

LATE DR. LYNCH, BALLYVOURNEY

Letters from relatives of the late Dr. Lynch, Ballyvourney, were read at the last meeting of the Macroom Guardians acknowledging a vote of condolence passed by the Rural Council. Miss Julia Lynch wrote—"I cannot accept it as a serious expression of sympathy from a public body, who, at the same meeting, held within 24 hours of my father's death, discussed the immediate appointment of a successor to his position, and went even so far as to suggest 6 weeks' time limit for us to vacate the residence." A letter from Mrs. C. O'Shea acknowledging the vote was in the same strain. "It was scandalous," said Mr. D. Lynch; "there was no charity or taste in it." The letters were ordered to be inserted on the minutes.

On it being suggested that Dr. Lynch's successor should be an Irish speaker, Mr. Kenna said he thought there was no need to pass a resolution to that effect, as whatever doctor would be appointed would have to learn Irish in Ballyvourney. The Chairman (Mr. Brophy, J.P.) said the Ballyvourney midwife had to know Irish, and if it was essential for her it was still more so for the doctor. Mr. Fitzgerald said if they made such a rule they might not have sufficient competition (laughter).