

**A**T a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Strokestown, held on Sunday, the 13th of October, 1861, DOCTOR SHANLY in the Chair, the following resolutions were passed unanimously.

Proposed by Laurence Hanly, and seconded by Patrick Duffy:

Resolved—That it is our duty to compliment the Very Rev. Dean MacDermott; his munificent Donation, exceeding Two Thousand Pounds, towards the building of the New Catholic Church, entitles him to the respect of all good men, and, therefore, we deem it advisable to invite him to a Public Dinner, and we hope to see all the Catholic Magnates of this great county joining us in paying this well-merited compliment to the Dean.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Duffy, and seconded by Mr. Smith:

Resolved—That the Roman Catholic Bishop of Elphin, Colonel French, M.P., and the youthful representative of ourselves and fifteen centuries, the O'Connor Don, be invited as guests.

It was also resolved that G. A. Kelly be requested to act as Secretary, and that the Dinner be held on the 5th of November. Tickets £1 each.

MICHAEL SHANLY, M.D., Chairman.  
GEORGE A. KELLY, Secretary.

It was also Resolved—"That copies of these resolutions be printed in the FREEMAN, the *Sligo Champion*, and *Roscommon Messenger*."

Raheen, 12th Oct., 1861.

DEAR SIR—I regret I cannot attend in Strokestown, but in reply to your letter request you will assure the friends of the Rev. Dean M'Dermott that I shall be most happy to join in whatever mark of respect or compliment they resolve on paying him.—I am, dear Sir, truly yours,

JOHN IRWIN.

Mr. Geo. A. Kelly, Ashbrook.

Foxborough, Tusk, Oct. 13, 1861.

MY DEAR SIR—I shall be most happy to join in any tribute of respect which may be paid to my esteemed friend, the Very Rev. Dean M'Dermott, but as I am not well this morning, I regret it will not be in my power to attend the preliminary meeting.—Yours very sincerely,

P. P. TAAFF.