

Dermod O'Brien, President of the Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts. His generosity, Mr Joyce stated, left the Committee under a deep debt of gratitude to him, and as a mark of their appreciation it was the opinion that the proper place for such a work of art was the Council Chamber in the Town Hall. Tribute was also paid by the Mayor to the services rendered by Mr O'Brien in helping to commemorate the memory of the poet. He felt that a formal vote of thanks would be inadequate to mark their appreciation of the artist's talent. It was suggested by Mr M. J. Keyes, T.D., that it would not be out of place if they invited Mr O'Brien to accept the Freedom of the City. That is the highest honour the Council can bestow, and the Mayor has given notice to confer it on this distinguished Limerickman, who has left his impress on the art on which he has shed such lustre. He commenced his art education in Antwerp, and continued it in Paris. He has been a successful exhibitor at the Royal Academy, London, and the New Gallery, as well as in Liverpool and Dublin. But Mr O'Brien finds time to devote himself to activities outside of the sphere of painting, for he is interested in social work in the metropolis, where he has resided since 1901. In the political arena this illustrious Irishman has rendered services to his country, as it was he who organised a committee from which emanated the Irish Convention held during the War. To the role of honorary Freeman of this city the name of Mr Dermod O'Brien will be a well-merited recognition of services rendered not only to Limerick but to his country. Others who have received that distinction are—William Ewart Gladstone, Charles Stewart Parnell, the third Earl of Dunraven, K.P., Sir Thomas Myles, and Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, to mention but a few.

APPEAL AGAINST DEATH SENTENCE.

When John Henry Mills and his wife, Edith Mills, both over 60, appealed to the Criminal Appeal Court to-day against the death sentence passed on them at Lancaster Assizes for the murder of Helen Chester, a three-years-old child, at Blackburn last June, the man asked to be allowed to give evidence, but this was refused. Mr Grinsell said Mills had refused to testify at the trial because he did not want to incriminate his wife.

Mr Justice Macnaghten said the court held the man's conviction must be quashed, but in the case of Mrs Mills the verdict must stand. "We will give our judgment to-morrow," he added. As there was a possibility of another indictment being preferred against Mills, the court released him on bail of £20 until next Lancaster Assizes.

T.C.I.D.'S have just received New Stocks of Fur Coats Fur Ties, Fur Gloves, etc. Inspection invited.

FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN J. D. LYONS

The remains of the late Captain James Denis Lyons, Croom House, were interred in the family vault in Croom Churchyard at noon to-day in presence of a large gathering of people. Last evening the coffin was removed to the parochial church, where it rested on a catafalque at the Epistle side. On it was a wreath of Madonna lilies and white dahlias, which bore the words—"In loving memory, from Dorothy and Henry." This morning at 8.30 o'clock Mass in Requiem was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the deceased gentleman by the Very Rev. Canon Curtin, P.P., in presence of a large congregation, which included the son and daughter, relatives, and members of the house staff.

Previous to the funeral the Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Keane, attended by Canon Curtin, Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, C.C., and Rev. Fr. O'Dea, C.C., gave the Absolution.

The remains were then carried on the shoulders of employes of Croom House to the last resting place, a short distance away.

The funeral cortege was representative of the county and city, and was a gracious tribute to the memory of a very popular gentleman and a kind and considerate employer. As a symbol of respect business was suspended in Croom during the obsequies and blinds were drawn in all houses.

Children from the local National School preceded the coffin bearing a large number of beautiful floral tributes, which were sent by friends and sympathisers.

The chief mourners were—Mr Henry Lyons (son), Miss Lyons (daughter), Mr Eric Lyons (brother), Miss Ethyl Lyons (sister), the Hon. W. and Mrs French (relatives).

