

## ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED

### VOTE OF CONDOLENCE

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Croom Division of the A O H, Bro John Dwyer presided in the unavoidable absence of the President.

Bro. P. Kearney, secretary, announced that he had the following additional subscriptions received for the Dr Hartigan Testimonial, from—Mrs Denis M'Namara, Rose Cottage, Ballycabane, £1 1s; Messrs T D Clifford, J P, Knockroe, Fedamore, £1; J Butler, D C, Gurthroe, Croom, 10s; W Bourke, Toryhill, 10s; P Casey, do, 2s 6d, and W Heffernan, Coorabue, Croom, 2s 6d.

On the motion of Bro. John Dwyer, it was unanimously resolved to again leave the testimonial open for another fortnight, at which date it will finally close.

The Secretary read a recent copy of the Hibernian journal for the meeting, in which the balance sheet of our parent society, A O H., appeared, which showed a grand credit balance of £11,000, after paying all expenses, and there are 150,000 persons in the insured sections of Ireland, which speaks very well for it.

The members present were highly pleased at the satisfactory financial condition in the society.

Bro. Kearney said he was delighted to inform them that he had two maternity benefits received for Bro. T. Mack since the inception of the benefits, which was considered most satisfactory, and the members present highly congratulated him for being so fortunate.

Bro. Casey said it was with deep regret he begged to propose the following resolution—“That we deeply sympathise with Bro. Michael Kelly, Carrigeen, Croom, a worthy member of our Division, on the death of his dear wife, Mrs Kiely, and may God console him in his sad affliction.”

Bro. Michael Dwyer seconded the resolution, which was unanimously passed in silence, and the meeting adjourned as a mark of respect.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, the 12th April, at one o'clock. All members are requested to attend as matters of great importance will come before the meeting.

## Religious Receptions at Templemore

In the Convent of Mercy, Templemore, on Sunday, the following were received into the Order by the Rev. D. Kiely, P.P.:—Miss A. Maher, New Inn; Miss K. O'Dwyer, Dundrum; Miss M. O'Donnell, Cahir; and Miss H. O'Connell, Listowel. Their names in religion are—Sisters Teresa, Dymphna, Altracta, and Columba, respectively.

### M'Namara's Malt.

41 PATRICK-STREET. J. J. & S. kept in Stock.

Bulgaden Wood.

Mr. Crotty said the constable's statement was correct.

Clery said he represented himself as a traveller and that he had come from Bulgaden Wood. That was not true.

Clery was fined 5s, and the case against the publican was dismissed.

Patrick Gorey was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

Constable Mahoney said defendant commenced to abuse Constable Holmes about a summons, and challenged both of them to fight; he also used very bad language; on the previous day he wanted to fight witness on the street, and that morning at Charleville station wanted to frighten him.

Dr. M'Namara—What is his record?

Sergeant Quirke said there was a case of drunkenness dismissed in December. He was fined 2s 6d in February, and 3s 6d that day.

Defendant was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment.

John Coady pleaded guilty to the charge of the larceny of a pair of trousers, pair of drawers and a razor, the property of James Kelleher. Coady, who was in custody since 19th March, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

Mr. James Casey summoned Mrs. Kate Ryan for abusive and threatening language.

Defendant was bound to the peace for 12 months in her own bond of £5. Mr. R. Fox, solicitor, appeared for complainant.

A boy named Denis Dennehy, aged 14 years, was charged with the larceny of a jersey, the property of the Kilmallock G. A. A. Club.

After a lengthened hearing, the defendant was discharged without proceeding to a conviction, the parents to pay 3s 6d costs of court.

## Death of Miss Walsh, Clonlara

Sincere regret has been felt at the death of Miss A E Walsh, Deer Park, Clonlara, which took place at her residence after a lingering illness. The deceased lady was a great favourite not alone in Clonlara and in the surrounding districts but also in Limerick, where she was well known. She belonged to an old and respected family. The remains were interred in the family burial ground in Doonass, the funeral cortege being of large proportions. Rev Father Kennedy, P.P., assisted by Rev Father Smythe, C.C., officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were—Mrs Walsh (mother), Joe Walsh (brother), John and Michael Walsh (uncles), William Phillips, Michael, Mary, Anne and Margaret Phillips (cousins). The general public included—P Mulqueen, D C; E O'Dwyer, D C; M Bowes, S Scully, J Murphy, P Bourke, J Bourke, M Moloney, J Ryan, D Lenihan, P Lenihan, J Warren, M Sheridan, John Browne, W Browne, R Browne, James Browne, P Hastings, B Keane, Jas M'Loughlin, John M'Loughlin, D Ryan, M Ryan, P O'Mara, P Bourke, M Shea, J Shea, J Sheedy, J Kearns, John Shea, James Shea, T Shea, P O'Brien, S M'Namara, T Campbell, J Hehir, J Bourke, A Conlon, J O'Gorman, D Ryan, J Ahern, J Sheridan, D Purtil, P Whelan, P O'Dwyer, J M'Namara, P M'Namara, L Meany, P Myers, J Myers, T M'Namara, G Heffernan, A Stritch, P Ryan, W Ryan, J Tuohy, J M'Cormack, M Whelan, J Whelan, T Daly, D Reddan, J Sheedy, M Moloney, J Markham, T Shea, M Stritch, T Stritch, P Byrne, J Teefy, J Sullivan, J Wall, P Crowe, D Crowe, J Hamilton, M O'Dwyer, J Hynes, J Twomey, J O'Shaughnessy, M Hannon, N Johnston, J O'Dwyer, D Madden, T M'Evoy, J Goode, W Stritch, R Walsh, J M'Carthy, C Murphy, R Sheridan, etc.

