

Obituary

An Esteemed Citizen.

Passing of Mr. Bryan McGann

The passing of one of Limerick's oldest and most respected citizens, in the person of Mr Bryan McGann, is an event which we place on record with feelings of the most sincere and genuine regret. The sad event took place at his residence on Friday, 22nd inst in his 85th year.

A native of West Clara, the deceased gentleman was actively associated with Limerick life for a period of over 60 years. As far back as 1876 Mr McGann entered the Customs and Excise in Limerick, and with a keen conception of duty, on which he brought to bear uncommon ability he soon won the confidence and respect of his superiors, with the result that long before his retirement he had reached a very high rank in this important branch of the public service.

Right through his long and honourable life he devoted himself to the cause of charity and was an ardent apostle of every movement in Limerick which had as its outlook the help of the necessitous poor.

A practical Catholic in the truest sense of the word, he was a Diamond Jubiliarian of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family, the world famed organisation conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers at Mount St. Alphonsus.

Many years ago now, during the period when the Rev Father John Creagh was the gifted Spiritual Director of that vast Sodality, and when it was decided to form a Savings Bank in connection therewith, deceased acted as General Manager of the Bank. He continued in that honorary position to the complete satisfaction of all concerned until it was decided to discontinue the Bank some seven years ago after a long period of usefulness when the Savings Certificate movement was initiated by the State.

In acquiescence he also took a keen interest, whether as a member of the Shannon Rowing Club or of the Limerick Regatta Committee. He was also President of the former club on several occasions, and was an office holder in one respect or another for a long number of years. The same may be said of his long connection with the Limerick Catholic Literary Institute, where his wise counsel was much appreciated by his colleagues at the Council of that institution.

Very deep sympathy is extended to his very highly respected family in their bereavement, a fact that was demonstrated to a marked degree at the striking funeral cortege on Sunday last from St Michael's church to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

Notwithstanding the prevailing adverse weather conditions, mourners came from all parts and the funeral procession was one of the largest seen in Limerick for many years.

The chief mourners were—Mrs McGann (widow); Bernard, Gerard, Alphonsus (sons); Marie, Josephine, Gertie (daughters); Mrs B McGann, Mrs A McGann (daughters in law); Gerard, Bryan, Victor (grandsons); Sheila and Ann (granddaughters); M A Tuohy, Dublin (nephew); Owen Tuohy, Dublin (grand nephew); Art McGann, Dublin (cousin); John Macnamara, Teane Macnamara (cousins); Mrs M A Tuohy.

The officiating priests were—Rev Father Carroll, Adm, Rev Dr Cowper, Rev Father Moriarty, Rev Father Clarke, Rev Father Goresy, O.F.M.; Rev Father Gubbins, S.J., Rev Father Andrews, S.J.; Rev Fr Ephrem, O.F.M.; Rev Father Adrian, O.F.M.; Rev Fr Aloysius, O.F.M.