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"himself with a great choice of linnens, sheetings, etc." . . . But these all pale before the following, from the Sedan chairman of Cork:—"Whereas there is a great disgust taken against the Chairmen by all the Gentlemen and Ladies of the City of Corke, and that, by carrying off dead children in their chairs. This is to give notice to all persons who should have the misfortune of having such an occasion, that they must not expect Chairmen to carry their Dead Children any more, all the Chairmen in Cork being firmly resolved to the contrary. July 21st." . . . These were the days when the sanitary officer was unborn, and when burials without coffins were the heritage of the poor, when the parish coffin did its oft-told and fitful work; and when the parish shroud was one of the articles provided by the city vestries. The protest of these chairmen throws a vivid light upon a source of their trades profit, doubtless indulged in until the indignation of the better classes exercised a reflex influence, and compelled them to give it up. . . . When from this defective, torn and tattered fragment of one hundred and fifty years ago, so much is gleaned, how much more may we hope for, if our members will exercise the same care, and preserve even portions of the newspaper literature of the past century.

ROBERT DAY.

A Relic of Timoleague Abbey. I am glad to be able to supplement Mr. Franklin's paper on Timoleague Abbey with some information, which cannot fail to be of great interest to our Society. In the paper referred to mention is made of a silver chalice, formerly used in the abbey, and at present in the possession of the parish priest of Timoleague, and an account of its discovery is given. It cannot but delight my fellow-members to learn that this is not the only relic in existence of the abbey's former splendour, as another of its chalices is now the property of the Franciscan community, Liberty Street, Cork, which, through the courtesy of the present guardian, Very Rev. C. F. Begley, I have been privileged to see. It is of silver gilt, and very beautiful workmanship, and has the following inscription beneath the stem:—"Orate pro animabus Caroli Dale et Elizie Browne, Timoleage." The tradition regarding it is to the effect that, at the suppression of the abbey, one of the friars lived in disguise with a farmer, and at his death desired his vestments and chalice to be buried in the house, and to remain there until the friars returned and the abbey was restored to its original owners. After years had elapsed, the box, in which the articles were enclosed, was discovered during some alterations which were being made, and, the tradition being remembered, the question arose, who was entitled to the ownership? The Franciscan fathers in Cork naturally had the strongest claim, and, accordingly, the sacred vessel is now in their safe keeping. It will be equally interesting for my

fellow-members to know that the same convent possesses no less than *four* chalices and one ciborium, formerly belonging to the old Franciscan abbey of Shandon, which is described on one of them as being "near" Cork; one chalice of Buttevant Abbey, and one of Ardfert, all bearing corroborative inscriptions, and dating from the end of the sixteenth to the middle of the seventeenth century. They are in a state of perfect preservation, and still used in the celebration of Mass. The convent library, in addition to many rare and valuable tomes, also possesses some remains of the libraries of the abbeys just mentioned.

JOHN PAUL DALTON.

Genealogical Qualification of the Mayors of Cork. Could any of your readers say, whether it was at any time part of the duties of the office of the Mayor of Cork, or indeed their custom, to certify to the genealogy of the citizens of that ancient city? I cite an example from a record preserved in the Herald's College, London, and give the certificate at length, as it relates to a family, which, though mainly connected with Limerick, was well known in the county of Cork, and presents other points of interest:—

"To all to whom these presents, etc.

"I, Boyle Travers, Esq. Mayor of Cork, do certify that the genealogy of Mr. Patrick Arthur, formerly of the said city, and now of Dunkirk, in France, was duly proved before me, that is to say—

First, that said Patrick is the son of Mr. Peter Arthur, by Anne Arthur, *als.* Gould his wife, daughter of George Gould, late of Cork, Esq., deceased, a gent. of ancient family, and many estates in counties of Cork, Limerick, Kerry.

"2nd, That said Peter Arthur was son of Patrick Arthur, Esq. (who was a captain of horse), and of Margaret Arthur, *als.* Baggott, daughter of James Baggott, of Baggotstown, Esq., and Helena his wife, which Helena was daughter of Will. Power, of Killballane, and Ellinor his wife, which Ellinor was daughter of the great MacCarthy, Lo. Muscry.

3rd, The last man, Patrick Arthur, was son of Patrick Arthur, of Clonana, Co. Limerick, Esq., and Mary his wife, who was daughter of Nicholas Lysaght, of Fannington, Esq., and of his wife, who was daughter of Lord Bannoms.

"4th, The last man, Patrick Arthur, was son of Daniel Arthur, Esq., and Elinor his wife, daughter of James Sexton, Esq., and Cath. Fitzgerald, of Glun, his wife, and was brother to Sir Daniel Arthur, who, for his loyalty, was knighted by King Chas. II.

"5th, Said Daniel Arthur was son of Daniel Arthur, Esq., commonly called the Great from his great power, wealth, and generosity, being possessed of large estates in Cos. Limerick and Kerry. That said Daniel's family originally descended from a noble family in Germany, from whence they went to England, recommended by the principal noblemen of Germany, having distinguished themselves by loyalty and courage.

"Lastly, That their arms are—Three horsemen's vests, *or.*, in a bloody field. Their crest, a pelican, *or.*(*v.*); motto, "Impelle obstantia." In testimony, we

(*v.*) The arms of the Arthurs of Glanomera, Co. Clare, are—*Gu.*, a chevron, *argent*, between three rests (or clarions), *or.*; crest, a falcon, rising, *ppr.*, jessed and belled, *or.*