

...returns disclose a condition that is not only all Irishmen, but all men of sensibility must view with the gravest concern. For although Irish shows a uniform advance throughout the more prosperous parts of Ireland, although Ulster and Leinster have converted a former loss of 2,000 Irish speakers per annum into a now contiguous gain of 1,400 every year, these gains are not sufficient to compensate for the drain which, though diminished, still continues to flow from the more Irish-speaking districts of Ireland. Immediately upon the publication of these census figures the Gaelic League unananimously voted that an extra £1,000 per year be spent on propaganda and teaching in the Irish-speaking districts, and it now contemplates the adoption of further measures involving additional expense, with the same object. These expenditures are not provided for in the League's estimate. The League has not money to meet them. It has realised that these and many similar measures are essential and urgent. It has adopted those measures, and for the financing of them it relies on the patriotism of the Irish race, and on the practical sympathy of those who are interested in their efforts to preserve their national characteristics. To save it the efforts of the League—and of those outside the League—must be redoubled, probably quadrupled. Sacrifices, personal and pecuniary, will be necessary. Money, men, and enthusiasm, and unflinching determination are wanted. And they are wanted now. The Irish-speaking districts are the last stronghold of the Gael. If they fall Irish is dead, and with it will die, beyond doubt and beyond redemption, Ireland's nationhood. But that stage must never be reached, and while the League can command either cash, credit, or a single volunteer worker, it will leave nothing undone to avert that catastrophe. Will you, the reader of this manifesto, do your part? Will you, by your subscription and by your personal efforts, help to save this generation from the eternal infamy of being the one which permitted Ireland's language to perish? (Signed).

...the "Catholic Bulletin" he wrote:—"I always kept a bit of music paper in my pocket, and whenever an old air came up from the depths of my memory, out came paper and pencil, and down went the first bar. When my memory was becoming nigh exhausted I went among the people during vacations and took down their tunes till a very large collection accumulated." The deceased was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy in 1863, and was for a time President. The honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Dr. Joyce by Trinity College in 1870. His "Methods of Teaching" was for many years the standard book used in the National Schools.

### THE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Dr. P. W. Joyce took place from the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, on Friday morning for Glasnevin Cemetery. At the wish of the deceased the funeral was private, but his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, having expressed a wish to that effect, was represented by Captain R. C. Bellingham, A.D.C., who placed a handsome wreath from their Excellencies on the coffin.

The immediate relatives present included—Weston, St. John Joyce, Dr. Garrett Joyce, J.P., and Dr. Robert D. Joyce (sons); E. J. Clifford and J. J. Healy (sons-in-law); Weston Joyce, Charles Joyce, Bernard Joyce, and John Weston Healy (grandchildren); Wm. B. Joyce, B.A. (nephew). Very Rev. J. Flavin, Adm.; Rev. J. Grimes, C.C., and Rev. J. Sheehan, C.C., also attended.

### RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

On the motion of the Rev. Geo. O'Neill, S.J., seconded by Mr. W. A. Henderson, the Council of the National Literary Society has recorded its deep regret at the loss of Irish learning, music, and literature has sustained by the death of Dr. P. W. Joyce, one of the Society's earliest members. The last letter Dr. Joyce wrote to the Society dated September 1, 1913, was read. In it he wrote—"It is only, very lately I have been in a private hospital under an operation. I was near being sent up to shake hands with St. Patrick. But I am now all right, thank God, and I can well afford to postpone the shake-hands."

### Appointment of Engineer

### L. G. Board's Refusal to Sanction

### ACTION OF ENNIS DISTRICT COUNCIL

At the last meeting of the Ennis District Council, the L. G. Board, wrote relative to the proposal to appoint Mr. Martin Tierney as temporary engineer, stating that having before them the testimonials submitted on behalf of Mr. Tierney as to his qualifications to act under the Labourers Acts, they did not consider that he possessed sufficient knowledge and experience for such employment. With a view to avoiding further delay in the execution of the works which the Council had on hands, they should, therefore, at their meeting on the 7th inst., be careful, on the election of a permanent officer, to choose only a person who was fully qualified for the position.

