

DR. ALLEN C. THOMAS DIES AT HAVERFORD

Professor Emeritus Is Seized With Heart Attack While Listening to Hoover Address

WAS FRIENDS' MINISTER

Dr. Allen Clapp Thomas, professor emeritus of history, and librarian at Haverford College, died suddenly, in an anteroom at the college last night.

Dramatic incidents marked the ending of the career of Dr. Thomas, who for more than thirty-two years was a member of the faculty at Haverford College, a writer and historian, and one of the best known members of the Society of Friends, of which he was a minister, in the East.

Dr. Thomas died as he was listening to Herbert Hoover's address in launching the nation-wide drive for millions of dollars for the relief of European children. He had known Mr. Hoover for years, was an admirer of his work and had commented on his anxiety to hear Mr. Hoover's address at the college last night.

With several friends he entered Roberts Hall, about the time Mr. Hoover started to speak. Several minutes later, Dr. Thomas probably felt the seizure of heart trouble coming on, for he arose from his seat and walked to an outer corridor, where he fell, unconscious, to the floor.

He was removed to an anteroom and medical aid summoned, but death followed within a few minutes. Mr. Hoover continued his address, and the announcement that Dr. Thomas had passed away was made later in the evening.

He was born in Baltimore in 1846, and was in his seventy-fifth year. Graduating from Haverford in 1865 with the degree of bachelor of arts, he joined the faculty of that institution in 1878, and in 1882 was given the degree of master of arts. He held the chair of history at Haverford until 1912, and at the time of his death was librarian.

Widely known as a historian, he had written extensively on both American and European history, and was the author of a history of the American Society of Friends.

He retained marked physical vitality until early in November, when he had his first seizure, and from which he had seemingly entirely recovered.

Surviving members of his family are a son, Edward, of New York, and a daughter, Marian. Funeral arrangements will be made today.

FAMILY JARS SUNDAYS BRING BIG DIVORCE RUSH MONDAYS

Day of Rest Affords Time for Arguing Domestic Troubles, Says Investigator

Mrs. Mary O'Reilly Rea, of Legal Aid Bureau, Plays Role of Mother



MRS. MARY O'REILLY REA

Every phase of human emotion, apparently every variety of trouble in the universe, spills itself into the surfeit of sympathetic, helpful listeners at the city's recently organized legal aid bureau six days of the week.

But Monday is the day of days, according to Mrs. Mary O'Reilly Rea, one of the women investigators.

"Sunday gives people a chance for family council and Monday finds them flooding our office in City Hall," says Mrs. Rea. "The week-end brings to most of these people release from strenuous work. From thinking of evening their daily bread, they turn to family troubles. They hold councils of war and solemnly decide what is to be done. That is why Monday morning is so intensely interesting here."

"From every section of the city, of many nationalities, with every sort of complaint they come to us to ask advice. There is humor and pathos, romance and tragedy, pettiness and deceit, as well as strength and goodness of character exposed to our view. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to help as we can here."

Mrs. Rea is the sort of person any one in trouble would like to talk with. Interested, sympathetic, generous and with a sense of humor, she just naturally draws out their innermost secrets, then helps folks patch up their quarrels and lessen their sorrows.

Reach All With Helping Hand

Whether it is a pretty girl displeased with her dressmaker or a youthful husband threatening to kill a rival, she reaches them all with her helping hand. "A lovely lad came to me the other day," she said; "he was spluttering with rage, muttering that he would 'kill the fellow.' 'Oh, pshaw; don't be silly,' I told him. He had expected me to get excited with him, and became quieter when I refused to be disturbed. Then he poured out the story. Some fellow was flirting with his sixteen-year-old wife and he was 'gunning' for the guilty man. He had a letter the rival had written asking the girl to meet him that night. I talked with the husband, then sent for the rival. I persuaded them all to confer together and decide calmly what they would do. As a result the young folk

are happy and the 'rival' has ceased to trouble the little wife.

