

Death of Mr. John O'Grady

Passing Away of a Notable Athlete

Mr John ("Jack") O'Grady, the well-known notable Irish champion weight-thrower, died on Monday morning, the announcement causing a painful sensation in athletic circles in Limerick and all through the Saorstát. He had been apparently in the most robust of health all along, but complained of internal troubles on Sunday night, for which he was medically attended, but the complaint was not deemed serious. Later on, towards Monday morning about four o'clock, his condition became serious, and spiritual and medical aid had again to be requisitioned. He passed away about 5.30 a.m., to the tragic regret of his wife—to whom he was married about two years ago. He was aged 48 years.

Deceased was physically of a robust nature, and stood six feet in height, and seemed never to know of illness. He was the doyen of Irish weight-throwers, being world's champion in the 28lbs and 56lbs, and figured at most of the Gaelic sports of his day. He was prominent in the Tailteann and Olympic games, at the latter of which he exhibited astonishing prowess, but was debarred beyond exhibition displays, as no provision had been made in the programme.

"Jack" O'Grady was a noble minded Irishman, a devoted adherent to the forwarding of the National pastimes, but withal his big physical frame he had ever a good humour essential of character, and the soul of a winning child. He was loved by all and liked by all. He was a native of Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

☐ He was Clerk of the No. 1 Rural (Limerick) District Council, until that body was abolished, and earned the encomiums of the Ministry on several occasions, and of late years held the responsible position under the Limerick County Council of inspector of the rate books of the rate collectors appointed. He was a highly-educated man.

The remains were conveyed from his residence, "St Kevin's," Alphonse street, to St Michael's Parish Church on Monday evening, the mourning cortege being extremely large and representative of all classes.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at one o'clock from the Church, and was expressive in its countless numerous mourners of the general desire to pay a last tribute of regret to the memory of deceased.

The interment was at the family burial ground, Kilmurry, Caherconlish.