

CITY VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE

The Athenæum Hall

Breaches of Deed of Trust

Mr. P. J. Donnellan, B.C., Chairman, presided at a meeting of the City Vocational Education Committee held on Thursday night.

The other members present were: Mr. D. O'Brien, B.D.; Ald. J. McInerney, Messrs M. White, P. J. Sheehan, with Mr. V. Twomey, C.E.O., and Mr. P. J. Dundon, Asst. Secretary.

A letter was read from Monsignor Cran, Rector, Irish College, Rome, Postulator of the Cause of Blessed Oliver Plunket, stating that he had received the committee's resolution, and would have pleasure in submitting it to the Holy See.

The C.E.O. stated that two tenders were received for the excavation of the site of a new Auxiliary School in George's Quay. They were examined by the Building Sub-Committee, who accepted the tender of Messrs. Thomas O'Loughlin, Limerick, at £195. The other tenderer was Mr. M. Doyle, contractor, at £290.

The Committee approved of the acceptance of Messrs. O'Loughlin's tender. The C.E.O. read a letter from Messrs. Sheehan and Clery, architects, requesting information as to whether the local authority intended to instal a sewerage system for the proposed new Auxiliary School.

The Committee decided to communicate with the Borough Council on the matter.

MANUAL INSTRUCTOR.

Applications were received for the post of manual instructor in the Institute. The C.E.O. said that one of the stipulations of the Department was that, if possible, the selected candidate should hold the Ceard Teastas. None of the applicants held that qualification, but some had a knowledge of Irish.

In the proposition of Mr. Sheehan, selected by Mr. White, Mr. Anthony Mulcahy, Mary Street, Limerick, was appointed to the position.

It was decided to request the Department to sanction a salary of £170 and expenses for Mr. Mulcahy.

ATHENAEUM HALL

A letter was read from Mr. J. Dundon, Adviser, stating in reply to a communication from the Committee, that (a) the use of the Athenaeum Hall for a function organised by a political or sectarian body, and (b) the use of the Hall for a function the monetary proceeds of which are to go to a political or sectarian body would constitute breaches of the Deed of Trust in the strict legal interpretation.

Mr. Sheehan—That will save us a lot of trouble in the future.

Chairman—It must be distinctly understood now that, as far as the Committee is concerned, the Athenaeum Hall cannot

DEATH OF MRS. C. DALY.

Link in Generations of Patriots.

We regret to announce the death, in her 83rd year, at her residence, Tivoli, Limerick, last night, of Mrs. Catherine Daly, widow of the late Edward Daly, who, with his brother John, had been actively connected with the Fenian movement, and mother of Comdt. Ned Daly, who was executed owing to his connection with the 1916 Rising, and of Mrs. Tom Clarke, T.C., Dublin.

The late Mrs. Daly played a remarkable part in the struggle for Irish independence.

Born in 1854, she married Edward Daly, who, with his brother, John Daly, became a member of the Fenian movement in his early manhood, and continued to be identified with the national cause up to the time of his death.

1867 TO 1916

Mrs. Daly was the mother of ten children, the youngest of whom, Ned Daly, occupied the position of Commandant during the 1916 Rising and fought in the Four Courts.

Her husband died while his brother, John Daly, was undergoing a sentence of penal servitude in Portland and other English prisons, where he formed a lifelong friendship with Tom Clarke, the first signatory of the Republican Proclamation of 1916.

Some time after his release John Daly became Mayor of Limerick and had the pleasure of conferring the freedom of his native city on Tom Clarke.

IN THE TAN DAYS.

Mrs. Catherine Daly threw her house open to workers in the cause of Irish independence, both before and after the Rising of 1916. Her daughter, Catherine, married Tom Clarke on his release from penal servitude.

When John Daly, to whom Sean MacDermott wrote an inspiring letter from his cell in Kilmainham Prison shortly before his execution, died in 1916, Catherine Daly's daughter, Miss Madge Daly, carried on the Fenian traditions of her uncle and kept an open house for the I.R.B. and Volunteer organisers in the west and south-west of Ireland.

During the Black and Tan regime young men "on the run" were able to find shelter in Mrs. Daly's house. She and her daughter were ill-treated by the Black and Tans, who took over their home and destroyed its contents.

The remains will be removed at 8 o'clock this evening to St. Munchin's Parish Church, and the funeral takes place to-morrow to Mount St. Lawrence at 1.30 p.m.

A GREAT DRAWBACK

Few centres of population in this country are as badly served as Limerick in the provision of a public building for the holding of civic and other functions.

That is a distinct drawback, in view of the growing importance of the city, and should be rectified with the least possible delay. Of course an undertaking of the kind would necessarily involve a considerable sum of money, but at the same time it is not creditable to the third city in the Irish Free State to be handicapped in this respect, and at a time when there is a greater demand for recreation of every variety. Limerick, if St. John's Pavilion is excluded, has no building capable of accommodating in comfort a thousand people. That is a matter for regret, as it denotes an absence of civic pride, which has been the keynote of addresses delivered from time to time by public representatives wherever the occasion offers. It was again referred to this week when the No. 1 Army Band gave a recital here. At the reception given by the Mayor, Alderman D. Bourke, T.D., in honour of the conductor, Colonel Fritz Brase, the need for a concert hall, properly and adequately equipped was mentioned by one of the speakers. He took the view that until the city had such a building the citizens could not expect to be brought into contact with those essentials which make for a fuller development of recreative leisure. It was suggested that the City Manager and Corporation should grapple with the question, but it is feared that many years must expire before the rates can be relied upon to give effect to what undoubtedly is a matter for immediate attention and redress. A new City Hall with accompanying space for a concert annexe has been advocated, but the Manager says that the time is not yet opportune to embark on such a structure. The first thing that must be done before it can be attempted is to give the people a reduced rate, and Mr. O'Mahony has in his recent estimates shown his willingness to remove some of the heavy burden that has affected trade for many years. He cannot be expected to work wonders within one short year, but when the moment is opportune and ripe it is his intention to take measures to provide the Borough with a municipal building worthy of Limerick and in accord with its national status. Meantime the citizens themselves might consider the question and see how further they could help. Comment on the absence of a concert hall will not push the question an inch towards its realisation, and for that reason a public meeting should be called to discuss ways and means. The accidental destruction by fire of the Theatre Royal was a big loss to the cultural life of the city, and none knows that better