"There are dozens of cases like that, as well as many silly quarrels that we patch up. There are deep problems concerning mothers' relation to their daughters. I get the story from one side, then from the other, talk like a mother to them all and before they realize it they are baring their innermost soul. We have aided in hundreds of landlord and tenant cases, helping the poor to combat increased rents, and helping them obtain decent places in which to live.

Brought Support for Deserted Wives

"I had had two cases where soldiers married Philadelphia girls, deserted them, went West and again married. The girls appealed to us. We have traced the men, found both of them earning good livings and have made them send money for the support of their wives and babies here. So you see the legal aid bureau is already far-reaching.

"There are neighborhood quarrels—and oh! How I want to take people away from the city and put them in the country when I hear such troubles. In virtually every case it is congested living conditions that cause all the trouble. These poor people need room for their children to grow in the fresh air and sunshine.

"There are broken old mothers who come to us with tales of sinning children. Often we are able to bring the son or daughter back to the right way of living with a new sense of duty and ambition.

"Of course, there is another side,

too," smiled Mrs. Rea. "There are many funny things that verge on the pathetic. Once a woman's wife told me saying she was under the influence of Thomas Edison. That was startling to say the least, but I determined not to show it. 'Indeed, I answered, 'Is Mr. Edison a Philadelphia man?' The woman grew indignant and explained the life and history of the famous inventor. She said this man made electric lights play round her bed every night in weird manner. 'Isn't that interesting,' I exclaimed. 'How do you suppose he manages it? Why, I'm not sure,' she confided, 'but you see I am gone during the day, and I think the plumbers come in and fix things for him.'

"I had a new vision here of the versatility of plumbers, but I was unable to help the woman 'come out from under Mr. Edison's influence.'

"There was another unusual case when a man wearing dark glasses and led by a tiny dog on a chain, came in to ask me to persuade his wife not to leave him. He said he was a southern gentleman who had become blind and was forced to obtain his living by selling pig cushions on the street. 'He couldn't,' he said, 'keep his wife in luxury, but he loved her and wanted her to stay with him. When I talked to the wife later, she proclaimed him an impostor, a drunkard and various other things which we found very true.'

Too Much Mother-in-Law

"There is a case I am watching now where I think I have reconciled a husband and wife who had been having too much mother-in-law influence on both sides. They are just children themselves and have a beautiful baby. They had decided to separate when they came to me, the girl and her mother first. I told them the time had come when the

young folks must decide things for themselves and not depend on their parents. I talked to the husband about the baby. When he left there were tears in his eyes. He shook my hand and said: 'No one has ever talked to me like that before. Thank you. I shall go back and talk to Elsie.'

These are only a smattering of the cases that Mrs. Rea alone has cared for recently. Since the legal aid bureau was organized last August more than 5000 cases have been cared for there. No cases of negligence, such as accidents or divorce and analogous cases, are taken. The bureau acts free of charge and only for those who cannot afford to hire attorneys. At its head is investigator, two men and two women, and five attorneys. They give advice, investigate and help every way they can outside of court, and when necessary they carry the case through court free of charge for the complainants.

TO DEPORT STOWAWAYS

South Africans Taken From Ship Here Sent to New York

Seven stowaways from South Africa, who were taken from the steamship New Texas November 30 and detained at the immigration station at Gloucester, were sent to New York today for deportation on the steamship Egarba. Five more men will be deported from here this afternoon on the steamship Mirjam to Norway.

Jan Petrogola, a Pole, living at 431 South Stiles street, went to the immigration station today to claim his wife, Maria, whom he has not seen since he left Poland nine years ago, and his daughter, Stefania, ten years old. They arrived on the Haverford.

Police Asked to Seek Missing Girl

Camden police have been asked to aid in the search for seventeen-year-old Mabel Hartman, of 623 Elm street, who

disappeared last Saturday after she lost her position at a Camden industrial plant. Before departing the girl wrote a note to her mother, setting

forth that she had been discharged and that she had made up her mind to leave the city and seek her livelihood elsewhere. She added that she was tired of Camden.

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