

OBITUARY.

Mr. J. A. Carbery, late of Drogheda.

Deep regret has been aroused by the death of Mr. J. A. Carbery, Brookfield, Castlepark Road, Dunlaoghaire, which took place on Tuesday of last week. A former District Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, he retired in 1921 after 42 years service, a considerable portion of which was spent in Drogheda. An officer of great ability and integrity he enjoyed the respect and confidence of the general public as well as of the men who served under him. For some years he was attached to Scotland Yard, having been lent to that Force.

While stationed in Drogheda, to which he came in 1905, the late Mr. Carbery came prominently under the public eye. A terror to wrong-doers he was kind-hearted to those whose temporary lapses were due to some misfortune and he often pleaded in Court for defendants whom he himself prosecuted. His exchanges with local solicitors, often vigorous, but always good-humoured, provided many bright spots in the otherwise drab reports of court proceedings. He himself figured as defendant in a famous case in 1916 in which he was sued by a well-known Drogheda business man for alleged wrongful arrest after the Easter Rebellion. The late Mr. T. M. Healy, K.C., M.P., was briefed for the plaintiff and his cross-examination of the late Mr. Carbery, and the latter's often hard-hitting replies, were given a widespread publicity.

Outside his official duties Mr. Carbery was a most likeable personality. On his retirement he remained in residence in Beechgrove, Drogheda, and devoted himself to his all-absorbing passion for dogs, being recognised internationally as a judge, breeder and exhibitor. He owned the renowned Boyne strain of Irish setters, which he exported to all parts of the world. For thirty years, while residing at Beechgrove, he exhibited his setters and won hundreds of prizes at championship shows in England, Scotland and Wales. As a judge of all breeds of dogs his fame was widespread and he adjudicated in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy and at practically every championship fixture in Great Britain and, of course, Ireland.

He was a member of more than twenty dog societies and was Vice-President of the old Irish Kennel Club at the date of its abolition and was one of the first to assist in the formation of the present Governing Body of which he had acted on the General Purposes Committee for more than nine years. He was also the senior member of the Irish Red Setter Club of which he acted as Hon. Treasurer for 21 years. He was a regular contributor to "The Irish Field" and to cross-channel periodicals dealing with dogs.

In his younger days he was a racing cyclist, having won several gold medals and prizes, and he started the Waterford track when stationed there. He was also keen on shooting and was one of the best shots in the district even when long past his prime. Recently he organised a dog show in aid of the Irish Red Cross Society.

Mr. Carbery is survived by his wife, son and daughter. The latter, Miss Josephine Carbery, is secretary of the County Louth Golf Club and of the Drogheda Gate Club. His son, Mr. Cecil Carbery, is on the staff of the Hibernian Bank, Cork. Two other sons, one of whom was studying for the priesthood, died at an early age. Deep sympathy is extended to his family in their bereavement.

Mass cards were sent by the following:—His loving wife and daughter (Novena of Masses); Cecil and Kitty (Novena); The Lady Associates of Baltray (Novena); Mother Prioress and Community, Siena Convent, Drogheda; Sisters of Charity, Drogheda; P. F. and Mrs. Corcoran; May, Peggy, Sadie and Peter Lyons; Mary and Ted O'Sullivan (Sandycove); Annie and Billy Crofton (Dublin); Mr. and Mrs. McDonagh (Sandycove); Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Grady; Paddy and Seddie Connolly; Mr. and Mrs. Liddy; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stanley; Tom and Estelle Lyons; Alex and F. McQuillan; Mrs. Cooke; J. J. Daly; Helen Tallan; Gretta Tierney; Dr. and Mrs. Murray; Mrs. Roche; John and Nan Murphy; Patricia Curran; Jackie Murphy; B. and I. Brannigan; Mr. and Mrs. P. Moran (Dun Laoghaire).

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THE FUNERAL.

Following a Requiem High Mass, which was celebrated by Father T. Con'on, C.C., assisted by Right Rev. Monsignor O'Callaghan, P.P., V.G., Archdeacon, and Rev. P. McDonnell, C.C., in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda, on Friday, the remains were interred in the New Cemetery. A large and representative body of mourners followed the remains at the graveside, where the prayers were said by the Rev. Monsignor O'Callaghan, P.P., V.G. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Carbery (widow); Mr. Cecil Carbery, Miss Josephine Carbery, and Mrs. C. Carbery.

Co. Louth Golf Club and the Drogheda Gate Club were strongly represented and in addition to members of the Executive of the Irish Kennel Club and the Irish Red Setter Club and kindred organisations there were also present several former members of the R.I.C. who served under the late Mr. Carbery.

COLLEAGUE'S TRIBUTE.

"Pynecot," writer of "Facts about Dogdom" in the *Dublin Evening Mail*, a close personal friend of the late Mr. Carbery, writes as follows: "Readers of this column have been aware for some months past that Mr. J. A. Carbery, of Brookfield, Castlepark Road, Dun Laoghaire, was seriously ill. Consequently when at the show he'd last Thursday we learned that he had passed away on Christmas Eve the news was more or less expected. Still, it was only when one went around the rings and scanned the rows of onlookers that the real fact of his death was evident.

"The late Mr. Carbery was so intimately a part of the Irish dog world that he and shows were inseparably associated. As many remarked yesterday, he was the "Grand Old Man" of dogdom and his death has left a big gap which will not easily be filled.

"He commenced life as a journalist. Then he served 42 years in the Royal Irish Constabulary, some of which were attached to Scotland Yard, having been lent to that force. He retired in 1921 having reached the rank of district inspector.

"In his youth he was a road racing cyclist both on the high, ordinary, and on the modern cycle, and used to wear a gold medal that he won in 1893. His other hobbies were shooting and fishing.

"Throughout his life his love for dogs was pre-eminent. He exhibited and won with Pointers, Setters, Retrievers, Spanie's and Kerry Blue Terriers, but his favourite dog was the handsome Irish Red Setters, in which breed the "Of Boyne" Kennels of Beech Grove, Drogheda, had a world wide reputation. His dogs won thousands of prizes and one hundred and fifty championship certificates and Green Stars.

"I remember visiting Beech Grove some years ago and being astounded at the number of cups, trophies, gold medals, etc., which it contained.

"For the past forty years Mr. Carbery's judging engagements, mostly as an all-round judge, extended all over Great Britain, Ireland, Sweden, Italy, Norway and Holland. He judged a number of times at "Croft's" Show, drawing large entries. In 1931 he drew an entry of 368 when judging Irish Setters."

