

# GOLDEN THOUGHTS

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### SELFSHISHNESS

Selfishness is poverty; it is the most utter destitution of a human being. It can bring nothing to its belief; it adds soreness to its sorrows; it sharpens his pains; it aggravates all the losses he is liable to endure, and when goaded to extremes often turns destroyer and strikes its last blows on himself. It gives us nothing to rest in or fly to in trouble; it turns our affections on ourselves, self on self, as the sap of a tree descending out of season from its heavenward branches and making not only its life useless but its growth downward.

*Herman Hooker.*

Men should be what they seem;  
Or, those that be not, would they might seem none!

*Shakespeare.*

### MIND

'Tis the mind that makes the body rich.

*Shakespeare.*

### INGRATITUDE

Ingratitude! though marble-hearted fiend.

*Shakespeare.*

### EVIL

The evil that men do lives after them.

*Shakespeare.*

### LOVE

Love thyself last; cherish those hearts that hate thee;  
Corruption wins not more than honesty.

*Shakespeare.*

### TENDERNESS

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled by them.

*Henry Ward Beecher.*

### IMITATION

Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation, but of the adopted talent of another you have only an extemporaneous half-possession. That which each can do best none but his Maker can teach him.

*Emerson.*

### THE WAYSIDE INN

A region of repose it seems,  
A place of slumber and of dreams,  
Remote among the wooded hills,  
For there no noisy railway speeds,  
Its torch-race scattering smoke and gleeds,  
But noon and night the panting trains  
Stop under the great oaks that throw  
Tangles of light and shade below.  
On roofs, and doors, and window sills:  
Across the road the barns display  
Their lines of stalls, their mows of hay  
Through the wide doors the breezes blow,  
The watted cock starts to and fro,  
And, half effaced by rain and shine,  
The Red Horse prances on the sign.

*Longfellow.*

### NO RULES OF CHARITY

You know no rules of charity,  
Which renders good for bad, blessings for curses.

*Shakespeare.*

### PITY

Pity is the virtue of this law,  
And none but tyrants use it cruelly.

*Shakespeare.*

### OUR WORK

Every single day should be to you a day of royal discontent. You never thought as well as you ought to think. You never meant as highly as you ought to mean. You never planned as nobly as you ought to plan. You never executed as you ought to execute. Over the production of the scholar, over the canvas of the artist, over the task of the landscape gardener, over the pruner's knife, there ought to hover perpetually his blessed ideal, telling him, "Your work is poor it should be better," so that every day he should lift himself higher and higher, with an everlasting pursuit of perfection when he reaches the land beyond.

*Henry Ward Beecher.*

### ANXIETY

Nothing in life is more remarkable than the unnecessary anxieties which we endure and generally occasion ourselves.

### FACTS

Facts are not stubborn. It is the man who will not face them who is.

### A LESSON: MAN'S LIFE

Every man's life is a fairy tale, written by God's fingers.

*Hans Christian Andersen.*

## THROWING THE DART: HISTORIC BACKGROUND

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")  
A CHARA. Your insertion of the following will be much appreciated by a large section of citizens and many others outside the city.

Some years previous to 1916 a humorous writer, whose pen-name was "George A. Birmingham," produced a little drama, entitled "General John Regan." Although there was nothing of worth in the play which was in reality a spite on the duplicity of the Connaught people, he managed, by his persuasive language, to cajole a committee to erect a monument to the General, who, he told them, was born in Connaught, and "who had been one of the principal leaders in the American war of independence."

This is the closest analogy I can find to the duplicity of our City Fathers' pilgrimage down the river Shannon to throw a "silver dart," which was to commemorate an act of James the First, who was supposed to have thrown the first dart, which conferred special favours on Limerick. Mayor.

A very impartial historian, P. W. Joyce, who has written the history of the period, does not record that James was ever in Ireland, and if that is correct, which we have no reason to doubt, he could not be in Limerick. And he certainly would not confer any favour on a native Irish mayor, as will be seen from the following: King James took over from Elizabeth, who died in 1563, leaving this country suffering from famine brought about by her Deputies, Mountjoy and Essex.

The Irish people were very pleased to hear of James's accession, as although a Protestant in England, it was hoped that he was a Catholic at heart; they had not long to wait, however, to find how mistaken they were. His first act was to revive two penal enactments, which had been allowed to lapse during Elizabeth's reign—one, that of Supremacy, the other, Uniformity. These acts reduced the natives standard to that of slavery, or worse, in their own country.

If his Deputy did throw a dart into the Shannon, of which there is no record, he certainly threw several fiery darts into the counties of Donegal, Derry, Armagh, Tyrone, Fermanagh, and Cavan. In these counties he destroyed the people's crops, causing famine, and he banished thousands after burning their homesteads to make room for Scotch and English settlers.

Altogether he confiscated almost one million acres, of which he gave the major portion to the officers and 4,000 acres to Trinity College. The natives he consigned to the bogs and hills, giving them little time for the general exodus. He died in 1625 after a reign of 22 years, which was more harsh than that of Cromwell, as the latter made terms with the natives who submitted, while he butchered outright those who resisted.

James the 1st condemned all the natives of the counties named to a slow death by starvation, owing to the famine brought about by his Deputy on his (the King's) instructions, by the destruction of their crops, as the Irish people in those days lived exclusively on the produce of the land.

It is regrettable, therefore, that any section of our people should commemorate any act of such a tyrant.

It is, therefore, due to the patriotic section of our people, many of whom are still with us, and also to those who are gone, which includes two Mayors of Limerick, both murdered during the Black and Tan regime, that a protest should be and is hereby made against such a travesty.

