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Member Of A Great Order

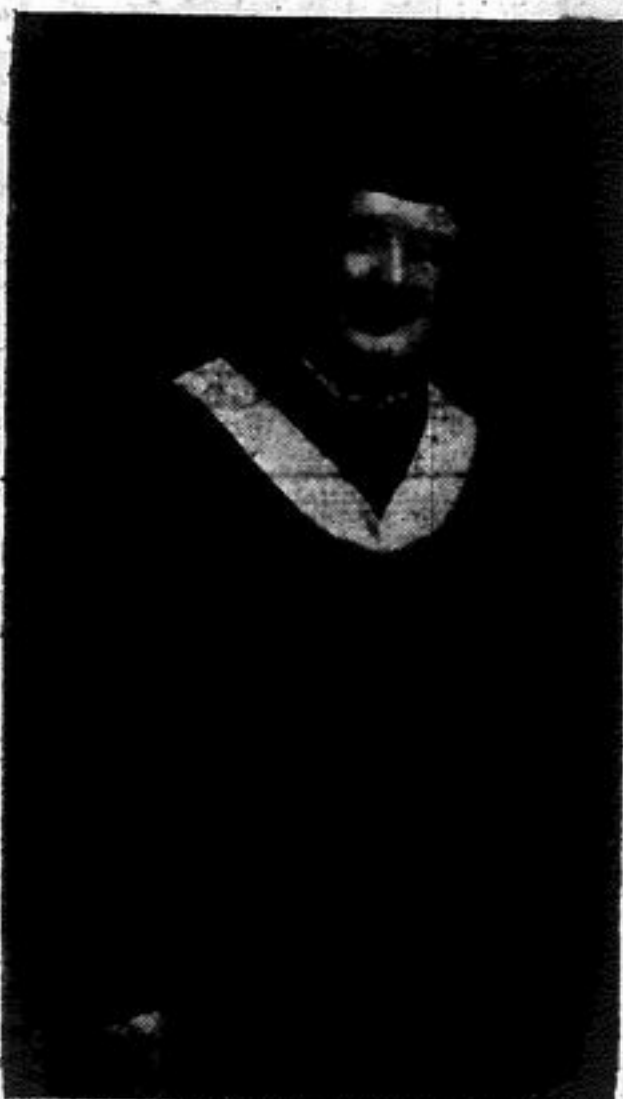
REV. BRO. EVANGELIST RYAN, M.A.

WE regret to announce the death of Rev. Brother John Evangelist Ryan, M.A., at New Rochelle High School, New York. He was brother of Mr. Michael Ryan, late of Brian Boru Bar, Limerick, and now residing at 11, Clare View Tce. To him, Mrs. Ryan and his many friends we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Born eighty years ago in the vicinity of Doon, County Limerick, Brother Ryan received his early education at St. Flintan's, Classical School. He was admitted to the Novitiate at Belvedere, North Richmond, in 1871, and after a course of training he taught at Syngue Street, Drogheda, Thurles and Youghal. He volunteered for service mid the winter snows of Newfoundland in the early eighties. At the age of 27 he was appointed Superior of Mount St. Francis. We next find him Superior of St. Bonaventure's College, Newfoundland, one of the largest boarding colleges at that time in Canada.

RARE SCHOLARSHIP

New York High Schools afforded greater scope for his rare, natural and acquired scholarship. He graduated at Fordham University, taking the honours M.A., with distinction. He was appointed novice master at Santa Maria-on-Hudson, eighty miles up the river from New York. Here this genial, amiable soul found scope for instilling into and imbuing with a great love for God and our Blessed Lady the young American neophytes who sought admission into the American Province of the Christian Brothers. The love of God and love of country, the love of Our Blessed Lady and the Holy Rosary, which he imbued from his Irish



Late Rev. Brother John Evangelist Ryan, M.A.

mother, he passed on to these young American Brothers, who in turn disperse the good odour of Christ to their pupils from New York to Chicago, from Butte, Montana, to Vancouver and British Columbia.

In his declining years he received the care and attention, both spiritual and temporal, from the Brothers of Iona Community, which a great Irishman, a great Christian teacher, and a kind and genial Christian Brother deserved.

HOW SCHOOLS IN U.S.A. ARE ORGANISED

The schools of the Brothers in the American Provinces are organised thus—they conduct private Grammar and High Schools and in 1945 they opened their first University. On register in the first year there were 45 students; to-day they have 1,500 roll, many of them G.I.s.—Government issue—young men whose course of study was interrupted by the war—they were conscripted to fight in Word War II.

Here is their daily programme:—Class begins at 8.30 a.m.; next brake, 12.30 p.m.; next session, 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and last daily session, 7.30 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. Automatic lifts pass 400 students to ground floor. They hitch up 400 motors, switch on the 800 headlights and hit the road at 65 m.p.h. home to bed. Some food for reflection for us who think in terms of second house or dance hall!

