

# Magdalen Home's Place In Galway

THE Magdalen Laundry held their first annual social in the Ardiluan Hotel, Galway, on Sunday, and over 100 guests were welcomed by Mr. M. Kelly, Chairman. Mr. J. Tyrrell thanked the committee for organising the social and on behalf of the Sisters of Mercy he thanked the staff for their co-operation during the years and also the girls residing in the Magdalen for their assistance to the staff at all times.

Proposing the toast of the laundry, Mr. J. Hehir said that after the great famine the Sisters of Mercy started the Magdalen to care for homeless girls. It was maintained by the generosity of charitable people who understood the necessity for such a home.

To provide an occupation for the girls a laundry was started. In 1857 collection and delivery was made by one of the girls who went the rounds with a basket on her arm. The business prospered and a horse and van was acquired for transport. Each succeeding year saw improvements in all aspects of the laundry until it has reached its present day position. He paid tribute to the girls under the supervision of the Sisters for establishing a thriving industry out of the proverbial shoe-string.

Other speakers included Fr. Crosby, Fr. Duffy, Fr. Hefferne and Mr. F. Haynes, treasurer of the organising committee.

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