

John's Square

The recent development work and restoration work which has taken place in John's Square has been welcomed by the people of the city. The citing of the city Museum has attracted large number of tourists and visitors to the area, and it is a welcome sight to enter the historic square and be greeted by its present beauty.

John's Square was originally built as an aristocratic residential centre, and for some time the houses were occupied by nobility and military until Newtownpercy won them away to another part of the town.

The interesting thing about these well-built houses was the plain, simple hall doors which was their original design — described by previous antiquarians as "more like back doors than entrance doors."

Happily the frontages have in recent time been brought more in keeping with the original architectural design.

Limericks

The Frog

Be kind and gentle to the
frog, and do not call him
names,

As 'Slimy-skin,' or 'Pollywog'
or likewise, 'Uncle James,'
Or 'Gape-o-grin' or 'Toad-
gone-wrong' or 'Billy bandy
knees,'

The frog is rightly sensitive to
epethets like these.

No animal will more repay a
treatment kind and fair,

At least, so lonely people say
who keep a frog.