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**J. McNamara**, amidst a discussion on getting the suggested hospital built in the Mitrea, Mr. P. T. McCarthy to come into the Council to ask that a similar institution be erected in Abbeyfeale.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.** Subsequently, the Council adopted Mr. Madden's suggestion and resolved that the Co. Manager should be required to make representations to the appropriate authorities.

On the Department's part, Mr. Madden remarked that since the scheme got started it was intended to stop it. Recently a rumour has been circulating in Limerick, one of them being in a Limerick newspaper, that the Regional Hospital for Limerick was to be abandoned, and that it would be replaced by a small County Hospital.

#### **SCHEME SANCTIONED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT.**

At the last sittings of the Council, representatives from all over the country were present and fervent appeals were made to the Minister to draw his attention to the need of regional hospitals in the respective counties. I sat listening, proud of the work done and to the eternal credit of the old Board of Health of which that while all the other boards were inactive, we were active for the people and formulated a great scheme and we succeeded in getting the last Government to give its sanction to the scheme of an institution in Limerick which will be second to none in the country—the Regional Hospital—covering nearly a quarter of a county.

#### **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT.**

Mr. Madden said he was very pleased to be able to contradict the rumour mentioned, and to announce that the Regional Hospital in Limerick would be a fait accompli in six or six years from now. He proposed to pay a tribute, then, to those who had contributed to the achievement.

Members also expressed their appreciation at the Department's terms of which the scheme was unanimously adopted without further discussion.

#### **DEIAL OF REPORT.**

In the issue of Monday, 6th inst., we published a denial of a report

to the effect that a cottage could not be at all adequate in the area concerned. Winds were mainly westerly, fairly strong at times; sunshine was only half that of August, 1947.

**Remarks** — In many reports throughout the country, August was classed as a very variable and fickle month, disappointing to holiday makers, but on the whole satisfactory for the country.—W. J. Horne.

## **KNIGHTS OF MALTA**

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

A Dhuine Uasail—On behalf of the members of our Ambulance Unit who accompanied the pilgrims to the Shrine at Knock recently, I desire to publicly thank the organisers of this pilgrimage, the members of that splendid Catholic Society, the Limerick Porkbutchers, for the kindness and consideration extended to our members on this occasion, and particularly for refusing to accept the fares from our men.—Signed,

TADHG SMALLE,

Officer in Charge, Order of St. John and Malta Ambulance Unit.

12th Sept., 1948.

#### **DEATHS.**

**McNAMARA** — September 11th, 1948, Michael, of 9 Bishop Street, City. R.I.P. Funeral took place to St. Patrick's Cemetery at 4 p.m. to-day (Monday).

**SCULLY** (Limerick)—At her residence, High Road, Thomondgate, Mary Bridget Scully, deeply regretted by her heartbroken sisters and brothers. Remains will be removed to St. Munchin's Church, this (Monday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, at 3 p.m., tomorrow (Tuesday).

#### **IN MEMORIAM.**

**FLEMING** (First Anniversary)—In loving memory of Mrs. Kathleen Fleming, 2 Kickham Avenue, Prospect, who died on the 11th of September, 1947. Our Lady of Limerick, pray for her. Masses offered. — Inserted by her loving children. (13-18p)

that appeared in a local newspaper of Saturday, 4th inst., in which it was stated that the Regional Hospital scheme had been abandoned. We pointed out that this report was without foundation and that the hospital, as originally planned, would be built.—Ed. L.L.]

tion many families will be removed from dangerous tenements and insanitary areas generally. Another big scheme has been prepared for Ballynanty, and it is expected that building operations on this site will be well on hands before the end of the year. In the meantime, smaller schemes will be undertaken on certain derelict sites scattered here and there in the city following the demolition of condemned houses in lanes and alleys.



#### **THE WEATHER.**

Poor St. Swithin cannot be blamed for the bad weather we are having this year, for it was raining "cats and dogs" long before the feast day of this much maligned saint. By the way, what is the origin of the expression "cats and dogs?" Some say it is a perversion of the word "cataract," meaning a waterfall, while others associate it with northern mythology. Scandinavian sailors, for instance, believe that the cat is a great indication of the weather, and, indeed, so do many land lubbers. There are many amongst us who say that if a cat sits with its back to the fire it is a sure indication that inclement weather is at hand.



#### **WHAT SAILORS SAY.**

Sailors hold the cat in high regard. When speaking of rough weather, they say "The cat has a gale of wind in her tail." Again, "old salts" refer to the north-west wind as the "cat's nose." In many European countries the dog is looked upon as the symbol of wind and the cat that of rain, so that both are associated with the elements. Presumably, it is from this association we get the unpoetic phrase, "raining cats and dogs," which it is doing here all through the summer. But as every cloud has a "silver lining," bright skies are sure to come again.