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WOMEN IN SPAIN

Politics, Letters, Art and Scholarship Find Feminine Devotees Who Are Establishing Their Sex's Claim to Rank With Those of Other Lands.

TRADITIONALLY the Spanish woman is a sequestered person, taking no part in the work of the world other than to keep a home and raise children. That is the usual picture of Spanish womanhood which the foreigner brings to the country. But traditions are being shattered in profusion, and this is one that has proved most brittle.

With less fanfare and shouting than in many supposedly more progressive countries, Spanish women have stepped out of the home to assert, quietly but firmly, their claim to a share in the general life of the country.

In Politics

They have acquired broad political rights in the Republican Constitution, and they are using them. Every one of the republican parties has its feminine wing, and the fact that this is no empty gesture is proved by the presence of three women in the Cortes. Victoria Kent, who held a ministerial post and achieved world wide publicity on the strength of it, and Margarita Nelken might be considered to owe their progressive careers to their foreign blood, but the third and perhaps most influential, Clara Campoamor, is purely Spanish.

She is an ardent republican, but she has been more active in what the feminists of other lands used to assure us would be women's chosen sphere, the establishment of universal peace. It proved that women were not essentially more peaceful than men, but there are exceptions in both sexes, and Clara Campoamor is one.

Spain has always been sympathetic to the aspirations of an unusual woman. Her history is studded with exceptional females who wielded enormous influence in the country. The idea that there is a place too for the ordinary member of her sex is rather newer, and it is comparatively recently that the universities have begun to be crowded with young women who have ambitions for a professional career or simply seek a broader culture than used to be fashionable.

The establishment of organizations which have for their object the education of working women and the encouragement of feminine study is also a recent development, but on a par with anything other countries can boast, even if not so widely known or patronized.

In Spanish letters, women have come into their own. This is nearly always the first field for members of their sex to conquer, and some of this country's most popular authors are women. Catalina Albert, writing under the name of Victor Catala, is a novelist who has written excellent tales and has done her share or perhaps a little bit more for the revival of Catalan literature.

The poetry of Clementina Arderiu and Maria Teresa Vernet is highly regarded, and they have sung as well as any man of the Spanish scene.

Quite recently the Academy of History admitted the first woman member it has had for more than two hundred years. Mercedes Gabrois de Ballesteros has taken rank with the leading historians of her country, although she is a Colombian by birth. Her most important work is *The Reign of Sancho IV, el Bravo*. She has also done extensive research into the obscure and tangled history of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Now she has come to more modern times in her studies, and is preparing works on the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

Scholars

Even more famous in the world of scholarship are the distinguished educators, Leonora Serrano, Rosa Sensat and Carmen Carr. The education of women is proceeding with great rapidity in Spain, and the foreign students who have found that the professors of this country can teach them much are increasing every year.

Maria Perpinyá and Maria Luz Morales are novelists of something more than passing popularity.

Names such as these, a small but fairly representative list of what women are doing in Spain, suggest that the old ideas of womanhood are going by the boards in the country's chief centres of culture and learning. It is inevitable that men's ideas of women's advancement should lag a little behind those of the women themselves. Therefore, it is hardly from the Spanish men that we should expect to learn the progress that their sisters are making.

The women themselves are better authority, and in Barcelona and Madrid they have shown that they are at least as advanced in thought and ambition as anyone else, even if still in the minority.

Argument

Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock the Trocadero should be resounding with the echoes of debate, for at that hour the Palma Theatre Guild is holding its general meeting. Principally there will be discussion of the reorganization of the Guild and of the possibilities of forming an acting group for the next performance.

In both these subjects there is great possibility for argument, and a good many of the members are known to have ideas which they are eager to express.

Mrs. Anne White, the new director, has several plays in mind, but the choice will have to depend on the actors who are available. The response to the announcement of the Guild's new aims has already been such that the Executive Committee is seeking a permanent headquarters where the directors can meet and work with those who are interested in acting or in theatre decor or who just want to play.

In letters sent out by Mr. E. H. Harris, secretary of the Guild, it is stressed that the meeting is to discuss these matters because Mrs. White and Mr. Ricard Brooks, the art director, «believe that the co-operation of everyone on the Island who is interested in the theatre can make for an organization which will provide entertainment both sides of the footlights.»

A sort of sequel, and very much an anti-climax, to the last Guild performance, *The Maltese Falcon*, was the appearance of this show in its movie version at the Moderno. Most of the cast attended to

see how their parts were done by Hollywood stars, and they ought to have been pleased by the contrast. To our mind the movie was as mysterious as the play and more unintelligible.

