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## SOME WHOLESOME ADVICE.

At one of the sessions of the colored Sunday school convention that has just closed in this town Prof. John R. Hawkins, president of Kittrell College, delivered an address filled with some excellent advice to his race.

The address was delivered to a crowded house, and especially emphasized the fact that all people, and especially the young people of the colored race should heartily condemn every tendency toward lawlessness and idleness.

While the advice given by the colored educator is good wholesome doctrine for everybody, it is especially applicable to the condition in life of those for whom it was especially intended—his negro auditors.

There is no denying the fact that lawlessness is one of the curses of the negro race today. As evidence tending to prove this assertion let notice be taken of criminal dockets in all our courts from the highest to the lowest. Right here at home one can see in the reports of the mayor's court as they appear in the FREE PRESS that the colored culprit is considerably more in evidence than he ought to be, constituting about three-fourths of the cases.

Inseparably connected with this vice of lawlessness is another vice that the speaker called attention to—the vice of idleness. Lawlessness is rooted and grounded in idleness.

When a boy, girl, man or woman, white or colored, gives up to idleness, you may look out for an outbreak of some form of lawlessness, and that too at no distant date.

It has ever been true, and it will always be true so long as human nature is constructed as it is, that "satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." The best antidote for lawlessness is a plenty of work and strict attention thereto.

Prof. Hawkins did well to call the attention of the colored people to these two vices, and to urge them to abstain from both. May other negro leaders emphasize the same points in their efforts to uplift their race.

## THE INDIAN SCANDALS.

Not long ago Uncle Sam decided to treat the Indians like men, and to cease granting him special privileges and pauperizing him. So the old reservation system was abandoned, and the policy of allotting lands in severalty to the red man was adopted. The reservation system isolated the Indian from civilization and kept them in barbarism, and the severalty system, although calculated to afford them a chance to become independent and progressive has up to the present date netted the country merely a rich harvest of scandals.

To make the change from the reservation system to the free hold system fairly and honestly the Dawes commission was appointed. But the members of this commission saw at once the rich opportunity for graft afforded in the position to which they were appointed and they were not slow in availing themselves of their opportunity.

Immediately real estate companies sprang up for the purpose of speculating in these Indian lands, and the members of the Dawes commission became stockholders and officers in the real estate company.

It is said that such companies would lease lands that had been allotted the Indians at, say, 25 to 75 cents an acre, and then sublet their holdings at from \$1 to \$2.50 an acre. The corruption has become so great in this Indian department of the interior that public attention is now focused upon scandals therein almost as nauseous as those of the postoffice department.

It is simple justice to the public that the workings of the department be speedily investigated.

## TALES OF CITIES.

White flags in St. Louis mean room for rent.

Memphis is the largest hard wood lumber market in the world.

There are 40,000 persons in the municipal service in New York city.

Chicago puts forth a claim to be considered the true Babel of the twentieth century. No fewer than forty languages are spoken within its limits, and of fourteen each is spoken by more than 10,000.

## POLITICAL QUIPS.

Let the taxes stay in the pockets of the people until the state requires them.—Omaha Bee.

Hold up a little on this presidency ball! Sufficient unto 1904 is the evil thereof.—New York Mail and Express.

The newspapers have done more to send corrupt men to prison and purify the workings of government than all the well-meaning politicians that ever lived.—New York Mail and Express.

# AMERICA IS BECOMING SENILE

By Count LEO TOLSTOI



AMERICA HAS LOST HER YOUTH—HER HAIR IS GRAY. HER TEETH ARE FALLING OUT; SHE IS BECOMING SENILE.

Voltaire said that France was rotten before she was ripe, but what shall be said of a nation whose ideals have perished almost in one generation? Your Emersons, Garrisons and Whittiers are all gone. You produce nothing but rich men. In the years before and after the civil war the soul life of your people flowered and bore fruit. YOU ARE PITIFUL MATERIALISTS NOW.

What is needed in America is A GREAT RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT. Truth will make your people free. When they abandon pleasure as an object of life they will not need so much money. Your workmen can never win the fight against capital by labor unions. Capital will always have the government and the army on its side.

True religion is this: If I believe that I have a spark of the divine in me, then I am a part of God, and I know my place in the universe, and I know that I have a duty to all other men. If I believe that I am simply an animal I will live like an animal and work for myself. THE MAN WHO BECOMES A TRUE CHRISTIAN HAS A CENTER FROM WHICH HE CAN SEE ALL THINGS CLEARLY.

Why should Americans send a petition to Russia? We have a crime like the Kishineff outbreak once in a period of years. In the United States they have lynchings every year, every month, every week, almost every day. They hang negroes, shoot them, roast them. It is an ordinary thing in the United States. Yet they feel that they can address a petition to the emperor of Russia regarding the Kishineff murders.

Some one asked Emerson what he should do if the sun should grow cold and the earth die. He answered, "I think that I could get along without them." That was a good reply. It showed that he was sure of his spiritual life. Why do Americans neglect their souls for the sake of trade, for the sake of money, for the sake of pleasure? Some one invents the automobile. At once everybody feels that automobiles must be used. Why should a man waste his time in dashing about the country in an automobile? As soon as you invent something to SAVE TIME you begin to WASTE TIME by using it constantly and without reason.

