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Patriotic, Indeed!

Breathing patriotism of the highest type in every line, one cannot fail to be impressed by the address delivered last Friday by Hon. William F. Sheehan, class of 177, at the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's college in Buffalo. In opening, Mr. Sheehan dwelt upon the fast rate at which we are in the present day and pointed out the "National peril of imitation" and the desire to live beyond our means that we may appear our neighbors. He then criticized the arrogance of Capital and the equal folly of trying to restrict and hold back the efficient, ambitious working man. "The best friend of Capital is the man who insists that the moral law is a barrier and even safer guide than the statute law," "Demagogues, theorists and humbugs" came in for a scolding at the hand of Mr. Sheehan who warned his young hearers to beware of false gods who stir up strife in the body politic that their own selfish ends may be more easily accomplished. He also defended New York city and declared that the reason for so many financial and moral wrecks lay in the lack of moral stamina in those who fell. In his opinion the man with backbone returned to his native city, intellectually bigger and morally sounder because of a sojourn in the metropolis. Mr. Sheehan declared frankly that the great corporations were without grave faults and that they were responsible for much of the attack made upon them at the present day. He predicted that the day was not far distant when the American people would see it that partisan politics shall not interfere with business and that business shall not be permitted to interfere in politics. In conclusion Mr. Sheehan took high moral ground in these sentiments: "We have at present two forces, moving in this country along parallel lines; one the force of materialism that has already driven the word of God from our schools, the other seeking to turn this Government into a realization of the wildest dreams of Socialism. Do not, I entreat you, contribute to either of these destructive forces, but, holding patriotism and conscience as the banner and pulse of your business or professional careers, see forth as worthy exponents of the teaching and training received from the devoted labor of the noble Christian Brothers of St. Joseph's College. Truly, patriotic sentiments, Sermon in Brief Under the leadership of Father Vaughan, "slum missions" are being conducted in London with great success. One of the features of these missions is a "diagnosis" conducted by Father Vaughan and a brother priest in visiting pulpits, the priest taking the part of a poor denizen of these slums who has fallen away from the Church and who dwells of Albany.

his experiences in dialect peculiar to him and his associates. The closing sentences constitute a powerful sermon in miniature:—

Q.—I fear, Jack, it's the rent that runs away with too much money, and the ome room business makes a mess of Catholic morality.

A.—That's it; we are all 'uddled together—me, the misses, and the kids in a couple o' cupboards, and five bob for that. God forgive us: 'ow can yer expect things to go stryght when there's no elbow-room?

Q.—I hope and pray that the housing problem will soon be taken in hand, and then we shall have done with these plague spots on our map.

A.—Please God, Father, it's elbow room as is wanted for religion—in our shanties religion gets no proper look in. We're packed like smok'd herrin's.

Fair Proof.

John Wesley cannot be accused of Catholic leanings hence his estimate of "Mary Queen of Scots" written in his "journal" of 143 years ago may be considered as having weight. Here is what he says:—

I read over an extremely sensible book, but one that surprised me much. It is "An Inquiry Into the Proofs of the Charges Commonly Advanced Against Mary Queen of Scots." By means of original papers, he (the author) has made it more clear than one could imagine it possible at this distance—(1) that she was altogether innocent of the murder of Lord Darnley and no way privy to it; (2) that she married Lord Bothwell (then near seventy years old, herself but four and twenty) from the pressing necessity of the nobility in a body who at the same time assured her he was innocent of the king's murder; (3) that Muray, Morton, Lethington themselves contrived that murder in order to charge it upon her, as well as forged those vile letters and sonnets which they palmed upon the world as hers.

But, how, then, can we account for the quite contrary story which has been almost universally received? Most easily? It was penned and published in French, English and Latin (by Queen Elizabeth's order), by George Buchanan, who was secretary to Lord Murray, and in Queen Elizabeth's pay.

Terely Stated

A few days ago a "military field mass" was celebrated in the open air near Washington, D. C., in the presence of 30,000 persons, including President Taft and other distinguished men of national and world-wide reputation. The preacher of the day, Rev. Eugene del McDonell, stated the salient issue of the present day tersely but correctly. "And you should be here today," said the priest, "as he turned to the President in the course of his sermon. "You should be here, not only to show respect to the memory of the dead, but also to show your sympathy with the great work the Catholic Church is doing for this country. For no matter what may be said of the faith she teaches, this much all men must grant her—she stands on the side of God and God's laws, against atheism and socialism and anarchy."

