may break down unless special pre-cautions are taken. With three on more parties, and election by a bare majority in each constituency, there is no certainty that the opinions of the voters will be properly represented in the House. In very many, perhaps in most, cases, the seat will have been won by a minority candidate. At the best the largest group in Parliament is un-likely to have received much more than a third of the votes polled, and it might have received much less. **The Group System.** If there were four parties a quarter of the electorate, suitably distribut-ed, could dominate the House of Com-mons.

There is no reason why there should not be four parties, as was, in fact, the case last year, when the votes were distributed between the Con-servatives, the National Liberals, the Asquithians and the Labourites. In such circumstances parliamen-tary government either becomes a pro-cession of transient and embarrassed Premiers angular for the support of

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## **Electoral Reforms**

From the latest English periodical which contains the results of the recent British Elections. we publish below two articles which deal with the urgent need of a reform in the system of voting.

In this country too the problem will soon have to be tackled seriously, not so much because of the three-cornered contest difficulties, as because of the fact that many of the districts are under represented, while others St. John's have a greater number of re-

presentatives than they are entitled to.

AN IMPORTANT LESSON OF THE "UNWANTED" ELECTION. At least one good thing may come

out of the unwanted election and out of the confusion of political parties that has resulted from it. This is the conviction that our sys-

tem of voting is in urgent need of re- J. R. Bennett, assisted by other offi-What is the object of our supposed "democratic" system of Government? to secure that Parliament should fairly represent the whole body of the nation so that the opinion of the House of Commons may coin-

cide with that of the people. W. M.-W. Bro. T. Soper. This aim may have been partly realized in days when two parties presented themselves for a limited suffrage. It is ludicrously missed un-I. M. P .- W. Bro. E. S. Pinsent. S. W .- Bro. P. B. Rendell. J. W .- Bro. F. R. Clarke Chaplain-Bro Rev. A. Tulk. der the three-party system to which Treasurer-W. Bro. W. N. Gray. we are now condemned.

Under this system it may happen-Secty.-Bro. Eric Jerrett. it has happened—that a minority of voters may elect a majority of the D. of C .- Bro. H. Dawe. House of Commons; since in many constituencies the majority vote is

a Watery Grave BODIES WASHED ASHORE AT FISHELL'S.

**Entire Crew Find** 

"Reported over railway lines

There is no reason why there should from Robinson's that schooner Donald Silver wrecked and four or five bodies washed ashore at Fischell's. Carrying herring from Humbermouth."

Premiers, angling for the support of one section after another, or the more or less veiled autocracy of some com-manding figure.

The way to counteract this tendency the Agent at Robinson's, gave further quiries Act, as Mr. Perkins, the Atis by proportional representation, or the second ballot, or some other de-vice, which insures that no candidate "Ias McIssac from Heatherton "Jas. McIsaac from Heatherton shall be chosen unless he has re-ceived a clear majority of the votes

reports picking up body of one ceived a clear majority of the total polled. The strongest Government in Eur-ope at the moment is that of M. Poin-care in France, where the single-member constituency, with election by a bare majority, has been abandoned. man at Berry Head, also reports one more body picked up at Fishell's. Vessel's name was Donald There are more parties and groups in France than there are with us; but the French system allows a Ministry

to come into office, with a powerful body of adherents, who do really represent the national feeling on great issues of policy, though they may differ among themselves on minor

We shall have to adopt a better electoral machinery if we are to es-cape from parliamentary confusion,

Successful Sale

CHILDREN ENJOY CHRISTMAS

TREAT.

Silvia Outward

S.S. Silvia sailed for Halifax and

Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Mr. Wm.

ending perhaps in complete con-stitutional collapse, and violent remedies.—Daily Mirror. During the last week of December Prince of Pilsen Draws

she loaded with herring in Bay of Islands, and sailed for market last Tuesday with a large cargo. Lodge Installation The following further particulars

of the tragedy were received to-day: CURLING. The installation of the W.M. elect Schr. Donald L. Silver, Joseph and the investment of the other of-

Hackett, master, lost will all ficers of St. John's Lodge, No. 579. hands. Five bodies recovered E. C., A. F. & A. M., took place in the including that of the captain. Masonic Temple last evening; the M. J. MCEVOY. ceremony being performed by the R.

