

oath, Marcella said he did not understand the language. Justice—Come, now. I am sure I went into your cafe and tendered 4d. for something that cost you would speak English very well. Speaking in broken English, the defendant bore out his statement evidence.

To Supt. Colleran, he said he was years in Limerick.

Mr. McNeice said there was no evidence of larceny.

The Justice agreed and said he could convict on the receiving charges. He did not like to send the man to prison, although the case was serious, having regard to the difficulty of obtaining cutlery at the moment. As it was near Christmas, he would order him to pay £5 into the fund for providing the poor men's Christmas dinner and would give him a week to pay. Mr. McNeice said defendant had never been in Court before. The Justice said he was sure of it.

When Mr. McNeice said the £5 could be paid into Court immediately, the Justice said he would order Marcella to come up for judgment and sentence if called upon within six months.

ROTHER RICE MEMORIAL FUND

We publish on page seven of this issue a list of subscriptions to the Rother Rice National Memorial Fund. Past pupils and friends of the Christian Brothers who intend subscribing are earnestly requested to do so as soon as possible. There is no necessity of pointing out to our readers the excellent work that has been achieved by this great order since its advent to Limerick in 1816. Suffice it to say that the people of Ireland are under a deep debt of gratitude to the Brothers for their labours amongst us in the causes of faith, fatherland and education. Hence it is that the committee appeals with confidence to make Limerick's contribution to the National Memorial worthy of a city and county that has held the Christian Brothers in such warm reverence and appreciation.

MEDICAL REPORT NEEDED

At Limerick District Court to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., D.J., Irene Morrison, Rivers, Lisnagry, was charged on remand with demanding by menaces, £150 from Miss Kathleen Lane, same address. Supt. Dunning prosecuted, and Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, solr., defended.

Supt. Dunning mentioned a letter that had been received from the prison doctor regarding the accused, and Mr. O'Donovan said the girl was very highly strung and that happened was as a result of flight of the imagination.

The Justice said he was satisfied at the case was not one for him to deal with. He would adjourn it for further medical evidence as to the girl's condition and a statement from the Attorney-General as to his attitude in the case.

table list of wins at Sports meetings this year. At Milltown, Dublin, last June he won a 2 miles flat race, beating two A.U.E. champions, namely, J. J. O'Connor, 3 miles flat champion, and J. Jones, 1-mile flat champion. In July he won a 3 miles flat race at Milltown, beating such champions as S. McCooke, North of Ireland champion. On the 10th August, at Belfast, he won the 3 miles flat race at the North v. South contest, beating in that race the Irish 3 miles champion, W. C. McCooke, who fell out after 2½ miles. Walsh also won the All-Ireland mile flat championship at College Park in July, beating the North of Ireland champion, J. Taylor, by two yards.

LATE MR. JOHN DOWNEY

Deep regret was caused by the death recently of Mr. John Downey, who was an active and proficient mill sawyer in Limerick until he met with a serious accident six years ago. During his life as a worker and a loyal member of his society he was always respected for his sincerity and integrity. His funeral showed the high regard in which he was held, for it was attended by all classes. All colleagues of his society and many other workers were present and also representatives of Messrs. Spaight and Messrs. McMahon. The late Mr. Downey was uncle of Rev. J. Lynch, S.J.; Rev. J. P. Lynch, S.J.; Sister Mary Reparata (Lynch) and brother of Sister Mary Baptist (Downey), Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph. He was a good husband and loving father. The deepest sympathy is extended to his family and relatives.

COW GOES UPSTAIRS INTO BEDROOM!

Considerable excitement (writes our Pallasgreen correspondent) was caused at the Old Pallas fair on Friday of last week when a cow broke loose from its companions and decided to run amok. It dashed through the open doorway of a private dwelling, mounted the narrow stairway, and came to rest in a bedroom, whence it was rescued by a few men who had followed in hot pursuit. By a combination of ingenuity, cajolery and judicious use of the ash-plant, they succeeded in getting the refractory animal down the stairs and out of doors again. Neither the cow, the house, nor its inmates suffered any ill-effects.

INAUGURATION STONE FOUND

When a workman was clearing a yard attached to Nono's Printing Works, Ennis, he discovered a large stone flag containing the information—cut in the stone—that the Ennis Waterworks had been inaugurated in 1879 by the Lord Lieutenant of the County Clare. The name of Thomas Greene, J.P., Chairman of the Town Commissioners, and Joseph O'Connor, C.E., Engineer to the Commissioners, also

Mr. O'Donovan said the defendant, when he made the statement, was advised that it would be easier for him if he accepted responsibility. He did so although he was not responsible. What happened was that defendant presented the docket on behalf of some other person and was not aware that it was a forgery until after the money was paid on it.

The Justice said that in view of the statement defendant had already made to the Guards and the clear cut evidence of Mr. Somers he could not see how the man could go into the witness box and make such a statement. This was the second case of the kind he had had within a couple of weeks and it seemed that some people were of opinion that it was not as serious to obtain money wrongfully from bookmakers as it would be from other people. Bookmakers were licensed and registered in the State and offences committed against them would have to be regarded in the same light as if they were committed against other traders. If it did not stop he would have to send the offenders to prison.

The Justice ordered the defendant to repay £2 16s. to Mr. Larkin and ordered him to come up for judgment if called upon within six months.

A GREAT ORDER

LOSES ITS DISTINGUISHED MINISTER-GENERAL

The death is announced from Rome of Very Rev. Father Leonard Bello, O.F.M., Minister-General of the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor, and a lineal successor to St. Francis in the government of the Order.

Born in Venetia, Father Bello was twice Minister Provincial, and was elected General at the Chapter of Pentecost held in Rome in 1933. He at once took an active part in the government of the Order, one of the largest in the world. He visited his friars almost in every country where they have foundations. In 1936, after visiting the Franciscan Convents in war-torn Spain, he came to Ireland and visited all the Friaries here. During that visitation he presided at the Provincial Chapter held in Dublin, carried out the ceremony of receptions and professions in the Noviate House at Killarney, addressed many of the Third Order branches, including the Third Order Sisters in Limerick.

Father Bello was re-elected Minister-General at the Chapter held in Assisi in 1939. This was the second occasion that a Minister-General had been re-appointed in the history of the Order, and as the first Minister-General to die in office for a number of years. He was an indefatigable writer, and one of his many encyclical letters on Mary, the Mediatrix of all Graces, is regarded as a masterpiece. His term of office would have normally ex-