REV. S. S. HEPBURN'S LETTER TO HIS PARISONERS ON HIS RETIREMENT

DEARLY BELOVED:

I presume it is well understood by every member of our parish that on the last Sunday of the year I ceased to be the Rector. And at the same time, ceased to be an active and responsible worker in the forward movement of the church. This does not mean that I shall never again lift up my voice as an advocate for the Great Cause, to which my whole life has been dedicated. It is meant that I would hold on until God Himself sees fit to call me hence. It means giving up a leadership, that to my mind, demands a younger and physically more capable man.

I am taking this means of saying to you, what I cannot and will not make the effort to say from the pulpit, that my love for this parish and people, is deeper and more keen, now, than ever in my life.

Sixty and more years ago, as a green farmer boy, I left the parish to become a student for the sacred ministry. Eight years after, I came back as Rector, and for seven years was its spiritual leader. I then took up work in another part of the Master's vineyard, where a wider door was opened for usefulness. A generation passed away. Lead by an irresistable impulse, I settled again in the parish, and for a second time, became its rector. I felt *then* and feel *now* that God's hand was in the shaping of my destiny.

For fifteen years I have gone in and out among you, as your spiritual guide. They have been years of peace and happiness, made so by your confidence, love and tender consideration. No pastor ever had a more pleasing people to deal with. I have felt towards each of you as a father should feel towards his children, and have tried to do a father's part by you. Your good in every way has been the chief desire of my heart.

It has been no easy matter for me to take the step I am now taking. When one has been to the front for nearly three score years and finds himself no longer able to hold that position with credit to himself or to the good of the work in which he is engaged, it becomes a sad, sad day in his life when he feels that he has to step down and out, and give place to another. I am convinced now that I have done the wise thing, but I need your prayers for sustaining grace.

In bidding you an official farewell, I wish you to know that when I can be reached I am at your service, when I can come to you without interfering with the rights of my successors.

It is up to you and me to pray earnestly that the right man may be called to become your rector. The man of God's choice, when he comes, give him your loyal support in every way. Give him to understand that he is not trying to shape cold iron. You have it in your power to make him effective or otherwise.

I have no fear of the future if unity prevails among you and you do your duty faithfully.

Into God's holy keeping I commend your.

Yours in His Name,

S. S. HEPBURN.

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Rudolph Valentino



Rodolpho Alfonzo Raffaelo Pierre Filibert Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguella—the full name of this prominent "movie" star—was born n the little village of Castellaneta, Italy, May 6, 1895. It was not until after his arrival in New York, in 1913, that he learned to dance, and later obtained a position in a prominent New York cafe as a dancer. After an unsuccessful tour with a musical comedy he joined a motion picture producing organization.

AN ABBREVIATED STORY

THE PROFITEERS

"WHY is it," thought Jazzbo, the man from Mars, "that the earth-people don't govern themselves more sensibly, as we do up on Mars? What they call the high cost of living, for instance—what is the cause of such a silly state of things?"

And he decided to go to those three representative business men of whom he had heard so often—the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, and question them. So he stepped into Loiner's butcher shop and inquired politely: "Might I ask you to tell me what causes the high cost of living?"

"Selfishness—pure selfishness," replied the butcher gloomily. He removed a sign reading "Frankfurters, 30 cents a pound," and replaced it with one reading: "Frankfurters, 3 for 50 cents," and continued, "If everybody was satisfied with a fair profit, like me, there wouldn't be no high cost of living. The profiteers!"

Kneedle, the baker, in response to the same question, said: "Nobody ain't satisfied with a reasonable return on their investment—they want to hog it all, the profiteers!"

And he sold a dozen rolls to a customer for 65 cents, and Jazzbo went to the shop of Tallowbaum, the candlestick maker, who said: "The high cost of living? Piggishness. Look around you at the profiteers!"

"I'll take that candlestick marked $3.50," said Jazzbo.

"That's $9.80 today—I forgot to change the card," said Tallowbaum, and Jazzbo reeled out and leaned against a freshly painted lamppost to wait for the soothing light from Mars.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs

A VALUABLE SECRET

I HOLD a secret good and true
That makes for joy intense,
The which I here confide to you
In strictest confidence:
The reason why I get most things
on which my mind is set
Is that I always set my mind on
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POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST OUR READERS FROM STATE AUTHORITIES

Every poultry raiser should now be carefully looking over prospects for breeding stock next spring, not only that the next generation may be of good breding, and of high quality as individuals, but that losses through infertile eggs, poor hatches, weak chicks, etc., may be prevented. Such losses are generally termed "Bad Luck," but because proper foresight and preparation can prevent practically all such experiences, "Bad Luck" is often times a term more representative of the true facts.

