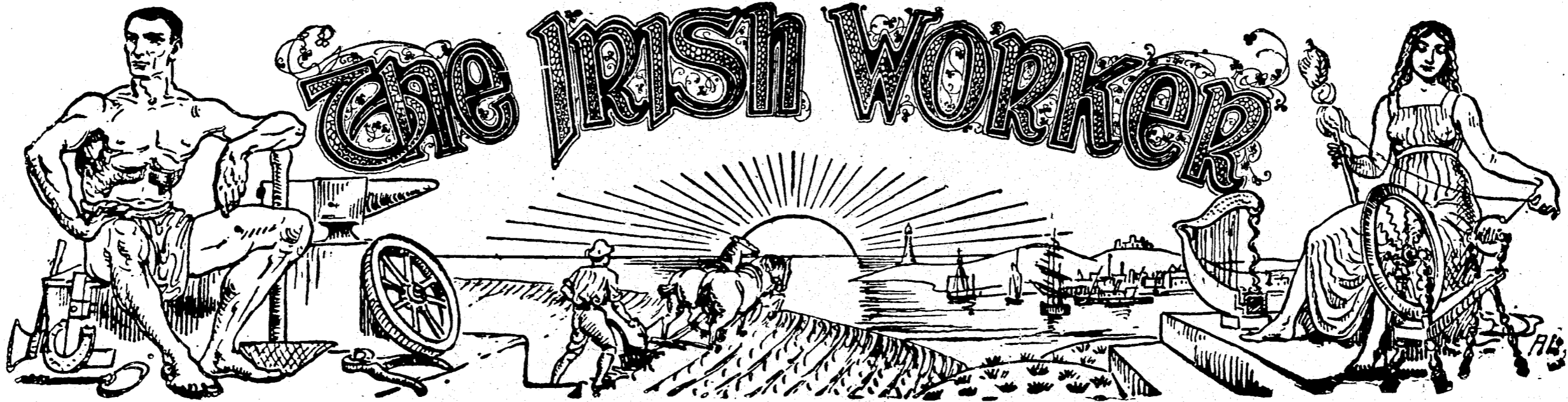


"The principle I state and mean to stand upon is—that the entire ownership of Ireland, moral and material, up to the sun and down to the centre is vested of right in the people of Ireland."

James Finlay Laker.



Who is it speaks of defeat? I tell you a cause like ours; is greater than defeat can know— It is the power of powers. As surely as the earth rolls round As surely as the glorious sun Brings the great world moon wave Must our Cause be won!

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CO-OPERATION AND THE Labour Movement.

By R. J. P. MORTIMER.

IV. THE VALUE OF CO-OPERATION.

The statistics of co-operative progress given in the preceding section are sufficient to show that it is no idle figure of speech to call the co-operative body "a State within the State."

Co-operators have not yet realized all the splendid vision of the Rochdale weavers, but they have succeeded, to a certain extent in "arranging the powers of production, distribution, education and government," and their method of working has a peculiar value.

In so far as the Stores movement enables the consumer to reap all the advantages of modern industry whilst it eliminates the profit of the capitalist, there is a clear economic saving.

A large part of the saving due to the economic superiority of co-operation over competition is retained within the movement and is used for further development.

The full value of the Co-operative Movement cannot, however, be judged by its material success. What is more important is its human success.

enough to keep their enthusiasm always at white heat. The official himself, as he rises from the committee of a local store to membership of a District Board, and finally even to the Committee of the C.W.S., will be faced with all the problems of legislation and administration, organization and construction,

Viewed broadly then, the Co-operative Movement represents a great stride in both economic and democratic progress.

First of all, a thriving co-operative store would enable every Dublin workman to get good, pure food. His bread would be nourishing, palatable food produced in his own bakery.

As regards clothing, the Dublin working man would be able to get boots, clothing and underclothing made of real leather and real wool, manufactured perhaps, some of it at any rate repaired in his own workshops.

For housing, out of the savings his Society would accumulate on his purchases of food and clothing, and by means of the substantial credit of his fifty thousand fellows he might eventually decide to lay out a garden suburb for Dublin, and provide himself with a decent little house, large enough for privacy and comfort,

Out of his savings again, the Society could establish a central Workers' Hall, with a well-stocked library and quiet airy reading-room. Later on there would be a concert-room and theatre, where he would listen to the songs and play-acting of his children.

But out co-operator will not seek to reap all the advantages of his Store for himself alone. He will take thought for the sick and the aged by providing good food and skilled nursing for his comrades who fall ill and almshouses and pensions for those who grow feeble with age.

Our working man will not forget his store when he wages war with his employer. He will be able to fall back on his accumulated dividends to supplement his strike pay.