A member of the Holy Name Society should not forget it, even if the weather be hot or you hit your thumb with a hammer or your favorite ball tears loses.

Be sure to ask where is the nearest Catholic Church before deciding upon a vacation spot. Bishop Burke is to have a Catholic high school in the city

A Glimpse of Bismarck.
Lord Goocher was once asked to dinner by the German chancellor and described the occasion in his memoirs: "Bismarck made an excellent dinner, but not so good as I expected. The fish course consisted of lamprey, and Bismarck said that he had once, to his shame, eaten eighty-one at a sitting. Lord Odo, remembering the fate of a British king, asked if he had no reason to regret the feat. 'Yes,' he said, 'I did regret it. I have often regretted what I have eaten, but never what I have drunk.' 'But have you not been the worse for it?' 'I did not say I had not been the worse for my potatoes. I said I had never regretted them.' He spoke in slow but good English and said a number of quaint and good things. Here is a very characteristic specimen: 'I rather envy you English statement the excitement of the house of commons. You have the pleasure of being able to call a man a damned infernal scoundrel. Now, I can't do that in diplomacy.'"

History of Smallpox.
That terrible disease, smallpox, appears to have been first described by Rhazes, an Arabian physician who lived about the year 900, but there is no reason to doubt that it has existed in the east from the remotest times. So far as we know, it never originated spontaneously, but is always produced by contact—mediate or immediate—with a person already affected by it. It appears to have been introduced in Europe in the times of the crusades and spread slowly into the more northern regions. In 1738 it appeared in Ireland, where it was so fatal that the country was almost depopulated by it. From Spain it was carried to Mexico, where it is said to have destroyed 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 people. It spread rapidly all over the new world, and whole villages and tribes of Indians were carried off by it.

Canton's City of the Dead.
In Canton, about eighty miles from Hongkong, there is a place known as the City of the Dead. There are 194 small houses, in each of which a corpse is lodged, at the rate of \$25 for the first three months and then at a reduced rate until the geomancers employed by the relatives of the dead person decide when and where the corpse shall be buried. Silk or paper lanterns and imitation fruit are hung from the roof; there are screens in each room between the door and the coffin; tea, fruit and any other kind of food which the dead person liked when on earth are placed on an altar before the coffin each morning. There are cardboard servants standing about to wait on him with pipes or cardboard cups of tea. There are also two handsome paper females placed there to guide his spirit on the way to heaven.

Saved by a Dream.
A farmer living at Lapford, England, dreamed thrice in succession that he saw a pit dug in one of his fields and some of his property cast into it. At the third time of dreaming he got up, dressed and went out. He heard the moral of a spade and caught sight of a man digging by lantern light. The digger had at his approach. It was a grave upon which he had been at work. By its brink lay a huge knife. On his way back the farmer met one of his maid-servants. She had had a quarrel with the man to whom she had been engaged, she said, but he had prevailed upon her to meet him for the last time at 2 o'clock that morning, when he had something to show her. "This is what he had to show you," said the farmer, leading her to the grave—London Tatler.

The Sins of War.
On the occasion of the annual campment of a western militia one of the soldiers, a clerk who lived well at home, was experiencing much difficulty in disposing of his rations. A fellow sufferer near by was watching with no little amusement the first soldier's attempts to fetch out a piece of meat. "Any trouble, Tom?" asked the second soldier sarcastically. "None in particular," was the response. Then, after a sullen survey of the bit of beef he held in his hand the amateur fighter observed: "Bill, I now fully realize what people mean when they speak of the sins of war."

Lost Bark.
Muggins, seeing a dead dog in the ditch, stopped and, after gazing intently at it, said to his companion, "Another shipwreck?" "Where?" "There lies a bark that is lost forever." His companion growled and navigated on.—Exchange.

Inquisitive Girls.
Beattie—I almost hate Carrie Dyer! She asks such impudent questions, you know. I was telling her if Frank Barnes had asked me to marry him once he had asked me twenty times, and she had the impudence to ask me if he had asked once. Minnie—The ideal! But has he, Beattie?—Exchange.

Not Popular.
"I don't take much stock in that scheme of yours," said the moneyed man. "And no one else does, either," responded the promoter.—A matter of fact.

Wisdom.
Wisdom may be compared to water. As water leaves the heights and gathers in the depths, so is wisdom received from on high and preserved by a lowly soul.—Talmud.

Tell your secrets and become a slave.—Seneca.

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