

FUNERAL OF THE REV. R. DICKSON.

On Tuesday last the funeral of this greatly esteemed and deeply lamented gentleman took place, on which occasion perhaps the largest concourse, that has been on any similar occasion seen in this county for many years, attended to pay a tribute to departed worth, and to express their sympathy with the relatives of one who, when living, combined all the noble attributes of the clergyman, the parent, the friend, and the protector and comforter of the poor.

At ten o'clock as previously announced, the funeral cortege left Vermont, for Croom, but some two hours previous to that the coffin was brought from the deceased's room and laid on supports in the lawn in front of the house, and the wailing of the female attendants, and others the recipients of the rev. gentleman's bounty, showed clearly the loss they have sustained in his decease, and how intense their bereavement, and deep-felt the anguish of their hearts; but when the coffin was being placed in the hearse, then did the cry of grief of those, who had stood around it arise, and as their piteous accents sounded in the air, the scene was indeed sad though impressive; the sorrowful expression of their features, as the tears of grief rolled down their cheeks, expressed how they felt on that occasion, and the goodness of the venerable clergyman who was about to be consigned to the grave of his ancestors. Such was the feeling towards the Rev. Richard Dickson, that the tenantry of their own accord came from Tipperary, Clare, and other counties where he had property, to attend the interment, as they stated, of the best of landlords. It may be here well to mention that during the lengthened period during which he presided over the parish of Kilkeedy, he was a contributor to no less than sixty-eight public charities; his benevolence to private individuals was very extensive, and he had a large number of pensioners, comprising the deaf, the dumb, and the lame, thus observing in practice the precepts of his Divine Master; and regularly every Monday did those poor creatures receive their weekly bounty from Mr. Dickson's agent; and it is pleasurable to be able to add that their stipends will not cease with the rev. gentleman's decease, but they shall be continued by his son till their dissolution. The Rev. R. Dickson also contributed large sums to the Lying-in-Hospital, and other useful institutions; in fact, it may be said, that there is not a local charity which did not receive support from him; and in dispensing his bounty the distinction of creed never entered his mind—all were alike to him in the sight of God.

At ten o'clock, when the procession moved on through the grounds of Vermont, the tenantry preceded the hearse, along with the domestics, in white hoods, who were seated in carriages. After the hearse, came three mourning coaches, in which were Saml. F. Dickson, son of deceased; the Rev. Geo. Washington Biggs, Messrs. S. Dickson Biggs, and R. Dickson Biggs, nephews of deceased, Rev. W. F. Maunsell, and Mr. W. Dickson Maunsell, son-in-law, and grandson of the rev. gentleman, and Thomas Smith, Esq., son-in-law of the deceased, with his son, Mr. Smith. Next came carriages in which were the Lord Bishop of Limerick, and his chaplain, the Rev. J. Walsh, Col. Russell, the Rev. Louis F. Maunsell, Curate of Kilkeedy; the Rev. W. F. Seymour, Cahernary; Rev. Thomas Westropp, Ardanny; Rev. Mr. Bunbury, Croom; Rev. G. G. Gubbins, Kilpeacon; Rev. Charles Ward, Kilmurry; Rev. G. W. Tyrrell, Tullybrackey; the Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, St. John's, in the carriage of the Right Rev. Dr. Butler, R. C. B., representing him as his Chaplain; Rev. G. O'Connor, P.P., Patrick's-well; Rev. Mr. Coghlan, C. C. do; Rev. Father Quaid, P.P., Dromin; Rev. J. Arnold, P.M., Dummurry, acting for the Rev. Dr. Wilson, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; and next came in their carriages his Worship the Mayor, Alderman Tait; the Right Hon. Wm. Monsell, M.P.; Lord Clarina; Edward J. Synan, M.P.; General Stockly, W. G. Gubbins, J.P., Major Vandeleur, J. C. Cooper, J.P., M. R. Ryan, J.P., James M'Mahon, Esq., Major M'Adam, John M. Royle, Thomas Royle, J.P., Thompson Russell, J.P., Thomas Boyse, J.P., Dr. Brodie, Standish Hayes O'Grady, D. Dickson Power, P. Griffin, A. Murray, senr., R. Russell, Edward Cruise, Christopher Adamson, Jeremiah O'Grady, Henry Lyons, J.P., Croom House; Mr. W. Power, Mr. Westropp Morgan, Mr. Gerald Fitzgerald, Mr. Richard, Phillips, Limerick; John F. Sheehy, Esq., L. Kelly, T. C.

