

## ECHOES OF THE WEEK

A week or two ago I published an extract from The Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin saying that the visit of a Canadian lacrosse team to Australia would be greatly appreciated. There was some talk in Canada of this being arranged a year or two back, but nothing came of it. The Melbourne Cricket Club and the Melbourne Sports Club have, however, taken the matter up in earnest, and at a meeting of the former it was decided to guarantee and to advance \$450, about \$250, towards a total guarantee of \$700 (\$450) to meet the expenses, and Richard Garland, formerly president of the Toronto Lacrosse Club, and now manager of the Dunlop Tire Co. at Melbourne, who purposed visiting England and coming on to Canada, was authorized to formulate the offer and to make the necessary arrangements as to share of gate, dates, etc. Unfortunately, Mr. Garland was summoned back to Melbourne from London on March 20 and will be unable to come to Toronto, as intended. He has written me saying he is dreadfully sorry, but he must postpone his trip to Toronto, as he is compelled for business reasons to return to Melbourne by the first steamer. "However," he says, "as soon as I can manage it, Mrs. Garland and myself will return to dear old Toronto and pay it at least a three months' visit. The Melbourne Cricket Club and the Victoria Lacrosse Association have asked me to see if anything can be done about sending a lacrosse team from Toronto, Montreal, or British Columbia. I enclose some correspondence I have had with them. Please write me at Melbourne and say if you think anything can be done on the lines laid down by them. Please give my kindest regards to all and tell the friends I so dearly love how deeply I regret having to postpone my visit."

The correspondence referred to by Mr. Garland consists of two letters, one from the secretary of the Melbourne Cricket Club, Major Wardell, making the offer I have referred to and saying: "It appears to me you have something to go upon to start negotiating with your friends in Canada. If your first scheme, i.e., to get gentlemen to pay, as a visit at their own expense (alas) could be brought about that is all we want. Failing that, the next scheme, by which the visitors would have, say \$50 to \$60 towards their expenses per man, is the only one feasible and we have virtually got that amount promised. We should require to have a cable sent as soon as possible, as grounds would have to be secured in Sydney and Adelaide before the football fixtures are made, otherwise we could not get the best grounds for our purpose." The other letter is from Walter W. J. Forster, president of the Melbourne Amateur Sports Club, who says that the Melbourne Cricket Club will assist the lacrosse association in raising \$500 as a guarantee for the visit of a Canadian team. A meeting of my committee will be called immediately to consider this offer from the M. C. C., and I have no doubt it will be accepted. You can rest assured that you will have the best wishes of all here for your success in this matter. This offer of \$450, which would be a guarantee of \$450, which would be a long way to most expenses, but if it is to be accepted this year the proposition will have to be taken into consideration at once. If any players think well of the scheme, and they would assuredly have an enjoyable trip, they can either advise me or write direct to Mr. Garland at 108 Eldon-street, Melbourne, Australia.

A gentleman speaking to me of the rudeness of our boys and girls, said it was the one grave blot upon the public school system of the province. It undoubtedly is and I agree with him that something should be done to remedy a serious and lamentable evil. Home influence can of course accomplish a great deal, but it must of necessity be insufficient when all classes are called upon to mix higgledy-piggledy together and to spend much time upon the public streets. It is all very well for moralists and reformers to say that the children have no need to play on the streets. They must play somewhere, and Canadian juveniles are too healthy and too free to consent to be pent up in their leisure hours. They could walk to the parks and gardens, you say. Even there they are hardly at liberty to gambol in a whole, joyous-hearted way, such as they desire. It is not innumerable years since a particularly good and devout mayor forbade them to play in the Queen's Park, and where to this day they are greatly restricted and continually confronted with keep-off-the-grass signs. They are excluded from the schools and the grounds, and, in fact, are driven to the lanes and byways to exercise their limbs and their bodies and to fill their lungs. Even then some ill-natured and "crabbed" "bobby" is liable to chase them. But they must be out of doors, and being out of doors means all sorts of associates, and all sorts of associates means evil manners. This could partially be remedied by making politeness a part of the school curriculum and by the employment of more male teachers, who, after the second book has been passed, would wield more influence and command more respect than the female teachers. The termination of school hours is to get home as quickly as possible and to indulge in their own pleasure, with never a thought of the welfare of the boys and girls whom they think sufficiently well served when crammed with sub-

jects more than half of which they learn merely by rote and without understanding.