Confirmed

The appointment of Commander Hillgarth as British Vice Consul in Palma has been confirmed officially. He has been acting as successor to Mr. Ivan Lake for several weeks. There

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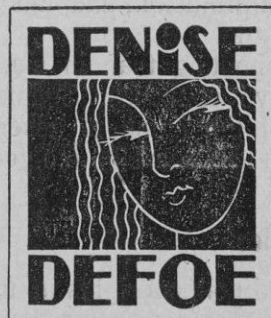
The landslide, caused no doubt by the heavy rains of the last couple of weeks, fortunately missed the traffic and there were no injuries. It is not known how soon the road will be open again to motorists.

Junyer Show

The paintings of Joan Junyer will be exhibited at the Galerías Costa from the 17th to the 23rd of this month, after which they will be shown in Barcelona.

Joan Junyer, like his father, Sebastián Junyer, is a well known Catalán artist and has exhibited in several important galleries in Paris as well as at the International Exposition in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he received enthusiastic press notices. Sr. Junyer's subjects here are mainly peasants, fishermen and other local types.

was no doubt but that his position would be made permanent, and the action is purely formal. Mrs. Hillgarth has gone up to England for a fortnight's visit.



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Coming and Going

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Arrivals on the Llandoverly Castle Thursday were: Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bigg, Mrs. J.D.H. Frods-ham, Mrs. and Miss Coke Hill, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoggson, Mr. T.H. Inglesand, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Knight, Mr. F.E. Langlade, Mrs. R.D. Macklean, Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney, Miss E.N. Page, Mr. N.J. Rowstron, Miss B.A. Smawn, Mrs. Tillard, Capt. Van del Blay, Mr. M.G. Wallis, Mrs. S.C. Writh, Miss S.A.P. Collins, Mrs. G.W. Cotter, Miss N.D. Jones, Miss W. Mannaberg, Capt. O'Farrell, Miss K. Steut, Mr. T.R. Tratoff, Mr. M.C. Aiten, Capt. and Mrs. Gordon, Miss M. Wald and Mr. A.B. Lang.

The ship took with her sixteen passengers from Palma; Mrs. E. C. Winther, Mrs. Payne and her son, Mr. and Mrs. Eken and Mr. and Mrs. Herlick and their child for Marseilles; Mr. and Mrs. Neil McLeod and their child, Mrs. F. Harvey and Mrs. Porter for Genoa; Miss H. Graver for Port Said and Major W. S. Akers for Dur-es-Salaam.

The Excambion brought only two passengers who intend to stay for some time in Mallorca. They were Miss Carolyn C. Carr and Prof. Julio Acevedo, both of New York. Staying over until the next Export boat takes them to Naples are Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Fitts, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Berger, Miss O. Parsons, Mrs. C. W. Barney, Mrs. Marian R. Dudley, Miss Carol R. Dudley and Mrs. M. B. Jonesburg.

Leaving on the Excambion were Mr. Cadwallader Washburn, Miss Dolores A. Kimmel, Mrs. Beauchamp, Miss K. Tremblay, Mr. Josiah Noel Macy, Mrs. Lucy and Miss Eva Dahlgren, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth Bacon, Mrs. C.W. Barney, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stebinger and son, Mr. Charles A. Aldinger, Mr. Thomas D. Stitehar, Mrs. Ella Barnett and Mr. José Gifreda.

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To the Editor:

I notice lately that your interesting newspaper has a mention each week, from readers, of diverse animals. May I be allowed to note the symbols? There has been the turtle, of eternity; the falcon, of adventure; the cat, of sagacity. Will others follow, or is the cat to be — the end of the tale?

W. W. COLT

(Editor's Note: We had not appreciated the significance of these animals, but under the circumstances we feel it would be best to emulate the sagacity of the cat and be silent.)

Exchange of the Week

The peseta rose very slightly on the Madrid bourse last week. Sterling opened at 41.05 and closed at 40.90; dollars dropped from 12.30 to 12.26 and 100 francs were 47.90 on Monday and 47.80 on Saturday.

Children's Day

Friday, the Day of the Three Kings, was celebrated with the usual quietness in Palma, but the children enjoyed it, for they got presents, even if only the merest shade of a procession. The procession consisted of a band and some decorated trucks, and presents were distributed to the poor children. There was general fiesta all about among the Spanish population.

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The Essence of Mallorca

(Translated by permission of the author from «De Mallorca. Costumbres, Recuerdos y Curiosidades,» by Don Antonio Pol.)

It is a source of pain to good Mallorquins, those who desire and cherish their own institutions above the «superior foreign» kind, to see how the typical local customs, products and industries are disappearing. The uncontrolled appetite for imported, exotic articles, which has for some years dominated Mallorca, and the practice of some firms in sacrificing quality for quantity have been the principal causes of the death of those classic products which had achieved world fame.

