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SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23 1892

THE attention of the country has been so exclusively directed to the sad events of the last ten days that the election contest at Rossendale has been almost lost sight of outside the bounds of that constituency. Yet it is an important election, inasmuch as the seat is that which returned the noble leader of the Liberal Unionists to Parliament. Every effort has been put forth forth by the two parties, the one to retain, the other to capture the seat. Many of the ablest speakers have addressed the electors, amongst those on the Gladstonian side being several Irish members, including Mr T. P. O'Connor, Mr T. D. Sullivan, and Mr Davitt. The people of the Rossendale district appeared to have enjoyed the rhetorical display provided for their instruction and amusement. They crowded the hall or building where an address was to be delivered, and showed no signs of exhaustion. The oratorical portion of the contest concluded on Thursday evening, when Sir Henry James and Mr T. P. O'Connor wound up the demonstrations. Mr Gladstone supplied the usual letter from his home in the sunny South, by which he succeeded in nursing the placid Duke of Devonshire to an immediate denial of the ungracious charges made against him, and it is not unlikely that Mr Gladstone has not heard the last of the matter yet. The Duke of Devonshire is really ruffled this time, and probably his wily and unscrupulous antagonist may be made to feel he has gone too far. Both parties in the struggle expect victory, but such is the glorious uncertainty of bye-elections that a forecast is of no value whatever. Mr Maden, the Gladstonian candidate, has for some days past been confined to his room owing to a severe cold, consequently his supporters have had to act without him. This may be an advantage or disadvantage, according to circumstances, but his friends have done their utmost for him during his compulsory absence. The *Daily News* thinks that if the Liberal voters of their duty Mr Maden is certain to succeed, and as the constituency is Liberal, and the Conservative element insignificant, they mean that the constituency in 1892 will reverse the declaration of 1886. The Unionists confess to not having a doubt of the result, and are confident of returning Sir Thomas Brooks. The result, whatever it may be, is mainly a victory for some English workingman's fad, such as an eight hours' measure, or something of that kind. Mr Maden's Home Rule principles are of a very watery description. He would give the Irish complete management of the parish pumps, and would allow an Irish Parliament full control in the matter of main drainage. He would even allow them to discuss and decide upon the relative merits of gas and electric lighting. This, of course, is not what the Irish orators on the scene are satisfied to endorse. In order to clear away difficulties the Unionists ask where is Mr Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, and echo answers where! The polling was carried on briskly till eight o'clock this evening. Both sides seem confident of victory.

If any of our readers could oblige with copies of *Chronicle* of 24th November, we should feel thankful.

In consequence of the illness of some of the members of the "Variety Company" (whose advertisement appeared in our last), their visit to Limerick has been temporarily postponed.

LIMERICK GOLF CLUB—Owing to the very inclement weather, the drawing of the second ties for medal handicap is postponed from Tuesday until Friday, 29th inst.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Mr R. H. Noble, Secretary of the Irish Evangelical Society, writes to us that some misapprehension having arisen as to the continuance of services in the Congregational Church, Catherine Place, he desires to state that the pulpit will continue to be filled by ministers chosen by the Irish Evangelical Society until a settled pastor is duly appointed.

DEATH-RATE OF LIMERICK—STRIKING INCREASE—The death-rate of Limerick has gone up from 24 for the week ending December 26th to 29·4 for week ending January 2nd; 29·5 for week ending January 9th to the high figure of 35·1 for the week ending January 16th. High as the death-rate undoubtedly is, it is less than that of Dublin, Cork, and Galway. The highest death-rate, that of Sligo, for week ending January 16th, was 46.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL—Third Sunday after the Epiphany—Mattins, 11.30 o'clock; Venite, Tonk, in A; Chants, Goss, in E flat, and Stewart in E flat; Service, Te Deum and Jubilate; Arthold, Tours, in F; Hymn, No. 277; Communion Service, Tours, in F, and Barnby; Teacher, the Precentor. Evensong, 3.30 o'clock; Chants, Beethoven, in E flat, and Harris, in E flat; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Berthold, Tours, in F; Anthem, "Harken unto me," Isa. 4-6, Sir A. Sullivan; Preacher, the Dean; Sermon for Sermon, No. 279.

