

# NG DISPUTE ENDS

## At County Infirmary Over

### MEETING OF COMMITTEE

#### s Of The Settlement

A meeting of the Committee of Management of Limerick County Infirmary on Saturday, settlement was reached in the dispute between the body of the nursing staff and the staff a month ago, sixteen of the seventeen staff tendered their resignations because of discrimination in respect of one nurse.

At the general meeting of the Committee on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. and during the interval of waiting, he remained in the main hallway of the Infirmary, adjacent to the Board Room, chatting with some friends. At 3.15 p.m. a meeting was held for three hours on the premises. At 2 p.m. the meeting was adjourned until 3.15 p.m. The Board, they showed no signs of excitement, attended and carried out their routine duties in the usual way. In the evening, Mr. M. J. J. wearing a white coat, reached, the 16 nurses affected by the resignation notice had all their personal belongings packed and were ready to leave the Infirmary at that evening. It was later learned that the nurses had decided on this procedure so as to facilitate the Management Committee in any alternative arrangements it might decide on for the care of the 40 patients then in hospital.

**TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.** The news of the settlement was received quietly, but the patients, who were in doubt as to their tentative care and accommodation, received the good news with evident delight. It is understood that the terms of agreement terminating the dispute, Mr. J. J. put embodied the following recommendations which were adopted by the Management Committee:—The Management Committee to press for immediate acceptance of scale of salaries as set out in memorandum submitted by Irish Nurses' Organisation to Hospitals Commission, May, 1949. This scheme catered for all categories of staff and details the various scales of pay that should obtain in such cases. It is understood that should the Hospitals Commission approve of these recommendations, even in a slightly modified form, much dissatisfaction and inequality among the nursing personnel of voluntary hospitals will be ended.

Pending the implementation of this recommendation the following arrangements are to obtain forthwith in the Co. Infirmary:—The X-Ray sister to become female ward sister with no extra duties at the salary, plus bonus, and operating for this post.

**SPECIAL ALLOWANCE STOPPED.** Special £52 allowance for sister attending at X-Ray department to be discontinued and duties in that department to operate on a rota system and to carry only the original £10 bonus which obtained prior to last November. Nurses' salaries, as distinct from other staff, to start at a minimum of £10 instead of present £9 and to increase by £10 annually to present maximum of £140 plus 7.6 weekly bonus as heretofore.

It is of interest to note that the Infirmary Staff, as in receipt of £10 annually plus 7.6 weekly bonus. The Hospitals Trust are asked to give sanction to the proposed scheme because the Infirmary Committee is depending on grants received from the Trust to cover any deficits that may arise in the running of the hospital.

**FELL PILING IT ON!**  
**8 INJURED VALUATION INCREASES IN DENNIS**

# TOWN TOPICS

## BOY SCOUTS.

ACTIVE steps are being taken to strengthen the Catholic Boy Scout movement in the city. A new Diocesan Council has been set up under the Chairmanship of District Justice Gleeson, and the duties of Commissioner will be discharged by Mr. Joe Duggan, whose dynamic qualities fit him so admirably for this onerous post. For some time past the Boy Scouts were more or less dormant, but from now on the public will see more and more boys wearing the tunic and shorts so distinctive of a movement that is capable of wonderful possibilities. It is to be hoped that the drive about to be made to strengthen the existing troops will be crowned with success, a work in which parents, teachers and guardians should co-operate to the full.

## ★ SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

It is understood that secondary schools in the city are to be included in the Scout re-organisation drive. The idea is to have a Troop formed in each of these schools so that, in due course, leaders will be available for continuing and expanding the movement, the importance of which could not be over-emphasised. It has been well said that scouting is a way of life, a translation of Catholic philosophy into a living force. In the Boy Scouts youths will get a sound Christian training, taught how to be good citizens and be of service to their neighbours.

## ★ SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The popular conception of the School of Music to be set up in the City Technical Institute will not, it is to be feared, be justified by results. In the first place, it will not be a School of Music in the accepted sense, but a class for the teaching of the theory and appreciation of music and orchestral work. The whole scheme is, of course, limited by the financial resources available and as no special grants will be issued in respect of it no big developments can be expected all at once. For the class about to be set up two hours teaching each week is to be given, but this period may be extended in the course of time, should finances permit.

## ★ BIG CONGRESS.

For the first time in many years the Union of the Distributive Workers and Clerks will hold this year's Congress in Limerick. This organisation was originally confined to assistants in drapery establishments, but in the course of time it has been extended so as to embrace a variety of workers, both male and female. It is now a very powerful Union and for the forthcoming Congress delegates will come to the city from all parts of the country. The Congress will be held during the Easter recess, and in passing it should be mentioned that Mr. C. J. McLean, the indefatigable Secretary of the Limerick Branch, is already making preparations for the accommodation of the delegates.

