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HEALTH BOARD.

Kilfinane Lighting.

New Rent Collector.

Mr. M. Ryan, Co.C., Chairman, presided at special meeting of the Limerick County Board of Health.

Mr. D. Power, Co.C., acted as spokesman to a deputation which appeared before the meeting in connection with the public lighting of Kilfinane.

The deputation, Mr. Power said, was representative of the ratepayers from the rural area around Kilfinane, who wished to protest against the imposition of a rate of 2d. in the £ for the lighting of the town. When the matter originally came before the Board seventy of the rural ratepayers objected to the area of charge, but no inquiry was held to give them an opportunity of putting forward their objections.

Chairman—In view of the number of objections received, I think the inquiry should have been held. I think we should ask the Department to re-open the matter.

Secretary—If you ask the Department to re-open the question I think you should suggest some alternative area of charge.

Mr. Power—We say that if the people of Kilfinane want the luxury of public lighting they should be prepared to pay for it themselves.

Senator Madden—Who originally made the application for the lighting of Kilfinane?

Charman—The application originally came from the people of Kilfinane.

Mr. Power—And we objected to the area of charge, but a sworn inquiry was not held to give us a chance of putting forward our objections. We say that the whole thing was most unfair.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was eventually agreed to adjourn consideration of the question to the next meeting for the production of all correspondence relating to the lighting of Kilfinane.

The Secretary said that at the last meeting of the Board he was asked to submit a report on the amount expended in repairs to labourers' cottages in recent years. In that connection he now wished to state that the total amount expended on repairs to date amounted to £70,476 8s. 9d. Tha included expenditure on repairs during the past eight or nine years.

The Secretary stated that Mr. John Mackey, who had been appointed temporary rent collector to the Fair Green houses, had now completed his probationary period of six months. In that respect he (Secretary) was glad to be able to say that Mr. Mackey had given every satisfaction as collector. No arrears of rent were due in respect of the houses.

Chairman—That is very satisfactory.

DEATH OF MRS MARY ROBERTS.

Passing of a Centenarian

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Roberts, which took place at her residence, Newtown, Clarina, on Tuesday. She was the widow of Mr. George Roberts, an extensive agriculturist, mother of Dr. James Roberts, Rev. Aidan Roberts, O.F.M., Clonmel, and Mr. George Roberts, Newtown, a member of Limerick Board of Fishery Conservators.

Mrs. Roberts, a centenarian, was a member of a well-known family and a lady who during her long life made hosts of friends. Invariably bright and cheerful, she had a very engaging manner and was a good conversationalist. In later years, owing to infirmity, she was confined to the house, but chatted freely with the household and visitors, recalling clearly outstanding incidents which have made history. Born towards the end of 1838, Mrs. Roberts lived through the Famine period, was witness of the rise and fall of the Young Irelanders, the Fenian movement, and the long fight for tenant right. Her death removes from the district, in which she was held in respect and affection, a very amiable lady, a devoted mother, and a good friend, whose charity was one of her principal traits.

In their bereavement the family will have the sincere sympathy of the people of every class in the county.

THE FUNERAL.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, which took place to-day from Ballybrown Church to the nearby Killeedy Cemetery. The cortege was representative of all classes and was a fitting tribute to the esteem in which the deceased lady and her family are held.

The chief mourners were:—Rev. Fr. Aidan, O.F.M.; Dr. J. Roberts, Mr. George Roberts (sons); Mrs. D. Hayes, Mrs. J. Byrnes (daughters); Dr. M. Roberts, Messrs. George, Michael, James and Thomas Roberts, William and Anthony Hayes, Patrick and John Byrnes (grandsons); Mrs. T. E. O'Donnell (grand-daughter); Messrs. D. Hayes, J. Byrnes, Mrs. G. Roberts, Mrs. J. Roberts, Mr. T. E. O'Donnell (relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev. T. McNamara, P.P., Clarina; Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F.; Very Rev. Fr. Hilyary, O.F.M., Guardian; Rev. Fr. Cormac, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Alphonsus, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Adrian, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Fabian, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Dermot, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Anthony, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Leopold, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Finbar, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Celestine, O.F.M.