There was besides a large concourse of the country people, who attended the funeral, and on the route to Croom the procession was increased by the addition of residents of the district between Vermont and the latter place, so that it is no exaggeration to say that the line of procession reached fully over a mile of ground.

On arrival at Croom the coffin was borne on the shoulders of a number of the tenantry to the Parish Church, where the funeral service was read by the Rev. Mr. Bunbury, assisted by the Rev. L. F. Maunsell, (in the absence of the Bishop who was unable to proceed the whole way with the funeral), at the conclusion of which it was placed in the family vault.

The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Mr. Lyons, undertaker, of Catherine-street, which were carried out with the greatest credit to him, considering the difficulties, assisted by Mr. Armstrong, the agent; and the funeral requisites were procured from the establishment of Mr. M'Clunie, of George-street, and the hearse and mourning coaches were supplied by Mr. O'Regan, Cecil-street.

Lieutenant Colonel McLeod, and the officers of the 74th Highlanders in this Garrison, have issued invitations for a ball, on a splendid scale, at the Theatre Royal, Henry-street, to about 400 of the elite of the county and city, on Wednesday next, the 1st of May.

In consequence of the band of the 74th Highlanders being engaged to attend the bazaar in aid of the Ragged School, there will be no performance in Pery-square on Saturday next.

George Sampson, Esq., J.P., Mrs. Sampson, family and suite, have arrived at Belmont, Castle-CConnell, from Lower Baggot-street, Dublin.

ful the Provincial Grand Master, were arranged in a row the stalls of the following Princes and Knight Templars:—Brothers Spaight, R. Hunt, G. Dartnell, G. S. Brown, R. Blake, H. W. Mahony, Rev. W. Eyre Massy, W. S. Tracey, W. Evans, E. W. Maunsell, Joseph Fogarty, T. Lloyd.

On the arrival of Lord Dunboyne, the newly elected P.G.M., for North Munster, at the porch, accompanied by the Hon. Miss Butler, he was received by the Officers of Lodge 13, and the other Brethren in attendance, his arrival being announced to the company within by a flourish of trumpets. On alighting, as he passed through the ball room, a double row of the Brethren was formed, headed by eight Knight Templars, who formed the celebrated Arch of Steel, underneath which his Lordship passed to the chair occupied by the Worshipful Master of Lodge 13, Brother Richard Eaton, who received his Lordship; and having placed him in the chair he called on the brethren, according to custom, to give the usual masonic salute to his Lordship, which was accordingly done, in three elevens and three distincts, the Worshipful Master giving the signal. The Ball then commenced by Lord Dunboyne leading off Mrs. Eaton, and the Worshipful Master, Brother Eaton, leading off the Hon. Miss Butler, the dancing being kept up until about one o'clock, to music of the 74th Highlanders, when the drop scene was raised, and supper commenced, the tables containing which were appropriately arranged by Brother Ferguson, and which included the most *recherché* viands, and the choicest liquors. At this time the grandeur of the display was greatly added to when the assembled guests proceeded to the supper tables, over which was inscribed on a large scroll, "Peace, Love, and Harmony," so much expressive of the occasion, and which embody the truly Christian sentiments of the Masonic Order. The scene, as viewed from the lower end of the Theatre, had an Oriental picturesqueness, impossible to describe adequately, and even giving an idea of its effect is not an easy task. It was acknowledged generally that its like has never been seen heretofore within the walls of the Theatre, and may never be surpassed.

