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MARKETING OF IRISH PRODUCE

The position of Irish agriculture has long been a fruitful subject of discussion; how it may be protected, developed, and stimulated. The Government of the Irish Free State are fully alive to the importance and urgency of the question, and recent legislative measures passed by the Dail will enable Irish farmers and stock-breeders the better to fight foreign competition. This is becoming keener year by year. The great British Dominions, Denmark, and other European countries are steadily improving their methods of marketing, and thus it is up to us to follow suit if we are to hold our own. In quality we can generally compete with our rivals, but organisation to sell to better advantage than at present, is a matter that demands the immediate attention of Irish agriculturists. This was the key-note of an important address delivered before the Irish Farmers' Union in Dublin on Thursday night by Mr. R. A. Whyte, Chief Trade and Produce Officer for the Saorstat in Great Britain. His views on the Irish agricultural outlook are cheery if certain conditions are fulfilled, and which the trend of the times demands. We should, as he showed, aim not alone at high standards of production, but at the narrowest varying limits within these standards. The condition and manner of distribution of agricultural products have entirely changed in recent years the world over. Great buying organisations have grown up, and big producing associations have linked themselves up in many cases with these purchasing bodies. Accordingly the lecturer emphasised the fact that—"The bedrock of our future in the markets of Great Britain must be classified, and guaranteed products, supported by well-considered and sound marketing organisation." And, he added—"Given this and an increasing production, no power on earth can stop the agricultural prosperity of Ireland." These very hopeful words must stimulate the agricultural interests in striving to attain the ideal. Britain is our best customer, and it is very encouraging to learn from an undoubted authority such as Mr. Whyte that neither the distributor nor the consumer in that country is unmindful of the value and importance of Irish agricultural produce from the Britisher's point of view. Furthermore, there is "a growing confidence in Great Britain in the future of Irish agriculture, and, indeed, of Ireland." Irish produce, he said, has many advantages, apart from proximity, over its competitors in the British markets. "It was not a question of looking for a market—the market awaited it." But we must, in order to hold our own against all comers, adopt the most scientific methods of production and marketing, and then if transport rates are brought down to a reasonable level, Irish agriculture has, to say the least, a bright future in store for it.

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Rev Chancellor Swain presided at the meeting of the Municipal Technical Education Committee last night. There were also present—Alderman J Casey, Messrs R P O'Connor, A Kirkham, A Walshe, and S J Millar, with P V Toomey, Secretary, and P J Standon, Asst. do.

Relative to the compensation award made to the Committee and the Athenaeum Governing Body, Mr Kirkham and the Secretary were deputed to wait on the Governing Body and arrange for the allocation of the award to both Committees.

The Secretary submitted a scheme for a special course for Irish teachers at the Institute, and it was adopted.

A resolution from the Dublin Joint Committee for Technical Instruction with reference to the question of making an alteration in the existing method of providing for senior appointments was marked read.

THE SHANNON SCHEME.

Text of Motion in Dail.

The motion for the sanction of the Siemens-Schuckert scheme, which will be brought before the Dail next Thursday, is in the following terms:—

Whereas the experts appointed by the Government to examine the proposals of Siemens-Schuckert for the hydro-electric exploitation of the River Shannon have reported in favour of the adoption with modifications of the partial development scheme; and

Whereas Dail Eireann is of opinion that steps should be taken forthwith to give effect to the proposals recommended in the experts' report,

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved that it is expedient that the necessary legislation be introduced at the earliest possible date to enable the said proposals to be carried into effect in accordance with the White Paper, and that meanwhile such preparatory arrangements as are practicable with a view to expediting the commencement of work on the scheme should be proceeded with.

CITY DISTRICT SESSIONS.

Mr J M Flood, District Justice, adjudicated at the City District Sessions yesterday.

An application was made by Sergeant O'Flynn for an order against an ex-R.I.C sergeant named Franklin for payment of a sum in respect of four of his children committed to an industrial school in Sligo. The defendant, the applicant stated, had a pension of £2 19s 6d a week, and was at present resident in Limerick. He had deserted his wife and children.

Mr Flood said the defendant should be prosecuted for neglecting to maintain his wife.

Sergeant O'Flynn said he had been prosecuted.

Mr Flood described the defendant's conduct as scandalous. He made an order for payment of 3s a week in respect of each of his four children. If he failed to make the contribution he would certainly commit the defendant.

