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Finchley Paragraphs.

SLIPPED FROM 'BUS.—Mr. Darrish, of Harlesden, slipped while boarding a 'bus in High-street, North Finchley, on Wednesday, and was taken home suffering from shock.

LIBERALS' WHIST.—The prize-winners at the whist drive held by the Finchley Liberal Women's Fellowship at the Liberal Offices on Wednesday afternoon were: 1, Mrs. Pollowski; 2, Miss Wilson; 3, Mrs. Abbott.

MOTOR CYCLIST'S FALL.—Mr. F. Bergmayer, of Haverstock-hill, Hampstead, injured his leg on Friday by falling from a motor cycle in Oakleigh-road, Whetstone, and was taken to the Finchley Memorial Hospital.

HIT BY MOTOR CAR.—While Mr. King, of Grove-road, Bow, was crossing High-road, Whetstone, on Wednesday, he was struck by a car driven by Mr. Ashley, of Mayfield-avenue, North Finchley, but was only slightly hurt and declined medical aid.

MUSIC AND MYSTERY.—At the Wesleyan Lecture Hall, on Wednesday, the Rev. A. Denman Martin and Mrs. Madeline Martin gave an exhibition of "Music, mirth and mystery." There was a good attendance and a collection was taken.

A FINCHLEY WITNESS.—Mr. Arthur James Bryant, of Woodgrange-road, North Finchley, was a witness in the case against Arthur Brown, 47, who was sent to prison for three months on a charge of being a suspected person at "Fairlawn," Great North-road, Highgate, the residence of Mr. J. W. Page.

AMATEUR PRODUCTION.—The Finchley, Church End, Junior Conservative Dramatic Society are producing "Merely Mary Ann" to-night (Friday) and to-morrow, at St. Barnabas Hall. A strong cast has been arranged and those who have seen the rehearsals declare that it will be second only to "Polly With a Past," which was produced last year.

FINCHLEY NURSING SERVICE.—Subscribers of 10s 6d. per annum are entitled to 35 visits by a fully-trained nurse should any dependent members of the family fall ill during ensuing year. New members must pay an entrance fee of 5s. For rules, etc., apply Mrs. Roberts (hon. secretary), 38, Holdenhurst-avenue, N.12. Send subscriptions to Mrs. Hinton (hon. treasurer), 19, Woodlands-avenue, N.3 (Advt.).

WHIST DRIVE.—The Church End, Finchley, Conservative and Unionist Association held a whist drive at St. Mary's Schools on Wednesday. Over 80 players took part. Mr. Harold A. Rutt was M.C., and the prize-winners were:—Ladies: 1, Mrs. King; 2, Miss Allpress; 1st half, Mrs. Albright; 2nd half, Mrs. Ward. Gentlemen (or ladies playing as such): 1, Miss Liddington; 2, Mrs. Croot; 1st half, Miss Caswell; 2nd half, Mrs. Demott.

SPEED OF MOTOR COACHES.—For driving motor coaches at excessive speed at Ballards-lane, Finchley, Robert Wood, of Elgin-avenue, Maida Vale, and Percy Newman, of Fonthill-road, Finsbury Park, were fined £1 each at Highgate Police Court. Alfred William Arthur, of The Vale Green, Welwyn Garden City, who had been previously convicted, was fined £2. The speed in each case was over 26 miles an hour.

A MAINTENANCE ORDER.—William Charles Norman, of Crossway, Summers-lane, North Finchley, was charged at Highgate with being over £50 in arrear under a wife maintenance order. The deputy clerk said that the wife would accept 10s. a week if it was paid regularly, although the order was for £1 a week. A committal order for three months was made against defendant, to be suspended so long as he pays 15s. a week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.—North-road Senior School secured 95.1 per cent. of the possible attendances last week, and St. Mary's voluntary school comes next with 94.3 per cent. The lowest is Albert-street, with only 84.4 per cent. of the possible attendances. Squires-lane was the highest among the infants' schools, 89.8 per cent. being obtained. The average for the whole of the schools in the district was 90.4 per cent.

SYMPATHY FOR MRS. ENGLAND.—The East Finchley Conservative Women held their monthly meeting in the Constitutional Club on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Salmon presided over a good attendance. In opening, she asked the members to stand in silence as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. England, the founder and former chairman of the branch. Miss Colwill, of the London Central Office, gave an instructive address on "Rating Reform," which was much appreciated. Mrs. Greene contributed musical items, after which tea was served.

