

evil foreign brand of nationalism which the Pope consents, because it is unjust, and to rob and dominate other nations.

The weak point of Dr. MacPolin's case is right here. He concedes what is fair and reasonable and what is unjust and evil. And he writes so well that many readers will be likely to agree with him. He talks of the linguistic doctrine of nationalism, and says there is nothing really. Of course, there is and I don't know where the argument came from, except he himself tried it to confuse the issue. There is no need of the term any more. Irish nationalism covers the whole field. The only nationalism known to the present generation of Irishmen is the nationalism of Ireland, which includes the Irish people.

Let us not forget what we owe to this Irish nationalism. Carefully planted in the Irish soil by the best and noblest and watered with their blood, at last, in spite of every effort to uproot it, it grew strong and tall that it provided a refuge to "long down-trodden" Ireland from his remorseless foe, so that he could arise and claim the right to live and to speak and to think of nationalism. And let us not curse it, for we need its shelter. And in a sense it is a blessing too, for the blood of our martyred dead is in it.

On the other hand, I must agree with Dr. MacPolin when he says there is no use blaming people who don't know the language. We have no adequate arrangements present for the revival of Irish, and this is beyond the power of the State of the people under present conditions to learn it. To blame the people is mistaken, foolish, and even cruel. They would know it and do it if they got anything like a chance. The people have always been alright in such matters.

I agree also that there is no use in being critical of the ways of other nations. We have much to learn from the outside world, and opportunities for education, science and thought are in many places much greater than here. I believe in the revival of Irish, but, too, I believe—that we cannot do without any idea that makes life gentler, pleasanter, easier, or in any other way whatever the country of the world. The outside world can give us many good things, and we will afford to do without this edge.

MICHAEL MAC CRAITH,
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AT THE DANCE

FENCE IN LICENSING CASE

All in the premises were at the dance that night was the case in a licensing case at Kilcourt, before Mr. H. L. Ryan, D.J.

John Condon, Ballylanders, was fined at the prosecution of Supt. Keegan, Bruff, with a breach of licensing laws on December 1st.

M. M. Power, solicitor, defended Brennan stated that he had the licensed premises of the defendant at 2 a.m. on the morning of the 27th December, and 17 men there. No explanation

Or its sub-soil of yellowest sheen.

But give me the stuff that's sticky and tough.

The puddle of Billie's boracic.

IN MANY ACTIONS

DEATH OF OLD I.R.A. FIGHTER

It is with deepest regret we record the death (suddenly) of Mr. Sean Leo, Baggotstown, Bruff, which took place at his home on Friday morning, the 18th of January, aged only 43 years. Sean had a proud record in the War of Independence, and came from a family whose national outlook may well be described by a quotation from Wolfe Tone:—"Complete separation from England." He had joined the Grange Company, Third Battalion, East Limerick Brigade, I.R.A., at an early age, and was in the thick of every activity in that battalion area against the British during the dangerous years of 1919 and 1920. Arrested on December 27th, 1920, he was imprisoned at Limerick, Portland and Dartmoor until the general amnesty in January, 1922. He opposed the Treaty, and again with rifle on shoulder he saw service all through the heavy fighting at Bruff, Kilmallock, Bruree, Charleville and back to Emly. Again arrested, he was interned at Harepark until his release in November, 1923. Of idealistic principles, yet he was exceptionally popular with every shade of public opinion, his light-hearted jovial disposition making him friends everywhere. To his widow and six young children and his brother and sisters every sympathy is tendered.

The remains were removed to Knockaney Parish Church on the 18th, and the burial took place on Saturday, the 19th, at the family burial ground, Knockaney. A firing party of Old I.R.A. fired three volleys over the grave. The Last Post was sounded.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. Bridie Leo (widow), Messrs. Liam, Shaun, Joe, Patrick, Margaret and Jimmie (children); Mr. James Leo (brother), and Miss Katty Leo (sister).