In a similar application by Sergeant O'Flynn against Mary McEvoy in respect of her child, committed to an industrial school, Mr Flood made an order for payment of 1s a week.

Patrick Healy, High-street, was charged with grievous assaults on his brother, William Healy, on the 6th and 11th March, and also with threatening his mother.

Superintendent O'Reilly stated that on one of the occasions in question the accused stabbed his brother with a knife, and on the second occasion he struck him with a hammer. There was some difference between the family, and having regard to what had come under his notice he asked to have the charges treated as common assault.

Evidence was given by the complainant to the effect that on the 6th instant he was struck with a knife by the accused, and had to be treated by Dr Roberts. On the second occasion he was assaulted with a hammer.

Mrs Healy said that on the first occasion she was threatened with a hammer by the accused.

In reply to the court, the defendant denied using a knife, and added that he had been obstructed in his business by his brother and mother.

Mr Flood looked upon the case as serious. He imposed a fine of £5 for the first assault, 10s for the second assault committed on William Healy, and 5s for the threat to Mrs Healy. In addition, he would require the defendant to give bails in £10, and two sureties of £5 each for his good behaviour for twelve months, or in default two months' imprisonment.

John Cunneen was summoned by Guard Rogers for begging in John-street on the evening of the 23rd instant. When taken to the station £38 was found in defendant's possession.

A fine of 5s was inflicted.

Edward Enright, Fedamore, was prosecuted for working a jennet whilst suffering from a sore on the back.

A fine of 5s and costs was imposed.

The Great Southern Railways Company prosecuted John Moloney, who gave his address as the Globe Hotel, Baker place, City, for travelling over their line from Cratloe to Limerick in a second-class compartment while he was the holder of a third-class ticket.

Mr J Dodds, solicitor, appeared for the company, and the evidence of Ticket-collector Hough was that while he was checking the train on the 4th February he found the defendant in a second-class compartment with a third-class ticket.

Mr J S Gaffney, solicitor for the defendant, stated that Mr Moloney was put into a second-class compartment at Cratloe, as there was not sufficient room for him and others in the third-class compartments of the train.

Ticket-collector O'Dwyer stated he travelled on the train in question, and there was ample room in the third-class compartments.

The same defendant was prosecuted by Ticket-collector Hough for abusive language on the 13th February at the railway terminus while checking a train. The collector said Moloney abused and threatened him.

The defendant now apologised to the collector.

Mr Flood dismissed both prosecutions, remarking that in the first there was no evidence of the excess fare being demanded.

THE CHURCH.

Sunday Services.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.—5th Sunday in Lent—Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion at 11 a.m.:—Processional Hymn, No. 9; Venite, Aldrich in A; Psalm No. 141, Spohr in F; Service, Te Deum, Garrett in D; Litany, Barnby; Introit Hymn, No. 574; Kyrie-Credo, Stewart in G; Hymn, No. 403; Preacher, the Dean. Evensong at 3.30 p.m.—Mothers' Union Service—Psalm No. 142, Mornington in E flat; Service, Ebdon in C; Anthem, "He counteth all your sorrows," "Cast thy burden" (Mendelssohn); Hymns, Nos. 526, 554; Preacher, Ven. Archdeacon of Limerick, B.D.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.—5th Sunday in Lent—8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.30 a.m. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer; Preacher, Chancellor Swain, M.A. Monday, 8 p.m.—Meeting in the Schoolhouse in connection with Sale. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Address.

TRINITY CHURCH.—5th Sunday in Lent.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, Rev. W. H. Dobbin, B.A. Collections on behalf of the Protestant Orphan Society. Children's Service at 3.30.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—5th Sunday in Lent—Morning Prayer at 11.30; Preacher, Rev. W. H. Dobbin, B.A. Evening Prayer at 6.30; Preacher, the Archdeacon.

ST. MUNCHIN'S CHURCH.—5th Sunday in Lent—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Congregational Bible Class, Monday, 8 p.m. Service for Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Preacher, Canon T. B. Robertson.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH (Parteen)—No Service, owing to repairs to church.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Lower Mallow-street)—Morning Service, 11.30; Evening Service, 6.30. Preacher, Rev. A. W. Neill, M.A.

METHODIST CHURCH (O'Connell-st.).—Morning Service at 11.30; Evening Service at 6.30, Preacher at both Services, Rev. C. H. Crookshank. Meeting for Prayer, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Morning, 11.30; Evening, 6.30. Preacher, Pastor J. W. Pearce. Tuesday, 8 p.m., Bible Classes. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Meeting for Prayer.

