

**GERALD GRIFFIN**

**Centenary Proposal**

**Limerick to Honour Poet**

Gerald Griffin's parents settled in Pennsylvania in 1820 with their grown and daughters, four younger still in their teens, went to live with their brother, Dr. William at Adare. Some years or so earlier these four young-ones, Dan and Gerald, Ann and Lucy, figured in a scene that had just tragedy at the old Griffin home Mary's. One Sunday, while they were at Mass, Dan and Gerald had a case of their father's pistols, and they were to fight a mock duel. The spark of their little sisters at the gay of sparks was soon turned to hell, after a deafening explosion, Ann fell bleeding with a deep wound. As a Sister of Charity she survived by many years her child in that domestic drama.

**PRESENTATION NUN.**

entered the Presentation Convent, and died as a young nun a few years after her famous brother. Dan, who accompanied him on the trip, tells how one beautiful September day in 1839 Gerald, then a Christian Brother at Cork, paid Lucy his last visit. Dan was present again to render the last loving services when Gerald died of typhus on June 12, 1840, and is Dr. Dan who has enshrined the name of his poet brother in the "Life of Gerald Griffin."

Limerick will honour the poet's memory on the centenary of his death by the celebration of a Gerald Griffin Week at the library. Meantime a family record book has been prepared which is being published in the number of the North Munster Antiquarian Journal now in the press. The journal, by the way, appears yearly and is given free to the members of the Thomond Society. The subscription of 10s. admits also of excursions.

Dan Griffin died at his home in Bell Street in 1863, and is buried in St. Lawrence with his wife and three of their children. A daughter, Mrs. O'Connell, lives at Bray, is kindly lending her collection of souvenirs of the family for the centenary week.

Members of the Thomond Society are to visit the grave of Dr. Dan Griffin on the afternoon of Thursday, May 2nd. They will then visit the sites of the Battle of the Ford and the Breach of the 1690 Siege. Members of the public wishing to join the party should communicate with the secretary, 129 O'Connell Street.

**WHERE STARS WALK**

**Reader's Suggestion**

The Editor "Limerick Chronicle." Dear Mr. Editor,—I read with interest your review of the Gate Theatre Company's production, "Where Stars Walk," in the week-end edition of the "Limerick Chronicle," and I am surprised that you usually so discerning in such matters could have been misled into giving the almost general view that the play was clever and witty. I am glad to state that it delighted a re-

**QUESTIONS IN DAIL COUNTY MANAGEMENT BILL**

**Deputy's Opposition**

On the final stage of the County Management Bill, in the Dail yesterday, Mr. G. Bennett (F.G., Limerick) said he opposed the Bill because it was another step towards centralisation. The Act of 1898 had worked very well for a number of years, and it would have continued to work satisfactorily if the old Rural Councils had not been abolished. The principal reason for the failure of the local government system, however, was the introduction of politics into local affairs. Local boards had developed into political camps. Both parties should now agree that there be no more politics in local affairs. He did not think the Bill would lead either to greater efficiency or more economy in administration. If he thought the Bill would achieve those he would vote for it.

Mr. Norton (Lab., Carlow-Kildare) said the Minister had made no case for the Bill. He had scarcely got two dozen people to come out in favour of it and was simply relying on his majority in the House to force it through. The Labour Party would much prefer to have this whole matter of local government examined by a Commission of people experienced in local administration. The sole purpose of the measure was to concentrate all power of local government in the hands of County Managers, and he could foresee unscrupulous use being made by County Managers of the powers given them. The Bill was the very negation of the idea of Parish Councils advocated by the Taoiseach.

Mr. J. L. Esmonds (F.G., Wexford) said the Bill was a complete revolution in local government law and it should not have been passed until they had before them what was envisaged by the Minister in the other Bill mentioned. The two measures should have gone through in conjunction.

**COAL SHORTAGE**

**Reply to Deputy Reidy**

In the Dail on Tuesday, Ald. J. Reidy (F.G.) asked the Minister for Supplies if he was aware of the difficulties Irish coal importers are experiencing in getting coal supplies from Great Britain, and, if so, if he proposed to take any steps to improve the position. The Minister said in reply—"I am aware that Irish coal importers have had difficulty in getting coal supplies from Great Britain. The difficulty arose mainly out of the dislocation in the distribution of coal which was caused by the abnormal weather conditions in the early part of the year. It is anticipated, as a result of steps recently taken, that normal supplies will be available within the next few weeks."

**NUN'S FUNERAL**

**Rev. Mother Raymond**

The funeral of Rev. Mother M. Raymond, Superior of the Mercy Order in

**LATE CAPT J. WHITE**

**Funeral to Cappagh**

**Representative Attendance**

The remains of the late Captain J. J. White, Nantenan, Askeaton, were removed to the Catholic Church, Cappagh, on a farm cart, and the interment took place in the family burial plot in the yard beside the church. There was a very large attendance.

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. Canon Mangan, P.P.; Rev. R. Dunworth, P.P.; Rev. P. C. Lynch, C.C.; Rev. T. Costelloe, C.C.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. White, Major C. G. Conyers, Mr. Helenus White.

Mass cards were sent by the Rathkeale Race Committee, and Mr. and Mrs. John Magner.