SALE OF WORK.—Lady Barratt was the opener at the annual sale of work of the Young Helpers' League at the King Edward Hall on Saturday, and in performing the ceremony she remarked on the excellence of the work of the Church End Habitation. The Rev. S. B. Mayall, president of the Habitation, presided, and others present were the Rev. G. K. Hackett and the Rev. D. Annal. There were about a dozen stalls, and it was hoped that over £200 would be realised. Music was supplied by Mrs. Phillipson's orchestra and exhibition dancing was given by the pupils of Mrs. Sperring.

CONSERVATIVE DANCE.—The Junior Branches of the Finchley Division Conservative and Unionist Association, held their first joint dance of the season at the Finchley Dance Hall on Friday. Over 200 members attended and enjoyed a very successful evening. Arrangements had been made by a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. D. P. H. Josephs (East Finchley), and among those present were Mr. H. A. Rutt and Major W. T. Bichan, of the Divisional Association. Mr. A. G. Yates (Friern Barnet North) acted as M.C., and spot and other prizes were won by Miss H. Wood, Miss Williams, Miss I. Potter, Messrs. K. H. Coulton, J. R. Truslove and W. Gliddon.

"PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION."—An explanation of proportional representation was given by Mr. Gray to a meeting of the Finchley Liberal Women's Fellowship on Tuesday evening, over which Mrs. Walter Isaac presided. Mr. Gray pointed out that since 1918 millions of voters had realised that their votes had done their party no good, but under proportional representation the value of the individual vote would be increased, for, by the grouping of constituencies, the minority would secure a proportionate representation. If there were five candidates in a group and one-fifth of them voted for a particular party they would get one-fifth of the representation—one candidate.

NORTH FINCHLEY WEDDING.

Miss Mildred Edmondson Married to Mr. Arthur S. Girling.

An interesting North Finchley wedding was that of Mr. Arthur Stuart Girling to Miss Mildred Georgina Edmondson at Christ Church on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Edmondson, of 10, Limes-avenue, North Finchley, and the groom is the son of Mr. Ernest J. Girling, churchwarden of Christ Church, and Mrs. Girling, of 26, Woodside Park-road, North Finchley.

Miss Edmondson was attired in ivory panne velvet trimmed with ivory net, and wore a long veil, looking most charming. She was given away by her father. There were four bridesmaids—the Misses Olive and Joan Edmondson, Miss Mary Girling and Miss Gwen Martin. Two wore apple green panne velvet, trimmed with lace, and lace caps, and two wore pale gold panne velvet, also trimmed with lace, and lace caps. All of them carried small posies of roses and Michaelmas daisies.

The Rev. E. Pelham Thompson, vicar, conducted the service, at which Mr. W. F. Jordan played the Wedding March and other suitable music. The choir of men and boys also gave their services. Mr. Ernest Trundell was the best man.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Granville Hall, North Finchley, and then the couple left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in the south of France, the bride's travelling dress consisting of a brown crepe-de-chine jumper suit, brown hat, with a tweed travelling coat. Many beautiful presents were received.

INJURED LAST NIGHT.—Mrs. Taylor, of Florence-terrace, Rasper-road, Whetstone, was crossing the High-road, near Rasper-road, last night, when she was knocked down by a car and sustained injuries to her head and arm. She was attended by Dr. Langford Jones, who accompanied her to the Finchley Memorial Hospital, where she was detained, in the ambulance.

HEALTHY FINCHLEY.

Great Progress in Public Services in Last 50 Years.

HOPES FOR MATERNITY WARD.

Remarkable proof of the progress made in the efforts to improve Finchley's health was given by Dr. A. A. Turner, medical officer of health for Finchley, in an address to the Finchley Chamber of Trade on Wednesday. Among the marvellous improvements mentioned by him as having been effected in the past 50 years are: Infantile mortality reduced from 120 to 32 per 1,000; death rate from infectious diseases reduced from 1.9 to 0.04 per 1,000; expectancy of life increased by 15 years.

There was a disappointing attendance, and Mr. C. W. Andrew presided over about two dozen members.

EARLY ENDEAVOURS.

Dr. Turner said that after the passing of the Public Health Act, 1875, which gave local authorities many new powers and many new obligations, attention was paid to such problems as environment, water supplies, sewage and isolation. After that there came the school medical service, maternity and child welfare centres, treatment for tuberculosis and attention to personal hygiene. Comparatively recently measures had been passed to ensure a wholesome food supply, and if the public demanded a pure supply of food-stuffs they would get it.