Mr. Hannon said it was a very high-handed action on the part of the L. G. Board to refuse to sanction Mr. Tierney, whom they stated had not the necessary qualification. But he believed that Mr. Tierney had ample qualification, and he had been doing temporary duty for a long time to their satisfaction. He pointed out that Mr. Tierney had done very creditable work in the Ennis urban district, where he acted as engineer for the Urban Council over the cottages and dwellings, which were the grandest residences in the whole county. He had great pleasure in proposing the following resolution:—"That with reference to the letter from the Local Government Board, dated 5th instant, as regards the appointment of Mr. Martin Tierney, C.E., as Architect to the Council under the Labourers Acts, we are surprised that the Board should consider that he has not the necessary experience or knowledge to carry out the duties of the position, as we are aware from practical knowledge that he has carried out large schemes which are a credit to the county, and has already been employed by this Council and sanctioned by your Board, and has given the Council the greatest satisfaction. That inasmuch as there is no application for the position now vacant, we hereby appoint Mr. Tierney for a period of six months, as there is urgent work to be done. We respectfully ask that the L.G. Board will immediately sanction his appointment."

Mr. Quin seconded the resolution. Mr. M'Namara asked how was it that the L. G. Board sanctioned Mr. Tierney to act as engineer over the Urban Council cottages scheme, and they won't sanction him now. Mr. Hannon—There is some trimming going on over it. Mr. J. Considine—It does not take a lot of experience to be engineer over the cottages. Mr. M'Namara—What Mr. Tierney or any other engineer would require in looking after the building and repairing of the cottages, is to be watchful, and see what was being done.

### THE PEOPLE'S MOTOR.

The "Shannon Moto-Cycle," Th.p., £19, or the set fitted to own bicycle, £13 10s; 3 to 66 miles. A child can use it. On view in COLE-NEILSON'S Window, Limerick. Lists ready.

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...year's rate would be most welcome, although their present rate of 2s 9d in the £ compared favourably with the other Unions and Councils in the county.

Mr. Edmond O'Connor said a reduction in the rates was always welcomed by the rate-payers. The public could see, at all events, that they were managing the business entrusted to them in the best and most economic way they could.

Mr. Maurice Fitzgibbon said he was very glad to find that they had a reduction, especially such a substantial sum as £250 in the Council. The Clerk's return was very satisfactory.

Mr. James Nolan—It is a good thing coming on the elections (laughter).

Clerk—You are all getting a good chance of being returned unopposed. He wished to add, without flattery, that the business was very well transacted by the present members and the proceedings conducted in a way which reflected credit on them.

The estimates were unanimously approved of.