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# WAS ORNAMENT OF GREAT ORDER

## Death Of Rev. T. A. Murphy, C.S.S.R.

### WONDERFUL WORK IN MANY FIELDS

THE Redemptorist Order has suffered a grievous loss in the death of Rev. Thomas A. Murphy, C.S.S.R., who passed away in a Belfast Nursing Home on Thursday, 2nd inst. Father Murphy did wonderful work in missionary and many other fields, and several causes are deeply indebted to him for substantial services. A native of Brosna, Co. Kerry, he was for several years attached to Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery, Limerick, and during his time here he was held in affectionate regard not only by the Redemptorist Community but by the citizens in general.

**AN APPRECIATION.** The late Father Murphy was born in Brosna, Co. Kerry, in 1878. He became a member of the Redemptorist Order and after a course of ecclesiastical studies in Ireland and Belgium was ordained a priest in 1904. During the earlier years of his priesthood Father Murphy taught English Literature in the Redemptorist Junior College in Limerick. But his apostolic zeal had already widened beyond the classroom. Here the conviction that the battle for the Faith must be waged with the double-edged sword of the written word was already borne in on him. As the years passed this conviction grew stronger in Father Murphy's mind. We can trace the ever-expanding scope of his priestly work in the pamphlets and articles which explained it to the public.

**ATTRACTED BY LANGUAGE REVIVAL.** While Father Murphy was a young professor the movement for the revival of Irish was in its infancy. He immediately saw in it a practical means of strengthening the Catholic tradition of Ireland. He added a ready command of Irish to his fluent knowledge of French and his views on the language revival appeared under a variety of pseudonyms in several Gaelic periodicals.

Father Murphy's thoughts were soon centred on what remained the burning enthusiasm of his life—the building up of a solid Catholic literature for the ordinary people of Ireland. This was the theme of his first book, "The Literature Crusade in Ireland," which appeared eight years after his ordination. Four years later it was followed by another, entitled "A Lesson from France. How to Work the Good Literature Crusade."

**CALL FROM THE MISSION FIELDS.** In 1916 the call from the mission fields in the East sounded throughout Ireland. To the ears of Rev. Murphy it was not a new voice. For two decades a little band of pioneers from the Irish province had been working against hardship and difficulty in the Philippine Islands. In the May of 1916 Father Murphy asked to join them. Without the aid of crutches or a cane he mastered the most rugged Spanish so that he could work for all classes. In between his pioneering series of missions he found time to give great help to a young priest, now Bishop of Jaro in the Philippine Islands, who called the "Doleful Cavalier." An ardent admirer of "The Australian Catholic Record," he was the first to be named in the "Irish Ecclesiastical Record" told the moving story of "The Sad Plight of the Philippine Catholics" to Irish priests. In "The Story of the Only Christian Nation of the East" he made an appeal for more priests which eventually led a number of young Irishmen to that neglected harvest field. For eleven years Father Murphy worked in the Philippines and then laboured for a further period in Australia. To save souls he pressed every method known to the apostle into his aid.

**CAUSE OF THE CATHOLIC PRESS.** While on the mission field, Father Murphy did not forget the cause of the Catholic Press. In 1920 the National Catholic Welfare Council News Service (N.C.W.C.) came into full working life. In lectures and in articles he strove tirelessly to make it better known. Back in Ireland Father Murphy was found wherever a Catholic cause needed help. For years he was the intimate friend of Mr. Frank Duff and watched with admiration and encouragement the growth of the Legion of Mary. He had a sympathetic understanding of the difficulties of those who differed from him in religion. Once again it was a sympathy derived from experience. The many that he instructed in the Catholic Faith know him as "Father Tom."

**TRIBUTE FROM DR. HELENA CONCANNON.** Perhaps Father Murphy will be mourned most deeply by Catholic writers of the mission fields in which he worked. A tribute from Dr. Helena Concannon may be taken as typical of many grateful acknowledgments for help which he received during life. She faced the hardest task of her literary career when asked to prepare a book on the history of the Blessed Sacrament in Ireland for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin. The work appeared and in it appeared also her generous thanks to many friends who helped her. Her tribute concludes: "But at the end as at the beginning of this tribute, I must put the name of Father T. A. Murphy, C.S.S.R.; for never once during the time the work was 'on the stocks' did he waver in his advice and encouragement, and in his search for materials and for illustrations." Father Murphy contributed to Catholic periodicals in several countries. These included "The Ecclesiastical Record," "Studies," "Irish Educational Review," "America," "The Australian Catholic Record." He was the first Editor of "The Redemptorist Record."

## IMPRESSIVE SCENES TEMPORARY CHURCH

**BISHOP AT IMPORTANT CEREMONY.** The building of a steel-framed temporary church for St. Munchin's Parish, Limerick, will, it is expected, be completed at Easter. This work is being undertaken by the Parish Priest, Very Rev. M. Canon Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. C. J. McLean, Bishop of Limerick, will be present at the Anniversary Mass for the repose of the soul of Volun-