

Ryan, and Sir (then of course Mr) James Mayor, and Sir Vere De Vere, occupied immediately in front of the trades workers. In 1877 Sir James was elected for a second time, and this time unananimously. He had the support of the Liberal Party of the Council, his proposer being the late Mr O'Callaghan. During this year he gave a ball in the city, which has been excelled for brilliancy. Sir James retired from the Council in 1882 and succeeded in the representation of the Dock by Mr Thomas Gaffney. Whether in the al chair or as an ordinary member, Mr was remarkable for his energy and perse in any project tending to benefit the and at this time he took a great in a movement for the foundation of a lantic Packet Station at Foynes, a matter which he had long been associated. It may be remarked that both Sir James and I took a great interest in the reform of the tion, and we believe the first contest under orm Act took place between Mr Francis and Mr Henry Watson. Perhaps the with which Sir James was most promi- identified—which was only natural con- his very great connection with trade and ce, and his wide knowledge of e affairs—was the Harbour Board. He fre- presided at its meetings, though latterly much, having been constantly from home, always took a great interest in its pro- and during his connection with it, ates back from 1865, he performed many s services to the port. Foremost amongst ay be mentioned the part he took in o the commutation of the Harbour Debt the raising of money for the building of wing Dock. When the negotiations on objects were proceeding, Mr Spaight's ere always found to have great weight s brother-Commissioners, and he went on deputations for the purpose of bringing se before the Government. For many e had been a director of the Waterford ick Railway; then Vice-Chairman, and believe, the retirement of Mr Abraham, some five or six years ago, he was ap- Chairman of the Company. Sir James nessed some stormy meetings of the share- during his office, but no matter how he discussion might be, he was never to give way to any display of temper, but resided over the meetings of the Com- th a dignity and suavity of manner which him the respect of all. We need scarcely the improvement which has taken place rolling stock of the Company since Sir became Chairman, or to the vast improve- which he made in the Locomotive sheds at k. While at one time, the carriages were repaired there, both carriages and engines built with a corresponding advantage to . For this gratifying state of things we a large measure to thank Sir James who was highly esteemed by all grades ompany's servants. In 1871, he succeed- ate Mr Richard Russell as President of mber of Commerce, and filled that office ruptedly since. He was a Governor of atic Asylum; Barrington's Hospital; an member of the Limerick Board ardians, and was also connected ous other bodies, public and private ity. He was Provincial Grand Master of vinee of North Munster, and was held in est regard by the brethren of the various Lodges. In Viceregal circles too, Sir as a well-known and popular figure. As a an Sir James Spaight occupied a very ant position. On its disestablishment and hapter of incorporation which founded the

went through the city this morning when his death was announced. That feeling would be felt beyond Limerick. Anything they could say could not express the thoroughly sincere sorrow evinced by every class for the loss of Sir James Spaight. He begged to propose—"That this Corporation has heard with the deepest regret of the very unexpected death this morning of our respected fellow-citizen, Sir James Spaight, J.P., D.L. We feel that in his demise we have lost the presence of a most important resident amongst us, whose services were of the utmost value to the trade and commerce of Limerick, and particularly to the artisans and labourers, and be it further resolved that as a mark of our estimation of his loss, and in sympathy with the sorrowing Lady Spaight, this Council do now adjourn, and that this Corporation, attended by the sword and mace bearers, officially attend at the obsequies."

Mr D Begley seconded the resolution, and remarked that he thoroughly endorsed all that had been said of the late Sir James so gracefully and eloquently by Alderman Counihan. In those remarks he had voiced the feelings of all creeds and classes, rich and poor, in the city.

The Mayor having put the resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

At the County Petty Sessions to-day, the magistrates—Mr James Nash and Mr J. B. Irwin, R.M.—adjourned the Court without transacting any business, as a mark of respect to Sir James Spaight's memory.

(TELEGRAM FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Dublin, Thursday Evening.

The news of the death of Sir James Spaight was received in Dublin this afternoon with feelings of widespread regret in Viceregal, Masonic, and commercial circles. Few men in Ireland were so well known in Dublin as Sir James, whose courtly and genial manner made him a favourite with everybody. The Unionists of Ireland will miss him sadly, and his loss will be greatly felt in Masonic circles and in the benevolent labours of the Order. Ireland has lost one of her best sons.

THE LATE G. F. HANDEL ROGERS, ESQ.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

January 21st.

DEAR SIR—It has been proposed by a layman of note, long interested in Limerick, that there should be erected in St. Mary's Cathedral a monumental brass or some other suitable memorial, in loving and grateful remembrance of the late warmly esteemed and deeply deplored George Frederick Handel Rogers, who had for half a century been the accomplished and thoroughly acceptable organist there, and was from early boyhood connected with its choir. Not alone the concurrence, but also the cordial encouragement of the Dean and Chapter would, it goes without saying, be accorded. It may further be suggested that the subscriptions for this purpose, ranging from a minimum of five shillings to a maximum of twenty, might be received at the office of your paper, and, probably likewise, at that of the *Munster News*.

I remain, dear sir, faithfully yours,

A CITIZEN.

P.S.—All musical people in Limerick would, it cannot be doubted, promptly respond to this invitation.

LIMERICK LACE TRAINING SCHOOL.

In response to an appeal from the Hon. Secretaries of the Limerick Lace Training School the Board of Limerick has sent the following...

Wednesday last.

LIMERICK BOARD OF GUARDIANS
THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE

At Limerick Board of Guardians Mr R. J. Gabbett, J.P., said he forwarded a resolution which, he met with the unanimous approval of the Limerick Board of Guardians. Such contained was expressed through and the sad event was felt by all large. It was as follows:—"The Guardians of the Limerick occasion of great affliction which Royal Family, desire respectful deep sympathy with her Majesty and Princess, as also with the Mary of Teck in the sad bereavement sustained by the widely-lamented Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence. We express our heartfelt sorrow at this event, which has filled all our community."

The Mayor said he had given his seconding the resolution, with unanimous approval.

Mr B. O'Donnell said as the Duke of Clarence it would have good effect if telegraphed. If Mr Gabbett's resolution he was sure it would have the approval of the Board.

Mr Bourke suggested the resolution be telegraphed in both cases. This was agreed to.

THE CORPORATION AND THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE

At the Corporation to-day, Mr Cregan, High Sheriff, proposed a resolution of sympathy to the Prince and Princess and the Princess May, on the occasion of the bereavement which has befallen them in the death of the Duke of Clarence, and that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to his Royal Highness the Duke of Wales.

Alderman Dundon seconded the resolution, which, he was sure, the Council would unanimously approve of.

The Mayor having put the resolution, it was adopted.

LIMERICK CORPORATION

A special meeting of the Corporation to-day, the Mayor presiding, and present were, Aldermen J. Dundon, P. Riordan, Town Councillor G. Begley, John Clune, T. Donnell, E. Bourke, J. McCarthy, S. MacMahon Cregan (High Sheriff), W. E. Counihan, Bryan O'Donnell, D. Kennelly.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

On the proposition of Mr S. O'Flanagan seconded by Mr S. O'Flanagan the Finance Committee were requested to pass cheques ordered to be passed.

A letter was read from the Postmaster acknowledging the receipt of a contribution by the Council, with reference to the appointment of the chief clerk at Limerick.

Mr Connolly stated proceedings against the Superior of the Convent School for rates due on a portion occupied as a residence, and no objection being given to test the legality before the County Court Judge, the same would be adopted.