

...National School, where she was
esteemed and respected by both
pupils and people alike. Indeed, it
can be taken for granted that her
passing will be regretted by none
more sincerely than by her
past pupils, whether at home
or abroad. It is only a few years
since she retired on pension after
a long and creditable career as a
teacher. Quiet and unobtrusive in
her manner, and with a mind
always imbued with a deep religious
fervour, she had ever a lively sense
of her spiritual and material obli-
gations. The sincere sympathy of
the public is extended to the rela-
tives and friends of the deceased
lady, especially to her son, Lieut.
Owen O'Brien.

Gaelic League Concert.

On Sunday evening a Gaelic
League concert was held in Kelly's
Hall. It attracted an extremely
large and appreciative audience.
The different items were applauded
to the fullest extent, while the
dancing also evoked considerable
enthusiasm. The exhibition of
step-dancing given by Mr. P. J.
Wynne, champion step-dancer of
Australia, was something in the
nature of a revelation. Mr. Wynne,
who is a native of Killflyn, Co.
Kerry, is certainly a wonderful
exponent of Irish step-dancing.

Michael, Hannah and Michael
Walsh, the Staff of the West End;
John and Julia Moloney, David
Shanahan, Bridget J. Horgan, M.
Curtin, A. McCarthy, L. Hayes, K.
Hayes, M. Fitzzgerald, Co. Home,
Newcastle West; Teresa O'Dris-
coll, Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., St.
Munchin's; Michael and Mrs.
Moore, Patrick Flynn and family,
Islandanny; Peggy Doherty, Han-
nah Ambrose, Lizzie and Katie
Hayes, Co. Home; Mr. and Mrs. M.
Doody, Brosna; Mr. and Mrs. Gil-
tenane, Michael and Mrs. Enright.

MR. JAMES FITZSIMONS, FOYNES ISLAND.

On Sunday morning one of the
oldest parishioners in the person
of Mr. James Fitzsimons, farmer,
Foynes Island, passed to his re-
ward. He is of the seventh genera-
tion of Fitzsimons in Foynes
Island. During his eighty-four
years he hardly slept three nights
on the mainland. In his young
days it was nothing unusual to go
to Clare for turf, and it is looking
like it now that his son "Tom"
(who is the ferryman for the wire-
less and meteorological officers)
will have to do the same again if
coal keeps so scarce. The late Mr.
James Fitzsimons was always a
staunch Nationalist. The funeral
coming across the water to the
wharf (where the Tri-colour was
at half mast) was a very impres-
sive scene. Every available boat
was on the river. The remains
were placed in the church on Mon-
day evening and at noon the
following day the funeral, which
was very large, took place to the
family burial ground at Knock-
patrick. The officiating clergy were
Very Rev. Canon Rea, P.P., V.F.;
Rev. Father Quinlan, C.C., and

The winning ladies were Dr.
Agnes Nolan, Miss O'Donovan,
Grouse Lodge, and Mrs. McCarthy,
Moig. The successful players among
the gentlemen were Mr. D. Kelly,
Ballyneety; Mr. D. Meaney, Shana-
golden, and Mr. T. Fitzsimons,
Borragone. Miss Fitzgerald, N.T.,
Foynes, and Mr. James Cregan,
Knockgowrah, won the consolation
prizes.

DROMCOLLOGHER GOSSIP

(From Our Correspondent).

Town Plots.

Tillage operations on the plots
secured by a number of the towns-
people have now been completed
and should help to prevent at least
in some manner any threatened
shortage in the potato crop. A
serious situation arose in connec-
tion with the allotments given to
unemployed since at the last
moment it was ascertained that
neither seeds nor manure were
available. The generous and public
spirited action of Lord Muskerry
in giving a considerable portion of
seed free to the plot-holders is to be
much appreciated and enables the
scheme to be put into operation at
least on a limited scale.

Gaelic Affairs.

On Sunday last the local G.A.A.
Club held their annual collection,
which was responded to in the usual
generous manner. Things are now
taking shape and preparations are
being made for the forthcoming
championship game with Feenagh,
which is due to take place at Drom-
collogher on April 27th.

The L.D.F.

The training of the local groups
of the L.D.F. is proceeding accord-
ing to plan and arrangements have
been made for a full dress parade
on Easter Sunday. A dance in aid
of the Dromcollogher Group will
also take place at the Courthouse
on Easter Sunday night.

Recent Death.

The death took place at her resi-
dence, Pike Street, Dromcollogher,
during the week, of Miss Hannah
Langford. Of an honest nature
and retiring disposition the end
came peacefully after a term of
failing health. The funeral, which
took place from Dromcollogher to
Tullylease on Sunday, was of large
dimensions.

Whist Drive.

The weekly whist drive in aid of
Red Cross funds again proved a
most enjoyable function and the
winners were—Ladies—1st, Mr. John
Drew (playing as lady); 2nd, Miss
E. Daly. Gents—1st, Mr. J. Hart-
nett; 2nd, Mr. M. Bennett.

Special Prize.

A special prize for the highest
aggregate score for four consecu-
tive whist drives was won by Mr.
P. O'Mahony, N.T.

Free Meals.

Newcastle West Branch of the S.
Vincent de Paul Society has asked
the Town Commissioners to intro-
duce a scheme for the provision of
free meals to the children of poor
parents attending the national
schools. The Commissioners, it
pointed out, have power to intro-
duce such a scheme, half the cost
of which may be financed out of
Government funds. The Society
calls attention to the urgent need
for such a provision, especially
during the winter months when the
children of poor parents are par-
ticularly in need of nourishment.

Provision in Estimate.

It has been suggested that the
Commissioners should make pro-
vision for the scheme in the town
estimate for the coming year.
It is not anticipated that the cost will
be very heavy and Mr. D. McAuliffe,
Co.C., has given notice that he will
move the necessary motion when
the estimate is being considered.
The Commissioners also propose to
introduce a scheme for the award
of scholarships tenable at the local
boys and girls secondary schools.
Both proposals, it may be men-
tioned, will be subject to the
sanction of the Department.

Town Lighting.

As a result of representations
made to them by the Commission-
ers the E.S.B. has undertaken to con-
sider the possibility of adjusting
the street lamps, with a view to
effecting a much-needed improve-
ment in the town lighting system.
Since the lamps were "cowled"
in accordance with the A.R.P. re-
gulations there has been much com-
plaint, as many points were
left almost in darkness. It is
thought that a big improvement could
be effected without any serious alter-
ation. Since the first of the month
the public lighting is being put
at 12 (S.T.), an hour earlier than
during the winter months.

Fuel Supply.

The Commissioners have decided
to make representations to the
Surveyor with a view to acquiring
a number of turf banks for distri-
bution amongst local people.
It is believed that many household-
ers would be prepared to accept
of a scheme under which they would
be permitted to cut and save their
turf themselves and thus obtain
supplies of the peat at a low price.
Having regard to the proximity of
the bogs it is almost certain that
a large number of workers in the
town would gladly avail of such a
facility.

