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**Altitude Dance.**  
Annual dance of the Slieveveigh Club, held in the hall on St. Stephen's, attracted one of the largest crowds yet at such a function, more than 50 couples heroically endeavouring to cover a square foot of space in that ballroom. The gaiety of the reflected itself in the happy faces and chattering of the dancers, and there was little scope for a display of the terpsichorean art, still it was the most enjoyable dances held for a long time. The arrangements put out by the committee left little to be desired, while an important contributing factor to the enjoyment of the evening was the excellent music rendered by Jack Hayes, Rathkeale, and his orchestra.

**Drive for the Poor.**  
Annual whist drive for the poor of the parish, initiated a year ago by Rev. Power, C.C., was held recently in full, and was favoured with a magnificent response from the town and district, over forty tables participating. All size money, as well as considerable quantities of Christmas fare, was received by the committee, and in this connection the townspeople, especially the keepers, deserve a word of praise for their generous and unstinted manner in which they invariably respond to the appeals made on them. The success of the function was due primarily to the efforts of Father Power and his committee, who spared no pains in their endeavours to provide a means by which they could give even a modicum of comfort to the less fortunate amongst us.

**Distinguished Doctor's Local Connection.**  
People will have seen in the daily papers within the past couple of weeks of the discovery of the new type of anti-diphtheria serum for acute cases of diphtheria, and perhaps, know that the distinguished young doctor who has made an important contribution to medical science is a nephew of Mr. Michael F. O'Meara, Caherelly. The development of O'Meara's discovery will be awaited with interest, especially in his native district of Clonakilty, where his late father, Dr. T. J. O'Meara, resided, and in the locality, where his father first saw the light of day.

**Mr. Patrick O'Carroll.**  
The death took place recently at his residence, Castlefarm, of Mr. Patrick O'Carroll, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Denis O'Carroll. Deceased, who was in the prime of his manhood, had been in poor health for some time. Formerly a man of robust physique, he was one of the most industrious farmers in the parish. Mild and gentle in manner, and of a genial, breezy good-natured disposition, he was extremely popular, not only in his native district, but amongst the farming community of a wide area. His long illness, followed by his early death, occasioned much sorrow amongst relatives and numerous friends. The funeral took place in the local cemetery after Requiem Office and High Mass, the large attendance at the grave testifying to the esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held and to

rick, is one of the foremost counties in Ireland as regards the number of pupils it is sending to the Gaeltacht, and the numbers this coming year should be well over the 1940 total.

Tickets will be soon available for the Easter Sunday night ceillidhe in the Stella. These can be disposed of through raffling, 45 drive, or direct sale.

Ghuidhimis gach rath i rith na h-ath-bhliadhna ar Gaedhilgeoribh na cathrach agus Conndae.

"CEATHRAR GAODHAL."

## LATE MRS. BEEGAN

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### THE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Beegan, 23 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Limerick, who passed away on Christmas Eve, took place on St. Stephen's Day.

The remains were removed from Barrington's Hospital to St. Michael's Church at 6 p.m. on Christmas Day.

The funeral took place next day at 1 p.m. to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, the cortege being very large and representative.

The clergy in attendance were:—Rev. W. J. Carroll, Adm., St. Michael's; Rev. Dr. Cowper, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C., do., and Rev. Father Chawke, C.C., do.

The chief mourners were:—Patrick and John Beegan (sons); Gerard, Paddy, Henry and John (grandsons); Mrs. E. Lambe (sister-in-law); Mrs. P. Beegan, Mrs. J. Beegan (daughters-in-law); Mrs. M. Laycocke, Miss M. Griffin, Mrs. J. O'Dwyer, Mrs. K. Nunan, Mrs. H. Malone, Mrs. Naughton, Mrs. P. Jackson, Miss M. Nunan, Miss M. Kearney, Messrs. M. and Joseph O'Farrell, Michael, John and Con Kearney, Stephen and Vincent Malone, Gus Griffin (cousins); Mrs. Nan Griffin, Messrs. J. O'Dwyer, J. Naughton, P. and F. McDonnell, Gus Hogan, P. Glynn, J. Glynn, P. Jackson, D. Nunan (relatives).

