

## IRISH PROVERBS

## More Wise Sayings

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## ON NUMEROUS SUBJECTS

(BY SEAN FHEAR).

## SECOND SERIES.

In this series of Irish proverbs all be found wise sayings on other wide variety of subjects, including bad company, debts, leachery and other misfortunes, and amongst many other things that are undesirable, procrastination. A considerable number of triads form a special of a collection, the compiling of which shows great industry and rare discrimination on the part of Mr. T. F. O'Rahilly, A., M.R.I.A., whose book, "A Miscellany of Irish Proverbs," was published by the Talbot Press, Dublin, in 1922.

Pride of place may fittingly be given to one of the oldest proverbs in the Irish language: "Better old debts than old grudges." The Scots say: "Better auld debts than wild airts (sores)."

Another very old one runs: "A poor man is pleased with whatever he gets"; also: "A poor man is glad of a little." It is found thus in the Book of Leinster: "Even a trifling thing pleases a poor man," and in North East Ireland it is: "A poor man is fain o' little."

"It is well that misfortunes come but from time to time," is the reverse of the English: "Misfortunes never come single"—a sentiment made use of in the once popular song, "Rory O'Moore."

## TREACHERY.

"Woe to him whose betrayer sits at his table" was probably suggested by the presence of Judas at the Last Supper; and "Trust not a pitiful man" has also a warning against betrayal.

"The effects of an evil act are long felt" is a proverb which may have suggested something to Shakespeare.

Dangerous companionship is the subject of these—"Shun evil company," "Choose your company before you sit down," "Tell me with whom thou goest and I'll tell thee what thou doest," which has the

## RATHKEALE NOTES

(From Our Correspondent)

## Obituary.

Mr. Con O'Donoghue, who died at Ardnoola, Rathkeale, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., was with the hardware firm of O'Brien-Corkery, Kenmare, Co. Kerry, for 43 years. A few weeks ago when his health commenced to fail he returned to the parental home at Ardnoola, where he passed to his reward after a brief illness. Before going to Kenmare he spent some time with the establishments of Mr. P. O'Shaughnessy and Mr. W. Phelan, Newcastle West.

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## In Abraham Team.

In his youth he took an active interest in athletics. He was a member of the famous Abraham team, with which he played in many a robust contest that brought the laurels to Rathkeale in those pioneer days. He introduced hurling to Kenmare, where he often took the field with the Kerry stalwarts he had trained.

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## Tribute to Faithful Service.

At the funeral on Thursday a wreath was laid on his grave by a member of the O'Brien-Corkery firm as a token of appreciation of long and faithful service by a trustworthy and capable employee.

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## Killed in Air Raid.

In a recent air raid on Liverpool, England, Mr. Walter Shire, his wife, his sister, Mrs. Thomas Hamill, and her husband were all killed. Mr. Shire and his sister were the son and daughter of Mr. and the late Julius Shire, Ballingrane, Rathkeale, to whom as well as to all the other relatives of the deceased, deepest sympathy is extended in their great sorrow caused by such a severe and tragic bereavement.

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## Catering for Youth.

At a committee meeting of the Rathkeale Branch of the C.Y.M.S. held on Monday evening, it was decided to run a billiards handicap for the junior members. The "41" card drive for attractive prizes was being played for by several groups in the town and country.

## NEWCASTLE WEST JOTTINGS

(From Our Correspondent)

## Golf Club.

At the annual general meeting of the Newcastle West Golf Club the following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. Monaghan, P.P., V.G.; vice-president, Mr. M. J. O'Leary; hon. treasurer, Messrs. J. J. Pirelan and Liston; hon. secretaries, Messrs. McEnery and H. Musgrave; election secretary, Mr. J. J. Callinan; Committee—Rev. M. Quinn, Messrs. H. Leonard, J. G. I. M. McCoy, D. Nash, W. O'Connell, W. Leary; solr. Greens Committee—Messrs. M. Leonard, M. M. J. J. Callinan, O. O'Neill, and McEnery. Captain, Mr. O. C.

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## Recent Results.

R. F. Jones, 22-63; J. J. C. 24-68, after a tie of 64 each; ball v. bogey—T. McCoy, 18, and L. Higgins, 20; 6 up; P. 17-13, and L. Higgins, 20; 6 up; O. C. Nash, 15, and J. Flynn, 10 up (former won on play); mixed Foursomes—M. McCoy and Mrs. Danagner, 32, 6; O'Shaughnessy, 20, and Miss 30, 69.

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## Hurling Victory.

Newcastle West minor hurling team scored an outstanding triumph at Croom on Sunday when they defeated De La Salle 2-1. In the final of the 1940 hurling championship the result did not actually come as a surprise to the followers, who were confident at the start of the competition that the Western Division team was one of the best ever fielded in the town. In spite of the difficulties of transport a fairly large crowd of enthusiastic supporters travelled to Croom to cheer the team to victory.

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## Turf Scheme.

All unemployed registered at the local Labour Exchange have been absorbed in the County Council turf development scheme. Last week they were notified that services would be required in the bogs to the west of the town since then scores of them have been engaged in the cutting of turf. In addition