

MICHAEL HOGAN

(Bard of Thomond)

Memorial Committee

PUBLIC APPEAL

More than 140 monuments and headstones were vandalised in Mount St. Laurence Cemetery. Included in this destruction was the monument to Michael Hogan, the Bard of Thomond. Born in 1832, the Bard died in 1899. He is the author of Limerick's most celebrated poem, "Drunken Thady".

As the monument to the Bard was erected by a committee representing the citizens of Limerick, a public meeting was held on 23rd April to discuss the restoration of the memorial.

A well attended meeting, representing cultural, historic, archaeological and civic organisations, elected the following committee: Chairman, Ald. Jim Kemmy, Vice-Chairman, Ted Russell, Secretary, Frank Hamilton, Treasurer, Seamus Gubbins. Committee: Cllr. Jan O'Sullivan, Cllr. Joe Harrington, Fr. Jim Ambrose, Finbar Crowe, Pat Lysaght, Kevin Hannan, Paddy Reidy, Noel Malone, Patsy Harrold, Sean O'Rahilly, Martin Ryan, Fr. Michael Culhane, and Michael Hogan, a descendant of the Bard.

The meeting agreed that the monument should be restored as soon as possible, and that a public appeal for funds should be launched. Accordingly, we now appeal to the people of Limerick to give generously to this project and we are confident that our appeal will not go unheeded.

Following the restoration of the memorial to Michael Hogan, all surplus funds will be used to restore the damaged gravestones of families with no living relatives.

We earnestly appeal to you to contribute to this worthy cause.

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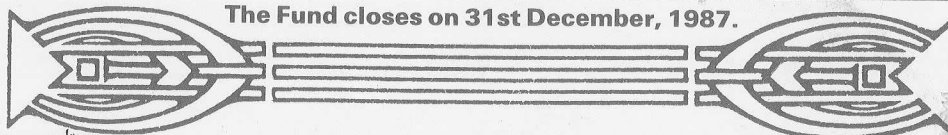
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