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## DEATH OF MISS NELLIE O'BRIEN.

News reached Limerick to-day of the death in London this morning of Miss Nellie O'Brien. The sad intelligence was communicated to Mrs Vere O'Brien, Monare, Foynes, by Mrs A B Cane, Elm Park Gardens, London, a sister of the deceased, with whom she had been on a visit. Although it was known that Miss O'Brien had been in somewhat indifferent health for some time past, there was nothing to cause apprehension, and her unexpected demise is all the more poignant. The late deceased lady was daughter of the late Mr Edward William O'Brien, D.L., Cahermoyle, Ardagh, grand-daughter of Mr William Smith O'Brien, M.P., and sister of the President of the Royal Hibernian Academy, Mr Dermot O'Brien, D.L., the well-known landscape painter. She was a lady of wide Irish sympathies, interested in everything tending to the welfare of her country and its people. She was a keen advocate of the Irish language movement, and it was principally through her activities that the Irish College was founded at Carrigaholt. Miss O'Brien was a highly gifted personality, and her demise will be mourned with deep regret by all creeds and sections in the City and County Limerick, where she was well known and highly respected.

## CLARE FARMER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Our Ennis correspondent writes:—A painful tragedy occurred near Ennis on Saturday morning, when John Nihill, a young farmer, committed suicide by drowning. Nihill lived at Ceggaur, in the Dobra district. He mysteriously disappeared from his home on Saturday morning, and while his wife was in search of him she was told by neighbours that he went into the lake, which is in the vicinity of his house. Nihill's dead body was recovered from the lake on Saturday evening by the Civic Guards. The unfortunate man had a gash in his throat, inflicted with a razor. The deceased was in a depressed state of mind for some weeks past, and this condition was aggravated by falling health, but his family did not anticipate he would commit this rash act.

On Saturday night an inquest was held by Mr P Cullo, Coroner, at which the deceased's wife gave evidence of her late husband's depressed state of mind, and to complaints of pains in his heart.

Medical evidence given by Dr J B MacClancy, corroborated by Dr Moylan, showed that death was due to asphyxia, followed by immersion in the water.

The inquest was adjourned for the production of further evidence.

## GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

### Mr T Stack Congratulated.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Limerick Commercial Travellers' Association, Mr P McMahon, P.C., presiding, the following was proposed by Mr J Murray, seconded by the Chairman and passed:—"That we beg to tender our sincere congratulations to Mr Thomas Stack on his promotion to the important position of Assistant Operating Superintendent of the Great Southern Railways, and to place on record our appreciation of his unvarying courtesy and help to our Association in his recent capacity as District Superintendent in Limerick."

## POSSESSION OF REVOLVER.

On Monday night Detective Sergeant McFall arrested a young fellow named Francis Quir, Rutland-street, on a charge of being in illegal

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Mr Fox intimated that there would be a petition for a further reduction.

The Justice said it could be sent to him.

## THE LATE DR. MELVILLE.

The following is taken from the "Hants and Berks Gazette" relative to the death of Dr Melville, son of Mr E. F. M. Melville, who up to a few years ago was manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland in Limerick:—

We deeply regret to record the death of Dr Gordon Moncreiff Melville, which took place at a nursing home in London on Tuesday following a severe operation. Dr Melville had suffered for a long time from internal complaints which had previously necessitated more than one operation, and it is greatly deplored that he has at length succumbed. He was 42 years of age. The deepest sympathy will be felt throughout the town and neighbourhood with Mrs Melville and her two children in their irreparable loss.

Dr Melville came to Basingstoke in 1909 and took over the practice of Dr F. A. Stokes. He was a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and held the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery and of Doctor of Medicine. In the examination for the latter degree he gained honours. He also studied in America. Before coming to Basingstoke he held the appointments of resident house surgeon and physician and senior house surgeon (Ear and Throat Department) at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; acting surgeon at the Co. Antrim Infirmary, Ireland; and assistant medical superintendent at New Saughton Hall for the insane under Sir John Batty Tate, M.D.

Highly skilled as a general practitioner, Dr Melville applied himself with unremitting zeal to his noble calling, which perhaps more than any other exacts from its members unceasing study and practice if they mean to keep in the van of medical science, and his loss to the profession is unquestionably a severe one. A year ago he was appointed senior clinical assistant at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for sick children, and had regularly visited the hospital and carried out his duties there up to the time of his last illness. A year or so ago Dr Melville removed from his house in Church Square—now occupied by his partner, Dr H. Radford Potter—to Ashley Lodge.

By Dr Melville's death the Basingstoke and District Photographic Society loses a President who was keenly interested in photography and was himself a very successful amateur in that branch of art. He was also an active and enthusiastic supporter of the Basingstoke Amateur Dramatic Society, with which he was officially associated as hon. treasurer. Among other ways in which he helped in the service of the local community it may be mentioned that he was for some years a churchwarden and latterly a side-man of St. Mary's, Eastrop, and he was also a manager of St. John's School. In his younger days Dr Melville was a fine all-round athlete. A famous hockey player, for some years he played for Scotland, and for a time he captained the Scottish side. He was also a University Blue for Rugby, cricket, and running; and also distinguished himself at golf. He was, moreover, a first-rate shot and a keen croquet player and fisherman.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon at St. John's Crematorium, Woking, the Rev. F. Hawley, Vicar of Lambeth, officiating. Among those present were—Mrs Melville (the widow), Mr Melville (father), Dr W. Atkins (brother-in-law), Rev. A. T. Hall, Dr and Mrs Frew, Capt. Clement Taylor, Mr J. Williams, Dr and Mrs Potter, Mr F. Forde, Mr Guy Palmer, Lady Nash, Miss Fisher, Miss Noyes, Miss Peet, Mr G. Stevenson, Mr Alec Simmons, Capt. Miller, and Mr Lance Liddell.

There were many beautiful floral tributes. At the same hour as the service at Woking a memorial service was held at St Michael's Church, Basingstoke. The large congregation present was evidence of the esteem and regard

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