

equally brilliant centre-forward Bradshaw, who certainly made scoring of his three goals not a perfected art but they were made like child's play. He is not in a class by himself or the merick defence is as weak as the paper. His vis-a-vis, Byrne, was not supported well enough to make a favourable comparison. Kiernan worked very hard all through, while Waddell showed that his propensity to attack is his strong suit. On the whole, the backs were at sixes and sevens in the matter of understanding with each other; with their backs and vice-versa. The winners, on the other hand, covered up to a nicety and dealt most capably with the limited amount of trouble which came their way. "Shels." came well out of their shell in the second half and with a bang which left the home team in a shiver of light.

#### HOW THE GOALS CAME.

The promising start saw Byrne troubling past opponent after opponent until Olphert dispossessed. Then Kiernan was called upon to keep his net intact by dealing severely with successive drives by Main. The exchanges were rather evenly divided for the first half-an-hour or so. McAleer during this time failed with a header from a corner. Then a goal, very soft and easy, was scored by O'Driscoll. The rout ensued. Five minutes elapsed when Bradshaw from a long range beat Harrington helpfully and two goals up in favour of the visitors was the position at the interval.

After changing of ends, Walsh headed neatly to O'Driscoll, who in a deftly placed to Kennedy, who headed the defence and the keeper scored from the edge of the net.

A penalty for "hands" was awarded to Limerick at this juncture, and Kiernan palmed O'Mahony's drive behind for a needless corner. Bradshaw scored a "second" while the defenders were appealing for offside, and he headed in the last goal with an effort which was delightful, and the fact that it came from 40 yds. mesmerised the crowd.

#### THE LINE OUT.

**Limerick**—Harrington, O'Mahony, Powell; Waddell, Phelan and Kiernan; McAleer, Hartrey, Byrne, Cronin and Healy.  
**Golden**—Kiernan, Meek and Olphert; Walsh, Fallon and Doyle; Kennedy, O'Driscoll, Bradshaw, Main and Cassidy.

## HUNTING

Father Hammersley. We in Hospital have good reason to know the great qualities of Father Hammersley. Indeed, it is doubtful if there is in the archdiocese a more zealous and conscientious churchman. During his term as curate here no duty was too heavy for him and he frequently imposed a strain on himself by remaining in the confessional on Saturday nights until almost ten o'clock hearing confessions. His constant attention to the sick was perhaps his most lovable characteristic, though, generally, he will be best remembered in the great work he did in re-organising the Confraternity. He may be assured that in his new appointment he will have the prayers and good wishes of his many friends in Hospital for a very successful and happy pastorate amongst the people of Golden.

#### Death of Mr. James Martin.

It is with much regret that I announce the death, which occurred last week, of Mr. James Martin, Main Street, brother of Mr. John Martin, building contractor; of Mr. Michael Martin, sub-manager in the local creamery; of Mrs. Kathleen O'Grady, school residence, Bottomstown, and of Rev. Father Francis, Mount St. Joseph Monastery, Roscrea. Deceased was in very poor health for some time. He had been for many years sacristan of the parish church, and later was cheesemaker in Herbertstown Co-operative Creamery. Of a mild and gentle disposition, and unblemished character, he was held in the greatest esteem and affection by every one in the parish. His shy sensitiveness and unobtrusive personality kept him in later years from taking an active part in the social affairs of the town, though in earlier years he was an ardent member of the Gaelic League and Volunteer movements. There was a large and representative attendance at the interment, which took place in the local cemetery.

#### Lumbering.

The strokes of the woodsman's axe are the predominant sounds these still beautiful December days in the countryside. Many people have not taken too kindly to turf; by itself it is scarcely an adequate fire, especially in grates, and so the woods are again being shorn of their beauty (ta deire na gcoillte ar lar). Many will remember the verse of the old poem:

"Woodman, spare that tree,  
Touch not a single bough;  
In youth it sheltered me,  
And I will save it now."

It was parodied in the last war and the revised version applies equally well to the present time:

another to be learnt from the experiences of this war, he said, that afforestation on a big scale is a paramount necessity. Building is crippled because of the paucity of mature soft wood, and there is little or no wood available to start a wood-pulping industry. For a country with millions of acres of mountainy land, useless other than for the feeding of wretched animals, misnamed sheep, it spends volumes for the incapacity of previous and present legislators. There is one country in Europe which could be self-sufficient in the matter of the key product of timber—this one. In advocating afforestation, one would imagine from the hesitancy of the Government that we were trying to put some burden over on the country. Scandinavian countries are planted to the acre; yet it takes seventy years to bring soft wood to maturity in these northern regions, as against just half that time in our mild climate. Obviously, afforestation is twice as economic here. Apart from the employment given by forestry and the many main and secondary industries arising therefrom, wealth accruing year by year is immense. At to-day's price, where an acre of mature wood is worth a £250, forests are not only trees of gold, or its equivalent in a big way. Sooner or later some Government will wake up to the necessity, in relation to the value, of afforestation.

## PRESENTATION

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### INSURANCE OFFICIAL PROMOTION

To mark the occasion of the transfer of Mr. J. W. Dooley, Superintendent, Irish Assurance Company, Limerick, to Drogheda, as chief superintendent, his district made him a presentation of a dinner service.

Mr. T. Ashe, in making the presentation, as the oldest member of the staff, stated that he was sorry to see Mr. Dooley going, but had always found him tolerant and ready at all times to lend a helping hand. He hoped that he would be with every success in his new position.

Other members associated themselves with Mr. Ashe's remarks and the view was expressed that Mr. Dooley would bring his great experience to bear on his new position and that it was only the foreboding of future successes.

Mr. Dooley, in reply, stated that he was really sorry to leave