

**YEAR.**  
It will be made during twelve months to make of 1902 forty years as interesting as next year, all being well. The "Year Ago" period referred to. In the meantime, the indulgence of readers is the unavoidable break.

**MARA.**  
Limerick, the famous Limerick was on a visit to his this week forty years ago. His stay he sang no four songs at an entertainment in St. Ita's Club auspices of St. Michael's Society. He gave his services entirely free. He Benediction one even Redemptorist Church.

**RECOGNISED.**  
Meeting of Limerick Corfe on Thursday, 2nd Mr. Wm. Maguire, Mills Bakery, was presented a vellum certificate by the Royal Humane an act of conspicuous saving a life from In making the present D. Gilligan, who presence of the Mayor, tribute to the bravery, who had several rescues to his credit.

**PRICES.**  
ing were current prices this week forty years old flour, 2s. 6d. per Indian meal, £6 10s. per £6 10s. per ton; upland to 6s. per ton; white to 1s. per stone; hen 1s. 4d. per doz.; roast mutton, 8d. per lb.; to 4d. per stone; lamb to 1s. per ton; man 1s. 10s. per ton.

**COUNTRY'S RESOURCES.**  
Father Ambrose, who was introduced by Father Casey, the Patriot Pastor of Abbeyfeale, began by proposing a resolution declaring that "the only practical means of stopping emigration is to develop on the basis of single ownership of the land, the natural resources of the country," and calling "upon every county in Ireland to show by the report of their county surveyors the volume of their local resources." He then went on to show what could be done to develop the natural and actual resources of the different localities, and quoted Sir Robert Kane's statement that "there exists in Ireland millions of acres of land perfectly well adapted for cultivation but which have never yet supplied a morsel of food for man."

**WASTE AND NEGLECT.**

Denouncing what he called the "rotten statesmanship of our alien legislators," Father Ambrose pointed to the waste of resources and the neglect to be found on all sides, and showed that huge numbers of unemployed could be put at useful work if only the possible schemes of reclamation and improvement were put on hands. One of his suggestions was that the large stretch of naked limestone rock in the Crags district of Co. Limerick rock which he described as in quality "the next thing to mirable" — would supply lime for the provinces of Munster. "Works in the country," he said, "means business for the towns and villages."

**THE IRISH LANGUAGE.**  
At a meeting of the Abbeyfeale Gaelic Athletic Club held this week forty years ago, Rev. W. Casey, P.P., who presided, said he would form an Irish class as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made. He hoped, he said, that the opportunity would be availed of by the youth of the town to acquire a knowledge of their own language. He was happy to say, he added, that he was himself able to read and speak Irish.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The following miscellaneous items are from the local and general news of this week forty years ago:

At Limerick Liberties Petty Sessions there was not a single case for hearing.

Mr. F. R. Benson's Repertoire Company opened a week's engagement in Limerick Theatre Royal.

Four West Limerick evicted tenants got grants from the United Irish League headquarters in Dublin.

A special train carried two million eggs across the United States in refrigerator cars.

Mr. C. H. Fitt, Sub-Sheriff, Limerick, was appointed assistant Clerk of the Crown and Peace in room of Mr. M. J. Kenny, resigned.

An old man named Owen McCarthy, who was a pauper inmate of Limerick Workhouse for sixteen years, was found to be in possession of £39.

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## SCHOOL RULE

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### LOWERING OF AGE CONDEMNED

The recent rule lowering the age of entrance of National School pupils to Vocational Schools was discussed and condemned at the quarterly meeting of the Tipperary County Committee of the I.N.T.O., held at Hayes's Hotel, Thurles, Mr. J. Manning, chairman, presiding.

Mr. Mansfield, C.E.C., said the rule would have a serious effect on present unemployment among trained teachers.

The Committee was convinced that because of their inherent commonsense in matters educational, the Irish people would treat this new rule dealing with entrance to Vocational Schools with the contempt it deserved. It was not alone retrogressive from the educational point of view but fraught with grave danger from many other points of view.

The Committee directed that the General Secretary be requested to issue a questionnaire to all associated principal teachers in Eire to ascertain definitely how far the per cent. attendance was affected by the emergency during 1941.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

"That the action of the Minister for Education in lowering the entrance age to Vocational Schools is fundamentally unsound and we demand its withdrawal."

