We regret to know that Mr. W. J. Delap has passed away recently, and sincerely sympathise with his relatives, as both he and the other members of his family always evinced a lively interest in the preservation of the ancient monuments of Kerry.

The Antiquary (Elliot Stock, London).—Many of the articles in recent numbers of this monthly journal are of interest to Irish antiquaries. Of such we may mention "A Visit to the Neolithic Hut Circle of Jeneffe" by A. Montgomerie Bell; "The Episcopal Mitre," by F. R. Fairbank, M.D., F.S.A.; "Early 13th Century Churchyard Cross," by Rev. C. H. Evelyn White, F.S.A.; and "The Architecture of the Friars in England," by A. W. Clapham. These are only a few of the articles which, with the numerous notes on a variety of subjects, render this publication so interesting to antiquaries.—P.J.L.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

An Old Limerick Bell.—In the steeple of the P. rish Church at Benburb, Co. Tyrone, there hangs a bell with a histo y. It has an inscription in raised (abbreviated) Roman capitals, which reads as follows:—

I·H̄·S MR̄A FR̄S : LAUDATE IN TYMPANO
ET CHORO FR : X : ‖/ MATHEW
MCMAHON CAPUCHINORUM
LOCI LIMERICENSIS SUPERIOR
ME FIERI FECIT DIE 8 JULY
ANNO DO 1688.

TRANSLATION:

Jesus, Mary, Francis, Praise Him in Tymbrel and Choir. Brother in Christ ‖/ (Stigmata of St. Francis). Mathew McMahon, Superior of the Capuchins of the Limerick District, caused me to be made 8th July, A.D. 1688.

This inscription was sent to me by a gentleman, resident in Armagh some years ago, seeking information. The information which I possessed was meagre, but I have since received, through the good offices

of the Rev. J. Begley, M.R.I,A., a transcript from the Rev. James White's MSS. History of the Diocese of Limerick, with reference to the Capuchins of Limerick, as follows :—

1688.—"This year was finished the Church which the Capuchins built in the Irishtown, afterwards called the Infirmary in Palmerstown. The first who said Mass therein was one Father Maurice White, a Capuchin Friar from Clonmel. It is said that Father Jasper White was security for the money, which he was afterwards obliged to pay." [Jasper White was P.P. of St. John's].

Dr. Young, Bishop of Limerick, added the following note to the above :—

"This Church was taken down in the month of March, 1797, so that in a short time the site was forgotten. It lay about the middle of the street in the western side of it."

How did the bell get to Benburb? Any answer must be problematical. A Convent of Friars Minors was erected at Brantry on the Blackwater, Co. Tyrone, near the famous battlefield of Benburb, in 1587. After the defeat of Munro's army in 1646, Owen Roe O'Neill and some of his officers spent the night at the monastery. The chaplain to the army was sent to Limerick with a letter from Owen Roe O'Neill to the Papal Nuncio, taking with him the thirty-one colours and a standard captured from the enemy at Benburb, These trophies rested in St. Francis Abbey until the following Sunday, when we learn from Rinnucini's letters, they were carried in procession to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the "Te Deum" was sung, the Nuncio presiding.

That the bell was hanging in the steeple of the Capuchin Church in the Irishtown during the siege of 1690-1, there can be no reasonable doubt. Is it not probable that some old veteran of Munro's army (Benburb was fought forty-five years before the Treaty) or a northern soldier took the bell back as a trophy, and sent it to Benburb as some reprisal for the lost colours of Munro's army (?)—J. GRENE BARRY.

There are circumstances connecting the Church at Benburb with Limerick in modern times, that may afford matter for another suggestion as to how this bell was removed from Limerick.

Dr. Griffin, who was appointed Bishop of Limerick in 1854, had been Rector of Benburb. He came of a south of Ireland family—the same as that to which Gerald Griffin, of literary fame, belonged. He was a Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, from 1811 until he was appointed Rector, the living being in the gift of the College.

It is possible the bell may have remained in the old Capuchin Church after the Capuchins left it, and until the building was taken down in 1797, when, perhaps, it was stored away somewhere, or sold.

The Rev. Henry Griffin was appointed Rector of Clonfeacle (Benburb) in 1830. The church was an old one, erected in 1619, but (according to Lewis) it was improved and enlarged in 1815, and after the Rev. Mr. Griffin's appointment, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners granted a further sum of £526 towards its repair. If in previous years the Rector happened to know or hear of this old bell, he may have acquired it for his church, when carrying out these improvements, and probably thought it as well to leave the later part of its history untold.

It would appear that while at Benburb he did much to improve the parish. He built the Parochial Schools in 1832, and supported them afterwards.

He died at Limerick in April, 1866, but was buried at Benburb in the tomb of his wife and daughter.

Whatever be the story of the bell in later years—and, as Mr. Barry remarks, it is all conjecture—his notes provide another interesting link in the history of Limerick and Benburb.—Ed.

Honan's Quay.—A small tablet has recently been placed in position on Honan's Quay to perpetuate an historical fact of local interest not generally known. The tablet, which is over the door of Messrs. Cannock and Co's. wholesale stores, reads as follows :—

HONAN'S QUAY.
BUILT BY MATTHEW HONAN,
1786,
FIRST MERCHANT TO EXPORT CORN FROM THIS CITY.

From this it will be learned that Matthew Honan commenced the export of corn, and built the present quay and stores for that purpose. In those days Limerick, owing to its magnificent river and central position, was doing an immense import and export trade. It was no uncommon thing to see a fleet of ships coming in on one tide and another going out.

