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THE LATE J. SHANAHAN, CHARLEVILLE

(AN APPRECIATION)

One of the last and fast fading remnants of the town's fine "old stock" passed away in Rathluirc (Charleville), Co. Cork, on Wednesday, June 12th, 1946.

At a fairly advanced age, James Shanahan (R.I.P.) was one of a time-honoured family line of blacksmiths and coach builders, whose roots struck deep into generations long since dead.

Sprung, on his mother's side, from a respectable daughter of one of the O'Brien families from the historic Ardpatrik-Ballymack countryside, James' was ever imbued with the warm spirit of an ardent and abiding Irish nationality, inherited, in rich measure, from a father that could proudly boast descent from no less renowned forbears than the illustrious Dalcassian Sept of Thomond.

With his elder brother, Maurice, who predeceased him some years, the late James Shanahan maintained, for upwards of fifty years, a thriving coach-building and blacksmith "trade" alliance, catering for almost every branch of the then almost exclusively horse drawn road transport system.

With the "old order" passing out, and the advent of the "cars without horses," coupled with the naturally natural reluctance of age to "toe the line," the old family forge is now but a local memory, and the one-time busy centre of some half a dozen wage earners has not lightly escaped the withering pinch of Time's inexorable hand. It, too, seems fully bent on making an early departure into the limbo of "the days that are no more."

Having received the fortifying Rites and Unction of Holy Mother Church, James Shanahan sleeps "his last long sleep" in the family burial plot of nearby Effin Cemetery, beneath the simple yet touching epitaph still to be traced on the tombstone mounting guard above. Here is what it says:—

"My sledge and hammer have now declined;

My bellows, too, has lost the wind.

My fires extinguished and my forge decayed,

For 'tis in the ground my voice (vice?) is laid."

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Two men, Patrick McCormack, Glenmore, and Philip Barton, Edenmore were fined £2.10s. at Limerick

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DEATH OF MR. THOMAS LONG

With very deep and sincere regret we chronicle the demise of Mr. Thomas Long (Todd & Co.), which took place at his residence, O'Connell Avenue, Limerick, early this morning, as the result of a heart attack. The late Mr. Long was one of Limerick's most popular citizens, and the news of his unexpected demise has created a profound sense of loss amongst all sections of the community. A man of unfailing courtesy, always affable, kind and considerate, he was held in very high esteem and regard.

But his activities in the cause of his fellow-man were not generally known, for he abhorred anything in the nature of show or ostentation. Of deep religious convictions, he laboured quietly and unobtrusively in doing good generally and giving a moral uplift to those who stood in need of solace and counsel. For many years he was one of the secretaries of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family attached to the Redemptorist Church, devoting much of his leisure time in discharging the onerous duties attaching to this honorary office. He was also a very active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and, indeed, it can be said with all truth that he was associated directly or indirectly with every charitable and philanthropic movement.

For over fifty years he was a prominent member of the staff of Messrs. Todd & Co., and here again, by his business acumen, kindly disposition and sincerity of purpose, he won for himself the confidence of his employers and the general public. His death has removed from our midst a sterling character, a citizen of a very high order, a man who by his selfless life and devotion to lofty ideals set a noble example to his fellows.

We join most sincerely with the general public in tendering heartfelt sympathy to his brothers, Right Rev. Monsignor Long, P.P., Bristol; Very Rev. J. J. Long, P.P., New Zealand, and to his sisters, two of whom are nuns, one being attached to a Leper Colony in Nigeria.

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