

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 pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements on Friday mornings. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

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IRISH TOURIST TRAFFIC.

The visit of the Directors of the Great Western Railway of England to the beauty spots in the South of Ireland marks an important forward movement towards the development of the Irish tourist industry, and for that matter, commercial trade relations between the two countries. The visitors were the guests of the Great Southern Railways Company, and their itinerary, which closed yesterday, has afforded them great pleasure and general interest. The Great Southern Company have this year made a big advance in furthering the tourist traffic, and with the co-operation of the Great Western, who have been connected with this country for nearly a century, their plans will further materialise, and there can be no doubt will attract to our shores a great number of visitors who have hitherto spent their holidays elsewhere. The charming and varied scenery of Ireland needs to be only thoroughly known to be appreciated, and the arrangements of the two Companies cannot, therefore, but have a very beneficial effect in that direction. The opportunities for exploring this country were never greater than they are to-day. What, between motor buses and cars, and train arrangements and facilities generally, the tourist to-day has at his or her disposal inducements to travel that were undreamt of a quarter of a century ago. And it is interesting to note that Sir Walter Nugent, the Chairman of the Great Southern, does not regard motor competition as an adverse factor to the railways. On the contrary, he believes, as most people do, that the roads must play an important part in the development of the tourist traffic. This is the experience across Channel, and in Continental countries. Sir Felix Pole, General Manager of the Great Western, also agrees that the roads, in conjunction with the railways, can be made to serve a most useful purpose, and in this connection he paid a high tribute to the activities and the enterprise of the Irish Railway Companies. Altogether the prospects of a boom in the Irish tourist traffic as the result of this tour are very promising, and the Railways, backed up by the Irish Tourist Development and the Ulster Tourist Associations, are deserving of all praise for the part they are taking in a movement of

FUNERAL OF MR E. D. HUNT, SOLICITOR.

The remains of the late Mr Edward D. Hunt, solicitor, were removed yesterday morning from St. Michael's Church for interment at the family burial place at Raheen graveyard. The cortege was large and representative of city and county, and was ample testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased, a member of an old county family, was held by the community, and the deep regret which is felt at his premature demise. Many private offices and business establishments had their blinds drawn while the funeral was passing through O'Connell street and William street.

Immediately preceding the funeral, the service was held in St Michael's Church, the officiating clergy being the Dean, the Chancellor and the Precentor, and at the close the deeply moving hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung.

The chief mourners were—Surgeon Captain Henry Hunt (Royal Navy), brother; Mrs W Davidson Houston, sister; Mrs A D R Hunt (Friarstown), aunt; Colonel Godfrey Massy Hunt, C.B.E., cousin; Frederick John Robert Hunt (retired Judge Indian Supreme Court), cousin; Edward Lloyd (Heathfield), cousin; Major and Mrs Hugh Massy O'Grady (Castlegarde), Miss Baggot (Friarstown), Mr E L Wickham, F.S.I.; Mr James LeGear.

Amongst those also present were—The Bishop, Right Rev Dr White; Canon Orpen, Rev W H Dobbin, Judge McElligott, K.C.; Courtenay Croker, J S Gaffney, solr; N Gaffney, solr; A Blood-Smyth, solr; P E O'Donnell, solr; P J O'Sullivan, solr; R O'Sullivan, H O B Moran, solr, County Registrar; J Dodds, solr; C Ebrill, solr; T O B Kelly, solr; M Tynan, solr; E Leahy, solr; L O B Kelly, B.L.; J A Doyle, solr; M C Burke, solr; G E Goodbody, G P Gelston, R Gelston, G E Farmer, Capt Lyons, Col Gubbins, B Gubbins, F J Cleeve, F A Johnston, Capt Moloney, J G Wilkinson, N J Barry, N Grene-Barry, L H Taylor, M D Shaw, J A Haydn, Dr Kennedy, D Hartnett, Ian Matterson, H Russell, A N Barnett, W Walshe, A Woodhouse, S J K Roycroft, C and M Slade, C Hutchinson, J James, W B Smith, R Ryan, B E F Sheehy, Martin Griffin, Capt O Power, A Welpy, M P Reardon, G Fosbery, M Egan, G Spillane, James Quin, R Harris, Sir Vincent Nash, A O G Lalor, Capt Tidmarsh, O H Dowling, L V Jennings, Wm B Fitt, J Chadfield, Dr Pearse, J J Maguire, B McGann, J A Baldwin, A J O'Leary, V.S.; G Blackall, C V O'Malley, William LeGear, Richard LeGear, H Hassett, W J Horne, etc.

