

OF CARDINAL MANNING.

... states that Cardinal Manning died this morning of bronchitis, symptoms of which he had contracted on Thursday last. His condition was steadily weaker last night, and he expired at 7.30 on the morning of the 14th. He never rallied, and his death was peacefully away. ... informs the Press Association that the Cardinal was the son of Mr William Manning, of Totterham, and was born at Totterham in 1808. He joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1851, and was created a Cardinal in 1875. His Eminence was well known for his eloquent discourses. He took a great interest in working classes.

G. F. HANDEL ROGERS.

The obituary notice of this distinguished and deeply regretted man has been recorded. But for well known his name was familiar in every household word, and his genial presence was most welcome amongst its members, rich and poor. We remember George Osborne, a nonagenarian, who, by an interesting anecdote, is referred to in our publication of last week, and having removed to London, was succeeded by Handel Rogers, then an acknowledged acceptance, having presided in Ennis. From that time onwards he was uninterruptedly in the first position as organist in Limerick, where he presided several, and conductor of the choir, that had for their object the promotion of the purest, sacred, and most edifying music. Attestations to his musical genius, and his judicious control as a director, were accorded by his contemporaries, who had been his pupils, and he was cherished and revered by the people for the advantage of having his careful instruction. In the Oratorio of *The Messiah* was the baton of Mr Rogers, in which role was taken by the late Mr Hayes, herself a Limerickian, in 1874 this masterpiece of Handel was performed beneath the same wand. But in 1881 its performance was achieved by Mr Rogers, at the age of 73, and he was his collaborator. Another instance of his performance, occurs to our recollection, the principal choruses, which were sung by the members of a Choir still influenced by the accomplished training and discipline of Handel, passed peacefully away in the latter part of a lifetime extending to the age of 84.

HARLES GALLWEY.

THE SAD FATALITY TO THE FIREMAN JONES.

MEETING OF THE CITIZENS.

A meeting of the citizens was held last evening in the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of raising a fund for the widow and family of the man Jones, who met his death while engaged at the recent fire in George-street. Alderman Counihan, *locum tenens* for the Mayor, presided. There were also present—Messrs T. McMahon, Cregan, High Sheriff, Robert Hunt, J. P.; W. J. O'Donnell, J. P.; R. Fogarty, C. E.; T. M. Bourke, Wm Lloyd, James Flynn, B. O'Donnell, Richard Smith, J. Gaffney, Dr Holmes, James Harris, Michael Spain, T. C.; James O'Mara, T. C.; M. Carmody, Robert Hanna, P. J. Lynch, C. E.; Ambrose Hall, junr., John Bernal, T. C.; J. J. F. Browne, C. E., Wm Christy.

The Chairman, in opening the proceedings, said they were all aware of the sad circumstances which had called them together—the death of the gallant poor fellow Jones, who had lost his life in his efforts to protect the property of the citizens. Hence, he said, it was a great deal through the exertions of the military and the assistance they rendered that the fire was prevented from spreading and becoming much more serious than it was. However, the matter they had to deal with was the movement inaugurated at the meeting of the Governors of the Asylum, by the Lord Bishop, Mr Hunt, and others, which was followed promptly by the City Grand Jury, and a committee was subsequently formed for the same laudable object—to raise subscriptions for the wife and family of this poor man. It was considered better to have one general movement than to have three separate committees, and therefore acting for the Mayor, who was notable to be in town, he convened this meeting. He was sure the movement which had been inaugurated would be liberally subscribed to throughout the city, and a number of subscriptions had already been received at the meeting of the Governors of the Asylum. The Bishop had received subscriptions from every member present, and his Lordship had asked Mr Spillane to act in the capacity of treasurer. Subsequently Mr Fogarty and Mr O'Donnell, who headed a committee, went to his Lordship and stated that they did not desire to be clashing with the movement already set on foot, and his Lordship said that the movement should be general, and suggested that the High Sheriff should act with Mr Spillane as treasurer. He would suggest, now that they had resolved to do something in furtherance of the movement, that they should appoint a secretary and treasurer.

Mr W. J. O'Donnell said he had great pleasure in formally proposing the names of the High Sheriff and Mr Spillane, to act as treasurers. After the very nice remarks of the chairman, he did not think it necessary to say anything as to the necessity of immediate action in relief of the deceased's widow and family.

Mr Fogarty seconded the resolution, which was adopted, and Mr W. J. O'Donnell was appointed secretary.

The High Sheriff said he was sure the appeal which had been made to the citizens would be heartily responded to. A great many who witnessed the fire and the death of the poor man, said it was a case that ought to be taken up. He was very glad to say that it was being well taken up, and he was sure the movement would be successful.

Mr Hunt considered it was a very good suggestion to have the committees amalgamated. He thought that the Corporation should be in a position at all times to make ample provision in cases of fire by having a proper fire escape and a brigade. From the evidence at the inquest it was clear that the fire escape was a defective and inadequate instrument, and incapable of doing the work. It would not be hard to procure a proper fire escape, and he thought the Corporation should provide proper apparatus in the event of fires. He criticised their action in not having done so.

The Chairman said a resolution from that meeting in reference to the matter would be very effective, and would, he was sure, be well received.

Mr Bernal said he did not take exception to anything that was said by Mr Hunt, but he would be against any resolution.

Mr Hunt said he thought that if the deceased had been provided with a proper fire escape, they would not have this unpleasant duty to perform.

