

His Publics Rym

The following is the text of the hymn written by the Bishop of Wakefield, at the request of the Prince of Wales, and set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan, by desire of the Queen, and appointed by the Privy Council as an addition to the Form of Prayer for June 20th next (Thanksgiving-Day). All the benefited clergy of the Church of England have or will, receive three copies of the words and music, and copies for the use of the congregation can be obtained of all booksellers. The hymn is to be used immediately before morning and evening prayer, or after the Third Collect, or immediately before the Office for the holy communion.

O KING OF KINGS.

O King of Kings, whose reign of old Hath been from everlasting; Before Whom thrones of gold The white-robed saints are casting; While all the shining courts on high With angel tongues with joy set free, Its happy theme is telling, Thou hast been mindful of thine own, And lo! we come confessing to thee 'Tis Thou hast dowered our queenly throne With sixty years of blessing.

Oh royal heart, with wide embrace For all her children yearning; Oh, happy realm, such mother-grace With loyal love returning; Where England's flag flies wide unfurled, All tyrant wrongs repelling; God made the world a better world For man's brief earthly dwelling!

Lead on, O Lord thy people still, New grace and wisdom giving, To larger love and purer will, And nobler heights to rise, And while we love thee lowly, They chant the gracious story, Oh, teach them first Thy Christ to know, And magnify His glory.

The Queen has expressed her desire that this hymn may be sung at all the commemorative services to be held on the 20th of June.

The Bishop of London on Reading

The Right Rev. Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London, delivered an address on reading the other evening.

People nowadays, he said, according to the London Times report read extraordinarily badly. One of the present-day influences which were destructive of proper habits of reading was the general conception on which our political system was founded—that one man's opinion was as good as another's. He was willing to accept that for practical, but not for speculative purposes. Scientific truth was almost opposite to the conclusion reached by "common sense" alone. The views which occurred to one at first were almost certain to be wrong. Another influence often fatal to consecutive reading was the habit of reading newspapers. He did not deny that they ought to be read, but that they were a great temptation. A very learned man had confessed that he had ruined his power of giving consecutive attention to subject by reading newspapers, looking at a line here and there, and getting into the same habit, with books.

A thoroughly bad mental habit was also fostered by the modern provision of knowledge in snippets—which, moreover, tended to make people conceited. There were many weekly papers, excellent papers, giving half a column to every conceivable subject on earth, and a reader of such papers could detail a lot of pieces of information which created an idea that he was a great researcher in unknown fields of observation. This habit of reading in short books. Brevity was considered not only the soul of wit, but the essence of learning. His own joy when young was to get hold of a folio, and he could never get any real conception of a subject from condensed literature. He could not take his food in a highly concentrated form, and he did not think any one else could. If they wanted to know about a subject they must take trouble. He had never known a man to write a good book with his eye on the public rather than to please himself. No subject was dry when the readers were interested in it, and they became interested in proportion to the importance. Here was an illustration. An old pupil of his, a member of the Society of Friends, had an accident when hunting. Happening to get a book which rather upset his ideas about Archbishop Laud, he sent for all the contemporary books on the subject and read them all, while convalescing, in order to learn the truth. That was the only way in which reading could be properly conducted. If read intelligently every book prompted the reader to ask more questions than it answered. They would never improve their minds if they were not constantly asking "Why?"

All human knowledge has been gained by the impudence and pishness of a small number of people who were always asking "Why?" They did not want to know what was the eminently respectable thing to say but what was true, and undisciplined mind was necessary in order to know how truth was likely to be found. The English were a society of allied people. Tell an Englishman he must take trouble to form a right opinion and he resented the idea as an outrage on his common sense. He was struck with the combination of extraordinary dogmatism with extraordinary ignorance in magazine articles on theology. There were plenty of things he did not know about himself, but he just knew enough to know whether the line a writer was crossing was a noble one. The use of knowledge was to enable us to distinguish between the true and the plausible. It was most important that every Christian would realize his duty to make a careful study of theology. They would often meet a man who expressed emphatic views as to what right theology was, but he did not care about theology or dogma. Dogma was only an acute statement of what was true, and theology was as much a science containing reasoned truth as any other science. Yet people were picking and choosing among the facts of theology as they would not think of doing with other sciences.

