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OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS KENNEDY,
NEWCASTLE WEST.

Newcastle West has lost one of its most esteemed residents by the death of Mr. Thomas Kennedy, draper and saddler, of Bishop Street, Newcastle West, who passed away at the Mater Hospital, Dublin, on 11th inst., after an illness of brief duration and despite the very best medical skill. Aged about sixty-five years, deceased belonged to one of the best-known and most esteemed West Limerick families and was for a long number of years one of the town's most popular and successful business men. He was father of Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C., Dromin, to whom, as well as to the widow and other members of the bereaved family, deep sympathy will be extended. A man of many outstanding qualities and of a most unassuming disposition, the late Mr. Kennedy enjoyed the highest esteem and respect of all sections of the community.

Remarkable scenes of public sympathy were witnessed at the funeral, which took place to Churchtown Cemetery on 13th inst., following Solemn Requiem Mass at the Parish Church, which was attended by over fifty clergy. The attendance was one of the largest and most representative seen in West Limerick for many years and bore eloquent testimony to the esteem in which deceased and his family were held.

Rev. M. Kennedy, C.C., Dromin (son), was celebrant of the Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated at the Parish Church for the repose of the soul of deceased. Rev. D. Lyons, Currans, was deacon; Rev. D. Wall, C.C., Donoughmore, sub-deacon; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West, master of ceremonies; Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C., Newcastle West, and Rev. T. O'Sullivan, C.C., Bruff, chanters. Right Rev. Mgr. Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West, presided.

Other clergy present were: Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., V.F., Abbeyfeale; Very Rev. T. Canon Wall, P.P., Ballygarry; Very Rev. Dr. J. Cowper, P.P., St. Patrick's; Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College; Rev. P. Ruddle, P.P., Ardagh; Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahan; Rev. D. Fitzgerald, P.P., Killeenahilly; Rev. P. Dunworth, P.P., Killeedy; Rev. C. O'Sullivan, P.P., Raheenagh; Rev. M. Ryan, P.P., Ballyhahill; Rev. P. Lyons, P.P., Monegae; Rev. M. Quinn, P.P., Templeglantine; Rev. D. O'Callaghan, P.P., Clouncagh; Rev. M. Brassill, Adm. St. John's; Rev. T. Menton, Chaplain, Mater Hospital, Dublin; Rev. D. Cregan, C.M., Cast eknock; Rev. Father Christopher, O.F.M., Limerick; Rev. M. Purtill, St. Munchin's College; Rev. Dr. H. Murphy, do.; Rev. M. Kelly, do.; Rev. M. Tynan, D.I.; Rev. J. Wilmott, C.C., Ardagh; Rev. J. Byrne, C.C., Shanagolden; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock; Rev. J. J. Halpin, C.C., Abbeyfeale; Rev. J. Boyce, C.C., Knockaderry; Rev. D. O'Keefe, C.C., Ballygarry; Rev. J. McDonnell, C.C., Pallaskerry; Rev. Wm. O'Connell, C.C., Coolcappa; Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., Croom; Rev. P. O'Dea, C.C., Kilfinny; Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree; Rev. H. Fee, C.C., St. John's; Rev. T. Culhane, C.C., Feohanagh; Rev. J. Shinnors, C.C., Kiffinane; Rev. J. O Beirne, C.C., Ballyhahill; Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Glenroe; Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., Ardpatrick; Rev. M. Frawley, C.C., Killeedy; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Fedamore; Rev. John Bourke, Technical Schools Instructor; Rev. T. O'Donnell, C.C., Shanagolden; Rev. B. Houlihan, C.C., Parteen; Rev. J. Fitzgibbon, C.C., Tournafulla; Rev. J. Sheehy, C.C., Templeglantine