THE ODD-FELLOWS SOCIETY.—The change of officers for the Grand Mastership of the Limerick District took place at their rooms, 6, William-street, on the 13th inst. Delegates from the following Lodges were present—City of Limerick, Banks of the Shannon, and Star of the West (Tannis). Mr M O'H. Lawlor, was duly installed District Grand Master for the year 1892. A vote of thanks having been passed to the outgoing Grand Master, Mr McCann (Ennis), for his services to the Order in Limerick during his year of office, the delegates adjourned to the Railway Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served. After the cloth had been removed, a few toasts and songs were given, which brought their enjoyable meeting to a close. It may be added that the Odd-Fellows Society of Limerick have established at their Hall, 6, William-street, a non-political, non-sectarian literary institute for its members, and the public generally. Its reading room is largely supplied with newspapers and periodicals; and its billiard-room is spacious and well fitted up.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—Who wish to secure the first class goods not usually sacrificed at Shop Sales, would do well by taking advantage of the Special Cash Discount of 15 per cent, now running at Corneille's, before Stocktaking. A splendid lot of Umbrellas, Silk Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Hosiery and Gloves, &c., the residue of my Xmas Stock (all new goods), are worthy of attention. Gentlemen who require a strong and Serviceable Winter Boots, Waterproof Boots, Leggings, Rugs, Hats, and Caps, &c., will do it to their advantage to call and inspect the goods. C. Corneille, Thomas-street, Limerick. Oct. 17

FUNERAL OF SIR JAMES SPAIGHT, J.P., D.L.

The remains of this deeply-lamented gentleman—one of the most useful and representative citizens Limerick has ever had—were interred this morning at St Mary's Cathedral, amidst the most widespread expression of regret. Quin, we believe, is the family burial place of the Spaight family, but owing to Sir James's long connection with the city of Limerick, St Mary's was chosen as his last resting place. Since his demise on Thursday morning the feeling which the melancholy event created has been evidenced by a demonstration of respect and sympathy which, for its universal character, has rarely been seen in Limerick. Almost every business establishment was shuttered, the flags which float over the monster houses were at half mast, and the vessels in port had also their colours half mast high. At the Chamber of Commerce, of which Sir James Spaight was President, the blinds were drawn, and this was also the case at the Protestant Young Men's Association, of which institution Sir James was one of the Vice-Presidents. The funeral, which took place at ten o'clock this morning, was of enormous proportions, and was most representative of all classes—from the lord to the humble labourer, who works hard for his daily bread. On all hands there was every desire to do honor to Sir James Spaight's memory, and to testify to the invaluable services he had rendered to the city of Limerick during his long and useful life. Sir James's deeds will live after him, and it will be long, indeed, before his name is forgotten by the people of Limerick. Four of the city clergy preceded the hearse, and at each side of it walked a number of men who bore numerous beautiful wreaths, which are referred to later on.

