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was dignified and convincing; Master B O'Donovan, who gave a critical rendering of 'Thady Gallagher,' Editor of the 'Connaught Eagle,' and Master R. H. Harris, who depicted 'Horace P. Billings,' an American tourist, with suavity. The other parts were entrusted to the following who made the very most of the materials at their command—Master A Hayes as 'Timothy Doyle,' a hotel-keeper; Master M Fitzgerald as 'C. Cregg,' District Inspector R.I.C.; Masters N Gleeson and D Hogan as 'Sergeant' and 'Constable R.I.C.'; Master K O'Brien, 'Tom Kerrigan,' a Bandmaster; Master D O'Kelly, 'Lord Alfred Blakeney,' Aide-de-Camp to the Lord Lieutenant; Master A O'Grady as 'Mrs De Courcey,' wife of a Resident Magistrate; Master T O'Donnell as 'Mrs Cregg,' wife of the District Inspector; and Master M McGrath as 'Mary Ellen,' a hotel servant.

Before and after the play a select musical programme was played by the orchestra under the conductorship of Mr P Bernard, I.S.M.

## DISPUTE AT LIMERICK ASYLUM.

A communication from Mr P Casey, General Secretary of the Irish Asylum Workers' Union, received this morning, states that a strike notice of seven days has been handed in by the Limerick Asylum staff, male and female, "as a protest against the treatment meted out to them by both R.M.S. and Committee in refusing to consider the reduction of the long hours of duty—viz, 100 weekly, which are actually worked by both male and female attendants." In the interests of the staff and institution we hope the dispute will be amicably arranged, and feel assured that the R.M.S. and the Committee will employ their good offices to that end.

## DISTINCTION FOR LIMERICK MAN'S SON.

It is officially notified that Lieut Henry Grantan Nolan, of the Intelligence Department of the Canadian Army, only son of the late Mr P J Nolan, K.C. of Calgary, N.W. Canada, formerly of Limerick, has been awarded the Military Cross for meritorious action in the field.

## KILLED IN ACTION.

We regret to observe in our obituary column the announcement of the death in action in France on the 27th August, 1918, of Mr George Gough Gubbins, only child of the late Mr Joseph Launcelot Gough Gubbins, of Oamaru, New Zealand, and grandson of the late Mr George Gough Gubbins, of Ballinacolloo and Summerville, Kilmallock, Co Limerick.

## LIEUTENANT J C B HARRIS.

Lieutenant J C B Harris, 1st Lancs Fusiliers, twice seriously wounded and recently, is now with General Plumer's army in occupation in Germany. Lieutenant Harris is second son of Mr John W A Harris, Ballykisteon, Limerick Junction.

## THE CROIX DE GUERRE.

The President of the French Republic has awarded the Croix de Guerre to Captain W G, Fitzgerald, of the D.L.I., attached Army Cyclist Corps. Captain Fitzgerald, who has also won the Military Cross, is the eldest son of Dr Joseph

in them by law they permanent appointment, but were willing to sanction his appointment in a temporary capacity if so desired. Until young medical men now temporarily serving with his Majesty's Forces were demobilised, and in a position to offer themselves as candidates for appointment in the Poor Law medical service, the Board were not willing to sanction the filling up permanently of vacancies in that service.

The Chairman said the Guardians should fight the matter out with the Local Government Board as had been done in other places. Personally, if he were to continue a member of the Board after the elections he would do his part, and so would other members. Dr Lane had taken a position at Castletown to accommodate himself. As far as he could see there was no infringement of the rules in appointing Dr Lane.

Mr Reidy said it was for Dr Lane to decide for himself what he would do.

The Chairman—We realise that Dr Lane is placed in a very awkward position.

Mr Collins—The doctor can rest assured that he will have the backing of the Board.

The Chairman—Yes, and of any subsequent Board if they are worth their salt. I know he will be supported by the men who are now engaged in fighting the Government on the national issue.

Mr M Noonan said the present arrangements were very unsatisfactory. Last Monday there was no doctor at the dispensary.

It was decided to ask the Local Government Board to sanction Dr Lane's appointment permanently as his election to Castletown only means the transfer from one Union dispensary to another.

Arising out of that Order, Dr Lane did not consent to take up duty at present, and the Board ordered that in view of the great scarcity of doctors, have this day made arrangements with Doctors Hedderman and Clifford to do temporary duty at Castletown dispensary district pending the Local Government Board sanctioning Dr Lane; the arrangement made being for Dr Hedderman to do duty at Castletown on Monday, and Ballingarry on Friday, and Dr Clifford to do duty at Ballingarry on Tuesday.

### MEDICAL OFFICERS' SALARIES.

The Chairman handed in the following—"I will move on this day two weeks that the present salaries of the medical officers be considered with a view to their being increased."

### SANCTIONED.

The Local Government Board sanctioned the following payments—Four guineas a week to Dr J N Clery for his services as substitute for Dr Hedderman; one guinea to Dr J R Hayes for his services in attending a patient residing in the Castletown dispensary district, and two guineas to Dr W Clifford for attending patients also in Castletown dispensary district.

### TREASURY AND LOANS.

A circular letter was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Treasury were now prepared to consider applications for loans for public utility, such as housing, water supply, sewerage, etc, and were desirous of receiving as early as possible the necessary particulars for which loans are required.

The terms of the circular were approved.

### PRICE OF COAL.

A discussion took place relative to the price of coal arising out of a letter from the Irish Coal Controller, the Chairman remarked that the question was a very important one. The price of coal should be fixed long ago.

A committee was appointed to meet the local coal merchants, with a view to fixing the price for coal, subject to the approval of the Irish Coal Controller.

This concluded the business of the Board of Guardians.