

rendered it impassable for their now that the British are getting, they will know how to deal with their enemies. In the centre, etty, with a detachment of Cape seized Dortrecht, an important, and a commanding point in the disloyal region. Our troops are ter activity at Chieveley and the or. At the latter place a brisk took place on the 21st, but nothing occurred. A British force from eeded by an armoured train, is ay to Mafeking. All is reported Modder River. Meanwhile Lord Lord Kitchener have met at Gib- rithout stopping, the "Dunottar oceeded on its way with both board. By all accounts, General ce thoroughly enjoyed holding ith the temperature at 102 in the

ng Opera Company are filling an at the Theatre Royal before good ight the "Lily of Killarney" will and on Friday night "Faust" will visit.

r.—James Gavin gave himself up to authorities in Limerick last evening, at he had deserted from the Royal Gar- ry, stationed at Belturbet. He has ed.

WER.—Within the past few days has undergone a sharp change, and severe. Tuesday night frost set in, at and this morning snow fell pretty ompanied by a cutting easterly gave way to heavy downpours of

r CHURCH.—As will be seen by ad- the Services in George street and will be held as usual on Sunday 0 a.m. Instead of the usual 6.30 vice, however, there will be Watch- ce, commencing at 10.30, in both

EL'S CHURCH.—"LADY ROBERTS' Sunday next the offertory at all the S. Michaels Church will be given to Roberts' Fund" for the widows and rish soldiers killed in the War in S. Archbishops and Bishops of the eland recently issued a letter to the eeting that such an opportunity ren to the people of contributing to

ON A RAILWAY POLICEMAN.—A man ill, from Kildysart, was arrested last he terminus, on the charge of having n assault on Railway Policeman Ray. missed the train, and owing to his

Company, whose traffic to Killaloe deserve the appreciation and support of the public. The new hotel will be an immense attraction to the natural beauties of the locality. The architect was Mr Holmes, of Dublin, and the contractor, Mr John Hayer, Limerick, on whose work the building reflects the utmost credit.

THE DIRECT LABOR QUESTION.

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

The Secretary of the Limerick County Council has received the following letter from the Local Government Board:—

"Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st December, 1899.

"SIR—Adverting to your letter of the 19th instant relative to the tenders for works in Rural Districts, received by the County Council of Limerick, I am directed by the Local Government for Ireland to state that having regard to the facts submitted, they consider the County Council should, at a quarterly or an adjourned quarterly meeting, themselves open the tenders and accept those deemed suitable in accordance with the terms of Article 24 of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, and that in delegating this authority to the District Councils they acted contrary to the provisions of the Order.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

"H. M. SWAIN, Secretary."

A special meeting of the County Council is convened for Saturday next to consider the matter.

DEATH OF MR JAMES DELANEY, SENIOR.

We regret to record the death which took place at his residence in Dublin on Sunday of Mr James Delaney, senior, merchant tailor, formerly of Limerick. Mr Delaney carried on a very extensive business in this city up to some years ago, when his son, Mr James Delaney, took up the management, and since then the deceased gentleman has devoted himself to business in Dublin. His demise is deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends in the metropolis as well as in this city. The funeral took place yesterday for Glasnevin Cemetery, and the cortege was very large and representative. The chief mourners were—James, John, Henry, Michael, William, Charles, and Octavius Delaney (sons), T P O'Connor, I N S (son-in-law); Charles Paull (brother-in-law), Joseph and John M'Grane (nephews).

A LIMERICK OFFICER IN LADYSMITH.

Mrs Cox has received a letter from her son, Lieutenant Fred Cox, of the 19th (Princess of Wales Own) Hussars, who is in Ladysmith. He states that all there are well and cheerful. They, however, know nothing of what is going on outside, and have not seen a paper since the 2nd November. His letter was sent by a native runner through the cordon round Ladysmith.

ARRIVAL OF THE OXFORDSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY.

The details of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, consisting of about 230 non-commissioned officers and men, arrived in Limerick on Saturday evening, and took up possession of the new barracks, vacated by the Cheshire Regiment, which has

all under my Episcopal charge.

"Believe me to be, my dear friend,

"Yours very faithfully,

"THOMAS LI

Proceeding, his Lordship said:—I having formally thanked you for this gift which I have on my finger, and I dress you have presented to me, I mit my reply but very feebly conveys wh feel. It is quite astonishing the kindness I have received from all e my election to the Episcopate. It is prising to me that I should have be cipient of such kindness and such hear tulations on my elevation to this very position. In the work before me, whi must know is very onerous, I shall best by the feeling and the knowledge th such a strong body of friends ready to the discharge of my duties, not onl Diocese, where I have been known fo long year, and where I am intimately with you all—but also in the Diocese where I am, comparatively speaking, I have received the same kind welcom the united Diocese. And now, friends, I am not a man words, but I hope you will take wh said as expressing my most heartfelt the exceeding great kindness you hav me. I shall also thank you in antic the very strong support that I am receive from you in the discharge of I cannot afford to be silent with reg help I have received from the lay r my flock in my work as Dean of Lim years. I took up that work with the if I had not the support of the h in our Church which I va highly, I should not be able to di duties that devolved upon me. Fro start I have had the help of frienc been loyal to me throughout, and wi am happy to say during that long pe I have not had one single word th looked upon as indicating anything b warm friendship and amity. I ha mention names, but I cannot help refe Lee, my hereditary Churchwe Mr Day, the Churchwarder by the Select Vestry. To these gen gratitude is of the very greatest do not know how I could have got their warm and zealous assistanc that it was to them a labour of love to conduct the affairs of our fine ol but at the same time while it was love to them, I cannot help thinkin must have been influenced by the motives in what they did. And now, I thank you again most heartily for ful ring you have given me, and for address you have presented me wi please God, to be able to discharge fully up to the expectations that formed of me, and in discharging th shall not only have your assista heart-felt prayers (applause).

The proceedings closed with the pronounced by his Lordship.

ORDINATIONS IN TRAL

Our newly-consecrated Bishop, the Dr. Bunbury, held an Ordination Ser Church on Thursday, the first, wit tion, within the present generatio nary service was first proceeded w the Archdeacon of Ardfert, and the Townley, M.A, officiated, the former appropriate sermon. His Lordship who occupied a seat near the Comm then took up the special Ordination