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A BIG FIGURE

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LATE WILLIAM KEANE

The death of the late Liam Keane, of Garryowen—"Big Bill The Piper," as he was generally known—has severed another link with the Gaelic revival days in the city and county of Limerick. He was a man of sterling qualities and a lovable disposition. An outstanding musician, he secured the highest honours in Ireland at the Oireachtas some forty years ago. His skill on the chanter of the Irish uillean pipes was only excelled by his delicate touch with the chisel, as the national monument at the Republican Plot and the monument to Michael Hogan, the Bard of Thomond, at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, can testify. A lover of Ireland and liberty, he was the first Captain of the Blackboy Pike Company, when the Vounteers were formed in Limerick, and gave loyal services to the I.R.A. during the subsequent years. He became so unpopular with the British murder gang that his house was burned and all his old manuscripts, with two very valuable sets of Irish pipes, destroyed.

Bill Keane was one of the pioneer members of the Gaelic League in Limerick and one of the founders of the Irish Pipers' Club. His name was a household word with the old veteran Irish pipers in Dublin and the first President of the Gaelic League, Dr. Douglas Hyde, paid him a very special compliment at a gathering of the clans at the Rotunda, Dublin, in 1910. A great lover of our own msic, he was a friend and benefactor to many musicians in his lifetime and was always willing and anxious to give his advice and assistance to those who played the ancient melodies of Ireland. He was truly a "Warrior Bard" and was loyal to the "Land of Song." No more will we hear the descriptive pibroch the "Battle Of Aughrim," or the "Fox Chase," played with such exquisite skill by a master of his instrument, because the art of close fingering, or staccato playing as it is called, went with the artist. A man of powerful physique, it was amazing to watch his fingers when he played some delicate, intricate melody on his pipes. He was truly a gifted man and fearless in danger.

His old comrades of long ago, in the days of danger, formed a guard of honour at his funeral and he was laid to rest in St. Patrick's Cemetery with full military honours, to the sad notes of a Gaelic lament, payed on the Irish pipes he loved so well.

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ASSAULT SUMMONS

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A Great Attraction.

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speak for themselves, it do
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Limerick's team-building
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Committee is to play a l
Sheehan. The team is. W.
Holman and Hartrey; Mill
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Dundalk make no chang
the side which defeated W
last Sunday.

Their line-out will be:
Beattie, Whelan; McEvoy,
Matthews; Macken, Green,
Hamilton, O'Brien.

Snap Shots.

Congratulations will be
to Pike Rovers on the achi
of the double in the younge
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minors were successful in t
pective leagues, and needles
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A special general meetin
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meeting will commence
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Prospect A.F.C. are off
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Secretary, Mr. C. Mungova
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From Limerick Club.

Mr. T. Catling, Chairman
Limerick A.F.C. sends the
ing, addressed: "To soccer
sports fans."

Again it is my privileg