No single factors in breeding stock are more essential to success than vigor and vitality. Vigorous stock is the only kind to attempt to use for reproduction, for the vigorous individuals are usually the best individuals in almost every respect.

Vigorous hens are more apt to be good layers, and if in good physical condition during the breeding season, will likely produce eggs which are strongly fertile, and which in turn will give a high percentage of hatches, and a high percentage of vigorous, livable chicks to develop into vigorous individuals.

Stock of poor vitality is sure to give disappointment to the most hopeful poultry raiser at some stage in a season's duration, and most likely will be a continual stumbling block in the road to success. Use eggs for setting from strong, vigorous birds only.

It often pays to be hard to suit in selecting a male bird for breeding. As an individual a male bird is about ten times as important in blood lines as the average female, because in a breeding flock he will probably be the parent of ten times as many chicks as the average hen. The importance of quality in the male can scarcely be over-rated.

No male should be used that is not fully developed in both body and sex and that has not reached fairly good size for his breed and strain. The use of late-hatched, poorly-developed males means low fertility in eggs, and results in poor hatches and weak chicks in most every case.

Consult the American Standard of Perfection for standard weights of the different breeds. Birds that are reasonably close to standard weight will usually give best results.

The factors which the male bird influences in the offspring to a greater degree than the female, are color of plumage, carriage, habits, and temperament. The male is also probably more responsible for transmitting inherited qualities of high egg production to the offspring than the female. It is well, therefore, that these factors receive great consideration in selecting a male for breeding. In the case of egg production, the egg record of the dam of the male should be investigated, if it is known, and the flock average, if the individual records are not available.

The females' of course, control a big share of the vital factors in the make-up of the offspring. Of the outstanding factors in the offspring controlled more by the females than the male are the immensely important ones of size and shape of body, and vigor of constitution. In practically all breeds, the size of egg for breed is usually in direct proportion to the size of hen's body for breed. The egg size in turn influences to a marked degree, the size, vigor and vitality of the chick for the breed.

In the female, it would be difficult to attach too much importance to vigor of constitution and general health, for the sake of the vital forces, stored up by her in the eggs she lays. In considering this factor, it is well to remember that egg production induced by stimulative feeding, gradually uses up the vitality of the female and saps her ability to store up the vital forces in the egg necessary to a strong vigorous chick.

Combine this stimulative feeding with other means of stimulating egg production, such as artifical lighting, and it is readily seen that such stimulation, for a period of three or four months through the winter, will result in a lowered supply of vital forces stored up in the egg.

Egg are sometimes used for hatching purposes from both hens and pullets, that have been "forced" for egg production, in such a manner. The result is almost invariably that hatches are poor and chicks are not of the most vigorous, and livable type. In order that the chicks hatched may be of the strongest and most livable type, the females producing the hatching eggs, should not be stimulated for egg production, unless it be just previous to the time when eggs are desired in the spring. Such stimulation is usually unnecessary at that time. Females for breeding should have a limited supply of 20% protoin laying mash, or else the the protoin may be reduced by reducing the quantity of meat scrap in the mash. The addition of the quantity of corn meal, middlings, and bran will reduce the percentage of protein. Grain feed as well as breen should be supplied in liberal amounts, thouvh care should be used not to over feed on grain. The birds should clean up the grain feed allowed at each feeding.

The hens selected to lay the hatching eggs in the spring should now be in their quarters, separate from the general laying flock. In the laying flock careful attention must be given details in management if production is to climb to a good mark and be maintained. In the first place the house must be constructed and arranged so that it is very cheery and comfortable which are essential to good egg production. A white washed interior is often good for a few more eggs, due to the improved light and sanitary conditions. Plenty of light is very essential to good egg production.

Keep the dropping boards clean. Manure should be removed at least twice a week and daily removal is safer from a disease standpoint. Litter should be renewed or replaced if it be house curtains for several days just because it is a little blustery. Open comes wet or dirty. Don't close up up curtains on dry or sunny days to allow moisture to pass out the openings. This prevents dampness, which causes colds, roup, etc.

Don't overlook plenty of green feed and ground bone if mash does not contain bone. These are very essential in keeping birds in a healthful condition. Remember that eggs are more than three fourths water, so keep a good supply before birds at all times.

WHERE SOME OF THE MONEY WENT.