One of these was essence of myrtle. This lovely plant, natural to the Island and growing in abundance in the mountains, along the torrents and ravines, in secluded, shady and damp valleys, lent its dark green color to much of the landscape and perfumed the air with its penetrating aroma. In December it produces a small berry, black and hard and of a distinctive taste which led to a saying that it was the spirit of the earth.

In ancient times, myrtle was always the symbol of love. Of the three temples of Venus in Rome one, Murcia (myrtle) gave its name to an entire district and at one time the name of the goddess was Murtea (goddess of myrtle). April 1st was sacred in Rome as the day of Venus Genetrix, and her image was bathed and adorned with flowers, chiefly myrtle, as one may read in Virgil.

In Mallorca, however, myrtle has been simply the badge of happiness. With its characteristic odor and color it has from the most remote times been used in the popular fiestas scattered in the streets and the small branches trampled under the feet of processions so that the pleasant, fresh smell was associated with popular rejoicings.

In the rustic town of Santanyi, in whose environs are preserved many monuments of past tradition, they still observe the old custom that guests at baptismal ceremonies are furnished with sprigs of laurel if the infant is a boy and myrtle if a girl.

Later, over the door of the baby's home, is hung a bunch of the appropriate bush, so that all passers by may see and rejoice with the parents and family over the birth of a child.

In all processions which are celebrated in Valencia, myrtle plays

an important part. In advance of the paraders always goes a cart full of the plant, which is scattered through the streets over which the procession is to pass. The Valencianos hail this appearance of the cart as «The Entrance of the Myrtle» a title perpetuated in the name of one of Giner's most popular compositions.

The essence, which was of more note in the world than the customs, was originally an Arab preparation, learned from the Moors and produced in quantities until about sixty years ago. In our archives there are preserved records which show that when our ancestors wished to offer homage to a distinguished visitor they presented him, in addition to tapestries and food and ornaments the famous essence of myrtle, held in great esteem.

In 1472 when the Cardinal Legate, Rodrigo de Borgia, later Pope Alexander VI, was in Mallorca, two large demijohns of myrtle were among the splendid presents given him. This essence was used both as a disinfectant and in certain medical treatments during the middle ages.

Until a few years ago during some ceremonies in the Church of San Nicolás, it was scattered among the congregation and enveloped them in perfume. Now eau de cologne is used instead! It is a pity that this industry has not been revived, and that Mallorquin women use this typical product of their own country instead of the imported waters.

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Mlle. Helene de Marguerie is showing some extremely interesting photographic studies at the Galerias Costa this week, and the young woman's work was highly praised at the opening of the show last Tuesday.

Her examples of still life are especially good. She takes pictures of flowers with all the loving care — and a good deal more knowledge — of a fond parent snapshotting the first born. There is one photograph of an orchid which is perfect as a decorative motif and could well be reproduced endlessly for a frieze around a hall.

The portraits, to our way of thinking, were not all as good as the stills. Some of the faces had great force and were genuinely alive within their frames. Others, taken with a slightly less decisive effect, lacked the strength which is Mlle. de Marguerie's most striking characteristic.

Also on exhibition are some model gardens by Don Nicolau M.^a Rubio, which are interesting in that all the tiny plants are living and growing. The models make excellent and highly decorative window boxes.

Both shows are on all this week.

Register Your Passport

The office of the Civil Governor announces that the regulations concerning the registration of passports by foreigners will in future be strictly enforced. These regulations demand that foreigners have the number of their passport registered with the Civil Governor as well as with the police.

Consequently, the fact that passports are registered by the police as soon as the visitor gets here is not enough. The passport must also be presented at the *Gobierno* within 48 hours of arrival in Mallorca. Failure to do so may be (and, according to the announcement, will be) punished by a fine. This will not be retroactive. Foreigners who have not yet registered their passport should do so immediately, and even if they have been here longer than two days will not be fined.

Furthermore, taking a leaf out of England's book, it is ruled that foreigners changing their address must notify the Governor's office.

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The project of autonomy for Andalucia is gradually taking definite form; towards the end of the month a regional meeting will be held in Cordoba to discuss the project of economic and administrative autonomy for Andalucia. Up to the present 413 public bodies of the region, comprising diputaciones, municipalities, business enterprises and workers' unions have declared for it. To these can be added individual parliamentarians and persons of importance in administrative positions.

The votes which the municipalities supporting the project represent are more than two thirds of the electors, which Article 12 of the Constitution requires for conferring autonomy.

In Seville preparations are being speedily made for the establishment of the airport for airships. A letter has been received from Dr. Eckener of the *Graff Zeppelin* asking the authorities to have the *poste de Amarre* and the hydrogen generators installed without delay, so that in the first voyages which will take place in April and May, the dirigible will be able to land in Seville.

Cedulas

The normal time for obtaining the *cedula personal* for the coming year expired on Dec. 31st; but the authorities have announced the time has been extended until the end of this month. The city is divided into seven zones for collection of this tax, and you must present yourself in the office of your zone between 9 and 1 of any working day.