There is naturally a plethora of candidates among the Conservatives of Centre Toronto, now that it is announced that the Liberals refuse to face the issue and propose to let the constituency that they came very near winning from an especially strong man go by default. The names of many excellent prospects have been mentioned, but there is one gentleman who, I think, would serve both the city and the country exceptionally well, whose name I have not seen mentioned as yet. I refer to W. K. McNaught, president of the Canadian National Exhibition. To my idea here is a man who could hold the fort for all time against the other side, and would concentrate in himself the entire interests of one party and the best elements of the other. Never a bigoted politician, but a business man with sound sense and liberal ideas, and a man of the people, who has played with and shared the sports of the people, as well as being possessed of a special and tireless fund of energy, in the minds of many people an ideal candidate. Whether he would take the position or not I don't know, but that could easily be ascertained. At any rate, the closeness of the last election plainly indicates that upon the character of the man chosen by the Conservatives to represent them now that they are untrammelled depends their future in the riding.

The following item in last Sunday's World has tempted a correspondent to send me the lines that follow: **Centenarian's Six White Cats.** Mrs. Stride, who died at Leyton, England, at the age of 102, had six white cats as pets. It was her chief delight to have the news read to her. Mrs. Stride, who recently died at 102 of age, had six cats white. Which were her delight. As to her was read every page Of The Times and The News, While the tabby cats' news Always seemed exceedingly sage.

Albert Chevalier, who is probably the greatest character singer in the world today, arrived in New York a couple of months ago and created a furor of excitement that will not die out. There are a great many people in Toronto who have heard of Chevalier, some who have seen him and a great many more who do not know him at all. About nine or ten years ago he was in this country traveling at the head of his own company and one of the biggest attractions ever brought to America. For several years the vaudeville managers have been trying to induce this remarkable man with his big pearl buttons to come over again. They at last succeeded and on April 17 Albert Chevalier will make his appearance at Shea's Theatre. His salary is the largest ever paid to a man on the stage in America. It is scarcely possible to describe what he does, for it is not what he does, but the way he does it that has made Chevalier the foremost character artist of his day. It is said of him that after he starts to speak one forgets the theatre, the stage and the music and sees and hears nothing but Chevalier. He took New York by storm. Thousands of people were turned away from the theatre where he appeared and the manager of the house would gladly have increased his salary could he have lengthened out the engagement, but other cities had a claim on him and Toronto gets him, as has been said, on April 17.

It is hardly wonderful that they do some shooting in the south. Here is an editorial comment in The Memphis, Tenn., Appeal on one G. D. Raine:

"He's a common, cowardly cur. He's an infamous liar and a tilting thief. More so."

As a summary of a man's character that would be pretty hard to beat. And it is the first editorial in the paper.

A quite new argument for the establishment in England of a National Repertory Theatre is given by Walter Stephens in a pamphlet entitled "A plea for a National Repertory Theatre." Mr. Stephens says:

"One of the chief reasons for the establishment of a National Repertory Theatre is because of the undoubted fact that in the near future a great deal of religious teaching will be effected in the house we now call the theatre, and it will also be regarded by the Nonconformist conscience as a place where the uplifting of one's morals goes hand in hand with the enlightenment of the mind and the relaxation of the body."

The addition of the words "National Repertory Theatre" to the next political "program" of the organized Nonconformist, conscience, an English editor suggests, would add a pleasing touch of humor to the approaching general election.

Nothing but the most encouraging reports have come out of the "outh" where the Philadelphia Athletics are practicing, regarding the players who will be turned over to the Toronto Club by Manager Mack, and it seems reasonably certain that Manager Harley has done a good stroke of business. Harley had an uphill season of it last year. He took hold of the club when it was on a down-grade and under the circle of a public and club owners were discouraged on account of the way in which things

were breaking and there was a total lack of enthusiasm. Manager Irwin in a sense was responsible for the condition of affairs. He in his usual buoyant style bamboozled everybody into believing that the Toronto team was a sure pennant prospect, and as a consequence when the new players failed to show the form expected of them great was the fall thereof. General Kuropatkin Irwin was deposed and Harley was advanced from the ranks. Under his management the club made a much better showing and this year there is no doubt that he will make a name for himself as a manager. He will be given every opportunity to "make good." With a strong, well-officed club behind him Harley will have no complaints to make on the score of finances. The club is prepared to spend everything in reason to get good players and already has done so. It will cost a pretty penny to buy the release of Suffol, O'Brien and Catcher Barton from the Philadelphia, but if these players are as good as they are touted to be the money will have been well spent. Nearly all the players have been signed. Applegate and Weidensaul are the only members of last year's team outside of the fold. Applegate will be missed a great deal more than Weidensaul. The former's work last season stamped him as one of the best pitchers in the league and he should be a star this year. It is to be hoped that Manager Harley will be successful in making him see the error of his way before returning from Philadelphia. The majority of the players will be here by the latter part of the week and the local public will be able to see them in action if the weather continues fine next Saturday.