A HAPPY BLEND

Graduation day brings a happy blend of ecclesiastical, civic and academic groups together. Cardinal Spellman, the Mayor of New York, and 57 professors are usually in attendance. There is, besides, a guest speaker. Many fathers present new motors, value £1,000, to their sons as a reward for staying the course till

LABOUR PARTY

South Limerick Council

BRANCH RESOLUTIONS

A MEETING of the South Limerick Divisional Council of the Irish Labour Party was held at Bruff on Sunday last, 2nd inst. Mr. Jeremiah Tierney, Vice-Chairman, presided. Delegates from the following clubs were present:—Bruff, Fedamore, Knocklong, Ballybricken, Ballinavana, Kiltcealy.

The following resolutions were proposed and carried unanimously: (1) Proposed by Knocklong—"That we protest in the strongest possible manner against the appointing of road-overseers by the Limerick County Council. That we feel that the money spent in paying such could be used in a far more beneficial manner by giving more work on the roads to the general worker. We also condemn the appointing of farmers to above positions."

(2) Proposed by Bruff—"That we condemn the action of the County Engineer in bye-passing local quarries, thereby depriving quarrymen, carters, etc., of work when there is no prospect of alternative employment, and we call on the Minister for Local Government to take action on this matter."

(3) Proposed by Knocklong—"That the Limerick County Council put into effect immediately the recent order by the Department of Local Government regarding wet-time while in the employment of the County Council."

(4) Proposed by Fedamore—"That a protest be lodged against the 'Border' which is prevailing in Limerick City in not allowing county workers to work inside the Borough." As this "border" is not prevailing in any other city in Eire, and as city workers can come and go as they please in the county, we in the county demand the same facilities, viz., to be allowed work in the city when work is available."

(5) Proposed by Ballinavana—"That all road workers and quarry workers be granted an increase in wages."

(6) Proposed by Ballybricken—"That the Limerick County Council should immediately act on their compulsory powers and acquire land on which to build rural houses. Owing to the urgent need for rural houses which prevails at present, the action of the County Council in not making an effort to build same be strongly condemned."

(7) Proposed by Knocklong—"That the County Council go ahead with the water scheme in Knocklong, as at present there is not a drop of drinking water to be had in the whole area. Also we wish to draw the attention of the County Engineer to two dangerous turns on the Knocklong-Emly road and as they are a menace to the public we demand that they be removed."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. P. Hehir thanked all delegates for coming to Bruff that day. It gave him great pleasure to see local clubs coming together and taking an active part in affairs. "I have been implicated in the Labour movement all my life," he added, "but I want to emphasise that organisation was never more vitally necessary to rural labour than it is today. Our very existence is being placed in jeopardy by some of our ruling powers, and organisation is our only weapon to fight with."

The next meeting will be held in Hospital on November 6th, at 3 o'clock p.m.

JOHN KEOGH, Hon. Sec., Caherelly, Grange.

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POPE BONIFACE'S SEAL

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader.")

Dear Sir—I was delighted to see photo of Pope Boniface's seal in your issue of the "Limerick Leader" of October 1st, but would like to point out that Pope Boniface reigned 1294 to 1303, and not the fifteenth century, as stated.

The seal was unearthed near the Cregaun graveyard, Adare, six or seven years ago, and it is believed that the Trinitarian Order brought it with papers some hundreds of years ago when the Order resided in the Abbey, Adare.—Yours faithfully,

CON NORMOYLE

Rour, Adare.

they receive cap and gown and then they let them "hit the trail" in trade, industry, commerce, or one of the professions and pick up what dollars they may. All are compelled by a set of local and domestic circumstances to like what they do rather than to do what they like.

THE UPPER DEEL

Plea For Further Grant

ALLOCATION PRACTICALLY EXPEPNDED

A SPECIAL meeting of the Newcastle West Branch of the I.T. and G.W.U. was held on Tuesday night to consider the position arising out of the reported early stopping of work in the Upper Deel clearing scheme, on which between 60 and 70 men have been employed for some time past by the County Council (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). An allocation of £1,500 had been made for the scheme under the Local Authorities (Works) Act, and it was stated during the week that this sum was now practically expended.

Mr. M. Keating, chairman of the Branch, who presided, said that unless a further grant was forthcoming immediately the men employed on the scheme would be thrown out of work. The proposal was that a deputation from the Branch would attend the Co. Council meeting on Saturday and press for an extra allocation, so that work on the river could be continued.

