

LIMERICK I.N.T.O.

The Recent Strike

SUGGESTED EXPULSION OF T.D.s

A meeting of Limerick County Committee of the I.N.T.O., presided over by Mr. Liam Hough, Chairman, was held in Limerick on 14th Dec. Mr. D. Kelleher, President of the Organisation, was present. All branches in the county were represented.

The state of organisation in the county was considered very satisfactory. Abbeyfeale and Dromcollogher had all teachers in their areas associated, while Limerick City had improved considerably, having only 4 out of 144 un-associated.

A long discussion took place regarding the strike and its termination.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. M. J. McNamee and seconded by Mr. J. J. Connellan, was passed unanimously—"That we, the members of Limerick Co. Committee, approve of the action of the C.E.C. in calling off the strike, and acceding to the wishes of his Grace, the Archbishop of Dublin."

The following resolution was also passed:—"That it is the unanimous opinion of the Co. Committee that the four teacher T.D.s who voted against the teachers in the recent Dail decision should be expelled from the organisation."

Mr. Liam Hough, Chairman, was appointed delegate to Congress.

"CURLY WEE AGAIN"

A WELCOME CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Probably the most appreciated feature ever published in any newspaper is that appearing daily in the "Irish Independent" under the heading "Curley Wee And Gussie Goose." It is read even by elderly people with as much zest and avidity as by the young, which is in itself a wonderful tribute to its attractiveness. The decision to publish episodes of the adventures of "Curley Wee" in book form as a Christmas issue for the past couple of years was, therefore, a very happy idea. The book just issued for this year bears the title "Curley Wee Again" and it can very truthfully be described as easily the best yet. On this occasion not only are the stories themselves singularly interesting but the illustrations are a special treat in view of the very artistic way in which they are coloured. For children there can be no more welcome Christmas present than this charming publication, and, indeed, adults will find the book also very interesting. The printers are Brown and Nolan, Dublin, the publishers Independent Newspapers, Ltd., and the book is on sale for 5/-, by post 5/6.

GREAT TREAT

ENTERTAINMENT FOR 500 CHILDREN

Through the courtesy of Mr. Louis Elliman, managing director, Irish Cinemas, Ltd., over 500 children were entertained to a special free matinee performance of "The Bells of St. Mary's" at the Savoy, Limerick, this afternoon.

Mr. Jack Nordell, Savoy manager, acted as host, and each of the boys and girls were given an orange and a bar of chocolate from "Santa Claus," whose seemingly inexhaustible store was set up in the foyer.

The kiddies, who were drawn from the schools of St. Michael's Parish, were given a further additional treat when Mr. John Enright, Mus.B., gave a festive recital on the Compton organ.

TESTIMONIAL

To Memory Of Great Teacher

LATE MR. T. M. LOFTUS, B.A.

The death of Thomas M. Loftus, B.A., principal teacher, Emly Boys School, on 6th December, 1946, brought intense grief and keenest sense of loss to his wife and young family. May God console and comfort them. His death brought sorrow, too, and keen sense of loss upon all the people of Emly parish, where for 25 years he had given of his best toward instructing our youth unto "truth, justice and judgment."

A profound scholar with many academic distinctions, he had in rare measure the faculty of imparting his scholarship to his pupils. Understanding well the true meaning of education, he drew out and developed the best in each boy. He was unsparing of himself that his boys leaving school for the work-a-day world year after year might be thoroughly qualified to act the part of responsible and intelligent citizens.

Thomas M. Loftus ever retained an affectionate, paternal interest in the boys who had been his pupils, and unobtrusively (one might say all unknown to them) he brought many of them, by his example or by, in season, his cheery word, to join the Confraternity or to enter the ranks of Total Abstinence.

In all activities of the parish, social or charitable, he was at all times ready to serve, to encourage others, to carry the bigger burthens himself. And his high sense of duty and his devotedness to his calling would not permit him, even when his health had become impaired, to seek respite until, alas! breaking point was reached.

No wonder is it that there arises on all sides a spontaneous desire to express in some way appreciation of his work and worth, and to mark in tangible form our gratitude for his self-sacrifice.

