

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

TO ADVERTISERS.

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

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE THAMES FLOODS.

The sympathy of the Irish people goes out with all sincerity to the relatives of those who have lost their lives in the abnormal flooding of the Thames, which early on Saturday morning overflowed its banks between Woolwich and Kew. The victims—fourteen persons, and nearly all women and children—were calmly sleeping in the basements of their houses facing the great river, and were drowned by the rushing waters. Hundreds of dwellings have been rendered uninhabitable, and apart from the loss of life, great damage has been done to property, including the Tate Gallery, but here the damage is not as serious as was at first anticipated. The floods have been unparalleled in the modern history of London, and they were due to various causes. The heavy thaw following terrific snowfalls caused vast sheets of water to spread over the Thames Valley, and the meres in the fields were turned into islands, forming a veritable inland sea. There was accordingly, an extraordinary rush of water towards the river. Against this came a gale from the west, which drove the spring tide up the Thames estuary. The tide rose 6ft. 1in.

THE LATE MR W. L. GULLEN.

The funeral of the late Mr Wm. L. Gullen took place on Sunday last at 10 a.m., from his residence, Roche's street, for St. Mary's Cathedral Cemetery. The cortege was extremely large and representative, a striking testimony of respect and sympathy with the mother, sisters, and other relatives of the deceased, who in business and private life was a general favourite, and whose unexpected and premature demise is deeply regretted. The office and factory staffs of Messrs. Matterson and Sons were fully represented, and numerous members of the staffs of the other bacon curing concerns in the city were also present. In addition various other business people in the city were present, as well as a large number of the members of the P.Y.M.A.

The chief mourners were—Mr Robert Gullen (brother), Mr C. O. Jones (brother-in-law), and Mr Willie Ievers (cousin of the deceased).

The clergy present were—Rev Chancellor Swain (Rector of St Michael's), the Dean, and the Archdeacon of Limerick.

In the Cathedral the Chancellor paid a very touching tribute to the deceased, observing that though he was one averse to praise, still it was but fitting to refer to him as a Churchman, a lifelong worshipper at St Michael's, and who, as a devoted son and brother, stepped into the footsteps of his father, the late Mr W. H. Gullen, who passed away some twelve months ago. The Chancellor expressed the deep sympathy of all with the bereaved family.

Although no flowers were requested, beautiful wreaths were sent by Mr Matterson and family, Mrs Langford, Mr H. Russell, and the storemen and storewomen of the firm of Matterson & Sons.

Deceased served in the Army in the Great War, where he was gassed so severely that it affected his health. Another brother was also in the campaign, and a third in the mercantile, marine service during the war.

BANQUET TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL

The Free State.

Great Britain's Non-Interference.

Barrington's

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Centenary N

The annual general meeting of Barrington's celebrates the centenary next year, was held in the Hospital at 4 o'clock.

The Dean (Very Rev) presided. Also present P.P., St. Mary's; Capt. Hanly, Mrs Hanly, Fogarty, Miss Coffey, House Surgeon; Miss C. Letters of apology were received from Mr Geo. Ryan, and Mr Dr. W. A. Fogarty read the report as follows:

"Annual report for December 31st.

"To The Governors—Committee have pleasure in reporting.

"The number of patients treated as intern was 2,542 extern cases, and beds occupied during expenditure, excluding non-recurrent, of £3,46 bed for the year being increase on last year, number of beds. The than expenditure, and has increased from £10s 11d.

"The Hospital has for year two members of committee—Father O'Connell St. Mary's, took a good working of the Hospital a member of the Management great number of years, as Hon. Sec., always in the management, subscriber to its funds.

"The members of Society presented the portraits of former members of the Society—viz., Dr Elm which the Committee hung on the boardroom.