

...operation every possible rural sphere, the reform of rural education, and the dissemination of the best technical methods for agriculture.

## FAREWELL!

"Rambling Thady" is most entertaining, no doubt, and he always knows what he is talking about. He said lately—I think 'twas the week before last—That the match-maker now is a thing of the past.

Truly encyclopaedic, the match-maker's knowledge; He could "trace" quite as well as the best Herald's College. And he proved to be ever a helper of Hymen In thus bringing together coy maidens and shy men.

This good man's ministrations were never more needed, To ensure that our low marriage-rate is exceeded, And the people who now seldom hear wedding bells Will unite in expressing their heartfelt farewells.

W. S. B.

## HAD PASSED THE CENTURY MARK

The death took place some days ago of Mrs. P. Mullane, Lower Athea, who had passed her 101st birthday. A very saintly woman, she was revered and loved by all who knew her. Only a few weeks prior to her death she was the recipient of a letter from An Taoiseach (Mr. de Valera) congratulating her on the grand old age to which she had attained, and wishing her further long years of health and happiness. Nowhere will the news of her death excite more genuine sorrow than in the Greater Ireland beyond the seas, where the bulk of the deceased's family are domiciled.

## MINISTER'S VISIT

Mr. G. Boland, Minister for Justice, will review a parade of the L.S.F. in Limerick on Sunday. The Minister will first attend a luncheon at Cruise's Hotel, given by the District Staff, and will subsequently take the salute at William Street corner, with General Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, Garda Síochána.

...and no one would dream of calling him Jim.

James differed from his fellow-man in only one respect. He dreaded the thought of a dentist and the sight of a dentist's brass plate brought on all indications of shock. Beads of cold sweat appeared on his nose, his skin became cold and clammy, and he begged that someone might stand him a drink.

One evening he came to me in a terrible condition.

"Thady," he said, "I didn't sleep for three nights; my tooth is awful, I must get it pulled out, I can't stick it. Will you come with me to the dentist—I could never face him alone."

I relieved his mental anxiety as well as I could and promised to hold his hand while the dentist did his work.

Next day we called and I found an opportunity of privately telling the dentist about James's nervous condition.

"Stand behind the chair," said the dentist. "while I am getting ready. When I give you a wink stick a pin into the small of his back as hard as you can, and I'll do the rest."

The dentist spoke to James of everything but his bad tooth.

"Open wide, let me see it," he said. James gripped the arms of the chair and obeyed.

With the forceps hidden in the palm of his hand he pretended to examine it.

"It will come out quite easily," he remarked to me casually, giving me at the same time the arranged wink.

With all my strength I stuck the pin through his back. The dentist pulled. James screamed just once.

Holding the tooth in the pincers before James's eyes the dentist smilingly asked "Did it hurt?"

"Well, no," said James, rubbing his back, but it had the h— of a long root."

## LONG RECORD WITHOUT PROSECUTION

When Cornelius Gleeson, publican, Killoscully, was charged before District Justice Flood at Newport with a breach of the licensing law his solicitor, Mr. D. G. O'Donovan, said he had a record of 28 years without any prosecution. The offence with which he was now charged was having non-travellers on his premises after hours on the occasion of a dance, and in view of his good record he was fined only 10/-, each of the men being fined 2/6.

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