The report of the then medical officer of health on the year 1879, the first full year after Finchley had been made a separate sanitary district, stated that the water supply was derived almost entirely from shallow wells largely contaminated with sewage from the overflowing cesspools. The sewers discharged directly into the nearest pond or stream, and the Strawberry Vale brook contained a thick, black slow moving fluid.

It was generally supposed that the overcrowding in Finchley was a result of the war, but that was not so, for in 1894 the Medical Officer reported that there was a considerable amount of overcrowding in the district, due to the fact that many houses that were originally intended for one family were being used by several families.

The public health services in Finchley had grown from practically nothing fifty years ago until, at the present time, they might be considered to be fairly complete.

MATERNITY WARD NEEDED.

There was one link missing in the maternity and child welfare service, and that was a maternity hospital or a maternity home. A considerable number of the women in Finchley lived in overcrowded houses and it was impossible for them to be confined in decency and safety at the houses in which they lived. Last year over one hundred women went into hospitals outside Finchley for confinement—either in the London hospitals or at Wellhouse Hospital, Barnet. He understood that the Finchley Memorial Hospital had taken up the matter very seriously and there was a prospect of a maternity ward being provided there in the near future. To have the women leaving the district for confinement was a great loss, as it deprived local doctors of the practise and the experience.

VITAL STATISTICS.

It was only natural that the ratepayers should want to know what was being done with the money expended on public health and if they were getting any return. The only return it was possible to show was the improved health of the district. In 1879, the infantile mortality rate had been 120 per thousand, in 1899 it was 110, in 1909 it was 85, and in 1927 it dropped to 32 per thousand. That was the lowest figure he had seen for any district in any year, and was certainly the lowest of any urban district in Middlesex. The death rate from infectious diseases was 1.9 per 1,000 in 1879, when the population was about 10,000, and in 1927 there were only two deaths out of 50,000. The general death rate was not a good indication, especially as during the past fifty years the birth rate had fallen from 30.7 per 1,000 to 13.8 per 1,000. In 1879, 25 per cent. of the deaths were of people over 60, but in 1927, 48 per cent. of the deaths were of persons over 65. Practically half the deaths in Finchley were of people over 65, and that meant that the average age of death had risen considerably and was 15 years higher than it was fifty years ago. Whether that was altogether an advantage, he concluded, was very doubtful.

PLANS FOR NEW WARD.

Mr. Andrew, supplementing Dr. Turner's remarks about the proposed maternity ward, said that at the Finchley Memorial Hospital they were busily engaged at the present moment in getting plans out for confirmation for a maternity ward and for a new nursing home. They would shortly launch out into a mighty scheme and they would make the hospital even more up-to-date and well-equipped.

Councillor S. Pulham remarked that the progress made in the last fifty years went to prove how fortunate Finchley had been in the selection of its medical officers.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Turner, proposed by Councillor D. A. A. Merry, was carried with acclamation.

IN THE DIVORCE COURT.

Former North Finchley Resident Speaks of a Tennis Club Friendship.

Some strong comments were made by Lord Merrivale in the Divorce Court on Monday at the hearing of the undefended suit of Mr. Frederick Putman, of Winchmore Hill, N., and formerly of Fallowcourt-avenue, North Finchley, for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Dora, on the ground of her adultery with Mr. Kenneth Owen Parsons, attached to one of the London hospitals. The suit was not defended.

Petitioner's case was that while he and his wife were living at Fallowcourt-avenue, the co-respondent joined the same tennis club as Mrs. Putman and he became a frequent visitor to the house. In the end, the wife went away and ultimately sent a letter enclosing a hotel bill, showing she had stayed at the Embankment Hotel, Bedford.

Lord Merrivale, in granting a decree nisi, said that the parties were people of some position and the husband might well have hoped to be saved from such outrageous conduct as he had been subjected to. Mr. Putman had been married many years and there was a child growing up. Two or three years ago the co-respondent seemed to have insinuated himself into the home and also into the affections of the wife. The husband did all he could to prevent the association, which had been a great blow to him. The decree nisi was granted with costs against the co-respondent.

SCOUTING IN FINCHLEY.

