

# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TO HOLD GALWAY MEETING

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in Galway city on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, with the object of starting a group of "Alcoholics Anonymous."

This organisation, which now has over 100,000 members, including 300 in Ireland, exists solely for the purpose of helping alcoholics, that is, persons who have a compelling urge to go on drinking, and who, being unable to control that urge, find themselves consequently faced with very serious problems.

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A. for short) does not wish to interfere with habits or pleasures of those who can drink in a reasonable way. It is concerned with no one except the compulsive drinker.

A.A. is non-sectarian, non-political, and non-profit making; and it has received the approval of clergy of all denominations, as well as that of doctors and social workers.

Statistics show that any person who admits inability to control drinking and who has a sincere wish to escape from alcoholism, has an excellent chance of complete recovery in A.A. and an equally excellent chance of learning how to live a happy and useful life without drinking. The A.A. programme of recovery is equally effective both for men and for women, for young and for old, for those who are beginning to have a drink problem, as well as for those who have experienced years of misery, disgrace, and financial ruin as a result of a pattern of drinking which is really an illness rather than a social misdemeanour.

Despite the great, work of temperance organisations, and the untiring efforts of clergy and doctors, there always remain some people who find themselves unable to stop drinking although wanting to do so, and it is to them that A.A. brings new help and hope.

Anyone requiring more details of A.A. and its literature may write in strict confidence to: The Hon. Secretary, Dublin Group of A.A., 23, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.