

SAD DROWNING FATALITY AT STRADBALLY.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we have to chronicle a very melancholy death by drowning at Stradbally, county Waterford, an accident which has thrown the deepest gloom over the whole district, where the poor victim was so well and popularly known. Thursday was the day fixed for the regatta at Stradbally, and Mr Pierse Power, a young man residing in the village, and son-in-law of Mrs Anderson, together with two other young fellows named Murphy and M Power, proceeded to Ballyvooney Cove for the purpose of getting out a boat, the property of Mr John Power. The sea at the time was very rough and broken, and considerable difficulty was experienced in launching the punt. After several failures she was got out, but immediately began to make water, and the deceased was occupied in bailing out the great rush of water. Several persons on the cliffs noticed two or three huge seas strike the boat, and immediately after the occupants were struggling in the water. Pierse was unable to swim, and called on the others to save him. Murphy states that he got hold of Power, and held on to him for some time, until the terrible struggles of deceased compelled him to let go his hold and save himself. The last seen of the

NOON AND SAVE HIMSELF. THE LAST SEEN OF THE poor fellow was that he threw up his arms and went down. When the news reached the Cove the committee at once stopped the regatta, and boats were sent round to the scene of the disaster. Mr Thomas McCarthy, step-brother, and a party of friends stayed at Ballyvooney during the night, and about one o'clock on Friday morning the body was discovered close to the spot where the accident had taken place, and was conveyed in a sheet to Stradbally, where the sorrowing widow and mother-in-law were eagerly waiting for tidings. Sad consolation it was, but certainly some, to have the dear remains of a devoted husband rescued from the angry sea. Mrs Power, Garranturkin, mother of deceased, arrived on Friday morning. The utmost sorrow prevails in the village at the untimely end of one who by his modest, harmless, and affectionate nature had endeared himself to the inhabitants of the district. Mr Power was a splendid type of manhood, and was only 23 years of age. We may mention that the publicans of the village closed their houses when the sad news arrived, and all games were, of course, stopped. To the widow, who naturally is terribly grief-stricken at the untimely end of her husband, we tender our heartfelt sympathy, and we offer the same poor consolation to his sorrowing mother, brother, sisters, and mother-in-law.

A meeting of the Regatta Committee was

held on Friday evening, Mr William O'Brien in the chair, when the following resolution, proposed by Mr H D Fisher, seconded by Mr James Whelan, was conveyed to Mrs Pierse Power:—

“That we, the Committee of the Stradbally Regatta, desire to take the earliest opportunity of expressing our heartfelt sympathy to the widow and relatives of Mr Pierse Power, who was drowned at Ballyvooney on Thursday, the 5th inst, and to express their great grief at the untimely end of a man universally respected in the whole district; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the widow and mother of deceased.—(Signed),

“James Whelan, H D Fisher, John Cunningham, M Coffey, W O'Brien, Thomas Foran, Thomas Reilly, George Crowley, John Power.”

The committee also made arrangements to have a special Mass said for the repose of the soul of deceased.

FUNERAL OF MR PIERSE POWER.

The funeral of Mr Pierse Power took place on Sunday last. From early morning until one o'clock cars continued to arrive, and when the cortege started at 1.30 over 60 cars and 40 horsemen, together with hundreds of pedestrians, followed the hearse. The remains were interred at Ballylaneen, Mrs Pierse Power (widow), Mrs Power (mother), Mr Thomas McCarthy (step-brother), the Misses McCarthy and Mrs Munroe

(step-sisters), Miss Kelly and Mrs Smith (cousins), and Mr P Foley (brother-in-law) being the chief mourners. A very large number of wreaths and floral crosses covered the coffin, having been sent by the Misses McCarthy, Mr and Mrs Kennedy, Woodhouse; Rev and Mrs F. H Burkitt, Mr and Mrs H D Fisher, and the Woodhouse servants. The Committee of the Stradbally Regatta also sent a beautiful wreath of natural flowers, with their deep expression of regret and sympathy. Many other tokens of grief and condolence, too numerous to mention, were sent, and the sorrowing relatives were shown by all possible means how sincere was the sympathy of all classes of the people with them in their affliction.