

## OLDEN THOUGHTS

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## PATIENCE

Wilt thyself be borne with, bear also with another.  
—Thomas à Kempis.

## A BLESSING

friendship is that by which the world is most blessed most good, it ought to be chosen amongst those that est benefit to each other. —Jeremy Taylor.

## A CHEERFUL TEMPER

al temper, joined with innocence, will make beauty at- wledge delightful, and wit good-natured. It will lighten erty and affliction; convert ignorance into an amiable and render deformity itself agreeable. —Addison.

## KNOWLEDGE

is its own justification and its own reward.  
—Wilkie Collins.

## FORTUNE AND NATURE'S GRACE

care not, Fortune! what you me deny,  
ou cannot rob me of free Nature's grace.  
—Thompson.

## LECTURES

d of the difference between the mode of education at that in those Colleges where instruction is chiefly con- tures. Johnson: 'Lectures were once useful; but now, read, and books are so numerous, lectures are unneces- attention fails, and you miss a part of the lecture, it cannot go back as you do upon a book!'  
—Boswell's Life of Dr. Johnson.

## MAN

ld is full of wonders, but nothing is more wonderful  
—Sophocles.

The countless gold of a merry heart,  
The rubies and pearls of a loving eye,  
The idle man never can bring to the mart.  
—William Blake.

## DUTY

nothing so sweet as duty, and all the best pleasures in the wake of duties done. —Jean Ingelow.

## LOVE OF COUNTRY

v to thee, my country—all earthly things above— e and whole and perfect, the service of my love. love that asks no questions: the love that stands the test, lays upon the altar the dearest and the best: love that never falters, the love that pays the price, love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice. there's another country, I've heard of long ago— dear to them that love her, most great to them that nay not count her armies: we may not see her king— fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering— soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths re peace. —Cecil Spring-Rice.

loves not his country, can love nothing. —Byron.

## VIRTUE : HOPE : LOVE

nd Hope, and Love, like light and heaven, surround the  
ley.

h, yet we trust that somehow good  
Will be the final goal of ill.  
—Tennyson.

sed work of helping the world forward, happily, does be done by perfect men. —George Eliot.

## FAITH AND ENTHUSIASM

in something and enthusiasm for something that makes looking at. —O. W. Holmes.

the country, because full of riches. —Shakespeare.

thou hast to look to heaven for grace. —Shakespeare.

## MISFORTUNE

ne ever claimed the pity of the brave. —Charles Dibden.

nd give them wisdom that have it; and those that are em use their talents. —Shakespeare

## HONOUR

as the Sun breaks through the darkest clouds, honour peereth in the meanest habit.  
—Shakespeare.

Though thou the waters warp,  
Thy sting is not so sharp.  
As friend remembered not.  
—Shakespeare.

c naught a trifle, though it small appear;  
I sands the mountain, moments make the year,  
and trifles life.  
—Young.

KATE O'BRIEN  
LECTURES IN  
HER NATIVE CITY

LAST Tuesday night, November 1st, was a very festive and eventful occasion in Limerick. It was the first time that Kate O'Brien, "Limerick's most famous woman," received public recognition in her native city.

As it is twenty-five years since her first great novel was published, the honour has been long overdue.

The occasion was the launching of the newly-formed Italian Society. But, of course, Kate O'Brien was the attraction and Cruise's was thronged with people hoping to be lucky enough to get in at the last minute.

Before the lecture there was a special dinner in her honour. Senor Giachino, Director of the Italian Institute of Culture, was present, with his Secretary, Miss Nancy Spillane, a young Limerick lady now living in Dublin.

Monsignor Moloney presided. Miss O'Brien was introduced by Mr. Joseph O'Malley, the enthusiastic and efficient Secretary of the Society, who is one of the main supporters of all literary and cultural activities in the city.

## THE LECTURE

Her lecture dealt in a very charming way with the months she spent in Rome last year living in a small apartment, at the top of a big old shabby house, and making ends meet as Romans of limited means must do. In that atmosphere she grew to know the great city in an intimate way, and not in the superficial way that it is known to tourists.

Her talk must have brought back memories to many in the audience who had climbed the steps of which she spoke, and seen the sights she described.

She finished her lecture with a mention of His Holiness, the Pope, blessing the children at Castel Gondolfo.

