

THE C.T.S. BOOKLETS

The distribution of booklets by the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland during the year ended February 28th, 1946, was over 312 per cent. higher than in 1939-40. In the latter year, 738,586 booklets were distributed; in the year 1945-46, 2,094,438. The 1945-46 figures are records in the Society's history. The nearest pre-war approach to them was made in 1928-29, when 2,090,901 booklets were distributed. Analysis of the figures, compiled from invoice duplicates, shows that sales in the various ecclesiastical provinces were as follows:—Armagh, 601,381; Dublin, 241,948; Cashel, 5,432; Tuam, 93,845. The Armagh province includes 336,758 in Down and Connor. Cash sales by the Society's leading arm, Messrs. Veritas Company Limited, cannot be identified definitely. They total 252,325 and in large part attributable, it is thought, to Dublin Province. The distribution of Catholic papers and periodicals by Veritas Company Limited totalled for the year 666,335, bringing the entire distribution of pamphlets and Catholic papers and magazines to 75,773. The corresponding total for 1939-40 was 1,251,777.

THE GALTEE FEIS

At a recent meeting of the Galtee Feis Committee, it was decided to hold the Annual Feis at Ballylansdown on June 30th. Many details were announced in our advertising columns last week. In addition to the usual Feis and Aeridheacht, there will be a historical pageant which will present a colourful pageant, and then there will be an arts and crafts section, sponsored by the Muintir na Tire Guild, Kilkenny. Mr. D. Mullins, Irish teacher, who is secretary-in-chief, is doing the lion's share of the organising, and with the aid of an energetic committee there is every likelihood that his efforts will be crowned with success.

SIGNS OF SPRING

The past few sunny days have taken up the butterflies, wild bees and other insects from their long winter hibernation sleep. Already many coloured tortoiseshell butterflies flitting about are quite common, but of greater interest are the more uncommon brilliant foodil-coloured sulphur butterflies feeding so rapidly that it is difficult to follow their movements. These are some of nature's many signs that show that spring has fully come.—Ernest H. Bennis.

GREYHOUND MAKES £1,200

Dancing Kathleen, recently bought for £600, has been re-sold twice that price to Mr. T.

was only teaching here for a matter of months. Miss O'Donnell, who is a native of Milford, Co. Cork, had come to be regarded with esteem and reputed with efficiency.

ATHEA WOMAN'S DEATH

A very popular and highly esteemed old lady in the person of Mrs. Joanna O'Connell passed to her reward on Tuesday, the 26th ult. (writes our Athea correspondent). Relict of the late Timothy O'Connell, N.T., the deceased belonged to old and respected stock in the town. She was the daughter of the late Martin O'Sullivan, N.T. The late Mrs. O'Connell was a kindly lady, of charitable disposition, and possessed of many admirable traits of character—not the least of which was her fine sense of humour—which endeared her not only to her near neighbours but to her many friends throughout the district. The funeral, which took place to Templeathea on Wednesday, 27th ult., was very largely attended. The Very Rev. Fr. Connolly, P.P., officiated at the obsequies, assisted by the Rev. Fr. J. O'Beirne, C.C., and Rev. M. Murphy.

Chief mourners were:—Patrick (son); Mary, Jane, Helen and Mrs. K. O'Kelly (daughters), and Rev. M. O'Sullivan (cousin), Ballybunion.

DROMCOLLOGHER SOCIAL CLUB

The following are results of a billiards tournament promoted by the Dromcollogher Social Club (game to 200 in each case):—P. Noonan beat J. Hyland (152); P. Long, N.T., beat J. McCarthy (184); S. Ryan beat J. Gleeson (155); P. O'Sullivan beat T. J. Geary (177); N. Farrell beat J. McAuliffe (192); N. Russell beat J. Daly (188); D. Considine beat J. Noonan (157).

LATE MR. T. DILLANE, GLIN.

In the report of the funeral of the late Mr. T. Dillane, Glin, the names of Messrs. Thomas O'Connor, Tullygiass and Edward O'Connor, Athea (brothers-in-law), should have been included in the list of chief mourners. They were inadvertently omitted, as were the following names from the list of those who sent Mass cards:—Mick and May Adams, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Thomas Healy, John and Maurice Meade, the Mullane family, Athea; Ned and Masie Moore, John McNamara, Conway's Hotel, Thomas and Ann Cregan.

SALE OF FARM

At the Courthouse, Charleville, Mr. D. B. Walsh, auctioneer, disposed of a compact residential hold-

Surgeries: 14-15 Dr. O'Connell (over Sackville Studios, Office 20). No half-day. Mrs. M. attends at 49 Grafton Street. Martin will visit the following: Limerick—Tuesday, April 9th, Cruise's Hotel. Limerick—Thursday, April 25th, Cruise's Hotel. Limerick—Friday, April 26th, Cruise's Hotel. Tralee—Saturday, April 27th, Benner's Hotel. Ennis—Wednesday, April 24th, Queen's Hotel. Kilkenny—Wednesday, May 1st, Imperial Hotel. Tipperary—Thursday, May 2nd, Royal Hotel. Hours—9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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