

“ Paddy's Son ”

Can any of our readers supply the circumstances out of which arose the following lines? They are copied from a much-mended sheet in **D**, which was found among the papers of Richard Lindley (c. 1721-1785), of Darlington (xiv. 86).

“ Paddy thought in return for the Darlington fun
In quitting the town he would leave us a son
The semblance to keep up, he thought it expedient
The Body to make of his *favorite Ingredient*.
He stuck in two teaspoons to make Legs and Thighs
Two circular Glasses were plac'd for the Eyes
The head from a turnip he form'd with some Pains
An Ounce of scotch snuff was cram'd in, to make brains.
Ned Backhouse the *Beauty* was made privy purse
And old Madam Morris appointed *wet Nurse*.
Away in a Bandbox was sent the small man
With his hat and his shoes he was onley a span
Old Morris exclaim'd as she lifted the lid up
God Bless me can this thing be called *Dr. Widdup*.”

THOMAS LETCHWORTH AND “ THE MONTHLY LEDGER.”—Thomas Letchworth (c. 1738-1784), of Southwark, London, was a Minister among Friends from an early age. His *Life and Character* was written by William Matthews, of Bath, and published in 1786. Letchworth's book was entitled *The Monthly Ledger, or Literary Repository: to contain Philosophical, Historical, Biographical and Moral Essays, etc.* It was published in sixpenny monthly numbers, complete in three volumes, 1773-1775. See *Gent's Mag.*, 1784, pt. 2, p. 878.

William Forster, of Tottenham, wrote to his sister Elizabeth at Samuel Galton's, Birmingham, 7 x. 1773: “ Hast thou seen T. Letchworth's Monthly Ledger? The first No. in no manner answer'd my expectations, he was previously advised by Friends not to publish it. The second No. is now out, and I think little or nothing better. Its not executed in a manner that might be expected after such an Advertisement.”

From original letter in possession of Mrs. Vere O'Brien, Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland, 1924.

“ Many things which were known to our Grand sires are lost to us, and our descendants will search in vain for many facts which to us are most familiar.”