

NO. 34—EYRE COOTE

(BY ROBERT HERBERT).

Sir Eyre Coote, General, was the youngest son of Rev. Chidley Coote of Ash Hill, County Limerick, by Jane Evans, sister of the first Lord Carbery. He was born at Ash Hill in 1726, and entered the army at a very early age. When only nineteen he took part in the war against Scotland.

In 1754 he embarked for the West Indies, where he served with distinction and was promoted Captain. He took part in the battle of Plassey, commanding the 3rd division, and on Clive's recommendation was promoted lieutenant-colonel. In 1760 he gained a great victory over the French under the Comte de Lally of the Irish Brigade, who were besieging them at Vandewash.

In 1770 he went to Madras as commander-in-chief of the East India Company, but shortly after returned to England. In 1779 he took the command of Calcutta, and one of the articles in Warren Hastings' impeachment was that he allowed Coote £18,000 a year field allowances, in addition to his salary of £16,000 a year, even when he was not on active service.

Coote's greatest action was that in which, with about 10,000 soldiers, he defeated Hyder Ali and his army of 40,000. This was the beginning of his great campaign of 1780, which was a whole series of successes until Coote had to retire to Bengal in ill-health. He sailed to Madras, but died two days after reaching it on the 26th April, 1783. His body was brought back to England, landed at Portsmouth with great pomp and ceremony, and buried at Rockburne Church, Hampshire, where the East India Company erected a monument over it.

Coote was married but had no children, and his estate passed to his nephew, also Sir Eyre Coote, and also a famous British General.

CITY INSPECTIONS

QUESTION AND REPLY IN DAIL

Ald. J. Reidy (F.G., Limerick) asked the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in the Dail on Wednesday if he would state the number of inspections that have been carried out by medical and lay inspectors in the respective Municipal Departments of the Limerick County Borough Council since the operation of the Limerick City Management Act, 1934; if he has received reports of such inspections and, if so, will he

Gounod, Weber, Mendelssohn and Haydn. The soloist will be Rita Lynch, who has become a firm favourite with Limerick audiences, and one eagerly looks forward to her visits. In the first group the choir will be heard in the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel); "Daughters Weep Not" (Haydn), and "Worthy Is The Lamb That Was Slain" (Handel). Their second group is an ambitious one and includes "By Babylon's Wave" (Gounod); "Hear My Prayer," and "Oh! For The Wings of a Dove," both by Mendelssohn and with solo and chorus. The final chorus is probably the most popular in a repertoire liberally sprinkled with beautiful and popular works of the great composers. It is the "Invitation To The Dance" (Weber) and the piano soloist will be Miss Mai Forrest. The tenor solos will be taken by Mr. William Brazier and the baritone's by Mr. Joe Fitzgerald. The choir and those responsible for their training are to be congratulated on the meritorious programme they have arranged for the music-lovers of the city on Sunday next.

DEATH OF MISS JULIA SLATTERY

A member of a highly-respected East Clare family passed away on Friday, 11th inst. in the person of Miss Julia Slattery, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Patrick Slattery, Ballyda, O'Brien's Bridge. The deceased, who had been ailing for more than a year, was a young lady of great charm of manner. She was gentle and refined and was very popular with a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She bore her long illness with exemplary patience and fortitude. Her demise at an early age is deeply and widely regretted. To her bereaved mother and the other members of the family and the numerous relatives and friends we extend our sincere sympathy. The remains were removed to Bridgetown Church on Saturday and the funeral, which was very large and representative, took place on Sunday to the cemetery nearby.

PAYMENT FOR TURBARY RIGHTS

In the Dail on Wednesday, Ald. J. Reidy (F.G., Limerick) asked the Minister for Defence if he will state if he will expedite payment of monies due to Mr. Charles Ryan, of Lisnagry, County Limerick, and a number of others, whose turbary was acquired under Article 30 of the Emergency Powers Order, 1939, and if he is aware that this money is long overdue and is much needed by these people.

The Minister's reply was as follows:—The question of payment in

Justice—I will reduce the £2, but it must be understood the food of the people is above suspicion.

A youth named John M. 14 Bowles Lane, pleaded guilty to breaking into four houses, five of which he stole a purse worth £1.

The Justice committed the defendant to an industrial school.

Mary Walsh, an old offender of no fixed address, was sentenced for three months on a charge of stealing a brush from a city.

Michael Buckley, 1, A Gardens, was sent to jail for a month on a charge of stealing overcoats, one from a city.

LIMERICK VOLUNTEERS AND 1916

An informally convened meeting of officers of the 1st Battalion Limerick City Regiment Volunteers, was held in the Office, Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 16th inst. Walsh presided, and Mr. O'Halloran acted as secretary.

The others present were Patrick Whelan, John Stephen Dineen and Ralph S.

The meeting had under consideration a suggestion that a list of all those who had been consistent members of the Battalion and who had mobilised for service in Easter Week, 1916, be compiled. The advisability of issuing appropriate certificates was also discussed.

These suggestions were unanimously approved, and it was decided to recommend their adoption at a specially summoned meeting of surviving officers of the Battalion. Arrangements to this effect were then made.

On the motion of Mr. Slattery a vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor (Mr. McQuane, P.C.) for grant of use of his office.—Communi-

GRAMOPHONE RECITAL

On Tuesday evening last a gramophone recital sponsored by Messrs. Savin took place at premises in O'Connell Street, Limerick. The programme was a very attractive one and was thoroughly appreciated by all. It consisted of:—"Overture to Romain" (Berlioz), five songs by John McCormack, "Suite for et Chloe" (Ravel), four arias, by Denis Noble, and "Piano Concerto No. 2 in C" (Rachmaninoff). The pianist, a popular favourite, whose concert goes, was the item most enjoyed, though not much less than was John McCormack's rendering of "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" and Noble's rendering of "Lago's Creed" and "Room Factotum." Those who heard