All these activities will require discussion. Our co-operator will find a keen delight in attending general meetings of the Society in electing officers, in standing for election himself.

Having proved the worth of his principles it will not be long before the Store member tries to give them a wider application. He will enter municipal and national politics.

That is a fantastic vision? It is imaginary, indeed, but there is nothing in it that is inherently impossible, nothing that has not been put into actual practice somewhere in the world wide Co-operative Movement.

"Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high; Where knowledge is free; Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

The Irish Plays in London.

By SHELLBACK.

Delia Larkin and her Irish players are in London—the most important city in the world. The big smoke; the great Metropolis. Like another fabled personage who travelled that way in the old Banshee days, they have "gone up to London," but unlike him their mission is not to achieve great things for themselves,

London possesses a great democratic spirit; lords and dukes and crossing sweepers bump into one another and politely apologise. Hungry men and women stare into shop windows at fortunes in gold and precious stones.

The head office of every business house that thinks itself important is in London. Men meet in Parliament there to legislate for the fishermen of Connaught, the granite hewers of the North of Scotland, the coal miners of South Wales, or to decide a Mexican boundary line, or to order the erection of a flag-staff on the high Himalayas, or measure the correct amount of Divine Right necessary to equip a king for a South African State.

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Inspection of Swords and Clondalkin will be held on Sunday next. It is to be hoped there will be a full muster of members in both places. Bray Company will be visited the following Sunday. Officers will attend every night from 8 o'clock in Croydon Park to drill members of Dublin Company. Special drill for all members in Croydon Park every Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock.

"I put your two letters before the House Committee last night. I am instructed to write to you to say that we cannot give the hall to the Irish Citizen Army for drill, as the hall is fully occupied every night.—Yours,

Capital that may hearten the fighters who so far have been so sorely beset. So let us again express the hope that when once again Delia takes the return trail to Dublin she will be able to speak with pleasure of that great human heart she discovered amid the smoke and the turmoil, the palaces and the "lean-to's" of that great City of London, the centre of that Christianity that is continually re-enacting the part played by those who crucified Christ so long ago, and where so many martyrs are daily being done to death because of their faith and loyalty to His teaching;

BY THE CAMP FIRE.

SPLENDID MEETING IN FINGLAS. COMPANY OF THE IRISH CITIZEN ARMY FORMED.

On Friday, April 24th, an enthusiastic meeting was held in Finglas. Frank Moss presided, and there were upwards of five or six hundred present. M. O. Maolain, J. Magowan, and Sean O'Connell spoke, and those present declared themselves in accord with the advice given to join no movement that had not the full confidence of the Leaders of Irish Organised Labour.

Two Labour Delegates from Cork were welcomed on Saturday evening by the Council.

The Secretary explained the essential difference between the Constitution of the Citizen Army and that of the Volunteers. It was also explained to the Delegates that the Council had asked for and received the approval of the Dublin Trades Council. The Delegates expressed their agreement with the aims and objects of the Irish Citizen Army, and promised to do everything they could to establish and advance the movement in Cork.

The following will be some of the attractions at the open-air Entertainments to be held in Croydon Park on Sunday, May the 24th—Musical Drill, Company Formation and Attack and Capture of Fortified Position by Citizen Army. Races for Boys and Girls under 16, for which prizes will be given. Bayonet Drill by the National Guard Obstacle Race and Tilting the Bucket. Singing of Irish-Ireland and Lab-ur Songs. Dancing. Fire and Drum and Pipers Bands.

The price of the tickets, which may be had now, are—Adults, 4d. Children, 1d.

All members must procure an arm't, which can be had any night in Committee Room, price 2d. each.

On Sunday last, an excellent display was given by the 1st Dublin Company in Croydon Park. The drill was a company drill, musical drill, bayonet drill, and were splendidly executed. The drill was given under the supervision of the Company. Weekly subscription is only one penny.

Officers will attend every night from 8 o'clock in Croydon Park to drill members of Dublin Company. Special drill for all members in Croydon Park every Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock.

Armlets are now available. Parade on Sunday in Croydon Park, at 4 p.m. Arrangements are being made to commence drills in halls in Inchicore, Drumcondra, and a hall in High street and Cornmarket districts.

We have received another letter from the highly respectable House Committee of the Dublin Gaelic League as follows: "25 Farnell square.

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Reflecting a Rat's System.

[From the "Industrial Unionists"] Observe the specimen of the genus homo who looks as if he was making an attack upon the record held by "Bill" Solomon, heavy-weight champion in the glorious attire class; bet your ultimate "brown" he's of the tribe 'boss'. In other words, he does nothing useful, getting his keep by shouldering the world's work on to others. His bed and clothing are of the downiest, the fleeciest, and most comforting. Did he make them? No. His victuals are the choicest. Did he produce or prepare them? Not he. He rides in a luxurious motor. Did he do anything towards the construction of it? Why, he doesn't know any more about building motor cars, than a whelk about the different calculus.

