

LATE DR. J. BOUCHIER HAYES,
RATHKEALE

Impressions received when we grow up are not so indelibly printed as those received in childhood. Joy and sorrow, pain and pleasure stick fast in the waxen mind of a child. Later on when the wax begins to harden, impressions remain on the surface of very near it; things are taken for granted and we become blase.

But there are some impressions engraved so deeply that time, distance and change cannot rub out. Instead, those three things make them all the more deeply set.

An impression of a kindly voice, a tender touch during a childish ailment which held unknown terrors, because of an expected visit from "the doctor." Stories heard of what doctors did and what they did not were bogies to contend with as well as a throbbing head and burning throat.

But when the doctor came, the childish terrors vanished. The hand of a family friend smoothed away all the terrors, and, miracle of miracles, the pain too disappeared and even though it did, he still sat there, even when night had come to take the place of the cold winter's evening. And so a horrid illness of a childhood remains a precious memory—because of a beloved physician who was friend, even when days were darkest.

And so on down through the years. He remained sincere to his duty and his friends and when the time came to give up his noble work it was a big break, as here was no ordinary doctor, interested merely in the case. No; in each patient he had a personal interest which did not wane when a more striking one came along. His was a very familiar figure in the old town by the Deel. A visit there would not be complete until one had seen, and spoken to Dr. John. So he was called by those who knew him. So shall he be remembered.

May St. Luke the Beloved Physician (who has a very special love for doctors here on earth who follow in his footsteps) give him a great welcome to where pain and suffering are no more, is the sincere prayer and wish of

M. M. CULHANE.

Richmond Hospital, Dublin.

Fermoy town clock has been recording old time up to this. The Urban Council has now decided that it be put on to new time in order to avoid confusion.

LIMERICK MUNICIPAL

The following is the Hon. report for the year 1939-1940 the Limerick Municipal Dinner. The above re-opened for season on November 1st, 1940 was a very large increase in total number of dinners and of meals served during the season. Total number of dinners and meals served during the season 26,827, as compared with 25,100 in the previous year.

The Committee wish to thank kind friends who sent gifts which helped greatly in carrying out their charity.

To those who sent bread, cakes, jam, sugar, tea, rice, etc., our most sincere thanks, also to the servers who so generously gave time to serving the dinners to those who helped to make the flag day such a success.

The season will re-open on 5th, and we hope that this will be an appeal for further assistance in order that we may carry on our work of charity.—Lilian Barry

RUGBY

MUNSTER BRANCH OF

The following officers were elected at the annual general meeting of the Munster Branch of the I.R.F.U. held yesterday:—President, Mr. L. J. O'Malley; Vice-President, Mr. D. J. O'Malley; Secretary, Mr. T. W. O'Brien; Treasurer, Mr. J. MacAuley; Committee—Messrs. J. W. Auchmuty, Hanrahan, D. F. O'Connell, A. L. J. Herde, T. McDermott, P. W. A. McSweeney.

Representative on Irish Five — Mr. N. Murphy (Deputy, Mr. N. Murphy); Senior Selection Five — Mr. N. Murphy, D. J. O'Malley, P. D. Murphy, C. Hanrahan.

Junior Selection Five — Mr. N. Murphy, J. W. Auchmuty, McSweeney, P. Delaney, R. C.

IN CORK NEXT

"The Roll of the Drum," drawing very good houses to Limerick, this week, will be played in Cork next. It will be staged