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 Mick Dundon's death was
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Med Dundon who was also my Uncle.
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 Limerick Scholar And
 Athlete

THE following appreciation, of a great County Limerick scholar and athlete, the late Michael Dundon, M.A., H. Dip. Ed., who was born at The Court Castle, Aughanish Island, Barrigone, has been specially written for the "Limerick Leader":—

As a Catholic priest read the (private) burial service on October 14, 1955, at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leyston, London, a small but distinguished group gazed pensively into the open grave, wherein the coffin of an Irish emigrant lay.

On the breastplate were the simple words:—"Michael Dundon, M.A." The service ended, and as the sad group moved away a little piece of paper, released by one of his colleagues, fluttered slowly down and landed gently on the coffin.

On it was written a touching little poem, composed by Daniel McCarthy, M.A., Senior Mathematical Master, Bonaventure Grammar School, London. He composed it in Gaelic as a fitting tribute to nestle on the coffin, in a foreign land, of the man who himself had written hundreds of thousands of words in the Gaelic he loved. Thus passed another great Irish scholar.

SHOWED HIGH INTELLIGENCE AS A CHILD.

Michael Dundon was born at the Court Castle, Aughanish Island, Barrigone, Co. Limerick, on Jan. 27, 1894. It was perceived at a very early age that he was a highly intelligent child, showing an unusual interest in story-telling, books and learning.

His uncle, who also lived across the courtyard, was the late "Captain" Pat Dundon, noted philosopher, book lover, story-teller, fowler and fisherman, in whose company the toddler Michael spent every available hour, toddling across the courtyard at every chance he got. This uncle was no doubt, responsible in a marked degree for instilling in the impressionable young mind a great love of books, stories and learning. It was the "Captain," too, who encouraged and helped him with his first efforts at essays and prize story writing. The more notable of these prize winners were "The Phantom Of The Shannon," "Barney The Boy" and "Barney's Revenge."

The local schoolmaster, Mr. Patrick O'Brien, delighted at Michael's aptitude for learning, gave him private tuition outside school hours; as did Dr. Douglas Hyde, M.A., years later when this young student was at the National University.

Professor Wardell, Old Abbey, Shanagolden, too, took a keen interest in Michael as a student, and his library containing an unique collection of valuable books was always at Michael's disposal, by special order of the Professor. This opportunity Michael availed of immensely in his spare time studies.

FIRST FOR CO. COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP.

From Barrigone National School he passed first in the County Council Scholarship for five years free tuition at the Crescent College, Limerick. On foot, bike and train he travelled forty miles daily to and from the Crescent College for five years, regardless of weather conditions. Despite this trying daily journey, he studied far into the night at home.

He again displayed exceptional ability during his Secondary School Course, obtaining first place in Latin in the British Isles at the Preparatory Grade Examination.

It was about this time, too, as a student that he collected a lot of old Irish words for the now famous Irish-English dictionary of the Rev. Father Patrick S. Dinneen, M.A., Hon. Dr. Litt., National University of Ireland. Michael travelled through the country a lot for this purpose and met many old Irish scholars and saw their manuscripts.

From the Crescent he again passed first in the county a scholarship for another five years at the National University, Dublin.

There in September, 1915, the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred on him. He took this degree in Irish and English literature with French as the major subject. On October 28, 1915, he obtained the Master of Arts degree, the dissertation being modern Irish. Previously also in 1916 he qualified for the award of the Higher Diploma in Education.

A STUDENT UNDER DR. HYDE

At the National University he was a student of Dr. Douglas Hyde, M.A. (later President of Ireland). Dr. Hyde took a keen interest in his brilliant pupil, and amongst Michael's papers there is still a personal testimonial in Dr. Hyde's own hand.

An unusual feature in Michael Dundon was, though being a great scholar, he was also a great athlete. During his college and University days he won many prizes, for short and long distance running, jumping and boxing. He was the middleweight boxing champion of the National University for a time.

Having secured the highest literary degrees available, he left the University and taught at the Christian Brothers School, Mullingar. Later, from September, 1921, to March, 1924, he taught at St. Mary's College, Knockbeg, Carlow. Amongst his papers also I find, to quote in part from the headmaster of that College, the following:—

"He was an excellent teacher. His painstaking work had its due effect on the standard of his classes. Most of his pupils got honours in the public examinations; some of them scored remarkably high marks; rarely did anyone fail. What is very important, Mr. Dundon got on splendidly with his pupils as well as with his colleagues. For truly he was a most competent teacher, and a most likeable and agreeable companion."