If you had a *cedula* last year, bring that and the contract for your house, for the latter is useful in obtaining a reduction if you are paying less rent. If you did not have a *cedula* last year, you must bring your passport. Those who are not householders should have also the necessary form signed by the householder with whom they are staying.

The cost of a *cedula* is based either on the rent paid or the income received, and the authorities naturally go for the higher figure. There are reductions for men supporting a wife and further reductions for children. The *cedula* may also be obtained through the *vigilante* or by applying to the local

About Barcelona

The amateur performance of *The Dover Road* in aid of the *Enfermeria Evangelica* will take place next Saturday, January 14th, at 9.45 p.m. It will be held in the private theatre of the *Salud Sports Club*, *Avenida Virgen de Montserrat*, No. 10, which is near the hospital and about ten minutes walk from *Lesseps*. The theatre is spacious and comfortable, and a good evening's entertainment is assured.

The cast includes the Misses E. Parsons, T. G. Noble, M. Loveday and Messrs. F. Latta, J. H. Roberts, T. Evans, L. Macquair, and C. Webb.

There will be no reserved seats and tickets may be obtained at the *British Club*, the *Anglo South American Bank*, or from members of the cast.

Mrs. Arnold Tschudy, a popular member of the American colony, gave a cocktail party at her home last Saturday.

Mrs. William Riley Deeble gave a bridge tea at the *Casa Llibre* last Thursday evening at which a large number of English and American friends were present.

Mrs. Witty was confined to her bed during the Christmas holidays but is now quite well again.

Among the visitors from England during the week were Mr. and Mrs. William Dirk-Johnson. They expressed themselves very pleased with the weather in this part of the world, and have promised to make a return visit to Barcelona.

New Year's Day mass was sung in the Crypt, the church of the English speaking Catholics, last Sunday. After the service the choir was congratulated by Fr. Gabana, the chaplain; Fr. Roberts, an English priest visiting Barcelona on his way to Mallorca; and by the members of the congregation.

During the week the correspondent of the *London Times* called on the Governor to refute an insinuation to the effect that he had sent information of a prejudiced character to the above paper. Señor Moles declared that in the statement he made some time previously, he was not referring to him but to another correspondent who was sending falsified information out of the country, whose identity was unknown to the authorities, but which they hoped to be able to ascertain in the near future.

Winter Sports

An elaborate programme of winter sports has been arranged by the *Centre Excursionista de Catalunya* for the coming season. The first snow carnival is today and the programme continues on through March 9th with all sorts of sports scheduled, mostly for Sundays.

police station. If you have not your *cedula* by the end of January, you are liable to pay double the amount.

The *cedula* is a useful document for any foreigner in Spain, aside from the fact that they are obligatory by law. No foreigner who is actively employed in Spain should be without it.

What to Do and Where to Go in Barcelona

Theatres

NOVEDADES — *Don Gil de Alcalá.*

POLIORAMA — *Jabalí.*

ROMEA — *Una Dona y Dues Vides.*

Cinemas

COLISEUM — *Cinemanía*, with Harold Lloyd.

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PARIS — *La casa de los muertos.*

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Amusements

Football — Sunday, League championship, C. D. Alavés vs. C. D. Español, champions of Cataluña.

Boxing — Tuesday at the Olympia, Paulino Uzcudun, champion of Spain, vs. Roberto Roberti of Italy.

Horsereading — Sunday at Casa Antunez.

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Consular Reception

Last Sunday President Macia of the Generalidad held a reception at which, among many other officials, the consular body was present.

Mr. Norman King, the British Consul General as dean of the consular corps in Barcelona, made a short speech on behalf of himself and his colleagues, in which he offered sincerest wishes for the prosperity of Spain and Cataluña, and Barcelona in particular.

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Golf Notes

By MacGregor

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Now take up your position; there are a variety to choose from, which are used by veteran players, but the best is the square one, as it is the easiest to pivot from and the best for balance. Separate your legs to such an extent that you feel comfortable and with the weight of your body on your heels as a counter poise, for you must lean the body forward from the waist. Hold your club in such a way that if it dropped from your hands the end of the handle would strike your left knee. You must not be rigid in any joint or in any muscle.

Then as regards the club; you must ever and always bring it back over your shoulders as you bring it forward and down. Take it back with the left hand, the right hand just holding it, and as you do so the pivot begins; some advise the lifting of the left heel but if you bend the left knee towards the right, the heel must rise automatically. Pay attention to the knee and do not mind the heel, for if you bend the knee forward your swing will not come on the ball and the result will be a miss or a slice. As your club goes back, your body will turn to the right a little bending at the hips. When your hands are a little above your shoulder stop your back swing and bend your wrists outwards and up. This action will cause the club to drop a little behind your back and point towards the hole at which you are aiming. Now tighten your right hand a little on the handle, quietly, so as not to let the club out of control. There must be no haste or you will lose your balance and poise and spoil your drive. At this juncture you should find your weight well on your right foot, the left toe just there to help you to keep your balance.

