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Journal of the County Louth Archæological Society.

This is a very praiseworthy record of the varied operations of the Society for the past year. The different articles, to a few of which we refer later on, are readable and instructive, and throw much light on local history and legend. But the Society is doing more than publishing valuable papers, for it holds lectures and undertakes excursions which enlist the sympathy and co-operation of many whose interests may not easily be awakened by any other means. By these expedients a living interest is fostered in the dead past, and the Society is enabled to produce a journal which for variety and research is unrivalled in or out of the country. An important undertaking in the journal is the reproduction of the plates and letterpress of Wright's "Louthiana" by Mr. H. G. Tempest and the Rev. James Quinn, together with plans, sketches and illustrative notes on the objects depicted by Wright, which bring his work up to date. Family history is well represented by an article on the Clintons of County Louth by the Rev. J. B. Leslie, M.A. The place names of the county, by the late Major-General Stubbs, a past Vice-President of our own Society, are concluded in this number, and an appreciative sketch of the compiler of them is contributed by Mr. John R. Garstin. As to the journal itself, it is tastily turned out, richly illustrated, and printed on Irish-made paper by Mr. William Tempest, of Dundalk, a most enterprising publisher, on whom it reflects the highest credit.

The Irish Book Lover.

We have now grown so accustomed to the regular monthly visits of this charming little journal, that it is difficult to imagine how it was that something on the same lines was not attempted years before it first saw the light. It concentrates all that is useful, helpful and informing respecting the literary achievements of our people, it identifies many anonymous, unknown or forgotten writers, and is a permanent record also of what Irish men and women are doing to-day in all departments of literature. The early numbers of the journal were so varied and entertaining that one might be excused for thinking that the Editor was then giving only of his very best, and that it was but a question of time when the inevitable descent would take place. There was, however, no justification for thinking anything of the sort, for the journal, now well advanced in its third year of issue, is as brimful of interest as ever. Each number for the past quarter contains articles written frequently with an inside and expert knowledge of the subject. To the January issue Mr. Daniel Crilly contributes a treasury of information on "Zozimus," a famous humorous journal published in Dublin some forty years ago, whilst Mr. Frank MacDonagh supplies a most welcome and readable sketch of Maurice Lenihan, the historian of Limerick. In the February number the Rt. Hon. Michael F. Cox writes on the original book of Mac Firbis's Irish Pedigrees and Genealogies, which was recently purchased by him. The March number leads off with a paper by Mr. Henry R. Plumer on "Dermod O'Connor and Keating's History," which embodies much research and curious information. To the same number Mr. Seamus ua Casaide contributes some interesting gleanings on the subject of old Irish Almanacs, whilst our fellow-member, Mr. Dix, gives a facsimile of an Early Cork-printed title page (1648), with illustrative notes. This is a literary venture that supplies a long felt want, and that is entitled on its merits to a wide support. We can strongly recommend it accordingly to our readers. The Dublin publishers are Hanna & Neale, and the annual subscription 2s.

Cadelica. A Journal of Modern Irish Studies.

We extend a genuine céad mile fáilte to this new quarterly, and heartily congratulate its promoters on their high aims and on the sound scholarship and judgment displayed in their first number, which has just come to hand. Since the publication of the "Gaelic Journal" was discontinued some five years since there has been a sad break in the means of keeping in touch with modern Irish studies, and with what is being published in the language. The present is a very ample effort to cope with the situation, and we trust that work so well begun will be supported. The journal is under the editorship of Mr. Thomas F. O'Rahilly, whom readers of the "Gaelic Journal" will remember for the sound philological knowledge displayed by him in its pages. He is ably supported by a circle of contributors, all of whom are well-known exponents of the language. The first article is of considerable local interest, dealing as it does with the life and work of Father Owen O'Keeffe, the poet-priest of Doneraile, to whose memory a suitable monument was erected some years since in Oldcourt graveyard, through the initiative of the Rev. Cornelius Buckley. Tórna (Tadg O'Donoghue), the writer, is himself a Gaelic poet, and has already done much in bringing to light the hidden writings of our ancient bards. Séamus O'Casaide contributes two interesting articles, one a caoine on the death of Tadg Gaedhlach O'Sullivan, and the other on Humphrey O'Sullivan's Irish Diary. This is a very remarkable diary, and it is very probably quite unique. An instalment covering the portion for the early months of 1827 is now published and is occasionally very curious reading. These are

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