

he has suffered his own share through low prices in the year that has passed. It is well-known that, apart from the Irish investor, foreign capitalists are casting an eye on Ireland just now, and weighing up her possibilities for remunerative enterprise. Of course the Shannon Electrical Scheme will give a great fillip to the starting of new industries. The Autumn of next year is expected to see the completion of this vast undertaking. It will revolutionise life in Ireland, in the workshop, on the farm, and in the home, and it is not too much to assume, or expect, that new undertakings will spring up in the cities and countryside, giving increased employment, and bringing prosperity and content to all classes of the community. This is our hope for the new year, on which we are about to enter. We shall leave behind us the disappointments of the past, and cheerily look forward to the advent of 1929.

SHANNON DROWNING MYSTERY.

The body of an unknown man was found in the Shannon at Clonmoney, County Clare, on Thursday evening. The deceased was about 30 years of age, and had been in the water evidently for a considerable time, as the body was in an advanced stage of decomposition. He was wearing a navy blue suit, minus the waistcoat, and the right arm was tattooed with the word "Erin."

It was stated to-day that the body appeared to be that of a sailor named Patrick Moran, a native of Fethard, Co. Wexford. It is known that such a man has been missing from the steamer "Kerryhead," while lying at Limerick quays on the 22nd last month. At all events the description given of the missing man to the Civic Guards at O'Curry Street would almost coincide with the body found at Clonmoney.

An inquest was held at Bunnahally last evening by Mr P. Culloo, Coroner East Clare, when a verdict of found drowned was returned without the identity of the victim being established.

The medical evidence, as given by Dr E. Fitzgerald, Newmarket-on-Fergus, showed that the body was about five weeks in the water, and showed no external marks. Death was, in his opinion, due to drowning

CITY VALUATION APPEALS.

nolly, evergreens, etc., or helped in decorating the churches.—Mrs Ormsby Ryan, Mrs J. Vinoh, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Kenny, Mrs and Mr J. J. J., Mr G. M. Going, Major Finch, Mr E. Ph., Miss Ada Allison.

DEATH OF THE REV. JOSEPH MacDONNELL, S.J.

The death took place yesterday, in a private nursing home in Dublin, of the Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, editor of the "Irish Messenger of the Sacred Heart." Father MacDonnell was born in Co. Dublin, where his family lived for several generations as proprietors of the Saggart paper mills. He was educated at Clongowes Wood College, and had been a member of the Society of Jesus for over fifty years. He spent many years as director of the Apostolic School at Mungret College, Limerick, and was editor of the "Irish Messenger" for twenty-five years. He was author of numerous devotional books and pamphlets many of which achieved a wide circulation and have been translated into several foreign languages. He was in feeble health for some years, but his death came unexpectedly in the end, after a week's illness.

NATIVITY PLAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S HALL.

The Nativity Play, entitled "The Night of Wonders," was produced for the first time in the city on Thursday night in St. Michael's Temperance Hall by the members of St. Joseph's Dramatic Class. The presentation attracted a crowded audience, the hall being packed long before the curtain went up. It is a beautiful play, admirably enacted by a caste of children. The reverent reading given it was an appealing factor and its reception by the audience was the best index of its merits. The chief figures in the caste were faithfully interpreted, while the groupings of the shepherd's pages, attendants, and angels revealed perfect tableaux. The choir singing was magnificently rendered, being given with balance and unison. St. Joseph's School Choral Class gave a critical rendition of the moral number "Strike the Lyre," and as a comic drama the caste made a very favourable impression. The entertainment generally was very creditable, and when it was repeated last night again drew a crowded audience. Mr J. Hassett was a skilful accompanist, and Mr T. Prendergast an efficient orchestral conductor.

SIR H. DARWIN LEAVES £100,000.

Dupuis
Turle ;
Nowell
Preach
Service
Tours i
St. 1
mas Du
Mornin
the Rec
for St.
TAIN
—Mori
Preach
6.30 ;
Service
St.
Day—1
O. S. I
the Arc
St. 2
mas Da
6.30.
St. F
Christn
Preach
Apar
mas Du
Prayer,
Rector.
St. J
Christn
Evenin
Kilp
Mornin
PRES
Mornin
Preach
MEN
Service
Rev. V
BAPT
11.30 ;
Pearce.
Friday
MAL
11.30 ;
Meetin
FRI
11 a.m
CATH
School
Bible
Meetin
ST. J
Evenin
Psalm
D) ; S
667 ;
Hewet
Recess
CIRE
St.
munit
St.
Prayer
TBI
Comm
St.
Comm
St.
Celebri