In response, therefore, to the wish and pleading that are unmistakable of parents, of his pupils over the years, and of his very many friends in Emly and outside of Emly, this testimonial is inaugurated. It will be open until January 20th, 1947, and lists will be published of all subscriptions handed or forwarded to anyone of the undersigned:—

- Rev. L. Meany, P.P., Emly.
- Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Emly.
- John C. Ryan, Emly.
- Patrick McNamara, Emly.
- D. J. Bourke, Monemore, Emly.
- John Purcell (jnr.), Monemore, Emly.
- Michael Q. Ryan, Ballinvrina, Emly.
- Timothy Quinlan, Ballinaveen, Emly.
- Thomas Quish, Ballyhone, Emly.
- Patrick Clancy, Bartoose, Emly.
- Patrick Byrnes, Duncummin, Emly.
- Ed. Crowe, Duncummin, Emly.
- Patrick Hennessy, Tulla, Emly.
- Patrick Ryan, Rhodus, Emly.
- Patrick Grace, Lisobihane, Emly.
- Ed. Heffernan, Lisobihane, Emly.
- John Gannon, Ballylooby, Galbally.
- Ed. O'Callaghan, Caherline.
- John Bowman, N.T., Pallasgreen.

NEW PLAY FOR KILFINANE

As can be seen by our advertising columns, the Kilfinane Dramatic Society will present Brian Michael O'Connor's new smash-hit three-act comedy, "The Colonel's Glory," at Kilfinane next Sunday. This new play is concerned with the glorious uncertainty of a greyhound Derby. The author has a gift for comedy, the characters are well drawn while a droll humour inspires dialogue and situation alike, so patrons can look forward to a most enjoyable night's entertainment.

WON TWENTY-SIX PRIZES

In six of the series of Comortas Ilgheitheach, a competition for

LIMERICK'S CLAIM

To University College

COUNTY COUNCIL VIEWS

The question of Limerick's claim to a Constituent College of the National University was the subject of a discussion at the meeting of the Limerick County Council held at the County Home, New castle West, Mr. Martin O'Dwyer, Chairman, presiding.

The Chairman suggested that the Council adopt a resolution in favour of the proposed Constituent College of the National University for Limerick in view of the pending visit of Professor O'Rahilly, President of U.C.C. to Limerick. There was no need, he said, to point out the advantages that would accrue from the establishment of a Constituent College of the University in Limerick.

A FORMER DISCUSSION. Senator D. J. Madden said his recollection was that after a very full and informative discussion on the subject within the past six months, the Co. Council had definitely decided against the proposal.

Chairman—I don't think that ever happened in the lifetime of the present Council.

Mr. McCarthy—I am absolutely certain that the Co. Council were never again: the idea of a Constituent College for Limerick.

Chairman—I would be very much surprised if that were so.

Mr. J. W. Carty—My recollection is that after hearing the views of the Limerick Chamber on the subject we dropped it like a hot potato.

Senator Madden—In any case I don't think a matter of such supreme importance should be foisted on the Council like this.

Chairman—I thought the Council would be unanimous in approving of the proposal for a Constituent College in Limerick.

PROFESSOR O'RAHILLY'S IDEA.

The Co. Manager (Mr. P. J. Meghen, B.E.) said he understood Professor O'Rahilly's idea was that certain first and second year courses in university training might be provided in Limerick, provision being made for the completion of the courses in Dublin or Cork. This arrangement would provide earlier university facilities in Limerick without incurring the cost of actually setting up a university in the city. He understood Professor O'Rahilly had ruled out the possibility of having what was called a Constituent College in Limerick. The present position was that a great many people, including officers of the local authorities, were greatly handicapped in Limerick by reason of the fact that they could not get qualifications which were available to similar officers in Dublin and Cork.

DAIRY SCIENCE.

Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solicitor, said he thought the Council would be much more advised to seek the setting up of a Dairy Science Institute in Limerick. There were, he thought, enough facilities at present for university education. The next thing they would have would be a request from the people of Newcastle West and Rathkeale for universities there.

Senator Madden, reviewing the history of the Limerick project, pointed out that the present National University was established as the result of a charter which, if withdrawn, would result in the centralisation of all university education in Dublin. A much better purpose would be served by pressing for the establishment of an institute of dairy science in Limerick.

A STRONG CLAIM.

Mr. P. T. McCarthy said that Limerick was undoubtedly entitled to a Constituent College of the University in view of its proud record in the history of education in the past. Certainly they in Limerick had every right to claim facilities for first and second year university training.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to drop further discussion on the subject.