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IRISH RED CROSS

Interesting Limerick Function

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

LADIES SECURE HIGHEST MARKS

Rev. Father Hurley, S.J., chairman of the Limerick County Committee of the Irish Red Cross Society, presided on Sunday, April 4th, at the Savoy Restaurant at a supper and presentation of prizes to the winning teams in Sunday's County Championship Red Cross competitions.

The attendance also included:—Viscountess Adare, Mrs. Place, Rev. Father H. Fee, county representative; Mr. F. D. Carroll, County Director; Dr. C. E. Molony, County Medical Director; Mr. R. Barry, Deputy County Director; Mr. J. Hurley and Miss C. McMahon, assistant County Directors; Dr. P. J. Liddy, Chairman Limerick City Branch Committee; Mr. J. J. Johnson, Dr. Cullen, Mr. J. H. O'Brien, Hon. Secretary, Limerick City Branch Committee; Unit Officers M. Hanrahan and Mrs. Keane; Miss Una Nash, Hon. Secretary, Newcastle West; Unit Officer J. Hickey, Caherconlish; Mr. Sean Clancy, representative St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

Competing teams were present from Limerick city and county.

REV. CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Rev. Father Hurley, in opening the proceedings, welcomed all present and thanked all those who worked so hard to ensure the success of the competitions. Especially deserving of thanks was Dr. Cullen, who at such short notice very kindly consented to adjudicate in the practical portion of the competitions. The particularly zealous care he took in allotting marks to the various teams was deserving of the highest commendation. Commenting on the small number competing, Rev. Father Hurley expressed a hope that there would be on the next occasion a greater representation of competing units from city and county.

He paid a very special tribute to those members of the county branches who stood by them throughout the emergency period, and he was very glad, indeed, to see them present at that night's function.

In welcoming Mr. Clancy among them, the Rev. Chairman expressed a hope that there would be greater co-operation between the two bodies. In conclusion, he congratulated the competing teams on their high efficiency. He then called on Dr. C. E. Molony to give the results.

REMARKABLE FEATURE.

Dr. Molony referred to the most remarkable feature of the competitions in announcing that the Limerick ladies secured the highest marks of all teams, both men and women, with total marks of 254 out of 300, winning the Mrs. Place Cup, and it is hoped that they will have further laurels in the area competition in Cork. In the Lady Adare Cup the Newcastle West Mens' Team were first with 227 marks. The Caherconlish Mens' Team came next with 223, third the Limericks Men with 213 marks.

HIGH STANDARD.

In his address, Dr. Cullen said that there was little to choose between the teams. Continuing, he said that in his long army career he had seldom seen such a high standard of efficiency and discipline. The only fault, however, he could find was the tendency to neglect the patient in attending to his injuries; the human element must always be considered, and the patient's personal needs attended to. He emphasised the necessity in every day civilian life of a strong virile Red Cross organisation.

CUPS PRESENTED.

Lady Adare, in presenting the Adare Cup, referred to the immense popularity of the Red Cross in the United States, and feared that we were behind in this country in this respect.

This was followed by Mrs. Place presenting the Place Cup to the Limerick Ladies' Team, and she highly congratulated them for their excellent performance.

JUNIOR RED CROSS.

Rev. Father Fee referred to a recent statement of the chairman of the Society, Mr. Justice Haugh, that Limerick city and county, with a population of 140,000, should have at least 5,000 members. In connection with membership he (Rev. Father Fee) thought it very important that a Junior Red Cross should be organised in all schools in city and county. In the junior branches the preliminary necessity was to teach the children the elementary principles of personal hygiene and sanitation. It was an aspect of education that had been hopelessly neglected, and without it he felt that no good could accrue from extended school services or

A GREAT PASTOR

Late Father Ryan, Newport

MANY PRIESTS AT OBSEQUIES

We regret to record the death of Very Rev. James J. Ryan, P.P., Newport, which occurred rather suddenly at the Parochial House, on Friday morning, 2nd instant, to the inexpressible grief of the people and clergy of the parish. A native of the parish of Emly, he served for some years in the Australian mission. After spending 21 years as C.C. in Templemore, he was appointed to the pastoral charge of Newport twelve months ago. A man of solid piety, his great concern was the faithful discharge of his sacred duties. He was much devoted to the welfare of his flock. The late Father Ryan looked forward with much pleasure to a visit from his brother, Very Rev. T. Ryan, Melbourne, who had just arrived in Dublin to learn the sad news.

