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We start this month by welcoming all of you to our banquet at

Barker's Penthouse Restaurant.

We are sorry we can't have you all in the civic atmosphere of Hammersmith Town Hall owing to the extensive alterations now

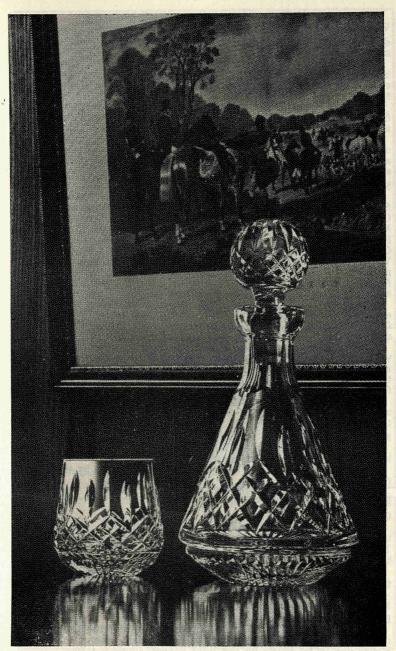
taking place there.

However, we have secured for you the top banqueting manager in London, namely Mr. Lumsden and his very efficient banqueting staff. Mr. Lumsden is known to many of our associations — Clare, Kerry, and Longford, to name but a few — for his efficiency in seeing to every detail, therefore taking a big burden off the shoulders of the hard working secretaries, whose various duties keep them very tied up for a function such as this.

Our Association has been going from strength to strength over the years and the past twelve months have been our best so far. To date we have donated over £1,000 to various charities and the year

is young yet.

We don't want to feel smug and think that we are the best committee ever. We appreciate that the various committees over the years Continued on page 4



Waterford Crystal is a way of life

WATERFORD ASSOCIATION (continued from page 2)

did a grand job and through their efforts, and now ours, our Associ-

ation is second to none in London.

This is our second year producing our own pocket diary, which is now on sale at 30p each. The monies from this diary go into our special building fund. Why not treat yourself and your friends to one for Christmas?

We are proud that it is a member of our association who produces free of charge the Irish Counties Journal, which enables the Associ-

ations to be widely known in every aspect of life.

We now have 198 members on our books and hope to make it over 200 by the time you read this. All of our paid up members get a copy of the Irish Counties Journal in the post every month, and any other news that may be to hand.

Social Activities

All the functions we have held so far this year have been a financial as well as a social success. Our most recent one at the Cricklewood, organised by Mr. Bill Downing, had the honour of having Mr. Pat Hegarty, Chairman of the Council present and Miss Hegarty, Pat's sister; and Pat's very charming young lady. Mr. Tommy Dack, Chairman of the Kilkenny Association was present with Mrs. Dack. We had Father Fleming from Waterford City who's father was a great hurler in days gone by, saw him chatting to Willie Baron, a former Chairman of our Association, who was a great hurler himself in days gone by.

Our roving photographer, Jim Regan, was there with a very expensive looking camera, looking fit and well after his trip to the Olympic Games. No doubt we will see the result of his night's work in

the next issue of this journal.

The aforementioned dance was organised to raise funds for the wife and children of a Mayo man who sustained serious injuries in an accident in recent months. We have reason to believe he will be unable to work for a considerable length of time. The gentleman's wife comes from Waterford.

By the time you read this we will have visited our sister Association in Birmingham for the occasion of their Annual Dinner. We will

tell you all about it in the next issue.

A Speedy Recovery

To Tom Smyth, son of our past Chairman, Wally, who was involved in an accident with his motorbike.

To Billy Kiely and family who have all been bitten by that dread-

ful bug influenza.

To Miss Anne Gierty and Mr. Tom Curran, of Aglish, who help to keep our name going in that area.

Congratulations

To three Waterford lads who brought honour to our county at the National Community Games at Santry Park Stadium, Dublin, Tony Ryan, John Treacy and Michael Brackett. Each of them brought back gold medals to Waterford.

To our friend Johnny McCauley on the success of his new records.

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy to the Whelan family on the death of Mrs. Whelan's father. R.I.P.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday night, 18th November, Dance in aid of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Stoke Newington, at the Loyola Hall, Manor Road, Stoke Newington, N.16. Music by the Wild Rovers, admission 50p.