"That while we appreciate the

somewhat serious mishap, His horse having bungled at a fence, he was thrown heavily to the ground, breaking his collar bone and sustaining a severe shock. After a time he was able to proceed to Limerick, accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. Lyons. The news of the accident was much regretted by his numerous friends in the city and county and elsewhere.

**FATHER "BOB."**  
On Monday, January 6th, 1902, Little Christmas Day, Rev. R. J. Ambrose delivered an important address under United Irish League auspices at Abbeyfeale. Father "Bob," as he was familiarly known not only in Co. Limerick but elsewhere, was then curate at Abbeyfeale, and the object of the meeting, which was very large and representative, was to hear an explanation of a scheme he had in view for the development of Ireland's resources.

**INTERESTING AND ENLIGHTENING.**

This particular issue of the North Munster Antiquarian Journal is in general a very interesting and enlightening number.

Rev. John Ryan, S.J., D.Litt., deals with the O'Briens in Munster after Clontarf, throwing some very useful light on the period which his contribution covers. In an illustrated article, Mr. J. N. A. Wallace describes a carved stone monumental pillar at Bantry, Co. Cork, and does so in his usual competent and thorough manner. West Limerick Gaelic Poems, edited by P.O.N., are taken from manuscripts in the handwriting of O'Curry and apparently dating from the period 1815-1835, when that great Gaelic figure was an official attached to the Limerick Asylum. Recent acquisitions from County Clare in the National Museum are dealt with in an illustrated article from Dr. Joseph Rafferty, who describes some very interesting objects discovered in various parts of the Burren County.

**LOUGH GUR EXCAVATIONS.**

Under the modest heading, "Miscellany," a number of writers—Mr. Herbert, Mr. Dermot F. Gleeson and Mr. R. Wyse Jackson—contribute some very interesting Notes. In reference to the excavations at Lough Gur in 1940 a great deal is told of the links with the past found in that historic area. It is mentioned that in 1940 alone the Lough Gur excavations produced over 18,000 fragments of pottery as well as hundreds of other objects. "In general," we are assured, "the excavations here give most valuable information on the early cultural and social history of this country."

Reviews of books also form an interesting feature of this issue of the Journal, which is admirably printed and turned out by the "Limerick Leader," Ltd., for the North Munster Archaeological Society and is excellent value for the price of 5/-, at which it is on sale.

## BREAD AND WHEAT PRICES

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### WHAT THE FARMER IS GETTING

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")

Dear Sir—At a time when our food should be of vital importance to the State, we find the most dishonest statements put forward by those in authority here.

We are told that the high price for bread is due to the price the farmer gets for his wheat.

In 1913 the white loaf was sold for one penny per pound, made up as follows:—1d. for wheat and 1d. for converting into bread, wheat being valued at 20/- per barrel. Thus the farmer got 20/- and the baker got 20/- for each barrel of wheat grown and converted into bread.

To-day the farmer gets 40/- and the baker 120/- for each barrel of wheat grown and converted into bread,

and yet the public are told that the farmer is responsible for the dear bread. Mr. de Valera told a

meeting in Limerick that the public were putting money into the farmers' pockets.

Contractors are supplying institutions with bread at 9d. per 4lb. loaf. These contractors are not doing this for charity, so there is a difference of 4d. in the price at which the loaf can be sold and the Government price. All this needs some explaining, but there is little hope of an explanation. All is lying and dishonesty.

EDWARD DUNNE, Avoca, Co. Wicklow.

**POSITION IN ENNIS**

When District Justice Gleeson

remarked at Ennis Court that there were no public parking signs erected in Ennis and that it was about the only town of its size in Ireland without them, Supt. P. H. Casey said the traffic regulations had been approved but the Ennis Urban Council were to erect parking signs and had not done so. They had been approached several times on the matter and the latest excuse they had given was that they had no money to erect such signs.

