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A GOOD START.

and perfectly unanimous meeting at the Town Hall last night, when it was decided to re-form a Central Branch of the Gaelic League for the city, was a very interesting one. It was not a meeting in the ordinary sense of the word, as it was rather an assembly of business and professional interests, and of all classes and creeds, to take steps to the betterment and welfare of the city and our country. This is a bright prospect for the future. Limerick is in the lead of Dublin, Cork, and other centres in carrying on this movement, and the promoters of the meeting are to be congratulated on their success. The Branch will, as said, be a centre for business intercourse, and mutual exchange of ideas, which cannot but prove beneficial to all, and the representative committee which has been appointed is to see that everything will be conducted on a sound and non-controversial basis. Mr. Tierney, T.D., pointed out that the Government's policy is to look after the interests of our country, and for that purpose the citizens of Limerick, as elsewhere, should take their part in discussing the various problems, economic and other, which remain for solution, or that may arise in the future. So it is a movement which deserves the best support it can receive, and it certainly received a good send-off last night. There was one matter, however, which caused some regret, which was referred to by the speakers, and that was the absence of Mr. McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, who had come to Limerick in connection with the special object of taking part in the meeting. Deputations had arranged to be in connection with various matters, and it is understood that the milling

FUNERAL OF MR. RODNEY PEACOCKE.

The funeral of Mr Rodney Peacocke, the third and youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. G. Peacocke, South Ville, Limerick, took place at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, after Requiem Mass from St Michael's Church, to Mount St Laurence Cemetery. As announced in our last issue, the death of young Mr Peacocke was the result of an accident sustained while out rabbit shooting less than a fortnight ago. Had he lived he would have attained his twenty-first birthday last Sunday. Cut off in the bloom of youth, his death has cast a gloom over a wide circle of friends in the city and county and elsewhere, and there were many friends from Dublin and other distant parts of the country present to join with the citizens in paying a mark of respect to the memory of one whose bright and manly disposition endeared him to all who knew him, and who were anxious to express their deepest sympathy with his parents and family in their keen sorrow. The establishments on the route to the cemetery had their blinds drawn while the funeral was passing. It was of very large proportions, and included the Mayor and Town Clerk, many members of the Corporation, and representatives of trade and business interests in the city. The coffin was partly hidden in a profusion of beautiful wreaths of natural flowers sent by the relatives and numerous friends of the deceased.

The clergy present were—Rev Father Thornhill, C.C., and Rev Father Fitzpatrick, C.C., who officiated.

The chief mourners were—W G Peacocke, father; Joe and Willie, brothers of the deceased; J J Peacocke, B.E., Colonel Thomas G Peacocke, J V Coogan, uncles; R Coogan, and George Peacocke, Ballyneety, cousins.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Southville—"Dad and Mammy"; "Brothers and Sisters," "Uncle Pep and Auntie Gretta," "Uncle Joe and Aunt Liz," Bohemian Rugby Football Club, Limerick Boat Club, Adare Motor Cycling Club, Dr Dundon (Barrington's Hospital), Mr and Mrs J J Quaid, "Staff in William-street," Mr and Mrs J A Bourke, Mr and Mrs A J Sexton, Miss Hunt, Ralph Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Max, Jack, and Pat Hogan, Alex Wiseman, Paddy Gleeson and family.

IRISH METHODIST CONFERENCE.

The following were, at the Methodist Conference in Belfast, appointed representatives

A public meeting, duly reported, the professional and business of the city, was held in the Town Hall last night, with the object of re-organizing the city branch of the Gaelic League.

The principal speaker was Mr. P. McGilligan, Minister for Industry and Commerce, but at the last moment it was announced that he could not attend as he was too ill to address the meeting. As it was known that he had just arrived in the city the announcement of his indisposition was learned with regret.

The attendance included the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, Professor Tierney, T.D., Dr W. A. Fogarty, Captain F. G. O. Bennett, T.D.; J. T. M. T. F. Ryan, Co. Surveyor; C. J. L.D.S.; E. Holliday, Rev M. H. P. A. O'Brien, B.C.; C. Hollan, J. Gubbins, P. Bourke, B.C.; J. T. C. Carroll, M. Griffin, D. O. McNeice, J. Red, J. Davern, M. M. Doyle, A. E. Goodwin, B.C.; J. Reidy, B.C.; P. Walsh, T. J. P. N. Treacy, S. Tubridy, M. Chairman Central Council, I. Burke, Chief Organiser of the Gaelic League, Dublin; B. O'Connell, Dublin; J. J. Quilligan, J. P. H. P. F. Graham, T. F. O'Sullivan, Engineer; W. Hickey, B.C.; Alderman P. Donnellan, P. M. S. Power, B.C.; R. Quin, I. Organiser, Dublin, etc.

Mr Paul O'Brien, ex-Mayor, and one of the existing Executive members, presided. In opening the proceedings he expressed his pleasure at seeing the response to the circular sent out by Brophill, their secretary, had succeeded where they had failed in getting together a body of citizens such as were present. He left the object of the meeting to the speakers from Dublin. He announced the unavoidable absence of Mr McGilligan, who had come to the meeting, but had been taken ill in town, and at the present time was far too ill to take any part in the proceedings, or any discussion. It was felt that they all sincerely regretted the absence of Mr McGilligan.

PROFESSOR TIERNEY

Professor Tierney, T.D., who presided with applause, said he regretted that Mr McGilligan was unable to attend the meeting, and felt at some disadvantage as compared with the artificial capital of Ireland to which many ways people believed to be the capital of Ireland. (Hear, heard) He hoped from the work of Mr McGilligan and those associated with him, that