Supper having been partaken of, Brother Eaton, W.M., performing the duties of host, proposed, in appropriate terms, the toast of the Masonic Craft, coupling with it the health of the newly-elected Provincial Grand Master, Lord Dunboyne, and on the part of the Brethren welcomed him fraternally in their midst. Lord Dunboyne, in reply to the toast of his health, alluded in graceful terms to the presence of the ladies on that occasion, appropriately adding that he had one secret to tell them, which he hoped as a Mason they would not divulge upon him, which was that

No mortal can more
The ties adore
Than free and accepted Mason.

Dancing was next resumed and kept up till a late hour, when the company gradually retired.

The invitations included—His Grace the Duke of Leinster, G.M.; the Right Hon Lord Dunboyne, P.G.M.; the Hon Miss Butler, Henry Westropp, late P.G.M.; Richard Eaton, W.M, Lodge, 13; Mrs Eaton, the Worshipful Master, Lodge 60; The Worshipful Master, Lodge 73; the Worshipful Master, Lodge 201; the Worshipful Master, Lodge 333; the Mayor and Mrs Tait; the Earl and Countess of Limerick; High Sheriff of County and Mrs White; High Sheriff of City and Mrs Quinlivan; the Right Hon. Col. Monsell, M.P, and Mrs Monsell; Major Gavin, M.P, and Mrs Gavin; Edward J Synan, M.P; the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Mrs Joynt; Brigadier-General and Mrs Borton; Captain Nangle, Brigade Major; Mr Shafto, A D C; Col. and Mrs Beatty; Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Evans; Miss Warburton; Lieutenant-Colonel McLeod and Officers, 74th Regiment; Capt Higgin and officers Royal Artillery, Capt. Kennedy and officers R M S Frederick William, Officers 31st Regiment, Tipperary; Officers, 6th Regiment, Rathkeale; Mr Moriarty, R.M, Mrs Moriarty; Mr Burnley, 6th Dragoon Guards, Mrs Burnley; Miss Roe; Mr Marriott, 6th Dragoon Guards; Mr Rickards, do; Mr Garnett, do; Captain Hall, do; Captain Hewitt, do; Captain Fryer, do, Mrs Fryer; Captain Barton, 74th Regiment, Mrs Barton; Mr Molony, do, Mrs Molony; Mr Curry, 74th, Mrs Curry; Major Irby, 74th, Mrs Irby; Miss Barry; Capt Thackeray, 74th, Mrs Thackeray; Mr Spaight, RE; Mr T D O'Brien, 17th Regiment; Captain and Mrs Pratt; Dr Eaton, Captain Lloyd, Mr Rickard Lloyd, Mr E P Smyth, Mrs and Miss Ievers, Mr G B Fitzgerald, Mr John Tennent, Mrs John Tennent, Mr Wm Tennent, Miss Tennent, Mr and Mrs D Tennent, Mr and Mrs J Langley, the Misses Langley (2), Mr John Langley, jun; the Misses Wilson (2), Mr and Mrs C Lloyd, Mrs Dawson, Mr Hugh O'Loghlin, Mr Edward Croker, Dromkeen; the Misses Croker (2), do; Mr John Westropp, the Misses Westropp (2), Fortanne; Miss Dorcas Westropp, Mr James Blair, 6th Regiment, Mrs Blair; Mrs George Hunt, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Friend; Miss Kennedy, Kilkee; Mr Ringrose Drew, Mr Wm H M Bennett, Mr Cantillon, Mr J Shine, Dr Thomas and Mrs Gelston; Misses Fitzgerald (3), Tarbert; Mr and Mrs Hall; Mr and Mrs Lloyd, Castletroy; Mrs and the Misses Purdon (2); Mr and Mrs C Finch, Mr and Mrs Blake; Mr and Mrs Wainwright Crowe; Mr and Mrs J Shine; Madam and Miss O'Grady; Mr Herd, SL, and Mrs Herd; Miss Bennett, Bruff; Mr and Mrs Wm Gubbins; Mr Bolton; Mr and Mrs Jasper Bolton; the Misses Bolton (2); Mr and Mrs Richard Cooper Chadwick; Miss Chadwick, Miss Allan, Mr T St Leger Atkins, Mr Dudley O'Grady, Mr B Plummer, Mrs Caulfield, Mr and Mrs Toller; Dr and Mrs Pennefather; Mrs Peter Griffin, Miss Griffin, Mr William Fitzgerald; Mrs and the Misses Masy (3) Stoneville; Mr Richd White, Mr Roche, Carass; Mr Bredin, Mr H and the Misses Maunsell, Mr John Brady, Capt R Stackpoole, Mr Purdon, Mr Hore, Mr Michl Fred Furnell, Miss Bevan, Bruff; Mr and Mrs Geo Gubbins, Misses Bennett (3), Old Town; Capt and Mrs Davenport, Miss Bateman, Misses Royce (2); Mr Wm Blennerhassett, Mrs O'Callaghan, Maryfort; Mr Blennerhassett, Riddelstown; Miss Blennerhassett, Mr Gerald Blennerhassett, Dr Richard P Gelston, Mr Croker, the Grange; Mrs Croker, Miss Croker, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Low, Mrs and Miss Riche, Miss Volkes, Mr and Miss Hunt, George-st; Miss Burton, Miss Lyons, Mr Eand, Mr Jas Bannatyne, Capt Fitzgerald, the Misses Westropp (2), Attyffin; Hon Robt O'Brien, the Misses O'Brien, Mr R O'Brien, the Misses Westropp (3), Ardanny; the Misses O'Callaghan (2); Mr and Mrs R Westropp; Major Mrs, and Miss Vandeleur, Miss Bannatyne, Miss Blair, Mr, Mrs, and Miss Hickman, Mr Hugh West-

