

HELD HIGH OFFICE A GREAT PASTOR

In The Franciscan Order

DEATH AT LIMERICK FRIARY

The death occurred on Monday, after a brief illness, at the Franciscan Friary, Henry St., Limerick, of the late Very Rev. Louis Baldwin, O.F.M., the deceased Friar, who was born in Carrick-on-Suir in 1885, received his early education at the local national school and at Mount Melliaray Seminary. At the age of 17 he entered the Franciscan Order, completing his novitiate in Harafelt, Holland. Afterwards he proceeded to Rome, where he read a very brilliant course of philosophy and theology, and was ordained in the Eternal City on March 1st, 1890.

For some years after his ordination he taught philosophy and later theology to the students of the Order then studying in St. Isidore's College, Rome.

HE TAUGHT IN ROME

In 1903 he was elected Provincial, which high office he held until the middle of 1904, when at a General Chapter of the Order held in Rome, he was elected Definitor General. This exalted position he filled with dignity until 1910, when he returned to Ireland. He spent some years in the Cork, Ennis and Galway Communities, and the last nine years were spent as a member of the Limerick Community, where, by his gentleness, humility, charity and retiring disposition, he endeared himself to his confreres and to all those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Requiem Mass, preceded by the Office of the Dead, was celebrated on Tuesday morning, his Lordship the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, presiding. The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. Father Ephraim O'Shea, O.F.M., Guardian; deacon, Rev. Father Fabian Joyce, O.F.M., Clonmel; sub-deacon, Rev. Father Adrian Lyons, O.F.M., Cork; master of ceremonies, Rev. Father Raphael Clynes, O.F.M., Killarney. The chanters were—Rev. Father Colgan O'Dea, O.F.M., Ennis; Rev. Father Joachim Kelleher, Limerick.

IN THE CHOIR

Over fifty priests attended in the choir, including the following—Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Father Pacificus Nolan, O.F.M., Provincial, Dublin; Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan, O.S.A., Prior, Limerick; Rev. Father O'Connell, O.P., Limerick; Rev. Father Taheny, O.P., do.; Very Rev. Father R. F. Roche, S.J., Rector, The Crescent; Very Rev. V. Cowper, P.P., D.D., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. Father Fridolin Fahily, O.F.M., Guardian, Cork; Very Rev. Father Jariath Mangan, O.F.M.; Guardian, Waterford; Very Rev. Father Malachy MacQuillan, O.F.M., Guardian, Dublin; Rev. J. P. Vignoles, O.S.A., Limerick; Rev. D. Roche, S.J., do.; Rev. J. C. Collins, O.P., do.; Rev. Roger Moloney, O.F.M., Galway; Rev. A. Ryan, O.S.A., Limerick; Very Rev. Eintan Russell, O.F.M. (Guardian), St. Anthony's College, Galway; Very Rev. Leonard Mattimoe, Guardian, The Abbey, Galway; Very Rev. Cuthbert McNulty, O.F.M., Guardian, Glasgow; Rev. Father Hilary Killoury, O.F.M.; Galway; Rev. Paul Kelly, O.F.M., Waterford; Rev. Father C. Mangan, C.S.S.R., Limerick; Rev. Terence O'Donnell, O.F.M., Multyfarnham; Rev. Oswald Gill, O.F.M., do.; Very Rev. J. McDonnell, C.S.S.R. (Rector), Limerick; Rev. Father A. Van Noone, O.P., do.; Rev. Thomas Chambers, O.F.M., do.; Rev. Andrew Creighton, O.F.M., Killarney; Rev. Irenaeus Guy, O.F.M., Wexford; Rev. Theophilus Gantley, O.F.M., Limerick, etc.

RELATIVES PRESENT

Relatives—Mrs. Baldwin, Carrick-on-Suir; Mrs. O'Donnell, do.; Mrs. Power, do.; Miss Aggie Baldwin, do.; James Power, do.; James O'Connell, do.; Patrick Baldwin, do.; Michael Baldwin, do.; William Galvin, do.; Edmund Baldwin, do.; James Baldwin, do.; David and Mrs. Nash, Newcastle West; Mrs. Barron, Limerick; Mrs. Parle, Carrickbeg.

