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MONTevideo, APRIL 29, 1925.

Drama and Correct Speech.

A few days ago we reproduced an interesting speech made by Lord Eustace Percy, British Minister of Education, on the place of drama in education. In the course of this he said: "Another special function of the dramatic art was in the teaching of English. It was a very trite thing to say that Englishmen used their language in a more slovenly way than did the people of any other nation. There was no medium through which proper use of the language could be taught so well as through the drama."

Another phase of the same idea may be found in the diplomas granted by the Trinity College of Music (London) for Elocution. The qualifications to earn one of these are purity of pronunciation, correctness of delivery, and a certain amount of knowledge of English literature and the structure of the English language, besides the ability to convey the author's meaning with such dramatic or poetic force as may be required.

These are points that require to be borne in mind by those who reside in or have children to educate in a foreign country, for it is there that the purity of speech is most in danger.

Unfortunately, for some time past the English stage has by no means been a school for correct speech. The actors who can deliver blank verse, or even good prose, well, are daily becoming scarcer. The large majority of performers are hardly less slovenly in their speech on the stage than they are off it, and in this they receive encouragement from authors who are equally slovenly in their writing of English. Possibly this may be regarded as one way of 'showing the mirror up to nature' and showing 'the very age and body of the time his form and pressure'—in other words an effort at 'realism' and 'natural acting'—but its desirability is questionable.

The Englishman desiring to learn French or Italian could attend the performances of a French or Italian dramatic company in the assurance that he would hear these languages spoken in all their purity—he would receive a valuable lesson in correct pronunciation. The Frenchman or Italian attending the performance of an English company with a similar object in view would have no such assurance. It is not from the average theatre that he would learn correct pronunciation or good English.

In this connection, and in this city, The Entertainment Society might play a valuable part. We know that its main object is to amuse, and we do not propose that it should convert itself into an Academy, but at all events, say once in a season, it might give us a piece in good English, that is to say well written and well spoken. We

were very glad to see this hinted at in the report of the Dramatic Director for last year. Looking back on the Society's programmes for the last four years, we can only recall two or three pieces that had literary as well as dramatic merit; the classic 'She Stoops to Conquer', Marshall's 'A Royal Family', and perhaps one of the comedies by Henry Arthur Jones. The other productions may have been amusing enough, but from the point of view of good English they were mostly beneath criticism. We may take the very last, 'Grumpy', one of the successes of last year. The English in which this was written (no one has better reason to know it than the writer of these lines) was incredibly feeble and slovenly, and some of the sentences were so badly constructed that they had to be altered before they could be spoken. Yet this was the work of not one but two authors!

It is hard to believe that the present-day English stage is quite barren of well-written pieces, and we therefore hope that at least one such may be found for production this season, or perhaps a classical comedy of the older repertoire. One piece written in really good English and well spoken, would have its educational value, and would bring the Society quite as much credit and possibly even more, than any amount of lavish attention to elaborate stage furniture and lighting effects, which are pleasant accessories of dramatic art, but not its essentials, and have no educational value whatsoever.

News of the Day

Wednesday, April 29, 1925.

Saints Peter of Verona and Segundinus. — 119 days past, 246 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

A fortnight ago, more or less, it was announced that the Electoral Court had proclaimed the result of the elections, recognising the nationalist victory. For all that there are no signs yet of the new Councilors taking their seats. What may be the motive of this fresh delay, we are unable to divine, but it is evident that some obstructive influence is still at work.

In the absence of more immediate subjects, electoral reform and constitutional reform are the absorbing topics in the columns of our contemporaries, and a lively discussion is on foot over both of them. They

are practically inexhaustible subjects, in which finality is hardly ever attained, but they are apt to get wearisome after awhile.

Two worthy Senators, of batllista persuasion, have presented an amendment to the Duelling Law. They propose that the three persons composing the Tribunal of Honour shall be drawn by lot from a list of 50 citizens in Montevideo and 20 in each of the Departments, drawn up annually by the High Court of Justice, the service of those thus drawn being obligatory. The precise idea behind this has not yet been explained. So far as we know there is no dissatisfaction with the present system by which the members of the Tribunal are chosen by the seconds.

