

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Sensational End to a Distinguished Career.

A tragic event occurred at Velmead Church, Crookham, Hampshire, last night. Major Coates Phillips, D.S.O., who was separated from his wife in July, 1906, and bound over by the Judge not to molest her for 12 months, and last night forced an entrance into her house almost to the minute at the time the 12 months had expired. The Major shot Mrs. Phillips' mother through the face, and wounded his wife's solicitor through the leg. He then shot himself dead. Mrs. Phillips had taken refuge in the coal cellar, to which he followed her and shot at her. The shot missed, but the woman collapsed. Then it was that thinking he had killed her the madman turned the weapon on himself.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

Mr. Henry Smith, the solicitor who was shot at Fleet by Major Coates Phillips, had a fairly good night. Mrs. Lucie, Mrs. Phillips' mother, who was also shot, is a little easier, but she continues in a very serious condition.

A message from Church Crookham says Mrs. Lucie's condition at noon was still critical, and Mr. Smith being slightly better. The latter is not in danger, but must remain in bed some time.

THE CORPORATION.

The last meeting of the present Corporation will be held to-morrow night when it is expected that the agenda paper will be cleared, leaving no arrears for the incoming body on the 23rd.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF LIEUT. COLONEL PLUMMER.

His numerous friends in Limerick will learn with much regret of the death of Lieutenant Colonel W. F. G. Plummer, which took place at Koto Town, Northern Nigeria, on the 19th ult. The immediate cause of death was malaria fever which has proved so fatal to Europeans serving in those parts. Only twelve months ago the deceased officer and Mr. H. Galston, another Limerick man left this country to pursue their careers in West Africa, and it is melancholy to think that to-day both are cold in death. A few months ago the pathetic duty of wiring the news of the death of Mr. Galston fell to Lieutenant Colonel Plummer, and now a similar message has been despatched to his own family. It is indeed a sad coincidence, and in this the hour of their sorrow the sympathy of the county and city will be tendered to his mother, Mrs. Plummer, Killeigh, and Mr. R. Plummer in their bereavement. Lieutenant Colonel Plummer was an officer in the 1st Royal Munster Fusiliers had a distinguished record. He served all through the recent South African war, and besides being mentioned in despatches was rewarded with medals and clasps. He was also in the Expedition sent out to suppress the native rising in the British West African possessions, and in that mission was also mentioned in despatches and received medals and clasps for conspicuous bravery. He was a member of an old Limerick family, and by his subordinates in the corps to which he was attached, as well as by his authorities, was held in the highest esteem.

DEATH OF CAPT. R. M. S. MAUNSELL.

We regret to observe the announcement of the death of Captain Richard Mark S. Maunsell, of Oakley Park, Celbridge, County Kildare, and Blackwater, Limerick, which took place at Hyde, Isle of Wight, on the 31st December. Captain Maunsell, who was a member of the old Limerick family of that name, and was connected with several other leading families in Limerick and Clare; had extensive estates in those two counties, and in the county Kildare as well. He was a magistrate for Clare and Kildare, and served the office of High Sheriff for the latter county. He was an ex-officio guardian of the Limerick Union under the old Poor Law system, and for many years resided at Strand House, Limerick, up to the death of his father, when he went to reside at the family residence, Oakley Park. Captain Maunsell, who was in his 64th year, had been in failing health for some time past.

DEATH OF MRS. GRUBB.

Widespread sympathy is felt with Mr. J. E. Grubb, J.P., the able and respected chairman of the South Tipperary County Council, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Grubb, which occurred on Monday, at the residence of her son, Carrick-on-Suir. The deceased lady, who had reached an advanced age, came of an old and respected family, which for many years has had large and important business connections in the South of Ireland. The interment took place in the burial ground of the Society of Friends at Clonmel on Wednesday.

Resolution of Sympathy.

