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Referring to the Secretary's report and statement of accounts, Mr. W. J. Feehan said that he desired to draw the members' attention to an item of expenditure in connection with the Congress of Irish Unions. As the General Secretary of the Union, Mr. Drumgoole, was present he (Mr. Feehan) was taking the opportunity to request him to make a statement in regard to the organisation of Congress, and in particular in regard to the control and direction of the National Labour Party.

"The aims and objects of the Congress of Irish Unions, as understood them," said Mr. Feehan, "is that they desire the Irish Labour Movement to be controlled and directed by Irishmen, and that the head offices of such Unions should be in Ireland. The Executive of the Congress object, and rightly so, to trade unionists in Ireland being controlled and directed from outside the country. You have endorsed the action of this Union in connection with this matter, and you are affiliated to Congress."

Mr. Feehan, continuing, expressed dissatisfaction with the present organisation of Congress. "I want to emphasise," he said, "that I am not the mouthpiece of any political party. I am not a member of any political party. In my opinion the organisation lacks enthusiasm, and the executive has neglected to organise the country. There is no branch of the Congress in Limerick, and there appears to be no control over the National Labour Party. I would like to know how much of the political fund of this Union was devoted to defraying expenses of the National Labour candidates in the recent General Election? Did Congress select and nominate the candidates of the National Labour Party? Was there a party pledge, and if so what were its terms, and was it signed by the candidates? I would like Mr. Drumgoole to make a statement covering these points. In conclusion, I desire to assure Mr. Drumgoole that Congress has the support of this Union. The aims and objects of Congress must and will be realised, provided the movement is properly organised and the political arm is properly directed and controlled."

The Chairman remarked that Mr. Drumgoole would address the delegates later.

Mr. Gus Hogan, following, congratulated the Secretary of the Branch on his very able report and on the magnificent work which he had done during the year. In the course of his duties he had displayed the ability of a senior counsellor. He would also like to pay tribute to their late Chairman, Mr. Tom O'Dowd, and would wish him every success in his business venture. He would also like to congratulate his successor, Mr. Barry, and the other officials of the Branch.

The report and statement of accounts was then unanimously adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
The election of officers resulted in Mr. Barry being unanimously re-elected Chairman, while Mr. L. Erawn was elected Vice-Chairman. The other positions would be filled at a special meeting.

Messrs. Barry and Erawn were nominated for the Central Executive Council.

Arising out of the proposed alterations of rules, the Secretary said it was proposed to raise the 2/6 scale (a) in the contributions to 3/6; scale (b) from 4/- to 5/-, and the 6/- scale (c) to remain as heretofore. With these additional contributions, the benefits to be derived would be increased.

Mr. Feehan expressed the opinion that it was unfair to increase the lower scales and to leave the higher scale unchanged. He was a member of the Union according to scale (c) or the higher scale, and he would not be affected by an increase, but he considered it too much to ask a junior in scale (a) to pay more than 2/6 at the end of

The Manager said that he would write to the I.T. & G.W. Union and the Employers' Federation to ascertain what progress had been made in the negotiations.

Mr. Whelan—I am satisfied to have that done. It is a terrible pity to have our port idle while other ports are congested with shipping.

NO FORMAL STATEMENT.
Answering Mr. Walsh, the Manager said that he had conversations with the City Manager in connection with the use of the crane for the unloading of a cargo of coal for the Gas Works. In view of the negotiations that were now going on, the Manager did not wish to make any formal statement.

The matter was not further discussed.

The Harbour Master asked permission to appoint a deputy for himself for the holiday period. He suggested that an increased remuneration be given to the deputy, as the rate in operation was over 20 years old.

On the proposition of Ald. Bourke it was unanimously decided to give the necessary permission to the Harbour Master to appoint his own deputy at an increased rate of remuneration.

SHORT WAVE RADIO GROUP
Claimed to be the first of its kind in this country, a Short Wave Radio Group was formed in Limerick a few weeks ago, and it boasts over 50 members, mostly Rineanna personnel. To Mr. Brian Fogarty, O'Connell St., goes the full credit for his enthusiasm and initiative in starting this Club, which will meet regularly to have Morse Classes, exchange short-wave component parts, and take part in outdoor activities. Two Irish-Americans, a Canadian and an English man, all of whom hold transmission licences, and have their own equipment, were among the first to join. The Group is fortunate, too, in having as Secretary Mpt. Officer G. Brasill, Irish Representative of the Short Wave League.

DEATH OF A NUN
The Limerick Community of the Faithful Companions of Jesus, Laurel Hill Convent, are bereaved by the death of Mother Gabriel Meade, who was in religion for over 50 years. For thirty years she laboured at Newtownbarry, where she did great work in the cause of religion and education. For the past twenty years she was attached to Laurel Hill Convent, playing a big part in the progress of this noted educational establishment. She was a native of Dublin.

The obsequies will take place tomorrow following Office and Solemn Requiem Mass at 10.30 o'clock.

COMMUNISTS TRANSFERRED
A message received from London today states that Fascists and Communists will immediately be transferred from British Government Departments dealing with foreign and military affairs.

This decision, it is stated, was reached at a Cabinet meeting held today. It is assumed that the Government was becoming disturbed by reported Communist infiltration into Government offices.

AER LINGUS FARES TO BE INCREASED
Fares on all Aer Lingus British and European services will be increased from April 18th. The increases will average about £1 a single ticket, and pro rata for round trip tickets. Dublin-Shannon Airport fares will not be affected.

hope and in materialism itself. If a dash should come and if on both sides materialism reigns, then, indeed, is the future dark.

