

IN PLANTER HANDS.

For two centuries after the Cromwellian conquest the control of the city had been in planter hands. The old oligarchy of merchant families yielded to a system by which a local magnate enjoying the title of Chamberlain, not particularly connected with city life, could impose himself as dictator, nominate the members of the City Council, control the finances without audit, and arrange for the conveyance to himself and his friends of the remaining portions of the city's landed property on long leases and at nominal rents. Even Parliamentary enquiries failed to dislodge these potentates—the Roches, Smyths and Verekers in succession—but the system eventually ended in Limerick as in other Irish cities with the passing of the Municipal Reform Acts a century ago.

The policy of Grattan's Parliament had fostered corn-growing; the encouragement continued under the Corn Laws after the Union, and Limerick became the mart into which grain poured by road and canal for the local mills and the export trade from the new quays, which spread ever westward from the medieval harbour below the west door of the Cathedral. In the Famine 'forties the ambitious city began the building of the present docks, but before the work was finished the Corn Laws had been repealed and grain from the virgin soil of the American Middle West was already pouring in to the harbours of Europe. Milling survived this change; and the provision trade, which before the Famine had been far behind that of Cork and Waterford, gave Limerick foremost place half a century later with the growth of bacon curing. By that time Limerick had assumed her present aspect, "an ancient city," indeed, in the words of her motto, but no longer "fierce in the pursuits of war"; zealous instead for the prosperity and enlightenment which are the victories of peace.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E., County Manager, seconded by Mr. Ray Doyle, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the lecturer, who suitably replied.

KNOCKADERRY L.D.F.

Members of the Local Defence Force in uniform attended general Communion at first Mass at Knockaderry Church on Sunday morning last.

The Rev. Father O'Connor, P.P., who celebrated Mass, said he wished to congratulate the members of the Local Defence Force and their leaders for the good head-line they were setting in the parish and he had noticed it was not their first time. In face of a threatened emergency, Father

Carey (mother), Miss Tessie Carey (sister), Jerry, Malachy, Martin and Tim (brothers), Mrs. J. Collins, Mrs. M. Fogarty (aunts), James Carey, John and William Ryan (uncles).

MRS. O'HARA, NEWCASTLE WEST.

The death of Mrs. Bridget O'Hara, which took place at the residence of her son, Ballymackessy House, Newcastle West, at an advanced age, is deeply regretted by a wide circle of relatives and friends throughout West Limerick. The deceased lady, who belonged to a widely esteemed and highly respected family, possessed those many fine traits of character traditionally associated with the good Irish wife and mother. Pious, kindly and charitable in her disposition, she was ever ready to help those in distress, and her hospitable home at Kileedy was always open to the boys on the run during the Anglo-Irish conflict. The funeral, which took place to the family burial ground at Kileedy, bore ample testimony to the great esteem in which the deceased was held by all classes and to the widespread sympathy felt with her son, Mr. Patrick O'Hara, on his bereavement.

The officiating clergy were:—Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G.; Rev. Fr. Quinn, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Grady, C.C., Newcastle West; Rev. Fr. Liston, P.P., Ardagh; Rev. Father Ryan, P.P., Ballyhahill; Rev. Father Crowley, Newcastle West.

Chief mourners:—Patrick O'Hara (son), Eily O'Hara (daughter-in-law), Marie, Pauline, John Joe, Jerome and Patsy (grand-children).

MR. M. BARRY, KILFINANE

We deeply regret having to record the death of Mr. Michael Barry, The Square, Kilfinane, which sad event occurred at the Memorial Hospital, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, England, on the 27th October. Deceased, who was in the best of health when he left Kilfinane some six months ago, was 37 years of age, and the news of his death evoked widespread sympathy. His remains were interred at Cirencester Cemetery. Deepest sympathy is extended to his mother and family members at Kilfinane. R.I.P.

It is learned that, according to present arrangements, Rev. Canon Hodges, M.A., B.D., Protestant Bishop-Elect of Limerick, will be consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on February 2nd next.

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JUVENILE FOOT

On Thursday next at St. Michael's "A" Michael's "B" at the th Field, in what promises of the grandest games of juvenile football. The on their fast-moving fo that formerly shattered defence, have every hop up to the "B" traditio Michael's. St. Michael's a re-shuffle of their mean to avenge the set suffered from the "B." accuracy in movement with good fielding and ing, will be the keyno game, as now both training hard in prepara the coming tussle.

Already, enthusiastic have gathered around th "B," giving promise of ficent crowd at Limeric venue.

A great and thrilling ensured, as each of th teams strives to gain for another year. A sp of thanks is due to the who so kindly permitte of the field, and to R Punch, who, via th Council, offered a beaut medals to the winning. Previous to the abo