Amongst the general public were—The Earl of Dunraven, Lord Muskerry, Viscount Adare, Commander P. J. Fitzgerald, F. J. Cleeve, General Sir John McMahon, Colonel Furnell, Richard Gelston, S. J. K. Roycroft, Aylmer Cleeve, F. A. Johnston, Col. C. Staurope, D.S.O.; Mr and Mrs Hope-Johnson, C. Maunsell, Capt. W. Moloney, M.C.; H. A. Harold-Barry, Capt. Stedman, Rev. Precentor Atkinson, Major Chute, Major G. Finch, T. N. R. Browning, D. R. Browning, E. Leahy, solr.; Capt. J. J. White, Hon. C. Trench, Gilbert Hewson, B.L.; N. P. Shee, solr.; Nial Gaffney, solr.; H. Harty, D. B. O'Donnell, E. G. Fitt, R. Moss, J. Tobin, F. Ormston, Capt. Daly, H. S. Glasson, E. Fitzgibbon, G. E. Goodbody, M. Goodbody, Capt. Hastings, R. Quin, Col. A. P. Harrison, W. Welply, Sir Vincent Nash, H. Nash, Col. Galloway, D.S.O.; S. Ryan, Capt. Megaw, D. W. Hartnett, J. P. Hartigan, Major L. Clarke, J. T. Barry, T. Halpin, Dr Hedderman, Surgeon O'Connor, M. P. Riordan, E. Halvey, M. Bourke, J. O'Sullivan, D. Murphy.

Wreaths were sent by—Earl of Dunraven, Viscount and Viscountess Adare, Lord Muskerry, Lady Daresbury, Sir Vincent and Lady Nash, Mrs. Cynthia and Doreen B., J. Cleeve, Major and Mrs Chute, Mrs White, Attyflyn; Capt and Mrs Megaw, Mr and Mrs Aylmer Cleeve, Major and Mrs Clarke, Mr and Mrs Acton Glasson, Commander and Mrs Monsell, Capt. and Mrs Stedman, The Staff, Bob and Dick Gelston, Limerick Horse Show, From Nantenan, F and Betty Cripps, Limerick Lawn Tennis Club, S. J. Roycroft, Mr and Mrs G. E. Goodbody, Gen. Sir John McMahon, Major Galloway, Frank Browning, P. J. Fitzgerald, Mondellibhy; Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Worriedge, Mr J. P. Goodbody, Mr J. Grene-Barry.

The Bishop officiated at the grave.

of its labours, suggested that it would be a gracious recognition of Mr O'Brien's magnanimity to have his name placed on the roll of honorary Freemen of the City. (Applause.)

Ald. Bourke and Reidy, T.D's, Councilors Hartney, Donnellan, and Bourke having extended congratulations to the Memorial Committee, approved the suggestion to confer the City's Freedom—the highest gift of the Council—on Mr O'Brien.

The Mayor then gave notice to have the matter considered at next Council meeting.

ALLEGED FISH POISONING

From Gas Works.

At the meeting of Limerick Fishery Board yesterday, at which Mr F. McKibbin presided, a report from Mr R. Southern, Inspector of the Department, stated that he examined the Limerick Gas Works on the 23rd, 24th and 25th October, having regard to complaints made to gas poisoning in the Shannon. He examined a sewer which the Gas Manager denied was connected with the Gas Works, and found that the whole foreshore where the sewer entered the river was impregnated with tar. Down-stream the tar was obvious for 150 yards. Ammonical liquor, which was a deadly poison to fish, was permitted to flow from the Gas Works into the river. He informed the manager of the Gas Works that this method of disposing of the ammonical liquor should be stopped and that he should provide some other means of disposing of the overflow, or render it harmless. The manager promised to neutralise the ammonical liquor with a suitable fertilizer.

Mr Paget said the report was a most serious one, as a more vicious form of poisoning could not be than acridium, one of the products of coal tar. In this instance there was a clear case for prosecution.

Inspector Daly—There has been no case of fish life near the Gas Works sewer for sometime.

Mr Blood-Smyth, solr., said the initiative for a prosecution lay not with the Board but with the Department for Local Government.

A deputation was appointed to wait on the City Manager and inform him unless the overflow from the Gas Works to the Shannon was stopped a prosecution would be instituted.

Inspector Daly reported on the 31st ult. a bomb was thrown into the Mulkear River by County Council employees working on the river and nineteen salmon killed.

It was decided to report the matter to the Minister for Local Government and the Co. Council.

BRITISH STEAMER MISSING.

No trace has been found of the British steamer "Sheaf Brook," which sent out an S.O.S. last night that she was in distress in the North Sea while on a voyage from the Tyne to Hamburg. Two vessels searched the position stated.

HIGH COURT COSTS.

Mr G. Roberts, at the meeting of the Fishery Board last evening, proposed that the costs of the appeal in the High Court brought against a conviction for illegal fishing in Kerry be not paid.

The Clerk explained that he was not responsible, for the success of the appeal was due to an omission in the order made at the District Court.

Mr A. Blood-Smyth, solr., said the costs would have to be paid by the Board, and by a large majority it was decided to pay.

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