

Funeral of the late Mr. Michael Hartney

THE President, Mr. de Valera and the Taoiseach, were represented at the funeral in Limerick to-day of Mr. Michael Hartney (77), Prospect Villas, Limerick, a former Mayor and over 20 years a member of Limerick City Council.

The President was represented by Lt. Col. J. Reilly, Acting O/C. Third Brigade, and Mr. D. B. O'Malley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance, represented the Taoiseach.

The Mayor, Mrs. Frances Condell, members of the City Council, all the Limerick T.D.s as well as a big attendance of the commercial and industrial life of the city were among the large attendance.

Members of the Limerick Co. Council adjourned their annual general meeting to enable the members to attend the funeral. Earlier, Requiem Mass had been celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church by Rev. F. Moriarty, C.C.

Members of the Mid-Limerick Brigade of the Old I.R.A., of which Mr. Hartney had been Secretary for over 40 years, formed a guard of honour at the graveside and the coffin was draped in the tricolour.

At the graveside, the last post was sounded and full military honours were rendered.

Other clergy in attendance were: Fr. Culhane, Fr. O'Dea, Fr. Boyle, Fr. O'Donnell, Fr. Hatton, C.S.S.R.; Fr. Silverius, O.F.M.; Fr. Kennedy, Salt Lake City; Fr. O'Connor, Mobile, Alabama, and Monsignor Patrick Kennedy, Salt Lake City.

The chief mourners were his widow, Mrs. May Hartney; two daughters, Sister M. Gerald, Holy Cross Convent, Salt Lake City, U.S.A., and Mrs. Franz Forrester, Southern Rhodesia; Messrs Joseph Murphy and Edmond Murphy (nephews); Miss Bridget Murphy (niece) and Master Michael Murphy, (grand-nephew).

The late Mr. Hartney was Mayor of Limerick in the year 1945-46 and he was a member of the City Council from 1932 to 1950, when he retired. He was a city Alderman for five years.

Born in St. Mary's Parish, he later went to live in Davis St. He was one of the most active members of the Volunteer movement during the War of Independence and his house in Davis Street was blown up by the Black and Tans as a reprisal. He was twice captured by the Black and Tans and served a term in Wormwood Scrubbs Prison, where he

went on hunger strike. On his release he resumed his volunteer activities and after being captured by the "Tans" for a second time he was held as a hostage by them as a protection against I.R.A. ambushes. He was later interned on Spike Island.

A compositor by trade, he served his time in the old Limerick Leader Offices in Patrick Street and retired in 1960 after 53 years' service with the company. He was a life-long member of the Typographical Society and represented the South of Ireland on the executive committee.

Numerous tributes were paid him when his death was announced, especially by his old volunteer comrades—he was formerly Adjutant of the Mid-Limerick Brigade.

At the graveside, full military honours were rendered by a firing party of the Old I.R.A. under Mr. Patrick Byrnes and the Last Post was sounded by Mr. Bud Clancy.

The funeral oration was given in Irish by Councillor Frank Glasgow.

The Limerick Leader was represented by Mr. J. Buckley, director, and Mrs Buckley; Mr. P. Comyn, editor, with members of the editorial staff; Mr. J. O'Donovan, works manager; Mr. P. Butler, secretary of the Limerick branch of the Typographical Association; Mr. W. Conlon, father of the Limerick Leader T.A. Chapel; Mr. A. Carey, foreman; Mr. P. J. Moroney, circulation manager; Mr. W. Naughton, office manager; Mr. J. McSharry, Mr. J. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. C. C. Cregan, former editor of the Limerick Leader.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Frank Thompson, Limerick.

An extended report will appear in our week-end issue.

Post-mortem held

A post-mortem was held at Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Saturday last on the body of Thomas Lowder Studley, who died at "Oakdeans," Southville Gardens, Ballinacurra, on Friday.

Mr. Studley was believed to be an Australian and was living in Limerick for some time. He died at "Oakdeans" and the body was removed to the hospital.

The Mayoral election

Dear Sir—What politician in Limerick inspired the low-standard journalism served up by "Backbencher" in last Saturday's Irish Times? As the effort to belittle Limerick's Mayor was well-timed, it was obvious that it was also well-planned for the eve of the Mayoral election. Not that it will have any effect on the result, which is to be sewn-up by the party politicians whose machinations have made the office of Mayor the prize in a game of puss-in-the-corner. The wishes of the people of Limerick, or the dignity of the office, or the image of Limerick abroad will not be troubling them; nor, apparently, did these things trouble "Backbencher."

"Backbencher" is wasting his time if he believes that a regurgitation of petty gossip can in any way dim Mrs. Frances Condell's record of service to Limerick. His impertinence in offering insult to this city by addressing its first city as "Aunt Fanny" is not calculated to increase the circulation of the paper for which he writes. People who want that sort of thing will go for the News of the World, if that rag still exists.

—URBS ANTIQUA FUIT.

New edition of catechism in Irish

The Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin, has arranged for a new edition of the Catechism in Irish. The work has taken seven years to produce and is chiefly the product of two Irish scholars, the Rev. Shan O Cuiv, M.A., C.C., Corpus Christi, Drumcondra, in co-operation with the Very Rev. D. O'Flionn, M.A., P.P., Vevay Road, Bray.

It is hoped that the Catechism in standard Irish will be ready in the autumn. Already some years ago the Archbishop produced the Short Irish Catechism. An Taoiseach Críostúidhe

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