## Irish Land and Labour Association

### BRANCH FORMED AT OOLA

At a large meeting held in Oola, what may be termed a healthy branch of the above was successfully formed. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. T. Flynn, E. Meagher, and Denis O'Dwyer, and the enthusiasm they inspired in those present was displayed by the eagerness of the audience to become spirited members of it. A committee was then formed, the officers appointed—all unanimously—being:—President, Mr. T. Flynn; Vice-President, Mr. E. Meagher, senr; Treasurer, Mr. J. Raleigh. After some important matters had been discussed, the meeting adjourned until Sunday, 12th April, when it is expected a large number will be in attendance and additional members enrolled.—E. V. MEAGHER, Secretary.

—a formation which has crystallised at a given stage in his upward progress, and is pre-ordained by God as the integrating unit in the final consolidation of the state or unified nationhood. It has come into being under theegis and with the approval of the Almighty, and as the individual and the family must render their meed of honour and submission to His Divine Kingship, so must the city, i.e., the civic community acknowledge itself beholden to His Sovereign Dominion and so far as the inhabitants happen to be Christians and Catholics they must in the very exercise of citizenship make profession of God. Even in Pagan times, of old as at present in the far East, cities and towns had their tutelary deities—false gods and idolatrous worship, if you will—but through it all, one finds the recognition of divine oversight as obligatory on the civic conscience. I will not pause to inquire into the religious aspect of mediæval townlife, beyond mentioning the fact that while every allowance should be made for the shortcomings incidental to their nascent civilisations, the spirit that pervaded the cities and towns of Christendom during the middle ages, ere yet the pest of heretical distemper had fallen on the land, was pre-eminently Christian, and reverent towards God and all matters pertaining to Divine Service. So long as Catholicism held sway over the countries of Europe that spirit was maintained and fostered, but as peoples and their rulers came gradually to adopt the secularist view of government, and when at last the separation of Church and State became an accomplished fact, the civic authorities in their various townships discarded in great part the old religious observances, and, if we may except the Austrian Empire, Belgium, Spain, and Bavaria, municipalities erstwhile Catholic, as a rule, now hold themselves relieved of the duty of doing public reverence to the Creator. Even in the countries I have named the concurrence of the civic with the ecclesiastical functions in paying respect to the Deity is sometimes little better than outward ceremony whence the soul has fled—a mere festival pageant which the sense of local custom anticipates and fancies. I am well satisfied that many devout Catholics who join in those celebrations do so from the proper motive and with dignity of comportment, and by their reverential attitude help to stave off or blunt the suspicion of make-believe, which these civic formalities might for several reasons be calculated to engender. Somewhat after the same manner might we conduct our appraisal of the religious phase presented by the civic authorities in Great Britain and Ireland, where on certain days the chief magistrate and Council attend church in state—Catholics in their Cathedral and non-Catholics at their respective places of worship. We have here in each instance a

### relic of the ancient Faith and practice

—a faint corporate acknowledgement of God's keeping watch over the city—an item for which in these un-Christian days we ought to feel truly thankful. — But in the one case and the other we seem to miss that whole-heartedness which has disappeared or is disappearing with the pristine piety which must have ruled before secularism had made inroads into public life. The members who attend the functions may be, and I believe they are, sincere in the homage which they offer. They act as proxy for the inhabitants at large and therefore the city as a whole may be said technically to make oblation of its fealty in the temple of God. But so far as the public is concerned, unless it becomes alive to its own responsibility in the matter, the ceremoniousness of its aldermanic deputations may quickly degenerate into a dead and profitless formalism. The saying goes that, a limited liability company has no heart. Perhaps on similar lines it might be suggested that a municipality has no conscience. In both cases, no doubt, mere mechanism plays an important part. Owing to the structural rigour of their respective institutes members individually are apt to become the slaves of a system. They, indeed, remain human, but the system is mechanical. So far as they are components in the machinery, they, too, may have become mechanical, and to that extent have ceased to be human. This, of course, is an extreme supposition, not generally verified in practice, although in numerous instances the absence of sympathy where a natural craving for such had been awakened leads one to conclude that in proportion as a man becomes absorbed in his company he loses the sense of

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