

while, at the same time, foreign dances are being promoted openly by G.A.A. Clubs, and no one says bah.

The G.A.A. should scrap the "ban" altogether or else be logical and enforce it in its entirety.

In making the above points, I am, I believe, voicing the opinion of a large section of G.A.A. followers. I would like to see a reply from one of our G.A.A. authorities, with special reference to the foreign dance question.—Yours,

STOP THE ROT.

## LATE FOR THE BEAUTY COMPETITION

The annual beauty competition organised by Irish Pharmaceuticals, Limited, the manufacturers of Dawn beauty preparations, took place in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last week (writes a correspondent). There was a very large entry from various parts of the country, as well as Dublin City. Limerick City and County had two representatives in Miss Alice Quinlivan, Annaholy, Birdhill, and Miss Yvonne Van de Velde, National Hotel, Limerick. The former district borders on the Counties of Limerick and Tipperary. Unfortunately, owing to the train being late, these two pretty and charming girls were late for the competition and the parade. They only arrived just in time for the photographs, and, of course, nothing could be done about the matter. The Limerick and Tipperary contingents present were disappointed, and it is only fair to the young ladies themselves that it be mentioned that circumstances prevented them from competing.

## LATE MR. PATRICK SWIFT, CULLANE.

The funeral of the late Patrick Swift, Cullane, Ballylanders, took place on November 22nd, at Mallogga. Deceased was a member of a very highly respected family.

Chief mourners:—Mathew Swift (brother), Mrs. T. Lee (sister), Mr. T. Lee (brother-in-law), Margaret, Dan and William Lee and William and Patrick Swift (nephews and nieces).

The officiating clergy were:—Rev. T. Dunne, P.P., Ballylanders, and Rev. Father Crowley, do.

## TABLE TENNIS

The Open American Tournament to be held by the Catholic Institute Club to-night has been postponed until next Monday, at 7.30 o'clock, at the Club, Sarsfield St. Entries to be handed to P. Holland, hon. secretary.

# Forty years YOUNG...



The Irish language is not suffering from stagnancy, and whatever objections may be advanced against its revival, its linguistic potentialities certainly do not constitute an insuperable obstacle.

Your correspondent further states that "the method used to induce youth to become Irish-spoken is suicidal to thought." Such a statement can scarcely be gleaned from widespread experience. Admittedly, incompetency on the part of a teacher may have bad results, though unlikely to be deleterious, not to mention "suicidal," to mental development. In that case, the remedy is obvious, and in no way affects the question of the revival. Given, however, teachers of average competency and zeal, with pupils of average ability, it will be found that the teaching of Irish, or through Irish, presents no more than the normal difficulties, ones, indeed, to be discounted, when we take into account the paramount importance of the results to be achieved. It is assumed that A.H.F. admits the desirability of restoring the national language, since he attacks not that question but the difficulties which, he maintains, make it impossible to do so.

Let us go into an ordinary primary school where the pupils are taught through Irish, and in no case is it done except in so far as it is feasible to do so (Department regulations), and see the actual position. We will not find that the pupils are mentally hampered, they take their instructions with the same zeal, or want of it, that is common to all schools. To many of them, indeed, Irish means no more than any other subject, but to none, or at least only to the very few who may otherwise be prejudiced against it, is it a special source of worry, boredom or handicap. By the time they have reached the 6th or 7th standard they can be conversed with fluently on ordinary topics in Irish, and they know as much of ordinary general information as their counterparts from the other schools. That is an achievement which vindicates the system and it is a modest claim on the facts as verified by experience. Next, let us proceed to our secondary schools in so many of which some or all of the subjects are imparted through the medium. We find here the products of the primary schools still further advanced, and in no case will it be found that the restrictions or burthens imposed upon the mental powers of the students are such as to warrant an outcry. On the contrary, we will learn that the bonus marks which used to be allotted for answering the public examinations through Irish were so extensively secured as to give the students concerned an undue advantage over those from the colleges where Irish was not the medium, with the result that the bonus marks have been reduced. This is surely testimony that teaching through Irish has not proved a perversion of thought or expression, or of any principle of education. Pursuing the matter still further, the number of text-books in Irish produced in recent years has been already referred to, and it will be found that many of them have been edited by those who have only acquired the language, first in the primary and later in the secondary and university schools, once more proving that the cultivation of the language has proved no impediment to scholarship.

To take another of the points raised by A.H.F.—he wonders whether advocates of the present system feel convinced that culture

time Institute, would continue their good work in similar lectures to Mr. Heard's, which had proved of such interest, especially to the yachtsmen among them.

Commander Crosbie, who was received at the Technical Institute by a guard of honour of members of the Maritime Inscription, expressed his pleasure at being invited to be present and at the splendid welcome given to the films. He hoped that the cordial relations which existed between the Maritime Institute and the Maritime Inscription would continue, and that the Institute would act as the link between members of the Inscription and the general public.

The success of the lecture was due to the energetic organisation of the Social and Publicity Committee, of the Group—Messrs. Roger Bourke, T. F. O'Sullivan, B.E.; J. J. O'Toole, jr.; W. F. Treacy, Ed. Treacy and M. P. Riordan, Hon. Secretary.

Mr. J. A. O'Carroll provided recorded musical accompaniment through amplifier apparatus.

## DEATH OF MRS. M. LEESON

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Mary Leeson (relict of the late Joseph Leeson), who passed away at her residence, 34 Athlone Street, Limerick, after a brief illness. Deceased was of a very kind and gentle disposition, which endeared her to a wide circle of friends. Her end came peacefully, the last rites of Holy Church being administered to her just before her demise. To her family and relatives we extend sincerest sympathy.

The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church yesterday to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The clergy in attendance were:—Rev. Father Harty, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C., do.; and Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.

The chief mourners were:—Miss Ina Leeson, Mrs. P. J. Henn, Mrs. A. J. Callaghan and Mrs. Peter Dunne (daughters), Mr. P. J. Henn and Mr. A. J. Callaghan (sons-in-law), Mrs. W. Leeson (daughter-in-law).

Rev. Father Harty, P.P., officiated at the graveside.

## CASTLETROY GOLF CLUB

Results of first turkey competition (18 holes stroke):—S. Kelly (75—9), 66; M. Gilbourne (77—11), 66; F. Kavanagh (81—12), 69; P. Twomey (83—14), 69; G. Collins (86—16), 70; J. Burke (67—4), 71; M. O'Connell (81—10), 71.

## BENT DOUBLE WITH STOMACH PAINS

### But Rennie's Put an End to His Troubles

He tried powders, treatment and dieting. All to no purpose—the stomach pains still returned. Then he tried Rennie tablets. To-day he is eating all before him. This is what he writes:—

"I have suffered with duodenal ulcers for ten years, and at times I was bent double with pain. I have had various kinds of powder, treatment and diet, but all to no purpose. I bought a packet of Rennie's three weeks ago, and the next day I had cold roast beef and pickles. I am not supposed to eat anything like that, as it starts stomach pains right away, but I took four Rennie's after the meal and felt nothing. I am now eating what I like, and

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