

Huge Concourse At Funeral Of Bishop Of Limerick

ITS FOR THE HOME

Thousands of people from the City and County attended the obsequies on Saturday of the Lord Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, at which nine Bishops and many other dignitaries officiated. The President, Mr. S. T. O'Kelly, attended by his Aide de Camp, Col. O'Sullivan, and the Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera, came specially to take part in the final ceremonies. The Papal Nuncio, His Excellency, Most Rev. Dr. Levame, vested in full robes, attracted widespread interest. The Cathedral, to which admission was by ticket, was packed to capacity, but the hundreds unable to find accommodation within the edifice spent the time of waiting in prayer. Indeed, the demeanour of the great throng outside the Cathedral was most edifying. It was obvious that the people were filled with a sense of personal sorrow in that they had lost a great spiritual father. The scene within the Cathedral as the vested bishops, monsignori, canons and some 250 priests, representing the secular and regular clergy, entered the Cathedral at 12 o'clock for the Solemn Requiem Mass and the imparting of the final absolution was most impressive.

Author's Inter Week Play

Mr. Ged Gallivan, will premiere by the Colts in The Playhouse on Saturday night. His latest play, "Earth Shall Rock," is depicting historic events. The author's research into the most momentous departures from the past are few and are used to heighten the effect. The author's work includes the author's research into the most momentous departures from the past are few and are used to heighten the effect. The author's work includes the author's research into the most momentous departures from the past are few and are used to heighten the effect.

GREAT HURLER AND ATHLETE

Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill student days a brilliant first-class athlete. His prowess in both spheres is dealt in an impressive article in our "Great Limerick" feature by Seamus Ch.

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Shepherd Convent, Adelaide, Australia (sisters); Mr. G. Barry Barry (brother-in-law); Messrs. N. McCarthy and Gerard McCarthy and P. Power (nephews); Rev. J. Corbett, C.S.S.R.; Rev. T. English, C.C., Knocklong; Dr. J. Humphreys, Dr. F. Humphreys, T.D.; Dan, Timothy, Jack, James and Dan Humphreys, Sister Columba, Presentation Convent, Bandon; Sister Claire, Medical Missionaries of Mary; Mrs. Langan, Mrs. English, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Loughane, Misses M. English, Mary and Eva Humphreys (cousins). Next came the Mayor and the members of the City Council, followed by the Manager and members of the staffs; members of Limerick County Council, members of Trade Unions, Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Board and other public bodies; the Knights of Malta, Red Cross, St. John Ambulance Brigade, members of various sodalities. The Church of Ireland clergy were represented by Right Rev. Dr. Hodges, Bishop; Ven. A. E. M. Hewatson - Jones, Archdeacon; Canon A. R. Nash, M.A.; Mr. J. L. Enright (President, Limerick Protestant Young Men's Association), and Mr. J. W. Auchmuty, Diocesan Secretary.



Priests marching in the huge funeral cortege from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The procession of the bishops and clergy was led by Most Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Bishop of Killaloe (celebrant of the Mass), attended by the Deacon, Very Rev. W. J. Carroll, P.P., V.F., and sub-Deacon, Very Rev. P. J. Canon Lee, P.P. The Assistant Priest was Very Rev. F. Canon Rice, P.P., V.F. Then came the Archbishop of Cashel, Most Rev. Dr. Kinane; the Bishop of Kerry, Most Rev. Dr. Moynihan; the Bishop of Galway, Most Rev. Dr. Browne; the Most Rev. Dr. Cohan, Bishop of Waterford; Most Rev. Dr. Lucey, Bishop of Cork; Most Rev. Dr. Quinn, Bishop of Kilmore; Most Rev. Dr. Phelbin, Bishop of Clonfert, and Most Rev. Dr. Ahern, Bishop of Clonyne. The Papal Nuncio, attended by Right Rev. Mgr. Moloney, P.P., V.F., and the Secretary to the Nunciature, brought up the rear of the procession. The members of the Cathedral Chapter present, in addition to those already mentioned, were: Right Rev. Dean Mulcahy, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock; Right Rev. Mgr. Hannan, P.P., V.F., Newcastle West; Very Rev. Archdeacon O'Brien, P.P., Patrickswell; Very Rev. E. Canon Punch, P.P., Mungret; Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, P.P., Croom; Very Rev. D. Canon Fitzgerald, P.P., Kildimo; Very Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P., Croagh; Very Rev. R. Canon Donworth, P.P., Adare; Very Rev. E. Condon, P.P., V.F., Bruff.

The solemn ceremonies in the Cathedral were brought to a close with the imparting of the final absolution, in which five bishops, vested in cape and mitre, officiated in the following order: Most Rev. Dr. Rodgers, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, Most Rev. Dr. Moynihan, Most Rev. Dr. Lucey and Most Rev. Dr. Ahern. The army was represented by Lieut. Col. J. Dundon, O/C Sarsfield Barracks, and the Gardai by Chief Supt. E. Reynolds and Supt. J. S. Flynn. The Knights of Malta personnel included Mr. D. Barrett, K.M., G.C.; Capt. G. O'Gorman, Quin, K.M.; Mr. A. J. Sexton, D.M.; Mr. T. Gough, D.M., and Mr. T. Smalle, D.M. Col. P. F. Dinneen, Gen. Secretary, Fine Gael, represented Gen. R. Mulcahy, T.D. Chevalier P. J. Sheahan, K.S.S., F.R.I.A.L., wearing his gorgeous uniform as a Knight of St. Silvester, was a very striking figure in the procession.

The vicar capitular, following the interment, the Cathedral chapter met in St. John's Presbytery and elected Right Rev. Mgr. Moloney, P.P., V.F., Vicar Capitular, who, yesterday, received the following message from the Vatican:—"Holy Father grieved learn demise worthy Bishop O'Neill. Expresses sincere sympathy and cordially imparts to clergy and faithful of bereaved diocese paternal Apostolic Blessing." In reply, Mgr. Moloney sent the following telegram:—"Secretary, Vatican City: Clergy, faithful Limerick, mourning loss beloved Bishop, comforted and consoled Holy Father's gracious message sympathy and blessing; express filial homage, Vicar Capitular."

Chief mourners were: Mrs. G. Barry, Mrs. M. Power, Mrs. T. Power and Sister Mary Peter, Good

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