To give anything like a full list of those present at the funeral would manifestly be an impossible task. We append a list of as many of the names as our representative was able to notice, and we cannot hold ourselves responsible for omissions. The chief mourners were—Col. George Spaight, Local Government Board Inspector, only surviving brother of the deceased; Colonel Marcus Paterson, J P, brother-in-law; Colonel Spaight, R E, cousin; Mr John Campbell, B L, London, nephew; Mr Blood-Smyth, solr, Limerick, nephew. The clergy present were, the Very Rev the Dean, the Ven Archdeacon Hamilton, Rev Precentor Meredyth, Rev Canon Gregg, Rev Canon Dann, Clarina; Rev J. Dowd, Rev Dr Clarke, Rev J. W. Chapman, Rev Dr Wilson, Presbyterian Church; Rev Mr Ballard and Rev Mr Moran, Methodist Churches; Father M'Dermott, O S A. Amongst the general public were—Lord Clarina, Mr Courtenay Croker, Mr John B. Barrington, J P; Captain E Croker, D L; Mr Robert Hunt, J P; Mr James Fitzgerald Bannatyne, D L; Mr A E Bannatyne, Mr Peter Fitzgerald, J P; Mr Croker Barrington, Dublin; Mr John Morton, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr J E Murphy, Manager of the Bank of Ireland; Colonel Vincent, Summerhill; Mr Richard J Gabbett, J P; Captain Vanderkiste, J P; Dr Gelston, Dr T Gelston, Mr C Gelston, Mr G Gelston, Mr J T Ryan, J P; Mr George M Finch, Bloomfield, Castleconnell; Mr F Finch, Limerick; Mr Finch, Newport; Mr Frank Fosbery, Mr John White, D L, Nantenan; the Messrs White, George street; Mr Poole Gabbett, Mr F Kearney, solicitor; Mr Luke Christy, Carrigeen; Mr R J Kane, White Hall; Col Graham, Castlecrine; Mr J B Alton, Mr William Lloyd, Mr E H Poe Hosford, Mr F Fitt, Solicitor; Mr Wm B Fitt, Mr E Fitt, County Inspector Moriarty, J P; Mr C Reddin, Killaloe; Mr J G Barry, J P; Mr Wm M Beauchamp, Solicitor; Mr B Barrington, Solicitor; Mr F G M Kennedy, J P; Mr George William Bassett, J P; Mr Thomas Gabbett, Military Road; Mr T Ewart, Mr A J Eakins Manager, Guy and Company; Mr Bently, Glenloe; Mr P R Toppin, Manager Cannock and Company; Mr Elliott, Mr John Ryan, Solicitor; Dr Ryan, Castleconnell; Mr Baker, Crescent; Mr Baker, George street; Mr James Hazan, J P, Manager of the National Bank; Mr Wm Nolan, Kilbane; Mr Nolan, Solicitor; Mr Andrew Murray, Mr Bruce Murray, Mr H de L Willis, J P; Mr C Heaton-Armstrong, Mr C R B Heaton-Armstrong, Mr F H Pollexfen, Mr Kelly, Army Clothing Factory, Mr O'Farrell, P L G; Mr Barnett (M'Blaney & Co); Mr J C T Day, Mr Davidson, Mr J G Kelly, J P; Mr E M Sellors, B L; Mr P O'Donnell, solicitor; Mr Blennerhassett, Rockfield; Capt Hall, Capt Fitzmaurice, Harbour Master, Mr E M'Inerney, Charles st; Messrs P and E F M'Inerney, do; Rev Thomas Taylor, Castleconnell; Mr J O'Grady Delmege, J P, Castle Park; Mr Richard Harris, Mr Waters, Docks; Mr William Barrington, C E; Mr Wormleighton, Mr Lavertine, Limerick Warehouse; Mr Kidd, Mr R W Switzer, Mr James Quin, J P; Mr S B Quin, Mr Cunningham, Docks; Mr E Hewson, Mr Hanly, Cannock & Co, Mr J V Bassett, Major Plummer, Mr R Plummer, Mr Fitzgerald Plummer, Lieut. Hamilton, Mr Michael Egan, Mr Ryan, C E; Captain Kimmitt, Royal Munster Fusiliers, Mr E Maunsell, Newborough; Captain Kenny, Mr Wm Fogerty, Solicitor; Mr F C Cleeve, Mr E B Cleeve, Mr Howard, Docks; Mr Hassett, George street; Mr George Ryan, O'Brien's Bridge; Mr John Gubbins, J P; Mr P Sullivan, Manager West Clare Railway, Ennis; Rev J W Lee, D D, Nenagh; Mr S E Lee, Mr E J Lee, North Strand; Mr T A Fennell, Mr George Furnell, Abbey Ville; Captain Hunt, R N; Mr Wm L Hunt, Dr Edward D O'Neill, Resident Medical Superintendent Lunatic Asylum; Mr J H Roche, William street; Mr Hogg, George street; Mr Wm Leahy, solicitor; Mr Wm M O'Friel, Mr J Blood, of Quin, Sir David V Roche, Bart, Mr Pierce Kelly, J P, Erinagh House, Castleconnell, Captain T Gloster, Rockfield; Mr Dawson Westropp, J P, Mellon; Mr Richard Dewane, Limerick; Mr F St C Hobson, County Sub-Sheriff; Mr Grubb, Eden Terrace; Mr P Corbett, Mr John Goggin, Mr Herriott, Mullock and Sons; Mr Wm Sydney Cox, C E; Mr James Welply, Mr E Murray, Catherine street; Mr John F Murray, Hartstonge street; Mr Wm Christy, Mr Christy, junior; Mr C E N Curling, J P, Newcastle West; Sergeant Morrow, R I C; Instructor Sandy, New Barrack; Mr E White, Fort Etna, Patrickswell; Mr Winter, V S, Limerick; Mr S Winter, Cahirconlish; Captain O'Grady, Shanclune, Castleconnell; Mr Z Myles, J P; Mr Cullen, Athlunkard; Mr W H White, George street; Major R Studdert, Mr Hallam Studdert, Mr Hartigan, George Hotel; Dr O'Sullivan, Mr Blake, H M C; Mr J DeCourcy M'Donnell, Messrs M'Mahon, Cornmarket Row; Mr Martin M'Guire, George street; Mr Donnellan, Henry street; Dr Myles, Mr J M Scott Mr R de Ros Rose, J P, Captain O'Brien, J P, Cratloe Woods; Mr David Sheahan, Master Limerick Union; Mr T S Hance, Apothecary do; Mr T Ryan, Shannon street; Mr Jordesson, Lower Cecil street; Mr Jordan, William street; Mr Roger, Inspector of Fisheries; Mr M'Mahon, Patrick street; Mr W H Swain, Mr James Nash, J P; Mr R Nash, solicitor; Mr E Smith, Mr Wilkinson, George street; Mr M'Neb, M'Birney and Co; Mr James Bodkin, Mr Edmund Russell, Mr Norris Russell, Mr J N Russell, Lemonfield; Mr E Morrice, Springfield, Bunratty; Colonel M'Adam, D L; Mr John Wallace, Mr E Wallace, Mr Gaffney, solicitor; Mr J P Gaffney, Dr Fogerty, Mr F P Hock, Mr George Harris, Alston, Croom; Mr Levey, Mr L R Switzer, Mr Rice, Mr E H O'Callaghan, Mr W W Mercer, Dr J Holmes, Mr O D Coll, V S; Mr T H Kenny, solicitor; Mr Palmer, Mr Godsell, Congregated Trades; Mr Wm F O'Grady, J P; Mr J F Power, Mr Nelson, Patrick street; Rev Mr M'Mahon, Newpallas; Mr M E Conway, Postmaster; Mr Conway, junior, Mr T E Bunting, Mr David Tidmarsh, Mr Marcus Slade, C E; Mr Hugh Earls, Mr F W M'Carthy, Mr S M'Carthy, Mr Alfred Allen, Mr R Gibson, Dr Hafe, Mr Delaney, Quinlan street; Mr Doyle, solicitor; Mr R F Walker, Mr Peter Johnson, V S; Mr Shire, Parteen; Mr Brinn, Docks; Mr Baker, solicitor; Mr T M Bourke, Mr George Owens, Mr Henry O'Shea, Mr Curran, Limerick Warehouse; Mr J J F Browne, C E; Mr James Flynn, Cruise's Hotel; Mr Ryan, Killaloe; Mr Horigan, Mr John Ellard, Clerk of the Crown and Peace; Mr Humphries, Glentworth street; Mr R Fogerty, C E; Mr Riddell, Limerick Distillery; Mr Annesley, County Club; Mr Henry Ievers, Crescent; Mr Stack, Mr Ebrill, Mr Cooper O'Donoghue; Mr Windham Gabbett, J P, Mount Rivers; Mr M Pope Hayes.

