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● ● ● ● ● THE political parties of Argentina, without exception, are breaking down because they are no longer able to enlist the enthusiasm of the young generation. Radicalism, Conservatism, Socialism, they are all dying because the youth of the country have lost faith in them, will have nothing to do with them. The fault lies with the standard-bearers of these causes once great. There is nothing so odious as insincerity. The impression is general that politicians in Argentina are, without exception, insincere in their professions and in their promises; and that the whole framework of politics is rotten—a condition which invades the administrations based on the parties. It is not to be expected that youth can be attracted by any of the existing parties.

● ● ● ● ● NATIONALIST China will be represented diplomatically at the Vatican. This news-item following on the heels of the announcement that Japan was sending a Minister to the Holy See, should be more than sufficient to prove that Catholic Rome has not departed from its position of impartiality (we refuse to employ in this connection that overworked word neutrality).

There are over three million Catholics in China, and nearly two thousand native Chinese priests and several bishops. During the last forty years, over two and one-half million Chinese have joined the Catholic Church.

● ● ● ● ● IN the wake of war marches hunger, and in the wake of hunger, pestilence. The continent of Europe normally receives one hundred million tons of foodstuffs from abroad, a supply which has ceased since the war broke out. Continental food production has dwindled by almost one-half because most

of the able-bodied men are engaged in war or war industries. The scores of millions of mobilized men receive the lion's share of such food as is produced. The others hunger.

Outbreaks of typhus, characteristic disease of the sub-nourished, are reported in several of the European states; there is a dearth of doctors and even of medicines. Unless the war comes speedily to an end, a pestilence more virulent than the Black Death, which killed one able-bodied person in every three during the XIIIth Century, will sweep over Europe. It will be found impossible to prevent the infection from spreading over the world, as happened with the Spanish Flu after the last war. What a gruesome prospect!

● ● ● ● ● THE moment seems opportune to revive the question of a central Irish-Argentine Club for our community in this city. Last year we dealt with the matter several times, some interest was enlisted, but it came to nothing. Now, when club matters are being discussed with much zest we return to the topic.

A club situated somewhere down-town should prove a success without any doubt. We envisage a club with a first-class canteen service where meals and drinks can be obtained; a good dance-floor; a hall or halls for lectures, bazaars and meetings; a library, etc.

No one institution may feel itself competent to shoulder all this responsibility, it is true, but if they were all to pull together, there would not be the slightest difficulty in founding a first-class club. The first step would be to induce the existing clubs to contribute a portion of their membership fees towards a common fund, which would serve to meet the common expenses.

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A Premonitory Poem.

(By GERALD GRIFFIN)

In the time of my boyhood I had a strange feeling
That I was to die ere the noon of my day,
Not quietly into the silent grave stealing,
But torn, like the blasted oak, sudden away.

That even in the hour when enjoyment was keenest,
My lamp should quench suddenly hissing in gloom;
That even when my honours were freshest and greenest,
A blight should rush over and scatter their bloom.

It might be a fancy, it might be a glooming
Of dark visions, taking the semblance of truth,
And it might be the shade of the storm that is coming,
Cast thus in its morn, through the sunshine of youth.

But be it a dream, or a mystic revealing,
The bodement has haunted me year after year,
And whenever my bosom with rapture was filling,
I paused for the footfall of fate in mine ear.

With this feeling upon me, all feverish and glowing,
I rushed up the rugged way panting to fame;
I snatched at my laurels while yet they were growing,
And won for my gerdon the half of a name.

My triumphs I plucked from the least to the brightest,
As gay flowers viewed from the fingers of Death,
And wherever Joy's garments flowed richest and lightest,
I looked for the skeleton lurking beneath.

Irish News

HITTING THE
BIGTOS.—

The Rev. J. A. H. Irwin, Moderator of the Presbytery, in Dublin and Convener of the General Education Committee of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, has expressed himself in the following terms re the oft repeated assertion of Six County bigtos that Protestants are penalized in the 26 Counties:

"As one who has had a more or less intimate knowledge of primary schools and primary education in different parts of Ireland, and in different capacities for over thirty years, I can dogmatically say that anything savouring of sectarian bias or nationalism, exaggerated or otherwise, has never once appeared in any school I ever heard of, no matter where or by whom managed.

"I myself have attended during all my school years, two schools, one under Church of Ireland management, and the other under Catholic, and in all those ten years, from either teachers or pupils, I never saw or heard anything that made me feel I was of a different denomination from the majority. I know from personal experience that the same is the policy and the spirit of the Department of Education in Eire.

"In very intimate dealings with the Department over a period of years on many difficult and delicate questions, I have found them all, from the Minister down, the embodiment of courtesy, kindness and fairness, and I know this is the policy and spirit they insist on being carried out in all their schools."

WOOLEN PLANT'S
BUSY.—

A rush of extra work which keeps the Irish spinning and combing plant going night and day has resulted from the stoppage of imports of English and foreign knitting wools, a repre-

sentative said.

He said that people should not rush to get wool, fearing that the supply will stop, because there is plenty of Irish wool and manufacturers are working hard to catch-up with the new demand. This native wool will retail at 5½d. and 6d. an ounce.

Where scarcity will be experienced is in the dearer types of knitting yarn made from imported wool. The country is on a quota, and deliveries have been uncertain on account of delays by the British Board of Trade in granting export licenses.

AN AGITATOR
RESIGNS.—

James Dillon has resigned as deputy leader of the opposition in the Dail to the government of Eamon de Valera as a result of criticism of his speech delivered February 10.

William T. Cosgrave, former president of the "Free" State and opposition leader, accepted the resignation because, he said, he and his colleagues could not indorse Dillon's views.

It was known that Mr. Dillon's views caused considerable embarrassment to the Cosgravites, several of whom had urged repudiation of his speech in view of their commitment to Eire's neutrality policy. The climax came when the Opposition party met following the Dail Eireann session in Leinster House, and Mr. Dillon's resignation, tendered earlier was accepted. Two letters passed between Mr. Dillon and his leader, Mr. Cosgrave, were released.

Mr. Dillon in his letter to Mr. Cosgrave said:

"If it appears to you that the views expressed by me on our relations with America are inconsistent with the retention by me of the deputy leadership of the Fine Gael party I think it right to tender my resignation from membership in the party."

Mr. Cosgrave in his letter to Mr. Dillon accepting the resignation said that he and members of the party had come

to the conclusion that the interests of the country and the usefulness of the party would be best served by this course.

REPUBLICANS ON HUNGER STRIKE—

Republican prisoners in Belfast Gaol are on hunger-strike.

About 25 men in one wing of the prison, which is holding altogether about 270 Republican internees and about 80 sentenced Republicans, are refusing food as a protest against the conditions.

It has just now been revealed that there has been some trouble in the gaol since an occasion when some political prisoners were given three days' bread and water and had their property confiscated as a punishment, and it is reported that this has gradually developed, first into a "no work" strike, and now into a hunger strike.

When asked for confirmation or denial of the strike report, the Prison Governor replied: "I am afraid I can give no information."

It is reported that the strike developed because the prisoners considered that the privileges which had been granted after the big strike in 1936 were being reduced, and that about 25 men are carrying on a hunger strike for better conditions,

LIGHT BEER SOON—

A light beer, similar to Lager and other sterilized beers imported before the war, may soon be manufactured in Ireland.

F. Maguire, a director of the Messrs. Watkins, Jameson and Pim and Co. Ltd., said that the firm had this proposition under consideration for some time.

"We may," he said, "even before the end of the war, begin the brewing of a beer of this quality."

Before the war, he added, a large proportion of the barley used for brewing was imported, but his firm even then encouraged the purchase of home-grown barley. They found that barley from the Skerries area was excellent and as good, at least, as any imported.

PAPER FROM STRAW—

Production of paper from straw is about to begin at Clondalkin Paper Mills.

When three boilers (turf-driven) are operating, the mills will deal with from 120 to 130 tons of straw per week.

That will represent a week's output of 80 to 85 tons of paper, some help towards meeting the needs of traders. The straw-fibre paper will be used principally for packing and wrapping, and strong cardboard.

Recently Mr. J. J. Walsh, chairman, told the company's general meeting—"It is hoped to begin pulping straw and henceforth and indefinitely we shall have ample raw materials."

A NEW DEVELOPMENT—

By applying preliminary tension to the reinforcing steel during the time when the concrete is cast, sets and hardens, the concrete is kept under permanent compression, said Mr. K. Billig, an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland, in a paper which he read to that body at its meeting recently. As all tensile stresses were avoided, he added, no cracks could occur in the structure, and this meant a great improvement in many cases in the suitability of reinforced concrete as a building material.

Because of their lighter dead-weight, pre-stressed reinforced concrete structures are able to cover freely considerably wider spans than usual reinforced concrete structures of high-grade material. In addition, such structures are much safer and show smaller deformations, because tensile stresses and cracks in the concrete may be completely cancelled by suitable design and execution of works.

The effect of introducing the pre-stressed design into reinforced concrete will be to develop much lighter, more reliable, cheaper and simpler structures, thus greatly increasing the field of usefulness of this compound building material.

MILLS SUSPENDING PRODUCTION—

Production of newsprint at the Clondalkin (Co. Dublin) Paper Mills has ceased owing to lack of materials, and no stocks are on hand.

Up to a short time ago small quantities of materials had been arriving at the mills from the cargo of the ss. Stonwijk, which was wrecked off the Donegal coast over 12 months ago. Salvage operations started in July, but some time ago the principal vessel engaged broke down and has not since been replaced. In any event the work would have been held up in the winter.

Paper for wrapping and other purposes is still being produced at Clondalkin.

While small reductions had been made voluntarily in certain cases, very considerable further reduction must be made without delay, the present newsprint stocks would very soon be exhausted, "with little or no prospect of their being replenished in any substantial quantities."

Provincial newspaper owners have been informed by the Department of Supplies that stocks of newsprint have fallen very low, and that the authorities are concerned at the rate at which newsprint is being consumed at present by the publishing and printing trade generally.

When the Clondalkin Mills resume production, the further quantities of newsprint is being consumed at present to produce will be very limited. Owing to the lack of shipping space, the quantity obtainable from overseas will be small.

LIMERICK CARBIDE—

Manufacture of carbide, of which there is a shortage, was begun recently in Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

A representative of the firm stated that they are producing three to four tons weekly, and they hope to get the necessary extra machinery to increase that shortly. Annual consumption in the Twenty-Six Counties is about 800 tons.

The chief ingredients in manufacture are lime and coal. They are using Castlecomer coal.

"Carbide is not manufactured anywhere else in Britain or Ireland," he said. "It was produced in Askeaton for many years. We had to cease manufacturing in 1935 as we could not compete with the imported products. Carbide had also been manufactured in Collooney, Co. Sligo, for some years."

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GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION.—

The wide faculties granted the Government by the anti-profiteering law will be put into practice in the establishing of maximum prices and if necessary the expropriation of stocks of foodstuffs according to the acting President of the Republic. Rumours had it that the raising state of siege was discussed in a Cabinet Council last week but such was denied by Dr. Castillo.

FALL OF BATAAN.—

Fighting to the last but overcome by powerful enemy forces and suffering from lack of food resources the brave garrison of Bataan has surrendered. In the words of Mr. Stimson they have written an "epic chapter in American history". The fall of Bataan will enable the enemy to release a large body of troops for the Burma front and the projected assault on India. Maybe the blow will be directed at Australia.

PLYMOUTH WARNED.—

Plymouth workers have been warned by Mr. Morrison that heavy raids are possible on the city as they were a year ago. During March of last year 250 enemy planes attacked and 230 people were killed and in April 1940, in five night raids, 549 persons lost their lives.

BETTER COFFEE.—

Plentiful though coffee is, it is not always that one can purchase the fine blend. Henceforth there is a possibility of obtaining it in a purer state, as the Ministry of Agriculture has published a decree prohibiting it being mixed with extraneous substances, and imposing fines on merchants violating the decree.

SAFEGUARDING NEUTRALITY.—

The Ministry of the Interior has directed a circular to the Governors of National Territories enjoining them to be on the alert against any suspicious activities affecting neutrality and the ideals common to all the Americas, and to take action against the offenders be they Argentine or foreigners. The Governors were requested, in the circular, to report to the Ministry on all such activities, to make personal inspection tours and not to leave their respective territories, except for special reasons.

DIPLOMATS DEPART.—

With 105 Germans and 59 Italians aboard, the Spanish liner, Cabo de Buena Esperanza sailed last Thursday from Montevideo without incident at 22.25 o'clock. The passengers were all employed in the diplomatic service in Latin-American countries. To avoid submarine or other attacks, the liner has the word "Diplomats," printed in large letters on her sides. The first port of call is said to be Rio de Janeiro, but none of the passengers or crew will be permitted to disembark.

TIDE ABOUT TO TURN.—

Within five or six weeks, according to Mr. Bevin, the American aeroplane output will surpass the combined production of Germany, Italy and Japan, and England in that sense is already in a parity with Germany. "The tide is on the turn", said Mr. Bevin, and we

shall soon be passing from defence to attack."

MUST BE ARGENTINE.—

The Provincial Government has issued a decree to the effect that henceforth all civil servants must be Argentine citizens. Foreigners who already occupy posts will be obliged to take immediate steps to obtain their citizenship papers or on the contrary forfeit their positions.

FAVOURABLE SITUATION.—

During the first three months of the current year the total value of exports amounted to \$448,525.30, while for the same period of 1941 they only registered \$323,295.30. The favourable balance of \$125,230.30 is reckoned as a hopeful sign that exportation during the months ahead will prove more profitable.

CAMPMEN TROUBLED.—

Farmers, in the queen province are worried over the difficulty of obtaining fencing wire, but they are still more worried when they revise their fences in the morning to find that part of them have disappeared overnight. Thieves are planning easy profits and in the hope of running them down, the Argentine Rural Society has brought the matter to the notice of the provincial Chief of Police.