Wreaths from the following were laid on the grave:—Johnny from his tray dog, Kate and Graham, Graham, Elsie, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goodbody, Arthur and Alice, Stewards and Members of National Hunt and Steeplechase Committee, Earl of Dunraven, Lord and Lady Adare, Lord and Lady Muskerry, Sir Vincent and Lady Nash, Knight of Glin and Madam FitzGerald, Mr. and Mrs. Robin Hunt, G. Overton and Staff, Fort Union Stud; Bishop of Limerick and Mrs. Irwin, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Goodbody, Mrs. F. C. Cleave, Peggy and John Alexander, Mrs. Chute and family, Frank Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Fosbery, Mrs. E. Westropp, Peter and Mrs. Worledge, Mary O'Donovan, Connie and Alton, Mrs. T. D. Atkinson, Dorothy and Jim Trayer, Mrs. R. O'Kelly, Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, Squadron Leader and Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Hewson and Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maunsell, Mrs. A. White, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. R. Galloway, Mrs. Nigel Baring, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shaw (Ballinacurra Ho.), Major E. G. and Mrs. Waller, Bob and Dick Gelston, Captain and Mrs. Megaw and Dawn, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shaw, Committee and Members County Limerick Hunt, Mrs. de Vere, Dick and Nancy, Jim and Jennie, Dr. J. B. Hayes, Mrs. McMahon-Wail and daughter, Mrs. Taylor, Anna, Nora and Leonard Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Goodbody, Tom.

The attendance at the funeral included:—Right Hon. the Earl of Dunraven (representing I.N.H.), Viscount and Viscountess Adare, Commander V. Wyndham Quinn, Lord and Lady Muskerry, Lord Monteagle, Mr. J. J. Ryan, M.F.H.; J. Alexander, M.F.H.; Mr. A. Pollock, Mr. M. Shaw, Capt and Mrs. E. Shaw, Capt. Megaw, Major Langford, Mr. R. Coplen Langford, Mr. Massy Langford, F. W. Ormston and E. Walsh (Wm. B. Fitt and Co.), V. O'Donovan (Standard Garage), Gilbert and Mrs. Hewson and Miss Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. Montfort Westropp, Mrs. A. White, Mrs. Chute, J. P. Goodbody, R. Gelston, Justice J. M. Flood, Justice Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Blood-Smyth, Mrs. Worledge, Mr. H. Nash, J. P. Coppinger, Capt. Finch, Mrs. Mary Donovan, Mr. F. Cleave, Mr. and Mrs. G. Goodbody, E. Leahy, solicitor; Mr. E. L. Lloyd, Mr. Robin Hunt, Mr. H. Hunt, Dr. T. B. Hayes, Dr. C. Molony, Dr. Costelloe, Major and Mrs. Massy, Rev. M. Talbot, Mr. Hill (Agent, Bank of Ireland, Limerick), Mr. J. O'Kelly-Lynch (Manager, M. and L. Bank, Limerick), Miss G. O'Kelly-Lynch, Mr. A. Welply.

**CURRENT REVIEW**

**People and Events**

**MOTHER RAYMOND.**

One who had a close contact with Mother Mary Raymond while she was Principal of St. Vincent de Paul Schools says that among her many choice qualities was the thoroughness she imparted in the performance of her vocation. Her motto was what is worth doing should have the very maximum of attention. Mother Raymond had what is called a genius for painstaking, the secret of her success as teacher and organizer while in charge of Henry Street Schools, for which she had done so much. Her simple, unaffected, warm-hearted disposition won the golden opinions of the lay teaching staff, who never forget her kindness and solicitude in their welfare.

**GREAT NUN.**

There is no need to recapitulate those other beautiful attributes, which form part of the equipment of those who embrace the religious life. Personal sanctification Mother Raymond cultivated in an extraordinary degree, and diffused it by precept and example in community life and classroom. Literature and art made a strong appeal to her cultured mind; she followed closely in the steps of the great foundress of her Order, Mother Macauley. The best tribute to her memory can be summed up in the words of a former pupil, "a great lady and a great nun has passed to her eternal reward."

**VALUABLE GIFT.**

Mr. Herbert, City Librarian, is gradually making valuable additions to the Museum. The most recent is a replica in bronze of the famous Tara Brooch, presented by Mrs. Phil O'Sullivan, who has shown a fine sense of public spirit and good citizenship. It may not be known that her late lamented husband took a lively interest in old prints, manuscripts, books, and metal work. What is more, he had a critical faculty, cultivated by the study of the values, which appealed to him. The gift made to the Museum by his wife should stimulate others in a position to make a contribution.

**STRANGE REQUEST.**

While on this subject, a good story reaches me. A lady whose conception of the functions of Librarian is as wide as those of Pook-Bah, happened to have a tortoise. Being without knowledge of how to care her strange pet, she repaired to one of our Librarians, told her tale, and asked his advice. "My job," he replied, "is to read, censor and issue books. I am not a zoo man." "Well," she answered, in blank astonishment which bore a note of disappointment, "I thought you people knew everything; that you were walking encyclopaedias."

**APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION.**

The appeal made by the Rev. Father Gorey, C.S.S.R., Spiritual Director, to the members of the Holy Family Arch-Confraternity to co-operate with the authorities in protecting public property should produce good results. It is not the first time Father Gorey has thrown the weight of his influence into the scale