with complete *eclat*, reflects the highest credit on the Stewards.—Brothers Spaight, Eaton, J. W. Mahony, Dartnell, Gelston, Bannatyne, E. Lloyd (National Bank), M'Mahon, Cox, &c., who never spared the least exertion in doing everything for the accommodation of the guests.

The various Masonic Regalia of Knight Templars, Boyal Arch, and Master Masons, which were greatly admired, were supplied from the Masonic Outfitting Establishment of Kears and Co., under the personal superintendance of Brother Thomas Adams, and were highly creditable to that establishment.

INSTALLATION OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER LORD DUNBOYNE AS P.G.M., FOR NORTH MUNSTER.

The Brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster, met to-day at the rooms of Lodge 13, when the ceremony of installation of the Right Worshipful Lord Dunboyne, as P.G.M., for North Munster took place, the several lodges of the province being numerous and influentially represented on the occasion, at which he presided with that ease and dignity, for which personally he is known and appreciated. His Lordship intimated his appointment of Sir David V. Roche as D.P.G.M., and from whom a letter was read apologising for his absence in Dublin. The Lodge was adjourned until the third Thursday in July. We understand it is his lordship's intention to preside regularly at the quarterly meetings of the Lodge; and we have no doubt but that his lordship's appointment to the high and important office which he now holds, will lead to an impetus being given the ancient and honourable order of Freemasonry in this province, it has not had heretofore.

LIMERICK GREAT MUNSTER FAIR. FIRST DAY.

