

Mr. D'Arcy then read the affidavit of Edward J. Hayes, Father O'Shea, Timothy O'Dwyer and Gerald Dwyer, setting out the facts as stated. There was also an affidavit of William Mahoney, Newport, Co. Tipperary, proving due execution of the will, and one of Mr. de Courcy, which stated that the next-of-kin of Miss Mullins were Denis Mullins, her brother, and James Mullins of 92-96, 196th Street, Holles, Long Island, New York, her nephew. She was not survived by any parent or grandparent. On December 18th, 1942, Denis executed a power of attorney to him authorising him to take out a grant of representation to Miss Mullins' estate.

The President said that his feeling was that the will had been duly executed and that the act of Father O'Shea in erasing the signature of Timothy O'Dwyer was without effect on the due execution of the codicil and would not undo what had been done. Accordingly, he would grant Mr. D'Arcy's application and allow him the costs of it.

Miss Mullins' estate consisted solely of her personal property, as she had disposed of her farm by public auction a few days before her death for £405 10s. The net assets amounted to £520 7s. 10d. Miss Mullins, in her will, left £200 to her brother, Denis, and a sum for Masses, and in her codicil she gave £25 to William Mahony, £25 to Jeremiah Mahony, Clonbealy, Newport; £25 to Mrs. Bridget Mullins, Ardnatagle, O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare; £25 to Miss Lena Ryan, Bilboa, Cappamore, Co. Limerick, and a calf to Timothy O'Dwyer.

### WHY THE LIGHT WENT OUT

When a military sergeant was summoned at Newmarket-on-Fergus District Court for cycling at night without a light on his bicycle, he said that he had been using an electric lamp and went over a bump which caused the battery to break contact and the light went out. This happened just before Sergeant O'Rourke saw the defendant. The light came on again.

"Yes," said District Justice Gleeson, "after another bump, I suppose. I would advise you not to rely on bumps too much, but I will take your word for it on this occasion."

The case was dismissed.

### IGNORANT OF REGULATION

At Newmarket-on-Fergus Court, Michael Kelly, Limerick Road, was charged at the suit of the Minister for Supplies with not keeping a butter form, as required by the regulations. Defendant said he did not think

loudly when leaving the court. His solicitor (Mr. N. S. Gaffney) remonstrated with him, and this had the desired effect until he left the court. His voice could then again be heard, and the Justice directed a Guard to go out and inform him that unless he conducted himself he would be bound to the peace.

Mr. M. B. O'Malley, solr., appeared for the defence.

### ST. MICHAEL'S R.C.

The annual general meeting of St. Michael's Rowing Club was held on Sunday last, November 21st, Rev. Father M. Minihan, C.C., president, presiding.

The secretary, Mr. G. Griffin, submitted the financial statement, which was found in order and adopted.

Mr. E. Connaughton, captain, in his report, mentioned the rather disappointing season under review, but these things must be taken as they come, and he congratulated the crew that won in Cork and brought home a "pot." He laid particular stress on the ideal of the Club, which was first, last and always temperance, and asked the members to remain faithful and uphold that pledge.

The election of officers for 1943-'44 then took place and resulted as follows—Captain, Mr. E. Connaughton; vice-captain, Mr. W. Stapleton; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Griffin; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. T. Bowen. The Committee elected are as follows.—Messrs. T. O'Dwyer, P. Meskell, P. Clancy, J. Whelan, A. O'Reilly and E. Stack.

### LATE SISTER M. BERCHMANS.

Sister M. Berchmans Walsh, North Presentation Convent, Cork, whose death took place last week (writes our Charleville correspondent) was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Walsh, of Cloncrew, Feenagh, Co. Limerick. A lady of great musical ability, she was responsible for the training of the choir attached to the Children of Mary Sodality in its infancy, while she also filled the office of Bursar to the Community. Sister Berchmans was a sister of Mrs. Fannie O'Riordan, licensed trader, Broad Street, Charleville, and aunt of the Rev. Father E. J. O'Riordan, C.C., Cobh, to whom, as well as the other relatives, sincere sympathy will be extended in their bereavement. The obsequies took place on Saturday last in the cemetery attached to the convent after Requiem Mass.

### AGRICULTURAL CLASSES

Mr. M. J. Spain, Agricultural Instructor for South Kilmallock, has commenced a series of lectures on agriculture at Effin N.S., and will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week until February. Mr. Spain is also giving a

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