GOSPEL HALL (Mallow-street)—Morning, 11 o'clock; Gospel Service, 8 p.m.

FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE (Cecil Street).—Sunday, 11 a.m.

METHODIST CHURCH.

What is certain to be a very interesting address, "With the Cross on the Frontiers of Empire," will be delivered in the Wesley Chapel, O'Connell-street, on Thursday evening next at eight o'clock, by the Rev. Arthur H. Bestall. He is a distinguished missionary advocate, and was recently decorated by the King for "Public Service in India." There is certain to be a large audience to hear the rev. gentleman, who naturally possesses first-hand knowledge of Indian affairs, he having been a missionary in Burma for nearly thirty years. The collection will be for foreign missions.

THE LATE MR WM. H. THOMPSON.

Widespread Regret.

The late Mr Wm H. Thompson, District-Superintendent Great Southern Railways, at Cork, collapsed at Glanmire Station, Cork, not at his residence in that city as reported in Limerick on Thursday. By his demise the "Cork Examiner" observes that the company have lost an officer whose great services merit the deepest appreciation, and his colleagues are mourning the severance of their connection, both in work and in friendship, with a man to know whom was to respect and admire.

The wrench is all the more poignant for those who loved him, because of the unexpectedness of his demise. At 9 o'clock on Thursday morning Mr Thompson reached the station for his day's work, to all appearances in the best of health. He boarded the 9.15 a.m. Waterford train, intending, it is thought, to travel to Fermoy or Mallow. Before the train started, however, some gentleman in his compartment noticed that Mr Thompson had suddenly become very faint, and they quickly summoned the stationmaster.

The latter assisted Mr Thompson to alight, but almost as soon as he stepped on to the platform a sudden seizure caused his collapse, and in a few minutes he was dead.

The news of his death caused a great shock to the members of the different railway staffs, who feel his loss very keenly, and who join sincerely in the general sympathy which will go forth on all sides to the widow, family, and other relatives in their great bereavement.

The sad tidings having been conveyed to the family, the remains were removed, amidst every manifestation of sorrow, to the late district superintendent's own office, where an inquest was held.

Towards all customers of the railway he displayed an unfailing courtesy; towards his colleagues a deep affection and sincere friendship; and towards his subordinates a kindly consideration which won their esteem and admiration. By all who knew him and who served under him his death will be deeply deplored, for he was a gentleman of widespread popularity, and the many sterling qualities of his fine character were fully deserving of this general appreciation.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest into the circumstances of the death was held by Coroner J J McCabe, solr, and a jury of which Mr Patrick J Scanlon was foreman.

Sergeant Keaveney represented the Civic Guard authorities.

Henry Thompson identified the remains as those of his father, Wm Henry Thompson.

Patrick Devitt, station master, stated that at 9.11 a.m he was called to the Western platform. He saw deceased in a carriage looking very ill. Witness told him to come out as he was not fit to travel. Deceased then got out, but collapsed on the platform. A medical student who was present felt his pulse and after a few minutes said he was dead. In the meantime a doctor and priest were sent for.

To a Juror—The priest arrived before he died.

Dr Edward Allison said he made a superficial examination of the body. Mr Thompson and his family had been patients of witness's for years, and he was intimately acquainted with the deceased. He had never complained of anything, and witness never prescribed for him. Deceased had hastened to the station on a bicycle to catch a train, and in witness's opinion death was due to heart failure caused by over-strain in hurrying to the station.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner said the facts were plain and the verdict should be in accordance with the medical evidence. They were all very sorry for the death of Mr Thompson. He was a well-known public servant and a very decent man. He was sure they all wished to convey their condolence to Mrs Thompson and her family on the very sad occurrence.

The Foreman (Mr Scanlon) stated that as one who knew Mr Thompson as a thorough gentleman he begged to move that the sympathy of the jury be extended to the relatives.

The Coroner seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr Hunchy, another juror.

Inspector Jacques, on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the motion, as did the station master (Mr Devitt).

Sergeant Keaveney, for the Civic Guards, also joined in the expression of sympathy.

Dr Allison said he might speak for the general public, and say that Mr Thompson was the most efficient and courteous person that could possibly be in the position.

The Coroner—No doubt about it. That was everybody's opinion.