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The Dupont Powder Makers

"How many inhabitants has Wilmington?" "Probably 7,000, but it has never had rapid growth, growing regularly and soberly. Some of its manufactures have risen to large proportions, of which Dupont is the best known of a noble foundation, both in statecraft and science, running up to Lavoisier's laboratory, where the sons of Dupont learned to make improved powder while their father was eminent in the French Constituent Assembly, where Thiers says he was the leader of the best side and of the greatest capacity. The Duponts selected Wilmington with a fine instinct, and all their generations have been distinguished by some public exemplars, while their methods and natures have been like the old French. John Bright's cousins, the Bancrofts, English Quakers from Rochdale, are also extensive manufacturers there, and it is curious that, while a Dupont barely missed the Senate seat, but yesterday Bancroft lost a seat in the House with a close chance.—New York Sun.

The Wag and the Shopman.

There is in Oxford street a shop, on the one side of which a dog who runs may read the following notice: "Umbrellas recovered in twenty minutes. At all prices." One day a wag entered the shop with an umbrella. "Kindly recover this umbrella for a penny," said he to the shopman. "I'm sorry, sir," replied the shopman, "but our lowest charge is four-and-six." "I beg your pardon," retorted the wag, "but your advertisement outside says 'Umbrellas recovered at all prices.' One penny is a price, is it not?" "Ah, but that notice means 'at all reasonable prices.'" "Well, I cannot imagine a much more reasonable price than a penny." The shopman meditated. "You insist, sir?" "I insist," said the wag. "All right, sir. Give me the umbrella." Then the wag relented, and said, laughing, "No, no—it is only my fun. I won't hold you to it." "Now, at all, sir," said the shopman, admiring your smartness. I own you have caught me, and I will do your umbrella." Saying which he took the umbrella and ripped the covering off. Then he called to an assistant to fetch him a piece of best silk. "Really, I hardly like it," said the wag. "Oh, that's all right," said the shopman. The best silk was duly fetched, and the shopman placed it over the "spokes" of the umbrella for the space of one minute, and then removed it. Then he handed back the frame, and the dog was indignant. "Oh, but look here," said the wag, "you told me you were going to recover it!" "Your umbrella," replied the shopman, "has been recovered."

"Then the wag mediated. 'Half a moment, my friend,' he said, 'you have not yet carried out the terms of the notice. The notice says, 'Umbrellas recovered in twenty minutes.' 'You recovered mine in one minute.' 'You have me once more,' said the shopman. 'However,' he went on, 'I said I would carry out the terms of my notice, and I will do so.' Call it again in twenty minutes, sir." "I don't quite comprehend." "Why, I undertook to recover your umbrella in twenty minutes. Call in, then, in twenty minutes." And he handed him back the skeleton umbrella. The wag said there was nothing to do but leave. In twenty minutes he appeared again. "Now, please!" he said quite sharply. (It was a terribly hot day.) "As how?" asked the shopman. "Why, I want my umbrella recovered," said the wag; "it's a not much good as it is." "Have you read my notice?" asked the shopman. "It has not been altered since I was here last, I presume?" said the wag. "It has not," answered the shopman. "Well, then, you say that my umbrella will be recovered in twenty minutes." "Precisely," said the shopman, "call again in twenty minutes."