The funeral, which was made up of representatives of every walk of life in the city, testified to the esteem in which the deceased Friar was held. The Brothers of the Third Order acted as pall-bearers, closely followed by a detachment of Civic Guards, for whom Father Louis had always a special affection.

MESSAGE FROM APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

Messages of sympathy were received by Father Guardian from the Apostolic Nuncio, who was a life-long friend and confrere of the deceased; from the Mayor, City Manager and Corporation, and from a number of other representative bodies in the city and county.

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Laid To Rest

THE LATE CANON CONDON

The sad news of his death at the Parochial House of Very Rev. William J. Condon, P.P., Newport, after a short illness, on last Saturday afternoon, cast a gloom over the town and countryside (writes our Newport correspondent). All business was suspended and shops were closed when it became known that their venerable pastor had breathed his last.

His reverence, who had reached the age of 79 years, was a native of Ballylanders, County Limerick. Educated at Rockwell College, he took up duty in the Archdiocese of Westminster shortly after his ordination at Thurles Cathedral in 1895. After ministering at Wapping and St. Mary's, Morefields; he later became attached to Westminster Cathedral as chaplain. On his return to Ireland he became Curate at Newport, Cashel, and Tipperary town successively, before his appointment as P.P. of Newport in 1928. The news of his return to Newport was very well received, and was an occasion of great rejoicing by the people of the parish, who had known him as a Curate there.

BUILDING OF CHURCH

On taking over charge of the Newport Parish, he took upon his shoulders the responsibility of erecting a new church to replace the century old building, which he considered was not worthy of the fine Catholic people of the parish. In 1933 he blessed and laid the foundation stone of the new church which, when completed, would cost £25,000. With the assistance of his curates and a generous people his Reverence was highly pleased when he saw his task completed in record time, and a few years later the late Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Harty, presided at the consecration ceremony of the new church. Canon Condon celebrated Mass on the occasion and his Grace, in an eloquent sermon, paid a great tribute to the Pastor, clergy and generous parishioners of Newport.

The remains of the late Canon Condon were laid to rest on Monday after Requiem Office and High Mass, at the foot of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, erected by the people of Newport in recognition of their Pastor's great work.

The late Canon Condon was an uncle of Very Rev. Timothy Condon, Adm., Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.

On last Sunday evening the remains of the late Canon were removed from the Parochial House to the Parish Church, where Very Rev. Michael Kennedy, P.P., Murroe, recited the Rosary. There was a large number of clergy present, and the funeral was of extremely large proportions.

On Monday morning His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Kinnane, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, presided at High Mass, which was celebrated by Very Rev. Timothy Condon, nephew of deceased. The assistants at the throne were—Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., Hospital, and Very Rev. Canon Ryan, P.P., V.F., Pallas. Rev. P. Lee, C.C., Doon, was deacon, and Rev. Ed. Ryan, C.C., Emly, was sub-deacon; Very Rev. T. O'Connor, Adm., Thurles, was master of ceremonies. The chanters were—Rev. J. Bannon, C.C., Kiltely, and Rev. S. O'Rahilly, C.C., Newport.