It is fortunate that the present one cannot be taken as an estimate generally of the Great Munster Fairs; if it was it would indicate a great falling off; but a variety of causes, against which it was impossible to guard or to anticipate, tended to make the horse and pig fair of to-day perhaps the smallest since the establishment of the Great Munster Fairs. The severe weather that has just passed over, the holding of the Royal Dublin Society's Cattle Show, are among the principal causes which have led to the small attendance at to-day's fair. There was not half the number of horses present that were exhibited at the last fair, while there was an extraordinary falling off in the supply of pigs of all kinds, and which did not exceed six hundred. The public were, we understand, loud in their disapprobation of the authorities for allowing this fair to clash with the Puchestown races, which had the effect of keeping off the sporting community of this locality from attending the great national race gathering at Puchestown, and has proved against the public in general, inasmuch as that they were led to believe that the Dublin buyers would not attend the Limerick fair, in consequence of the Exhibition of the Royal Dublin Society being of more interest to them. Legal notice of the race fixtures clashing with the fair was sent to the stewards at Puchestown; and it is much to be regretted it had not the desired effect, and the race meeting changed to another day, for it was not in the power of the fair commissioners to change the fair to another day. The character of the fair was poor, as there was a great scarcity of horses, and although the buyers in attendance included extensive dealers such as Alderman L. Reynolds, and Messrs. Glass and Wheeler, of Dublin, Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Manly, Kildare, Mr. Dobbyn, Waterford, Dr. Ashe, V.S., Cork, Mr. Preaton, Mallow, the purchases were few, as good animals were very scarce. Nevertheless, Mr. Ashe, V.S., Dr. Keayes, and Dr. Frazer, of this town, were kept all day busily engaged in the examination of horses purchased for the English and other markets. At the establishment of Mr. Hartigan there was as usual, a large collection of horses, and numerous sales there were effected. Alderman S. Reynolds, of Dublin, purchased a handsome brown charger for £150 from a gentleman, also a black hunter for £70; and a brown hunter from Dr. Bomford, of Castleconnell, at £60. Mr. Dobbin, of Waterford, sold a brown colt to Mr. Wheeler, of Dublin, for £60; Mr. Wheeler made several other purchases averaging from £40 to £70 each; Mr. Reidy, Neymarket, sold a bay carriage horse to a Dublin dealer for £50; M. Vandeline, from Belgium, with several of his purchasers, has been in attendance at this fair, and obtained several cavalry horses for the French Government, at from £15 to £30; Dr. Ashe, of Cork, purchased an exceedingly handsome pair of blood bay carriage horses for a high figure, which were very generally admired for their shapes and action.

At the establishment of Dr. Keyes, in Thomas-street, there was a large number of horses on sale. Mr. Kilbride refused a large sum for a chestnut gelding; Mr. O'Kelly, solicitor, Tipperary, sold a bay gelding to Mr. Murphy, of Dublin, for £50, and the latter bought a bay colt for £30, and a hunter for £70 from Mr. J. Sheehy, Rivers Lawn. Dr. Roe refused a large price for a hunter; Mr. Richard Laffan sold a horse for a high figure; and he purchased another one. Mr. Crimin sold a good horse to a Dublin dealer for £25. Mr. Bowen refused £100 from Mr. Glass, Dublin, for a black gelding. Mr. Manly, of Tara, County Meath, gave £50 each for two hunters, and £65 for another one, and Captain Davenport sold a good hunter for a large figure. Mr. L. Roche sold a chestnut mare for £30, and Mr. William Carroll, Dromkeen, refused a large figure for a young mare he had for sale, as did also Mr. B. Laffan for a grey hunter. Mr. Murphy, of Dublin, bought four 3 year old colts for cavalry purposes, and Mr. Manly about ten for the cavalry. The average price for these young animals was from £20 to £25 each.

In the veterinary establishment of Dr. Frazer there were several superior horses on view, and those sold there brought remunerative prices; but we have to repeat that at the several horse repositories in town there were not more than half the number put up for sale, which were exhibited at the last fair.

In the pig market there was a great slackness of animals, not more than between 500 and 600 animals being exhibited on the green, and the sales were confined to the buyers of Messrs. Matterson, Mr. Shaw, and Mrs. Oaks. It was in fact the smallest pig fair that has been held, and the majority of pigs exhibited were of inferior description; but for anything of good quality 55s. per cwt. was obtained, and this for bacon pigs 1½ cwt. Berwicks sold at from 45s. to 47s. per cwt., and purchased by farmers for feeding purposes. There were no Waterford or Cork buyers here, and business was confined to the local dealers,

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