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FRANCISCAN ART CALENDAR

The Kingship of Christ in the Mystical Body forms the theme of the beautiful story told in pictorial form in this delicately executed and artistic calendar published by the Assisi Press, 4 Merchants' Quay, Dublin. Pictures of the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Garden of Gethsemane, Mater Amabilis, and one of Christ, the King of Kings, linked with those of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Elizabeth and the Archangel Michael, show the inter-relation between Christ the Mediator, Mary the Mediatrix, and the members of the Mystical Body. The production as a whole is an excellent example of what a Christian calendar should be and should find a place in every Catholic home. Apart from the spiritual content, the pictures themselves are exceptionally reproduced, and some beautifully coloured. It may be had for 2/- (post free) from Assisi Press, 4 Merchants' Quay, Dublin.

DEATH OF MR. M. SHEEHY

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Martin Sheehy, Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick, which sad event took place at Barrington's Hospital this morning, after an illness of short duration. The deceased, who was youngest son of Mary and the late Patrick Sheehy, and brother of Mr. Patrick Sheehy, an esteemed member of the Limerick Typographical Society, was a great favourite, and his passing at such an early age has created a gloom in the Corbally district, where he was an active member of the Corbally Hurling Club. The remains will be removed this (Monday) evening at 7.30 from Barrington's Hospital to St. Patrick's Church. Funeral will take place to-morrow (Tuesday) to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3 o'clock.

HOUSEKEEPER FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL

When a deputation from the Clare Asylum Workers Branch of the I.T. and G.W.U. interviewed Mr. D. O'Keefe, County Manager, with reference to the appointment of an assistant cook in the Clare Mental Hospital, he told them that following inspection of the institution, the Inspector of Mental Hospitals had stated that a housekeeper with domestic economy qualifications was necessary for the hospital. Such an appointment would more than likely be ordered by the Department of Local Government. Pending the Department's decision an assistant cook would be appointed only on a temporary basis, as he did not know what change of staff the appointment of a housekeeper may entail.

ants were placed in a most difficult financial position and a position that was altogether unjustifiable. The Government of any country should at least honour its word and its bond with its employees. A Government should set a headline to the country, but the Irish Governments had failed very miserably and Civil Servants were the victims.

STABILISATION INJUSTICE.

Mr. Sean Kelly, Post Office Workers' Union, referred to the burning and bitter injustice of the stabilisation of the cost of living bonus. The word "injustice" was a strong word to use in connection with a dealing between a Government and its employees, but he proposed to prove where that injustice lay. The bonus agreement had been reached as a result of long negotiation with the British Government and the purpose of that agreement was to bring wages and salaries into alignment with the modern cost of living conditions, and that was regulated by the upward or downward trend of the cost of living figure. To show how this operated he instanced the case of an officer who was in receipt of £4 12s. 9d. in March, 1921. That sum was reduced to £2 12s. 6d. in July, 1933, representing a weekly loss of £2 0s. 3d.

Having referred to Government statements which showed that they had recognised that the cost of living bonus was an agreement, the speaker said that from 1933 to 1940 there was an upward trend and the staffs were regaining something of the numerous sums they had lost, but in 1940 the bombshell of stabilisation was thrown. After all the pronouncements of the Government prior to that and their recognition of the fact that the agreement was a sacred document, their promises were broken and the staffs were betrayed and abandoned. To-day there were very few who, depending on their salaries or wages, were able to meet their commitments, they were forced to draw on any little resources they may have, and some were in the hands of money-lenders. He knew of cases where married men were unable to meet the ordinary expenses of the home, where their children were underclad and underfed. Since 1940 the Civil Servants had consistently fought against the position of stabilisation, and until all Civil Servants in the country interested themselves in the problem and did something to try to right the position nothing would be done about it.

MINISTER'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. L. Crowley, Customs and Excise Clerical Officers Association, said that in 1921 and 1922, the cost of living index figure stood at 265; that was in the normal time of peace. At present the figure had been stabilised at 185 in the fifth year of war with the resultant

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