APPOINTED NATIONAL SCHOOL INSPECTOR.

In March, 1924, Michael Dundon was appointed National School Inspector, having again passed first in the examination for this post he held until he retired on pension. As a school inspector he examined schools in almost every one of the Twenty-Six Counties.

After his retirement he was commissioned by the Department of Education to translate the following literary works into Irish:—"Plays"—"The Rugged Path" (George Shiels); "Shadow and Substance" (Paul V. Carroll); "The Far Of Hills" (Lennox Robinson); "Look At The Heffernans" (Brinsley McNamara); "The Money Doesn't Matter" (Louis Dalton).—A story for young people—"The White Bolle Tric" (Kenneth Reddin). During this period, too, his own original novel, "The Bones Of The Peacock," and an original play also, "Lan Beal na Laoi," were accepted for publication under the Department's scheme for provision of books in the Irish language.

TOOK UP TEACHING IN ENGLAND.

To augment his income he then emigrated to England, where he again took up teaching, and also kept his English pupils keenly interested in athletics and boxing. In his own spare time he continued writing. During the past few years he wrote an original series of twelve detective stories in Irish. These are published by the Government Publications Sales Office, General Post Office, Dublin, under a scheme for the promotion of Gaelic literature.

These witty, interesting and educational books have an English-Irish flavour. Some of the plots and scenes are laid in England, but all the stories move dramatically across to Ireland and finish up amidst Limerick—City and County, in which he used many of the old Gaelic names of the hills, fields and islands—he loved so well. The hero of these stories is Detective Mic Effic, and the author's Gaelic name—Mical D'Andup.

MADE NUMEROUS FRIENDS IN LONDON.

In the booming London suburb of Hford, where he spent most of his last ten years, he made numerous friends amongst his colleagues and in all walks of life. I was amazed at the number and types of Englishmen and other nationalities who called to offer their deep sympathy, as well as the number of their women folk who helped his wife and family in the tragic hour of need. His friends and colleagues have asked me to write a book on his life, which they think should be of great interest to students and literary aspirants of the future. I hope to accomplish that task successfully, and also to get published some of his hitherto unpublished writings.

EDMOND DUNDON.

Record Numbers
 At Confraternity
 Retreats

The recent half-yearly Retreat and General Confraternity for the members of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, Redemptorist Church, Limerick, showed an increase in the attendance figures for each division when compared to the numbers for last year's Retreat.

The aggregate increase in the number of communicants at the Retreat Masses was a record since the establishment of the St. Gerard's Division for young men. The actual increase was 369.

ADARE MANOR GOLF CLUB

The following are results of competitions during last month:—

Turkey Competitions.
 Week-ending 8th October.
 Mr. D. O'Grady and Mr. McDermott.

Week ending 15th October.
 Mr. Arthur McMahon and Mr. L. de Lacey.

Week-ending, 22nd October.
 Mr. M. Power and Mr. J. O'Leary.

Week-ending, 29th October.
 Mr. J. de Lacey and Mr. J. McMahon.

Mixed Four Balls, 15th Oct.
 Mr. J. McMahon and Mrs. P. Wallace.

Atlantic Fleet Cup, Oct. 23rd.
 Mr. T. O'Shaughnessy, V.S.

Adare Challenge Cup qualifiers.
 Mr. S. Hanley, Mr. T. O'Shaughnessy, Mr. P. H. O'Connell, Mr. J. O'Leary.

WINNERS OF COUNTY JUNIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL



The Patrickswell team that defeated Feenagh-Kilmeedy at Kilmallock on Sunday last in the County Limerick Junior Hurling semi-final. Back row (left to right)—John Foley, N. Murphy, W. Foster, Tom Costello, G. Bennis, G. O'Brien, P. Casey, P. Foster. Front row (left to right)—K. Lynch, T. Boland, P. Shinnors, S. Casey, S. O'Brien, W. O'Brien, Joe Foley, T. Murphy. Sitting in front—J. Fitzgerald and Moore. The team will meet Pallasgreen at Kilmallock on Sunday next in the County Final.

LIMERICK MAN'S 104 MILES WALKING FEAT

WHAT must be without precedent in the history of marathon walking—at least in this country—has just been accomplished by a Limerickman, now living in Dublin (writes a correspondent).

