

... published by The Press, at 6/-. Since it was published in 1918, this well-known collection of Lalor's best work has ranked as a standard. The new edition now published contains much additional valuable material made available through bequests of original manuscripts to the National Library. The scope and value of the work have been greatly enhanced by the author's use of her new material.

... from its manifest value as a student and historian, I think that this book ought to appeal to a very wide circle of general readers. In very many ways Fintan Lalor was not only one of the most significant but also one of the most interesting characters of the Young Ireland movement. It would not be too much to say that the forthright teaching of Lalor on agrarianism left its stamp with unequalled boldness on the hundred years of Irish history since his day. He deserves to be better known and more closely studied in our own day. Miss ...'s book will undoubtedly give us a better knowledge of the man and his work.

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"**King Uncrowned**" is a biography of St. Joseph, written by Rev. Michael Carroll, C.S.Sp., published by The Mercier Press at 10/6. It has been written as a pious essay in hagiography, an attempt to see in true perspective and in his full stature the great man.

... nably the portrait of Saint Joseph which has been painted for so long by too many writers of popular biography has been as bold in outline and as simple in outline as the illustration in a child's prayer book—innocuous and, within limits, worthy as these pious biographies are, few will be content to accept them as a satisfying account of the man who was marked for a special play in the history of mankind—the role of head in that household whose other members were the Holy Child and Mary. It is Father Carroll's purpose to show us the man who was so well fitted for his tremendous duty, a Joseph who brought face to face with us the face of soul-shaking immensity and who was called to

While giving evidence in a tenancy case at Hampstead, London, Evan Rowlands collapsed in the witness chair and died on the spot.

... make decisions of magnitude calculated to test his faith and spirituality to the uttermost limits.

To my mind Father Carroll has succeeded splendidly in his purpose. He does not, in his own phrase, "try to plot a graph of the human heart," but undoubtedly he does paint a credible and convincing picture of a very great man of the royal house of David.

Since scholars and students have been known at times to exchange the mysteries of the study for the even more baffling mysteries of the golf links, I have no hesitation in drawing their attention to John Desmond Sheridan's intelligent rabbits guide to golf, "**It Stance to Reason**," published by The Talbot Press at 5/-.

I hasten to warn the sages and scholars that this book will not make the slightest difference in their golfing handicaps; it will not cure their slice; it will not mend their hook. John Desmond Sheridan has discovered in sweat and tears and blushes of shame that golfers are born not made—and that most of them are born rabbits. But that discovery has made little difference to his enjoyment of the game; it will make even less difference to our whole-hearted enjoyment of a book in which we can recognise our golfing selves on every printed page and in almost every one of the outrageously funny drawings with which Warner has most libellously embellished the book.

#### DEATH.

**McGOWAN**—May 2nd, 1948, John McGowan, 16 Roxboro' Road (late of Ballintrillick, Co. Sligo). Funeral from St. Michael's Church tomorrow (Tuesday), at 4 o'clock, to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

**CAREY** (Fifth Anniversary) — In loving memory of George Carey (late of 34 Rixtown Terrace), who died on May 2nd, 1943. On his soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.—Inserted by his loving daughter, B.

Co. Council was held to consider a letter from the Minister for Local Government with reference to the provision of employment for persons who had hitherto been engaged on the production of hand-won turf for Local Authorities and for Board na Mona.

The Minister stated that he was prepared to allocate a grant of £9,000, subject to a local grant of £3,000 (making £12,000), to the Council for the restoration of county roads and for the carrying out of additional maintenance work in existing drainage districts. Only men who had been engaged by the Co. Council or Bord na Mona on the production of hand-won turf in 1947 are eligible for employment on the works and the most deserving cases are to have first preference.

The Co. Engineer, the Minister directed, should be asked to report periodically to the Council on the adequacy of the measures taken to provide employment and if cases arise where it is not possible to cater for particular areas by the type of schemes mentioned above, the matter should be reported specially to the Department so that the possibility of initiating minor employment schemes on accommodation roads to lands and villages can be considered.

By eleven votes to nine the Council decided to make the contribution of £3,000 and approved of the scheme.

## NEW "POT OF GOLD" SERIES

Liverpool is the largest city within a radius of 130 miles of Dublin, but this answer eluded the four competitors in last Friday's "Pot Of Gold" Night at the Savoy Theatre, when a packed audience was in attendance for the commencement of the second in this series.

The prize was £10 and an O'Dear-est Mattress, and next Friday the prize money will be increased by £5. Mr. Eamon Andrews was the "Quis Master" and, as usual, he added sparkle, originality and novelty to this exceedingly popular feature.