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New book on Limerick is launched

BEFORE "The Story of Limerick" — a book by
Right Rev. Robert Wyse Jackson—was officially
launched yesterday, it was revealed that over 1,000
copies had already been sold.

A total of 5,000 copies had
been printed, it was revealed.

Dr. Jackson, who wrote the
history, is former Bishop of
Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe;
his son, John, represented him
at yesterday's publication re-
ception in Shannonside's offices.

Delighted

Mr. Tom Flanagan, Regional
Tourism Manager for the Mid-
Western Region stated, "We in
Shannonside are delighted to be
able to assist in the launching
of this new history of our an-
cient city. I feel that Limerick
needed this chronicle of fact,
anecdote and historical data in
print.

During his years in Limerick
Dr. Wyse Jackson immersed
himself in community affairs
and was always generous in his
support of Shannonside's work
and we would like to offer our
congratulations to him on his
achievement and wish the book
every success.

"We are sorry that Dr. Wyse
Jackson cannot be with us
to-day, due to an indisposition,
but we are sure that his son
John will bring back our sin-
cere wish for the success of the
book and also that it will not
be too long before Dr. Wyse
Jackson is amongst us again.

Human style

"Having browsed through the
book what struck me most was
the human style in which this
history was written. For in-
stance, the book tells us that,
in 1776, 100 oysters could be pur-
chased for 4d, and a salmon
could be bought for three half
pence. Even tourism is touched
on, when Dr. Wyse Jackson in-
forms us that Queen Victoria
stayed in the Royal George
Hotel, and that the novelist,
Thackeray, stayed in Cruise's
Hotel. This is a book for all
ages, and for all tastes, and we
feel that Limerick people will
welcome it enthusiastically.
Also, visitors to the Region will
now have an opportunity of
purchasing an interesting his-
tory of the city, at a reasonable
cost."

"Like most old walled cities,

Limerick has a strong identity
of its own. This identity has
not, however, been achieved
without a fight, and a large part
of this book recounts that fight
—against the Normans, against
the Cromwellians, against pla-
gue and famine, against econ-
omic misfortune and change.
This story of Limerick is, indeed
'the story of Ireland in little'
and so, Robert Wyse Jackson
also traces the natural develop-
ment of a vital evolving com-
munity. He tells of the growth
of the peacetime occupations of
trade and commerce, art and
education, travel and communi-
cation. Gradually, we see how
these elements take over from
the earlier problems of war and
aggression. The ever-increasing
part in the development of Ire-
land as a whole.

Anecdote

"It is enlivened with anecdote,
enriched with comment, and bal-
anced with the criticism of a
man who knows and loves the
city well. The history and the
people of Limerick live for the
reader through the memories
and knowledge of the author,
and like him, we can only be
enthusiastic about a city, which
has achieved so much despite
so many difficulties.

The author, Robert Wyse
Jackson, has written widely
about Jonathan Swift, Irish
cathedrals, Irish silver and
many historical subjects. He
is a member of the Royal Irish
Academy, and has been Church
of Ireland Bishop of Limerick
and President of the Thomond
Archaeological Society, to which
journal he has contributed over
the last thirty years. He is an
honorary Freeman of the City
of Limerick.

Among the guests attending
the reception to launch the
book were the Deputy Mayor of
Limerick, Cllr. Clem Casey; Rt.
Rev. Dr. Caird, Bishop of Lime-
rick, Ardfert and Aghadoe; Rt.
Rev. Monsignor Lee of Lime-
rick; Dom Mark Tierney of
Glenstal Abbey; County Lib-
rarian; representatives of the
literary, educational and com-
mercial sectors in the city and
many other personal friends of
Dr. Wyse Jackson.

Regret

"I regret that it is not possi-
ble to say at this stage when
the building of the new school
is likely to commence. You may
be assured, however, that so far
as my Department is concerned
every effort will be made to ex-
pedite the planning of the pro-
ject."

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