W. District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. ST. GEORGE'S. Mr. James McIsaac picked up cers of the District Grand Lodge. The the body of a man at Berryhead visitors included R. W. Bro. Hon. Tasyesterday p.m. The name of the ker Cook, District Grand Master, unvessel which drove ashore is der the Scottish Constitution. The Donald L. Silver. Received a renew officers of St. John's Lodge are:port of another body being picked

ed up at Fishell's this morning The vessel is totally broken up and driven ashore and also part of the cargo. Had information from S. A. Butt that the schooner foundered at Heatherton. G. T. Carty.

S. D .- Bro. J. A. W. W. McNeilly. CURLING. J. D .- Bro. H. F. Glass. Schr. Donald L. Silver, Capt. Organist-Bro. E. Fox. Joseph Hackett, six men which I. G.-Bro. F. F. Berteau. cleared with bulk herring recent-Stewards-Bros. F. J. Wornell and ly lost with all hands near Bankhead. Five bodies picked up not Tyler-Bro. George Morris. yet identified. Congratulatory addresses followed, SCOTT. and a handsome Past Master's Jewel Magistrate. As far as can be learned the memcandidates kept each other out and years has served the Lodge faithfully bers of the crew were residents of and well. The meeting having clos- Bay St. George.

### TO-DAY'S MESSAGES PEPYS BEHIND THOUSANDS HOMELESS. THE SCENES The rise of the flood waters of the

PARIS, Jan. 5.

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eine is slower to-day than yester-Jan. 4 .-- Over breakfast, had some day, but the level reached during the Following the message published discourse with my wife concerning night was sufficient to cover a large resterday from the Sub Collecto" at the merits of galters and spats, since area of new territory. This compel-Robinson's, reporting indications of a I find that the walking is such, that ied thousands of the waterfront peowreck in Bay. St. George, another was I must get me one or the other. My ple to take safety in boats or rely on received by Mr. H. W. LeMessurier, wife would have me buy spats, which boat services for supplies. Many of how some rogue' had removed the as Asnieres, Columbus, and Argen-spear from my stick, which did put teuil, have been cut off. The authorme in mighty fear of a fall, being that ities found it impossible to get all the the ground is covered with ice. Povey inhabitants out of the buildings, so comes to me with the news that Mr. short of omnibus service were they. Lewis, a New York attorney, will re- The number of people driven from This only too fully confirmed the present Sir R. A. Squires at the En- their homes during the day increased fears expressed that a tragedy had quiry, but of what use he will be, by several thousands. Along the occurred, and later, a messeage to Mr. save to hold a watching brief, I know Marne more than four thousand houses

H. J. Russell, Manager of the New- not, seeing that the Enquiry is not a have been flooded and surrounded by foundland Railway, from Mr. G. Cobb, trial, but is held under the Public En- water.

> Mr. Walker has it in his own discret- | Suspense surrounds Premier Mussotion, what witnesses may be called, lini's plans in so far as they concern and what part counsel will play, but his continued rule, either with or since no man is on trial, there can be without elections. "The premier, no need for counsel to act as prose- since December, has made irrovocable cutors or for the defence. The pow- decisions concerning the political situers of the Commissioner, it seems, ation. These decisions will be pubare like to those of a Judge of the lished during January." Meanwhile Civil Bench. Comes Brown with a the political pot is boiling, newsgift of some cigarettes which he papers are filled with conjectures upwould have me try, which I did, and on the political line ups which they found them mighty pleasing, but they think are imminent.

> > Flames starting from a short circuit in the press room of The World

TERNOON.

elavator shaft to the 14th floor and forced a general evacuation of the Another Big House news and lithographing rooms but FINAL PERFORMANCE THIS AF-

edition of paper. SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN TURKE. Another packed house greeted the

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.

