

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE MANSFIELD MORRISTOWN-LATTIN.

The death of Mr. George Mansfield, D.L., of Morrinstown-Lattin, Naas, removes from the county one of its best known and most beloved residents and a very great landmark.

Born in 1845 at Morrinstown, he was educated chiefly abroad and later at Stonehurst College, which he left in 1865. A widely travelled and very well read man with an unrivalled sense of humour, he was a most delightful and entertaining companion, while his diversity of interests and his amazing memory constituted him an authority on the contemporary history, not only of Ireland, but of any other country or place which he had visited.

The focus of interest, however, throughout his life was his native county of Kildare. He succeeded his father, Mr. George Patrick Lattin Mansfield, in 1889 in the family estates, the farming and management of which were over his first care. The welfare of his tenants, past and present, was always a foremost consideration with him, and his intimate knowledge and concern in their varying fortunes revealed how closely he regarded their interests and his own as interwoven. The oldest surviving member of the Kildare Hunt, he was in his younger days a keen follower of the pack, with which his family has always been so closely connected. Though indifferent health forced him to give up hunting at a comparatively early age, his interest in the sport enjoyed, and in the affairs of the Hunt never flagged. From anyone hunting from Morrinstown a detailed narrative of the day's proceedings was demanded immediately on returning home, and the success or failure of his own covert of Castlekiely was to the end of his life a matter of the deepest concern.

For many years he had been a member of the Co. Kildare Archaeological Society, of which body he was, to his intense joy, elected President in March last. He possessed a most detailed knowledge of the county, and had at his fingers' ends the history of its many objects of interest, invariably illustrated by some pertinent anecdote in connection with it.

An enthusiastic golfer, he was the original founder of the Co. Kildare Golf Club. He played over all of the four courses which it has occupied, and has been its President since its foundation. Cricket was, however, undoubtedly his favourite game, and only lately he stated that many of his happiest recollections centred on the cricket ground. He was for many years Secretary of the County Club and a regular member of the side, while latterly he was President of the Club. After advancing years had compelled his retirement from active participation in the game, he was an unfailing supporter of the side and a very shrewd and helpful critic. The collapse of cricket in Naas was a never-ending source of regret to him. His interest in the game was maintained to the very end, and only the day before his death he was discussing the latest scores in the recent Test Match.

He married in 1877 Mlle. Alce de Féussac, daughter of M. le Comte de Féussac of Pleurs, their Golden Wedding being celebrated at Morrinstown eighteen months ago. To Mrs. Mansfield, to Capt. Eustace Mansfield, his eldest son, who succeeds him, and to the other members of his family goes forth the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends in every walk of life, in whose minds his memory will be ever treasured as that of a very perfect gentleman.

The chief mourners were:—Captain and Mrs. Eustace Mansfield, Colonel and Mrs. Henry Mansfield, Captain and Mrs. Tirso Mansfield, Mrs. A. L. Mansfield, Mr. A. Mansfield, Mrs. T. L. Esmonde, Major and Mrs. Nettlesford.

