

He returned to Ireland in the company of the Papal Legate, Cardinal Rinnuccini, and began a complete reorganisation of the Limerick Diocese, laying special emphasis on the necessity for good and regular preaching. He had met and been a friend to St. Vincent de Paul on the Continent, and had persuaded several young Limerick men to join his order; and now, as Bishop of Limerick, he was the first to introduce this great preaching order, the Vincentians, into Ireland. Like most of the Bishops of the city, O'Dwyer worked wholeheartedly for the Confederate cause, and was a member of the Supreme Council. He was, however, completely under the thumb of Ormond and this brought him into conflict with Rinnuccini and the rest of the shops. The Nuncio issued an edict of excommunication against those who adhered to Ormond and an interdiction against any city that could support the peace with Richiquin. Limerick fell under this interdiction but when O'Dwyer returned from the Council at Kilkenny he ignored the interdiction and opened St. Mary's Cathedral to the people. For a time there was ecclesiastical warfare but eventually the interdiction was lifted and O'Dwyer was once again on the popular side. When Ireton besieged the city O'Dwyer was one of its most valiant defenders and was expressly omitted from pardon in the terms of surrender. However, "with the knapsack of a soldier on his back he passed quietly through the lines, withdrew from the city and made his way to Belgium, having suffered all but the bloody death of a martyr." Here he died on 7th April, 1654, and was buried in the church of Condeberge in spite of the opposition of a few hot-headed Irish clerics who remembered his disobedience to the Nuncio. Father John Lynch, the author of *Compendium Eversus*, wrote of him: "He learned knowledge in Paris, prudence and business habits in Rome, piety in both cities. He was an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, a graceful poet, a subtle philosopher and a deep divine. He was promoted to the episcopacy, not through the recommendation of his superiors, but through personal merit, his superiors knew thoroughly his excellent gifts, his habits of industry and his piety."

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL DINNERS

Number of meals served during week ending Saturday last, 3rd week:—1,270.

and allowed £1 expenses.

THE LATE FATHER AIDAN, O.F.M.

The funeral obsequies of the late Father Aidan Roberts, O.F.M.—a sketch of whose career was given in Monday's issue with the announcement of his death—took place on Tuesday morning. The Franciscan Church was filled to capacity for the Solemn Office and High Mass, at which the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided.

The funeral cortege to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery was of imposing dimensions and was representative of every walk of life in the city, while hundreds lined the foot-paths as the funeral passed.

The cortege was led by acolytes, followed by the members of the Third Order, in their brown habits, the clergy, both secular and regular. A guard of honour, drawn from the Third Order, marched at each side of the hearse. Next came the chief mourners, followed by the Mayor (Mr. James McQuane, P.C.) and members of the Corporation in state, and the general public.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Father Ephraim, O.F.M., Guardian, Limerick; deacon, Rev. Father Leopold, O.F.M., Clonmel; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Malachi, O.F.M., Galway. Rev. Father Raphael, O.F.M., was master of ceremonies, and the chanters were Rev. Father Paul, O.F.M., Clonmel, and Rev. Father Celestine, O.F.M., Limerick.

The chief mourners were:—Mr. George Roberts, Clarina (brother); Mrs. Byrnes, Mrs. Hayes (sisters), Mrs. George Roberts (sister-in-law), Mr. D. Hayes (brother-in-law), Rev. Brother G. Hayes, O.C.; Rev. Bro. J. Hayes, O.C.; William and Michael Hayes, P. Byrnes, J. Byrnes, M. Byrnes, Dr. Michael Roberts, James and Thomas Roberts (nephews); Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor; Mrs. J. Byrnes.

LUCKY 13

The draw for the sweep run in connection with the recent general election, under the auspices of the Building Committee of the Mary, Queen of Peace, Church, Janesboro', took place at St. John's Pavilion Aloma Dance on Friday last, June 2nd. His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. McQuane, P.C.) presided and drew the winning numbers. The first prize of £10 was from book No. 13. The complete list of winners will be found on another page of this issue.

ALLEGED WORTHLESS CHEQUE

To-day at Limerick City District Court, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J.,

Patrick Meaney, Dublin Road, Nenagh, a cattle dealer, was charged with obtaining £210 by issuing, as alleged, a worthless cheque.

Supt. Colleran applied for a remand for a week as inquiries had not yet been completed.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solr., defending, applied for bails.

The Justice granted the remand and fixed a personal bail at £300 and two sureties of £150 each.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS (1916)

A meeting of D. Company sub-Committee, was held on the 7th inst.

The Committee spent almost two hours in scrutinising forms and lists forwarded by Executive Committee, and, in view of evidence submitted, decided to recommend the rejection of several claims.

Consideration of a number of claims was adjourned pending the furnishing of further evidence. It is considered that at the next meeting the Committee will be in a position to draw up an absolutely accurate list of those attached to D. Coy. who are entitled to certificates for final ratification by Executive.

CLANN NA h-EIREANN OUTING

On Sunday next a cycling outing will take place to Killaloe and royal Kincora under the auspices of Clann na h-Eireann. Those wishing to participate are requested to be at the Gaelic League Hall, Thomas Street, not later than 10.30.

CONSUMERS CUT OFF

The E.S.B. have cut off the current from a number of Rosslare Harbour consumers for failing to comply with the restrictions.

50 MILES BEYOND ROME

It was announced early this morning that the Fifth Army is now eighty kilometres (50 miles) beyond Rome.

STOLE 10 LBS. OF SUGAR.

For stealing 10 lbs. of sugar from a railway van, James Fee, of Convent View, Omagh, was at Omagh sent to prison for six weeks.