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# *Gaelic Athletic Association.*

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## Leix and Ossory Training Fund.

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MARYBOROUGH,

AUGUST 29, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—

As you are, no doubt, aware, the Senior Hurling Team representing our County have, by their recent victory over the County Kilkeeny Team (All-Ireland Champions) become Champions of Leinster for 1914. They are accordingly in the All-Ireland Final.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that our men should be thoroughly trained for the All-Ireland contest, and to ensure this it has been decided by the County Committee of the G.A.A. to appeal to all lovers of our great National game for contributions in aid of a Training Fund.

The preparation of the team for the Leinster Championship was carried out at the personal expense of the members of the team. This has involved a serious drain on the means of the men, who, in many cases, had to provide substitutes to fill their places of employment during frequent special practices.

It would be too much to expect them to bear the expenses of the extra special course of training which it will be necessary for them to undergo for the playing of the All-Ireland Final. The team is mainly composed of working men to whom the loss of a day's wages is a serious matter, and they have, as stated, already sacrificed a considerable sum in this way.

Now that they are setting themselves out to win for our County the much-coveted honour of the Championship of All-Ireland, the County Committee appeal with confidence to the Gaels of Leix and Ossory and to all friends of the Gaelic Athletic movement to contribute to the Training Fund.

Subscriptions will be received by the undersigned, or by the Secretary of your local Gaelic Athletic Club, and, as our men will go into training about the 10th September, 1914, Subscribers would greatly help matters by handing in Subscriptions before that date. **UP LEIX !**

Yours faithfully,

Rev. J. J. KEARNEY, C.C., Maryborough,  
President.

JAMES MILLER, Mountrath, Trustee.

JOHN J. HIGGINS, Maryboro', and M. J.  
SHERIDAN, Maryboro', Hon. Secs. to  
Training Fund.