There was an extremely large attendance of the general public at the funeral, including Baron de Robeck Gowran Grange; Major and Mrs. C. de Robeck; General Sir E. A. Fanshawe, Rathmore, Naas; Captain A. B. W. Higginson, Hon. Sec. Kildare Hunt; Sir Lingard Goulding, The O'Mahony, Grange Con; Capt., Mrs. and Miss Reeves, Mr. P. Beasley, Senator Sir Thos. Esmonde, Dublin; Col. T. J. de Burgh, Oldtown, Naas; Captain G. F. Dunne, Blackhall, Sallins; Major O'Kelly, Landenstown; Rev. Chancellor Clover, B.D., Naas; Mr. E. G. Fitzpatrick, manager Hibernian Bank, do.; Mr. Cecil Pratt, manager M. and L. Bank, do.; Very Rev. the Prior, Dominican College, Newbridge; Right Rev. the Dean of Kildare; Rev. Fr. Doyle, the Christian Brothers, Mr. J. A. Beatty, Mr. W. T. M. Browne, V.S., and Mrs. Browne, Mr. P. Conway, Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, Donacomper, Celbridge; Mr. Paul Corrigan, Mr. Coffey, Faircross; Mr. Clancy, Mr. Dawson, Mr. J. Doyle, U.D.C., Tipper, Naas; Mr. Ian Grove White, Mr. J. Gannon, Mr. Robt. Gannon, Mr. T. Hyland, Berehard; Mr. Ireland, Courtduff; Mr. John Kelly, Newbridge; Mr. Jas. Kearney, Colonel Giles Loder, Mr. and Mrs. W. Maher, Miss Maher, Mr. J. J. McCabe, Newbridge; Mrs. Noble Johnson, Dr. P. J. Osborne, Maynooth; Captain and Mrs. O'Kelly, Lady Esmonde, Miss Parkinson, Mrs. St. Clair, Mr. M. Smyth, Co.C., Newbridge; Mrs. Uniacke, General Waldron, Mr. A. C. Gray, "Kildare Observer"; Mr. Thos. Malone, Digby Bridge;

Mr. John Dardis, Kilbelan, Newbridge; Mr. P. Noone, Mr. J. Cooney, "Leinster Loader," Naas; Mr. M. Farrington, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, manager Hibernian Bank, Newbridge; Mr. G. Wolfe, T.D., Forenaughts; Senator Wm. Cummins, Newbridge; Senator Joseph O'Connor, Mylerstown; Mr. J. W. Sweetman, Longtown; Mr. S. J. Brown, solicitor, Naas; Mr. P. J. M'Conn, solicitor, do.; Mr. J. Barry Brown, solicitor, Co. Registrar; Mr. H. G. Donnelly, solicitor, Athy; Mr. Harry Beasley, Curragh; Mr. C. Odlum, Naas; El. S. Dowling, do.; Mr. Charles O'Neill, Ballymore-Eustace; Mr. G. Leicester Penrhyn, Abbeylands, Clane; Mr. Charles Farrell, Ballinagappagh; Mr. P. J. Doyle, Yeomanstown; Mr. Richard Doyle, do.; Mr. Patk. Coffey, Caragh; Mr. John Robinson, do.; Mr. John Lawler, Halverstown; Mr. Thos. M'Cormack, do.; Mr. Herbert Gill, Yeomanstown; Mr. P. J. Brophy, Jigginstown, Naas; Mr. E. Brophy, Nowlands, do.; Mr. Richard Brophy, Jigginstown, do.; Mr. Charles O'Connor, Boston; Mr. Matthew O'Connor, Oughterard; Mr. P. J. O'Connor, Rathaaker; Mr. Andrew O'Connor, Mylerstown; Mr. Jas. Conway, jun., Naas; Mr. J. Burke, Eadestown; Mr. J. Whelan, Mr. Joseph W. Osborne, Craddockstown; Mr. Thos. Flood, Newhall; Mr. Conrihan, Connell, Newbridge; Mr. P. Conrihan, do.; Mr. L. F. Ball, Dowdstown, Maynooth; Mr. Frank Conway, Naas; Mrs. Kennedy, Bishops court; Mr. Kennedy, do.; Mr. Herbert Corbally, Naas; Mr. P. Dominican, Asst. Co. Surveyor; Mr. Leo Fullam, do.; Mr. M. Fitzsimons, Chairman Co. Council; Mr. T. Kearns, P.C., Newbridge; Mr. Peter Kelly, do.; Mr. H. Colohan, T.D., do.; Mr. E. A. Coonan, Co.C., Rathcoffey; Mr. W. E. Coffey, Sec. Co. Council; Mr. H. J. Dillon, "Kildare Observer"; Mr. T. Hanna, Naas; Mr. John Nolan, do.; Mr. Leo Byrne, Rathcoffey; Mr. Algernon Aylmer, Dr. E. T. Coady, Kildare; Mrs. Synnott, Furness, Naas; Mr. Jos. Whelan, Curragh; Mr. Jos. Gorry, Naas; Mr. M. Gogarty, do.; Mr. B. Weld, Somerton; Mr. Thomas Waters, Thomastown; Mr. P. Berney, Naas; Mr. John Osborne, Tipper House, do.; Dr. Geraty, Ardenode; Mr. Peter Byrne, Caragh; Mr. John Collins, do.; Mr. Stephen Flynn, do.; Mr. and Mrs. John Smithwick, The Decoy, Naas; Capt. Reeves, Athgarvan; Major Mainguy, Morrinstown, Kill; Commander de Robeck, Capt. M. Wight, Rev. Canon Craig, Mrs. Mansfield, Foxrock, Dublin; Mr. Mansfield, do.; Senator J. J. Parkinson, Curragh; Rev. Fr. Roche, Clongowes College; Rev. Fr. Byrne, do.; Rev. C. Courtney, Dominican College, Newbridge; Rev. P. Meagher, do.; Dr. Roantree, Newbridge; Mr. M. N. Conway, V.S., Naas; Mr. D. McGuirke, do.; Mr. T. Whelan, do.; Mr. W. Coonan, Rathcoffey; Mr. M. Kelly, Caragh; Mr. J. Keely, do.; Mr. E. Gaul, Naas; Major and Mrs. Medicott, Dunmurry; Mr. O'Neill, Netown; Mr. O'Shea, Castlekeely; Mr. P. Slevin, Mr. J. Campbell, Mr. C. Hannon, Mr. Sweeney, Blacktrench; Mr. J. Costello, Thomastown; Mr. Kelly, do.; Mr. Gaskin, Morrinstown; Mr. Peter Byrne, Donore; Mr. J. Connor, Morrinstown; Mr. M. Dowling, do.; Mr. P. Whelan, Blacktrench, and the indoor and outdoor staffs of Morrinstown and Castlekeely.

