

DEATH OF MR. WM. F. HUMPHRIES.

We record with sincere regret, which is shared in by a wide circle of friends in Limerick and South of Ireland, the death of an old and highly esteemed citizen, Mr. William F. Humphries lately Sectional Engineer of Telegraphs, G.P.O. for Limerick district. So late as Tuesday last Mr. Humphries had been out and about, and apparently in his usual robust health, but on that evening he became unwell while in his home at the Ennis Road, and soon after, despite all that medical aid and the loving attention of his family could do, passed away to his reward. Mr. Humphries' career was a varied and interesting one. In his early life he was a Pressman, being correspondent of the "Cork Examiner," and he often referred with pleasure in the course of conversation—for he was an excellent raconteur—to his connection with the Fourth Estate, and it may be added that he was a graphic and fluent writer. Then he was for many years Superintendent of Telegraphs in Limerick, in the service of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Company, which had its offices in Patrick-street. He was transferred from that position to the Postal Service under the Act of 1868—first as Telegraph Superintendent, and then in the year 1871 he was appointed Sectional Engineer, which position he held up to June of the present year when he retired under the 65 rule, on a well merited pension. The adage, "Man proposes, God disposes," is brought to our minds by the fact that it was the intention of his former staff and the engineering branches of Dublin, Belfast, Cork, and other places to present Mr. Humphries with an illuminated address and souvenir a few days hence. His urbanity, characteristic good nature, and never-failing courtesy made him extremely popular in official as well as in private life, and his unexpected death, it is not too much to say, has cast a gloom over all Departments in the Limerick Post Office with which he was identified for so long a span of years. Deep sympathy is expressed by all who had the pleasure of knowing an upright and generous citizen, with Mrs. Humphries and family in their poignant sorrow.

THE FUNERAL.

At 3 o'clock this evening the remains of the late lamented gentleman were removed from St. Munchin's R.C. Church for interment in St. Laurence's Cemetery. The funeral cortege which was of considerable dimensions, was a fitting tribute to the esteem in which the deceased was held by the public as well as his late colleagues in the service.

The chief mourners were—Messrs. George Humphries (London), Willie Humphries (Portarlington), and Frank Humphries (Limerick), sons; Augustus Fitzgerald, P. J. Walsh (Limerick), and Michael Guerin (Dublin), sons-in-law; John Downes (Dublin), and Henry Downes (Limerick), nephews; Joseph and Bertie Fitzgerald (Limerick), grandsons of the deceased.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. T. R. Shanahan, P.P., V.G., St. Munchin's, and Rev. P. Woulfe, C.C. do.

Amongst the Postal and Telegraph staffs represented were—H. Pemerey, Telegraph Engineering Superintendent, Dublin; C. A. Surge, do., Cork; M. McDonagh do., Sligo; Mr. T. H. Spraggon, Postmaster, Limerick; Mr. D. O'Keefe, ex-Telegraph Superintendent; E. M. S. Senior, A. E. Wickham, Mr. McNamara, T. J. Colbert, D. Gleeson F. J. Keenan, P. Nash, G. C. Baldwin (Limerick Post Office), Mr. Shaw, Cork G.P.O.; Mr. Downes, Mails Inspector, G.P.O., Dublin.

The general public included—Messrs. John Guinane, M. D. Shaw, J. H. Hallowel, Hanrahan, W. Lloyd, R. Nash, S. McCarty, M. Dooley, W. Jordan, P. E. Bouke, Morgan Fitzmaurice, M. Griffin, F. McNamara, Ennis, and numerous others.

Cainages were sent by a number of sympathising friends. The Very Rev. Father Shanahan officiated at the graveside.

FAIRS.

FAIRS OF MUNSTER—1
Friday, 16—Limerick: Ballylar Doonbeg, Cork; Bantay, Watermore
Saturday, 17—Tipperary: Ballyl Newmarket (pigs)
Monday, 19—Clare: Killadysart, Roscrea, Cork; Burtavan, Drimmarket, Roscabery, Timoleague, nerville, Castlegregory, Shigeen
Tuesday, 20—Limerick City (to an, Elton, Clare) Kilmurrybrin, Cork; Goleen, Knocknagore, Skibbl, Blyduff
Wednesday, 21—Tipperary: Cork; Ballygarteen, Milcummer, chelstown, Kerry; Distowel, Watergarvan.

