

SACRILEGE IN GURTEEN CHAPEL.

BOYLE, SATURDAY.—A most disgraceful act was committed in Gurteen Chapel on Thursday night, which caused the utmost indignation in the district around Boyle. A party of men broke into the church wrecking the altar, smashing the pews, the seat of a local landlord being torn up and carried away. A considerable amount of damage was done, and the Rev. Canon Donoghue, P.P., spoke in the strongest manner on Friday of the sacrilegious act which had been committed at the instance of a band of misguided men in the parish who were seeking to overthrow all authority—ecclesiastical and civil. The police have been investigating the matter, but up to the time of writing they have not succeeded in obtaining a clue which would lead to the detection of the guilty persons. The Bishop of Achroy placed his parish under interdict a few months ago on account of a riot during Mass, when seats were smashed. The ring-leaders were then prosecuted, and let off on condition that they would apologise and make good the damage.—*Irish Times.*