demptorist novitiate and was ordained in due course. From 1906 to 1911, he was Spiritual Director of the Limerick Arch-Confraternity of Church

anxious to hear and see a former director who has shed so much lustre on the Confraternity and in general.

PRESENTATION

Tributes To Colonel Brennan

BRAVERY AND SKILL IN ACTION

THERE was a big gathering on Thursday night in the Queen's Hotel, Ennis, when Col. Austin Brennan was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Clare County Executive of Fine Gael and the recipient of a handsome presentation a brief case and inscribed writing set (writes our Ennis correspondent).

Mr. Vincent McHugh, Chairman of the Executive, presided and the attendance included Mr. Liam Cosgrave, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Taoiseach; Dr. J. B. MacClancy, Co. Surgeon; Dr. J. H. Counihan, Dr. H. Bugler, Messrs. E. Monahan, solicitor; James B. MacClancy, do.; R. Counihan, do.; G. J. O'Donnell, do.; Patrick Purcell, Co.C.; George Brew, Kilrush; W. McEnery, do.

"A GREAT PATRIOT."

Mr. McHugh, in making the presentation, congratulated Col. Brennan on his recent appointment as a member of the Pensions Appeal Board and referred in glowing terms to the services he had rendered to the Fine Gael organisation in Clare. He added that, throughout his whole career, Col. Brennan had shown deep sincerity and honesty of purpose and had proved himself a great Clareman, a great Irishman and a great patriot.

Mr. Liam Cosgrave said that Col. Austin Brennan and his brothers (Major General Brennan and Col. P. Brennan) had given tremendous services to their country. It was right that honour should be paid to them and to the other great Irish soldiers such as General Collins, General Mulcahy and "the blacksmith of Ballinalee," who had led the only Irish military movement that had been crowned with lasting success.

BRAVERY AND SKILL.

Col. P. Dinneen, Director of Fine Gael Organisation, paid tribute to the bravery and skill with which Col. Austin Brennan had led the East Clare Flying Column in the fight for independence. He showed like qualities, added the speaker, in fighting the cause of Fine Gael in Clare and winning pronounced success for it in a constituency where so much opposition had to be met from the Fianna Fail machine, the Fianna Fail leader and all the satellites of that now

ALL SCREAMED!

But The Band Played

"THE GREAT SEQUAH"

IN the subjoined article, written specially for the "Limerick Leader," Miss Mamie Howlett, a Limerick lady, who owns the George Hotel, 59 and 60 Cartwright Gardens, London, W.C. 1, gives her experience of a visit she once paid to "The Great Sequah," who pulled teeth and had a band on the scene specially to drown the screams of his victim-patients:

Paying a visit to my dentist today, as I was sitting on the chair, my thoughts went back to the Markets Field in the City of Limerick, where the greatest showman that ever lived used to visit. His dress of Indian Feathers thrown back on his head, and his Magic Gold Cloak, as himself and his caravans and band toured the City, I shall never forget, believe me.

A LAMP ON HIS FOREHEAD

The Lord Mayor's Show wasn't in it, as he paraded the City daily "teeth drawn, no pain." I had four jaw teeth really bad. In those days we took little care of our teeth. So my mother sent me to Sequah to get them out. Two of my school companions came also to get theirs out. Shall I ever forget when I was lifted up into the caravan. His attendant put me sitting on a chair, and put my head back. With a grip on both sides of my head I could not move.

The Great Sequah stood before me all in white, a lamp on his forehead that blinded my eyes. I showed him my teeth; he nearly tore the jaw out of my head. Did anyone hear my screams? My God no, only the strains of the band full speed; my teeth were out. I was shown down the other side of the caravan; I did not wait for my companions.

HIS BAND WAS THE MAGIC WAND

How I got home I shall never forget, with the jaw nearly torn out of me. Did anyone hear my screams? No one ever did. The band full speed covered our screams. He was supposed to cure all ailments no pain; his band was the magic wand that covered the screams of everyone who flocked to the Markets Field every night many long years ago.

CROSS WORTH £10,000 STOLEN

Thieves snatched from the High Altar of Exeter Cathedral on Saturday night a huge jewel-encrusted silver cross worth £10,000. They

Pensioned Teachers' Association the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That we, the members of Limerick City and Co. Branch of Pensioned Teachers' Association request that bestowal of Retiring Gratuity be made retrospective as to include all pensioned teachers irrespective of year of birth or year of retirement.

"Owing to inadequacy of salaries in years gone by the older the teacher the less his savings, the smaller his pension, but the greater the number of premiums saved teacher paid into Teachers' Pension Fund.

We, therefore, consider it alarmingly unjust to exclude such teacher from Retiring Gratuity because of seniority in years."

2. "That we request T.Ds. of City and County to secure this instalment of justice for us by a proposal for our inclusion in promised superannuation legislation."

JOE DEVITT (Sec.)

LIMERICK IGNORED

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir Notwithstanding protests made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Limerick Harbour Board regarding the omission in appointing a Director on the Board of the C.I.E. by the Government, we are still left with knowing the reason why Limerick has been so badly treated. Not one of our five T.D.s deigned to ask a question in the Dail about the matter. I wonder why. Would it embarrass the Government?

Cork would not stand its representatives overlooking a matter that undoubtedly cast a reflection on her business fellow-citizens.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,

Yours truly,

"CITIZEN"

ALD. D. BOURKE, T.D., WELCOMED.

To-day, at the meeting of Limerick Harbour Board **Chairman** (Mr. M. W. McG B.C.) said that they were all lighted to see Ald. Bourke amongst them again after his illness. On behalf of the men he wished to extend to him a cordial welcome.

Ald. Bourke Thank you, C man, for your kind remarks.

OPERATIONS OF LABOUR COURT

The Irish Labour Court vened in 186 disputes in 1949. affected about 20,000 workers

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