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The Cork Association and Society organised a lecture and concelebrated mass to mark the 50th anniversary of Michael Collins. The lecture was held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, and the lecturer was Mr. J. Lee, Director of Studies at Cambridge University. Mr. Lee said it was a great honour for him to be privileged with such an important lecture as that of "The Life and Times of Michael Collins". He said Michael Collins was Ireland's greatest Irishman, his idealism to build the Ireland of the future occupied all of his life until his tragic death in 1922. The lecture was eloquently put across by Mr. Lee and was most interesting and informative, especially to the younger generation present.

Mr. R. Allen welcomed the following V.I.P.'s: Mr. B. Moran, representing the Irish Ambassador; Mr. J. J. Lee, Lecturer; Rev. Father Bradshaw, Cambridge University; Rev. Father T. McNamara, our Vice-President; Rev. Father Patrick Mee, O.M.I., Director Irish Centre.

The lecture closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. B. Moran, seconded by our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Paudie Lynch, tributes were also paid to Mr. Lee by our Chairman and Rev. Father McNamara.

Con-celebrated Mass

The Church of St. Anne Underwood Road, London, was the scene of the specially Con-celebrated Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Collins on the 20th August last. Rev. Father McDonald, P.P., con-celebrated mass with Rev. Father Bradshaw and Rev. Father Duggan, O.S.A. During the course of his sermon Father Bradshaw (Cambridge University) had a special welcome for the Ambassador's representative, Mr. C. V. Whelan, Minister Councillor, and his wife. Father Bradshaw, speaking in Irish, also thanked the choir of the London Gaelic League and its Deputy Conductor, Mr. Tisi. The Church of St. Anne was Michael Collins' place of worship while in London. The Michael Collins Society (London) presented a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the church to mark the occasion.

Draw

We would like to enlist your support in the form of a Draw in aid of the Hospital of St. John and Elizabeth, 60 Grove Road, London,

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Give him a Guinness!

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A Cairdi,

With the social scene in full swing once again and with serious thought being given to the problem of overweight, we Galwegians are left with but a pleasant memory of a happy, gay and carefree evening, on the occasion of our Annual Re-union Dinner held recently. Coupled with this memory is the striking thought that we must now get down to the serious business of accumulating funds, in order that we may be in a position to fulfill our obligations and meet requests for assistance, which we, in common with our Sister Associations in the Council of Irish Counties, receive at regular intervals in any specified year. Apart from a Jumble Sale and a couple of dances in between, our next effort at a social function will be our Christmas Dinner, being held on Saturday, November 25th, 1972, at the Irish Centre, where we shall play to a full house as is our custom at the Centre.

Letters of congratulation have been sent to two well known Galwegians who, in recent times have made news. To Lord Killanin, on his appointment as President of the International Olympics Committee and to Mr. Bobby Molloy, T.D., Minister for Local Government, on his recent engagement to a rather charming young lady. To these we offer once again hearty congratulations and best wishes in the years which lie ahead.

In recent years, Irishmen have not made any great impression in the field of international competition — as have some of the great nations — in their endeavours to bring home the coveted Gold, Silver or Bronze Medallions from under the flickering shadow cast by the Olympic flame. The fair sex has made its mark as in the case of Mary Peters, of whom we should be justly proud. Yet I can cast my mind back to a sunny day in the elegant city of Dublin, on June 30th, 1928, when, in company with hundreds of thousands of our countrymen we stood to honour and feel proud of a young officer of the Irish Army Air Corps, Major James Fitzmaurice. This was one of Dublin's big days. She was adding three Freemen to her Roll of Honour — two Germans and an Irishman. Men pushed, women jostled, people craned their necks to see over the shoulders of those in front as, promptly at half past six, the Lord Mayor and members of the Corporation came out on the City Hall steps, there to await those who were to sign Dublin's Book of Fame. A tremendous cheer was raised as a motorcade with a military mounted escort came into view. In this motorcade were Major James Fitzmaurice, of the Irish Army, Captain Herman Koehl, of the German Army, and Ehrenfried Gunther Baron von Huenfeld. These three men, two months before, from Portmarnock

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At a recent meeting of the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Fund Committee of the London Wexfordmen's Association the final arrangements were made for the ninth Annual Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert, to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, 19th November, 1972. This year's producer is Dermot Cadogan, the Hon. Treasurer of the Association, who produced a number of successful pantomimes and revues in the Wexford Theatre Royal in the 1940's.