IN THE CHOIR

In the choir were—Very Rev. M. J. Boylan, P.P., Iona Road; Very Rev. M. Kennedy, P.P., V.F., Murroe; Very Rev. D. J. Dinan, C.S.Sp., President, Rockwell College; Very Rev. J. McElligott, P.P., Kiltely; Very Rev. J. Foley, P.P., Knockaviney; Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., Bansa; Very Rev. F. Davin, Adm., Solohead; Very Rev. P. O'Shea, P.P., Cappamore; Very Rev. J. K. Dunne, P.P., Ballylanders; Very Rev. J. J. Canon Ryan, P.P., Fethard; Very Rev. Ed. Canon Kelly, P.P., Kille-naule; Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., Castleconnell; Rev. E. Condon, P.P., Banogue; Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's, Limerick; Rev. T. McCormack, P.P., Caherconlish; Very Rev. T. F. Canon O'Molloy, Killoe; Rev. Dom Bernard O'Shea, O.S.B., Glenstal; Very Rev. R. M. Quinn, C.S.S.R., Mount St. Alphonsus, Limerick; Rev. W. J. Ryan, P.P., Kilcommon; Rev. L. Meaney, P.P., Emly; Rev. L. Thackaberry, C.C., Pro-Cathedral, Dublin; Rev. F. Kenny, C.C., do.; Rev. E. Brennan, C.C., Iona Road; Rev. J. Ryan, C.C., Blackrock; Rev. M. J. Kennedy, C.F., McKee Barracks, Dublin; Rev. C. Ryan, D.D., St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. J. Moynihan, C.C., Knockavilla; Rev. J. O'Mahony, Chaplain, Dundrum; Rev. Ed. Ryan, Rector, P.S.M. College, Thurles; Rev. J. Lee, C.C., Moyglass; Rev. M. Hol-laway, C.C., Caherconlish; Rev. T. F. English, C.C., Solohead; Rev. J. McGrath, C.C., Killoscully; Rev. M. B. O'Dwyer, C.C., Cappawhite; Rev. D. O'Brien, C.C., Bansa; Rev. P. Clune, C.C., Killaloe; Rev. P. Hogan, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev. J. Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe; Rev. P. Fogarty, C.C., Thurles; Rev. J. O'Meara, C.C., Knockainy; Rev. P. Walsh, C.C., Cappamore; Rev. D. Blackburn, C.C., New Inn; Rev. J. Bergin, C.C., Hospital; Rev. E. Kinnane, C.C., Pallasgreen; Rev. E. Gorman, Chap-

CO. LIMERICK VOCATIONAL SCHEME

Inspector's Tributes To Good Work

"PROGRESSIVE AND EFFICIENT"

Question Of Organiser For Irish

Mr. Sean Hartney, Chairman, presided at Tuesday's meeting of Limerick County Vocational Education Committee. Also present were—Very Rev. T. Canon de Bhall, P.P.; Very Rev. J. Canon Wall, P.P.; Senator D. J. Madden, Co.C.; Messrs. D. McAuliffe, Co.C.; P. T. McCarthy, Co.C.; P. Lillis, Co.C.; and P. Maguire, Co.C. Mr. M. Moran, C.E.O., was also in attendance.

At the outset, the Chairman proposed sympathy with the C.E.O. on the recent death of his sister, who was, the Chairman said, a member of the Order of Mercy.

The Committee unanimously joined in the vote of sympathy, to which the C.E.O. suitably replied.

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Committee also unanimously voted sympathy to Mr. O'Connor, head master of Shanagolden School, on the recent death of his brother, who left a widow and three young children; and with the family of the late Mr. M. Dore, Ballston House, Shanagolden.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee had before them a report of the Department's Inspector on the working of the Vocational Education Scheme in operation in Co. Limerick during the 1945-'46 session.

The report stated that the general direction and administration of the scheme were progressive and efficient. The report went on:—

"The scheme was organised on the same lines as in previous sessions. Whole-time day courses and evening classes for adults were conducted at the seven permanent centres; additional afternoon classes in domestic science were held at two of these centres, and an afternoon class for motor car engineering apprentices at one. Sessional classes in Irish, rural science and woodwork were held at 29 centres in rural areas.

"Suitable provision for religious instruction was made in all the Committee's schools.

"Organised games were a feature of the programme in most centres. It is desirable that this should be extended to all permanent day schools and that the programme should also include simple exercises in physical culture, because of the beneficial effect of these activities in promoting a healthy school spirit.

ENROLMENT FIGURES

"Figures of the enrolments in the whole-time day courses for the 1945-46 and the 1944-45 sessions, respectively, are—Cappamore, 40, 40; Croom, 31, 15; Dromcollogher, 34, 51; Hospital, 74, 74; Kiltinane, 43, 31; Newcastle West, 103, 86; Shanagolden, 36, 19. Totals, 361 and 316.

"The total enrolment of 361 students represented an increase of 45 students over that of the preceding session.

"Increased enrolments were recorded at Newcastle West, Kiltinane, Croom and Shanagolden, the figures for the two last-named centres being approximately double last year's numbers. At Cappamore and Hospital there was no change, but a substantial decrease was registered at Dromcollogher.

"Average attendances at all schools were somewhat low. This was due in part to transport and other difficulties arising from emergency conditions, and also to an epidemic of influenza, which was widespread throughout the county in the early spring, and which affected attendances seriously at all schools.