FINEST IN FAR EAST.—

Manila Bay, area 770 square miles, is the finest harbour in the Far East. The city was founded in 1571 by Miguel Lopez de Legazpi, and covers about 14 square miles.

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Waging an unflinching guerrilla warfare from their mountain fastnesses and accounting for a heavy toll of men and material in the Axis ranks, the Jugoslavs, under the able command of General Mihailovich, have been threatened that unless they cease their activities their families will be taken as hostages by the Nazis. They have been given five days to surrender before the enemy resort to their ruthless measures.

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AN ISLAND CEDED.—

The island of Patos, or Ducks island, lying between Trinidad and Venezuela, and only three miles from the mainland, has been ceded to the Venezuelan government by Britain. Negotiations regarding the same were almost twelve months under discussion. With the island are included certain corresponding rights in the Gulf of Paria.

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BLOOD TRACTION AGAIN.—

In the city of Montevideo motorised coaches are gradually disappearing from public service owing to the growing scarcity of naphta. More than twenty omnibuses have been withdrawn and the classical horse-coaches are appearing in greater numbers. The Press has advised economy in naphta, as the principal source of provision is North America and owing to the war supplies will probably be cut short from there.

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DEFIANCE AND COURAGE.—

While crashing bombs flung by semi-savage Japs made an inferno out of ancient Christian structures in defenceless Manila, above the turmoil and the cries of anguish from innocent sufferers, came the age old Irish cry of defiance and courage. "Up Kerry!" This inspiring rallying cry was uttered by the Rev. John F. Hurley, S. J., superior of the 250 Jesuits, mostly American Irish, trapped in the beleaguered Philippine city.

It came to the Very Rev. James S.

Sweeney, S. J., provincial of the New York-Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, at Fordham University. The cable read:

"All well, fathers and scholastics. Magnificent work of Red Cross and firemen. Spirit superb. Cherrio! Up Kerry!"

This message which thrilled New York was sent from the rectory of St. Ignatius Church within the walled city of Manila. Of the 250 Jesuits over whom he presides, 115 are Americans and the others are native Filipinos.

Father Hurley is head not only of the church but of the Ateneo de Manila, the Jesuit university which has been called "the West Point of the Philippines" because of its compulsory military training and is a sister university of Fordham; and of two seminaries, a weather observatory with 200 substations, a trade school and a retreat house. At Fordham University it was said that the Jesuits would undoubtedly remain in the Philippines, no matter what happens.

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RECORD COTTON CROP.—

Though the area under cotton is less than that of last year, recent statistics go to show that the yield will be about 80,000 tons, or almost 30,000 more than the previous harvest. The favourable balance is principally due to excellent climatic conditions. Should the latest estimates prove correct, this will be a record harvest. The calculated production is distributed as follows:

	Tons
Chaco	61,000
Corrientes	8,500
Formosa	4,500
Sgo. del Estero	2,200
Santa Fe	2,200
Other parts	1,100

Total 80,000

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SOLUTION FOR RUBBER SHORTAGE.—

When a heavily sealed letter, now lying in a Durban safe for thirty years, is opened, the contents will probably solve the rubber problem. It was written by an unnamed inventor who discovered a secret formula for the working of latex, extracted from the euphorbia tree, which is abundant in central and southern Africa. The formula was placed in the hands of his most trusted friend on condition that it would not be revealed until a company was founded to exploit it. A few weeks hence the Government, with the consent of the executors, will endeavour to obtain possession of the formula. Should anything result therefrom it will prove a boon South Africa, because since the Japs have taken almost 90% of the world's rubber resources, and the United States cannot supply sufficient synthetic rubber, many difficulties are looming ahead.

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NIGHT EMPLOYEES WORRY.—

Last week 600 musicians employed in night-clubs petitioned the City Mayor to prolong the clubs closing hours to four o'clock as otherwise many of them will lose their posts. Now, fast behind them, come 500 writers, also asking that the recent decree be revoked. As they live principally on tips they maintain that the early closing act has hit them severely, probably the last tips are the best when the clients are well oiled.

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AVELLANEDA WOOL COMPETITION.

The outstanding event in livestock circles last week was the wool competition, held in the Mercado Central de Frutos, under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, and inaugurated by the acting-president of the Nation, Dr. Ramon S. Castillo, on Thursday. The quantity and quality of the exhibits were such as to make this competition the best yet held since their initiation five years ago.

Great success was obtained by exhibitors from Argentina's Far South districts on this occasion. Supreme championship in the general classes was won by the Argentine Southern Land Co. Ltd., while the reserve award went to Mr. C. S. Fenton, of Rio Gallegos. "Premios de Honor" were also won by: Enrique F. Perez (Entre Rios), Alexander A. Cameron (Buenos Aires), Corbett Hnos. (Cordoba), Argentine Southern Land Co. (Rio Negro), M. Iwan Tschudi (Santa Cruz), and Estancias Sra Braun (Tierra del Fuego). Winners of the "Gran Premio de Honor" and the Ministry of Agriculture Cup were the Argentine Southern Land Co. Ltda., with a lot of 100,000 kilos of very fine, long staple wool from their "Pilcañen" establishment in Pilocaniyen, Rio Negro. This wool, which is estimated to give a 52 per cent yield scoured, was sold through Messrs. Waldron and Wood for the extraordinary good price of \$33.50 the ten kilos to Campomar, Ltda., of this city.

Second best lot in the competition, and winner of the Ministry of Agriculture gold medal, was another excellent lot, also of 100,000 kilos, from Mr. Charles S. Fenton's "Killik-Aike Norte" establishment in Rio Gallegos, (Santa Cruz). This was fine cross wool estimated to yield up to 60 per cent scoured and it was bought on the establishment itself for account of the Manufactura de Lana Peinada S.R.I. also of this City. Both these sheepbreeders are to be congratulated on the extraordinary excellent quality of their products.

In the section for wool from "plantel" animals Brineman and Gibson won the "Premio de Honor", with the Ministry of Agriculture plaque, for Romney Marsh wool, and the winners in the Lincoln and Karakul breeds were Martin Pereyra Iraola e hijos and Juan Andres Mercadier, respectively.

At the inaugural ceremony Dr. Daniel Amadeo y Videla, the Minister of Agriculture, gave the assembled wool traders a pleasant surprise when he announced that the Government was in a position to assure them that shipping facilities would be available for export during May. This, together with the news that Canada was about to suspend import charges on wool, did much to liven up the market that was rather restricted last week owing to the scarcity of shipping. Presumably as a result of the Minister's statement, a local firm bought 1,500,000 kilos just before the market closed on Saturday.

After the Acting-President had distributed the prizes to the winners in the competition, samples from the supreme champion and reserve lots were put up for auction, the proceeds being destined to several local charities and the British Red Cross. The lot of 500 kilos from the Argentine Southern Land Co.'s Champion exhibit was donated to the Patronato de la Infancia and the Morris Schools in equal parts, and it was bought by the general manager of Nelson, Olson and Co., Mr. Ager Rosenkjar, for \$1,000 the ten

kilos. The sample from the reserve exhibit, also 500 kilos, was donated to the British Red Cross Committee of Rio Gallegos, and it was bought by the Manufactura de Lanas Peinadas S.R.I. L. at \$100 the ten kilos.

Hereford Sale Suspended:—

Owing to unavoidable last hour obstacles the Hereford Breeders' Association has been obliged to suspend until further notice the sale of pedigree and non-pedigree cows and heifers announced for April 16.

The sale was to have been held in Bullrich's yards in San Justo, F.C.O., and the new date is to be fixed shortly.

Local Meat Market:—

At the time of writing these lines it is reported that the National Government is about to issue a decree granting subsidies to local butchers, to enable them to sell good meat to consumers at a reasonable price. While nothing but praise should be given to the Cabinet for its efforts to reduce the high cost of living, one wonders if the system of subsidies is really the best measure in the circumstances. Some time before the war broke out the same problem was faced in London, and, from investigations made by the Butchers Union, it was found that there were too many shops in that City—in other words, that the overhead expenses were too high for the trade to make ends meet without charging high prices to the consumers. The same cause exists here, where there are retail shops all over the place, each of which has to make a profit. The wholesale dealer and the middle man also have to do the same, so the customer has to foot the bill for the lot.

Would it not, therefore, have been more feasible to put the matter of regulating the local meat market in the hands of the Corporation Argentine Meat Producers? This entity has already opened two or three retail shops in the poorer districts of the town, where all trade is cash over the counter, and prices cheaper than in other shops where competition demands delivery service and credit; things that materially increase the prices. In this fashion the profits now going to the middleman can be passed over to the consumer, for the C.A.P. does its own slaughtering and transportation. The idea looks sound.

The Late Professor Miatello:—

Old-timers around Mercedes and district will be pleased to hear that the memory of the late Professor Hugo Miatello, for so many years the regional agricultural expert in that district, has been fittingly honoured by his former pupils in Santa Fe. The important work done by this pioneer in directing during its infancy Argentina's agricultural industry is too well known to require stressing. One of the first teachers of agricultural knowledge in this country those who were his disciples now number thousands, and it is quite right that the tablet unveiled to his memory on Friday last should be placed on the walls of a camp school in Punta del Sauce on the paved road from Rosario to the Provincial Capi-

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MARRIAGE.

At Longford, Ireland, Joseph F. Deane, son of the late James Deane, formerly of Moydon, and brother of Santiago Deane, Buenos Aires, to Catherine, daughter of John Scully, Tooman, and sister of Vincent Scully, Monivica, Galway, and of Patrick Scully, of Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.

NOVENA MASSES.

At St. Patrick's College, Mercedes, a novena of Masses for the repose of the soul of Bryan Daly will commence on the 18th inst., and terminate on the 26th. Mass on the last day will be at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

A novena of Masses for the repose of the soul of the late James Mahon commenced in the parish church of Monte, on the 9th of April, and will terminate on Tuesday, the 19th inst. On the last day of the novena, Mass will be at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

FUNERAL MASS.

Masses for the repose of the soul of the late James McDonough will be celebrated in Navarro Church on Friday, the 22nd inst. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

On April 27th, a solemn High Mass, commencing at 9 o'clock, will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Calle Caridad, for the repose of the soul of the late Lizzie E. Walalee, of this city. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

ITEMS.

The new chapel which is being built in connection with St. Patrick's College, Mercedes, will be 81 feet long and 27 feet wide in the interior. We understand that when the building is finished the religious service held therein will be open to the public. The chapel, however, is only temporary and will be replaced in a few years by a large church.

Professor Fitzsimon, director-general of education, continues to make some very necessary and practical reforms in the administration of the public school, under the able management of Professor Ryan, he has been assigned new and larger premises, in Calle Pieda 1358. A branch of the National College has been opened in Calle Santa Fe, between Callao and Rio Bamba.

Frs. McDonnell and Moore left on Wednesday for England by the steamer Clyde. Don Timoteo Kelly, of Suipacha, is also a passenger by the same vessel.

FROM ROJAS.

Mr. Hughes sold 1,000 novillos for "invernada", from Vigia Rojas, to Mr.

Harrington for \$20. Mr. Nicolas T. Murphy, La Caldera, Rojas, sold to Mr. F. Graham 100 fat novillos at \$28, and refused 24 from Mr. Frank Rath, of San Pedro, for another lot. The wheat crop is giving very poor result though the grain is good. A great deal of wool is still unsold, a proof that estancieros are not in want of money. The camps are in splendid condition.

Useful Addresses.

Uruguayan Consulate.—Av. R. S. Peña 567. U. T. 33, 4234.

Holy Cross Church.—Estados Unidos 3150. U. T. 45, 1317.

St. Bridget's College.—Gaona 2068, U. T. 59, 1268.

St. Patrick's Church.—Estomba 1940, U. T. 73, 6780.

The Irish Girl's Home.—Salguero 550, U. T. 79, 2296.

The Keating Institute.—Estados Unidos 3141. U. T. 45, 0818.

The Mater Misericordia Convent.—(Irish Sisters of Mercy), Calle 24 de Noviembre 865. U. T. 45, 2219.

American Consulate General.—Avda. R. S. Peña 567. U. T. 33, 0543.

British Consulate.—Sarmiento 443, 6th floor. U. T. 31, 2918.

Brazilian Consulate.—San Martin 195, 4th floor. U. T. 33, 7454.

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French Consulate.—Reconquista 165, U. T. 33, 3381.

Spanish Consulate.—Moreno 1442. U. T. 38, 3298.

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274) What Is The Stratosphere?

275) How Is Temperature Measured?

See Answers on page 24.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

NEW WINTER TIMETABLE.

The new winter timetable of this railway was brought into operation on Wednesday, April 15th., and in view of the fact that a number of long distance trains have been suppressed, owing to the shortage of fuel, the public are advised to refer to the timetables now in exhibition at the station, etc.

The principal modifications in the more important services are as follows:

BETWEEN P. CONSTITUCION AND MAR DEL PLATA.

Once the summer day and night express services, are discontinued toward the end of the present month, Mar del Plata will be served by the ordinary day train only, which will run daily in each direction, leaving P. Constitucion at 7.30 and arriving at M. del Plata 16.06 and returning at 9.05 to arrive at Plaza C. at 18.15. The night service will be discontinued.

BETWEEN PLAZA C. AND NECOCHEA

The night train will leave Plaza C. for Necochea as follows: on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 20.25 (Via Chas.) arriving at 8.00 the following morning at 21.30 on WEDNESDAYS (via Dolores) arriving at 10.04 and SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS at 21.00 (via Cañuelas and Tandil) to arrive at Necochea at 8.40 the next morning. The return night train is due to run on TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS (via Chas.) leaving Necochea at 20.15 and arriving at Plaza C. at 8.12 the next morning at 18.10 on THURSDAYS when it will run via Dolores to arrive at Plaza C. at 7.35 the following morning and at 19.45 on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS (via Tandil and Cañuelas) when it is due at Plaza C. at 7.10 next morning.

BETWEEN PLAZA C. AND BAHIA BLANCA VIA PRINGLES.