Ordinarily, a cold winter is attended by a hot summer, that is, the experience of years would seem to show that, taking summer and winter together, an average is struck so that the average temperature for one year at any given place does not vary materially from the average temperature of the previous year. It is also said that the probabilities of the coming year in the northern half of the world can be determined with some degree of probability by experiences in the southern half. If this is true, the promise is held out of a tolerably hot summer. We have had an exceptionally cold winter and spring, which would justify a reasonably hot summer, and the reports received from Australia are to the effect that extraordinary heat has prevailed there during quite a part of the winter. Thus on the 13th of January last the thermometer at Melbourne observatory registered in the shade a trifle over 108 degrees Fahrenheit at 2.30 p.m., and nearly as high as that on three of the preceding days. In the sun the temperature mounted up to the tremendous height of 161 degrees, and these it should be observed, were the careful readings at the official observatory.

In principle, law is free in France, and lawyers have only a right to such fees as are offered voluntarily by their clients. Such is the decision of a court of justice which has called upon a member of the Paris bar to return the larger part of the honorarium he received on undertaking a case. The result is a consternation among the baristers. As to the public, it is hastening to the Palais de Justice to demand its money back. Something will have to be done to protect the "long robe." A new interpretation of the ancient principle of "free" pleading is called for. The bar is not unduly paid in France. Fees, in comparison with the English courts, are remarkably small. One or two conspicuous counsel gain from \$5,000 to \$40,000 a year, but the great majority even of those in the front ranks have to be content with much smaller incomes. The practice of the law is not nearly as remunerative as that of medicine or surgery. Leading operators make their \$100,000 or \$125,000 a year. The late M. Waldeck Rousseau, however, made a considerable amount at the bar. The man who most closely resembles him to-day is Maitre Polnaire, who has the same cold clear logic and occasional flashes of humor that come to alleviate the long stretches of legal argument. Maitre Millerand, the ex-minister, and Maitre Barbour are also renowned for their forensic skill.

When a university professor of ethics boldly declares that gambling in moderation is not dissipation, but a useful recreation for workers and the people, he raises a bold proposition. But when he proceeds as a Columbia University professor has done, to advocate that games of chance should be taught in all the public schools, he may be fairly suspected of deliberately talking professional paradox. There is something, no doubt, in what seems to be his theory that some of the evil attached to the game of chance is due to the very attempts on the part of authority to put down gambling; human nature instinctively delights in forbidden fruit. But it is not to be supposed that even a Columbia professor, in his most paradoxical moments, would seriously suggest that smoking and drinking should be taught in schools, because it is pretty certain that boys will smoke sooner or later anyhow. I agree with a contemporary that we are not likely to have any agitation for compulsory little-go bridge and poker just yet.

Dr. and Mrs. Osler are to leave Baltimore in May for Oxford, where he will likely enjoy the cessation of criticism which has been heaped upon him since his famous address. His remarks, most people think, have been taken entirely too seriously, and Baltimore is undoubtedly losing a man of rare ability. The people of that city imagine that knighthood, or possibly a peerage, awaits him in England, so that it will not be long before he and his wife will be known as Sir William and Lady Osler or as Lord and Lady, say, Evergreen.

It is difficult to realize "Digger Dick" Seddon, the premier of New Zealand, the role of Dives. Yet that is the one character for which the new labor party in that colony has cast him. Hitherto the labor men in New Zealand



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have been content to be generally reckoned among Mr. Seddon's supporters, but they have now formed a separate political organization and issued a manifesto. In this they declare, on the authority of the last census, that sixty-three out of every hundred New Zealanders are wage earners, from which fact they draw the conclusion that the colony is under minority rule. Putting the Bible for a striking simile, they add, "You have handed over your political mansion to strangers, while you yourselves beg at the gate." The manifesto concludes with references to the triumphs of organized labor at parliamentary and municipal elections in England and Australia, and urges the workers of New Zealand to emulate these examples.

In a church that is furnished with molition and gable, with altar and reredos, with gargoyles and groins, The penitents' dresses are sealskin and sable, The odor of sanctity's Eau de Cologne; But if only could Lucifer, dying from Hades, Gaze down on the crowd, with its paniers and paints, He would say, as he looked at the lords and ladies, "O where is 'All sinners,' if this is 'All Saints'?"

The barmaid recently came within the purview of the Free Church conference at Manchester, and the view of her strikes one as being somewhat singular. The barmaid, says the conference, must be captured because she is one of the best representatives of the Christianity of the future. But, if that is the case, why should the conference want to capture her? She needs not to be converted, and it would seem that the interest of the Christianity would be better served by leaving her where she is to convert the bar.