Amongst the clergymen who officiated at the graveside were:—Very Rev. Fr. Byrne, P.P., Caragh; Very Rev. Fr. Brophy, P.P., Newbridge; Rev. Fr. Horan, C.O., do.; Rev. Fr. Cunningham, C.O., Allen; Rev. M. O'Connor, O.C., Prosperous.

Requiem Office and High Mass were celebrated at Droichead Nua Parish Church on Wednesday morning for the repose of the deceased's soul. There was a large congregation in the church. The following clergy officiated:—Very Rev. W. Byrne, P.P., Caragh, presided; celebrant, Very Rev. L. Brophy, P.P., Droichead Nua; deacon, Rev. M. O'Connor, C.O., Prosperous; sub-deacon, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., Allen; master of ceremonies, Rev. M. Walsh, C.C., Droichead Nua. In the choir, in addition to above:—Chanters, Very Rev. P. Gorry, P.P., Monasterevan, and Rev. J. Mahon, Adm., Tullow; Very Rev. D. O'Rourke, Allen; Rev. W. Murphy, Chaplain, Killashee Convent; Rev. Fr. Cussen, O.P., Newbridge College; Rev. Fr. Barry, O.P., do.; Rev. P. J. Doyle, O.C., Naas; Rev. Owen Brennan, C.C., do.; Rev. C. Horan, C.C., Droichead Nua; Rev. T. Cunningham, C.C., Allen; Rev. J. Bennett, C.C., Prosperous.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The Caragh Coursing Club Committee, at a special meeting, passed the following resolution, on the motion of Mr. Thomas Waters, seconded by Mr. P. Coffey:—"That we, the members of the Caragh Coursing Club, beg to tender our sincere sympathy to Madame Mansfield and family on the death of Mr. George Mansfield, D.L., Morrinstown-Lattin, who was a kind and generous patron of the club since its formation many years ago."

At a meeting of Newbridge Town Commissioners a vote of sympathy to the widow and family of the late Mr. George Mansfield, D.L., was adopted; all the members standing in respectful silence.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN KELLY, NAAS.

The death has taken place at Millbrook, Naas, of Mr. John Kelly, an old and respected resident of Naas. The deceased enjoyed good health up to the time of his demise, and leaves a widow, to whom we tender our sympathy.