

Mr. M. O Leary, ex-N.T.

Death of Popular "Echo" Contributor.

It is with unmingled feelings of the most sincere regret that we record the death of Mr Michael O'Leary, ex N.T., of "Woodcroft," Clancormis Avenue, Limerick, an event which has evoked the most genuine and widespread feelings of regret throughout the counties of Limerick and Clare. A native of Anhid, Croom, the late Mr O'Leary, in the early days of his career taught at Croom schools before being appointed as Principal at Fedamore, a position which he held until his retirement some few years ago when he came to reside in the city, where he always had hosts of friends and well wishers. As a teacher it can be truly said of him that he was an ornament to his profession, and had earned such a deserved reputation that pupils flocked to his school at Fedamore from all the surrounding districts for a radius of practically ten miles.

A gentleman with a beautiful mind, the late Mr O'Leary was an esteemed and very highly valued contributor to the columns of the LIMERICK ECHO with his poems, breathing the true Christian, Catholic and Irish atmosphere. His lovely contributions were much sought after and eagerly looked forward to, whether his facile pen recorded his paintings of the countryside, the rippling streams, sung the songs of the patriot brave, or pictured the happiness of the Irish home in all its grand simplicity. He was a gentle and sincere soul who radiated happiness whether in his writings or his personality.

The sympathy and regret evoked by the demise of the last surviving member of a family of three brothers was made manifest by the large funeral procession which accompanied the remains from St Munchin's to Croom cemetery, where the interment took place. At Croom and en route the funeral was joined by large numbers, and the attendance was representative of all interests and sections of the community, both city and county, to pay the last respects to the memory of a noted teacher and a genial personality.

Very Rev Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., St Munchin's, recited the prayers at the graveside, assisted by Rev Fr McCarthy, do; and Rev Fr Minihan, do.