

CLARE LADIES' BALL.

The most successful annual ball given by an Irish County Lady Society this winter was that of the Clare Ladies at Murray Hill Lyceum last Saturday night.

The Lyceum was crowded to the doors. There were two halls, and both were crowded. The Clare Men were there in force to help their sisters carry out their arrangements; the Clare hurling team was there to receive the beautiful silver loving cup which was presented to them by Major Edward T. McCrystal, of The Irish-American. The cup was a trophy in the great popularity contest recently held by that paper, and it was won by the Clare hurling team after a grand display of their popularity.

There were also delegations from the Kilrush Social Club, the Munster Social Club and many kindred societies. There were many distinguished persons among the guests. Miss Mary G. Crowley, the popular president of the society, was one of the busiest persons in the great gathering. She was attentive and courteous to every one. Her brother, Mr. Wm. Crowley, president of the Clare Men, was also there with his usual energy and careful attention to detail, and he helped his sister in the performance of her manifold duties.

Captain M. J. McDonnell, of the hurling team; Jerry Kett, Tom L. Moloney, P. J. Walsh, M. J. Hurley, J. J. Hickey, Tom and James Lillis, Joseph Breen, Peter Crotty, P. J. McInerney, Hugh Curtin and many others were there and assisted the ladies in making the occasion one of sincere pleasure to all who attended.

Above the platform, in letters of blazing characters, hung the great electric sign, "Clare Ladies' Association, Welcome." Prof. Ward's grand orchestra was at its best, and it kept the great crowd in a gay and merry whirl throughout the night. Miss Christina McMahon was the floor manager. Her assistants were Miss Sissie O'Dea and Miss Annie Kitson. Miss Josephine Crowley was chairlady of the Floor Committee, assisted by Miss Lizzie Higgins, Miss Pauline Ryan, Miss Delia Lynch and Miss Mollie Madigan.

The Reception Committee was presided over by Miss Katie Kennedy, assisted by Miss Annie Kelly, Miss Nora Donlan and Miss Delia Madigan. Miss Margaret Crowley and Miss Nellie Mescall also gave valuable assistance.

The march was led by Miss Christina McMahon, escorted by Mr. John Cahill; Miss Lizzie O'Dea, escorted by P. J. Walsh, was second, followed by Luke O'Connell, manager of the Clare football team, and Miss Mary G. Crowley, president of the Clare Ladies. Then came James Kitson and Miss Annie Kitson, Mr. Geegan and Miss Katie Kennedy, President Wm. Crowley of the Clare Men, and Mrs. Crowley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russell, Jeremiah Kett and Miss Taylor, Mr. Carey and Miss Driscoll, Mr. Slattery and Miss Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Ken, P. Keneally and Miss Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. James Reidy. The march was splendidly handled. Great bouquets of flowers were presented to the first four ladies.

Others in the march were M. Kileen and Miss S. O'Brien, P. Mullens and Miss M. O'Brien, Chris Kane and Miss M. Kileen, J. Curry and Miss Hanburry, Mr. Dowd and Miss K. O'Brien, T. L. Moloney and Miss N. McNamara, Mr. Lillis and Miss Kane, Mr. O'Brien and Miss Brown, M. Houlihan and Miss K. Curry, T. Hand and Miss D. Pierce, S. Moloney and Miss Rafter, J. Mulqueen and Miss B. Moloney, J. Moloney and Miss McCarthy, C. Stevens and Miss D. Corbett, Mr. Breen and Miss A. Birmingham, M. McNamara and Miss M. Birmingham, P. McNamara and Miss D. McNamara, J. Joyce and Miss M. Kelly, J. Carmody and Miss R. Reilly, M. O'Brien and Miss Liddy, Mr. and Mrs. P. Cunningham, W. Kehoe and lady, W. Godfrey and wife, R. Broughton and Miss Flannigan, J. Rhatigan and Miss Moloney, Ed. Wall and Miss McKenna, Mr. Moloney and Miss D. O'Brien, Mr. O'Connell and Miss Finn, T. Sullivan and Miss M. O'Brien, Ed. White and Miss Moore, M. Ryan and Miss N. Mescall, F. Badruges and Miss P. Ryan, J. Muldoon and Miss Hayes, P. Crotty and Miss Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. Murphy, P. O'Dea and Miss Carey, M. J. Hurley and lady, M. J. McDonnell and Miss O'Keefe, T. O'Leary and Miss Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. P. Heath, Thomas McDonnell and Miss Prunty, J. McMahon and Miss McLaughlin, Mr. Malion and Miss K. Roche, G. Brown and Miss L. Roche, Dan Keneally and Miss M. Long, Pat Bresnahan and Miss Archdeacon, F. Moller and Miss N. Urminger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kett, Mat O'Brien and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Flannigan, D. McGrath and wife, Jas. Ryan and Miss A. Palkington, J. Freil and Miss A. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Breslin, Mr. Walsh and Miss Downs, Mr. Walsh and Miss Carmody, Mr. Leahy and Miss Kenny, Mr. Kelly and Miss Barry, J. Mahen and Miss Lizzie Egan, P. Rogers and Miss McInerney, Mr. McDowell and Miss L. O'Keefe, Patrick Rogers and Miss Annie Egan, Mr. Markaher and Miss A. Leddy, Mr. Frawley and Miss A. Leach, Mr. Thompson and Miss M. Leddy, Mr. Murphy and Miss Josie Carmody, M. McKenna and Miss Hogan, P. Brady and Miss L. Hogan, L. McKenna and Miss K. Kelly.

The Clare hurling team was represented by Captain M. J. McDonnell, J. J. Ryan, M. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, M. J. Sullivan, J. Curry, J. Halloran, M. J. Hurley and J. Hickey. From the Munster Social Club were President Thos. McDonnell, M. A. Murphy, J. J. Corey, J. J. Donnelly, T. O'Keefe, W. Colligan, Geo. Berm, D. O'Connell, J. Meade. The Kilrush Social Club had present M. Moroney, J. Lillis, Jerry Kett, Thos. Lillis, R. Cahill, J. Cahill, P. Moloney, J. Slattery, P. Crotty.

The presentation of the loving cup to the hurling team took place just after the grand march.

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