In answer to the Coroner, Dr Allison said deceased was about 62 years.

A verdict was then entered in accordance with the medical evidence.

The Funeral.

The remains of the late Mr William H Thompson, District Superintendent Great Southern Railways Company, Cork, reached Limerick to-day by the 2 o'clock train from Cork, and were met at the railway terminus by a large concourse of people, who were present to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of a well-known and popular gentleman. The coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral tributes of natural flowers, was transferred by his old colleagues to the hearse, and the cortege which was large, was representative of the railway services and the citizens generally. It was a well-deserved tribute of respect to the memory of the lamented deceased gentleman, and manifested the sympathy felt for his widow, young family, and relatives in their sorrow.

The chief mourners were—Henry and Hector Thompson (sons), Mrs M Griffin (sister), Martin Griffin and J Kealy (brothers-in-laws).

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Canon Cregan, P.P., V.F., St. Munchin's; Rev. Fr. O'Connor, P.P., St Mary's; Rev. Fr. Hannan, C.C; Rev. Fr. Thornhill, St. Michael's.

Amongst the general public were—George Edward Smyth, Asst. General Manager G.S Railway, Kingsbridge; P Floyd, Superintendent G.S Railway, do; R Metcalfe, District Superintendent G.S Railway, do; T Stack, District Superintendent G.S Railway, Limerick; H Purdon, District Superintendent, Waterford; J Chapman, District Superintendent, Tralee; G R Payne, Cork; A Jacques, do; J Johnson, Locomotive Superintendent, do; S Holohan, Station Master, Kingsbridge; A Harty, Locomotive Superintendent, Limerick; L Doyle, Stationmaster, do; W Ready, J Ledden, J O'Dwyer, C W Baldwin, A J Barnett, J Killeen, W Holliday, J Cahill, R F Ryan, T Geraghty, J Murphy (L and N W Rly), D Costello (G W Rly), S Flynn, W G Peacocke, M Guetin, J Bourke, J Duggan, W Smyth, Dr J Roberts, J H Roche, M Egan, A J Sexton, J P Hartigan, J McAuley, A O'Brien, J Keenan, P Ganley, J Scanlan, M J Russell, P J O'Sullivan, solicitor; J J McMahon, S O'Sullivan, P Coyle, J McNamara, W Riordan, J J Peacocke, City Surveyor; T J Loughrey, A McNeice, J McGuire, B Lynch, P B Malone, T Tuite, etc.

The interment was in Mount St Laurence Cemetery, the officiating clergyman being Canon Cregan.

Cork Commercial Travellers' Association and the Cork Cattle Trade Association have passed resolutions of regret and sympathy.

THE LATE MR W. MULLEN.

COUNTY LIMERICK HUNT.

Point-to-Point Meeting

Stewards—Sir Gilbert Greenall, Bt., C.V.O.; D W Hartnett, M J Clery, P J Power, J C Carroll, J T O'Donnell, J J Power, solr; R Fox, solr; J P Hogan, J Hayes, J O'Rourke, junr; P H Coll, B C Davidson, J J Armitage, M S Carroll, Gilbert Greenall, P J Ryan, P O'Donnell, Capt P Lindsay, G A Harris, J J Quinlan, T J Griffith, Capt W H Lyons, P V Lyons, J O'Connor (2), T J Carroll, M.P S.L J Canty, solr.

Acting stewards—W R Gubbins, Major Roche, H M Fildes, S D Atkinson, W F Power, D Hederman, D R Browning, J J Ryan, M.F.H.; J W A Harris, Lieut.-Col. Stacpoole, D.S.O

Officials—Judge, Capt R B Brassey, M F.H; starter, A P Pollok; clerk of scales, J P Hartigan; clerk of course, J G Lynch; telegraph, L M Harris; hon. V.S., M J Mitchell; do., J T Clancy; hon. M.D. Dr Clery; do, Dr Macnamara; hon. secretaries, P B Coll, C E Cleary.

