

to make it a memorable night. Many old favourites are billed as participating, and the vocal, instrumental and comedy aspects are elaborately catered for. The No. 2 Army Band should prove a big attraction, while all the artistes whose names appear on the programme should also attract many patrons. The Limerick L.D.F., it is admitted by all, have a decided claim on the support and co-operation of the citizens, and it is to be hoped that they will mark their appreciation of the work and services of their volunteer army by supporting Sunday night's event in a manner that will leave no room for complaint.

LYRIC CONCERT

What promises to be a most entertaining concert will be held at the Lyric Cinema on Sunday night next at 8.30. A delightful programme has been arranged by the committee in charge, who have been successful in getting many well-known artistes to participate. Bros. and His Mandoliers should prove a decided attraction and will provide many moments of melody, while the Limerick Players will present "If Men Play Cards As Women do." "The Irish Rover," featuring Sammy Hall, is another attractive item on the programme and many popular local artistes will appear before the footlights to contribute song, dance and musical numbers. A most entertaining night is assured, and it is to be hoped that the concert will receive the support it deserves.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN GAEL

The death took place recently at his residence, High Street, Caherconlish, of Mr. William Ryan, proprietor of The Crescent Bar (writes our Hospital correspondent). A member of a well-known and highly-respected family, deceased was in his early life a noted hurler and athlete, and was a member of the Caherline team which won the senior hurling Co. Championship. He was father of Mr. Paddy Ryan, the popular secretary of Caherconlish Lawn Tennis Club, and of Mr. Jack Ryan, Egg Inspector, Manorhamilton. His death, which took place suddenly, was deeply regretted over a wide area. The interment, which took place in Inch St. Lawrence Cemetery, was attended by a large and representative concourse of friends and sympathisers.

other employees in a similar state of life, who have already got bonuses, cannot support their families on £5 a week in the present emergency. There is no consideration for those 3,112 ex-teachers and their children, some of whom are trying to exist on less than a pound a week. Our Government, through the Minister of Finance, puts us on the same plane as pensioners who never subscribed a penny to their pensions.

We subscribed 4 per cent. of our salaries for long years to our pension fund, and a million and a quarter pounds of this subscribed fund were diverted to other purposes when the nation needed this enormous accumulation of money. "Eaten bread is soon forgotten"; otherwise the pensioned teachers would get before now substantial bonuses to tide them over the present high cost of living.

For the sake of the nation another serious consideration is the future of the children of our pensioners. Those boys and girls have to be withdrawn from the colleges, convents and universities and face the emigrant ship to become nurses and clerks for our British neighbours. What a loss to our country—the youth—sons and daughters of our ex-teachers, who were some of the shining lights in our educational institutions, and, subsequently, leading citizens, condemned to foreign service through the injustice and indifference of their fellow countrymen.

Ingratitude and inappreciation are very hurtful. Some of us tasted all the bitterness of the foreign and civil strifes — wrecked and robbed homes, disturbed schools, and the inside of our county jails.

A'as! all is forgotten in our old age. Will it continue? One of the aggrieved.

W. F. LEE.

Ahane, Castleconnell.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

The following are the results of the Mitchell Match Point Tournament held on the 26th November:—

N.S.—1, R. V. Walker and Dr. H. Roche-Kelly, 83½; 2, Mr. and Mrs. J. Honan, 80.

E.W.—1, Mrs. O'Donnell and Mr. J. Power, 78½; 2, T. D. Cooper and M. V. Fitzgerald, 77½.

The Committee have arranged to hold the usual Turkey Tournaments on Friday, the 10th and 17th inst., and the usual annual social will take place at Cruise's Hotel on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 7 p.m.

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