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Consols	...
Nationals	...
Minsters	...
Hibernians	...
Provincials	...
Ulster Bank	...
BANKS	
RAILWAYS.	
Great Southern Ord	...
Midland Great Western Ord	...
Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford	...
Great Northern Ordinary	...
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Guinness, Ordinary	...
Dublin Distillers Ordinary	...
Preference	...
Coats, Def	...
Burkes, Ordinary	...
Mattersop's	...
Denny's, Preferential	...
Cannock	...
Dublin Tram	...
Wireless	...
Atchinsons	...
Denvers	...
Eries	...
Louisville	...
Missouris	...
Norfolks	...
Ontario	...
Southern Pacific	...
Southerns	...
Steel Trust	...
Unions	...
Charts	...
Gold	...
East India	...
Johnnie	...
Randfontein	...

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, A

BIRTH.
TUOHY—On December 11th Ennis, the wife of Owen Tuohy.

MARRIAGE
ELLERY and BURKITT—At All, Allahabad, on November 2, Rev. G. A. Ford, M.A., assst Menzies, M.A., Chaplain Francis Ellery, Royal Army only son of Dr. Richard Plympton, Devon, to Kathie (late) daughter of the Honbl William Burkitt, K.T.S., a Burkitt of Stradbally, Cas Limerick.

DEATHS.
CHRISTY—On Nov. 24 at Chicago, Matthew Christy County Limerick, Ireland. Pipers please copy.
SAMPSON—December 7th, Rodeep Lodge, Borrisodogh, SAMPSON, L.R.C.S.I., 111 and deservedly regretted.

THE SECOND MRS.

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considered extraordinary that the members who had spent hours in framing these rules should have their labours nullified without the advancement of any reasonable excuse. The rules framed were useful and beneficial, and it amounted to nothing more or less than a slight on the Committee to have them rejected. "Rules are not required in that institution" was, he said, the original statement made there, and he was surprised to hear that statement repeated by some County Councillors. He was glad to see the Chairman of the County Council present, and now that the Matron had withdrawn, he wished to say that, in order to prejudice him and those who thought like him in the eyes of the County Council, she did not hesitate to state this was a religious question. He asked Mr. Elliott if that was not so.

Mr. Elliott—She said it was a Protestant meeting, and she would not attend it.

The Chairman—On that point she was asked to assist the Committee in drawing up the rules, and she refused.

Mr. Goodbody (continuing) said that was bringing the theological question into the institution. If Miss Mayne retired from the position to-morrow he did not think there was a Protestant on the Board who would object to the appointment of a Catholic matron. Personally, he should give his support to a Catholic, on account of the majority of the patients being Catholics. He and others came there because of the interest they took in the institution, and their great desire was to do all in their power for the patients, who, being helpless, trusted their interests to the Board. It would be a dereliction of duty on their part if they did not see that reasonable rules were adopted and carried out by the officials. If the Matron wished to make a gap in the fence of the rules it was very irritating and disappointing to the Committee. He disclaimed being actuated by any spirit of malignancy towards the Matron in this protest, but as head of the institution she believed she was above criticism. To come to something practical, the origin of this as far as his recollection went, was the presence of Miss Mayne at their meetings, and he intended to hand in notice of motion that she be asked to retire from the meetings in future—in fact both their paid officials should not attend the meetings except by request. He intended to draw up a notice of motion to that effect and felt confident that if it was passed things would go on much more smoothly and satisfactorily as far as the ratepayers were concerned, and without constant comment.

Mr. Croker said he would like to say a word on the subject. He objected to the presence of the matron at the meetings. On the occasion of the complaint of Dr. Kennedy she attempted to interfere with what was going on. He (Mr. Croker) was in the chair and the matron on several occasions during the discussion, whispered in his ear "leave it to the doctors". He objected to the matron trying to dictate to him or to anybody else. On the last occasion when the rules were under discussion he saw her deliberately shake her head at a gentleman on the right hand side of the table, and then he (Mr. Croker) interposed, and said "Miss Mayne, we are able to take care of ourselves". He did not think any of their officials should interfere in the business of the Committee, nor be allowed into the meetings.

The Chairman—Will you write out your notice of motion, Mr. Goodbody?

Mr. Goodbody—Yes.

Mr. Coll said he was altogether at sea as to what occurred at last meeting, but evidently it was not a happy family. He had followed Mr. Goodbody very closely over the matter, and to the proposal that there should be a code of rules governing the officials of the house he had not the slightest objection. If there were not rules in operation at the time of the appointment of the officials he thought it only right that they should be consulted in the drafting of new ones to prevent any undue pressure on them at the time at their disposal. He fancied that an extraordinary meeting should be called to discuss the question of new rules. As far as the management of the conduct of the officials were concerned he would be with the meeting. It was more a matter for regret than comment that members should come there to vote at the dictation of any official.

Mrs. O'Brien said one gentleman observed at the time they were discussing the question of