INTERMENT IN CHURCH GROUNDS.

On Saturday evening the remains of deceased were removed to Newport church and on Sunday, the interment took place in the church grounds.

On Monday, Requiem Mass was offered up in the local parish church for the repose of the soul of the deceased pastor. Very Rev. T. Ryan, brother of the deceased, was celebrant of the Mass. Very Rev. E. O'Donnell, P.P., V.G., Dean of Cashel, presided. The assistants at the throne were Very Rev. N. Cooke, P.P., V.G., Tipperary, and Very Rev. J. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., Hospital. Very Rev. J. Foley, P.P., Knockainey, was deacon, and Rev. P. Lee, C.C., Doon, was subdeacon. The chanters were Rev. J. Dee, President, St. Patrick's College, Thurles, and Rev. D. Quinn, C.C., Tipperary. Rev. P. Fogarty, Adm., Thurles, was master of ceremonies.

IN THE CHOIR.

In choir were:—Very Rev. W. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., Boherlahan; Very Rev. M. Canon Kennedy, P.P., Murroe; Very Rev. W. Canon Fogarty, P.P., Clonoulty; Very Rev. J. Canon Heffernan, P.P., Galbally; Very Rev. J. Canon McGrath, P.P., Moycarkey; Very Rev. J. J. Canon Ryan, P.P., Fethard; Very Rev. Dom Bernard O'Dea, O.S.B., Prior, Glenstal; Very Rev. R. Devane, P.P., Cappamore; Very Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., Castleconnell; Very Rev. J. M. Hayes, P.P., Bansha; Very Rev. J. K. Dunne, P.P., Ballylanders; Very Rev. W. J. Ryan, P.P., Kilcommon; Very Rev. E. Burke, P.P., Templetouhy; Very Rev. J. McElligott, P.P., Kilteely; Very Rev. W. English, P.P., Upperchurch; Very Rev. P. Horan, P.P., Ballina; Very Rev. T. J. O'Connor, P.P., Doon; Very Rev. Dom Finbar, O.S.B., sub-Prior, Glenstal; Very Rev. Dom Winnock, O.S.B., Glenstal; Very Rev. Dom Malachy O.S.B., Glenstal; Rev. S. O'Rahilly, C.C., Nowport; Rev. H. Nash, C.C., Newport; Rev. P. Walsh, C.C., Cappamore; Rev. M. B. O'Dwyer, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev. F. F. English, C.C., Sologhead; Rev. D. O'Brien, C.C., Bansha; Rev. W. Skehan, C.C., Lattin; Rev. J. Hayes, C.C., Boherlahan; Rev. J. Gilmartin, C.C., Murroe; Rev. T. Ryan, C.C., Ballina; Rev. T. O'Keefe, C.C., Kilteely; Rev. W. Breen, C.C., Cashel; Rev. T. P. Ryan, C.C., Herbertstown; Rev. J. Lee, C.C., Killenaule; Rev. M. Holloway, C.C., Caherconlish; Rev. J. Keogh, C.C., Castleiney; Rev. T. Marnane, C.C., Templetuohy; Rev. P. Lynch, C.C., Golden; Rev. J. Bannon, C.C., Cashel; Rev. T. Mulvihill, C.C., Thurles; Rev. T. Cooke, C.C., New Inn; Rev. E. Whyte, C.C., Castleconnell; Rev. D. Woods, C.C., Silvermines; Rev. J. Harney, C.C., Holycross; Rev. F. Ryan, St. Patrick's College, Thurles; Rev. T. Hogan, C.C., Upperchurch; Rev. T. Connolly, C.C. Killenaule; Rev. T. Morris, C.C., Ballylanders; Rev. E. Ryan, C.C., Clonoulty; Rev. D. O'Meara, C.C., Knockaney; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C.C., Pallasgreen; Rev. J. Bergin, C.C., Hospital; Rev. J. Lambe, C.C., Fethard; Rev. W. Hogan, C.C., Fethard; Rev. R. Power, C.C., Thurles; Rev. T. Frewen, P.S.M., Castleconnell; Rev. T. English, C.C., Bansha; Rev. J. McGrath, C.C., Ballinahinch; Rev. P. J. Cooney, Chaplain, Doon; Rev. T. Phelan, P.S.M., Cabra, Thurles; Rev. Francis Davin, Adm., Sologhead; Rev. D. Hayes, Paliottine College, Thurles.

