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## THE FATE OF JAMES CLARKE.

### "FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH."

Mrs. Arthur Benson, of Dublin, writes to us as follows:—

"May I ask you to make public this, with the subjoined letter, as soon as possible, as my remaining sister, Lady Forde, and I are concerned that all James Clarke's anxious relatives in County Down may at last know his fate? We have, of course, communicated with his aged mother, who was dependent on him, but we have no further addresses.

"Rather than that the first paragraph of Mr. Cathal Bruga's letter should make his relations think that we had been any more indifferent to his fate than to that of Mrs. Lindsay, I wish to state that the 'previous note' mentioned by Mr. Cathal Bruga can only refer to one of two reminders that I wrote to Mr de Valera as to his answer to my own original letter to him of July 6th, in which answer, dated July 11th, he stated that my letter had been referred to his Army Headquarters for 'immediate attention.' As time went by and no news reached me, I wrote the reminders on July 21st and 26th. On the 21st I merely asked for the information which Mr. de Valera's letter implied I would have at once, but on the 26th I wrote more fully again, and, as in my original of the 6th, distinctly named James Clarke with Mrs. Lindsay.

"James Clarke was for thirty-seven years a most faithful servant to my late brother-in-law, John Lindsay, to whom, on his death bed, Clarke gave a promise that he would always take care of Mrs. Lindsay in her old age. So to his promise he was 'faithful unto death.'"

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Department of Defence,  
30th July, 1921.

MADAM,—Your note to hand. The previous note, which was the only one I received, did not ask for information with regard to James Clarke; consequently I did not give it.

James Clarke was executed at the same time as Mrs. Lindsay, and they were both buried in the same grave. I am not at present aware of the place of interment, but I shall have inquiries made.

CATHAL BRUGA,  
Minister of Defence.

To Mrs. E. Benson, 40 Morehampton  
road, Dublin.