If you invested in Christmas Seals, you will be interested in knowing that 70% from the sale of the seals goes back into the counties for the benefit of local tuberculisis activities, and the remaining 30% to the Maryland Tuberculosis Association for the support of the activities under its direction, including the Children's Preventorium—the Miracle House at Claiborne,—and toward the maintenance of the state-wide tuberculosis clinics

Attendance at the tuberculosis clinics doubled during 1925, according to the report of Dr. John M. Nicklas, Medical Consultant of the State Tuberculosis Association, and Clinic-Aide in tuberculosis of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases of the State Department of Health.

Over 2600 persons were examined, and of that number 1012 were found to be suffering from the disease. Of the 1012 positive cases discovered, 868 or about one-third of the total were new cases, paying their first visit to the clinics. Two hundred and forty clinics were held during the year, an average of 20 each month, reaching nearly every section of the state. In some counties they were conducted regularly at the county seat; in others a different place was selected for each visited, Patients were drawn from 597 different communities.

Over 96% of the patients were referred to the clinics by their family physicians, the rest were without medical attendance, or were directed to the clinics by friends. All were either tuberculosis suspects or contacts, that is, they had either shown some sign of the disease, or had been in contact with it. Of the contacts many were children under 13. The number of physicians who referred patients to the clinics, was 662.

Of the total number of positive cases disclosed by the examinations, 809 were among white persons, and 203 colored; 535 were in the early stages, and therefore gave possibilities of a favorable outcome; 449 were moderately advanced, and the rest were far advanced. In connection with the examinations 794, or approximately one out of every three of the total number examined, showed marked signs of undernourishment; and 194, or about one out of every 13 revealed some unexpected heart complication. Estimates based upon the number of cases now under treatment in the state, and upon the new cases discovered, indicate, Dr. Nicklas said, that there are about 8,000 persons ill with tuberculosis in the counties of Maryland. The great advantage of the clinics is in the opportunity they give for the detection of the disease in its early stages, when there is every opportunity of arresting the disease, of restoring the invalid to normal activities, and of preventing the spread of the disease to others.

ORDER NISI

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County Maryland.

In the mater of the estate of Mary Frances Start Warren also known as Mary Cornelius Start Drost, deceased.

ORDERED by the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, this 15th day of December, 1925, that the sale of the leasehold estate of Mary Frances Start Warren, also known as Mary Cornelius Start Drost, deceased, located at the northeast corner of Charles and York Street, Baltimore, Maryland, made and reported to this Court by John A. Start, Administrator of the said decedent be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 23rd day of February next; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some weekly newspaper published in Kent County at least once a week for three successive weeks on or before the 12th day of January next. The Report states the amount of sales to be $3350.00.

EDWARD A. SCOTT,
J. HENRY THOMPSON,
W. K. HUDSON
Judges of the Orphans' Court.

True Copy:
Test. S. G. Caldwell,
Register of Wills.

TRESPASS SIGNS FOR SALE

The Transcript has for sale neatly printed signs warning persons against trespassing.

APPLICATION FOR OYSTER GROUND

Lewin S. Blackiston, Rock Hall, Md.

About 15 acres, located in Swan Creek, a tributary of Chesapeake Bay, westerly side thereof, opposite the Eliason or Bruff Farm, as shown on Published Chart No. 28, in the waters of Kent County.

Protests must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County on or before February 23, 1926.

..CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT..
Jan. 2-4t.

APPLICATION FOR OYSTER GROUND

L. M. Hubbard Rock Hall, Md.

About 15 acres, located in Swan Creek, a tributary of Chesapeake Bay, on the easterly side thereof, bordering on the Shewell farm, northerly of Swan Creek Natural Oyster Bar, as shown on Published Chart No. 28, in the waters of Kent county.

Protests must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County on or before February 9, 1926.

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
Dec. 19-5t.

APPLICATION FOR OYSTER GROUND

Romie Harris Rock Hall, Md.

About 5 acres, located on the easterly side of Swan Creek, in the waters of Kent county, bordering on the Shewell farm, northerly of the ground applied for by L. M. Hubbard, as shown on Published Chart No. 28.

Protests must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County on or before February 9, 1926.

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APPLICATION FOR OYSTER GROUND

Augustus L. Warner Rock Hall, Md.

About 5 acres located on the East side of Swan Creek, opposite Shewell farm, south of ground applied for by L. M. Hubbard, near Rale Point and easterly of Swan Creek Natural Oyster Bar, in the waters of Kent County, as shown on Published Chart No. 28.

Protests must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County on or before February 9, 1926.

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APPLICATION FOR OYSTER GROUND

Edgar M. Culley Rock Hall, Md.

About 5 acres, located on the easterly side of Swan Creek, in the waters f Kent County, northwesterly about 30 yards of Steamboat Wharf and northeasterly of Little Neck Natural Oyster Bar, as shown on Published Chart No. 28.

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