The night train for Bahía Blanca will run every night, leaving Plaza C. at 20.05 excepting FRIDAYS when the departure hour is at 17.52. There will also be a day train on SATURDAYS only, starting from Plaza C. at 18.30 on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 20.05 on SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS and at 23.55 on MONDAYS. The day train runs on TUESDAYS only and starts from B. Blanca at 10.25.

BETWEEN PLAZA C. AND MIRAMAR.

Miramar will be served by a day train in each direction on three days a week. The outward train leaves Plaza C. at 7.30 on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS and the return train from Miramar at 7.40 on TUESDAYS THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

BETWEEN PLAZA C. TRES ROYOS AND B. BLANCA.

Tres Arroyos and B. Blanca is being served a by a night train leaving Plaza C. at 21.00 hours on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS which will run via Cañuelas and Rauch, and by the train leaving Plaza C. at 21.30 on FRIDAYS via Dolores. The WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY train starting at 21.30 from Plaza C. and travelling via Dolores will terminate at T. Arroyos. Return trains from B. Blanca for Plaza via Rauch and Cañuelas will run on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, leaving B. Blanca at 15.10

and Tres Arroyos at 19.40. There will be a train on SATURDAYS and SUNDAYS from T. Arroyos all of which will run via Dolores.

BUENOS AIRES WESTERN RAILWAY.

CHANGE OF TIMETABLE.

The new Winter timetable of this railway was brought into operation on the 15th. instant. The shortage of fuel has necessitated several reductions having to be inevitably made in the long distance services, and the public are, therefore, recommended to consult the new timetables which are now on exhibition at the stations etc.

Amongst the modifications made on the more important services are the following:

BETWEEN ONCE, PEHUAJO, TRENQUE LAUQUEN AND TOAY.

The day train to Pehuajó will run daily, leaving Once at 7.30 excepting TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS, on which days the hour of departure will be at 8.00; to Trenque Lauquen it will run on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS, the hour of departure from Once will be 7.30 on SUNDAYS and THURSDAYS and at 8.00 on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

The night train to Pehuajó and Trenque Lauquen will leave Once daily excepting TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS, the hour of departure being at 20.30. For Toay there will be a four days a week service by the same train, these being SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from Once.

The return day train runs from Trenque Lauquen on SUNDAYS, MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS and from Pehuajó daily. The hour of departure being 7.33 from Trenque Lauquen; from Pehuajó at 9.18 and arrival at Once at 17.42; excepting MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, when it arrives at 17.00 hours.

The return night train to Once runs on MONDAYS from Toay, starting at 16.55 and on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS at 16.10 from Trenque Lauquen on TUESDAYS THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS at 16.10; from Trenque Lauquen on SUNDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS at 20.50 and on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 21.20 and from Pehuajó at 22.52 on TUESDAYS THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS at 23.24 on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS. The hour of arrival at Once is at 7.00 the next morning in each case.

DIESEL TRAIN.

The usual daily service, with stops at the majority of the stations, from Suipacha outwards is being maintained between Once and Pehuajó.

BETWEEN ONCE, PICO AND TELEN.

The day service to Pico consist of a train on two days a week, leaving Once at 8.00 on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS and arriving at Pico at 20.15. Returning from Pico at 5.15 on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS the train is due to arrive at Once at 17.00. The night train leaves Once on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 19.25, arriving at Pico at 8.02 and at Telen at 12.55 the following days. The return train runs on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS leaving Telen at 14.55 and Pico at 19.30 to

Bear in Mind...

APRIL 26th. Catholic Club of our Lady Pilgrimage to Luján. Departure from Once at 7.30 a.m.

MAY 3rd. 11 o'clock, St. Paul's Club Mass, at Holy Cross.

MAY 9. Variety entertainment in Little Theatre, Chareas 1155.

MAY 14. Children's Party organized by the Ladies of St. Joseph, 3 p.m., at Prince George's Hall.

MAY 16th. 3.30 p.m., General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Association, at St. Brigid's College, Gaona 2068.

JUNE 7. Annual Irish Fair at Holy Cross Hall.

JULY 25 and 26. St. Patrick's Home annual Bazaar at Salón Suizo, Rodriguez Peña 254.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Anne O'Loughlin de Reddy, R. I. P.

A deep shadow of sorrow and mourning enshrouds the Irish Community of Arrecifes, F. C. A., due to the death of one of its best-loved members in the person of Mrs. Mary Anne O'Loughlin de Reddy, relict of the late Christopher Reddy.

Her disappearance is' beenly felt not only by her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends, but in a special manner by the Irish Society of Arrecifes, of which she had been a staunch supporter since its foundation.

Seventy nine years ago she was born in Ireland, in dear old Co. Westmeath, and was brought to Argentina by her father and mother when she was only two years of age, in 1865.

Her girlhood was spent in Suipacha and afterwards in old Salto Argentino in whose parish church her marriage with the late Christopher

Reddy, that true Irishman of noble memory, was blessed on June 29th, 1889, by Rev. Fr. Cyprian Meagher, C. P.

God favoured her with His grace and blessed her household with His love, which in due time gave shelter to ten beautiful and dutiful children, who worshipped their fond mother as the queen of her home.

Those ten affectionate children grew up in grace before God and men and filled the hearts of their parents with joy and pride; the sons working charras and sheep, and some of the daughters employed with very respectable families in Buenos Aires.

Five of the children married: Mrs. Eustace, Mrs. Muldowney, Mrs. Garrahan, Anthony, and the late Michael Reddy and have augmented the Irish Community of Arrecifes with fifteen children, who do honour to their grandparents.

Mrs. Christopher Reddy spent thirty six years of her long life in the partido of Arrecifes where she took an active interest in all its Irish celebrations; herself and husband, and sons and daughters figuring always am-

HURLING CLUB RUGBY.

As announced previously, on Sunday 19th. inst. a friendly match will take place between our team and one representing St. Andrew's Scotch School. This event will mark the commencement of the season, and it is expected that a large number of members will be present to witness this encounter, which promises to be very interesting. The captain of the team—Mr. Jim Ussher requests all players to be on the premises not later than 14.30 o'clock.

TEA DANCE.

After the rugby match, a tea dance, with the club's gramophone, will take place. A number of ladies have prom-

ngst the best. In the Acción Católica also they have been active members, and give a very happy example, that can be beaten by none.

Sanctified by the holiness of her life, fortified by the fidelity of her husband, encouraged by the response of her children, and gratified by the appreciation of her neighbours and fellow-citizens, Mrs. Christopher Reddy spent her days in the duties becoming her as mother of a numerous family, and her latter years in peace and preparation for her eternal union with God.

Her home was the hospitable resort of many friends and especially of our Irish clergy.

Rev. Fr. Flannery, of happy memory often honoured her home with his visits, and when she was nigh unto death with a grievous attack of scarlatina, saved her life through his administration of the sacrament of extreme unction. At another crisis in her health she was anointed by Rev. Fr. Patrick Deane C. P., who also gave her holy Viaticum.

She died on Sunday, April 12th, 1942, in her home on the Merced camp, at 5.30 in the afternoon, surrounded by all her surviving children and other relatives. Her passing was most peaceful and holy and a consolation to all her dear ones. By her own special request her corpse was taken to the town of Arrecifes to be waked on the premises of the Irish Society, from where it was borne by hand to the parish church for mass of "cuorpo presente" on Monday morning, and on the same evening at 18 o'clock the burial took place to the local cemetery.

A very large gathering of mourners from camp and city of Buenos Aires attended the wake and funeral and showed their appreciation of the beloved dead and of her esteemed family. The last prayers at the graveside were read by the parish priest Fr. Pedro Vistalli and by the acting Irish chaplain Fr. Victor C. P.

May she rest in peace in the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

She is survived by seven of her children and fifteen grandchildren. Her death was the effect of her advanced age and heart and lung and uremia complications. In her, Arrecifes has lost one of its best Irish mothers.

Colmeille.

Irish papers please copy.

OTHER DEATHS.

Maria Hughes Vda. de Doyle, April 5th. City.

Santiago Casey, April 1st., Gral Viamonte, F.C.O.

Maria Fox Casey de Fox, April 1st., Zárate, F.C.C.A.

ised to prepare some cakes and dainties, sandwiches, etc. Members will be charged 1.- for tea, while non-members will pay \$2.- entrance, including tea.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Sunday, 2nd May, has been fixed for the children's day. This, of course, is reserved exclusively for member's children. An interesting programme is being arranged for the occasion, comprising petty sports, etc. with prizes to the winners. Parents are requested to bear this date in mind, and come along. There will also be lunch for them and anybody else wishing to attend. Further details latter.

CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. BRIGID'S.

POSTPONEMENT.

The D. C. of the Congregation of Children of Mary of St. Brigid's hereby advise all members that owing to an unforeseen motive the meeting announced for 19th. inst. has been postponed. Future date and hour will be advised in due course.

ENGLISH MISSIONS.

To be preached by the Passionist Fathers during the months of April and May 1942.

HURLINGHAM: April 16th-19th. LINIERS: April 29th-May 3rd. (Parish Church).

VILLA DEVOTO: May 13th-17th. (Parish Church).

BELGRANO: May 27th-31st. (Parish Church).

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MISSIONS AND STATIONS IN THE WESTERN CAMPS.

The Passionist Fathers will conduct the annual Missions and Stations in the Western camps in accordance with the following list of dates and places:

Parish Church of Lincoln, April 19 and 20th.

Estancia "La Marcella", Lincoln, Mr. B. L. Duggan, April 21 and 22nd.

Estancia "San Julián", Roberts, Mr. A. Harrington, April 24 and 25th.

Parish Church of Roberts, April 26 and 27th.

Arenaza Chapel, April 26 and 27th.

Estancia "San Juan", Gral Pinto, Mr. B. L. Duggan, April 28, 29 and 30th.

Estancia "Los Tres Bonetes", Dussaud, Mr. J. Maguire, May 2nd and 3rd.

Parish Church of Gral. Pinto, May 2nd and 3rd.

Estancia "El Porvenir", C. Granada, F. and E. Dowling, May 4th.

Estancia "Santa Elena", C. Granada, Mr. C. Hope, May 6th.

Estancia "La María", Porvenir, Suc. Edo. Dowling, May 7th.

Estancia "Salalé", Ameghino, Mr. Luis T. Nelson, May 9 and 10th.

Estancia "Los Andes", Ameghino, Mr. Edward Hope, May 12th.

Estancia "San Bernardo", Volta, Mr. B. L. Duggan, May 14th.

Parish Church of Ameghino, May 16 and 17th.

Parish Church of O'Brien, May 17th. Mr. John MacGarry, Blaquier, May

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About People

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Maguire, of Estancia "San José", Capilla del Señor, were in town last week-end and have returned to their home.

Mr. P. E. J. O'Sullivan left on Monday last to spend some fifteen days in La Cumbre in the Hills of Cordoba.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Murphy, of estancia "Las Aguadas", Elortondo, are recent visitors to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Félix Biet and family were amongst the visitors to town last week from estancia "Los Leones", Rivas.

On Sunday last at the City Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hogg received the congratulations of a large number of friends on the occasion of the celebration of the silver jubilee of their wedding.

After passing the summer months at their Estancia "San Martín", Salto Argentino, Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy have returned to this city.

Panagra announces that they expect shortly to open further extensions of their business to South America. At the moment, the material at their command is quite insufficient to meet the demands for passages. Panagra holds a remarkable record in the fact that during 1941 not one fatal accident occurred on their planes. Can any railroad company, any shipping company, show a similar record?

In answer to a correspondent we beg to state that Mr. R. G. Casey, who left Washington as Australian Minister to assume a post in the British War Cabinet, is an Irish Australian of the second generation.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Grehan and family have returned to town following an enjoyable holiday in Mar del Plata.

Tomorrow the engagement of Miss Maria Amelia Sacriste Mones Cazon and Mr. Edward Owen Cavanagh will be officially announced. Miss Mones Cazon belongs to a well-known Argentine family, whilst Mr. Cavanagh is a son of the late Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Nelly Gahan de Cavanagh.

Mr. John R. Coughlan and Mrs. Maria B. Murray de Coughlan, have returned from visiting Mercedes, Rojas and Pergamino to their home in this City.

Mr. John Albert Kehoe of Santa Ines recently suffered a serious accident by a fall from his horse. His friends will be glad to learn that he is now out of danger, and will soon be himself again.

In the Parish Church of Olivos, on Saturday last, April 11th, Father Leo Harkins, C.S.S.R., baptised Stephen Charles Litty, son of Mr. Charles H. Litty, and Anne May Marin. The spon-

sors were Mr. Emmet Patrick Kane and Miss Eleanor Barlow.

Following a visit to his estancia in Cordoba, Mr. R. J. Duggan returned to town last week-end.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Arturo J. Kenny has been brightened by the arrival of a baby boy.

On last Monday afternoon Mrs. Isabel Murphy de Monca received a large number of friends at a party in her delightful home in Olivos.

Last Tuesday morning Masses were offered up in the Santisimo Sacramento church for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Mr. Rodolfo F. Beasley.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis J. Duggan and Mr. Heriberto Duggan, who left last week by plane for Mexico, arrived safely in the Mexican capital last Sunday morning. Mr. Manuel Andrada, who had been in Chile, journeyed with them to Mexico. On Wednesday last Messrs. Enrique Duggan and Adolfo Cowland left by Panagra to join the aforementioned, who will represent Argentina in the polo matches to be played in Mexico during the coming summer in that country. The President of Mexico has been a keen polo player and the present tournament is being financed by the Mexican government.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Menditeguy, who were married last Saturday at the San Agustín church, have left for Ascochinga to spend their honeymoon.

Mrs. Brigid D. de Elliff, of Mercedes, attended the Kelly-Tumulty wedding of Suipacha.

The Rev. Fergus Grehan, S.S., was ordained to the Diaconate on March 27th. Rev. Mr. Grehan will be elevated to the priesthood in November.

