

obliterated. Those who advocate or patronise foreign games to-day feel they are following the foot-prints of Ireland's thinkers and doers, and if not, where are they? Can those who speak of national-mindedness in athletics reconcile their views with those of Davis and Gurney? Can those newspapers which have decried us in their columns, and falsified our position, be national if they are in contradiction to the recognition of national policy; or do they have to be catalogued with organs like the "Irish Times" that derives its prestige and existence from the unwavering support of Shoneenism, Anglo-Irish, or Ascendancy?

I have long exhausted your patience, but I cannot conclude without reference to some of the main objections urged against the inclusion policy of the G.A.A. "PLAY ALL GAMES" IDEA.

We are told to play all games. We can play all games. Few people play more than two and some people only one. In making a choice, therefore, an Irishman naturally give preference to our own games, just as an Englishman to English games, or an American to those forms of athletics which they have already developed. And I must say that of the people I have ever heard of who play all games, I have met none who played any but foreign games. An attempt was made some years ago to introduce hurling into the London University and it was met with contempt—evidently we do not believe there in playing Gaelic games—and when I tried a few years back to introduce Gaelic games to a group of young Americans, they were quite courteous but equally firm that the American games were good enough for them.

London, with nearly 50 millions of people, has only three main field games—cricket, rugby and soccer. America, with over 100 millions, has two—baseball and American football; yet in Ireland, with 4½ million and two first-class field games—hurling and Gaelic football, we attempt to introduce a few more. There should be no politics in sports. This is another of the slow and feeble attempts at progress. If we take politics as referring to inter-party politics in the same State, then, of course we agree, and the G.A.A. has no political distinctions, but we mean by politics the broader sense of nationality, I can only say that the G.A.A. was founded on the day it departs from its original purpose. It would have lost the very reason of its existence. Only those who are not national-minded, either in their motives of self or shoneenism, or who want to forget about nationalities and their opinions are not worthy of consideration by decent people.

We hear that "the G.A.A. stand upon its own legs." It

interval before the last Saturday. Much always depends on a successful annual Convention. Let us have small committees elected with active members who can give time and attention to the work, and at the deliberations let some of the new blood get up on their feet and not leave all the talk to the hardy annuals.

## OBSEQUIES OF LIMERICK NUN

The interment took place in the Good Shepherd Convent, Limerick, on 30th December, of Sister Veronica McMahon, who was a native of Co. Limerick. The deceased, who was in her 87th year, was a member of the Community for close on 60 years, and during all that period she laboured in the Convent laundry zealously and fruitfully. Her death is deeply regretted by the Community and penitents, to all of whom she endeared herself by her nobleness of character and saintly disposition.

Rev. W. P. Harty, P.P., St. Mary's, presided at the Solemn Office and Requiem High Mass. The celebrant was Rev. J. Houlihan, C.C., St. John's (chaplain); deacon, Rev. William Creed, C.C., do.; sub-deacon, Rev. J. Moran, O.C., do.; master of ceremonies, Rev. J. Brazill, Adm., do. There were upwards of twenty priests in the choir, all the religious Orders being represented.

## DEATH OF "MATT."

Mr. Matt Sandford, the well-known caricaturist ("Matt"), has died in London at the age of 68. He came to Limerick some years ago and did caricatures of a number of local people. A native of Belfast, he was a newspaper caricaturist for almost 50 years.

## AGED 103 BUT—

Mrs. M. A. Dickson, who died in Sweden on Friday last, was aged 103. She had only 24 birthdays, however, by reason of the fact that she was born in a Leap Year Day. Born in British Guinea, she was brought to live in England when 14 and later married a Swede.

class I have mentioned, but the first two classes of people are such as would never descend to the low status of playing the games of ordinary Irishmen. On the other hand, in spite of the fact that the ban is sometimes ignored by those who shouldn't, the removal of the restriction on foreign games would by many be interpreted as propaganda in their favour, and the very purpose of the removal would miscarry. We are not afraid of foreign games, but we do not want them, and the annual Congress of the G.A.A. for over 40 years, made up of representatives of the players of the 32 Counties, has by repeated

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