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TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 1893.

MR MORLEY found himself in a very congenial atmosphere at Newcastle on Saturday last, when he delivered to an admiring audience a speech which was intended as a defence of the policy of the Government in regard to the Home Rule Bill. He referred to the well-founded contention of the Opposition that the Government have no mandate from the country on the question of Home Rule. Their contention over and over again has been that the Bill has never been properly understood by the constituencies until within the past few months, and that they were unaware of their responsibilities or of the risks they were incurring by this revolutionary measure. The Unionist Party, therefore, hold that there has been no real mandate for Home Rule. Mr Morley endeavours to argue that there is, by saying that there was not a single member of the majority who had not promised to vote for a measure of Home Rule. Did the English people, however, understand Home Rule as meaning the total exclusion of the Irish members, or the retention of 103 or of 80, as the case may be. This is one of the crucial points to be argued when the matter comes before the country bye and bye. Mr Morley endeavours to defend the position of the Government by a sort of *tu quoque* argument when he asks, "Had the Tories had a mandate for Coercion," as he styles it. Then he says—"It is an astounding pretension, it is an intolerable pretension, it is a most unconstitutional pretension, that no Bill shall pass which has not got an English majority. There may be a Scottish majority, a Welsh majority, an Irish majority, but unless an English majority is on the same side then the rest of the United Kingdom is to count for nothing." The Unionists have not put forward such a pretension as this, but they say that England is within its right in not passing a Bill, in which it is most vitally interested, when the majority is non-English. Undoubtedly England has the largest interest in the matter financially, and is entitled fully to have her say. This is one of the many instances of the conflicting questions, detrimental alike to Ireland as well as to England, that this Bill has given rise to. It is quite an exceptional measure, and cannot be regarded in the light of an ordinary Bill. If that were so it would not matter much what

siderably the losers by this free admission, ... was quite unexpected. Some, however, paid later on, but the incident should be a warning to the committee to have a second gate whenever a special occasion like the present arises. The band, under the conductorship of Mr Van Maanen, was listened to with rapt attention. For attack, expression, and tone, the performance could not be excelled, and it filled every one with admiration which found vent in frequent outbursts of applause. A piccolo solo "Deep Blue Sea," was simply marvellous, and an imperative *encore* was responded to. A selection from "Moore's Melodies" also gave entire satisfaction, as well as the operatic selections. In fact altogether the programme was about the most enjoyable that we have ever listened to. The committee are to be congratulated on their successful venture, as we believe the people present last night numbered something like three thousand. This is not surprising considering the rare opportunity that Limerick people have of enjoying the R I C Band. They were last here many years ago when Mr Keller brought down the full band of 55 men to take part in two concerts which he gave at the Theatre Royal.

DEATH OF MRS J. R. NOLAN.

We regret to record the death of Mrs Nolan, wife of Dr J. R. Nolan, Resident Medical Officer of the Limerick Workhouse. The deceased lady, who was a daughter of Mrs Enright, of the Shannon Hotel, Castleconnell, had been in rather delicate health recently, but her demise was not at all expected, and is deeply regretted by a very large circle of friends. We sympathise with Dr Nolan in his great sorrow, and we may add that the sympathy of the officers of the house is fully with him, as shown by the following, which has been presented to him:—"Limerick Union, August 28th, 1893.—To Dr J. R. Nolan, M.O.—SIR,—We the officers of the house tender to you our heartfelt sorrow at the sudden and premature demise of your dearly-beloved wife.—Signed on behalf of the officers—JAMES MOLONEY, PATRICK GODFREY, JOHN NIX." The funeral will leave on Wednesday at one o'clock from St Munchin's Parish Church.

THE HARBOUR BOARD AND THE LATE MR. W. J. O'DONNELL, J.P.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday—the Mayor presiding, and there being also present Messrs T H Cleeve, J.P, James Quin, J P; Wm M'Donnell, J P, and Ald Counihan, J P—it was proposed and unanimously passed that the business be adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr W J O'Donnell, J P, who was a member of the Board.

Mr Cleeve in moving the adjournment of the Board said the death of their colleague and so young and esteemed a citizen was a very sad event, and created deep and universal regret in the city. In public life Mr O'Donnell discharged his duties with great ability, and he filled the honoured position of Mayor of the city with much dignity and satisfaction to the citizens. They felt extremely Mr O'Donnell's loss, and he would propose that their Secretary be asked to forward a letter of condolence and sympathy with deceased's young wife, and his mother and relatives.

Mr James Quin, in seconding the proposition, added in appropriate and sympathetic terms his expression of regret at Mr O'Donnell's death, and of condolence with his relatives.

The Mayor said he would take the resolution as being unanimously passed, and he endorsed everything that had been said with reference to their departed young friend. He had expressed his opinion on the sad event in another place. Mr O'Donnell's death was a great loss to his young wife, and mother and sisters, and he deeply sympathised with them in their affliction.

The Secretary also expressed his regret.

The board then adjourned.

THE LATE CAPTAIN FRANK R. PRESTON MACADAM.

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