

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's "Chronicle," and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to lack of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

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THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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TRAFFIC ON THE RAILWAYS.

Interesting statistics of the traffic on the railways in the Free State for the six months ended June last are given in this month's "Irish Trade Journal," the official organ of the Department of Industry and Commerce. The effects of the coal strike on trade and industry in this country are, needless to say, quite apparent, though at the same time there are indications of business revival, which is welcome news to employer and employee alike. Dealing with the Great Southern Railways, we see that there was a reduction of 65,896 tons of coal, coke, and patent fuel carried in the months of May and June, compared with the corresponding months of 1925, while in the four preceding months the decrease was only 13,676 tons. On the other hand, minerals, other than fuel, showed an increase of 7,334 tons. Again, in general merchandise, the traffic increased in six months by 15,719 tons, but in May, which would coincide with the stoppage of coal mining and the general strike across Channel, the latter lasting nine days, there was a decrease equivalent to 4.6 per cent. compared with the tonnage of the previous May. The June tonnage of the present year shows an increase of 6,315 tons, compared with June, 1925, and these facts appear to the "Trade Journal" to warrant the conclusion "that there is an appreciable stirring of internal business quite unaffected by external affairs." Of course, if the apparently interminable coal strike were settled—and settled it must be, sooner or later—the improvement in our trade would manifestly receive a great stimulus that should at once be appreciated in the increased circulation of money and the return of conditions to the normal. As it is, when due allowance is made for the effects of the strike, the returns of the Saorstat railways are more encouraging than one would have been disposed to expect in exceptionally

DEATH OF FATHER LEONARD BEGLEY, O.F.M.

The death took place in St. John's Hospital on Sunday evening of the Rev. Father Leonard Begley, O.F.M. For some time past Father Begley had not been in the best of health, but he continued to discharge the duties of his sacred office. He had a severe heart attack on Saturday, and was removed from the Franciscan Convent to St. John's, where he passed away peacefully at three o'clock on Sunday. The rev. gentleman was born in Killeedy, and joined the Franciscan Order as a boy. He prosecuted his studies at St. Isidore's College, Rome, and was ordained in the Eternal City in 1887, after which he returned to the Irish Province, where he laboured as a missionary for some years prior to going to Sydney, New South Wales, where he was Superior of the Franciscan Mission for twelve years. On his return home he was sent to Cork, and thence to Dublin and Waterford, but the greater portion of his sacerdotal career was spent in Limerick, where he was well known and beloved by the people. An earnest and zealous priest, Father Begley was a very kindly and devoted clergyman, and his death has been learned with very sincere regret in the city by the people amongst whom he laboured, and by his brethren in the sacred ministry. He was brother of the Very Rev. Fr. Peter Begley, O.F.M., Guardian, Limerick, and only last week his sister, Mrs Dr Mangan, was buried in Ennis. Another sister, Mrs McAuliffe, of Templeglantine, gave a son to the Franciscan Order in the late Rev. Fr. Raphael McAuliffe.

The Obsequies.

At 8 o'clock last night the remains of the late Rev. Father Leonard Begley, O.F.M., were removed from St. John's Hospital to the Franciscan Church, Henry street, amid manifestations of deep regret on the part of the citizens. The hearse was preceded by cross-bearer and acolytes, followed by the brothers of the Third Order of St. Francis. Immediately behind the bier walked the priests of the Franciscan Community and other city clergy, as well as a large number of the general public.

This morning at 11 o'clock solemn Office and Requiem High Mass was sung for the dead Franciscan. There was a crowded congregation present at the solemn ceremonies, at which the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, presided.

The celebrant of the Mass was Very Rev. Fr. Peter, O.F.M. (brother), Guardian, Limerick community; deacon, Rev. Fr. Chrysostom, O.F.M.; sub-deacon, Rev. Fr. Anthony, O.F.M.; master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. Connolly, P.P., Parteen.

The chanters were Rev. Fr. Thornhill, C.C., St. Michael's, and Rev. Fr. Kelly, C.C., St. John's. There were over fifty clergy in the choir, and at the conclusion of the Mass the funeral took place for St. Laurence Cemetery.

The chief mourners were—Very Rev. Fr. Peter Begley, O.F.M. (brother); C. McAuliffe, L. McAuliffe, and Cornelius, John, and Daniel Begley (nephews); Miss D. Begley, Miss L. Begley, and Mrs Grace (nieces); Dr Mangan, Ennis (brother-in-law); and John Grace and other relatives

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