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DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MR. J. S. BRADLEY.

The news of the death of Mr. Joseph Stanislaus Bradley, Aughton Park, which took place on Sunday afternoon last, came as a shock to his numerous friends in this neighbourhood and also in the city of Liverpool, where he was a well-known solicitor, the offices of the firm, Messrs. Bradley and Son, occupying a conspicuous position in Dale-street. Mr. Bradley had never completely recovered from the effects of an attack of typhoid fever from which he suffered about two years ago, but neither himself nor any of his relatives or friends had reason to fear so early and so sudden a collapse. Mr. Bradley was at his office on Saturday as usual, and returned home feeling no worse than he had been for many months past. On Sunday morning, however, at about ten o'clock, he became suddenly ill, and Dr. Caregan, of Ormskirk, was at once called in; but, despite every attention, Mr. Bradley died early in the afternoon, the cause of death being syncope. He leaves a widow and ten children.

The deceased, who was only in his forty-seventh year, was a highly-esteemed and devoted Catholic, and that body has lost a valuable

member. As the conductor of St. Anne's Church choir, Ormskirk, Mr. Bradley was painstaking to a degree, and the members were warmly attached to him, as were also the clergy and people. Out of respect to his memory, the organist, Mr. Jos. Ormesher, F.R.C.O., played the "Dead March" (*Saul*) after the service on Sunday evening. Mr. Bradley was passionately fond of music. At one time he was the conductor of the Ormskirk Musical Society, and several excellent performances were given under his capable baton. He was ever ready to render assistance at charitable and social movements not only in Ormskirk but in Liverpool, and was a great favourite with the musical portion of the public. On Sunday evening last, Father Berry (who is a native of Aughton), preaching at the Oratory of St. Philip Neri's, Maryland-street, Liverpool, prefaced his appeal on behalf of the Homes for Friendless Catholic Youths by a very touching reference to Mr. Bradley's death. Mr. Bradley, he said, was an old and very dear friend. They had travelled together in foreign climes, when he was a boon companion, and as a member of the Homes for Boys he had rendered him (Father Berry) the greatest assistance when the homes were under his direction. As Mr. Bradley had at one time been a member of that congregation, Father Berry asked that the prayers of all present might be offered for the repose of his soul.

The remains of the late Mr. Bradley were interred yesterday morning at St. Anne's Catholic Churchyard, Ormskirk. The coffin had been brought from the deceased's residence, Aughton Park, and deposited in the church the previous evening. For the convenience of a large number of Liverpool friends, a special train left Exchange Station at 9.37 a.m. for Ormskirk. Requiem Mass was sung at St. Anne's Church by Father Rigby, who was assisted by Father Kelly. The interment followed immediately after the requiem, the organist (Mr. J. Ormesher) playing the Dead March from *Saul* as the coffin was carried from the church. The chief mourners were Mr. Joseph Bradley (son), Miss Bradley (daughter), Mr. R. J. Bradley (brother), Mrs. Bradley (step-mother), Mr. R. Lightbound, Mr. John Lightbound, Mr. E. W. Reynolds, Mr. E. M. Molyneux (brothers-in-law), Mr. R. L. Collison, Mr. T. P. Maguire (deceased's partner), Mr. C. Kearns, Father Berry, Mrs. James Bradley, Miss Bradley, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Molyneux, Mrs. J. Lightbound, Mrs. R. Lightbound, Miss Lightbound, Mrs. A. W. Bradley, Mrs. Latham, Master P. Bradley, and Dr. Caregan (medical attendant). The general mourners, of whom there was a large attendance, included the Revs. Canon Marsden (Birkenhead), Father Riley (Malvern), Father Duggan, O.S.B. (St. Anne's, Liverpool), Father Melia (Seaged Heart, Liverpool), Father Snow (Aughton), Alderman J. Ruddin (Liverpool), Alderman John Blundell and Councillor H. J. Blundell (Booths), Messrs. Augustine Watts, P. Eberle, Walter Russell, F.

Augustine Watts, P. Eberle, Walter Russell, F. J. M'Adam, C. M'Arde, T. Montgomery, E. Chevalier, C.C., Joseph Bullen, T. F. X. Lightbound, Francis Wilson, J. Noble, J. Harley, Valentine S. Brown, Austin Harford, C.C. (representing Old Xaverian Athletic Association), C. Barry, J.P., R. G. Teabay, J. Phillips, R. Fair, G. Harrison, J. Forshaw, E. Wilson, J. Bligh, T. Withnell, S. Fairhurst, J. T. Maguire, Ed. Massey, G. T. Hague, William Taylor, T. M. Stanbury, C. Titherley, C. Rylance, J. Banks, Rd. Chisnall, G. Lea, J. W. Blunt, Jos. Gradwell, Thomas Gilton, A. Carmichael, C. T. Smith, R. Blanchard, A. L. Collison, W. Harrison, W. H. Hatch, John Bond, W. Morgan, W. H. Carmichael, James Fletcher, T. Kerr, J. Tomkinson, L. Keizer, J. Radley, J. Crombleholme, etc. The following members of the office staff of Messrs. Bradley and Son were also present: Messrs. J. M'Elhone, R. Evans, John Briscoe, J. Butler, T. Kerr, and T. Farrell.

The coffin, which was of oak with brass fittings, bore the following inscription: "James Stanislaus Bradley, died May 27th, 1900, aged 47 years. R.I.P."