The Municipal Council has approved a Decree ordaining that the Municipal authorities shall intervene in the printing of the tickets and season tickets of the Electric Tramway Companies, and shall have the custody of the lithographic plates from which the same are printed (quite possibly they are printed by some other process. The object of this, beyond an itch for meddlesomeness, is not explained, but it is another obvious encroachment on the rights of the Companies to manage their own business.

The Entertainment Society.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of The Entertainment Society was held in the Victoria Hall on Monday evening with a thin attendance, ladies predominating. Mr. D. T. Herald, President of the Society took the chair.

A very satisfactory Report was presented for the past year. Under the reformed rules there is a large roll of 245 associate members. Four performances were given during the season. The Society had been able to distribute no less than \$358.58 to benevolent institutions, namely \$158.55 to the British Society Benevolent Fund, \$100 to the British Hospital, \$50 to the American Association Benevolent Fund, and \$50 to the Salvation Army. In addition to this, \$140.35 had been employed in presentations, and a balance in hand of \$103.46 was carried forward. The Report and Accounts were approved unanimously.

On the proposal of the Chair, Messrs. Percy Bridal, Newell Davis and W. H. Denstone were elected Honorary Life Members of the Society, by acclamation.

Mr. David Herald was re-elected President, by also acclamation; with the following new Committee; Messrs. J. W. Webster Kay, vice; V. P. O'Neill, secretary; G. Ibbott, treasurer; G. Bonheur, dramatic director; Eric Pearce, and A. Winterton.

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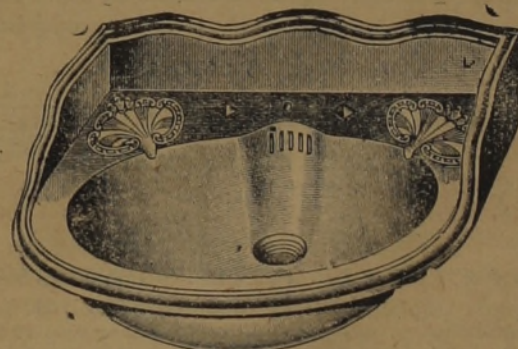
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APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

From the «Buenos Aires Herald» —
«To form a procession comprising at least 50,000 people to march to Congress on the day that Law No. 11,289 comes up for discussion, and to insist that this law be replaced by one properly thought out and that will be a credit to the country.»

Such was the resolution put forward by the Bolsa Employers' Committee, through the secretary, Dr. Dell'Oro Maini, and adopted by unanimous vote. The meeting was called for 16 o'clock and the public hall of the Bolsa was filled to overflowing when Mr. Carlos D. Scott, took the chair, accompanied by Dr. Atilio Dell'Oro Maini, and the rest of the committee. Mr. Scott informed those present that the meeting had been convened so as to give an account of what had been done since the last meeting on April 3, and asked the secretary to do so.

Dr. Dell'Oro Maini explained that on the day of the last meeting a letter was drawn up addressed to the President of the Nation and a committee composed of Messrs. Carlos D. Scott, Victor Valdani, Ernesto Mignaguy, Pablo Foucher, and Luis Palma, presented it personally on April 7. The President took a great interest in the matter and asked them to call on the Minister of Finance, Dr. Molina, with whom he promised to speak, adding that he was sure something could be done. The result of the letter and interviews is that the decree convoking the elections to constitute a directorate for the pensions fund was postponed.

In the meantime Congress will meet and Law 11,289 will come up for discussion.

Sr. Dell'Oro Maini proposed that a mass meeting be held in some convenient theatre or hall and afterwards that a procession be formed to march to Congress to present a petition that the law be repealed and replaced by one that would be a credit to the country.

He hoped everybody would attend and also advertise the meeting, so that such numbers would be present as had never before been seen in this city.