fourth performance of that magnifi-STAN. cent opera "The Prince of Pilsen" last MOSCOW, Jan. 5. An earthquake on December 29th in night. The players had got over the slight nervousness noticeable on Russian Turkestan, near the town of former nights, and the production Urahy, destroyed two villages comwas carried through without a hitch. prising four hundred houses. Eighty Miss Madeline Kavanagh excelled her- three persons were killed. These adself as Sidonie, her singing being ex- vices were received to-day in decellent and her accent delightful. Her spatches from Tashkend. The quake duet with Francois (W. Wallace) in left great fissures is the earth over "Back to the Boulevards" proved to be a wide area and isolated the district

from the audience brought forth a side world. well-earned encore. Miss Lydia Miller \$15,000 OFFERED FOR THE BLUE. again acted her part in a very able NOSE. manner, as did also Misses E. Herder

the big hit of the night. The applause from communication from the out-

HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 5. and Mary Eagan. Dr. C. J. Howlett as A' meeting here to-day of the Hali-"Hans Wagner," was better than ever. Mr. Wallace as "Francois" and Percy fax shareholders of the Lunenburg Jardine as "Artie," called forth re- racing schooner Bluenose, decided to der warrant, appeared before court



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At St. Patrick's Church, on J.

DIED.

IN LOVING MEMORY

n our hearts we mourn the los

What would we give to clasp

hand, her gentle voice to hear;

who

one we loved so dear,

Magistrate's Court.

liquor and had proceeded upstairs

A little while later the watch was

reported missing, with several other

articles, such as talcum powder.

lady's comb and necklace. Aft

Head Byrne had received a full d

scription of the man he located hi

and placed him under arrest. T

prisoner, upon being questioned at

the larceny admitted that he had t

goods in his possession, but as

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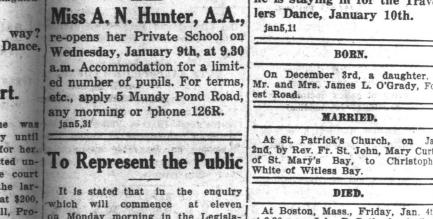
was sworn and examined. Witnes

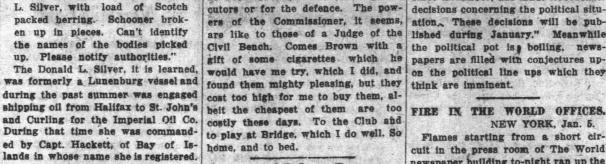
stolen property was found n

A domestic without a home was remanded to the Penitentiary u the police find another place for he

Jardine as "Artie," called forth re-peated outbursts of laughter from the send a committee to Lunenburg Monrett as the "Prince of Pilsen" was the shareholders will decide whether the property of Mrs. S. K. Bell, Prowhich will commence at eleven At Boston, Mass., Friday, Jan. on Monday morning in the Legisla- at 3.30 p.m., John R. Sutherby (tail tive Council Chambers, the public a native of Goole, Eng., but fo mitted on the 29th December. The will be represented by the Minister number of years a resident of accused upon answering to the charge of Justice, Hon. W. R. Warren, who city. He leaves to mourn a wife, will be assisted by Messrs. H. A. in St. Genevieve, Mo., 1 son, Rob stated that he was under the influence of liquor at the time, and was Winter and C. E. Hunt. of Geo. Neal, Ltd., this city. Passed peacefully away on into his possession. After electing THE TRAINS. - Thursday's West 4th, George Smyth, aged 52 years to be tried by the lower court, Head bound express left St. George's at 9.15 est son of the late Thomas and Constable Byrne stated in his evigaret Smyth, leaving a wife, on a.m. The incoming express is due at 4 tomb\_of Tutenkhamen were on 'board dence that he was informed of a roband five daughters to mourn their o'clock. The local Carbonear train arloss. Funeral on Sunday next at p.m., from his late residence, Bond rived at 1.10 p.m. from Calcutta and Port Said for fuel investigating the matter he learned (East).

jan5.3i nd, by Rev. Fr. St. John, Mary Curt A 23-year-old laborer, arrested un- | To Represent the Public of St. Mary's Bay, to Christo White of Witless Bay.





split and the minority candidate slips in.

Thus in no fewer than sixty-nine constituencies. Labour M.P.'s have been elected with fewer votes than J. C. Joel those given to Conservatives and Liberals combined.

Similarly, in the Coalition Parliament a huge artificial majority was built up by means of three-cornered was presented to the retiring Master. contests, in which Liberal and Labour Bro. Earl S. Pinsent, who for two let a Coalitionist in.

