

OF CLARENCE.

LATEST DETAILS.

Press Association's special correspondent Sandringham telegraphs this morning that inquiry at Sandringham House at 8 o'clock he informed that there was no unfavourable report in the Duke's condition.

Press Association's special correspondent Sandringham telegraphs at 9 o'clock—The representatives are rigorously precluded from Sandringham House this morning, the Duke stating that their orders are peremptory and difficult, therefore, to obtain reliable information, but it is stated unofficially that no favourable change has taken place during the night. No bulletins were posted at Marlborough House during the night, but a small crowd of people remained outside the gates until an early hour this morning.

Press Association says—Information was received at Marlborough House shortly after nine o'clock this morning that the Duke of Clarence died.

Press Association's special correspondent Sandringham telegraphs—The Duke of Clarence breathed his last between nine and ten o'clock this morning.

RECEPTION OF THE INTELLIGENCE IN LONDON.

GREAT CONSTERNATION.

Press Association telegraphs—The startle of the news of the Duke's death was received in London as a great shock. It had been hoped all day that there was a ray of hope, but this has dashed to the ground. The most profound sympathy is expressed for the Royal Family, and especially for Princess May, for whom none but the tenderest condolences are expressed.

At 9.55 news was brought to Marlborough House that the Duke of Clarence was dead. The news caused the greatest grief and consternation among the crowd, which was anxiously awaiting confirmation. Up to the time of telegraphing nothing had been posted outside Marlborough House, but the porter at the gates was directed to inform inquirers that "all was over." It is expected that further details will be published to-morrow.

Many inquirers called this morning, including Lord and Lady Burton.

Lord Colville of Culross received a wire this morning from Sir Dighton Probyn, stating that the Duke of Clarence breathed his last at 9.15 this morning.

The Windsor correspondent of the Press Association telegraphs that the news of the Duke's death was received there with profound grief. All the blinds at Windsor Castle are down, and the shops in the neighbourhood are generally closed. Everywhere in the Royal Household there are signs of mourning at the sad end of the Duke's promising career.

The Press Association's special correspondent Sandringham states that the official bulletin announcing the Duke's death had not been posted there at 11.45 to-day, but the blinds of the House are drawn.

THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN ISSUED FROM MARLBOROUGH HOUSE.

which first appeared on Thursday last. His Eminence grew rapidly weaker last night, and began to sink in the early hours of this morning. Losing consciousness at 7.30 he never rallied. The Cardinal's secretary informs the Press Association that he passed peacefully away.

The late Cardinal, who succeeded Cardinal Wiseman, was the son of Mr William Manning, M.P. a London merchant, and was born at Totteridge, Herts, in 1808. He joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1851, and was created Cardinal-Priest in 1875. His Eminence was well known for his theological discourses. He took a great interest in the working classes.

DEATH OF MR. G. F. HANDEL ROGERS.

In our last issue the obituary notice of this universally esteemed and deeply regretted gentleman was simply recorded. But for well nigh three score years his name was familiar in Limerick as a "household word," and his genial face was one of the most welcome amongst its citizens, high and low, rich and poor. We believe that in 1835 George Osborne, a nonagenarian, still living, who, by an interesting coincidence, was referred to in our publication of Tuesday evening, vacated his office as organist of our grand old Cathedral here, and having removed to a higher sphere in London, was succeeded by George Frederick Handel Rogers, then an aspirant to popular local acceptance, having previously been engaged in Ennis. From that time but until a few years since he uninterruptedly occupied a prominent, indeed, the first position as a professional musician in Limerick, where he was the originator of several, and conductor of many leading societies, that had for their object the cultivation and practice of the purest, sacred, and classic compositions. Attestations to his supreme skill and judicious control as a director have been spontaneously accorded by his contemporaries, some of whom had been his pupils; and his memory will be cherished and revered by all of those who enjoyed the advantage of having been the recipients of his careful instruction. In the year 1854 the Oratorio of *The Messiah* was produced under the baton of Mr Rogers, in which the chief role was taken by the celebrated Catherine Hayes, herself a Limerick girl, and in 1874 this masterpiece of the immortal Handel was beneath the same wand most successfully enterprised. But in 1881 its noblest triumph was achieved by Mr Rogers, at St. Mary's, with Mr Levey, the veteran violinist, composer and leader, as his collaborator. An observation of the latter at the close of the orchestral and vocal performance, occurs to our recollection in reference to the principal choruses, especially the fugal number "Amen." It was as follows—"In my long experience, I never heard that final one better done." On Mr Rogers retirement some six years ago, from a long and valued, because eminently valuable career, his evening of existence was one "without clouds," and in the enjoyment of

"Such things as should accompany old age,
"As honor, love, obedience, troops of friends."

