

tory, Armagh, uncle of the bride assisted by Rev. J. T. Levis, Kenneigh Rectory, Enniskean. The bridesmaids were Misses Joan Rhodes and Iris Shorten, and the best man was Rev. A. B. Mills.

The bride was dressed in a simple dress of ivory crepe, with a square lace yoke and ivory cape, with lace coatee. As head-dress she wore a veil of old net, with a halo of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white and peach carnations. The bridesmaids had on dresses of peach-coloured crepe showing square necks, puffed sleeves and basques at the waist, and on their heads wore net caps trimmed with roses, and each had pearl necklaces, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of white carnations.

The reception was held after at Ardne-graine, at which forty guests were present.

The bride's travelling costume was of blue, with three-quarter length coat trimmed with grey Persian lamb wool, navy blue hat, with shoes and gloves to match.

The happy couple got a hearty send-off in the evening when departing on a motoring honeymoon in Ireland.

"GALWAY AS A TOURIST CENTRE."

Lecture by Mr E. H. Bennis.

The Easter Term of the Limerick Literary and Economics Society was opened at the Municipal Technical Institute last night, when Mr Ernest Bennis delivered a lecture entitled "Galway as a Tourist Centre."

Despite the very inclement weather, there was a large attendance to hear the discourse of an experienced and well-informed lecturer, such as Mr. Bennis is.

The subject matter dealt with Galway and Connemara, and Mr. Bennis illustrated his remarks with a series of excellent lantern slides.

Mr. J. M. Casey, B.C., President of the Society, presided

At the conclusion a vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by Rev. Father Moloney, Diocesan Secretary, and seconded by Mr. P. J. Frost, was carried amid acclamation.

A more extended report of the lecture will appear in our next issue.

OBITUARY.

Lieut.-Colonel William Keays.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Keays, R.A.M.C., who served in the Egyptian Expedition of 1882, and in the Soudan Expedition of 1885, died at his home in Somerset on Thursday last. Colonel Keays was the eldest son of the late John Keays of Millbank House, Abington, Murroe, County Limerick. Little of his life was spent in Ireland, for the exigencies of his career called him far from home. He distinguished himself in each of the expeditions mentioned above, and was awarded medals on both occasions, and, in addition, received the Bronze Star in 1882. Lieut.-Colonel Keays, who was on the retired list, had been living at The Avenue, Keynsham, Somerset. The funeral took place to the family burial ground at Abington, County Limerick.

Americans, went on Mr. Griffin, with pride and joy saw Ireland advancing with sure and steady steps to its final objective—a 32-county Republic.

A WARNING.

"Americans of Irish birth or descent do not, of course, desire to interfere in the battle of wits now going on between Dublin and London. But let me say that should a crisis arise, should that statesmen of your neighbouring island as much as hint the taking of military or naval action against the Irish nation, we will no longer remain quiescent.

"Woe betide your neighbour if she is foolhardy enough to adopt such a course.

"She is very fond of talking about the sanctity of treaties, but she herself never observed a treaty when it conflicted with her self interests.

"SO-CALLED ULSTER PROBLEM."

The "so-called Ulster difficulty," he said, was created and maintained by England.

"The partition of this historic nation by the British Government, for reasons of Imperial State policy, is one of the most infamous crimes committed by your neighbour throughout her whole history.

"It was a foolish act, from the point of view of British interests, and the sooner the barrier between the six North-Eastern Counties and the other Twenty-Six is torn down the better it will be for England as well as Ireland.

Independent Irish Republic, embracing all Ireland, would be a menace to England. Those men are so blinded by prejudice as not to perceive that a partitioned Ireland held in subjection by force is one of the greatest dangers with which England has to contend.

MAYOR'S RECEPTION.

At Cruise's Hotel later, the Mayor entertained a large company to supper.

On the Mayor's right sat Mr. Griffin Mr. Denis O'Dwyer (President, Chamber of Commerce), and Mr. James McQuane (President, Limerick Trades and Labour Council), and on his left the City Manager (Mr. T. C. O'Mahony), Mr. T. C. Carroll Chairman, Limerick Development Association), and Chief Supt Murphy.

The entire company present numbered over forty.

Mr. Griffin, responding to the toast of his health, said that when crossing to Ireland he was more than pleased to find that Limerick bacon—which was world-famous—was served at table. It was a matter for regret that Irish bacon was not consumed more extensively in America. That was not altogether the fault of the Americans, for it was rather difficult to get Irish bacon in America. That condition of things could be altered by a better system of trading and by an advertising campaign.

IN FAVOUR OF AMERICA.

At present the balance of trade between the Irish Free State and America was altogether in favour of America. The Irish people in America and the people of Irish descent in America would purchase Irish goods if they were made more easily procurable. That was a matter that should engage the attention of Irish industrialists.

Last summer he crossed from Ireland to England, and had interviews with prominent English statesmen, including Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill.

At the monthly meeting of the Adare District Executive of Fine Gael, held on January 8th, Mr. D. Toomey presiding, the sincere sympathy of the meeting was expressed with the family and other relatives of the late Mrs. M. J. Harty, Alston, Croom, and with Mr. W. O'Sullivan, Kilcurley, Adare, on the death of his mother, which also occurred recently.

The other business was not of a very important nature, and it was decided that the annual general meeting and election of officers for the ensuing year be held on Friday, 12th February, at 7 p.m.

SEQUEL TO LIMERICK TRAGEDY.

£300 Compensation.

Judge Davitt awarded £300 compensation to Florence Phillips St. Joseph's Place, Dorset St., Dublin, against Messrs. O'Connor and Bailey, South William St. Dublin, arising out of the death of her brother, Patrick Phillips, while he was employed as a shop-fitter in Limerick in September, when the flooring collapsed, and he fell into the basement.

Mr. C. Casey (instructed by Messrs. Monks and Gaynor) for applicant, and Mr. J. L. Esmonde (instructed by Messrs. Peebles, Knox and Pgot) for respondents.

LIMERICK MAN'S FORTUNE.

Mr. Patrick Hurley, of Knockaney, Hospital, who died on the 2nd July last, left net assets in England and the Irish Free State to the amount of £17,738, and letters of administration have been granted to the administrators, Mrs Hanora Noonan, of Knockaney, Hospital, and Mr. Michael J. Hurley, of Kilmallock, journalist.

He also had an interview with Mr. Bernard Shaw, who claimed that he was a greater dramatist than Shakespeare (laughter). With Lloyd George he discussed the Irish question, as that statesman, more than anyone else, was responsible for the enforced Treaty and the partition of Ireland. He suggested to Lloyd George that Ireland should be allowed to work out its own destiny and declare a Republic, if she so desired. In reply, Lloyd George said that England would never allow Ireland to secede from the Empire—that America would not allow the United States to secede from the Union. "To that, I replied," said Mr Griffin, "that there was no analogy, as Ireland was a nation, but I could not get him to alter his point of view. While I could not agree with many of the things he said, I found him to be a most interesting conversationalist."

Concluding, Mr. Griffin invited the Mayor, City Manager and members of the Corporation to visit New York for the next St. Patrick's Day Parade, which was being again organised by a distinguished County Limerick man, Mr. John Sheahan.

The toast of the Press was proposed by Mr. C. McLean, Sec. Trades and Labour Council, and responded to by Mr. J. J. Mulqueen, Chief Reporter "Limerick Leader."

The function, which had been most enjoyable, was concluded by all present joining in the National Anthem.