

many useful schemes are likely to attract the attention of the new Council in the near future. There is, for instance, the *Working Classes, a problem which* we have to grapple with as far as a considerable addition to the citizens' dwellings already built under the auspices of the Council. The improvement of the drainage system is another very important and urgent project, the only remedy for mud and slush in the streets—up-to-date block-paving—that is a project which will engage the attention of the Council in the near future. An extension of the gas works and the gas concern is, we understand, also contemplated, to say nothing of other improvements, such as flagging, sewerage, &c. It should, therefore, be the desire of the Council, and the desire of the citizens to return a more able and energetic men who may be entrusted with these projects to a successful conclusion, to bring his old city of ours into line with the most advanced and progressive towns and cities of the community. Therefore, we trust, the electors have a grave responsibility cast upon them in the present election. It is entirely a matter for themselves, and they will be represented, not for the next three years, but for the three years that are to come. We earnestly trust their choice will be wisely made.

RECENT COMMENT.

Planets in 1911.

A great comet is expected this year, of moderate dimensions, but an exceedingly bright body with a long tail, due in August (see *T.P.'s Weekly*). It takes in its orbit 70 years to revolve about the sun, and is named after the discoverer, Mr. Encke's Comet. This little comet's family of comets was at one time very numerous, but by reason of its diminishing period it is now being affected by some resisting force, but astronomers are now not at all such is the true explanation of the eccentricities of motion. Encke's Comet is so bright and so easily placed it may be seen in all parts of the sky. Its appearance will at least offer an opportunity to the sky-student for the study of lunar eclipses. Of the bright-skies of 1911, their movements, and their positions, I hope, as occasion offers, to be able to state that the appearance of Jupiter will be conspicuous in

COMMITTEE.

The Town Clerk has received a communication from the Commissioners of National Education appointing the Rev. Chancellor Hackett, St. Michael's, on the City School Attendance Committee, in succession to the Venerable Archdeacon Wynne, resigned.

LIMERICK WORKHOUSE.

Old Age Pensioners.

Sixty-one men and women inmates of the Limerick Union took their discharge from the Workhouse yesterday having obtained old age pensions of £1 a week each. There are still thirty-two cases in which inmates are entitled to pensions, but ten of these are too infirm to leave the institution. Twelve are under investigation by the Pension Officers, and there are appeals in ten more cases.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ARDFERT.

The death occurred on Thursday at Mallow Castle, county Cork, of the Very Rev. James MacEwen, D.D., Dean of Ardfert, at the age of 85. He graduated B.A., and took his divinity testimonium (first-class) in Trinity College, Dublin, in 1859. The dates of his other degrees were—M.A., 1868; B.D., 1887, and D.D., 1888. He was ordained in the Diocese of Tuam in 1858, and priested in that of Limerick in 1859. His first appointment was in 1858 as Curate of Lis-towel, county Kerry, and in 1862 he became Vicar of the same Parish. In 1862 he left Lis-towel for Drumtariffe, where he remained until 1908. From 1873 to 1885 he was Treasurer, and since 1885 Precentor of Ardfert Cathedral. In 1905 he was appointed Dean of Ardfert, in 1907 Chaplain to the Bishop of Limerick, and in 1908 Rural Dean of Killarney.

P. Y. M. A. LITERARY CLASS.

We have received a copy of the programme for the coming half-session of the P. Y. M. A. Literary Class, which opens on next Friday night with an illustrated address from the President (Mr. B. Bennett), entitled "To Niagara and Back." This is sure to be interesting, as Mr. Bennett recently returned from a visit to the United States. The other lectures are: January 27th, "Travels with a Kodak" (illustrated) by Sir Augustine Baker, M.A.; "The Story of a Great Egyptian King—Amenhotep III" (illustrated) by Mr. L. E. Steele, M.A., M.R.I.A., a leading Egyptologist who has paid several visits to Egypt; Feb. 24th, lecture on a musical subject (illustrated), from Mr. John Gilbert, Cork; March 3rd, "Irish Scenery and its Relation to Geological Structure" (illustrated) by Professor Swain, University College, Cork. The debates include such topical subjects as, "That the Principles of Old Age Pensions are sound," and "That members of Parliament should be paid." There is to be a special feature on Feb. 17th, when a Parliamentary Election will take place in which the audience will be asked to act as voters. The junior members are well catered for, Mr. T. Grubb offering a prize of one guinea for the best original essay by a member under 21 years of age, and Dr. W. A. Fogerty a gold medal for the best essay by a member under 25 years of age. The Committee of the Class are to be congratulated

Castle Ward

At a meeting of the United Citizens' Society, held at their room on Wednesday evening, Mr. Patrick Dillon, in the chair—on the motion of Mr. Thomas Dillon, seconded by the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we gratefully endorse the candidature of Mr. Patrick Dillon for the Alder-manship of Castle Ward at the coming Municipal Election. As an employer of labour we are glad to see him continue his good work in the improvement of the workers' condition, and we appreciate his willingness to assist by their votes in electing him to the position for which he is eminently fitted."

Abbey Ward

At a meeting of the United Citizens' Society, held at their room on Wednesday evening, Mr. Patrick Dillon, in the chair, on the proposition of Mr. Thomas Dillon, seconded by the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That we gratefully endorse the candidature of Mr. Patrick Dillon for the Alder-manship of Abbey Ward at the coming Municipal Election. As an employer of labour we are glad to see him continue his good work in the improvement of the workers' condition, and we appreciate his willingness to assist by their votes in electing him to the position for which he is eminently fitted."

WITHDRAWAL

Last evening at five o'clock a meeting was held by the Town Clerk Mr. V. J. O'Connell, for receiving the withdrawals of candidates for election in the Borough of Limerick. The hour stated only two withdrew. These were from Mr. M. J. McDonnell, who has retired from contesting for the Alder-manship of the Market Ward, and between Mr. James Flynn, George M. J. McDonnell, Glentworth, and Mr. Ronayne has withdrawn his candidature for the Dock Ward. There are seven aspirants in the Alder-manship and sixty seven in the other eight wards.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Outgoing Councillors

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

On Thursday evening at five o'clock a meeting was held at the Town Clerk's Office, Mr. V. J. O'Connell, Returning Officer of the Limerick Urban District Council, in the chair, for the purpose of receiving the office of Councillors of the Limerick Urban District Council. There are four vacancies to be filled annually by rotation. The outgoing Councillors are: Mr. J. J. O'Connell, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, and Mr. J. J. O'Connell. The incoming Councillors are: Mr. J. J. O'Connell, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, Mr. J. J. O'Connell, and Mr. J. J. O'Connell.