Three Troops—the 2nd, 6th, and 10th—entered for the Clarke Shield, and this year the 2nd (whose headquarters are The Better 'Ole, Red Lion-hill) succeeded in wresting it from the 10th (Gordon Hall, Nether-street), who have held it for many years, the 6th (St. Mary-at-Finchley), whose first serious attempt it was, coming third. The points gained at the gala held at the Squires-lane Baths, were:—2nd, 58; 10th, 32; 6th, 6; to which were added for members taught to swim during the season: 2nd, 14, and 10th, 5. The final figures were 73, 37, and 8 respectively.

The Finchley Cubs are planning to have a Firework Tea on the 10th November. It is intended shortly to hold an Association Social, to which parents will be invited.

Finchley King's Scouts will be among those distributing programmes at the Cenotaph on Armistice Day.

At the National Welfare of Youth Conference at Croydon this week Group Scoutmaster Barclay of the 10th has been representing the Juvenile Organisations Committee, on which he is one of the Scout representatives.

BARNET GUARDIANS.

Automatic Internal Telephone System for Institution and Hospital.

MATERNITY EXTENSION TENDER.

At a meeting of the Barnet Guardians yesterday, Mr. S. Huggins presided.

Mr. W. H. C. Pugsley, a Finchley member, apologised for his absence, which was made necessary owing to the illness of Mrs. Pugsley.

"TIME FOR ACTION."

Col. Fremantle, M.P. for the St. Albans Division, replied to the Board's suggestion that Parliament should be asked to defer for three years the consideration of the suggested changes in Poor Law. He wrote: "The question of the changes has been under consideration for so long that it is surely time for action to be taken."

SCATTERED HOMES FUTURE.

The Board adopted the recommendations of the committee appointed to consider the question of the future of the scattered homes that, having regard to pending legislation, no action be taken at present and that, as far as possible, boys over the age of 11 should be transferred from "Rosendale" to suitable homes for training. The committee was formed after the question had been raised as to whether the number of children at the homes permitted of them being maintained economically.

TELEPHONE AND FIRE SYSTEM.

On the recommendation of the Hospital Committee, the Board decided to accept the tender of the Ericsson Telephones, Ltd., of Kingsway, to instal an automatic internal telephone and fire alarm system for 36 instruments for the sum of £485 10s.

The system will be working in both the hospital and the institution. The present system was described as being "obsolete, defective and entirely unsatisfactory."

OVERCROWDING.

The Medical Officer reported that the Harvey and Cavell wards of the hospital were overcrowded, and also the women's annexe. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries as to whether there were any beds available in the neighbouring unions, as near Barnet as possible, for chronic cases from the Barnet Union, and the Master was requested to report as to providing further accommodation for chronic female infirm patients in the institution.

HOSPITAL LINEN.

Further consideration of the question of purchasing a machine to mark the hospital linen was deferred. The machine was suggested after the loss of a considerable quantity of linen had been reported.

NEW NURSES' HOME.

The date for the opening of the new nurses' home has been fixed for Thursday, March 14th, at 2.30 p.m., if convenient to the Marchioness of Salisbury, who has expressed her willingness to open the home. It was decided to place a commemoration tablet in the home.

MATERNITY EXTENSION.

Progress has been made with the proposed extension of the maternity accommodation, and the tender has been accepted of Pettingell and Clark to carry out the work for £5,548 6s., subject to the approval of the Minister of Health. This was the lowest tender of eleven received and the work is to be completed in thirty weeks.

NUMBERS IN INSTITUTION.

It was reported that there were in the hospital 231 patients (56 men, 142 women and 33 children). There were 168 in the institution (83 men, 57 women and 28 children). The number of casuals admitted during the week ended October 13th was 297.

NATIONAL CITIZENS' UNION.

Meeting of the Finchley Branch at Granville Hall Last Night.

The annual meeting of the Finchley Branch of the National Citizens' Union was held in the Granville Hall, North Finchley, last night. There was a small but distinguished attendance, among those present being Lady Barratt, Mr. T. Atholl Robertson, Mr. W. Newcome Wright, Councillors Sommerfield, Pocock, Bennett, Brown and Briant.

Mr. Robertson, one of the vice-presidents, presided for the business section of the meeting. The election of officers resulted in the following appointments: Sir Albert Barratt, J.P., president; Mr. W. Newcome Wright, chairman; Councillor L. W. Bennett, hon. secretary; Mr. E. C. Webb, hon. treasurer. The names of Councillors Brown and Toyne and Major Hodges were added to the committee, and Lady Barratt was created a vice-president. The report of the hon. treasurer was adopted.

