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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SHANNON SCHEME AND AGRICULTURE.

There are people in this country who have pessimistic views with regard to the Shannon Power Scheme as an economic business proposition. But they are a very small section indeed when compared with the vast majority. We have before us the experience of other countries where electrical Schemes have, undoubtedly, resulted in trade development, and the expansion of the agricultural industry, to say nothing of satisfying the requirements of the domestic sphere. Ministers of the Free State Government have, as stated again and again, no doubts of the success of the Shannon Scheme, a view which is endorsed by the public, and if ever there was an opportunity for the starting of new industries surely the Shannon Scheme supplies it. When the capabilities of this huge undertaking are fully realised by the capitalist—and that, let us hope, will be the case in the immediate future—enterprise should develop, and with it the prosperity of all classes of the community. Limerick, with the Shannon Scheme at its very doors, and with its favoured geographical position, from a transit point of view, should decidedly share in the march of progress which the "harnessing of the Shannon" should inaugurate. The Free State has in this enterprise set a head-line to Great Britain, where a great deal of attention has of late been devoted to the installation of electrical schemes, particularly in rural districts, and it is noteworthy that the farmers are extensively availing themselves of the advantages of cheap power. It may also be observed that the County of London Electricity Supply Board has just announced a reduction of the lighting flat rate of 5¼d per unit to 5d, which comes into operation from the December quarter meter readings. A striking tribute to the Shannon Scheme was paid in the House of Commons this week by Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, who was Minister of Transport under the late Conservative Government. His remarks arose out of a motion by a Labour member, Mr Hopkin, welcoming the progress made by the electricity supply industry. By reason of his former official position the Colonel

DEATH OF MR JAMES GRENE BARRY, J.P.

We regret to announce the death of a venerable and highly respected County Limerick gentleman, Mr James Grene Barry, J.P., D.L., which occurred at his residence, Sandville, Ballyneety, yesterday, in the 89th year of his age. Mr Barry, who had been confined to bed for a couple of weeks, passed peacefully away in the presence of his family.

For a very long span of years he was identified with public life in the city and county. He was probably the oldest magistrate in Ireland, having got his commission so far back as 1864, and also the oldest surviving County Grand Juror, having first served on that body in 1867. He was a Freeman of the City of Limerick, as his eldest son, Mr James T. Barry, is to-day, and in his time was an active member of all the Limerick public boards, including the old Board of Guardians.

He was widely known throughout Ireland as an archeologist, and for no less than forty years was local Secretary of the Royal Society of Antiquarians, of which his nephew, Mr W. F. Butler, D.Lit., is the present President. He took a deep interest in the old Limerick Field Club, and was President of the North Munster Archæological Society, to which office he was re-elected quite recently, when the Society was revived. And it may here be added that Mr Barry was the author of many articles of local historical and antiquarian interest. He was also identified with education as a member of the Limerick Educational Endowment Committee, and was for some years in the eighties an Assistant Land Commissioner.

He was an old member of the County Hunt, and in his day a keen lover of the 'Chase. He himself, indeed, rode races over the famous old Newcastle, and also the Banogue courses. Mr Barry owned property near Rostemple, and in his time was agent over several estates including the Emly property. A gentleman of a very kindly and ever-courteous disposition, and a very interesting raconteur, with all his intimate knowledge of the families of city and county, Mr Barry was held in the highest esteem and regard by a wide circle of friends, who will deeply regret his passing, and sympathise with his family in their loss.

For the past 25 years Mr Barry had been afflicted with blindness and deafness, which necessitated his withdrawal from public life, but up to the last he otherwise retained his faculties unimpaired. Mr Barry was son-in-law of a prominent Limerick man in his day —the late Dr Thomas Kane, J.P—who was Mayor 1852 and 1857, in which latter year the O'Connell monument at the Crescent was erected. He was also High Sheriff of the city.

The funeral will take place on Monday next, at 11 o'clock, to Rockstown, the family burial place, near Sandville. Mr Barry was the eight generation of his family

FUNERAL OF LO INCHIQUIN.

Impressive Service.

Address by Bishop of Kil

The sorrow evoked by the death Right Hon. Lucius William O'Brie Baron Inchiquin, received full ex yesterday, not alone from the amongst whom he lived at h Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on but throughout the County Clare, w was revered, and in Limerick C County, with which he had fam Since his death on Tuesday nig remains, encased in a polished oa rested in room number one, overloo main entrance, and St. Patrick's fla half mast over the Castle. For so before the cortege left for Kiln Church, about two miles distar Dromoland Castle, large numbe menced to arrive for the funeral, w of the utmost simplicity, and in tha befitting the quiet and unobtrusive by the late Peer. Country fo present from the surrounding side in large numbers, whil was a large gathering from Ennis cluded a representative contingent Ennis branch of the British Legion the late Lord Inchiquin was Presi took a deep interest in its work, a welfare of the ex-servicemen. Th was timed to leave the Castle at on but it was nearly half an hour la the coffin was taken out by employ estate, and carried in relays fo distant through the demesne to t wood gate entrance. At this poi placed on a farm cart drawn by and taken the remainder of the journ than a mile to Killnasoolagh, whic reached until approaching three The wreaths, which included natural flowers, were conveyed by men, and in a closed carriage b bier. At the entrance to the pari the remains were borne into t edifice, and placed on trestles in th and the service immediately comm

The officiating clergy were the Killaloe, the Right Rev Dr Pa Archdeacon of Killaloe, Veneral Blood-Smyth, Rector; the Dean o Very Rev H. J. Gillespie, and F Griffin, Ennis.

The service opened with the "Nearer my God to Thee,' sung b choristers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Mrs Smyth, wife of the steward land, presiding at the organ. Psalm followed, and the Archdeac read the lesson, the beautiful hym Perfect Peace," was sung.

The Bishop, speaking from Communion rails, said he d express in a few words th of those who had assembled