The coffin was strewn with beautiful wreaths of natural flowers sent by the following:—"In loving memory," from his brother, Henry; "In loving remembrance," from his sister, brother-in-law, and two nephews, Lt.-Col. and Mrs Davidson Houston, Clear and Aubrey Davidson Houston; "In loving memory," from his two sisters-in-law, Mrs F D Hunt, Mrs E Langley Hunt; "In affectionate remembrance," Mrs Hunt, Friarstown; "With deepest sympathy," R.A.C. 73; "Fraternal remembrance," Lodge 13; "With deepest sympathy," Edmund L Wickham and James LeGear; "Deepest sympathy," Limerick Bar Association; "With sympathy and sorrow," Judge McElligott; "Love from all at Summerville," Mrs J Goodbody; "With affectionate remembrances from The Members of the Junior Club," "With deepest sympathy from all at Sandville," "A token in fondest remembrance," Mr and Mrs A G Lalor, Hugh Massy O'Grady, Miss Baggot, Friarstown House; "With sympathy," J Neville.

The coffin was borne from the hearse to its last resting place by the employees at Friarstown. Precentor Atkinson read the

AMERICANS AND THE SHANNON SCHEME.

Inquiries Addressed to Sir H. Plunkett.

Sir Horace Plunkett, who during a brief visit to Ireland inspected the Shannon Hydro-electric Works, informed a representative of the "Irish Times" yesterday that he was greatly surprised at the progress which had been made with the enormous excavations and embankments which must precede the more interesting portions of the great scheme.

The primary object of his visit was to put him in a better position, to answer the many inquiries of his American friends. In his long and intimate acquaintance with men and things in the United States, extending over nearly half a century, he had never known an Irish enterprise so anxiously watched or, he added, so favourably regarded. Asked whether he had formed any personal opinion upon the prospects of the demand for the light, heat, and power justifying the expenditure of public monies within any reasonable time, Sir Horace replied that this question was impossible to answer without an immense amount of highly technical knowledge, and, in addition, a gift of prophecy.

"Perhaps," it was suggested, "you could give an estimate of the value of these auxiliaries to the basic industry of agriculture?"

"Alas! no," he said, "it would take more space than I have the audacity to ask. But I may tell you that I have been amazed at the comprehensiveness of the inquiries that, I discovered, have been made into all those aspects of the project, which I have been advised by independent experts to probe. The general conclusion I have reached is that the venture will, in the earlier stages of operation, rejoice the doubting Thomases and Job's comforters; but that, in less than ten years, the Government of to-day will begin to earn the gratitude which no devoted public servant in Ireland is foolish enough to expect in his own brief span."

COUNTY HEALTH BOARD.

Mr M. Quinlan, Co.C., chairman, presided at the meeting of the Co. Limerick Health Board yesterday. There were also present—Messrs P. J. Clery, Co.C.; J. McCormack, Co.C.; M. Ryan, Co.C.; D. O'Malley, Co.C.; J. D. O'Dwyer, Co.C.; J. J. O'Donnell, Co.C.; E. L. Lloyd, Co.C.; with Messrs M. J. Hassett, Secretary; J. P. King, Clerk Co. Home.

A letter was read from the Ministry for Local Government dealing with the terms of Mr J. O'Grady's appointment as checker of the general rental register of labourers cottages, and pointing out that as this was not Mr O'Grady's duty other arrangements should be made for its discharge.

In reply to Mr Ryan, Mr O'Grady said he would not hold himself responsible for the checking of receipts of rent and amounts outstanding.

The Chairman observed that Mr O'Grady was not their official, as he was only responsible to the County Council.

Mr McCormack suggested that an inspector from the Ministry should be invited to attend and define the duties of the officials.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Council.

A report was read from Mr King, Clerk of the County Home, Newcastle West, relative to the state of the rent collection in Abbeyfeale rural district. On the 31st March last, out of 286 tenants, a sum of £1,909 16s 4d was due, but after going through the collection account he had to strike out £376 15s 7d, and giving credit for other items, the amount actually out-