### Great Oblate's Death

### SKETCH OF DISTINGUISHED CAREER

Father Laurence Gubbins Roche, O.M.I., died at St. Mary's, Richmond Hill, Leeds, on Monday, December 20th, the Superior, Very Rev. D. O'Ryan, O.M.I., the Fathers of the Mission, and the nuns who have attended Father Roche during his illness being present. Father Roche was a priest whose counsel was often sought by his fellow-clergy, and who was noted for his sound judgment and knowledge of affairs. He was a zealous educationist, and H. M. Inspectors of Schools recognised him an authority on school management. Father Roche was born at Ballyhubba, Charleville, Co. Cork, in 1841. His preliminary education was conducted by the Christian Brothers in Charleville, after which he went to Autun, France, to complete his studies before his ordination, which took place at Autun in 1865. He was stationed at Mount St. Mary's, Leeds, for three years, after which he was transferred to the Church of the Holy Cross, Liverpool, where he worked for nearly twenty-three years. During his time as superior at this church he erected the now famous Chancel and High Altar. Father Roche celebrated his Silver Jubilee as a priest during the time he was Superior in Liverpool, and on that occasion was the recipient of many handsome tributes of regard from his parishioners. On the death of Rev. Father Pinet he was appointed Superior of Mount St. Joseph's, Leeds, and was also made Provincial Procurator to the Congregation, an office which entrusted him with the financial control of the English Province, South Africa and Australia. Father Roche remained Provincial Procurator even after he relinquished the position of Superior. His work in Leeds was invaluable. He took special interest in the education of the children, and had erected as a memorial to Father Pinet the Infants' School, which in structure is regarded as second to none in the city. He also took a keen interest in the welfare of the Orphanage, and rendered great help to the nuns when the College was built. He devoted great attention to the Church Societies, and it was he who organised the Children of Mary in the parish. They have decided to erect in his memory an altar, to be called the Shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes. After seventeen or eighteen years of hard work as Superior, Father Roche retired, and his place was filled by Very Rev. D. O'Ryan. From that time he had not enjoyed good health, and for the past four years he had been an invalid. For two years he had not been able to say Mass, but he insisted on getting up every day. On Christmas Day he became seriously ill and died on Monday. The remains of Father Roche were taken to the Church on Thursday, and on Friday a Solemn Requiem was sung by the Right Rev. Dr. Coggan, Bishop of Leeds, the deacon being Rev. Father M'Intyre, and sub-deacon, Rev. Father P. Leonard, O.M.I.; the assistant priest the Right Rev. Monsignor Canon Collingwood, V.G., Leeds, and master of ceremonies, the Rev. Father Hawkswell, the Bishop's secretary. The Right Rev. W. Miller, O.M.I., late Bishop of the Transvaal, occupied a place in the sanctuary. Amongst the clergy present were—Very Rev. Dean Shine and Rev. Father Mulcahy, the Cathedral, Leeds; Rev. Canon M'Auliffe, Holbeck; Rev. Father Collingwood, S.J.; Rev. Fathers Dillon, White, Cody, Hunslet; Rev. Fathers Vernier, Bethel, Holohan, St. Patrick's; Very Rev. Canon O'Donovan, Liverpool; Rev. Father O'Byrne, Liverpool; Rev. Father M'Carthy, C.M. Sheffield; Rev. Father O'Keefe, Ridding Park; Rev. Father Walsh, O.M.F.; Rev. Father O'Donnell, O.M.I., Sicklinghall; Very Rev. D. O'Ryan, O.M.I., Superior of Mount St. Mary's; Rev. Fathers Merrick, O.M.I.; M'Intyre, O.M.I., and Leonard, O.M.I., St. Mary's, Leeds; Rev. Father M'Manus, O.M.I., Phillipstown; Rev. Father Stanley, O.M.I., Glenlerce; Rev. Father Matthews, O.M.I., Dublin; Rev. Father Newman, O.M.I., Stillorgan, Dublin; Rev. Father Morgan, O.M.I., Holyhead; Rev. Father Foley, O.M.I., Raheny, Dublin; Very Rev. T. O'Ryan, O.M.I., Tower Hill, London; Rev. B. O'Brien, O.M.I., Kilburn, London; Rev. Father Scannell, O.M.I., Liverpool; Rev. Father Watson, O.M.I., Rock Ferry; Rev. Father M'O'Reilly, O.M.I., Leith, N.B.; Rev. Father Comerford, Leeds. After the last Gospel, the Very Rev. Timothy O'Ryan, O.M.I., Superior, Church of the English Martyrs, preached the funeral sermon, after which the remains were interred at Sickling Hall, near Weatherby, the chief mourners being Mrs. J. H. Roche, the Crescent, Limerick (sister), and Mr. J. H. Roche, J.P. (brother-in-law), Very Rev. T. O'Ryan, O.M.I., Tower Hill, London; Very Rev. D. O'Ryan, O.M.I., Leeds; Mr. Martin Feore, Kilmallock (cousins). The late Father Roche was a cousin to the Venerable Arch-deacon Roche, P.P., Glin.

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There were a number of cases by the county surveyors against farmers for failure to obey notices requiring them to cut hedges. Mr. G. H. Sargent, solicitor, acting for Mr. F. E. Tydd, solicitor to the County Council, prosecuted, and the defendants were either not in attendance or were not represented professionally. Mr. J. B. Kirby, C.E., Assistant County Surveyor, with a number of gangers and persons who had served notices, were examined for the plaintiffs.

In the case of one man, James Taylor, who occupied an outside farm touching the road between Glenbane and Lattin, Mr. Joy, ganger, said the hedge was breasted but not cut across. The fence was four feet high, and the bushes about eight feet above that. The level of the field inside was two feet below the centre of the road. The hedge extended along the road for a quarter of a mile.

Mr. Hackett—In none of those cases do I require them to cut lower than six feet from the ground on the field inside, and that gives ample shelter for their cattle.

Chairman—It is my experience that that shelter is quite sufficient.

Defendant said he wanted all the shelter there was at present.

Chairman—Unless you have camels there, six feet is quite enough.

Defendant (who complained of being a bit deaf)—I have cattle there, and they want all the shelter there is, and if you saw the place you would agree with me.

An order was made that the hedge should be cut to within six feet from the ground within the fence.

Defendant—I'll cut no bushes until I have a herdsman or dairyman there. I want all the shelter I have.

Chairman—If you don't cut them they will be cut by somebody else, and if farmers have to be summoned here a second time for failure to obey orders they will have to pay costs.

Defendant (to Mr. Kirby)—If you were as good to keep the roads as you are to get the bushes cut I wouldn't be captured on the road with my load of hay (laughter).

Similar orders were made in the cases of Thomas Doherty, senior and junior, for hedges on the road from Churchfield cross to Newtown cross, and Julia Merrigan, John Ryan, Rathaveen; Edward Hayes, Shronehill, and Margaret Ryan, Roesboro. In some cases it was stated that notices were being complied with, but it would be no harm to grant the orders. Seven cases were withdrawn and marked "no appearance," as the notices had since been complied with.

