

of view, it may not be a matter of moment whether any particular Limerick or Clare should be either of the proposed Eastern or divisions of these counties. It would, however, if the serious consideration of all interested in the changes be while directed towards the subject, a combined action on the part of natives of the several localities bear upon it. It is no argument to say cannot be worse than they are. It is the imperative duty of those who have a love of their country at heart to use their power to make them better. Ulster is the only county against various clauses of the Bill. County meetings have been held and delegates have been deputed to the several counties to point out how detrimentally they affect the loyalists of the North. It is pleased to perceive that the City of Dublin Conservative Association has issued a sheet of queries to the leaders in the several counties throughout the country with a view to obtain information as to the probable results of the working of the several County Commissioners. These sheets have been sent up and returned to the committee with the hope that in this manner they will have information supplied of a reliable character. Wherever the several Divisions of Counties have been proposed, any disfranchised Borough which has been contained. Thus Clare is divided into the Ennis Division and the Killaloe Division. There is no reason whatever why the present nomenclature should not be retained in every instance; and, in the case of the Parliamentary Divisions of Limerick, instead of being divided into "West," should be named "East." Thus, instead of the proposed divisions, we should have the much more logical one of the "Kilmallock Division" and the "Newcastle West Division," and the other of the two Divisions is very similar to that of the Western being divided into that of the Eastern 65,575. The county includes the baronies of Upper and Lower, Glenquin, Shanid, Kenry, and Coshma; the latter the baronies of Small County, Coshlea, Olan-

At the Listowel Petty Sessions, on Saturday, before Messrs Pierce Mahony (in the chair), George Sanders, and Gerald McElligott, a respectable farmer named Danagher, residing at Abane, summoned Mr Patrick Hartnett, TC, Listowel, for having assaulted him on Christmas Eve. Much interest was created in the proceedings. The assault arose partly out of a family affair. The complainant on the day in question, accompanied by another man of the same name, went into Mr Hartnett's public house in the Square for the purpose, as alleged, of trying to get the latter to bring an amicable arrangement between complainant's sister and the defendant's nephew and niece. Some words of an unfriendly nature passed between them with regard to a will, the upshot being that the defendant, who is of an irascible temperament, raised his stick and threatened to strike complainant if he did not leave the premises, which he did after some time. The parties had to be separated. The defendant was fined 5s and costs.

### DEATH OF THE ARCHDEACON OF KILLALOE.

It is with very great regret we notice the death of the Venerable Thomas Fitzgerald French, Rector of Castleconnell and Archdeacon of Killaloe. Some short time ago Archdeacon French got a more than usually severe affection of the lungs, which was considerably aggravated by a visit to the death bed of a relative which he was called upon to make during the recent severe weather. On his return home the Archdeacon was unable to perform his usual duties, and on last Sunday the Lord Bishop himself occupied the pulpit of Castleconnell church. On yesterday there were some signs of an improvement which unhappily did not continue, and to-day he was called to his rest. Archdeacon French was a comparatively young man, having been ordained in 1849. He held the living of Miltown Malbay for many years and was most popular with all classes. In 1863 he was appointed Rector of Castleconnell, which post he held till his death. When the present Bishop of Killaloe succeeded to the mitre, the vacant Archdeaconry was conferred upon Mr French, and the appointment was viewed with unmixed satisfaction. The late Archdeacon was held in deserved respect by his clerical brethren, both of Killaloe and Limerick. He was for many years Chairman of the Committee of the Protestant Orphan Society of Limerick, and it is not too much to say that his sound sense and business capacity contributed much to the success of the society. He was always a hard-working, conscientious clergyman, faithful in the discharge of his sacred duties, upright, high-minded, and honourable in all his dealings. The death of Archdeacon French creates a vacancy both in his parish and in the Diocese of Killaloe, which it will not be easy to fill.

### MASONIC INTELLIGENCE.

At the usual annual meetings of the various lodges in this city, which were largely attended by the members of the craft, the following appointments of officers for the ensuing year took place:—

Lodge 13—At a meeting of this lodge, held on Saturday last, the following appointments were made:—Br H V D'Esterre, W M; Br Major Embleton, S W; Br W Ryan, J W; Br R L...

The following local inquiries to the proposed constituent divisions of the respective counties fixed:—

- County Limerick—At Lime...
- County Clare—At Ennis...
- County King's—At Tullam...
- County Wesmeath—At Mul...
- County Leitrim—At C...
- County Wicklow—At Wick...
- County Sligo—At Sligo...

### OUR NIGHT-WATCH

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIME...

34, Thomas-street, D...  
DEAR MR EDITOR,—The reg...  
ings at Petty Sessions on Fr...  
leader on same in Saturday's...  
interested in the protection of...  
citizens, will be my apology...  
you.

On Christmas Night, while...  
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next one of the plate-g...  
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and then find out his name, pl...  
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if necessary.—Yours faithfully

The lowering of farm labour...  
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bordering on Romney Marsh t...