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LORD EMLY (1858-1932).

**Gaston Thomas William Monsell, Second
Baron Emly.**

WE regret to announce the severance of a very notable link with the past history of Mungret College by the death of Lord Emly on November 24th, 1932. He was the only son of the Right Honourable William Monsell's second marriage to Berthé, daughter of the Comte de Montigny-Boulainvilliers and succeeded to the Barony upon the death of his father in 1894.

After a short time at the Oratory School, Edgebaston, Gaston Monsell proceeded to Beaumont College, Windsor, completing his education there, in the years 1872-75. Like his father, he filled certain public offices, being State Steward to Earl Cowper, 1880-82, and Gentleman Usher to Earl Spencer, 1882-18, during their periods of Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland. He was a D.L. and J.P. for the County of Limerick; was a member of Limerick County Council for some years; Chairman of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee for County Limerick. He was married to Frances Vincent de la Poer, daughter of the late John Power of Gurteen le Poer, who was M.P. for Co. Waterford. Lady Emly was a District Councillor for Co. Limerick, a very capable woman, well known for her charitable works. She died in 1925, and as their only child, a son, had died in youth, the title becomes extinct with the death of the second lord.

All who are acquainted with the history of Mungret College and of its transformation from a Government Agricultural Institution—in which character it was a notable failure—into the existing Missionary College and conjoined Lay-School for Secondary education, will recall the leading part borne

by the first Lord Emly. They will also remember the services he rendered to it in the vicissitudes of its early stages and the corresponding debt of gratitude due to the Monsell family. The late Lord also maintained a keen interest in the fortunes of Mungret. He and his gracious Lady were among the chief guests at the celebrations of its Jubilee in 1907.

After the death of M. l'Abbé l'Heritier, who was chaplain at Tervoe House, for some years, and up to the serious illness of the late Lord, the priests of the College have acted as chaplains to his Lordship. To see him serve Mass, as he always did, in his own private oratory, was most edifying. He had been ill from the early winter of 1931—an illness borne with very striking patience and resignation—and died peacefully at his seat of Tervoe, fortified with the rites of Holy Church, November 24th, 1932.

On November 27th the community and boys from Mungret College, with a large concourse of priests and laymen, accompanied the coffin from Tervoe House to Ballybrown, the whole procession reciting the rosary. On November 28th, after Solemn Requiem Mass by Most Rev. Dr. Keane, Bishop of Limerick, attended by the Community, Philosophers and Captains and officials of the House, the funeral cortège left for Kilshealan, Co. Waterford. Rev. Father Rector and Father W. Kane, S.J., a life-long friend of Lord Emly, accompanied the remains to Waterford, where, near to Gurteen le Poer, he was laid to rest by the side of his beloved wife and their only child.—R.I.P.

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