meeting of the Council, the County Engineer would have a full and very comprehensive report to put before the Council in relation to the proposed water supply for Castleconnell.

NEEDS OF OTHER CENTRES.

Mr. D. O'Grady asked if there was any report on the proposed new water supply scheme for Bruree.

The Manager replied that when planning this scheme the County Engineer considered the best method of supplying Bruree was by way of an extension of the Kilmallock supply. It was found, however, that the Kilmallock supply itself had been complained of. However, the position of Bruree was being carefully examined and a full report was forthcoming.

POSITION AT KILMEEDY.

Mr. Dore said there was recently a pump sunk at Kilmeedy and it lasted only 24 hours.

Mr. J. F. Ambrose (the Acting County Surveyor) said the pump worked for three or four months. This project had cost very little. The pump itself was already in the Council's hands and its sinking only necessitated the digging of a six-foot deep hole. The whole job only took three or four days.

Mr. Dore pointed out that Kilmeedy had a very big population and there was no proper water within a half mile of the village. The citizens most affected by the lack of water were the 150 children who attended school in Kilmeedy. When, he asked, would an attempt be made to have a proper water supply for a village where there was no water at all?

The Manager said that last year, when tenders were invited for the erection of a pump and the sinking of a well at Kilmeedy, no contractor replied.

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A partly heard Edward P. Harlage, Castleconnell, Gerard Wynne, Ingolsley House, returned before O. Brinin, S.C., a King of Limerick.

Mr. J. Kenny, by Messrs. P. M. (citors), appeared and Mr. J. Mackey, by Mr. Mackey, was for Mr. McMahon.

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