

bruff, where he stayed during a troubled period in our history. He went back to Dublin in 1923 as manager to the Drumcondra Branch of the Bank, from which he retired later. He married in 1919 Miss Harfort, daughter of the Crown Solicitor of Kilkenny, who pre-deceased him by about ten years.

Though latterly of a quiet, unobtrusive disposition, he was a man of much culture and charm, with literary interests. In his early days he acquired a good knowledge of Greek, in addition to other scholarly attainments. He was well read and could converse on a variety of subjects. He had travelled extensively and had acquired a wide knowledge of peoples and countries. Though getting on in years, he had remained active and taking an interest in his own quiet way in current events and in his literary pursuits.

Though he passed away somewhat unexpectedly, he received the consolations of his holy religion before he died.

One of his brothers was a member of the Jesuit Order, and died in Australia some years ago. He is survived by his brother, Mr. George H. Ryan, of 28 Lansdowne Park, Limerick, and by his two sisters, one of whom is Superioress of the Sisters of Charity in Seville Place, Dublin, and the other is Mrs. Dr. Ambrose whose husband was one time M.P. for West Mayo.

The funeral of the late Mr. Ryan, which was private, took place to-day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Rev. W. Carroll, Adm., St. Michael's. There were also present—Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C.; Rev. R. O'Sullivan, C.C.; Rev. J. White, C.C.; Rev. J. A. Hennessy, O.S.A.; Rev. B. Byrne, O.S.A.; Rev. J. Barragry, S.J.; and Rev. D. Roche, S.J.

## TOO MANY TEACHERS

St. Patrick's Training College at Drumcondra, Dublin, the famous institution for the turning out of male national teachers, is to be closed down temporarily in June, 1944, to remain closed until September, 1946. This is due to the decline in the school-going population and a resultant surplus of trained teachers who cannot find employment.

## AMERICAN WHEAT FOR SPAIN

It is reported (says a Reuter message from Madrid) that the American Red Cross has arranged to make a shipment of 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain in order to relieve the wheat shortage.

The Northern Ministry of Agriculture have arranged for a large number of flax pulling machines to be available for sale to farmers and tillage contractors

the number of borrowers per 1,000 population is now 84.5. Books of fiction are in great demand, and in that connection it is to be noted that the Reference Library does not appear to be very popular with the "reading public"; well, not so popular as it might be, having regard to the educational value of the books to be found in this department.

## CONTINUATION OF OPERATIC TREAT

The success which attended the production of "Maritana" by the Christian Brother's pupils at St. Michael's Hall, Limerick, last week, has prompted the organisers to continue the run until Friday night next, when the concluding performance will be given. The presentation has won general approval, and in selecting this bright opera the Christian Brothers made a wise choice. The many tuneful melodies are well-known, and it is especially refreshing to hear them sung by schoolboys. The staging is well done and the orchestra work very effective. The expectation of large audiences for the remaining nights is only in keeping with the standard of the production.

## REFUGEES FROM BRITAIN

About 50 refugees from Britain arrived at Cork stations on Saturday night, going to various parts of the city and county. They were looked after by members of the Red Cross.

## DEATHS.

**Hurley**—On December 9th, at Barrington's Hospital, Victor Hurley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hurley, Ballinacurra. Remains will be removed this evening to St. Michael's Church at 6 o'clock. Mass at 8.30 a.m. to-morrow. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 12.30. No flowers.

**Joyce**—On December 9th, 1940, at his residence, "The Moorings," O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, Michael Joyce, ex-M.P. Remains will be removed this (Monday) evening to St. Michael's Church at 9 o'clock. Requiem High Mass on Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery same day at 3 o'clock.

**Scallan**—December 7th, 1940, at her residence, No. 1 Carlisle Terrace, O'Connell Avenue, after a long illness, Mrs. Margaret Scallan, to the inexpressible grief of her sorrowing husband and family. Funeral took place to-day to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery after Solemn Requiem High Mass at St. Michael's. R.I.P.