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Mount Melleray.

(By R. Stephen Williams, in the "Daily Express").

IT is twelve o'clock by man's time; eleven o'clock by God's. The low murmur of pigeons reaches me through my open window.

Above my head a bell beats out the hour—an hour earlier than the hour on my watch. Every clock in the place is an hour behind the world's time.

For this is Mount Melleray Abbey, where we come to escape from the world, to lose touch with the things that break our hearts and twist our lives, to go out of time into eternity.

I have watched them signalling to each other with swift, nervous gestures. I have eaten the bread they have baked and the butter they have made.

Twenty-four hours ago I left the world. I have ceased to exist as completely as if I had gone down with the steamer that brought me to Ireland.

HALF A DOZEN GUESTS. I want to hear the roar of a train; I want to hear the clatter of tramcars, the jangle of a street organ, the shouting of children, all the tumult of a city, maddening, discordant, profane and infinitely precious.

I am one of about half a dozen guests. Among them are a solicitor, a commercial traveller, a cheerful young man from Dorset, two Dublin journalists and an earnest, highly-strung man whose age and profession it is impossible to guess.

Picture us, a strangely assorted little group at the end of a long table sipping our tea and buttering our slices of bread; some of us in dark suits, others in tweeds and "plus-fours."

At the far end of the room sits the brother in his white habit, reminding us, in grave, Irish accents, how worthless is the body we are at that moment nourishing; how empty is worldly glory, and how inevitable the grave.

I heard yesterday the story of Mount Melleray Abbey, the story of a hundred years of patient endeavour and unflagging industry.

Certain Trappist monks, forced to leave Melleray Monastery in France, came to Ireland. They were led by their prior, Father Vincent Ryan, who after several unsuccessful efforts to obtain land, came to this wild slope in the heart of the Knockmealdown Mountains.

wilderness? Could the spirit of man subdue and take possession of this stronghold of nature?

DID NOT HESITATE. Father Vincent may have tortured himself with these questions; but if so, he did not hesitate. It was a challenge and he belonged to the kind of men who accept challenges.

As he turned away with his friend, Father Fogarty, a woman, shivering and in rags, and with a child in her arms, stopped them and asked for money "for the love of God."

Tea and sugar, I am told, are the only commodities obtained from the farm world. They have their own farm, with 1,000 acres of land and 300 cattle, including eighty milking cows.

They have their own bakehouse and dairy, they make their own farm implements and carts and keep the surrounding roads in condition with their own steam roller.

The community includes carpenters, painters, cooks, farmers, a tailor, a shoemaker, a barber—every craftsman necessary, in fact, to a colony in austere independence of the world.

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POSITION OF NATIONALIST M.P.'S.

Lord Craigavon, Premier of Northern Ireland has under consideration a measure which would have the effect of rendering vacant the seats of Nationalist members of the Northern Parliament.

Lord Craigavon contemplates introducing legislation enacting that abstention from Parliament for a certain period, unless for reasons such as illness, will disqualify members.

Whether or not the Nationalist members return to the Parliament will be decided by a Convention representative of the Six-Counties, which will be held before the next elections.

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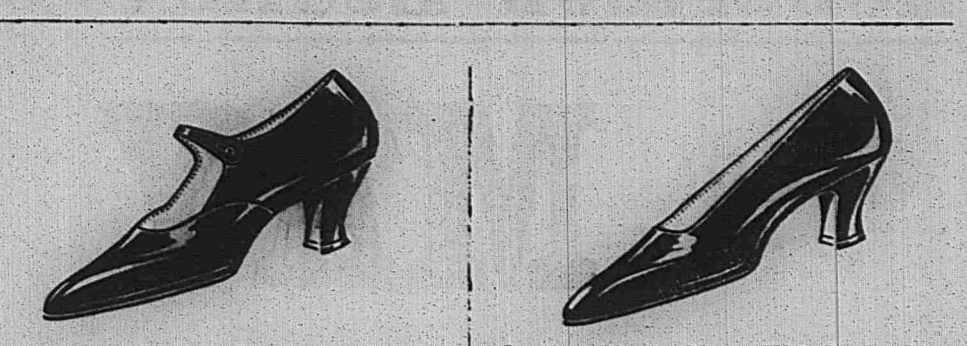
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