

ceived the C.B.E. as a mark of appreciation for his work abroad.

A brother of Irene's, Dr. Raymond Reilly, is a well-known gynaecologist in Boston, and has delivered two of the Kennedy family, Mrs. Monroe Shriver and Mrs. Joan Kennedy, wife of Senator Edward Kennedy. Her other brother, Jocelyn, is on a scholarship at the Art Institute, New York, and is also doing commercial art and television animation.

Her mother, Mrs. Brenda, has been on a three months' vacation in the United States and has just returned to Ireland with Irene.



Miss Irene Reilly has completed a three-months' promotional tour of North America and Canada for Dan Ryan Rent-a-Car.

Suggestions on St. John's Square

Further to the movement now about to get under way for the preservation of St. John's Square, Seamus O'Glinneide makes the following interesting — and complimentary observations:

"Observer" deserves an appreciative thank-you for his generous publicity for the suggestion made by me — with heartening support from Mr.

George O'Malley, on behalf of the Regional Tourism Organisation; and Mr. Tom Pierce on behalf of the Thomond Archaeological Society — that St. John's Square be restored and saved from creeping dereliction.

My appreciative thank-you to "Observer" should not be restricted to the publicity he gave my suggestion made at

the recent Hon. Desmond Guinness lecture to An Taisce's local branch. Everybody with a sensibility for the architectural riches of Old Limerick are gratefully aware of "Observer's" inveterate campaigns to have our heritage preserved from unremembering vandals.

Arising from his piece on St. John's Square might I make another suggestion? Rev. Canon Frederick Langbridge, poet, novelist, and adaptor of Dickens' "Tale of Two Cities" which as "The Only Way" became a London and Limerick theatrical favourite — lived at St. John's Square, as "Observer" mentioned. Langbridge (1849-1922) enjoyed the love and protection of Catholic and Nationalist contemporaries in troubled and non-ecclesiastical times. He lived in the house now restored as the Old Men's Hostel, and a fine Georgian doorway satisfactorily distinguishes it.

Why not put a commemorative plaque outside the Hostel? Reminding him that Frederick Langbridge was a Canon of St. Mary's Cathedral might an appeal be directed to Bishop Wyse-Jackson to initiate this move to deservedly honour Langbridge? And, to mention on the plaque that his grave may be seen outside the door of nearby St. John's Church, of which he was Rector.

If my suggestion about the plaque is realised, and there's no reason why it shouldn't, if An Taisce, the Thomond Archaeological Society, and Shannonside Tourism help, the unveiling ceremony should be accompanied by a reading from Langbridge's works — and those of his daughter, Rosamund, who was also a poet — by members of our local theatrical groups. Such an assembly would spotlight the beauty of St. John's Square, so negligently ignored architecturally, touristically and from a local historical viewpoint. It could well be an occasion for galvanising the initiation of its restoration.

Joseph O'Meara, the famous operatic personality, would not have been honoured with a commemorative plaque at Ozanam House, but for "Observer's" suggestion last year."

New Hurling Trophy Presented

A new trophy, presented by Mr. John William Harrison to the City G.A.A. Board for competition in the minor hurling championship, should provide a further stimulus to the promotion of our national games in Limerick.

"I firmly believe that the youth of today need some incentive to keep them interested in healthy outdoor activities," Mr. Harrison told me. He has a life-long interest in sport himself, with particular emphasis on Gaelic games, and says hurling is one of the finest spectator sports in the world.

In his opinion, too, Gaelic football compares favourably with other football codes, but he believes it could be improved "if the players used more science and less brawn."

Mr. Harrison, who opened his watch-making, jewellery, and engraving business at Little Catherine Street a year and a half ago, is a native of London and is married to the former Miss Gertrude Cahill, of Henry Street.

He likes Limerick: "A small city where the people are friendly, the pace not quite so hot as London and everybody knows everybody else."

He studied and took his degrees at the Northern Polytechnic, London, and before coming to Limerick worked in Hutton Garden and was manager of a company of Regent Street Jewellers.

In his school days he did a fair amount of boxing but without success in the competitive sphere. His other interests include charitable work.

Mr. Harrison is an active member of Limerick's new G.A.A. Club and is deeply interested in their field development plan which is now in its initial stages.

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way Motel.

Harrison, jeweller, Little Catherine Street, presenting a new trophy as the Harrison Cup, for City Minor Hurling Championship, to Mr. (right), outgoing Chairman of the City G.A.A. Board. In centre is Mr. (left), Registrar, City G.A.A. Board. Treaty-Sarsfields became first holders.