A Gold Mine Dedicated to the Lord. (From The Chicago Tribune.) A mine dedicated to the Lord! Such was the novel exercise a few days ago in one of the principal mining camps of Colorado, when the prospective returns from a producing mining property were formally offered to the Lord to aid in charitable and other works of philanthropy, but more especially to the aid in the education of orphans. This mine is the Bon Ton, a gold-producing property, located in Russell Gulch, in Gilpin county, and has been leased by the Rev. J. H. Weber, of Preston, Ohio, and Mr. C. W. Elmer, of Monroe, Mich. Mr. Weber is an evangelist, who has traveled extensively in the south and abroad, and has created a stir and sensation in religious circles wherever he has labored.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large concourse of people, including many prominent mining people of the region. It was held at the shaft house of the mine, on the hillside and under the blue canopy of heaven. Most of the ministers of the gospel in the vicinity were present, and the exercises consisted mainly of prayers, singing, and addresses. The Rev. Mr. Weber himself stated that his work as an evangelist had enabled him to extend educational advantages to many worthy young men especially orphans, and he invested his money in this mining venture with the hope that it would yield good returns, which would be turned into a good and worthy cause, and he believed that in dedicating the property in the name of the Lord he was simply carrying out the Master's will. The mine has been worked for some time, but more especially in the line of development rather than production. The lessees have already built a shaft house, put in machinery, and have several shifts of men at work. The new and novel proceeding has attracted widespread interest among the mining men of the state, and the progress made will be carefully noted. The district of one of the richest in the county, while the county is by far the richest spot for its size in this country. It is only twelve by fifteen miles in area, yet it has produced in the last thirty years upward of sixty-five millions of precious metal, principally gold, and has never enjoyed a boom or suffered a depression.

England's Colonies More Loyal

Whatever else may be said about the Salisbury Administration, there is no doubt that, thanks to the statesmanship of Joseph Chamberlain, it has managed to augment considerably the loyalty and the good-will of the colonies toward the mother country. Canada, besides offering to Great Britain exceptional advantages by her new tariff, has recently passed a vote in her senate, in favor of steps being taken to bring about closer political relations with England, and demanding that the Dominion Government should take the initiative in the matter. At the same time the Cape Parliament has passed an almost unanimous resolution for the arrangement of a contribution by the Cape Colony to England's expenses in connection with the naval defense of the empire; and besides this the Afrikanerbond, which is composed in the main of Boer and British rule, has lately made public an emphatic expression of the loyalty of its members to the English Crown by an act from every portion of the vast colonial empire of Queen Victoria come loyal tokens of good-will and of a desire for closer relations with the mother country, tokens which cannot fail to astonish those who a few years ago expressed so positively their opinion of every thing in England's empire beyond the sea tended to the degradation and independence.—New York Tribune.

Two Famous Americans

"The Nashville Banner" says: "At the Tennessee Centennial, Exposition are to be exhibited the old cabin birthplace of two famous American citizens. These cabins are genuine as certified by affidavits in possession of the owner and exhibitor. The Rev. W. G. Bingham, a Methodist minister, while travelling a circuit which embraced parts of Todd and Harlan counties, Ky., bought the two log cabins and the land on which they stood. One of the cabins was built by 'Tom Lincoln, and in it he lived with his wife, Nancy. He died in the cabin, without a floor, 'Abe Lincoln was born in the year 1809. Every log, except a few which did not withstand the ravages of time and weather, is preserved. The other cabin is one in which the President of the late Confederacy was born, and in which he lived for a few years. Mr. Davis was born there in 1806, and when sixty-six years old was given to the cabin by the citizens of Fairview in the same cabin."

Disciplined for Bravery

General Albertone, who has just returned to Italy from Abyssinia, where he has been a prisoner of war of the Negus for more than a year, is about to be brought before a court-martial at Rome for the part which he took in the battle of Abba-Garana, where the Italians sustained so overwhelming a defeat. The general is accused of having advanced too rapidly toward the foe, and of having refused to wait for the support of the other column, General Baratieri, the commander-in-chief. He is anxious to defend his conduct, and he has displayed on that occasion, in bolting from the battle-field in the early part of the engagement. He was acquitted, it would be thoroughly in accordance with the topsy-turvy condition of affairs in Italy at the present moment. It is noted that a man noted for bravery, were to be convicted by the court-martial of having displayed too much courage and gallantry, and to be punished for it.—New York Tribune

Mark Twain's Man Harris

Mr. Clemens is now living quietly in London, revising his old works for new editions and writing as much new matter as his strength will permit. At times he is very despondent, but his humor preserves him from melancholy, and he realizes that he has a wonderful of friends.

