



THE BABY OF PARLIAMENTS

IF the body which sits at Westminster can be called «the Mother of Parliaments,» that which met this week in Barcelona is certainly the baby in the increasing family of popular legislatures. The Catalan Cortes, coming into existence without tumult or violence last Tuesday, is rather a sign of a new era in Cataluña than the creator of the new era, but it is a sign too of hope for a more peaceful and prosperous life for all of Spain.

For centuries, Cataluña has been the best breeding place of discontent in the country. The inexorable tendency of the ages towards centralization of authority did not suit the Catalan temperament and while, in accordance with the example of the rest of Europe, power was being concentrated in Madrid, Cataluña never ceased to protest.

In the new Cortes, the Catalán has a generally satisfactory answer to his demand for freedom. It may not satisfy the diehard separatists, but it serves the bulk of the people even better than complete independence, and they can have the satisfaction of knowing that they will be more intimately associated with the mistakes and successes of the new Cortes than with those of the one which sits in Madrid.

Reaction

In time, of course, there is going to be a reaction against the Cortes, unless this legislature meets a happier fate than that of any other parliament in history. For no such group of men can, in the very nature of things, achieve the miracles of which public opinion considers them capable.

The people want their elected representatives to do all sorts of things to improve business, to improve education, to improve public health, to improve the standard of living, to dispense all those benefits which must be based on the intelligence and energy of the people themselves, regardless of the good intentions expressed in beneficent legislation.

It will be the good fortune of Catalans if their progress towards liberty and prosperity is advanced with the same zeal and attention to detail with which the Cortes will no doubt watch the public interest — and be watched by the public.

At the beginning, the deputies are working consciously with the eyes of the world upon them. The attraction of novelty enhances the interest of every word spoken, of every gesture, of every absence from the sessions, of the very furnishings and decorations of the hall.

The fact that all the deputies save one were

in their places at a session shows the youthful zeal of the legislature. The fact that this one's absence is generally and unfavorably commented upon (we can't help wondering if the poor fellow is sick; no one seems to care why he is not in his place) shows what the people expect of their new rulers.

However, the Catalans are not so likely as most peoples would be to let indifference replace the first flush of enthusiasm. They are a politically-minded folk, traditionally jealous of their rights and liberties. Their spirit is less individualistic than that of most other Spaniards, a characteristic which such a keen student of his nation as Salvador de Madañaga has diagnosed as at once the strength and the weakness of his countrymen.

The Future

We like to think that the winning of Catalan home rule is the forerunner of a general decentralization of government in Spain. Certainly, a desire to manage their own affairs is being voiced in other provinces.

In this imperfect and complex world, the citizen is likely to find his grumbling against a remote power is scantily heeded. The authorities nearer home are more sympathetic. Furthermore, government is not quite so simple now as it was when the only centralized power could form a modern nation. We are slowly learning the wisdom of the division of labor.

On the picturesque side, the inauguration of the Cortes in the Palacio de la Ciudadela was far simpler than similar ceremonies in the days of the monarchy. It was a general holiday, but there was no great excitement or jubilation in the streets, only intense emotion.

Crowds waited for hours to see the unostentatious procession from the Generalidad to the park of Ciudadela. At the opening session, Señor Maciá, President of the Generalidad and the man who will be President of Cataluña, delivered an eloquent address which was applauded by all save the Lliga Regionalista.

Later in the Plaza de la República there were tremendous popular cheers for Señor Maciá, who addressed the crowd from a balcony, speaking with emotion on the importance of this day which they had lived to witness after much suffering and sorrow and struggle.

He told the cheering multitude that the Generalidad would soon be in possession of the government and the power of making laws for Cataluña, and he assured his hearers that all the promises which he and his companions had made them would be fulfilled.

DEATH IN MALLORCA

(Translated from Don Antonio Pol's original by permission of the author.)

This is the season of the year when in former days there were great popular festivals for the killing of a hog which would be the family's winter meat. Nowadays it is seldom seen, but not many years ago there was hardly a family which did not, some weeks before Christmas, have its slaughtering with appropriate singing and dancing and feasting.

The killing season was marked by processions in which the *matadors* took a leading part in their white aprons with red stripes. The whole neighborhood proceeded to the home of the owners of the doomed pig, singing. Only the very poorest families did not have a pig to kill, for hogs have always been one of the chief products of the Island. The typical Mallorquin sausage, the *sobrasada*, has taken rank with almonds and ensaimadas as a leading export.

