

of 26 miles of a railway has disappeared. It is truly a startling narrative, illustrating how terrific and unexpected the visitations of storms and floods sometimes are, and how much at their mercy is mere man. Fortunately, in this country of ours we have a fairly equable climate, and nothing to fear like the havoc which has followed in the wake of the tornado across the Atlantic, and which arouses our deep sympathy for those who have suffered by it.

ELECTION OF BISHOP OF KILLALOE.

The United Synods of Killaloe and Killfenora, Clonsfert and Kilmaodnagh, will meet in the Diocesan Hall, Limerick, next Friday, for the election of a Bishop in room of the Right Rev T Sterling Berry, D.D. resigned. The Archbishop of Dublin will preside. Previous to the Synod Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Michael's Church, Barrington Street.

FUNERAL OF MR. RICHARD HEAVENOR.

The remains of the late Mr Richard Heavenor, Glasgow, Ballinsourra, a Director as well as Secretary of Messrs Godwin and Company, William street, were removed from Trinity Church yesterday morning, at 11 o'clock, for interment at St Mary's Cathedral. The untimely and very unexpected demise of Mr Heavenor has evoked deep regret in commercial life in the city, and though the funeral was announced to be private, a large and representative gathering of friends was present as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased gentleman, and of sympathy with his widow and relatives. Part of the burial service was held in the Church immediately preceding the funeral. The Archdeacon of Limerick who officiated paid a touching tribute to the deceased, referring to his long connection with Trinity Church, and to his excellent traits of character. Towards the close of the service the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung, and as the coffin was being borne out to the hearse the "Dead March in Saul" was played on the organ. During the funeral Messrs Godwin's premises were closed. The blinds were drawn in other establishments, and also at the Protestant Young Men's Association. The Archdeacon also officiated at the graveside. The other clergy present were the Dean, Rev W H Dobbie, Trinity Church, and the Rev A W Neill, Presbyterian Church.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Yesterday morning the military authorities handed over the house at Lower Glentworth street to the trustees of the Mechanics Institute, from whom it was taken two years ago. The building during that period was in possession of the Provost Marshal and his staff, who have now removed to the New Barracks. The premises were taken over by the President of the Institute, Mr P Casack, and Alderman Casack, but so far it is not known what purpose they will serve in future as the trustees have for some time past acquired new premises at Upper Hartstonge

Army, gave evidence of character on behalf of the accused.

Mr Doyle, in his address to the jury, said that should not accept the uncorroborated testimony of O'Connell, who was an accomplice. The prisoners had been in the National Army, and during their term in the Army were men of good character. They had served the country during trying times, and he asked the jury to disregard the evidence of O'Connell and say by their verdict that he was not worthy of credence.

His Honor having summed up, the jury, after a brief absence, found the prisoners guilty, and they were put back for sentence.

The criminal business of the Sessions then concluded, his Honor having expressed his satisfaction with the attendance of the jurors.

MOST REV DR KEANE.

Address Presented from Gaelic League

Last evening a deputation from the Limerick Branch of the Gaelic League waited on the Lordship the Most Rev Dr Keane, at the Palace Corbally, and presented him with an address, which the following is the English translation:

"TO THE MOST REV DR O'CATHAIN.

"MY LORD—We cannot express adequate our happiness that it has pleased God to place you as Bishop and Shepherd over your people, and to take this opportunity of welcoming you.

"Great was our grief when we lost the Bishop who preceded you. His knowledge of Irish and his love for it had endeared him to us, yet our sorrow is mitigated by the knowledge that a true Irishman like himself takes his place, and our hope is that the cause of the language will prosper under your reign. We know you would be pained should it be otherwise.

"We ask God to bestow blessings on you as long as it pleases Him to give you life, and that you and the children of the Gael may enjoy the sweetness of peace."

His Lordship expressed satisfaction at receiving the Address, and at the interview with the deputation showed he had a thorough and sympathetic grasp of the language question.

SHANNON ROWING CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Shannon Rowing Club was held at the Club premises, Sarsfield Bridge, Limerick, on Friday evening, 28th ult. A large number of members attended. The President (Mr John Shannon), and the Hon Treasurer (Mr Arthur McNiece) congratulated the members on the very sound position of the Club, and in particular the very successful year just completed, both from a rowing and social aspect, and the view was expressed by several members that the prospects of the Club were very bright for the coming season. The following officers were re-elected unanimously—President Mr John Shannon; Vice-Presidents (2), Mr B. McGann, Mr Jack Whelan; Hon Treasurer, Mr Arthur McNiece, Secretary, Mr M F Hartigan; Captain, Mr George Creaney; Vice-Captain, Mr P J Ryan.

The following were elected on the Committee for the ensuing year—Mr G A Fitzgibbon, Mr John Gleazer, Mr Wm B Smith, Mr Pat Burns, Mr R T Cashin, Mr J J Quillinan, Mr M Donnellan, Mr D J Moriarty, Mr J Lehane.

The President returned thanks to the Auditor Messrs P A O'Brien, B O. and J Murphy, for the kindness in auditing the accounts for some year. They were unanimously re-elected.