

GREET THE HOLY YEAR

Midnight Mass will be celebrated in Ennis on New Year's Eve with the privilege of Holy Communion for the faithful (writes our Ennis correspondent). Midnight Masses will also be celebrated in other parishes of the Diocese of Killaloe as far as possible. When making this announcement in the Cathedral at Ennis, Rev. M. Hogan, Adm., reminded the people that the Holy Year was one of prayer and sacrifice and when this privilege of midnight Mass was given it should be treated with the highest respect by all.

Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, said bells all over the world had pealed forth to greet the opening of the Holy Year. There was only one power on this earth could fill the world from end to end with such peals and that was the Vicar of Christ. What a splendid conception on the part of the Holy Father.

DEATH OF MRS. M. WOODHOUSE

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Woodhouse, relict of Alfred Woodhouse, Glenade, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, took place yesterday from St. Michael's Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, following the celebration of Requiem Mass.

The late Mrs. Woodhouse, who had been seriously ill for a considerable time, passed away on St. Stephen's Day. For many years she had devoted herself to charitable pursuits, and for a long period she acted as hon. treasurer for the Penny Dinners Committee. She was also a member of the Governing Bodies of the Bedford Row Hospital, Barrington's Hospital and other charitable organisations until failing health compelled her to live a more or less retired life.

The deceased was a lady of great charm of manner, ever gracious, courteous and affable, and her death has been learned of with the deepest regret and sorrow by the general public. Deepest sympathy is tendered to her two sons—Mr. J. T. O'Toole and Capt. G. E. O'Toole (Dublin)—in their bereavement.

forbids, the state to be Godless: or to adopt a line of action which would end in Godlessness—namely, to treat the various religions (as they call them) alike, and to bestow upon them promiscuously equal rights and privileges."—(Encyclical Letter, Libertas, on Human Liberty).

In 1925 Pius XI stated that:—"By degrees the religion of Christ was put on the same level as false religions and placed ignominiously on the same category with them."—(Quas Primas, on The Kingship of Christ).

How long more will the people of Ireland tolerate this insult to Christ The King? "First and foremost it is the duty of all Catholics worthy of the name and wishful to be known as most loving children of Christ to endeavour to bring back all civil society to the pattern and form of Christianity which we have described."—(Leo XIII, Immortal Dei, on the Christian Constitution of States).

Mise le deagh mheas,
A. M. O MURCHADHA.

[Bearing on the question raised in the foregoing letter, the following was quoted by Mr. Gabriel Fallon in a recent issue of *The Standard* :—

"The Catholic position, briefly, is this," says *The Sign*, "As Pius XII stated with approval: '*The democratic form of Government appears to many as a postulate of nature imposed by reason itself.*'

"Now it is of the essence of the democratic form of government that minorities have fundamental human rights, among which is freedom of worship—rights as sacred as those of the majority. The purpose of the democratic form of government is to promote the common good indiscriminately. Democracy is, therefore, bound (as state-religion governments such as Spain and Sweden are not) to remain aloof from affiliation with any religious denomination, not in any spirit of indifference or agnosticism, but with benevolent neutrality."

Apart from the foregoing, it is to be remembered that before the Constitution was finally adopted for submission to the people the portions of it having reference to religion were laid before recognised Catholic ecclesiastical authorities and received their full approval.—Ed. L.L.]

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on of Mary offers grateful the following choirs for various co-operation in the carol-singing:—St. Joseph's Vocational School, St. Mary's, the Redemptorists, the Augustinians, the Franciscans. The co-operation of these choirs is greatly appreciated and will make this charitable venture successful.

LOON WITH CARD

AT KNOCKADERRY

Thursday morning of last week a balloon was found in the woods at Knockaderry. The balloon was for Knockaderry correspondent. A card with instructions was found under to post to the local Society at Cahirciveagh enclosed in the balloon.

TUNNELS 60 FEET.

In the district of County Wick foxes and badgers have dug large numbers of fowl. One badger tunnelled his way to the fowl-houses and

LB. TURKEY

A turkey weighing 26 lb. was sold in Kesh, Co. Kilkenny, on New Year's Eve for £4 9s. 1d.

Connolly, Chiropodist, is absent from 87 O'Connell Street, Dublin, on January 2.