The actual killing was a fairly brutal affair; the animal was held down by feet and ears, while the operator cut his throat. Then the hog was skinned by hand, the skin being cleaned and whitened by being scalded. In Palma itself, the ceremony took place at the butcher's shop, and the carcass was then carried to the owner's home in an open cart.

In the country, the whole thing was done in the home, and was accompanied by appropriate songs, and was an opportunity for the butchers of the neigh-

borhood to have a sort of reunion.

There is a special sort of bench on which the animals were slaughtered, a stout, slightly concave, low table and it was here that the men did their work of killing the pigs and cutting them up.

The making of the sausages, which is now done by machinery, was of old the work of the women.

The killing was a business really of two days. The real work was done on the first, and the second was devoted to feasting, with the specialty always an *arroz* and the usual sweetmeats. Then there was dancing for the younger people.

This custom, now almost extinguished, was once so universal that there were large sections of the population who had never in their lives eaten any other meat than pork.

The products of the fiesta, the sausages which the accustomed palate loves but which the stranger finds a little difficult to take, are not part of the feast. They remain for the later celebrations of the year, and for the Sunday dinners of the family, a welcome change from the vegetable soups, bread, figs, olives and fruit which constitute the daily diet.

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The first will be a recital by the pianist Claudio Arrau, who has been heard twice in previous seasons in Palma and was one of the most popular artists who has come here. The critics of Barcelona and Madrid have declared him one of the best of living pianists. His concert will be given at the Teatro Principal at 7 p.m. next Wednesday, the 14th.

Probably of even greater interest will be the Christmas carols which the Capella Classica will sing on Dec. 27. The choir, dressed in Mallorquin costume, will also appear at the Principal under the leadership of Don Juan Thomás.

Cards for transients can be obtained for these concerts at the Werner, Banque and Perelló musical establishments, at Bordados Nell, the Fomento del Turismo, the International Library and the English Tea Rooms in Terreno.

There will be the usual Friday evening concert at the English Tea Rooms, the artists being Sr. José Segura and Srta. Carmen Pomar.

The Tourist Flood

The bulk of foreign tourists visiting Mallorca continue to be French and English with Germans next and Americans a bad fourth, figures issued by the Fomento del Turismo last week indicate.

Of a total of 4,726 seeking information at the Fomento, during the month of November, 1,207 were French; 1,133 English; 753 Germans and 355 Americans. There were also 1,168 Spaniards and the rest scattering.

Art of Menorca

The Fomento del Turismo of Menorca is planning an exhibition of paintings depicting the beauties of the Menorcan scene at the Ateneo in Mahon, to be held early in January.

Artists of all nationalities are invited to exhibit at this show, and a few of the best, so judged by a committee, will be sent over to Palma where they will be exhibited at the Galerías Costa.

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It is arduous work, and the driver stopped a moment to smoke a cigaret and stretch his legs in a short promenade. His wagon was just what the girls needed. They climbed aboard and called for him to drive them to their hotel in Terreno. The man was scandalized; that was not his job, and he told them so. One word led to another, as words will, and finally a guardia de seguridad was drawn into the argument. The girls were happily refusing to get off the wagon, and at the climax of the discussion they thought they saw reinforcements, a young man also walking home from the party.

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The writing and acting are smooth enough to make the plot seem real all the time, which is perhaps a minor advantage since the story is designed primarily to advance the comedy. Joan Bennett, one of our prettier blondes, gets a chance to be funny as well as good looking in the course of her progress from a small American town to Paris — and back again.

The fun centres around the embarrassing situations of a girl who has invented a husband especially for her Paris trip, and then finds him in the gay city. The home reviewers report that Miss Bennett is a better comedienne than those who have seen her former pictures might suspect, and John Boles is always good as a millionaire.

In the end it develops that the young woman from the small town has not been as careless as the title might lead you to think. At least she has been careful enough to achieve the ambitions with which she starts the story. It is a story, incidentally, which

was written for the screen, not adapted from book or play, and it is called in Spanish *La Irreflexiva*.

It comes as a successor at the Rialto to *The First Year*, and those who saw that splendid Frank Craven comedy on the stage years ago welcomed its revival on the screen.

