

The Late Mr. John Gubbins

General and widespread regret was felt in the city on Saturday evening last when it became known that that most popular citizen and sportsman, Mr John Gubbins, Parnell street, had passed away. Though just barely in the prime of life when death overtook him, the late Mr Gubbins had enjoyed a very full career in the sporting, national, trade union and social life of the city. Employed as a carpenter in the G.S. Railways, his child-like simplicity and transparency made him a warm favourite with his fellow-workers. Not one position of trust and confidence in the gift of his fellows in the Limerick Loco Workers, but was conferred by them on one whom they loved. In addition for many years he represented his comrades in the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, and in this representative sphere his balanced judgment proved a wonderful asset when difficult problems had to be faced. Perhaps no where, however, was he more at home than in the realm of sport, for the late Mr Gubbins was a sportsman to his finger tips. In early life he proved no mean wielder of the oar, but in later years he threw himself heart and soul into the rugby code as a member of the Young Munster Club, before that club had reached senior status. In those early days he captained the side to victory on several occasions. Garryowen then called upon him, and he took his place as a senior with the winners of the U.S. Young Munster then joined the senior ranks, and John Gubbins returned to his comrades when they were in the swaddling clothes of senior football. Honours were quickly showered on him here. He was called upon to act as Vice President, President and representative on the Munster Branch and member of the Munster V, as well as having the distinction of coaching the Young Munster XV that brought the blue riband of Irish rugby, the Bateman Cup, to Munster for the first time in 1928. As a member of the Munster Referees' Association his impartial handling of the whistle in many an exciting game won him deserved respect. Rossin Dhu also claimed the love of deceased's big heart, and when his country was engaged in the life and death struggle of 1916 with England's minions, John Gubbins took a man's part in defence of his motherland. It was no wonder then that the sympathy and respect of the thousands of his fellow-citizens should be so amply demonstrated on the occasion of the removal of his remains to St Michael's Church on Sunday evening, and again on Monday, when his floral-covered coffin was accompanied to his last resting place at Mt. St Lawrence Cemetery.

Sympathy.

Sympathetic resolutions have been tendered to the relatives of deceased by the Young Munster F.C., Garryowen F.C., and Bohemian F.C., the North Munster Branch I.R.F.U., the Irish Vahlels and Woodworkers' Union, etc, etc.