One of the most sporting and best managed point-to-point races in the South is that now held annually close to Kilmallock, under the auspices of the Co Limerick Hunt, and that held on Thursday provided an excellent afternoon's sport. There was a very large attendance of the public. The promoters were particularly lucky in securing the expert services of Mr J P Hartigan as clerk of the scales, but, of course, he could not keep time alone, and he wisely assisted in doing so by all the other officers, and also by the riders, who were much more punctual here than at other fixtures. The weather was all that could be desired. Details:—

GREENALL CHALLENGE CUP, value £100.
Mr J O'Brien's Harrier, 15 0 Mr R O'Connell 1
Mr J M Goodbody's Mah Jong 14-0. Owner 2
Dr L Humphrey's Rebel, 14 0 Owner 3

Also ran—Mr P J Cagney's Johnny, 14-0 (Mr J Fennell); Mr M Bleehy's Mount Blakeney, 14-7 (Mr V Hederman); Mr W Ryan's Cabermoyle, 14 0 (Mr J J Ryan); Mr D W Harnett's Paddy, 14-0 (Mr George Kelly).

Won by three lengths; same.

BROWNING CHALLENGE CUP, value £100, and £50 added. Second receives £10 and third £5. A light-weight hunt race.
Miss M R Ellard's Railway, 12 7. Miss Tudor 1
Mr F Wise's Supplicate, 12-7 Owner 2
Mr J O'Dwyer's Scholar Jack, 12-7 Mr R O'Connell 3

Also ran—Mr R Lysaght's Wonder, 13-0 (Owner); Mr W. Dwyer's Billy, 12-7 (Owner); Mr C J MacDonald's Flitig, 13-7 (Mr G [illegible]); Mr T J [illegible]'s Barne, 12-7 (Owner); Mr E Flannery's Albert, 12-7 (Mr F Albert).

Won a great race by half a length; one length.

HARTNETT CHALLENGE CUP, value £50, presented by Mr J W Hartnett, with a replica. Weights—12st 7lb each. Lady riders. About 3m.
Miss Handley's Busybody Mrs R G Phillips 1
Miss M R Ellard's Sarsfield Miss Tudor 2
Mrs P F O'Halloran's Grey Dawn Miss Lyons 3

Also ran—Mrs G Sharpe Bolster's Moonhawk (Miss Muriel Sharpe Bolster), Mr D W Hartnett's Pallas (Miss Filde).

Won easily by six lengths; a bad third.

CLERY CHALLENGE CUP, value £50, presented by Mr Mark J Clery, with £20 added, of which the second received £3 and the third £2. Weights—12st 7lb each. About 3½m.
Mr J S Shepherd's (M.F.H) Red Cap Mr W Sherlock 1
Mr J Roche's Alannah Mr G Smith 2
Mr Smith's Dolly Mr John Smith 3

Also ran—Mr J A English's Soldier Boy (Owner), Captain Moloney's Snow Shoe (Mr R O'Connell), Mr J O'Dwyer's Ardcon Lass (Mr T Irwin), Mrs Creedon's Elmore (Mr D O'Gorman), Mr O W Malcolmson's Brown Bat (Mr J Hanrahan), Mr De Sales La Terriere's (M.F.H) Glengarnock (Owner).

Won by half a length; a bad third.

FARMERS' AND TRADERS' RACE. Weight for age. Winners extra.
Mr D J O'Connell's Grange Lass, 12 0 Mr R O'Connell 1
Mr M W Clery's R.G S., 11 4 Mr J Moloney 2
Mr M Mitchell's Manby Girl, 12-7 Mr E Connelly 3

Six ran. Won by two lengths.

IRISH AGRICULTURE.

Farmers Discuss Problems.

The Shannon Scheme.

At the Annual Conference of the Irish Farmers' Union, in Dublin, yesterday, important matters dealing with agriculture were discussed and decisions taken. Senator T Linehan, Cork, presided.

An appeal to farmers to increase the area of tillage, and to grow sufficient wheat to provide their own needs, was moved by the President in his address. Recent Dail legislation was also reviewed, and the Government's policy regarding the incidence of road upkeep costs and income tax was criticised.

Resolutions adopted dealt with tariffs and the Shannon Scheme. The imposition of tariff on industries outside agriculture was condemned.

In regard to the Shannon Scheme it was urged that further careful examination of the proposals be made before anything involving expenditure was done.

Conditions in County Clare were referred to by Colonel O'Callaghan Westropp, who alleged that the people were starving in many districts owing to the mortality among cattle and sheep.

OBSEQUIES OF CANON O'KENNEDY, P.P.

In Fedamore Parochial Church at 11 o'clock this morning the funeral obsequies for the late Very Rev Canon Richard O'Kennedy, P.P., took place in presence of a large congregation. The Bishop, Most Rev Dr Keane, presided at the Office and solemn Requiem High Mass, which was celebrated by the Rev Fr Feely; deacon, Rev Dr O'Neill, Maynooth; sub-deacon, Rev Dr O'Brien, C.C., and master of ceremonies, Rev Fr McNamara, C.C., St. John's.