The British Association

About eighty British subjects have become the nucleus of a British Association for Mallorca, which has now taken definite form. To organize further, the membership selected a committee of eleven which is headed by the Rev. John de B. Forbes, who presided at the organization meeting, Mr. James Conchie, Major Duncan, Commander Worsley, Dr. F. Gilbert Scott, Sir William Sheppard and Mr. Cecil Aldin.

The aim of the Association is given as the furthering of British interests in general. There was specific talk of assistance to Britishers in distress who may be ill or stranded in Mallorca, of entertaining the squadrons of the British fleet that occasionally visit these waters, of organizing fitting observances for British national holidays.

Dances may be held from time to time, and there is even hope of a club room, if circumstances warrant it.

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The committee feel that it would be beneficial to have a woman among their number. At present they have none, but they ask that those whose names are submitted give their approval, as they want active members, who are disposed to take part in the work of the hospital.

The statutes of the hospital require that all members of the board be of the Protestant religion.

Mrs. George Noble as British representative, and Mrs. C.C. Long as American representative, have offered themselves as candidates for election as active members.

The nomination forms are to be sent in to the hospital before the end of December.

Scott Lecture

Sta. Luz Morales spoke on «Sir Walter Scott and His Influence in Spain,» especially in Barcelona, in the Ateneo on Wednesday. She remarked that Sir Walter Scott's fame had reached Barcelona during his lifetime, and a large number of his books were translated into Spanish here. She quoted from the press of that time to show to what extent he was appreciated. His glorification of the traditions of a small country like Scotland, in great danger of being absorbed by its richer and larger neighbours, suggested to the Catalán mind his own glorious heritage, which he determined should be preserved. Thus Sir Walter Scott in some ways contributed to the great event celebrated the day before the talk, the opening of the first Catalán Parliament.

Mr. Hicks-Mudd thanked Sta. Morales in the name of the audience that had crowded into the lecture hall of the Ateneo for the occasion.

Cédulas

Those who have not as yet acquired their Cédulas for this year are advised that they have till Dec. 31 to obtain them voluntarily at the various offices. Those who have not obtained them by then will be obliged to pay double the amount which they should pay in the regular way during the period given for voluntary payment.

Prisoners Ask Free Pardon

The prisoners of the Carcel Modelo have directed a petition to señor Maciá asking, in view of the opening of the new parliament of Cataluña that he grant them a free pardon. They have recommended those confined in other prisons of Cataluña to support the petition which they are directing to the President of the Generalidad.

Education for Adults

The official Gazette has published an order dealing with Public Instruction for Adults in Spain, which provides for: The teaching of reading and writing in Castilian, first principles of geography,

About Barcelona

Mr. Norman King, the British Consul, has been taken ill, though his condition is not serious. Mr. King has been visiting his outside posts.

Mrs. Weal is making satisfactory progress after the operation she underwent in the English hospital.

Mr. Elcock will shortly be leaving Barcelona and will take up work in another part of Spain.

A special carol service for children will take place on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 11 a.m. Archdeacon Buckton, who is visiting Barcelona this week, will preach. It is hoped that a tea will be arranged to welcome the Archdeacon at the British Club on Friday. On Wednesday, Dec. 14th, at 7.30, in the Hotel Inglaterra, he will be presented with a *Vino de Honor*.

Mr. Rex V. Fulford gave a conference at the London Club last Saturday. The subject treated was Ju-Jitsu, its usefulness both as a means of personal defence and of physical culture.

The British Consul General will open the annual sale for the Seamen's Mission next Thursday on the Mission premises in the Rambla.

An American newcomer to Barcelona, Miss Crippendorf of Cincinnati, was given a surprise party on the night of the 7th. Many members of the colony turned up to surprise their hostess at her beautiful house in the Calle Pomaret. They were welcomed by a Cuban orchestra and the night was given up to dancing. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bigham and daughter, Mr. P. Richards, M. Renaud de Graffenried Villars, Sr. Pons, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Tschudy, Mr. Walter Walters, and Mr. Roger Alverex.

Among Christmas visitors in Barcelona will be Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Southgate, who will be staying with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wright Watson, at their residence in San Gervasio.