Well known for his many fine feats of long-distance "strolls" (anything up to 60 miles in a day, Limerick-born Willie W. Gleeson, who will celebrate his fifty-first birthday in January, has set all Dublin talking by his latest performance during last week-end. "W.W." as his friends know him best, left Dublin on the "Enterprise" at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday for Belfast. Five-and-a-half hours later he started foot-stopping for the return journey.

THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT NON-STOP

Favoured with a moonlit sky, he walked throughout the night non-stop until he reached Newry, 40 miles away, at 8.30 on Sunday morning. Here he attended the 9 o'clock Mass and received Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Cathedral. (It is Willie's custom not to eat during walking bouts until "so many miles have been chalked up.")

After breakfast he was on the road again, this time for Duncannon, only 12 miles away, which he reached at 2.30.

Feeling somewhat refreshed after almost three hours' rest, he left for Drogheda as darkness was beginning to fall at 5.20. With 22 miles of concrete roads before him, he went all out to do the remainder of the 74 miles journey, so as to get a good night's sleep before resuming on Monday morning for Dublin, where he was due to commence work at 6 p.m.

"UP GARRYOWEN"

Passing through the village of Duncker, 9 1/2 miles from Drogheda, Willie heard the familiar cry of "Up Garryowen" from a passing motor car, which, as he remarked, gave him renewed vitality with the will to conquer, just as he was tiring.

Midnight saw him enter the White Horse Hotel—after he'd walked 74 miles in 18 hours 40 minutes, something never before recorded in Irish road walking, either by professional or amateur.

At breakfast on Monday morning Willie laughed heartily when the manageress of the hotel—who is Miss Mary Reid, sister of the famous International, Tom—told him that it was she and her girl friend who shouted "Up Garryowen," by way of encouragement, as they sped by.

After saying goodbye to his many friends in Drogheda, and to the Shrine of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, which he has visited 22 times on foot—Willie, as the Tholsel clock struck 11 a.m., set out on the last stage of the 104 miles journey to Dublin, which, non-stop, he completed the remaining 30 miles in 7 hours 25 minutes.

WENT TO WORK

Instead of going to bed, as one would in the ordinary way expect, Willie commenced work at 6.25 p.m. and continued until 2.30 on Tuesday morning, after which he did retire to enjoy a well-earned rest, having actually covered 104 miles in 26 hours 5 minutes!

Do you suffer from Exhaustipation?

It hits most of us at times. We wake up in the morning feeling tired, sour, and headachy. That's Exhaustipation, and the tiredness caused

When A Lord Effected An Arrest On Murder Charge

IT is seldom, indeed, that one with the title of Lord has personally effected an arrest for murder. This is what actually happened in our own county, however, when the Lord Monteagle of the time placed John Scanlan in custody on a charge of murdering the Colleen Bawn, Eily Hanly.

The story of the murder of the Colleen Bawn, Eily Hanly, was told in detail recently in our columns and aroused great interest. It was given in an official account procured for us by Dr. T. Woulfe, Grove House, Bruff, from the National Library. From the same source Dr. Woulfe has since got a photostat copy of an interview with the Lord Monteagle of the time showing that it was he effected the arrest of John Scanlan for the crime.

THE INTERVIEW

The following is the statement made by Lord Monteagle in the course of the interview:—

The coroner's inquest had brought in a verdict of "Murder" against Sullivan and Scanlan, and warrants for their apprehension were issued. But no one seemed, for a time, disposed to arrest a man so well-born and so highly connected as Scanlan; he not only walked about at liberty, but even appeared in shooting-parties unmolested.

I wrote to the Castle, urging that they should take measures to put an end to such a scandal as this impunity to crime. I was answered, that the scandal was not more theirs than mine, as I, being a magistrate, ought to enforce my own warrant.

ACTIONED ON IT

I felt the truth of this, and acted on it. I knew that, if my intention to do so were suspected, Scanlan would receive notice and escape. I went after sunset to the office commanding the military force of the district, and made a requisition for a body of the 18th Hussars, to be furnished that very night, to be employed on a service, which I could not communicate, even to him.

After some hesitation, he placed them under my command. Without telling them whither we were going, I led them by byroads to Scanlan's house. In this I was assisted by Mr. Lynne (a county magistrate), who accompanied me. I posted sentinels all round it, and then, accompanied by a party of the 18th Hussars, knocked at the door, and asked for Mr. Scanlan, the father. A minute or two passed, during which there seemed to be some disturbance within; and I was ushered into a room in which some of the family were seated by the fire.

A PAINFUL DUTY

I said that I was come on a painful duty—to execute a warrant against their son.