Relatives—Mrs. Mary O'Connor (mother-in-law), Mr. Michael O'Connor (brother-in-law), Mrs. Mary J. Ryan (sister-in-law), Mr. Dan Ryan, Messrs. William, John and Miss Daisy Donworth; Mr. Patrick Leo, Mrs. Kathleen Leo and Miss C. Leo.

Mass cards were sent from:—Bridie and children, Jim and Kattie, Donworth family, Conway family, O'Connor family, Ryan family, Sister Mary Philomena, Mick and Kate, Mrs. E. O'Brien, Cremin family, William and Mrs. Gannon, "Jim" Maloney, Gavin family, Rainsford family, Mrs. D. Healy, Berkery family, O'Loughlin family, "Wall Comrades Memorial Committee," Old I.R.A., Grange.

The officiating clergy were:—Very Rev. Canon McCarthy, P.P.; Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P.P.; Very Rev. Father Foley, P.P.; Rev. Father O'Meara, C.C.; Rev. Father Bergin, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C., and Rev. Father Carroll, C.C.

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KNOCKANEY COURSING FIXTURE

conogner, on Saturday last and a large attendance of members was presided over by Mr. S. Grogan, Broadford.

The Government's offer on the salary question was the main topic of discussion and following a prolonged debate the majority of the members present expressed their dissatisfaction with the offer.

Features of the scheme which were considered unsatisfactory were:—

- (a) Date on which the new scales become operative.
- (b) Discrimination shown against women and unmarried men.
- (c) No provision made for pensioned teachers.

Mr. M. D. O'Brien, P.C., outlined the case of the pensioned teachers and the meeting was unanimous in requesting the C.E.C. to press their claims in the strongest possible manner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Callaghan were selected as delegates to the special Congress in Dublin on February 9th.

The following nominations were made for the C.E.C.:—President, Mr. D. Kelleher, Dublin; vice-president, Mr. C. O'Kelly, Limerick; principals' representative, Mr. J. Mansfield, Tipperary; assistants' representative, Mr. L. Foley, Killouglin; Finance Committee, Mr. T. Scannell, Foynes.

The following branch officers were appointed:—Chairman, Mr. T. O'Shea, P.C., Milford; vice-chairman, Mrs. M. Aherne, Dromcollogher; secretary, Mr. D. O'Callaghan, do.; delegate to Congress at Easter, Mr. T. O'Shea; delegates to Limerick Co. Committee, Messrs. P. O'Mahony and D. O'Callaghan.

A resolution was passed congratulating Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, Bishop-Elect, on his elevation to the See of Limerick.

The Chairman, Mr. T. O'Shea, was congratulated on the second edition of his Pictorial Scheme, "Aoibhinn Ciutha an Scolaire." Many of the members present paid tribute to the excellence of the Scheme.

ABBEYFEALE BRANCH.

At the quarterly meeting of the Abbeyfeale Branch, the following officers were appointed:—Chairman, J. F. Hanly; Vice-Chairman, M. Dillane; Secretary, D. Ahearne; Organising Secretary, T. Cotter. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary will represent the Branch on the Committee. Messrs. J. F. Hanly and P. J. McCarthy were appointed delegates to the Special Congress, on February 9th. Messrs. M. Dillane and Ed. McCarthy, delegates to the Easter Congress. The following were nominated for the C.E.C.:—President, D. J. Kelleher; Vice-President, Wm. M. Keane; Principals' Representative, J. Mansfield; Assistants' Representative, L. Foley.

Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill was congratulated on his appointment to the See of Limerick.

GLIN WHIST DRIVE

A most successful whist drive (writes our Glin correspondent) was held on Sunday night at St. Joseph's Orphanage Hall, in aid of the school, by the Rev. Brothers, who with their staff and other helpers made the large crowd very comfortable. A generous supper was served at half time.

Valuable prizes were distributed to the winners as follows:—Ladies, 1st prize, Miss Nellie O'Shaughnessy; 2nd prize, Miss McElligott, Ballyahill; 3rd prize, a Listowel lady, Mrs. Enright; 4th prize, Miss