Mrs. W. Riley Deeble went to Mallorca on Wednesday night to meet her daughter Mrs. Joseph A. Molloy, of New York, who arrived yesterday on the Excalibur. They will return to Barcelona in about a week or ten days.

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If one wishes one day to get the maximum length out of a drive, combined with correct distance, just a few points must be kept in mind, particularly in the case of novices. The all important thing is to stroke the ball from where it lies in the direction of the hole. To do this you must concern yourself only with the correct striking of the ball with the club-head, which depends entirely on your complete concentration on your swing during the time it is taking place.

It is quite true that proper grip and position are essential to good play, but these matters must be settled before the stroke is actually made. We shall first consider the swing and later we can go back and consider what adjustments in grip and position are necessary so as to improve the swing. Watch a person who is considered a good player, and you will notice his club-head leads arms and body at the moment of contact. This must be, as it is the only force which one can apply to a stroke.

Now, how can we do as he does? Just give your mind to the swinging of the club-head through the ball; in achieving this all else follows automatically, wrists, balance, foot work, pivot etc., without any conscious effort. This swing, which drives the ball towards the putting green, is entirely an arm swing, and an arm swing which has as the centre of the arc which you describe with your club, the joint of the left shoulder. This point is most important to remember in playing golf.

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Debate on Journalism

On Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. there was a general meeting of the «GROUP» in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Calle Caspe 43. Owing to the 6th having been proclaimed a holiday on the occasion of the opening of the Catalan parliament there was not the usual number of members present.

With the President, Mr. J. H. Roberts, in the chair, the subject debated was «Journalism in the Model State,» after a reading by a journalistic member of the Group. The reader's paper was severely criticised. He found much wrong with Journalism of to-day, condemning its commercialization, to the detriment of what should be the higher aims of the press; the want of an educational tone in a real sense in many of our prominent papers; the neglect of fulfilling that all-important duty of Journalism of fomenting a friendly feeling with peoples of other nations; of sacrificing truth to sensationalism very often when other nations are concerned; thus creating a spirit of antagonism, and injuring in some degree commercial relations with other countries. Newspapers he said did not libel or preach sedition as a rule, but they often exaggerate, insinuate and misrepresent facts. According to him there should be in every country a department for the purpose of checking the evil influence of the press and guiding its good ones.

He would have the general public take a closer interest in journalism, a page being devoted to their queries, suggestions and criticisms in all papers and not take the mental food, digestible or otherwise just as children would. Finally he condemned the publication in a sensational manner of murders, divorces, and criminal cases in general, and would have only the bare facts given, allowing the public to form their own opinions of the case.

His hearers were in disagreement with many of the points he raised, one stating that he enjoyed nothing more in a paper than a sensational criminal case; another that it would not be possible to control the publication of exaggerated news from foreign countries, though he realised that much harm was often caused. In general the members considered that though many of the suggestions were what might be put into execution in a model State, they were not practical in this commercial age.

The meeting broke up at 9 p.m. after what was considered an interesting debate and it was arranged that the next general meeting would take place in the same rooms, Caspe 43 on Tuesday, Dec. 20. As a general rule meetings of the Group will take place every first and third Tuesday of the month.

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Elaborating on the descriptions he gave on the air, M. Worth writes that in his mid-season collection «the beige wool costumes shown for early Spring wear have been favourites abroad. *Nevers*, a warm beige wool one piece frock with a bodice slightly draped at the V-shaped neckline and with sleeves puffed above the elbow, a normal waistline marked by a corded belt, wider in front than in the back, and a straight skirt, which is worn with one of Worth's new shoulder capes bordered with a wide band of lynx and tied close to the throat, has been extremely popular.

«*Fontainebleau*, a black and white afternoon costume, with a white bodice, slightly draped, and shirred puffed black sleeves, is also worn with a shoulder cape bordered with black fox, and has proved one of the leading successes in this new collection.

«A beige woolen costume consisting of a simple one piece frock with sleeves pleated and puffed at the elbow and a hip length jacket on entirely new lines, is still another success. It has a small draped collar which fits closely to the throat, bell shaped sleeves, with a long tight cuff in beige caracul, and a fitted band of fur which edges the bottom of the jacket.

«Another brownish beige wool ensemble consists of a sports dress and jacket with cape sleeves. Its distinguishing feature is its trimming of stitching. It is called *Evreux* and is particularly young and charming in effect.

