

ness of the Earl of Dunraven, will be open for a Garden Fete in aid of the funds of the Limerick and district branches of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and which urgently need replenishment. The subject of the Fete was very thoughtfully mentioned by the Countess at the last annual meeting of the Society, and her ladyship has graciously consented to perform the opening ceremony at 2.30 p.m.

It is now many years since an open-air function was held in the Manor grounds, and apart from the very meritorious object of Thursday's fete, we feel sure the opportunity of visiting "Sweet Adare," with its "lovely vale," will be very largely availed of by city and county people, more especially as special rail facilities have been arranged from Limerick, and the St Anne's 'buses will run every half an hour from the Crescent. It should be noted that entrance will be by hotel gate only.

There will be a host of attractions in addition to the stalls. A clay target shooting competition, for which valuable prizes are offered, has been arranged by the Rathkeale Gun Club. The Boherbuoy Band will perform a choice programme during the evening, and there will be special facilities for open air dancing. Games of various kinds will be enjoyed, but we learn that as the links are not available, the golf competition has been cancelled. The Fete will continue till 9 p.m.

The following have kindly consented to act as Presidents of Stalls:—

Country Produce—Lady Nash, Mrs Grene Barry.

White Elephant—Mrs A. White.

Cakes, Sweets, and Cigarettes—Mrs G. E. Goodbody, Mrs M. P. Riordan.

Fancy—Mrs Norman Goodbody, Mrs Kennedy, Mrs F. Cleve.

Basket—Mrs Langford, Mrs Dodds.

Tea—Mrs Goodbody, Mrs Farmer.

## DEATH OF MAJOR WM. HUNT. O.B.E.

We regret to record the death of Major Wm Hunt, O.B.E., M.C., which took place on 24th April at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Milbank. Deceased, who was in the prime of life, served with distinction with the R.A.M.C. during the European War, and was awarded the M.C. He was the only son of the late Mr Vere D. U. Hunt, of Carnahalla, a County Limerick landowner, and for many years a Land Commissioner, and a relative of Mrs Hunt of Friarstown, and the late Mr E. D. Hunt, solicitor, of this city.

CLARE.

## Motion to Abolish Board of Health.

The Clare amalgamation scheme was discussed at the monthly meeting of the Clare County Council by the Chairman, Mr P J O'Loughlen, when he moved a motion having as its object the abolition of the County Board of Health, and the appointment of a manager to discharge the duties now performed by that Board.

He made it perfectly clear that by the motion he did not seek to cast any reflection on the manner in which the members of the Board had carried out their duties. His criticism was directed against the system which the members had to administer. The Board of Health as a machine was cumbersome, unwieldy and uneconomic. The Board had been in existence about five years, and during that time the ratepayers had reaped very costly knowledge. He contrasted the expenditure when Boards of Guardians were in existence with the present expenditure, and said that no savings had been effected by amalgamation.

Mr O'Grady, in supporting the motion, said that if they had a choice of the most able administrators in the world, and they selected ten to whom they entrusted the administration of the county public health affairs, they would be, under the present system, entrusting them with an impossible task.

Some members of the Board of Health, who are also members of the Council, resented the motion as an attempt to cast a slur on the manner in which they had managed the affairs of the Board since their appointment. They claimed that the affairs of the Board had been managed as well as any Commissioner or Manager could possibly do.

An amendment that the motion be adjourned until the new Co. Council had been elected in June was carried by 17 votes to 10.

## CHURCH LADS' BRIGADE.

### Hockey Record.

The following is the record of the Church Lads' Brigade for the year 1927-28:— Played 31, won 16, drew 8, lost 7, scored 94 goals, against 72 goals. J K Smith, 2nd XI. captain, scored the most goals, having a grand total of 32. The Club had one of their members on the Leinster hockey team, in Wemysh, this year.

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