Five hundred years hence the descendants of the race will look back with astonishment to a time when their ancestors wasted their strength in building such nonsensical structures and devoted a large part of their lives to preposterous rapid travel.

I have but one ambition—I WOULD DIE A MARTYR'S DEATH. So a man whose mind is occupied with trusts, labor unions, politics or money can hardly understand me.

## NEW YORK TO PARIS BY RAIL

By LOUIS DE LOBEL, French Engineer

FOR years it has been my dream to unite New York and Paris by rail, and I think it will eventually be realized. A company has been formed to carry through the project. THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME INTERESTED in it and has granted concessions to build a line from Irkutsk to Bering strait. We are now trying to secure privileges from the Canadian government to build on its land, with the right to hold Pacific terminals. I think these will be granted. The road as planned will open the Alaska mining region. Fifty million dollars has been promised to begin the undertaking. SIX YEARS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE LINE, and when finished the trip in cars from New York to Paris can be made in fourteen days. I have personally explored the entire route as proposed and am confident the road can be built. The route is from Irkutsk to Jakoutska, thence to East cape and from there direct to Bering strait and thence to Yukon City. The greatest feature of the road will be A TUNNEL UNDER BERING STRAIT, as a ferry is not practicable. This will be the most expensive part of the work. I estimate the entire line can be built at a cost of \$200,000,000, which will include everything.

## KINDERGARTENS and DEMOCRACY

By RICHARD WATSON GILDER, Poet and Journalist

AMERICA is bravely attempting to be a true democracy, and the American kindergarten is forever STRENGTHENING THE FOUNDATION OF THAT DEMOCRACY in its influence upon the children and through them upon the people at large. In our social life of today there are influences that strongly militate against what have hitherto been thought to be the fundamental principles of this democracy of ours—namely, open and fair dealing between men and the protection and preservation of rights through public and established agencies.

Today there is a reign of ILLEGAL PROCEDURE AND GHASTLY BRUTALITY in connection with the suppression of crime. There is, too, an increase of selfish violence not only as between the supposedly opposing interests of labor and capital, but also as between the interests of various groups of labor, and there is an alarming extension of the violence of venality in the domain of local and other government. Along with this there is a BRUTAL DISPLAY OF UNSOCIAL LUXURY, the semi-insanity of irresponsible wealth.

THE PRINCIPLES, THE TEACHINGS, THE HABITS OF THE KINDERGARTEN ARE ALL DEVOTED TO THE CORRECTION OF THE TEMPER THAT BRINGS THESE EVILS UPON SOCIETY. ITS INFLUENCE MAY NOT ACTUALLY PREVENT THEM, BUT IN ITS NATURE ITS WORK IS TO BE PREVENTIVE OF THEM.

## ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA.

Mgr. Harty, Who Was Recently Consecrated at Rome. Mgr. Jeremiah J. Harty, the noted St. Louis clergyman who was appointed archbishop of Manila by the late Pope Leo XIII. and who has just been consecrated at Rome, is one of the foremost characters in the American priest-



ARCHBISHOP HARTY OF MANILA.

hood. Interest was added to the ceremony by the fact that Mgr. Harty was the first archbishop to be consecrated under Pope Pius X.

Mgr. Harty is a native of St. Louis, where he was educated and spent all his life. He was ordained in 1878 and during his entire service in the church has been practically in the same parish. Mgr. Harty is comparatively young for the great responsibilities of his new position, not yet being fifty, but he is a man of consummate tact, and those who are familiar with his capabilities predict his entire success in handling the church problem in the Philippines.

## A NOTED SCIENTIST.

The Man Who Made the Discovery of the X Rays Possible.

Sir William Crookes, the eminent British scientist who for over half a century has been a deliver into the mysteries of nature, is still, at the age of seventy-one, as indefatigable in his work of research as when, at the age of sixteen, he first entered a laboratory. The investigations of Professor Crookes have not been confined to a se-



SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

lected few of the many fields of research, but to all their ramifications. with the result that he has bestowed incalculable benefits upon various manufactures. Perhaps Professor Crookes' most famous invention to the lay mind is the Crookes tube, by means of which Professor Roentgen was able to make his famous discovery of the X rays. Owing to his immense knowledge he is naturally associated with the leading scientific societies of Great Britain, the presidential chair of many of which he has at various times occupied.

## A HALE OLD LADY.

What the Dowager Duchess of Abercorn Has Done For England.

The dowager Duchess of Abercorn, who recently celebrated her ninety-first birthday at Montagu House, Whitehall, England, was the recipient



DOWAGER DUCHESS OF ABERCORN, AGED 91, AND HER GREAT-GREAT-GRANDSON.

of the congratulations of a remarkable gathering of her descendants, which included five generations.

The dowager duchess had fourteen children, ten of whom survive, her eldest son being the present Duke of Abercorn.

The old lady was photographed with her great-great-grandchild in her arms. This youngster is the two hundred and fifth direct descendant of the old duchess, one 125 of whom are Duke and were present on the interesting occasion.

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