"You!" screamed out the mother. "You, a Rice, come to arrest a Scanlan! There is equally pure blood in both our veins. Your father, and your grandfather, and your great-grandfather hunted, and shot, and lived with his father, and grandfather, and great-grandfather—and you say that you are now here to arrest him? But you are too late, sir. My son left home yesterday, not to avoid arrest, but on business; for he has nothing to fear from the law. If he could have guessed that you were come to arrest him, he would have fled."

NO PARDON

The Executive Government was firm, and no pardon or commutation was granted. The horses, which were drawing him to the place of execution, some way out of Limerick, stood fast on the bridge, and he was forced to be taken from the carriage, and made to walk to the gibbet.

What became of Sullivan? About a year after, said Lord Monteagle, thinking that the matter had blown over, or that he should not be detected, he returned to the country. He was recognised, tried, and convicted, and then confessed that the murder was executed by himself, though planned and directed by Scanlan.

SUNNIEST OCTOBER FOR YEARS

The School of Cosmic Physics, Dublin, states that October, 1955, was the sunniest in Dublin City for 50 years with 25 hours of sunshine. Rainfall was only 31 p.c. of the average and the temperatures were normal.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S ACTS, 1908-41.

Notice is hereby given to persons resident in the County Health District of Limerick, intending to undertake, for reward, the Nursing and Maintenance of one or more infants under the age of nine years apart from their parents or having no parents that:

- (1) Every such person must, at least 48 hours before the reception of such child give notice, in writing, to the Limerick County Council, County Council Offices, Newcastle West.
- (2) The notice shall state the name, sex and date and place of birth of the infant, the name of the person receiving the infant and dwelling within which it is proposed to keep the infant, and the name and address of the person from whom the infant is about to be received.
- (3) If a person who has undertaken the nursing and maintenance of any such infant changes his residence he shall, within 48 hours thereof, give to the Limerick County Council, notice, in writing, of the change and where the residence to which he moves is situated in the district of another Local Authority he shall give to that Local Authority the like notice as respects each infant in his care as he is by this section required to give on the first reception of the infant.
- (4) If any such infant dies the person who has undertaken its nursing and maintenance shall, within 24 hours after such death, give to the Limerick County Council, notice, in writing, of such death.
- (5) If any such infant is removed from the care of the person who has undertaken its nursing

CATHOLIC SCOUTS Weekly Not

(Specially Contributed)

St. Joseph's Troops. For the first time, an Fure of Scouts took place for the High Altar in St. Church last Sunday during devotions in the presence of a large congregation. Five friends of the 5th/10th J. mustered in large numbers for a unique ceremony, which was conducted by the Troop Captain Michael Manning, C.C. Troops were represented by Party and the assembled St. Sanctuary made a brilliant. The young aspirants made speeches and scout pronouncements and the ceremony was most inspiring. The of their investiture in the presence will not easily in the minds of the Hawley privileged and our Redeemer must have been to receive the promises boys who undertook.

"With the Grace of O their best to serve Our King, and His Holy Gr help their neighbours help the Scout Law."

"It was fitting and it with the great Feast of King, one of the prime days of the Catholic Year, land, that the ceremony of new scouts be held," said Father Mann sermon, and we who were edged with many hands present in the lovely St. Joseph's felt grateful Parish Administrator for interest, in the Scout, and thus giving permission holding of the ceremony Parish Church.

All flags were dipped Benedictine of the 4th Sacrament and the graduation of scouts, parents, fathers joined in the of the scout hymn at the St. John's Troops.

The recent departure U.S.A. of Mr. Sherlock Leader in the 11th, much regretted by the Cathedral Parish, their appreciation of his vices to scouting, the 11th Troop, Limerick Leader D. Brock, mentioned to Mr. Sherlock, and the Troop Committee a writing case. These lions were made at scout party last week, old camp songs were a and on the following troops journeyed to 20 port to give a reunion their comrades at the 11th Troop, Limerick C.C. present at the 24 a Scout picnic and taxied for the sake of big scouts and friends Sherlock a veteran a Sherlock, was a 11th Leader and a 11th 11th. He carried with new life at the other Atlantic the best wishes his future success. Mould to Die. M. L.

Strike Call Off In Argentina

A big victory was achieved Argentine Provisional on Tuesday when the the Confederation of which openly supported regime called off their strike. A conference of representatives of the C.C. and officials of the C.C. brought an end to the strike which was dir midnight.

In the agreement, J