

FUNERAL OF THE COUNTESS OF DUNRAVEN.
(FROM OUR REPORTER).

On to day the funeral of this deeply lamented lady took place. Since the melancholy intelligence announcing her demise was received at Adare, a gloom has been cast over the entire neighbourhood, and it may with truth be said, that a greater loss has not been sustained for a great many years in that part of the county, than in the unexpected death of Lady Dunraven. It would be difficult to estimate it; she was the centre of a circle that had a vast circumference; her goodness was known to everyone; in fact she combined all the nobler traits that distinguish the Irish mother and the practical Christian; and as the wife of the head of the magistracy of the county, she adorned the station which she filled with an *éclat* derived from the nobility of her nature. With a queenly dignity did she preside over the establishment at Adare Manor, where the highest of the nobility, both in society and in literature, delighted to assemble to partake of the princely hospitalities which she dispensed with her noble husband, with a truly Irish feeling. Perhaps the most genuine act of worth, among the many, will be found in the maternal solicitude which was evinced towards the wives and daughters of the Dunraven tenantry by their beloved Countess: it was her dearest wish to be their instructress and guide under almost every circumstance. Her attention to the Adare schools was assiduous and unwearied, and while residing at the Manor it was daily her custom to examine the children herself, both from the sacred volume and on secular subjects, and to distribute rewards to the deserving with no slack hand. She also instituted a work room, and had a large number of the village girls instructed in exquisite fancy work and embroidery, for which the village of Adare soon became famous, and the Countess was wont, when spending the season in London, to bring with her the work of the girls, and have it disposed of among the nobility of her acquaintance, for the benefit of her poor tenantry, whose welfare she studied wherever she went, and Royalty itself has on state occasions being apparelled with some of these beautiful fabrics. Lady Dunraven is alas no more in this world, and bitter is the grief and sorrowful the moan of those who will never again cast a grateful eye upon her on earth—the poor of the neighbourhood, for whom with a maternal tenderness she cared, and who, as the festivity of their Redeemer's birth will soon be celebrated, will miss with anguish that dear lady who succoured them in the hour of need, and sent comfort and consolation into many a desolate home. She has passed from this world, but the remembrance of her meekness, her benevolence, and her charity, will long be cherished in the neighbourhood of Adare, when the present generation shall have passed into the graves of their fathers.

The procession formed in the lawn fronting the Castle, and as the coffin, borne on men's shoulders, emerged from the portal, the numerous array of gentry and farmers outside, who attended to pay all the respect in their power to the noble family of the deceased, raised their hats. Then lead the way the tenantry of the noble Earl, who to the number of about 500 formed two deep wearing hat bands.—Next came the domestics, with white hoods, and after them proceeded two abreast, the following Clergy of the diocese:—The Rev Thomas Croker, rector of Adare; Rev Dr Hassard, rector of Rathkeale; Rev G G Gubbins, rector of Kilpeacon; Rev E Maxwell, Rev L M Maunsell, Rev W Archer, Rev T Bunbury, Rev J H Phipps, Rev W E Massy, Rev T Willis, and Revs C Fitzgerald, W M Maunsell, Rev J F French, Rev J Beers, Rev J Carson, Rev A Nash, Rev J T Waller, the Lord Bishop, with his Chaplain—Rev J Walsh—bringing up the rear.—Next came the coffin, covered with a pall, borne on the shoulders of six of the tenantry, and after it the following chief mourners:—The Earl of Dunraven, Viscount Adare, Archdeacon Goold, the Right Hon W Monsell, the Hon R O'Brien, and Stephen E De Vera, with Messrs Curling and Fitzgerald, his lordship's agents. Next came the Right Rev Dr Butler, R C Bishop, with his Chaplain, the Rev Dr Fitzgerald, St. John's; Ven Archdeacon O'Rourke, P P, V G, Patrickswell; Very Rev Dr Oregan, P P, V G, Bruff; Very Rev James O'Shea, P P, V F, Rathkeale; Rev T O'Grady, P P, Adare; Rev T Flanagan, Administrator, do; Rev J Scott, P P, St. Mary's; Rev W Moloney, P P, Donoughmore; Rev J B Meehan, P P; Rev Hugh Flattery, CC,

Rev J Carrick, CC, Rev Dr Fitzgerald, CC, Rev Timothy Shanahan, CC, Rev Thomas Nowlan, CC, Rev J Kirby, Rev George O'Connor, CC, Rev James M'Coy, CC, Rev Mr Leahy, CC, Rev James Roche, CC, Rev J Baker, PP, Rev Mr Quinlan, PP, Croon, after whom came a large party of gentlemen wearing crape hat bands, including the Hon Col Massy, Elm Park; Hon Major Massy, do; Sir David V Roche, Bart; Henry Maunsell, JP, W F Maunsell, BL, James Spaight, JP, Major Vandeleur, Thompson Russell, JP, Thomas Royle, JP, Alderman Quinlan, M E Ryan, JP, James Barry, JP, George Fosberry, JP, Captain Patterson, Captain Petrie, J Parker, Croker Barrington, H P Jellett, QC, S M Dixon, Captain Croker, Ballinagarde; Carrol Naish, JP, S Dixon Power, William Phayer, JP, E Cruise, Edward Hunt, J Cox, Daniel M. Maunsell, JP, Ballywilliam; John White, JP, Nautenan; J B Hewson, George Hewson, Sub inspectors Channer and Fulton, Eugene O'Callaghan, High Sheriff; Jeremiah O'Grady, C Adamson, Thomas O'Brien, M O'Farrell, J Sheehy.

After these came the Roman Catholic children of the parish, taught by the Christian Brothers, to the number of about 100, and led by two of the brothers, and who formed a most interesting sight in the procession. Next came the tenantry of Archdeacon Goold, headed by Mr. Holmes, his agent, and after them the tenantry of the Right Hon. W. Monsell, and the rest was brought up by the carriages of the nobility and gentry of the county, among which were to be noticed those of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Right Rev. Bishop Butler, Lord Clarina, the Mayor of Limerick, Colonel Monsell, Hon. R. O'Brien, Henry Maunsell, J.P., Sir D. Roche, Captain Croker (Ballinagarde), Captain Croker (the Grange), J. White (Nautenan), G. Fosberry, James Spaight, M. R. Ryan, Thompson Russell, John T. MacSheehy, Thomas Boyse, J.P., Major Vandeleur, George Vandeleur, J.P., (Ballinamona), D. M. Maunsell, &c.

The procession stretched over a considerable distance of ground from the demesne gate to the church, which was draped in mourning for the occasion. The coffin having been borne into the church, the solemn and impressive burial service of the church was then read by the Lord Bishop, the Rev J Walsh, and the Rev J Carson, and having concluded with the edification, Mr Power O'Donoghue played on the organ the "Dead march in Saul," during which the coffin was removed to the family vault at the rear of the church, where the members of the deceased's family took a last and fond farewell of all that was mortal of the good Countess Dunraven.