We quote these two instances in order to show that a more scientific ed, the brethren retired to the banquet system would be fairer to all parties. room, where a couple of hours were The present muddle occasionally fav- profitably spent around the festive ours one, occasionally another.

board. What we want is not to devise system that shall work against any

body of opinion widely supported in Star Ladies' Had the country, but to secure that all oninions should be represented; or, at least, that a nationally unrepresenta tive view should not receive undue

representation at Westminster. The reform is long overdue. It has been discussed ever since

1917, when the Speaker's Committee

Over one hundred and sixty childdevised a new grouping of conern attended the Christmas Tree and ready to sail about the middle of next stituencies, with a view to Proportional Representation, which has been children's party, in connection with week. worked in Ireland for the election of the Star of the Sea sale of work unthe first Free State Parliament, and also. last year, for the election of ed-ucation authorities in Scotland. Put "P.R." is not the only remedy. The only remedy.

There are the simpler devices of games, whilst a plentiful supply of Second Ballot and alternative vote. The first would provide for a second toys distributed to each child from election, in cases where no one of the Christmas Tree afforded much three or more candidates had receiv. merriment, and one and all will never ed an absolute majority. the candi- forget the happy time spent. At the date at the bottom of the poll being conclusion of the evening's enjoyment The alternative vote the children partook of a delightful

would enable electors to record a "second-best" vote for their next fay. spread, prepared by the Ladies of the Association. At night an informal All three systems have been pretty dance was held, in which a large thoroughly worked out. It remains sathering of grown-ups participated.

The sale was an unqualified success Daily Mirror. from every standpoint.

### WHY WE NEED REFORM OF OUR VOTING SYSTEM. By SIR SIDNEY LOW.

(Author of "The Governance of England").

While we have been occupied in New York at 10.30 a.m. to-day, electing a new Parliament Germany has been engaged in abolishing one, at least for a time. to-day, taking a full freight and the follow-ing passengers:-Joseph P. Stick, J. Dr. Marx, the Chancellor, W. Tessier, H. M. Byrne, J. M. Hearn,

sed a bill empowering him to act sed a bill empowering him to act ependently of the Reichstag till Parsons and 2 children, P. J. Shea, independently of the Reichstag till the end of February. Thus, in three of the five great civ-ilized countries of Western Europe the parliamentary system is in abey-

In Italy, Spain and now Germany the constitutional Ministry, respon-sible to an elected Legislature, has been superceded by dictatorship.

been superceded by dictatorship. In Great Britain we have had a Gen-eral Election which has resulted in stalemate and confusion. It is impos-sible to form a Ministry which repre-sents the views of the majority of the electorate. Any Government, un-der the prevailing conditions, must exist by the acquiescence of memte and co



for Halifax and is due here next Thursday. S.S. Sable I. is on the passage t Halifax via Curling. The ship is ex-

pected to leave the Nova Scotian port Girl's Industrial Home Associaon January 8th. Schooner Ida M. Zinc is loading fish Parlor of the Grenfell Institute at Baine Johnson's for Barbados from various shippers. The vessel will be tendance is desired....jan5,11

Schooner Frank H. Adams shelter-

**Prospero Reports.** 

side a minute this wonderful hot bag Capt. J. Field of the S.S. Prospero radiates genial heat. Each Ever-Hot wired the Shipping Department this morning stating that boisterous wea-Bag of stout red rubber is supplied with an inner canvas bag which genther was met with on the run to erates 100 hours of heat-for half an

Hooping Harbor. For the past few hour or twenty-four hours at a time days a succession of gales and storms -just as you wish. has prevailed over that part of the When travelling by train or car-

coast which presents a real wintery in the nursery and in bedroom-in appearance. case of sudden sickness the Ever-

Hot Bag is a wonderful boon. It is STAFFORD'S Liniment for ever ready to repel cold. The price Aches and Pains, 20c. bottle. is \$3.75 complete. Additional refills cost 40c. each, and each one lasts a week. Coastal Boats.