Mass cards were received from the following:—Pat and Chris, Jack and Madge, Bert and Nell (Singapore), Mollie, Pat, Kit, Brian and Bernard (Singapore), Peg, Peter and Dolores (New York), Kit and Marion (New York), Ger and May (New York), Nancy, Rita and Kevin, Harry, Pat, Ger, Raymond, John and Dorrie, Paddy and May Moore, Nunan family, Fagan family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Flynn, Miss O'Neill and family, Mrs. Cowell and family, Mrs. Clarke and family, Florrie and Billie; Ciss Jack and family; Mackin and Dolly (Bristol); Dr. Joe and Pat Laycocke (Cork); Ciss Laycocke, M. Grin, Mary and Paddy Jackson.

### A FATAL ERROR

A verdict of accidental death, due to the deceased drinking Jeyes fluid in mistake for milk, was returned at an inquest at Omagh on Tuesday, into the death of a centenarian named Catherine McElhatton, Gortmore, who died on Saturday last. A neighbour said that deceased, who had become frail and childish, told her she had drunk disinfectant by mistake. Deceased's son said his mother was 103 years old.

years previous to this date. A year later, in 1816, the Christian Brothers were to come to Limerick through the instrumentality of the then Bishop of the Diocese, Most Reverend Doctor Tuohy, a man of great wisdom and learning and also a musician. A story goes that when Dr. Tuohy was parish priest of Rathkeale, a most unusual streak of stinginess towards pastors was current and when the collection was made for the priest at a large wedding there, the people by mutual agreement gave but a shilling each. This the priest received with much sweetness and humility, and then set himself to entertain the guests with his exquisite playing on the violin. The performance over, Father Tuohy rose, took the pulpit saying with gentle humour: "As you have not paid the priest, I am sure you will not forget the musician." It was sufficient, a sense of shame restored their finer feelings and a liberal collection was gathered not alone then, ever afterwards.

### A NEW DAWN.

Almost at the same period bells and belfries were attached to the churches of St. Mary's and St. John's. Catholic emancipation was not as yet, but already the world of to-day was knocking at the doors of bigotry and ignorance. The south of Ireland was being opened up with amazing rapidity through the railway coach system established by Bianconi. Profiting of the great peace of 1815 after the defeat of Napoleon, Bianconi bought up a number of first-class horses destined for the army, and in the month of that year began his first tour from Clonmel to Cahir; then Limerick, Tipperary were included, and by the end of that same year cars were run from Clonmel to Cashel, Thurles, Carrick Waterford. But this was the beginning only for some twenty-eight years later Bianconi, through his genius of enterprise, had opened up the most isolated districts, with his one hundred coaches which daily covered three thousand miles, with change of horses at one hundred and forty stations, and not alone but the considerable prosperity Bianconi was instrumental in bringing to many localities through his steady annual purchase of something up to a thousand tons of hay, and forty thousand sand barrels of oats. This was 1843.

### WHEN O'CONNELL CAME TO LIMERICK.

But long since already had the clatter of the Limerick populace echoed through its streets when in 1828, O'Connell, victorious from the Clare election, made a triumphal entry into the city. A well-known figure in Limerick at the beginning of the century, O'Connell used to lodge at No. 4 Patrick Street, the house of a Mr. Sheehan, a "coachman" and later at, then Moriarty's Hotel, Cruise's Hotel. His last visit to the city took place in the summer of 1846. He was an aged and broken man, a sharp contrast to that day in 1809, when appearing at the City Court House, Quay Lane, John Gubbins, a local portrait painter of genius, in a pencil sketch, reproduced O'Connell to the public in the hey-day of his immense intellectual and physical prowess.

### SOUND OF THE IRON TONGUE

But we are back again to the sound of the iron tongue, which through the