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lower floor of the building. Mr. Broderick lived upstairs, and later moved to Pery Square.

MEMORIES

Some interesting memories of half a century ago are recalled in Mr. Ryan's letter: "Please do not think that our lives must have been dull and monotonous then — certainly not! I remember when a pupil got really exasperated and tossed a slate at a teacher (not Mr. Broderick). It crashed against the wall over a clock and nobody was injured, except somebody's pride, and that finished the attendance at Broderick's School of one pupil because he never came back. Even then, in about 1911, you had rebellious school kids."

Mrs. O'Brien, who lived across the street, was the custodian of the school key. When Mr. Broderick would arrive in the morning he would be met by one of the students and given the key and so would begin another day—and a lively one, for there never was a really dull day at Broderick's."

Pattie pictures for us the school as it was then: the rack inside the main door for those very often dripping wet coats and caps, the advertisement for Van Houten's cocoa over the press, pictures of wild animals placed at ceiling height "where nobody could read what the description was, unless with the use of a telescope, which I can assure you none of us kids had."

Mr. Broderick always arrived by bicycle from his home in Pery Square. He had a unique way of mounting and dismounting the bicycle, using the step which in those days was attached to the axle of the rear wheel. Although the school could not be a haunted house, ruins of the old cooperage on the canal bank.

"As I said before, there never was a dull moment," Pattie Broderick's School. And, on behalf of the boys who used to go there with Pattie: "Thanks for the memories."

MAY WIN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

ONE of Limerick's promising athletes, 14-year-old Neil Cusack, put up a very determined performance in the Munster Colleges mile event earlier this year. When in third position and with only 140 yards to go, he fell, but got up and went on to win.

Pluck and determination, natural ability and hard training have won for Neil so far some 40 medals and five cups. Three years ago he took up athletics with St. Munchin's C.B.S. He was placed in a number of events and, joining Limerick A.C. about the age of 12, began to improve his standards.

His first major effort was in the Redgate Club Championship for the half-mile road race when he came second in a field of 60. At the same fixture he won a team prize with Limerick A.C.

In the County Championships, which followed, Neil Cusack and Noel Ryan, of Sexton St. C.B.S., were Limerick's representatives on the Munster athletic team for the half-mile under 12. Noel came third and Neil seventh.

Last year Neil represented Limerick in the mile, under 14, and was placed 14th in a field of 150. First three home were Joe Adams, Johnny Prenderville and Denis Holmes.

Last year, too, representing St. Munchin's College, he ran in the Munster Colleges mile, under 14, and was placed second. This year he went one better, winning the Munster Colleges mile at Tipperary.

On the following day he won the mile, under 14, county championships; and later going to Tullamore to represent Limerick in the mile, under 14, All-Ireland Championship, was placed fourth.

Neil, self-trained more or less, runs two nights per week and covers about two miles each night. He bases his style on that of Anthony McNamara of Limerick, who won the All-Ireland Championship this year. Neil is now looking forward to winning the All-Ireland mile.

Competent, too, in other sports, he reached the recent under-15 city championship final with Treaty-Sarsfields against Claughaun. He has won an under-14 cup for Gaelic football and a J. J. Kenneally Cup.

Neil is son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Cusack, 11 Shelbourne Park, and is a student at St. Munchin's College. His four sisters, all school-going, are Marian, Joan, Ann and Theresa.

Miss Mary Duggan, who has opened business as a florist at her home, 7 Lansdowne Terrace.

Limerick athlete, Neil Cusack, with some of his prizes.

NEW LIMERICK FLORIST

THE floral decorations for Limerick Golf Club's new premises, which will be opened to-morrow, have been carried out by Miss Mary Duggan, and she has shown a delicate sense of artistry in the many beautiful arrangements.

Mary has completed a course in everything connected with the art of the florist—wedding bouquets, funeral work and decorative arrangements—at the Constance Spry School, and after a year and a half in London she continued her studies and practical work in Jersey for six months.

After her return to Limerick two months ago, she opened a florist business at her home, 7 Lansdowne Terrace, Ennis Road.

One of her most interesting engagements in London was the floral decorative work at the home of the High Commissioner for Jamaica on the occasion of the visit of the Queen Mother there for lunch. Earlier this year, Mary did an order of 200 orchid corsages for the British Tourist Association Congress in Jersey. This latter assignment presented something of a challenge as the orchids were delayed in transit from Singapore and did not arrive until 6 o'clock in the evening. Mary, however, set to work immediately on the order and it was satisfactorily completed at one o'clock the following morning.

She is a founder-member of the Limerick Flower Club, the purpose of which is to encourage the growing and arranging of flowers. Since her return to Limerick, she has noticed that an increasing number of young married women have taken an interest in gardening. She says this is an excellent trend, though we are not yet by any means as flower-conscious here as people are, for instance, in London.

Mary found her stay in Jersey most interesting; there are a number of flower farms on the island where the product is grown mostly for the English market.

Drum's Pagean

A DRUM that was sounded d the possession of Mr. Pad

About the turn of the century the Brian Boru Pipers' Band was formed, and it was a welcome and familiar sight for over a decade at many major functions in the city. When the Irish Volunteers were formed the big drum headed the band which led the training marches through the country each Sunday.

But, perhaps, its most eventful outing was in the great Volunteer parade of Whit Monday, 1915, when over a thousand Volunteers from Dublin, Cork, Tipperary, Limerick and other areas marched through Limerick. As the men, carrying their rifles, passed through the pro-British quarters of the Irishtown and Englishtown they were viol-