On Friday and Saturday we have our usual fresh supply of delicious Chocolates and Candies at special

Argyle left Marystown early yester-Dipped Strawberries, the real thing. Choc. Cherries, Pineapple & Peach. Dipped Raisins, Chocolate Brazils & Clyde left Fogo at 1.30 p.m. vester day, coming South. Kyle leaving Port aux Basques onds. Vanilla Operas, XXX Assorted.

D.K. Chocolate Creams & Italian Mix

p.m. yesterday, inward. Prospero left Hoopin

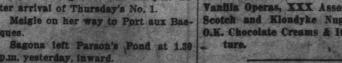
Luscombe took place yesterday after-noon to the C. of E. Cemetery, and was largely attended. The funeral ar Portia left Halifar at 3 p.m.

rangements were in charge of Under-taker Collier. The service at the Susu left Mortuary Chapel and at the graves was taken by the Rev. E. J. R. Nich-ols, Rector of St. Michael's Parish,

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day morning

"K." Boots. B mps at SMALLWOOD'S. ted by the Rev. J. Brinton, of the Pu



GOVERNMENT.

d to have reached the Western Ter-

quite at home in his difficult role or not to accept the tender of fifteen prietress of the Crosbie Hotel, comand played his part to perfection, thousand dollars offered by a Lunenwhile the singing of Sandy Lawrence burg man who wishes to purchase the former champion fishing vessel. as Tom Wagner was one of the features of the performance. All the RELICS FROM TUT'S TOMB FORM unmindful how the property came minor parts were well taken, and un-CARGO OF SHIP IN HALIFAX.

der the able direction of Messrs. Hut-HALIFAX, N.S., Jan. 5. ton and King the opera is meeting Eighty-four tons of relics from the with the success it so well deserves. The performance will be repeated for the Crisfield which was in port to-day bery at the Crosbie Hotel. Upon

the last time this afternoon (Chiloil, enroute to Philadelphia. The re- that a man entered the Hotel o dren's Day), and all those who have lics were for the National Museum at Sunday last under the influence of not yet seen this delightful musical comedy should avail of the last op-

portunity afforded.

Washington. ALL DOUBTS SET AT REST. The Annual Meeting of The Magnificence of Tutenkhamen's Sar-

cophagus Rivals the Greatest Mastion will be held in the Ladies' terpieces. LUXOR, Egypt, Jan. 5.

With the discovery of the colossal sarcophagus enclosed in a nest of four wonderous shrines the question McMurdo's Store News whether the mortal remains of Pharoah lie in this mortuary chapel have heen finally decided. The sarcophagus HOT WATER BOTTLE ACCIDENTS. has remained intact through 30 cen- identified the prisoner as the man Don't take the risk-Use the Everturies inviolated by tomb robbers, who visited the Hotel on the day th Hot Bag. It requires no hot water. and has laid open to view by Howard You simply pour in two or three Carter and his associates to-day in He also identified the watch an

teaspoonfuls of COLD water and in-all its Glory. It was one of most other articles as Mrs. Bell's person momentous occasions in Egypt bring- property. Witness, before leav ing fruit to so much toil, rewarded for the stand, intimated to the court the so much disappointment and crowning the complainant had no desire a long and mighty effort. The casket press the charge against the accuse of Tutenkhamen was found to be His Honor upon being given to un composed of pink Assuan granite. It derstand that it was the defendant constituted the first time in history first offence, and taking into c that an unviolated sepulchre of & sideration that there was no King of ancient Egypt had been dis- to press the charge, decided not covered. In a coffin of graven stone send the man to jail, but to impo of workanship rivalling the greatest a fine instead. The fact, that masterpleces, most undoubtedly lie prisoner was under the influence enclosed in magnificent mummy cases liquor was no justification for

the body of the King as the priests act. The sentence of the court w laid him to rest more than three thous a fine of \$25.00 with the option of and years ago. days' imprisonment.

For Coughs and Colds STAI FORD'S Phoratone, 35c, bottle. MONTREAL SHIPPING. MONTREAL, Jan. 5. Ships to the number of 6,691 arjan2.tf rived in Montreal in 1923 as against

6,983 in 1922, cacording to the re-"Yankton" at Trepass ports of the Harbor Master.

EMPLOYEES REFUSE TO ACCEPT SHIP CAUGHT IN STORM. THE 10 HOUR DAY.