Top of the bill this year is Johnny McEvoy and his Country Band, supported by such well known Irish artists as Kevin Hilton (compere), John Roche (Tenor), Bene McAteer (Soprano) and Eugene Lambert (Ventriloquist) plus the Johnny McCauley Trio, the Kavanagh School of Irish Dancing, and the Maguire Junior Ceili Band. The Wexford Mummers will be appearing for the first time ever in the Royal Albert Hall.

His Lordship Dr. Donal Herlihy, the Bishop of Ferns and Patron of the Association has accepted an invitation to attend and with him will be a number of distinguished Irishmen from Wexford and London. Mr. McCabe, the Hon. Secretary, reported that the B+I Shipping Line had kindly donated a trip to Ireland for the raffle to be held on the night.

Tickets will be available from the Royal Albert Hall (Tel. 01-389 8212) or from the Chairman Mr. D. J. O'Leary (Tel. 01-286 0516) as from 9th October, 1972.

This annual concert which has gone from strength to strength over the past nine years is being run as usual to raise funds, to establish a social and welfare centre for Wexford and Irish immigrants in London. The committee are now actively seeking suitable premises and it is hoped that after this concert sufficient funds will be available to enable a start to be made early in 1973.



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Now that the holidays are over we can settle down to our normal duties again. I trust all of you had a very enjoyable holiday. Those of you who attended the Re-union Dinner in Kerry in August, will no doubt have been pleased with the attendance. The night in itself did not quite come up to expectation. One wonders if the licensing laws and times for consuming of alcoholic beverage may have in some small way taken from the occasion. However with Kerry people and their friends drawn from Cork, Dublin, Limerick, Clare, London and New York all felt it was a worthwhile exercise. Our thanks to the Earl of Desmond Hotel and to all in Kerry, Cork and Dublin who helped with the arrangements.

We were pleased during the holiday to be hosts to a party of over forty children and community workers from Belfast. We had lunch for them at the Earl of Desmond during the week and all were very appreciative of the gesture.

Our Dance in Brent Town Hall in early September, whilst not very well supported by all members was a success financially and had we had the full support it could have been very worthwhile. Our thanks to the various County Associations who supported us. Our thanks also to the staff of Brent Town Hall for their co-operation.

Dinner Dance at The Tara

Due to the building strike the Tara Hotel was not completed on schedule and we had to postpone our dinner, which we hoped to have in November. We have been allocated a new date February 13th and we would like to know if you are interested in a dinner on that occasion. As our Annual Dinner takes place at the Penthouse Restaurant, on Saturday, 19th May, you may feel the dates are too close and would wish us not to proceed with the 13th February.

Two nights to look forward to are the two concerts at the Albert Hall during November. On the 7th November the Columban Fathers Variety Concert starring Dana and Joe Lynch. On 19th the Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert, sponsored by the London Wexfordmen's Association. Members who require tickets for either of these concerts should contact their secretary at 422 6688.

We hope to have a Card Drive during November and we will give you full details later.



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Despite the fact that we are very lazy journalists, the Longford Association is still very active.

Like most other associations we did our bit for the tourist industry this year by holding our third Annual Dinner Dance at home in Longford.

The dinner which was attended by many local dignitaries attracted our exiles from all over England and America.

Our very affable Vice-Chairman Mr. Vincent O'Sullivan stood in for our chairman who could not be present. He did a good job in keeping the speeches to a minimum in conjunction with our dynamic President who, as usual, was our M.C. for the night.

In his short speech Mr. O'Sullivan welcomed everybody present and said how pleasant it was to see so many old and new faces.

Mr. Paddy Farrell, Chairman of the Longford County Council and Mr. James Conlon, Chairman of the Urban District Council, were both pleased to welcome us to Longford. Mr. Paddy Farrell outlined the progress made in our home town since our last visit. Indeed, the changes were there to be seen by all. The new industries made abundant work and Mr. Farrell invited us back to live and work in Longford. Many of us are too old and settled here to go back, but it was nice to get the invitation.

The evening was a huge success and will be remembered for a long time by all of us who attended.

The Cricklewood

Our dinner at home did not stop our charity work in London.

We would like to thank our supporters for making our dance at the Cricklewood on the 9th September the success it was.

The music was supplied by the very talented all Longford Group who are making the headlines here in London, namely Mick Maloney and The Side Crackers.