Amongst the clergy in the choir were—Very Rev Canon Russell, P.P., Parteen; Very Rev Canon Fitzgerald, P.P. Shanagolden; Very Rev Canon O'Donnell, P.P., Pallaskenry; Rev Fr Dwane, P.P., Patrickswell; Rev Fr Hayes, P.P., Stonehall; Rev Fr O'Leary, P.P., Mungret; Rev Fr Curtin, P.P., Croom; Rev Fr O'Connor, P.P., St Mary's; Rev Fr O'Dwyer, P.P., St Patrick's; Rev Fr Carr, P.P., Manister; Rev Fr Carroll, P.P., Bruff; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P., Croom; Rev Fr Fitzgerald, P.P., Coolcappa.

The Bishop officiated at the graveside, the interment being in the church grounds.

THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK

Weekly Cattle and Sheep Market.

Wednesday, March 25th—Entries in cattle section over seasonable averages. Promising and best lots touched higher rates than last week. Trade continues firm at top values. Active enquiry. Three year old bullocks, £20 to £26; second run, £14 10s to £17 10s; heifers, £19 to £21; two year old heifers, £14 to £16 5s; second run, £11 to £13; bullocks, £14 5s to £16 5s; second run, £12 6s to £14; yearlings, £11 to £13; second run, £6 1s to £10 15s; sheep, a good show; heavy, £6 15s to £7 15; middleweight, £6 to £6 5s; small, £5 2s 6d; fat hoggets, £5 8s 6d; store hoggets, £4 3s.—Wm. B. Fitt, Auctioneer.

STOP PRESS NEWS

LECTURE ON THE PASSION PLAY.

At the St. Michael's Temperance Society Hall last evening, before a crowded audience, a most interesting lecture on the performance of the Passion Play at Ober-Amergau was delivered by Rev. P. C. O'Donoghue, S.J., for the benefit of Mrs P. Riordan's stall at the forthcoming "Tir-na-nOg" Fete for St. John's Hospital.

Mr W M Nolan presided. The lecture was illustrated by fine lantern views of the scenes and tableaux of the play, shown by Mr James O Brien, and accompanied by well-rendered musical selections by the members of the choir of the Jesuits Church, under the direction of Mr O'Shaughnessy, organist of the Church.

The story of the Passion Play was told with simple and telling eloquence by the rev. lecturer, and it was listened to with rapt attention throughout.

At its close a cordial and enthusiastic vote of thanks was accorded to Father O'Donoghue, on the motion of Mr J M Flood, B.L, District Justice, seconded by Dr Roche-Kelly, and the rev. lecturer suitably responded.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Munster Cup Semi-Final.

The semi-final of the Munster Cup was played at the Markets Field to-day between Bohemians and Garryowen.

Result:—
GARRYOWEN — 1 goal 3 tries (14 pts.)
BOHEMIANS — ... ... Nil

Bohemians—McDonnell, full; Doyle, Cole, McMahon, and Walshe, threequarters; Kelly and Wellwood, halves; Carmody, O'Halloran, Stokes, O'Neill, Gallagher, Graham (2), and Barry, forwards.

Garryowen—Christy, full; O'Brien, Hegarty, Goodbody, and O'Sullivan, threequarters; O'Connor and Quinlivan, halves; Nolan, Frawley, Quilligan, McNamara, Hanley, Glynn, O'Flynn, and Robinson, forwards.

HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL.

Ireland v Scotland.

This match was played at Shelbourne Park, Dublin, this afternoon, in fine weather and in the presence of a big attendance of spectators:

IRELAND — — — 5 goals
SCOTLAND — — — 2 goals

SPORTING.

LIVERPOOL MEETING.

LIVERPOOL HURDLE—Argo, 1; Ormada, 2; Sancroft, 3. Also ran—Civic Guard, Noce D'Argent, Halberdier, Dulcak, Detritus, Spinney Hill, Emphatic, Signet, Glen Andred, Celestial, Corafon, Hurryballs, Clarkia, Corlach, Old Nic, Desert Rose, Cloth of Gold. Betting—9 to 2 agst Cloth of Gold, 5 to 1 Argo, 7 to 1 Noce D'Argent, 10 to 1 Ormada, 100 to 8 Hurryballs, Clarkia, and Desert Rose, 100 to 7 Sancroft, Glen Andred, Detritus, Halberdier, and Signet, 20 to 1 others.