The lecturer was thanked, very graciously, on behalf of all those present, by Monsignor Moloney, who also welcomed Senor Giachino and spoke in fluent Italian.

Senor Giachino replied in Italian and in English, wishing success to the new Italian Society and expressing his appreciation of Miss O'Brien's pleasant talk on Rome, which, he said, showed how deeply she had absorbed the beauty and history of the Holy City.

## BUFFET SUPPER

The lecture was followed by a buffet supper, which people enjoyed as they stood or sat around in groups. Everybody had an opportunity of meeting Kate O'Brien in that pleasant informal atmosphere.

Relatives and old friends came to welcome and congratulate her, and there were many young people who were introduced and got her autograph, going away to tell their friends what a simple, unassuming, charming woman is our great Kate O'Brien.

Limerick welcomed Kate O'Brien, with pride, with respect, with appreciation and with affection.

We wish her many happy, fruitful years, and we look forward with great interest to a new book from her pen, which will be published very soon. M.H.

Presentation Nun's  
Death: Sister  
M. Benignus  
FitzGerald

On Thursday, October 27th, at Presentation Convent, Limerick,

WHAT'S GOING ON  
NOTES, NEWS AND VIEW

## RUMOURS!

LIMERICK is, as we have so often stated, noted for its ability to promote a crop of absurd rumours. Just now one of these concoctions is going the rounds and, needless to say, at every telling it is further embellished. More often than not the rumour-mongers offend against ordinary standards of common decency, but, truth to tell, these people have little or no regard for the feelings of others. But having said all this, why, it may be asked, do so many decent people give credence to cock and bull stories, like the one now in circulation? This particular fabrication has frightened the wits out of sensitive individuals, especially women folk. People who spread alarmist stories should be charged in the courts, with causing a public mischief.

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## DEBATING SOCIETY.

We note with very great pleasure that steps are about to be taken to revive the Limerick Debating Society. With this object in view a meeting will be held in the City Technical Institute on next Tuesday night at 9 o'clock, when, it is to be hoped, the debating class will be given a new lease of life. No progressive community should be without a forum to promote the art of public speaking and it is no credit to Limerick that the old Society was allowed to fade away. All interested in its revival are invited to the meeting arranged for next Tuesday night. It will be disappointing if the attendance is not only large, but representative as well, for, as already stated, without a debating class the art of speaking in public cannot be acquired.

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## "THE DESERT SONG"

Always progressive, the Franciscan Choral Society will break new ground this season when they produce that haunting musical—the "Desert Song." The opening performance will be given in the City Theatre on Sunday night, 13th inst., and will be repeated during the following eight nights. With pleasant memories of the Society's previous productions, full houses are certain to rule during the run of the "Desert Song," one of the most fascinating of the Romberg repertoire. It includes such warm favourites as "Blue Heaven," "One Alone," "Romance" and "One Flower." These and other very pleasing, tuneful lyrics give ample scope to soloists and chorus, and knowing the capabilities of the Franciscan Society it can be taken as a matter of course that their treatment will be par excellence.

## DANGEROUS.

When will the proceed with the sch new alignment to the Road from Ballinac Road, the Regional Hospital of people are asking but no one appears position to supply answer. It would ap County Council can initiative until a fin reached as to the e road is to be cross posed railway line t Factory at Mungret. way connection is, giving headaches to residences and amen to be prejudicially For instance, if sket anything the lovely of Mr. Arthur Mc surrounded more o link line. It shoul project without doing property of others.

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## PILLAR BOX NEE

It has been sugges the public would be tated if a pillar, be erected at the junct Street and O'Connell do we give publicl gestion in the hope appeal to the Dépar and Telegraphs. A be made for a pill place indicated. In it would remove the to cross a busy th no other purpose t letter. The nearest the opposite side of below the William section. So, obvious needed at the Roch tion. Will the P.O to be hoped the an the affirmative.

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## IN A BAD WAY.

The pedestrian People's Park are of disrepair. Full public are shunning referring to use the ways. This is not g local authority can unious as not to b a little cash to ke running through th sonable state of rep advertisement for t Park walks become especially as a few macadam would ge make good wear tainly, the pot-hole up in this way.

LOCAL AND GENERAL  
ITEMS IN BRIEF