

pp's recent letter observes:—

The Most Rev Dr. O'Dwyer now declares that he does not care whether members of his flock are for Lord Dunraven or not. This is a climb-down from the attitude taken up in the Bishop's letter to Lord Monteagle in which the message to Lord Dunraven through Dean Flanagan is thus signed by his Lordship—"If Protestant bigotry allowed to wrong us, I shall put it to the Catholics of this county whether in honour or respect they can support the followers of the Protestant Government, and you may tell Dunraven I said that in face of such an appeal it would be impossible for Catholics to support him." Dean Flanagan conveyed a much stronger message than this, but has since withdrawn it in a way which read very curiously side by side with the original letter to Lord Dunraven, a copy of which we have still in our possession. The Bishop and Dean have settled the matter between them; but neither has settled with Lord Dunraven yet. We are not championing Lord Dunraven, nor has our effective action in this matter anything to do with the support of his candidature. Our sole purpose has been to secure freedom of election from all outside sources and defend the civil rights of citizens which Dr. O'Dwyer essayed to invade. As to Lord Dunraven, we do not see what option he had, if he did retire forthwith, except to tell the public about the message sent to him from the Bishop of Limerick. That message was not a privileged one, and the part quoted taken as correct was of public, not of private importance. Surely Dr. O'Dwyer did not expect Lord Dunraven, whatever message was, to put it in his pocket and run away because the Catholic Bishop of the diocese did not approve of his candidature? Lord Dunraven did what every independent-minded man would have done under the circumstances. He took off his coat and fought his corner. And he is right.

LIMERICK POOR LAW ELECTIONS.

The Town Clerk, as returning officer for the coming elections of guardians for the city of Limerick, has issued the notice of election. Monday, 6th March, up to 5 o'clock, p.m., will be the last day and hour for the receipt of nomination papers, which are to be handed in at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, where nomination papers may be obtained. The elections take place on 6th April for all the wards, and will be by ballot, as provided by the Local Government Act, and the number of guardians, as they will be in future called, Urban District Councillors, for each Ward, or Urban District Electoral Division, is two. The elections will be held out under rules similar to those made for the elections of Borough Councillors. Labour candidates will be put forward for each Ward, and it is more than likely there will be several contests.

hospitality. He (Dr. Hayes) need not say how much he regretted Mr. Hartigan's death, and that regret would be shared by the entire community. It was only a fitting tribute to adjourn the proceedings as a mark of respect to their deceased friend.

SAD FATALITY NEAR THE CITY.

Yesterday Mr. Coroner DeCourcy held an inquest at Janesborough, in reference to the death of Michael Griffin, which took place on Sunday under singularly sad circumstances. The deceased who was about 43 years of age and unmarried, was employed as a labourer at Mr. John Barry's farm at Janesborough. On Sunday afternoon, about four o'clock, he sat down to dinner with some other labourers who were employed with him. During the meal he rose from the table and began walking about the floor, at the same time pointing to his throat and back. His companions, Wm. Madigan and Michael Ryan, went to his assistance, and gave him a drink of water, but he died soon afterwards, without having spoken. Dr. Laird was sent for in the meantime, but on arrival found that life was extinct. He made a *post mortem* examination, and found a piece of meat about two inches long in the wind-pipe, and which he believed caused suffocation. Evidence in proof of these facts was given, and the jury returned a verdict that death was due to suffocation, which occurred accidentally.

Sergeant Murray, Edward street, conducted the inquiry on behalf of the authorities.

THE FATALITY NEAR RATHKEALE.

Yesterday Bartholemew M'Mahon was brought up before Mr. French, B.M., at the Rathkeale Police Barrack, charged with being concerned in the death of Richard O'Shaughnessy, Ballylin. The facts connected with the sad occurrence appear to be these. The deceased, who was a collector of labourers' cottage rents in the Rathkeale Union, was proceeding home on Tuesday evening, the 21st inst. He overtook the accused near Riddiestown gate, and some angry words passed between them, M'Mahon having, as alleged, told the deceased that he was no friend of the labourers. Blows were exchanged, with the result that O'Shaughnessy sustained rather serious injuries, and he died the following day. The deceased was over seventy years of age, and suffered from heart disease. At the inquest the jury returned a verdict that deceased died from heart disease, accelerated by shock. The accused was arrested at an early hour the following morning by Sergeant Riordan, Scart. Yesterday District-Inspector Hussey applied for a remand until Thursday, which was granted.

GILDING AND PICTURE-FRAME MAKING.—P. O'CONNOR, 75 Catherine street, Limerick.

expenditure, and as regards Mr. C. thought the directors ought to be cross-hackling one another. He was fair of the directors who had the trouble of attending the meeting statements. It was a very objectionable proceeding, and he hoped they had done it.

The Chairman then rose and moved the adoption of the report. as he was sure they all did, though they were not in a position to declare he thought he could show that the affairs was due to circumstances which could not be combated. In the first instance, as usual, with most unfavourable weather, three of the four days of the meeting were exceptionally inclement. As regards the report, which were as follows:—"The weather certainly cannot be said to have been favourable, and the rain by the Shannon on the 1st and 2nd found rain falling in torrents, and been raining heavily all that day, and continued throughout the night, with little signs of abating on Wednesday, and in fact may be said to have continued until afternoon's end had been reached. Then the second day was little better, and the respondent of *Sport* remarked that some improvement in the weather was to be expected, as after a few very heavy showers of rain and hail had fallen on the 1st, the afternoon cleared up fine and exceedingly cold wind swept across the country, though the company even more than the previous day, but whether or not, I fear the meeting was not a financial success. But for the gathering would very likely have been the best that had ever been held, and it is to be hoped the last of the season which has so steadfastly pursued has now been seen." On the 3rd of October, meeting a similar one was experienced. The writer, it is observed:—"Early on Thursday unfortunately, underwent a complete and a gale setting in, but which subsided before the breakfast hour, and a downpour only cleared off for a few minutes, and came on again just before sport. That was the ill-luck which was experienced for three of the meetings, and how could they be expected to declare a dividend under such conditions. They did not, however, in petition of these unfavourable conditions regards their farm, the past year the worst years that he had ever known in the County Limerick. The receipt amounted to £180, as compared with