

of faith, James Fitzthomas returned to Limerick and, organising what was left of the Fitzgeralds revolted.

On 6th October, 1598, his kinsmen and the Irish gentlemen of the county, led by Piers Lacy of Bruff, assembled at the Desmond Castle at Ballingarry and proclaimed James Fitzthomas as 16th Earl of Desmond. Naturally he was never recognised as such by the English, and from this fact arose the nickname, Sugan Earl, or Earl of Straw. He soon had over 8,000 followers, and with the aid of Hugh O'Neill, quickly expelled most of the new undertakers from County Limerick—Sir Francis Barkley, who held Askeaton Castle, being the only one to stand firm against him. But when Hugh O'Neill returned to the North, Carew's vigorous policy and his well-armed forces regained most of the strongholds, and the Sugan Earl was badly defeated when emerging from the Glen of Aherlow.

He had to take to the hills and the woods, living "in the habit of a priest" for safety, with a price of £400 on his head. Carew reported to Elizabeth:—"Such is the superstitious folly of those people, as for no price he may be had, holding the same to be so heinous as no priest will give them absolution."

However, if his followers were so faithful, his own kinsmen were neither so loyal nor so "superstitious," and The Sugan Earl was eventually captured by Edmund Fitzgibbon, the White Knight, and traitorously handed over to Carew. His rebellion had lasted for three years.

He was imprisoned in the awful dungeons of the Tower of London, and here, like many before him and since, his mind weakened and he became insane. The sad plight lasted for a full six years before his merciful death in 1608. He was buried in the Tower Chapel.

James Fitzthomas was married to Ellen, the widow of Maurice, an elder brother of the White Knight, who had betrayed him, but he died without issue.

PLAYS & CONCERT

ENJOYABLE TREAT AT RATHKEALE

A very enjoyable entertainment was given by the Ballysteen Sporting Co. to a packed house in the Deel Hall, Rathkeale, on Sunday night. The programme consisted of a three-act comedy, "Wigs On The Green"; a short farce, "Fledged And Flown," and a number of concert items. The personnel of the casts in both dramatic pieces deserve to be highly complimented on the manner in which they acquitted themselves on the stage. So true to life both in dialogue and acting was their personating of the characters they represented that they succeeded very effectively in bringing out all the sparkling humour of the plays, with the result that they had the audience from start to finish in a state of happy natural hilarity punctuated by hearty applause.

The concert side of the entertainment included songs—solo and duet; step-dancers by Mrs. Costelloe's troupe, musical selections by the Cappagh Pipers' Band and McKnight's orchestra, which also supplied the music for the dancers. Mrs. T. Wallace, Washpool, was a very capable M.C.

KNOCKLONG GAEL'S DEATH

ended the Society as a most suitable objective for the charitable public in the distribution of their aims.

For the Bishop, and also for Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, of St. Munchin's, one of their Spiritual Directors, prayers were recited at the end of the meeting.

The President, commenting on the Juvenile Conferences, said they hoped to have the members of these joining the Senior Conferences on their leaving school. He referred to the celebrations to be held in June in Dublin in commemoration of the Centenary of the starting of the Society in Ireland in 1845, and hoped as many members of the Conferences, both city and country, would find it convenient to be present at them. On the question of a local celebration, it was observed that the Society started its good work in Limerick in 1846.

It was announced that a radio appeal will be made from Radio Eireann in aid of the funds of the Society in Limerick on Sunday evening, 29th April, at 10.15, and that it would be made by Rev. P. O'Mara, S.J.

WAS ONE OF FAMILY OF FIFTEEN

DEATH OF REVERED NUN

Her very many friends throughout both Tipperary and Limerick (writes our Hospital correspondent) learn with deep regret of the death of Sister Mary Albeus (Heelan), which sad event took place at St. Mary's Convent, Limerick. Deceased, who was aged 64 years, came of an old and highly respected Emly family and was professed in 1903. She was attached for some time to the Convents of Mount St. Vincent and Newcastle West, and finally settled down in Limerick, where she spent a large span of her life. She was a member of a family of fifteen, of which the only surviving member now is Reverend John Heelan, C.S.Sp., North Union Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, U.S.A. She was also sister of Rev. Ailbe Heelan, Seattle, Washington, and of two members of the Mercy Order at St. Mary's of the Isles, Cork, and Phillip Street, Waterford, respectively.

