

the northern slope of the hill. At the request of Rev. Michael Malone, the Fair Green Trustees enclosed the area about the Well in 1853; in 1904 the parishioners erected the present shrine.

CHURCH PRESUMABLY ON HILLTOP.

Presumably there was a church on the hilltop from St. Patrick's time: a hand-bell from the site, dating from the Danish period, is now preserved at the City Museum. The final destruction of the church buildings probably dates from the Williamite occupation of the hilltop during the second siege. Burials continued all through the eighteenth century and though the humbler graves of that period were marked by rough uninscribed stones, there are many more ambitious slabs from that period at St. Patrick's. In 1913 the late Dr. George Fogerty published twenty of these inscriptions in the "Memorials of the Dead," a periodical which can be consulted at the City Library. They cover the period from 1721 to 1799 and deal with the following families, most of which still flourish in the locality—Bourke, Dowling, Downes, Fitzgerald, Hedian (Hedigan), Hogan, Kelly, Malley, Moloney, O'Brien, O'Callaghan, O'Donoghue, O'Sullivan, Quilligan, Ronan, Ryan, Sexton. To these may be added these others of the same period: Clancy, 1768; McMahon, 1783; Sweeney, 1791; Cooney, 1793; Munsell, 1794; Hartigan, 1798; Cunneen, 1800. Other slabs, now more than a century old, mark the resting places of many generations of Begleys, Dowds, Gribbins, Lawlors, Liddys, McDonnells, Macnamaras and O'Neills.

THE GRAVE OF BISHOP YOUNG.

The levelling of the site and the removal of scrub wood will probably reveal many more early tombs. An imposing box vault enclosed by a railing marks the grave of Bishop John Young, who died in 1813. Four years previously he had come to live in St. Patrick's, the parish in which the Bishops have resided ever since. His successor, Dr. Tuohy, rests in the same grave, though his name is not mentioned in the inscription.

There are many citizens whose forbears await the Resurrection on the hallowed hilltop where St. Patrick preached to our fathers. They and all who wish to co-operate in the improvement scheme should write to the Secretary of the Parish Council at 7 Island View Terrace, Corbally. The views of all interested parties will be welcome on the questions of tidying the graveyard, surfacing the existing footpaths, and laying new ones. The agreed scheme will then be submitted to the responsible body, the County Board of Health, which has already notified the Parish Council of its readiness to forward the scheme.

VESSEL SINKS

SIDE. The defendant said that in trying to avoid Mr. Burke he swerved to his wrong side.

Mr. Tynan said they would admit that the brakes were defective. The Justice said that motor drivers, when entering the city, should be prepared to meet with heavy traffic. He would fine Ronan £1 for careless driving and £1 for defective brakes.

MANY PERISH

IN BRITISH FIRES

Four people died in a fire at the Palace Hotel, Aberdeen, early to-day. The charred bodies were found in the debris by firemen. One was that of a woman. The hotel belongs to the L.N.E.R. The roof was a blazing mass after the fire was discovered on the upper floors. Guests and members of the staff, many in their night attire, dashed from the burning building. The four dead were on the top floor, where the staff quarters are situated. Two firemen were injured.

A fire at a wholesale clothing factory in Huddersfield, Yorks, to-day, caused several deaths. Girl operatives jumped from the upper floors of a five-storey building. The roofs and floors fell in.

Three girls among the dead have been identified. It is believed that later eight other bodies were recovered from the ruins. Nine injured were removed to hospitals. A roll-call is being taken. Several operatives were trapped in the building.

FATAL CRASH

WOMAN KILLED IN LIMERICK

Mrs. Brigid Kennedy, aged 62 years, living at 122 Carey's Road, Limerick, was killed this morning when knocked down by a lorry. She was crossing the road, returning to her own house, after calling up her grand-daughter, when the accident occurred.

Deceased lived with her husband, who is at present confined to bed, and a married daughter.

MANY KILLED

U.S. 'PLANE CRASHES

A New York message received to-day states that thirty-four people were killed and ten seriously injured in plane crashes in the United States.

ATHEA PARISH COUNCIL

Our Athea correspondent writes stating that the Parish Council

City Manager and stressed desirability of improving the bank on the North side of the river and providing seats, suggested sites for the new Town Hall, directed attention to the broken embankment of the Abbey river, and mentioned the repair of the wooden bridge over the Mill stream at Corbally. At a meeting in December a resolution was adopted and sent to the Association of Chambers of Commerce, expressing the opinion that in no circumstances should statutory powers be granted to Parish Councils. The resolution also suggested that the proposed legislation should be deferred for at least three years to give the County Management system a fair trial.

BALLINACURRA WATER SUPPLY.

In January a committee waited on the City Manager for the purpose of discussing the inadequate water supply at Ballinacurra district. It was emphasised that laying of a new main should be undertaken with all possible haste. The City Manager informed the Chamber that the Engineer to the Board of Health stated he would put a proposal to his Board to lay a main from Punche's Cross to the proposed site of the Regional Hospital. In the same month the committee interviewed the Secretary to the Limerick Technical Committee with a suggestion of the formation of classes for training shop assistants. Mr. Toomey seemed interested in the proposal and promised to forward proposals. On the subject of fire fighting equipment in the city, the Chamber had sought and obtained information from the City Manager to the effect that two auxiliary stations were being established. Eight sub-stations had been located and thirty fire posts had been established. The Chamber adopted a resolution favouring strict rationing scheme which should be introduced by Government on the National Registration principle. Representation was made to the Great Southern Railways on the matter of increase in bus fares, and a reply received stating that if services were to be continued there was an alternative but to raise the fares.

FEEDING OF POOR DURING CRISIS.

The City Manager attended a meeting of the Chamber in Athlone and explained a scheme for feeding the poor during the present crisis. His proposal was to establish food depots or kitchens from which dinners would be served at a very low cost. He also outlined the problems which he was facing and sought the full co-operation of the members. The Chamber co-operated in the Muintir na Tíre pot scheme. Following the introduction of the budget the Chamber had entered a protest with the Association of Chambers against the principle of retrospective taxation. A further resolution asked that allowance be made for profits made on monies put to rest before excess profits could be realised, and that in calculating