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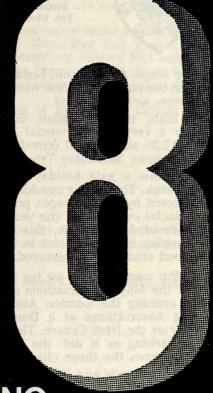
Again at the Cricklewood on the 4th November, 1972, a dance in aid of the homes for handicapped children. Tickets on sale at 40p each. The music will again be supplied by Mick Maloney and The Side Crackers.

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All connected with the Mayo Association, London have had a busy time recently. In the course of a few weeks three dances, plus a Re-union Dinner were organised.

On Friday, August 25th, the Cavendish Ballroom, N.W.10 was the venue for a very happy social evening dancing was from 8.30 to 12.30 and a good crowd enjoyed the music provided by the Johnny McCauley Trio.

Saturday, August 26th saw a gala holiday week-end Dance in the Rest Hotel Kenton. This was a sparkling affair very well patronised and voted by those people present to be one of the best Mayo Social evenings of the year. Once again Johnny McCauley provided the music, this talented trio have a wonderful following in Irish circles in London, Where the group plays a good attendance is assured.

Saturday, September, 9th was the date set for the long awaited visit to London by the Mayo Associations of Leeds and Birmingham. On that evening the London Association were hosts to the visiting Associations at a Dinner and Dance given in their honour at the Irish Centre. This was a most memorable evening marking as it did the first get together of the Associations from the three cities.

Welcoming the guests from Leeds and Birmingham, the Chairman of the London Association said how happy they in the London Association were to have among them that evening their fellow exiles from the other two cities, he hoped they would enjoy the evening and hoped it was just the beginning of several such occasions. He also thanked the staff of the Irish Centre for providing such an excellent meal.

Mr. Joe McDonnell, Leeds and Mr. Peter Connaughton, Birmingham, replied on behalf of their respective Associations.

Grand Draw

At the moment all Mayo Association members are busy promoting sales of draw tickets. This draw will take place during

the Annual Dinner Dance in the Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, on December 2nd. With generous prizes of £150, £50, £30, £20 tickets are an investment. All committee members have books on hand so why not make sure of your book now, tickets are 10p each or £1.00 for a book of ten, a phone call to the secretary or chairman will meet with a prompt reply, members "if you are not in you can't win."

In conclusion make a note of the Annual Dinner Dance, Saturday, December 2nd. Venue: Bloomsbury Centre Hotel, W.C.1. Music by Johnny McCauley. Don't leave your application for Dinner Dance tickets too late, every year lots of folk are disappointed so make sure you have your tickets.

More of the Dinner Dance in next month's Counties Journal.

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Ireland's gain is our loss

We have lost two of our very good friends to Ireland namely Pat Grey and his wife Eileen. They have returned to live permanently in Ireland. We all hope to pay them a visit next year and help them and the Tourist Board by staying at their new Guest House.

Pat was a founder member of our Association which was inaugurated fifteen years ago, and is at present Vice-Chairman.

Holidays

Many of our people have returned from holidays in Ireland. They brought back with them very happy thoughts and praise for the wonderful holiday spent in the homeland. The most enthusiastic was Mary, our assistant secretary, who spent her time in Killarney. She would like to shout her praises from the rooftops and she highly recommends the lovely home from home guest house she stayed at — at such a reasonable cost.

Congratulations

To P.G. and Mrs. Green on celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary last month. To celebrate, or I should say their second honeymoon was spent touring France. They had a special mass celebrated while at Lourdes.

Hugh and myself were also 25 years married last month. It's a mighty long time!! Many thanks to all of you for the numerous good wishes.

Congratulations are in order also to the young ones John and Mary McAleer on the birth of their son P.J.

To Ted Keenan, Cornagrade, Enniskillen, on being the first Irishman to swim the English Channel on August 16th last. Last but by no means least congratulations to Ann McQuaid also from Enniskillen, who competed in the Olympics at Munich as a canoeist. We feel sure she will bring back a medal next time.

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Holidays

I am sure you are all getting settled in at work after a well earned holiday. I do hope you had a very enjoyable time.

A.G.M.

By the time you receive this journal our A.G.M. will be over and your new committee will have taken office. I don't envisage any changes, except, of course, that of secretary. The secretary you elected last year had to resign some time ago and I've been acting in that capacity ever since.

