

...the pension rights of the... of the Corporation who... work some time ago.

Acting Manager—No.

Casey—At the last meeting... made a very clear state... on the position.

Cusack said that a deputa... of the three deputies should... on the Minister. He proposed... the three deputies—the Mayor... Bourke and Mr. Keyes—be... a deputation.

Bourke said that he ap... the Minister with a view... a deputation, but the... said that no useful purpose... be served by a deputation as... decision was unalterable. Later... heard from an official that a... would be introduced to saf... the pension rights of the... of Corporations and... authorities.

O'Malley said that he was... to the passing of resolu... that carried no weight. If... that were disposed to pass... on this, that and the... thing it need not cause any... if no notice was taken of

Keyes—It is well to have a... record that the Minister refu... receive a deputation.

Casey—If a deputation were... points not already in the... of the Minister could be... forward.

Hartney—In Dublin the pen... of the employees of the... ration were restored and I... reason why similar action... not been taken in the case of... ick workers. It is a case... of the workers and... sider that very unjust. I sup... the Minister in a lot of mat... out I'm not a rubber stamp... or some further discussion... resolution, as proposed by Mr... k and seconded by Mr. Casey... assed unanimously.

O'Malley alluded to the... s Medical Service Scheme, ... asked if any action had been... to ensure that the dental... of the scheme would be am... to include filling. At pre... that was being done were... tions and that could not be... ed as satisfactory.

Acting City Manager said... his question was receiving... tion of the Department.

O'Malley—What is the cause... delay?

Acting Manager—The Department... busy.

O'Malley—Seeing that the... ment is so very busy I think... could take action ourselves... absolute powers and I... the scheme should be... to provide for fillings.

Acting Manager—I will go into... matter.

Casey asked what amount... now due by the Gas Works to... nk by way of overdraft.

Acting Manager—The Gas En... (Mr. Thomas) is here and he... answer that question.

Gas Engineer—When the rec... orks now on hands are com... we will owe about £2,500.

Hartney—And a year ago the... owed over £10,000, so the... has paid off £8,000. That... satisfactory.

McGuire—It is worthy of... culation.

ESSENTIALLY A CHURCHMAN.

These quotations are an epitome of his life. Dr. Keane detested ostentation, abhorred fustian, while anything savouring of make-belief was anathema to him. Essentially a Churchman, the late Bishop devoted, generally speaking, his whole life to the cause of religion and the promotion of spiritual works amongst his people. Though never aspiring to oratorical powers, his public addresses, especially his Lenten Pastorals, were always incisive and epigrammatical. Learned, indeed, they were, for he was "wise in heart." His annual discourses to the members of St. Michael's Temperance Society and his more frequent dissertations at the Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Organisation could not be surpassed for their depth of feeling, persuasive powers, and, above all, for what they really were—lectures on religious and moral issues delivered with a simplicity that denoted true greatness.

Dr. Keane had a way all his own of illuminating his public utterances with witty expressions and sayings—not of old vintage that had a spontaneous effect on his audiences. His genial disposition, kindness of heart, and disarming manner had a magnetic influence on the people, and in his conversations, as well as on more formal occasions, his Lordship never failed to enliven what he had to say by flashes of humour that could not fail to produce genuine laughter. Happy himself, he was disposed to make all round him happy—diffusing pleasure, benevolence and joyousness. His spirit will live on.

"Each lonely place shall him restore.
For him the tear be duly shed;
Beloved till life can charm no more
And mourn'd till pity's self be dead."

...last night... Milford Nursing Home, after a prolonged illness.

The news of the death of the beloved Bishop of the See of St. Munchin, though not unexpected, will fill the hearts of the people with grief; for Dr. Keane was held in great reverence by his flock, not only because of his exalted office, but, in addition, for his deep humility, for his saintly character and for the fatherly interest he took in all their affairs—spiritual and temporal.

His elevation to the Episcopal See of St. Munchin in 1924 on the death of the Most Rev. Dr. Hallinan, who succeeded Dr. O'Dwyer, was hailed with delight throughout the Diocese, for he had long since been recognised as a Churchman of pre-eminence, though he had never identified himself prominently with public affairs.