SUPPORT ASSURED

Mr. M. J. K. Dore, solicitor, Co. Co., assured the Branch of every possible support, and said that he and the other local Councillors were very surprised when they learned that only a miserable £1,500 was allocated to the Upper Deel, while £10,000 had been set aside for the Lower Deel, between Rathkeale and Askeaton, where there was much less unemployment. At the last meeting of the County Council he had asked a question on this point, but received no satisfactory explanation. However, their main concern in Newcastle West district at the moment was to keep the work going on in the rivers, whether by an extra grant or a re-allocation from some other part of the county. He thought the deputation should press for a further grant of at least £1,500, which would keep the workers employed until the town housing scheme started—which he expected would be in three or four weeks time. If necessary the County Manager should be asked to secure overdraft accommodation pending receipt of an extra grant in what might take some time.

Mr. Dore, in conclusion, assured the Branch that he and the other local Councillors would show a united and determined front in supporting the deputation at the Council meeting on Saturday.

VALUABLE SCHEME

Mr. T. O'Connell, Co. Co., in giving a similar assurance, said they should thank the responsible Minister for introducing such a valuable scheme under which a total allocation of £75,000 was made to County Limerick. However, he was afraid there was something wrong with the allocation of such a small sum for the Castlemahon area, and it was strange that there should be such a terrible difference in the amounts set aside for the Upper and Lower Deel. All they could do now was to press for the further grant to complete the work which had been so well started, and he and the other local Councillors would press for an additional allocation of at least another £1,500. Even if the money had to be provided out of the rates, it would be well spent, and would be beneficial to the farmers as well as the ratepayers. The scheme was one of the best ever introduced, but a much bigger allocation should have been made to the Upper Deel, where last year the farmers of the area took off their coats and carried out a voluntary draining scheme. He was afraid the bigger allocation for the Lower Deel was as a result of more influence, but as a Councillor he would do everything possible to get an extra grant for the Upper Deel.

Mr. M. Histon, vice-chairman of the Branch, appealed to the workers to unite in their demand for an increased grant, which meant their bread and butter. If they did so they were bound to win out in their demand for an extra grant.

LETTER FROM MUINTIR NA TIRE

Mr. M. Sweeney, hon. secretary of the Branch, read a letter from Feohanagh Guild of Muintir na Tíre stating that at a meeting of the Guild on the previous night it was decided unanimously to ask the Co. Council for a further grant towards the clearing of the Upper Deel. In making this application they did not, however, ask that any money out of the Government grant already allocated towards approved schemes in other parts of the county be diverted towards the cost of work in the Upper Deel. The letter added that the deputation from the Guild would attend the Co. Council meeting on Saturday with a view to obtaining an additional grant for the completion of the work in the Upper Deel and tributaries.

Mr. Histon said the Branch was not concerned with where the

THE SARSFIELD MEMORIAL

John Lawlor's Greatest Work

PRESENT SITE REGARDED AS UNSUITABLE

(By A. J. O'HALLORAN)

ACCORDING to the Reverend James Dowd in his "Limerick and its Sieges," the movement to erect a memorial to the illustrious Patrick Sarsfield was initiated in 1845 and a committee appointed to carry out the project; yet so little enthusiasm and energy were brought to bear on the task that it was not until the year 1881 the monument was erected. Possibly the Bard of Thomond's poem, "The Sarsfield Testimonial," had the effect of imparting the necessary momentum to the movement. In a caustic footnote to that poem the Bard wrote: "This long projected Testimonial ought to be as large as a pyramid when completed, for the largest of Egypt's pyramids was begun and finished during the same space of time the patrons of the Testimonial have only been talking."