New Catalan Industry

Negotiations are under way with the Generalidad for the establishment of a large sugar refinery in the free zone of Barcelona. Don Jaime Baladia, who has organized the project, proposes to build a plant capable of turning out 150 tons of sugar a day.

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Old Barcelona

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In the heart of the city, surrounded by modern buildings, on the site of the ancient *Barcino* is a barrio which so far has resisted the inroads of time and has remained unprofaned, as others have not by reason of the necessities of a new age. True indeed, hooting motor cars sometimes spoil the picture as they worm their way slowly and with difficulty along the narrow streets, a necessary evil, where carriages drawn by gaily caparisoned horses would be more in keeping.

Turn off from the noisy Ramblas at Calle Fernando and continue on till you reach the Plaza de la República, which was ages ago the island of Tàber and later in the time of the Romans a peninsula; then to the left through the narrow Calle Paradis and you are soon in a veritable archaeological museum of Gothic and Renaissance days. For here was the heart and life of the city all through the centuries till the time of our grandfathers or probably a little later, when wider streets, higher houses, quicker locomotion and expansion were necessary to cope with modern requirements.

As you wander through the narrow winding streets and alleys of this district you see on both sides of you and in front of you edifices belonging to the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries; which were raised on the foundations of still more ancient ones, and probably grander, for here too was the Roman head quarters of the city.

Not the least interesting of the artistic archaeological treasures of this barrio is the casa del Arce-deano (Archdeacon) which strictly speaking dates from the beginning of the sixteenth century. The office of Archdeacon of the Cathedral is of very remote origin in Barcelona and in the days gone by had attached to it prerogatives, rights and privileges which made it equal in many respects to that of the bishop himself; and as the bishop, the dean and the canons in community, the archdeacon had his palace in the vicinity of the Cathedral; but this palace close to the old Roman gate went through many transformations so that by the beginning of the sixteenth century very little of the old building was left. It was the Archdeacon Luis Desplá who filled the office at this time who was responsible for the principal changes, and who



A window of the Archdeacon's Palace.

made the building what we see it to-day. We read that in the year 1510 the ground floor contained bodegas, stables and carriage houses, store houses, etc. A patio separated it from the street. On the first floor there was a large salon looking on to the patio with classical windows which still exist. Farther down, close to the Roman gate, there were the private rooms as well as the oratory of the Archdeacon as also the salón de las piñas, all the work of Luis Desplá. In various prominent places of the building may be seen the double shield of the Desplá and the Olms.

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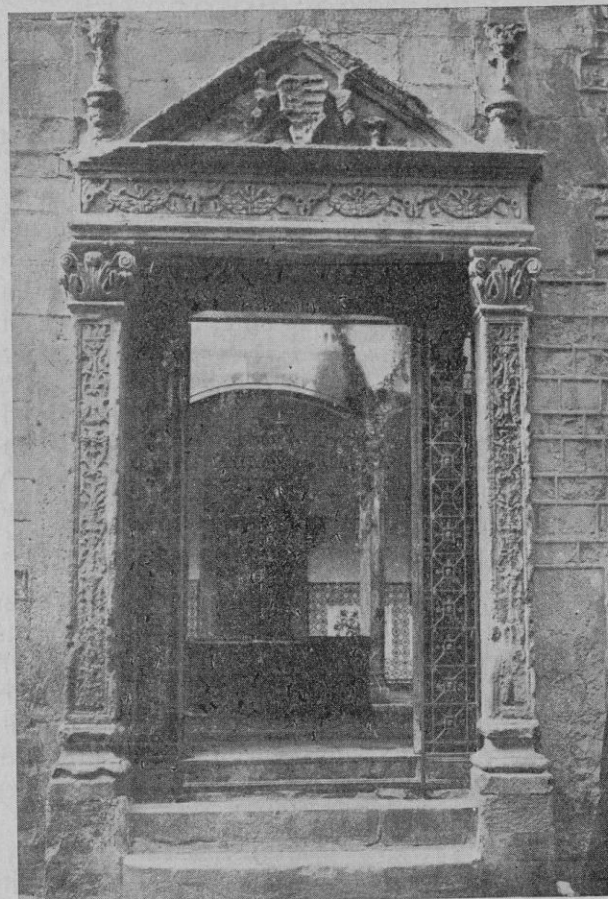
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vities, for he was a deputy of the Generalidad, energetic and a fighter. He died in 1525 when nearly eighty years of age and with him died much of the power and influence attached to his office.