Now see that figure painfully ambling along the other—not the easy—side of the road. Who is this hang-dog tattered demoralized, thin heavy-eyed, weary-footed, animated rag-bag; t'is "shambling, shuffling, plantigrade"? Why, to be sure, it's a working man. Look at his hands; see the distorted shape of them, the broken nails, the knobs of thickened skin eggs—the sign manual of a useful toiler.

It's a mad world. The useful worker starves, while idleness reaps the rich reward.

Get together, slaves, and organise to smash this profit-gobblers system.

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Professor D. H. MacGregor, "The Evolution of Industry."

A Woman's Way

Retrieving Losses of the Dublin Strike

It was, I think, Prof T. M. Kettle who said that Ireland is separated from England by St. George's Channel...

Miss Larkin, whose brother is, of course, the leader of the Irish Transport Workers, has developed a side of Trade Union work...

IRISH WORKERS' DRAMATIC SOCIETY, which she has brought to England to give performances in aid of her co-operative scheme...

And what is it you propose to do, Miss Larkin? "I want money to provide for my women and girls victimised after the strike..."

OUR PROGRAMME is a good one. We give Irish songs and dances and selections by Irish warrigors in native costumes...

"Your co-operative scheme is—?" "I want to start these women and girls in industries of their own..."

There was a touch of real pride in Miss Larkin's references to her girls. She is the Secretary of the Women's Union...

when girls get to the age of forty they are broken up. They don't get enough food to keep them healthy and well...

What Miss Larkin's Union has done to mitigate the hardships endured by the workers is not so well known as it ought to be...

JIM'S UNION has a large tract of land, fifteen acres called Croydon Park, with a large house about twenty minutes' walk from Liberty Hall...

Something of the STRESS AND SACRIFICE of the seven long months during which the strike lasted came home to me as Miss Larkin talked...

I have only space to add that the Irish Workers give their performance at King's Hall, Covent Garden, on Friday, May 8...

IRISH WOMEN WORKERS' UNION

Liberty Hall, Dublin. All sections of women workers are eligible to join the above union...

"An injury to One is the concern of All." The Irish Worker, EDITED BY JIM LARKIN...

DUBLIN, Sat., May 2nd, 1914.

Of Things Heard and Seen

This time last week (we in fear and trembling, moryah!) the howls of the M'Sweeneys were heard on the breeze...

Mr. Larkin feels that I have been unfair, he has an opportunity to retaliate. So 'The M'Sweeney! The howling Beast of Ephesus became the toy poodle from Macroom..."

We see that Mr. Forsyth, unpaid sky pilot, was preaching in the Methodist Chapel, Pembroke, on Sunday evening last...

In '67 the Government knew their men. Stephens, Luby, O'Mahony were men immersed in the discontent of democracy...

The property-owning class stood between Carson and the "Law"; they coerced the Government into making special laws for the Fenians...

The Recompense of Judas. During the Murphy-made dispute in Dublin the British Trades Congress endorsed the claim of recognition of the Irish Transport Workers' Union...

So Carson won again! What it is to have friends in the Government. We wonder what would happen to Larkin...

We see Scully and Crozier have arranged things again. Crozier is lending £5,000 at 5 per cent. to South Dublin Union Board...

Don't forget the gathering, Croydon Park, on Sunday, same as last Sunday. Entrance - Adults, 2d; Children, 1d.

SPORTS GALORE!

Bring the wife and care. Refreshments at popular prices. No side; no swank. Everybody's home.

Swings for the girls from 7 to 70 Fiddling, Dancing, and Singing of Songs

No drinking, no bungery. Good fellowship, and then home in the gloaming tired and happy.

Pembroke Labour Board.

Sir, - Will you please have the appended advt. inserted in the coming issue of the "Irish Worker," and have the account sent on at your earliest.

GUN-RUNNING.

'67-The Fenians. Punishment—Transportation.

1914-The Orangemen. Reward-Carson Embroid by Royalty. Why were the men of '67 proscribed, sentenced to long and torture-filled years of penal servitude...

The Fenians were proscribed for Treason, were arraigned for Treason, were punished for Treason. The most prominent of the English Press have declared that Carson's speeches were treasonable...

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IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS' UNION, ATHLETIC CLUB, LIBERTY HALL.

NOTICE.

Any member of above Club wishing to join Physical Drill Class can do so by giving his name to D. Hyden, Instructor, at above.

Irish Citizen Army.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

will be held on SUNDAY in Skerries, at 2 o'clock, p.m., and in Balbrogan at 5 o'clock, p.m.