A NEW MISSION

URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS

A very interesting sermon was preached on last Sunday at both Masses at Nicker Church by Rev. Vincent Cunningham, P.S.M., Thur-

GARDENING

Black Currant Mite

Black currant mite, or "Big Bud," as it is more generally called, is caused by mites so small that they can only be seen under a high-powered misroscope. Hundreds of them may be in a single bud and the irritation they set up causes the affected buds to grow to an abnormal size, hence the term "Big Bud."

Normally, every young bud on a healthy black currant bush is a potential bunch of fruit, but buds affected by the "Big Bud" mite either produce poor fruit trusses or none at all.

The mites destroy the tissue in the buds and as almost every bud on badly infested bushes is affected it is quite obvious that the crop of fruit from such bushes will be very light.

REVERSION.

Not only, therefore, does black currant mite reduce the crop, but it has also been noted that wherever "Big Bud" is plentiful reversion is bound to show up and this, being a virus disease, reduces the crop further. In fact reversion is worse than "Big Bud," because cropping ceases altogether very soon after infection and the disease is easily carried from one bush to another.

CONTROL.

Reversion cannot be cured, and affected bushes should be grubbed out and burnt, but "Big Bud" can be controlled and cured if the bushes are not too badly affected.

The mites are inside in the buds during most of the year, but during blossoming time they are migrating from the old to the new buds and are vulnerable to spray fluids during this period.

Lime sulphur, 1 part in 12 parts of water, sprayed as a mist all over and under the foliage, so that every twig and every part of the bushes is covered, is effective, providing that the work is done thoroughly and at the correct time.

The best time is when the flower trusses hang out from the buds but before the individual flower-buds open. This stage is generally reached when the leaves are about the size of a florin.

Black currant mite is spread rapidly from one bush to another by wind blowing or birds carrying the mites on their feet or legs. The pest is also spread by the careless propagating of new bushes from the cuttings of affected bushes.

If only a few big buds are noted during the dormant season the pest may be kept in check by picking off these buds and burning them. All the same it would be best to follow this up with a lime-sulphur spraying in spring.

Red currants can be badly affected with "Big Bud" mite, but the buds do not show the characteristic swellings.

APPLE AND PEAR SCAB.

While using the lime-sulphur, it would be well to give the pre-blossom spraying of the wash to apples to prevent apple and pear scab. I dealt with this fully in last week's article, but as the weather has been bad for spraying since there is no harm in reminding fruit growers of this important job. The first two applications of the wash should be made at the "green" bud and the "pink" bud stages and at the strength of 1 part of lime sulphur in 40 parts of water.

Some varieties, such as "Sterling Castle," are sulphur shy and must not be sprayed with lime sulphur.

WORK UNDER GLASS.

Push on with the planting of cold house tomatoes. The soil should be renewed or sterilised and a good layer of stable "horse" manure should be double dug into it. A dressing of a compound fertiliser, plus a little lime, should be incorporated with the top soil and all the ground flooded if at all dry.

Before soil preparation, the house should be fumigated with sulphur candles and the glass and woodwork washed down.

In any case each plant should be ball-watered with a solution of chestnut compound after planting. This will help to prevent damping off near the soil. It will not, however, prevent mildew or grey mould. The former can be prevented by disinfecting the house during winter and by spraying in the summer, or by planting immune varieties. Grey mould is worse in dull wet cold summers, but can be lessened by sulphur fumigating in winter and by proper culture and attention to ventilation, watering, pruning, etc.

CHESTNUT COMPOUND.

Chestnut compound can be purchased ready-made at any chemists, but it is easily made up at home by mixing 11 parts (ozs.) of ammonium carbonate, with 2 parts (ozs.) finely ground blue stone. The two ingredients should be put into a wide-necked bottle and shaken together thoroughly. The bottle should be tightly corked and after 24 hours it is ready for use.

Chestnut compound is also a preventive of damping off in seedling asters, larkspurs, cauliflowers, etc. For general use dissolve one oz. of the mixture in 2 gallons of water and saturate the soil. It will not cure plants that are already damp-

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