

Albert D. Fordyce, who was with the Constellation, gave the Constellation a warm welcome, and congratulations were extended to the wonderful performance and himself. The crew stated that the pleasant and enjoyable trip could be much more enjoyable to Captain Fordyce and his crew.

PLAYS DRAMA

LIMERICK

FESTIVAL

On March 4th, at 8.15 p.m. in the Royal Albert Hall, the 1946 Irish Drama Festival since its introduction has been highly successful. The actors in every play have shown that they are giving performances of the highest quality, even to the Irish tongue. It is expected that at least 100 plays will participate. It was recalled that last year 100 plays took part in the Festival and it is evident that the enthusiasm is becoming more and more the success of this

at all types of schools, primary, secondary and vocational. The casts of the performances will include pupils of all ages.

The experience of past years has shown a high standard of his- tory and drama by the young actors and an agreeable surprise to the public who will have the opportunity of witnessing the

chlainn, Irish Drama Festival will be in the city early

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

During the Protestant service, the truck was struck by lightning, as done to the side of the road.

The lightning tore through the roof outside the Catholic church, while three sheep were grazing near the town.

FAMOUS AUTHOR

Famous author of 'The Day After Tomorrow', Phillips Oppenheim, died early yesterday at Guernsey. The late author, who was 80 years of age, was suffering from

Council last week dealing with the Soviet-Iranian situation, the Council recommended direct negotiations to begin immediately.

In a message to the Iranian Prime Minister published to-day, Stalin expressed the hope that friendly relations between the two nations would be increased, promoting the welfare of both Iran and the Soviet Union.

LATE CANON ARTHUR

SCION OF OLD LIMERICK FAMILY

The death has just taken place at the Ursuline Convent, Brentwood, near London, of the Very Rev. Charles Canon Arthur, of the Diocese of Portsmouth. Canon Arthur was the grandson of William Arthur, wholesale wine merchant of Limerick, in the middle of last century. The latter's eldest son, William Arthur, M.D., took up practice in Brighton. Charles Arthur, his son, was educated at Prior Park College, Bath, and later did his ecclesiastical studies at the English College in Salamanca, Spain. His first appointment was as Naval Chaplain, and in this capacity he made voyages to many parts of the world. Later he was Parish Priest in some of the parishes in the diocese of Portsmouth. A zealous Pastor, and highly cultured man, the Canon was greatly beloved by his fellow clergy and his parishioners. His house was wrecked in the blitz, and he himself received a severe shaking in 1941. He retired shortly afterwards to the Ursuline Convent, Brentwood, where his sister, Rev. Mother Clare Arthur, is Superioress and foundress. The funeral took place on February 1st to the Cemetery in Brentwood, after Requiem Mass at the Convent. The chief mourners were:—Rev. Mother M. Clare Arthur, Rev. Brother Charles F. Arthur, Christian Brothers, Brentwood; Rev. Fra. Victor Arthur, S.D.S., and Fra. Gabriel Arthur, Salvatorian College, Chester; Doctor Charles Arthur, Watford, and Joseph Arthur, London, cousins. R.I.P.

THE BISHOP-ELECT

At a Limerick district general meeting of the Irish Bank Officials Association held in Cruise's Royal Hotel on Saturday, 2nd February, 1946, the following resolution was proposed by Mr. M. A. Buckley, seconded by Mr. P. Heffernan, and passed unanimously:—"This meet-

Memorial Committee that it be purchased for a specified sum to be devoted to the Fund. The figure fixed was exceeded by the amount subscribed—including two from New York—Mr. Sheahan and his daughter Helen P. Sheahan, each contributing £10. Mr. Sheahan, born in Glin, is one of the leading figures in Irish-American circles in the United States.

ARDENT NATIONALIST

Mr. Sheahan, an ardent nationalist all his life, has been an intimate of all the Irish leaders during the past forty years. It can be said of him that he has done more in the United States than he has done in Ireland. He has more than made good the claims of his mother's full independence. As a member of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee in New York, an office he has held for some years past, he has done much to cement together Irish-American ties in that great city. He and his family are full of the deep gratitude of the Irish countrymen at home.

LOOKING BACK.

One hundred years ago the Christian Brothers took over the old Courthouse in Ennis and converted it into a national establishment—as the Gerald Griffin School. This great event in the history of the city will be commemorated tomorrow when Solemn Services will be offered up in the Church at 9.30 o'clock in the evening at 6.30 o'clock. A Benediction of the Holy Sacrament will be given and also, the Te Deum with thanksgiving for the blessings of one hundred years. There need be no doubt that the people of Ennis will