Ing. Eugene Seery accompanied by his sisters, the Misses Margarita and Esther Seery, have returned to this city after spending some time in Mar del Plata.

Mrs. Norah Tyrrell de Russi, of this city, was on a visit to her sister at La Plata.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Stevin after spending several days in the Federal Capital have returned to their home in Bell Ville, (Córdoba).

Mr. and Mrs. Nora T. de Ennis, her four children, Mrs. Ruggeroni and Miss Magdalene Reidy motored to Suipacha on the 11th to attend the Kelly-Tumulty wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Mercedes, were guests at the wedding of Miss Adelaída Kelly and Mr. Hernán Tumulty.

Rev. Fathers Dominic Moore and Peter Richards, C.P., are preaching a mission in the parish church of Hurlingham, F.C.P., this week. The services today and tomorrow evening, will be at 21.30 o'clock. There will be a General Communion on Sunday, at the 8.30 o'clock Mass.

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France Again Defeated

THE return of Pierre Laval to his post beside Marshal Pétain means that Vichy France has been forced to hand over one of its few remaining trumps in order to keep the Nazis from still further oppression of the defeated nation. France now holds only its fleet, the strong bases in Northern Africa and the strategic island of Madagascar. With these cards apparently in his hands, M. Laval merrily joins the game.

The Vichy Government, during its two-years tenure of office, has had to cope with the hardest task imaginable. The Armistice terms, which have never been officially divulged in their entirety, are evidently most stringent, probably the hardest ever imposed by one civilized nation upon another; the spirits of Frenchmen are sharply divided upon the wisdom of the initial grave step which decreed that France should cease to fight; the imperious necessities of the conqueror have drained all France of every penny of its wealth and fiscalized every loaf of bread; the changing hazards of the mighty conflict from which Pétain voluntarily eliminated his country's future, are still problematic and will continue so far mappy a day. The men of Vichy took over a bankrupt business merely to receive sentence, whether as simple insolvents or as fraudulent bankrupts, the future has yet to tell. A most ungrateful function.

M. Laval has been determined all along to seize advantage from adversity. In fact, his attitude since the outbreak of war was one of expectation of defeat—it will be remembered that he curtly refused the post of Ambassador to Italy offered by M. Daladier when

hostilities commenced—and he came forward only when France was beaten to her knees. His summary dismissal from Vichy embittered his relations with his colleagues and since that time he has marched openly and unashamed behind the chariots of the conquerors. Before the spring Campaign of 1940 Mr. Winston Churchill used a memorable phrase. He told the small neutrals that it was futile to hope that the tiger would be appeased by eating some of their number piecemeal. M. Laval evidently hopes that something can be done with the beast after he has dined.

The task of making Frenchmen love Germans and viceversa is, however, beyond the power of Pierre Laval or any other man alive today. The resentment between them dates back to the Napoleonic Wars, and this war has made it reach a new peak. Amongst the men of conquered France it has been nearing explosion point and the Nazis hope that Laval will be able to reduce the pressure, coming as he does with gifts in his hands.

There is somewhere recorded a prophecy of Marshal Foch that the next European War would be decided in the French Midi, which is that part controlled today by Vichy. It would be far from surprising if a sudden commotion in Unoccupied France were to throw Laval and his followers out of power and the war standard of Joan were again unfurled to the breeze. Much French blood must flow before the pitiable land of Gaul is again restored to peace and the gentle arts.

The Wine Festival in Mendoza

AS SEEN BY AN IRISH-ARGENTINE.

Amongst the many visitors to Mendoza for the festival of the "vendimia" was a well-known member of our community in the person of Don Miguel Ballesty. In the course of a conversation, he afforded us some interesting information regarding the trip by automobile to Mendoza, the city itself, its advantages and its defects, the kindness and hospitality of the people, the festival etc. As we considered that many of our readers will be interested in his impressions we publish them in continuation:—

Leaving Buenos Aires on Thursday, 26th. ult. Don Miguel took the route to Colon and thence to Rio Cuar-to, through San Luis, and thence to Mendoza. He reports that the road is excellent, being macadamized all the way. The scenery is interesting practically all the time, until you reach San Luis and part of Mendoza. From that point you travel through some two hundred kilometres of semi-arid desert, sandy and salty, without sighting man, beast or bird. What a change takes place when you enter the centre of the province of Mendoza. The luxuriant foliage, the vineyards, the magnificent fields of alfalfa are a constant delight to the eye.

The City of Mendoza.

Twenty-three years had gone their way since Mr. Ballesty had last visited the capital of this Andine province and he found a remarkable change in everything. Excellently paved streets, fine roads, a splendid service of trams, omnibuses and "colectivos" are some of the advantages which Mendoza can claim and he believes the director of the National Transport Company would be well-advised to send some of his experts to Mendoza and observe the manner in which the traffic question is handled, with a view to establishing the same system in the Federal Capital where it is badly required. The system in Mendoza works admirably. Every tram, bus and "colectivo" leaves at the appointed hour punctually and there is no such thing as the mad race one can see in the streets of Buenos Aires with one vehicle endeavoring to pass the other. They must keep in line in Mendoza and not pass each other, save in the case of a breakdown. The system works with clock-like precision and naturally accidents are thus reduced to a minimum. Therefore passengers travel with a sensation of security.

The people are very hospitable and they go out of their way to make things pleasant for the visitor and there were thousands of them from all parts of the country for the wine festival. As a matter of fact there was a lack of hotel accommodation and many were the visitors, who were compelled to sleep in their cars, whilst others without cars worked it out as best they could by living in outhouses, going to the suburbs etc., but everybody was in holiday mood and every discomfort was taken with resignation.

The festival should have commenced on Saturday 28th. when the acting president of the Nation and his party arrived, but unfortunately rain set in and it was wisely decided to leave the inauguration ceremony till the following day. As the daily papers have given such a wealth of information, Mr. Ballesty thought that it would be quite unnecessary to go into details regarding the "vendimia". Suffice it to say, that it was a really wonderful

event, full of colour and enjoyed by an immense number of people, calculated in 80,000 on the day of the coronation. The blessing of the festival was a really impressive ceremony, which brought one back in memory to the days of the 32nd. International Eucharistic Congress in Buenos Aires. In the famous plaza San Martin a similar cross to that seen in Palermo had been raised and when the Bishop of Mendoza imparted the benediction every head was uncovered and every knee bent as the words of the blessing were reverberated by the loud speakers.

Some Deficiencies.

Whilst very appreciative of the cleanliness, order and discipline everywhere observable in Mendoza city, Mr. Ballesty could not help calling attention to some of the defects which he noticed. Prominent amongst these was the question of the canals (acequias) that run down the streets. The footpaths are about four metres wide, but when you reach some of the street corners and have to cross the "acequia", this width is reduced to about a metre, or less, and the pedestrian has to be mighty careful to keep his wits about him, otherwise he will find himself enjoying an unsought and unwelcome bath. There is no protection whatever at these crossings and the authorities should do some thing to remedy matters.

Another deficiency, much commented on by visitors, is the appalling condition of a church which was destroyed by the earthquake of 1881. Huge blocks of the building, weighing about forty tons, are left lying around and weeds are prominent all over the place, whilst the walls, that stand about two metres in width, recall the tragic event that cost the lives of hundreds of people, as the earthquake took place on Holy Saturday, 28th March 1881, whilst the church was thronged. Mr. Ballesty is of the opinion that the authorities should take some steps to clean up the place as an act of homage to the memory of so many innocent people, who perished in the tragedy.

In the six days that he spent in Mendoza Mr. Ballesty had not one dull hour. There was so much to see and so much to enjoy. The delightful sunshine, the bracing air, the delightful scenery—all combined to afford a lovely holiday. Mendoza is certainly a new world in itself for the visitor from Buenos Aires.

Meeting Old Friends.

One of the most enjoyable experiences that came Mr. Ballesty's way during his stay in Mendoza was his meeting with Dr. Carlos Berra and his cousin, Mr. Victor Berra, who was the first man to sign up as a member of the Argentine Hurling Federation when that institution was brought into being. Dr. Berra holds an excellent position in Mendoza and he was very anxious to learn of the old friends of the days when Hurling was in its infancy:—Hartes, Usshers, Leydens, Grammatica, Martin, Cloonan, Malone, Pagliercs, Murphy Buglietto etc. etc. They beg to be remembered to all old friends and through the columns of this paper Don Miguel complies with their request.

The Return Journey.

On his return journey to Buenos Aires, Don Miguel took the same route

St. Patrick's Feast In Capitan Sarmiento

A happy success crowned last Sunday's celebration in Cap. Sarmiento, F.C.C.A. in honour of St. Patrick. Gaels from Chivilcoy, Chacabuco, Buenos Aires, and other districts, braved the bad weather and heavy roads and got to the high festival which was splendidly carried forward in all its details.

The High Mass at the old parish church of San Carlos, was celebrated by the pastor, V. Rev. Fr. Gonzalez Barros and sung by a select choir of young ladies. Rev. Fr. Fidelis Rush, C.P., after the Mass preached his maiden sermon on St. Patrick, and merited the appreciation of all by his touching treatment of his theme and the stirring manner in which he delivered it. He gives promise of a fine pulpit orator, and we wish him high success in the three months' missions he is about to commence next Sunday in the distant province of Catamarca, at the special request of Bishop Hanlon.

The spacious and splendid premises of the "Club Sarmiento" had been engaged by the organisers for the social part of the festival and at midday last Sunday it was worth while being there. Mrs. Patrick Ward, Mrs. James Shanahan, Miss Marcela Healion and the other lady workers had the tables decked in beauty with flowers and all the attractions of a well-appointed dining-hall. Two stuffed turkeys donated by Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Egan, with hot mashed potatoes, chickens galore, and five splendid lambs donated by the Duggans, the Dowlings, Miss M. Dogherty and Dr. Miguel Z. O'Farrell, with ensalada de Eire, were the backbone of the days operations, and merited the highest encomium from all the guests, not only for their quality but also for the manner of their preparation and presentation.

Dr. John Duggan seated between Mr. and Mrs. Pat. Byrne and two Passionist Fathers, adorned the head of the table, and after the coffee was served arose and addressed the board.

His deep knowledge of Irish history and his select English diction won for him rounds of applause, and the Gaels of Cap. Sarmiento were proud of their own Dr. Duggan, and the distinguished posts he holds in Buenos Aires, and they passed a vote last Sunday that in the near future, on the very termination of the war this year, he may be named our Argentine ambassador to Ireland, to Eire, "free from the centre to the sea".

Dr. Duggan was followed in the use of the word, (as we say in Argentina), by Fr. Fidelis, C.P., who spoke in

Spanish and held all the audience on his lips whilst he told a capital story about two campmen who dined in a grand hotel on "porotos y agua", and then applied his terms congratulating the Gaels of Sarmiento on the splendid feast they had prepared. Fr. Victor O'Carolan, C.P., also addressed the numerous Irish family present at the dinner, and stated how it had been possible to hire so grand a hall and present so fine a feast, owing to the co-operation of so many friends and helpers, but especially of the wealthy Irish estancieros of the district: the Duggan, Dowling, Dogherty, Ham, O'Farrell, Mullen, Gordon, Gardiner and Gill families.

After lunch, Mr. James Usher, of the famous Irish grocery store of B. A. entertained the company to piano music, Moore's melodies, and step-dancing that delighted all hearts, especially some young ones; Mr. Jeremiah Dowling from Bs. As., sang some fine Irish airs, and Messrs. Thomas and John Healion gave "The hat my father wore"; and all concluded with a grand rendering in war-like tones of "The Soldier's Song". John McCormick, the sweet Irish tenor, sang through the loud speaker "Kathleen Mavourneen" and "Eileen Alannah", and John Kearney, of Cap. Sarmiento, played sweet Argentine music.

At tea-time about ninety persons sat down to the tables sparkling with many varieties of cakes and buns and enjoyed the well-made and well served beverage whilst "The Harp that once through Tara's Halls", "The Wearing of the Green", and other airs sounded through the loud speaker.

At five o'clock the dance commenced and was enjoyed until dinner hour, and after a grand dinner continued again until 23.30 o'clock.

Everyone declared that St. Patrick's feast was a splendid success, and that in future years it should be celebrated after Easter, rather than during Lent.

Great part of the credit is due to Mr. Joseph Reilly, who is a good worker, and to Mr. James Shanahan, as also his son Dennis, who is a fine Moreno boy and sent out all the invitations.

The Irish colleens did their part to perfection and won a good name for dear old Capitan Sarmiento.

We were sorry that owing to ill health, our acting president Mr. Patrick Ward, was unable to be present at the feast, but he was remembered, and was also well represented by his charming wife and daughter.

Colmcille.

as on the outgoing voyage, but stopped off at Rio Cuarto for the purpose of visiting two of his "old-young" friends, stationed in that town, in the persons of Messrs. Bernard Furlong and Bertie Robson. As luck would have it on the day of his arrival, Mr. Furlong had left for Buenos Aires, but he had the good fortune to dine with Mr. and Mrs. Robson and they talked far into the night recalling the happy days gone by. Next morning Don Miguel was up betimes and the same evening reached his home in Villa Devoto, the round trip being about 2,500 kilometres. He reports excellent crops of maize in Cordoba, Santa Fe and the part of the province of Buenos Aires, which he traversed. And apropos of same, Don Miguel made the suggestion why there is not an annual harvest fair on the same basis as the "vendimia" in Mendoza. We may not have vineyards, but we have cereals and linseed in abundance and annually there could be a very interesting competition on the same basis as the "vendimia" in Mendoza and Don Miguel feels assured that no province would lend greater adhesion to such a festival than Mendoza.

On his return to Villa Devoto, Mr. Ballesty had the pleasure of meeting at the Hurling Club, (ex-Federación Argentina de Hurling), Messrs. Furlong and Robson, of Rio Cuarto, and this counteracted his disappointment on not meeting Mr. Furlong in said city.