«Then there's a pale grey broadcloth afternoon frock that has the new draped bodice, which is impossible to describe, with long tight sleeves trimmed with darker grey buttons. It is accompanied by a cape coat with grey fox bordering the short full sleeves.

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Madrid Report

on the current news from our correspondent in the Capital.

THE political outlook in Spain, as elsewhere, is beset with clouds. Daily there are rumours of a Government crisis and of some changes in the present Government. It is, however, difficult to find any tangible foundation for these, apart from the difficulties the Government may have in adjusting the bitter differences that exist between the two great Labour Unions, General de Trabajadores and the Confederacion Nacional de Trabajadores, which may constitute a very serious threat to Law and Order. The Union de Ferroviarios, belonging to the C.N.T., have threatened to go out on strike by Dec. 20th. unless their demands are conceded. This is one of the troubles, now pressing on the Government, and another is the case of the Telephone Company, over which diplomatic negotiations with the United States of America are proceeding. It is to be hoped that commonsense will prevail and that nothing will occur to interfere seriously with the existing law and order in the country.

The Spanish Government has proposed to annul the telephone company's contract, made during the dictatorship of Primo de Rivera. The company is really American, although registered in Spain, and the United States Government has suggested that the sanctity of the contracts made by the monarchy was guaranteed by the Republic. The Spanish Government points out that it is dealing with a Spanish company with which Washington really has nothing to do. The importance of the incident is in the fact that many other companies might be affected by the precedent established.

We much regret to report the death of the wife of Mr. Victor Albert Lowe, General Manager in Spain of Arthur Balfour & Co.Ltd., the well-known Sheffield steel firm. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are very old residents in the British Colony, and much

sympathy, is felt for Mr. Lowe. Mrs. Lowe had been seriously ill since July last and was only 46 at the time of her death. Their young daughter, Betty, is at school in England but is on her way out to Spain.

The funeral, conducted by the British Chaplain, the Rev. H. B. Firth, took place at the British Cemetery on Tuesday, attended by practically all the British Colony, and the British Chamber of Commerce for Spain was fully represented. A large number of wreaths were sent and Mr. Lowe has received many letters of condolence, including one from Sir George Grahame, the British Ambassador in Madrid.

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The photograph at the right is of the portrait of Miss Ruth Allen, the leading lady, done by Mr. A. Sheldon Pennoyer, the American artist, just before he sailed for New York. Miss Allen will also be leaving Mallorca shortly, for a trip to Paris.

Owing to the interest displayed in the English play by many Spaniards who are learning English, the Guild decided to set aside a number of seats which will be available without charge to Mallorquins who are studying the language. Professors of English who wish to secure tickets for their pupils will be able to obtain them upon application at the Grand Kiosk. These tickets will be good for the matinee performance on Wednesday.

One of the latest recruits to the active membership of the Guild is Mrs. Parker Bremer. She has long been one of the leading lay members of the New York Theatre Guild, and has an even closer association with the Little Theatre movement. It was the barn on her country place which became the Yonder Theatre, where last summer experimental plays were produced with such stars as Glenn Hunter, and were highly acclaimed by the metropolitan press. Mrs. Bremer herself designed the reformation of the barn into a theatre and assisted in the productions. She is spending the winter in Mallorca.

Mr. Norman Jacobsen and Miss Sybil Sutton-Vane have resigned as President and Producer, but



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Dr. and Mrs. Hill, their daughter Mrs. Pickford, and Mrs. Follett are leaving Mallorca for a short trip to Switzerland. Dr. and Mrs. Hill joined their daughter here but a couple of weeks ago, and after their tour on the Continent will return to the house they have rented in San Agustin.

Mr. Bernard Weguelin has closed his home, Las Peñas, in Peguerra and gone to London for a visit which he expects will extend over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Goddard of Santa Catalina had open house last Wednesday evening. It was one of those pre-views of the latest craze in Palma—a bar—this one a private enterprise, and one of the best looking around town, all the pain-

ting having been done by Mr. and Mrs. Goddard themselves.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goetz, accompanied by Miss Naomi Bancroft, are sailing for England next Friday. They spent the summer on the Island, and returned for a few months this winter. They have been staying with Mr. Goetz's father, Major Charles Goetz in the Calle Salud, Terreno.