Those from Derry Castle included, Messrs Martin Hanly, James Lucas, James M'Mahon, and Thomas Manly. Messrs Toole and M'Mahon attended from Ballysimon, and Mr Egan and others from Cunigar, in all of which places Sir James Spaight had property or tenanted land.

The Mayor and Corporation, attended by the mace bearers and Sergeants-at-mace (the insignia being draped in black), occupied a prominent position in the procession. Amongst those present representing the civic body were—Aldermen Jerome Counihan, J P; John Dundon, solicitor; Thomas Gaffney, J P; Patrick Riordan. Town Councillors—William J O'Donnell, J P; William M Nolan, Robert McDonnell, J P; J M'Carthy, solicitor; Francis A O'Keeffe, M P; M G Dowling, P Herbert, Bryan O'Donnell, Michael Spain, P Kenna, W E Counihan, James O'Mara, T M Cregan, J P, High Sheriff; John Bernal, P E Bourke, D Begley, Mr A C Wallace, Town Clerk; Mr P S Connolly, Law Adviser; Mr Wm E Corbett, City Surveyor; Mr Woulfe, City Treasurer; and Mr Forrest High Constable.

In accordance with a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce, the following gentlemen assembled at that institution this morning for the purpose of representing it:—Messrs A W Shaw, J P, vice-president; O Wallace, J P, hon secretary; Michl O'Gorman, T A Ferguson, Joseph Matterson, J P; Archibald Murray, William Lloyd, James Harris, Michael Egan, Stephen Quin, J P; J A Boyd, William Spillane, J P; C H Fitt, D Tidmarsh, Thos H Cleeve, William McDonnell.

Representing the firm of Messrs Spaight and Sons were—Mr R Ferguson, manager; Mr E Armstrong, manager of the yard; Mr C Evans, Mr James Ewart, Mr J B Smyth, and Mr Edward O'Toole. The men of the firm were also present.

The Waterford and Limerick Railway, of which Sir James Spaight was Chairman, was very largely represented, especially from Limerick, and we are informed that but for the hour many representatives of the Steamship Companies in Dublin and Waterford would have been present. As it was, however, there were many representatives from Waterford and several stations along the line. Many of the directors of the W & L R through illness or being from home were unable to be present at the obsequies, but wrote sympathetic letters to the traffic manager, Mr Roberts. Amongst those was the Earl of Bessborough, who wrote asking Mr Roberts to mention to his Lordship's brother directors how much he sympathised with them on the sad and heavy loss the company, and especially its directors, had sustained in the death of Sir James Spaight. Lord Arthur Butler and Lord Castletown wrote in similar terms. Letters regretting inability to attend, and paying a high tribute to Sir James's services, have also been received from Mr Martin F Mahony, Cork; and Mr Lucius O Hutton of Dublin.