Amongst the general public were—Dr. J. Devane, D. J. O'Donovan, solicitor; D. J. O'Malley, solicitor; Dr. Dundon, Dr. J. Holmes, C. H. O'Malley, Capt. C. Hanrahan, G. Gleeson, D. Kiely, J. P. Hartigan, T. McKenna, E. Prendergast, P. A. O'Carroll, V.S.; Dr. T. Moran, Dr. S. McDonagh, Dr. J. Clohessy, J. A. McMahon (Cleeve's Confectionery, Ltd.), M. C. Burke, solicitor; F. B. Ormston (Wm. B. Fitt & Co.), Dr. C. McDonnell, J. Barry, J. Quirke, J. Lane, R. T. Cashin, M. Buckley, M. Keyes, G. Smith, W. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, G. Ruttle, J. O'Shaughnessy, J. Ryan, Co.C.; M. Hackett, E. Carey, N.T.; E. Naughton, T. Dundon, T. Harris, T. McNamara, J. O'Dea, M. Graham, J. Murphy, National Bank; D. Kelly, B. McBride, T. Ryan, J. Rea, Jno. Cahill, J. Gleaser, etc.

Rev. Fr. Aidan officiated at the graveside.

MIDNIGHT CONCERT CHRISTMAS

Local Talent to the Fore

Large Audience Highly Entertained

The crowded audience at the Midnight Concert in the Savoy Cinema on St. Stephen's night enjoyed it thoroughly and were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the various items of an elaborate programme.

The organisation of the concert was in the capable hands of Mr. P. O'Connor, and, apart altogether from the contributions of individual artists, the presentation was very finished. Beautiful stage lighting and elaborate draperies made a colourful background for the function.

In every entertainment some items are better than others, and the real success of the concert was due to the fact that a non-discriminating audience was equally generous in its applause of the succeeding items. A fine choral ensemble contributed most to the evening's enjoyment, and were a credit to the training by the conductor, Mr. O'Connor. The best piece was perhaps the "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust," sung with just the right balance of vigour and harmony. A really beautiful interpretation of "Silent Night" proved a fine contrast, while the male chorus was very effective in "Ole Man River," with Mr. H. McCann as soloist.

AN IRISH TREAT.

Easily the outstanding artistes of the night were the O'Shea sisters, famous for their mastery of the harp. They accompanied themselves in a number of Irish songs with indescribable charm and expression. "Finished" artistry more nearly applies to them than to any of the performers who visited Limerick for many years back. The three sisters, Roisin, Maureen, and Nessa, entirely captured the hearts of the audience, and the impression they created is best expressed by the lady member of the audience who said "After that I am proud of being Irish." Their best piece was a bewitching rendition of "Maidrin Rua."

TALENT IN ABUNDANCE.

It is a pity that none of the local artistes created quite the same impression, because it cannot be said that there was not talent in abundance. Many of the better known concert artistes failed to do themselves justice by selecting pieces a little beyond their capabilities. On a few occasions Mr. A. Gordon Spicer at the organ came to a very timely rescue, and throughout the entertainment proved himself an accompanist par excellence.

Mr. K. Hilton as a gentleman-about-town comedian was very entertaining, and Mr. P. O'Donoghue was a typical "Man who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo." Miss J. O'Mahony thoroughly deserved her encore for her singing of "I'll See You Again"; and one of the most delightful items was a duet by Mr. J. Lynn and Miss M. Nunan. Mrs. N. Griffin was very warmly applauded for her singing of "For All Eternity." Miss Paula O'Donnell, who presided at the piano in brilliant style, displayed her versatility with her solo, "On Wings of Song." A really beautiful violin introduction to Schubert's "Ave Maria" was given by Mr. Haul Bernard, and the choral rendition was most harmonious.

DANCING ITEMS.

The pupils of the Legear School of Dancing provided a change from the many musical and vocal items. They gave a particularly finished version of

Function at St.

A Happy

The annual Christmas poor was held as usual in the St. Vincent's hall and was a very successful one. About 200 men were present for a very reasonable repast, which was enjoyed. The St. Vincent's Society, which organises the function, assisted by the Catholic ladies, were tending to the guests, and were missing that would have added to the happiness of the dinner. Their usual generosity was shown in their usual generosity of good things, and the hall later with a very good tobacco, which was greatly appreciated. The assistance at this function was most valuable. The guests are composed of a firm and able-bodied men, and despite the festivity, without pathos.

During the dinner (Rev. Bourke), T.D., an clergy arrived. T. Rev. Father Kerr, Limerick; Rev. Father Spiritual Director, and Rev. Father Ke Rev. L. Chawke, C.

MAYOR'S

In a brief address to the guests a very happy Christmas, and expressed the hope that the year they would be work, and so be in their own dinners. Rev. Fr. Kelly expressed his Lordship the Bishop's able to attend the practice to attend happy Christmas, appointed that he doing so this year, looking much brighter and while it was many young men believed that condition better in 1939. He that they had been meal, and hoped that individual would be by the time the new In conclusion, Fa warm tribute to the cent de Paul Society on the occasion, and were young men in ready to undertake was hope for the fu

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