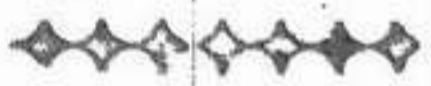


the building of the new church of St. Augustine, the contract for which was placed during the summer. The sacred edifice when completed will not only be an adornment to O'Connell Street but provide adequate accommodation for the ever-growing number of worshippers at the Services conducted by the Fathers of the Order. The present church, which was opened and dedicated over a century ago, has long ceased to be large enough to seat in comfort the numbers who attend the Sunday and holiday Masses and those enrolled members of the Sacred Cincture Arch-Confraternity. It is hoped wartime conditions will have no effect on the supply of building materials, so that the constructional schedule may be adhered to.



CROOM HOUSE.

People from remote places were present in large numbers at Croom House, Croom, yesterday and to-day, when the estate and diningroom furniture were put up for sale by the representatives of the late Captain Denis J. Lyons, by Messrs. Jackson, Stops and McCabe, the well-known Dublin auctioneers. The sale will be continued during the ensuing three days, and which indicates the extensive character of the catalogue. There was some lovely furniture on view, as well as antique silver, glass and ware, in variety and pattern. Competition was keen, and it is no exaggeration to say that Croom House, with its pleasant location, was one of the best equipped residences in the country.



A REVERED NUN.

The death of Sister Mary Aquinas O'Brien, of the Little Company of Mary, St. John's Hospital, will be mourned by everyone who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her association with Limerick was long, and fertile in the charity which is so beautifully portrayed in the nursing of the sick and suffering. Sister Aquin was more than a nursing religious; she was a firm friend and adviser and a lady of refinement and cul-

ture. While there is bound to be conflict of opinion on the wisdom of the decision, it cannot be overlooked that the elected members of the Fianna Fail Organisation have given the Government a nasty jar. The Minister introduced the measure in good faith, designed to promote efficiency, and effect economies in county administration, and improve the various services. We believe that the application to the counties of the Management system points the way to progress and prosperity, and should not be rejected on the false premise that it is antagonistic to democratic standards. That view has been assiduously propagated and disseminated by people who were always prodigal with the rates, and cared little for the circumstances of those who have to meet them. We have yet to hear the view of the Fine Gael Group, and should be surprised if they should follow the example of their colleagues. It was their leader's administration that initiated the system of Managerial control, which has conferred far-reaching benefits on this city.

CUCKOO IN CO. LIMERICK.

It is stated that three persons heard the cuckoo on Friday in a glen near Killfinane.

During the dark and dangerous days of the struggle for independence she befriended many who were "wanted" by the Crown forces, dressed their wounds and healed their scars. Behind a buoyant and joyous disposition lay a deep piety and rich spirituality. A beautiful character Sister Aquin was extraordinarily well informed, and now that she has gone to her reward we will miss her geniality and goodness of heart.