Thus came to an end a much enjoyed holiday, which really served as a tonic, infusing new life and impetus to meet the vicissitudes of life in these ever-changing days.

Wedding Bells.

Scally—Casali.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on the 11th inst., in the Santa Julia church, when Mr. Alberto N. Casali

The bride wore a beautiful tailor-made costume, of torquoise shade, which was much admired by all present.

After the usual reception, which



and Miss Avelina Maria Scally became husband and wife. The sponsors at the ceremony were Mr. Antonio L. Casali and Mrs. Maryan G. de Scally.

was held at the bride's home, the happy pair departed for the Cordoba Hills where they purpose passing the honeymoon.

O'Connor—Monteguigi.

Last Saturday, the Santa Julia church, Caballito, was adorned with a profusion of white flowers when Mr. Alfredo M. Monteguigi and Miss

ther, Mr. John J. O'Connor, who gave her away acted as best man.

During the ceremony the Ave Maria was sweetly rendered and the newly-wedded left the sacred edifice to the strains of a wedding march.



Blanca Lidia O'Connor spoke their nuptial vows.

The bride, in beautiful printed silk organza, full skirt falling in a long circular train, modern tulle d'illusion veil, fastened with orange blossoms, and carrying a bouquet of white sweet peas, entered on the arm of her bro-

Later a reception was held at the Las Violetas Confiteria, where the guests were welcomed by the bride's mother, in a stylish crepe remain dress, with black hat, trimmed with bird of paradise feathers, and her sister, in a most becoming suit of torquoise, with matching brown accessor-

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When the customary toasts were tendered, the happy couple departed, amid the good wishes of all present, to pass the honeymoon in Entre Rios.

Kelly—Tumulty.

Suipacha church-bells pealed joyfully on Saturday, April 11th, when Mr. Herold Tumulty, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tumulty, of this city, led Miss Adelaida Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kelly of Suipacha, to the hymeneal altar. The sacred edifice was tastefully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of white

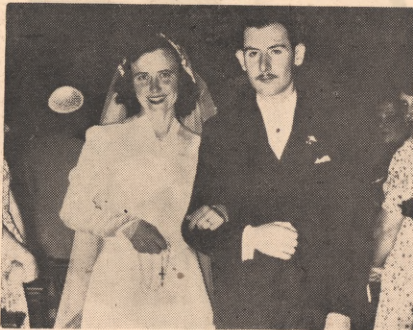
For travelling the bride chose a blue tailor-made with matching hat.

The bridegroom presented her with a diamond ring and she gave him a pair of gold cuff-links.

with full court train, was given away by her father, the remaining sponsor being Mrs. Lizzie Noon de Tumulty, mother of the groom.

After the ceremony a reception, attended by more than one hundred guests, was held at the Hotel Suipacha, where the good wishes and congratulations of the friends of the young couple were proffered.

A beautiful wedding-cake, the work



flowers and the high altar gleamed with a multitude of lights. The celebrant of the ceremony, which was accompanied with Nuptial Mass, was Fr. Anthony Ennis, S.J., cousin of the groom; he was assisted by Fr. Henry Weber, P.S.M., parish priest of Suipacha, and Fr. Simon Histon, P.S.M.

Miss Adelaida Kelly, who was charmingly robed in a white saten gown

of Miss Kate Anne Kelly (sister of the bride), was bracked and the usual toasts were made. The bride and groom later departed for the honeymoon, whose venue was undisclosed. Gifts of a gold brooch and gold cuff-links were interchanged by the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Tumulty will reside in this city. Our warmest congratulations and greetings to the happy pair.



Keenan—Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander G. Watson, whose marriage took place last Satur-

day, 11th. inst., in Holy Cross Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Keenan.

McCormick—Brun.

The church of San Nicolas de Bari was tastefully decorated on the 11th. inst. by friends of the bride, for the marriage of Mr. John Charles Brun-

am of her cousin, Mr. Patrick J. Rossney, to the strains of the bridal march from Lohengrin. She was beautifully gowned in white silk organza over taffeta. The bodice was embroidered with beads and tiny pearls. She wore



to Miss Lily R. McCormick, both of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Tomás and Mrs. Sofia Brun with Mr. Patrick J. Rossney acted as sponsors.

The bride entered the church on the

white gloves and carried a gold and crystal rosary.

Afterwards a reception was held at the bride's family home, where her mother, in chic black albene with settings of rhodia and lace in the bodice,

received the guests.

Before leaving to pass the honeymoon in Cordoba, the bride changed into a pale blue woolen tailor-made

Mackinson—Cussen.

On Saturday 11th. inst, at Holy Cross Church, the Rev. Fr. Stephen Quaine blessed the marriage of Mr. Michael P. Cussen, only son of the late Mr. James Cussen, and Mrs. Bridget Egan de Cussen, of Ramos Mejia, to Miss Veronica Mackinson, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward

with the matching accessories.

Gifts exchanged between the young couple were a gold chain with diamond set cross and gold cuff-links.

brother's arm in a charming gown of white embroidered organza, with modern tulle d'illusion veil which was held in place with a spray of orange blossoms, and she bore a bouquet of white rosebuds.

During the service, Mr. Miguel A. Dillon, played a violin solo, while the Misses Frances and Kate Carberry sang Schubert's Ave Maria.



Mackinson, of Villa Devoto. Sponsors on the occasion were the bridegroom's mother and the bride's brother, Mr. Jose Mackinson, by whom she was given away.

The bride was attended by a quartette of bridesmaids, the Misses Rosette and Nelly Mackinson, and Elba and Elsa Echaide. She entered on her

After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's family home, where the wedding cake was cut, toasts tendered and all good wishes bestowed on the youthful couple before they took their departure for the Cordoba hills to pass the honeymoon.

For travelling the bride chose green under a grey coat with hat and accessories to match.

The presents exchanged were a travelling bag and a silver toilet set.

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It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead and what better memorial could be erected than something used in the service of Him, in whom they have placed all their hopes.

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The members and sympathisers of the above Club are hereby reminded that the feast of their Patron, St. Paul of the Cross, will be celebrated on May 3rd, at Holy Cross Church, calle Estados Unidos 3150. A Holy Mass at 11 o'clock will be offered for the spiritual and temporal welfare of all living and deceased members and benefactors.

The Feast of St. Paul of the Cross is commemorated by the Church on the 28th of April, but owing to the fact that it falls on a working day, the Committee have decided, for the convenience of those wishing to attend, to celebrate the feast on the following Sunday, May 3rd.

We feel sure that this news will be enthusiastically received and that all without exception will strive to be present at this Mass. By your presence you will show your love for your Patron Saint and at the same time will merit his protection and blessings for the Club and its supporters.

In this Mass we wish all to implore God's manifold blessings on the Club's activities during the present year. We are confident that all are ready to help on materially as best they can, yet, without the blessing and guidance of our Holy Mother the Church, we cannot hope to achieve true and lasting success.

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The Canine Gladiator

(By P. D. MEHIGAN)

INDESTRUCTIBLE! There is the whole physical and mental character of the Kerry Blue terrier in one rugged word.

How long these blue terriers have been cherished in Kerry is difficult to determine. A quarter of a century ago, when I resided in the Kingdom, the oldest sportsman in Cahirciveen could only tell me "they were always there."

The "Carrick Blue" was known at Suirside as a supreme fighting dog in the eighteenth century. He was a "leggier" dog than our present "Kerry"; but I have no doubt that both trace definitely back to the Irish wolfhound cross with the old black and tan terriers used for vermin and house guard by the Irish peasantry through the centuries.

This blue colour is not unique in terriers. The Blue Bedlington strains in England have all the Kerry's gameness without his muscular development. I know families in Iveragh and Annascaul who have kept the blue pure for many generations.

It is at any rate true that all-our best present-day dogs, from a bench and utility viewpoint, came out of Kerry. Though the Irish Kennel Club decide to call the breed "Blue Terrier," the "Kerry" nomenclature remains in widespread use wherever the breed has found favour from California to the Caspian.

Kerry Blues were benched for the first time about fifteen years ago by a Tralee lady, Miss Casey, and their distinction at once attracted attention. The blues that I knew earlier in the south-western peninsula were rather lighter of build and colour and sharper of muzzle. There were grand companions, demon ratters, peerless in ground for badger or fox, and could stick close to an otter to the death.

But I have no doubt that they were esteemed and preserved because of their indestructible bravery. No Kerry Blue was respected that was not game "to the death." No man would breed from a dog who showed the slightest whimper under pressure. He was outcast.

The Kerry is the tenderest and most devoted dog to children that was known. A regular sentry, well armed at house-work, he will follow the gun with avidity, and mark and retrieve game with the best of them. I have seen one after the longest day on the mountain go out on command after his evening meal and collect a flock of sheep as efficiently as a well-trained collie.

At a critical stage it was decided to form Teastas Clubs and Field Trial Groups, with very good results to the breed. The Teastas Beag is awarded to dogs proving their worth with rat and rabbit. Judge Hanna, President, Irish Kennel Clubs, has favoured field trials: no dog can be declared champion who has not shown his worth at work.

The Teastas Mor is awarded on badger test. This is a very severe search for gameness, tenacity and silence under ground. Ch. Blue Sensation, most beautiful of champions, won all possible honours on bench and field, and he traces back to the best of the Kerry strains. The standard amassed by competent judges in recent years keeps the Kerry Blue weight between 35 and 40 lb., and 18 inches at shoulder (males). The coat should be soft, plentiful, wavy, from light to dark blue—whole-coloured.

Very strong, well-balanced head; efficient, powerful jaws; nose, gums,

roof and nails black; teeth level, large and strong, ears thin moderate size, carried closely drooping to side; eyes dark to nut hazel; neck well set, of medium length; shoulders fine, close, well-knit.

Chest deep and full, good spring of rib, muscular forearms and thighs; no dew claws, close-coupled loins; tail thin, gaily carried, without a "ring"; hocks and pasterns strong; feet firm, round and close.

Speaking from long association with the breed, I must say that the Kerry Blue is never aggressive, without insult, direct or implied. He is one of the most intelligent, adaptable and engaging terriers I have ever owned. His fidelity is phenomenal.

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BIRTHS

O'TOOLE—On March the 29th. to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred O'Toole, a baby girl, Eileen Beatrix. a.17—1451

DEATHS

MARY FOX CASEY DE FOX, R.I.P.—On the 1st April, at the Sanatorio B. Aires, fortified by the rites of the Catholic Church, daughter of the late Martin Fox and Mary Casey. She leaves her husband, John Fox, one sister, brother, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, nephews, nieces and cousins to mourn her loss. Sweet Jesus have mercy on her soul. 1418—a.17

McCORMACK.—At his residence, Afiasco 329, this city, after a protracted illness borne with admirable christian fortitude and resignation, and fortified with all the last rites of Holy Church, John Michael McCormack Allen, late of Carmen de Areco, departed this vale of tears at 61 years of age, on April 14th, 1942, at 10 o'clock. Leaves a wife, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 3 brothers, 5 sisters, a mother-in-law, and a very large circle of other close relatives to mourn his sad loss. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on him. R.I.P. 1449—a.17

MASSES

† ANA B. DE LORHEM, R.I.P.—A Solemn High Mass of Requiem will be offered up in the Parish Church of Carmen de Areco, on Saturday, May 2nd., at 11 o'clock, for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Ana B. de Lorhem. Relatives and friends are hereby invited to attend. 1450—a.17-24



THE CAMPMAN'S FORUM.—

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tal and in the midst of an agricultural zone.

Palermo National Show:—

Argentina's greatest livestock show, described once by a British visitor as the "Royal of the World", will this year be inaugurated on August 15. Entries close on June 12 at noon, and exhibits must be in their stalls by 13 o'clock on August 9 as judging will commence on the following morning. Sales are announced to start on Monday, August 17, at 11 o'clock. The usual show of riding and draught horses is to be held in the central ring on Sunday, August 9.

In the prize list for this show there is a new prize for Herefords. It is the "President Doctor Adolfo Bioy Prize," presented by Messrs. Leonardo and Martin Pereyra Iraola. The conditions are rather unusual for it has to be competed for during the next 25 years; that is to say until the Argentine Rural Society completes its centenary. The exhibitor who has won the greatest number of grand championships of the breed during the period fixed will win the massive silver cup, and in the case of a tie the breeder winning that year (1966) is to take it otherwise it will continue in competition until won by one of these who had tied. Certainly a long-distance competition.

For Aberdeen-Angus breeders there is also a new Cup in the "San Nemesio" prize to be awarded to the exhibitor of the best group of eight bulls and must be won three times, not necessarily consecutive, before going for "keeps." For sheep there are several new prizes: The two ewes of the Romney Marsh breed, and the "William Candy" prize (presented by the doyen of the livestock importing fraternity, Mr. William Candy) for the best group of one Romney Marsh ram and three ewes bred from sires imported from Great Britain. The list of special prizes in the sheep section has now grown to some length.

Pedigree Above All Else:—

The question as to why such a great value should be attached to pedigree when applied to all breeds of livestock is frequently being asked. To this question there is only one answer, which is so self apparent to all interested in livestock breeding that, to say the least of it, those who ask such a question should know better than demonstrate their ignorance on such a subject. A ram, for example, bred in a flock that is registered, and sired by a ram of recorded pedigree, is surely more likely to breed lambs true to type, of good quality, early maturity and possessed of good wool, if those are the characteristics which have been bred into the flock for several years. Prepotency is the outcome of continuous long pedigree breeding, and the whole object of recorded pedigree is that the flockmaster should know with some degree of certainty what produce he may reasonably expect from a particular ram. If a ram's parents have been bred for generations with a certain object in view, it is not too much to suppose that this ram, when he becomes a sire, will reproduce those qualities with unflinching regularity.

A non-pedigree ram cannot be relied upon, no matter how good his appearance may be, to reproduce lambs of quality equal to himself. His blood may be mixed and he may throw back to some distant ancestor, and there is no certainty in breeding from sheep of whose ancestry we know little or nothing. There have been cases when even a pedigree sire throws back, but these are exceptional, and the longer the pedigree the bigger the certainty there is in breeding.

