

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION PLEA

The question of the provision of University education in Limerick was again referred to at the meeting of the City Council last night, the Mayor (Mr. James McQuane, P.C.) presiding.

Ald. Reidy said that the Corporation should again take up energetically the question of the provision of University education for the youth of the city. Attempts made in the past to set up in Limerick a constituent branch of the National University had failed, and he thought there was little prospect of succeeding in that direction now. But failure in that respect did not mean that the youth of the city need be denied University education, for it was possible to have established extern classes in Limerick under the aegis of the National University. He was aware that in Ireland the Universities had not extern classes, but, so far as he knew there was no legal disability to the setting up of such classes. English Universities had extern classes, and what was being done in England could be done here. At these extern classes students could attend lectures and thus avoid the expense of living in Cork, Galway or Dublin. This was a matter that might usefully receive the attention of the Vocational Education Committee.

The Mayor said that the children of the working classes in Limerick were greatly handicapped in the matter of university education. No working man could afford to send his children to the university and, consequently, the youth of Limerick were placed at a great disadvantage. Extern classes, if set up, would be a great boon.

Mr. Hartney and Mr. Reddan spoke in support of Ald. Reidy's suggestion and a resolution was passed unanimously requesting the Vocational Committee to give the proposal due consideration.

AGED PRIEST PASSES AWAY

The death has occurred at his residence, Shanid, Shanagolden, of Rev. Denis O'Kelly. He was over eighty years of age, and before his retirement served on the English Mission, spending the most of his time at Wooller, Durham. A member of a widely-known West Limerick family, he spent the latter years of his life at home. He is a brother of Mrs. Moylan, Newcastle West, and uncle of Mr. Denis Moylan, postmaster, Newcastle West.

Charles Lucas of Dublin, in London and was then appointed Surgeon-General at Guadeloupe. On his return he spent a time studying the mines in Germany and France and was employed by Lord Bute and other rich people to advise on and arrange their collections of natural curiosities. At this time, Ferrar says, he was the acknowledged first chemist in Europe.

He was the first modern to examine and exploit the tin deposits in Cornwall, in 1766, and in the following year he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for his paper on "Experiments on the distillation of acids and volatile alkalis," in which he described an apparatus which is still known as Woulfe's Bottle. He received the Copley Medal the highest award of the Royal Society in 1768.

In later life Peter Woulfe became erratic and is said to have had strange religious and alchemical ideas. He breakfasted at four each morning, and admission to his rooms would only be gained by persons knowing the secret signal. He had no faith in the medical profession and would not have them near him. In 1800 he took ill, refused to be treated by a doctor, and died, alone and unattended in the same year.

BOTH PLEAD GUILTY

At Kilmallock Court, before Mr. H. L. Conner, D.J.

Eileen Doherty and Bridget Earls, Gotoon, were charged with the larceny of a wallet, a pound note, and three National Health Insurance cards the property of Daniel Twomey, of Cork City.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. Supt. H. J. Keegan, Bruff, told the Court that when Doherty found the wallet it contained the note and cards. She proceeded to spend the money, of which 7/6 had been recovered.

Mr. T. E. F. Bennett, solr., who appeared for Doherty, said she was 16 years. He suggested that she might be put under control without imposing a monetary penalty. He did not feel justified in making an offer that could not be fulfilled.

Supt. Keegan said he would be satisfied with a suspensory sentence.

The defendant, Earls, gave evidence of seeing the wallet on the 9th September. It contained insurance stamps to the value of £5 2s. 8d. and she saw it burned and completely destroyed.

The defendant, Doherty, having given an undertaking to pay 12/6 compensation within a month and the other defendant to pay £1, the cases were adjourned for two months.

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