The Kennedy Brothers Memorial Concert

Once again it is coming near the date of our annual concert to be held in the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday, 19th November, 1972. I can assure you that our producer, Mr. D. Cadogan has a magnificent team of artists lined up for your entertainment. Do get in touch with your many friends and get them to come along. Tickets are in the capable hands of Mr. D. J. O'Leary, 01-286 0516, to whom all enquiries must be made.

Prize Bonds

You were made aware some time ago that the Kennedy Hall Committee had purchased some prize bonds. I am glad to say that a prize of £25.00 has been won. Here's hoping for much larger prizes in the future.

Dinner and Dance

Your Association is helping out with a dinner dance to be held in the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway Road, on November 16th, 1972. This dance is to raise funds for the St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, St. John's Wood, which is run by the Sisters of Mercy. As it is a very worthy cause, we hope as many of our members as possible will attend. Tickets can be obtained from our chairman, Mr. P. McCabe, 01-205 5930.

Bacon and Cabbage

Our second Bacon and Cabbage supper and social for this year will be held at the Irish Centre, Camden Town, on October 28th. Don't be one of the disappointed ones this time. Get your tickets early from Mr. P. McCabe, 01-205 Continued on page 27

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Our Saturday night Autumn event is a Roast Beef Dinner at the Irish Centre, on 21st October, 1972, 7.45 for 8.15. There may be a few tickets still available, so if you would like to come please get in touch with the secretary or treasurer, telephone numbers and addresses above. Tickets are £1.50 each. Music by the Wild Rovers. This will be a very happy event so come along and join the rest of the Cavan folk in London and their friends.



The photograph is of Mr. and Mrs. Brenden Harty, taken after their wedding in Dublin, recently.

The bride was formerly Miss Eve Healy, and was well known in Cavan Association and the Irish Centre circles. She represented Cavan in the Irish Centre Charity Walks of 1969 and 1970, and also manned the Cavan Stall at the Summer Fayre.

As one of the Receptionists at the Irish Centre during the years 1969/70/71 her work there will be remembered with much appreciation.

B. F. MULLEN, Secretary.

LONDON WEXFORDMEN'S ASSOCIATION (continued from page 25) 5930, price £1.15 each. We promise you another good night's entertainment.

A Dinner Dance will be held at the Gresham Ballroom, Holloway, in aid of the St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, on Thursday, 16th November. Tickets £3.00, available from the Chairman, Mr. P. McCabe; Secretary, Mrs. M. Newport or the Treasurer, Mr. D. Cadogan.

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ANSWERS TO OUR QUIZ

- 1. They were ferried by Charon across the River Styx.
- 2. A type of stagecoach.
- 3. 30th May, 1968 in Paris.
- 4. Lawn Tennis. It is the home of the Wimbledon Championships
- 5. Half-hours or Barometric Pressure.
- 6. Alpine Willow (one inch).
- 7. A groom.
- 8. Twelve by wireless, last stroke without.
- 9. In the reign of William III. Esquires 25 shillings, Gentlemen 5 shillings, Man one shilling.
- 10. Mount Kenya.
- 11. One concluded by drinking.
- 12. Starkey.

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GALWAY ASSOCIATION (continued from page 10)

Strand, had made the first successful flight across the Atlantic from East to West. Fitzmaurice was the Pilot, with Koehl taking a turn at the controls. Von Huenfeld was the navigator, and the aeroplane which these brave men flew was called the Bremen. They had been acclaimed all over America, and were now back in Dublin, a City which was proud to place their names on its Roll of Freemen. Proud because a pilot of the Irish Army Air Corps shared in this first triumph over the Atlantic. One realises the greatness of this achievement when one considers that aircraft in those days were not blessed with radar and in most cases, not even radio. The Bremen had neither.

The Galway Association extends every good wish to Michael and Shirley Mullin, members of our Association, who have taken over the tenancy of "The Warwick", Victoria Road, New Barnet, Herts. We learn that an Irish welcome awaits all Associations at this venue. Michael Mullin is the former manager of "The Galteymore".

BOB DALY, Secretary.

NEWS FROM HOME

LIMERICK

September the 8th last saw the official opening by the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Mr. Lalor, of the new £1,500,000 factory in Limerick. The factory Howmedica - International manufactures orthopaedic implants which will be exported to Europe, Asia, and Africa, for use by surgeons in cases of diseased or damaged bone structure.