Mr. Hackett said he was glad to say that, assisted by the magistrates, the County Council was not being resisted now by farmers as it once was, in the matter of the cutting of these hedges.

### Absconded From Workhouse

### AND THEN SENT TO JAIL

Thursday, at the Limerick Liberties Petty Sessions, before Lord Emily and Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., John O'Dea, a former inmate of the Workhouse, was prosecuted at the suit of the Limerick Guardians for the larceny of clothing. The alleged offence was committed on the 8th May, 1912, when the accused was sent on a message and absconded with the Workhouse clothing, in which he was attired. He did not return to the Workhouse until some time recently, when he again absconded, and was now brought up under arrest on a magistrate's warrant. The value of the clothing was 30s.

Mr. E. Dundon, Master of the Workhouse, who made a deposition in the case, gave evidence, and the prisoner pleaded guilty, and said he got a few drinks when he went out of the house, and that was the cause of the occurrence.

Mr. Kelly was for sentencing the accused to two months' imprisonment, and Lord Emily concurred. Mr. Dundon said he thought the merits of the case would be met if a sentence of one month's imprisonment was passed.

The magistrates accordingly sentenced O'Dea to one month's imprisonment.

A number of persons were fined in nominal sums for not having lights on vehicles.

### Limerick Juvenile Advisory Committee

A meeting of the above Committee was held in the Committee Room, Labour Exchange, on Tuesday, 6th inst. The members present were—Lady Emily, Rev. R. H. Semple, M.A.; Messrs J. F. Hogan, J. Cronin, and M. Barry. In the absence of the Chairman, the chair was taken by Lady Emily, and afterwards by Rev. R. H. Semple. Miss Haire-Forster, Organising Officer, and Mr. J. F. Mulholland, Secretary, also attended. Messages of apology for non-attendance were received from Sir A. W. Shaw and Rev. M. Murphy. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary's report, dealing with the work of the Committee during the year 1913, stated that 56 boys and girls registered for employment at the Exchange; 376 vacancies were notified by employers, and 274 of these were filled. Fifty-six boys and girls were placed in their first situation since leaving school. Many of the vacancies were of a permanent nature offering good prospects. It was gratifying to note that in a few instances employers had agreed to defray the expenses of Technical Instruction for their juvenile employees. The report stated that 93 children are now under the care of the After-care Subcommittee.

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### CROOM UNION

### Guardians and Council

### THE ADARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM L. G. B.

(FROM OUR REPORTER.)

Mr. John Power, Chairman, presided at the meeting of the Croom Board of Guardians on Thursday, and there were also present—Messrs John Coleman, J.P., Co.C.; C.F. Hartigan, Co.C.; T. Naughton, P. Buckley, James Butler, John Lane, John D'Owyer, D. Ryan, H. Costelloe, James Power, M. O'Grady, M. Noonan, P. O'Leary, M. O'Brien, John Naughton, T. D. Clifford, J.P.; D.S.O'Connell, John White, D. Murphy, M. Field, M. Quilty, T. M'Carthy, E. Bourke, T. Reidy, M. J. Hartigan, P. Taylor.

A letter was read from the L. G. Board sanctioning a sum of 6s to Denis Ward for his services as temporary wardman in the male lunatic ward of the workhouse.

At the District Council meeting held subsequently Mr. John Coleman, J.P., Co.C. (chairman), presided.

The Local Government Board wrote enclosing copy of the report of Mr. R. Bourke, auditor, on his recent audit of the accounts of the Skule Bog Drainage Board for the year ended 31st March, 1913. In his report—there were no surcharges—the auditor pointed out that the loan advanced for the Board had now been fully paid up.

The report was approved by the Guardians.

With reference to the Council's application for a loan for the purpose of carrying out sewerage works at Adare, the L. G. Board wrote stating that they were awaiting detailed plans in relation to the scheme. A further letter from the Local Government Board acknowledged receipt of the Council's resolution of the 3rd December relative to the obtaining of a loan for the purpose of the proposed sewerage works at Adare. The Board stated that they were not prepared to consider the question of sanctioning a loan or recommending it to the Commissioners of Public Works until detailed plans of the scheme had been furnished them and a local inquiry held by one of their Engineering Inspectors into the whole scheme. They enclosed copy of their circular letter of the 27th September, 1907, as to the rate of interest payable on loans obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works.

It was decided to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £1,200 to carry out the sewerage works, the loan to extend over a period of 30 years, payable at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Notification of three cases of tubercular cattle in the rural district was received from the Limerick County Council.

The other business transacted will be found reported under separate headings in this issue.

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