Irish Women's Reform League

A Public Meeting

will be held in the OAK ROOM, MAN-SION HOUSE, on Wednesday, 6th May, at 8 p.m.

The O'Connell St. Meeting

POLICE TAKE ACTION.

The following summons has been served on all the speakers who addressed the meeting recently held in O'Connell street to protest against the proposed Exclusion of Ulster:—

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Co operation Workers' New Secretary.

To the Editor "Irish Worker." Sir, I would like to draw the attention of my fellow Corporation Workers to a move on foot to foil a notorious scab organiser on us as Secretary of our Society...

BOXING Tournament

(Under the auspices of the I.T.U. Boxing Committee).

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Queenstown Notes.

We have so often denounced and rather caustically criticised the actions of those who allege they represent Labour...

The pressing problems of the hour in the shape of better conditions both in the home and workshop can be far more gainfully made by making your minds to do it yourselves.

Mr. Crosbie's "Evening Fink 'Un' of April the 14th inst. we are indebted for the news that at the Urban Council meeting of the night previous, J. Finn, 'Labourite' (?) is responsible for introducing the question of nominations for the County Council.

The Red Hand badge therefore is an emblem that all men ought to be proud to wear, for it will never be seen in the coat of a coward. It is the man's badge.

Mr. A. Higgins then rose to the height of "Molie" (not moral) grandeur, and proposed Mr. C. O'Callaghan be the man to carry the Nationalist banner in the coming County Council election.

These men shamelessly plunged in to perform the bidding of their political masters; have lost all right to be called labour representatives.

To those who attempted to ignore the despicable crawling of those men at the Urban Council and put forward a Labour representative we feel delighted and surprised, and were astounded when we heard they called to account such a genius (?) as R. A. Higgins...

Trade Unionist, and was only carrying out the dictates of the County President and keeping up to his usual conduct of snivelling to the snobocracy of Queenstown.

As for Mr. Finn, another tool for the B.O.E. lodge, whose knowledge of the world does not extend beyond the limits of the hurling field, to be found crawling around Queenstown at Charlie O'Alaghan's tail with a nomination paper is what we would expect; for witness an example of this man's intelligence in the Labour Movement when a question came up recently at the local Shipwrights' Branch, of which he is secretary, anent the amalgamation of shipwrights and boiler-makers, Mr. Finn not alone spoke, but voted against it also.

STELLA MARIS.

Inchicore Items.

The Emmet Fife and Drum Band meets for practice on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Wonderful progress is being made under Mr. Mallin's able tuition, and it is confidently expected that the band will take its place in the Labour Demonstration on the 31st of May.

Membership of the Irish Transport Workers' Union is now, more than ever, a genuine indication of honesty and manhood. This Union, during the Murphy-made dispute, opened its ranks to the men assailed, and while the struggle lasted, fed, clothed, and sustained men who never before belonged to any Union.

"Eaten bread is soon forgotten" is an old saying and a true one. Many of those assisted are inclined to drop out of the Union now that the danger is passed, and that they are in receipt of regular wages. But they had better be warned in time.

The genuine Trade Unionists are appealed to to dress up their ranks. No non society man ought to be permitted to take part in the forthcoming Labour Demonstration. But we shall give the names of a few that have "ratted" before then.

The non-Unionist is a danger to every man who works for wages, and should be shunned by all respectable people. It is up to the workers of Dublin to make their city the best organised one in the three Kingdoms, as it was the battle ground of the greatest fight ever waged in the Labour interest.

No Society in Ireland has increased the wages of its members more than as has the Irish Transport Workers' Union, and few Societies in Dublin ever succeeded in raising the wages of their members until aided by organisation.

The Red Hand badge therefore is an emblem that all men ought to be proud to wear, for it will never be seen in the coat of a coward. It is the man's badge.

Men of the New Kilmainham Ward get busy. Prepare for the great Labour demonstration on the 31st May. Make your district the best organised of Dublin. All Trade Unionists to the front. Now is the time.

Join the Citizen Army. All information given at the Emmet Hall. Members enrolled. Drilling three nights a week. Tug of war teams, football teams, hurling teams and boxing classes now being formed. All welcome except blacklegs and police.

Members of the band unavoidably absent from practice are recommended to send instruments to Hall on such nights, otherwise the privilege they at present enjoy will be reluctantly withdrawn.

W. P. P.

To the Editor "Irish Worker."

Dublin, 27th April, 1914. Dear Sir,—Now that the Poor Law Elections are approaching, it might interest the readers of your valuable paper to have a little information concerning the action of some of the members of the North Dublin Union Board of Guardians.

Up to last Saturday the crippled, blind, and infirm of the institution under the control of above Board have been allowed one ounce of tobacco weekly by the medical officer.