The following are the principal representatives of the Company who attended the funeral:—Directors—Messrs Samuel Bourke, Cahir, Terence McMahon, Cork. Officers—Messrs J J Murphy, Secretary; John Roberts, Traffic Manager; Jas Tighe, Engineer; John G Robinson, Locomotive Superintendent; John O'Connor, solicitor, Secretary's Office—Mr Michael J Hurley, Traffic Manager's Office—Messrs S B Glynn, William Bieddoes, Wm E Burns, Michael Colbert, Wm H Thompson, J J Scully, T Williams, G J Thompson, John Conlan. Audit Department—Messrs John Casey, Thomas J Bourke, J Broe, &c. Ticket Office—Messrs Clune and O'Neill, John J Barton, stores department; John Tobin, station master; P J Maher, goods agent; Locomotive Department—Wm Gadd, John Meers, George Wood; Patrick Coonerty, Agent, Waterford; R King, Agent, Ennis; John Fitzgerald, Agent, Limerick Junction; M Egan, Agent, Toam; J Barnes, Agent, Gort; D O'Shea, Agent, Birdhill.

Amongst other companies represented were the following—Mr A G Dodd, Great Western Railway of England, representing the chairman, directors, general manager, and other officials; London and North Western Railway, Mr H D Williams; Great Southern and Western Railway Company, Mr B H Cashel; Waterford Steamship Company, Mr James Connington; Limerick Steamship Company, Mr James P Morrissy; Clyde Shipping Company, Mr C Cross, Mr J Vass, do; W & C I Railway, Mr J D Nott, Secretary and General Manager; Mr Davis, Great Western Inspector at Waterford, Mr Bray, Traffic Manager Waterford and Tramore Railway, etc.

A striking evidence of respect and sympathy was the very large gathering of employees of the locomotive, carriage, and wagon departments, as well as other employees of the W & L R, who brought up the end of the procession. They were in charge of Mr J Waddams, foreman of the locomotive department, Mr D Browne, carriage shop, and Mr F M'Carthy, wagon shop. The employees of the Harbour Board were also present in full force, as well as a considerable number of dock tradesmen, stevedores, etc.

Amongst those who sent carriages were—Lord Dunraven, Lord Emly, Most Rev Dr Dwyer, Very Rev Dean Bunbury, Precentor Meredyth, Canon Dann, Clarina, Rev W F Seymour, Abington; Rev Thomas Taylor, Castleconnell; Sir Charles Barrington, Bart; Lady Barrington, Mr J F Bannatyne, D L; Captain Croker, D L; Mr T E O'Brien, D L; Mr J C Delmege, J P; Mr James O'Grady Delmege, J P; Mr John Vanderkiste, J P; Mr A W Shaw, J P; Mr J Matterson, J P; Colonel Graham, Castlecrine; Mr James Quin, J P; Mrs S B Quin, J P; Mr R J Gabbett, J P; Mr R de Ros Rose, J P; Mr J C Cooper, J P, Cooper Hill; Mr P Fitzgerald, J P; Colonel Massy-Westropp, J P; Attyflinn; Mr Robert Hunt, J P; Mr James Nash, J P; Mr F G M Kennedy, J P; Captain Studdert, R N, J P, Bunratty; Mr John George Kelly, J P; Mr J R Tinsly, J P; Mr W L Stokes, J P; Colonel Vincent, Summerhill; Mr White, Mrs Phelps, Willow Bank; Mr F Morrice, Springfield; Mr John Russell, Tivoli; Mrs Spaight, Derry Castle; Dr Gelston, Mr George Westropp, Quinsboro; Colonel Maunsell, Captain Verschoyle, Mr James Harris, Mr T A Ferguson, Mr S Dowling, J P; Mr W S Cox, Mr Archibald Murray, Mr C Heaton-Armstrong, Mr H Wilkinson, Mr H Blackall, Mr J B Alton, Mrs Wallace, Mr George Boyd, Mr Michael Egan, Mrs O'Callaghan, Mr W H White, Mr J Ellard, Dr Fogerty, Dr Holmes, Dr Barry, Mr Wm B Fitt, Mr E C Winter, V S; Mr O'Riordan, V S; Mr D Tucker, &c, &c.

The Service in the Cathedral was partly choral, and was of a very impressive character. The Dean, Archdeacon, and the Precentor were the officiating clergymen, the latter acting in his capacity as Provincial Grand Chaplain. Mr M'Clelland presided at the organ, and as the coffin was being borne up the aisle Chopin's Funeral March was played. Afterwards the beautiful hymn, "My God and Father while I stray," was sung, and as the coffin was being removed at the conclusion of the Service, the eloquent and touching strains of "The Dead March in Saul" resounded through the noble edifice.