Chief mourners: Mrs. Catherine Kennedy (wife); Rev. M. Kennedy, Sean, Maurice, Thomas, David and Patrick (sons); Misses Nancy Kennedy, N.T.; Esther, Peg, Breeda (daughters); Michael Kennedy, M.P.S.I., Waterford; Robert Kennedy, Wexford; Daniel Kennedy, Castlemahan; George Kennedy, Dublin (brothers); Mrs. P. Ryan, Limerick; Mrs. T. Green, Croom (sisters); Miss Mary Harrold, Newcastle West; Miss Margaret Harrold, Assistant Matron, Mater Hospital, Dublin; Miss B. Harrold, N.T., Newcastle West; Mrs. K. Kennedy, Boherbee; Mrs. R. Kennedy, Wexford; Mrs. D. Kennedy, Castlemahan (sisters-in-law); Mr. P. Ryan, Limerick (brother-in-law) Mr. John Kennedy, Newcastle West (nephew); Mrs. Michael Gangham, Ballina; Mrs. L. Wright, Athboy (nieces); Mr. L. Wright, Athboy (nephew-in-law); Mr. M. Reidy, Newcastle West; Mrs. J. Danaher, Castlemahan; Misses E. and A. Casey, Tullg; Mrs. J. Harnett, Templeglantine; Dan and Mrs. Nelligan, Toureenagreena; Mrs. Mulcahy, Ashford; Mrs. Kirby, Kantoher; Pat Curtin, Tournafulla; James Harrold and Family, Ballygeele; Pat and Jack Mangan, Limerick; Eugene and Mrs. Cahill, Tarbert; Miss Mary O'Neill, Tarbert; Thomas O'Grady, N.T., and Mrs. O'Grady, Glin; J. Ruddle, Tarbert; Thomas Ruddle, N.T., and Mrs. Ruddle, Belville; Miss P. Ruddle, Tullaleague; John O'Connell, N.T., and Mrs. O'Connell, Carrickerry; John and Mrs. Woulfe, Castlemahan; William and Mrs. Downey, Abbeyfeale; Misses B. and M. O'Riordan, Castlemahan (relatives).

Among many messages of sympathy received were: Very Rev. W. J. Carroll, P.P., Glin; Rev. P. O'Carroll, C.S.Sp., Kimmage; Rev. T. Kirby, C.C., Croom; Rev. J. R. Liston, C.C., Abbeyfeale; Rev. C. Mullins, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth; Rev. J. Sadler, Dean, St. Munchin's College; Mother Superior and Community, Mater Hospital, Dublin; Sisters of Mercy, St. Catherine's Convent, Newcastle West; Sisters of Mercy, St. Clare's Convent, Newcastle West; Sisters of Mercy, St. Mary's College, Ennis; Sisters of Mercy, St. Joseph's College, Ennis; Sisters of the Holy Infant, Ballyferriter, Co. Kerry; the Nursing Staff, Mater Hospital, Dublin.

Things That Matter

To seek the removal of injustices and disabilities is perfectly legitimate. Indeed it may well be regarded as a duty. The manufacture of grievances, however, is reprehensible in the extreme. We have in this country at present a number of people who seem never in their element except when they are indulging in some sort of a "grouse."



Finding fault where there is no real justification for it can become a very undesirable habit. If it had no effect on anyone but the one who indulges in it the injurious results would be limited. But it tends to create views and impressions that in time become exaggerated and elaborated to an extent that constitutes a grave menace to the true interests of the community.



The people who are continually airing imaginary hardships and drawbacks are going a long way towards preparing the ground for the spread of Communistic ideas. They may not intend this, of course, but there can be no doubt that their persistent campaign of complaint and dissatisfaction tends to have that result. That this is so, and it unquestionably is, should give pause to those who seem to delight in nothing more than to find something of which they can express disapproval or condemnation.



It is quite right and useful to keep a watchful eye on the legislature and on national and local administration, and every reasonable and reasoned suggestion for improvement and reform in these spheres is to be welcomed. Criticism on just and constructive lines can be very useful and is generally necessary, but indiscriminate denunciation of every move and step taken by those in authority—simply because they are in authority—not only shows a diseased mentality but is in itself definitely harmful. It takes the good out of legitimate criticism and can thus hinder and delay reforms that may be badly needed.



In a letter to the Press recently, Mr. Erskine Childers, Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Local Government, made some very pertinent comments in regard to this insensate habit of all-round "grousing" without cause. The people who keep constantly finding fault, he said, are following—no doubt with "blissful unconsciousness"—the prescribed policy for the crypto-Communist. The advice given to the latter he summarised as follows:—Make out that things are worse than they are; if there are profiteers multiply their number by 100; make it appear to be undemocratic to be well-off; set the workers against the bosses; give impression that bosses are bad and that workers are angels; blame the Government for everything, even droughts and floods!



The Bishop of Galway, Most Rev. Dr. Browne, preaching in the Western Capital on Sunday, made a statement that ought to set all our people seriously thinking. "In this country," he said, "we are, I am afraid, very complacent about the dangers which confront Christian Europe, and do not realise how great and urgent the crisis is." His Lordship was referring to what he called the "fierce and determined effort on the part of atheistic Communism to wipe out religion from the whole of Europe."



Ireland is clearly concerned in having the Communistic tide sweeping over France and Italy rolled back, for if power in these countries were taken

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