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SCHOOL AGE

A Retrograde Step

LIMERICK TRADES COUNCIL PROTEST

At a meeting of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, Mr. James McQuane, President, referring to a recent letter received by the Vocational Committee, stating that the Minister had decided pupils of 13 years of age could be admitted to the day vocational classes provided they had spent 12 months in the sixth standard, said to his mind this was a very retrograde step. The trade union and labour movement had for years urged that the school-leaving age should be raised to 15 or 16 years, but now, instead of raising it, it was proposed to lower it to 13 years.

PRESENT STANDARD OF EDUCATION TOO LOW.

The standard of education of their people, continued Mr. McQuane, was at present far below what it ought to be, and to his mind the proposal of the Minister would in time reduce the standard still further. In addition, there was a very considerable number of national school teachers unemployed because it was alleged that no children were available for them to teach. If this proposal was accepted it would tend to further reduce the average number of children attending school, and, consequently, tend to further unemployment of teachers.

NO REASON FOR THE ORDER.

Mr. C. O'Kelly, N.T., said he was more than surprised at the Minister's order. The most valuable years of a primary school pupil's life were the years 13, 14 or 15, because it was then they appreciated the necessity of acquiring education. There was not the same supervision in regard to attendance, over pupils attending vocational schools as over pupils attending national schools, and the loophole would not be to the student's advantage. Several hundred qualified teachers were unemployed and others had to seek employment as unskilled workers to maintain themselves, because there was no opportunity for employment for them in the profession they had qualified for. He knew of no reason whatever for the Minister's order and they should do all in their power to have the Minister's order withdrawn.

NO JUSTIFICATION.

Mr. J. M. Casey, B.C., agreed that this Order should be strongly opposed, for although the Minister had attached certain qualifications to the Order, he was of opinion there was no justification for it. A number of children of 14 and 15 years of age who presented themselves for enrolment for vocational classes were unable to pass the very simple entrance examination, and many others barely qualified. From this they could judge the standard of the students they were likely to get at 13 years of age.

Mr. Wm. White and Mr. John Conroy also spoke against this Order, the former stating he did not think that vocational education had conferred any great advantage on children.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Mr. James McQuane proposed, and Mr. Wm. White seconded: "That Council protest in the strongest possible manner against the Minister's Order and call for its withdrawal."

A BIG LOSS

To a Great Order

NOTABLE FIGURE DIES IN LIMERICK

Most Rev. Canice O'Gorman, O.S.A., died yesterday morning in the Limerick Priory of the Augustinian Order. He arrived in Limerick on Monday and on retiring complained of not feeling very well, and, as stated, he passed away next morning. For the past seven years he was affected with heart trouble.

Dr. O'Gorman was a frequent visitor to Limerick, and in that connection it might be recalled that he celebrated the last Mass to be said in the old Augustinian Church. He presided, too, at the obsequies for the late Very Rev. Father Hennessy, O.S.A., to whom he was greatly attached for many years. The remains were transferred to the Dublin Church of the Order yesterday.

DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

Born in Dublin in 1872, Dr. O'Gorman was ordained in 1894, and in 1913 was elected Assistant General of the Order in Rome, for the English-speaking countries. In 1918 he became Procurator-General, and was Commissary-General from 1924 to 1933. For seventeen years—1916 to 1933—Dr. O'Gorman was a Consultant of the Holy Office, and for the three years following he was Prior of St. Monica's, Hoxton Square, London.

The career of the late Dr. O'Gorman has been both varied and distinguished. His high intellectual gifts early marked him out as one destined to play an important part not only in the life of the Augustinian Order, but in the wider life of the Church. He taught in the world-famous Augustinian University of the Escorial in Spain, and later in the O.S.A. College in Guernica. Subsequently, he spent 14 years in Orlagh College as Professor of Theology. He was first Definitor and then for six years Prior at Orlagh. In 1913 he went to Rome to fill the high office of Assistant General. It would be difficult to form a sufficiently high estimate of Dr. O'Gorman's services to the Order and the Church during the 20 years he spent in the Eternal City. In the Order he filled successively the offices of Assistant General and Procurator General.

COMMISSARY-GENERAL.

In 1919 he was elected for the most exalted office of all—Commissary-General, which he held up to 1921. From 1916 to 1932 he was engaged in a work, most important in the discipline of the Church, as Consultant of the Holy Office. In this first of Roman Congregations he gave his wonderfully keen mind and great theological erudition unselfishly. Owing to ill-health he was compelled to resign. His death is a severe blow to the great Order to which he belonged, and the heartfelt sympathy of the public will go out unstintedly to the Augustinian Community in their loss.

The interment took place to-day in Glasnevin Cemetery after Office and Solemn High Mass in the Augustinian Church, John's Lane, Dublin.

CITY GAS SUPPLY

MANAGER'S DECISION

AND APPEAL

MUCH REGRETTED

By Old Colleagues

TRIBUTES TO THE LATE MR. BOURKE

Mr. John McCormack, Co.C., Chairman, presided at the monthly meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee to-day.

Also present were—Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; Ald. J. McInerney, Messrs. M. Hyland, Co.C.; J. W. Gleeson, Co.C.; J. Mackey, Co.C.; J. M. Casey, B.C.; E. Walsh, Co.C.; D. Fahey, Co.C.; D. McAuliffe, Co.C.; P. Roche, Co.C.; M. Hurley, Co.C.

The officials in attendance were—Dr. P. J. Irwin, R.M.S.; Dr. P. J. Kelly, Assistant R.M.S.; Dr. B. Blake, A.M.O.; Messrs. P. Flanagan, clerk; R. P. Coll, assistant do.; J. Barry, storekeeper; P. J. Leahy, land steward.

LATE MR. P. BOURKE, B.C.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Chairman said that before the start of the business he would like to propose a vote of sincere sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Bourke, B.C., one of their oldest and most esteemed colleagues, who had passed away since the last meeting. As a member of the Committee the deceased was an outstanding administrator who had devoted a considerable amount of time and trouble to the needs of the Institution. They might not always have agreed with him but certainly they would have to agree that at all times he had the interests of the Institution at heart and did much to brighten the lives of the patients. He was sure they were all very sorry to learn of Mr. Bourke's death and it was only right and proper that the meeting should express its sincere sorrow on his demise.

Ald. McInerney said that as a city member of the Committee he would like to be personally associated with the expression of sympathy.

TRIBUTE FROM R.M.S.

Associating himself with the vote the R.M.S. said he had known the late Mr. Bourke for a long number of years, and it was with genuine regret he learned of his death. As a member of the Committee he was a sincere friend. He did much to brighten the lives of the inmates and was responsible for the provision on the Institution grounds of a bowling green and tennis court, as well as the organising of concerts, at which the most talented artistes of the city performed for the benefit of the patients. In this way he did a great deal to bring happiness into the life of the inmates, which was in the ordinary course of events dull and drab. In his dealings with the Committee the late Mr. Bourke was always animated by the highest and most sincere motives and on behalf of the officials and staff of the hospital he would like to place on record his very sincere sympathy.

Ald. Reidy, Mr. Gleeson, Dr. Kelly and others present associated themselves with the vote, which was passed in respectful silence.

As a further mark of respect it was decided to adjourn the meeting after terminating business of an urgent nature.

LABOUR ASSEMBLY

COMING INTERNATIONAL

LIBERATION

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Suspension

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