

Sir A great cause of the suffering and unemployment which in certain parts is that "grab-all" spirit which seems so common. The first thing a man wants to know and the first of is when he has got enough. It is insanity to get more than you want. See a man in this city, an intelligent man, say, with two or three million of money, five million of hats, vast warehouses full of shoes, billions of neckties, imagine that man getting up at four o'clock in the morning in the rain and snow and sleet, working like a dog all day to get another necktie. Yet in his house a lesser degree is not that what far too many people are doing in the world to-day? Wearing out lives out that somebody may say rich he is. What a great fellow! Yet, what can such a man do with his surplus? Nothing. Can he eat it? No. Make friends? No. Purchase property and lies? Yes. Make all his relations hate him? Yes. And then, what worry? Annoyed, nervous, tormented, sleepless, until his poor little head becomes inflamed and you see in the paper "Died of stroke." That man began to worry for fear he would have enough of neckties to last him his life!

Why do we not gentlemen in the world do two jobs, with three jobs, with four jobs and a pension thrown in, while others are starving. Is this fair? I really could not sit down to a good dinner if I knew some poor, decent man next door was hungry. The gulf between Lazarus and Dives widens year by year; only the positions seem changed; Lazarus is in hell, while Dives the rouge, the idler, the fraud, is in heaven.

Every country in Europe to-day has men being asked to fight for "home and their country"; yet, 95 per cent. of them have not a tax title to a square of the dirt of their native soils. They are like sheep being driven to the slaughter-house. The extension of the franchise on the one hand and the extension of the franchise on the other has caused the present world war. What do you expect when you give votes to boys and girls, when any fellow can become a member of parliament, when politics is being made the most important profession in the world, when an honest, fearless man means nothing for yourself and the boycott of your family? This system has given us democracy; on the other hand the extension of the franchise means the dictatorship, the poor misguided people being roasted between two vultures. They do not want much. Just give us a man's cottage and work. I love to see a man in a cottage. It is associated in our mind with pure, unalloyed happiness. The only house in the world that is as though it had no mortgage on

A VALIANT WOMAN

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LATE MISS ALICE BENNETT, RATHKEALE

(AN APPRECIATION.)

The modern world, with its warped sense of values, can still recognise valour in its men and women. It is not an easy thing to be truly valiant, for valour, although pleasing to behold, involves many a hard struggle for the person who practises it. God must be served in everything, and to serve God in everything is an achievement of which few can boast. Now there died at Rathkeale in the early hours of July 17th a woman who was both old and feeble, a woman who never played a prominent part in public affairs, a woman whose illness and infirmities made her almost unknown to the rising generation, and this woman was valiant. How has she merited the word "valiant"? you might ask. What has she done? She lived an ordinary life, but this life was strewn with many hardships and crosses, and these hardships and crosses she bore patiently, cheerfully and submissively. This perfect submission to the Will of God was rewarded by the gift of prayer to an extraordinary degree. Prayer gave her a sense of values which gave colouring to her whole life. She saw things as God saw them, she felt about things as He feels about them, and she did what He wanted her to do. And so she was charitable, generous, brave and innocent, a woman of loving heart. She did all things well, helped all she could; only the good God knows what sacrifices she made to help the cause of God in foreign lands by contributions which cost her much, and which she gave generously.

Now she is taking her last rest in the quiet and lonely cemetery of Kilmacow. The world would be a much better place to live in if there were more such women as this. Gray must have been thinking of Miss Bennett when he wrote.

"Full many a flower is born to blush
unseen

And waste its sweetness on the desert
air."

She has not endured and lived in vain. St. John tells us what happens to those who have suffered and have been proved faithful:—"God shall wipe all tears from their eyes; and death shall be no more, nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more, for the former things are passed away. And He that sat on the throne said: Behold, I make all things new."

lighted and well-ventilated and at least observant and spotless cleanliness regularity that I Undoubtedly, the affairs of this hospital enjoy the highest credit that duty. Although an extremely large hospital with various wards—probably nearly always filled due to the unique hospital enjoys as for hundreds of whom come from far and go to Croom for surgical. The management require no eulogy reputation—especially valiant and gifted head—is already a public to need an only right to say have been innumerable this hospital in appearance and that surgical extremely critical and successfully carried

THE NURSING

It would not be an article without mentioning the nursing staff, who to this fine institution the Sisters are always care and attention patients in their care are long, and very exigencies of hospital have to work at hours sick people are cranky, they occasionally couple of patient troublesome and complaints of an entirely highly trained and never lose patience creatures, no matter they may be. One always bright and individual lying in a sick bed, a cheerfulness is worth any amount due to the untiring these devoted young a stricken person hospital under their been enabled to have a lease of life. They continue to maintain reputation there among the entire to the humblest, co-operation that work.

**Good
Gray**