His funeral on to-morrow morning will be choral, under the roof of the venerable historic Cathedral, whose walls had so often echoed the soul-stirring strains he elicited from an organ still eloquent, and the voices of a Choir still influenced by the prestige of such accomplished training and tutelage. Mr Rogers passed peacefully away early on Tuesday, after a lifetime extending beyond four-fifths of a century.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES GALLWEY, ATHEA.

Our Athea correspondent writes:—On the 9th instant, the above-named highly accomplished, very amiable, and exceedingly popular gentleman died, after a few days' illness of influenza, supervened by pneumonia, at his residence, Woodview Cottage, Athea. He was the only son of the late Mr Michael Gallwey, E.M., of Abbyeale. By his gentleness and affability he endeared himself to all who knew him, as was evidenced by the large numbers who attended his funeral on Monday last, and accompanied in very trying weather the cortege the entire way to the family burial place, Templeglantine. As the funeral cortege neared Abbyeale, large numbers from there met it and

of raising a fund for the purchase of a new fire engine. Mr Jones, who met his death while engaged at the recent fire in George-street, Alderman Counihan, *locum tenens* for the Mayor, presided. There were also present—Messrs T. McMahon O'Keefe, High Sheriff; Robert Hunt, J.P.; W. J. O'Donnell, J.P.; E. Fogarty, C.E.; T. M. Bourke, Wm Lloyd James Flynn, B. O'Donnell, Richard Smith, J. Gaffney, Dr Holmes, James Harris, Michael Spain, T.C.; James O'Mara, T.C.; M. Carmody, Robert Hanna, P.J. Lynch, C.E.; Ambrose Hall, junr., John Bernal, T.C.; J. J. F. Brown, C.E., Wm Christy.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they were all aware of the sad circumstances which had called them together—the death of the gallant poor fellow Jones, who had lost his life in his efforts to protect the property of the citizens. He need hardly say that it was a great deal through the exertions of the military and the assistance they rendered that the fire was prevented from spreading and becoming much more serious than it was. However, the matter they had to deal with was the movement inaugurated at the meeting of the Governors of the Asylum, by the Lord Bishop, Mr Hunt, and others, which was followed promptly by the City Grand Jury, and a committee was subsequently formed for the same laudable object—to raise subscriptions for the wife and family of this poor man. It was considered better to have one general movement than to have three separate committees, and therefore acting for the Mayor, who was not able to be in town, he convened this meeting. He was sure the movement which had been inaugurated would be liberally subscribed to throughout the city, and a number of subscriptions had already been received at the meeting of the Governors of the Asylum. The Bishop had received subscriptions from every member present, and his Lordship had asked Mr Spillane to act in the capacity of treasurer. Subsequently Mr Fogarty and Mr O'Donnell, who headed a committee, went to his Lordship and stated that they did not desire to be clashing with the movement already set on foot, and his Lordship said that the movement should be general, and suggested that the High Sheriff should act with Mr Spillane as treasurer. He would suggest, now that they had resolved to do something in furtherance of the movement, that they should appoint a secretary and treasurer.

Mr W. J. O'Donnell said he had great pleasure in formally proposing the names of the High Sheriff and Mr Spillane, to act as treasurers. After the very nice remarks of the chairman, he did not think it necessary to say anything as to the necessity of immediate action in relief of the deceased's widow and family.

Mr Fogarty seconded the resolution, which was adopted, and Mr W. J. O'Donnell was appointed secretary.

The High Sheriff said he was sure the appeal which had been made to the citizens would be heartily responded to. A great many who witnessed the fire and the death of the poor man, said it was a case that ought to be taken up. He was very glad to say that it was being well taken up, and he was sure the movement would be successful.

Mr Hunt considered it was a very good suggestion to have the committees amalgamated. He thought that the Corporation should be in a position at all times to make ample provision in cases of fire by having a proper fire escape and a brigade. From the evidence at the inquest it was clear that the fire escape was a defective and inadequate instrument, and incapable of doing the work. It would not be hard to procure a proper fire escape, and he thought the Corporation should provide proper apparatus in the event of fires. He criticised their action in not having done so.

The Chairman said a resolution from that meeting in reference to the matter would be very effective, and would, he was sure, be well received.

Mr Bernal said he did not take exception to anything that was said by Mr Hunt, but he would be against any resolution.

Mr Hunt said he thought that if the deceased had been provided with a proper fire escape, they would not have this unpleasant duty to perform.

Mr Bernal said that so far as he knew the Corporation never hesitated to procure anything that would be of advantage to the city (hear, hear). He was not an apologist for the Corporation, but he did not like to see a matter ascribed to them which was foreign to their nature. There was not one member at the present moment who would hesitate to do anything which would benefit the city, and he believed himself that the only feeling of the Corporation was to endeavour

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