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### THE PRIESTHOOD.

"With one geneflection," Father Pollock continued, "the people of Newcastle West will declare that love of and their faith in the great Sacrament of Love; that Sacrament which was Jesus Christ's last will and testimony to the world before He died. On the same night as He instituted the Blessed Eucharist, He also instituted a priesthood. The priesthood of the New Law with the very same power to do just as He Himself had done; to change bread and wine into the body and blood of Jesus Christ. These annual Eucharistic celebrations became all the more memorable this year, because we are also celebrating the Golden Jubilee of a priest. Fifty years ago to-day that power of sacrificing, that power of consecrating, was given to your venerable parish priest, Monsignor Hannan. Like the Apostles, he was selected for that dignity. You do not choose the priesthood; you are chosen for it. On that morning when the ordaining Bishop cross the white stole around his neck and anointed his hands, Father Hannan was given not only the power of consecrating, but also that responsible role of 'go between'; between God and His people. He was ordained a priest of God. Fifty years ago to-day he offered up the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and this is the occasion in his life which reached its Golden Jubilee.

### BRINGING CHRIST TO THE PEOPLE.

"Rather appropriately," continued Father Pollock, "shall he celebrate it by carrying the Blessed Sacrament in procession to the people, because in that one act we have a sum total of the work and privileges of a priest; bringing Jesus Christ to the people, and bringing the people nearer to Jesus Christ. This he does by preaching the word of Jesus Christ to you, not only by word of mouth, or from pulpit, but also by example and in everyday life. In a more intimate way he brings Jesus Christ to his people through the administration of the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist. To all of you he has administered that Sacrament on many occasions; and many times you have stood by and watched him bring that same Blessed Eucharist as Holy Viaticum to your dying friends and relatives at the hour of their death, when the company of Jesus Christ was so much appreciated."

"At a time of jubilee, such as this," said Father Pollock, "it might seem proper to recall all the activities

discussions, but such is not the case, as the lighter side will also receive attention, and between the more serious items will appear ceilidhe, concerts and athletic events, Fireside Chats — the highlight of all Rural Weeks—while a garden party will be held in the grounds of the College on Thursday, 18th August.

A meeting of the local organising committee will be held at Muintir na Tire Headquarters, 8 The Crescent, on Monday next, at 8.30 p.m.

An invitation to attend this meeting is extended to all those who desire to lend a hand in the work of organising the Rural Week and it is hoped to have a very full meeting.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. BOURKE, BALLINACURRA, CROAGH

The death took place at Ballinacurra, Croagh, of Mrs. Catherine Bourke. Deceased had the great consolation of the priest at her dying bedside. She was mother of Rev. M. Bourke, Australia, and of Sr. M. Laurence, Mercy Convent, Ennistymon.

Chief mourners—Eddie, Paddy, Stephen (sons), Katie (daughter), Mrs. Noonan (sister), Patrick Madigan (brother).

Clergy present—Very Rev. J. Canon Murphy, P.P., Croagh; Rev. P. O'Dea, C.C.; Rev. P. C. Lynch, P.P.; Rev. W. Boyce, P.P.; Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P.; Rev. W. O'Grady, Adm., St. John's; Rev. J. Casey, D.D., C.C.; Rev. G. Enright, C.C.; Rev. G. Ryan, C.C.; Rev. James Morrissey, Australia.

Upwards of 40 Mass cards were placed on the coffin.

## CLAYBIRD SHOOTING

### CHAMPIONSHIP OF COUNTY

#### LIMERICK

At Ballinleena, Bruree, Co. Limerick, on Sunday, there was a good entry for the Claybird Shooting competitions held there, and the results were as follows:—

(1) Championship of County Limerick (Open)—10 birds:

1st—R. Killoughery, Ennis—9 birds.

2nd—Tie between G. Good (Cork), F. Bolster (Cork) and M. Fawl (Ennis), all with eight birds, and on the shoot-off (5 birds), F. Bolster won, bringing down the 5 birds.

(2) Sweepstake (5 birds)—R. Killoughery and G. Good tied for