CHAMPION CHASE—Brights Boy, 1; Darracq 2; Turkey Buzzard, 3. Also ran—Clashing Arms, Cash Boy, Donegal, Vive, Winnall, Fairlay, Fort Elizabeth, Peacock, and Ammonal. Betting—11 to 4 agst Vive, 6 to 1 Brights Boy, Clashing Arms and Fairlay, 7 to 1 Turkey Buzzard, 8 to 1 Winnall and Fort Elizabeth, 10 to 1 Ammonal, 100 to 8 others.

FOXHUNTERS' CHASE—Upton Lad, 1; Square Dance, 2; Palm Nut 3. Also ran—Mr Foxfoot, Worcester, Heathermoon, Patsey, Mario, Brutus III, Thirty-Bob, Pilot, and Cryptical. Betting—3 to 1 agst Foxfoot, 4 to 1 Patsey and Upton Lad, 7 to 1 Square Dance 10 to 1 others.

EARL OF SEFTON'S PLATE—Phillipi, 1; King Willow, 2; Dunnotar, 3. Also ran—You You, Torlenis, Palomides, Downholm, Heron, Sir Cleare, Audax, and Rosewood. Betting—9 to 1 agst Dunnotar, 4 to 1 King Willow and Phillipi 10 to 1 others.

SEFTON PARK PLATE—Big Ben, 1; Antigone, 2; St Begoe, 3. Also ran—Solemn Silence, Prince Gwynned, and Eleanor. Betting—9 to 4 agst Antigone, 5 to 2 Big Ben and St Begoe 10 to 1 Eleanor, 100 to 8 others.

MAGHULL PLATE—Buddha, 1; Tudor King 2; Concession, 3. Also ran—Great Span, Loyal Scot, Volis, Framlington. Betting—6 to 4 agst Concession, 3 to 1 Buddha, 5 to 1 Tudor King 6 to 1 Great Span, 7 to 1 Loyal Scot, 10 to others.

PHŒNIX PARK MEETING.

ARKLOW PLATE—Lislea, 1; Overland, 2; Flying Prince, 3. Also ran—Most Noble, Carrickfergus, King's Failoch, Sable Lady, Eager Hen, Skivarow, Bunty, Maureen, Profile, Flying Dinah, Dalcassian. Betting—2 to 1 Lislea 7 to 2 Flying Prince, 4 to 1 Overland, 100 to 8 others.

ARTANE PLATE—Pride of Preston, 1; Duheen, 2; Catty Cee, 3. Also ran—Dalkbusha, Grace Park, Iopener, Peacemaker, Monks, Cloculy, Watchful, High Bridge, Golden Hen, Little Vera, Miss Normi, Zantol. Betting—7 to 2 agst Peacemaker and Duheen, 4 to 1 Clocully, 5 to 1 Zantol, 8 to 1 Golden Hen, 10 to 1 Catty Cee and Dalkbusha, 20 to 1 Pride of Preston and others.

ASHTOWN PLATE—Ballynether, 1; Flying Gal, 2; Follie Farina, 3. Also ran—L'Alouette, Gold Belt, Trouville, Ardaloo, Irish Bridge, Lady Hemp, Striped Satin. Betting—6 to 4 Trouville, 3 to 1 Follie Farina, 4 to 1 Ballynether and Flying Gal, 20 to 1 others.

ASHBOURNE PLATE—Jurat, 1; Swift Bird 2; Drumshemuck, 3. Also ran—Princess Salome, Goose Green, Lady Nightingale, Colin Moor, Bob Martyn, Allitz, Honey Girl, Stripes. Betting—6 to 4 agst Jurat, 5 to 2 Drumshemuck, 3 to 1 Princess Salome, 100 to 8 others.

ATHBOY PLATE—Gertrude P. 1; Kilo's Rose 2; Silver River, 3. Also ran—Fighting Bird, Dulcie Bridge, Miss Miranda, Lismullen, Dark the Blast, Irish Ike, Dinla, Templelyon, Simoge. Betting—7 to 4 Fighting Bird, 4 to 1 Dulcie Bridge, 6 to 1 Gertrude P. and Templelyon, 8 to 1 Lismullen, 100 to 8 others.