At the meeting of the South Tipperary Agricultural Committee on Tuesday. On the motion of the chairman, Mr. E. Cummins, J.P., seconded by Alderman Condon, the following resolution was passed in silence:—"That having learned with regret of the death of Mrs. Grubb, member of Mr. T. E. Grubb, J.P., Chairman of the County Council, we, the members of the County Agricultural Committee, request our secretary, Mr. A. O'Shea, to convey to that gentleman our sympathy with him in the loss he has sustained." The meeting then adjourned.

which some four hundred invitations had been issued to Limerick and surrounding counties, the city itself, and to Dublin and elsewhere. At the present juncture when the weather is so exceptionally severe, and coughs and colds so largely prevailing, there were many enforced absentees, but there was a very large and representative company present, numbering some 300 in all.

Of all the brilliant functions of which the Manor House, one of the most imposing residences in the south of Ireland, has been periodically the scene for so many years, the present was a record one as might have been expected from the specially auspicious circumstances under which it took place. Nothing was left undone by the noble hostess to make the night one of thorough enjoyment for her guests. Under the blaze of countless clusters of electric light the magnificent apartments with their rich and sumptuous appointments looked their best, and when dancing was in full swing, the lovely and varied costumes of the fair sex completed a scene which was full of beauty and harmonious blending of colour. The front hall where, the pillars were festooned with holly and ivy, was devoted to a sitting-out room, and leading off this in the magnificent drawing-room, where dancing took place on a floor which was in perfect condition, and to the following inspiring programme played by Messrs. May's Band, of Dublin:—

- Quadrille.....Halla!.....Fabrbaeh
Valse.....La Faut de Roses.....Berger
Valse.....Quand l'Amour Meurt.....Cremieux
Polka.....The Man behind the Drum.....Lehar
Valse.....Sizilietta.....Blon
Valse.....La Lettre de Manon.....Gillet
Lancers.....Pageant.....Kapps
Valse.....Merry Widow.....Lehar
Pas De Quatre.....Lindy Lou.....Victoire
Valse.....Pompador.....Royle
Two Step.....Petit Tonkinoise.....Christine
Valse.....Caressante.....Lambert
Valse.....Regrets.....Berger
Valse.....Swing Song.....Hollander
Valse.....Rouge et Noir.....Lofter
Valse.....Tesoro Mio.....Becchi
Polka.....L'Esprit Francais.....Waldenfel
Valse.....Serenata.....Jaxona
Lancers.....Miss Hook of Holland.....Williams
Valse.....Venus on Earth.....Lincke
Two Step.....Poppies.....Morés
Valse.....Priore.....Cremieux
Valse.....Luna.....Lincke
Valse.....Barcarolle.....Waldenfel
Galop.....John Peel.....Meissler

Coffee and light refreshments were served in the library, and supper was provided in the dining-room, which was a blaze of light from massive candelabra, while the tables glittered with magnificent plate. This comprised all the yachting and rowing cups won by Lord Dunraven; prominent amongst them being the King's Cup and the Kaiser's Cup at Cowes. All the catering was done at the manor, and every single thing in the way of materials was purchased in Ireland. The tables, which were capable of accommodating 84 at a sitting, were attended by a special staff of twenty waiters from Dublin, under the superintendence of Mr. Bryant.

The magnificent Picture Gallery, for which the Manor is famed, was thrown open as additional sitting-out rooms, and all the apartments in the north passage were converted into cloak rooms. It will be seen, therefore, that the arrangements were of a most elaborate character, and as already stated the 'At Home' proved a function of exceptional brilliancy, and will long be treasured up by all who had the pleasure of participating in it.

Dancing began at 9.30, and continued into the proverbial 'wee hours' of yesterday morning.

LIST OF INVITATIONS.