The dart which was cast into the river was harmless, and could not be compared with the fiery dart which was fired into the ratepayers' centre on the return of the City Fathers.

No doubt the expenses of the pilgrimage will appear in next year's estimates, and it will be interesting to know how much it will add to the ratepayers' burden.

The writer hopes that Deputy O'Malley will succeed in his proposal to have an interview with the Minister, and I suggest that he invite representatives of the industrial and business sections of Limerick. These, being the largest ratepayers, should have a say in calling the tune for which they have to pay dearly, and also fixed a boundary line which will not be crossed.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for insertion,  
Yours faithfully,  
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## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Notes, News And Views

#### AN EXPERIMENT.

THE Electricity Supply Board—the owners of the fisheries of the Shannon and its tributaries—have introduced a novel plan in connection with fishing on the Mulkear and its off-shoots. The plan is simply this—that on "flag days" persons may fish for salmon, using any legal bait or lure. The "flag days" are to be indicated by a visible sign, namely, a white flag, which will be hoisted at the Thomond Weir, Annacotty Bridge and Barrington's Bridge. Anglers, from now on, would be well advised to keep their eyes open to spot the white flag. By the way, it is to be noted that fishing on "flag days" will be controlled by E.S.B. wardens. This means, of course, that unsportsmanship methods will not be permitted, much less tolerated.

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#### A WARNING!

The "flag-day" concession is accompanied by a stern warning. For instance, after 30th inst., the holders of permit A who use any bait other than the artificial fly on the Mulkear and its tributaries run the risk of having their permits revoked. This restriction, however, does not apply to authorised "flag days." The holders of permit B, as well as the holders of permits to fish for brown trout, are also obliged to observe certain conditions. The E.S.B. is breaking new ground—no pun intended—in so far as fishing is concerned. All anglers, but particularly novices, will appreciate the "flag days," when freedom of action, not permissible at other times, is allowed.

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#### THE MAYORALTY.

When the City Council meets on Monday evening next it will be asked, pursuant to the Provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927, to fix a date, not earlier than 23rd June, and not later than 1st July, for the holding of the Mayoral election. Very likely the Council will decide on the first date mentioned, as 23rd happens to fall on a Saturday—a day that would seem to be in popular favour for Mayoral elections. So far, there is a complete absence of kite-flying apropos the Mayorality. In some quarters this is taken as a sign that the outgoing Mayor (Ald. G. E. Russell) will be offered a third year of office. That may or not be the case, but it would be unwise to take too much for granted in so far as the Mayorality is concerned. We have only to wait and see.

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#### IT'S A SECRET!

A Committee of the Harbour Board met during the week to consider an application received for

the granting of an option for one year on ten acres of land at Corkanree. The application for the site was made by Messrs. P. O'Sullivan and Son, solicitors, on behalf of a client whose name has not been disclosed. Indeed, the letter from Messrs. O'Sullivan gave very little information beyond the bald statement that the site was required for an industry, for which from 30,000 to 50,000 tons of material would be imported annually. What kind of industry contemplated? Many people asking this question, but no one even those who profess to know will answer. If we say that it is people looking for the site are interested in the manufacture of artificial manures it must not be assumed that we have what is called inside information.

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#### TO STOP AT SHANNON.

The announcement made on behalf of American Seaboard and Western Airlines to the effect that their planes will stop at Shannon when going to and returning from Europe on freight flights is to be greatly welcomed. This freight service—the first flight scheduled for Tuesday, 10th inst. will provide an opportunity for industrialists to send small parcels of specialised goods to America and other countries. The fact that Shannon is to be a port of call for Seaboard and Western planes is to be regarded as a high compliment more especially as it is an open secret that some companies are anxious to by-pass Shannon in favour of Collinstown. Only a week an unsuccessful bid was made to take the Taoiseach's plane to Shannon. The timely intervention of the Mayor (Ald. G. E. Russell) killed this move.

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#### NO FISH MARKET.

Not so very long ago it was stated on what appeared to be reliable authority that the Fish Marketing Board proposed to establish in Limerick a fish market, was even said at the time that the Board had purchased suitable premises in Nicholas Street for proposed market. During the intervening months, however, not a word, not as much as a whisper has been heard about this market. Has the Board abandoned its plan for Limerick? If that is the case the public might be why Limerick, which is ideally situated as a distributing centre has not got the promised market. With the provision of storage and other essential facilities in Limerick, fish supplies will be available for many towns within a radius of thirty miles that find now next to impossible to get such as a herring.

## Patrick Street Traders' Spring Fashion Show



Late Mrs. Gretta Maher

The death of Mrs. Margaret (Gretta) Maher, wife of Col. P. Maher, Manager, Shannon Airport, which occurred on Good Friday morning, occasioned widespread regret and sorrow. A most exemplary wife and mother, she had endeared herself to a very wide circle of friends and heartfelt sympathy is felt for the bereaved husband and family on their irreparable loss.

The funeral took place from St. Michael's Church, Limerick, on Easter Monday to Dean's Grange Cemetery, Dublin, the cortege

RAINFALL IN MARCH			
The following are details of rainfall at Garryowen Bacon 1 tory, Limerick, during the month of March, 1956:			
1st	12th	42	23rd
2nd	21	10th	24th
3rd	43	14th	25th
4th	96	15th	26th
5th	15	16th	27th
6th		17th	28th
7th	95	28th	29th
8th	91	19th	36
9th		20th	28
10th		21st	20
11th	93	22nd	15
Total: 3.68.			
No. days 0" or more: 19;			
days 0.1" or more: 16;			
Total last year so far: 5.63			
Total this year so far: 8.31			