If we except certain repairs which were made in the building about the middle of the eighteenth century, it was completely neglected for a long period of years; grass, weeds and plants grew in the patio, the whole house was going to ruin. In 1822 it shared somewhat in the destruction of other famous religious houses during the general disturbance. Some people who went to live in it destroyed what they could not dispose off, but in the top story there lived three Bohemian artists who one day had a party of fellow artists, when they formed the idea of saving what was left from imminent ruin.

In 1870 it was put up for public auction by the authorities, notwithstanding the protests of many men of culture in the city who saw this treasure of art being used in the future as a tenement. Luckily the palace became the property of Don José Altamira a man of culture, who spared nothing in its restoration. The patio of the cloister was his principal work and no one would think it was nineteenth instead of sixteenth century. In this restoration though, the Roman wall which served as a base for the edifice was removed but the stones were collected and have been preserved in the Museo de Santa Agueda by the Academia de Buenas Letras. The restoration impoverished Altamira and he found himself obliged to sell the palace to the Colegio de Abogados in Barcelona, recommending them to leave the work yet undone to the famous Barcelonian Architect Domenech Muntaner. It was later for sale and this time the Ayuntamiento bought it (1919) to be used as their archives and they employed Don José Goday to complete the restoration which the other architect had begun.

The building in its restored state is a mixture of Gothic in its decline and Renaissance creeping in. It is considered a good example of the period of



The patio in the Archdeacon's Palace.

transition in architecture at the dawn of the sixteenth century. Of the former style are the ogival windows of the gallery, but the arches of the little patio with the fountain are pseudo Gothic while the doors and balconies, and the exterior in general as well as the carved wooden ceilings are of the more sober Renaissance style.

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Málaga Notes

By Our Correspondent

THE New Year's Eve at Grand Hotel Miramar, as far as gaiety and high spirits go left nothing to be desired. There was a record crowd in attendance and the manager, Mr. Stierlin, earlier of Heliopolis Hotel, near Cairo, said with great satisfaction that he had been catering for 540 guests. There were nearly as many British people as Spanish and numerous representatives of other nations as well.

The British Club had their party for members and friends as usual at the Caleta Palace Hotel. This festivity was distinguished by its smooth organisation and intimate atmosphere and made every one who participated long for the next time the British Club was going to hold a dance.

Miss Ivy K. Miller of Villa Solymar, Miramar Alto, gave a dinner on New Year's Day. The guests included Mrs. Keyworth, Miss Alford, Mrs. Bevan, Miss Margaret Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Montague Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Folwell, the president of the local Sindicato de Iniciativa del Turismo and Mrs. Pablo Homs, Mrs. Delia Hunter and Mr. Stalhandske.

The most interesting excursion in the neighbourhood of Málaga is to Comares, a small town on the top of a mountain, about 30 km. away. From there one gets a most marvellous view of the mountainous district to the North with the snow-clad tops of Sierra Nevada and the blue Mediterranean far away to the South. This excursion is attractive also from a material point of view as the wine from the surrounding vine-yards is famous for its high quality. The wine-growers produce a beverage with 8 to 10 per cent. alcohol, too little to stand transport, or even storage for more than a few months. So it is practically for their own use alone that they make the wine.

The main part of the crop is sold to the *bodegas* where exporters manufacture that excellent beverage so popular with invalids — *Málaga*. It is a pity that grapes as outstanding in quality as those of Comares are not separated from the rest when bought by the merchants. Comares is one of the places in Oriental Andalucía that was famous centuries ago as the capital of a small Moorish kingdom which still existed in the south of Spain in the fifteenth century. Granada and Málaga, however, were better known and had many more claims to fame than the city of Comares.

Until 1931 there was only a steep mule track leading up to the top of the mountain. Consequently, the town did not have many visitors for a journey on mule back is long and tiresome. Now there is a road that leads up to this still primitive place. Having an altitude of 3,000 feet, the climate is

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The present condition of things in the country is undoubtedly somewhat chaotic at the moment, but in spite of all there is a very strong general impression that during 1933 Spain will have seen the worst of her troubles, and that considerable progress will be noted as the year advances. We foreigners living in Spain earnestly trust that this may be so, and extend to our friends, the Spaniards, our most fervent wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Social News

Among the many enjoyable entertainments during Christmas and the New Year we have to record the following:

A tea and cocktail party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Ross at their residence, General Orna 5, just before Christmas which was attended by the American Ambassador and Mrs Laughlin, most of the resident American and some of the British Colony.

The Consul of the United States and Mrs. Curtis Jordan gave a very jolly party on Christmas morning, most of the American Colony and some of the British being present.

The British Ambassador, Sir George Grahame, gave an At Home at the Embassy on the 7th of

January, at which were present Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon of the Embassy, and a number of the British Colony.

