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**DEATH OF ALDERMAN WATSON.**

With feelings of no ordinary regret it is our painful duty to announce the death of Alderman Henry Watson, J.P., which sad event took place on Saturday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Kingstown, Dublin, after a very short but painful illness, aged 71 years. The melancholy intelligence did not reach this city until Sunday morning, and when it became known expressions of public sympathy at the loss of so truly good and philanthropic a gentleman were audible in every circle, for he was deservedly loved and respected for his agreeable and pleasing manners. He was senior magistrate of Limerick, and leading member of every local board having a representative body. In discharge of his magisterial duties he was a constant attendant on the bench at the daily police courts and weekly petty sessions of city and county, punctual as to time, and possessed of extraordinary talent, tact, and ability, which rendered his judicial decisions universally satisfactory. Alderman Watson throughout life maintained a high position for sterling worth, and in every department in which he moved his engaging affability and bland disposition were theme of admiration, whether in his private capacity or in public assemblies, where his presence was sure to be hailed with gratification. Endowed with every noble character which adorns the human breast, his kind and friendly associations won for him the esteem and regard of a numerous circle of friends, not only in his native city, but elsewhere. The blank caused in society by his unexpected demise will be acutely felt, and by none more than the operative classes, whose steadfast friend he at all times proved himself when their interests were involved. By his brother magistrates Alderman Watson was much beloved, as, owing to vast experience for a period of nearly fifty years, his opinions on matters of importance at all times weighed with the bench. A more fondly devoted parent did not exist, and it was a pleasing source of satisfaction that his sons, whom he loved affectionately, had distinguished themselves in the army and the church, to which professions they belong. His many good qualities will be long cherished, as his attachments were warm and steadfast, while his straightforward and independent conduct as a citizen and magistrate will also be remembered in the city of his birth; no gentleman had bestowed upon him more honors at the hands of his fellow-citizens, having for three successive years been unanimously chosen to fill the office of Mayor under the old Corporation, and since the reformed body came into authority the same distinction was bestowed upon him by them in the year 1854, upon which occasion, when retiring, he was chaired in triumph through the city by the congregated trades and the public, in testimony of his worth as chief magistrate. He filled the office of City High Sheriff twice, and was three years chairman of the Limerick Board of Guardians, where his exertions in behalf of the poor were most valuable. In politics or religion he made no distinction between friends, but maintained his own principles without creating the slightest animosity in the breasts of those with whom he differed. During a long connexion with the Press his career was remarkable for moderation and caution, it being at all times his desire not to give annoyance or wound the feelings of any party. The recent death of his eldest son, Captain Andrew Vincent Watson, preyed considerably upon him, and with evident effect, as since then he gradually sunk, until, unfortunately, an accident he met with a few days since, by swallowing a fish bone, which led to surgical operation, finally caused death. His remains arrived at the railway terminus in this city, on Monday evening, and were conveyed to his late residence in Mallow-street, followed by a large number of sorrowing friends, and there deposited for the night. The Cathedral bells pealed a mournful dirge, and the shutters of nearly all the shops in the city were put up.

**THE FUNERAL.**

Yesterday morning being appointed for the interment of the above highly esteemed and much lamented gentleman, the city presented a mournful aspect. The shops in the principal streets through which the funeral procession was to pass were either partially closed or the window shutters left up. The feeling of public sympathy displayed upon the occasion evidenced the deep regret felt for the deceased; the congregated trades, with their banners muffled, and the members of each guild wearing crapp scarfs and hat-bands, arrived in Mallow-street at nine o'clock, and soon after the Corporation of the city, with the civic retinue, all in mourning attire. The coffin having been placed in the hearse, the funeral cavalcade moved on in solemn procession through George's street, Patrick street, Rutland-street, Bridge-street, Mary-street, Nicholas-street, to Munchin's Church, in the following order:—The Congregated Trades; Very Rev. Dean Keatinge, and Rev. Mr. Hare, (in carriage); Rev. Messrs. Elmes, Jacob, and Stenron; the hearse, containing the body; chief mourners—Rev. Arthur Vincent Watson, Captain Watson, 66th Regt.; Rev. Mahony Vincent Watson, sons of deceased; Wyndham Fitzgerald (grandson); Messrs. John Watson Mahony, William Mahony, (Manager of Provincial Bank, Carrickmacross), Andrew James Watson, Samuel M. Watson, Walker J. Mason, Major Mackintosh, William Gabbett, Edward Bernard, Thos. Boyse, T.C.; John Bassett, T.C.; John O'Donnell, T.C.; James Bannatyns; George W. Barrett, Dr. Russell, Marcus Russell (son); Rev. Mr. Riordan, Wm. Horsford, Ralph Wilson, John Lucas, Michael Ryan, &c., &c. The Corporation followed—Alderman Thaddeus M'Donnell (*locum tenens* for the Mayor, absent in London with Mr. R. Ryan, ex-Mayor, on public business) bearing the civic wand muffled in craps. The other members in attendance were, Aldermen Quinlivan, Tinsley, and Mulcahy; Town Councillors Myles, Hastings, Ward, Phayer, Keayes, Cullen, M'Donnell, Carte, M'Sheehy, Barry, Garvey, M. Kelly, L. Kelly, Roger, Leuiban, O'Callaghan, M'Mahon, Kane, A. Russell, Purcell, and Barrington; Mr. Francis John O'Neill, Treasurer; Mr. John Ellard, Town Clerk; Mr. Joseph Murphy, solicitor, and the deputy Town Clerk.

The magistrates, merchants, medical profession, and traders of the city followed in line, the thoroughfares being thronged with people at every point. A number of private carriages, including the Lord Bishop's, Archdeacon Maunsell, Henry Maunsell, Messrs. Russell, E. Bernard, R. Hunt, William Gabbett, Dr. Gelston, Rev. Mr. Delmege, Joseph Gabbett, Dean Kirwan, Dr. Griffin, &c., &c.

Arrived at the church-yard, the trades formed line, and the hearse having drawn up, the coffin was conveyed to the interior of the edifice, where the funeral service was impressively carried out by Dean Keatinge and Rev. Mr. Hare. The last sad obsequies were then performed by the removal of the remains to the burial ground and depositing them in the family vault, to the deep affliction of family and friends. It may be truly said—

Tho' narrow minds may not lament his fall,  
Nor bring one flow'r to form the mournful wreath—  
He needs no wreath! for good has wove it all;  
Wet with its tears—it blossoms at his death!

**DEATH OF ALDERMAN WATSON.**—We regret to announce the death of Henry Watson, Esq., better known as Alderman Watson, of Limerick, which took place rather suddenly on Saturday last, at the residence of his daughter, at Kingstown. Alderman Watson had reached an advanced age. For many years, and until recently, Mr. Watson was the proprietor of the *Limerick Chronicle*. Although he had been, in former years, a strong Tory, he had always been very popular in Limerick. A good bust of the deceased gentleman is placed in the room of the Congregated Trades of that city. In latter years Mr. Watson connected himself with the Liberal party, and sometimes took an active part in local politics. About four or five years since he had been elected to the Mayoralty of Limerick by the liberal members of the Town Council. The remains of the lamented Alderman have been conveyed by rail to Limerick for interment.—*Dublin Evening Post*.

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