This proposal was supported by Señor Viñas in a short but firm speech. He asked them to do their best, and said that, if it were found necessary, a «shut-down» for a day would be called, so that everybody could attend, and so show Congress that the whole of the people were against this law.

When the chairman put the motion to the meeting it was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gregson, Mr. W. Goodhead.

Old Boys Club.

At the Annual Meeting held on Monday the following new committee was elected: Messrs. W. E. Beare, president; H. A. Macadam, vice; Rupert Coates, secretary; T. R. Graves, treasurer; Y. Lucas-Calcraft, J. W. Jones, and A. R. Frederick.

Girl Guides.

The usual weekly meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon. This will be devoted to the practice of Morse signalling. All Guides must have their own flags, and know the letters.

Banking Hours.

Agitation is on foot among bank clerks to obtain continuous banking hours, namely from 1 to 5 p. m., thus abolishing the midday lunch hour. This might be to their advantage, but the question is whether it would suit business houses and corresponding banks elsewhere, which have different hours.

Solis Theatre.

The Opera Company performing at this theatre has abruptly closed its season. Presumably it did not find it profitable.

Items of Interest.

Departures.

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Just as a midshipman in anguish cannot be allowed to become a wandering menace to a ship's company but must be directed to a place where he can work out his own salvation without damage to others, so a bad speller cannot be allowed to look up continually from his page to demand assistance, but must be given a dictionary in which he may harmlessly and silently discover the truth. When he has the dictionary he may be told, for his encouragement, that this great novelist or that great poet a literary equivalent for the midshipman's Lord Nelson—could not spell accurately for all his genius. And thus, with a lexicon and an eminent fellow sufferer, the

bad speller may be left to the misery of double consonants and diphthongs while those who have the gift pass by safely on the other side.

To neglect him is wholesome, for only in neglect will he learn, if he really thinks it necessary to learn. A spelling gabbled to him by another and straightway written down will almost certainly be forgotten. «How do you spell—?» he will ask a few minutes later of the same word; and the same gabble will pass once more to paper and oblivion. But let him seek long enough for the word «despair» in the same column with «discipline» and, finding it not, turn at last to «desolation», and the search, in the old phrase, will learn him. Yet there are some who in this matter cannot cure themselves and will not cease to search unhappily for a cure. They are filled with confusion when they discover alternative versions of the same word on a single page of their manuscript and miserably reject the comfort of Elizabethan precedents. Why, they insist upon asking, are they so afflicted? It is not easy to answer them.

In the old days it used to be assumed, and generally with justice, that the cause of bad spelling was scant reading. Of the modern outbreak of the disease there can be no explanation so simple, for most of those who nowadays suffer from it read enough in all conscience. We may, if we will, question the quality of the literature they choose, but such is the indiscriminate conscientiousness of printers that bad books are as correctly spelt as good and a speller, considered simply as

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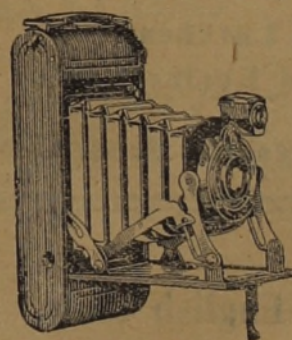
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such, may be expected to receive as much benefit from the one as from the other. How is it, then, that in this literate age there is so much apparent need for a dictionary on the writing table and so little apparent use made of it? How is it that, though we repel the suggestions that cross-word puzzles may usefully increase the solvers' vocabulary, we are yet bound to admit that they may have some value in teaching their devotees how to spell? What blind spot in the contemporary eye allows a word, seen again in print, to be after all written wrongly and to go to post with its error unperceived? Perhaps those who seem doomed to bad spelling have some strange disability to observe or to remember the shape of a word; for words, like faces, are remembered by their shape and expression better than by any deliberate recording of their component parts. Perhaps this disability is the outcome of reading that is too fast or —and this is at least as probable— too slow. Perhaps the sinners whom the discipline of no dictionary will redeem endured some curious system of phonetics in their youth and have never recovered from it. But none of these reasons, nor all of them together, will account for the man, often of considerable culture, who flounders for ever between errors and mnemonics, or for the lady who knows everything else worth knowing but suffers repeated humiliation before «seize» and «siege». These are incurable; our advice, our encouragement, and our dictionaries are all in vain. The truth is that, after many years of torment, bad spellers, if they have not the saving effrontery which wisely makes light of trivial errors, lose their nerve and are overwhelmed in their own «dispair».