No less than 155 vessels have been stricken off the effective list of the British navy under the recent redistribution scheme. They comprise 4 battleships, 6 armored cruisers, 10 first-class cruisers, 19 second-class cruisers, 31 third-class cruisers, 11 torpedo gunboats, 16 sloops, 33 gunboats and 25 miscellaneous craft, making quite a navy in itself, and one for which a very considerable amount of the British taxpayers' money must have been expended.

It is agreeable to know that there is something that is done both better and quicker in England than in the United States. It is The Boston Herald that says: "The Japanese battleship Kashiwa, building in England, was launched inside of fourteen months from the placing of the order. That is exceptionally fast work. In our own country the fastest work ever done was the battleship Louisville, which was ordered by the United States Navy and was launched Oct. 15, 1902, and she was launched Aug. 27, 1904. From the time the Louisiana's keel was laid to the launching was something more than eighteen months, so that on the most favorable basis of measurement our shipyards on their best record are still behind the performance of their English rivals as regards speed of construction."

Miss Marjorie Gould, daughter of Mrs. George J. Gould, once Miss Edith Kingdon of Toronto, is developing, I am told, into a remarkably pretty girl. Those who saw her at the meet of the drag hunt at Lakewood recently, my informant says, commented on her attractive appearance. She is now in her 16th year, and Mrs. Gould has begun to plan about her debut in society. Marjorie and her sister, Vivian, who is 11, rode to the hounds for the first time in the Lakewood drag hunt, and they were right up with the leaders during the chase. Marjorie was riding with Miss Caroline Fellowes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Fellowes of Westchester, when Miss Fellowes came a cropper near the end of the chase. Her mount made too high a jump in taking a low fence, and she was thrown from her seat. With her foot caught in the stirrup she was suspended head foremost from her saddle, and was

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dragged nearly 100 yards; but as her head did not touch the ground, when her horse was finally caught, she was unhurt, save for a few slight bruises.

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## "WHO GOES THERE?" NOW A MUSICAL

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There was a time when the west of New York watch papers for accounts successes, and gave triumph in consequence a rule that to achieve theatrical venture had its start in New York, and approval of a Broadway able have been the ex which have reversed this affairs. "Many successes the western cities before metropolis of the east, theatrical managers learn wisdom among audience before have been depre to their discriminating taste in point was the "Who Goes There?" here earlier this season, scheduled to be seen at Grand this week. "Who traveled around the country weeks before a wise New York theatre, somewhere out in the west being presented that was anything seen in New York seasons. This gave Walter his opportunity to appear "There?" on Broadway, the Princess Theatre, who the laughing success achieving for weeks broad." New York laughed at the predicaments of man and his Lieutenant the little comedian with diploma safely tucked pocket is now reaping his reward. This practical experience of Mr. Perkins came into prominence from India." This piece by H. A. Du Souche, "Who Goes There?" Du he wrote the former piec graph operator, and his to New York managers farce comedy ready for action was regarded as For several weeks "India" led a precarious one-night stands, until, cident, it was given a New York theatre. The pub comedy so funny that Perkins and Du Souche to \$150,000 in the first week. "Who Goes There?" with its many changes of the first one, since nities are now presented the piece, and a large ob and sparkle to the re popular song and dance dued.

During the week matinee as usual on Wednesday.

## MR. STODDART'S F

Last Appearance of t Actor in "The Br

In speaking of latter-acting to a prominent di short time ago, J. H. Stodran player, who is now "The Bonnie Brier Bush." "When I see you have been on the stage so at the most, so certain so confident of their p them. I sit in my dress all the time I am making the lines of my part, I am not satisfied with I got all out of them t put there? I keep saying it makes me nervous the my best, that I may not lie before me. "The only consolation continued, "is that so me ly good actors, the me and admire, were thus ready used to get to h two hours before the th tain to rise, in order th himself in the proper" the part he was to could not find a groan space behind the curt nervous and dispirited his diary, how full it upon himself. "Appear last night. Acted very "And so, to a greater were all the great actors, days, as well as many of now prominent stars." Mr. Stoddart's farewell this city in "The Bonnie Brier Bush" is booked for Easter w

The "Smartest" Paris, April 1.—The s hats or toques are, and writes for the season. T tively of mohair braid feet harmony with the p the popular shirt-waist changes are greatly use shown in shades contrai itself. The more dressy of small flowers, such as valley and forget-me-not strongly in evidence. B in their own families: s most every other color a even black forget-me-not and the displays. S are made of a mass of and trimmed with rose-b berries. The dress-hats ar-bron with the exception of has a tendency towards with narrow back. So shapes are shown in the the trimming being ve of flowers, rose-b