At present over 200 workers are employed at the 70,000 sq. ft. 12 acre site at the Raheen Industrial Estate. It is envisaged that 600 workers will be em-

ployed at the Howmedica plant when it is in full operation.

WEXFORD

The Wexford Creamery have planned a £2 million development programme which will create 200 new jobs in the next two years. This splendid achievement is being brought about through the co-operation of business interests and dairy producers. The dairy farmers of Wexford will increase their milk production from 48,000 gallons to 100,000 gallons a day which will enable the Wexford Creamery to double their cheese exports within the next four years.

WATERFORD

The Kerrygold wrappers which are so familiar to us here in London are manufactured and printed in Waterford for the whole of the export market.

How many of you watching the top show jumping Star Ambassador at the Olympics or on the television realise it was bred by a Waterford farmer, namely Mr. Thomas Clancy.

BACK HOME

The Big 8 are back in Waterford after a successful run in Las Vegas. The dancing public of London will remember the three talented Waterford boys, Brenden Bowyer, Tom Dunphy and Dave Cody. The group was formed only twelve months ago and they've got several successful records to their name already.

Father W. Meehan (Vice-President of the Waterford Association, London) and his folk group the Young Generation gave a very successful performance at a concert at the Regal Cinema, Waterford, recently. The concert was organised to raise funds for the care of the Aged Way Centre, Lady Lane, Waterford.

THE ARAN ISLANDS

The famous writer Mr. Pat Mullen who resided in Anglesey for over twenty years died recently, R.I.P. Mr. Mullen is famous for his books "Hero Breed" and "Man of Aran", the latter being made into a film. He was born ninety years ago at Innismore where he has now gone back to rest.

ROSE OF TRALEE

The new Rose of Tralee, Miss Clare Frances Dubendore entered from Switzerland where she resides, was born in London and has a Dublin mother.

MEATH

The very small but picturesque town of Trim won this year's overall award in the tidy towns competition. Her sister town of Ceanannus Mor or, more commonly known as Kells, came first in the category award. There was much celebrating in both towns on the night of the 13th September.

DUBLIN

NEW DEPUTY M.D. AT ARKS

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CORK ASSOCIATION (continued from Page 8)

N.W.8. The hospital, which is run by the Sisters of Mercy, is a voluntary one and outside the National Health Service. Tickets are 5p each. There are two joint 1st prizes. 1st prize: Return ticket for two and one car to Ireland (1st ticket drawn). 1st prize: Gateway Value Holiday Weekend to Ireland (2nd ticket drawn). 2nd prize: £10, 3rd prize: £10, 4th prize: £10, 5th prize: 1 bottle of gin and 1 bottle of whiskey.

We would like to thank the following people for donating the prizes: Return tickets for two people and a car to Ireland—B+I Line, 155 Regent Street, London, W.1. Gateway Value Holiday Weekend to Ireland—Anonymous.

The following persons donating £10 each: Mr. John Bunlea, 188 Chameerlyne Road, London, N.W.10 (All Munster Associations); Mr. James Conway, President Cavan Association. The friends of St. John and St. Elizabeth for the gin and whiskey. Mr. John Keldrey, 1 Richmond Way, London, W.12, a bottle of whiskey. We hope all Associations and societies will help us to sell the tickets for this worthy cause. Please get in touch with Mr. C. Burke, 118 Highlever Road, London, W.10. Tel. 01-969 7439.

Date for your Diary

Our 19th Annual Dinner and Dance will be held at the Penthouse Restaurant, John Barkers, Kensington, W.8, on Thursday, November 30th, 1972, time 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. Music will be by Pat McNamee and his Band. Tickets £3 each, now available from Miss E. Honohan, Hon. Secretary, address as heading; C. Burke, 102 Kilburn Lane, N.W.10. Tel. 01-969 5442; Mrs. O'Leary, 18 Kingley Road, N.W. 10. Tel. 01-328 2310; Mr. Joe Sheehan, 23 Peter Avenue, N.W. 10. Tel. 459 6437.

Vote of Sympathy

Our sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Sullivan and family on the death of Mrs. O'Sullivan's mother, R.I.P. We pray that God will give them the strength to bear the loss they have sustained.

Getting Better

We are very pleased to see, once again, Mrs. J. Bynne out of hospital and on the road to good health.

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CLARE ASSOCIATION, LONDON

A Parish Re-union will be held at the Irish Centre on Thursday, 16th November, 1972.

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