When he was last in New York he stopped at the Players' Club, down in Gramercy park, and was grumbling in his droll way about the efforts of his wife and his physician to protect his health. He had a valet who had graduated from a school for training nurses, and who was intrusted with the arduous duty of regulating Mr. Clemens' diet and protecting him from exposure and fatigue. He called him Harris—said he did not know what his other name was, but when he came to him "His presence is odious enough," said Mark Twain of this faithful attendant, "without inquiring into his past or planning for his future."

"He is a man my wife hires to keep me from having a good time. He stands around and grins when I am miserable, but the moment I begin to enjoy myself a little he steps in and stops it, and my wife pays him so much a month. He's a cross between a familiar of the Spanish inquisition of the hands back the frame, and a modern trained nurse. Harris presumes to dictate what I shall eat and what I shall wear, how much I shall smoke and when I shall go to bed at night, and as fast as he finds out what I like he shuts down on it. I have not tasted pie for months, and as for chocolate caramels, Harris won't let me look into the window of a candy shop. He even dilutes my milk. He isn't satisfied with the buckets of water the milkman pours in from the pump, but he adds a lot from a boiler of his own."

"I used to pray for Harris," continued Mr. Clemens; "I used to pray that the Lord would soften his heart, but I've quit. I found he was a hopeless case, totally depraved. Now I swear to him. Don't be shocked. It's all right; Joe Twitcheell, pastor of the Congregational church up at Hartford, who is my confessor, says it isn't wicked to swear at Harris, and has given me a special indulgence. But there is no use swearing at Harris unless you have the strength and hearty action of full vigor. A feeble man, an invalid, could not reach him."

Three Kinds

(New York Tribune.) A Paris court has recently acquitted a young married woman arrested for stealing nearly two hundred black silk cravats for men. In the course of the trial kleptomaniacs was discussed and shop thefts divided into three classes—conscious, semi-conscious and unconscious. Conscious theft, it was declared, may be premeditated or unpremeditated; the latter, the professional shoplifter with her big pocket; of the latter, the woman who suddenly yields to an irresistible temptation. Semi-conscious thefts are the result of "temporary modifications in the intellectual faculties." The commission of the moral sense," and these are frequently committed by most respectable women "under determined conditions of sanitary trouble." Parasitic shoplifters have of late taken to pleading pregnancy and an overpowering desire, but the medical experts and others apply an infallible test. The professional takes all she can lay her hands on and seeks to dispose of it; the pregnant woman always steals the same thing, and, having stolen it and satisfied her craving, makes no attempt to profit by the theft. Frequently, in the case of the men's cravats, it is a useless absurd article she affects. The unconscious kleptomaniacs often make no effort to conceal the article stolen. This condition is frequently the symptom of the beginning of a moral organic affection.

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The Paris Exposition of 1900.

One of the reasons urged by a member of a former French cabinet in opposition to the proposal to hold an exposition at Paris in 1900 was the impossibility of eclipsing the exhibition of 1889. But the impossible seems likely to be accomplished in this instance, as will appear from a comparison of the space allotted to the exhibits of the principal nations in 1889 and the allotments requested at the approaching exposition. The figures are as follows:

Table with columns for Nation, 1889, 1900, Square feet, and Square feet. Includes Austria-Hungary, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Russia.

Although Great Britain, whose exhibits in 1889 covered 230,000 square feet, has not yet determined upon the space which she will require in 1900, she has expressed a desire that as much be allotted to her as shall be granted to any other nation. All the governments invited by France to take part in the exhibition have officially communicated their acceptance except those of Egypt, Switzerland and the United States. The figures quoted tell their own story. When will congress be aroused to the necessity of making provision for a commission in order that the American people may be adequately represented in the greatest industrial and artistic competition of our age?—Philadelphia Record.

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