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## BISHOP-ELECT THANKS CO. COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Limerick County Council on Saturday, Mr. Martin O'Dwyer, Chairman, presiding, the Acting Secretary (Mr. J. J. King) read the following letter from the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill:—

"Dear Mr. King—Please convey to the members of the Limerick Co. Council my sincere appreciation of their good wishes, conveyed by you in your letter of 16th January. I am happy to be assured of their cordial co-operation in the future.

"With my very good wishes, I remain, yours sincerely,

"P. O'NEILL, Bishop-Elect."

It was decided to insert the letter in the minutes.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN HOGAN

It is with regret that we chronicle the demise of Mr. John Hogan, Thomond Hotel, Limerick, which took place in the Co. Inbrinary yesterday. The deceased, a very estimable gentleman, was held in high regard and esteem and his demise has occasioned widespread regret and sorrow.

Deep sympathy is extended to his daughters and grand-children in their bereavement.

The remains were removed last evening to St. Michael's Church and the funeral will take place tomorrow (Thursday), after Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Paddy Conlon, the Co. Limerick National Hunt jockey, who was on the injured list for some time back, as a result of a fall sustained at Southwell in December, is again fit and anticipates to resume riding at the Wincanton meeting on tomorrow.

pressed a desire for additional particulars. According to popular tradition the Franciscan Friars, prior to St. Mary's Cathedral being confiscated, carried off thirteen silver bells. These, the story goes, they concealed in the bed of the Abbey River, the exact spot being the secret of the oldest Friar and which he is supposed to hand on from generation to generation to the senior surviving members of the Order. This legend is frequently confused with another, which is also associated with the Bells of St. Mary's.

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## SECOND LEGEND.

The second legend is to the effect that some of the bells in the Cathedral were carried off from an Italian church during a period of persecution. Their whereabouts was unknown and their founder, in the hope of locating them, travelled all through Europe. Pursuing his quest to the bitter end, he sailed up the Shannon and when nearing the city the chime of the long-sought bells was borne to his ears over the waters of the lordly river. Recognising their sweet familiar tones, he was overcome with joy and sank lifeless on the deck of the vessel. This is the story in brief of the lost bells of Limerick—a story that has appealed to Limerickmen in all ages and in all climes.