This property continues to be held by the Honan family, the present Mr. Matthew Honan, A.R.I.B.A., Architect, of Liverpool, being the great-grandson of the builder of Honan's Quay.

It is hardly necessary to add that the whole of this exportation of corn, the once staple trade of Limerick, was crushed out of existence by foreign competition.

The following extract from Lenihan's "History of Limerick" is interesting :—"It may be here remarked, that though the commerce of the port had been increasing considerably, and though a large business was transacted with Spain, Holland, etc., the export of corn was but little known up to this period, and when it was commenced by Mr. Honan, an enterprising merchant, who built a portion of the quays in Limerick, called after himself, and known to this day by the name of 'Honan's Quay,' he had every difficulty that it is possible to imagine to encounter from the humbler classes of the citizens, who looked upon the export of cereals as the greatest visitation that could befall them, and who were backed up by the Mayor and the authorities in their interference with the course of trade."—ED.

EDITORIAL.

CROMLEACS OF COUNTY LIMERICK.

The completion of the descriptions of the Cromleacs of the County Limerick by Mr. P. J. Lynch does not appear in this Journal as intended.

The remains to which his attention was directed turned out in one case to be a very doubtful Cromleac, and in another unsuitable for illustration. He has since heard of another supposed Cromleac, which he hopes to examine at an early date.

THE COUNTY COUNCILS AND LOCAL ANTIQUITIES.

We hope to be able to report in the next issue of the JOURNAL that the County Council of Limerick have permitted the Estates Commissioners to vest in the Council any interesting monuments of historic interest that may exist on estates offered for sale.

It is much to be desired that all County Councils would act similarly, as if these interesting historical landmarks become derelict, through the passing of the estates, in a very few years many of them will have disappeared.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Field Club Rooms, on Wednesday, 8th June, 1910. The Vice-President for Limerick City, Mr. P. J. Lynch, in the chair The following were also present—Rev. St. J. Seymour, B.D. ; Rev. T. F. Abbott, B.D. ; H. V. Morony, B.E. ; W. A. Halpin, E. J Long, J. N. Wallace, Rev. J. Begley, C.C., M.R.I.A. ; Dr. G. Fogerty, and Very Rev. Canon Flannery, P.P., V.F.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and signed, the Hon. Treasurer presented his Report and Balance Sheet to date. On the motion of Rev. T. F. Abbott, seconded by Mr. W. A. Halpin, they were adopted.

Arising out of the Minutes, a discussion arose as to the advisability of having excursions to suitable localities during the summer. It was suggested that two be held, and Roscrea, Holy Cross, Killaloe, Scattery and Corofin, were mentioned. Finally the matter was left in the hands of the Hon. Secretaries.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Lynch, seconded by Father Begley, C.C., it was decided that Rule III. should read as follows :

That the Officers of the Society consist of a President, four Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and two Secretaries, and a Publication Committee, consisting of at least five members, and those Officers do constitute the General Committee, and that a Council be nominated at any time hereafter if found necessary. Two Members of the Committee to be Members of the Limerick Field Club Committee Three to form a quorum.

On the motion of Dr. G. Fogerty, seconded by Mr. J. N. Wallace, it was decided to add to Rule V. " The financial year begins on January 1st," and ends on December 31st.

The following Officers were elected for 1910 :—President, Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven, K.P.,P.C.,H.M.L.; Vice-President, Limerick County, J. Grene Barry, D.L ; Vice-President, Limerick City, P. J. Lynch ; Vice-President, North Tipperary, Rev. St. J. Seymour, B.D. ; Vice-President, County Clare, Dr. G. U. Macnamara. Hon. Secs., Rev. J. Begley, C.C., M.R.I.A. ; George J. Fogerty, R.N. Hon. Treas., P. J. Lynch, M.R.I.A I.

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RULES.

I.—That this Society be called "THE NORTH MUNSTER ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY."

II.—That the Society be formed for the study and investigation of the history, antiquities and folk lore of the district, which includes Limerick, Clare, and North Tipperary.

III.—That the Society consist of a President, Four Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Two Secretaries, and a Publication Committee consisting of at least Five Members. Two Members of the General Committee to be Members of the Limerick Field Club Committee, and those officers do constitute the General Committee, and that a Council be nominated by the Committee at any time hereafter if found necessary. Three to form a quorum.

IV.—That the names of those desiring to become Members of the Society shall be submitted, together with the name of a Proposer, to the Hon. Secretaries for consideration by the Committee, and, if approved of, shall be elected. Before entry on the roll of the Membership the Annual Subscription for the current year must be paid.

V.—That Members pay an Annual Subscription of 7/6 (due on) 1st January, and that one payment of £5 shall constitute a life membership. The financial year to begin on 1st January, and end 31st December.

VI.—That a Journal devoted to the publication of the work of the Society be issued periodically, at least two in each year, and supplied *gratis* to Members whose subscription is not in arrear.

VII.—That the dates of meetings of the Society be fixed by the Committee, due notice to be given to the members. Officers and Committee to be elected for the ensuing year at the first Annual Meeting.

VIII.—Associates may be elected by the Committee for any single meeting or excursions on payment of a fee. Members of the Limerick Field Club are qualified as Associates for the ordinary meetings and excursions without payment of entrance fee.

IX.—That all papers intended to be read at the meetings, or for publication in the Journal, be first submitted for the approval of the Publication Committee. That all matters touching on existing religious and political differences shall be excluded from the discussions at the meetings and from the Journal.

X.—The foregoing Rules can be altered only at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose.

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