

**National Volunteers.**

**An Appeal for Arms.**

(To the Editor of the "Kilkenny Journal.")  
A chara,

The Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers would feel obliged if you would publish the enclosed circular re Equipment Fund.

Thanking you in anticipation,  
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EOIN MAC NEILL,  
L. P. KETTLE.

Hon. Secretaries.

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

Fellow countrymen,

The call to arms of the Irish Volunteers has been answered in every quarter of Ireland. Our young men have everywhere made common cause, and come together on the common meeting ground—The National Army. The Volunteers are the nucleus of a permanent defence force, an arm and a possession of the whole nation, and the necessary guardians of its liberties both now and here after.

It remains to complete the arming and equipment of the Volunteers. At this moment it is the urgent duty of every Irishman and woman to give his or her aid to the arming of the National Defence Force.

There are tens of thousands of persons in Ireland, each of whom could defray the expenses of equipping one Volunteer; and who should recognise that their country has this claim upon them, and that the claim is urgent.

EOIN MAC NEILL,  
L. J. KETTLE.

Hon. Secretaries,  
Provisional Executive.

**MOVEMENT SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE.**

The National Volunteer movement has been taken up with unparalleled enthusiasm in Co. Kilkenny. Scarcely a village or hamlet is there which does not now possess its corps, and the local honorary organisers are careful to explain wherever they visit, that the movement is in no way antagonistic to the Ulster Volunteers, but is in its object defensive, and an appeal to the manhood of Ireland to preserve the territorial integrity of the country.

**THE CITY CORPS.**

Drills for next week: A Company, Monday night, at 8 o'clock; B Company, Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock; C Company, Thursday night, at 8 o'clock; General Batt. Drill, Friday night, at 8 o'clock.

The Provisional Committee beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of £1 from Dr. Ryan, John St., towards the equipment fund.

**GORESBRIDGE JOINS THE RANKS.**

On Wednesday evening Messrs Peter Deloughry, Thomas Stallard, W. Stephens, John Kealy and Chief Drill Instructor Connolly, representing the City Provisional Committee, travelled by invitation to Goresbridge, for the purpose of assisting in the formation of a corps of the National Volunteers. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed in the little town, which is rapidly gaining the reputation of being one of the most progressive and enlightened Irish-Ireland centres in the province. A procession was formed on the arrival of the visitors which, headed by the local pipers' band, paraded the town. A spirited meeting was held in St. Patrick's Hall, which was presided over

by Fr. Kavanagh, C.C., Paulstown, who, in a speech commending the movement, said that there was room enough in it for every Irishman, no matter what his religion or politics. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of Father O'Brien, who, he said, was with them heart and soul in the movement.

Mr. Peter Deloughry briefly sketched the objects of the movement, which, he said, was not designed to fight Ulster. They should have forbearance with the Ulstermen, and remember that Ulster belonged to Ireland still. One of their objects should be to ensure that Ireland would not be mutilated. This was not a movement which fostered or encouraged speech-making. The time for that had gone, and action was now necessary. The essence of the Volunteer movement might be found in the lines:

The subtlest hand of eloquence  
That injured man can show,  
Is the pathos of a pike head  
And the logic of a blow.  
(loud applause).

Messrs. E. T. Keane, M. J. O'Dempsey, J. J. O'Donnell, and P. J. Corcoran, also addressed the meeting, at the conclusion of which over one hundred young men in the district were enrolled in the Volunteers.

**ACTIVITY IN OTHER DISTRICTS.**

On Sunday next at 3 o'clock a meeting will be held in Kilmarnagh, for the purpose of forming a corps, which will be addressed by that veteran Nationalist, Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P.; Rev. J. Guinan, C.C.; Messrs. Michael Meagher, M.P. and John Hackett, M.P.

A large and enthusiastic public meeting was held at Bennettsbridge on Sunday, for the purpose of forming a branch of the Irish Volunteers. Rev. Ambrose Lowry, C.C., presided and delivered a stirring address on the aims and objects of the movement. Speeches were also delivered by Messrs. Patrick McDonald, D.C. and Richd Muldowney, Newhouse. Over 150 young men were afterwards enrolled, and Mr McDonald, D.C., was elected president; Mr. James Downey, Treasurer, and Mr. M. T. Westerman, hon. sec.

**VOLUNTEERS IN JOHNESWELL.**

On Sunday last, May 31st, a very large gathering assembled at Johneswell, for the purpose of establishing a Volunteer Corps for the district.

The Mayor of Kilkenny (Councillor John Magennis), who was accompanied by Mr. James Carrigan, D.C., was met on the road about a mile outside Johneswell, by the Johneswell Fife and Drum Band, and a large crowd of men and boys, who formed up into line, four deep, and marched into Johneswell, where a large number of people had assembled. A meeting was then held, over which Mr. Thomas Farrell, D.C., presided.

The Mayor and Mr. Carrigan having addressed the meeting, a committee representative of the several surrounding districts was appointed, and so deep had the movement taken root in the district, that previous to the Mayor and other visitors leaving for home, they witnessed over sixty men and boys being put through various exercises, which they went through in a very satisfactory and creditable manner.

The Mayor, who was delighted with his visit, promised to attend again and assist in organising the other districts.

**NO PARTY POLITICS.**

The following general order has been issued from the headquarters of the Irish volunteers:

"Irish Volunteers, acting as such, shall not take part in any political movement, or

participate in any local government or Parliamentary election, or in any demonstration of a sectional or political character."  
Signed: Eoin MacNeill, L. J. Kettle,  
Hon. Secretaries, Provisional Committee,  
Irish Volunteers.