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GIFT TO THE LIMERICK MUSEUM.

Silver Spade Presented to the late Mr. F. A. O'Keeffe.

At the meeting of the Carnegie Free Library and Museum Committee on Thursday, the following letter was read:—

3 Billow View, Kilkee.

Dear Mr. McNamara—I received your letter. I will return to Dublin next month. I will then present to the Limerick Museum the silver spade which my brother the late Mr. Francis A. O'Keeffe used at the opening of the Limerick Waterworks.

I remain, Yours faithfully,
A. E. O'KEEFFE.

MESSRS BANNATYNE AND SONS' EXCURSION.

The annual excursion of the employees of Messrs J. Bannatyne and Sons, Limited, and their families, took place this morning for Cork and Youghal, a special train leaving here at 8 o'clock. The excursionists numbered about 600 in all, and spent a most enjoyable day, the weather being all that could be desired. The arrangements were excellently carried out under the supervision of the Committee of the Bannatyne Provident Fund.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Private George Evans, 2nd Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers, were interred with full military honours. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, was borne on a carriage supplied by the Royal Engineers, and the firing party preceded the band of the 5th Battalion, all the available men of which joined in the funeral, the regiment of the deceased soldier being away at Kildare Camp for the manoeuvres. Several wreaths were carried by the comrades of Private Evans, who was a native of Lixnaw, County Kerry, and a man of excellent character, his sudden death at the New Barracks on Wednesday night being regretted by all ranks of the Fusiliers.

WEST CLARE VACANCY.

The Nominations.

The nominations for West Clare will probably be fixed for Monday next, though this is not definitely settled.

DISASTROUS PIT CAGE ACCIDENT.

Five Lives Lost.

A pit cage accident, involving the loss of five lives and resulting in injuries of a serious character to twenty other miners, occurred at the Naval Colliery, Pen-y-Craig, South Wales, yesterday morning. The victims were the last batch of over four hundred descending to work,

the Athlunkard Challenge Cup for junior eights for which there were four entrants. In the first heat Athlunkard beat St. Michael's comfortably, and in the second heat Shannon secured the verdict from Limerick after a well contested race. The final was won by Shannon. There were twelve entrants for the 120 yards swimming championship of the city. The placings were—Peter Browne, 1st; E. Quin, 2nd, and M. Cantrell, 3rd. Two crews competed in the yawl race—namely, Shannon Lass and Curragower Lass. A good race ended in a victory for the former. Throughout the evening the proceedings were enlivened by the presence of the Boherbuoy Brass and Reed Band and the Sarsfield Fife and Drum Band, while attractions in the way of dancing were generally participated in.

THE LATE MR. J. MOLONEY, THOMONDGATE.

The funeral of the late Mr. James Moloney, Thomondgate, took place on Wednesday for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, and was of very large proportions, testifying in a marked degree to the popularity of the deceased and the sympathy expressed with his esteemed relatives in their sad bereavement.

The clergy present were—Very Rev. Dean Shanahan, P.P., V.G.; Rev. Father Hayes, O.C.; Rev. Father T. Tuohy, C.C., Feakle.

The chief mourners were—D. Moloney, (brother), Edward Moloney, Daniel Moloney, (uncles), James Tobin, (father-in-law), P. Tobin, Birdhill; John, Tobin, Feakle, (brother-in-law); Rev. Father T. Tuohy C.C.; Dan Tobin Feakle; Michael Tobin, Sixmilebridge; John J. Tobin Feakle; James Tobin, Feakle; James Minogue, Scariff; Pat Minogue, Scariff; P. McNamara, Scariff; P. Hogan, (Bodyke), D. Hogan, Bodyke; J. Hogan, Bodyke; J. Baarabar, Scariff; James Hanrahan, do; Michael Hanrahan, do; J. Tuohy, Feakle; D. Doyle, Mountshannon; Pat Moloney, Larkin's Cross; P. Moloney, do; Matthew Moloney, do; Martin Bourke, do; John Moloney, Caberdavin (cousins).

The general public included—The Mayor, Mr. J. Hassett, B.C., Mr. T. Meany, B.C., and a large number of other city people, as well as numerous representatives from Clare.

COOK'S TOUR TO PARIS.

As our readers are aware, last month, for the first time, Thomas Cook and Son ran a conducted tour from Limerick to Paris. It was such an unprecedented success, and those who went were so perfectly pleased, that another tour has been arranged to start on September 10th, at the same low inclusive figure, viz.: £5 12s 6d. September is a delightful month to be in Paris, the weather there at that time being cool and refreshing. We understand that very prompt application is necessary to get accommodation, and we would, therefore, advise readers who are interested to secure their berths at once from Cook's Limerick agent, Mr. M. P. Riordan, Cecil Street, who on application will give full particulars.

MR. E. F. HICKSON, R.M.

His many friends in the city and district will be pleased to learn that Mr. E. F. Hickson, R.M., has returned to town on the expiration of

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