During the Service the Venerable, the Archdeacon, delivered a very touching address, of which the following is the text:—Before we consign to their last resting place all that now remains to us of one so justly honoured and beloved as our dear departed friend and eminent fellow citizen, whose spirit it has pleased Almighty God so unexpectedly to recall to Himself, it is only seemly that some brief attempt should be made in presence of this large assemblage of sincere mourners, to express our deep and heartfelt sense of the irreparable loss we have all sustained, and our affectionate regard for the memory of him who, until within the last few days, was with almost youthful energy and vigour, actively engaged in those onerous cares and duties to which, during a long public and official life, he had with uncommon earnestness devoted himself, and which were to him so truly a labour of love. For may I not say that the one object which lay nearest to that generous and loving heart which now beats no longer, was to promote in every possible way the progress and welfare of his native city, and the happiness and well-being of all who dwelt in it. For this he lived and toiled and journeyed to and fro regardless of personal risks and discomforts. To this end he used the distinguished talents with which he was richly endowed, and thus became so widely known as the representative of all classes and interests in Limerick that were concerned in its mercantile prosperity; whilst nearer home he was looked up to instinctively by us all as one who was always not only able but willing and ready to take a leading part in the advancement of any local enterprise or movement in which the citizens generally took any interest. So deeply has this been felt by all, that even some of those who differed most widely from him in politics and religion have since his lamented death, to their honor be it said, most cordially acknowledged his unwearied attention to his public duties during such a very long and honourable career, and the invaluable assistance he at all times rendered by his wise counsel and persuasive advocacy in carrying on the business of those various public bodies and institutions in connexion with which his memory will be so long revered. Elected over and over again by his fellow citizens of all shades of opinion to many highly coveted and very prominent offices, he must often have been compelled to speak and act in ways distasteful to many, and there are few that could thus escape incurring censure or ill-will. Yet, now that he is gone, the unanimous verdict of all hearts is that no kinder or gentler spirit ever breathed, for it was never his object in any speech he ever made to stir up strife or kindle angry feelings. No opponent, however virulent, could ruffle his placid temper or withstand the good-humoured readiness with which he made the witty retort, or gave "the soft answer which turneth away wrath." No one *new* remembers against him one deliberately bitter word, one consciously ungenerous or hurtful deed. "The charity that beareth all things, believeth all things, and hopeth all things," "the charity that covers a multitude of sins," was, indeed, conspicuous in him; and what purer or more Christlike virtue can there be in any man? We all know too, how continually his advice was sought, his powerful interest solicited, and cases of distress, or of those seeking for employment were brought under his notice. No matter how busy he was, he lent a willing ear to all. He was truly no respecter of persons, except that his kindly nature leaned more decidedly towards the poor and unfriended. As one who often had run willingly to trouble him on behalf of some importunate and often undeserving suitor, I know how many owe their advancement in life, or their restoration to some forfeited position, to the influential word or letter of him whose hand is now cold in death, and his tongue silent in the coffin. In speaking of him thus, I feel as if his gentle spirit was rebuking me, though many here well know that I am not unduly eulogizing him; and when I think how sorrowfully we shall miss his genial presence at all our public gatherings, and no longer hear his eloquent and winning speech, I know not where we can now look for one to fill his vacant place. His absence will indeed be sorely felt at our Church Councils and Diocesan Synods in our own city, and especially at the General Synod in Dublin, where he so often spoke with so much quiet dignity and effect, that few in that august assembly (in which there were many orators of greater power), were listened to with more respect, or deeper attention. If I do not dwell longer now on his labours as a brother churchman, or speak of the numerous church offices to which as a layman he was eligible and was so deservedly elected, it is because we shall have so many opportunities in our Diocesan Committees of referring to the heavy loss we have sustained by his death. I am one of those who think our burial service is better left undisturbed by any address, but this is indeed an unusually sad and solemn occasion, and the lessons which it preses home upon us all should need no words of mine to enforce them. Can there be one here who does not feel that God is speaking to his conscience and his heart, pleading with him, inviting him, warning him, it may be, to remember how very soon the summons may come, "This night thy soul shall be required of thee," and saying to each of us, oh, believe I am thy loving Father who "sent my Son into the world not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." Yes, all, everywhere, and at all times, who come unto Me through Him." My loving heart is open to you all. My Heavenly Home prepared for you all—did not my Son tell you He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Was He not lifted up upon the Cross, that "all the ends of the earth" might "look unto Him and be saved"? Oh! take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him to be pure and loving, gentle and forgiving, meek and lowly of heart, and thus find rest unto your souls. All sinners found in Him a willing, perfect Saviour when on earth, and "he that hath thus seen Jesus hath seen the Father." Should not this blessed revelation be a comfort to us all, now "that the Angel of Death is abroad in the land, and we can almost hear the beating of his wings"? How little we thought a few days ago, when sympathizing with the National loss and uniting in messages of condolence to members of our Royal Family, that Death's rude hand would be felt so very near to ourselves, removing so prominent a figure from our midst, and calling forth such true and Christian sympathy as will, I trust, be some consolation to her upon whose bitter sorrow we may not otherwise intrude; and is it not a happy thing to know that it pleased God to call our dear and valued brother so graciously and so peacefully away as to spare him any sore struggle at the last, and "he whose heart was as that of a little child" in its simplicity and guilelessness "passed thus into the presence of the Master" in whom he truly trusted for his soul's health, and whose Divine Precept he so consistently and unaffectedly obeyed, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another."