New Year Festivity

A most enjoyable dance was given by the British American Club on New Year's Eve, at which some 200 people were present. At midnight all present listened in silence to Big Ben striking the hour by wirelesa, after which the whole audience sang *Auld Lang Syne*. Then the fun began, and Scottish Reels were danced by Miss Hayter, Mr. Logie, Mr. and Mrs. Storrie, Miss Gifford, Mr. McLean, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham.

Electric coloured lights were kindly lent by Mr. Stoon and Mr. Brooking, and Mr. Hayward lent very valuable assistance as regards the decorations, which were much admired. The special thanks of the community are due to Miss Hayter and Mr. Logie, who organised the gathering and whose strenuous work had such a successful result.

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The British Association

To the Editor:

I value the opportunity that I trust you will concede to communicate with the majority of the English-speaking people in the Island on a matter of some importance.

An Association of British Subjects is in process of formation and has passed some preliminary stages. The promoters have put in the proposed constitution certain definite «planks», such as the Entertainment of the British Fleet, and the Care of Distressed British Subjects. I am cordially in sympathy with the movement to provide the British community with an organisation which should facilitate combined action in any matter in which disunited action would be useless. This is to say that I think that the only platform that should be adopted by the promoters is the open platform of a thoroughly representative Union under whose organisation any number of independent members can carry out whatever program they may have at heart.

It is obviously impracticable that twenty or fifty members of such a Union can commit the whole community to any undertaking that would involve a considerable expenditure such as the «planks» above named. This should not prove an obstacle in the way of the establishment of an association whose usefulness might be great.

I am aware that this may be considered as the sort of destructive criticism that is notoriously easy; but it is not really so. It is probable that most of the best of our residents would join an association with an open policy; whereas many will not join on condition that they are committed to «entertaining the Fleet».

Lest it be still objected that I have no constructive suggestion to offer, I venture to say that the majority of members will agree that the Union could appoint—under official sanction—a competent local lawyer to act as adviser and counsel to any member in the drawing of agreements and leases in regard to property, and if necessary, in the case of disputes with landlords or vendors, such as we know have occurred frequently. This is not to be described as «protecting British interests» but as upholding the legal rights of members in matters where nationality is not involved, except in so far as a British subject who does not know Spa-

nish or law is handicapped in dealing individually with legal questions.

Doubtless there are other activities that would appeal to all as properly within the scope of an association; and these could be brought forward at a meeting truly representative of the British community at large.

J. LINDO WEBB.

A Job for the Association

It has been suggested that the first work of the British Association might be the entertainment of the four English tennis players who have been invited to Palma to take part in the international tournament here from Feb. 27 to March 5.

To insure the best possible British representation at this event it will, of course, be necessary to pay the expenses of the amateurs. The suggestion is that members of the Association might entertain the players in their stay here, and that the Association raise the money for the expenses.

Of course this proposal was made quite unofficially, and not by the Association's committee. Or its officers.

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Down from Cala Ratjada on the wings of morning has come further news of that little colony's most interesting foreign resident, the former body-guard of Al Capone, Chicago's highly publicized gangster. It seems that during his present vacation, made possible by his employer's sojourn in Leavenworth prison, the former gunman is writing his memoirs. These are said to include plenty of vicissitudes by land and sea in both hemispheres before Chicago claimed him. He has already published one book, and is a considerable addition to the ranks of writers who have chosen Mallorca as a spot fruitful of inspiration and a pleasant place to rest.

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Bob Davis of the New York Sun must take second place to such a literary luminary. Mr. Davis was the late O. Henry's closest friend and has written extensively on his travels as well as several volumes of reminiscences and a biography of O. Henry. As newspaperman and editor for the Munsey publications, Mr. Davis has met most of the American writing folk of the last thirty years, and he gave a good many of them their start. His acquaintance extends over the entire American scene, but in the last few years he has begun to travel again. He has covered some 300,000 miles and written over 1,000 newspaper columns about it.

His visit to Mallorca is part of his professional wandering. He is here until Tuesday — he arrived a week ago from Marseilles — and soon the readers of the Sun will be hearing about the Island. It is Mr. Davis's second visit; he made the Valldemosa trip while his ship was in port for the day three years ago.

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Father Charles Roberts of St. Winifred Shrewsbury, who was badly gassed while serving as

chaplain with English troops in France, is spending the winter in Mallorca. He is staying at the Hotel Palma. On his way south he was injured in the Perpignan railway accident, and was delayed until Wednesday in reaching here. He is still suffering somewhat from the effects of his injuries.

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A housewarming is being given by Mr. George Frasher this afternoon (Sunday) at his home in the Calle Salud. Among the young diplomat's expected guests are Mr. and Mrs. E. Huntington Harris, Mrs. and Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gavett, Mr. Richard Henderson and his mother.