The principle of these remarks can be equally applied to cattle and pigs as well as sheep and although a practical breeder would not use a sire on pedigree alone, the longer and better the pedigree the bigger the certainty there will be in the result.

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Cobbett's Advice to Young Men.

LETTER TO A YOUTH.

(continued)

You are now arrived at that age which the law thinks sufficient to make an oath, taken by you, valid in a court of law; let us suppose from fourteen to nearly twenty. And, reserving, for a future occasion, my remarks on your duty towards parents, let me here offer you my advice as to the means likely to contribute largely towards making you a happy man, useful to all about you, and an honour to those from whom you sprang.

Start, I beseech you, with a conviction firmly fixed on your mind, that you have no right to live in this world, that, being of hale body and sound mind, you have no right to any earthly existence, without doing work of some sort or other, unless you have ample fortune wherewith to live clear of debt; and that, even in that case, you have no right to breed children to be kept by others, or to be exposed to the chance of being so kept. Start with this conviction thoroughly implanted on your mind. To wish to live on the labour of others is, besides the folly of it, to contemplate a fraud at the least, and, under certain circumstances, to meditate oppression and robbery.

I suppose you in the middle

rank of life. Happiness ought to be your great object, and it is to be found only in independence. Turn your back on Whitehall and on Somerset House; leave the Customs and Excise to the feeble and low-minded; look not for success to favour, or to partiality, to friendship, or to what is called interest; write it on your heart, that you will depend solely on your own merit and your own exertions. Think not, neither, of any of those situations where gaudy habiliments and sounding titles poorly disguise from the eyes of good sense the mortifications and the heart-ache of slaves. Answer me not by saying that these situations "must be filled by somebody"; for it is to admit the truth of the proposition, which I do not, it would remain for you to show that they are conducive to happiness, the contrary of which has been proved to me by the observation of a now pretty long life.

Indeed, reason tells us that it must be thus: for that which a man owes to favour or to partiality that same favour or partiality is constantly liable to take from him. He who lives upon anything except his own labour is incessantly surrounded by rivals, his grand resource is that servility in

which he is always liable to be surpassed. He is in daily danger of being outbid; his very bread depends upon caprice; and he lives in a state of uncertainty and never ceasing fear. His is not indeed the dog's life, "*huangon* and idleness"; but it is worse, for it is "idleness with slavery," the latter being the just price of the former. Slaves frequently are well fed and well clad; but slaves dare not speak, they dare not be suspected to think differently from their masters. Hate his acts as much as they may; he his tyrant, be he drunkard, be he fool, or be he all three at once, they must be silent, or, nine times out of ten, affect approbation: though possessing a thousand times his knowledge, they must feign a conviction of his superior understanding; though knowing that it is they who, in fact, do all that he is paid for doing, it is destruction to them to seem as if they thought any portion of the service to belong to them! Far from me be the thought that any youth who shall read this page would not rather perish than submit to live in a state like this! Such a state is fit only for the refuse of nature; the halt, the half blind, the unhappy creatures whose nature has marked out for degradation.

And how comes it then that we see hale and even clever youths voluntarily bending their necks to this slavery; nay, pressing forward in eager rivalry to assume the yoke that ought to be insupportable? The cause, and the only cause, is that the detestable fashion of the day has created so many artificial wants, and has raised the minds of young men so much above their real rank and state of life that

they look scornfully on the employment, the fare, and the dress, that would become them; and, in order to avoid that state in which they might live free and happy, they become showy slaves.

The great source of independence the French express in a precept of three words, "*Vivre de peu*," which I have always very much admired. "*To live upon little*" is the great security against slavery; and this precept extends to dress and other things besides food and drink. When Dr. Johnson wrote his Dictionary, he put in the word pensioner thus: "Pensioner, *A slave of state*." After this he himself became a pensioner! And thus, agreeably to his own definition, he lived and died "*a slave of state*!" What must this man of great genius, and of great industry too, have felt at receiving this pension! Could he be so callous as not to feel a pang, upon seeing his own name placed before his own degrading definition. And what could induce him to submit to this? His wants, his artificial wants, his habit of indulging in the pleasures of the table, his disregard of the precept "*Vivre de peu*." This was the cause; and he observed that indulgences of this sort, while they tend to make men poor, and expose them to commit mean acts, tend also to enfeeble the body, and more especially to cloud and to weaken the mind.

(To be continued.)

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The Fifth Wheel.

(By O. HENRY.)

THE ranks of the Bed Line moved closer together; for it was cold, cold. They were alluvial deposit of the stream of life lodged in the delta of Fifth Avenue and Broadway. The Bed Liners stamped their freezing feet, looked at the empty benches in Madison Square whence Jack Frost had evicted them, and muttered to one another in a confusion of tongues. The Flatiron Building with its impious cloud-piercing architecture looming mistily above them on the opposite delta, might well have stood for the tower of Babel, whence these polyglot idlers had been called by the winged walking delegate of the Lord.

Standing on a pine box a head higher than his flock of goats, the Preacher exhorted whatever transient and shifting audience the north wind doled out to him. It was a slave market. Fifteen cents bought you a man. You deeded him to Morpheus; and the recording angel gave you credit.

The Preacher was incredibly earnest and unwearied. He had looked over the list of things one may do for one's fellow man, and had assumed for himself the task of putting to bed all who might apply at his soap box on the nights of Wednesday and Sunday. That left but five nights for other philanthropists to handle; and had they done their part as well, this wicked city might have become a vast Arcadian dormitory where all might snooze and snore the happy hours away, letting problem plays and the rent man and business go to the deuce.

The hour of eight was but a little while past; sightseers in a small, dark mass of pay ore were gathered in the shadow of General Worth's monument. Now and then, shyly, ostentatiously, carelessly, or with conscientious exact-

ness one would step forward and bestow upon the Preacher small bills or silver. Then a lieutenant of Scandinavian coloring and enthusiasm would march away to a lodging house with a squad of the redeemed. All the while the Preacher exhorted the crowd in terms beautifully devoid of eloquence—splendid but the deadly, accurate monotony of truth. Before the picture of the Bed Liners fades you must hear one phrase of the Preacher—the one that formed his theme that night. It is worthy of being stenciled on all the white ribbons in the world.

"No man ever learned to be a drunkard on five-cent whiskey."

Think of it, tippler. It covers the ground from the sprouting rye to the Potter's Field.

A clean-profiled, erect young man in the rear rank of the bedless emulated the terrapin, drawing his head far down into the shell of his coat collar. It was a well-cut tweed coat; and the trousers still showed signs of having flattened themselves beneath the compelling goose. But, conscientiously, I must warn the milliner's apprentice who reads this, expecting a Reginald Montessor in straits, to peruse no further. The young man was no other than Thomas McQuade, ex-coachman, discharged for drunkenness one month before, and now reduced to the grimy ranks of the one-night bed-seekers.

If you live in smaller New York you must know the Van Smuythe family carriage, drawn by the two 1,500-pound, 100 to 1-shot bays. The carriage is shaped like a bath-tub. In each end it reclines an old lady Van Smuythe holding a black sunshade the size of a New Year's Eve feather tickler. Before his downfall Thomas McQuade drove the Van Smuythe bays and was himself driven by Annie, the Van Smuythe lady's maid. But it is one of the saddest things about romance that a tight shoe or an empty commissary or an aching tooth will make a temporary heretic of any Cupid-worshipper. And Thomas's physical troubles were not few. Therefore, his soul was less vexed with thoughts of his lost lady's maid than it was by the fancied presence of certain non-

existent things that his racked nerves almost convinced him were flying, dancing, crawling, and wriggling on the asphalt and in the air above and around the dismal campus of the Bed Line army. Nearly four weeks of straight whiskey and a diet limited to crackers, bologna, and pickles often guarantees a psycho-zoological sequel. Thus desolate as he was, he felt the need of human sympathy and intercourse.

The Bed Liner standing at his right was a young man of about his own age, shabby but neat.

"What's the diagnosis of your case, Freddy?" asked Thomas, with the freemasonic familiarity of the damned—"Booze? That's mine. You don't look like a pan-handler. Neither am I. A month ago I was pushing the lines over the backs of the finest team of Percheron buffaloes that ever made their mile down Fifth Avenue in 2.85. And look at me now! Say; how do you come to be at this bed bargain-counter rummage sale?"

The other young man seemed to welcome the advances of the airy ex-coachman.

"No," said he, "mine isn't exactly a case of drink. Unless we allow that Cupid is a bartender. I married unwisely, according to the opinion of my unforgiving relatives. I've been out of work for a year because I don't know how to work; and I've been sick in Bellevue and other hospitals for four months. My wife and kid had to go back to her mother. I was turned out of the hospital yesterday. And I haven't a cent. That's my tale of woe."

"Tough luck," said Thomas. "A man alone can pull through all right. But I hate to see the woman and kids get the worst of it."

Just then there hummed up Fifth Avenue a motor car so splendid, so red, so smoothly running, so craftily demolishing the speed regulations that it drew the attention even of the listless Bed Liners. Suspended and pinioned on its left side was an extra tire.

When opposite the unfortunate came the fastenings of this tire became loosed. It fell to the asphalt, bounded and rolled rapidly in the wake of the flying car.

Thomas McQuade sensing an opportunity, darted from his place among the Preacher's goats. In thirty seconds he had caught the rolling tire, swung it over his shoulder, and was trotting smartly after the car. On both sides of the avenue people were shouting, whistling, and waving canes at the red car, pointing to the enterprising Thomas coming up with the lost tire.

One dollar, Thomas had estimated, was the smallest guerdin that so grand an automobilist could offer for the service he had rendered, and save his pride.

Two blocks away the car had stopped. There was a little, brown, muffled chauffeur driving, and an imposing gentleman wearing a magnificent sealskin coat and a silk hat on a rear seat.

Thomas proffered the captured tire with his best ex-coachman manner and a look in the brighter of his reddened eyes that was meant to be suggestive to the extent of a silver coin or two and receptive up to higher denominations.

But the look was not so construed. The sealskinned gentleman received the tire, placed it inside the car, gazed intently at the ex-coachman, and muttered to himself inscrutable words. "Strange—strange!" said he. "Once

or twice even I, myself, have fancied that the Chaldean Chiroscope has availed. Could it be possible?"

Then he addressed less mysterious words to the waiting and hopeful Thomas.

"Sir, I thank you for your kind rescue of my tire. And I would ask you, if I may, a question. Do you know the family of Van Smuythes living in Washington Square North?"

"Oughtn't I to?" replied Thomas. "I lived there. Wish I did yet."

The sealskinned gentleman opened a door of the car.

"Step in, please," he said, "You have been expected."

Thomas McQuade obeyed with surprise but without hesitation. A seat in a motor car seemed better than standing room in the Bed Line. But after the lap-robe had been tucked about him and the auto had sped on its course, the peculiarity of the invitation lingered in his mind.

"Maybe the guy hasn't got any change," was his diagnosis. "Lots of these swell rounders don't lug about any ready money. Guess he'll dump me out when he gets to some joint where he can get cash on his mug. Anyhow, it's a cinch that I've got that open-air bed convention beat to a finish."

Submerged in his greatcoat, the mysterious automobilist seemed, himself, to marvel at the surprises of life. "Wonderful! amazing! strange!" he repeated to himself constantly.

When the car had well entered the cross-town Seventies it swung eastward a half block and stopped before a row of high-stopped, brownstone-front houses.

"Be kind enough to enter my house with me," said the sealskinned gentleman when they had alighted. "He's going to dig up, sure," reflected Thomas, following him inside.

There was a dim light in the hall. His host conducted him through a door to the left, closing it after him and leaving them in absolute darkness. Suddenly a luminous globe, strangely decorated, shone faintly in the centre of an immense room that seemed to Thomas more splendidly appointed than any he had ever seen on the stage or read of in fairy stories.

The walls were hidden by gorgeous red hangings embroidered with fantastic gold figures. At the rear end of the room were draped portières of dull gold spangled with silver crescents and stars. The furniture was of the costliest and rarest styles. The ex-coachman's feet sank into rugs as fleecy and deep as snow-drifts. There were three or four oddly shaped stands or tables covered with black velvet drapery.

Thomas McQuade took in the splendors of this palatial apartment with one eye. With the other he looked for his imposing conductor—to find that he had disappeared.

"Bgee!" muttered Thomas, "this listens like a spook shop. Shouldn't wonder if it ain't one of these Moravian Night's adventures that you read about. Wonder what became of the furry guy."

Suddenly a stuffed owl that stood on an ebony perch near the illuminated

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globe slowly raised his wings and emitted from his eyes a brilliant electric glow.

With fright-borne impregnation, Thomas seized a bronze statuette of Hebe from a cabinet near by and hurled it with all his might at the terrifying and impossible fowl. The owl and his perch went over with a crash. With the sound there was a click, and the room was flooded with light from a dozen frosted globes along the walls and ceiling. The gold portières parted and closed, and the mysterious automobilist entered the room. He was tall and wore evening dress of perfect cut and accurate taste. A Vandeyke beard of glossy, golden brown, rather long and wavy hair, smoothly parted, and large, magnetic, orientally coated eyes gave him a most impressive and striking appearance. If you can conceive a Russian Grand Duke in a Rajah's throne-room advancing to greet a visiting Emperor, you will gather something of the majesty of his manner. But Thomas McQuade was too near his *d's* to be mindful of his *p's* and *s's*. When he viewed this silken, polished, and somewhat terrifying host he thought vaguely of dentists.

"Say, doc," said he resentfully, "that's a hot bird you keep on tap. I hope I didn't break anything. But I've nearly got the williwallows, and when he threw them 32-candle-power lamps of his on me, I took a snapshot at him with that little brass Flatiron Girl that stood on the sidewalk."