The remains were soon after deposited in their last resting place which is at the new portion of the burial ground at the right hand side of the Cathedral, and the grave was literally covered with floral offerings. The officers of the Waterford and Limerick Railway Company, comprising Messrs Murphy, Roberts, Tighe, Robinson, and Casey, presented a handsome wreath. The traffic manager's staff placed a wreath on the coffin and another—a beautiful porcelain immortelle—on the grave, while the locomotive, carriage and waggon departments sent two others. The engine-drivers and firemen sent one, and the audit, store, and goods departments were also represented. The following also sent wreaths—Captain Croker, D L, the Grange; Sir David Roche, Mr and Mrs P Fitzgerald, Archdeacon and Mrs Hamilton, Rev Mr Chapman, Lady Spaight's, Sunday School Children, Sir C Barrington (who was prevented by illness from being present), Mr and Mrs Croker Barrington, Mr and Mrs J B Barrington, Mr and Mrs J F Bannatyne, Miss May, and Master Gerald Bannatyne, Mr and Mrs A E Bannatyne, Lady Barrington, Clonkeen; clerical staff of Messrs Spaight and Sons, Sir Nelson, Patrick-street, &c. There were several exquisite wreaths and crosses of natural flowers such as Eucharest and Arum Lilies, Lily of the Valley, Roman Hyacinths, Violets and Daffodils. Some of the immortelles were supplied by Mr Nelson, Patrick street. The grave was lined with moss.

The remains were enclosed in a mahogany shell upholstered and lined in satin, the outward coffin being of solid oak richly panelled, and elegantly mounted in brass, and an engraved plate bearing the following inscription:—

SIR JAMES SPAIGHT,
Born June 1818,
Died January 21st, 1892.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P McCarthy & Sons.

Owing to a severe cold Mr Wainright Francis Crowe was prevented attending the funeral of the late Sir James Spaight.

Mr Croker, D L, Ballinagarde, being laid up with influenza, was unable to attend the funeral of the late Sir James Spaight to-day.

We are requested to state that the Rev Chancellor Gabbett, Croom, and Lord Monteagle extremely regret having been unable to attend the funeral owing to illness.

Owing to the death of Sir James Spaight, Mrs Blood-Smyth will be unable to hold a reception at Richmond on the occasion of her daughter's marriage.

In consequence of the lamented death of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir James Spaight, J P, D L, the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, which was to be held on the 28th inst, is postponed.

Pressure on our space compels us to hold over a report of a meeting of the Locomotive employes of the Waterford and Limerick Railway, in reference to the late Sir James Spaight.

THE CITY MAGISTRATES AND THE LATE SIR JAMES SPAIGHT, D.L.

At the conclusion of the criminal business at the Petty Sessions yesterday, the Mayor (Mr D F M'Namara) presiding, Mr Wm J O'Donnell said he had the painful duty of moving the adjournment of the court as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Sir James Spaight. For a long time he had been associated with them as a magistrate; he had been Mayor of the city and High Sheriff, and he thought it would be very bad taste on their part if they transacted any business that could possibly be postponed or avoided. Having discharged the duty which was absolutely necessary should be done, he was sure the Mayor would see his way to adjourn the court, and without proposing any resolution of condolence, he thought the best mark of respect they could show would be the adjournment of the court. On this occasion, when the city was in mourning, it was the highest and most proper compliment to pay to the memory of the deceased. Mr Myles seconded the proposition, and the other business of the court was adjourned.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE LATE SIR JAMES SPAIGHT.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, Mr A W Shaw, J P, presiding. Also present—Messrs Stephen B Quin, J P; Robert McDonnell, J P; Octavius Wallace, J P; Michael O'Gorman, Joseph Matterson, J P; Michael Egan, James Harris, Alderman Counihan, J P; William McDonnell, Thomas A Ferguson, John F Power, William Lloyd, Thomas H Cleeve, William Spillane, J P; David Tidmarsh, and C H Fitt. Mr J A Boyd sent an apology for non-attendance.

The Chairman said he was sure there was very little occasion for him to say much as regarded the cause of their meeting to-day. He could assure them that it was not alone the Chamber of Commerce, but the entire city of Limerick, that deplored the loss of one of their most estimable members. He thought the loss of Sir James Spaight to the city was irreparable, and his death was a calamity to the trade and commerce of the city (hear, hear).