When addresses of congratulation were presented to him following his ordination, Dr. Keane delivered a speech, in the course of which he declared:—"I have never done or said a thing, I believe, on national affairs, but that did not prevent me following with great interest the course of



national affairs and forming opinions, agreeing with some people, differing with others, and, at times, agreeing with nobody.

"His Lordship, on the same occasion, said that he would much prefer to do something practical for the country—to build a few houses for those in the slums—than to write volumes about the "First flower of the earth, the first gem of the sea."

Special Message to Clergy and People

The Lord Bishop left the following special message for his clergy and people, to be read after his death:—

"I wish to express my gratitude to the clergy and people of the Diocese of Limerick for the great kindness they have always shown me, and beg the remembrance of their prayers when I have passed to my account."

D. McNamara, C.S.S.R., who took as his text: "Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost has placed your Bishops to rule the Church of God."

In the course of an address to the Limerick Corporation stated:—"From our observation of his unostentatious devotion in the interest of religion, learning and patriotism during his labours for many years in our midst, we feel that in the person of Canon Keane the traditions of the ancient See of St. Munchin will at least be maintained undiminished." The sentiments expressed by the Corporation were indeed amply fulfilled. The dead Prelate fulfilled in the highest manner the hopes reposed in him. He continued to grow in the affection and esteem of his flock, who are to-day weighed down with deep sorrow for the passing of the frail, gentle figure so full of spiritual strength and piety.

During his 21 years as Bishop of Limerick Dr. Keane ruled his Diocese with characteristic unostentatiousness.

...advanced 2½ miles, being now only about 2 miles from the main Frankfurt-Ruhr highway.

The pontoon bridge across the Rhine is reported to be capable of carrying light vehicles. German counter-attacks up to this have not been on a large scale, but a force of 250 infantry are reported to have been wiped out, mainly due to the German inability to maintain observation posts.

Patton's 3rd Army is reported to be meeting stiff opposition from German counter-attacks south of Moselle. Patton's forces have, however, succeeded in capturing 13 towns, 6 of which are described as "key-centres."

Preparations are well under way for the stupendous drive in the offing on the Eastern Front. The German High Command has decided to liquidate their far-flung Pomeranian forces and to concentrate them in the new Northern Pomeranian sector. Around Stettin, Kuestrin, Frankfurt and Guef battles are raging with ever-increasing fury.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN CITY

At the meeting of Limerick Corporation last night, the Mayor (Ald. Reidy, T.D.) presiding.

Mr. Russell referred to the existence of dangerous buildings in the city and urged that steps be taken to have protective measures instituted.

Ald. O'Malley agreed and said that recently a building was reconstructed which, from all appearances, was in imminent danger of tumbling down.

Mr. Keyes said that a survey of dangerous buildings in the city was an urgent necessity.

The City Surveyor said that all plans for reconstructions had to be submitted to him before the work could be undertaken. After he had approved plans it was quite possible that they may be altered. What was needed was a housing inspection. He would go into the whole matter and submit a report to a future meeting.

Mr. Cusack asked if sanction had yet been received for the carrying out of the Palmerstown housing scheme.

Acting Manager—No, but I expect it next week.

"THE MIKADO"

Owing to the lamented death of his Lordship the Bishop, the performances of the "Mikado" at the Technical Institute, which were to be held to-night and to-morrow night, have been cancelled. Friday night's performance will take place as usual and there will be an additional performance on Monday next, the 19th inst. Any inconvenience caused to ticket-holders is regretted, but it is felt that in the circumstances they will understand. Tickets, already purchased, may be transferred to Friday or Monday on application to office. Very high opinions have been expressed regarding the show by those who attended it on Monday and Tuesday last.

SCHOOLS FESTIVAL NIGHT ABANDONED

To-night (Wednesday), the last night of the Schools Drama Festival has been abandoned as a result of the news of the death of the Lord Bishop of Limerick. Holders of tickets for to-night's (Wednesday) performance will have their money returned by handing tickets to the sellers.

The committee regrets that the abandonment of the performance deprives them of the opportunity of formally thanking the large number of bodies and individuals who gave them help and co-operation. The committee ask them to accept this notice as an expression of their deep and lasting appreciation.

