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POSSESSION OF A WATCH.—An old woman named Ellen McGuinness was arrested a few days ago, for having a silver lever watch in her possession, for which she could give no satisfactory account. The owner of the watch has now turned up, and proves to be a farmer named Michael Baby, from Feakle, County Clare. He identified the watch, and made a deposition before Mr Clune, upon which the woman was remanded to the next Feakle Petty Sessions.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN ROBERTSON.

We regret to announce the death of Captain G A Robertson, which took place suddenly yesterday evening at Liskennett. Captain Robertson was leaving Liskennett House to take a drive. He alighted to open the avenue gate and immediately fell to the ground, having been seized with a heart attack, to which he soon afterwards succumbed. The deceased was a well known figure in local sporting circles, and had made many friends. He had attained the rank of captain in the 76th Regiment, but retired from the service some years ago, and has since resided in the County Limerick. He was only in his forty-first year.

DIOCESE OF CLONFERT AND KILMACDUAGH.

The annual Synod of the United Diocese of Clonfert and Kilmacduagh was held yesterday at Ballinasloe. The Right Rev Dr Archdall, the President, delivered an important address, in which he dealt with the prospects of the country under the new Local Government Act, of which he took a hopeful view; and also the controversy which at present, he said, was so sadly disturbing the Church of England. The report of the Diocesan Council was of a satisfactory character.

exercised by the Night Watch were entire powers conferred by the Towns' Police Act, which is the 10th and 11th chap 8 incorporated with the Act of 1851. The first Section of the Act included in the Limerick Improvement Act, referred to constables appointed by Justices, and these could only be discontinued by applying to the Secretary of State. The second part of the Section to which he particularly referred as applying to the Watchmen states where any constables shall have been appointed under the provisions of the last mentioned Act the Corporation might from time to time employ such number of such constables as are necessary for the protection of the inhabitants and their property within the limits of the city, and it shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time to remove any such as they thought fit. Council directed particular attention to the words "remove." It was not "discontinue" which the Corporation were now about to do. The two portions of the section quoted were in strong contrast, and as regards the Watch the second portion, he thought, was decisive. The first part of the section provided for a transference and discontinuance by making an application to the Secretary of State, but the same section stated that those appointed to be watchmen were to be regulated by the Corporation, and which gave power to remove individual members, but did not give power to discontinue the office. He submitted that that section was conclusive, that the Council had no power to annihilate the office distinguished altogether from the dismissal of individuals, and he desired to draw a sharp line between the two points. Other powers were given by the 10th and 11th Victoria chapter 89, which was incorporated in the Limerick Improvement Act, but these were powers for the regulation of the watchmen, and there was not a single section