

The Association's Secretary, Charles Duggan, putting in an evening's practice at the Mechanics' Institute Hall in Hartstonge Street.

Double Presentations Took Place This Morning

Limerick Archery and Fencing Club may attract overseas competitors

THERE was a pleasant little ceremony at Messrs. Dan O'Connor's, Upper William Street, this morning when the Mayor, Alderman G. E. Russell, presented on his own behalf a perpetual trophy to the Limerick Archery and Fencing Association. Later, another trophy was, in turn, presented by the Association to St. Brendan's School.

The Mayor's gesture will be much towards giving an international aspect to archery and fencing in Limerick. It will be put up for competition once a year, and entries will be invited from a number of foreign countries.

A beginning will be made next August when sportsmen from the Limerick club and colleges in the area will meet competitors from Dublin, Cork, Belfast and cross-Channel.

SPORTS STAR

Custodian of the trophy which was presented to St. Brendan's is Mr. Bernard Duggan, the trainer of the schools hurling and football teams. It will be pre-

sented annually to the schools' "Sports Star of the Year."

The winner will be selected in the coming weeks, and while it may be premature to forecast his identity, some shrewd judges predict the most likely candidates to be Gerard Collins and Christy Mullane.

Gerard captained the St. Brendan's school team that won the City under-18 football League, and Christy was captain of the school team that was successful in the Spillane Cup.

The Association is very grateful to St. Brendan's School for the very willing support given to its recent raffle. The first prize was a large home-made cake (baked by Aine Duggan) and 200 cigarettes. But the

raffle has presented a rather knotty problem: the winner was Mr. J. Kiely, of New York, and the U.S. Customs will not allow him to take delivery!

GROWING

Although only eight months formed, the Limerick Archery and Fencing Association is a rapidly growing club with a sizeable membership of 60. And the numbers are increasing at such a rate that membership will be closed within the next month or two. Intending members are asked to enrol as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Up to the present, the activities of the Association have been confined to archery, but it is intended to launch fencing classes later this month.

Meetings are held on each Wednesday night from 8 o'clock to 10.30 at the Mechanics' Institute

Hall, Hartstonge Street.

OFFICERS

Technical adviser to the Association is Arthur Grayson. Other officials include Joe Nestor, President; G. Sinclair, Vice-President; Gerard Dundon, Treasurer; Charles Duggan, Secretary; Aine Duggan, Public Relations Officer; with Ken Rowlands and Charlie Roche.

All the targets in use for practice were designed by Ken. They are illuminated by a row of powerful lamps which give a total lighting of 2½ thousand watts, and in addition to this special concentration some 30 other lamps are provided in the hall.

The bows, which are made of fibre-glass and timber, are imported from Canada, and a special feature of the equipment is the back-stop nets which can catch arrows that travel at over 400 miles per hour.

Five archers take aim—(l. to r.)—Michael Clancy, Arthur Grayson, Jerry Geary, John Duggan and Gerard Dundon.



Michael Clancy, Arthur Grayson, Gerry Geary and John Duggan collect the arrows after an archery practice.

SKILLED

Arthur Grayson, who is a skilled archer, will be the club's main hope in competitions. He is followed by Michael Clancy, of Castle-troy, who has a handicap of two, and the next best in line are reckoned to be John Duggan, Gerard Duggan and Charlie Roche.

Charles Duggan, who is

an insurance clerk with the Norwich Union, will be resigning his Secretaryship of the Association in the coming weeks owing to his studies and other commitments. However, he may continue as Assistant Secretary and may run for the Presidency at the annual general meeting next May.

Club membership is at the very nominal fee of 10/- (juniors 5/-), but it is

expected that these subscriptions will be upped to £1 and 10/-, respectively, after the annual general meeting.

PROGRAMMES

The Association has some very attractive programmes in view for the coming months. Most immediate is an archery competition which will be held

at the Mechanics' Institute Hall on Wednesday next, January 10, at 8 p.m. The public are invited to attend and non-members may participate at a fee of 2/6d.

Archery and fencing are sports which have a strong appeal, too, for ladies, and any who may wish to acquire proficiency in either sphere will be welcomed to the Association.

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