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IRISH NATIONAL TEACHERS

The question of primary education in Ireland is so long and necessarily so pertinent before the country, that some of us have grown weary of the discussion, and regard it to be one which through many years, manifest or occult, cannot have fair and adequate treatment. It has not, after these years of debate in every possible form, been yet formed into desirable shape, nor has it been less an entity than a mass of shreds and patches. And this by reason through lack in numbers of the persons who have interested themselves in a matter which so gravely affects the country, its young population and their interests. The outcome of all the agitation which has taken place on what concerns the country so vitally, and its future prosperity is greatly to be regretted. It is regretted by those who take an active part in the endeavour to arrive at a sound and lasting solution of the difficulty, and the regret is shared by people who also take an active interest in the settlement of what has

FUNERAL OF MR R D O'BRIEN.

The funeral of the late Mr Robert Donogh O'Brien took place from Parteen at 11 o'clock yesterday morning for interment in the family burial place at St Mary's Cathedral. At noon the cortege arrived at the Cathedral, and the remains were taken into the sacred edifice where the service was conducted by the Rev R M Gwynn, F.T.C., Dublin, and the Rev Canon Abbott, Askeaton. The Service opened with Psalm 90, followed by the lesson, and concluding with hymn 599 "Now the Labourer's Task is O'er." The coffin was then borne out to the solemn strains of the "Dead March in Saul" played on the organ, and laid to rest at the southern side of the venerable building.

The chief mourners were—Mr D R O'Brien, Rev R M Gwynn, Fellow T.C.D.; Mr Brian Gwynne, Lieut H Vere O'Brien, Mr Aubrey Vere O'Brien, Mrs Crosbie, Miss E. O'Brien, Mrs H Vere O'Brien, and Mrs Knox.

Amongst the general public were—The Bishop Right Rev Dr Orpen, the Very Rev the Dean, Rev Canon Robertson, Rev A E Hewatson, Mr M D Shaw, Mr W R Twigg, Agent Bank of Ireland; Mr A Bood Smyth, solr; Mr J A Place, Mr E D Hunt, solr; Mr T H Brett, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; Mr V Gloster, Mr B K Lucas, County Sub-Sheriff; Mr H V Morony, Mr E F M Melville, Manager Provincial Bank; Mr M Caffrey, Mr J P Lynch, B.C.; Mr C R Heaton Armstrong, Mr S Tubridy, Mr H Waterstone, Mr A Waterstone, Mr T Ray, Mr T Rice, Mr A Waterstone, junr; Mr P Cahill, Mr J O'Brien, Mr J Naylor, Mr T Donnellan, B.C.; Mr T O'Connell, Mr J F Power, Mr J Welply, Mr J Thomson, Manager Ulster Bank; Mr L O'B Kelly, B.L.; Mr T O'B Kelly, solr; Mr A J Sexton, etc.

Carriages were sent by Mrs O'Brien, South Hill; Mr L Morley, Mr T W Krowning, Carass. The Rev Mr Gwynn and the Rev Canon Abbott officiated at the graveside.

THE LATE MR P O'MEEHAN. L.D.S.

The funeral of the late Mr Patrick O'Meehan, L.D.S., took place yesterday morning from St Michael's R.C. church, in which the remains lay overnight, for interment in the family vault, Quin Abbey, County Clare.

The chief mourners were—R Harris, Ivan Harris, John E A Harris, James O'Dwyer (cousins).

The clergy present were—Rev J A O'Connor, Adm, St Michael's; Rev W Duane, C.C. do; Rev Father Nicholas, O.F.M., Rev Father Anthony, O.F.M.

The attendance included—Dr Graham, Dr Fogarty, Dr M S McGrath, Dr Devane, T H Kenny, solicitor; James A Doyle, solicitor; D O'Callaghan, solicitor; A DePins, W S Burke, W J Halpin, P Hartigan, Royal George Hotel; G V Hartigan, L.D.S.; R F Hartigan, M Egan, J Egan, V J Turner, Manager National Bank; J P Lynch, P.L.C.; J Melville, Manager Provincial Bank; J A Burke, J McGuire, M Griffio, J O'Shea, P Coyle, A Hall, J Barry, P Barry, M McCoy, solicitor; G Spillane, W Ebrill, R Power, D Duggan, P J O'Sullivan, solicitor; S Myles, solicitor; J Wilkinson, James Duggan, Wm M Nolan, J.P.; J V Coogan, L.D.S.; John Spillane, W Shanahan, J Welply, E D Hunt, solicitor; C R Heaton-Armstrong, H V Morony, C.E.; J Thomson, W A Delany, Alderman M J McDonnell, J.P.; W J Horne.

Mrs O'Brien, South Hill, sent her carriage. The funeral arrangements were in charge of

THE WAR

The British Offensive

DEVELOPING ACCORDING TO PLAN.

Capture of Monchy and Bergere

Sir Douglas Haig reported yesterday that the situation was developing favourably in accordance with the general plan.

Our troops advanced and took the height of Monchy le Preux and La Bergere. The capture of Monchy is important for reasons, and it is admitted by the Germans that the orders of the High Command should be held at all costs.

Further south our troops advanced and captured the enemy positions at Bullecourt and Croisilles, taking a number of prisoners, however, counter-attacked, and were driven back. The enemy troops suffered heavily from our artillery.

The German communique speaks of increasing bombardment against the Croisilles.

AMERICAN LINER MISSING

The "Daily News" says:—After a long search the Atlantic without any untoward incident the United States liner New York struck the rocks Monday evening. Her sixty passengers, including women and children, were taken ashore and with considerable difficulty, and with heavy tide running. She was towed to Mersey and docked. The mishap occurred at eight o'clock in the evening. There was a large explosion under the fore part of the hull below the line. As the passengers, profiting by the drills, took their places by the lifeboats, signals were sent out, and these, with the explosion, quickly brought assistance. Dock Board tender Galatea and the boat Tynwald were first on the spot, and with clockwork regularity the passengers were shipped. When the boats were being lowered, steward had his arm crushed, but it was only an accident. As the passengers were landing, they were seen to be struggling with their lifebelts and safety jackets, and a more portable of their belongings.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last night's casualty lists show the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 47; wounded, 57. Rank and File—Dead, 209; wounded, 780.

Week's Losses by U

The Admiralty returns of arrivals (over 100 tons net, but exclusive of local craft) with British losses last week for the week ending April 10, following figures:—