The following is a list of the acceptances:—

- A. Dr. Ahern, Hemsbrook, Broadford; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Atkinson, Ballygarry; Mr. and Mrs. Heaton-Armstrong, Limerick.
B. Mr. and Mrs. F. Browning, Clorane; Mr. and Miss Browning, Kilgorgan; Mr. and Mrs. A. Browning, Croom; Captain and Mrs. Baller, Patrickswell; Major and Mrs. Boyle, Coolrairie; Major and Mrs. Burns-Lindow, Kilmallock; Mr. and Mrs. Ballingal, Adare; Mr. Wm. M. Beauchamp, Limerick; Sir Charles and Lady Barrington, Gleasnal; Mr. and Mrs. W. Barrington, Rosmadda; Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrington, Clonkeen; Captain and Mrs. Barrett, Miss Butler, Castle Orine; Mr. and Mrs. Brett, Limerick; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Grene-Barry, Sandville House; Miss Butler, Sandville House; Mr. N. J. Barry, Limerick; Miss E. Bailey, Clonsingle, Newport; Mr. G. Bannatyne, Croom.
C. Mr. and Mrs. R. Cooper, Cooper Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Ballynolan; Captain and Mrs. Charrier, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Crowe, Ennis; Sir Thomas and Lady Cleave, Major and Mrs. Croker, Bracken Brae; Dr. Clifford, Adare; Major and Mrs. Curley, Adare; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cleave, Beech Lawn; Mrs. Cooyers, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield, Copswood; Miss Cleave, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cleave, Fern Bank; Captain Curling, Newcastle West; Capt. and Mrs. Carroll, Limerick; Mr. Cleave, Sunville House, Limerick.
D. Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Grady Delmege, Castle Park; Rev. J. Mrs. and Miss Dowd, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. D.ew, Charleville; Miss and Miss A. Delmege, Limerick; Mr. and the Misses Doyle, Limerick.
E. Mr. and Mrs. F. Fosbery, Kilgobbia; Mr. G. Fosbery, Clorane; Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, Adare; Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, Limerick; Miss Fraser, Castleconnell; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Furnell, Ballyclough; Captain Farnell, Ball-clough; Captain and Mrs. Finch, Avondale, Limerick.
G. Mr. and Mrs. Gubbins, Kilfrush; The Rev. Fr. Griffin, Adare; Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Glastor, Rockfield; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Goodbody, Kilmoyle; Mr. J. D. Going, Violet Hill; Mr. G. Gelston, Limerick; Mr. and Miss Gaffney, Limerick; Major and Mrs. Goddard, Limerick; Colonel Glastor and Officers, Colonel, Mrs. and the Misses Gubbins, Lismullane.
H. Captain and Mrs. Harnesse, Glin; Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, Whitehall, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs.

the Misses Studdert, Quin; Mr. and Mrs. Sandes, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Brooklands; Dr. J. and Mrs. Shanshan, Limerick; Miss Shaw, Darvagher, Limerick; Mr. and Miss Shelton, Charleville; Mr. Cecil and Miss Stack, Mr. and Mrs. Sandes, Carballi.

T. Major and Mrs. Tremayne, Liskennett; Mr. Talbot, Lanahroe, Limerick.

V. Mr. and Mrs. Vansittart, Castleconnell; Colonel, Mrs. and Miss Vincent, Castleconnell.

W. Mr. and Miss Westropp, Ballyastein; Colonel and Mrs. Massy Westropp, Doonas; Major and Mrs. Wise, Clonsire; Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Lissards; District Inspector and Mrs. White, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. Waller, Castle Grey; Captain and Miss White, Nantenan; Mr. and Mrs. A. White, Attyflin; Mr. and Mrs. Westropp, Mellon; Mrs. G. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. White, Kildimo House; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon, Doneraile; Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Ballygarry.