PARIS, Jan. 5. A message was received this

KYLE SAILING AT 2 P.M. — The The Dueseldorf correspondent of noon stating that the S. S. Yar the Which was detained at Port sux the Temps said a number of metal had put into Trepassey short of KYLE SAILING AT 2 P.M. - The lay owing to a N.W. works in the Ruhr have been closed The ship left here early Wedn through the refusal of the employees to accept a ten hour day, and several thousand men have been added to the or the arrival of Thursday's express which is pres est bound express which is presume incusand men into bein autor to the day. She was bady buncted in the bare active of the communist Workmen's ceived some damage to her works. Bunker coal sufficient to have decided to vote in favour of a the ship to Boston is being a sufficient to have decided to vote in favour of a the ship to Boston is being a sufficient to have decided to vote in favour of

aral strike at the forthcoming from the Govern

Shoe Buckles!-Rhinestone Shoe Buckles at SMALLof Gertie Garland who died Jan. WOOD'S.\_\_dec24,tf

## Sunday Services.

Her loving smile and welcome that were so dear to us, C. E. Cathedral-7 and 8, Holy Com She's resting now in heaven about munion; 10. Matins; 11. Holy Com God alone we trust. union (choral); (3, C.M.B.C. in Also her brother, Willie, Synod Building); 4.15, Holy Baptism; 6.30, Evening Service. St. Thomas's-8, Holy Communion; 11, Morning Prayer, Holy Commun-Dec. 25th. 1922. And we think of you dear Willie While teardrops dim our eyes; ou could not say good-bye to u ion and sermon; preacher, the Rec-tor; 3.45, Sunday Schools and Bible Before you closed your eyes -Inserted by their Auntie, Mr Classes; 4, Holy Baptism; 6.30, Evening Prayer and sermon, Garland.

preacher, Rev. G. O. Lightbourn; subject, "Faith or Despair"—a ser-mon for those in doubt. St. Mary the Virgin—8, Holy Com-NOTE OF THANKS .- The Sup tendent of the Church of England phanage desires to thank Mr. Cl munion; 11, Matins and Holy Com-munion; 2.30, Sunday Schools; 2.45, Noonan for his kindness in giving to orphans an enjoyable time at the N Bible Classes in Chuch, address by Dr. W. W. Blackall; 4, Holy Bap-tism; 6.30, Evensong and dedication tic Theatre yesterday afterno advt.

of gifts by the Bishop of Newfound-NOTE OF THANKS .- Mr. and Mr.

METHODIST. Gower St.-11 and 6.30, Rev. Ham-mond Johnson

other kind friends who in any

nal (Queen's Road)-11 and 6.30, Rev. T. B. Darby, D.D.

ciation (Victoria Hall)-7, Dis-course: "If Christ died for all, shall

Citadel (Adelaide St.)-7, Knew ss: Mrs. Arch Forbes, oble, Mr. and Mrs. W. bert Condon, Mr. and

NOTE OF THANKS.-Mrs. P. Grath and family wish to thank those who helped them in their gr

those who helped them in their Frisorrow in the loss of a kind husber and father. The Rev. Frs. Summand Sheehan for spiritual consolation Drs. Cowperthwaite and Murphy
prompt attendance; for Wreaths: 5
Michael and Lady Cashin, Mr. 8
Mrs. Thos. McGrath, Office Staff
Job. Bros. Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. Jacks
Roberts: Letters of Sympathy: M



Epiphany)—8, Holy Communion; 10, Matins; 11, Holy Eucharist (sung); 2.30, Sunday School and Cathecism; 4.15, Holy Baptism; 6.30, Evensong and carols.

mond Johnson. leorge St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. R. E. Fairbairn. Morning subject: "The use, misuse and abuse of the Bible;" Evening subject, "The MAN Jesus Vertication of the State of the

ane St.-11 and 6.30, Rev. C. H. sisted us in our trouble.-jan5,2i

# Vesley-11 and 6.30, Rev. J. G. Joyce.

# t. Andrew's Presbyterian Church-11 and 6.30, Rev. R. J. Power, M.A.

ot all have an opportunity for verlasting life?"



deGrath, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; Letters of Sympat Ada Coward, Miss Jos. Chu and Mrs. W. Finch; and