

FUNERAL OF MICHAEL BUTLER.

Services at St. Mary's Attended by a Very Large Gathering.

The funeral of Michael Butler was held this morning from his late residence on Berkeley avenue to St. Mary's Church, where a solemn high mass of requiem was sung by the pastor, Father Meenan, assisted by Father Dedy of St. Joseph's as deacon, Father William Curley of Taunton as sub-deacon, and Father Cronan as master of ceremonies. Dr. Doran of St. Joseph's and Father Reddy of St. Mary's were also within the sanctuary. The church was well filled by the two societies, friends of the deceased from all walks of life, and personal friends and relatives, a very large number of men—more in fact than of women occupying seats.

After the services Father Meenan spoke of his practice of not delivering eulogies at funerals and the reasons therefor, and then said that occasionally, as at this time, occurred the funeral of some parishioner whose exemplary and Christian life and good example of the they are held by their fellow-citizens, calls for some recognition. He then paid a short and appropriate tribute to the Christian life and good example of the deceased, and drew therefrom a lesson for his hearers. After the service Professor F. A. Fredericks sang Schubert's "Last Greeting."

The remains were then escorted to St. Mary's cemetery, where the committal services were read by Father Dedy, assisted by Father Doran.

The Father Mathew Total Abstinence Society and the Newport Horticultural Society, of which the deceased was a member, attended in large numbers. There were many handsome floral tributes, among the donors being his old employes, the Father Mathew Society, the Horticultural Society, old-time friends in the florist business, and his grandchildren.

The honorary bearers were Thomas Galvin, William McLeod, Richard Golden and Samuel Smith, and the under bearers M. P. Vaughan, William Murphy, Michael Burns and James Toomey, from the Total Abstinence Society; James McLeish and Joseph Gibson, from the Horticultural Society, and John Sullivan and Thomas Downes, from the old employes of the deceased.