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FINE GAEL

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MEETING AT BALLINGARRY

Addressing a Fine Gael meeting at Ballingarry on Monday night, Mr. John Power, Knockflerna, presiding,

Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., thanked the electors for placing him in the responsible position of Fine Gael Deputy for West Limerick. Having criticised the Fianna Fail Government and Party, he went on to say that the present Minister for Agriculture has contracted for 5,000 tons of maize, which will be given to farmers to increase the supply of pigs, and fertilizers will also be given so as to produce more and more grass and so increase the yield of milk without adding to its cost. The Means Test, he went on, will be altered in connection with O.A.P., and it is the intention of the Government to give an O.A.P. of £1 per week. The Food Voucher Scheme was but an emergency scheme and was to end with the war, but the present Government will give increased money instead of the vouchers.

"We are prepared," said Mr. Madden, "to join issue with the Commonwealth of Nations and the U.S.A. and so help to save the world. Small though we are, we are greater than England and greater than the U.S.A. When England was Pagan and the U.S.A. not heard of, we were there and our banner was the banner of Christ, the banner of the Cross. There is a new hope and a new era dawning for this country."

Mr. Michael Lynch, Organiser, in asking the young men and boys to study more the history of the country, stated that Fianna Fail were claiming the patriot dead of 1916 as their own. It must be remembered that those patriots gave their lives for Ireland and not for a party, because neither Fine Gael nor Fianna Fail was then in existence. Those men did not die that our people would flee the country by means of the emigrant ship, or die in the cess pools of London and the other big English cities.

Mr. Michael Madden, who also addressed the meeting, appealed to the young men to join the Fine Gael movement. "Our banner," he said, "is clean; it is not defiled by a maximoe, a Del Monica or a Saechelle."

A branch of Fine Gael was formed with the following officers:—Mr. Thomas McDonnell, Chairman; Mr. Michael Delaney, Secretary; Mr. Patrick Power, Treasurer. Sixty-six members joined the branch.

A vote of thanks to the speakers and to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

to render him harmless. If in doing so you kill him, his death must not be wilful on your part; it must only be the inevitable consequence of quieting him. Even in self-defence it is not lawful to slay even an unjust aggressor if a lesser measure will effect your protection. As in just war, the death of the aggressor must only be the inevitable consequence of quieting him.

CONDITIONS THAT JUSTIFY VIOLENCE.

Potential aggression, if sufficiently imminent and grave, may justify such resistance as may be necessary in order to forestal and prevent it. Another consideration connected with self-defence is that where the State—if it did its duty—might be able to enforce a right peaceably for the people—in default of the State, may be only able to enforce it by violence, which (all other necessary conditions being present) would be justified by the absence of all peaceful alternative.

I give an extract from Rickaby's "Moral Philosophy," the work of

—after O'Connell had given it a body—and that the spirit lived for a more favourable opportunity, it might seem evident that Young Ireland could have gained more immediate fruit if its arms had been directed—for the time being—against agrarian oppression and against the exportation of corn, exported to pay rent while about two millions starved at home during the famine years. We have the recent opinion of Dr. Gwynn, the great grandson of William Smith O'Brien. He doubts that with the backward methods of tillage then in use corn was so plentiful in Ireland as has been thought. Possibly he may not realise the amount of work that men, women and children performed from dawn until night. At all events, the arms of Young Ireland might have saved very many thousands of lives and might have crippled landlordism. The Fenians or an earlier force might have finished it if their arms had first been used to secure this instalment of independence.

DEATH OF MRS. HARNETT, RATHKEALE

Mrs. Margaret Harnett, whose death occurred at her residence, in Rathkeale, on Friday, April 23rd, was the widow of the late James Harnett and mother of Miss Kitty Harnett and Professor Eibhlin Harnett, U.C.D. Naturally gentle and refined, deceased had many admirable traits of character that made her an ideal Christian Irish mother and won the love and esteem of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, especially those who knew her intimately. A large attendance accompanied the remains when removed to St. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, on Saturday evening, and there was a very fine funeral that was most representative when the interment took place in the New Cemetery, Rathkeale, on Sunday. The prayers at the graveside were read by Rev. G. Enright, C.C., and Rev. J. Lyons, C.C.,

Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam.

TO BE LEFT TO VOTE OF TRADERS

Newcastle West Branch of the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks have submitted a request to the local traders that official summer time should be observed in the town in future (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). The proposal was the subject of discussion at a special meeting of the Town Traders' Association on Friday night, when it was decided to leave the matter open for decision by a vote of the merchants engaged in the various trades in the town. At present, it may be mentioned, "old time" is still observed in practically all business houses in the town, while official summer time is, of course, recognised in all the public institutions, including the banks, Post Office, rail and bus depots, etc. Members of the Shop Workers' Union evidently feel that they are entitled to the benefits of summer time, and it is anticipated that a decision on the question will be arrived at during the coming week-end.

KILMALLOCK FIANNA FAIL CUMANN

At a meeting of the Kilmallock Fianna Fail Cumann, the following officers and committee were elected:—Chairman, Mr. D. O'Grady, M.C.C.; vice-chairman, Mr. S. T. Riordan; hon. secretary, Mr. M. Keane; treasurer, Mr. Michael O'Connor. Committee—Messrs. P. Donovan, J. Riordan, M. Sheedy (junr.), M. Lynch (junr.), J. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, B. Sheedy, E. Devaney, M. O'Grady, C. Brazil.

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