

## FUNERAL OF THE LATE MR. GAFFNEY.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Gaffney, J.P., took place yesterday morning, the remains being removed from his late residence, George-street, at eleven o'clock, for interment in the New Cemetery. The cortege was very large and embraced all classes of the citizens, the deceased gentleman having been held in the highest regard both in his private and public capacity. Nearly all the public establishments were closed as the procession passed through the streets, giving evidence of the universal desire to pay tribute to the memory of a very old and worthy citizen.

Mr. Gaffney was one of the few remaining links connecting the present with a generation gradually passing away, and during his long, active, and useful life, his unswerving rectitude, independent, genial, and ever kindly manner, won for him the respect of all who had the pleasure of knowing him either in public or private life. Born at Hospital, in this county, Mr. Gaffney came into the city when he was some nineteen years of age, and as one of the clerical staff of Messrs J. N. Russell and Sons, ultimately became Manager of their Southern system at a time when the firm had numerous mills throughout the country, and when wheat was very extensively grown in Ireland. After some time Mr. Gaffney started business as a flour merchant, etc., on his own account in Upper William street, where he has since carried it on. For very many years he was identified with public life. A Liberal in politics, he was an ardent supporter of Isaac Butt, of whose Committee he was Secretary. However, the land agitation caused Mr. Gaffney to change his political ideas, and he was one of the few Conservatives who sat in the Council Chamber of the Corporation during the eighties. He was a man who always "stuck to his guns," either on a political or a municipal matter, and was ever ready to meet his opponent with some witty reply or happy sally. Needless to say, he possessed a thorough grasp of local affairs, and brought to bear on them keen judgment and ripe experience. Since the death some five or six years ago of one of his sons, the late Mr. Joseph Gaffney, T.C., High Sheriff of the city, a highly popular young gentleman, Mr. Gaffney practically retired from public affairs. He was a member of the Corporation for a lengthened period, first as a Councillor and then as Alderman. He was also an old member of the Board of Guardians, and some other public boards, and he was a magistrate for the city. For some years Mr. Gaffney had been in failing health, and has passed to his reward full of years and honour.

The coffin was of polished oak, heavily mounted in brass, and bore the inscription:—

THOMAS GAFFNEY,  
Died July 18th, 1902,  
Aged 75 years.  
R.I.P.

The chief mourners were—James Gaffney, solicitor, and Frank Gaffney, sons; George Ryan, C.E., son-in-law; John Gaffney and Albert Gaffney, Dublin, nephews; Richard Clery, Mountmellick, brother-in-law; Richard Clery, Dublin; Rev. John Quinlan, P.P., Glenroe; Rev. Father Walsh, C.S.S.R.; John Clery, Cork; M. J. O'Mahony, Charleville; M. J. Clery, Kilmallock; James Delaney, Wm. Clery, Douglas; John Crowe, Limerick, and Messrs Spain.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., V.F., Rathkeale; Rev. John Lee, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. Dr. O'Riordan, C.C., do; Very Rev. Father Maher, S.J., Rector; Rev. Father Barry, C.S.S.R.; Rev. Fr. M'Grath,

in that being the case. I have with amateur sides, with half the side rs and half professionals, and with ten onals, and in all matches played my ent has been quite as much in the case as when, playing for a whole side. We have every reason to feel our cricketing professional to-day,

### SUPPOSE LORD HAWKE IS NEVER QUITE SO HAPPY

cricket field as when playing with his re professionals, and the good feeling ndship that is displayed between the ire and Yorkshire sides during a game t times decides a championship is ng worth writing about. In regard to nt money given to a professional for an of fifty, or for a good bowling pe- e, that he is deserving of same there sation; but there appears at times a inclination to slow down to too great it when approaching the half-century, is only natural in a sense if games onged slightly for this reason. Some onals are given all this talent money nd of a season; but this has its draw- or I believe in letting a professional hen his cricket is considered good to warrant talent money. It is as well on here that because a man just fails a half-century, it does not follow that the recipient of talent money. The mal of to-day, considering all the s and worries through which he has certainly deserving of all he receives me. Take a man, for instance, with ad family, who is playing for his a side. Now, is he not handicapped ting with an amateur, without a care ord, perhaps, who ought to shew the a indeed? The professional, however,

ONE OF THE STARS OF A SIDE,  
eventually gets a benefit of something ing £2,000, has a happy time of it; as no such troubles as the man who day night one week may bring his , and the next Saturday only £3, his committee have felt obliged to out of the side. Even cricket has side. The professionals who are f umpiring in a satisfactory manner ir cricketing days are over, keep s before the public for many years, heir work well, too; and my readers ree with me, if they had seen the I have out of England, that it is a ult game. And now that it has been t that amateurs stand as umpires, I ough to anticipate they would not long; and in this department of the all-important one, too—it is any he professionals.

A. C. M.

## LIMERICK NATIONAL TEACHERS.

terly meeting of the Limerick Na- chers' was held on Saturday. Mr. V. rman, presided, and the others pre- —Messrs. J. R. Bradshaw, E. O'Con- anaher, P. Barry, J. Fitzpatrick, M.

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## ASYLUM WORK.

We have received a letter a column long signed Robert O'Dea, late night attendant at the Asylum, who, it will be remembered, was recently dismissed by the Committee for declining to do additional work—clock pegging—which the Superintendent Doctor said he could do. We are always anxious to give the use of our columns, in reason, to any one who has a grievance, but it is a *sine qua non* that the grievance must be couched in proper language. In this letter the writer declares we "must be indirectly prejudiced" because we lamented the sheer waste of time occupied in discussing whether the Doctor was right or wrong in maintaining discipline in the institution for which he is responsible. Another sentence in the communication reads thus:—"Dr. O'Neill says he could do the work in 20 minutes. Well, so can I or any other man, by simply going straight through the House, pegging the clocks, and being indifferent to the welfare of the patients' wants." "Fr. Murphy, too, could spare his satire for more deserving persons than the Asylum employees, with their fourteen and often sixteen hours work a day, subject to annoyance and risks of various kinds," and with regard to the Committee who decided the matter