

LAIID TO REST

Rev. D. O'Connell
O.P.

BISHOP PRESIDES AT
OBSEQUIES

The obsequies of Rev. Damian O'Connell, O.P., took place in St. Saviour's Church, Limerick, on Saturday. There was a very large congregation, the citizens being desirous to manifest their sorrow at the death of a great priest and to express by their presence their sympathy with the Dominican Order in their great loss.

Father O'Connell was a native of Macroom, Co. Cork. Educated at Mount Melleray, he entered the Dominican Order in 1924. He began his theological studies in Tallaght, Co. Dublin, proceeding thence to Rome, where he was ordained in 1930.

Having completed his studies, he returned to Ireland and exercised his priestly ministry in several of the Irish Dominican Pories, principally in Galway, Cork and Limerick. He came to Limerick in 1940, and immediately won the esteem of the people among whom he ministered by his cheerful and charitable disposition. He was indefatigable in his work and most charitable to all who sought his ministrations.

The Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, presided at the solemn Office and Requiem High Mass. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. J. White, Adm., St. Michael's, and Rev. J. Brassill, Adm., St. John's.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. William Barden, O.P.; deacon, Rev. Isidore McArdle, O.P.; sub-deacon, Rev. Anthony Roche, O.P.

The following priests were in the sanctuary—Very Rev. Daniel Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Very Rev. Michael Canon Moloney, P.P., St. Munchin's; Very Rev. Dr. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. J. P. Duggan, Rector, C.S.S.R.; Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Prior, O.S.A.; Very Rev. Redmond Roche, Rector, S.J.; Very Rev. Ephrem, O.F.M., Guardian; Very Rev. Dominic Geelan, O.P., Provincial; Rev. Fathers O'Sullivan, Lyons, O'Donnell, O'Dea and Minihan, C.C.s, St. Michael's; Rev. Fathers Kennedy and Costelloe, C.C.s, St. Mary's; Rev. Fathers McCarthy and Griffin, C.C.s, St. Munchin's; Rev. Father O'Regan, C.C., St. Patrick's; Rev. Fathers Creed, Moran and Fee, C.C.s; St. John's; Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan, Corbally; Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., Bruree; Rev. Fathers Elzear, O.F.M., and Joachim, O.F.M.; Rev. Fr. Vignolas, O.S.A.; Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. Hanna, S.C., Pallaskenry; Rev. Fr. Barragry, S.J.; Rev. Fr. Tynan, D.I.; Rev. Fr. Norbert Barry, O.P., Waterford; Rev. Fr. Isidore McArdle, Sligo; Rev. Fr. Peter Gogarty, O.P., Cork; Rev. Fr. John Houston, O.P., Dublin; Rev. Fr. Bertrand Farrell, O.P., Newbridge; Rev. Fr. Stephen Glendon, O.P., Tralee; Rev. Bro. Gabriel, O.P., Tallaght.

INSTALLED AS V.G.

CO. LIMERICK PRIEST IN

WAS IN STOCKINGED FEET

Ruse By Sergeant

REMARKABLE EVIDENCE IN COURT

Many Charges Of Housebreaking

James Courtney, no fixed abode, was, at a special sitting of the Limerick District Court to-day, before Acting District Justice J. G. Hurley, B.L., charged with eight counts alleging burglary and larceny, three counts alleging burglary, and one alleging larceny, during a period extending from the 1st January to 25th January, 1947, and in the Counties of Limerick (9) and Clare (3).

Mr. Maurice M. Power, solicitor (State Solicitor's Office) (instructed by Supt. P. Colleran, Limerick; Supt. J. Downing, Pallas, and Supt. Lavan, Killaloe), prosecuted.

The accused was not professionally represented.

Mrs. Hilda Goodbody, Woodstown, Lisnagry, said she resided with her sister-in-law, Mrs. L. H. Goodbody, and remembered the night of the 1st January last, when she retired to bed about 10 o'clock that night. She subsequently heard something fall in the room below her at 4 o'clock a.m. When she came downstairs she turned on the light, but noticed a light in the diningroom when she entered the hall. The door was partly opened and she opened it fully, and then observed a man at her silver drawer. When he saw her he flashed a torch in her face and he gradually got out of the hall, coming in her direction, and pushed her down in his effort to get away. He went down the passage and out to the yard way. Witness screamed as loudly as possible to attract attention and then her sister-in-law came on the scene. Witness then heard a crash of glass shortly afterwards, and subsequently discovered that it was the glass of the library window going into the verandah near the ground floor. There was nothing missing in the room where she saw the man, though the cabinets were all opened and the drawers pulled out. A few great sentimental things were missing, namely, a pen-knife and glasses. She had to buy a new pair of glasses, which cost £2 10s. She was aware that other articles which her sister-in-law had in the house were missing. She recognised the gold watch (produced), which was belonging to her sister-in-law, and the map gauge was also the latter's property.

The Justice told the accused at this stage that he was at liberty to cross-examine the witness, and could ask her any questions. He could also cross-examine subsequent witnesses, but would advise him that it would be wiser to reserve his defence in view of the fact that he was not professionally represented.

ASKED NO QUESTIONS.

Accused said that he did not want to cross-examine the witness.

Miss Lysalle Helen Goodbody said

vious night, was wide open, as well as the back door. Some bread had been taken from a bread bin and removed over to a press. She then discovered that the following were missing:—Pair of gent's gloves, a torch, a head scarf, a black shopping bag, a grey scarf, and a pair of gloves (produced).

Rev. John Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe, said that on the night of the 25th January he retired to bed at about 12 midnight. All the windows and doors of the house were secured before retiring. At about 1.5 a.m. he was called by Guard Whiteside and went with him to the diningroom downstairs, where he saw his desk opened and his wallet, which had been in the desk, lay on an armchair, emptied of all its contents. Some articles which he had in his overcoat pocket had been placed on a table. He saw the accused, now present in Court in the drawingroom in the custody of Sergeant Tobin.

"IT IS A FAIR CATCH."

Sergt. Patrick Tobin, Murroe, said that on the morning of the 26th January he was on patrol duty passing the house of the previous witness at 1 a.m.—the house being situated at about 60 yards from the road. He noticed a dim light in the drawingroom and he approached a front window, where he saw a light moving around the room through a hole in the blind. He then saw a man in the room inspecting articles on the mantelpiece, with a flash lamp in his hand. He then returned to the barracks about 150 yards away and when he came back in his stocking feet to the house he was accompanied a short time afterwards by three other Guards. Guard Tagney drew his attention to a window which was partially open, and to an overcoat which was laid down outside this window. He was helped on to the window by Guard Whiteside. He (witness) raised the window and jumped through the blind. At the same time Guards Whiteside and Tagney flashed their lights into the room, where he saw the accused at an open desk in the corner of the room. When he was moving towards him, the accused whirled around and said: "It is a fair catch, I'll go with you." Witness asked him if he were James Courtney, and he replied that he was Courtney was then taken to the Garda Station, where witness found in his possession £4 in single notes, 1/2d in silver and coppers, 1 comb, 3 boxes of matches, 1 pipe, 1 lady's gold watch, 1 penknife, 1 kitchen knife, 1 hand torch and 2 handkerchiefs (all produced).

WALLET AND MONEY MISSING.

Rev. David Wall, C.C., Donoughmore, said that on the 13th January last, before retiring to bed at 11.30 p.m., he satisfied himself that all