KILMALLOCK BRANCH IRISH RED CROSS

It was decided at a meeting of the Kilmallock Branch of the Irish Red Cross to send out circulars to people in the district and to hold a collection with the object of raising further funds to aid the £500,000 drive of the National Executive.

VIOLETS 2/6 A BUNCH

In London on Friday violets made as much as 2/6 for small bunch and large and fresh daffodils 5d. or 6d. each.

...NOT SCARCE HERE.

Unlike other centres, there is no scarcity of corks in Limerick. The "trade" here, both wholesalers and retailers, have been able to obtain adequate supplies and, consequently, popping is as brisk as usual. As far as can be gathered—and this should be welcome news—there is no likelihood of a shortage of corks in Limerick. In Dublin publicans are finding it very difficult to get supplies, but that need not concern us very much. The Metropolitans need not go thirsty, for they have the option of taking it on draught. And connoisseurs say—and they should know—that a drop out of the barrel—provided it comes from the barrel—is far superior to the bottled stuff.

AN OLD OFFENDER.

The reply: "I'm not too bad, sir," given by a well-known local celebrity at a recent sitting of the District Court when asked if she had anything to say by way of excuse for her many lapses, recalls the story of Madame Cresswell. This one-time famous personality, at the close of a disreputable life, left £10 for a funeral oration in which nothing derogatory should be said of her. The Duke of Buckingham wrote the oration, which was as follows:—"All I shall say of her is this—she was born well, she married well, lived well, and died well; for she was born at Shadwell, married to Cresswell, lived at Clerkenwell and died in the Eridewell."

BROKEN GLASS.

For some time past complaints are being made to the effect that considerable stretches of different streets in the city have been found to be littered with broken glass. It is stated that some householders have developed the habit of depositing on the streets fragments of glass—etc. If this allegation is well founded—and it is to be hoped it is not—the people concerned should set about to correct the errors of their ways. Whatever the cause, the fact that particles of glass are appearing on our streets in unusual quantities cannot be denied. The other day a young lady, while walking along O'Connell Street, dropped her mirror, which was broken in smithereens. This little incident, of course, is not held accountable for our glass-strewn thoroughfares.

AN UNLUCKY OMEN?

Is the breaking of a mirror or looking-glass an unlucky omen? There are many who would give an affirmative answer to this question, but the young lady who was the central figure in the incident alluded to in the preceding note did not appear to be in the least perturbed. According to the crystal gazers the breaking of a mirror by a single lady signified that she would never marry; if broken by a married woman a death would follow. This nonsense does not appeal to anybody in these enlightened days. What people would like to have now is a mirror that would reflect the mind as well as the outer form.

PROPOSED ABATTOIR.

The City Surveyor (Mr. C. Stenson, B.E.) is at present working on his plans for the proposed abattoir, a facility that is very badly needed in Limerick. In this respect we are very much behind the times, as centres smaller than Limerick have long since abolished the private slaughter-house. However, it is better late than never, and now that we have made a forward move in Limerick it is to be hoped that it will be followed up energetically. The provision of an abattoir is at least one recommendation made by the Town Planning Expert about which there can be no room for controversy.

CITY DISTRICT COURT.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Bishop, the District Court, which was to be held in Limerick on Friday, 13th inst., will be adjourned until the following Friday.

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Following tenders for supplying the lowest received, been accepted by Limerick Hospital Committee:—

Mr. James Barry, 29 William Street, Limerick, £12 5s. 3d. per cwt.

Mr. James Barry, 29 William Street, Limerick, £2 11s. 5½d. per cwt.

Mr. Denis O'Connor, 77 Cathedral Road, Limerick, £1 5s. 10d. per cwt.

REQUISITES—J. Griffin, 17 7s. 6d.

David Clohessy, Island Terrace, 1/8½ per gallon.

Mr. James Finucane, 17 10s. per half-

RED CROSS PARADE

Parade for the City Red Cross units, arranged for St. Patrick's Day, will be held. All units are requested to assemble at the Crescent at 9.30 o'clock before proceeding to the Barracks.

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