Office and Requiem Mass were offered up for the repose of the deceased's soul in the Convent Chapel on Monday morning, after which the remains were laid to rest in the adjoining cemetery. The officiating clergy were—Very Rev. D. Canon O'Neill, P.P., St. Munchin's; Rev. J. Kennedy, C.C., St. Mary's; Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's; Rev. Dr. Murphy, St. Munchin's College; Rev. D. Costelloe, C.C., St. Mary's, as well as a large number of other clergy who were present in the sanctuary.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. John Carroll, John F. Heelan, John J. Heelan, John M. Heelan and David Heelan (nephews); Misses Bridie and Annie Carroll, Misses Lillian and Mary Heelan (nieces); Mrs. E. Heelan (sister-in-law).

WAGE BONUS CLAIM

The claim of the employees of the Limerick Corporation to a bonus was stressed at the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday evening by Mr. Cusack, Ald. Bourke, T.D.; Mr. Keyes, T.D., and Mr. McQuane. The Acting Manager (Mr. Michael F. Donnellan) said that he had paid a bonus of one shilling, and Ald. Bourke urged it be increased to 2/6 per year of

father and brotherhood, which showed itself in his addresses to them at these meetings, in which were apparent his heartfelt concern for the spiritual and material interests of the poor of his flock as well as his appreciation of the activities of the Society in their regard. In the lamented death of Most Rev. Dr. Keane, the Society will miss the kindly word, the advice, the encouragement, and the genial presence of a gentle and saintly Bishop and good friend.

At the close of the meeting, in accordance with his own express desire to be remembered, prayers were recited for the happy repose of his soul.

PRESIDENT'S SALARY

WILL NOT BE REDUCED

Dublin, Friday. The Government Party, who let it be known last night that Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly, Minister for Finance, would be the Fianna Fail Party's nominee for the Presidency, allowed time in An Dail to-day for a debate on a motion tabled by the Clann na Talmhan Party, namely, that the salary attached to the Presidential office be reduced.

After a lengthy debate, in which An Taoiseach, General Mulcahy, Mr. Norton and Ald. Corish were prominent, the motion was defeated.

THE TAIT CLOCK

Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., at the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday evening, made a strong plea to have the chimes of the Tait Clock repaired. There was, said the Alderman, an interesting scrap of history associated with the clock. During the Black and Tan regime a number of these roughs raided the house of Councillor Hartney in Davis Street with the object of murdering him. If Mr. Hartney had been at home at the time he would have been murdered, but in order to have some satisfaction they set his house on fire. The "Tans" then ran amok and fired round after round into the dial of the Tait Clock, damaging seriously the mechanism and the chimes.

The City Engineer (Mr. C. Stenson, B.E.) undertook to have repairs carried out to the chimes.

KILLEELY CHURCHYARD

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir—May I trespass on your valuable space to direct attention to the condition of Killeely Churchyard. It is one of the oldest in Limerick, and from every point of view well worth caring for; yet it stands in dire need of attention. Owing to its general condition, many tombstones of historic worth cannot be located. I would suggest that those residents in the parish of St. Munchin who have burial rights therein should form a committee to urge on the work of keeping it in proper order. These remarks must not be taken as in any manner reflecting on Mr. Patrick Powell, who for a nominal remuneration acts as caretaker, and who is most obliging and courteous. Thanking you in anticipation.

"CITIZEN."

IN FAVOUR OF CONSTITUENT COLLEGE

At a recent meeting of the City of Limerick Branch of the Vocational Education Officers' Organisation

Michael Cross Limerick, was fined £2/0 each. Guard Campbell defendant drove a crowded street after a dog meeting in question. Imposing the fine said if the defendant him again he would fine as would put

Private James L Street, Limerick, custody with the bicycle.

Mr. D. G. O'Donovan applied for an adjournment.

An Army officer was required as courtmartial that

Mr. O'Donovan able for that, so going into detention the conditions of Street to those of detention (laughter)

Inspector Griffin could be handed courtmartial.

The Justice remained in police custody Edward Donovan Limerick, was a custody for a week stealing a bicycle.

CO. LIMERICK

NOW IN THE MUSEUM

A 19-carat fibule Age ornament, we been added to the Bronze Age gold Museum, Dublin. years ago by Mr. Dromcollogher, C whose house it re Tomas de Villie Dromcollogher T recognised its value

BARRINGTON

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.") Dear Sir,—It does we cannot get out take over the ab further delay. Ma can recall the day was a pleasure to then known as Bank, now nearly cause of dumping ree. It does see opposite bank of o to become a forgot of neglect, or lack action. Surely used the Island that a similar co rington's Pier we visitors and citi Limerick a place with so many si cost should not material for build available in abun you for publicatio

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