"That is merely a mechanical toy," said the gentleman with a wave of his hand. "May I ask you to be seated while I explain why I brought you to my house? Perhaps you would not understand nor be in sympathy with the psychological prompting that caused me to do so. So I will come to the point at once by venturing to refer to your admission that you know the Van Smuythe family, of Washington Square North."

"Any silver missing?" asked Thomas tartly. "Any joolry displaced? Of course I know 'em. Any of the old ladies' sunshades disappeared? Well, I know 'em. And what about?"

The Grand Duke rubbed his white hands together softly.

"Wonderful!" Shall I come to believe in the Chaldean Chiroscopé myself? Let me assure you," he continued, "that there is nothing for you to fear. Instead, I think I can promise you a very good fortune awaits you. We will see."

"Do they want me back?" asked Thomas, with something of his old professional pride in his voice. "I'll promise to cut out the booze and do the right thing if they'll try me again. But how did you get wise, doc? B'gee, it's the swellest employment agency I was ever in, with its flashlight owls and so forth."

With an indulgent smile the gracious host begged to be excused for two minutes. He went out to the sidewalk and gave an order to the chauffeur, who still waited with the car. Returning to the mysterious apartment, he sat by his guest and began to entertain him so well by his witty and genial converse that the poor Bed Liner almost forgot the cold streets from which he had been so recently and so singularly rescued. A servant brought some tender cold fowl and tea biscuits and a glass of miraculous wine; and Thomas felt the glamor of Arabia envelop him. Thus half an hour sped quickly; and then the honk of the returned motor car at the door suddenly drew the Grand Duke to his feet, with another soft petition for a brief absence.

Two women, well muffled against the cold, were admitted at the front door and suavely conducted by the master of the house down the hall

through another door to the left and into a smaller room, which was screened and segregated from the larger front room by heavy double portières. Here the furnishings were even more elegant and exquisitely tasteful than in the other. On a gold-inlaid rosewood table were scattered sheets of white paper and a queer, triangular instrument or toy, apparently of gold, standing on little wheels.

The taller woman threw back her black veil and loosened her cloak. She was fifty, with a wrinkled and said face. The other, young and plump, took a chair a little distance away and to the rear as a servant or an attendant might have done.

"You sent for me, Professor Cherubusco," said the elder woman, wearily. "I hope you have something more definite than usual to say. I've about lost the little faith I had in your art. I would not have responded to your call this evening if my sister had not insisted upon it."

"Madame," said the professor, with his princeliest smile, "the true Art cannot fail. To find the true psychic and potential branch sometimes requires time. We have not succeeded, I admit, with the cards, the crystal, the stars, the magic formulæ of Zarazin, nor the Oracle of Po. But we have at last discovered the true psychic route. The Chaldean Chiroscopé has been successful in our search."

The professor's voice had a ring that seemed to proclaim his belief in his own words. The elderly lady looked at him with a little more interest.

"Why, there was no sense in those words that it wrote with my hands on it," she said. "What do you mean?"

"The words were these," said Professor Cherubusco, rising to his full magnificent height. "By the fifth wheel of the chariot he shall come."

"I haven't seen many chariots," said the lady, "but I never saw one with five wheels."

"Progress," said the professor—"progress in science and mechanics has accomplished it—though, to be exact, we may speak of it only as an extra tier. Progress in occult art has advanced in proportion. Madame, repeat that the Chaldean Chiroscopé has succeeded. I can not only answer the question that you have propounded, but I can produce before your eyes the proof thereof."

And now the lady was disturbed both in her disbelief and in her poise.

"O professor!" she cried, anxiously. "When?—where? Has he been found? Do not keep me in suspense."

"I beg you will excuse me for a very few minutes," said Professor Cherubusco, "and I think I can demonstrate to you the efficacy of the true Art."

Thomas was contentedly munching the last crumbs of the bread and fowl when the enchanter appeared suddenly at his side.

"Are you willing to return to your old home if you are assured of a welcome and restoration to favor?" he asked, with his courteous, royal smile.

"Do I look bughouse?" answered Thomas. "Enough of the footback life for me. But will they have me again? The old lady is as fixed in her ways as a nut on a new axle."

"My dear young man," said the other, "she has been searching for you everywhere."

"Great!" said Thomas. "I'm on the job. That team of dropical dromedaries they call horses is a handicap for a first-class coachman like myself; but I'll take the job back, sure, doc. They're good people to be with."

And now a change came o'er the suave countenance of the Caliph of Baghdad. He looked keenly and suspiciously at the ex-coachman.

"May I ask what your name is?" he said shortly,

"You've been looking for me," said Thomas, "and don't know my name? You're a funny kind of sleuth. You must be one of the Central Office gumshoosers. I'm Thomas McQuade, of course; and I've been chauffeur of the Van Smuythe elephant team for a year. They fired me a month ago for—well, doc, you saw what I did to your old owl. I went broke on booze, and when I saw the tire drop off your whiz wagon I was standing in that squad of hoboes at the Worth monument waiting for a free bed. Now, what's the prize for the best answer to all this?"

To his intense surprise Thomas felt himself lifted by the collar and dragged, without a word of explanation, to the front door. This was opened, and he was kicked forcibly down the steps with one heavy, disillusionizing, humiliating impact of the stupendous Arabian's shoe.

As soon as the ex-coachman had recovered his feet and his wits he hastened as fast as he could eastward toward Broadway.

"Crazy guy," was his estimate of the mysterious automobilist. "Just wanted to have some fun kiddin', I guess. He might have dug up a dollar, anyhow. Now I've got to hurry up and get back to that gang of bum bed hunters before they all get preached to sleep."

When Thomas reached the end of his two-mile walk he found the ranks of the homeless reduced to a squad of perhaps eight or ten. He took the proper place of a newcomer at the left end of the rear rank. In the file in front of him was the young man who had spoken to him of hospitals and something of a wife and child.

"Sorry to see you back again," said the young man, turning to speak to him. "I hoped you had struck something better than this."

"Me?" said Thomas. "Oh, I just took a run around the block to keep warm!

I see the public ain't lending to the Lord very fast to-night."

"In this kind of weather," said the young man, "charity avails itself of the proverb, and both begins and ends at home."

And now the Preacher and his vehement lieutenant struck up a last hymn of petition to Providence and man. Those of the Bed Liners whose wind-pipes still registered above 32 degrees hopelessly and tunelessly joined in.

In the middle of the second verse Thomas saw a sturdy girl with wind-tosted drapery battling against the breeze and coming straight toward him from the opposite sidewalk. "Annie!" he yelled, and ran toward her.

"You fool, you fool!" she cried, weeping and laughing, and hanging upon his neck. "Why did you do it?"

"The Stuff," explained Thomas briefly. "You know. But subsequently not. Not a drop." He led her to the curb. "How did you happen to see me?"

"I came to find you," said Annie, holding tight to his sleeve. "Oh, you big fool! Professor Cherubusco told us that we might find you here."

"Professor Ch— Don't know the guy. What saloon does he work in?"

"He's a cleavoyant, Thomas; the greatest in the world. He found you with the Chaldean telescope, he said."

"He's a liar," said Thomas. "I never had it. He never saw me have anybody's telescope."

"And he said you came in a chariot with five wheels or something."

"Annie," said Thomas solicitously, "you're giving me the wheels now. If I had a chariot I'd have gone to bed in it long ago. And without any singing and preaching for a nightcap, either."

"Listen, you big fool. The Missis-

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AROUND THE HOME

DAINTY SKIN IN AUTUMN.

In the autumn the skin is often very much below par; the heat of summer has dried it, so that it is rough, and the sun has left marks of its kisses. An effective preparation can be prepared by blending together sweet oil, lemon juice and violet powder. Thirty drops of the juice must be added to two teaspoonfuls of the powder, and the two ingredients made into a paste. The oil must be added a few drops at a time and the aid well beaten up. At bed-time the face must be bathed with warm water, lightly dried, and then immediately afterwards plenty of the paste must be applied to the skin. The aid should be left on until the morning. This treatment may be repeated on alternate nights for three times.

A very simple, but an extremely useful, cream can be made up by adding half-an-ounce of soft paraffin to one and a half ounces of lanolin, and rubbing the two ingredients until they are thoroughly blended. This cream may be applied at any time; it will soften the skin, and the large amount of vaseline present will prevent it making the skin too sensitive.

Some women like to have tinted preparations for toilet use. To tint this, a grain of eosin must be dissolved in spirits of wine and then added to the cream. When this aid is to be coloured, the white variety of soft paraffin must be used.

If the pores are coarse, the following lotion should be used:—Ten grains of tannic acid, two drachms of diluted tincture of benzoin, one ounce of elder flower water, one ounce of rose water, and one ounce of distilled water.

The tannic acid must be dissolved in the distilled water, and the solution added to the elder flower water, then the rose water poured into it, and finally the tincture added. The preparation must be well shaken immediately after each ingredient is added.

The skin may be bathed with the lotion three times a day. If a cream is in use, the lotion must be applied, and then, when the skin is quite dry, the cream used in the usual way.

A lotion to improve the colour of the skin, when it is too tan or too red, may be prepared from the following recipe:—One teaspoonful of toilet vinegar, one teaspoonful of lemon juice, one teaspoonful of spirits of wine, and two ounces of water. The vinegar must be added to the water, and when it has been well stirred in it, the lemon juice, and then the spirit must be added, and the preparation well shaken. This lotion may be used once a day.

APPLES FOR HEALTH.

At the present time North America is the greatest apple producing country in the world. Its annual crop exceeds one hundred million barrels. Washington, New York, Virginia and Arkansas are the leading states which produce them.

The apples produced are eaten raw, cooked, preserved, made into jelly, cider and vinegar.

Because of the high pectin content of the apple skin and core, they are used for the manufacture of commercial pectin. This is sold to be used in the preparation of jams and jellies. The time required for making jelly is shortened if this commercial pectin is used. It is necessary to boil the fruit juice for only a short time in order for it to jelly if the commercial pectin is used. Too, fruits like cherries which do not

jelly readily may be made into delicious jelly and preserves.

Apples eaten raw are certainly very healthy. But there is one thing which must be taken into consideration—they are swallowed in chunks. So often they are swallowed in chunks, then a case of indigestion results. It is proper chewing is usually done by two things—too much haste in the eating of the apple, and poor teeth.

Apple pie is always hailed with joy, especially by men. To give variety to your apple pies make them, sometimes putting on a top crust, then a gain just put strips across the top. Some people think they are improved just a lot by serving cheese with them. Ice cream, whipped cream or just plain cream is an improvement to the pie.

TO RESTORE IVORY KNIFE HANDLES.

Ivory is very apt to take a yellow-brown tint by exposure to air. It may be whitened or bleached by rubbing first with pounded pumice stone and water, then placing it moist under a glass shade luted to the sole at the bottom, and exposing it to sunshine. The sunbeams without the shade would be apt to occasion fissures in the ivory. The moist rubbing and exposure may be repeated several times.

Another way is to immerse for a short time in water slightly mixed with sulphuric acid, chloride of lime, or chloride, or it may be exposed in the moist state to the fumes of burning sulphur, largely diluted with air. Ink stains may be removed by repeatedly using a solution of quadrozalate of potassa in water.

Recipes

KIDNEY STEW.

One beef kidney, one cup diced potato, one small onion, sliced; three-fourth teaspoon salt, one tablespoon flour, one tablespoon melted butter or other fat, one egg yolk, chopped parsley, few drops tabasco sauce, one tablespoon lemon juice.

Wash the kidney well and remove most of the fat. Cover with cold water heat slowly to the boiling point, discard the water, and repeat the process until there is no strong odor and no scum on the water. Then add about one quart of fresh water and simmer the kidney until tender. Remove the kidney and cut into small pieces. Re serve the broth and cook the potato and onion in it. Then add the kidney and the salt. Thicken with the blended flour and fat, and cook for a few minutes longer. Stir some of the stew into the beaten egg yolk, mix all together and add the parsley, tabasco sauce and lemon juice. The heat of the stew will cook the egg sufficiently. Serve at once.

SAVOURY SUPPER DISH.

One pound liver, half-pound bacon, six large potatoes, two large onions, tablespoonful flour, cupful stock, two teaspoonfuls powdered sage, dripping, seasonings.

Wash and dry the liver. Cut it into slices about a quarter of an inch thick and coat these with flour. Peel and slice the vegetables and chop the bacon. Grease an earthenware dish, put in a layer of potatoes, then one of liver, one of onions, one of bacon, another of potatoes, and so on until the ingredients are used, sprinkling each



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layer with powdered sage mixed with salt and pepper, and making the top layer of potatoes. Pour in some good stock, put one or two nuts of dripping on top, and bake for one and a half to two hours.

TO MAKE STEAK TENDER.

Instead of pounding the steak in the usual manner, which bruises the fibre and lets the juice escape, soak it for an hour or so in olive oil before cooking. Cook quickly over a brisk fire so that both sides may be well browned (not burned), then move the pan back so that the inside of the meat may cook more slowly. Melt a lump of butter in two or three tablespoonsful of good vinegar, and pour over the steak while hot. Lemon juice with a little water added may be used instead of vinegar. Season with pepper, salt, chopped onion, and sage.

Health Talks.

(By A Physician.)

Skin Troubles.

When a person who normally has a clean and unblemished skin suddenly discovers a rash on the hands, it is not enough to apply external lotions and ointments, the cause must be found. Sometimes this is due to gout, or intestinal disturbances and the skin will not clear until the general health of the patient is improved. Occasionally tainted food will produce an outbreak on the skin. Tinned salmon, potted shrimps, lobster or fish that has been kept too long will be found guilty. Fish is more commonly sold when unfit for consumption than meat. If two or more members of a household are affected at the same time, inquiry must be made to find out what particular article of diet was consumed by the sufferers and not by those who escaped. When tinned foods are opened the contents should be turned out at once into a dish, and never left in the tin. Potted fish and meat paste should not be kept long when once opened; if you have a small family the tiny jars are safer than bigger ones, because they will be eaten sooner, and there is less risk of the contents deteriorating. Nettle rash is often the result of eating tainted fish, or fish paste. It stings and irritates as though the skin had been struck with a bunch of nettles, and big red weals appear on the surface. The first thing to do if you find you have eaten anything that has disagreed with you is to clear it out of your body by a sharp purge. Nature often does this for you by an attack of diarrhoea, or by vomiting. This should be encouraged, not checked, as the sooner the poi-

son is out of the body the better. Lead lotion is soothing for external use. It should be applied cold and allowed to evaporate from the skin.