CAN BE ONLY ONE REPLY.
There can be only one reply to the forces of materialism that threaten us to-day. It is the reply of sacrifice, which is the very foundation of our Christian Faith. Around it stands all that we believe and all that we love. It came in prophecy that told of the Coming; it was the very life of the Incarnation; its fulfillment was on Calvary, and it has come through the Christian centuries, the great ideal that led to God. Let us face facts. If we want a Christianity from which the spirit of sacrifice is absent, then we can have little hope of victory. Such a Christianity is no longer Christianity, and such an empty Christianity would fight in vain. If we would even put as much sacrifice into our faith as our enemies put into their materialism, we would be confident in our strength. Surely a Faith based on sacrifice would expect something more. Then, not on force of arms must we base our future, but on that spirit of sacrifice which our Faith demands. If this spirit was active in our lives and in the lives of Christian nations, then we need not fear the future, for no power on earth could destroy such a force. The Pope has told us that sordid egoism is the cause of the evils of to-day.

FATHER MATHEW'S WORK.
I am speaking to you this evening of a day dedicated by the Hierarchy to Temperance on this virtue, but I want to speak to you especially on that approach to temperance enshrined in the Pioneer Association of the Sacred Heart. The growth of that spirit of sacrifice in the Temperance Movement in Ireland can be understood by making a brief review of the story of temperance in this country. Over a century ago our country lay very low and few searched within for the causes of her illness. Then God sent one of the greatest Irish patriots and Christian social reformers of the age—Father Theobald Mathew. He studied the situation and he saw to what depths our nation had fallen. Despair, poverty, degradation, all these could never make Ireland "A Nation Once Again." It was true there were outside forces at work, but chains cannot enslave a people nor the soul of a nation; only apathy and despair can do this. The widespread habit of intemperance had dulled the minds of our people and the spirit of our nation. Were we to die it would not be due to political slavery, but to social and moral degradation. The great Apostle of temperance took up the flag—the flag of temperance and the flag of a nation's hopes. With a superhuman strength and with a prayer to God in his heart, he went forth on a most extraordinary campaign. Superficial patriots could not judge the greatness of his mission. Through the length and breadth of the land went this new liberator, preaching a gospel to the people to free themselves from the chains of their own making. A revolution took place. Men and women flocked to his meetings, the enemy of intemperance was conquered for the time and the people of Ireland went forth into a new age and into a promised land. It was Temperance that gave us back our self-respect and placed our people on the road that led to a final resurgence. The story of Father Mathew is the story of the salvation of our people. Excess in drinking had been not merely a sign of drunkenness, but it was a social sin, the effects of which were seen in the state of the country. Temperance had brought the light of hope as well as courage and self-respect. The work of Father Mathew had rejuvenated a whole race not only in Ireland, but throughout the lands of their dispersion.

THE SOCIAL ORDER.
For us Christians the Social Order is something more than a

I can sum them up in a few words by saying: intemperance breeds vice, selfishness, and selfishness breeds all the evils that destroy a Christian We Order. Only on charity and a true community spirit can we build an abiding nation.

With the ideal of the Mystical Body of Christ in his mind, with a deep love for the salvation of souls, who we can scarcely wonder at Father Cullen's new aspect of the cause of give-temperance summed up in the Heroic Offering. It was the logical conclusion from the contemplation of the Mystical Body to formulate a plan to cure a social disorder that was a contradiction of the Divine plan. As in a vision, Father Cullen saw the still greater evil of intemperance and he felt that if the evil were to be eliminated the motives of the work were to be on the same level as the society that was to be saved. It was no longer a mere fight against intemperance. It was no longer to be a self-protecting pledge; it was to be a living co-operation with the work of redemption. The Heroic Offering shows the way to co-operate in the working of the Mystical Body. Every word of it rings with supernatural grandeur. "For Thy greater glory and consolation, O Sacred Heart of Jesus; for Thy sake to give good example, to practise self-denial, to make reparation to Thee for the sins of intemperance and for the conversion of excessive drinkers, I will abstain for life from all spirituous drink." In the elevation of the aims he elevated the whole work of temperance and gave us a method of working out the designs of God by which we can work with Christ Himself. We now walk with Him on the road where He Himself is "The way, the truth and the life." No wonder the Pioneer ideal swept into itself holy souls, no wonder it turned others from intemperance, no wonder it entered into the very life of society and bound together with love and sacrifice those who sought a Christian way of life.

GUARANTEE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY.
This, then, is the grand new Order that we have here this evening—an Order of which we are proud. Its ideals will guarantee to our people a safety and a security that neither the power of hell nor earth can destroy. I would then give to all Pioneers this vision of their work. Yours is more than a temperance campaign. It is much higher. It is more important and it concerns the whole future of our race, of our Faith, and of our civilisation. It is co-operating with the work of redemption. It gives to our people a destiny as old as Christianity and as new as the Kingdom of God. In realising the place the Pioneer Society has given to you, you will work for that great object of "the reconstruction of society and the renewal of all things in Christ." You must take your place in the life of our country.

You must help every society that is endeavouring to build a Christian Social Order. You must not accept your Pioneer promises as a licence to take things easy. You have got the vision and you must make that vision live. Your efforts must never cease until you shall, through the Mystical Body, find His Home and see Him face to face.

You have now the power to work for Christ in this land of ours. The words of the Heroic Offering must ever urge you on, for the battle with evil never ceases. His honour and glory must be jealously guarded. His cross must be carried to the end. The work of reparation has no finality here below. We must not be content with beginning the work of co-operation but we must carry it on until we can no longer labour.

Many schemes are being suggested for the future of our country, but if we could make this nation a living Christian Society—the Mystical Body of Christ in fact and in truth—we would not only have guaranteed to her all that other nations are seeking in vain, but we would have made her the light of revela-

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