The Master, whose appointment is not sanctioned by the Local Government Board, has taken it upon himself to overrule the Medical Officer, and has accordingly struck everyone who is under sixty years of age of this little necessity. This officer is, I believe, another member of the A.O.H., and has been placed in this position by the workers, whose representatives the Guardians are.

Now, workers, awake from your slumbers, and do not be carried away by the smiles and polished manners of the "bung" etc., who are the tools of the "Antiquated Order of Hypocrisy."

Place your Labour representatives upon these boards at the forthcoming elections and drive out those place-hunters, whose only aim in life on the public boards of this country is to get "jobs" for their relations under the existing Poor Law system.

Apologising for trespassing so much on your valuable space, I remain, yours truly,

JOSHUA.

DON'T FORGET! Women Workers' Grand Excursion

Wexford Notes.

Eddie O Cullen, as instanced by some of his remarks in Tuesday's "Leader," has suddenly become a volunteer. He has at 1st begun to realise that the Orange opposition to Home Rule is more than a game of bluff.

What a time it took to get Eddie to write those words. Quite right; the other three provinces can fight; and will, by the look of things, now have to fight if they want to gain their independence, as the Nationalists and Liberals seem to be afraid of the Tories.

Only last week Eddie in a leading article commended the conduct of Patrick Walsh at a meeting of the Gorey Guardians, who handed in a notice of motion to rescind a resolution which had been adopted at a former meeting to the effect that it was undesirable that Ulster should be cut off from the rest of Ireland, and that a Convention should be called in Dublin to consider the situation.

Imagine the editor of a newspaper devoting his leading article to praising a man like this who does not know his own mind for a fortnight. What would be wrong with the calling of a Convention in Dublin to consider the question of dividing Ireland. Surely we are not to be led by the nose by paid politicians who say one day that Ireland is one and indivisible and the next encourage a crowd of bigoted Orangemen to make Ireland a cockpit of religious bigotry.

The Liberal Government in one way might be excused for not taking action against Carson and his gang, for every alleged Nationalist paper in Ireland, including our local ones, were offering apologies for him by saying that he was using bluff, that he was not to be taken seriously. Politics will be ever thus, and we say away with such and their party newspapers.

Labour organised is the only hope for Ireland, and the sooner the workers of the country realise this the better for themselves and their families.

We observe by the "People" that Sir Thomas Esmonde has drawn up a resolution of confidence in himself in connection with the Ulster question. Wonderful!

The employees at the Mill Road Iron Works are getting it pretty hard just now, the most of their wages being cut on Saturday last. Maybe they will now see the need for organisation and backbone.

Johnnie Price is alleged to have brought Salmon and the other mismanagers into his office about a week ago to ask him how it was that there was more work done in the year 1911 for less money than in 1913, when more money was paid for less work.

John J. Kehoe is a governor of the Infirmary Board, and has a supply of tickets to give to people to enable them to get medical attendance. But John J. will only supply them, as he says himself, to country people who are paying rates. We hope the townspeople will thank of this to his next month when he seeks election as a member of the County Council, and refuse him a ticket of admission to that body.

he seeks election as a member of the County Council, and refuse him a ticket of admission to that body. "Spite" Richards is still on the cadging tack. Only last week he asked Paddy Duphy, in the Barony of Forth, to get service for him on the cheap from the Department of Agriculture.

CLONDALKIN NOTES.

There is a paper mill at Saggart, Co. Dublin, owned by McDonnell & Co., of Ormond quay—another flourishing firm who pay their men the magnificent sum of 12s. a week for over 40 hours. These people make the note paper called Ancient Irish Vellum—the dearest note paper on the market—and yet they can only afford to pay a starvation wage to their employees.

There is a feeling of dissatisfaction and indignation in Clondalkin district at the high-handed action of the church body in trying to close the Churchyard without consulting the wishes of the people who have claims to the said Churchyard.

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these Councils and to get proper sites for your cottages, for it is you that have to live in them and to till the gardens attached. Don't let it be another ranch, don't have to quarry your gardens before you can till them.

Funeral of Mr. Joseph McQuillan.

(Late member of the Irish National Bakers Amalgamated Union, Dublin Branch.)

The remains of our late fellow-worker and true comrade were removed from St. Joseph's, Berkeley street, on Thursday morning, the 23rd inst.

The number of friends attending at the Church was a testimony to the popularity of our deceased comrade, not only among his fellow-workers but the outside general public.

The chief mourners were:—Andrew McQuillan (father), Thomas and Eugene (brothers), Mary (sister), Patrick (nephew), Patrick Moore (uncle), George, John and Lizzie McQuillan (cousins), Mary and Francis O'Hara, and Alice Comiskey (cousins).