Mrs. Van Rensellaer left Palma on Friday. She is sailing for America from Nice to spend Christmas in Bermuda, but will return in a month's time to her home in Terreno.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Jones have taken a studio in town and they will each pursue their own

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work at No. 11 Calle Almudaina. Mr. Jones will exhibit some of his canvasses, and Mrs. Jones will show several heads of her own chiselling at a joint exhibition at the Galerías Costa in January.

Although the painter has lived in Mallorca for the last fourteen years and in that time his pictures have received acclaim in New York and Paris, this will be the first time he has exhibited in Palma. Mrs. Jones' exhibition of a head of D. H. Lawrence and another of Sybil Sutton-Vane last Spring, created much interest in the art circles of Mallorca.

Mr. Dudley Dean Bigelow has left suddenly for France, on account of his mother's illness. Mrs. Bigelow had a house in the Calle Salud last winter.

The Baroness Von Hiller, of San Agustin, and Mrs. Whittaker, left the Island on Friday. The Baroness is spending the Christmas holidays in Germany and Mrs. Whittaker is reopening her chateau in France.

Mrs. Middleton and her sister, Miss Daisy De Hart, are giving a tea that will carry on into a cocktail party today (Sunday). Mrs. Nina Duryea, Mrs. Carrol, Mrs. Parker Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. George Bowden, Mr. Owen and Mr. Clifford Harmon are among those invited. The guests of honor will be Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goetz and Miss Naomi Bancroft.

Palma's social season is definitely in full swing. Most of the gayety takes the form of teas and cocktail parties, although an after theatre supper given by Mrs. Frank Gramkow in her home in the Calle Bonanova, lent a note of variety to the entertainment of the week.

Mrs. Gramkow was hostess to several friends at the final performance of the Russian Opera Company last week. At the buffet supper after the theatre some of the guests were Mrs. Parker Bremer,

Mrs. Mina Middleton, Mrs. R. H. Van Sant, Mr. Ray Ogden, Mr. Salva and Capt. Ramonell.

Mrs. Parker Bremer entertained at a cocktail party in her hotel, the Mediterraneo, last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Balch and their son, Joseph, jr., were there, and Mrs. Van Sant, Miss Ruth Van Sant, Mrs. Middleton,

Mrs. Frank Gramkow, and Mr. Salva also attended. Mrs. Bremer is planning a theatre party for the opening night of *The Maltese Falcon*.

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Wedding Guests at Mediterráneo

The Hotel Mediterráneo is practically full, and it is expected that from now on there will be a steady flow of English and American seekers of winter sunshine.

A wedding breakfast for sixty guests was given at the hotel on Thursday, when Sr. E. Palmer, a son of the ex-proprietor of the Grand Hotel, Palma, was married to Sta. Fortesa Ray, the daughter of the Dentist Ray, of the Calle Colon. The marriage service took place in Genova. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Genova, were among the wedding guests.

Sir William Sheppard arrived at the Mediterráneo for a stay of several months. Lady Sheppard will join him for a short time later. Lt. Col. Holmes, Mrs. Mary Greenaby, Mrs. Werring, Mrs. Matilde Sanders, Mrs. Anna Greenall, Mrs. I. A. Elliot, Mrs. Mary Rudd, Mrs. L. Moody, Mrs. P. V. Percy, Mr. Igram, Mr. and Mrs. John Geddons, Mrs. Fisher, Major-General Sir Arthur Dorward, Miss Eleanor Giesbec, and Miss Margaret Queen are the recent American and English arrivals to this hotel.

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Viscountess Brantford and her friend Mrs. Hugh Flower arrived last week for a long stay in Mallorca. They selected Mallorca for the winter because they haven't had any sunshine for three years.

Miss F.G. Ruff, Mrs. M.E. Gardiner, and Mr. A. Sharp are other newcomers this week. Mr. Sharp has been living in Madrid for the last six years.

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On Friday Mrs. Mary Crippendorf gave a farewell cocktail party for her family at the Royal.

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The Earl of Hardwicke left the Victoria on Tuesday. He has been staying in Mallorca a considerable time for his health.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Allen, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Duveen, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Buckton, Mr. G. Schwop, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Harsey, Mrs. Cottrell, Mrs. Body, and Mr. C. V. Martin have arrived at the Victoria during the last week.

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