The following is a list of regrets for inability to attend:—

- A. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, Gleamora; Sir J. and Lady Anpnt, Judge Adams and family.
B. Mr. and Mrs. Croker Barrington, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Brittan, Kilmunane; Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Beere, Adare; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Browne, Castleconnell; Mr. N. Browning, Bruree; Mr. and Mrs. Barry, Limerick; Mrs. and the Misses Browne, Clonboy; Mr. and Mrs. Bannatyne, Glen Bevan, Croom; Mr. and Mrs. Browning, Carass Court; Mr. E. Brown, Clonboy; Mr. D. R. Browning, Bruree; Mr. and Mrs. Bannatyne; Major Ballard, Miss Bruce, London; Mr. Mrs. and Miss Blennerhassett, Tralee.
C. Mr. and Mrs. A. Caulfield, Pallaskenry; Mr. and Mrs. Conyers, Castletown Conyers; Lord and Lady Clarina; Mr. and Mrs. Croker, Limerick; Captain R. H. Collis, Middleton; Miss Croker, Kilmallock; Mrs. and Miss Cooke, Cappagh House; Mr. Conside, Farm Hill, Dundrum; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Conyers, Ballyteigue; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Croker, Doneraile.
D. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Dalmege, Ballywire; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle.
E. Lord and Lady Emly.
F. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Kilmallock; Mrs. Finch, Croom; Mr. and Mrs. Franks, Ballyeadane; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fitzgerald, Adare; the Hon. Mr. Mrs. and the Misses French, Limerick.
G. Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodbody, Limerick; Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Gabbett, Croom; Mrs. and Miss Gubbins, Castleconnell; Mr. Mrs. J. E. and Miss Goodbody, Thornville; Colonel Graham, Mr. C. Going, Bird Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Green, Patrickswell; Dr. and Mrs. Gelston, Limerick; Lord Guillemore, Cahir Guillemore; Mr. and Mrs. Gape, Ballysheedy House; Mr. and Mrs. Gavin, Creora House; Mr. N. Goodbody, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. Poole Gabbett, Kilkee; Mr. and Mrs. Gubbins, Kilfrush.
H. Mrs. J. Hunt, Friarstown; Mr. J. B. Hewson, Castle Hewson; Captain and Mrs. Hildebrand, Castle Troy.
I. Lord and Lady Inchiquin; Mr. and Mrs. W. White Ievers, Croom.
K. Major Kiggell, Glin; The Mayor and Mrs. Kerr, Limerick.
L. The High Sheriff and Mrs. Long, Limerick.
M. Lord Massy, Castleconnell; Lord and Lady Muskerry; the Misses Maunsell, Limerick; Lord and Lady Monteagle, Mrs. and the Messrs. Maunsell, Newborough; Mr. and Mrs. Morony, Odell Ville; Major and Mrs. Mann, Mrs. and Miss Massy, Rathkeale.
N. Mr. and Mrs. Dermot O'Brien, Cahirmoyle; Mr. and Mrs. Vere O'Brien, Ennis; Mr. and Mrs. Ohas. O'Connor, Lisnagry; the Bishop of Limerick and Miss O'Connell, Lady B. O'Brien, Moyriesk; Major and Mrs. O'Grady, Castlegarde.
O. Mr. Phelps and party, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Power, Lifford, Limerick; I. B. Posenby, Tharles.
R. Miss Royle, Ballingraue; Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Arduh; Sir David and Miss Roche, Croom; Mr. and Mrs. E. Russell, Millford House.
S. Mrs. and Miss Swanzy, Rathkeale; Mr. and Mrs. A. Studdert, Rathkeale; Colonel and Mrs. Bryce Stewart, Limerick; Major and Mrs. Gartside Spaight, Dublin; Sir A. and Lady Shaw, Mrs. and Miss Shine, Limerick.
T. The Misses Taylor, Hollypark.
V. L. Vandeleur, Cahiroon; Mrs. Vanderkiste, Captain and Mrs. Verschoyle, Castle Troy.
W. R. M. Waller, Pallaskenry; Mr. and Mrs. Wingfield-Yates; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Woody, Limerick.

HOUSEHOLD BALL.

To-night a ball for the servants at the Manor, with their friends will be held on an extensive scale, and the invitations number 200.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company have issued a highly attractive calendar for 1908. The groundwork is in two shades of chocolate colour, and the lettering and scroll work are picked out in light blue, which affords a very pleasing and effective contrast. At the back of the calendar is a map showing the L. & N. W. Railway system and its connections in Great Britain and Ireland, with a great deal of general information as to passenger and goods traffic arrangements. The Limerick agent of the company is Mr. H. D. Williams, 125 George street.

man, and injury to the eye. Miss Cecilia Loftus, the famous actress, is suffering from acute appendicitis, and was operated upon yesterday.