The general attendance at the funeral included—The Executive, Irish National Bakers' Union, viz.: Messrs. James Hughes, President; Francis Moran, Treasurer; James Keating and Thomas Fylam, Trustees; John Barry, Secretary; James Guna, P.L.G.; Robert Keeley, P.L.G.; C. Noonan, F. Farrell, G. Watson, E. Watson, J. Farrell, P. Martin, J. Byrne, Jas. A. White, M. White, J. Byrne, S. Lane, B. Smyth, A. Fitzsimons, J. Long, J. O'Brien, A. O'Curry, T. Brennan, J. Hanlon, P. Gunn, J. Tisdall, J. Byrne, J. Lee, T. Flood, J. Flood, T. Gillespie, F. Gillespie, T. Brady, E. Johnson, P. Higgins, M. Curran, M. O'Brien, P. Comiskey, A. Clinch, M. Clinch, J. Larkin, D. Larkin, P. and T. Reilly, S. Reilly, senr., S. Reilly, jun., J. McClure, A. Carroll, J. Hill, J. Nulty, T. and P. Hogan, J. Heavey, B. Barrett and M. Barrett, J. Halligan, C. Geraghty, J. Murphy, M. Clarkin, D. Cullen, R. Keenan, M. Keenan, M. Mulhall, S. Fitzpatrick, P. Webb, M. Johnson, P. Webb, P. Barnes, C. Patten, E. Curran, M. Curran, M. Corr, S. Doyle, C. Reilly, K. Reilly, P. McInerney, A. Comiskey, J. Haughton, J. Kelly, M. Flood, M. Dwyer, J. Murray, senior, J. Murray, junior, J. White, O. White, P. Storey, etc.

The wreaths included one from the E.C. Irish National Bakers Union with the inscription—"From the E. C. Irish National Bakers' Amalgamated Union, Dublin Branch, with deepest sympathy for a true comrade and loyal trade unionist." Prayers were recited by the Rev. Fr. Coffey, Chaplain, and at the graveside by the Rev. Fr. Farley, S.J.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. H. J. O'Neill, North Strand.

Irish Glass Bottle Makers' Health Insurance Society.

To the Editor "Irish Worker." 54 South Lotts road, Ringsend, Dublin, April 28th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—Kindly insert the following in your valuable paper:—

At the Committee meeting of the Irish Glass Bottle Makers' Health Insurance Society, held on Saturday, 25th inst., a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. Patrick Healy, late member of this Committee, and for many years an official of the Glass Bottle Makers' Society.

H. HEATHCOTE, Secretary.

Dublin United Trades Council. AGENDA.

- Importation of Wood-Paving Blocks—Mr. Foran. Technical Instruction for Girls—Mr. T. Murphy. Success of Printers' Movement—Mr. O'Flanagan. Labour Day—Mr. J. Lawlor, P.L.G. Co-operation and Labour—The President.

Dublin Labour Party

A Special Delegate Meeting will be held on Tuesday next, May 5th, at 8 p.m., in the Trades Hall, for the purpose of selecting candidates for the Poor Law Elections. All delegates are urged to attend.

Thomas MacParlin, Chairman. Thomas Irwin, Secretary.

Lucan Notes.

There was a mass meeting called last Sunday at Lucan, at 1.30 p.m. to start a new Union for agricultural labourers under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Emergencymen, reformatory boys, shebeen-keepers, and general trade union twisters. The emergencymen's son from Castletown, Co. Wexford, was down to speak, supported by Messrs. Keogh, ex-reformatory boy and scab in Jacob's, who robbed his mother and was brought back to Clondalkin by the police; Greene, P.L.G. and trade union fund embezzler, Mr. Mahoney of Lucan, shebeen-keeper and Fenian spy.

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'MICROBE.'

Co-operation and Labour. A Conference likely to lead to important developments in the Dublin Labour world was held a few days ago between representatives of the Trade Union movement and the local Co-operative Society.

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To the Trade Unionists of Ireland.