"In spite of these special difficulties, however, the average attendance at most schools should have been higher, and it is advisable that every effort be made by the teachers, and particularly by the headmasters, to secure greater regularity of attendance. It is recommended that a stricter attitude be adopted towards occasional absences."

Figures of enrolments in the various afternoon and evening classes gave the following information as regards the different centres in 1945-'46:—Cappamore, 78; Croom, 110; Dromcollogher, 107; Hospital, 91; Kiltinane, 69; Newcastle West, 95; Shanagolden, 183; total, 733.

"The report continued:—The attendance at these classes was generally satisfactory. In the sessional classes held at non-permanent centres 939 students were enrolled and the average attendance—70 per cent. of the enrolment—was good.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WORK

"In addition to the instruction given in day and evening classes, much work of a social and cultural nature was undertaken by the teachers. Special lectures and practical demonstrations were

particularly evident in Newcastle West, where, indeed, it affected the average attendance at Commercial classes to a serious extent. The fact that this demand exists and that it is growing year by year is an indication of the high opinion which local employers hold of the value of the training given in the Vocational Schools. The aim should be, however, to ensure that, eventually, employers will take only those students who have completed the full day courses of post-primary education.

"The large number of entries for the Department's examinations was a healthy sign, and the high percentage of successes obtained was creditable, both to the students and their teachers.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

"As in previous sessions, scholarships were awarded to students of the day schools to enable them to obtain more advanced training in particular subjects. Thus, a scholarship, tenable at Coolarne, was given in domestic science, one tenable at Glenstal in cabinet-making, one in engineering and building trades at Limerick City Technical School. Two scholarships in rural science at Newcastle West and Hospital Schools and twenty-five Irish scholarships to Carrigaholt were also provided. Nine students of the Committee's schools won scholarships offered by the County Committee of Agriculture.

"Very creditable progress was made in the evening classes in Irish, which were held at the seven permanent centres and at twenty-seven non-permanent centres. A total of 1,044 students enrolled at these classes, the average enrolment and attendance per class being 30 and 20, respectively. In addition to the formal teaching of the language, due attention was paid in all classes to Irish music, Irish dancing and the presentation of dramas in Irish. The organisation of concerts, cellidhthe and dramatic entertainments was a feature of the programme at most centres, while several aeridheachtanna were organised, as well as very successful feiseanna at Kiltinane, Castleconnell and Ballylanders. All teachers co-operated enthusiastically in the functions organised in commemoration of Thomas Davis and the Young Ireland Movement.

SATISFACTORY WORK

Commenting on the report, the Chairman said it was apparent that the work of the Committee's staff was satisfactory during the year reviewed. The report had been circulated to members and, unless there were important remarks to be made on certain points of it, he thought it would be superfluous for the members to discuss it.

Mr. McCarthy said he thought the report was most satisfactory and felt that it did not call for discussion by the Committee.

The report was not further discussed.

QUESTION OF AN IRISH ORGANISER

A letter was received from the Department, acknowledging receipt from the December meeting of the Committee of a scheme for the organising of the Co. Limerick under an Irish organiser; stating that the Department had already carefully considered the possibility of appointing such an organiser, but regretting that approval could not be given to the scheme proposed by the Committee. The letter added that the Department had alternative proposals to lay before the Committee on this matter and two inspectors would attend the Committee's next meeting in order to explain more fully the Department's attitude.

Mr. McCarthy said the Department appeared at last to be paying attention to the Committee's requirements in this respect. He would like, at this stage, to congratulate Senator Madden for the case he recently made in the Senate for the Limerick Committee.

Canon de Bhall—He brought us before the Senate, at any rate.

Senator Madden—I hope I said enough and that it will bear fruit. I was complimented afterwards by Senator Mrs. Concannon and others. This Committee deserves anything I could possibly say. I felt that we had pride of place and I wasn't a bit timorous about saying what I could.

The C.E.O.—I am afraid that some people were picking something different to what you meant out of your speech. An inspector informed me the other day that out of all the Irish classes in the country, the attendances at our classes are the best.

Senator Madden—It's a pity I didn't know that.

Canon de Bhall said he would

Another Glorious