Mr Bernal said that so far as he knew the Corporation never hesitated to procure anything that would be of advantage to the city (hear, hear). He was not an apologist for the Corporation, but he did not like to see a matter ascribed to them which was foreign to their nature. There was not one member at the present moment who would hesitate to do anything which would benefit the city, and he believed himself that the only feeling of the Corporation was to endeavour to save as much money to the city as possible by keeping down the rates. He did not think this should be made a capital charge against the Corporation, who, if anything, were rather on the lavish side than on the economical. As regards the poor man's death, it was a most lamentable occurrence and he did not recollect a more distressing case. He hoped the citizens would respond generously to the appeal made to them in aid of this poor woman and her helpless children.

Mr Hall remarked that in his evidence at the inquest Mr Forrest stated that the fire-escape was ordered to be repaired during Mr O'Donnell's Mayoralty, but these repairs had not been done up to a month ago, and he also admitted that the minutes of the committee meeting at which the matter was ordered had never been since read. He felt that they were in a measure responsible for this man's death.

Mr O'Mara said that after the accident that occurred in Dublin at a fire he moved at a committee meeting that a new escape be got (hear, hear). Mr Forrest was not ordered to repair the old one, but he was ordered to get a new one.

Mr O'Donnell said that a new fire-escape was ordered, but it was directed that the old one should be repaired pending the getting of the new one.

The Chairman said he allowed the discussion to go on because he considered it might be of advantage to the Corporation to know public opinion on the matter. He thought what had been said on the subject would be useful, and they should now proceed with the business for which they were called together.

Mr Smith said he witnessed the accident, and he did not think that the man's life would have been saved by an escape. He fell into the fire and appeared to have jumped madly through the window.

The Chairman said that if there had been a fire-escape this man need not have gone on the roof. He could have worked on it, and his life would have been saved.

Mr B. O'Donnell suggested that a resolution should come from that meeting requesting the Corporation to appoint the deceased's son to the position held by his father.

Mr Bernal objected. They were met for a wholly different purpose.

The Chairman said the resolution would not be binding.

Mr Flynn proposed, and Mr O'Donnell seconded, that a public meeting held at the Chamber of Commerce request the Corporation to give the appointment held by the late fireman Jones to his son for the benefit of his family, and that each member present pledges himself to support this resolution.

The resolution was passed, Mr Bernal being understood to dissent.

Mr Smith suggested that each ward should be canvassed for subscriptions by a member of the Corporation, assisted by two burghers.

Messrs W. J. O'Donnell, B. O'Donnell, Spain, Fogarty, and others, expressed their willingness to make a personal canvass.

Mr B. O'Donnell suggested that the Insurance Companies, whose property the poor man was trying to save when he lost his life, should be asked for subscriptions.

The suggestion that the Insurance Companies should be asked to subscribe was agreed to. A resolution having been passed to that effect, a number of subscriptions were handed in, and the proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his exertions in promoting the fund.

He was very violent, and on morning he had to be tied down by never heard of the will which was been made early on the 11th. He heard of the first will from her son after the action had commenced. Father O'Brien for the first time about the will. There were then house, Denis O'Brien, Father O'Brien, John Scanlan, Stephen Smyth, Mrs Smyth, two doctors, Mulcahy, a workman, and his (witness) was alone without a friend except a little cousin of his years. She was sitting in her husband's bedside, when I came and told her to leave. She was closed after her, and Father O'Brien, and the solicitor remained three-quarters of an hour. Then in, and the will was read over, to understand it. She said nothing.

In cross-examination, witness when the will was read what she what her little girl was to get. That the farm was to go to Michael she did not know the meaning of.

Judge Warren, in the course of the jury, said there was no evidence against the clergyman, but it was if there was any evidence of undue influence, however, they disagreed.

The jury, after about an hour answered several questions submitted by the judge, and found that the deceased of making the will. On the question of the will, they disagreed. This issue was withdrawn from the verdict was entered for the plaintiff, the will to probate.

ENNIS UNION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT) The weekly meeting of the Ennis Guardians was held yesterday, presided. Other guardians present, Scott, J. P., M. Killeen, M. Glynn Brassil, and D. Curry.

STATE OF THE HOUSE.

Admitted during the week, 33; died, 2; remaining in house, 533.

MAINTENANCE.

General average cost, 2s 10 1/2; primary, 1s 6; cost, 3s 4 1/2. Fever cost of stimulants, £1 9s 1 1/2.

FINANCE.

Balance to the credit of the Union Works was read—

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from the Board of Public Works was read—

"Office of Public Works, Dublin, 11th. Sir—The Commissioners of the Local Government Board for the Ennis Union, to acquaint you for their information brought the case before the Lords of her Majesty's Treasury, their Lordships have been pleased to authorise this Board to advance under the Labourers' (Irish) Act, £1,100 to the Guardians as the sanction for the purpose of carrying out schemes. The loan is to be repaid in 10 years, with interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and will be issued to you in such instalments as the Local Board may from time to time determine. Board's solicitor will make the necessary arrangements, and should no objection arise to complete the transaction, and I will issue a receivable order for the sum to meet expenses which should be with—I am, sir, your obedient servant."

"To the Clerk Ennis Union." The routine business having been completed the Board adjourned.

HUNTING APPOINTMENT.

The County Limerick Hunt Committee will meet for January as follows: Saturday 16th, ... K; Tuesday 19th, ... K; Friday, 22nd, ... Castleto. Hour—11 o'clock. The Limerick Harriers will meet as follows—

"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?"—Messrs Elliman of Slouch ... as follows—