The Irish Builders' Co-operative Society, Limited, 42 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin. The promoters of the Irish Builders' Co-operative Society invite, on behalf of this project, the aid and sympathy of Trades Unionists, more especially those connected with the building trade, and also of all who wish to bring about better conditions of employment for labour in Ireland. Recent events in Dublin have forced us to the conclusion that so long as the instruments of production are controlled by the profiteering capitalist class intolerable conditions can be and are insisted on. In our opinion - an opinion which is shared by workers all over the world - the only way in which labour can secure permanent employment under conditions which are not degrading is for the Trade Unions to go into trade themselves, to undertake contracts in their own behalf, and to eliminate gradually the capitalist employer. This has already been successfully accomplished by certain workers in other countries, notably in Italy, where the Glassworkers' Federation has furnaces of its own, and about half of the output of glass bottles in that country is manufactured co-operatively by the workers. In that country unions of builders will undertake contracts for building large hotels, railway stations, etc. Unions of agricultural labourers farm over two hundred thousand acres on co-operative lines. They have won after a struggle recognition by the State and by the municipalities, and these unions reclaim land, undertake contracts without the intervention of a capitalist employer, and the Prime Minister stated recently that it was the intention of the Government more and more to deal directly with these unions and less with the capitalist contractors. In organising the Irish Co-operative Builders' Society, the workers will be acting not only in harmony with the ideas of progressive labour in Europe but in harmony with the co-operative ideal which now appears likely to be the basis of the future civilisation of Ireland. The Irish farmers after a prolonged fight have almost succeeded in getting rid of the landlords and are now rapidly eliminating the agricultural middlemen and are getting complete control over their own industry, organising it on co-operative lines. What the landlord and the gombeen man were to the small farmers the capitalist employer is to the city worker. The landlords of industry must go as well as the landlords of land. We do not say that it will be an easy task. It will involve sacrifices but we are sure that the workers of Ireland are no less capable of loyalty to their class than of endurance, courage and intelligence than the workers on the continent we have referred to, who after long struggles begin to see their way to emancipation, or then the small farmers of Ireland, their own

countrymen. Economically the organised workers have advantages in the struggle they are entering upon. They can for the present be content with the rate of remuneration paid by the capitalist employer; but, as their association has not to add to their estimates the profit which the capitalist works for, they should be able to compete with the latter. It is hoped that in time the Society will develop into a national guild of workers, which will include all those in the building trade in Ireland, and that this guild of workers will have complete control of the building trade and of the allied industries, and so enable the unions, through their own Council, to fix the conditions of labour and employment, just as doctors and lawyers fix their own fees. It is only by such organisations that workers can escape from being a servile class, employed merely to make profit for another. Not only will workers benefit themselves, but they will alter the character of Irish civilization and make Ireland a country of free men and a real democracy. Political freedom would be of little account if the vast majority of workers remained in economic servitude. The promoters of the Irish Builders' Co-operative Society have already received promises of contracts so soon as it is in a position to start working. The services of an experienced manager, who has supervised the erection of some of the largest buildings in Ireland, can be secured. Our expert advisers inform us that to enable these offered contracts to be accepted a capital of at least £1,000 should be provided. We know that the financial position of Irish workers has suffered from the prolonged struggle in Dublin; but it should not be impossible to raise this sum if the Irish workers have the grit of the Italian workers, who often pawned their furniture, cut down their personal expenses, lived on half their wages even, in their passion to free themselves and their class. The payment of shares will be rendered easy by the instalment system, and the funds of trade unions if lent for this purpose, would receive fair interest. A deputation of the promoters of the Builders Co-operative Society will wait on the Committee members of other unions and will explain in detail the methods of working proposed to be adopted. Application for share forms will be supplied. We hope that all the unions connected with the building trade will co-operate together in the management of this Society. Our trade is the first in Ireland to adopt a constructive policy aiming at the emancipation of Irish workers, and we rely on our fellow-workers for sympathy and support. - Yours fraternally, The Irish Builders' Co-operative Society, Ltd.

The Horrible, Horrible Larkinites.

It has been testified on oath that no respectable or decent person could be associated with Larkin and at least one Priest has declared that no follower of the fearless 'Jim' can be a Roman Catholic, or words to that effect. From amongst the papers lying before me I select the following testimonials. Midland Gt. Western Railway of Ireland, Locomotive Engineers' Office, Broadstone. To whom it may concern, This is to certify that William P. Partridge served his apprenticeship as Fitter in the Broadstone Works of this Company, from the 27th of July, 1891, to the 20th of May, 1897, when he left on his own accord. His workmanship and general conduct were alike satisfactory. E. CUSACK, W.H.M., Locomotive Engineer. Nth. Wall Foundry and Iron Works, Dublin. To all concerned, We have pleasure in stating that while Mr. William P. Partridge worked in our shops, we found him a sober, steady, attentive man, and a good mechanic. Ross & Walpole, Ltd. F. F. WARREN, Managing Director. The Dairy Engineering Co. of Ireland, 21 & 22 Bachelor's Walk. William P. Partridge was employed by us for a considerable time, as general Fitter. We found him strictly honest, sober, industrious and capable man, and can confidently recommend him to anyone requiring his services. The Dairy Engineering Co. per D. R. DENFIELD, Engineer. Gt. Southern and Western Railway, Locomotive Engineers' Office, Inchicore, Dublin, 27th Feb, 1912. To whom it may concern, Mr. William Partridge has been employed in this Company's service since January, 1899 for a short time as journeyman Fitter, and subsequently as 'Chargehand,' which position he still holds. Mr. Partridge informs me he is seeking a post as lecturer in connection with the Insurance Act, and I consider him eminently fitted for the position. He is very intelligent, a fluent and experienced speaker, and is closely in touch with all Labour and Trades Union Movements, and I believe commands the respect and attention of the members. As regards his present character, I have always found him absolutely steady and of a high moral standard. RICHARD G. L. MAUNSELL, Locomotive Engineer. There are others from priests and bishops, but the testimonial quoted gives the period from my leaving school up to two years ago, when I was summarily dismissed from the G.S. & W. Railway Company's service because I had dared to claim equal opportunities for all employees in the matter of promotion - and had given instances proving the unfair treatment of my fellow Roman Catholics in this respect, associations professing to champion Catholic rights were then conveniently blind to the exposures made by me, and to the sacrifice of my position, while the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, and other Catholic Shareholders receive their dividends in silence from the Company that had hurled a Roman Catholic

