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time Minister on Tuesday presided over to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of the City Liberal and again made skilful overtures to the Unionists. This is not the first effort made, as will be remembered. Scarcely had Rosebery stepped into the place vacated by Mr Gladstone than it was acknowledged to him that the late Premier had been the cause of the break up of the Liberal Party and that as long as he was in power the restoration of unity was impossible. The resignation of Mr Gladstone was at once recognised as removing the chief obstacle to the re-union of the Liberal Unionists. Lord Rosebery took advantage of the opportunity, and the result was that his overtures had to be "brushed away." The Premier's mind is now turning upon the possibility of re-union. For this purpose he reviewed the history of the Party for the last twenty years. He regretted the break up of the Party not so much as a question, but to a transformation in its character, dating, not from the Home Rule Bill but from the Franchise Bill of 1884. In his very remarkable statement, and if there was a solid basis for it, then the rift in the Party is much deeper and wider than is generally thought. The Home Rule Bill exacerbated the breach in the Party. It was not, according to Lord Rosebery, the cause of it. In the Franchise Bill of 1884, he says, "was a complete transformation of our political system and those who voted for it and did not vote against it, are the people who may be regarded, at any rate with political blindness, as the cause of it. That Bill introduced into our body politic a large interest, large classes, large numbers, which had the power of making themselves felt at the polls, and are now beginning to make themselves felt." Many of the Liberal Party were simply

THE LATE LORD EMLY'S FUNERAL.

In the list of clergy present at Lord Emly's funeral we omitted the name of the Very Rev M Donor, P.P. V.F., Shanagolden, who during the ceremonies acted as chaplain to the Most Rev Dr Healy, Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert. We also omitted to state that the Mayor, who was accompanied by Mr P Kenna, T.C., City High Sheriff, was attended by his Sergeants-at-Arms, and Sword-Bearer (Mr James Forrest). His Worship and the Corporation occupied seats which were specially reserved for them in the chapel, and we should have mentioned amongst the members present the name of Alderman J Counihan, J.P. Mr John George Kelly, J.P., was present and sent his carriage. Mr T M Mahon Oregan, J.P., accompanied by Major Walton, Sixmile-Bridge, also sent his carriage. The Knight of Glin telegraphed to Tervoe regretting his inability to attend the funeral. We published similar apologies and messages of condolence in our report, and amongst additional ones were—The Most Rev Dr Coffey, R.C. Bishop of Kerry; the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Dunraven, Viscount Glentworth, Lord Massy, Lady Hylton, Lady O'Hagan, Lady Rossmore, Sir Henry Grattan Bellew, Hon Lady Simeon, Comtesse de Montais, Comte de Montais, Sir Patrick Keenan, Major Wyndam Quin, Col Monsell, Canon Griffin, Col David Colthurst, High Sheriff of Co Limerick (Col Lloyd), Mr Wegg Prosser, Major Ross of Bladensburg, Mr T R Ward, Lady Walsh, Mr Edmond Dease, Mr Johnson, Mr C P Redington, Dr Delany, Mr Heffernan F Considine, R.M.

The Mayor has received the following letter—
"Tervoe, Limerick.

"MY DEAR MR MAYOR,—I must write to you one line to thank you and the Corporation of Limerick—one and all—from the bottom of my heart for the signal mark of respect you paid my father to-day. I appreciate it more than words can say. You, I know, attended the funeral at personal inconvenience. My father was the friend of your fathers, aye, and of your grandfathers. He was closely connected with the city and with the public boards of the city, and this for many a long year. Time has elapsed since then, but his warm affection for the citizens of Limerick never diminished. To-day you have shown that this affection was strongly reciprocated. I hasten to thank you, and to assure you that this will not be forgotten by me.

"I remain,

Yours sincerely,

" EMLY.

" April 24th, 1894."

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS PHELPS.

The funeral of the late Mrs Phelps, of Willow Bank, Limerick, took place yesterday, the remains being removed from her residence, at eleven o'clock, and conveyed to the family burial ground at Clonlara Church, where the interment

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A special meeting of the Limerick Corporation was held to-day for the purpose of passing a resolution, notice of which was given by Alderman Hall, in favour of a memorial to the Government for the release of the political prisoners. The Mayor presided, and the following were present:—The roll called by the Town Clerk:—Alderman Ambrose Hall, J.P., Patrick Riordan, J.P., Councillors—William Nolan, Gaffney, Patk McDonnell, David Begley, Patrick Scantlan, John Hayes, William E Counihan, Richard Gleeson, Michael De Gilligan.

Mr James Daly, brother of John James F Egan were also present.

Alderman Hall, in moving his resolution, he had been asked by two or three members going to pitch into the Government, not to do that. That was not his idea. He asked the Council to join him in the assistance of the other public bodies to approach the government in a resolution through a memorial. He thought the best way in which it could be done, thought it a very bad way in asking the Council to precede it by some share of abuse, to confine himself to facts to show the government, to simply asking the government, to show that it was unreasonable—to show that it was not reasonable—and if they permitted him he would be familiar to them all "nought would be gained nor set down in malice," and to that would adhere. In asking the Council to release the political prisoners, he argued whether those prisoners were innocent. It would, perhaps, be just as well to assume that they were innocent, that was the greatest stretch his opponent would make. What did the Government to do? They asked the land herself, through some of her men, asked other countries to do that he had better commence with Mr Gladstone was one of the greatest of English statesmen, were only few in that Corporation to remember Mr Gladstone's letters to Naples in Peorio's case, and had he been saying that to these letters might be the first impulse of that revolution, away all dukedoms and principality and rendered it, as it is called, United Kingdom—old Statesman—then in the vigorous wrote such letters that attracted the attention of Europe, and far beyond it; and that the King of Naples was coming to the man of whom he (Alderman Hall) to say that the first use he made of his power was to plot against the monarch. He thought another, and they all knew the man (Alderman Hall) would refer to Russia when Lord Palmerston refused the release of Shemul the leader of the