Councillor Bennett, making his annual report as hon. secretary, referred to the death of Mr. J. O. Herdman, one of the vice-presidents of the branch and a former chairman of the Finchley Council. He did not think that Finchley would ever realise what a staunch friend they lost when Mr. Herdman left the Council.

Speaking of the election of Councillors in April, Mr. Bennett said that they had had in North Finchley the biggest poll that had ever been known there, and that palm went to Councillor Brown, who had that evening been elected to the committee of the branch. Mr. Brown was very quiet, so far, at the Council meetings, but he thought a lot, and they might soon get him to speak, when he would say something worth saying.

With regard to the assessments, there was nothing to get excited about. If the worst came to the worst, it would only mean paying a little more. Some thought that Finchley was the only place that was being revalued, but the whole of the country was undergoing the same process, and the Finchley Council had delegated its powers to the Valuation Committee, consisting of two councillors and three gentlemen who were not councillors. They were given their work to do, and he was not going to express any opinion as to whether the work had been done badly or well. They had to abide by the result.

The idea of the re-assessment was to make the valuation all over the country uniform and was not to bring more money into the coffers of the Council. If the rateable value of the district were increased the rate per £ would drop. It was for the electors to see that men were elected to the Council who would practice economy, and not those who would take advantage of the increased assessments to squander more money. They could only get the right men to represent them by taking an interest in the question and by attending meetings instead of standing aside and letting he who would go in. He also urged all who had votes in the boroughs to use them at the forthcoming elections to help to defeat Socialism.

Mr. Newcome Wright took the chair when the business of the meeting was over and made some remarks on the assessments in introducing the speaker. He said that he could assure them that the committee had dealt with the matter in an exceedingly equitable and even generous manner. The last assessment had been made many years ago and anomalies were found. The re-assessment was to remove those anomalies and produce uniformity. Each part of the district was "zoned," and houses of similar character in the same zone were assessed equally. If the assessment were increased, it did not necessarily mean that it was unfair, but that it was being brought up to date. The whole thing had been done in a spirit of equity and it was always open to the ratepayers to appeal.

Sir Montagu Webb, the secretary of the National Citizens' Union, gave a very informative address on the ideals and activities of the union.

"BUILDING A BIBLE HOUSE."

An interesting lantern lecture portraying the building of a Bible house in Jerusalem was given by Mr A. Buchanan at a meeting of the North Finchley and Whetstone Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at Woodside Hall on Wednesday evening. The lecture was illustrated with slides made from photographs taken by the lecturer and supplemented with beautiful views of the city. Mr. E. C. Emerson presided, and, in introducing the lecturer, he said that the Society was making steady progress and the position was very good. What was true of the Society, he added, was also true of the North Finchley and Whetstone Auxiliary.

IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA.

A Mill Hill Minister's Interesting Talk.

It was without the least intention of substituting a popular travel lecture for evening worship, but rather with the object of promoting, in one small corner, the cause of international friendliness, that the Rev. McEwan Lawson, M.A., B.D., spoke at last Sunday's evening service in Union Church about his visit to America.

Mr. Lawson began by publicly setting himself on guard against making generalisations and impressionist pictures of America; a tourist, he said, was a dangerous creature, but a tourist who believed himself an authority should be under lock and key. He, nevertheless, had by his visit checked and corrected certain previously held opinions which were even less reliable than those of the typical tourist. In his innocence he had believed that, while Britain groaned under the weight of many and various problems, America had little or nothing to perplex her: she shone resplendent under a blue sky of prosperity. This had seemed to him so obvious that he had sometimes felt a little jealous, and, in contrasting British with what he believed were American conditions, he had felt an inclination toward despair. His visit had, at least, cured that. He was no longer jealous. In building the castle of human happiness and perfection, we were all rather like children experimenting with bricks; and he found America was no less a child than the rest. All of us had much to build over again: all could wisely pay more attention to foundations.

AN OVERSTRAINED PEOPLE.

He had expected to find America ever so much more cheerful than it revealed itself to him, having argued that a land of youth and prosperity ought to be grinning from ear to ear, and immensely cheerful. On his outward journey he frequently heard Americans praising the politeness and cheerfulness of Britons they had met, and he had not then understood their point of view. He felt he did now understand; because, although Americans laughed more quickly than we do in a theatre, in the streets and restaurants they gave one the impression of being terribly overdriven and overstrained. One longed to see someone throw a plate up to the ceiling and roar with laughter. One missed bright faces, twinkling eyes and laughter terribly.