The Senate Finance Committee at Washington is preparing a Bill empowering the issue of a hundred million dollars, emergency currency. An interesting feature of a discussion on "Vegetarianism" among members of the Ilford Adult School was that the opposition came from the women, whose view is that the preparation of vegetarian dishes involves more trouble than a meat diet.

THE LATE FATHER CASEY, P.P.

The remains of Father Casey, P.P., enclosed in a suite of coffins, were borne by his sorrowing parishioners to the parish church, whither they were accompanied by an immense assemblage from all the surrounding districts. The coffin was placed on a catafalque in front of the High Altar, where it remained until this morning.

Amongst numerous messages of sympathy received were the following:—"Please convey expression of my deep sympathy and regret at the death of Father Casey, one of the staunchest and ablest supporters of the Irish cause.—JOHN E. REDMOND."

"Very sorry for good Father Casey, accept sympathy.—DR. MANGAN, Bishop of Kerry."

Fr. Wigmore, Fr. Kennedy, Fr. Edwin, O.S.F.C.; Fr. O'Connell, Fr. O'Keefe, Fr. Gilligan, and Messrs. P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P.; J. C. Flynn, M.P.; J. J. O'Shea, M.P.; W. L. Stokes, J.P.; W. Gubbins, Chairman Limerick Co. Council; J. Mortel, W.O. Power, D. Fitzgibbon, P. J. Hayes, G.A.A.; Hospital G.A.A., and many others.

The Glin Rural District Council also unanimously resolved to adjourn yesterday as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Fr. Casey.

FURTHER SYMPATHY.

The business houses in Glin have been shuttered since the sad announcement of Father Casey's death. The people feel that a great and good man has passed away, and they are profoundly moved.

AN APPRECIATION.

Unmistakable evidence of how the hearts of the people of the county and portions of Clare and Kerry comprised within the Glin School Board area, have been stirred at the death of Father Casey and Father Lee of Croom, was afforded in the Board of Management (32 members being present) adjourning the monthly meeting immediately the minutes had been read by the Clerk, and a unanimous vote of regret and sympathy passed.

MR. F. R. BENSON'S VISIT.

Next week Mr. F. R. Benson, the renowned Shakesperian actor, and his South Company, will produce the "legitimate" at the Theatre Royal from Monday to Saturday. During the visit Mr. Benson will present five of the great dramatist's works, and one by our own countryman, Mr. Richard Brindley Sheridan, the immortal "Rivals," which will be put on on Friday night. On Monday, "The Taming of the Shrew"; Tuesday, "Merchant of Venice"; Wednesday, "Macbeth"; Thursday, "Taming of the Shrew"; Friday, "Rivals"; Saturday Matinee, "As You Like It," and Saturday night, "Hamlet." This is a choice selection from Mr. Benson's repertoire of plays, and should attract big houses during the week.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A very small attendance was present at the Markets Field last evening when the match between the Christian Brothers Past Pupils and the Rest of Limerick came off. The contest, which was arranged in connexion with the funds being raised to liquidate the debt on the Gerald Griffin Memorial Schools, Bridge Street, resulted in a win for the Past Pupils by eight points to five.

THE REV. W. G. SMYTH.

As we announced a week ago, the congregation of Cullinady and Swateragh has given a call to Rev. W. G. Smyth, who in past years worked in Dublin in connection with the Irish mission, and who has recently been assisting the Rev. R. H. Semple here. Mr. Smyth has signified his acceptance of the call, and the date of his ordination has now been fixed for the 22nd inst.

CORPORATE SURCHARGES REMITTED.

The Town Clerk yesterday received a communication from the Local Government Board remitting a number of surcharges against individual members of the Limerick Corporation. Among the charges so remitted was one amounting to £29 amount of wages paid to Corporation employes in full for days on which the Limerick Races were held and to attend which the employes were granted a half holiday. The Local Government Board Auditor had certified the payment illegal in the circumstances.

SHANNON WARD.

We learn that Mr. Martin Leahy will be again a candidate for the Councilship of the Shannon Ward.

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