

months training course in hotel work at Lisdoonvarna, the Minister for Education informed Clare Vocational Committee that he had no funds at his disposal out of which a special grant could be made for the purpose.

The Committee decided to drop the scheme for this year and to start early next year, Father D. Kelly, C.C., remarking that if they increased the fee for each trainee to £40 or £50 it would enable the expenditure to be met. If, he added, all the girls were placed in positions after the course it would be plain sailing for the scheme every year afterwards.

DEATHS.

BUTLER—December 18th, 1946, at her daughter's residence, Roxboro', Ballysheedy, Mary, relict of Michael Butler and mother of Rev. J. Butler, Archdiocese of Glasgow. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Solemn Requiem High Mass in Knockea Church to-morrow (Thursday), at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Ludden.

FITZGERALD (Punch's Cross)—December 18th, 1946, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Quinlan, Rathdene, Fortfield Road, Terenure, Dublin, Bridget Fitzgerald (nee Punch). Sincerely regretted. R.I.P. Remains arrive Limerick by road at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow (Thurs.). Funeral after 10.30 a.m. Mass from St. Michael's Church on Friday to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

MANN—December 18th, 1946, at his residence, Wickham Street, Michael Mann (late of Patricks-well). Very deeply regretted by his loving wife, daughters, sisters, brothers and relatives. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Michael's Church this (Wednesday) evening, at 9 o'clock. Requiem Mass to-morrow (Thurs.), at 10 o'clock. Funeral same day, at 3 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

KILLALOE IN BAD WAY FOR FUEL

The Killaloe branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are doing everything possible to relieve the distress of the poor of Killaloe (writes our correspondent there). On Friday of last week, a cold, miserably wet day, when there was not a sod of turf or stick to be found to light a fire or cook a meal, the members of the branch procured a lorry load of turf from Coose, Whitegate, and sold it out to the poor at 3d. per dozen. They have on order for next week another lorry load, to be distributed free to all the necessitous cases. The branch is contemplating ordering a third lorry load to be sold at a reasonable rate in town. For some time past turf vendors charged at the rate of 8d. and 9d. per dozen for very inferior quality turf, which, though wet and spongy, was a God's send to those able to purchase it.

The branch has earned the gratitude of all for the attention given to the poor, and the provision made for the holy festival will be always remembered and much appreciated by those benefitting.

At the moment no blocks or firewood of any description are for sale in the town. Mr. O'Farrel, O'Gonnoloe, who sold trees at all times at a fair rate, cannot now cut trees for sale, as his permit has not been renewed. Killaloe, though in a turf area, is in a very bad way for fuel. Many of the inhabitants got their supplies cut, but were unable to draw the turf home owing to the bad weather and impassable roads.

DIED TOGETHER

Mr. Michael Walsh (76) and his wife, Honore (78), of Carrowkeel, Hollymount, Co. Mayo, died at exactly the same time. Both had been ailing for some time before dying.

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