External Causes.

Sometimes nothing unusual has been eaten to cause skin trouble. Causes of external irritation must then be sought. Photographers sometimes find that the constant use of developer often causes a rash to appear. A French polisher may find his skin breaking out from the use of the stain, which often contains potassium bichromate. No man can say why one person gets this kind of eczema while the other can use the chemicals with impunity. We are all isolated individuals and one cannot argue from one case to another. The handling of sugar or flour may irritate the skin of those who do much cooking; the cement worker may find his hands breaking out in a rash. It is well known that some people cannot handle furs without suffering from a skin complaint. If once this irritation starts, it is no use trying to fight against it while continuing at the same work. It is better to stop work at once before that inflammation has had a chance to get a hold. It may be that a temporary stoppage will suffice, but if the trouble persists, the victim should endeavour to change his or her job, or at least to get into a branch where the irritation can be avoided.

Don't Let Germs In.

It is a wise plan always to have a bottle of iodine handy in house or workshop. One often hears someone say: "Oh, I am not going to bother about a little scratch like that!" No scratch or cut is too small for a germ to enter. Germs are so small themselves that even a little scratch to them is the size of a river. When once a germ has entered the wound it multiplies with incredible rapidity. It does not give a germ much trouble to become a grandfather within a few hours. If a procession were formed of all the people who have lost hands or arms through neglecting small scratches, it would reach—well, probably to the moon! If the cut becomes infected, poisoning will follow, with inflammation and pain. Therefore, don't think any cut or scratch too small to be disinfected, and go to the doctor at once if it tends to turn septic.

Hints

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Nickel should be washed in soap and water. Polish with whitening moistened with ammonia or water. Do not use any chemicals or coarse abrasive on nickel. Wipe dry.

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A Page from History—

There have been rumours that Pope Benedict sometimes left the Vatican before the Lateran Treaty had ended the Pope's voluntary imprisonment.

Vatican Radio lent strength to these lately by repeating the story that he used to visit a Roman community to which he had at one time been chaplain.

He went early, going through St. Peter's, and returned soon, before St. Peter's was opened to the public.

His last visit to the community hastened his end.

His Holiness was already suffering from a severe cold and when he returned the lifeman could not be found. The Pope had to wait about in the cold.

When he knew his end was near he called a nephew and gave him a present, saying: "I have been keeping this for your future wife. Take it and tell her that before I knew who she was I blessed her on my death-bed."

In The Far East—

In the middle of the 19th century, the Catholic Faith in the Dutch East Indies was subject to penal laws, all Catholic propaganda being prohibited under severe penalties.

As soon as these laws were repealed—some 80 years ago—the Catholic population began to grow, and is now about what it is in Holland: from 30 to 35 per cent. of the Christian population. There is a continual stream of conversions, many among the natives, though the majority of the 2,500,000 native Christians are still Protestants.

Catholic News

Vigorous Trade Unions.

The bulk of the natives are Moslems, but only in certain parts of Java are they fanatical. The Hindu influence is to be felt in part of Java as well as in Bali.

The natives are highly civilised, though their civilisation has been static—resting on their great Hindu-Javanese past with its noble sculpture, architecture, and manuscript books. But of late young students—poets—who have been to Holland have begun to write of the native life and problems from a somewhat westernised angle.

So Catholicism impinges, not on barbarism, but on another civilisation. What progress the Faith has made in the 80 years of its freedom may be seen from the fact that every town of some importance has its own Catholic building—the Catholic Social Union building—where associations meet and public meetings are held. Moreover there are vigorous Catholic trade unions.

The Catholic schools have done a tremendous amount of work; they are open, more than any others, to children of all races.

The Upper Room—

Bishop Gannon, in a speech at Erie, U.S.A., announced that efforts are still being made to purchase from the Mohammedan owners the Upper Chamber of the Last Supper.

He said that his activities in this direction had almost succeeded but were frustrated by the uncertain conditions abroad during the past few years and by the chaos of war.

Measures in Poland—

The Holy Father—in response to requests from Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, who at present supervises ecclesiastical affairs in German-occupied Poland—has granted permission to the priests there to absolve penitents collectively without confession, and for lay persons to keep and carry to the sick the Blessed Sacrament.

The Cardinal had pointed out that the activities of the Polish priests are severely limited and that by order of the German authorities German priests are forbidden to administer Holy Communion to the Poles.

In his letter His Eminence says that the present condition of the Church in German-occupied Poland recalls the early ages of Christianity.

Catholics in the East Indies—

As Rabaul is now out of contact with Australia anxiety is felt for the Vicar Apostolic of New Guinea, Bishop Alano Guynot de BoisMENU, Missionary of the Sacred Heart, a Frenchman. He lives on nearby Yule Island.

A number of Irish sisters of the French missionary congregation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart are stationed in New Britain and New Guinea.

They have centres also in the Gilbert Islands, the islands of Bathurst and Melville and Naru and a large school at Darwin, on the Australian mainland.

A cable received from Singapore by the De La Salle Brothers in Dublin states: "From best knowledge available all brothers safe and well so far."

The brothers have nine large colleges in Malaya, two in Hong Kong, four in Burma and one in Manila.

More than half the brothers in these colleges are Irish or English.

The Vatican War Work—

In 16 months, after the war had begun in earnest in the West and Libya, the Information Bureau at the Vatican dealt with 364,409 requests for news about missing relatives and prisoners of war.

Search all over Europe and in the prisoners' camps secured information of the whereabouts of 147,862. Replies were sent to relatives in 89,076 letters and 58,786 telegrams.

The Bureau passes the majority of the requests to its numerous information centres by radio. In the 16 months Vatican radio announcers were engaged in this work for more than 500 hours.

Several Papal Nuncios who were obliged to leave their posts in European countries when the Germans marched in are now helping the Bureau. Archbishop Riberi, Cardinal Hinsley's successor as Apostolic Delegate in Africa, is also helping there.

With the growth of the work and of the staff the Bureau has been transferred from the offices of the Papal Secretariate to the more commodious

offices of the S. Congregation for the Oriental Church.

Enquiries concerning missing men may be addressed to: Information Bureau, Secretariate of State, Vatican City.

Released Priest Stayed On In Nazi Camp—

Famous Dutch Carmelite professor, Fr. Van der Mey, though ordered to be released from a German concentration camp in Holland some months ago, is still there, it is learnt in London.

He asked to stay on to look after the spiritual welfare of the many other Dutchmen in the camp.

Fr. Van der Mey was arrested after the German invasion for his anti-Nazi activities.

Unchanged—

"With genuine sorrow," the "Osservatore Romano," Vatican City newspaper, said recently that it could not support the view of some papers that the situation of the Church in Germany is becoming easier.

The "Osservatore" goes on to give long quotations from a book, *Gott und Volk: Soldatisches Bekehrnis*, of which 261,000 copies have been issued recently in the Reich.

These quotations, given over Radio Vatican, show that Nazi paganism is as active and hostile as ever, strenuously propagating the "German soul" and the struggle against Christianity and the Catholic Church.

"We believe in this Germany and we cannot believe at the same time in another life, because we must live for our people and not for our own personal happiness," the book says on page 58.

Japs Won't Invade It—

Lepers in a settlement at the mouth of the Western River near Hong Kong and their two Irish-American Maryknoll Missioners, Fr. Sweeney and Fr. Connor, are not worrying about the Japanese.

The war, the lepers say, will pass them by for only missionaries invade such places.

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THE FIFTH WHEEL.—

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says she'll take you back. I begged her to. But you must behave. And you can go up to the house to-night; and your old room over the stable is ready."

"Great!" said Thomas earnestly. "You are I, Annie. But when did these stunts happen?"

"To-night at Professor Cherubusco's. He sent his automobile for the Missis, and she took me along. I've been there with her before."

"What's the professor's line?"

"He's a clearvoyant and a witch. The Missis consults him. He knows everything. But he hasn't done the Missis any good yet, though she's paid him hundreds of dollars. But he told us that the stars told him we could find you here."

"What's the old lady want this chery-buster to do?"

"That's a family secret," said Annie. "And now you've asked enough questions. Come on home, you big fool."

They had moved but a little way up the street when Thomas stopped.

"Got any dough with you, Annie?" he asked.

Annie looked at him sharply.

"Oh, I know what that look means," said Thomas. "You're wrong. Not another drop. But there's a guy that was standing next to me in the bed line over there that's in a bad shape. He's the right kind, and he's got wives or kids or something, and he's on the sick list. No booze. If you could dig up half a dollar for him so he could get a decent bed I'd like it."

Annie's fingers began to wiggle in her purse.

"Sure, I've got money," said she. "Lots of it. Twelve dollars." And then she added, with woman's ineradicable

suspicion of vicarious benevolence: "Bring him here and let me see him first."

Thomas went on his mission. The wan Bed Liner came readily enough. As the two drew near, Annie looked up from her purse and screamed: "Mr. Walter— Oh—Mr. Walter!"

"Is that you, Annie?" said the young man weakly.

"Oh, Mr. Walter!—and the Missis hunting high and low for you!"

"Does mother want to see me?" he asked, with a flush coming out on his pale cheek.

"She's been hunting for you high and low. Sure, she wants to see you. She wants you to come home. She's tried police and morgues and lawyers and advertising and detectives and rewards and everything. And then she took up clearvoyants. You'll go right home, won't you, Mr. Walter?"

"Gladly, if she wants me," said the young man. "Three years is a long time. I suppose I'll have to walk up, though, unless the street cars are giving free rides. I used to walk and beat that old plug team of bays we used to drive to the carriage. Have they got them yet?"

"They have," said Thomas, feelingly. "And they'll have 'em ten years from now. The life of the royal elephantibus truckhorseibus is one hundred and forty-nine years. I'm the coachman. Just got my reappointment five minutes ago. Let's all ride up in a surface car—that is—er—if Annie will pay the fares."

On the Broadway car Annie handed each one of the prodigals a nickel to pay the conductor.

"Seems to me you are mighty reckless—some of you throw large sums of money around," said Thomas, sarcastically.

"In that purse," said Annie, decidedly, "is exactly \$11.85. I shall take every cent of it to-morrow and give it to Professor Cherubusco, the greatest man in the world."

"Well," said Thomas, "I guess he must be a pretty fly guy to pipe off things the way he does. I'm glad his spooks told him where you could find me. If you'll give me his address, some day I'll go up there, myself, and shake his hand."

Presently Thomas moved tentatively in his seat, and thoughtfully felt an abrasion or two on his knees and elbows.

"Say, Annie," said he, confidentially, "maybe it's one of the last dreams of the booze, but I've a kind of a recollection of riding in an automobile with a swell guy that took me to a house full of eagles and arc lights. He fed me on biscuits and hot air, and then kicked me down the front steps. It was the *d'è's*, why am I so sore?"

"Shut up, you fool," said Annie.

"If I could find that funny guy's house," said Thomas, in conclusion, "I'd go up there some day and punch his nose for him."

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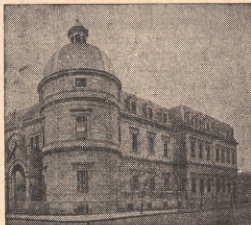
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 8.

(274) A layer of air, approximately twelve and a half miles in depth, forming an outer ring of the earth's atmosphere. Its distance from the earth varies from less than five miles at the poles to over ten at the equator. Its presence was discovered by Leon Philippe Teisserenc de Bort (1855-1913), a French meteorologist, between 1896 and 1898, by sending up small balloons carrying self-registering apparatus, a device still employed with valuable results. In 1935 a Russian "sounding" balloon carrying instruments actually reached a height of twenty-five miles. De Bort deduced from his experiments that the stratosphere was a region of constant temperature, but more recent investigations have shown that there is a variation within narrow limits, the mean temperature being about -55 degrees centigrade. In 1931 Professor Auguste Picard and Dr. Charles Kipfer reached a height of 51,458 feet (about nine and three-quarter miles) enclosed in a spherical gondola equipped with liquid oxygen. The following year the Professor and M. Max Cosyns achieved 53,500 feet. These feats were eclipsed in 1933, when two American balloonists reached 61,236 feet, only to be outdone in their turn the following year by three Soviet explorers of the stratosphere who ascended to 71,178 feet. Unhappily, all three perished on the return to earth. On Armistice Day,

1935, the United States stratosphere balloon *Explorer II*, piloted by Captains Orvil Anderson and Albert Stevens, made a successful ascent to 74,188 feet (about fourteen miles) above the earth. The British Air Ministry has sponsored explorations into the stratosphere, using aeroplanes instead of balloons. In 1937, Flight-Lieut. M. J. Adam, of the Royal Air Force, wearing a helmet fed with oxygen, reached an altitude of 53,937 feet, and registered the temperature there as 48.9 degrees centigrade below zero. The only untoward incident in this record-breaking flight was the appearance of a large crack, caused probably by contraction due to cold, in the transparent material of the cabin roof. It is believed that an aeroplane designed for stratospheric travel could fly at between 400 and 600 m.p.h. without demanding greatly increased engine power.

(275) By various methods, according to the different effects of heat. The most ordinary is by the expansion of a liquid in a glass vessel. This is seen in the familiar mercury thermometer. Sometimes the expansion of a gas is used; or the gas is kept at constant volume, the temperature being indicated by the pressure on the gas. In another method the change of electrical resistance of a metal due to change of temperature is noted, and in yet another temperature is calculated by the radiation of the heated body.

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