

A SUCCESSOR TO LATE DR. LYNCH

On Saturday Dr. J. F. Walshe, of Middleton, was elected medical officer of the Slieveragh (Ballyvourney) dispensary district, in succession to the late Dr. Lynch, at a meeting of the Macroom Board of Guardians.

There has been a good deal of controversy on the importance of having an Irish-speaking doctor, as the district is preponderatingly an Irish-speaking one, and letters were read from the Gaelic League (Dublin and Cork) on the subject.

Mr. J. O'Connor proposed Dr. Walshe, and Mr. D. O'Leary, seconding, produced an Intermediate certificate showing that the doctor had passed that examination in the subject. Doctors Michael Twohig, Kealkill, and John Twohig, Macroom, were also proposed and in the first vote the first-named dropped out, the voting being 22 each for the others and 9 for him. In the final poll Dr. Walshe got 30, and Dr. John Twohig 23, and Dr. Walshe, in returning thanks, said his victory was due to the cause he represented. He had the support of the U.I.L. members.