

Getting into form early he opened the season well by defeating J. K. Dillon in the mile at the Whit-tide meeting of the I. A. A. A. at the edge, Dublin, and latter on in the season visited the metropolis, and carried back to the native city the Half-Mile and Mile Championships of Ireland at the first time of asking. Mahon in both events being without doubt ever seen in any contest at the distance in his country. During the season Mahon competed at all the principal meetings in the South with wonderful success and in the Autumn accepted the invitation of the Trades Sports Committee to compete for St Patrick's Cup, one mile scratch, which he won from all the best talent in the country. In that year, including two championships, he was first, one second, and one unplaced. In the following season he again went for championships, and won the mile after a hard race, but only got second in the half, which R. E. Dublin University, won on the tape. In the following July saw M'Mahon an international representative at the World's Championship, held at the Crystal Palace grounds, London, where he competed in the half-mile and mile, but suffered in each event, the former being won by M. J. O'Connell and the latter by Harold Wade, who won the distance within a fifth of a second of the world's record, but M'Mahon got second in the half-mile and was awarded two medals by the Amateur Athletic Association. M'Mahon's career of grace has been one of defeat for the most part, and although he struggled fairly, he could not concede the long starts required of him by his handicappers. He again defended his position in the championships, but did not get the first, and it was then quite apparent he was off his form. At the Adare sports last week, where he made his last appearance in this country for the present, he showed he was fast returning to his former form. During the five years he has been on the turf he has competed in fifty important races, including seven Irish and two English championships, and of those he succeeded in winning twenty-four firsts. Thirteen times he was second, two thirds and eleven unplaced. He won the mile in twenty-four half-miles, won seven, was second in seven, third in one, and five times unplaced. In the mile he appeared seventeen times, was successful in nine, second in three, and five times unplaced. He started in five Irish championships, placed four to his credit, was second once, and was defeated twice. He was chosen by this club to ride in the Inter-Provincial Championship of Ireland promoted by the Amateur Athletic Association in 1891, and '93, when he represented A. & B. C., were represented. He is an expert batsman, while his bowling average for the last few seasons can compare favourably with the best in the south of Ireland, and he has rendered splendid service for his club, Guy's, in connection with the firm Messrs. Guy and Company, with which he has been connected for two years.

DEATH OF A CITY NATIONALIST.

IMPOSING FUNERAL PROCESSION.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the early demise of one of our most respected and popular fellow-citizens, Mr Richard Matthews, which occurred on Wednesday evening, after a brief illness. He leaves a wife and a large helpless young family and a very wide circle of friends to deplore his loss. Decased was brother of Mr Henry Matthews, hon. secretary Limerick Amnesty Association, and Mr M. D. Matthews, contractor, both of whom enjoy the reputation of being held in high regard by the citizens. In politics Mr Matthews was an Independent Nationalist, and took a prominent part in the candidature of Mr Patrick O'Brien at the last general election. He was also a member of the Amnesty Association, and always proved himself a hard worker in the just and humane cause of Amnesty. He was a member of the Sarsfield Branch of the Irish National League, and a regular attendant at its meetings. The funeral obsequies took place to-day, and fully 3,000 persons formed the procession. Nationalists of all shades of politics were present. The splendid and well-trained No. 1 Brass and Reed Band, under the able conductorship of Mr Thomas O'Brien, discoursed in excellent style the beautiful Dead March, "Louis XVI." Following them came the Sarsfield Band, of which he was president, playing *Adeste Fideles*. Next came the remains, followed by his brothers and relatives, the members of the Amnesty Association, the members of the Sarsfield League, and the general public. The wreaths were numerous. The clergy of St John's Cathedral officiated at the interment, which took place at Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. Amongst those present were: Mr James Daly (brother of Mr John Daly), Mr James F. Egan, ex-political prisoner; Mr Thomas O'Gorman, Mr T. St. John Gaffney, B.L.; and Mr James Jones. We wish to convey to Mrs Matthews and family our deepest sympathy in the sad and unexpected affliction which has visited them.

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The other guardians present were Messrs. Morrissy, vice-chairman; Gilinane, Daniel; Bertram, James; Mulqueen, P. O.; Butler, John; Lane, P.; and Peter M'Carthy.

The following officers were present: Messrs. James Conway, Board's Engineer; Dr. Coll, Veterinary Inspector.

Received during the week ending 26th inst. £62; balance in favour of the Board £100. The following correspondents were present:—

"Local Government"

"SIR—In view of the fact that the Local Government Board desire to draw the attention of the Sanitary Authority to the fact that the Board have addressed to the Sanitary Authority containing suggestions which might with advantage be adopted by the authority entrusted with the duties of the Public Health Act 1878. The following preconditions are suggested:—

1. The character of the drainage. 2. The sufficiency and suitability of the drainage for the isolation of the cases. 3. The condition of the drainage. 4. The absence of obstructions by sections 57 and 107 of the Act of 1878. 5. The cleanliness of the drainage occupied by the lower classes of the population.

The duty of the Sanitary Authority in relation to the points specified above demands their earnest attention, and if in respect of any of the above points it is not adequately protected, the Sanitary Authority should at once devote to the remedying of any defects which may exist.—I am, sir, your obedient servant.

"Local Government"

"SIR—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request you to send me a receipt of the returns, or a copy of the same, for the week ending the 4th inst., by Mr V. J. O'Connell, employed by the Board, in relation to the Croom Union, in relation to the Schemes authorised by the Sanitary Authorities' Order, 1887, and the board may be furnished with the same.