

arrayowen (applause).  
d. J. Reidy, T.D., said His Ex-  
ncy's life service to the country  
e made him worthy of the hon-  
of being made a Freeman of  
City. It gave him (Ald. Reidy)  
icular pleasure to be associated  
that civic welcome to the Pre-  
nt (hear, hear).

r. P. J. Cusack said that Presi-  
t O'Kelly commanded the res-  
t, confidence and esteem of all  
ses and creeds.

r. G. E. Russell, speaking as a  
nber of the Corporation and as  
sident of the Chamber of Com-  
ce, extended a welcome to Mr.  
Mrs. O'Kelly. He recalled the  
time Mr. O'Kelly was in Lime-  
—the occasion was the opening  
a housing scheme. Some of  
erick's walls were still in dis-  
air, but that was not the fault  
he Limerick Corporation, which  
ired to see the city re-construct-  
as far as possible and to have  
its citizens comfortably housed  
a great industrial centre (hear,  
r).

r. M. W. McGuire said Mr.  
Kelly was now one of their own  
nily in Limerick, and Limerick  
very proud of its new citizen  
plause).

### THE PRESIDENT.

he President, on rising to speak,  
s given a great ovation. He  
ke first in Irish, and continuing  
English, said:—I would like to  
ress my deep gratitude to the  
ayor and members of the Cor-  
ation for the honour they have  
ne me by their unanimous deci-  
n to confer on me the Freedom  
this ancient City of Limerick.  
was a generous thought of  
eirs thus to mark their sense of  
e importance of this occasion. It  
a significant event in your city's  
ag and honourable history this  
nit of a President of Ireland for  
e first time. I am happy that  
e privilege to be the first Presi-  
nt of our country to visit you is  
ine. Indeed, I am particularly  
eased, because I have a warm  
ection for Limerick and its  
ople, and I am happy in the  
nowledge that I can number not  
few of your fellow-citizens as my  
ry dear friends—some of them,  
eed, have been my friends since,  
om the days of our youth, I and  
ey worked together in the build-  
g up of the Irish-Ireland and in-  
pendence movement.

The Gaelic League, with which I  
as so intimately associated, prac-  
cally from childhood, had no  
ore loyal and devoted adherents  
nywhere than in the City and  
ounty of Limerick. From my  
arly years I worked for the revi-  
al of the language with Mayor  
eorge Clancy, whom I got to  
now and to love when he was a  
udent in Dublin. Another for-  
ner Mayor of Limerick I knew  
ell and who did trojan work for  
ne, industrial revival, Michael  
Callaghan, met his tragic death

Father Moran, C.C., St. John's, and  
Rev. Father Fee, C.C., do. In the  
sanctuary were upwards of twenty  
priests, while the parents and  
members of the families of the  
newly-received were also present.

The young postulants were—Miss  
Peggy O'Brien, Killaloe (in religion  
Sister Euphrasia); Miss Margaret  
Ryan, Killaloe (Sister Margaret  
Mary); Miss Catherine Veale,  
Waterford (Sister Francis de  
Sales); Miss Rose McCarthy, Cork  
(Sister Gerard), and Miss Bridget  
Ryan, Galway (Sister Mary  
Columban).

The occasion was the Feast Day  
of Rev. Mother Euphrasia, the  
foundress of the Order, and the  
Convent Chapel was very tastefully  
decorated with lilies.

### DEATH OF MR. E. BARRY

Very deep and widespread regret  
has been caused by the death of  
Mr. E. Barry, victualler, "Glen-  
gowan," Ballinacurra, who passed  
away in St. John's Hospital, Lime-  
rick, on Friday evening following  
an operation. The deceased, who  
carried on the victualling business  
at 14 William Street, had been at-  
tending the Confraternity Retreat  
in the Redemptorist Church up to  
Friday, when he became suddenly  
ill. His death removes a highly  
respected and deservedly esteemed  
citizen and the deepest sympathy,  
in which we fully join, is tendered  
to his widow and family and to  
the other bereaved relatives. The  
remains were removed to St. Mich-  
al's Church last evening and im-  
mediately after Requiem High  
Mass at 11 o'clock to-day the  
funeral took place to Mount St.  
Lawrence Cemetery. The huge  
and representative attendances on  
both occasions spoke eloquently of  
the respect and popularity enjoyed  
by the deceased and his family and  
relatives and of the poignant sym-  
pathy and regret evoked by the un-  
timely passing of Mr. Barry, who  
had not yet reached the middle  
forties.

### WHO IS THE OWNER?

Late yesterday evening a pigeon  
flew into the yard of Mrs. James  
Mulready, Denmark St., Limerick.  
On its leg is a ring bearing the  
following numerals and letters—  
4622017 I.U.U.F. The bird has a  
rich plumage of brown, fawn and  
green. It is in good condition and  
is being cared for by Mrs. Mul-  
ready.

### MANY ARABS ESCAPE

A total of 140 Arabs escaped from  
a prison in Northern Palestine this  
morning, when a riot started after  
mortar bombs had crashed on the  
roof of the prison.

### RESTRICTION OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS

down sick; he was replaced by a  
Father Delisle, who, in a short time,  
was claimed by sickness and forced  
to leave the mission field for his  
native France. He was replaced by  
Father Dan Walsh (now Superior  
of the Holy Ghost Fathers No-  
vitiates, Kilshane, Co. Tipperary).  
People now flooded to the Fathers,  
all eagerly seeking the schools and  
instruction in the Catholic Faith.

### ANOTHER MOVE BECAME ESSENTIAL.

Another year had passed, and now  
in 1913 another move was essential.  
For 12 months the Fathers had  
laboured in Ulakwo, which was a  
rather unhealthy spot. Illness had  
deprived them of the services of  
some of the Fathers, so a move was  
decided on—this time to Eme-  
kukwu. Some miles from here the  
Church Mission Society (Anglican)  
had been working for six years,  
during which time they had made  
rapid progress. However, this  
opposition was short-lived. Father  
Walsh introduced the 'Trek-Sys-  
tem' on a large scale. He travelled  
everywhere through the bush (as  
the African jungle is called), estab-  
lishing, as he went, small Mission  
Stations in each village, and plac-  
ing in each a Catechist who would  
instruct the people in his absence.  
These stations, once started, were  
visited as frequently as possible.  
The results were most gratifying.  
In a short time it developed into  
mass conversion of the Owerri-  
Emekukwu area.

Some years passed; each saw  
improvements. Governmental co-  
operation has been received to a  
small extent, particularly after the  
murder of one of the Fathers—  
Father Stewart. Schools had been  
opened in a few places; in others  
permission had been refused, appar-  
ently for political reasons. How-  
ever, progress was being made;  
Father Walsh understood the native  
and his needs. He knew that only  
through schools could he get at the  
youth of the country, and a large  
tribe—the Ibos—were crying out for  
schools. He gave as far as lay in  
his power, and through these  
schools be brought them to Cath-  
olicism. Directly, as a result of his  
labour, Emekukwu became a great  
mission centre, and remains one of  
the greatest, if not the greatest,  
mission to-day in Nigeria.

### THE EPISCOPATE.

In 1920 Father Shanahan was  
raised to the Episcopate. Owerri  
had by this time some 6,000 Catho-  
lics and 5,000 Catechumens. In 1931,  
when Bishop Heery took over the  
administration, it had some 29,300  
Catholics and 51,000 Catechumens;  
also four resident stations and 500  
out-stations.

When we find these numbers  
tended to by only 11 priests and  
three Sisters we can see the task  
in hand.

Coming up now to the present  
day is our own Dr. Whelan takes