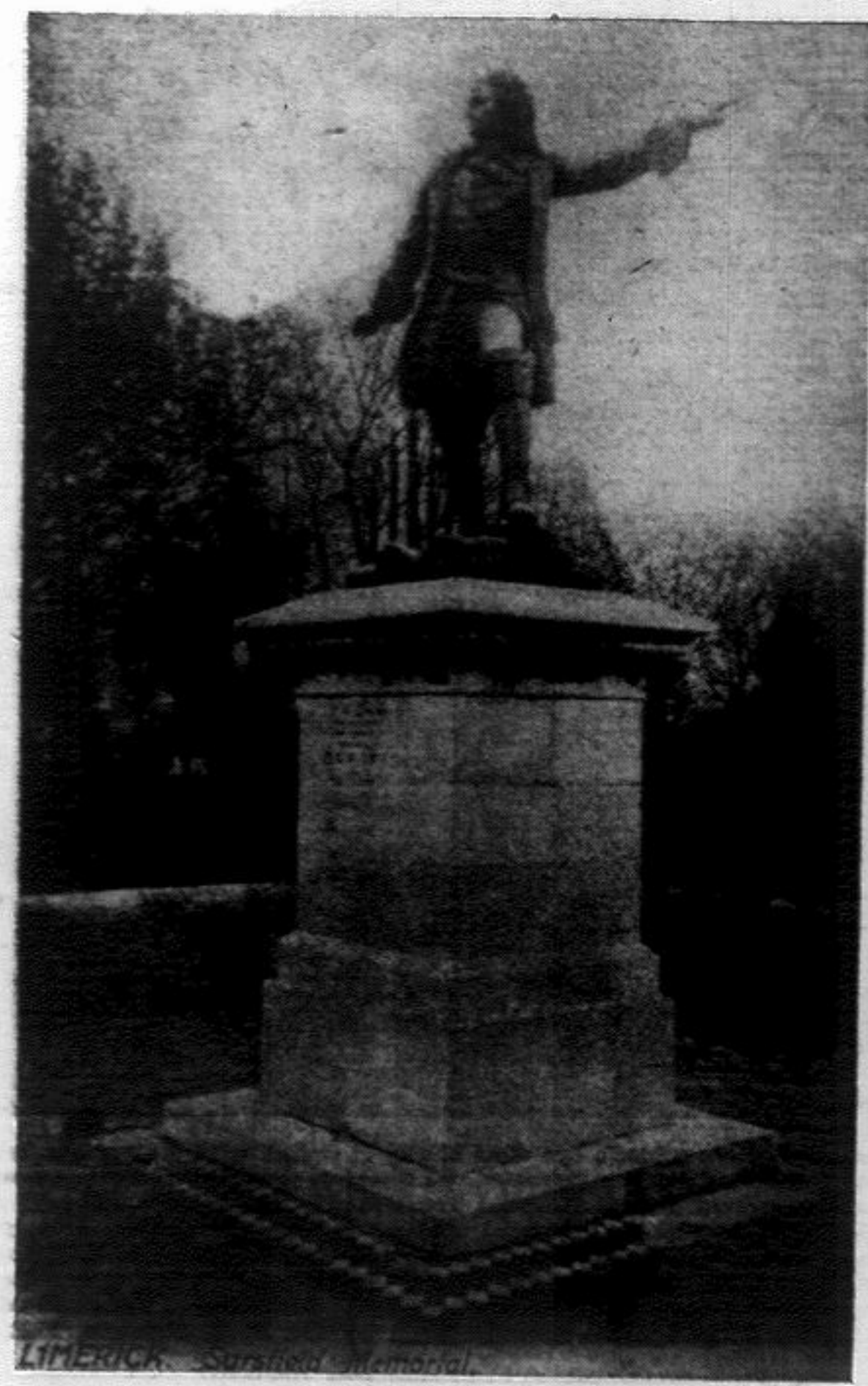
WORTHY OF THE GALLANT SOLDIER

Yet, let it be said to the credit of those who ultimately brought the

selected to design the plaques on the Albert memorial, and was responsible for the one "Engineering." He was commissioned to do some of the statues adorning the London Houses of Parliament, and was responsible for many beautiful pieces of work including busts of John O'Leary and several other Irish patriots, but certainly the Sarsfield statue seems to be his *maximum opus*, and depicts the great leader on the ramparts, as the Bard of Thomond would have it, leading his troops on to the attack.

LONG CONTROVERSY AS TO SITE

The Rev. J. Dowd says: "After considerable delay, the statue was at last executed, and then a long controversy arose as to the site. The discussion was cut short by the statue being placed without any ceremony in its present position, where nobody sees it." Here a note was struck that has echoed down the years. I must have heard this



project into being, that they entrusted the work to one who gave us a statue worthy of the gallant soldier. A very high proportion of such effigies placed in pedestals in Ireland seem as if they had been sculpted by a "handy man," and even great sculptors sometimes fail to do justice to their subjects. No one, for example, could claim that Hogan's statue of O'Connell, in the Crescent, conveys any idea of the dynamic personality of the great Tribune; no more than does St. Gauden's representation of Parnell show the man whose sane and cold-blooded contempt of all the British Empire stood for, translated into action, brought the greatest of England's statesmen to his knees.

JOHN LAWLOR'S GREATEST WORK

John Lawlor, the Dublin born sculptor, who designed the Sarsfield memorial, was undoubtedly a genius. He was one of the eight artists

matter discussed on hundreds of occasions, yet, I cannot recall that anyone ever expressed any other opinion that that the memorial was wrongly placed. One thing is absolutely certain, that not a tithe of the visitors to Limerick, even of those who are keenly interested in matters historical, ever see it. Then why the memorial at all?

QUESTION OF TRANSFER

Obviously a more prominent site should have been selected, and, perhaps, the time has arrived to repair the lack of judgment displayed by those responsible for the present one. Undoubtedly local sentiment would not favour its transfer to some other section of the city, but in this connection Mr. Dave Dundon, in a recent issue of the *Limerick Leader*, made an admirable suggestion when he proposed that the obsolete fountain in front of St. John's Cathedral be removed elsewhere, and the Sarsfield monument be placed there.

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