workman out upon the streets with his wife and family to starve, because he had dared to act the man and speak the truth. Evidently such persons had very little interest in the Catholic workingman then. Now, of course, they are simply falling over each other to serve him. For all of which we can safely thank Jim Larkin. But to return to the object in view, when setting out to pen this article, I consider I have on the testimony of others proven my claim to be regarded as respectable and decent equal to that of most men. And I yield to no man living, lay or cleric in my claim to be a Catholic - but I am not a bigo! - and it has always been a source of pleasure to me to know that in my fight for equal opportunities for all sections in the Inchicore Works, although Roman Catholics were directly the victims for whom I struggled, I had the sympathy and support of honest non-Catholics who likewise were not bigots; my aim and attitude then as now - has that of doing an injustice to no one. And in this respect I have the full sympathy of the modern martyr, Jim Larkin. Now it simply makes one's blood boil to read the vile misrepresentations of the man printed in the putrid Press of Dublin, and I become pained beyond description when I hear of priests men anointed in God's sacred ministry - evidently allowing themselves to be misled by the papers referred to, making statements that I know to be incorrect. Take the Pembroke election petition, Larkin's three hours in the witness box not only cleared him of all the filth flung by McSweeney & Co. for the seven or eight days previous, but it proved Jim to be incorruptible, by the failure of both sides to bribe him in the election following the late Jim Harrington's death. (poor John E. Redmond has nice followers if these creatures be a sample of them.) And what Larkin did in the Pembroke petition under compulsion he could do in every instance where he is attacked, if he so desired. The contempt with which Jim treats his numerous assailants is not unfrequently mistaken by them as either an indication of cowardice or guilt. One day, however, they too will have a rude awakening. It is because I know Larkin to be falsely accused that I stand by him. It is because he is basely misrepresented that I seek to defend him. I am a Larkinite; my conscience compels me to support Larkin, and it is because others misunderstand him that I am to betray my conscience? Take some of the statements so frequently made about Jim. Firstly 'That he attacks the priests! When did Larkin ever write about a priest, that he did not do so in reply to an unwarrantable attack made either upon himself or upon, by the clergyman concerned who in many cases was a shareholder in the Firms in dispute, and cannot a man disagree with a priest on commercial matters without in any way being guilty of disrespect. Secondly He deported the children during the dispute. He accepted the offer of our cross-channel friends to provide a home for the children whom

Murphy & Co. intended to starve, and whom the local Catholics were evidently willing to allow to starve until shamed into doing their duty. Well those children are again back in Dublin to give the lie to the baseless charges of proselytism. And we may thank Larkin for the attention which the poor children of Dublin received, not only from his own union but from the A.O.H. and others. For it was he set the headline, all the rest are now trying to follow. I might continue thus indefinitely disproving all the false charges, levelled at one who needs no defender, and is more than able to hold his own when he feels called upon to do so. But I have written in defence of the Larkinites of which I am proud to be one. And have given sufficient to disprove the reckless statement made by those who profess to be actuated by profound respect for religion and yet in the witness box, act as if God never lived and suffered for our sake. And, though I have instanced my own case to prove the claim of a Larkinite to be regarded as decent and respectable. I want it to be understood that there are amongst Jim's supporters numerous persons to whom I willingly do homage. Men and women who are alike a credit to their country and their church. Larkin is a true Irishman of the Robert Emmet type, and now when Lawyers and Librarians are betraying the country and its people; Jim has spoken out undaunted by the faked resolutions of the bogus Branch of the 'Your Lie Well'! And when the present Home Rule Bill becomes law - if it ever does - the farmers of Ireland, and the residents of Ireland, with the exception of Dublin City, will live to learn that Jim spoke truly. WILLIAM P. PARTRIDGE, T.C.

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