Quoting a quite unusual prayer of an American, from a novel, Mr. Lawson said that America had money, but there was a treasure money could not buy: the discovery of an inward something called "The Kingdom of Heaven." Many Americans, consciously and unconsciously, were looking for it. The worship of a millionaire as an ideal was a form of chickenpox. It was a complaint to be passed through. Whilst one had it one was wretched. We as a nation were perhaps slowly getting through it. America perhaps was in the midst.

On the other hand, we ought not to feel superior; each country could teach and help the other. In many matters of manufacture, commerce, public service and equipment we had much to learn and much to discard, and we could do these things without adopting the idea of "getting rich" as an end in itself, or, indeed, as an end in any degree. Many Americans, said Mr. Lawson, will tell you they have tried that end, and—"we are looking for something better."

A LIKING FOR BRITONS.

Referring to general American opinion upon Britain and Britons, Mr. Lawson said he believed they liked us. They, however, had a tremendous internal problem of nationality, and that was not easy for us to recognise without actually meeting it. America was largely founded with English blood, and was originally, of course, an English colony; its roots were in England. But now New England and the southern settlements were just living corners. Over them layer upon layer of population from the whole world had flooded. In New York City itself there were said to be more Italians than in Naples; more Greeks than in Athens; more Russians than in Moscow; more Poles than in Warsaw; and more Germans than in Hamburg. Out of this welter of races people were wondering what the culture of the future would be. He had the impression that they looked fairly frequently to a spirit and an ideal which came from Bethlehem and Nazareth, and which, with all our blunderings, has been worked into the warp and woof of this old country. Of course, some thought of us as almost prehistoric, others seem to think of us as a dear old auntie, but on the whole, he thought, they liked us, except when we began looking down our noses at them in a kind of superior uncle attitude slightly amused at a young nephew. We certainly did do this, and it would be a very good thing if both of us could drop the uncle and nephew complex, and perhaps be cousins, or better still, comrades. Another thing, which one only realised when one got out there, was that from America Europe seemed a long way off. There was six days of sea between. This, with their vast internal problems, made it more easy to understand what has perhaps been America's somewhat isolated attitude to European affairs.

But out there people who knew the country said that steadily a change was coming. The ideals of President Wilson were gaining ground everyday, and the wide Atlantic was slowly being bridged by a growing sense of common brotherhood. A third point to be borne in mind was that there still seemed to lurk in some American minds an impression of England in terms of George III. We had forgotten him. They had not. It was not his tyranny which was remembered so much as a curious atmosphere of the old Court of St. James with high shoulders, powdered wigs, and diplomatic whispers over snuff boxes. The recent secret negotiations with France had caused never natural feelings of wonder as to what our aims were, and whether we were really prepared to grasp a hand stretched out and work with America in trying to establish a new order. America probably cannot understand the complexity of European affairs. But on the other hand, it would be a good thing if we could begin to avoid diplomatic manners and customs which create a quite unnecessary atmosphere of suspicion and begin to establish more frank and straightforward methods and let the world know just where we stand and whither we would travel. The two countries could do very much for the building up of a new world, and patiently and understanding we must work more and more together as comrades.

Mr. Lawson proposes next Sunday evening to speak on "Some aspects of American religious life."

ON THE SCREEN.

KILBURN GRANGE CINEMA.

All next week at Kilburn Grange Cinema, Ernie Mayne, "the simple one," will appear twice daily and three times on Saturday. "The Luck of the Navy," in which Evelyn Laye is supported by Henry Victor, is the feature film in the first three days. This is a stirring story of the sea, founded on the well-known play by Mrs. Clifford Mills. "Behind the Counter," a comedy in which Edward Everett Horton is seen, is the supporting film.

In the latter half of the week the principal film is Zane Grey's "Open Range," with Betty Bronson and Lane Chandler as stars. This is a story of a happy-go-lucky cow-puncher who saves his home town from raiding Indians. "On the Stroke of Twelve," featuring June Marlowe, is a drama of unusual and sensational circumstances.

The Sunday films are Ramon Navarro in "Romance," and Thomas Meighan in "The City Gone Wild."

GRAND HALL, NORTH FINCHLEY.

At the Grand Hall, North Finchley, next week, "Carry On!" will be the main picture. The theme of the story depicts how great an influence is tradition in our lives, no matter what our calling. Moore Marriott and Trilby Clark are the chief characters.

THE PALACE CINEMA.

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