

years these sisters did not dare put on their religious habits and their

In life she sought no human applause, in death she has found it abundantly.

ADARE I.C.A. DOMESTIC ECONOMY INSTRUCTION

The Adare Guild of the Irish Countrywomen's Association held their monthly meeting in the Village Hall, Adare, on Thursday, 25th ult.

Mrs. Costello presided, and there was a large attendance of members present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed and routine work was gone through.

The President said she was very glad to inform the members that they had secured the services of a Domestic Economy Instructress for a month, and hoped that every member will avail of this great opportunity, for which they awaited for so long. They would have day and night classes and she would like it to be known in the parish that they would also welcome the attendance of non-members to the classes.

The President also spoke of their forthcoming dance to be held in the Hall on the 11th May next, and hoped every member would put their shoulder to the wheel to make the dance an outstanding success.

The monthly competition was then gone on with and the following awards were made:—1st prize, Mrs. Scanlan and Miss Santer; 2nd prize, Miss D. O'Dwyer; 3rd prize, Miss P. Moloney.

The hostesses having served a delicious tea, a most enjoyable and social evening was brought to a close.

BALLINGARRY PENSIONS COMMITTEE

Ballingarry Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee has three new members—Rev. Father Connolly, C.C., and Messrs. Charles Butler and Henry O'Brien. Their inclusion on the committee was proposed at Saturday's meeting of the Limerick Co. Council by Mr. J. McDonnell. The election of the three was unanimous.

WAS GREAT STAGE FIGURE

DEATH OF "ALF" HURLEY

The death took place recently in London of Mr. Alfred Hurley, a one-time famous comedian, who was a native of Killaloe, belonging to one of the most deservedly popular and highly respected families in East Clare.

"Alf," as he was popularly known, was, indeed, a familiar figure with the past generation. A comedian to his finger tips, he was a first-class entertainer and had the gift of making friends all over Ireland. He appeared from time to time in concerts organised by the old San Toy Company, of which he was the leading light, and it was Alf, who first introduced the late John McCormack to the concert platform and was responsible for the renowned tenor's first appearance—then at a very young age—in Limerick City.

Deceased was the fourth son of Mr. Silvester Hurley, an old Killaloe resident. He started his career as a pupil teacher in the local national school, but did not continue teaching for very long and subsequently joined the staff of the London South Eastern Railway Company, England. When the Local Government (Ireland) Bill, 1898, was passed, Alf transferred his services to Dublin and became a civil servant. The lure of the stage was, however, too great for him to lead the hum-drum life of a clerk, and he once more answered the numerous calls from all over the country to sing at concerts.

The popular comedian eventually went back to London and during the first world war received many engagements to sing to the troops of the British Army.

His familiar figure will be missed in the old town that gave him birth, and to which he paid an annual visit for the dapping on Lough Derg, a sport which he loved. As a raconteur he had no equal. This, indeed, was a gift which other members of the Hurley family possessed—his brothers, George and Tom, and his sister, Julia—all gone to their reward.

We tender our respectful sym-

Miss B. Twomey, do.; John O'Connell, and Mrs. O'Connell, Kerry. Miss Hardiman, Kerry; Mrs. Ambrose, Carr; Miss Nash, Ardagh; S. M. Ardagh.

The children were drawn from the combined parishes of Carrick and their of dress and general deportment attracted much admiration.

DEATH RATE

REPORT FROM CO M.O.H.

"This thing may be of interest to biologists, but it cannot be of use to us," declared Chairman of the Limerick County Council, in a report from Dr. J. McPolin, Medical Officer of Health.

Dr. McPolin's report was submitted as a result of the notice of motion by Mr. P. Lillis at the next meeting of the Co. M.O.H. I will ask: How do the death rates for Co. Limerick compare with those of all Ireland as published in the newspapers of 29/3/5? what is the opinion of the Medical Officer on these figures for Limerick and Ireland?"

Mr. Lillis said he regretted the Co. M.O.H. wasn't present to explain his report. "I want information for the benefit of the people I represent," he said, "I want it given by the man paid to do it. I propose to adjourn the matter until he can explain his report to us."

Mr. J. McDonnell seconded the motion and the Council agreed unanimously.

COUNTY COTTAGE TRANSFERS

Two Limerick Co. Council transfers were made by the Council at its meeting last Saturday. They were:—

Shannongrove—From P. O'Donoghue to agricultural labourer Maurice Moore, for £25.

Kilduffaboo—From Wm. O'Connell to Thomas Biggane, for

pathy to the wife and family of Alf Hurley. May the earth be lightly on his great Irish