

inent Madrid newspaper, published a statement to-day the correspondent to the effect troops had arrived in Italy

is emphasised, he adds, that he has decided to act as soon as possible, before further American help can reach Britain.

NENT FIGURE FRIEND OF THE POOR

-Mayor Passes Away

OF MR. B. O'DONNELL

to announce the death of O'Donnell, an esteemed and respected citizen, which took place at his residence, William Street, this morning.

Mr. O'Donnell, who was in his 76th year, was son of Mr. James O'Donnell, of Ballyruan, Kildimo, a well-known uncle of Mr. L. O'Donnell, Limerick County Council.

At the time of his death Mr. O'Donnell was in the hey-day of his racing career. In his hey-day he kept a racing stable at Ballyelough.

His best known chasers were Cherry Blossom, Prince of Item, Roxboro, etc. His jockey was Stephen Regan,

ARNELLITE MAYOR OF LIMERICK.

Mr. O'Donnell was elected the 10th Mayor of Limerick. He died in 1894-'95, when he resigned his appointment as City Rate Collector from which he retired ten years ago.

As a man he became a member of the Limerick Brotherhood, but for many years he took no part in politics.

He had a great interest in sport, especially in racing and rowing. At various periods he was President of the Limerick Rowing Club and was a member of the famous Shannon Rowing Club, who annexed trophies from the other country fifty years ago. The crew were O'Donnell, Mackey, Madigan, with Blue

and sympathy will be extended to the other members of the family bereavement.

OF SYMPATHY.

At the meeting of the Limerick Brotherhood, the Mayor (Ald. D. O'Donnell) presiding, referred to the death of Bryan O'Donnell, and said that to demise the city had lost a great man.

Mr. O'Donnell had been Mayor of the city for three years and was also a great sportsman. It is hoped that the sympathy of the people will be extended to the widow and her bereavement.

Fifty-Six Years a Nun

MEMBER OF MERCY ORDER

There was a very large attendance of the general public at the obsequies of Sister Mary Agnes Curtin, whose death took place at the Convent of Mercy, Abbeyfeale, in her 76th year and the 56th of her religious profession (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent). In 1934 she celebrated her Golden Jubilee. She entered her Novitiate in 1882, a few years after the foundation of the convent. She was sister of the late Rev. Brother Peter Curtin, Assistant Superior General of the Presentation Order, Cork, and of Rev. Mother Alacoque, who had been also a Jubilarian of the Abbeyfeale Mercy Order. She was a member of a well-known and highly respected North Cork family of Rockchapel.

NEVER-FAILING FRIEND OF THE POOR.

Sister Agnes held an honoured and affectionate place in the minds and hearts of the people, and was especially beloved of the poor, who had in her a true disciple of St. Vincent de Paul. She was a never failing friend whom the poor will sorely miss.

Requiem High Mass and Office commenced at 12 o'clock, and not for many years past have the public attended in such large numbers an interment in the Community cemetery attached to the convent grounds.

Of the High Mass the Very Rev. T. Canon Hogan, P.P., V.F., was celebrant; Very Rev. Dr. R. A. Harnett, C.S.Sp., Kimmage Manor, Dublin, deacon; Rev. M. O'Connor, Aus.M., sub-deacon; Rev. W. J. Meade, C.C., master of ceremonies.

In the choir were:—Rev. J. Houlihan, C.C.; Rev. J. McDonnell, C.C., Rockchapel; Rev. J. J. O'Kelly, P.P., Templeglantine; Rev. T. Wall, P.P., Ballingarry; Rev. Michael O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon; Rev. T. Connolly, P.P., Athea; Rev. D. Rea, C.C., Tournafulla; Rev. J. O'Connor, C.C., Athea; Rev. Michael Kelly, C.C., Askeaton.

The Presentation Brothers, Cork, were represented by Rev. Brothers Paul Cassian, Christopher and Aengus.

CHIEF MOURNERS.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. William Butler, Cork (sister), David Curtin, Ballypierce (brother), Daisy and Jim Butler, Madge Curtin, Dublin; Mrs. Wilson, Cork; Mrs. O'Carroll, Staggmoun!; Mrs. O'Callaghan, Bally-

Bianconi, through his genius, had opened up the most fertile districts, with his one hundred and fifty miles, with change of horses at a hundred and forty stations, and alone but the considerable part of the Limerick population. Bianconi was instrumental in opening up to many localities through his annual purchase of something up to a thousand tons of hay, and for a hundred barrels of oats. This was

WHEN O'CONNELL CAME TO LIMERICK.

But long since already had the Limerick populace passed through its streets when in 1828 Daniel O'Connell, victorious from the Clare, made a triumphal entry into Limerick. A well-known figure in Limerick at the beginning of the century, O'Connell used to lodge at No. 4 Patrick Street, the house of a Mr. Sheehan, and later at, then Moriarty's Hotel, Cruise's Hotel. His last visit to Limerick took place in the summer of 1849, when he was an aged and broken man, a contrast to that day in 1809, when he was appearing at the City Court House, Quay Lane, John Gubbins, a local portrait painter of genius, in a sketch, reproduced O'Connell in the hey-day of his immense mental and physical prowess.

SOUND OF THE IRON TONGUE

But we are back again to the sound of the iron tongue, which through the vivification of Daniel O'Connell and Dan Hogan, as already related, in the same year, 1809, on the first of the month, called the startled citizens to arms. Things were stirring, for Wakefield to write as follows of his tour in Ireland in 1810, 1811, 1812:—“The wealth that Dublin, Limerick and Waterford now possess has been acquired by Roman Catholics in their mercantile pursuits. . . . The Catholic grazier obtains his opulence remaining quietly at home. . . . He invests his property in land, regarding the income which he is to derive from it, his sole object is its security while within sight considers it”

THE ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY

An Order made by the Government decrees that in future An Taoiseach exercise in connection with the Hibernian Academy the powers exercised by the Lords Lieutenant of the land. These powers related to a number of certain decisions taken from time by the Academy authorities

Mrs. Kenrick, Garryduff; Jeremiah Laghan, Mrs. A. Shanahan, Con and Mary Curtin (niece and nephews).

It would be impossible to mention the names of other relatives who were present from Rockchapel, Newcastle, Mountcollins, Tournafulla. At