

The funeral of the late Dr. E. Walsh, Ystradgylais, Wales, and late of Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, took place at Daragh recently.

Dr. Walsh was 67 years of age, and for 35 years had been in practice in Ystradgylais, to which place he came from Monmouthshire. For a quarter of a century he was Medical Officer of Health to Ystradgylais Rural District Council. He was to have retired two years ago on reaching the age limit, but the Council secured an extension of his services. His monthly reports to the Council were very interesting and informative at all times. A keen supporter of physical culture, he was a strong advocate of swimming as an aid to health.

Dr. Walsh was a devout Catholic, being one of the founders of the Sacred Heart Church, Ynauhyd. He also took an active part in the founding of Ystradgylais' Nursing Association, Ambulance Division, and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic. It was mainly through the efforts of Dr. Walsh that mortuary and post-mortem room were provided at Ystradgylais.

In his younger days, Dr. Walsh was keenly and actively interested in all branches of sport, and was a member of the Gaelic Athletic Association, and was a relative of the Patron of the G.A.A., Archbishop Croke. About 12 years ago Dr. Walsh was appointed Magistrate for the County of Brecon, but never took his seat.

### FUNERAL SCENES.

The gathering at the funeral of Dr. Walsh was one of the largest seen in the district for many years. Thousands of people stood in the rain to watch the cortege passing. It was a remarkable tribute to one who was universally loved. The Ystradgylais Band played the Dead March en route, and as the coffin passed slowly between the ranks drawn up on each side of the road on the Swan Bridge, Ystalfera, the crowd sang "Aberysythwy." The band gave a final salute by playing the Dead March as a farewell when the coffin passed out of Ystradgylais on the first stage of its long journey to Daragh, Kilfinane. The coffin was of polished oak with silver fittings and surmounted with the crucifix. During the lying-in-state thousands of people visited Avondale, Dr. Walsh's residence, to take a last look at his mortal remains. The road from Avondale to Ystalfera was lined by thousands of people and thousands of people attended the funeral itself, the cortege taking more than twenty minutes to pass a given point. The cortege was headed by Ystradgylais' Prize Band and hundreds of school children led by their teacher, colliery workers, Ystradgylais Church, Welsh and English Choirs, Ystradgylais R.F.C. officials and members, Ystradgylais Ambulance Division, Home Nursing and Cadets, Ystradgylais Nurses, Ystradgylais and Abercrave sections of the Fire Brigade, members of the R.A.O.B., and British Legion members.

On arrival at Kilmallock the remains were met by a large number of relatives and sympathisers, and were conveyed to Ardpatrick Church, where they lay overnight. A huge crowd followed the remains to Daragh the following day, and a lorry had to be specially requisitioned to carry the floral tributes to the graveside.

### PATHETIC SEQUEL.

As the remains were being lowered into the grave a telegram was delivered to one of the chief mourners that the doctor's wife had died in Wales. She had been ill only a few days before her husband's death, and the tragic news evoked much sympathy for the relatives. A little party of friends accompanied the bereaved family to Wales, and the remains of Mrs. (Dr.) Wallace-Walsh were conveyed to Ireland and buried beside her husband at Daragh, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. The funeral tribute paid to her was equal to that given her husband.

Mrs. Walsh was a well-known dog fancier, her exhibits, "Little Golden Owl" and "Little Golden Gleam," being prolific winners, the former winning prizes at Crufts Show.

The chief mourners were—Mr. James Walsh (son), Miss Maureen Walsh (daughter).

The clergy officiating were—Rev. Father Carroll, P.P., Ardpatrick; Rev. Father Carr, P.P., Kilfinane; Rev. Father Coleman, P.P., Glenroe; Rev. Father Cussen, C.C., Kilfinane; Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., Glenroe.