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Miss Eva Tay is giving a private performance of her original dances for the press this afternoon at the home of the Margueries, Son Riera. It will be in the nature of a demonstration of her theories

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Mrs. A. Fothergill, accompanied by her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Beddington, left last night for a motor tour through Spain. During their visit here they stopped first at the Hotel Formentor and later at Las Peñas in Paguera.

The chic Beric entertained some fifteen guests in her studio in Terreno last Thursday evening and everyone present agreed that Beric's parties are as distinctive as the clothes she designs. Among the guests were Mrs. Vance Goddard, Miss Marty Mann, Mr. Eric Szanto, Dr. L. Erlich, Mr. and Mrs. Campf, Miss Faith Lumney and Mr. Theodore Rockstrau.

Mrs. R. H. Van Sant entertained about fifty guests at her home last Friday afternoon. Some of them were Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Byrnes, Mr. and Mrs. Mather, Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Leser, Mrs. Mina Middleton, Miss Daisy DeHart, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newhall.

Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor arrived from Nice last week. They have taken a house in the Calle Furió, Son Alegre.

The fact that a famous artist on the Island has asked a member of the well known F. G. Short family to sit for a portrait, caused no little stir in those quarters last week. Mr. Cecil Aldin is going to paint *Dolly*, the long eared Scottie belonging to Mr. Short, and the model rode out in grand style yesterday to the artist's studio in Camp de Mar for her first sitting. Mr. Aldin's dog portraits have been acclaimed the world over.

A second contract bridge teacher is now available for Palma fans. Mrs. Harriet P. Alexander, who lives in Terreno, is resuming the instruction which she gave up before she came to Mallorca. She has taught bridge for many years in New York and offers lessons in either the Culbertson or the official systems.

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The Alcalde of Palma, Don Bernardo Joffre, known to many foreign residents as the manager of the Hotel Victoria, has resigned his office after a difference of policy with one of the political parties which supported his administration.

His successor has not yet been chosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eyre Pinckard are no longer leading lights of American activity. Mrs. Fulton Leser has taken over Mrs. Pinckard's share of *Anne's*, and Mr. Pinckard has resigned as President of the Little Club.

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Other arrivals at the Mediterraneo were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hickson-Mahony of South Africa, Mrs. J. J. Flannery, Miss Marie Flannery, Miss Elizabeth Keautury and Mr. and Mrs. Haseldon from Paris. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Dahlgren and Mr. and Mrs. W. Bacon left for Marseilles on the Excambion Friday.

Mrs. and Miss Fitzgerald with Mrs. George Ladd left for Barcelona after a two months stay, as did Mr. and Mrs. W. Lambert.

Mr. Cecil Aldin, the painter, brought a party of ten down to the Mediterraneo dinner dance on New Years Day.

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Mrs. Flower, who is staying at the Hotel Alfonso, was ill for thirty years, and physicians in England and America could do nothing for her. Then Mlle. Skarine gave her twelve treatments.

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Mlle. Skarine, who is a Swede by birth, uses a method described as «tactile sight.» Her finger tips «see» into the interior of the human body to diagnose the illness, which she can treat with her hands. Furthermore, she can teach this to others; she is far from claiming it is any esoteric inspiration, but simply a method that can be learned.

Mr. F.F. Baldwin and Mr. Owen have returned to the Alfonso from their Christmas holiday trip to Ibiza. Life, out of the town itself, is very primitive, they say, but undoubtedly cheap and they advise tourists not possessing a philosophical turn of mind and a sense of humour to stay away from the Island.

New arrivals this week are Bishop and Mrs. Frodsham who arrived on the Llandoverly Castle on Thursday and Colonel and Mrs. R.V.K. Applin.

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Mr. A. Zeisler, Director of the German version, and Mr. de Poligny, French director, with their staff arrived at the Hotel Royal on Friday morning to start preliminary negotiations. The actors from Berlin and Paris will follow in a few days.

The action of the film is to take place at sea — a small steamer and a police boat are to be chartered for this purpose — here in the harbor, and in an imaginary dance saloon in Palma.

Mr. Zeisler was eloquent in his appreciation of the reception given him by the people of Palma when he made his last film here a year ago.

In view of the shortage of hotel rooms, etc., one of the important problems for the directors is to find houses or flats for the actors, a problem by no means settled as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss and party came to the Royal last week. They are completing a European tour and hope to spend a short time in Mallorca before returning to America.

Lady Nanton was called away suddenly to Switzerland where her daughter has been taken ill. Her son-in-law, Mr. Bircher, accompanied her, but hopes before long to rejoin Mrs. Bircher, who is staying on at the Royal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ekin and their son, with Mrs. Payne, left on Wednesday for Monte Carlo. Mr. and Mrs. Fruitier sail today for Valencia en route for Lisbon and the Canary Islands.

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