Mass cards from—His darling wife; loving son, David; his darling daughters, Lily, Mary and Joan; Denny and Kate; Son and Annie; Hannie; Paddy and family; David and Kit; Nell, Mae, Maureen, Moss, Dan and Sonnie; Sean, Marie, Margaret and Ethne; Kevin and Francis; Katie; Bill and family; P. McEvney and family; Mrs. D. McEvney and family; Mr. and Mrs. John McEvney; Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Donoghue; Meenahela; the O'Donoghues; O'Sullivan, Springmount; Jack and Bridie O'Sullivan; M. Pierce, I.C.M.A., West, Limerick; B. and Mrs. McEvney, Castlemahon;

Full particulars on application to Edmund Farrell, Secretary.

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## OBITUARY

### MR. MAURICE WARD.

The death of Mr. Maurice Ward of Dromfrasna, removes from Abbeyfeale district a leading resident, a man of outstanding personality and one whose death is widely regretted not only in West Limerick but far outside it. His death occurred in a Limerick hospital in his 63rd year. He was Chief Inspector for many years in the Dairy Produce Section of the Department of Agriculture, until his retirement last year, when the occasion was availed of by his colleagues and the creamery managers of the South to make him a presentation which marked their appreciation of services performed with the ability of expert scientific knowledge and that kindly consideration and courtesy of a natural disposition. The esteem and respect in which he was held by the members of his Department was fully shared by the general public. A man of rare intellectual gifts, he seemed to derive more pleasure from kindly acts amongst his neighbours than any honours his profession brought him. A sideline of his kindness was the lending of some of his lands for the start of a coursing meeting in Abbeyfeale. A large funeral accompanied the remains from Limerick to Abbeyfeale and an unusually large assemblage of the public attended the interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Prayers at the graveside were

read by the Rev. J. Houlihan, C.C.,

Rev. W. J. Meade, C.C., Rev. Dr.

R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., Killarney;

Rev. D. O'Keefe, C.S.Sp., Kilshane.

Chief relatives—Mrs. Ellen Ward (widow); Lily, Mary, Joan, Sister Acquinas, Dominican Convent, Dublin (daughters); Dr. David Ward (son); Denis and David Ward, N.T. (brothers); Mrs. H. Leahy (sister); David, Maurice, Denis, Sean and Francis Ward; John, Denis and David Leahy (nephews); Mary, Margaret, Lizzie Leahy, Nell, Marie, May, Maureen, Ethne and Margaret Ward (nieces); Patrick Leahy, Denis and John Crowley, William Collins (brothers-in-law); Mrs. A. T. Ward, N.T.; Mrs. K. W. Collins, Mrs. Denis Ward (sister-in-law); Mrs. D. McEvney, P. McEvney, P. Meade, Mrs. M. Riordan, Batt., Jeth, and Timothy Collins, Denis Guiney, Mrs. M. Harnett, Win Crowley, Dan Sullivan, John L. and Joe Collins, Margaret Meade, Agnes Julia, John, Jerry and Mrs. O'Sullivan, Thomas and Mortimer O'Donoghue, John McEvney (cousins).

Amongst the general public were

Department of Agriculture Inspectors—W. P. Clifford, Dr. J. Hennessy,

M. Pierce, T. J. O'Connor, Peter Curtin, P. P. Lynne, W. O'Connor,

J. J. Curtin, Creamery managers, etc.—M. Curtin, Lissavard; W. W. Curtin, Tournafulla, J. J. Lynch, Kantoher; Ed. C. Leahy, Cratloe; Frank Moran, Mountcollins; T. Elliott, Feak Bridge; B. McEvney, Castlemahon; J. Ryan, Newcastle West; T. J. Keillher, Devon Road; R. Roche, Meenahela; D. Callaghan, Shan-drum; W. Quirke, Drinagh; P. Noonan, Milford; J. Barrett, Newtownshades; D. Leahy, Feenagh; P. Roche, Tournafulla; P. Dee, Devon Road; H. Simcox, Bruree; J. Murphy, Athea; J. O'Sullivan, Lis-towel; M. Walsh, do.; T. Caplish, Askeaton; W. Casey, Black Abbey, Adare; J. Corcoran, Kantoher; J. Lenihan, Cork; Manager, Kilmorna; M. P. Harnett, Milford; P. O'Sullivan, Leo Strand; M. O'Connor, Glin; D. J. Ryan, Lombardstown; J. Benson, Glenwilliam; B. Farrell, Ennistymon; Con Collins, Cratloe; P. Mullane, Kantoher.

Wires of sympathy came from

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