Mr William McDonnell proposed, and it was carried unanimously, "That this Chamber of Commerce desires to join the universal feeling of profound sorrow which the death of their late president, Sir James Spaight, has brought on his native city. They tender to Lady Spaight their true sympathy in her deep affliction."

Proposed by Mr O'Gorman, and carried unanimously—"That the members of the Corporation assemble here at 9.35 to-morrow (Saturday), and attend the funeral in a body."

Mr Wallace, Hon. Secretary, suggested that it would be a suitable tribute to the memory of Sir James Spaight, that a portrait of him be procured to be hung in the Reading Room, and the suggestion meeting the approval of those present, it was thereupon

Proposed by Mr Cleeve, seconded by Mr Power, and adopted—"That a subscription list be opened for the purpose of raising a fund to provide an oil painting of our late president, Sir James Spaight."

The list was immediately opened, and a considerable number of handsome subscriptions handed in.

DEATH OF THE VERY REV DEAN CREGAN.

With feelings of deep regret we announce the death, which took place yesterday, of the Very Rev Dean Cregan, P P, Bruff. The venerable clergyman had attained the advanced age of 80 years, and was in the fifty-third year of the priesthood. He was born at Shanagolden, County Limerick, and having studied at Carlow and Maynooth, was ordained in 1838. As curate, he was stationed at Coolcappa, Newcastle West, and Adare, where his qualities as priest were generally recognized. As parish priest, he had charge of the parishes of Bruree and Bruff, and for 27 years was Vicar-General. On the celebration of his Golden Jubilee three years ago, he was presented with an address from the people of the parishes in which he laboured, expressing their admiration for his virtues as a good zealous priest, and for the many qualities of head and heart which endeared him to the people, for whose welfare, spiritual and temporal, he so long and zealously laboured. His death is sincerely regretted by those with whom, in the performance of his sacred office, he came in contact, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT AT THE *INDEPENDENT* OFFICE.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dublin, Saturday Evening.

Another accident occurred at the office of the new Dublin Parnellite paper, the *Independent*, to-day. This time the boiler exploding and injuring a man so severely that he is now in hospital. This is the ninth accident since the paper started, and several employees are in hospital. Last week a fire under the machine rendered printing impossible, and the *Independent* and *Evening Herald* had to be printed elsewhere.

NEWCASTLE WEST UNION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

Newcastle West, Friday.

The guardians of this union met as usual at the workhouse yesterday. Mr Edmund Mulcahy presided, and the other guardians in attendance were—Messrs W O'Sullivan, L. Curtin, J. Kennedy, E W O'Brien, J P, D L; T Ambrose, C Curling, J P; M Cremin, and J. R Mulcahy.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Admitted to the workhouse during the week, 22; born, 1; discharged, 10; died, 1; remaining on Saturday last, 206; number at corresponding period last year, 222; on out-door relief, 544, or 4 more than last year.

FINANCE.

Received during the week, £93 12s 2d; paid, £197 10s 1d; balance against the Union, £644 7s 0d.

THE NATIONAL TEACHERS.

The Local Government Board wrote requesting to be informed whether the union would become contributory within the meaning of the National School Teachers (Ireland) Act.

It was unanimously decided to be non-contributory.

THE LABOURERS ACT.

The Local Government Board wrote sanctioning the advancement of a further sum of £473 out of the loan due to the Union in respect of the Labourers Act.

The following resolution was passed:—"That the Board of Works be requested to forward the following instalments of loans under the Labourers Act, as sanctioned by the Local Government Board—Dromcollogher electoral division, £100; Dromtrasna, £150; Feenagh, £38; Glengort, £47; Knockaderry, £33; Newcastle West, £57; Rooskagh, £35; Templeglantine, £260. Total—£473."

THE RATES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board drawing the guardians' attention to a report that, though the rate-collectors had their warrants since the 2nd November last, a sum of only £289 had been lodged, and requesting the guardians to urge on the collectors to be more energetic in the discharge of their duty.

THE DEATH OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE.

Mr Curtin proposed the following resolution—"That this Board desire to express their sincere regret at the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence, and beg respectfully to tender to her Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princess Mary their heartfelt sympathy in the deep affliction that has befallen them."

Mr O'Brien seconded the resolution, and it was unanimously agreed to.

THE LATE CARDINAL MANNING.

Mr Cremin proposed:—"That this Board has heard with deep regret of the death of his Eminence Cardinal Manning. They recognise that not only in him has the Catholic Church lost one of the most eminent ecclesiastics and the Catholics of the United Kingdom an able and efficient representative, but the poor a sincere friend and earnest advocate, and the nation a large-minded and patriotic statesman."

The resolution having been seconded by Mr O'Brien, was passed unanimously.

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