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There is something of the erudite scholar, something of the Oxford don, something of the man of deep Christian faith and prayer and something of the wise man in all the Dr. Patrick

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