Madeira, the estimated cost of which is between £1,500,000 and £2,000,000, have been secured by British firms.

The five men charged with assaulting Mr. Harry Pollitt, a Communist speaker, at Liverpool and imprisoning him against his will, were yesterday committed for trial at the assizes.

A reduction of income-tax and a substantial diminution of national expenditure are called for by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce.

The Minister of Agriculture at Banbury yesterday opened a new cattle saleyard, which has been formed by cooperation among the farmers of the neighbouring counties.

After conference in Manchester the Cooperative Societies and the Workers' Union agreed on procedure for the settlement of their dispute, and the strike and lock-out notices are withdrawn.

At a meeting of the City of London Corporation yesterday a letter was read from Captain Sir William Nott-Bower, Commissioner of City Police, tendering his resignation at the end of next September.

The efforts to settle the Labrador boundary dispute between Canada and Newfoundland by negotiation have failed. Newfoundland offered to sell the territory to Quebec, but the price asked was considered too high.

The deaths are announced of Sir William Acworth, the railway economist, Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Culme Seymour, the Second Sea Lord, and Major-General Sir Richard Ford, late R.A.M.C.

Paddy won the Newbury Spring Cup yesterday, Tapin, the French horse, who won the Lincolnshire Handicap, was unplaced.

COMMERCIAL.

Stock Exchange

April 28.

Business fairly active. Prices firm and favourable. Sales as follows:—
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London Notes.

Thursday, April 2.

Counsel for the Director of Public Prosecutions opened at Bowstreet Police Court yesterday the charges against Charles Crank Sharman, solicitor, of receiving stolen securities, the proceeds of mail-bag robberies.

The Prince of Wales has written a letter commending the work of the British Empire Exhibition Fellowship in helping to foster a family feeling among the people of the Empire.

The inauguration of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem yesterday was attended by over 10,000 persons. Lord Balfour delivered a speech in which he said the occasion marked a great epoch in Jewish history.

Mr. C. C. Pell, the American Rackets player, beat Mr. H. W. Leatham in the Challenge round of the Amateur Rackets Championship at Queen's Club yesterday.

The first big professional Golf Tournament was begun at Roehampton yesterday.

Friday, April 3.

The airship R 33 made a successful flight yesterday morning from Cardington to Pulham.

It has been decided to open the British Empire Exhibition this year on May 6.

Yesterday, being the eve of the poll in the Ulster General Election, an appeal to Loyalists was issued by Sir James Craig. In his concluding speech of the campaign, he denounced the setting up of the Boundary Commission as «an act of betrayal of a people» and an «uncalled-for perpetration of wickedness».

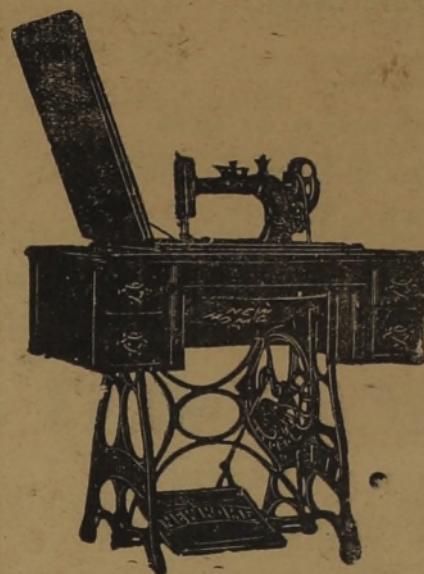
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