

## Death of a Brave Irish Woman.

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The death of Mrs E Portley, Ballybricken, removes a brave type of mother from Irish soil. In the days of the Black and Tan, when her sons were fighting bravely in the Mid-Limerick Flying Column, her house was repeatedly raided by the police and military, who compelled her on more than one occasion to leave her bed to admit these raiders. Finally, in sheer chagrin, they set fire to her dwelling as a reprisal for the Dromkeen ambush.

With a brave, undaunted heart, this patriot mother met fearlessly the cruel Cromwellians of the time, and her dauntless spirit was distinctively characteristic of her family—the Ryan's—Irish record for generations. They were a brainy and athletic race, and the Portley family of to-day have more than proved their worth as Irishmen. The interment at Caherally was very significant of the sympathy felt with the family in their bereavement

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